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Yishan Chen | Argonaut

University of Idaho students walk in the cold outside of the Idaho Commons Monday. Campus was covered with frost and fog over the weekend and into Monday.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Low pay for TAs

UI reviews graduate student teaching assistant program

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

While Eric Hall is on his way to becoming a professor, a teaching assistant position is a natural part of the process.

"This is what I want to do," Hall said. "Teaching and getting the experience to teach before you have to do it for your first time as a professor is pretty nice."

Although he is improving his skills, there is one thing he would change about his UI experience — his teaching assistant pay. Hall said he would like to see an increase in his TA pay and Jerry McMurtry, dean of the College of Graduate

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Jerry McMurtry,
College of Graduate
Studies dean

Studies, agrees.

Currently, Hall works as one of UI's hundreds of graduate teaching assistants.

McMurtry said the university's TAs should be paid more. According to data

he presented at a November Faculty Senate meeting, the average annual TA salary at UI is less than \$10,000.

"We're not doing well," McMurtry said. "We're trying to do better. We look at our peers and we're below our peers."

Patrick Hrdlicka, professor of chemistry, said TAs are paid too little considering how much work they put in each week. TAs put in between 20-40 hours a week on average at UI, according to McMurtry's data.

Hrdlicka worked as a TA while he was a graduate student in Denmark, and said UI's TAs work harder than he did and yet are paid more than three times less than he did as a TA about 10 years ago.

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CAMPUS

Safe Campus Act stirs controversy

Greek houses oppose U.S. Senate bill

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

"Safe" might be in the title, but to Alex Roberts, University of Idaho Coordinator for Student Conduct, the Safe Campus Act has misleading terminology.

The U.S. Senate bill aims to help sexual assault victims on college campuses nationally. But instead, Roberts said it would do the opposite.

"(The Safe Campus Act) would have a very direct and chilling effect on reporting, and that defeats the purpose of everything we stand for," Roberts said.

Erin Agidius, interim director of the Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion at UI, said many organizations take issue with the fact that

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ASUI

'Promising' turnout

ASUI Senate election draws record turnout

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

ASUI Sen. Cruz Botello and running mate Rachael Miller will continue their presence on ASUI Senate, along with five other candidates elected Nov. 18.

The running mates took the first two spots in the election, with Botello receiving 542 votes and Miller receiving 470 votes.

Along with Botello and Miller, University of Idaho students elected Anne Zabala, Tanner Beymer, James Howard, McKenzie MacDonald and Laura Ehman to the ASUI Senate.

ASUI saw 1,062 students vote in the three-day election, an increase from the 741 who voted last fall.

"The turnout was promising," said ASUI President Max Cowan. "We learned a lot about what we can do to get people to vote."

Austin Karstetter, ASUI Communications Board chair, said he thinks the increased voter turnout was due to an easier

email ballot system and the candidates' promises to work toward ASUI projects that affect students directly.

He said he thinks students better realize ASUI's potential.

"It is really nice to see that students are finally seeing what their student government can do for them," Karstetter said.

Cowan said the high turnout was also likely the result of ASUI's increased advertising efforts.

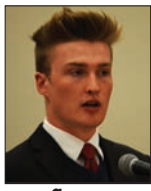
He said in years past their advertising was more focused on Facebook and posters. This year, he said they increased their efforts by pitching candidacy directly to Greek houses and residence halls.

Also, a higher number of students ran for senate this fall. For the 7 seats available, 16 students ran this fall compared to eight candidates last year.

"I think the more candidates there are, the more voters there are," said Bailey Brown, ASUI Elections Coordinator.

Brown said more campaigning students helped advertise elections and encouraged students to be more competitive.

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Cowan

STUDENTS

Eat pizza, plan for life

Career Center workshop offers students pizza, help with their goals

Nina Rydalch
Argonaut

If you give students pizza, you feed them for a day. If you give them career advice, you feed them for a lifetime.

Students looking for both can attend the 'What am I doing with my life?' workshop hosted by the University of Idaho Career Center at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in room 329 in the Idaho Commons.

Leanne Ralstin, a UI career adviser, said the workshop will focus on either goal-setting or self-discovery, depending on the audience that comes.

"We were probably thinking more of two different groups. Maybe the freshman, sophomores that are just like 'I don't even know what major I want,' or 'I hate my major,' sort of thing, or the ones that are getting ready to graduate," she said.

Ralstin said if the students need to learn more about what they want, she said she will make them more aware of the assessment tests and other resources available at the Career

Center. If many soon-to-graduate students show up, she said the workshop will focus on resume building, getting into grad school or deciding what to do after college, she said.

Overall, Ralstin said there will be enough information to benefit students who come. Ralstin said career development is different for everyone, so she will talk to students about where they are in the process, and what their plans are, if they have any yet.

"I'd like to encourage a lot of interaction, a lot of discussion," she said.

As part of the larger Slice of Advice series put on by the Career Center, Ralstin said the workshop will be informal and pizza will be available.

Ralstin said this is the first semester the Career Center has taken this angle on their workshops. She said the center felt like the traditional "how to make a resume" programs were boring and stale.

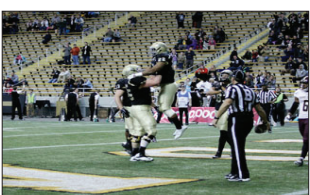
Ralstin said most of that information, although useful, could be found in handouts or assessment tests, whereas these workshops provide experiences the Career Center does not already provide.

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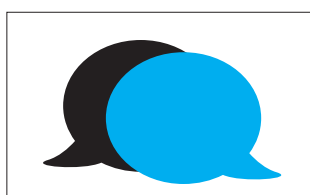
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A Crumbs recipe



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- 2 tablespoons chili powder

Directions

1. Cook bacon until crispiness desired, save bacon fat
2. Cut or crumble into small peices
3. Heat bacon fat in frying pan
4. Sautee garlic
5. Add green beans and fry until just tender
6. Mix in bacon pieces
7. Salt and pepper to taste
8. Serve warm

