

THE ARGONAUT

A weekend for DAD

Students look forward to events, spending quality time with their dads

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

During a weekend known for football, junior Austin Karstetter looks forward to something simpler — hanging out with his old man.

“Just relaxing, having a burger or something like that, and just mingling with all my friends and their parents,” Karstetter said, mentioning he and his dad plan on attending a fraternity barbecue over the weekend.

In the first event weekend of the school year, Vandal Dads will fill campus this weekend, catching up with their children, tailgating and taking part in university events on and off campus.

Karstetter, a member of Phi Gamma Delta, said his dad is often busy running an orchard in Central Washington, so he always looks forward to some father-son time.

“It’s really awesome just to spend time with him, because every time I go home he’s always working,” Karstetter said.

During the week, Karstetter said they often go out to dinner, tailgate outside the Kibbie Dome and watch the football game over the weekend. He said they have also made a habit of attending many University of Idaho Dads’ Weekend events, and plan on attending the Moscow Block Party and the beer tasting event this year.

Karstetter is also an executive board member on the Student Alumni Relations Board, which oversees the Dads’ Weekend events.

When Dads’ Weekend rolled around his freshman year, Karstetter said he couldn’t wait to see his dad again. He said the event weekend is placed at the perfect time in the school year.

Senior Joe Cardona knows the feeling. “You don’t see them for months at a time — you don’t really think about it — but when you see them you’re like ‘Man, I was homesick,’” Cardona said.

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Showcasing a dad

Students vote to choose the Dad of the Year on Dads’ Weekend

Katie Colson
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Six dads are nominated, but only one will be named Dad of the Year.

Beside all the University of Idaho events over the next few days, Dads’ Weekend also includes a competition called Dad of the Year.

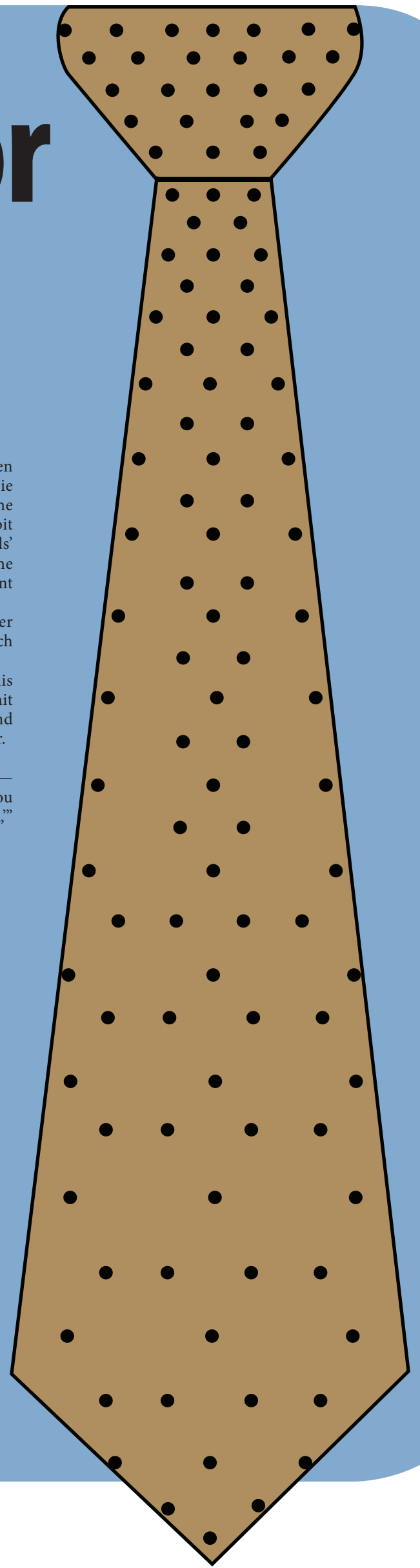
Students submitted a short essay about why they think their dad should be Dad of the Year, as well as a picture of their dad.

Submissions were then posted on the Dad of the Year Facebook page and students will have three days to vote for their favorite dad by liking their post on the page. After the voting is closed, the Dads’ Weekend Committee and SARb will make the final decision.

This is the first year the competition had been online, and Dads’ Weekend Committee Chair Rosemary Coldsnow said she thinks students like how much more interactive the competition is.

“It’s exciting for the students to showcase their dads,” Coldsnow said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Not an accurate assessment

Faculty Senate discusses potential changes to student evaluations

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

At the end of every semester, University of Idaho professors turn to their students to evaluate and assess their teaching abilities and their course.

Yet, according to Jennifer Johnson-Leung, chair of the Teaching and Advising Committee, the student evaluations are not an accurate test of the true quality of a course or professor.

“These student evaluations of teaching don’t correlate with student learning,” Johnson-Leung said, speaking at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. “They’re not a measure of teacher quality.”

The Teaching and Advising Committee’s goal is to improve the evaluation process so it has a positive impact. Johnson-Leung said since the university is mandated to have student evaluations, they should make sure they assess the level of education students receive rather than the level of popularity a professor has gained.

“No matter how we change these forms, they’re not going to measure instructional quality,” she said. “That’s not going to happen.”



Johnson-Leung

The committee developed several changes for the evaluations last year, but UI President Chuck Staben rejected the changes. Johnson-Leung said she thinks the main objection was toward the changes made to the two mandatory questions at the end of the evaluation form.

She said the changes were mainly focused on the wording of the questions, and in the proposed version, there was no question specifically asking students to rate the overall quality of the course or the instructor.

“Those are the questions that are tied into the research on the validity of these tools,” she said.

Johnson-Leung said in her discus-

sions about the efficiency of evaluations, she found most of the people she talked to agreed the evaluations did not assess the quality of an instructor.

“I think in some sense we’re beating a dead horse over these questions,” said Faculty Senate member Mike Anderson from the College of Engineering.

In fact, Johnson-Leung said she doesn’t think any changes to the forms would improve them enough to be a useful assessment of professors. A solution to this issue is to simply create new tools to suit their needs and to develop instructors to take different approaches for teaching, Johnson-Leung said.

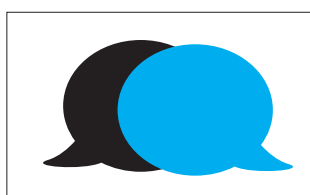
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Overnight Oats

We're a month into the semester and classes, homework, jobs and extracurriculars are in full swing. For many students, that can seriously add up to zero free time. Last night, as I was becoming desperate to find a way to do what I love and eat, I happened upon a lifesaving gem of a breakfast called "overnight oats."

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup oats
- About 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup fruit
- 1 loaf white bread
- Any other flavoring you want (maple syrup, brown sugar, etc.)
- Optional granola for crunch

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients into your container and cap the lid
2. Pop it in the fridge before you go to bed
3. Wake up in the morning with a dreadful feeling of almost being late and still having to cook breakfast
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CITY

Similar colors, contamination problems

Council agrees City of Moscow should help mitigate costs

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Moscow City Council members agreed to fund new roll carts for Latah Sanitation, Inc. and appeased requests for adoption of two new park designs at their meeting Monday.

Mayor Bill Lambert said debate has been going on for a long time over what to do with \$123,000 worth of rolling carts LSI ordered that do not meet city standards.

The issue came about in early August after the city, in partnership with solid waste franchise LSI, began the process of implementing a new single stream curbside-recycling program.

Roll carts used for solid waste collection were ordered in a color that did not meet city specifications, due to the color being too similar to other carts LSI owns.

Sanitation Operator Tim Davis expressed concern that similar colors in the carts have the potential to cause confusion in waste disposal, which he said could lead to further problems of contamination.

LSI had been required to foot the bill of the cart order that the city rejected, and Davis said the mix up has become a financial burden to the company.

Councilman Walter Steed repeatedly asked Davis and his sup-

porters if there was anything the company could do with the carts and expressed reluctance to vote yes.

"I don't know if it's the government's place to subsidize business when the business made the mistake," Krauss said.

LSI members had already agreed to try to sell the carts and give 70 percent of the cost recovery to the city.

President of Idaho Solid Waste Association Joe Johnson said he was concerned LSI would be blamed for any contamination costs that might arise due to confusion on cart color.

Councilman Art Bettge said it would be better for the new recycling program to start out on a good foot.

When contaminated waste is sent to the Moscow Recycling Center, the Latah County Solid Waste Department must ship it back and LSI pays for the shipping costs.

Steed expressed concern for the amount of time already used to debate the issue and thus voted yes for the city to help mitigate costs.

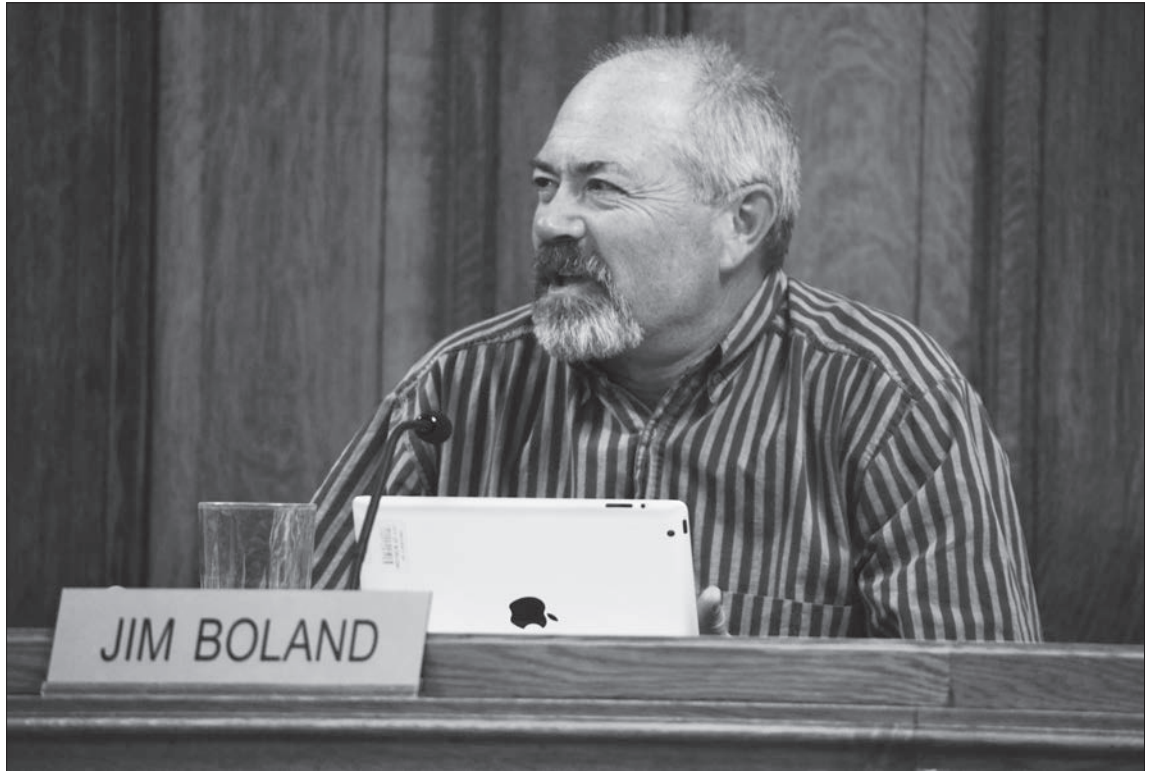
"I'm not thrilled about this," Steed said of his vote.

