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STUDENT LIFE

Recounting, recording, remembering

VandalStory gives vandals opportunity to share stories, experiences

Jake Smith
Argonaut

Her highest recorded heartbeat is 210 beats per minute, but her heart plagued with disorder still pulses with the blood of a Vandal.

Meredith Breen, a University of Idaho freshman living in Kappa Delta, said her sorority sisters stood by her side two months ago when she was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, a heart condition referring to an extra nerve pathway in the heart.

"It was really nice to be able to have somebody to lean on,"



Breen

Breen said. "When I initially got the diagnosis, I was in the emergency room and one of my sisters was there and I just sat and cried because I had no idea what else to do."

Breen recently filled out a card at the VandalStore and posted it on the store's wall as a participant in VandalStory, a community program that began

after spring break to give the UI community an opportunity to share stories with past, present and future Vandals.

Rachael Studebaker, creative operations specialist at the VandalStore, said the goal of VandalStory is to bring UI students together to tell personal anecdotes of their time at school.

Stories are accepted from anyone who considers him or

herself a Vandal, Studebaker said. The VandalStore will accept stories from undergraduates, graduates, faculty, staff, administrators, future students, past students, families of students and Moscow community members.

She said there are two categories of cards participants can choose

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16TH ANNUAL TUTXINMEPU POWWOW



Kira Hunter | Argonaut

Peter Anthony, member of the British Columbia Shuswap tribe, dances in the inter-tribe powwow at the 16th annual Tutxinmepu Powwow. Read the full story on page 4, "Native Americans sharing culture."

ADMINISTRATION

Addressing employee compensation

Administrators propose allocation of CEC funds

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

University of Idaho administrators announced Monday they expect the Idaho Legislature to allocate funds for a Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) equal to 3 percent of the university's current salaries.

The memo, sent out by UI

Provost and Executive Vice President Katherine Aiken and Vice President for Finance and Administration Ron Smith, outlines three potential funding initiatives to work toward salary equity and address concerns of low salaries from UI employees.

The initiatives would include salary increases for employees near the bottom of the pay scale, long-serving employees and a small group of distinguished employees.

"Recognizing our long-serving

employees, our employees at the lower end of the pay scale and outstanding employees in these ways addresses salary concerns expressed by many employees and by the Faculty Senate and Staff Affairs leadership," according to the memo.

In following these initiatives, the memo states most UI employees would receive a salary increase below 3 percent, but no lower than 1.5 percent for employees who

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ASUI

Overwhelming turnout

ASUI voter turnout surpasses expectations on first day of voting

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

A mere two hours after the polls opened for the ASUI spring election, approximately 540 students had cast their vote.

At six hours in, the number had climbed to 1,100. At press time, it was 1,350.

For comparison, approximately 750 students in total voted in the fall 2014 election.

The steep increase in voter turnout is due in part to the implementation of a new voting platform, ASUI Elections Coordinator James Morrell said.

Unlike previous years, every University of Idaho student received a ballot in his or her VandalMail inbox Monday morning. This semester's election may also have a higher voter turnout because every student who votes can be entered into a raffle, rather than only students who vote at tables in the Idaho Commons, Morrell said.

In light of the immense participation, Morrell said tabling events in the Commons were cancelled and not a single vote was cast at the event.

"I think that the convenience of the emailing system is allowing for more votes," Morrell said. "It makes the voting cycle much easier, and is easily accessible to students."

UI junior Alexander Milles said he has voted in ASUI elections in the past, and he thought the VandalMail voting system was effective.

"It made voting so much easier," Milles said.

While Morrell said he can't speak for future elections coordinators, he wouldn't be surprised if the system is used again in future elections, given its overwhelming success so far.

In addition to the new voting system, Morrell said

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FACULTY SENATE

Expanding leave for expanding families

Proposed amendments to employee leave policy would expand parenting leave

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

Proposed changes to University of Idaho employee leave policies could extend parenting leave from 12 to 16 weeks and allow both parents to take a full leave of absence.

The proposal is pending Faculty Senate approval and was introduced last Tuesday by Ruth Funaniki, head of Technical Services for the College of Law.

The largest amendment to the leave policy is the extension of parenting leave by four weeks, along with small changes to the university's shared leave policy.

"We're recommending that (if) both parents are employed by the University of Idaho, both would be eligible for leave," Funaniki said.

If approved, the policy would define eligibility require-

ments for parenting leave. Employees' 16-week leave would be job protected and include continuation of group health insurance coverage within 12 months of the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child.

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FML) requires 12 weeks for parenting leave.

UI's current policy states employees are only eligible for shared leave for "routine pregnancy-related disability and complications of childbirth and pregnancy."

With the proposed changes, both parents would be eligible for full individual parenting leave, even if the four-week leave extension is not approved. Funaniki said both parents should have full access to leave.

UI General Counsel Kent Nelson said the other proposed change to the policy includes lan-

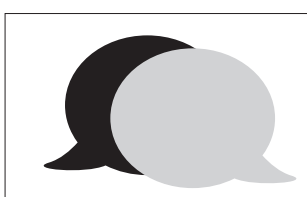
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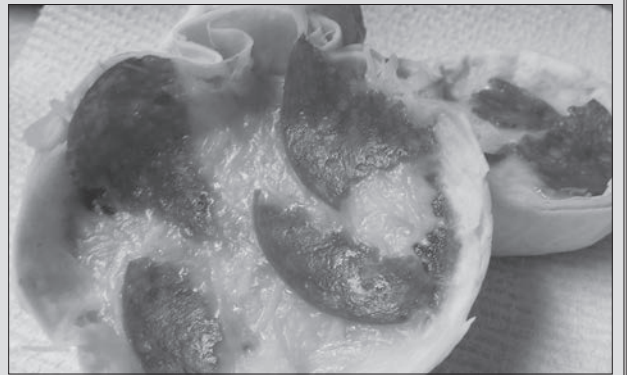
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A Crumbs recipe

Pizza Bites

Jordan Hollingshead
Crumbs



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Have you ever been in the mood for pizza, but you don't want to cook a whole one? Pizza bites are cheap, easy to make and are portable. This is the perfect recipe for a quick snack on the go.

Ingredients:

- Pepperoni
- Flour tortillas
- 3-inch diameter cookie cutter
- Cupcake tin
- Pizza sauce
- Shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Use the cookie cutter to cut 3-inch diameter circles in the tortillas. Cut enough circles to fill the cupcake tin
3. Press tortillas to the bottom of each cupcake mold to make each tortilla the shape of a small bowl
4. Add a tablespoon of pizza sauce to each tortilla and cover with cheese and pepperoni
5. Put cupcake tin in oven for 5-10 minutes or until tortillas are crunchy