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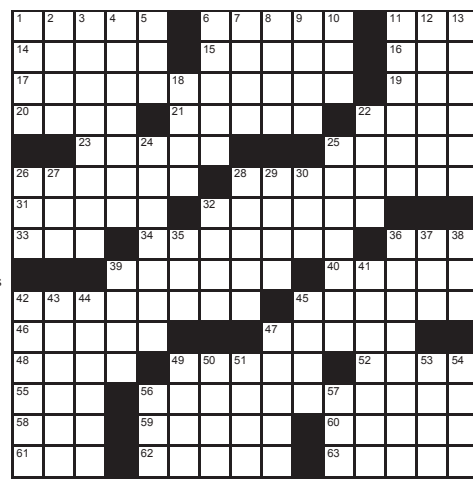
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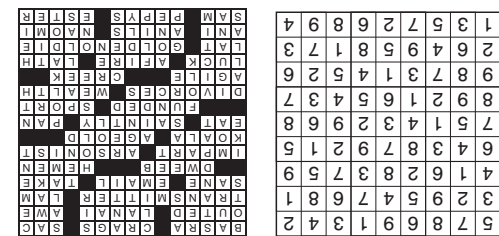
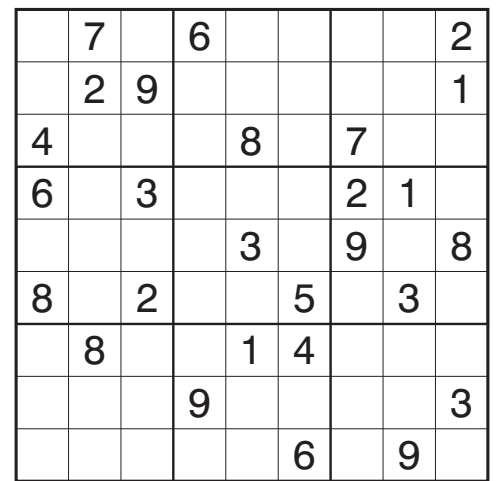


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COMMUNITY

Growing toy outreach

Toys for Tots expands throughout the Palouse

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Before Julie Latrell took on the job of improving the Toys for Tots program on the Palouse as part of her master's program, participation in the area was minimal.

In 2013, the results for the program shattered previous records, said Julie's husband Edwin Latrell.

"We collected 350 toys and 2,500 plus dollars in that 72-hour window," Edwin said.

After Julie completed her master's degree, Edwin said he decided to lead the Toys for Tots program on the Palouse until he graduates from the University of Idaho.

Last year, the program expanded to form a competition between the university's sororities and fraternities. Though the idea to involve the Greek system didn't come from Edwin, he said it was a no brainer.

"They care," he said. "They're always doing charity work. They're always trying to improve the community that they live in."

Involving UI's Greek system broke the records for toy collection for 2014, Edwin said. This year, Toys for Tots will expand even further on the Palouse as Edwin is working to involve WSU's Greek system and UI's various colleges to involve Vandals who are not a part of Greek life.

As the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve runs the Toys for Tots program, Edwin said the expansion was inspired by his wife's idea to use members of the Marine Corps to interact with members of the community.

"Having a person on that box, having a physical person to engage, that made all the difference," Edwin said. "That's why last year I walked to every single Greek house, and I said 'Hi, this is me. This is my son Charles. We're here to help children who are not as fortunate as my son.'"

Edwin said he is confident the results



Irish Martos | Argonaut

UI Naval ROTC Gunnery Sgt. Amish Smith collects donations for Toys For Tots Saturday at Hodgins Drugs and Hobbies.

of this year's toy drive will break last year's record due to the expansion to UI's colleges and WSU's Greek community.

Yet, he said he wants to keep realistic goals for the future and wants the program to remain sustainable even after he stops leading it.

"You want to watch the things you do survive," he said.

Edwin said he has enjoyed his experience coordinating the program, and as a

father he enjoyed watching his son get involved as well.

Last year Edwin said his son took a large portion of his chore money to buy two LEGO sets — one for himself and a much more expensive set that he donated to Toys for Tots.

"To watch my son not give two thoughts about giving the better gift, the more expensive gift, to someone else — that was awesome," Edwin said.

The weeklong competition runs through Friday, but Edwin said the entire campaign lasts six weeks. Toys were collected on Black Friday and will be collected on the weekend of UI's graduation at

the Wal-Mart in Moscow.

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RESEARCH

Fighting bad bacteria

UI researcher plans innovative techniques to fight disease

Ryan Locke
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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded a research grant to University of Idaho research scientist Haiqing Sheng, to research a novel approach to fighting E. coli.

"The Gates Foundation is very innovative in the kinds of projects that it chooses to fund and so it's a great funding agency to work with," said Bill Loftus, spokesperson for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Loftus said Sheng's project focuses on a new method of fighting E. coli that will use probiotics to fight off only the disease-caus-

ing, or enteropathogenic, bacteria.

The technique would also use a modified virus that specifically targets and kills the disease-causing forms of E. coli bacteria, Loftus said. The technique will also use a beneficial variety of E. coli bacteria that removes the disease-causing E. coli from the intestinal tract.

The method targets harmful bacteria but leaves the other beneficial bacteria in place, Loftus said. Unlike other treatments, he said it also guards against future reinfection.

"So it's like the anti-antibiotic approach," Loftus said. "Instead of killing everything, you're just killing the bad actors."

E. coli infections cause hundreds of thousands of child-

hood deaths each year around the world, Loftus said. The disease causes 30 percent of infant diarrhea cases in South Africa, Kenya, Bangladesh, Brazil and Mexico, where infections often occur due to poor water quality, he said.

"We consider (diarrhea) sort of an inconvenience in the U.S., but in developing countries where water quality is poor, that's what kills hundreds of thousands of kids around the world," Loftus said.

When people typically get an E. coli infection, Loftus said doctors prescribe antibiotics to kill the bacteria.

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them can cause long-term effects he said.

Once destroyed, Loftus said the body must go through a lengthy and difficult recovery process to regain those beneficial bacteria.

Loftus said existing drugs have other drawbacks as well. He said these drugs are often in short supply in developing countries, where E. coli is a major problem.

The drugs also do not guard

against reinfection, which sometimes can occur during the recovery process when the body is already weakened, Loftus said.

Loftus said there were 1,800 proposals submitted to the Gates Foundation, but Sheng's was one of only 59 that were funded. The proposal was funded as part of the Foundation's Grand Challenges Explorations grant, which provides initial funding of \$100,000.

The Gates Foundation has funded Sheng's work for a year, and he has one year to conduct laboratory tests to demonstrate that his plan could work.