The council voted unanimously for the City to help mitigate costs of the carts.

Park designs

Designs for future Itani and Indian Hills parks were also adopted at the meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Dwight Curtis presented final designs created through a collabora-



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Counsel member Jim Boland asked Latah Sanitation about whether they have plans to clean up contamination due to people confusing recycling from trash containers due to the color looking the same.

tive series of workshops Moscow citizens were involved in.

"We really wanted their input on this since it's close to their homes and properties," Curtis said.

Cost of construction was a concern echoed throughout the council as the cost of both parks is expected to total over \$1.2 million.

"We are blessed with park land,

but not blessed with park development," Steed said. "If we try to do these one at a time, I don't know who in this room will be alive to see it."

Curtis said two more parks are in the works by the parks department.

On a side note, Mayor Lambert announced the City of Moscow was one of 52 communities out of 500 total to win five gold awards

for the Let's Move! campaign last week at The White House. The campaign focuses on promoting healthy communities through healthy diet and exercise.

The council will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday for a Draft Facility Study presentation.

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CAMPUS

The unlikely survival of Kevin Hines

Kevin Hines will speak to students about his struggle with mental illness

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Argonaut

When Kevin Hines was 19 years old, he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Two years later he attempted suicide by jumping off of the Golden Gate Bridge and miraculously survived the 746-foot fall.

Hines now travels across the globe to spread awareness for suicide prevention. He will host an event on campus from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday in the International Ballroom at the Bruce Pitman Center.

The Mental Health Talk will be sponsored by the Counseling and

Testing Center. The event is free and open to the public.

"He will talk about what was going through his mind as he was jumping from the bridge," said Kayla Burke, suicide prevention coordinator at the University of Idaho. "I think that will be pretty intense for a lot of people."

Hines is also the author of the bestselling book "Cracked Not Broken" and has received many awards for courageously sharing his story with others.

Burke said she called about nine months ago to book Hines for the appearance.

Before the presentation, Hines will present his ten-step guide to maintaining physical and mental wellness at a workshop open to

any faculty or staff of the university.

This workshop will take place from 9-11 a.m. Monday in the Aurora room of the Idaho Commons. Any staff members who are interested can sign up online.

Burke, who lost her brother to suicide at a young age, said that she is excited to have Hines come to campus and share his story.

"Kevin has an interesting story because I personally don't hear much from people who have attempted and survived," Burke said of the speaker. "I think that more students need to hear that story because it will really inspire students and provides hope to those

who are struggling and thinking about killing themselves."

This event will allow students to gain perspective on how suicidal people think and what some warning signs of a potentially suicidal person may look like, Burke said.

The presentation will last about an hour and will be followed by a Q&A session where students can directly ask Hines about his experience. Also, if a student is interested in talking to Hines one-on-one, Burke said that Hines will be available after the Q&A for any other questions.

"I haven't been hugely affected by suicide in my life, but his story

sounds really interesting," said UI student Brittany Brown. "I would definitely be interested in hearing how he found happiness after attempting suicide."

The presentation doesn't just aim to help those struggling with depression or suicidal thoughts, but also will provide information on preventing a friend from attempting suicide.

"(Hines) talks about a lot of the warning signs and behavioral clues he gave off before his attempt and no one around him was really paying attention to that," Burke said, "As people in the Vandal community we need to be aware when someone needs help."

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STUDENT LIFE

Practice mindfulness

UI program aims to help people focus, be present in moment

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

The Mindfulness Meditation program is the gym for the mind.

"The idea behind mindfulness isn't to force positive thinking," said Jamie Derrick, a psychologist for the Department of Psychology and Communication Studies and the teacher of Mindfulness Meditation. "The idea behind mindfulness is to be present with whatever you actually are experiencing."

Since January, Mindfulness Meditation has been held from noon to 12:25 p.m. Wednesdays in the Borah Theatre of the Bruce Pitman Center.

The program has an open-door policy and accepts anyone interested in taking it, including students, staff and community members.

Derrick said the program aims to increase focus and to help individuals be present in every experience, whether negative, positive or neutral. Such mindfulness improves performance in many aspects of life, Derrick said, including academics, professions and athletics.

She said the class also emphasizes training attitude to find self-respect and self-acceptance in order to reduce stress, with self-acceptance being a major contributor to stress reduction.

"The two together are just like this magnificent thing," Derrick said.

Finding a place to hold the program hasn't exactly been easy, though. Derrick has to find a new location each semester. The Borah Theatre is a student space, so Derrick wouldn't have been able to access it without sponsorship from ASUI and the



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Students, faculty and community members perform a 25 minute Mindfulness Meditation guided by Jamie Derrick Wednesday.

Sustainability Center.

Derrick said having these sponsors is essential for the class.

Derrick began a 21-day mindfulness challenge podcast Sept. 21. The podcast features 5-minute mindfulness meditations, and over



500 registered people receive it in their email.

Derrick said she chose the 21-day time-frame because that's how long it takes to develop a habit. Although registration is over, the podcasts can still be accessed on Derrick's pro-

fessional and personal website.

Derrick is also looking into finding other ways for mindfulness to be accessed electronically.

In the end, the goal for Mindfulness Meditation is to help students be in the present and respond to their experiences in a calm and respectful manner.

"Our world has lots of problems," Derrick said. "To me, it's like a little way to change the world we live in, starting with our campus."

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SAFETY WEEK

Question, persuade, refer

The steps to take when helping someone who may be depressed or suicidal

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

Confronting someone who is going through a hard time tends to be difficult and sometimes awkward when the right words are hard to come by.

At the Suicide Prevention Training workshop last week, Suicide Prevention Coordinator Kayla Burke showed students how to approach a friend who may be having suicidal thoughts.

The workshop began with establishing the three main steps in helping a friend in need: ques-

tion, persuade and refer.

Burke introduced statistics concluding that having feelings of desperation or hopelessness is common in the student population. High anxiety also tends to lead to depression and even suicidal thoughts, she said.

Some warning signs that the workshop listed included unexplained anger, alcohol or drug abuse and recent loss of a close friend or family member. Warning signs vary for each person, but the workshop emphasized that students need to take them seriously if they think their friend could be suicidal.

The first step to help a friend recover is simply asking if they have been having suicidal

thoughts, Burke said.

"If in doubt, don't wait. Ask the question. The longer you wait, the more potential there is for harm," Burke said last week during her presentation. "So if you have that instinct right away, I suggest you do something about it as quickly as you can."

The final step to preventing someone from harming themselves is referring them to the Counseling and Testing Center on campus and making sure they are committed to getting better, Burke said.

"You may have to help them walk to the Counseling and Testing Center or pick up the phone and call the number. The



best referral is taking the person to someone who can directly help like a doctor or trusted adult," Burke said.

An After-Hours Crisis Line is also available 24-hours for all students at (208) 885-6716.

There is even a Suicidal Behavioral Assessment Team (SBAT) that can be contacted if a student feels uncomfortable trying to help someone who they think may be suicidal.

The SBAT allows any student to anonymously report if they believe someone may be in danger of committing suicide. SBAT will conduct an assessment and try to help the person if they

decide that further action should be taken.

The presentation concluded with letting students know that it is OK to seek help and that there are many on-campus resources available.

"It's kind of stigmatizing talking about suicide so it's good to let people know that it's an OK topic to talk about and hopefully makes people feel less awkward," said Alice Zhen, a student that attended the workshop.

This suicide prevention workshop was part of Campus Safety Week that promoted a safer environment at UI.

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ASUI Senators meet in the Idaho Commons Wednesday for their weekly ASUI Senate meeting. ASUI leaders have placed a focus on a medical amnesty policy in past years.

Wren writes resolution

ASUI moves forward on medical amnesty, funds FACES

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

A resolution in support of a statewide medical amnesty bill will likely come to the floor of the ASUI Senate next week, said Directory of Policy Nick Wren, who is preparing the resolution.

If passed, the resolution would be the next step in ASUI's push for a statewide law to remove minor consumption and possession citations in situations where the charges could prevent a person from getting immediate medical care.

"The goal of the policy is to reduce barriers for calling for help," said ASUI President Max Cowan, who has been advocating for the bill since his return to the presidency.

When ASUI Lobbyist Nate Fisher brings the proposal to the state legislature this spring, it has the potential to become

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The goal of the policy is to reduce barriers for calling for help.

Max Cowan,
ASUI President

a law many years in the making.

Over the past few years, Wren, Fisher, Cowan and ASUI Senate Parliamentarian Tanner Beymer have all had a hand in getting this bill to where it is now.

The project first came up in ASUI during spring of 2013 when UI administration announced changes to the Student Code of Conduct, including the addition of medical amnesty.

"But that still left the criminal justice system and the problems there," Beymer said.

At the time, ASUI showed support for the Student Code of Conduct change, but ex-

pressed concerns that it did not go far enough.

During his first term as president, Cowan began pushing for a law. Fisher assumed the effort when he was elected to the ASUI presidency in 2014, and since Cowan's reelection, the project has continued to move forward.

"What we thought we might be able to do is pass something at the city level," Wren said.

The plan, at the time, would only affect the Moscow Police Department. This constraint became the fatal flaw in the plan when they eventually talked with the city attorney, who informed them the proposal would not be possible under current state law, Beymer said.

Wren is working with Cowan and Fisher on the current version of the project as director of policy, but last year he worked on the project as director of Health and Wellness.

ASUI still wanted exemption from

criminal charges, something the university policy could not do.

When Cowan picked up the project this year, he knew this time, it would have to be a statewide law.

"I think there are many people around our campus and our state that are scared of calling for help, not only because they're worried about themselves but because they don't want to get their friends in trouble," Wren said.

The Wednesday ASUI Senate meeting was the first where new senator McKenzie MacDonald sat as a voting senator. She has already joined a project, one to support TurboVote to get more new potential voters registered.

The senate passed the bill and resolution to support abuse prevention group FACES, as well as Botello's resolution to thank firefighters.

