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WRITING ON THE WALL



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Selina Caren (left) and Saffron Kruse participate in the Writing on the Wall event outside the Idaho Commons Thursday. The Writing on the Wall project is an annual presentation by the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action in which participants are encouraged to write hurtful words on a wall that is torn down later in the day in an effort to fight stereotypes.

FACULTY SENATE

Clarifying classification

Faculty Senate approves consolidation, explanation on reclassification policy

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

University of Idaho Faculty Senate approved language additions to the reclassification policy, as well as formation of a committee to assist in the process of compiling documents Tuesday.

The reclassification policy is listed in two places, the Faculty Staff Handbook and the Administrative Procedures Manual.

Don Crowley, faculty secretary, said the intent of reviewing the policy was to reconcile differences between the two.

Crowley said the easiest way to understand the two handbooks' purposes is to think of the Faculty Staff Handbook as policy and the Administrative Procedures Manual as process.

Brian Mahoney, Faculty Senate member from Campus Recreation, proposed language requiring a description of what a "significant change" is and how the job value factors will be evaluated — the criteria for judging a reclassification request.

This language was moved into the Faculty Staff Handbook.

"By moving that phrase ... we're saying that that should be policy," Crowley said.

Mahoney said requiring a description of how requests will be judged allows classified and exempt staff and their supervisors to understand the process.

"We don't have any way to know how that will be looked at," Mahoney said about the current policy.

Greg Walters, Human Resources executive director, said job value factors are listed on the HR website, but HR would be able and willing to elaborate on this aspect of reclassification evaluation.

As far as defining "significant" changes, Walters said even if UI President Chuck Staben approves the policy, HR would not be able to make this change.

"It's an unrealistic request for this kind of classification system, but we're wide open about explaining how the job evaluation occurs," Walters said.

Faculty Senate also approved a committee to work with Human Resources to compile and align documents.

"That's a great idea," Walters said. "There are so many policies and procedures with which we have the opportunity to update and streamline."

In other news

A policy allowing University of Idaho employees to donate leave to their spouse, if their spouse is also a UI employee, for parenting purposes was approved

SUSTAINABILITY

Road trip for sustainability

National organization to collaborate with UI Sustainability Center

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

While most students would probably say they support sustainability, it's often harder to find people who consistently put the ideas into practice.

"Turning Green," a national organization that focuses on promoting sustainability, particularly among young adults, will come to the University of Idaho April 29 as part of the "Conscious College Road Tour." This program encourages students to be more environmentally conscious by sharing information and giving away some free items.

Amaya Amigo of the UI Sustainability Center, who organized the event, said she was excited UI is one of 16 universities on this year's tour, and is looking forward to Wednesday.

"We'll be giving out a lot of products, and I guess the main goal for that is just to get students to think about what they're purchasing — what are the ingredients in their foods and what choices can they make as students," Amigo said. "I feel like a lot of people think 'Oh, sustainability, shopping at the Co-op is really hard or really expensive,' but this just gets students to think about 'What can I do as a student?'"

Amigo said there would be two main events related to this program. UI volunteers will hand out free sustainable items at the Idaho Commons from 11 a.m.

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Amaya Amigo, event organizer

to 3 p.m., including food, soap and teas. She said Turning Green has sent a lot of boxes full of free things to hand out to students.

At 6 p.m., there will be a "Town Hall" meeting with a free dinner and a discussion led by

the Turning Green representatives. Amigo said this discussion will focus on ideas for the Sustainability Center's new "Eco-Reps" program.

"It's a program that we're implementing for next year to get mainly first year students, but really anyone living on campus to engage in activities revolved around sustainability, like greening your dorm room," she said. "It's not set in stone now, so I don't know exactly what we're going to be putting on next year, that's something that we're going to be discussing until the end of the school year, but mainly just events to get students thinking about sustainability, thinking about what are some small things they can do to be more sustainable."

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News briefs

John Lee preliminary hearing rescheduled for July

At the request of defense attorneys, a preliminary hearing for John Lee, the suspect in a Jan. 10 shooting spree that left three dead and one injured, has been rescheduled for July 16 and 17.

The preliminary hearing, which was previously set for Thursday, was rescheduled after defense attorneys requested additional time to prepare for the hearing.

"It's a complex case, and I think it's understandable that they want to make sure they have enough time to go through all of the materials," said Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson. "And it's in everyone's

best interest that Mr. Lee's attorneys have adequate opportunity to prepare."

Lee faces three counts of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated battery in Latah County. He is being held in Latah County Jail without bail.

According to court documents, multiple Moscow Police Department officials have been called to testify at the preliminary hearing.

"Those witnesses who testify will testify pretty thoroughly, pretty comprehensively," Thompson said.

After hearing testimony, Thompson said the court would decide whether or not there is probable cause to support the charges against Lee.

If probable cause were to be established, the case would then be moved up to Latah County District Court, Thompson said.

Although the prosecution has settled on a list of witnesses, Thompson said if something comes up they would still have the opportunity to change the list in preparation for the hearing.

Dan Stephens to leave UI

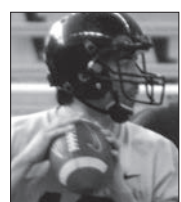
University of Idaho officials announced Thursday that University Controller Dan Stephens will leave UI to become the associate vice chancellor for finance and controller for the University of North Texas System.

As university controller, Stephens has served as the chief accounting officer at UI for the past five years.

Stephens will step down May 15, according to a university-wide email from Ron Smith, vice president of finance and administration.

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CRUMBS



A Crumbs recipe Potato slices

Claire Whitley
Crumbs

There is nothing cheaper than 5-pound bags of potatoes for college kids. Of course, this means having potato recipes everyday for a while and baked potatoes can get kind of boring after a while. Try these little or slices instead.

Ingredients: Directions:

- 4 small potatoes
 - Oregano
 - Garlic
 - Basil
 - Onion powder
 - Salt
 - Pepper
 - Cooking spray
 - Bay leaf
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit
 2. Wash and slice the potatoes into thin strips no more than 1/4 inch wide
 3. Spread in a single layer on a 9 by 12 inch cookie sheet
 4. Add bay leaf, cook lentils with vegetables using broth
 5. Sprinkle all the seasoning on the potatoes to taste
 6. Cook for about 15 minutes until soft all the way through