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CAMPUS

Break down stigma

UI joins global recognition of World AIDS Day

Carly Scott
Argonaut

There are an estimated 36.9 million people living with HIV around the world, according to the Center for Disease Control. Despite the disease's international reach, Health Education Coordinator Emily Tuschhoff said there are still misconceptions regarding who HIV and AIDS can affect.

"There is a stigma surrounding HIV in that only certain groups get it, that it's only happening in Africa, or that it's only happening in gay men. But this is simply not true," Tuschhoff said.

In order to raise awareness of the disease, the University of Idaho LGBTQA Office and Vandal Health will host a series of events for World AIDS Day, which is Tuesday.

A screening of "It's Not Over" will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in room 040 in the Teaching and Learning Center. The documentary focuses on millennials living with or affected by the disease.

Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA Office, recommended students attend the showing and said the documentary will

I think that people think that HIV is not a concern.

Julia Keleher, Director of the
LGBTQA Office

touch on the history of HIV and how it affects people's lives on the national and international levels.

There will also be free HIV testing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Clearwater room in the Idaho Commons. Testing is free and takes no more than 15 minutes.

"I think that people think that HIV is not a concern," Keleher said. "The reality is it is still a threat and they can still get tested."

The goal of the World AIDS Day organization is to break down the stereotypes surrounding HIV and further awareness.

By learning about HIV, Tuschhoff said students can build awareness about the disease and inform their peers.

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THANKSGIVING

Feeding a community

UI freshman puts on free dinner for Moscow community

Megan Gospe
Argonaut

For Annarose Qualls, this year's Share Thanksgiving dinner held a special significance.

Qualls, a University of Idaho freshman, started the free Thanksgiving dinner in Moscow in 2013. The dinner has gone on to feed hundreds of families over the past years.

Qualls, along with the help of local church Real Life, hosted

a Thanksgiving dinner at the 1912 Center Wednesday, providing four one-hour meals for the Moscow community.

This year brought new meaning. Qualls said the dinner was in honor of her late sister Kalkidian, who died in a car accident last December, only a month after the Share Thanksgiving event.

"She loved being part of Share Thanksgiving and she would tell me about how when I would grow up and move away she wanted to take it over and put it on," Qualls said.

Qualls said her family adopted Kalkidian from Ethiopia in 2008,

along with three other children.

"She was really passionate about loving and serving the people around her," Qualls said of Kalkidian.

Qualls said the idea for the Share Thanksgiving project began two years ago at a Christ and Youth Conference in Corvallis, Oregon. She said the conference gave her the idea to organize a food drive and a Thanksgiving dinner in her community.

"I really do not feel like it is me who has done it," Qualls said. "Besides all of the many volunteers and community coming around it, I really think that God has been a huge provider for it."

Qualls, then a high school student, said she had no idea where or how to start the project. Eventually, she said her community came around her and supported her as she organized her first Share Thanksgiving dinner. Qualls also organizes a food drive that collects food from area schools, including Moscow High School and Pullman High School. As part of the food drive, Qualls said there are also drop-off locations at various businesses.

"The cool thing is people found out about it and they just

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started doing it on their own, just taking on the initiative" Qualls said, adding that different churches, Greek houses and daycares gathered food by themselves for

the food drive.

While the dinner is not a Real Life event, Qualls said her church has been a great source of support in putting on the dinner.

"They have supported me a ton in it, and that is where most of my volunteers and donations come from," Qualls said.

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WOMEN'S CENTER

A night of power

Women's Center hosts 'F-Word' LIVE Poetry Slam

Megan Gospe
Argonaut

University of Idaho students shared their perspectives on feminism at the "F-Word" LIVE Poetry Slam in early November.

The event, hosted by the Women's Center, featured spoken word performances that explored the topic of feminism. Bekah Miller-MacPhee, assistant director and programming coordinator at the Women's Center, said other topics come up as well, including experiences women have had with cat calling and sexual and domestic violence.

"We believe at the base of feminism is advocacy for gender equity and that can mean a lot of different things for a lot of different people," Miller-MacPhee said.

Traci Craig, associate dean of the College of Arts Letters and Social Sciences, hosted this year's poetry slam and gave a performance of her own.

"We need more people to become more involved with feminist issues," Craig said.

Miller-MacPhee said Craig is a phenomenal speaker and she was excited to see her perform.

UI student Clair Rogers gave the first performance of the night. Her poem that focused on her experience being criticized due to societal norms and fighting oppression.

"I describe feminism (as) an effort to obtain gender and freedom from gender roles," Miller-MacPhee said.

Miller-MacPhee said if they got a good turnout this year the Women's Center will look into making it into a competition. She said last year's show resonated so much with some of the attendees that they had to be involved this year.

"F-Word is about sharing experiences, it also about inviting people who are curious about feminism to learn first-hand from other people about what it is.

"Our mission is to invite everybody to take part in feminism and to find a way in which feminism is relevant in their lives," Miller-MacPhee said.

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SAFE

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the act requires victims to report the crime to the police before the case works through the university system.

Agidius said the legislation has several positive qualities, such as requiring a survey about sexual assault from universities. But, she said pushing victims to go to police first is likely going to decrease the already low number of sexual assault reports.

Many sororities that previously supported the bill have since withdrawn their support, Agidius said, including Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Gamma Delta and Delta Gamma.

Agidius said this ripple effect caused the National Panhellenic Conference to also withdraw its support as a whole.

The UI chapters of Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Gamma Delta de-

clined to comment on the topic. Assistant Greek Life Adviser Leyalle Harris also declined comment.

This reaction from sororities on a national level is not surprising, Agidius said, considering the stipulation that would require sexual assault victims to report with the police before the university could get involved.

"The most recent data has confirmed that one in four women in college are going to experience some form of sexual assault," Agidius said. "In a chapter with 100 members, 25 of their women have theoretically experienced some form of sexual assault and that's a pretty large number."

If the legislation does pass, Roberts said campus authorities would have to back off pursuit of sexual assault cases until law enforcement was done.

"If we force sexual assault victims to go to the police first, I can guarantee the number of people who report will go down," Roberts said.

Roberts said not only would sexual assault reports decrease, but the required level of evidence to discipline sexual assault perpetrators would become more strict.

"The Title IX guidelines specify that we use the preponderance of evidence standard, which means it must be 51 percent likely that the crime occurred," Roberts said.

The university, Roberts said, has fewer restrictions on the types of evidence they can use compared to a court of law, which often allows university officials to attain justice more quickly for victims.

"People are worried about false convictions, but I don't see that many," Roberts said. "Perhaps one in 100 cases, if that."