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GREEK LIFE

The horrors of hazing

Students learn hazing prevention techniques during National Hazing Prevention Week

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University of Idaho students discussed safety and prevention techniques at an anti-hazing event as part of National Hazing Prevention Week Tuesday evening in the International Ballroom.

Dean of students Blaine Eckles started off the event by asking the students to give examples of hazing.

"Making a kid do pushups," one man said.

"Scavenger hunts," another said.

"Paddling," another said.

"Absolutely, yes," Eckles replied.

Hazing was defined at the event as "any action taken or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team, whether new or not, regardless of the person's willingness to participate."

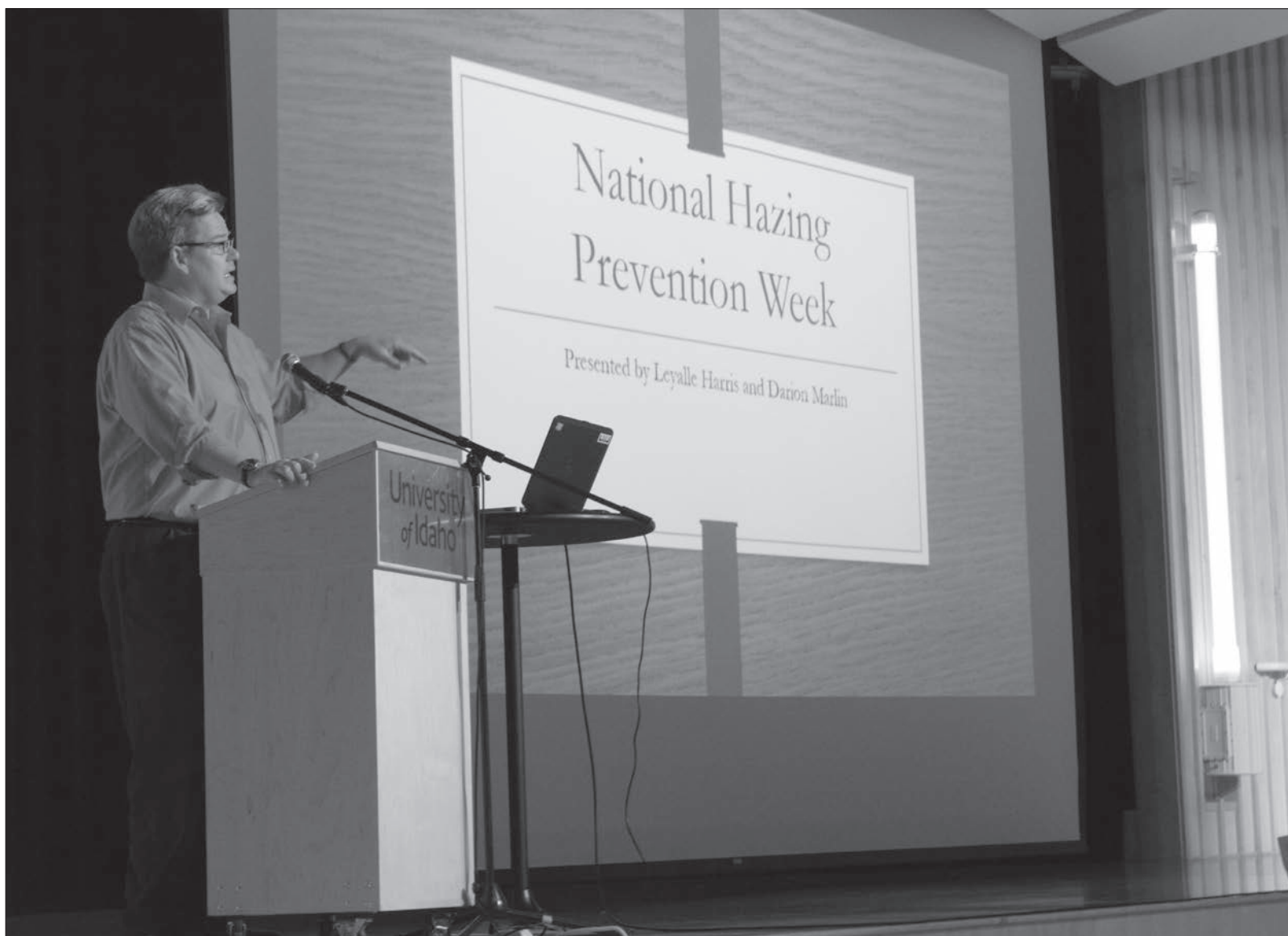
UI's own definition adds to the previous one by including activities that "cause physical or mental discomfort or distress," activities that demean any person or activities that involve the destruction or removal of public or private property.

Assistant Greek Life Adviser Leyalle Harris said most students don't realize that anti-hazing laws exist in the UI Student Code of Conduct.

"A lot of people think it's a tradition," Harris said.

College campuses nationwide commemorate hazing prevention week. It is particularly aimed at student organizations like Greek living and student athletics, where hazing is known to occur.

Turnout was expected



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Dean of Students Blaine Eckles addresses students at an anti-hazing event Tuesday evening in the Bruce Pitman Center.

to be between 600-700 students, Harris said. Yet the actual turnout was closer to 100 students, mostly from Greek housing.

During the event, Harris referenced a story that made headlines in 2013. The New York Times reported a student at Baruch College died after being forced to run through the snow blindfolded with a sand-filled backpack weighing 20-30 pounds as he broke through a knot of his fraternity brothers.

The New York Times reported last week that five students will be charged with third-degree murder

for his death.

"We [Greek students] seem to have a big problem," Harris said of the prevalence

of hazing in Greek communities in general.

She said she does not believe UI specifically has a hazing problem, though.

It was reported in February that the UI chapter of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) received disciplinary action for hazing. The chapter was to stay on probation through the 2017-2018 year, but sanctions were lifted less than a month later. Conflict between FIJI alumni and former Dean of Students

Craig Chatriand led him to resigning in March.

Alpha Kappa Lambda sophomore Akash Singh said everyone in his house attended Tuesday's event. He said the chapter does not condone hazing and that fact was made clear to incoming freshman.

This is a characteristic not necessarily common to every house, AKL freshman Garrett Woelfl said.

"There were a few that seemed a little 'hazy,'" Woelfl said of other chapters he met during recruitment.

Members of the UI chapter of Kappa Delta said they too got an impression of safety from their house.

Kappa Delta freshman

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If you're a human being you should not haze or be hazed. That's just a thing.

Rachael Wilkinson,
Kappa Delta freshman

Rachael Wilkinson said she felt a sense of safety and family in Kappa Delta, which has a national policy against hazing. Wilkinson said the anti-hazing policy was one of the first things members of her house discussed upon being inducted.

"I didn't see [anti-

hazing policies] in a lot of houses going through recruitment," Wilkinson said. "It was something that was very emphasized at Kappa Delta."

In place of the bonding that hazing is supposed to accomplish, Kappa Delta junior Lexi Suomi, said the women play games, have movie parties and take pictures together, among other activities.

"If you're a human being you should not haze or be hazed," Wilkinson said. "That's just a thing."

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Police log

Sept. 22

8:57 a.m. Paradise Creek Street

Someone hit the elevator alarm.

10:53 a.m. South Main Street — Moscow Family Medicine

Police arrested a 51-year-old disorderly male from Lapwai for assault.

11:20 a.m. Baker Street

Someone stole items from a 1996 Honda Accord including the car stereo and a camera.

12:03 p.m. Baker Street

Someone broke into another vehicle. No property was stolen. Yet, police found the camera stolen from the previous vehicle.

5:37 p.m. South Blaine Street — Safeway

Caller reported their wallet missing. It was later found in a cart inside the store. Nothing was stolen.

5:42 p.m. South Main Street — Moscow Family Medicine

Disorderly Lapwai male returned to Moscow Family Medicine.

7:05 p.m. Paradise Creek Street — LLC 5

Someone hit the elevator alarm again.

11:35 p.m. Blake Avenue — Kappa Sigma

Caller reported males urinating on a lawn.

Sept. 21

7:52 a.m. South Logan Street — Moscow RV

Caller reported someone stole the door off their RV.

10:44 a.m. South Blaine Street — Lena Whitmore Elementary

Someone damaged the toilet paper dispenser in a porta-potty.

1:19 p.m. White Avenue — Spence Hardware

Police cited and released a woman, 34, from Lewiston for theft. She attempted to steal a pair of boots.

4:28 p.m. South Jackson Street — Jimmy John's

A boyfriend and girlfriend were arguing about a dog after the girlfriend tried to get the dog out of the boyfriend's car. After the argument, the dog stayed with boyfriend.

6:42 p.m. Virginia Avenue and Orchard Avenue

Caller reported a live turkey sitting in the road. Police responded and moved the turkey to the grass.

11:56 p.m. South Main Street

A dad was out with his son, and the son got drunk and threw food at him. The dad called the police because his son refused to go home. Police called the son, who agreed to go home.

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CAMPUS

Proud to show Vandal pride

High school students get the chance to experience being a Vandal

Diamond Koloski
Argonaut

More than 900 potential students and their families are expected to attend the first annual Vandal Kickoff Saturday.

This event is geared toward giving high school and transfer students a game-day experience while providing resources to learn about University of Idaho's programs, said Angela Helmke, associate director of admissions.

"It is a two-fold," Helmke said. "Students get the academic area knowledge, as well as the Vandal game-day experience."

The event will begin with an information and resource fair in the Bruce Pitman Center, including an official welcome and information about admissions. Next, the group will get a tour of campus, which will end at the new Idaho Fan Zone. Attendants will receive a barbecue dinner and will then attend to the football game.

The Office of Admissions began Vandal Kickoff in hopes that students will enjoy the experience and decide to attend UI, Helmke said.

Vandal Kickoff varies from other events such as Envision Idaho in that the main focus is Vandal pride and attending a football game, rather than staying on campus overnight and learning about available courses and degrees available at UI.

"Students get the chance to see our campus when it is

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Students get the chance to see our campus when it is really lively — when there are folks on campus for our football game and they get to experience the new Idaho Fan Zone.

Angela Helmke, associate director of Admissions

really lively — when there are folks on campus for our football game and they get to experience the new Idaho Fan Zone," Helmke said.

The Vandal football team will face Georgia Southern Saturday night.

As of earlier this week, Helmke estimated over 250 students had registered for the event, but with family members, the event is set to see over 900 total attendees.

All students and family members participating in the event will receive complimentary game tickets.

"For the first time holding this event, we are really pleased with the amount of expected people who will be joining us," said Helmke.

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Yishan Chen | Argonaut

The skeletons from the Steam Plant visited the Bike Fix event outside the Idaho Commons Wednesday.

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WEEKEND

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For many freshmen like Hunter Funk, it'll be the first time seeing their parents since they were dropped off at UI.