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Cloud Nine



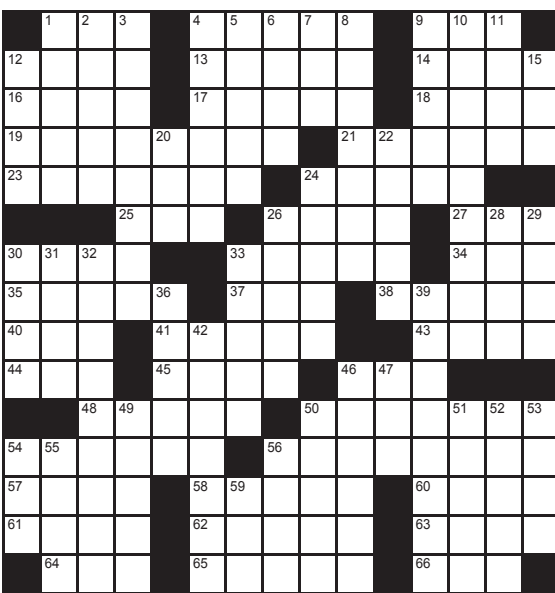
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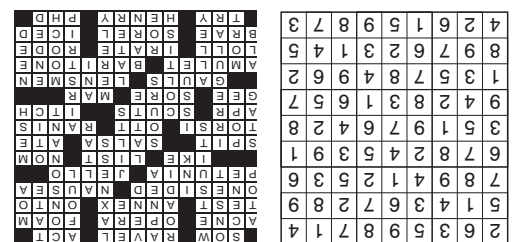
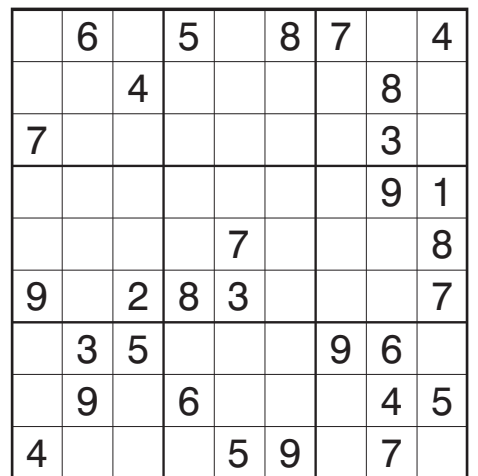
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Vice President for Research and Economic Development John McIver (left) and Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Katherine Aiken (middle), present the Graduate Disciplinary Research Presentation award to second place winner Ezekiel Adekanmbi (right) for his research "Saving the blood bank: Quick detection technique for Babesiosis" at the Innovation Showcase awards reception Wednesday in the Summit room of the Idaho Commons.

CITY

A place to skate *Palouse Ice Rink begins plans for a permanent building*

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Chris Storhok loves his job because he gets the chance to watch children learn to skate for the first time.

"I love watching people learn to skate," Storhok said. "Often you see a little kid come in here, wobbly ankles, all nervous. And then by the end of their first session they're moving around, just happier than anything, giant smiles on their face."

As manager for the Palouse Ice Rink, Storhok has many responsibilities. As of right now, however, Storhok said his biggest concerns lie in transitioning the ice rink into a roller rink for the summer and raising money to fund the construction for a permanent building to house the rink.

The rink opens for roller-skating today after going through its transition period all of last week.

Every summer since the rink first opened in 2002, volunteers flocked to the rink to help the rest of the staff transition the rink from one meant for ice-skating into one meant for roller-skating. Storhok said the transition period normally lasts one week, but about 80-90 hours of work is put into it in total.

"It's a lot of work," he said. "Getting the ice out is the most tedious of tasks, because you literally have to remove all the water that's frozen as ice, clean out the paint, the lines, the emblems, get that floor cleaned off."

This way of operating is long past its lifetime, Storhok said. Currently, Storhok has developed a business plan for a full sized, permanent building for an ice rink. The plan is in the fundraising stage.

Storhok said they have about \$300,000 raised as of right now, and they're hoping for about \$4.2 million to begin construction sometime in 2016. Storhok said he and his staff are planning to use this summer as a period to raise as much money as they can, so they're planning some fundraising events to take place in the coming months.

There are many benefits to constructing a permanent building for an ice rink, Storhok said. It would bring huge economic benefits, lowering the operation costs as well as the cost of personnel. The University of Idaho and Washington State University hockey teams would also have a permanent home.

"For ice-skating, we're it," he said. "We're the only spot between Moscow and Pullman."

Storhok said a permanent building would bring benefits to their customers as well. He said there would be fewer noise restrictions and they would be able to be open later than when they currently have to close at 10 p.m.

Storhok said above anything else, he is just grateful to their customers and the involvement of the UI community.

"We appreciate the support of the U of I students," Storhok said. "They're a loyal group. Many of the fraternities and sororities use this in the winter as a rental for activities, and we always enjoy hosting them and the great times they have — even the residence halls have been in and out a few times."

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Police log

Monday April 20

8:24 a.m. 102 South Main Street

Caller reported a vehicle leaking oil in front of Mingles Bar and Grill.

11:48 a.m. 2400 block West Pullman Road

A male was seen putting items into a backpack at Wal-Mart — he dropped the bag and ran.

Tuesday April 21

12:31 p.m. South Washington, East Sixth Street

Caller reported drivers not yielding to a pedestrian who had her foot in the crosswalk.

2:58 p.m. Northwood Drive

A 3-year-old child was found — he had wandered off from the nearby Head Start.

6:01 p.m. South Main Street, Sunset Mart

Caller reported two males walking with a

gallon water jug filled with gasoline.

6:40 p.m. 1600 block Lenter Street

Female reported receiving a strange email.

Wednesday April 22

2:21 p.m. 100 block South Almon Street

A female was contacted about sleeping in her car. She said she would move her car.

5:30 p.m. 300 block South Main Street

Caller reported seeing someone carrying luggage with a folding knife on top of it. He was contacted and everything was fine.

Thursday April 23

3:17 a.m. 400 block South Blaine Street

Caller reported suspicious people in the area — it was people delivering newspapers.

4:20 a.m. 600 block North Almon Street

Male reported hearing knocking on the outside of his house. Officers responded and were unable to locate anyone.

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'Benefiting Mother Earth'

Wastewater treatment plant in Moscow is improving the quality of water in Paradise Creek

Graham Perednia
Argonaut

Nestled behind a row of trees, the wastewater treatment plant for the city of Moscow quietly does its job.

Each day, it receives over 1.9 million gallons of raw sewage to be treated and drained into Paradise Creek.

"We are a biological nutrient removal, activated sludge plant," Todd Swanstrom, the plant supervisor said. "It is natural. It is the way Mother Nature wanted it."

The water discharged into Paradise Creek has improved the quality of the water and life in the creek downstream of the plant, Swanstrom said. Because the plant removes most of the toxins and adds oxygen to the water, the creek has been improved.

Once the inorganic material is removed from the raw sewage, the water is sent to the 208,000 gallon Anaerobic Basins — giant tanks of water that hold millions of microorganisms that break down the solids and nitrates from the sewage, Swanstrom said.

The microorganisms produce

phosphorus at this stage as a by-product of breaking down the solid waste. Some phosphorous is also present in the water before this stage. The plant removes 97 percent of the phosphorus before the water is discharged in the creek.

"It overgrows the creek and kills it," Swanstrom said.

The water is then transferred to the clarifier, where the water rests and the solids sink to the bottom, Swanstrom said.

During this stage, the microorganisms suck up the phosphorus in the water as they sink to the bottom of the tank. The sludge is sent to a building where the excess water is removed. Latah Sanitation then composts the sledge and turns it into garden fertilizer.

"They take our solid material and commingle it with tree branches and grass," Swanstrom said. "This is sustainable. We are using something that humans didn't want. It is something that is benefiting Mother Earth."