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Cloud Nine



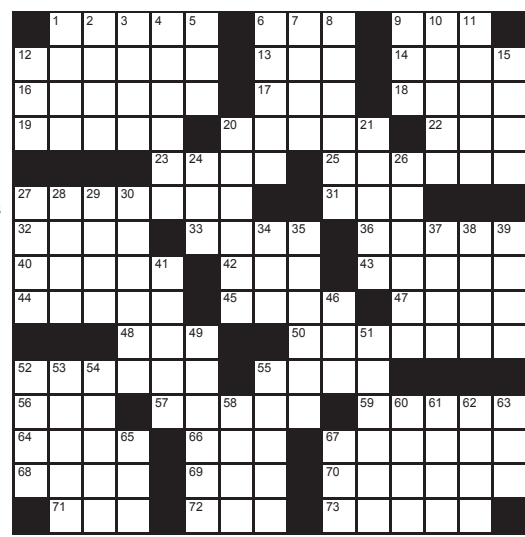
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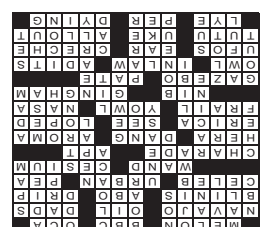
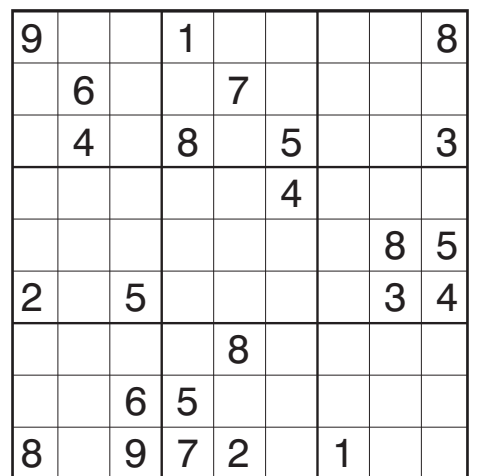


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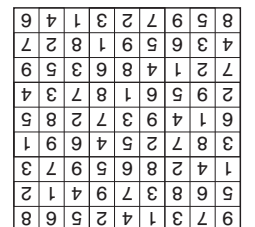
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IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Paying more for vehicle registration

Committee sends vehicle registration fee increase to Senate floor

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — The Idaho Senate Transportation Committee sent a bill to the Senate floor Thursday with a 7-2 vote calling for a series of vehicle registration hikes for Idahoans.

The Senate is expected to amend the current language, said Sen. Chuck Winder, R-Boise.

"We're trying to figure out how to match up ... with what the House wants and likes," Winder said. "Hopefully as we go through this process, we'll inch ever closer to a mutually agreeable solution."

The bill, H.B. 312, proposes a \$15 dollar increase on all vehicle registration fees and a \$6 increase on motorcycle registration fees. Additionally, hybrid car registration would come with a \$100 fee and electric cars with a \$150 fee. The fee increases are expected to generate \$20 million in new revenue.

Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, said while the intent of the bill is worthy of discussion, he doesn't think it would solve the state's transportation problem.

"It's a step in the right direction, however it potentially falls short of expectations and certainly falls short of the needs for maintenance that have been identified pretty consistently over the last five years," Keough said.

Keough said there is an estimated \$262 million in annual backlog for transportation maintenance, which just keeps the transportation system at status quo.

If the bill is passed on the Senate floor after amendment, it would move to the House and need to be approved by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to go into effect.

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LIBRARY

UI Library introduces digital Latah County Oral History Collection

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Although Latah County may seem relatively unassuming, it is a place with an extensive and complicated history, said Leah Evans-Janke, a representative from the University of Idaho anthropology laboratory.

Evans-Janke said the new oral history collection in the UI library has allowed her and a team of researchers to gain more insight into the community dynamics of Latah County's past, such as the presence of the KKK in Elk River.

"Through studying these oral histories, we've learned a lot about what life was like in the early days of Latah County," Evans-Janke said. "It was a very socially segregated community and also very secretive."

Evans-Janke was one of the many speakers at the launch party for the Oral History Collection the UI Library hosted Wednesday at the 1912 Center in downtown Moscow.

Additional speakers included Devin Becker, UI digital librarian, and Erin Stoddart, interim head of special collections.

"These oral histories were originally collected in the 1970s by the Latah County Historical Society and were donated to the university," Becker said. "We were approached a few years ago by a patron who expressed interest in

seeing the transcripts of these histories added to our website."

Becker said the collection, composed of more than 300 oral histories, is available online at the UI Library's Digital Initiatives website.

Becker said the main challenge of the project was not the time it took to convert the audiotapes, but rather getting the audio and text from the transcripts to be available side by side on the web page.

"The website collection presents both the audio and the transcripts of these oral histories," Becker said. "The digitalization of the transcripts did not take very long but we had about 570 hours of cassette tapes to convert."

Becker said the conversion project, which began about two years ago, was made possible by a large team of student workers and UI faculty dedicated to digitalizing the hours of cassette tapes.

Stoddart, who assisted Becker in creating the oral histories branch of the website, said the online collection also features a tagging system, time stamps and synopses of interviews.

"There are a lot of layers that go on top of the digital audio collection," Stoddart said. "We have subject tagging and time stamps, so if you stop at the 30-second mark of an interview, it will give you a short description of what they're talking about at that point."

Stoddart said the tagging system allows people to



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Former Executive Director of the Latah County Historical Society Mary Reed speaks Wednesday at the 1912 Center during the launch party of the Latah County Oral History Digital Collection to the University of Idaho Library's website.

find oral histories based on key words, subject matter or geographical region.

Becker said this particular collection is unique because it offers a look into the way of life in Latah County during its early developmental stages.

"It tells the stories that aren't the official stories of the area," Becker said.

"It gives you a glimpse into what it was like to be a normal person in Latah County in the early 1900s."

Becker said the oral history collection also allows for researchers to get a better sense of historical trends and how national events, such as the Great Depression, impacted the social environment

of the region.

"This collection is more than just a set of old interviews," Becker said. "It's a way to look into the past, to understand a different time and to really get a sense of life from a different perspective."

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Native Americans sharing culture

Powwow provides opportunity for students to learn

Corey Bowes
Argonaut

According to Sydel Samuels, director of the University of Idaho Native American Student Center, the eagle staff presented during the Tutxinmepu Powwow Saturday is akin to the American flag.

"The native people respect ... those that fly," Samuels said. "There's a lot of respect for the eagle because of what the eagle represents, the strength that it has and so any time any native people handle or have eagle feathers they take great care of it."

To share Native American traditions with the Moscow community, the Native Ameri-

can Student Center and Native American Students Association hosted its 16th annual Tuxtinnmepu Powwow Saturday and Sunday. It featured Native American song and dance, as well as ceremonies and crafts.

Samuels said a notable difference in the powwow this year was its new location in the Kibbie Dome, an arrangement the Native American Students Center had been trying to achieve since 2007. Samuels said it was possible this year with the help of UI's Office of the President, Office of the Provost and the Office of Diversity and Human Rights.

Samuels said the powwow draws in people from far away places.

"Dancers and families come here from all across the United States and Canada," Samuels said. "The vendors, the dancers, the drummers all come from a long

ways away."

The powwow featured Native American song and dance that caused members of the audience to move their feet to the beat. Native Americans participated in the dances in full regalia, including face paint and headdresses.

There were several vendors selling Native American clothing, jewelry and arts and crafts.

Russell RedCrow of the Blood tribe served as master of ceremonies for the powwow. The event featured three grand entry ceremonies, two Saturday and one Sunday.

The grand entries started with a Native American prayer. Saturday, Keith HeavyRunner of the Blackfeet tribe performed the prayer in his native language, the Blackfoot language. HeavyRunner said his teachers taught him that when they pray in their native language, the words have power.

The grand entries also included the presentation of the eagle staff, which Samuels said is a tradition.

"The eagle feathers are very important ... So before we dance, you honor that," Samuels said. "That's why they always do always do grand entry, which honors all those things that you see up in front of the emcee stand."