If the Safe Campus Act doesn't die in committee, Agidius said she predicts the bill will be significantly revised if the sponsors of the bill want to receive more support. She said there are two main ar-



guments for the debate on evidence standards in sexual assault cases.

"One is a university's lower standard of proof allows them to take action more swiftly and there are less ramifications for the accused person since we aren't putting people in jail," Agidius said.

"Others argue that using such a low standard of evidence does not provide an adequate due process to those who are accused."

Since the standard of proof is so high in a court of law, Roberts said tying the victim's hands in terms of what they must do to report a sexual assault is troublesome. Greek organizations that have denounced the legislation nationally, he said, have shown great courage.

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PAY

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Although, McMurtry said that number varies by department.

At a Faculty Senate meeting earlier in the semester, Hrdlicka called the low TA pay grotesque. He said the situation is worse considering that most in-state graduate TAs must pay a portion of their own tuition, while many other institutions waive those fees.

McMurtry said there is a budget for in-state tuition waivers and mentioned that university policy dictates that out-of-state graduate students have their tuition waived.

Yet, Hrdlicka said the in-state tuition waivers are distributed throughout UI's departments. His department usually spreads their portion out among its in-state TAs, so it often doesn't amount to much on an in-

dividual basis.

McMurtry said the university's current budget for in-state tuition waivers doesn't meet the needs of graduate students. He said he plans on meeting with Brian Foisy, vice president of Finance, and other administrators to work on how UI can better support its TAs financially.

"In-state, we have a budget — it doesn't meet the needs," McMurtry said.

TA salaries also pose a recruitment issue, McMurtry said. Financial support is a big factor when prospective graduate students consider their potential schools and UI is losing students to other institutions that offer better salaries, McMurtry said.

"We're bringing in high-quality students, no question," McMurtry said. "But we're missing out on some."

Hrdlicka said he has observed fewer incoming TAs at UI are adequately prepared for the job and have a worse work ethic.

More often than ever before, he said he has also seen TAs drop out of the chemistry program.

Hrdlicka said there are some positive cases where he has personally seen the TAs evolve into successful doctoral students.

"We are looking for diamonds in the rough," Hrdlicka said.

While this contributes to the university's enrollment issues, Hrdlicka said low TA pay also adds to the problem of a low faculty and staff morale. He said faculty members rely on TAs for much of the work and research they cannot do themselves. So when they have to work with TAs who attend UI as their last resort, it has an affect on their morale.

"They are the engine," Hrdlicka said. "They are the ones that make whatever vision that the professors have — they are the ones



that are realizing the vision."

There are exceptions to this trend, however.

Although his experience as a TA has been intense, Hall said he has developed his leadership and communication skills, something he hopes to utilize in his future teaching career, he said.

"As far as the students are concerned, you're basically a teacher," Hall said. "So it's a pretty humbling position to be in if you think about it."

Despite the low pay, Hall also said he lives off his TA salary fairly easily and appreciates getting paid for his work in the first place. While he, like everyone, would like to be paid more, he said salary is enough to keep him eating and pay the bills.

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PIZZA

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"Those over-arching questions, like 'What do I do with my life,' you know, how do you answer that in a handout?" she said.

Ralstin said the Career Center has done similar workshops before, but usually at the request of different clubs or organizations. She said those working at the Career Center feel these kinds of workshops are more pertinent and interesting to the audience.

Since taking the new angle, Ralstin said interest in the workshops has changed. She said the last workshop, in which employers came in for a question and answer session, had about a dozen people. Even if students don't attend the workshops, she said they should be aware of the services the Career Center offers.

"By the time you get into college," Ralstin said. "You should be really thinking about 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?'"

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TURNOUT

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ASUI Sen. McKenzie MacDonald said she was relieved to be reelected to her seat, which she was appointed to earlier this fall to fill a vacancy.

MacDonald's running mate, Tanner Beymer, said he was excited to be on the legislative side for once.

"I enjoy delving into the nitty-gritty,"

Beymer said, mentioning he has served on the executive side for three years now. "The best way to work proactively is to be a senator."

Senator elect Laura Ehman said running was long and stressful, but fun.

"I really want to get right to work and start helping students," Ehman said.

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FOOTBALL

Seniors go out on top

Penny scores game-winning touchdown late in fourth quarter

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

It was only fitting that a senior scored the game-winning touchdown on the Idaho football's Senior Day.

Idaho running back Elijah Penny bulldozed his way into the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown run with 1:02 left in the game, giving the Vandals a 38-31 lead and eventually the win against Texas State Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho safety Russell Siavii sealed the game for the Vandals by intercepting Texas State quarterback Tyler Jones' pass with 10 seconds left in the game.

Penny said it was his first game-winning touchdown of his career.

"I was just being patient," Penny said. "I was just letting (senior fullback) Jake (Manley) do his thing, get to his blocker. I had a little lane so I just put my foot in the ground and I just made the best of Jake Manley's block."

Penny carried the ball 25 times for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

Idaho junior Deon Watson set up Penny's game-winning touchdown with a one-handed, 37-yard reception. Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan threw the ball to Watson's back shoulder near the sideline and Watson made the catch with his right hand and fell forward to the Texas State 2-yard line.

Idaho junior wide receiver Callen Hightower also made a one-handed catch earlier in the game.

"I loved seeing that, especially at that point in the game," Hightower said of Watson's catch. "It was just great. It gave me the chills for a second and we turned around and scored with it so that was great."

Watson and Hightower each had more than 100 yards receiving. Hightower hauled in nine passes for 128 yards and Watson made five receptions for 124 yards with two touchdowns.

"Those two guys make plays for me all year and it's just one of those trust things and we've been working a lot together in practice, getting a lot of reps with each other," Linehan said. "I trust Deon (Watson) to just go up and get it. Those two guys are playmakers and they've done it their whole lives and they're going to continue to do it for us in the future."

Linehan completed 21 of 31 passes for 309 yards and two touchdowns.

"He really was on fire," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "He did a great job. He was accurate, stepped up and ran when he had to, stood in the pocket, just really played



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Senior running back Elijah Penny (22) celebrates his first of two touchdowns of the game against Texas State on Senior Day Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Penny scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:02 left in the game and the Vandals won 38-31.

well for us today. It was great to see him just go out there and compete and grind us out a win."

With the game tied at 24 in the third quarter, Texas State threatened to take the lead.

But the Vandal defense held its ground near the goal line.

