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MOMS' WEEKEND



Moms take Moscow

Friday kicks off 2015
Moms' Weekend

Jessica Blain
Argonaut

While the moms of University of Idaho students may be thrilled to see their child go off to college and chase their dreams, it can be a struggle letting go.

The Office of Alumni Relations believes the courage and support Vandal moms exhibit is deserving of celebration.

According to Jessica Greene, co-chairwoman of the student committee for Moms' Weekend, dedicating a weekend to students' moms is a great chance to show off the Moscow community.

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Sue Storey (middle), the house director for Alpha Phi, talks with Alpha Phi members Savannah Boone (left) and Kaity Harness (right) outside their house Wednesday. Storey has been a house director since 2011.

Daphne Jackson | Argonaut

UI's motherly managers

Sorority house directors
serve as a stabilizing
force for students

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Sue Storey, house director of Alpha Phi sorority, said while there are many benefits to being house director, her favorite part of the job is the eclectic mix of personalities she comes into contact with every day.

"The most rewarding part of my job is meeting all of these young women," she said. "They're all just so weird."

Storey has been watching over the

members of Alpha Phi with a keen sense of humor and an extensive knowledge of the Greek system for four years.

Storey, who was in a sorority when she was an undergraduate at the University of Idaho, said she first became a house director because she was looking for a way to give back to the system that supported her as a student.

"I moved out of the area for about 45 years, and when I returned there

was an open position for house director at the university," Storey said. "I had such a wonderful experience with the Greek system as a student I thought, 'Why not apply?'"

Storey said while there are many rewarding aspects of being a house director, the job comes with numerous challenges as well.

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ADMINISTRATION

Lowest in a decade

Tuition and fees to
increase by 3.5 %

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

The Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE) unanimously approved the lowest tuition and fee increase for the University of Idaho in more than a decade Wednesday.

Proposed by UI administrators, resident and non-resident tuition and fees will rise 3.5 percent for the 2015-2016 academic year.

"We are very pleased," said Katherine Aiken, UI provost and executive vice president. "I think it represents a whole lot of work behind the scenes."

Before the decision, UI President Chuck Staben presented to the board about

the need for a tuition and fee increase and said the additional funds would be used primarily to fund a 3 percent increase in Change in Employee Compensation (CEC). Staben said the additional funds would be used to fund employee medical benefits and obligated costs.

UI in-state students will see their tuition and fees rise by \$236 this fall, while out-of-state students will see it rise by \$710.

ASUI President Nate Fisher, who helped Staben present to the board, said students were involved throughout the budget process and he thinks the increase is reasonable.

"This is something students can and should support," Fisher said.

During his address to the

board, Staben said employee salaries are the biggest expense and the biggest budget challenge for the university this year.

Like many other schools around the state and across the nation, UI has seen a significant decrease in state funding. In 2001, 73 percent of the General Education Budget came from the state, as opposed to 50 percent this year.

"While we continuously seek means of containing costs, students have had to pay a larger share of the cost of education across the nation," Staben said.

Staben said funding the 3 percent CEC mandated by Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter was the biggest challenge in this year's budget.

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ADMINISTRATION

Accreditors visit campus

UI prepares self-study report
to renew accreditation

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Before the accreditation team sets foot on campus, months of work has already been put into the accreditation process.

The work is shown through the University of Idaho's self-study report, a docu-

ment that provides an in-depth look at how UI fulfills its mission, which is provided to accreditors before their visit.

"When you think about it, the self-study is over 200 pages long. It's like writing a book for all practical purposes," said Katherine Aiken, interim provost and executive vice president.

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GREEK

Racing reptiles

Phi Delta Theta to hold annual
Turtle Derby this weekend

Jamie Lunders
Argonaut

All Greek houses hold philanthropy events, but one University of Idaho fraternity boasts an annual event featuring shelled reptiles.

"It is hands-down the coolest philanthropy on campus," said Ryan Chapman, Phi Delta Theta president. "It's the only

one that involves live animals, and it happens during Moms' Weekend, so there's a ton of attendance."

Phi Delta Theta will host its 57th annual Turtle Derby during Moms' Weekend at 11 a.m. Saturday outside its house, located at 804 Elm St. The Turtle Derby will include a

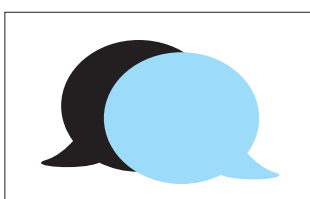
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CRUMBS



A Crumbs recipe Barbequed pulled venison

Silas Whitley
Crumbs

For those who like venison or barbeque or both, this is a great sandwich recipe.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound venison steak
- 1 diced garlic clove
- 1 small onion sliced
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup pickled jalapenos
- 1/2 cup pepperoncinis
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Water



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Directions:

1. Marinade venison with garlic, onion powder, chili powder, black and red pepper, brown sugar, salt and water
2. Cook in a slow cooker or crockpot on low until the meat pulls apart easily
3. Add tomato paste
4. Slice and add the pickled jalapenos and pepperoncinis
5. Add some juice from jalapenos (optional)
6. Add onion
7. Season to taste with any of the above spices
8. Add more water if needed and cook to desired thickness

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Cloud Nine



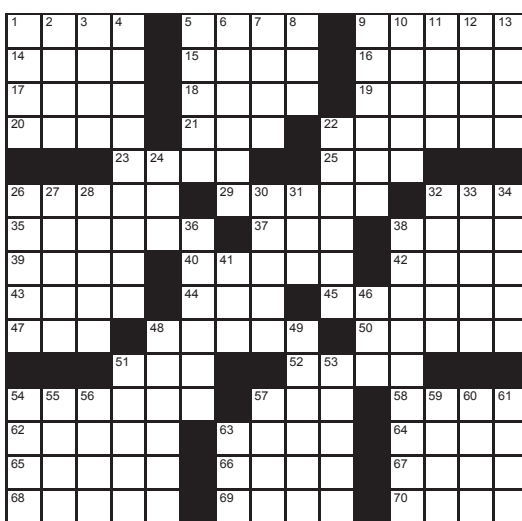
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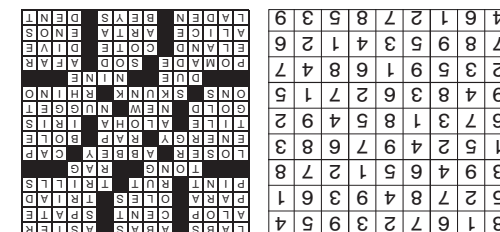
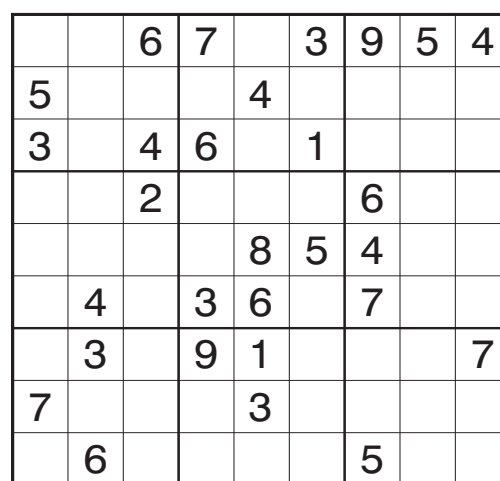
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SCIENCE

More than \$10 million

NIH grant funds integrated research Collaboratorium

Corrin Bond
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The University of Idaho was awarded a \$10.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support the university's new Center for Modeling Complex Interactions, which uses collaborative modeling to explore research questions of high relevance.

According to Paul Joyce, dean of the College of Science, the grant will largely benefit the Collaboratorium for Modeling Complex Problems, the latest installment of the center.

Holly Wichman, distinguished professor of biological sciences, said the new grant is as a positive sign for the university's future in research.

"This is really the formal beginning of something very exciting," Wichman said. "I say it's only the formal beginning because it builds on something that's been brewing at the university for a long time."

The announcement was

made Wednesday night in the Mines Building, where the center is located. Joyce and Wichman were joined by UI President Chuck Staben to make the announcement and address the future of the center.

The grant is a part of a larger program, the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) which funds both the Idea Network for Biomedical Research and Excellence (INBRE) and the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE).

"UI has a lot of influence in setting policy for the National Institutes of Health because of all of our programs," Joyce said. "In addition to the \$10.6 million for COBRE, the university has received \$17.4 million for INBRE, which makes a total of \$27 million in NIH funding over the last eight months."

Joyce said the Mines Building houses one of the most integral research installments at the university.

"The Mines Building was built in the early '60s on the side of a hill like a mine shaft with all of its windows on one side ... It's not a pleasant building," he said. "Luckily,

we didn't have much funding at the time or we would have ended up with more buildings like this one."

Despite his jests about the structure, Joyce said the building holds great significance because of the extensive renovations it has undergone.

Joyce said this particular COBRE grant supports three research projects that operate in the center and focus on viral infection.

Wichman said the Collaboratorium is not only a big step for biomedical research, but it also promotes interdisciplinary and collaborative research methods.

"We have some wicked problems to solve," she said. "These problems won't be solved by one woman sitting at a computer by herself or one man working at a lab bench alone ... We're going to solve these problems by working together as teams of people who bring different skills to the table."

Wichman said the new Collaboratorium is a place where laboratory scientists and modelers would communicate with one another in a common language — the language of



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Holly Wichman, UI professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, talks to a colleague after the \$10.6 million NIH grant announcement in the Mines Building Wednesday.

modeling, statistics, mathematics and visualization.

"We're not going to train lab scientists to do math and we're not going to train modelers to do viral growth," she said. "We're going to expose lab scientists to modeling and this will change the way they think about their research."

Wichman said the benefit of integrated and collaborative research is that researchers will be able to learn from each other's respective strengths and weaknesses.

"We anticipate that through collaboration we will build a kind of synergy," she said. "Researchers of

all flavors will get different ideas about how to adapt their skills and how to test underlying assumptions and minimize errors ... We anticipate that all of this will lead to innovation."

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Police log

Monday, April 13

12:30 p.m. 300 block East C Street

Caller reported an overflowing dumpster.

12:40 p.m. 600 block West Palouse River Drive

Caller reported two corn snakes missing from residence.

9:19 p.m. 500 block South Adams Street

Caller reported their toolbox and tools had been stolen out of the back of their truck.

Tuesday, April 14

8:51 a.m. 900 block West Palouse River Drive

Caller reported an injured duck. The duck was subsequently taken to Palouse Animal Wellness & Surgery Center.

12:04 p.m. 200 block East Southview Avenue

Caller made a complaint of vandalism, but said they did not want to file a report because the damage was less than \$1.

12:35 p.m. 400 block South Van Buren Street

Caller reported high school students racing their vehicles as they returned from lunch.

2:14 p.m. 400 block West Sixth Street

Female reported a male had threatened to slash the tires of her vehicle.

11:02 p.m. 500 block East E Street

Someone saw a male running toward a store and called it in as suspicious. The male who had been running was contacted and he was just trying to get to the store before it closed.

Wednesday, April 15

7:17 a.m. 600 block Stadium Drive

Some drug paraphernalia was found and turned over for destruction.

9:49 a.m. 700 block South Main Street

A female was reported as being disruptive in the Emergency Room. Officers responded and she was subsequently arrested for an outstanding warrant.

FACULTY SENATE

Could be tuition-free

Faculty Senate approves 100 percent dependent tuition waiver Tuesday

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

University of Idaho Faculty Senate approved a proposal Tuesday that has the potential to make UI tuition-free for dependents of UI employees.

Now at the discretion of UI President Chuck Staben and the Board of Regents, the policy would increase the dependent tuition waiver to 100 percent, allow multiple dependents to utilize the benefits simultaneously and make non-resident students eligible.

Kattlyn Wolf, Faculty Senate member from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, introduced the amended policy to Faculty Senate April 7 as a representative of the Alternative Compensation Task Force. Wolf said the purpose of the proposal is to increase employee morale.

The current dependent tuition waiver covers 50 percent of resident tuition costs for one dependent.

Katherine Aiken, interim provost and executive vice president, said last week she did not feel Staben would consider it a high budgetary priority to increase the depen-

dent tuition waiver benefit.