The water is put in another tank, where it is agitated so oxygen from the air will dissolve into it.

"The fish love it," Swanstrom said. "(The water) is full of oxygen, it is easier for them to breathe."

Before it is discharged into the creek, the water is run through a sand filter, which removes the remaining phosphorus, Swanstrom said. The water is also treated with



Kira Hunter | Argonaut

After inorganic material is removed from raw sewage, water is sent to the 208,000 gallon Aeration Basin section of the water treatment facility's system.

chlorine to kill any remaining toxins. The chlorine is removed from the water before it enters Paradise Creek.

"It is remarkable to me that this is all done through biological activity," Swanstrom said.

Mayor Bill Lambert honored

the Wastewater Treatment Plant Monday with an Earth Day award. For the last four years, the plant has met the standards for water quality set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, Swanstrom said.

"I love it whenever we get a

chance to brag about one of the departments in the city," Lambert said. "It is one of those things we as citizens take for granted, but it is a big deal."

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ASUI

Picking a pro tempore Senate motion to override presidential veto fails

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

While well-intended, a bill seeking to amend the process by which the ASUI President Pro Tempore is elected missed the mark, ASUI Director of Policy Tanner Beymer said to the ASUI Senate Wednesday night.

S15-16, authored by ASUI President Pro Tempore Michael Ryan, would amend the process by which the president pro tempore is elected. Rather than the new class of senators voting on the position at the first meeting of their new term, the president pro tempore would be elected at the second to last meeting of the spring semester, before new senators have been sworn into office.

"You could liken it to the three-fifths compromise, if you will," Beymer said. "You have African-Americans who cannot cast a vote,

so their owners cast a vote for them. We should be placing much more trust in people who were duly elected by the student body."

ASUI Senator-elect Kailey Holt also spoke out against the bill at Wednesday's open forum.

"Although I do understand the merit and where this bill is heading ... any legislative body has the privilege and the right and the duty to elect their own head of their organization," Holt said. "As a new senator and representative of the student voice, I feel that trust has been placed within me by students who have voted me into the Senate to ensure student voice is being heard and represented."

According to Ryan, this process would allow the president pro tempore to adequately transition into the position and learn everything necessary before they are expected to

serve the Senate.

The bill was originally half of Senate Bill S15-11, co-authored by Ryan and ASUI Senator Katie Cramer, which was vetoed by ASUI President Nate Fisher last week. The majority of the bill addressed routine maintenance of the ASUI Rules and Regulations. The section written by Ryan addressed the election process of the president pro tempore, and this was the section that made many senators uneasy.

Following the veto, Fisher sent out an internal email explaining his decision. Fisher acknowledged the problem Ryan was addressing, but suggested the issue was indicative of a larger structural problem that needed to be addressed within ASUI.

"I know you have concerns about the experience, and that is very valid, but what needs to come from that is not changing

a problem that doesn't necessarily exist, but how we transition senators into ASUI Senate," Fisher said. "Let's talk about ways to streamline membership in ASUI Senate, and this organization will be better off and we will have a Senate team that is better equipped to serve for a full term."

After the veto, ASUI Senators Keely Snow and Brianna Larson divided the bill into two, and both were presented to the Senate in a motion to override the veto Wednesday. S15-15, addressing rules and regulations, was passed. S15-16, however, did not meet the two-thirds majority it needed to override the veto, and the motion failed.

The bill will return to the ASUI Rules and Regulations Committee. If they decide to vote on it this week, it will return to the floor for discussion next Wednesday.

day. If the Committee does not vote on it this week, there won't be enough time for it to be passed by the Senate and it will die at the end of the semester.

Ryan said when the president pro tempore is elected at the first meeting of the new term, it's often difficult for them to transition and learn everything they need to. Though the bill may not be the solution, Ryan said he would continue to seek one.

"It's not the end of the world," Ryan said. "This wasn't necessarily a bulletproof fix. We had run through multiple options and this was the one we found, but it's not necessarily the only option — I'm going to look for another option to fix this problem, and what that will look like, I don't know."

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Jack Nygaard (left) and Kolby Arehart (right) make the most of the warm weather Monday by working on some biology homework in the New Arboretum.

BRIEFS
FROM PAGE 1

“Dan was instrumental in moving the Division of Finance and Administration (DFA) forward during the last five years and has had a positive influence on DFA and the university’s financial operations,” Smith wrote in the email.

Silver and Gold game includes Homecoming Announcement

The 2015 Homecoming Committee will unveil the theme for the 2015 Homecoming celebration Friday night at the annual Silver and Gold football game.

During the game, which starts at 6 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome, committee members will show a video containing the theme, and members of the Vandal Spirit Squad will toss out T-shirts containing the official logos of the 2015 Homecoming.

Homecoming will take place Oct. 18-24, and conclude when the Vandals take on Louisiana-Monroe in the Dome.

“Homecoming is the biggest and longest running tradition at UI,” said 2015 Homecoming Chair Emily

Rasch. “This is a great way to get excited and really kicks off the countdown to Homecoming. We’re excited to share the theme we’ve been working on with the rest of the school.”

Annual UI Relay for Life

The University of Idaho will host Relay for Life Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. The event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, will begin at 6 p.m. and continue through the night until 8 a.m. Sunday. Interested participants can register at the event Saturday or online at relayforlife.org/UofIdaho. It costs \$10 to register.

Last year the event raised \$30,000, and organizing committee members said this year’s goal is \$35,000. The American Cancer Society programs Road to Recovery and Hope Lodge receive many of the funds raised to provide services to cancer patients. Road to Recovery provides volunteer drivers to transport cancer patients to and from treatments and appointments. Hope Lodge is a place for cancer patients to stay while receiving treatment and allowing them to stay close to their caregivers.

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Amigo said she isn’t entirely sure what responsibilities Eco-Reps will have, but they will likely be support for programs like recycling on campus and the free-cycle program, which encourages the reuse of the items students leave behind when they move.

The Sustainability Center sometimes struggles with a lack of student interest, Amigo said.

“I think it’s really hard to get people to come volunteer unless there’s another incentive, like they’re getting hours for a class or for their Greek home,” she said. “I think that’s

the hardest thing, is that a lot of people don’t care. It’s sad to say, but a lot of people don’t think about it. That’s something that, as a center, we try to change on campus.”

She said this isn’t the case for everything, and there are some events that bring a higher student turnout, including a showing of the film “No Impact Man” during Earth Week that brought about 45 people.

Amigo said she thinks events like the Conscious Campus Road Tour are important because they help students see what’s happening in other places and shows them how they can be more involved in sustainability. “I think (the) Moscow community does have a focus on sustainabil-

ity, but it’s hard to see what’s going on outside of our campus, or what’s happening on other campuses,” she said. “There are campuses that are completely carbon neutral, or have Eco-Reps programs that are just phenomenal and they do bike-sharing programs. So I think, although we do have a Sustainability Center here and we do a lot of great work, there is so much more we can be doing and a program like Teens Turning Green coming to campus really shows students what other opportunities there are out there.”