Funk said she's excited to spend time with both her grandparents and parents, who are visiting Moscow for the weekend.

"So it's like a huge family reunion up in Moscow," Funk said.

Funk, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, said she's looking forward to introducing her dad to her friends, and getting them to see where her sarcasm comes from.

She said she enjoys the family-orientated college environment and can't wait to cheer on the Vandals during the Saturday home game in the Kibbie Dome.

Although Cardona's dad is not making the trip to Moscow this year, he said spending quality time with his dad

over past Dads' Weekends was always a great experience.

Cardona, who is a member of Phi Kappa Tau, said it's great to hang out with the dads in a non-formal setting and hear old stories from their college days.

He said the weekend is also a good time for dads to relax and have a good time.

In fact, Cardona said seeing his dad let loose was one of his favorite parts of the weekend.

"That's my best memory from Dads' Weekend is cause I saw my dad shotgun a beer," Cardona said.

In general, Karstetter said Dads' Weekend allows students to include their parents in their university life, introducing them to their friends and showing them where they live.

"They get to see who you're kind of hanging out with and how you've kind of grown," he said.

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UI freshman Hunter Funk speaking about her excitement for Dads' Weekend this coming weekend.



DAD

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The winning dad will be announced over the weekend and he will receive a large gift basket from the VandalStore.

The student essays talked about the tough times their dads have helped them through and how their dads have inspired them.

Sophomore Molli Heckathorn was one of the students who submitted an essay about her father. Heckathorn chose to nominate her father because he was a big influence in her life.

"He taught me that hard work and dedication can get you far," Heckathorn said.

She said her father attended Dads'

Weekend last year and competed in the Iron Dad competition where they placed third. Heckathorn said she and her father also attended the Moscow block party.

"It was enlightening to surround yourself with other Vandals and get a feel for the community," Heckathorn said.

This year they plan to attend most of the events offered during Dads' Weekend, such as the Moscow Block Party and the tailgate before the football game.

Coldsnow said last year's Dad of the Year was one of the most memorable competition winners. She said last year's winner was part of SARb, so when they walked onto the field,

he went along thinking he was just accompanying his daughter.

When he was handed his prize, Coldsnow said she remembers thinking how shocked and amazed he looked. Coldsnow said many of the dads do not know about the competition and they are always greatly surprised by the honor.

During Dads' Weekend, Coldsnow said the competition allows dads to see what a big impact they have made on their students' lives.

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ASSESSMENT

FROM PAGE 1

She said the majority of professors, including her, don't come into their first job as a good instructor, but instead learn from a trial-and-error process. To better understand and address the needs of professors and other faculty, Johnson-Leung looked to Faculty Senate for support. She said the Teaching and Advising Committee is planning to hold a brainstorming session Oct. 13 to discuss multiple issues, including what makes up good teaching.

She said UI should make it a priority to train students to be learners, which would not only help the student feedback rate, but also improve the current enrollment issues.

"If we are committed to bringing every qualified student from Idaho to this university, then we do have to know how to teach them," she said.

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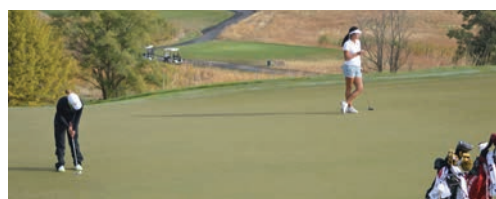


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SPORTS



Idaho golfer Michelle Kim takes fourth, Idaho second at WSU Cougar Cup

FOOTBALL

Running game alive

Idaho rushed for 198 yards against Wofford, Georgia Southern next

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

You have to run to win football games — that's what Idaho running backs coach Jason Shumaker says.

"That's one of our big sayings and you got to run to win and so that's where we needed to improve and we did improve and we won," Shumaker said. "So I think our guys see that and that's just giving us more energy to keep working hard every day in practice."

The Vandals got their running game going in their 41-38 win against Wofford Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho will open Sun Belt Conference play against defending conference champion Georgia Southern at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals rushed for 198 yards against Wofford and sophomore running back Aaron Duckworth scored three touchdowns in the game.

Senior running back Elijah Penny, who rushed for 98 yards on 19 carries Saturday, was happy for Duckworth.

"He really deserved it because I was banged up a little bit last week," Penny said. "My knee was a little banged up so he was taking more reps last week. So he worked hard all week and it paid off for him in the game on Saturday."

Shumaker said Duckworth made the most of his opportunities Saturday.

"Duck has been working hard and it's all about getting your op-

portunity and making the most of it and he obviously did that scoring three touchdowns on 12 carries," Shumaker said. "But it's something we always knew Duck had. Sometimes the timing's got to be right to get in the game and then when he got in the game he made something happen and that's going to bode well for him in the future."

Shumaker said Duckworth's confidence should increase after the Wofford game.

"I mean he scored three touchdowns and did a lot of really good stuff and so he should be confident and we're confident in

him so his opportunity to participate and contribute is just going to continue to grow," Shumaker said.

Duckworth, Penny and even sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan got involved in the running game. Linehan's 50 rushing yards came on plays in which he escaped pressure and picked up yards, including a 34-yard scamper.

Shumaker said part of Idaho's running success Saturday stemmed from a good week of practice.

"I think our guys worked really hard in practice," Shumaker said. "We had a really good week of practice and those guys really did a much better job of running through contact and breaking tackles and I think that definitely showed up on Saturday. When you make more big plays then you get more opportunities to run the ball and we really took advantage of that."

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Junior tight end Trent Cowan celebrates with sophomore wide receiver Rueben Mwehla after catching a touchdown pass against Wofford Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho plays Georgia Southern at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. *Tess Fox | Argonaut*

OPINION

Sun Belt days numbered

Idaho football won't be in Sun Belt Conference soon

The writing on the wall is becoming more and more clear for Idaho about the future conference home of the football team.

We all know how odd the current situation is in the Sun Belt Conference, a conference set up for schools in the Deep South of the United States made up with the likes of South Alabama, Georgia Southern and Texas State. It isn't even the first time Idaho has been left behind and forced into the non-fitting Sun Belt.

Once the Western Athletic Conference imploded, both Idaho and New Mexico State were left without an FBS conference to call home.

After a year of independence, both schools joined the Sun Belt as football-only members on a four-year contract.

After two years, the other Sun Belt schools will vote to either extend the Vandals' and Aggies' membership, or to kick them out while letting them play one final year during the 2016-17 season.

Those initial two years are almost up, and the Sun Belt will vote this January.

A vote not extending the Vandals' stay in the conference would be a disaster.

The Mountain West has a long list of schools to invite before Idaho like Tulsa, Texas-El Paso, North Texas, among others. The Vandals cannot survive as an independent and they can't bank on the idea that a new western FBS conference will form soon.

The same goes for NMSU, who even offered a \$4.4 million travel subsidy to the other Sun Belt schools in return for a full-membership invite that was then rejected.



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OPINION

Weekend with Pappy

The man in the stands who swears like a sailor

He stands 6 feet, 3 inches tall, black hair tucked into his well-worn Idaho baseball cap, Vandal Dad T-shirt underneath a flannel shirt. He yells unabashedly at Idaho football coach Paul Petrino for calling a "dumb play." His voice causes everyone in the stands to turn and look.

Despite my face turning red, I can't help but love the fact that this dork is my dad.

For the past three years I have gone to every Dads' Weekend football game, and my dad, who I call Pappy, has been standing in the Kibbie Dome next to me every year.

Dads' Weekend has been a family tradition since my brother started college in 2011 and it is something Pappy looks forward to every year. The first thing he asks me when classes start is, "When is Dads' Weekend?" Of course that is always followed by asking who the Vandals are playing and a pre-

diction that they will lose.

My dad is the guy that will cheer the loudest and criticize coaches and players with the most vulgar speech available. He has been doing that since I was in high school sports, and even before that since my elder sister was in the band at high school games.

The first time I remember him seeing a Vandal home football game was when I was in 6th grade. Our school band traveled north to participate in the homecoming parade and event. Pappy stood in the stands the whole time, arms crossed, mouth set.

From that moment on, he wasn't a fan of former coach Robb Akey and Akey's army, and I think he still isn't a fan of Idaho's football coaches.

Almost every game my father has come to see, the Vandals have lost. It is a running joke between him and the two kids who attend Idaho.

Whenever he asks what team we are playing, with a heavy sigh, he always says he guesses he can go to the game. Truth be told, he secretly loves the games, win or lose, because it is time spent with his family.

Does my dad think we will win this year? Probably not. Georgia Southern is 2-1 while the Vandals are 1-2, and Georgia Southern's record will be 3-1 at the end of Saturday night.

The Eagles average 30 points per game, while only giving up 24. The Vandals average 26 points per game, while giving up 47.

It is a little bleak to say the least. It will be a sad football game, one of five my dad has seen in the past five years.

However, my dad has never really been in it for the football. He comes to the event because of the time he gets to spend with myself and my older brother, who graduated from Idaho last spring.

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Argonaut

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Kim impresses in debut

Idaho's Michelle Kim takes fourth, Idaho second at Washington State Cougar Cup

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

In her first collegiate golf invitational, Idaho freshman Michelle Kim didn't appear to be rattled. Instead, she stepped on the course and shot a 2-under-par 70 in the first round.

The Surrey, British Columbia, native took fourth and finished with a 1-under-par 215 at the Washington State Cougar Cup Monday and Tuesday at Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman.

Idaho finished second as a team with a 16-over-par 880.

For her performance, Kim earned the Big Sky Conference Golfer of the Week award.

"I missed a couple short putts and a couple shots that I really wanted, but I guess it evens out to me making a lot of other good shots," Kim said.

Kim didn't qualify for Idaho's first invitational of the season — the Colonel Wollenberg's Ram Classic Sept. 14 and 15 in Fort Collins, Colorado, in which the Vandals

took 10th.

"Michelle's been a pretty steady player," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said.

"She had one bad day of golf that prevented her from going to Colorado unfortunately. I've known all along she'll be one of our top players. That's just how it works sometimes in golf. You have a bad day and you don't go."

"I missed the qualifying and I got over it," Kim said. "I played well here and it's great. I'm happy about that."

Four Vandal golfers finished in the top 17.

"We played well," Johnson said. "We played very consistent golf. (I'm) very proud of the team."

However, Johnson also said improvements need to be made in the short game.

"We left a lot of strokes out there today," Johnson said. "We made a lot more errors than our score reflects ... It's always a constant battle and more importantly we need to work on the team believing in themselves and believing that they're good putters because they are. It's just a matter of all of them believing it."

Washington State fin-



ished first and shot the low score each round. The Cougars posted a 2-over-par 866. The Cougars' Cherokee Kim took first individually with a 5-under-par 211.