On 4th and goal from the Idaho 1, Texas State running back Tyler Siudzinski failed to get outside the Vandal defense as



linebackers Marc Millan and Ed Hall dropped Siudzinski for a four-yard loss.

The Idaho offense took over at its own 5 with 7:17 left in the third quarter and capped an 18-play, 95-yard drive with a touchdown to take a 31-24 lead. Linehan connected with Watson for a 5-yard touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter to end the drive that lasted 7:21.

The Vandals finished the season 4-8 overall and 3-5 in Sun Belt Conference play after only winning one game each of the last three seasons.

"It's just a great step forward for this program," Petrino said. "We've all known it. We see it every day. We know how much we've improved."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Strong showing in Mexico

Idaho women's basketball blows out Iowa State, Texas State, nearly beats No. 15 Duke at Cancun Challenge

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Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team spent a few days in Cancun, Mexico, over Thanksgiving break — but rather than vacation, the Vandals appeared to be there strictly on business.

The Vandals finished 2-1 at the Cancun Challenge, including two 20-plus point margin wins and a near-upset of the 15th-ranked Duke Blue Devils.

Idaho sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell averaged 20 points per game over the three-game span.

Idaho (5-1) will play Northwest Christian at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

Thursday: Duke 74, Idaho 68

The Vandals almost knocked off Duke, a team known as a consistent national contender. Idaho cut the Blue Devils' lead to four points with 4:51 left in the game.

The Blue Devils led 36-27 at halftime but the Vandals outscored Duke 41-38 in the second half to nearly pull off the upset.

McCorkell led Idaho with 18 points and senior guard Christina Salvatore nearly had a double-double as she finished with 15 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

"We did a great job of executing the game plan," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "Once we settled down and did not worry about the name on the chest across from us, we played

Vandal basketball."

Friday: Idaho 75, Texas State 55

Idaho led 30-29 at halftime but the Vandals outscored Texas State 45-26 in the second half to win.

The Vandals shot 59.3 percent from the field in the second half and 51.9 percent for the game.

"I told the team at the half that we needed to clean some things up," Newlee said. "We could have put them away in the second quarter. The first five minutes of the second half we had to come out and play Vandal basketball."

McCorkell led all scorers with 18 points on 8 of 13 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds. Senior post Ali Forde had a double-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks and Salvatore added 16 points — including 4 of 5 from 3-point range — and eight rebounds.

Saturday: Idaho 97, Iowa State 65

Idaho freshman guard Taylor Pierce set a new school record by knocking down nine 3-point shots in Idaho's win over the Iowa State Cyclones.

Pierce finished with 27 points in Idaho's third and final game of the Cancun Challenge.

"My teammates and coaches kept telling me to keep shooting," Pierce said. "Most of them were pretty open so they were not too difficult to knock down. My teammates did a good job getting me open."



OPINION

Vandals will reload

Idaho football will lose some of its best players, talent will return

If it was not for the losses to New Mexico State and South Alabama on the road, in which the Idaho football team had huge leads but couldn't seal the deal, the Vandals could still be practicing for a bowl game with a 6-6 record.

Instead, Idaho finished the season 4-8, ending with a thrilling Senior Day win Saturday against Texas State at the Kibbie Dome.

A 4-8 season might not be something to celebrate for some college football teams, but the Vandals should be very excited about their progress this season. Idaho won one game each of the last three seasons so a three-win improvement is a huge step forward.

The Vandals are only going to continue to move forward in the next couple years. Six wins or more is within reach next season given the small senior class that was honored Saturday and the key players returning.

Idaho will lose three senior offensive starters, and all three will be greatly missed.

Guard Dallas Sandberg, fullback Jake Manley and running back Elijah Penny no longer have eligibility.

Sandberg and Manley helped open holes for Penny, who rushed for 1,159 yards and 10 touchdowns this season. When those holes did not open, Penny made his own.

Penny also proved to be a reliable receiver out of the backfield. He finished the season with 27 catches for 239 yards and two touchdowns.



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Right now, Aaron Duckworth, who will be a junior next season, is the next man in line to take the bulk of the carries.

It's always a great thing to have a returning starting quarterback. Matt Linehan will enter his junior season and with two seasons under his belt, he is sure to improve by next season.

In 11 games this season, Linehan completed 63.1 percent of his passes and threw for 2,972 yards with 16 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

The tight ends and wide receivers will be a fun group to watch next fall.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino expected Jacob Sannon and David Ungerer to be two of the top three receivers for the Vandals entering the season, but both missed significant time with injuries.

Callen Hightower proved he can be a No. 1 receiver next year and tight end Trent Cowan proved he is a threat down the seams. Deon

Watson, who transitioned from tight end to receiver as the season progressed, led the team with seven receiving touchdowns.

Rueben Mwehla and Jante Boston stepped in for Sannon and Ungerer and will add depth to the receiving corps and possibly grab one of the starting receiver spots next season.

On the defensive side, defensive end Quinton Bradley will be one of the biggest losses, if not the biggest. The senior from San Antonio racked up 54 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks on the season.

The Vandals will lose more depth on the defensive line with Kaylyn Ayers and Ryan Edwards departing.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Can't find the hoop

Idaho men's basketball struggles offensively in loss to Northern Illinois

Tess Fox
Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team fell to Northern Illinois 66-59 Saturday night at the Memorial Gym after failing to take offensive control.

"This was a good team we just played," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I thought we fought like crazy. We just didn't shoot the ball well tonight."

Senior forward Nahshon George, junior point guard Perrion Callandret and sophomore guard Victor Sanders helped the Vandals keep pace with NIU offensively.

NIU led 34-32 at halftime. Idaho shot 28.6 percent from 3-point range and 34.4 percent from the field in the first half.

"We had a lot of good looks," Verlin said. "We just didn't make it."

Sanders finished the first half with 11 points and ended the night with 17 points to lead the Vandals.

"Most of our plays, they get us into position to score around the 3-point line or get a post touch," Callandret said. "Sometimes when we're struggling at the 3-point line we need to find a way to get our post touches. We have to keep shooting them but we have to pick our spots."

The Vandals shot 50 percent (10 of 20) from the free-throw line in the second half and finished the night at 59.3 percent.

Callandret added 14 points — his fourth straight game in double digits. He also logged the most minutes (37) and contributed five rebounds.