However, James Foster, Faculty Senate member from the College of Science and task force co-chairman, said he recently attended a meeting with Staben and thinks he would be open to hearing the proposal.

"The president — and the provost — was concerned about the loss of tuition revenue in the first year of this program," Foster said.

Foster said Staben thought the proposal could improve morale.

Liz Brandt, Faculty Senate member from the College of Law, said even if Staben does not see the proposal as a priority currently, Faculty Senate's approval of the proposal could raise the idea to his attention.

"I think we push the culture when we ask for things that are important to the faculty as a whole," Brandt said.

Multiple senators expressed their thoughts on the role dependent tuition benefits played in their choosing and staying at UI.

Brandt said at the beginning of her career, the benefits package was a downside because it didn't do enough.

"I can tell you, this is a crucial factor," Brandt said. "We have trouble recruiting faculty ... this is something that would really help us."

Andrew Brewick, Faculty Senate member from Advising Services and father of two children, said the administration's support for the policy would mean a lot to him and his family.

"This will play a huge role in whether or not I pursue employment elsewhere," Brewick said.

Foster said if employees look elsewhere for employment, they are likely to find higher salaries.

Laila Cornwall, assistant director of the American Language and Culture Program, was involved in creating the proposal. She said the policy would increase employee morale.

"We have people who are custodians who can now (if approved) afford to send their students to college," Cornwall said.

Clint Jeffery, Faculty Senate member from the College of Engineering, questioned how the State Board of Education would handle providing UI employees with 100 percent coverage of dependent tuition. He asked if the board would feel required to extend the benefit to the rest of the higher education institutions.

Senators also expressed concern about the limited number of employees the benefit would reach.

Of the proposals to increase

morale examined by the task force, Foster said not a single one included all employees.

"I think we ought to do what we can do and start out with the things that can make a larger impact," Foster said. "If I work with a happy employee, it's going to make my life better."

Wolf said although the task force's aim is to increase morale for most employees, she understands it's important to take steps.

"I think it's entirely appropriate we do something that doesn't benefit everyone," she said.

Stephan Flores, Faculty Senate member from the College of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences, said a 100 percent dependent tuition waiver is something he could see at a private institution, but he struggles with envisioning how it would play out at a public university.

Foster said the idea has merit because it's one way of addressing UI employees' low morale.

"I personally think that the university as an institution has to do something to address the turnover rate," Foster said.

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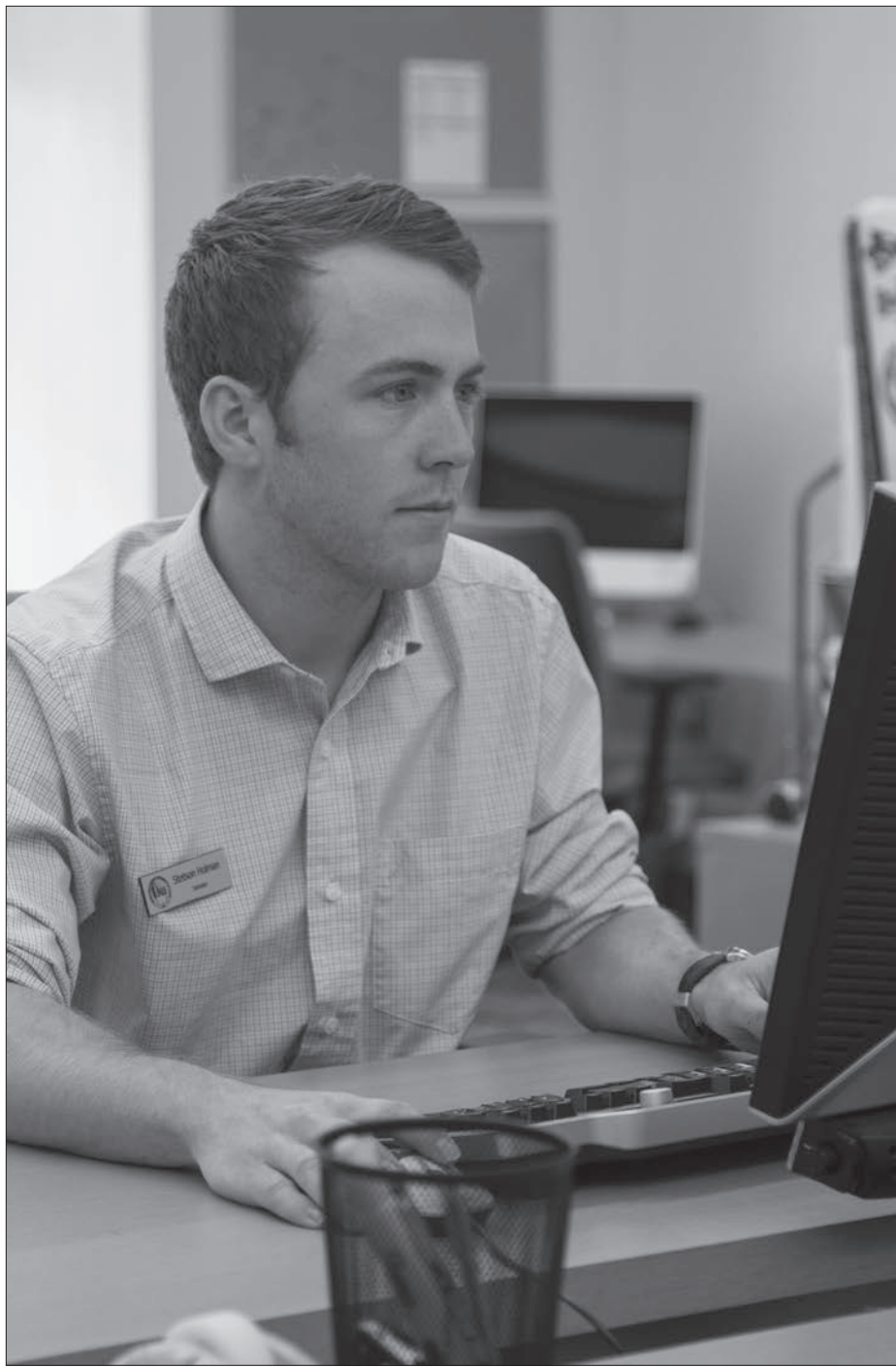
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ASUI Vice President-elect Stetson Holman works in the ASUI office this week.

ASUI vice president-elect expresses excitement for upcoming term

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Everyone changes somewhat when they go to college. ASUI Vice President-elect Stetson Holman said after four years at the University of Idaho, he's no different.

"I came up to UI because it was the farthest I could go from Idaho Falls and still get in-state tuition," Holman said. "I don't want to say I've found myself, but I have more of an idea where I want to go out of college."

Holman said he's wanted to be a lawyer since he was little, and he came to UI with that in mind. Student government was a natural step for someone on the pre-law track, he said.

"A lot of people don't like the bureaucracy, but I love it," Holman said. "It's managed so well, and at the end of the day, you're helping people."

Holman worked for the Latah County Democrats on Paulette Jordan's bid for a seat in the Idaho House of Representatives in 2014 — something he said he might like to do after he graduates, if he's not traveling, in AmeriCorps or in law school.

Holman said for now, he's keeping his options open. In the meantime, he's finishing up his first year on the ASUI Senate and preparing to begin his term in as an executive member of ASUI alongside President-elect Max Cowan.

"(Cowan) and I work really well together," Holman said. "We can bounce ideas off each other, and if one of us has an idea that's not so good, we can say to each other, 'OK, man, let's approach it from a different perspective.'"

Holman said he didn't expect Cowan to approach him to be his running mate. He said the conversation started last fall in Boise, when a few ASUI representatives traveled to the Idaho Student Association Summit. Holman said he was in Cowan's room and the two were talking about politics and the Senate.

"He told me he was going to run for presi-

dent, and I was like 'Oh, that's awesome, I think you'd do an awesome job,'" Holman said.

During the ride back to Moscow, Holman said Cowan told him he would make a great vice president.

"Sure enough, like a week later, he approached me," Holman said. "Once I got the idea of managing the Senate, I started to notice I could change this and it'd be really beneficial. Just keeping that on my mind for a good two weeks it sounded like something I'd like to go for, so when he asked me, I told him 'Yeah.'"

Cowan said Holman stood out to him, not only because he was good company and offered great conversation about a wide range of topics, but also because of his eagerness and good work ethic.

"Stetson Holman is incredibly bright," Cowan said. "He's passionate and outgoing, he has a lot of great ideas about how to improve ASUI and the Senate, he's worked incredibly hard over the last year and I'm sure he will do incredibly great work as the ASUI vice president."

Holman began working on his platform with Cowan three months before campaigning began. As two motivated individuals, Holman said they both wanted to do a good job.

Of the three key points of the platform the pair eventually decided on, Holman said the one that excited him most was improving the student experience. As vice president, he said he hopes to make the enforcement of dead week policies, mandatory posting of grades and student input of deferred maintenance projects a priority.

"While I was campaigning and talking to people, it definitely helped me to look at stuff — especially school — from a different perspective," Holman said. "I came up (to UI) because I wanted to be a part of a different community and I really wanted to experience something else. It really hurts me that I didn't get involved sooner, because the university offers so much."

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STAFF

Leaving after three decades

Manager of Video Production Center retires, plans for Alaska trip

Jake Smith
Argonaut

After hitchhiking across the United States in 1971, Dave Tong intended to live in a tent behind the University of Idaho Administration building until he could move into the dorms to begin his freshman year.

Tong, current manager and senior producer for UI's Video Production Center, ran across a professor before making it to his camping destination.

"I told him I was a new student, and he asked me what I was doing with the backpack and stuff," Tong said. "I told him I was going to camp in the Arboretum until the dorms opened up. He didn't think I should do that."

The professor made a phone call and arranged for Tong to stay in Farmhouse, he said.

Tong said after hitchhiking to UI in 1971, he had no idea he would still be in Moscow more than four decades later. Tong will retire in June after more than 30 years of service to UI.

"I got to thinking, there was a phase where everyone knew me because I was track runner, and then a musician in a band," Tong said, "I had no idea then that people would know me for doing video production. There's still another 20 or 30 years, and I was kind of curious what the next phase would be and I'm not sure what (it) will be."

Tong said retirement will take adjustment, but he wants to travel and spend time with his grandchildren. His first destination is Alaska after he retires in June.

Behind every football game, commencement ceremony, musical performance or large university event with a video feed during or after, Tong and his staff are in the shadows making it possible, said Jacob Cutshall, production specialist at UI's Video Production Center.

Cutshall said Tong puts in several hours of work directing and producing video content, especially during major events like the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, an event where he works more than 60 hours a week.

Cutshall said Tong is still similar to the man he met about two decades ago — me-



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Manager and Senior Producer for UI's Video Production Center Dave Tong edits videos in his office Wednesday at Pitman Center.

ticulous, detail-oriented and knowledgeable.

"You don't work somewhere for 30-odd years without a lot of stuff being locked up in your head, information that's just absorbed over that time," Cutshall said. "He's got detailed records, photos and diagrams of every major event for years — how he did it, what piece of equipment we hooked up where, run down scripts."

Technological transition was a big part of his time on campus, Tong said.

He started editing tape decades ago, but in 1995 his department switched to editing on computers, Tong said.

A \$2,300, nine-gigabyte hard drive from one of those computers now works as a door stop for his office.

"I think I got a sore wrist once we started editing on computers and stuff," Tong said. "It was a little more tedious."

Tong initially graduated from UI's College of Natural Resources in 1975 with a degree in Wildlife Recreation.

Tong sorted his way through several jobs before finding his home at UI's Video

Production Center. From his two seasons as a law enforcement ranger in Yellowstone National Park to creating commercials and jingles for companies as a freelancer, it wasn't until he earned his second degree in telecommunications in the late 1980s that he started producing video, he said.

Nearing graduation for his second degree, Tong said he was scheduled to interview for a job in instructional television. But at the same time, he finally heard back from the post office in Moscow after taking the postal service exam a few years ago when looking for a full-time job with benefits.

With a wife and four children at the time, the decision was difficult, Tong said.

"I met with the postmaster and he offered me this job, and I asked for a day to think about it because I realized I would have to stop doing video production," Tong said. "On the other hand, it was a full-time job with benefits and the post office seemed like a pretty secure thing ... That was a hard choice."