Washington State and Idaho practice at Palouse Ridge, so Johnson said there is a home course advantage.

"I think it's a big advantage down the stretch because players are comfortable with the course," Johnson said. "They know what to expect. They know what they're capable of doing so if they are in the right frame of mind, they can build off all the positives that they've experienced out here and the knowledge, especially the seniors having played this tournament four straight years."

Johnson said the Idaho players know the hole locations and they know what a good score is based on the conditions, which is helpful.

Idaho senior Kristin Strankman tied for ninth with a 4-over-par 220. She shot her best score in the final round, firing an even-par 72.

"The third round you're more comfortable," Strankman said. "It's just nice to feel



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Idaho freshman Michelle Kim putts on the fourth hole at the Washington State Cougar Cup Tuesday at Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman. Kim finished fourth.

comfortable out there and we knew we had a chance today so we just had a mindset to go out and try to do as well as we could."

The Vandals play at the Price's Give 'Em Five Intercollegiate Oct. 5-7 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Idaho won that invitational last year.

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4	KIM	IDAHO	-1	215
T9	STRANKMAN	IDAHO	+4	220
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MEN'S GOLF

'Old for his years'

Freshman Jake Scarrow leads Vandals to fifth place at Husky Invitational

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

If there was any question as to who would step up in Jared du Toit's absence after he bolted for Arizona State this summer, Jacob Scarrow answered them earlier this week in Suncadia, Washington, at the Husky Invitational.

The freshman from British Columbia, Canada, fired a tournament-low 66 in the third and final round to finish at 6-over-par 219, and tied for 12th when it was all said and done.

All together, the Idaho men's golf team finished 26-over-par 878, and tied for fifth in the Husky Invitational field. Tournament host Washington finished in a tie for first with Oregon. Both shot 13-over-par 865.

"I told them that this team was going to be as good or better than last year's team, and this is life without Jared," Idaho coach John Means said. "And they responded by all being in the hunt ... That's what we have to do, they all have to

be in the hunt individually."

Means said Scarrow found success with his short game on the Tumble Creek golf course.

"Jake is old for his years," Means said. "His course management skills are really good. He chipped in three times in the tournament, that's stealing shots from the field ... He's going to be a very, very talented Vandal."

The four teams that finished ahead of the Vandals were no slouches either.

Both UW and UO finished ranked in the top 20 last season, according to golfstat.com. Oregon State, which finished third, was the No. 74-ranked team and Southern California, which finished fourth, finished last season as the No. 6 team in the nation.

"It's always nice when you can compete and win against Pac-12 schools, especially since they are consistently ranked in the top 25 in the nation," Means said.

Things don't get any easier for the Vandals, as they only have one day off and start play Friday in the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Burling-

ton, Iowa.

Means said he isn't in favor of the way he set up the schedule in the early season for his team.

"I don't like having a day off and then go and play again," Means said. "I would rather have a week off. But you can't turn down an opportunity to play against a field like this."

The tournament features the No. 5-ranked team in the country, Louisiana State, and the No. 22-ranked team, Southern Methodist.

Means said the course in Iowa should be easier than the mountain course Idaho played on at the Husky Invitational. He said it should be fairly flat, but expects it to be lined with a lot of trees.

"It will demand good ball striking, which we are a really good ball striking team," Means said. "As long as we go and post scores like people should, it's going to be what it's going to be."

For Idaho's golf scores, visit the vandalnation.com.

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Two Vandals earn POW awards

Poertner, Lloyd win POW awards, Idaho prepares for Big Sky play

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

Having one player named conference player of the week is already impressive, but having two in the same week is a rarity. Idaho made this happen this week as Big Sky Conference play begins.

G o a l k e e p e r Amanda Poertner and junior midfielder Alyssa Lloyd were honored by the Big Sky Conference as Defensive and co-Offensive Players of the Week, respectively.

Poertner, a freshman from Fullerton, California, allowed just one goal over the weekend against South Dakota and Seattle University combined, and Seattle has the 27th highest RPI in the country. Poertner has three shutouts this season, which leads the Big Sky.

Lloyd led the team with two goals in the 4-1 win over South Dakota last Friday. The Colbert, Washington, native also had an assist in the game. Her efforts against the Coyotes and in the draw with Seattle Sunday earned her co-Offensive Player of the Week honors with Hayley Wingender of

Northern Arizona.

The biggest story going into the weekend is the start of Big Sky Conference play, something the team is prepared for according to Idaho coach Derek Pittman.

The Vandals play at Idaho State at 3 p.m. Friday and at Weber State at 11 a.m. Sunday.

"I think we're very prepared," Pittman said. "Obviously there's always things we can work on. We're continuing to train this week as we get ready for Idaho State (1-7-1) and Weber State (4-4-1), but we're really happy with how the nonconference portion of our season went."

Idaho finished 4-4-1 against the nine non-conference schools they played, a drastic improvement over the 0-9 record Idaho had at this point last year.

"We learned a lot about ourselves the last nine, ten games," Pittman said. "This (past) weekend was a good culmination of how we have been playing to this point."

The Vandals even find one of their players among the nation's elite, with junior midfielder Clara Gomez fifth in the country in assists.

Idaho's first objective this year is to make the Big Sky



Tournament, then worry about a berth in the NCAA tournament.

ment, Pittman said.

"Our team set a goal at the very beginning of the season to make the conference tournament," Pittman said. "The top six of the 11 schools go to the conference tournament. We want to be in that top six. If we are in that tournament then we can talk about a conference championship."

Idaho finished tied for seventh place in the Big Sky with Southern Utah last year.

"At this point in time we're just taking it one game at a time," he said. "Get the most points we can out of each and every match we have, and hopefully at the end of this next 10 games that we will be in the top six ... Our No. 1 goal is to make the conference tournament."

After the road trips to Idaho State and Weber State this weekend, the Vandals will have four home games in a row the next two weekends against Big Sky opponents.

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Sun Belt Preview



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One and then nearly upset No. 21 Missouri at home the next week, losing 27-20. In Week Three, ASU let out all its frustration with a 70-7 win over Missouri State. Toledo on the other hand looks arguably

like one of the best teams in the nation outside of the schools in the power conferences. Toledo won both its games against schools from the power five conferences. The Rockets upset No. 18 Arkansas in Week One before pulling another stunner last week over Iowa State. While both teams are playing well, Toledo is more talented than Arkansas State and will get another win.

Ben's prediction: Toledo 33, Arkansas State 25

North Carolina State (-17) at South Alabama, 5 p.m., ESPNNews



The Jaguars of South Alabama will treat their fans with a visit from an ACC school in North Carolina State (3-0) Saturday, but getting a win will be difficult. South Alabama (2-1) had an im-

pressive road win at San Diego State in overtime last week to rebound from an ugly 48-9 defeat at Nebraska the week prior. NC State has not been battle tested, only playing Troy, Eastern Kentucky and Old Dominion so far this year and winning all by an average of 29 points. The Wolfpack shouldn't have any difficulty making it four blowouts in a row Saturday.

Ben's prediction: NC State 41, South Alabama 17

Texas State at Houston (-16.5), 5 p.m., ESPN3



Houston comes in as a heavy favorite hosting the Texas State Bobcats (1-2), a team that's reeling from a 56-50 loss to Southern Miss. The Cougars (2-0) are enjoying a nice start to the season mainly due to a big upset on the road against Louisville in Week Two. The last time these schools met in Houston, Texas State upset the Cougars after Houston had gone 13-1 the year prior and finished 18th in the nation. It was also the very first game Texas State played as an FBS member. Houston won't let that happen again, as its offense will rip apart the struggling Bobcats' defense.

Ben's prediction: Houston 53, Texas State 35

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Appalachian State (-7.5) at Old Dominion, 12:30 p.m.



The Mountaineers of Appalachian State come in as a 7.5-point favorite on the road against a 2-1 Old Dominion team that will cause Appalachian State (1-1) a lot of problems. Both teams have had similar seasons as each have beaten an FCS school and lost to an ACC school. Old Dominion does have an impressive win on the road over Eastern Michigan in Week One, but the Monarchs defense is allowing 381.7 yards per game, while Appalachian State is averaging 487 yards of offense per game. Those numbers don't look good for ODU, and despite a home-field advantage, Appalachian State will sneak out with the 'W'.

Ben's prediction: Appalachian State 37, Old Dominion 27

Louisiana-Monroe at No. 12 Alabama (-38), 1 p.m., SEC Network



While Louisiana-Monroe hasn't looked bad this year, it simply is not going to beat No. 12 Alabama (2-1) despite the Crimson Tide's loss to No. 15 Ole Miss Saturday. ULM is coming off a win over

Nicholls State, but the Warhawks (1-1) played a similar opponent in No. 9 Georgia earlier this year and lost 51-14. Expect that kind of score Saturday.

Ben's prediction: No. 12 Alabama 45, Louisiana Monroe 14

Akron at Louisiana-Lafayette (-8.5), 4 p.m., ESPN3



After a close season-opening loss to Kentucky on the road, Louisiana-Lafayette (1-1) rebounded with a convincing win over Northwestern State and then had a bye last weekend. A win over a weak

FBS team like Akron (2-1) is critical for ULL, and the Ragin' Cajuns have looked like one of the best Sun Belt Conference teams so far. As long as they don't play stupid, ULL will win easily.

Ben's prediction: Louisiana-Lafayette 34, Akron 20

Arkansas State at Toledo (-7.5), 4 p.m., ESPN3

In a rematch of last year's GoDaddy.com Bowl (a 63-44 Toledo win), both Arkansas State (1-2) and Toledo (2-0) are heading into the game surging. ASU had an ugly loss against No. 8 USC in Week



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—Idaho running backs coach Jason Shumaker tweets about the Idaho football team's success in the classroom.



@JoeyESPNPalouse
Final: Vandals 41, Wofford 38. Idaho (1-2) on the season.

—Joey Jenkins, host on 1400 The Palouse's ESPN, tweets the final score of the Idaho-Wofford football game Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.



@BenE_VN
"This is something the Idaho Vandals don't do very often: victory formation" —

ESPN3 announcers just throwing shade all game.

—Argonaut sports writer Ben Evensen quotes the ESPN3 announcers for the Idaho-Wofford game Saturday.



@TheoLawson_Trib
UI's Matt Linehan (71.1%) is one of just six QBs in the

FBS with a completion % higher than 70 with 100 or more attempts on the season.

—Idaho football beat writer Theo Lawson of the Lewiston Tribune tweets about Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan's passing efficiency so far this season.

OPINION

Run Eagles run

Georgia Southern will bring high-powered running attack to Kibbie Dome

After escaping a tense game against Wofford in a thrilling 41-38 victory last weekend, the Idaho Vandals now turn their attention toward Sun Belt Conference heavyweight Georgia Southern.