Callandret scored a career-high 18 points against Samford Wednesday at the Mean Green Challenge in Denton, Texas. He scored in the



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Idaho sophomore guard Victor Sanders tries to dribble past Northern Illinois' Laytwan Porter during the first half of Idaho's 66-59 loss Saturday.

double digits in all three of Idaho's games at the tournament.

"I really like the way he's been playing," Verlin said. "He's been running our team. I think he's the guy that can take us to the next level and I really like what he's done this season."

George chipped in 12 points

against Northern Illinois.

"We learn about this team every game," Verlin said. "We have a ton of new guys who haven't played a ton of minutes."

Verlin said sophomore forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan is "a little rusty," but will be fine moving forward.

"He's a returning leading scorer (and) rebounder," Verlin said. "He's going to be just fine this year."

Mkrtychyan came back from a three-week break following knee surgery. He scored six points, grabbed five rebounds and had three turnovers against NIU.

Verlin said he looks to Mkrty-

chyan to help add points at the free-throw line as the season continues.

The Vandals play California State-Bakersfield at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

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VOLLEYBALL

ISU sends Idaho home

Idaho State ends Idaho volleyball's season with 3-1 win at Big Sky Tournament

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The goal of winning the Big Sky Championship will have to wait another year for Idaho, as the No. 2 ranked Vandals fell to No. 3 ranked Idaho State 3-1 (23-25, 16-25, 26-24, 19-25) Nov. 20 at the Rolle Activity Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Bengals were swept by tournament-host Northern Arizona, who entered the tournament as the first seed, in the conference title match Nov. 21.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said Idaho struggled to play clean volleyball with the exception of the third set.

"Our biggest thing tonight was we were just making too many errors," Buchanan said. "In game three we only had four errors and that is why we won it."

The Vandals committed four more total errors (38) than the Bengals, including eight service errors.

"Our serve-receive at times broke down," Buchanan said. "We knew it was going to be a side-out battle. I was proud of everything we did this year. Idaho State just played a cleaner game tonight."

Redshirt freshman outside hitter Kaela Straw led the Vandals with 14 kills and a .478

hitting percentage.

Redshirt freshman outside hitter Sarah Sharp earned the set-winning kill in the third set for the Vandals.

For the third straight game, senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson earned a double-double. Peterson had 13 kills and 12 digs Nov. 20. It was her 21st double-double and she ended her Vandal volleyball career with 1,009 kills.

Senior defensive specialist Jenna Ellis led the Vandals with 23 digs and senior setter Meredith Coba ended her career with a 27-assist performance.

Idaho (14-16 overall, 10-6 Big Sky Conference) won the Big Sky North division in the regular season after winning the tiebreaker with Northern Colorado. Even though Idaho and Northern Colorado had identical Big Sky records, the Vandals won the tiebreaker with a plus-1.25 scoring differential.

Buchanan said Idaho came a long way this season and will look to become a stronger team in 2016.

"We made a ton of progress from the start of the season," Buchanan said. "This conference is more of a defensive conference. As we keep working and become more of a physical team we will catch up."

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Idaho's Katelyn Peterson tips the ball against Eastern Washington Nov. 7.

Athletes of the week

Football – Matt Linehan



Linehan

Idaho's sophomore quarterback completed 21 of his 31 passes for 309 yards with two touchdowns and zero interceptions in the Vandals' 38-31 win over Texas State on Senior Day Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. He also rushed for a 5-yard touchdown. In 11 games this season, Linehan threw for 2,972 yards with 16 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and completed 63.1 percent of his passes. He also rushed for five touchdowns. The Vandals finished the season 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the Sun Belt Conference.

Football – Elijah Penny



Penny

The senior running back from Lakewood, California, scored the game-winning touchdown against Texas State on Senior Day. Penny scored from four yards out with 1:02 remaining in the game to put the Vandals up 38-31. He finished the game with 149 yards rushing on 25 carries with two touchdowns. In 12 games this season,

Penny rushed for 1,159 yards (4.7 yards per carry) with 10 touchdowns. He also had 27 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

Men's basketball

– Perrion Callandret



Callandret

The junior guard averaged 14.7 points in Idaho's three games — North Texas, Troy and Samford — at the Mean Green Challenge Nov. 23-25 in Denton, Texas. The Vandals beat North Texas and Troy but fell to Samford. Callandret tied his career high with 18 points in Idaho's 75-58 loss to Samford Wednesday. In that game, Callandret shot 7 of 11 from the field and 4 of 7 from 3-point range. He scored 14 points in the Vandals' 66-59 loss to Northern Illinois Saturday night at home. Idaho (4-3) plays California State-Bakersfield at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

Women's basketball – Geraldine McCorkell



McCorkell

The sophomore post from Melbourne, Australia, averaged 20 points in Idaho's three games — Duke, Texas State and Iowa State — at the Cancun Challenge Thursday, Friday

and Saturday in Cancun, Mexico. The Vandals fell to Duke but routed Texas State and Iowa State. In Idaho's 64-60 comeback victory against Seattle University Nov. 23, McCorkell scored a career-high 22 points. She made a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left to give the Vandals their first lead of the game against the Redhawks. McCorkell then knocked down two free throws with four seconds left to seal the win. Against Iowa State Saturday, McCorkell set a new career high in points with 24 and added 12 rebounds for a double-double. She shot 9 of 12 from the floor. Idaho (5-1) plays Northwest Christian at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

Volleyball – Kaela Straw



Straw

The redshirt freshman outside hitter from Spokane made the all-tournament team at the Big Sky Tournament. In the first round of the Big Sky Tournament, Straw led the Vandals with 18 kills in their 3-2 win against North Dakota Nov. 19 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Straw led the Vandals again with 14 kills in their 3-1 loss against Idaho State Nov. 20, ending Idaho's season. Straw had a .478 hitting percentage in the loss. Straw ranked fifth in the tournament in hitting percentage and finished seventh with 3.56 kills per set. Idaho finished the season 14-16 overall and 10-6 in the Big Sky.

VANDALS

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Idaho will lose four out of its five leading tacklers. Linebacker Broc Westlake led the team with 87 tackles, linebacker Marc Millan finished third with 63, linebacker and safety Chris Edwards finished fourth with 62 and Bradley finished fifth.

Freshman linebacker Kaden Ellis, who finished second on the team with 83 tackles, should return.

The Vandals will lose many valuable players, but should bring back enough solid talent to have the opportunity to play in a bowl game next season.