Tong said he ended up turning down the post office job, and wasn't accepted for

the instructional television job. He finished his degree the next semester and started to work full-time at the communications department in UI's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Tong was hired in 1989 to the department he is currently in.

Tong said he told his wife he was considering retirement on Jan. 10 and was soon reminded how quickly things could change. He said he and his wife, Gloria, ate lunch at Arby's that afternoon, and only a few hours later a shooter entered the establishment and killed the restaurant's manager, just one incident in a string of shootings in Moscow that day that killed three and injured one.

The night before, Tong said he went to a movie where he stood in line and spoke with an old friend, Terri Grzebielski, another victim of the shooting.

"It made me think, things could change real quickly," Tong said. "(The shooting) wasn't really related, but it helped solidify things."

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ASUI

New leader, new team

ASUI President-elect appoints his chief of staff and looks to build staff

Graham Perednia
Argonaut

ASUI President-elect Max Cowan has selected former presidential candidate Alejandra "Vivi" Gonzalez as his chief of staff and has begun the hiring process for the rest of his cabinet.

"I am very excited for this opportunity," Gonzalez said. "I see a lot of potential for next year and a lot of passionate and innovative students who will thrive in ASUI."

Gonzalez was appointed to the high-ranking ASUI position after she expressed interest when Cowan won the election last week.

"She has the ability to work with a large and diverse group of students," Cowan said. "And has the ability to support them in their different roles."

Her role as chief of staff is to oversee all ASUI staff and make sure each student understands their roles and responsibilities, Cowan said. She will also meet one-on-one with staff members to ensure they have goals and objectives to help advance ASUI's mission represent students to the administration and to the state.

"I think the chief of staff is a job that when done well enables other people to accomplish their goals," Cowan said. "When ASUI is working successfully, I think that is a sign of a strong chief of staff."

The chief of staff is not the only position Cowan has to fill. He has six director positions and four board chairs to hire as well, he said.

There are two rounds of hiring, Cowan said, one in the spring and one in the fall. The cabinet level positions, such as director of athletics, director of health and wellness and chairman of the funding board, will be hired before school wraps up in May.

During the fall semester, board members and any cabinet level-position that wasn't filled in the spring will be filled.

Currently, there are around 40 applicants for the cabinet positions and multiple people are applying for multiple positions, Cowan said. Cowan and a few other ASUI staff members will interview the applicants to determine who is best for each position.

"We are currently preparing to review ASUI executive candidate applications and just from the few that I have already seen I know that next year will be a year full of progress and positive change both within ASUI and for the student body," Gonzalez said. "We will be working hard to achieve both Max and Stetson's proposed goals but also create an empowering environment for the directors and board chairs to achieve goals of their own."

After the applicants are selected, they need to be confirmed by the ASUI Senate, Cowan said. Cowan plans on being transparent with the senate and listen to any input they have.

"I was very excited about the number of new people applying for positions," Cowan said. "There is an opportunity to get a lot of new people involved in ASUI this round of hiring."

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STUDENT LIFE

Race and religion in MLB

Former All-Stars share stories of race, religion

Mary Malone
Argonaut

It was an All-Star lineup at the 1912 Center Wednesday, as James “Mudcat” Grant and Vernon Law shared their experiences of race and religion during their baseball careers in the early days of integration.

On the 68th anniversary of the day Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball, Law choked back emotion as he spoke about the racism Robinson endured throughout his career.

“What I witnessed prior to my pitching there, I could not really believe,” Law said. “That anybody could treat another human being that way.”

Law said Robinson was told to refrain from retaliation no matter what anyone did or said to him. He had to take everything that came at him, because if he retaliated he would close the door for any African-American athletes who come after him.

Law said he witnessed first-hand the name calling and saw players who would spit on Robinson as he slid into second base, as well as many other injustices. People would yell racial slurs from the stands and holler for Robinson to get out of there, that they didn’t need him.

“But baseball did need Jackie,” Law said. “He was a great player, a very intelligent person ... He was one of the greatest guys I ever knew.”

Law, originally from Meridian, Idaho, is a former MLB All-Star, World Series champion and Cy Young winner who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates for 16 seasons in the ‘50s and ‘60s.

He became an ordained priest with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the age of 17. Being a Mormon in those days of integration proved difficult for Law in his baseball career as well. Other players would sometimes try to test his faith, trying to tempt him with alcohol or women, he said. But Law held strong, as he believed in his faith.



Former MLB All-Star James “Mudcat” Grant, left, and panel moderator Michael Park, UI journalism instructor, participate during the “Religion and Race in American Sports: Narratives from the Playing Field” panel event Wednesday at the 1912 Center.

Grant, also a former MLB All-Star and World Series champion, was the first African-American to win 20 games in a season. He grew up in Lacoochee, Florida. He said religion was very important to the c

hildren of Lacoochee, but this didn’t stop him from playing baseball on Sundays when he was still in high school. The fans at the time would hide him in a hole under the stands if they saw his mom coming.

“My mom was very smart,” Grant said. “And if she caught me at that baseball game instead of being in church, then — I’m not gonna tell you what happened to me.”

But the people of Lacoochee often needed their faith in the church, Grant said. He said the Ku Klux Klan would drive

through town every other Thursday night and shoot into the homes. His mother would hide the children in a trap door under the house, he said.

“Our strength came from paying attention to the wisdom of the minister,” Grant said. “We always thought the fact that we were protected from a religious standpoint gave us confidence then, and not so much of a fear of circumstance.”

Grant said after he graduated high school he became a professional baseball player. From 1958-1971, Grant played in the major leagues, and during his time he endured racism and oppression.

“We could not stay in the same hotel as the rest of the other ball players,” Grant

said. “We got threatening phone calls, just like Jackie did. And the threatening phone calls of course was death.”

In 1957, shortly before going into the major leagues, Grant said he fell in love. The woman he loved happened to be white, so when he asked her to go away with him and get married she said no. If they had been married at that time, Grant said he never would have been accepted into the major leagues.

“We didn’t get married until a few years later,” Grant said. “We did get married, and we have been married ever since.”

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News briefs

Ewart promoted to Infrastructure vice president

The University of Idaho promoted Dan Ewart to vice president of Infrastructure Thursday, effective June 21. Ewart has served UI as the assistant vice president and chief information officer for Information Technology Services since 2012.

The position is a new addition to Staben’s administrative team, stemming from the separation of duties previously reserved for the vice president of finance and administration.

According to a UI communication sent out Thursday, the existing vice president of finance and administration title

will change to two positions — vice president of Finance and Ewart’s new position, vice president of Infrastructure.

In Ewart’s new position, he will manage UI’s facilities and real estate, administrative service operations, public safety and security, risk management and information technology.

Ewart came to UI from the University of Wyoming where he was director of Information Services for nearly 10 years. Current Vice President of Finance and Administration Ron Smith resigned from the position in February, citing a want for a career change. He said he has plans to teach at UI’s College of Business and Economics next academic year.

College of Law becomes IALS member

The University of Idaho College

of Law has recently joined the International Association of Law Schools (IALS), a private, nonprofit volunteer service organization.

“It’s a chance to collaborate and share ideas with deans and other administrators and faculty members from around the world,” said Mark Adams, UI College of Law dean. “Legal education is becoming more global ... and law schools around the world are facing similar challenges and we can work together on them.”

IALS represents more than 160 law schools and departments and more than 5,000 law faculty members from more than 55 countries.

Adams said he is preparing for a trip to Bogota, Colombia, in relation to IALS, and he’s excited for all of the future possibilities of collaboration.

CITY

Smoking out marijuana opposition

Annual Hempfest to provide marijuana information to Moscow community

Jake Smith
Argonaut

Amid Moscow’s East City Park Saturday, a petition will circulate urging Idaho to allow its citizens access to medical marijuana, support the decriminalization of marijuana possession of three ounces or less and support hemp cultivation in the state.

The petition is a sliver of a larger, annual event that has been hosted in Moscow for nearly two decades, Moscow Hempfest.

The 19th annual Moscow Hempfest will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at East City Park. Local and traveling bands, hemp vendors, food vendors, speakers and information on marijuana legislation will be available to the public for no charge.

The new petition, and by extension Moscow Hempfest, affects the Moscow community by involving citizens in a state-wide argument for renewed legislation, said Arlene Falcon, owner of Tye-Dye Everything and Moscow Hempfest Proprietor.

“The kind of information and education that’s expressed is an opportunity for people to learn about cannabis and its cousin — hemp,” Falcon said. “Instead of it being such a taboo thing

for the State of Idaho, we’re getting it out there in the public and exposing it to people, and so I think that’s a pretty positive thing.”

Live music at the event will feature Charcoal Squid, The Galactic Tofu Farmers, Phoenix 99 Blues Band, Bread & Circus, Endangered Species, Plaedo and Voodoo City Radio, Falcon said.

Vendors at the event will sell pipes, hemp clothing, jewelry and other kinds of “groovy” crafts, she said.

Steve Phun, Moscow Hempfest stage emcee and a Seattle Hempfest stage manager, will speak at the event and provide education on the state of affairs in marijuana and various movements aimed at legalization.

Falcon said Dana Wilson and Bill Esbensen, representatives from New Approach Idaho — a grassroots organization located in Boise dedicated to marijuana law reform — will attend Moscow Hempfest to provide information about the petition and about reforming Idaho’s cannabis, hemp and marijuana laws.

Janna Jones, one of Tye-Dye Everything’s prior vendors at Moscow Hempfest, said Moscow Hempfest is beneficial to Idaho because the state is surrounded by states pursuing marijuana legalization and decriminalization.

“We’re starting to become the conservative oasis in the middle of it, so it’s really nice to have that information

available,” Jones said.

She said the most important part of the event is educating the public about marijuana and pursuing reform in Idaho’s laws.

Falcon said one of the four nationwide, federal medical marijuana patients, Elvy Musikka, will also attend and speak at this year’s event.

Falcon said Hempfest began as a student event in 1996 as an addendum to the University of Idaho’s Moms’ Weekend.

She said she took over handling the event after students lost interest in running it because local vendors still had a clear desire for the event to stay in the community.

Falcon said since she took over the event following student leadership, she created substantial public education on the topic within the Moscow community. Moscow Hempfest addressed marijuana decriminalization in the past with a prior petition, but not enough people signed it, Falcon said. Falcon is a declared opponent of federal marijuana prohibition.

“I think pot should be decriminalized, and I think they’re wasting a lot of taxpayer dollars by hunting down pot growers and sellers, because that’s not where the problems are in our society,” Falcon said.

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Multicultural Greeks celebrate with dance



UI students Gareti Vargas, Lauren Brashear, Marielena Vega and Irma Martinez, members of Gamma Alpha Omega sorority, dance during their 12th Annual Courtyard Show to raise awareness of multicultural Greek life Wednesday at the Idaho Commons courtyard.

Kira Hunter | Argonaut

LOWEST

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All other four-year Idaho institutions asked for no more than a 3.5 percent increase, and SBOE Vice President Rod Lewis thanked the institutions for providing low proposed increases, even though they faced financial pressure as state funding has been cut over the past 15 years.

"This was a good faith statement by our institutions that were trying to keep our tuition and fees down," Lewis said. "We sincerely appreciate any additional support we can obtain from our state."

The board unanimously approved a proposed 3.5 percent increase in tuition and fees for Boise State University and Eastern Idaho Technical College. In similar fashion, the board also unanimously approved a proposed 1.7 percent tuition and fee increase for Lewis and Clark State College and a 3.3 percent increase for Idaho State University.

Lewis said these low tuition and fee increases would keep college accessible to students.

Matt Freeman, chief fiscal officer for the SBOE, said the board changed its process in handling tuition and fee increases to give more information to board members before the meeting. He said the board held pre-meetings with the institutions to assess what expenses they would face in light of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's plan for a 3 percent increase in CEC funding.

Freeman said the pre-meetings also allowed institutions to identify what budget items were critical and which were non-essential.

Lewis said the increased amount of communication allowed the board to express its expectations going into the meeting and removed much of the difficulty behind the whole process.

In the past, Aiken said institutions would announce their proposal at the meeting and the board would follow up by having a closed-door session to decide the final tuition increase. She said she hopes keeping tuition and fee increases low would show legislators that Idaho higher education institutions are financially responsible.