The Eagles visit Moscow for the first time in school history Saturday in a unique matchup that will reveal how well the Vandals stack up against a top conference opponent.

The Sun Belt opener for both teams features a matchup of contrasting offensive styles, pitting the Vandals passing attack against the Eagles bruising running game.

Despite a rocky start to the season, Georgia Southern is still a contender for the Sun Belt title. The Eagles opened their season in embarrassing fashion,

losing 44-0 to West Virginia in a game that left many analysts scratching their heads at the lack of competitiveness.

However, the Eagles quickly rebounded by winning their next two games by an average gap of 30.5 points, silencing the speculations that the team was not as strong as previously thought.



Josh Grissom
Argonaut

The Vandals recently had their own turnaround, claiming a home victory over Wofford with a surprisingly explosive game on offense. While the Vandals should gain some confidence following the victory, they need to improve upon some key aspects in order to stifle their upcoming opponent's offense.

The staple of the Eagles offense has long been the running game. Georgia Southern running backs have averaged 6.3 yards per carry and over 330 rushing yards per game this season. Georgia Southern has already surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season, as

the combination of three running backs has hindered the defensive strategy of their opponents.

The Vandals need to formulate a defensive approach that limits the success of their opponent's running game. However, this will be difficult, as the Vandals' defense has allowed opposing teams to average over 270 rushing yards per game.

On the other side of the ball, the Vandal offense has been productive, particularly in their passing attack. Matt Linehan has proven an effective starter at quarterback, completing 70 percent of his pass attempts and leading the Vandal offense to over 400 yards per game.

The Eagles' defense has proven to be a key factor this season, providing many game-changing opportunities for Georgia Southern. The defensive backs are responsible for intercepting opponents five times this season while the rest of the defense has caused 10 fumbles.

The Vandals have only

turned the ball over five times this season, but don't be surprised if the formidable Georgia Southern defense forces several turnovers this weekend.

A final factor in Saturday's game will be the large crowd that is expected at the Kibbie Dome. As part of Dad's Weekend, students are encouraged to attend the game with their family members, potentially resulting in one of the largest home crowds for the Vandals this season. Crowd noise could potentially pose a factor in disrupting the rhythm of Georgia Southern's offense during key drives late in the game.

Ultimately, this weekend's game will be decided in the trenches, as Georgia Southern's offensive line battles against the Vandals' defensive front. If the Vandals are able to smother the Eagles rampant running game, then the final score will be much closer than anticipated.

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SUN BELT

FROM PAGE B1

Idaho athletic director Rob Spear told the Idaho Statesman in March that "all indications" point to Idaho's membership being extended, giving Vandal fans nothing to sweat about at the time. However, Sun Belt commissioner Karl Benson had a different tone while talking about Idaho during a teleconference after Coastal Carolina had just accepted its invitation to join the Sun Belt.

"When Idaho and New Mexico State were added to the Sun Belt that was one of the reasons they were added," Benson said. "To get to 12 teams and do a conference championship game. Whether that policy remains is still unknown and won't be known until January. That (policy) is expected to be eliminated."

What Benson is referring

to is the NCAA potentially deregulating its 12-team requirement for a conference to host a football championship game. The biggest thing Benson has done since taking over the Sun Belt is trying to get a conference championship. That's the only reason Idaho and NMSU were invited to the Sun Belt in the first place.

When the Vandals joined originally, there were 12 members until Western Kentucky bolted soon after. Coastal Carolina's recent invitation puts the conference at 12 schools, but if this policy is overturned, there won't be any need for two schools located far from the Sun Belt's geographic location.

That wasn't all he said though. Soon after, Benson told a Boise radio station that "this is a performance-based business and performance counts."

There isn't much question as to what fans should take from

that. Basically, Benson told Idaho and NMSU to either put up or shut up. Win games, be competitive, and show drastic improvement now since the vote is only four months away. So far this year, Idaho is 1-2, barely beating a dismal FCS school in Wofford while New Mexico State is 0-3 with just as many problems.

Without a question, Idaho has more than failed the performance aspect of its membership so far in the Sun Belt.

Perhaps this is why Idaho coach Paul Petrino hasn't looked very good in the public's eye lately.

The altercation with the reporter for being critical of the team is one thing, and from an outside perspective, Petrino seemed to do everything he could to make sure star receiver Dezmon Epps stays on the team despite a fourth off-the-field incident. Without

Epps, Idaho could kiss the season goodbye immediately.

There aren't many realistic opportunities for the Vandals to turn this season around as the only two opponents Idaho match on a talent level are Troy and New Mexico State, who the Vandals will face on the road. Unless the Vandals win the conference championship this year, there won't be any reason for the Sun Belt to keep them if they don't need 12 schools in order to have a championship game.

With Benson's comments about performance and the expected NCAA rule change, Idaho's days in the Sun Belt look numbered. Brace yourselves for another round of independence or a possible return to FCS coming to fruition Vandal fans.

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WEEKEND

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We go to the Block Party downtown, visit the tailgate with my brother's fraternity, and in general have quality time with our dad. So, Pappy, I'm glad you are here and I am excited to watch the game with you Saturday.

To all the other dads out there, welcome to Idaho. Enjoy all the activities, such as the Moscow Block Party Friday night, a beer tasting sponsored by Vandal Meats on Saturday before the game and the time you get to spend with your children. We enjoy the time with you.

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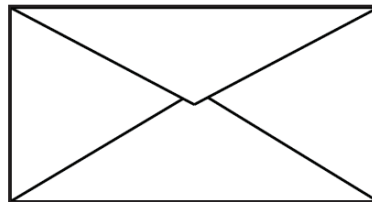


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OUR VIEW

Making room for student voices

Course evaluations should have more open ended questions

Course evaluations are a platform for students to express their opinions about their professors and classes, but as it stands currently, there is a lot of room for improvement.

At a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, they questioned how effective student evaluations are when it comes to accurately assessing the quality of an instructor or a course itself. Jennifer Johnson-Leung, chair of the Teaching and Advising Committee, expressed her concern that the evaluations are more of a popularity contest than anything else. The trouble with this is that everything is a popularity contest.

While course evaluations are in need of improvements, they are still important for professors to receive feedback on their teaching strategies. Professors should be able to read evaluations and change their teaching styles and habits to best fit how their students are learning or not learning. They need to be open to criticism and accept comments about

what they could do better from year to year.

The best way to do this would be to focus the evaluations more on the portion of short answer questions offered.

Compared to the multiple choice questions, with open-answered questions a professor might receive some actual constructive criticism they can use in future semesters. These questions give faculty information that expands on why an individual student — or multiple students — don't feel like they learned what they should.

Open-ended questions can also allow students to explain different aspects of a class aside from evaluating their specific instructor. Questions could give students the chance to elaborate on what they actually learned in the course compared to what was set in the course objectives, for example.

There will always be students who use the open answer section to leave inappropriate and unhelpful critiques, but there are also those students who take it seriously. If a professor is bad, students should be able to say exactly what it was that is bad about them.



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Students are paying a significant sum to attend UI and the quality of their education is highly dependent on the quality of their professors.

The value of open-ended questions outweighs whatever negative comments may come as a result of them. They give students the opportunity to explain exactly what they want to get out of their education as opposed to rating their course on a scale from 0-4, because honestly, what instructor can make actual changes based on that rating system?

Open-ended questions can leave room to expose larger issues that may extend beyond the curriculum.

Evaluations are important for students and professors. It gives professors an idea of how they can improve their classes in future semesters. It's also important for students, because it gives them an opportunity to provide criticism of their professors and classes and improve the level of learning they receive. It allows them a voice in their own education.

— CW

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Dads' Weekend

I'm an orphan yet again, anyone looking to adopt?

— Tea

On political correctness

"Just call everyone 'dude.' Except people who sneak across the border. Call them 'illegal dudes.'"

— Hannah

This hit me deep

"You don't need fun to have alcohol." —GP

— Jack

Pappy and blot

I'm super excited for Pappi to be here this weekend to attend a Block Party and see his youngest daughter edit the school magazine. Gonna rock it.

— Claire

From a friend

There will always be someone twice as good and half your age.

— Ryan

Walking to class

It's easy to stress out when you're heading into a test on three hours of sleep, but don't forget to stop and smell the proverbial roses. Fall is coming and the world is beautiful.

— Corrin

First world problems

It's getting cold enough for me to need my heated blanket when I go to sleep, but I know it's only going to make it harder for me to drag myself out of bed in the morning.

— Erin

Do yourself a favor

And listen to the album "Soul Food" by The Lonely Biscuits.

— Lyndsie

Gym etiquette

That moment when you're about to leave your machine but someone starts on the one next to you, so you stay.

— Jessica

Good sleep

I made a big mistake Wednesday night guys. I got a good night's sleep. Now I have a lot to do today. At least I'm well-rested.

— Garrett

Christmas season

It's getting closer. Can't wait for Frank Sinatra Christmas albums and a roaring fire in my living room.

— Jake

Tour championship

This weekend is the PGA Tour Championship, and my pick to win it all is Rickie Fowler. So when he wins, you heard it here first.

— Korb

Ace it

Ever have that feeling that a test was so easy so you worry you did horrible because it was so easy?