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CLARIFYING
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by Faculty Senate Tuesday.

The policy presented by Ruth Funabiki, Faculty Affairs committee chair, would allow spouses to donate annual leave to each other with department approval.

The policy would go into effect after approval by UI President Chuck Staben.

UI shared leave is restricted to medical reasons, Funabiki said, so this policy would fall under parenting leave.

The policy was made to resemble shared leave by only allowing annual

leave to be donated.

“This felt to us like a good first step,” Funabiki said. “It’s a very small step, but it’s the direction we want to have considered.”

Wendy Couture, Faculty Senate member from Boise, said in the future, language should be added to allow for any UI employee to donate leave to another for parenting purposes if the recipient has exhausted all other leave options.

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FOOTBALL

Linehan, Luton compete for QB1

For third time in as many years, Petrino has QB competition

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

When Chad Chalich made a big play last spring, it was usually Matt Linehan leading the celebration — sprinting down the sideline while pumping his fist to celebrate a play he had no part in.

The two were battling to be Idaho's starting quarterback, and Chalich's biggest competition appeared to also be his No. 1 fan.

A year later and nothing has changed — except maybe Linehan's new favorite quarterback, Jake Luton.

"The kid has got a cannon," Linehan said of the 6-foot-6, 218-pound redshirt freshman. "That kid's arm is one of the best I've ever seen ... (Players) like that don't come around a lot. He's got a lot of talent and there's a bright future for him."

When Chalich transferred to Montana, Linehan became the oldest quarterback on Idaho's roster. It put him in the same position Chalich was in last season — a sophomore trying to fend off a redshirt freshman for the starting job.

Once again, the Vandals have a quarterback competition.

"It doesn't need to be made a big deal of," said Idaho coach Paul Petrino of the quarterback battle. "Every competition is always open. I don't know of anyone that has a job yet, so they all have to just keep battling and keep competing and we'll see who gets it done."

Linehan had the opportunity to get the job done last season, but struggled to stay consistent. He tossed more interceptions (18) than touchdowns (11), and seven of those interceptions came in the fourth quarter.

When Linehan made a mistake last season, quarterbacks coach Bryce Erickson said it took a while for him to get over it.

"When you're in the course of a game, there's a lot of things that can happen — that's why the game of football is so beautiful," Erickson said. "You're gonna have adversity ... but the definition of a man's character is how he deals with adversity and how he comes back right after a bad play and picks his team up and makes a good play."

Erickson said he's noticed a change in Linehan, and the sophomore has done a better job overcoming bad plays this spring compared to when he was a freshman.

"The funk isn't lasting as long as it did," Erickson said. "At times last year, something bad happened, it would be seven or eight plays and would just continue to not be good. This year, when it's maybe been a bad play, we get right back on track."

Along with becoming more consistent, Linehan said he spent the offseason trying to get bigger, faster and stronger.

Linehan, who stands at 6-foot-3, said he added about 13 pounds over the winter and now weighs 210 pounds after playing at 195

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Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

Senior wide receiver Jermaine Johnson runs for a pass during Wednesday afternoon's practice in the Kibbie Dome.

New faces, big replacements

Vandals welcome back Dezmon Epps, move players to new positions, look to replace Joshua McCain

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

Leading an entire football conference in receiving yards is no easy task, but that's exactly what Idaho wide receiver Joshua McCain did last season with 1,162 yards.

Now, the Vandals are faced with replacing his production heading into next season.

There were supposed to be two star wide receivers last year though, but off-field issues kept Dezmon Epps from seeing the field all season. This year, Epps is back and ready to go. If his 14 receptions, 273 yards and two touchdowns at the third scrimmage are any indication, the senior is ready to take on the role as the go-to player in the passing game like he did in 2013 when he finished with 980 receiving yards.

"I wasn't here when he was on the team," wide receivers coach Charley

Molnar said. "So it's a new experience for me, but he brings not only a high level of skills, but tremendous energy and passion and is super competitive. I think that rubs off on everybody."

His energy isn't just noticed by the coaches. Junior tight end Deon Watson said he sees it too.

"He's a high energy dude," Watson said. "He's like the Energizer Bunny to me, and it's good because people feed off that."

After transferring to Idaho from City College of San Francisco, Epps led the team with 79 receptions, 980 yards and four touchdowns in the 2013-2014 season, earning him a spot on the Biletnikoff Award watch list for the nation's best receiver. So far this spring, he has clearly stood out as the Vandals' top receiver and the go-to player on the offense. The year off doesn't appear to have slowed Epps down in the slightest.

There are other receivers though, and one in particular is looking poised for a big year — that being junior Jacob Sannon. After catching 22 passes for 285 yards last year, Sannon is ready to take on a bigger role, though he said

Silver and Gold Game

When: 6 p.m. Friday
Where: Kibbie Dome

What: The Idaho football team is split up into two squads that will face each other for the final scrimmage of the spring as players battle for starting positions.

there are still some areas where he needs to improve.

"I want to improve my running after the catch really," Sannon said. "Like getting open and making long 40-plus plays and make it on the punters' team."

To get where he needs to be, Sannon said he has been working on endurance this offseason and is confident he will be ready.

"Basically practicing hard really," Sannon said. "Getting my endurance up, making sure I don't get tired when the fourth quarter comes. I think I'm good enough to make plays when I'm called upon, I just need to make sure I get in shape."

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Vandals come up just short of championship

Idaho finishes third in Big Sky Championship, three strokes behind champion NAU

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Three shots was all that separated the Idaho women's golf team from the Big Sky Conference champion Northern Arizona Tuesday in Chandler, Arizona.

The Vandals entered the third and final round of the conference championship in second place, four strokes behind Southern Utah. They finished the competition in third place with a 40-over-par 904 and three strokes behind champion Northern Arizona, which shot a 37-over-par 901.

"We were hugely disappointed," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said. "That being said, we played our hearts out. I mean, everyone gave great effort and that's golf and sports. Sometimes you win and sometimes you

don't. We can hold our heads high and know that we gave it our best effort. It just wasn't our week."

The Vandals shot a 301 Sunday and Monday and a 302 Tuesday.

Sacramento State took second in the conference championship with a 39-over-par 903.

Northern Arizona needed to play a solid third round in order to win, and it did just that. The Lumberjacks, who only had to travel about 165 miles south to Chandler from their campus in Flagstaff, shot the low round Tuesday, a 297, to surpass the teams in front of them.

Idaho senior Leilanie Kim, who played in her last conference championship as a Vandal, led Idaho with a score of 7-over-par 223 and tied for fourth.

Johnson said Kim's consistency will not be replaced when she leaves Idaho.

"However, we know that there's big things ahead for her and look forward to following her professional career, and she's one of the

absolute best kids I've ever coached in my entire life," Johnson said. "She's a team player, leader, coachable, genuinely a nice person."

Two other Vandals put their names toward the top of the leaderboard. Sophomore Amy Hasenoehrl shot a 9-over-par 225 and tied for eighth and junior Kristin Strankman shot a 10-over-par 226 and tied for 11th.

Johnson said Hasenoehrl played well and did her part.