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MEXICO

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The Vandals hit 17 3-pointers as a team, matching the school record in which the Vandals set earlier in the season against California State-Northridge.

McCorkell finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds. She shot 9 of 12 from the field.

Senior guard Connie Ballestero had 12 points and eight assists for the Vandals.

The Vandals scored 65 points in the second half, shooting 60 percent from the field.

"To be able to do this against such a fantastically coached team that has continuously been in the NCAA Tournament is fantastic for us," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "To come out and compete like we did in this tournament was amazing."

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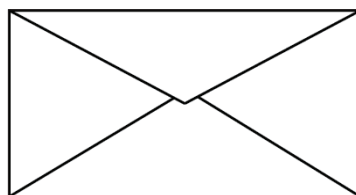
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OUR VIEW

The graduate student struggle

UI's teaching assistants are paid too little for a large amount of work

Teaching assistants have more on their plates than most.

While many people around campus fit into a single category, such as student, staff, faculty or administration, graduate students who also work as teaching assistants transcend the singular label and function as a student, instructor and, on some occasions, a researcher.

Despite the extensive work graduate TAs do, the unfortunate reality is that the University of Idaho pays its graduate teaching assistants far less than other institutions.

Although there is some help provided for UI's TAs, the financial support is not enough.

University policy states that out-of-state graduate teaching assistants will have their tuition waived, and while there is a budget for in-state tuition waivers, the budget is shared between UI's departments. This means the money is so spread out, it doesn't amount to much for each individual teaching assistant.

These are individuals who already have multiple stressors weighing them down. TAs teach courses, grade papers and conduct

extensive amounts of research, but they also juggle a required number of credits to complete their own education.

The many pressures of being both a teacher and a student combined with low pay that makes it hard for these graduate students to scrape by leaves TAs run-down, over-worked and overall, exhausted.

This is not only detrimental to individual graduate students, but it also negatively impacts the undergraduate students who are taking courses taught by teaching assistants.

TAs who are tired and run-down or worried about how they're going to make rent for the next couple of months won't be able to focus on the students they are instructing or the material they are required to teach.

This could potentially decrease the quality of courses taught by graduate students, which, in turn, negatively affects the education that the undergraduate students of UI receive.

In addition to making an impact on students, low pay for TAs also affects UI's enrollment numbers as a whole.

While the university is taking many steps to increase and retain the enrollment numbers for undergraduate students, a lack of aid

and low pay for teaching assistants contributes to the dwindling numbers of UI's graduate students.

Graduate school alone is expensive, but many students also enter graduate school with debt they accumulated while attaining their undergraduate degree.

When it comes to choosing which school to pick for graduate studies, financial aid is often a key factor.

Even though UI offers a variety of great graduate programs, many students are instead opting to pursue their graduate studies at institutions where they can receive increased financial support.

Low pay for teaching assistants isn't a problem that only impacts individual employees, it is something that affects the entire university. While it might not seem like a relevant issue to undergraduate students or faculty members who don't work with TAs, the problems caused by paying a select group of employees too little money for jobs they perform affects both the student body and the work environment for faculty. It's something that needs to be discussed.

— CB



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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Power through

Strong black tea and Hellogoodbye's "Everything is Debatable" will be my constant companions as I attempt to stay afloat during the next three weeks.

— Lyndsie

Happy to be back

You don't realize how much you love your job until you're gone for a week and realize you really missed the faces of your wonderful co-workers.

— Corrin

Break

Getting away from the daily grind made me appreciate where I am and what I'm doing. I'm ready to tackle these next few weeks.

— Jake

Trucks and women

Country music takes me somewhere else. it comes on and I leave the room.

— Jessica

College

Break has made me want to just be home and not have to pay for food. Can the next three weeks fly by? Please?

— Claire

Fabulous

Words can not describe how wonderful and supportive my family and fiance are. Everyone needs a support system, especially in the home stretch.

— Katelyn

Convenience

If you're getting tired of carrying something, just eat it. You don't have to carry things that are on your insides, except what's in your heart.

— Jack

Fleece-lined leggings

If you see me, I'm wearing them. If you don't see me, I'm wearing them. If you don't think I'm wearing them, I'm wearing them.

— Hannah

Lazy

Why are these professors looking at me like I was supposed to actually study over break. I thought break meant break.

— Jordan

Almost there

The end of the semester is near. One day at a time. Championship mentality.

— Garrett

Solid advice

You should never try to decorate the top of your Christmas tree by standing haphazardly on a stool placed on top a swivel chair. Learned that the hard way.

— Josh

10 days

Until I'm headed home. Finals week has never been less intimidating.

— Erin

Broccoli casserole

I can now cook my favorite meal. I'm practically a chef.

— Ryan

Winter wonderland

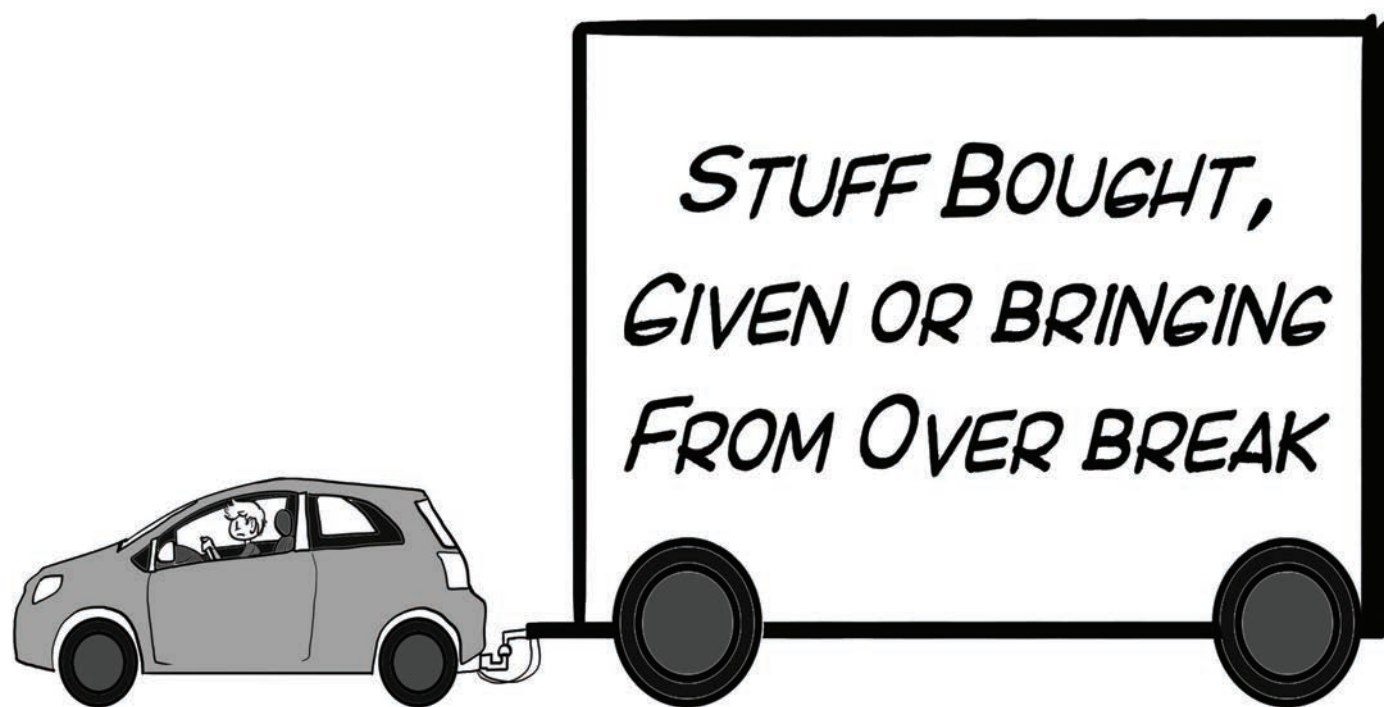
Coming back to snowy Moscow and the frosted trees is the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit.