Aiken said the new process allowed everybody to be more thoughtful about the increases and allowed the board members to ask more thoughtful questions.

"It has been an incredibly different process," Aiken said.

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STUDENT LIFE

'Getting Dirty' for Earth Day

UI Sustainability Center hosts monthlong Earth Fest

Kelsey Stevenson
Argonaut

At the University of Idaho, Earth Day transcends its usual 24-hour time constraint.

According to Stevie Steely, UI Sustainability Center projects coordinator, it's a whole month of raising awareness and encouraging sustainability efforts on campus and in the community through a variety of activities.

Steely said although the Sustainability Center has already put on several events during the month of April, there are still many more activities throughout the rest of the month.

Steely said more areas pertain to sustainability than most people think, and the next event combines sustainability with UI professors and their passions through a TED-style speaker series about interdisciplinary work throughout campus.

"It gives UI faculty and staff a chance to tell what they do and why they do it, how it affects the UI campus, the Moscow community and how it links to sustainability," Steely said.

Steely said the presentations are only about 20 minutes long — so they're short, sweet, engaging and accessible.

Dubbed the UIdeas Symposium, the professor-focused event will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday in the Clearwater-Whitewater rooms of the Idaho Commons. UIdeas is in its third year, and Steely said it gives students, faculty and community members the opportunity to hear about how professors' interests collide with sustainability.

The symposium will include speakers Cinda Williams from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Helen Brown from the Department of Movement Sciences in the

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We have so many things from so many different places, and we're trying to expose students to all the different things going on.

Kaitlyn Martin, Sustainability Center student director

College of Education and Jamie Derrick from the Department of Psychology and Communication Studies. Participating professors were nominated by students in October.

"It's not just about sustainability," Steely said. "We want to get to know our professors, faculty and staff on another level, like what made them do what they do, what got them there."

One of the most interesting things about the UIdeas Symposium, Steely said, is getting to know how different professors were encouraged by a variety of things and how their interests changed throughout the years.

The event usually draws between 150 and 200 people, Steely said, and students are encouraged to bring their moms along because it takes place during Moms' Weekend. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and everyone is welcome to stay and mingle after the talks.

Earlier this month, the Sustainability Center hosted a showing of the movie "No Impact Man," which chronicles a Manhattan man who decided to live with zero impact on the environment, going as far as to use no electricity.

The man in the film serves as an inspiration for the upcoming UI No Impact Week, said Amaya Amigo, Sustainability Center events' coordinator. Every day Monday through Friday, the Sustainability Center

will hold a different event to encourage students to live a life of minimal environmental impact. Amigo said students may also sign up to receive emailed challenges about how to be more sustainable in their daily lives.

A full schedule of all events can be found online, and events continue until the end of the month.

One event Amigo is especially excited for is the Conscious Campus Road Tour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Commons plaza. For this event, teenagers travel around the country doing demonstrations and giving out samples of products such as tea, lotion and snacks. The purpose of the event is to get students thinking about what goes into the food they're purchasing, Amigo said.

"It's to convert students from conventional to conscious," Amigo said.

The Sustainability Center is also offering volunteer opportunities every weekend, including Get Dirty from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, where volunteers will help a student-run farm prepare for spring.

Steely encourages students to come to any of the events, because they're educational, interesting and a lot of fun.

"It gives you a broader perspective of our community," Steely said. "But it also lets our community build connections with each other."

Sustainability Center Student Director Kaitlyn Martin said students should take advantage of the opportunities the center is providing this month.

"I'm a big believer in getting involved and making the most out of your college experience, which includes going to all sorts of different events," Martin said. "We have so many things from so many different places, and we're trying to expose students to all the different things going on."

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MOTHERLY

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"The nickname for house directors is 'House Mothers,' but I feel more like a hotel manager," she said. "The biggest part of the job is making sure all of the balls are in the air at once ... It's about making sure the toilets flush and the showers run and the meals are cooked."

Storey said the duties of a house director range from conducting fire inspections for the City of Moscow to replacing light bulbs around the house to offering advice to students in need.

"What you do on a daily basis depends on what needs to be done to keep the house running," she said. "It's about making sure everyone is kept happy, that all things run right and that nothing falls through the cracks."

Beth Balch, house director of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, said the duties of a director vary from house to house.

"Each house is unique, and they're all run differently," Balch said. "From managing the kitchen to working with the House Corporation Board to overseeing the maintenance staff — each director does it differently."

Balch, who began her career as house director in 2011, said in addition to forming a close bond with students, there is a strong relationship among other house directors as well.

"All of the house directors get together once a month for lunch and twice a year the house directors of UI and WSU meet up," Balch said. "We're actually quite close friends."

Storey said the relationships she's formed with students and other house directors that make her job meaningful.

"It's been an incredible experience and I've met a lot of wonderful individuals," Storey said. "I don't always know how to explain how I feel about my job ... It's just very fulfilling."

Storey said another exciting part about being a house director is that she is able to learn from the members of her house.

"I've learned so much from all of the students I've met," Storey said. "We've had a lot of laughs and good times. They keep me young and I learn something new from them every day."

Storey said when it comes to the support and guidance aspect of the job, she feels more like an eccentric aunt than a mother.

"Everyone has their own parents and I don't want to intrude on (those) relationships, but I care for these women as if they were my kids, in a way," she said. "I'm very concerned about their welfare and happiness, and we do form very close bonds."

Balch said house directors serve as parental figures because they strive to create a safe and nurturing environment for students.

"Our first concern is safety, but when it comes to guidance or instruction, we're very hands-off," Balch said. "The girls can come to us for advice, but for the most part they grow and develop and learn through their own structure of sisterhood within the house."

Balch said she is in awe of the ways in which she sees the students in her house build relationships and take care of one another.

"As house directors, we serve as a stabilizing force," Balch said. "We put so much of ourselves into maintaining these houses and caring for these students, and it's an honor to watch them grow."

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MOMS

FROM PAGE 1

"Moms' Weekend is in place as a way for students to show their moms what their college life is like here in Moscow, both on campus and in the community," Greene said. "It's a way for moms to see what their kids have been up to and put them at ease — the University of Idaho and Moscow community are both trying to take good care of their kids, too."

Moms' Weekend will take place this weekend, with the university and community offering several events and activities for both moms and students to enjoy.

Preparation for Moms' Weekend began at last year's Moms' Weekend, when decisions were made as to what events were going to be held. The designs and graphics were thought through and put together at the start of spring semester, said Jessica Gillespie, co-chairwoman of the student committee for Moms' Weekend.

"It's like in chunks. We'll get a lot of things done and then I won't think about Moms' Weekend for a week, then I'll be like 'Oh my gosh, there's so much more to do,'" she said.

This year's Moms' Weekend is expected to have more moms visit than in previous years due to small changes the committee made to make the event more appealing, Gillespie said, such as the Mom of Year Award process.

In previous years, Gillespie said the Mom of the Year Award was determined by an essay submission. But, Greene said the committee wasn't receiving as many nominations as they wanted over the past few years, so this year they decided to do something different.

The University of Idaho Moms' Weekend Facebook page created a contest to upload a picture of a student and their mom, including a brief paragraph about why their mom should win the Mom of the Year Award.

With the essay contest, the committee received roughly

five entries annually, but with the Facebook page the committee received 17.

The Mom of the Year Award candidates were reduced to the top six by how many Facebook likes the pictures received, then the paragraphs are rated by judges to select a winner.

The winner of the Mom of the Year Award will receive a gift basket and be announced at a brunch held Saturday morning in the Pitman Center Ballroom.

With the many events being held this year to honor Vandal moms, Greene said she and the committee have had a chaotic week, tying up a lot of loose ends and connecting with businesses and groups.

"Moms' Weekend is an awesome way to show your mom how great the campus and Moscow are as a whole," Greene said. "We offer diverse events and promotions, so there is something that will appeal to both moms and students."

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Moms' Weekend events

Friday, April 17

1-5 p.m.: Official UI Class Ring Sale at the VandalStore plaza
3-5 p.m.: Information packet pickup outside the VandalStore
5-6 p.m.: Amazing Race Traditions Challenge at the VandalStore
5-8:30 p.m.: Bella Notte: An Italian Dinner at St. Augustine's Catholic Center
6 p.m.: Exclusive Wine Makers' Dinner at the Seasons Public House
6-8:30 p.m.: College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Moms' Weekend Gala Wine and Cheese Tasting in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center

Saturday, April 18

9:30 a.m.: Brunch featuring UI's Jazz Choir at the Pitman Center Ballroom
10 a.m.: Key for a Cure Fun Run at the Memorial Gym
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Official UI Class Ring Sales at the VandalStore plaza
10:30-11:30 a.m.: Greenthumb101 at the 6th Street Greenhouse
11 a.m.: Annual Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby at the Phi Delta Theta Greek house at 804 Elm St.
1-2 p.m.: Greenthumb 201 at the 6th Street Greenhouse
6:30 p.m.: Dinner and entertainment with FRANGELA at the Pitman Center International Ballroom

ACCREDITORS

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An accreditation team from the Northwest Commission on College and Universities (NCCU) will visit campus Monday through Wednesday to observe various parts of the university.

It is the job of the accreditation team to see how closely the self-study report matches up with their observations and to receive any extra information about the university, Aiken said.

Aiken said the accreditation team is comprised of faculty, staff and administrators from a number of NCCU accredited universities.

"It's always good to have colleagues from away from the institution come and look at your efforts," Aiken said.

Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Jeanne Stevenson, who was tasked with overseeing the accreditation process for UI, said the accreditation team would review their experiences on campus and create a list of posi-

tive attributes about the university, as well as recommendations for improvements.

"It should be an opportunity to affirm what we are doing and the way in which we meet the standards for the commission," Stevenson said.

Stevenson said accreditors have specific areas they will focus on throughout their three-day visit, such as student services and financial resources.

While the accreditors have specific assignments, Aiken said they also have free reign of the campus, and might even sit down with a student in the Idaho Commons for an impromptu conversation.

Given the history of accreditation at UI and the work put into the self-study report, Aiken said she is confident UI has met the accreditation qualifications.

A few years ago, Stevenson said the accreditation organization switched from a 10-year accreditation process to a seven-year process. She said the NCCU then staggered the university's

accreditation times and UI's fell on 2015.

Aiken, who is also qualified to serve as an accreditor, said accreditation agencies have changed their emphasis over the past 10 years, becoming more focused on student learning and assessment, instead of on faculty. She said a push for more accountability within higher education from the federal government and the public caused a change in the emphasis of the accreditation process.

"The public and students are a lot more concerned about what have been the benefits of a university education and what skills have people actually learned for their investment," Aiken said.

There are serious consequences if UI were to not receive accreditation, Aiken said. Unaccredited universities are not eligible for federal financial aid, such as Pell Grants, and credits earned would not be transferable for students, she said.

She said many federal and

private grant agencies only provide funds to accredited universities. Unaccredited institutions also have a difficult time attracting talented faculty and staff, Aiken said.

In addition to looking over the organization and structure of the university, Aiken said the accreditation team would focus on analyzing the undergraduate experience and not make any visits to extension campuses.

Aiken said it is unusual to have a new president and a new provost during the final step of accreditation. But, Aiken said she is looking forward to appointed Provost John Wiencek beginning the process again once he starts in June.

"Once this is done, then it will be great because Provost Wiencek will be starting strategic planning at the University of Idaho and the seven-year evaluation cycle," Aiken said.

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RACING

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series of turtle races among UI's sororities, and end with a final race between a turtle and a rabbit.

The event will benefit Moscow's Milestone Decision Inc., an assisted living community that provides housing and care for people who are unable to live on their own.

Alex Rodriguez, Turtle Derby co-chairman, said organizers have previously given the proceeds to the ALS Association, but this year the fraternity reached out to local organizations and charities, and Milestone Decision Inc. is the only one that got back to them.

Rodriguez said he's honored to keep the Turtle Derby tradi-

tion alive with the help of his co-chairman, Matthew Siron. He said they worked together to set up the event, get everyone in their house involved and contact impartial judges so none of the houses cheat.