"She played hard," Johnson said. "She stepped up when we needed her and we look forward to her continual improvement in the next two years."

Idaho senior Kaitlyn Oster shot her best round of the three-day championship in the final round. Oster shot a three-round, 16-over-par 232 and tied for 27th. Junior Cassie McKinley carded a 22-over-par 238 and tied for 38th to round out the five Vandal golfers.

Even though Idaho didn't win the championship, four out of the five Vandal starters

earned Big Sky awards, which were decided by the Big Sky coaches. The Vandals nabbed three out of the five first team all-conference positions with Kim, Oster and Strankman being selected to the first team. Hasenoehrl earned a spot on the honorable mention team.

Portland State's A Ram Choi continued her Big Sky dominance as she took home the individual Big Sky Championship title for the second year in a row, becoming the first player in Big Sky history to win back-to-back titles and the third player to win the championship twice. Choi also won her third straight Big Sky Women's Golfer of the Year award.

This was the Idaho women's golf team's first time competing for a Big Sky Championship in almost 20 years. During their absence from the conference, the Vandals competed in the Big West and the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

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MEN'S TENNIS

Vandals head to Sac-Town

Idaho gets No. 2 seed in Big Sky Tournament this weekend in Sacramento

Ben Evensen

Argonaut

The 2013-2014 season ended with a conference championship for the Idaho men's tennis team — a WAC championship that is.

A year later, the Vandals head into the conference championships with high hopes of winning two in a row. This year though, it's in the tougher Big Sky Conference.

The top six teams from the Big Sky head off to Sacramento, California, and Gold River Racquet Club for the Big Sky Championship Tournament and for a bid to the NCAA Tournament. Weber State and Idaho clinched the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively, and will get a first-round bye Friday.

"We're looking forward to this weekend and the chance to win a conference title and win the NCAA's," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "It has been a rollercoaster of a season with the team playing amazing at times and struggling at others. This weekend will be about how every player competes."

A rollercoaster of a season is right. After a season-opening loss to Gonzaga, the Vandals ripped off five straight victories and won 10 of their next 13 matches into conference play. That was when

the losses started stacking up, but luckily not to many Big Sky members. A March 16 loss to Wichita State followed by an ugly 2-5 defeat at the hands of Northern Arizona kicked off a 1-4 skid.

When the conference games started again with Idaho State, Montana and North Dakota though, Idaho found itself in the win column again, winning all three. The rest of the season wasn't too pretty though, and the Vandals lost their last three matches to Eastern Washington, Boise State and Utah State.

Idaho finished the year 14-11 with an 8-3 Big Sky record — a three-win improvement from last year's 11-14 record.

Now, the Vandals are set for the championship tournament. Despite finishing tied for third with Montana and Montana State, the Vandals got the tiebreaker and the No. 2 seed.

No. 3 seed Montana plays No. 6 seed Northern Arizona Friday and No. 4 seed Montana State will play No. 5 seed and host of the tournament Sacramento State. Idaho will play the highest remaining seed from those two games Saturday morning, while Weber State will play the lowest.

Idaho has found a lot of success against most teams in the tournament. They beat both Montana State and Sacramento State in Spokane in mid-March and beat Montana April 11 in Lewiston.



Junior Odon Barta prepares to swing during Wednesday's practice at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The Vandals play in the Big Sky Conference Championships in Sacramento, California, this weekend.

Kira Hunter | Argonaut

They lost on the road 2-5 to both Northern Arizona and Weber State in March.

The Big Sky overall is arguably a tougher conference than the WAC was last year. But with Idaho's 3-2 record against the teams in the tournament and its 3-0 record against the three pos-

sible teams they will face in the second round, the championship is within reach.

"We really need all of the players to play at their best to have a chance to win," Beaman said. "This week a lot of our focus was getting healthy, but we will prac-

tice hard on specific parts of some of the guys' games and match play in the California conditions on Thursday and Friday."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Looking for redemption

UI hopes to avenge early-season loss in conference tournament

Joshua Gamez

Argonaut

Last spring, the Vandal women's tennis team was the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament and the No. 1 seed was the hosting team — the New Mexico State Aggies.

Going into the tournament, the Vandals had suffered a tough early season loss to the Aggies before dethroning the top seed en route to the first NCAA Tournament in program history.

The Vandals are looking to do the same thing for the second time in as many seasons as they travel down to Sacramento, California, to participate in the Big Sky Conference Tournament as the No. 2 seed.

The top seed is the hosting Sacramento State Hornets — the same team that defeated Idaho in its first conference match.

"Last year we lost to New Mexico State in the regular season and went on to beat them in the conference finals," senior Sophie Vickers said. "For us returners, it is definitely in our mind. We know that loss to Sac State in the regular season means nothing — the pressure is on them. They are the top seed and they have beaten everyone."

The Hornets are not new to being the top seed either. The last time anyone besides Sacramento State won the Big Sky was 2001.

"They've got the target on their back," Vickers said. "They've won it for the last 13 years, they are playing at home, they are the top seed, undefeated in conference and the rest of us have got nothing to lose."

But before the Vandals can think about a clash with the defending champions, they must first get past their semifinal opponent. Saturday, they will face off with the highest remaining seed from the quarterfinals competition. As a No. 2 seed, Idaho gets to skip the quarterfinals with a bye.

Should the Vandals advance, the team will then have a chance to upset the defending champions.

"I like our chances against Sac State," Cobra said. "The biggest thing for us is advancing past the first round ... Before we can face Sac State, we have to beat Montana or whoever."

Luckily for the Vandals, they have a number of players with experience in conference tournaments and NCAA Tournaments, which Cobra has taken advantage of.

"I think it helps having been through it before," Vickers said. "Being a senior having gone through three conference tournaments before, so you know what is coming up."

Vickers and the other two seniors on the team — Beatriz Flores and Emmie Marx, will have family flying into California to watch what could be potentially their final collegiate matches, but said they are using it as an added motivation.

"Today could potentially have been our last practice on this court, so I mean it is kind of sad, but also motivating," Vickers said. "As seniors, we don't want it to be our last practice on these courts."

The leadership the three have brought to the team this week and all season have been invaluable, Cobra said.

Along with this, the Vandals have being an underdog behind Sacramento State going for them as well.

"I love the fact that we lost to them in the regular season and I love the fact that they have won for 13 years," Cobra said. "They definitely have the home-court advantage, but I really like our chances against them. I am more worried about the first round than anything."

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BATTLING THE BRONCOS



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The UI men's club lacrosse team practices Wednesday. Idaho travels to Boise State to play the Broncos at 1 p.m. Saturday.

LINEHAN

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pounds over the course of the season.

"I think that just helps me with being able to take the extra hits," Linehan said of the weight gain. "Also, just building the muscle. I feel faster, I feel stronger and feel like I can make more throws than I did last year."

While Linehan worked to become more of an all-around quarterback, Erickson said both he and Luton bring something different to the table.

"Obviously, Matt's got some experience and that showed this spring," Erickson said. "Then Jake, the more reps he gets the better he's gonna continue to get. He's getting more familiar with the offense and where to go with the football."