The powwow also featured a dinner Saturday and an Easter egg hunt Sunday. Samuels said the events were meant to show hospitality to the students who attended the powwow.

"It's important for us to be hospitable, to welcome guests, so the Easter egg hunt and the dinner's part of that," Samuels said. "It's just in gratitude or in thanks for those that came to U of I."

Samuels said the Native American Student Association wanted to have traditional Native Ameri-

can food for the dinner, but were not able to this year due to university regulations.

"Normally we would like to provide that, but because of so many restrictions, what's able to be sold on university campus," he said. "It's something that we would like to work on for the future."

Samuels said the powwow supports Native American students by hosting their traditions and is also a recruitment and retention tool for native students.

"It's very important that it's here on the university campus, because it supports our native students that are here, they take great pride in it," Samuels said. "And so it's a retention tool, but also a way to help us recruit other native people on our campus."

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Eliminating waste water

Funding from Idaho enables further research into new wastewater treatment technology

Aleya Ericson
Argonaut

Researchers from the University of Idaho recently received \$427,000 from the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission to test the feasibility of the latest version of a water treatment process called Nutrient, Energy, Water (N-E-W) Tech.

"What we did is we looked at nature and said 'How does nature clean water?'" said Gregory Moller, lead researcher on the project and faculty member in the School of Food Science. "We modeled that and engineered it at scale so that you could do it at high flow and in a short amount of time."

N-E-W Tech is a reactive water filtration treatment catalyzed by biochar, a form of charcoal resulting from burning biotic matter. The process uses catalytic oxidation to remove most organic contaminants from water to sterilize it.

Moller said research into wastewater treatment is critical to solve global problems. He said an example of such problems is the "Dead Zone" in the Gulf of Mexico, which was caused by nitrogen and phosphorus discharge by the 42 U.S. states contributing to the Pacific River Watershed. The nitrogen and phosphorus contaminations caused uncontrolled algae growth in the area, which robs the water of oxygen and creates dead zones, he said.

Blue Water Technologies Inc. first

commercialized the N-E-W Tech technology in 2003, Moller said. Wastewater from Plumber and Grangeville even travelled through earlier versions of the system for sanitation.

Improving wastewater treatment is critical for places like Plumber, which has one of the nation's most stringent wastewater discharge permits, he said. Moller said Plumber's restriction on nutrients discharged into the water is because water from Plumber discharges into Coeur d'Alene.

"When you can say you have an impact, that's kind of nice," Moller said. "It's also a very positive impact."

N-E-W Tech offers many benefits over other water treatment technologies, Moller said. He said it costs a third to a half of the capital, maintenance and operational costs of other treatment approaches and is more efficient.

Since N-E-W Tech uses biochar, biochar produced through the process can be sold as a fertilizer, said Daniel Strawn, a researcher working on the project.

Biochar sequesters carbon, which is important in dealing with issues such as climate change, Strawn said.

"Potential uses of this material (biochar) as soil amendments to improve crop growth, sequester carbon, recycle nutrients ... It's really an amazing technology," Strawn said.

Installing N-E-W Tech in an existing wastewater treatment plant would be a retrofit, since it acts as a tertiary treatment, Moller said. N-E-W Tech is scalable, meaning its input capacity can be changed to accommodate inputs from cities of various sizes, he said.

The additional funding awarded to UI researchers will be used to scale up a 3.0 version of N-E-W Tech to process 10-15 gallons per minute. Moller said the purpose of scaling up is to test treatment process for larger-scale feasibility and for testing with additional water types.

From this testing, Moller said the limitations of the third version of N-E-W Tech will be ascertained. He said he anticipates the testing will go well and he hopes it will produce water of higher quality.

The third version of N-E-W Tech is also being commercialized through Blue Water Technologies. The feasibility study is expected to be finished in 6-12 months.

"What we are trying to do is actually get rid of the term wastewater, so that there is no waste in the process," Moller said. "So now it is just a raw material that we are going to process and turn around and make it an unrestricted, reuse water."

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from to write their story — advice or general information. She said each card has a different prompt, including sharing the best advice given as a Vandal, talking about one's Vandal family and friends, describing what being a Vandal means and describing one of the proudest moments as a Vandal.

VandalStory will be available throughout the rest of the school year and throughout the summer, she said.

Studebaker said the process of coming into the VandalStore, looking at the VandalStory booth, picking out a card and writing a story helps build a stronger community.

"It's easy to get lost in our own world and being in our own small

group, but here at the University of Idaho, we are one large community and we are all in it together," Studebaker said.

Studebaker said the project is a way to break up the monotony of everyday errands when walking around campus. She said she hopes students will enter the VandalStore, see the VandalStory cards, slow down and recall memories and important aspects of their lives.

She said the program is an opportunity for individuals to view what others are doing on campus, and how they feel about what others' experiences are. Those viewing the board may find a connection because they've experienced similar emotions or circumstances.

With the revelation of Breen's new diagnosis, she sought addition-

al support outside of her sorority.

The average heartbeat, Breen said, is 60 to 100 beats per minute — hers peaked at 210 beats per minute. The condition, which is curable, caused her to struggle over the past semester with her family six hours away. But by the end of April, she will receive a confirmation as to whether or not the surgery to correct the problem was a success.

Breen said she wrote about family on her VandalStory card.

The family referenced in her story, Breen said, includes her grandparents, mother, father and her cousins — all whom attended or worked at UI.

Breen said her mother used to tell her stories about how Breen's grandmother, UI alumna Rose Huskey, brought donuts to her apartment every Saturday when

she went to school. Breen's parents met in class while attending UI, she said.

Charena Branscum, a senior dance student, said although VandalStory could help break down the isolation some students feel, the process is still a lone activity of writing down an experience on a card.

"You can look and see that other people have done it, but you're not actually breaking barriers between each other, like meeting each other," Branscum said.

Branscum said as a dancer she has performed every semester at her main stage shows. Her group traveled for conferences, which is what she spoke about on her VandalStory card.

Branscum said because of her participation in UI's dance program she had the opportunity to perform

at the American College Dance Association Conference.

"It's a place where college dancers can come together and eat, live, breathe dance for four days — taking class, performing, viewing other people's work," Branscum said.

She said the experience is eye-opening because it's easy to feel isolated as a dancer in North Idaho.

"Sometimes for growth-reasons there's not a lot of opportunity to go audition and take a lot of classes, but I think our university does a pretty good job at bringing people to us to have those experiences," Branscum said. "There are times (where if I lived elsewhere) there would be a lot more opportunity to dance and see other people."

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OVERWHELMING

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the presidential race has charged the elections and almost certainly helped drive voter turnout.

"Based off of the voting statistics, the presidential race has had a very large effect on the election," Morrell said. "All the candidates have been campaigning well, and it's showing in the numbers."

Morrell said the presidential candidates — incumbent Nate Fisher, former ASUI President Max Cowan and ASUI Director of Diversity Affairs Vivi Gonzalez — are all highly experienced and are doing an exceptional job campaigning. He said their concerted efforts to "get out the vote" are almost certainly getting the job done.

Usually, a rough estimate of total voter turnout can be made mid-election, but in this case, it's harder to say because of the new system, Morrell said. Going into elections, he said the goal was to reach 1,000 votes by the end of the election. The fact that they met their goal six hours in makes him confident about how the rest of the election will go, Morrell said.