"It's been one of the university's long-standing philanthropies, the kids have always given the money back to the communities and to national organizations," said Dick Reilly, the chapter's adviser and Vandal alumnus. "It's been one of the things that the Greeks and the kids in the dorms have participated in for 57 years."

Chapman said the Turtle Derby has somewhat evolved into a weeklong philanthropy. This week, there was a banner competition Monday, a photo competition Tuesday and a T-shirt signing event Wednes-

day where members of Phi Delta Theta had sorority members sign their T-shirts.

Phi Delta Theta received the turtles a week early this year, so members have been taking care of them, Rodriguez said. Thursday night, he said the fraternity serenaded each of the sororities and presented them with a turtle. The sororities have to name and make costumes for their respective turtles by Saturday, which will help differentiate them during the race.

The turtles will compete against one another, and the sorority with the fastest turtle at the end of the race will be presented with a trophy. The winning sorority is allowed to keep the trophy for one year — until the next Turtle Derby.

Near the end of the race, Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) will enter

a rabbit into the contest. Rodriguez said even though the rabbit usually wins the classic "tortoise and the hare" scenario, FIJI isn't allowed to take home the trophy.

Last year, Rodriguez said the event raised \$2,500 — this year's goal is \$5,000. He said Phi Delta Theta has set up an account with \$1,100 and the fraternity has partnered with a sponsor, Dutch Bros. Coffee, in an attempt to meet the goal, but he doubts it's going to happen.

Chapman said Phi Delta Theta has tried to reach the \$5,000 goal for quite a few years, but they've always fallen short. He said fraternity members would be surprised if they are able to reach it this year.

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SPORTS



Men's tennis plays in-state rival Boise State Saturday in Boise.

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CLUB SPORTS

Battle of the Palouse

Idaho men's club lacrosse to take on Palouse rival on Senior Day in the Dome

Ryan Pavel
Argonaut

As if the rival game against Washington State wasn't enough, a win against the Cougars would mark the Idaho men's club lacrosse team's first winning season in program history and would seal a bid for the playoffs.

The Vandals will try to send off their seniors with a win on Senior Day during Moms' Weekend with the eight-mile rivalry game — the Battle of the Palouse. Idaho has taken five of the six meetings it has played against Washington State and will try to continue the streak at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Kibbie Dome.

The Cougars have yet to find a win this season, going 0-9 and sitting in last place in the division standings, while the Vandals sit at a 7-5 overall, looking for the magical number eight. Why is the number eight so important? In the 10 years Idaho has been sanctioned under the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association, the Vandals have not once had a winning season.

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More info

Idaho vs. Washington State

What: Senior Day and the Battle of the Palouse

When: 11 a.m. Sunday

Where: Kibbie Dome

On the line: Chance for winningest season in Idaho program history



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Senior attacker Colton Raichl, left, and senior defender Austin Volking compete in a 2-on-2 drill during practice Wednesday at the SprinTurf. Idaho will play Washington State at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Kibbie Dome. A win over WSU in the Battle of the Palouse would guarantee Idaho's best season in program history. The Vandals are 7-5 heading into the game.

FOOTBALL

'We really wanna stop the run this year'



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

The offensive and defensive lines square off in a heated practice Wednesday on the SprinTurf.

Big in the trenches

Idaho O-line is starting to mesh

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Everyone likes to watch quarterbacks, receivers and running backs make explosive plays, but it's the offensive line that does the dirty work and allows those long pass plays and long run plays to happen.

The offensive line can be underappreciated a lot of times, but many people believe games are won and lost in the trenches.

While the Vandals will try to improve their skills on the offensive line this spring, they know they can expect good

size when they enter the 2015 season. Junior tackle Mason Woods is 6-foot-9 and weighs 355 pounds, junior tackle Devin Wiltz is 6-foot-7 and 332 pounds and sophomore Jordan Rose is 6-foot-6 and 323 pounds, and they make up just a few of the linemen.

"There's some size there," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "I think this day and age kids are just bigger. It still comes down to playing hard and playing with good techniques is probably the most important thing."

Rose, who Petrino said plays tackle and guard, Woods, senior guard Dallas Sandberg and junior center Steven Matlock appear to be four of the five starters along the offensive line. Rose got hurt during Saturday's scrimmage and missed practice Monday and Wednesday.

Junior tackle Calvin White, sophomore guard Andrew Erbes and Wiltz received multiple reps with the first-team offense Monday as they vie for the other starting spot.

New scheme has D-line poised for bounce-back year

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Forget tackling — defensive players aren't even allowed to touch the quarterbacks during practice.

This is a rule that trumps all, and while it serves as a good purpose to protect the often fragile quarterbacks, it makes it tough to gauge what is and isn't a sack.

Despite the limitations, 18 of these "sacks" were credited to the Vandal defense during last Saturday's scrimmage, a number equal to Idaho's real-sack total from all of last season.

This non-violent thrashing of Vandal quarterbacks started up front with an impressive showing from the defensive line, which tallied 12 of the 18 "sacks."

"I think they've really stepped up," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said of the defensive line. "They're definitely using their quickness and I think it's been really good for them."

Gone are the familiar faces of defensive end Maxx Forde and defensive tackle Quayshawne Buckley, but it's not just new players who will look different for the Vandals' defense this year. After defensive coordinator Ronnie Lee and his 4-3 defense departed in the offseason, Petrino brought in Mike Breske, the former Washington State defensive coordinator, to implement his 3-4 defense.

"It's going great," senior defensive end Quinton Bradley said of learning the new scheme. "Coming from a 4-3 to a 3-4, it's a changeup, but everybody is embracing it."

With 10 tackles and five sacks last scrimmage, Bradley appears to be excelling at his new role on the defensive front. However, the San Antonio native said there is one big difference he's still trying to get used to.

Sports briefs

Men's basketball signs three

Idaho men's basketball coach Don Verlin reloaded his roster Wednesday with the signing of three new recruits. Guards Myles Franklin (Hart High School, Newhall, California) and Patrick Ingram (Trinity Valley Community College) and small forward Nick Blair (Bishop Gorman High School, Las Vegas) signed their National Letters of Intent with Idaho. The trio will join the team this summer and help to replace guards Connor Hill, Mike Scott, Sekou Wiggs and forward Bira Seck.

"We expect all three of these guys to come in and make an immediate impact on our program," Verlin said. "We anticipate all of them will battle for starting spots and have the opportunity to play immediately here with us."

Blair, a 6-foot-4 small forward, was a two-time all-conference player and team captain while at Bishop Gorman High School. He averaged 12 points, eight rebounds and 12 assists to earn a McDonald's All-American nomination.

"Nick is a fantastic athlete," Verlin said. "I expect with his size and athleticism to come in and play immediately. He can score inside, he can score outside."

Franklin, a 5-foot-11 guard, was a four-year all-conference player, a two-year all-state player and a McDonald's nominee as a senior while at Hart High School. He averaged 22 points, six assists and five rebounds per game during his senior year.

"He's a quick, athletic guard," Verlin said of Franklin. "He can really play off the ball screens and is a guy who can score inside the lane and outside the lane. We think he can come in and play right away."

Ingram, a 6-foot-2 guard, initially went to Iowa after graduating from Indianapolis' North Central High School in 2012. He played 19 games at Iowa before transferring to Trinity Valley Community College, where he averaged 12.2 points per game.

"He's a big, strong, physical guy who can come in and play right away," Verlin said. "He has a very good feel on how to play. He's a good shooter and handler of the ball. He's going to be a good player from the minute he steps on campus here."

The three signees join Logan High School's Tyler Brimhall out of Logan, Utah, in Idaho's recruiting class. Brimhall signed with Idaho during the early signing period in November.

Track and field, cross country sign Hagen

Mountain View High School's Erin Hagen from Meridian, Idaho, is the latest addition to the Idaho track and field and cross country teams. In cross country, Hagen qualified for the Idaho State Championships every year and finished as an Idaho all-state cross country runner in the top 15 during her junior and senior seasons. On the track, Hagen qualified for the state meet every year and is a six-time all-state track and field athlete. She has won Idaho State Champion titles in the 4x400-meter relay and 4x800-meter relay.

"Erin is very coachable and will be an incredible teammate," Idaho coach Travis Floeck said. "She has the talent to compete at this level and has the work ethic to back it up. Erin will be a third generation Vandal, and I can't wait to get to work with her."

Tennis sweeps players of the week

The Idaho men's and women's tennis teams swept their opponents during Senior Day over the weekend and swept the week's Big Sky Tennis Player of the Week honors in the process. Galina Bykova won the honor on the women's side while Cristobal Ramos Salazar was honored on the men's side.

Bykova, a sophomore from St. Petersburg, Russia, remained undefeated in Big Sky play with a pair of singles wins over Montana and Montana State to improve to 10-0 in the conference. Ramos Salazar, a senior from Hermosillo, Mexico, also won a pair of singles matches as Idaho swept a home doubleheader over Montana and North Dakota. Bykova also swept her doubles matches with partner Emmie Marx while Ramos Salazar went 1-1 with partner Mark Kovacs.

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TRACK & FIELD



Spencer Farrin | Courtesy

Senior distance runner Holly Stanton competes in the steeplechase event against WAC opponents. Stanton has helped lead Idaho to either cross country or track and field championships during each year she has competed since 2010.

An unconventional journey

Distance runner's career spans years of success

Kyle Schumaker
Argonaut

Some believe life's focus shouldn't be about the destination, but rather the journey you take to get there.

For Idaho distance runner Holly Stanton, both are worthy of examination, and both are unique in their own ways.

Stanton's journey began in Florida, where she began running competitively for a small private school in the eighth grade. But being homeschooled, Stanton didn't get to enjoy the luxury of sharing her time in the sport with her classmates. "You're definitely the odd man out," Stanton said. "You're looked at differently. They're all friends and they spend all day going to the same classes or have seen each other around school, and you're just the random kid who shows up at 3:15 p.m. for practice."

Such an isolating experience would be enough to make some people walk away with a consolation prize of at least attempting, but Stanton didn't approach it as a defeating endeavor. Rather, she said she credits the experience as something that made her a more confident person.

"I didn't have the security blanket of knowing people already," Stanton said. "I had to fend for myself and make friends purely by talking with other kids without the 'Oh, we're in the same

class,' start point."

The developed confidence proved to be helpful, and Stanton began a rapid series of transitions. In the span of just one year, Stanton enrolled in and graduated from a public high school, moved with her family from Florida to Moscow and looked forward to starting college. And this was where the plan was augmented and a dialogue was established with former Idaho track and field coach, Wayne Phipps.

"I wanted to run in college but hadn't thought of it that much," Stanton said. "But once we got here, my dad and I started reaching out to coach Phipps. We emailed him my mile time and that I was interested, and eventually I decided to go for it and give it a shot."

It proved to be a good decision. During her time with Vandal cross country and track and field, Stanton enjoyed many achievements.

Last year, Stanton helped secure an outdoor WAC track and field championship with her second-place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase, earning her first-team All-WAC honors.

In 2013 she finished third overall in the WAC cross country finals, again helping her team earn a championship — women's cross country's fourth consecutive WAC title.

Clearly, Stanton will have many fond memories of Idaho. While Stanton is undeniably proud of the accolades, her achievements in sports only complement her achievements in life, which she

has plenty of, too.

"I think most everyone is going to say the friendships and relationships they've had," Stanton said, of what she appreciates the most about her time at Idaho. "Also how we all learn to face the challenges of being a student athlete is going to stay with me the rest of my life. That has made me become a more scheduled person, more disciplined for sure, very determined as well, but the friends I've made on this team are going to last a lifetime. The friends that you suffer with are your closest friends."

Stanton will no doubt have continued successes in life after she graduates this May. Earning two degrees while in school, Stanton plans to return to Florida, where she hopes to put her time to good use and become a teacher and a running coach.

By now, it's evident Stanton's journeys are anything but conventional. Plans are also in the making for Stanton to possibly travel abroad and serve as a teacher overseas.

Stanton and crew compete in a host of California track meets this weekend before returning to competition on the Palouse April 25 in Pullman for WSU's Cougar Invitational. Two weeks later, Vandal track and field will host its second and final home meet May 8 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

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Excited to have received my 10th offer from the University of Idaho! #Vandals

— Evan Weaver, a three-star defensive end prospect from Gonzaga Preparatory Academy, tweeting that he has received a scholarship offer from the University of Idaho.