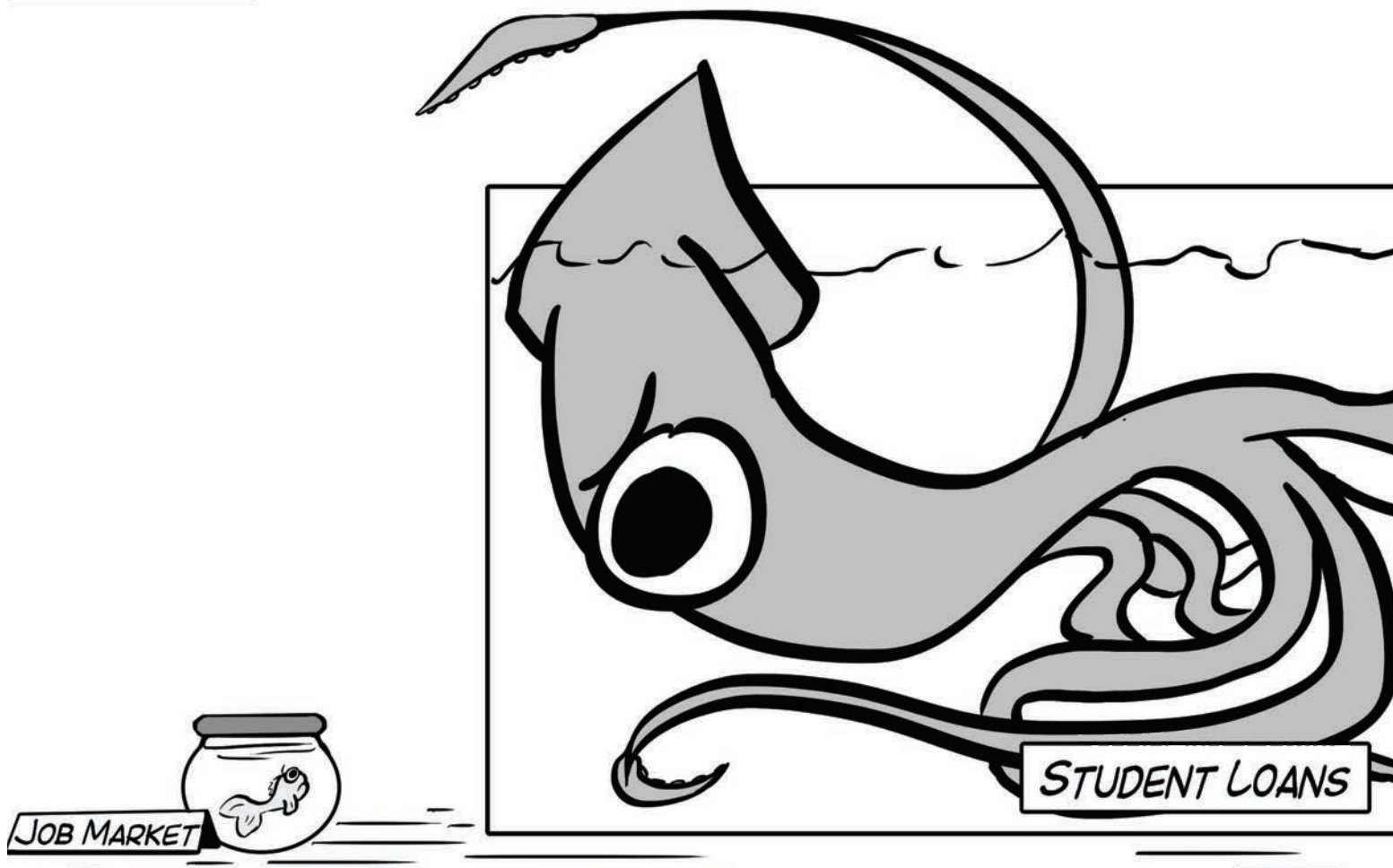
— Jordan

The Pope

Pope Francis managed to unite both parties when he spoke to Congress yesterday, that in itself is a remarkable feat.

— Katelyn

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A dad-less Dads' Weekend

My take on Dads' Weekend — without my dad

You won't be seeing my dad in Moscow for Dads' Weekend.

Seeing as he is one of my absolute favorite people and best friends, you'd probably assume the opposite about our relationship from his absence.

I could grant him any number of excuses. He's a self-employed logger and typically works weekends. My little sisters play sports and they might have a tournament on the Friday or Saturday the weekend falls on. Or maybe it's the last weekend for bow hunting — I'm not going to deprive him of the rare pleasure of a leisurely weekend in the woods.

However, my dad could easily take the weekend off of work, my sisters have no sports tournaments coming up and he is not a bow hunter.

Put simply, my dad is just not a Dads' Weekend kind of guy. And honestly, I'm OK with that.

I don't mean to categorize dads who attend Dads' Weekend as a certain type of dad. Fathers certainly come in all different types, from the crazy party dads to the avid fishermen to the cappuccino-sipping, New York Times-reading dads.

I'm sure all of these types will make appearances at some point during the weekend.

But if I could categorize my dad, he would fit firmly into the non-Dads' Weekend type of dad. I can justify this a couple ways.

For one, there are the crowds, which are not my dad's thing. He is as low-key as low-key can get, and he prefers small gatherings to larger ones in all cases. Imagining him at a Vandal football game is almost hysterical. I know he'd be willing to tough it out in order to spend time with me, but he'd much rather go for a walk or sit someplace quiet and talk than be surrounded by screaming college students coated in shades of gold and black body paint.

Secondly, many of the events offered during Dads' Weekend aren't necessarily geared toward dads like mine. He doesn't golf and his bad knees and down-to-earth nature don't exactly say "Amazing Race participant."

I could see him enjoying the Vandal volleyball game, but again — crowds. Beer tasting sounds like something he'd like, but he's a frugal guy and \$25 for meat and beer samples wouldn't sit well with him when we could both eat at a modest restaurant for the same price.

I don't mean to make my dad sound like a party pooper. My dad can be the life of the party when he feels so inclined. But this is often



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around family and long-time friends — not strangers in unfamiliar settings.

I'm not dreading Dads' Weekend without my dad. I'm still excited for the football and volleyball games, and may even tailgate or attend the downtown block party. Meeting my friends' dads will be a fun experience, and I won't feel left out at all. This is because I know my dad well enough to know how he likes to spend our time together, and I know I'm not the only student on campus with a dad too low-key, too reserved or simply too busy to attend Dads' Weekend this year.

While I really admire the university's inclusion of fathers during this special fall weekend, I won't be participating in the dad-specific events. I'll be curled up in bed after attending the Vandal football game with some friends, probably talking to my dad on the phone about driving home on an upcoming Friday so we can spend the weekend hiking or visiting family friends.

But come May, I'll be taking my mom to every single Moms' Weekend event. She, unlike my father, is totally cut out for a rowdy weekend in Moscow.

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Campus administration, as well as the national legislature, say they want students to be healthy. They say they intend to follow guidelines and get the right amount of veggies and fruit in a young person's average diet rather than offering them only fatty, artery-clogging foods.

To that end, where the heck is my salad bar?

The Idaho Commons used to have a full salad bar that students could go to for one of the only healthy choices available in the food court.

The commons food court is perhaps not as large as Bob's Place, but it provided off-

Students need more healthy food options

campus students with a place to go for a relatively fresh salad. And now that space is used for lines of students waiting to order from the new Chick-fil-A.

Don't get me wrong, the food at Chick-fil-A tastes pretty good, and it is real chicken, not the weird processed patties and nuggets found at McDonald's, but they don't exactly offer many meals that are good for you. What they do offer is crispy, fried chicken, that despite the political controversy, people still love to shove into their mouths — me included.

Sure, I can pull a pre-prepared salad from one of the

coolers, but I probably won't enjoy it. Either the lettuce will be mushy or the ham will be too salty or I won't get to combine the chicken and cranberries with honey mustard and almonds. It isn't the same.

I can also go over to the Sub Connection and order a sandwich piled high with vegetables, but even that won't replace the salad bar.

The only place students can go to get a relatively fresh salad is Bob's Place. For those of us upperclassmen who don't have meal plans and actually have to pay to get into Bob's by the meal upfront, \$10 is a lot for one salad. I'll take my Tupper-

ware in there and get as much food as I can for the jacked up price, but that's apparently frowned upon now, or always was and I just didn't care my freshman year.

There really isn't anywhere on campus that has affordable, fresh vegetables or other healthy food for off-campus students. That is the one and only reason I miss Bob's. They have a great salad bar.

The only places on campus I ever spend my money are at Stover's Café, Einstein's and Chick-fil-A, but none of these places have fresh salads. They do have the boxed ones, but they make me a little uncomfortable.

For a first lady like Michelle

Obama to tell us that we should be eating healthy, I am always wondering how to go about doing that.

How are we supposed to eat healthy on campus? How are we supposed to afford to eat healthy at home when fresh produce costs an arm and a leg?

It shouldn't be hard for students to eat healthy on campus should they choose to. Sure, it is normally cheaper to buy frozen food at Win-Co, or purchase the relatively cheap Chick-fil-A meals, but gosh. Every once in a while, a girl just needs a salad.

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Hate speech vs personal opinion

Universities struggle to find
place in free speech debate

Good news for many of us — it's still perfectly constitutional to be a jerk.

However, that is not what the University of California system was trying to address earlier this month when they rolled out the first draft of a "Statement of Principles Against Intolerance," despite a consensus otherwise.

The proposed policy condemned "unwelcome conduct motivated by discrimination, or hatred towards, other individuals or groups," and was a response to what many say is a rise in incidents of anti-Semitism on UC campuses.

In February, members of a Jewish fraternity at the University of California Davis awoke to find that their home had been vandalized with swastikas.

A little more than a week later, on the campus of the University of California Los Angeles, a student was nearly denied a position on the UCLA Judicial Board due to her affiliations with the Jewish community.

The drafted policy prohibited

acts of violence or intimidation, threats, harassment, hate speech, derogatory language reflecting stereotypes or prejudice and inflammatory or derogatory use of culturally recognized symbols of hate, prejudice or discrimination.

The sweeping policy was, as these things tend to be, met with vehement criticism. Jewish advocacy groups claimed the policy didn't go far enough to condemn bigotry.

On the other hand, proponents of free speech claimed the policy went too far.

At the end of the first page of the draft, the policy explicitly reads, "This statement of principles applies to attacks on individuals or groups and does not apply to the free exchange of ideas in keeping with the principles of academic freedom and free speech."

To be fair, inclusivity can be tricky — somewhere on the spectrum between spoon-feeding students political correctness and leaving disadvantaged and/or minority students alone on the plate to bat for themselves, there's

a way for all critical, curious minds of all politics and opinions to continue a productive conversation while being respectful and mindful to students of all backgrounds. Unfortunately, many universities are still struggling to hit this stride.

Earlier this semester, several professors in Washington State University's Department of Critical Culture, Gender and Race Studies took some heat for providing a list of "banned" words on their syllabi, including "the man," "male" and "female" and "colored people," to name a few. The reason for this was that it would foster a constructive climate for discussion.

Both the WSU and the UC policies have the same goals in mind. To see where one went wrong, it's important to think about what a university's obligation actually is to its students.

I took a shot at boiling it down. The role of a university is to make higher education accessible to anyone willing to foot the bill. Is this pretty fair to say?

As a natural extension of this, it is a university's job to ensure students are succeeding in their

education and to minimize obstacles that might inhibit their success.

Micro-aggressions — toward students of any and all kinds of affiliations and orientations — are real and they are harmful. A student who does not feel safe or welcome on campus is less likely to engage with their community and, as every freshman orientation leader on every campus in America will tell you, students who don't engage with their community are less likely to succeed academically.

Similarly, policing language has a way of shutting down the learning process before it really begins. In any academic setting, a fear of being wrong stanches education — that translates seamlessly to a fear of being racist, sexist, classist, ableist, homophobic, transphobic, xenophobic or just generally offensive.

Universities have an obligation to their students to address both sides of this coin if they want their students to be successful.