With three experienced candidates vying for the presidency and 10 senate-hopefuls railing for eight open seats, the election is still anyone's game.

Milles said he voted in the election because he wanted his voice to be heard.

"The University of Idaho is focusing on enrollment, but forgetting about the enrolled," Milles said. "I think voting will help by picking a representative that accurately represents the whole student body and not a part of it, and that picking someone who is more understanding of students will lead to a better campus."

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EXPANDING

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language for employees to first use accrued sick leave before going on unpaid leave for parenting purposes.

"The question is should sick leave be used for the parenting aspect of the Family Medical Act," he said.

In the amended policy, parents would be allowed to use up to 10 days of sick leave to care for their children, Nelson said. Employees would have to use accrued sick leave before going on unpaid leave, but can use a combination of both.

"The federal law requires that we do a number of things — including allowing parenting leave," Nelson said. "The expansion would be to allow, actually to mandate, for the full time the federal medical leave is used for parenting."

Funaniki said the leave policy was lacking a section

on what to do if an employee is due for a baby. Faculty Affairs restructured the policy to create a parenting leave section, Funaniki said.

"What we did was we pulled the things that had to do with parenting ... and put them together," she said. "We did that for the convenience of university employees and for clarity."

Previously, the policy outlined which section to turn to for various leave instances such as sick leave, holidays, military leave and jury duty — parenting was not included.

"We're encouraging people to learn about the Family and Medical Leave Act," Funaniki said.

Faculty Senate will discuss and vote on the amended policy Tuesday.

"I think we should not lose sight of really trying to make sure we get a change in the policy that makes an impact for our employees," Nelson said.

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SALARY

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meet job expectations.

Increasing employee salaries was the top legislative goal for university this legislative session.

According to the memo, the proposed methods of disbursing the pay increase pool are intended to support fairness and opportunity among university employees.

"We are committed to seeking resolution of our compensation issues and appreciate the diligence of our whole community," according to the memo.

While administrators anticipate having enough funds to help address employee concerns of compensation, the Idaho Legislature will have to pass the higher education budget to finalize the CEC funding amount.

To raise salaries for the lowest paid university employees, the memo states the minimum university wage would be raised to \$12.02 an hour and salaries raised to \$25,000 for full-time staff.

If funded, the salary change would go into effect June 21.

University administrators are also considering implementing a longevity salary for employees who meet job expectations and have served the university for multiple years.

Employees with eight years of service and four years of service in their current position would have their salary increased to the first quartile in their pay grade. For an employee with 16 years at UI and six or more at their current position, their salary would be moved to the midpoint of their pay grade.

According to the memo, employees who have served 16 or more years at UI should, at the least, be moved to the first quartile in their pay grade.

The last initiative listed in the memo hopes to raise the salaries of well-deserving employees who have been adversely affected by salary compression and its impacts.

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FOOTBALL



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Senior running back Elihha Penny is pulled down by a host of Vandal defenders during Idaho's first scrimmage of the season Saturday at the SprinTurf.

Scrimmaging on the SprinTurf

Wide receivers, defensive newcomers stand out in first scrimmage

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Saturday, the Vandal football team took to the SprinTurf for the first scrimmage of the spring.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino, who is in his third year with the

program, was pleased with both how the offense and defense looked in the 148-play scrimmage. He said the scrimmage was by far the best the Vandals have been in his time as head coach.

"I think when we watch the tape, there's going to be a whole bunch of great things," Petrino said. "But lets expect more. We're not going to compare ourselves to what we were in the past, ever. We're going to compare ourselves

to what we need to be to beat everybody in our conference."

A concern for the Vandals prior to the spring was the wide receiver depth. Despite losing the top three receivers from last season, Petrino said he thinks the top three receivers on the current team are better than the receivers from last season.

Petrino said the starters right now would be senior Dezmon Epps at the No. 1 wide receiver, Jacob

Sannon at No. 2 and sophomore David Ungerer at the No. 3 spot.

"Those three have played well," Petrino said. "Our top three are probably playing better right now than our top three played last year — no question, in my opinion."

Sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan praised Sannon, who finished the scrimmage with six receptions for 64 yards and one touchdown, and said his new nickname is Optimus Prime.

"You got Megatron in Detroit (Calvin Johnson), but I call (Sannon) Optimus Prime," Linehan said of Sannon. "That dude is unreal ... Kid is so strong. People don't know this, but he probably has the most relative strength on the team ... I think he's probably one of the strongest players on our team, and it shows because he's constantly making plays."

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Football has solid foundation in place



UI football may be ready to take the next step in 2015

The Idaho football program hasn't had many high points since its 2009 Humanitarian Bowl victory over Bowling Green.

Since that win in Boise, the Vandal program has a record of 11-49 although six of those wins came the following year in 2010.

This lack of success could be attributed to a number of factors including Idaho's status as a mid-major program, lackluster facilities and resources compared to other programs in the region or a lack of overall talent.

Regardless of the reasons for the lack of success on the field, in 2014 the Vandals showed promise each week, and while it didn't usually translate to wins on the field, the team showed flashes of a turnaround, partially due to the promise of redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan.

The son of former Vandal quarterback Scott Linehan showed promise during his first season as the Vandals' quarterback, throwing for over 2,500 yards and 11 touchdowns while missing time in two games with injury. He isn't the only player head coach Paul Petrino has to build a solid foundation around, either.

With players like running back

Elihha Penny, linebacker Mark Millan, defensive back Jayshawn Jordan and the return of wide receiver Dezmon Epps, the Vandals have a solid foundation going into 2015. With the returners and a recruiting class highlighted by high school running back Denzal Bradley and defensive back Trenton McGhee, the Vandals have the potential to be a sleeper team in the Sun Belt.

Granted, with players like Millan, Epps and Penny being upperclassmen, they may not be in the long-term plans of the team having a foundation already in place. But when players like McGhee and Bradley come to campus, it could pay dividends for

the program moving forward.

The Vandals will never rise to be a national powerhouse or even a mid-major power like Boise State, but in the Sun Belt the team should be able to start competing for bowl bids while players like Linehan and Penny are still on campus.

If you want proof of this, look no further than last season's Sun Belt Champion, Georgia Southern. During their first season at the FBS level they rolled through the Sun Belt with an 8-0 conference record and a 9-3 overall record. If they can do it while making the transition into the conference and the FBS level, why can't the Vandals build a winner?

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Athletes of the week

Matt Linehan — football



Linehan

The long-awaited first scrimmage of the spring took place Saturday for Idaho and quarterback Matt Linehan had a strong showing under center. The sophomore completed 19-of-35 passes for 239 yards on the day, with four touchdowns and one interception. He had long 20-plus yard touchdown passes to sophomore wide receiver Ruben Mwhela and junior wide receiver Jacob Sannon, along with a 45-yard touchdown bomb to senior wide receiver Dezmon Epps. Linehan also rushed nine times for 43 yards and a touchdown. After starting most of last season, Linehan made a solid case to keep his spot.

Kolcie Bates — track and field



Bates

Sophomore thrower Kolcie Bates won the individual discus throw competition at the 10th Annual Whitworth Sam Adams Classic with a heave of 149 feet, 8 inches. The Weiser, Idaho, native had the only individual victory for Idaho at the event. Bates also threw her career-best in the hammer throw with a throw of 145-2. Idaho track and field is back in action this weekend in Cheney, Washington, in the Pelluer Invitational hosted by Eastern Washington.