@BigSkyConf

@Idaho_Vandals sweep this week's #BigSkyTennis honors

— Idaho senior Cristobal Ramos-Salazar and sophomore Galina Bykova were named Big Sky Men's and Women's Tennis Players of the Week for the week of April 7-13. Both UI teams were 2-0 during that week.



@Idaho_Vandals

Back in full swing @IdahoVolleyball getting set for Gonzaga's 12-team tourney on Saturday #GoVandals

— Idaho volleyball will be back in action on Saturday in Spokane when they participate in a 12-team tournament hosted by Gonzaga.



@Idaho_Vandals

#TBT Kristin Armstrong is returning to @usacycling. The two-time Olympic gold medalist spent time running XC at Idaho

— After a three-year hiatus, former Vandal Kristin Armstrong announced she is coming out of retirement to compete in the upcoming Pan Am Continental Championships for cycling.



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SPARQ (NFL Average for DL) #Seahawks VMAC visit

— David Hsu, a staff writer for the SB Nation site FieldGulls.com, tweets about former Vandal defensive tackle Quayshawne Buckley, who was working out at the Seattle Seahawks practice facility in anticipation for the NFL Draft, which takes place April 30.

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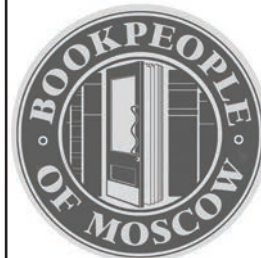
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Idaho prepares for finale

Vandals get ready for final regular season matches

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

On Feb. 13, the Idaho women's tennis team made its Big Sky debut against the 13-time defending conference champion Sacramento State Hornets and the Hornets narrowly edged the Vandals 4-3.

Fast-forward two months later, and the Vandals have rattled off nine straight conference wins. They have themselves in a great spot to secure the No. 2 seed in the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

Should this happen, Idaho would enjoy the luxury of not playing in the tournament's opening round April 24 on the home court of the aforementioned Hornets.

The Vandals would secure the No. 2 seed with a win Saturday against Portland State.

"This team has done a nice job of not getting cocky," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "They've done a really great job of staying focused on the task ahead of them and we are ready for Portland State now."

The Vandals were initially slated to begin their week of preparation for PSU Tuesday, but due to inclement weather, Cobra opted to give the team an additional day off. She said they'd earned it after an impressive 2-0 weekend sweep of Montana and Montana State.

The 6-1 win over Montana last Friday could have been a time for the Vandals to get cocky. The



Kira Hunter | Argonaut

The Idaho women's tennis team practices Thursday at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The Vandals finish the regular season this weekend at Portland State Saturday and Oregon Sunday. The Vandals sit at 12-7 on the season and 9-1 in the Big Sky heading into this weekend.

Vandals hadn't beaten the Grizzlies since 2009, which was something Cobra was worried about.

"As a coach, that is always something you worry about," Cobra said. "Once you get that big match win that we did, you can come out flat and Montana State played great, but we played greater. We were able to get them to be just as disciplined as we have been all year."

Although the Vandals have secured their spot in the conference tournament, PSU is one of the few teams still fighting for one of the six spots in the tournament.

After the match with the Vikings, the Vandals will round out the regular season with a Sunday trip to Eugene to take on Oregon.

The match with the Ducks gives the Vandals a great chance to test their level against a team from a

power conference, which should be great practice for the conference tournament, Cobra said.

The Vandals could be on a collision course with the Hornets if everything falls the right way in the conference tournament.

But the conference tournament isn't something the Vandals are thinking about quite yet, despite them knowing they will be among the six teams to make up the field.

"We don't focus on the weekend after until we get done with this," Cobra said. "The girls know that if we keep doing the things that we are doing we will very likely be the second seed, but right now we need to make sure we take care of business."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Vandals beat down by Eagles

Idaho loses to Eastern Washington to close Big Sky play, travels to Boise State, Utah State for regular season finale this weekend

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

It wasn't a good loss by any means.

Idaho stood tied with Montana State for second in the Big Sky, but the Vandal men's tennis team's loss to Eastern Washington Wednesday dropped Idaho to third in the conference.

"Today we lost 4-3 to an Eastern Washington team that showed up, competed hard and plain beat us," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "We have the talent to win the conference, and I am confident we will, but we need to learn from today and have every player show up and compete in the right way for their singles and doubles."

Doubles was the biggest trouble for Idaho (14-9, 8-3 Big Sky), as senior Cristobal Ramos Salazar and junior Jackson Varney dropped the No. 1 doubles match and freshman Mark Kovacs and senior Alberto Sanz dropped the No. 3 match. Only the pairing of junior Odon Barta and freshman Felipe Fonseca was victorious against Eastern Washington (7-14, 5-6) in doubles, as they have been many times this year before.

Singles went much better for Idaho, as it won three of the top four singles matches. Barta lost a close match in No. 1 singles, before Fonseca, Ramos Salazar and Kovacs all won their singles matches. Varney couldn't hold on in the No. 5 singles match, nor could Sanz in the No. 6 singles match, and Idaho fell 4-3.

The Big Sky race is tight and the Vandals are still in it. With a conference tournament berth already clinched and no more conference games coming up, Idaho can sit back and watch how conference play pans out for the rest of the teams.

Weber State stands in

first at 8-1 in conference play, but with their two remaining games against two of the weaker Big Sky squads in Northern Colorado and Idaho State, two losses are hard to imagine.

Montana State is in second place at 8-2 with a critical game against fourth-place Montana. A Montana State win would prevent Idaho from winning the Big Sky regular season title, while a Montana win would create a three-way tie for second with both Montana State and the Vandals. If Weber State was to drop both their next two games with a Montana win, then it would make a four-way tie for first-place.

For now though, Idaho will let all the scenarios play out and see where it stands when the dust settles. The Vandals head to Boise for two games against Mountain West and former WAC rivals Boise State and Utah State.

Boise State (10-15, 3-3 Mountain West) has struggled this season and sits tied with Fresno State and UNLV for fourth place in the Mountain West. Utah State (17-7, 5-1) will be one of the toughest opponents all season for Idaho. Utah State comes in ranked No. 66 in the nation.

While wins are important, these last two games won't affect Big Sky seeding and Idaho can focus on getting extra experience and playing time in against quality competition just before heading to the Big Sky Tournament.

"Good teams and good players live to compete," Beaman said. "And this weekend allows our players as individuals and our team as a unit to make themselves better."

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Freshman Felipe Fonseca returns a volley during practice Feb. 4 in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho men's tennis travels to Boise State and Utah State to round out the regular season.



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VOLLEYBALL

Vandals finding progress

Idaho seeks more playing time with opponents around Northwest

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Argonaut

The young Idaho volleyball team is making progress in spring play going into Saturday's quadruple-header at Gonzaga's Charlotte Y. Martin Centre in Spokane.

The Vandals are set to play Western Washington (21-7 in 2014) at 8 a.m., Alaska Anchorage (21-6) at 10 a.m., St. Martins (4-26) at 12 p.m. and Gonzaga (17-12) at 3 p.m.

"We're going to go compete, we're gonna play to win every time we play," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "For us, a big part of this spring is to get kids comfortable. We want to be able to serve aggressively and do things from the service line that we've been working on in practice and transfer that to a game."

One of the key reasons Buchanan said they are playing only four teams, in comparison to teams like Montana playing six teams and Eastern Washington with five, is to keep incoming sophomore setter Sami Parris healthy as she's been playing ill so far this spring season. Buchanan said she has tried to keep Parris on the court, which has become sacrificial for her and will continue to be a sacrifice until the spring season ends.

Buchanan sat out Parris for a few practices last Thursday through the weekend to help her recover from her ongoing health issue.

So far this spring, the Vandals played both Eastern and Central Washington two weeks ago in Pullman, where Buchanan said she tried several players in different positions with optimism in her offense. However, she also saw the team struggle with errors.

"Our goal is to not make more than six errors per game and we had more than six per game," Buchanan said. "That is some-



Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan coaches her volleyball team during practice April 8 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals have a quadruple-header against Western Washington, Alaska Anchorage, St. Martin's and Gonzaga Saturday in Spokane.

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thing that we can control, depending on who we play, so that's kind of a focus for us right now."

Other struggles included air management, and defensive service lines, which they have focused on this spring. Buchanan also said the young players, including several redshirt freshmen, are getting much needed playing time.

The team's progress has seen changes both offensively and defensively over the last two weeks. This week, Buchanan had the team work on individual drills including perfect passing, serving and rotations. However, she said it's difficult to know how much the team is improving without playing other opponents.

Buchanan said she is hopeful to know more how the team is progressing by the

end of the weekend after playing four teams from both the GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference) and WCC (West Coast Conference) in Spokane.

"It's getting better — we won't really know until we get out there and play another team again to see how we match up," Buchanan said. "Where you really see the challenge come in is when you play somebody new and you don't know their tendencies so much, and that's where you really get to see how much progress you've made."

Buchanan gave praise to several players who have stepped up their game, including incoming fifth-year senior outside hitter Tineke Bierma of Canby, Oregon, who is almost two years removed from a knee injury.

"She's much stronger, she's moving better

and she's one that's coming off from major injury — and you can definitely tell that she is playing at a much higher level than she was last year," Buchanan said.

Bierma played 14 games last season where she had eight kills in 31 sets, six blocks, four service aces and 15.5 points. She had a career-high four kills Nov. 15 against Northern Colorado and a career-high three digs Sept. 27 at North Dakota.

Other notable players Buchanan said have seen growth this spring include senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson, who doubles as a track and field athlete, senior specialist Jenna Ellis and junior defensive specialist Terra Varney.

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SOCCER

Idaho lacks intensity in win *Vandals net five goals in blowout victory over SFCC*

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Argonaut

Through three games this spring, the Vandal women's soccer team had a total of three goals.

In their fourth game of the spring Tuesday night in Spokane, the team exploded for five goals in a shutout victory over Spokane Falls Community College.

In some cases, netting five goals in a 70-minute game would be a great offensive output, but Idaho coach Derek Pittman said while the goal scoring was a positive, the score could have been even more one-sided.

"Scoring some goals was nice," Pittman said. "We didn't capitalize on all of the opportunities, but we have created a lot of chances. We just didn't go after them, to be honest."

The team did a solid job of creating chances, Pittman said. They just weren't as efficient with the chances they had Tuesday night.

"We talk about preparing for a faceless opponent and in all honesty we lacked a little bit of intensity and it may have something to do with the spring," Pittman said.

Luckily for the Vandals though, they have a few more weeks this spring to work on playing up to the level expected in the fall and when this happens, the team will have a better chance of winning games, Pittman said.

The Vandals will have three days of rest this week before hitting the pitch again Saturday when they host an alumni team on

the SprinTurf and North Idaho College Sunday.

The Vandals are used to playing on little rest though. For most of last fall, the team would play games on Fridays and Sundays and this fall that won't change much, Pittman said.

"We want to always challenge our players," Pittman said. "We will be playing on a small amount of rest ... which is very similar to what we have coming up, so we've got to recover and talk about what we did well today and see what we need to do to get better."

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Forward Josilyn Daggs dribbles down the field during Idaho's 1-1 tie with Gonzaga March 28 on the SprinTurf. The Vandals beat Spokane Falls Community College 5-0 on Tuesday.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Odon Barta leads Vandals

Hailing from Budapest, Hungary, Odon Barta leads men's tennis team

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Argonaut

It was a long journey to Moscow — a journey that took him from his hometown of Budapest, Hungary, to the U.S. for collegiate tennis with a stop in Texas.

Coming to Idaho wasn't the expected landing place for junior Odon Barta, but both he and the Vandals are happy to be together now.

"I decided to transfer," Barta said. "I had the summer. I went back home and I started looking for different cities, but I didn't really find any. Pretty much in the last minute, I got a call from Jeff (Beaman). I didn't want to skip a semester, so I took his offer."

Barta transferred from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, an NCAA Division I school in the Southland Conference. Barta said the decision to come to Idaho was a good one.

"I like it so far," Barta said. "We have a really good team. Last year, we won the conference. I really like it academically ... The tennis program is really great here."