Linehan might have the upper hand in most categories, but Luton's arm strength is unmatched. Sophomore wide receiver David Ungerer remembers the first time he caught a Luton pass.

"We did a one-day camp with each other going into our senior years of high school," Ungerer said. "He threw to me all day long and my hands were beat, it was terrible. He had this old football and every time he throws the ball it's coming in hot."

Luton didn't get to throw much in high school, though. As the

quarterback for Washington's Marysville Pilchuck High School, Luton spent most of his playing time handing the ball off.

Historically, Marysville has been known for its run-heavy offense. It wasn't rare to see Luton only pass the ball 10 times per game in high school. Idaho averaged 40 passing attempts per game last season.

Linehan has witnessed many impressive throws from Luton this spring and each time he celebrates as if he threw it himself. He said the competition between him and Luton hasn't affected their relationship on or off the field.

"We're really good friends," he said. "We've got a good relationship off the field and when we're working on it ... He's going to make me better and I'm going to make him better."

Heading into the Silver and Gold Spring Game, which will be held at 6 p.m. Friday in the Kibbie Dome, Petrino said both quarterbacks will spend time with the first team.

However, Erickson said the starting job won't be on the line Friday night.

"It's a competition, and nothing is given here at the University of Idaho," he said. "They'll be competing from now until that first game against Ohio."

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NEW

FROM PAGE 8

With Shannon's new larger role with the wide receivers, sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan took to giving him a new nickname.

"Jacob Sannon, I mean that's Optimus Prime," Linehan said. "You got Megatron (Calvin Johnson) in Detroit, but I call (Sannon) Optimus Prime. That dude is unreal. He does everything right. He's everything you want in a receiver."

So far this spring, Idaho coach Paul Petrino has taken notice to the fantastic play both Sannon and Epps have been exhibiting, as well as sophomore receiver and Pullman native David Ungerer.

"I would say as the year has gone on, right now Dezmon would be number one, Jacob would be number two and Ungerer would be number three," Petrino said. "Those three have played well. Our top three have played well. Our top three are probably playing better right now than our top three played

last season."

No other Vandal wide receivers still on the roster managed to get into the stat book last year, except junior Deon Watson. There's just one difference this year — Watson is playing tight end instead of wide receiver.

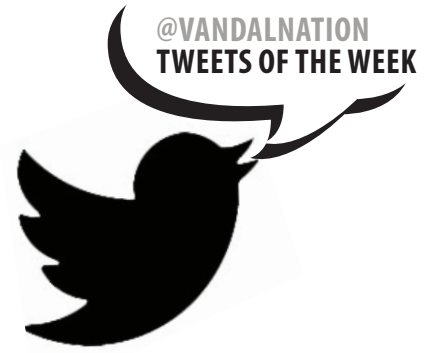
"I'm still pretty fresh at it," Watson said. "It's taking me a little time ... It's a whole different aspect when you're on the line."

At 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, the Coeur d'Alene native certainly has the height for the position, but he knows he has stuff to work on.

"My footwork, I gotta work on that," Watson said. "Just knowing the plays. I was always a receiver ... It's been a big change for me, but I'm willing to work and study the plays and I think I'll be there in no time."

The wide receiver and tight end groups have a new look going into next season, but with how they've played this spring there should be plenty of weapons for Linehan to throw to in 2015.

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The Silver and Gold spring game is on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the

Kibbie Dome! Admission is free. #GoVandals

Idaho football players will compete for starting positions for the final time this spring in the annual Silver and Gold Game.



@SKramerWrites

Petrino said Matt Linehan and Jake Luton will both get time with the first

team on Friday night, w/ Luton also going with 2s w/ Gunnar Amos.

Sean Kramer, of the Spokesman Review, tweets about what Idaho coach Paul Petrino said regarding the quarterback rotation going into the spring game.



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@vandalstennis: Both the @Idaho_Vandals men's and women's tennis teams are two

seeds in the upcoming @BigSky-Conf Championships. @uidaho

Idaho Public Radio tweets the news about both Idaho tennis teams earning No. 2 seeds in the Big Sky Conference Tournament this weekend in California — both will also have a bye in the first round.



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A little more slender, Idaho Vandals running back Penny is better

The Idaho Statesman tweets a link to a story regarding the strides senior running back Elijah Penny has made in the offseason.



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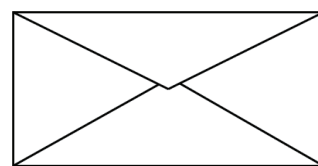
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An unfair distribution

Proposed CEC initiatives leave some employees behind

It's no secret the University of Idaho has been bleeding highly qualified, competent employees at all levels for several years now.

It's not that UI isn't a great place to be, but when the majority of employees can drive 10 minutes to Washington State University and increase their salary by thousands of dollars without having to move, it's a bit of a no-brainer.

But people aren't just leaving for the higher salaries eight miles away. Employees are leaving for better paying jobs all over the country, and many of them are leaving for places where employee morale — and pay — is substantially higher.

Although not much in the grand scheme of things, a state-mandated 3 percent Change in Employee Compensation was

expected to suppress the bleeding, at least for a little bit. At the very least, the 3 percent CEC would improve morale across the board.

But university administrators recently announced that instead of a 3 percent increase for all of its employees, they hope to divide a portion of the \$3.1 million among three initiatives that will give some employees higher raises than others and provide a way to persuade those threatening to leave to reconsider UI.

The initiatives, which include raising the university minimum wage to \$12.02 and providing longevity and distinguished employee raises, are great. No one would argue UI shouldn't give its employees livable wages or reward people for exemplary work. These are good things the university is trying to do.

But the purpose of CEC is to provide all employees with a long-overdue 3 percent raise that

doesn't even compare to the rate at which living expenses have increased since the economic recession six years ago.

As the cost of living increases, employees have essentially taken annual pay cuts when their salaries haven't risen proportional to — or even in conjunction with — inflation.

Now skilled employees at all levels could take the hit and receive less of a wage increase because the university needs to be able to offer more money to skilled employees threatening to leave.

While this is certainly a useful tool for the university in retaining those highly skilled and necessary employees, it caters to those who have the ability and desire to threaten to leave.

UI is filled with employees who love the university and want to work here for that reason alone. They don't want to leave for WSU or any other university

because they are dedicated and passionate about this university.

So a miniscule 3 percent raise that was intended to boost, or at least maintain, employee morale might not actually be used to help those most dedicated employees feel appreciated — the ones that have no intention of leaving — and that's a shame.

The university has to make a choice, to no fault of their own, as to whether they want to achieve the salary goals they've set or give a raise across the board, and that's a hard place for decision makers to be when there's no realistic way to do both things.

In a state that doesn't seem to understand the value of highly qualified employees in higher education, or even the value of higher education in general, it's left up to the universities to find ways to increase pay for employees, and it's simply not feasible.

— **KK**

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Ha. Ha. Ha.

What do you get when you mix a joke with a rhetorical question?

—**Ryan**

Krokodil

Reading about 30 articles on one drug takes a while. Writing a 12-page paper will take longer.