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SOCCER

Defense shines for Vandals in Portland

Idaho splits weekend soccer games

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

For the Idaho soccer team, defense has been a focal point of its spring season.

The defense, along with improvement in the weight room, showed over the weekend as the Vandals grabbed their first win of the spring. The Vandals split with a pair of NAIA teams with a victory over Corban and a loss to the 2013 NAIA National Champion Concordia Saturday in Portland, Oregon.

"Corban is a good program, Concordia was the NAIA national champion two years ago," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said. "They are both very good teams. I thought our team played exceptionally well."

While Pittman said he was satisfied with the defensive effort the team showed in the last two weeks, the team needs to be more efficient on the offensive end. In the win over Corban, they had a number of chances to extend the lead, but they couldn't capitalize on them.

The Vandals will try to continue their improvements April 14 when they head



File photo by Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Midfielder Chloe Bell chases down a pass during Idaho's 1-1 tie with Gonzaga March 28 on the SprinTurf. The Vandals split weekend games with a win over Corban and a loss to Concordia Saturday in Portland.

to Spokane to take on Spokane Falls Community College.

"Now, we are trying to get the mental side of things and the game and make ourselves better," Pittman said. "When we face certain challenges, and today we had plenty of challenges to deal with ...

(we) continue to get better."

The Vandals outshot Corban 25-5 overall and they could have easily put two or three more goals on the board, Pittman said.

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TRACK & FIELD

Sophomore showcase

Track and field enjoys underclassmen success

Kyle Schumaker
Argonaut

Whitworth hosted a slew of area schools in the 10th Annual Sam Adams Classic Saturday in Spokane and it was a sophomore showcase for the Idaho women's track and field team.

For the second consecutive weekend, sophomore thrower Kolcie Bates walked away with a first-place finish in the discus, after a hurl of 149 feet, 8 inches. Bates improved her distance in the event from last weekend's top finish by more than eight feet and threw a personal best in the hammer throw with a distance of 145-2.

Sophomore Adara Winder also faired well in the discus, throwing a sixth-place mark of 134-8, but her real success came in the shot put. Winder posted a throw of 45-8, earning third place in the event for

the second weekend in a row.

On the track, sophomore sprinter Andrea Pikes continued her fast start to the season as she finished second and sixth in the 100 and 200-meter races, respectively. Sophomore Wednesday Walton was also atop the standings in Spokane, where she placed fourth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1 minute, 5.72 seconds.

Junior Tayler Feinauer and sophomore Faith Eruwa also helped the Vandals as Feinauer finished fourth in the javelin and Eruwa placed sixth in the triple jump.

On the men's side, senior thrower Zach Trumbauer was the top finisher for the Vandals as he finished Saturday's meet with a third-place toss of 178-4 in the hammer throw. Trumbauer was joined in the hammer by teammate Zac Homer, who threw a personal best 153-6, finishing in fifth place.

Sophomore thrower Juan Medina-Cuenca topped his shot put throw of last week by more than a foot, earning a fourth-place finish for posting a



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Senior jumper Emmanuel Panchol fails to clear the bar during the Mike Keller Invitational March 28 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex in Moscow. The Vandals beat four teams on the men's side and four teams on the women's side in dual competition Saturday at the 10th Annual Sam Adams Classic in Spokane. The teams compete again Saturday in Cheney.

throw of 49-3.5.

Senior Cayle Turpen's time of 4:06.62 was enough to earn him fifth place in the men's 1500, where he was joined by freshman Pierce Fix, who posted a time of 4:16.70.

Other freshmen who lent their talents to the men's team Saturday included thrower Taylor Wilson, who threw for 171-5 inches in the javelin, and Brayden White, who pole

vaulted 13-1.5.

The Vandal men and women's teams will compete Saturday in Cheney, Washington, as part of the 44th Pelluer Invitational held at Roos Field.

"I thought the

weekend went well — we had some good weather today with a few personal bests and season bests," Idaho coach Tim Cawley said. "Everyone seems to be moving in the right direction. They

have a good attitude, which is really exciting to see. I thought today was a good, solid day to get another competition in."

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MEN'S GOLF

Working to keep his spot

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The best performance from the Idaho men's golf team in its last competition wasn't 2014 WAC Freshman of the Year Jared du Toit or first-team All-WAC senior Aaron Cockerill.

Instead, the Vandals got a boost from freshman Dan Sutton.

After shooting an even-par 72 the first round of the 2015 Desert Shootout, the Birmingham, England, native found his groove by shooting a bogey-free, 3-under-par 69 the second round and a bogey-free, 7-under-par 65 the third round for a 10-under-par 206.

"I shot a bogey-free 69 and just gave me a world of confidence," Sutton said. "I started off well in the third round and just let it go really. It all came together."

The score earned Sutton a tie for second place with three other players at the Desert Shootout March 19-21 in Goodyear, Arizona, and helped his team

solidify a fourth-place finish out of 15 teams at the event.

Sutton earned his first Big Sky Conference Men's Golfer of the Week honor for his performance in Arizona.

Sutton didn't even play in Idaho's prior event to the Desert Shootout — the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Invitational — which took place March 9-10 in Aiken, South Carolina. Instead, his roommate, freshman Ian Kim, took his spot and traveled with the team.

"I didn't take him when we went and played in South Carolina and I know he wasn't happy about that," Idaho coach John Means said. "I took his roommate, which makes it even harder."

Sutton said Means told him staying in Moscow while the team traveled to South Carolina might make Sutton more determined to not be left behind again. Sutton said not traveling with the team probably did make him more determined to make the next trip.



Sutton

Idaho freshman golfer Dan Sutton had breakout performance in Arizona

day, he wanted to see how Sutton would respond to the pressure.

Means said three players beat Sutton so each of them received a prize. In addition, the team's March 27 practice was "Beat Ian Day," Means said.

"It's quite competitive and you got to play well," Sutton said of the competition among his teammates at practice. "It makes you focus a lot more, work on your game rather than if you know you're guaranteed a spot, so it helps. It helps push you along."

Du Toit said he thinks Sutton's breakout performance in Arizona gives Sutton confidence moving forward.

"I think his attitude changed a little bit," du Toit said. "I think after this big one. I think he believes in himself now that he can compete with the best and I'm excited to see what he does his last couple events, because he's got all the skill. He's got all the shots."

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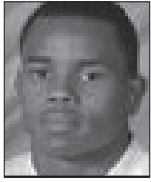
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ATHLETES

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Dezmon Epps – football



Epps

After missing last year for off-field issues, speedy wide receiver Dezmon Epps is back and showed his skills at the first spring football scrimmage. Clearly being quarterback Matt Linehan's favorite target this spring, he hauled in eight receptions for 179 yards and one touchdown in the scrimmage. His receptions and yardage totals were all team highs on the day. Epps is making the case to again be Idaho's No. 1 receiver heading into next fall.

Quinton Bradley – football



Bradley

Senior defensive end Quinton Bradley only had four tackles in Idaho's first spring scrimmage, but he made each one count as his tackles accounted for three tackles for loss and three sacks. His tackles for loss tied a team high with junior defensive end Kaylyn Ayers and his sacks were a team high. Bradley had 9.5 tackles for loss and six sacks during the 2014 season.

DEFENSE

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After they grinded out a 1-0 shutout, they needed to prepare for a fresh Concordia team that hadn't yet played a game that day.