The 2013-2014 season was his first at Idaho, and this year he has stepped into his role as the go-to player on the team. Barta plays mostly No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles for Idaho. He finished 17-20 in singles and 17-15 in doubles last year and earned one WAC Player of the Week honor.

Being one of the best in tennis is nothing new to Barta, though. Before college, he was ranked as high as No. 248 in the world for junior tennis while still in Hungary. His skill at the game led him to new opportunities in the U.S.

"I was really against coming to the United States before," Barta said. "But once it came to the point to decide what I'm going to do after high school, I just

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Finish this year strong, help us achieve the goal of winning the conference championship. For senior year, possibly win regionals in singles or doubles, get a national ranking while hopefully helping the team win another conference championship.

Jeff Beaman, coach

really had to face that if I had gone to a university back home, then I probably would have quit tennis because the economic system is just so different (in Hungary). It was just a great opportunity to come here since here in the United States we have college sports."

While the season starts to come to a close, Idaho finds itself at 14-9 overall and 8-3 in the conference. Barta currently stands at 14-7 in singles play, which leads the Big Sky, and his usual doubles partner Felipe Fonseca and him stand at 14-7 at No. 2 doubles. Both Barta and Beaman said they still have a lot they want him to accomplish in his last two years at UI.

Barta said his goal this year is to win the conference. He said he is also striving to be player of the year in the Big Sky.

"He's a good guy and it's good to see the progress he's made," Beaman said. "Finish this year strong, help us achieve the goal of winning the conference championship. For senior year, possibly win regionals in singles or doubles, get a national ranking while hopefully helping the team win another conference championship."

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File photo by Nate Mattson | Argonaut
Idaho junior Odon Barta jumps to return the ball at practice Feb. 18 in the Kibbie Dome.

REALLY

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"You gotta deal with a fat person before you get to get out there," Bradley said. "Usually, in a 4-3, I can just rush one person on the outside, but now I gotta handle a 350-pound person and then go out there. So it's a little changeup, but I got stronger for it."

After spending the majority of his college career at the five-technique in the 4-3 defense, where the defensive end is lined up on the offensive tackle's outside shoulder, Bradley's new role is on the inside.

"Now I'm head up," Bradley said. "I gotta learn how to still use my speed and get outside while also playing the B-gap. It's an adjustment ... I ain't outside no more, so I just got to work on it and get better."

Even though Petrino always preaches competition and no player is a lock to start, the defensive line might be as close as it gets to having its starters set.

The first team defensive line has stayed mostly con-

sistent throughout spring. Opposite of Bradley at the other defensive end spot has been the 6-foot-1, 301-pound junior Tuani Lupeamanu, and fitting snug between those two at nose tackle has been the 6-foot-3, 320-pound senior Ryan Edwards.

While it appears the starters are set, it doesn't mean others won't have their fair share of opportunities.

New defensive line coach Kenny Holmes said he hopes to have a rotation of eight or nine players on the defensive line alone.

"We want to be interchangeable," Holmes said. "We have guys playing multiple positions ... We want to have different combinations if we need it for different situations."

In the short time he's been with the program, Holmes said the group of defensive linemen started to impress him from the moment he arrived at Idaho.

"Tough group that always wants to get better," he said. "Whether its coming in and watching film extra, them

doing extra stuff on the field, asking me what they can do to better their game — as a coach, you love that."

It goes both ways, as well. Bradley said Holmes is a guy players can look up to.

"He had that experience in the NFL, and you know he's a great mentor to us," Bradley said of Holmes, who played seven seasons as a defensive end in the NFL. "We got somebody that knows exactly what he wants out of his d-line, and knows exactly how to do it."

Bradley said the new defense allows them to be more aggressive than they were in years past.

"We really wanna stop the run this year," Bradley said. "That's why we brought in coach Breske. I believe you're going to see a lot of aggressiveness and hard hits."

The hard hits on a quarterback will have to wait until Sept. 3, when the Vandals play their first game in the Kibbie Dome against Ohio.

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TRENCHES

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The Vandals will enter the fall season without Mike Marboe, the center who has anchored the Vandal offensive line the past four seasons. Instead, Matlock will move from the guard position and try to fill Marboe's shoes.

"Steve's smart and really understands the game and he's playing hard," Petrino said. "It's a little different role for him. It's a little more mental for him now, but he's doing a good job so far."

Offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Kris Cinkovich, who enters his third season with the Vandals, said Matlock is quick and should be a solid center for the program.

Sandberg, a 6-foot-5, 303-pound guard from Prescott Valley, Arizona, will bring size and experience to the guard position. Sandberg is the only senior offensive lineman listed on the roster, but there is still experience on the offensive line.

"We probably have 80 games between all of us, and that's a lot of experience," Sandberg said. "So that helps a lot when live bullets are flying."

With Sandberg being a senior, he has some final goals he wants to ac-

complish. He said his two biggest goals are winning the Sun Belt Conference and going to a bowl game.

"Dallas is a quiet guy," Cinkovich said. "He needs to do more, because he's a good player. He really earned a lot of respect in our program last year."

Cinkovich said the offensive line as a group is on the quiet side.

"We're a quiet group unfortunately, so we're trying to build on that and at least demonstrate some passion and enthusiasm," Cinkovich said.

Rose should be a key contributor on the offensive line as he was last season. He was named to the Sun Belt Conference Newcomer team as a true freshman.

"Coaches have spoke to Jordan (Rose) about being another guy that's got to come forward because he's, really as a true freshman, was an accomplished player in the Sun Belt last year," Cinkovich said.

Sandberg said the offensive line is really coming together so far this spring.

"This is probably the best O-line I've been on since I've been here, mesh-wise," Sandberg said.

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BATTLE

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"That was my goal when I came in here, was really a winning season," Idaho coach Sammy Vogel-Seidenberg said. "The goal of course every year is to make playoffs, but more than anything for me it was to get a winning season. You get a winning season then everything else comes with that."

Even though the Vandals have had WSU's number in the past and the Cougars still have yet to find a win this season, Idaho is not looking past this game.

"I mean, we always circle it on our schedule, it's always going to be a tough game, it's always physical," senior captain Colton Raichl said. "We know they are gonna punch us in the mouth and we are gonna hit 'em right back. It's gonna be close, and they always fight and we always fight. It's really whoever wants it more."

The Vandals will bid farewell to seven seniors this year in Harrison Sawyer, Austin Volking, Deric Wilson, defensive captain Nolan Knuth, midfielder captain Patrick

Tunison, attacking captain Colton Raichl and goaltender Craig Patrick.

Tunison and Raichl lead the team with a combined 81 points this season, while an improved defense was anchored down by Knuth and Volking. Patrick was a force in the net getting 171 saves on the season thus far and a save percentage of .553.

"It's been a great ride, a great four years," Tunison said. "It's pretty cool that we get to end it up in the Dome, which is the staple of Vandal athletics, so it feels really great. Our first year we made playoffs, but definitely not anywhere near where we are this year ... It's huge to see how far this program has come and where it's going to go in the future."

Winning the game against WSU means Idaho would sit with a 4-2 division record. This would put the team tied with big-time rival Boise State, who it would play the following weekend for the No. 3 spot in the playoffs.

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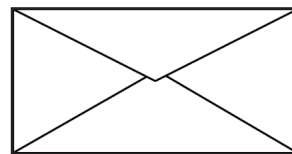
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OUR VIEW

Moms matter

Events like Moms' Weekend encompass the Vandal spirit

Attention students: Your mom misses you. Between the unanswered phone calls and limited visits home, it's no wonder most moms and dads feel a loss when their child goes off to college.

Luckily, the University of Idaho Moms' Weekend has been bringing moms to campus for decades.

This weekend is a great opportunity to catch up, create memories and have fun with other Vandals and their parents.

It might seem like a hassle to wake up early for a Saturday morning brunch, but spending time with your parents means the world to them, and besides, who can say no to what is likely a free breakfast. And really, it's the least you can do for the people who devoted years of

their lives for your benefit.

They miss you, and more often than not, they're interested in learning about your life in Moscow. Taking your parents on a personalized tour of campus and introducing them to your friends is a good way to show them what it's like to be a Vandal.

From the annual Turtle Derby to the wine and cheese tasting event, there are many things for students and their parents to participate in.

And while the events are great, moms and dads often just want to spend time with their kids, no matter what they're doing, so checking out downtown Moscow or East City Park is a great way to spend an afternoon this weekend.

But remember, anyone can be a mom — a mentor,

professor or friend. There is certainly no biological test to participate in the Moms' Weekend events or just to spend time with each other.

If your parents can't make it this weekend, make sure to give them a call or send a handwritten letter. It can go a long way and will most certainly make their day.

At a time when students are coming into the most independent part of their life, Moms' Weekend allows both parents and students to slow down and appreciate each other's company. And for one-fourth of the student body graduating in a few weeks, it serves as a great time to make memories as a student before they embark into the real world.

Apart from graduation, this is the last big event weekend of

the school year, and for graduating seniors, this is one of the last major weekends they have as a student.

Keep it positive, be safe and have fun. This weekend is supposed to be a time for students to relax before the final push toward the end of the school year, while at the same time allowing parents to reconnect with their children.

Moscow and UI will welcome thousands of visitors this weekend, and students should do their best to be accommodating and appreciative of the many visitors.

Events like Moms' Weekend make the Vandal community stronger, and the work put in by students and staff should not be overlooked.

—RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Mom

I love you, and I'm so glad you're visiting Moscow this year. Just behave yourself while you're here ... please.

—Erin

Off to the races

The turtle races, that is. Ready to watch Killer in the ring and go on a picnic in the Arb with mom.

—Claire

Blessed

My senior year plan is coming together and for that I feel very blessed and thankful. #Arglife

—Katelyn

Star Wars!!!!!!

That's all.

—Andrew

What Andrew said

That's all.

—Stephan

Recruiting

Sometimes I question whether some of these players actually exist with how little information there is about them.

—Korbin

Dress alterations

Bought my wedding dress about three months ago and will be trying it on again for the first time since then on Saturday. Here's to hoping it doesn't look like shit.

—Amber

Amanda Stenberg

"What would America be like if it loved black people as much as it loves black culture?" Straight up.

—Ryan

Now I can graduate in peace

After five years of wondering, I finally got to see what's in the library basement. It's amazing — the number and variety of things that the UI library keeps in its archives.

—Daphne

Sadness

People keep telling me how little time I have left and that I'll never see them again. Just stahhppp.

—Kaitlyn

Yep

What a week. Time to relax.

—Jack



Aly Soto
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Pressure to perform

Standardized tests are not beneficial to public ed

In Atlanta, eight educators were sentenced to varying degrees of punishments for racketeering because they artificially inflated students' standardized test scores.

Racketeering, as defined by a legal dictionary, is obtaining or extorting money illegally or carrying on illegal business activities. It is usually a crime associated with organized crime syndicates, so why are educators being charged with it?

Well, like many school systems in the U.S., funding depends on the scores of students on standardized tests. The higher the scores, the more money a school or school district receives.

Naturally, there is a tremendous amount of pressure on teachers and administrators to produce high test scores. But, this pressure is often tenfold for students.

As someone who went to school for 13 years in Idaho, I have felt those pres-

ures. Several years of my education were pointless because my teachers taught with just the tests in mind. Instead of learning valuable information, we spent months and years learning about nitpicky details.

I spent the month leading up to a science ISAT learning how to read a table. Tables aren't hard to read and understand.

English classes were ground to a halt in the weeks leading up to tests. Instead of working further into Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," we took spelling tests and completed grammar workshops. We read short, simple sentences and identified proper nouns, verbs and helping verbs.

Understanding grammar is important, but it would have been much more beneficial to learn those kinds of things within the work we were doing.

Teachers shouldn't stop an entire class for a month just to teach for the test.

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I was a number. I was just a score that would either help or harm my school.

Claire Whitley

Hearing "You'll see this on the ISAT," or even "You'll see this on the ACT," was the teacher's not so subtle way of hinting at why we were really doing the work.

I was a number. I was just a score that would either help or harm my school. I was tested on a small portion of things, less than half of what I was learning inside and outside the classroom.

I can't imagine how accurate the ISATs are. There is no "standardized" test, even

among standardized tests.