That's the difference between the WSU policy and the UC

policy — despite what critics would have you think, the UC Regents did not attempt to eliminate ideas or expressions of certain viewpoints. It merely sought

to define unacceptable behavior in an effort to keep students on its campuses safe. Opinions, though they can be as hurtful as slurs and other hate speech, were rightfully left alone.

Following the controversy, the UC Regents withdrew the proposed policy in a meeting Sept. 17. They said they have plans to "go back to the drawing board." Hopefully, it will just be to tie up the loose language that keeps the anti-bigotry statement from being airtight.

It will be interesting to see what UC comes out with in their next draft, but the issue isn't confined to just a few campuses — it's a national conversation that will continue to evolve, and for all those involved in higher education, it will be one worth keeping an eye on.

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the flu shot, you reduce your likelihood of spreading the flu to them.

My friend got the flu shot, but still got the stomach flu

Some people use the term "stomach flu" to describe illnesses involving upset stomach, diarrhea or vomiting. While these symptoms can sometimes be related to the flu, these problems are rarely the main symptoms of the flu. The flu is a respiratory disease, and those experiencing "stomach flu" may be experiencing norovirus or another type of virus, bacteria or even parasites.

Flu vaccines don't work

While no vaccine can offer 100 percent protection, flu vaccines reduce your risk of getting sick from the flu. By protecting yourself, you are also protecting the people around you who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness and flu complications. Additionally, the flu vaccine may make your illness milder if you do get sick.

The flu vaccine will weaken my body's immune response

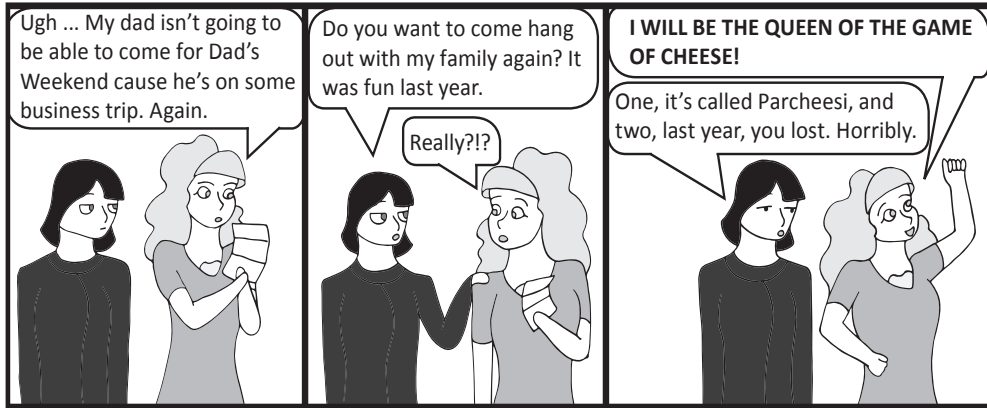
Actually, the flu vaccine prepares your body's immune system to fight off influenza. It does so by stimulating antibody production when you receive the vaccine. Practicing good hygiene and enjoying a balanced lifestyle are healthy habits that do reduce the risk of illness, but they cannot prevent the flu on their own.

It's important to know the facts before making assumptions and decisions about your health. Student Health Services is offering free flu shots for University of Idaho students. Visit uidaho.edu/flu for more information and the complete schedule of upcoming free flu shot clinics. Free meningitis vaccines will also be available at these clinics. Let's stay healthy this flu season, Vandals.

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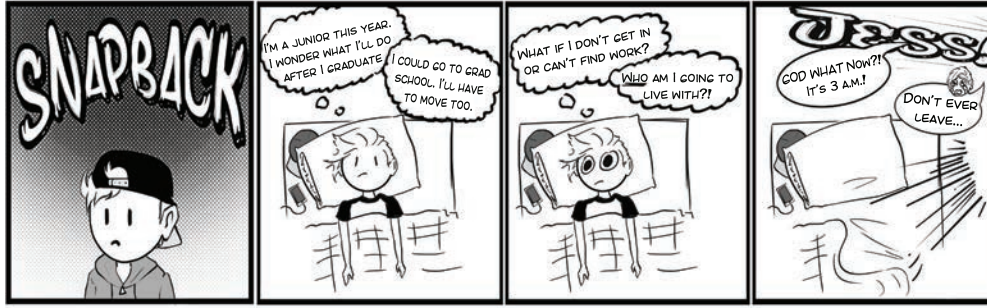
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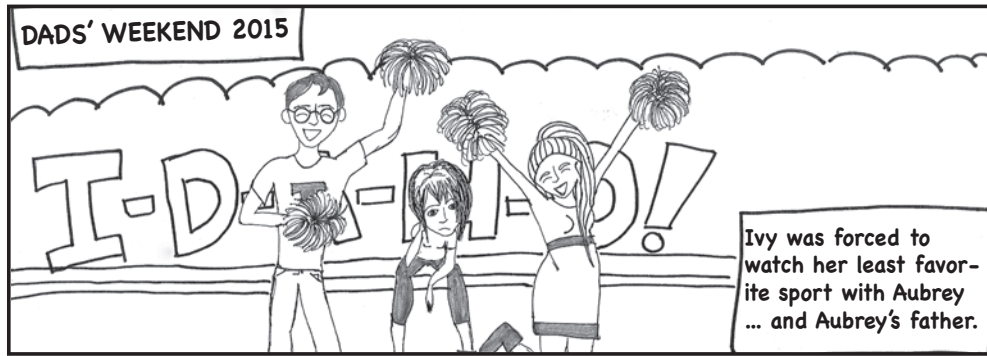
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Living the legacy

GREEK SPEAK

What it's like to leave or be a part of a Greek legacy

Dads' Weekend is here, and as always it brings multiple alumni from University of Idaho's fraternities and sororities back to school again.



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Some parents get an inside look at Greek life for the first time during Dads' Weekend, while others are very familiar with the process and are instead taking a trip back in time to when they were in college.

Sometimes I catch myself wondering about my future children and whether they will end up Greek, and if so, what house they might become a part of. Of course, my first thought was if they would end up in my own fraternity, carrying on the legacy.

I quickly came to the conclusion that

no matter what house they end up in, I would be proud that they simply chose to go Greek.

Every chapter is different at every college, and I would ultimately want them to be somewhere they feel comfortable. My future kids deserve to have their own Greek experience.

Typically, legacies have a better chance of ending up in the house of their relatives than other prospective members. But if you are a legacy, you should try to keep an open mind for every house.

One of the best things about being in the Greek system is that you create and leave a legacy whether you were already born into one, or are a first generation Greek. You give your children the chance to join an amazing brotherhood or sisterhood.

One of the coolest things to see during Dads' Weekend are the family connections.

Not only do you have your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, but also their biological families. Often Greeks will go to each other's houses for school breaks, or go on vacation with each other. Every member of your house and their families become a part of your organization.

Alumni who come back to reflect on their college experiences with current students are also an amazing part of Greek life. They are not only members who have left their own legacy, but they also act as mentors to active members.

Leaving a legacy is different for everyone. College can just be four years of your

life, or it can be the four years that changed your life. Being in the Greek system, you get out of it as much as you put into it, and afterward that is how younger generations of Greek members will remember you — that is your legacy.

No matter if you are a first generation Greek or a five-time legacy, now would be a good time to think about the legacy you want to leave. Five years from now, you could not even remember being a part of the Greek system, or you could end up looking back on this time with pride.

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Republican showdown

Sparks fly at the second GOP presidential debate

It was a fateful night at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library as the Republican candidates in the 2016 presidential race lined up at their podiums and braced themselves for a long evening.

There were 11 candidates on stage the night of Sept. 16 for the second GOP debate hosted by CNN.

Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Rand Paul, John Kasich, Chris Christie, Ben Carson, Marco Rubio, Mike Huckabee, Ted Cruz, Scott Walker and, regrettably, Donald Trump were all present for the event.

Not surprisingly, the debate began with a question for Fiorina that appeared to target Trump as a ploy to create tension between the candidates.

And so it did as Trump, Paul and Walker began attacking each other almost immediately using GOP rankings and previous career failures to tear each other down.

For those of you who haven't seen any of the GOP debates this year, I strongly suggest looking them up if you need a good laugh.

The first 15 minutes of the debate consisted of questions that had nothing to do with actual issues, such as the economy.

"If I was sitting at home watching this back and forth, I'd be inclined to turn it off," Kasich said after hearing Trump bicker with other candidates. At least one of the candidates felt the pain of Americans watching the debate from home.

However, there may have been some logic amidst the chaos viewers witnessed on Wednesday night. Besides the entertainment that came from watching Republican candidates make complete jerks out of themselves, these accusatory questions also make for a lot of memorable moments.

I find it frustrating that Trump receives the most publicity out of all the other candidates from either party — yet here I am writing about him.

He has made endless ignorant, sexist and racist comments, and I don't think he should be taken seriously. However, he is No. 1 in the GOP polls, so perhaps there is a method to his madness when it comes to acting in the public spectrum.

Popular issues such as the Iran deal, immigration and federal financing of Planned Parenthood were eventually brought up during the almost three-hour debate.

If I had to choose the winner of the debate based on the amount of screen-time each candidate

received, it would naturally be Trump. However, he was a loser in my book based on his responses to questions and consistent avoidance of answering with clear and specific terms.

Some of the candidates that seemed to do rather well were Carly Fiorina, Marco Rubio, Ben Carson and Chris Christie. I may not agree with them on some issues, but they get credit for their passion and clarity when answering the tough questions.

A couple of candidates seemed less willing to speak up during the debate, and when they did talk they lacked energy. Scott Walker did not get a lot of time to speak, which was explained Monday when he announced he was dropping out of the race. Rand Paul, John Kasich and Mike Huckabee also seemed to fade away after about an hour into the debate.

The remaining candidates didn't have many significant moments.

Predicting the outcome of this race so early would be dangerous, especially considering Democratic candidates haven't even had the chance to debate yet. However, my initial prediction for the GOP ranking is that Trump will remain on top because, for some reason, America loves him.

Fiorina will likely move up in the polls as she showed a lot of fire and intellect during the debate. Paul, Kasich, and Huckabee will probably make no progress in the polls.

From a logical standpoint, CNN did a poor job of structuring this debate. They purposely used questions to start arguments between candidates about personal issues rather than legitimate national concerns.

Allowing candidates like Trump to turn the debate into a popularity contest could expose just how corrupt our American political system can be. It could be argued that if he was elected, it would prove the point that presidential election outcomes are heavily based on how much money is in a candidate's pocket, rather than their personal character or innovative ideas.

Then again, it may not be worth the risk just to expose that the system is screwed up for the sake of exposing it.

I urge students to keep themselves informed, look at multiple different news sources and, most importantly, vote in fall of 2016.

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