The Vandals gave up a goal in the first few minutes of the game after a defensive lapse to go down 1-0. After this, the defense tightened up, but they weren't able to get a ball in the net and fell to Concordia.

Pittman said the offensive end of the field will be an emphasis throughout the rest of the spring.

The team has made strides on defense since the end of the fall season, they just need to get the offensive side up to the same level.

"Our defensive organization has been very good," Pittman said. "We were limiting team's chances and not giving up as many chances as we did last fall, and so that has been a positive. We just want to keep doing that."

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CLUB SPORTS

UI wrestling looking to expand

After successful first year,
wrestling club seeks to build

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Over the last dozen years or so many colleges have cut their varsity wrestling programs, including Oregon in 2007 and Cleveland State starting next year.

Despite the varsity programs across the nation shrinking, this doesn't mean the sport isn't as popular as ever. At the NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis a few weeks ago, more than 16,000 fans packed the Scottrade Center to watch the finest collegiate wrestlers in the country fight for the chance to be called champion.

Even with dwindling school funded programs, many universities offer wrestling as a club sport and the University of Idaho is one of them.

The UI wrestling club finished its first full season competing in the Division II Northwest Conference of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association a few weeks ago. The Vandals competed against teams from all over the region in the NCWA including the 2015 national champion Washington State Cougars.

In total, three of the teams in the Northwest region finished in the top 10 at the national tournament, including Montana-Western. MWU also has the distinction of having the first national champion from the region — an Idaho native named Ruger

Piva at 165 pounds.

Most aspects of the NCWA are the same as the NCAA, but there are a few differences. The addition of a 235-pound weight class is one. In NCAA wrestling, the weight classes jump from 197 pounds to 285 pounds.

There is also no weight certification process. In wrestling at the collegiate and high school level, wrestlers are required to be certified by a doctor at their chosen weight class. They must accumulate a certain number of weigh-ins at a specific weight to be eligible to wrestle there during the postseason.

Also, while the club competes at a high level and against varsity programs like Boise State and Oregon State, the team doesn't turn any prospective wrestler away.

"We don't discriminate," Idaho coach Stewart Roberts said. "Not everybody went to a school with wrestling or we have guys who wrestled in middle school but didn't wrestle in high school — a lot of politics. At bigger schools you have try outs, stuff like that."

The team is forced to work their schedule around classes and other clubs that use the Memorial Gym basement as well as the schedule of the wrestlers.

Luckily, Roberts has a number of wrestlers who are committed and dedicated and can help out when he can't be there. Among those is junior Hayden Garfield, the team president and captain.

Garfield makes sure the team stretches and warms up and he also makes sure the

practices stay intense but fun, he said.

Garfield wrestled from seventh grade all the way through high school and despite having played other sports growing up, he said wrestling has always been the most demanding.

"Wrestling is, in a lot of other ways, a lot more difficult," Garfield said. "Not only do you have to worry about being faster, stronger, just like any other sport, you also gotta manage your weight and the mental game."

Garfield said when you wrestle you don't have anyone else to rely on. If you mess up it is all on you, but this makes the success sweeter.

While Garfield said he sees other teams practicing early in the morning, he never sees them practicing late at night like the wrestling team is forced to at times.

The Vandals fielded a small team this year, but through word of mouth and networking they are looking to improve on a season that saw one wrestler, junior James Hegge, qualify for the national tournament at 133 pounds.

Along with Hegge, the team had five other wrestlers place at the conference tournament.

"There is a national champion seven miles away," Roberts said. "Our goal is to beat Wazzu and Montana-Western next year. We have people wanting to come here to win national titles. If we get the guys, there is no reason why we can't."

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FOOTBALL

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While some fans may be growing tired of the "wait until next year" mentality the program provides, it is important to remember when Paul Petrino was hired in 2013 he inherited a program with little talent. Along with this, he had to deal with the APR mess as well, but he weathered the storm and is finally starting to build his team.

Patience has been key with the Petrino era thus far and while it may still be a year or two away from being where it can be, with the core in place he has the chance to start stringing together some wins this fall.

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SCRIMMAGING

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As for the defense, freshman linebacker Kaden Ellis made a statement Saturday as he racked up team-high 19 tackles.

Ellis' performance got the attention of senior leader Marc Millan.

"I'm excited," Millan said. "He finally stopped overthinking things, like he does in practice, and now he just let it loose. That's what you gotta do on defense, just fly around. When you think too much, that's when you start making mistakes, but when you just don't think and just react — it's a lot more fun."

Along with all Ellis' tackles, Petrino said junior safety Jordan Grabski provided two of the "special plays" of the day.

One of them came as an interception on

a Linehan pass attempt to freshman wide receiver Michael Garner.

"I saw Michael Garner kinda scramble with the quarterback, and then I saw Matt's eyes light up," Grabski said. "So I made a play on the ball as best I could."

The defense as a whole had eight sacks, two interceptions and one forced fumble, while the offense racked up 773 total yards and scored 10 touchdowns.

"It was an up and down day, but I think the positives outweigh the negatives in this situation," said Linehan, who was 19-of-35 for 239 yards and four touchdowns through the air. "I think right now, as an offense, we're head and shoulders better than we were last year."

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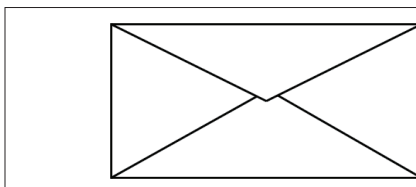
In the largest animal reserve in China, Kekexili, the Tibetan antelope's numbers have been in drastic decline. In the past 20 years poachers have slaughtered the animals for their prized skins, often hundreds at a time. Mountain Patrol Kekexili captures the life-and-death struggle of local Tibetans who volunteered to end the illegal poaching in the 1990s - sometimes at the cost of their own lives.

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OUR VIEW

Positive for parents

Faculty Senate should vote to amend parenting leave policy

Having a child is a life-changing experience. It impacts the lives of both parents and is an experience both should have the opportunity to be a part of.

Today, Faculty Senate will vote to amend the University of Idaho's parenting leave policy, and if they pass it, they will substantially improve the university's current policy.

The changes include extending the allowed leave from 12 to 16 weeks and allowing both parents to take leave if they are employed at the university. The proposed policy

would be job-protected and add language to include the continuation of group health insurance coverage within 12 months of the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child.

The current policy states that employees are only eligible for shared leave for "routine pregnancy-related disability and complications of childbirth and pregnancy," meaning only one parent can take parenting leave unless there is some sort of emergency or a reason both parents would need time off.

If this policy passes, it will provide much-needed support to new families who deserve to be together in the weeks following the birth or adoption of a new child. Simply having a child should be sufficient reason for taking time

off. Any other reason is unnecessary justification for parents to be there for each other and for the new member of their family at a time when their life has just been turned upside down, hopefully for the better.

The time after a child is brought into a family should be one of joy and celebration, not one of stress and anxiety because one parent is forced to miss out on the joys — and sleep-deprived days — of new parenthood, placing the burden entirely on their counterpart.

The current policy places lower priority on families not expanded by natural means. It ignores families who choose adoption or foster care, when these family situations may require the presence of both parents more than any other.

Bringing a child into a new family can take some serious adjustments and have substantial psychological repercussions for everyone involved, so having both parents at home can positively impact the family and their future relationship.