Based on our scores on those tests, we were categorized. We were either successful students or failures because of one number. I don't think this is fair. Not everyone learns and understands all the same things. I'm no smarter or more successful than others in my class who scored lower than myself.

I came out of high school and nearly drowned in the way college classes are taught. There are no standardized tests to teach to, so I was learning information that actually mattered. I wasn't prepared for multiple tests in a semester or the in-depth analysis we had to do on particular topics.

Students are overwhelmed in college classes because we are not seen as though we are simple numbers. But when it comes to public education, they should be viewing students as much more.

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Political progress

Clinton's involvement should be cause for stimulating discussions

Earlier this week, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton officially launched her campaign for the 2016 presidential race, spurring mixed reactions from the University of Idaho student body.

Some students were thrilled when they heard the news, ready to run to a polling booth with more than a year before the actual election takes place. Others took the opportunity to attack Clinton and list every reason why she would run the U.S. into the ground if she were voted into office. Neither view is particularly intelligent.

This isn't high school anymore. In high school, many students voiced bold political opinions based on rants they heard from their parents. This is only acceptable for children to do because children are too young to vote, but those days are now over.

College students are legal adults who have the right to vote. Not only should college students be excited about voting, but they should also spend time getting educated before they cast their vote.

Clinton may not be perfect, but she definitely has her positive points, and so do the three GOP candidates who've announced their presidential campaigns — U.S. Senators Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Rand Paul, R-Kentucky and most recently, Marco Rubio, R-Florida.

No politician is so two dimensional that students can form an opinion on them solely based off of what they heard from their parents or a rumor they saw on the Internet.

Potential voters shouldn't favor Clinton because they are excited about being progressive and voting for who would be the nation's first female president.

They also shouldn't vote Republican just because they're in a red state. It takes more thought than this to form a valid

political opinion.

There are also many people who will support a political party without much knowledge of what that party stands for.

If a student is at least a little interested in politics or the presidential election, they should take some time to research the candidates and their platforms. Not all Republican candidates are alike, and the same goes for the Democrats.

Students should make an effort to be politically involved because they can have an impact, even if they don't realize it. As much as these elections

are about the outcome, they are also about spreading ideas and promoting conversations about the direction of the country.

While many students would passionately go on a tangent about a political issue they haven't spent an adequate amount of time researching, this type of fervor isn't seen come election time.

In the 2014 midterm elections, the youth vote was vastly underrepresented with an abysmal 21.5 percent turnout nationally. A lot of these young adults don't vote because they don't feel they know enough about the race to have an educated opinion, but this is something they can change with a quick Google search.

Clinton wasn't the first politician to announce her presidential goals for 2016, and she certainly won't be the last.

It's up to the voters — college students included — to remain actively informed about the candidates, instead of letting ill-conceived propaganda, sensationalism or fear tactics cloud their judgment.

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Mailbox

Week of the Young Child

This week is Week of the Young Child. It is a week dedicated to bringing awareness about the needs of young children and their families, as well as the opportunity to recognize quality early childhood programs that work hard to meet those needs.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) established Week of the Young Child in 1971. With over 80,000 members, WOTYC is celebrated nationwide at many regional and state affiliates. The theme of this year's WOTYC is Celebrating Our Youngest Learners.

Research has shown that the early childhood years — birth through age 8 — are the most impactful years and can lay the foundation for a child's success in school and beyond. Eighty percent of a child's brain is fully formed by the time they are 3 years old.

I am a senior here at the University of

Idaho and have had the privilege to work with young children while obtaining my degree in Child Development Family Relations. It is a great feeling knowing that we can impact the lives of children and families.

As teachers, we learn through observation and intentionality, working to better the lives of those around us. Children need guidance to fully reach their potential, some skill sets don't develop unless children are exposed to various opportunities.

It's our job to allow children to grow, explore new things and really experience their world, whether it's through reading books, dramatic play, block building and more. I learn something new every day from the children I get to work with. It's hard work, but it's well worth it.

I would encourage anyone who works with or has young children to participate in Week of the Young Child, whether you are a parent, a teacher or have younger siblings, nieces and nephews. Take this extra opportunity to celebrate them. Find out about the national events at NAEYC's website.

Jessie Dennis

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Q&A



Max Cowan
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With so many mothers on campus, what would you want us to share with our parents?

I've been thinking a lot about everything my mother has done for me throughout my life. She worked throughout most of my childhood, and yet still found time to cook for me, clean the house and help with my homework. When my siblings and I would fight, she was our counselor. Through all the scrapes and bruises, she was my nurse.

Maybe your father, or another figure in your life did the same for you. We all have someone in our lives who helped us accomplish what we have so far. Though this weekend maybe named for mothers, I find it is an opportunity to recognize all of the incredible figures in our lives.

Recalling all of the things my mother has done for me makes me see the incredible amount of work the University of Idaho puts into helping first-year students. The path to adulthood is challenging for many students, with plenty of bumps in the road.

When things get tough, and all you

want is your mom, UI tries to find solutions. When you're sick, you can go to the health center. When you're struggling with homework, there are tutors. When you need support, there is the Counseling and Testing Center. There are so many services that try to step in to help us grow.

This is not to say that the university is replacing our mothers. There will never be a substitute for those special people in your life. Instead, with so many family and friends visiting this weekend, it is a chance to show them all the university does. Though they may have worried about us leaving the nest, they can rest knowing that UI is helping to ease the transition.

Where should I take my mother on campus?

While there are so many great places to visit on campus, I would advise a less conventional campus tour. While you could walk down the Hello Walk, look at our newest classrooms and our historic buildings, these are things anyone could visit. Instead, you should share with your mother something only you will know. You should show your mother your favorite bathroom on campus.

When spending so much time on campus, we all come to know the campus so well, bathrooms included. Since using the bathroom is such a personal activity, I think there is no better way to share this campus with your mom.

I have a strong preference for the bathrooms in Ridenbach Hall. It has all the qualities of great bathroom — single person, spacious and adjacent percussion practice rooms. A close second is the bathroom on the second floor of the memorial gym behind the balcony, which has an amazing view.

While I may be the only person brazen enough to write it, I know we all have our favorite bathrooms on campus. If you really want to show your mom a fantastic part of campus, share it with her.

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Gaming bursts

Video games could shift college athletics

In the dead of night, illuminated by the glow of my computer screen, I poured myself into a competitive, immersive world ruled by button-mashing and foul language.

It was my freshman year of high school, and while my friends were out throwing footballs, shooting free-throws and doing all other sorts of "sportsball" games, I was raiding in World of Warcraft to get better gear.

While my pimply cohorts were training to get stronger muscles, I was also training and getting stronger. Player-versus-player combat in any game, let alone WoW, requires the utmost dedication.

I feel no shame in admitting I took joy in such a stigmatized game, since these days gaming has become a professional and well-respected sport.

According to a 2014 New York Times article, "More than 10,000 students now play in the biggest college league, 4,400 more than last year and 4,600 more than the number of men who play on Division I college basketball teams."

E-sports, as competitive gaming has come to be known, has a presence and recognition in the realm of collegiate athletics. It will only grow with time.

As of now, its presence is steadily increasing, and any opposition to e-sports — or gaming as a whole — would have a hard time catching it. A total of 114.4 million people viewed this year's Super Bowl XLIX, according to a recent report by CNN Money.

In comparison to this number, according to the Wall Street Journal, Twitch Interactive's monthly viewers averaged 100 million as of December 2014, more than doubling the reported 45 million the prior year.

Twitch Interactive allows users to live-stream their gaming for the public to watch online.

The National Collegiate e-Sports Association sports 22 eastern schools and 17

western schools in the respective districts.

Robert Morris University in Chicago now offers e-sports scholarships for athletes playing League of Legends, Hearthstone and Dota 2, according to Tech Times.

The Tech Times reported that another school, University of Pikeville in Kentucky, will launch its e-sports program in fall 2015.

There are multiple competitions, many with cash prizes, provided by various outlets.

Blizzard, the company that created WoW, will host Heroes of the Dorm, a competition where teams comprised of college students compete in its new game, Heroes of the Storm.

According to Blizzard, the five players on the winning team will earn tuition for their college career. If there's a fourth year student on the team, she or he can win up to \$25,000 to pay back college expenses.

Heroes of the Dorm's finalists will compete live April 26, and ESPN will televise the event.

With the increasing prevalence of professional gaming, society should reassess the stigma and stereotypes around gaming. The young lady playing League of Legends instead of joining the soccer team may have a lucrative career, and perhaps is not wasting her time.

The high school boy jabbering about his arena run in Hearthstone is maybe not as non-productive as society makes him out to be.

One day, entire stadiums could watch his electronic card game or her League of Legends tournament with as much awe as watching a star quarterback.

Whether at the collegiate, high school or professional level, e-sports will soon require all of society to recognize video games as more than an idle, damaging hobby.

With presence and recognition, gaming in collegiate athletics should increase. And from the looks of it, collegiate gaming is well on its way.

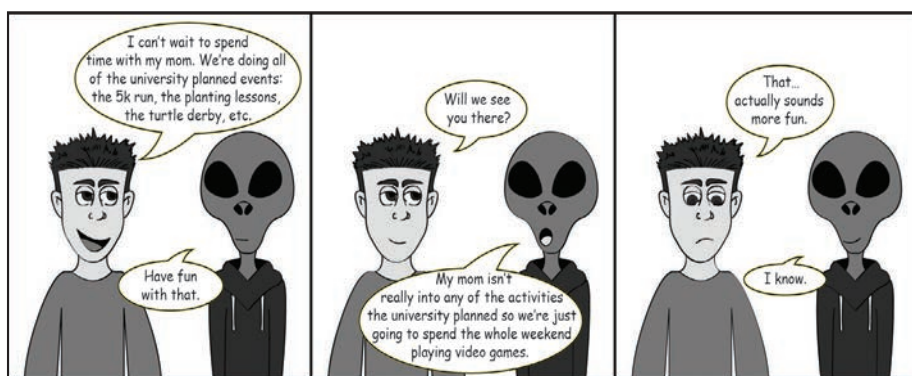


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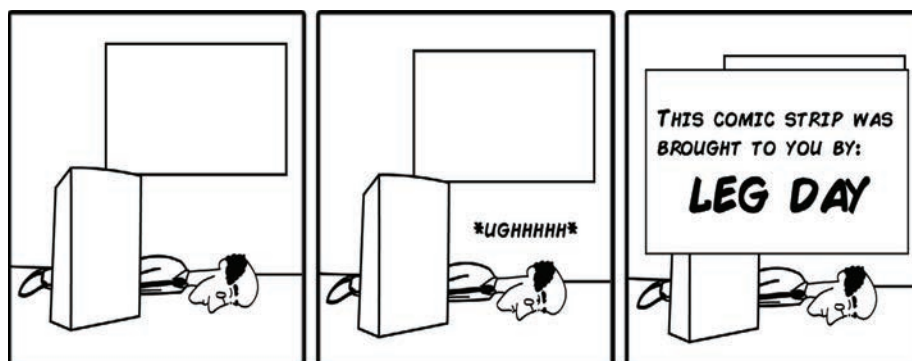
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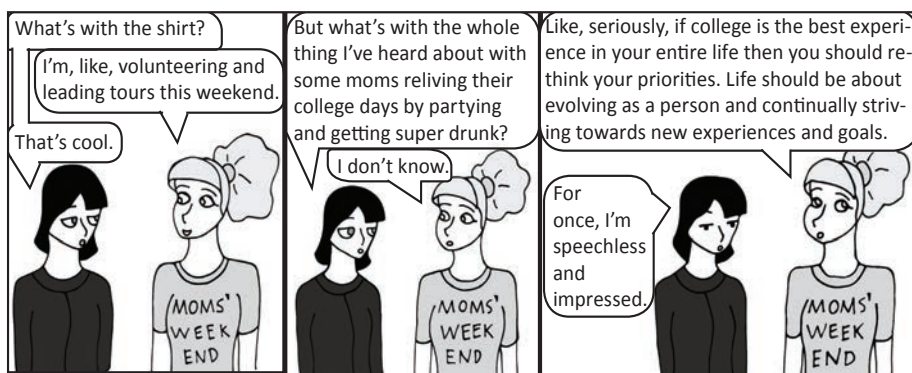
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