—**Claire**

Bobby Jindal

I'm glad to see at least one governor refuse to stand down in the same-sex marriage debate. Governor Jindal, you are awesome. Stand strong.

—**Andrew**

Time to kill

I'll be spending this summer in Moscow. I'm gonna need to get some hobbies ... and some friends.

—**Jack**

Boise bound

Looking forward to spending the weekend in Boise with my family and eating all the free homemade meals I can!

—**Erin**

Technology is cool

I can now text my family that lives on the other side of the globe the same as I can text my friend sitting next to me. If that's not pretty neat then I don't know what is.

—**Kaitlyn**

3s for days

The NBA might kind of be a joke at times, but the playoffs are the last chance we get to watch basketball for a while. Let's go Steph Curry and Golden State!

—**Stephan**

Spring football

It comes to an end Friday night, and as much fun as I've had covering it, I'm pretty thrilled to not have it on my schedule for the rest of the school year.

—**Korbin**

One Tree Hill

I have watched so many episodes since my surgery on Monday. Here's to feeling better so I can find more productive ways to spend my time these last few weeks.

—**Amber**

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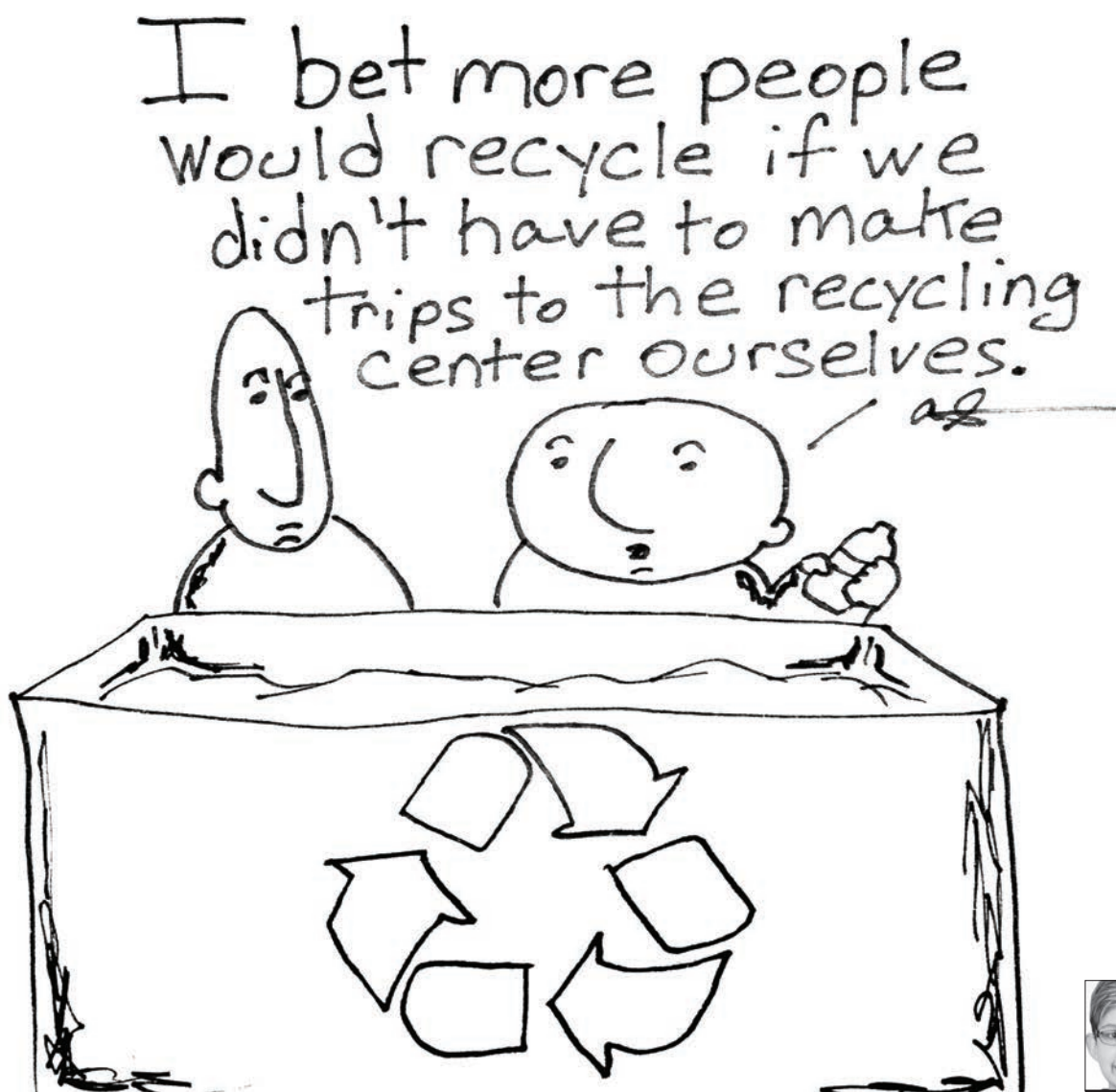
Sending happy thoughts to everyone going through rough times right now.

—**Katelyn**

One day at a time

It's a little overwhelming, but at this point, I'm just going to do my best to enjoy the next three weeks in between the tests, projects and presentations.

—**Daphne**



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Sharing Moscow stories

Moscow has a rich history and a story on every corner

Moscow has spunk. As prospective students visit the cozy university community for the first time, it's hard not to be sucked in by the town's charisma.

Even though a huge chunk of the city's population changes every four years, there's a reason Vandal alumni look back on their time here so fondly.

Moscow is a tight-knit community and the town's larger-than-life personality and off-the-wall quirkiness give the city the feeling of an old friend. The people who live here are colorful, and the history is rich — anyone who has ever been curious enough to venture into the heart of Moscow's identity knows the town has plenty of interesting stories to tell. Here are a few of the most notable stories that still circulate around town today.

People disagree where the name Moscow originally came from, but one popular story says

a Russian Muscovite founded a trading post here in the mid-1800s and someone creative decided to name the city after him. The name was changed and re-changed, but before it settled back to Moscow in 1875, it was called Paradise Valley and Hog Heaven by early settlers.

While no one would argue the area isn't beautiful, many southern Idahoans wonder why the state's land-grant university lies so far away from the rest of the state's cultural hubs.

The answer to that question is Lewiston. Still sore after losing the capital to Boise in 1865, they were happy to learn that Congress had voted to give the Idaho panhandle back to Washington.

When President Grover Cleveland vetoed the bill, lawmakers created the University of Idaho as a kind of peace offering for Northern Idaho. Idaho received statehood one year later.

After the original UI Administration Building burned down in 1906, the university regents commissioned Boise architect John Tourtellotte to design a new one.

He presented them with plans for what would become the Administration Building that stands today — a fireproof building, Tourtellotte assured the regents.

Around the same time in 1908, the iconic Administration Lawn was designed by the Olmsted brothers, whose family-owned firm had also designed the U.S. Capitol grounds and Central Park in New York City, as well as the grounds of other American universities such as Stanford and Notre Dame.