Finally, extending the allowed leave from 12 to 16 weeks is a good thing for families, as it gives them an extra month to adjust to their new family structure, establish a routine and prepare to return to work.

The proposed changes to UI's parenting policy are positive, and show the university places value in the importance of family. Passing this new policy would only solidify this stance.

— KK

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Thankful to be alive

A year ago today, I was in the hospital in critical condition. I'm not in perfect health now, and the last year has been a whirlwind, but I'm so thankful to be where I am today.

—Stephan

Time

Hard to believe Easter has come and gone. But it doesn't matter, because He's risen!

—Andrew

Playing catch up

It seems that no matter how much time I devote to doing homework and work, I always have to play catch up. I hope summer comes soon.

—Claire

The perfect thesis

Trying to start my final essays like, "What I learned in boating school is ..."

—Erin

The Hole, part 2

For in that little hole, a people did live, and what wonderful living they did. But the bird didn't know, that those below, led a much better life than him.

—Jack

Jack Olson

I don't ever understand anything he says but I'm fairly certain he's funny.

—Kaitlyn

Baseball season

Over the course of about 180 days, each MLB team will play 162 games. Some say the season is too long, but for me, it's not long enough. Go Ms!

—Korbin

#designlife

I actually enjoy homework from non-art classes when it turns into graphic design projects.

—Katelyn

Choices

It's funny to me how having too many options can be as troublesome as having none.

—Daphne

I'm not religious

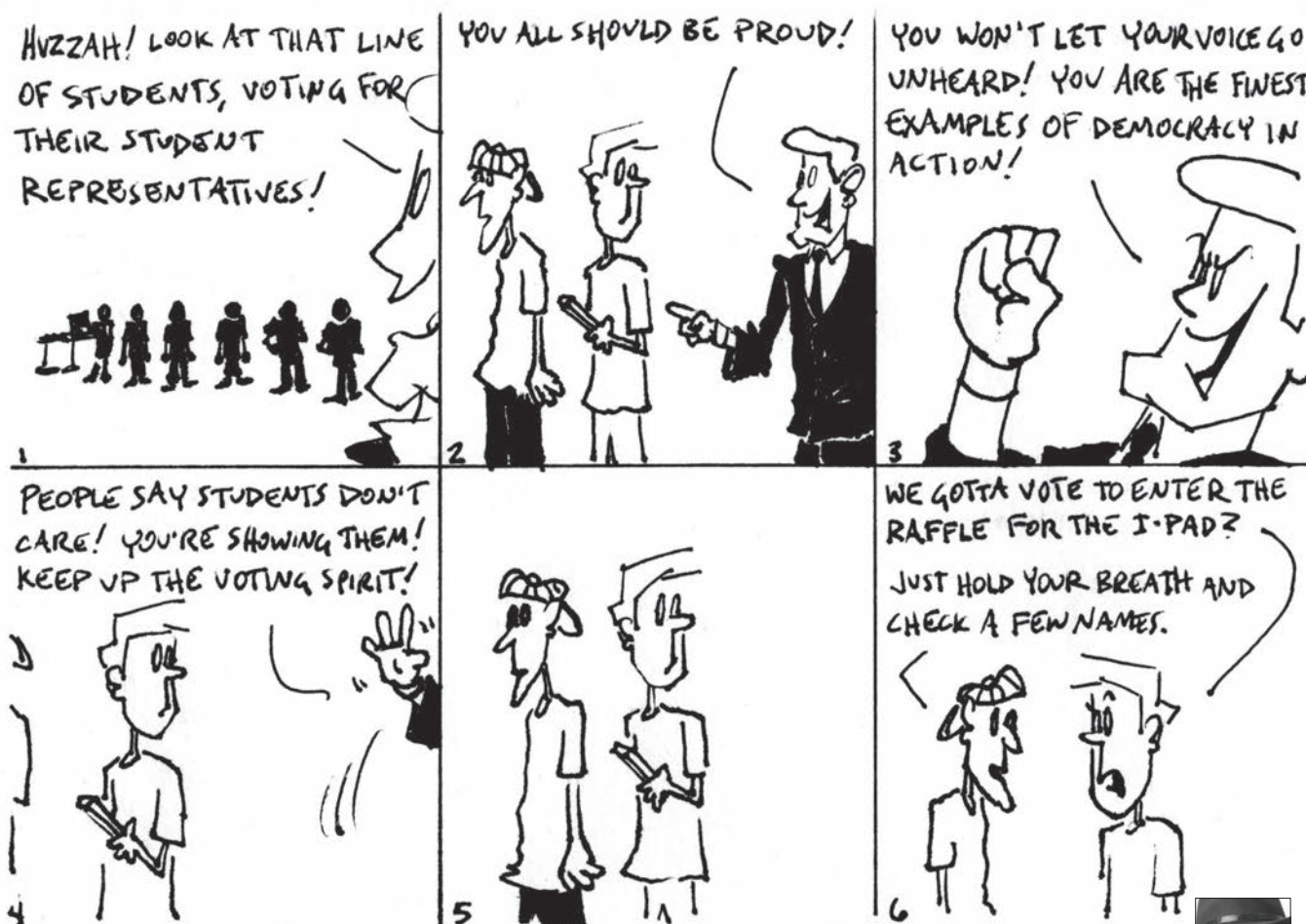
I've only been to church about four times in my entire life but I thoroughly enjoyed the Easter service at the Lake City Community Church on Sunday. The sermon was called "Love never fails," and it surprisingly wasn't creepy or cultish at all.

—Amber

Confirmed

The West Wing is the best political show ever produced. #Jed-Bartlet2016

—Ryan



Andrew Jensen Argonaut

Power of the peer

Creating change on campus

When thinking about a peer health education program, you may ask yourself, "What is a peer?" or "Why should the University of Idaho have peer educators?"

It is proven that people are more receptive to health information when it comes from a peer, which is anyone you would consider to be the same "status" as yourself.

This can range from a classmate, friend or a friendly face seen around campus. College is an exciting time in our lives. We are able to experience new things and have the ability to pursue our dreams, but with new experiences can come new questions. Questions about sexual health, nutrition, sleep, tobacco, drugs and alcohol or overall well-being.

When it comes to these questions or concerns, it is often easier to ask a peer rather than someone who is older than you or a professor. This is where the importance of peer educators comes into play.

Two years ago, a small student group from the Movement Sciences department had a vision of creating a program with a health educator at UI. The idea consisted of students promoting healthy lifestyle choices on campus, acting as a resource for the student community and creating change by not only being leaders, but also active bystanders.

According to The BACCHUS Network, a collegiate peer education initiative, the five roles of a peer educator are a friend, educator, activist, role model and team member.

When you think of a peer educator, it is important to think of a person who is always willing to listen with an open-mind and who is knowledgeable of resources around the campus or community. Part of what makes being a peer educator empowering is being an active

More info

To find out more information about becoming a peer health educator, swing by the Vandal Health Ed Resource Room or email vandalhealthed@uidaho.edu



Amy Monroe Peer Health Educator

bystander who works toward creating positive changes on campus.

Not only is being a peer educator rewarding, it is just plain fun. As peer educators, it is our role to build relationships with students on campus with an exciting educational twist.

This can range from monthly Health Huts, planning a Sex Trivia event, Safe Spring Break Fair, providing the "Bear" essentials for safer sex and plenty more.

Our goal is to collide education and enjoyment into all we do.

UI offers a Peer Health Education course for all students. The class offers students from all majors the opportunity to create change on campus and help fellow students live happy and healthy lifestyles. This semester, 20 students became certified peer health educators through the BACCHUS Network certification course, and are ready to help with all of your health needs. Being a peer health educator can lead to many other opportunities as well.

This year, three peer health educators have the chance to attend The BACCHUS Network Regional Conference April 16-18 in Denver, Colorado. This is an incredible opportunity for peer educators to connect with students from other universities and gain understanding of how our program at UI can even further develop as a program to provide the best health education on our campus.

Amy Monroe is a peer health educator. She can be reached at vandalhealthed@uidaho.edu

Mailbox

Fisher, music and medical amnesty

As someone who has never had a significant interest or passion for politics, I think it says a lot that I find myself invested in this particular ASUI presidential election to write a public statement on the subject.

Nate Fisher and Katie Cramer's bid for president and vice president of ASUI has piqued my interest in more ways than one. As a music student, I find it incredibly refreshing to see an ASUI president who, not only is a huge supporter of this school's fantastic marching band, but backs that support up with action. Because of Fisher's administration, funding for the marching band will increase 20 percent next year, most of that towards new instruments.

However, to me, the most appealing aspect of Fisher's campaign is his support of a medical amnesty initiative for the Moscow Police Department. This initiative would basically allow minors to seek medical help for themselves and friends during an alcohol-relat-

ed emergency without having to worry about criminal charges.

According to Medical Amnesty Initiative, a study by Cornell University found that only 4 percent of college students actually called 911 for a highly intoxicated friend even though 19 percent of those same students admitted that emergency and medical help was necessary.

If students are afraid that getting help for themselves or their friends will get them in trouble with the law, they are much less likely to seek help when it is obviously necessary.

Simply, this puts lives at risk. If Nate Fisher and Katie Cramer are elected, all the work that ASUI has put into medical amnesty can continue until it is finally a reality. All this work that has been done will pay off and make this campus and the City of Moscow a safer place for students.

Natalie Wren

I'm a senior and I just can't even ... but I'm going to anyway

I've sat down to write this particular column about 8,227 times, and every time I find myself at a complete loss for words.



Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

This is rare for me. I usually have more words than can fit on the page. But for some reason, when I start thinking about the end of the year, graduating and the future, I freeze.

After speaking with many of my fellow seniors and taking a super-official informal poll of all my friends, I've confirmed this debilitating fear of the unknown is actually pretty common.

Since then, I've found peace in knowing I'm not the only one who A) has no idea what they're doing with their life, B) is suddenly questioning all of their life choices including major, chosen career path and what to have for dinner and C) is growing increasingly nostalgic for college, even though we're exactly one month from ever having to go to class again.

I can say with confidence that anyone who is graduating has more than earned it. We've worked hard these past four, five, six or 10 years and now, with only a month left, we want to enjoy our remaining moments with our friends and make as many memories as possible. Or, let's be honest, watch Netflix in our comfiest not-pants and pretend we're not getting calendar alerts about everything we have to do this week.

Everyone has a mile-long list of all the things we want to accomplish in our last fleeting moments as university students, and they probably look something like this.

1. Find a job, or at the very least, a way not to move back in with the parents.
2. Pass the 100-level class you saved for your senior year because you thought it would be easy.
3. Sing the fight song at the

Corner Club 42 more times before graduation.

4. Wear sweats every day because once you become a professional it will no longer be acceptable.
5. Work approximately 600 hours at a minimum wage job, because it turns out moving and graduating (and the beer you drink before singing the fight song) is expensive. (\$53 for a cap and gown, seriously?)

Unfortunately, this is the time in our collegiate careers when doing anything productive seems like the most difficult thing ever and we'd all much rather take a nap.

But I'm here to tell you, my fellow graduating seniors, that you are not alone.

Despite our best efforts, we probably won't get to 75 percent of the things on these lists, and figuring out our future may be the biggest one we never get to. The truth is, that's OK.

It's time to let go of the notion that by May 16 we've got to have it all figured out.

It's time to stop being embarrassed by the full-on panic attack we have every time someone asks us what our plans are after college.

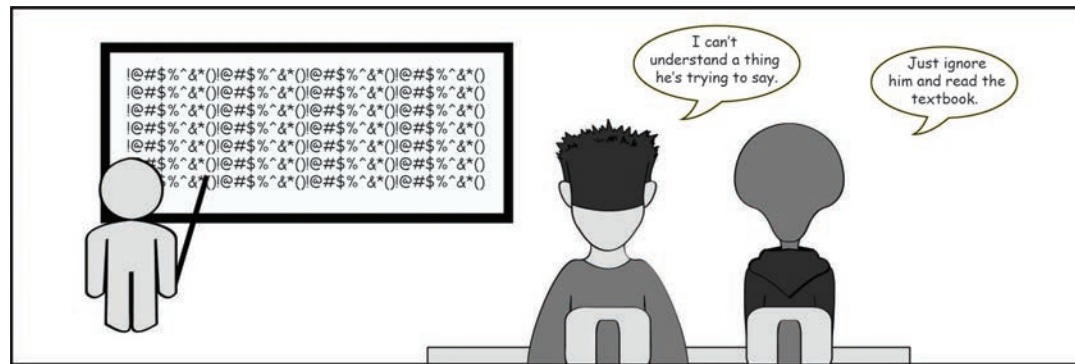
Most of us don't know, and that's the beauty of it. In a cliché that will make my student media adviser cringe, the world is our oyster and we can do anything we want.

Don't let the senioritis get the best of you. Finish strong and pass your classes, but don't be upset if you forgo an A for a B in favor of having dinner with your best friends. Take a break from job searching to watch the final season of Parks and Recreation, and don't feel one drop of guilt over it.

In the words of that picture of a tree with the fancy script that you just pinned to your "<3 inspiration <3" board, it will all work out.

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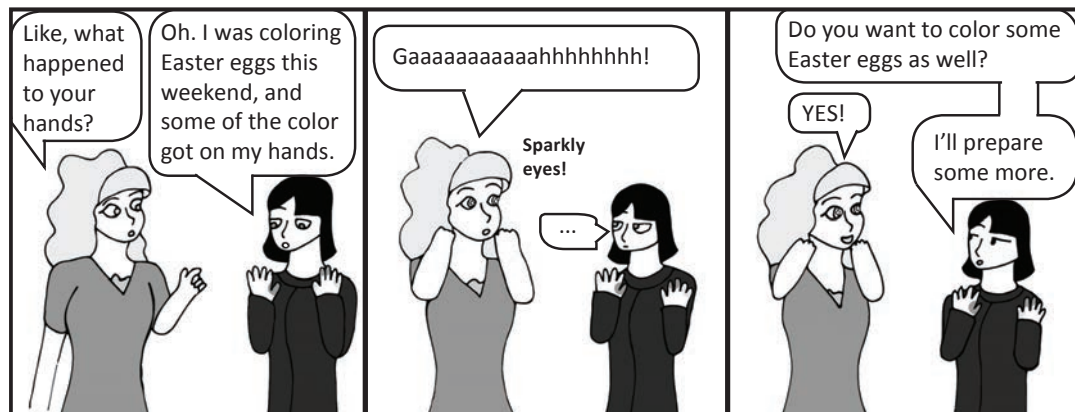
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