In the 1930s, Moscow pharmacist Frank "Doc" Robinson started a New Thought religion called Psychiana. The mail-order religion — \$20 for 20 lessons, money back guaranteed — was so successful the Moscow post office received a Class A Rating.

Robinson died of a heart attack several years later, but not before using his wealth to become a community philanthropist and building two more buildings in downtown Moscow. He liked white brick.

Until 1987, the drinking age in Idaho was 19, but in Washington it was 21. This meant every weekend, WSU students would pile into

their cars, come to Moscow to get drunk and then drive home. The Moscow-Pullman Highway wasn't widened from a two-lane road until 2007, and the frigid Palouse winters often left it icy at night.

Because of this, the eight miles between Moscow and Pullman became known as one of the most dangerous stretches of highway in the nation. When the Idaho drinking age was adjusted, the number of deaths on U.S. Highway 95 plummeted.

Many students are familiar with the TabiKat Drag Show productions that are held once a month. The drag shows are put on by the couple who owns local comic book store Safari Pearl, Tabitha Simmons and Kathy Sprague.

Sprague and friends put on the first drag show in Moscow in February 1995 for her birthday to honor a close friend who had died of AIDS. The first show attracted about 50 people. Today, the productions have grown to bring a full house every month.

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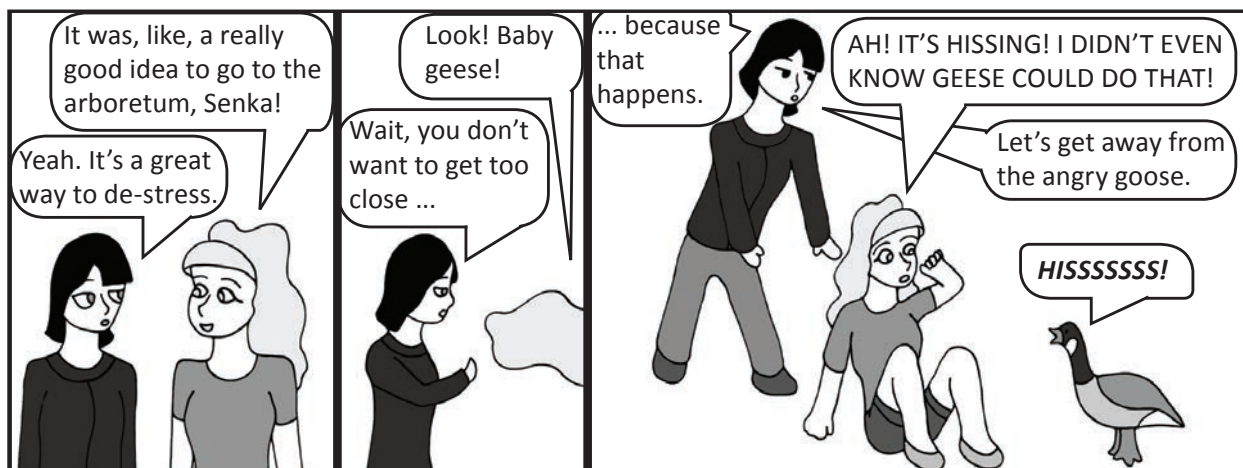
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Sporting a gender divide

Differences between men and women still continue in sports

Lacrosse has a reputation of being a violent, physical sport that requires the stamina and aggression of an action hero. At the end of "Mean Girls," Regina George finally channels her rage into lacrosse and triumphantly bashes people with her stick as she charges down the field.



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While "Mean Girls" made the prospect of a grueling sport look thrilling to play, in reality, women's lacrosse operates under a much more stringent set of guidelines than men's lacrosse. A significant gender divide still exists in the world of sports, a divide exemplified by the different sets of rules between men and women's lacrosse.

Women's lacrosse prohibits full physical contact between opposing players, while men's lacrosse allows body checking and contact. This may seem like a small difference, but it fundamentally changes the way the game is played. While men's field lacrosse is often a physical battle of brawn, women's lacrosse is forced to become a battle of strategy — due to the prohibition of full physical contact.

The difference between rules reinforces stereotypes that are long overdue for a funeral. Women can take hits just as well as men and should not be subjected to rules reinforcing the idea of a women's weakness.

The gender divide in all sports can be traced back to traditional gender roles and values. Traditionally, men play sports to establish their masculinity while women concern themselves with their appearance and clothing. The National Football League compared to the Lingerie Football League is only one example of how the same sport, played by different genders, reflects different gender ideas.

Gender roles even carry over into intramural sports at the University of Idaho. For co-ed UI intramural sports, women are given a scoring advantage over men in some sports. For instance, when a woman scores a goal in UI intramural co-ed soccer, it's worth two points. If a man scores, it's only one.

Butch Fealy, director of UI Intramural Sports, said women demanded this rule. He said women felt that without the rule, they would never get passed the ball or have equal opportunities to participate in intramural teams.

It's sad that an inherently sexist rule is needed to combat sexism.

The misconception that all men have more experience in athletics compared to women often results in men taking charge of co-ed teams under the misguided belief that they have more to contribute than the women on their teams. Competitive spirit is one thing, but a grown man hoarding the soccer ball from his capable teammates is almost childlike.

Now, painting men with a broad brush of sexism is harsh. After all, most men don't join intramural sports with the express goal of stomping on a female soccer player's competitive dreams.

That being said, someone watching a co-ed intramural game can see the gender divides.

It's hard to argue against the need for a special point scoring system for women when there are still gender biases on the playing field.

While intramurals offer an exciting way to bond with other students, beyond bragging rights, there is no tangible outcome for winning.

If the ability to say "I won" trumps including female team members to the point that a special rule is needed, something needs to change.

Intramural sports are offered to give students a chance to bond and get some exercise. It's up to students to make sure bonding actually occurs.

The change should instead come from students and the culture of sports to begin with. Men can help by allowing female team members chances to score and contribute in intramural games.

Women can contribute by taking charge of intramural teams and not accepting the actions of uncooperative teammates. Together, cooperation between genders can remove the need for sexist gender-specific rules.

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Otter's veto is nonsensical

I think the recent veto by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter reflects a culture of archaic and deep-rooted social misconceptions that exist in Idaho.

Otter attempted to halt the Idaho Court systems from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, which has legitimately no legal reasoning besides traditionally conservative rhetoric.

Otter has consistently taken stances on issues that are seemingly nonsensical, especially for Idahoans who support policies based on facts and statistics, like myself.

So, when Otter vetoed a bill that would allow children with a severe form of epilepsy to be treated with non-psychotropic oil extracted from cannabis, I was outraged.

The Epilepsy Foundation, the United Patients Group, CURE (Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy) and a host of research groups have consistently stated that cannabis can drastically decrease the amount of seizures children have.

Parents of children affected by epilepsy should have the option of an effective treatment.

In time, I hope Idahoans realize our governor does have the ability to affect policies that can change the lives of every day citizens, and when a predominantly conservative legislature pass progressive legislation such as this cannabis bill for children, so too should our governor.

Stetson Holman

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