— Tea

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Incoherent professionalism

Why journalists write the way we do

The evolution of language is a combination of stagnation and resourcefulness that defines each generation in a way that confuses those who have come before it and appears comical to those who follow it.

Writing styles are created and used to lessen the negative impacts of a changing language and increase common understanding, but it is with mixed results.

The AP Stylebook claims that AP Style is a set of guidelines for good writing. I am going to negate this claim while keeping in mind that no writing guide can easily keep up with changing language. The problems with AP Style I address have plagued many generations, not just our own.

AP Style overuses periods, interfering with its goal of brevity, overuses Latin phrases, interfering with its goal of plain speech and omits parts of the English language for various reasons, generally impeding clarity.

A good sentence need only be read once. But, AP Style includes rules that distract from this goal. AP Style demands words like "that" and punctuation marks such as the Oxford comma be omitted for the sake of brevity, but I think this brevity only applies to the writer or editor who has already read the whole

sentence. Someone else reading a sentence for the first time could easily get lost, and not because people use the word "that" a lot in normal speech.



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The brevity that a reader wants applies to time — time to read, or in the case of AP Style, reread — while an editor wants brevity of space to fit all the news on the same number of pages each day.

When omissions of "that" and the Oxford comma make a sentence difficult to understand, they can be worked around by rearranging the sentence. But should they be rearranged at all? These changes often create awkward sentences or, at the least, require more work of the writer.

Good writing should prioritize clarity first, then brevity and then convention as a fallback.

Usually, what is most clear is based on common convention, while AP Style enforces elitist terms and distinctions between

words. As much as I would like the word "acronym" to mean a word created from the first letters of each word it represents — as opposed to "initialism," an abbreviation meant to be pronounced letter-by-letter, this distinction does not exist anymore except for the purposes of specific conver-



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sations.

As language has evolved, many of these kinds of distinctions still apply, but only within the jargon of certain fields. Good writing should be as universal as possible.

I think the reason for holding to things like AP Style rules comes down to immature professionalism. Everyone wants their career to be a mystery to outsiders. Everyone wants their little club, and journalists are no exception.

But journalists are led astray from their job of good, useful communication by sticking to rules that are "good" for reasons mysterious to outsiders, and likely to themselves. Journalism is a profession that can no longer afford this level of academia.

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Everybody wins

The problem with giving out participation trophies

Sportswriter Grantland Rice once wrote, "It is not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

The problem with that is when everybody wins, it completely changes how the game is played.

I recently saw a Kia commercial where a father looks at his son's football trophy, which stated "Participant" on the plaque, and he thinks to himself, "But we won every game." So he peels off the plate that said "Participant" and writes "Champs" instead.

I couldn't help but to think to myself, "Yes. Thank you."

My boyfriend's three boys have spent many years playing soccer, but not this year. Last year, the oldest, who was 12 at the time, was playing the final game of the season championship with his team. It was cold, windy and rainy out. He was just kind of wandering around the field like the rest of his team, not exactly as competitive as would be expected for the final game of the season. One player even yelled out, "Just let them win," referring to the other team.

They didn't even try, yet they received the same trophies the other team did and went off to their pizza party. They were rewarded for doing nothing except showing up. They knew they were still going to get their trophies and party, so they gave up and didn't care about finishing on a strong note. It was unsportsmanlike, and with the existence of participation trophies, this is a problem that will continue.

It is good to be OK with losing. No one can win everything they play, but winning and losing go hand in hand — there needs to be winners and losers in a competition, otherwise it isn't competitive in the first place. Healthy competition is human nature, and things like participation trophies kind of

go against that nature.

It is fine for younger children, but as they get older, kids need to know how it feels to win and how it feels to fail. To coddle them and protect them from this is not real life.

As they grow up, we hope they will succeed, but they are bound to feel failure at some point. They may be turned down from schools and jobs. They are less likely to give up if they know what it means to compete, because real-life competition can be much more brutal than a middle school soccer game. Doing well at something should be rewarded to give the kids a reason to excel and strive to do the best they can.

Dr. Alan Goldberg on competitivedge.com said winners may be ecstatic, confident, haughty or happy, while the loser may feel distraught, angry, sad or inadequate.

"Many athletes, parents and coaches have learned through experience how to successfully ride these strong emotional currents. As a result, their behaviors in response to them are both effective and appropriate," Goldberg wrote.

Without the experience of these emotions, it is difficult to learn how to control them. As I stated earlier, everyone is bound to feel failure at some point in their life — isn't it better to teach kids how to properly handle it earlier in life?

When experiencing these emotions, it is important for the parents, but also for the coaches, to help children deal with them. Children must understand that it is not nice to gloat, but losing also isn't the end of the world and they should never give up.

Failure is the key to success. Refer to Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan or Steve Jobs, all of whom, according to Business Insider, failed, were fired or heard the word "no" countless times before succeeding in their respective fields. But they never gave up.

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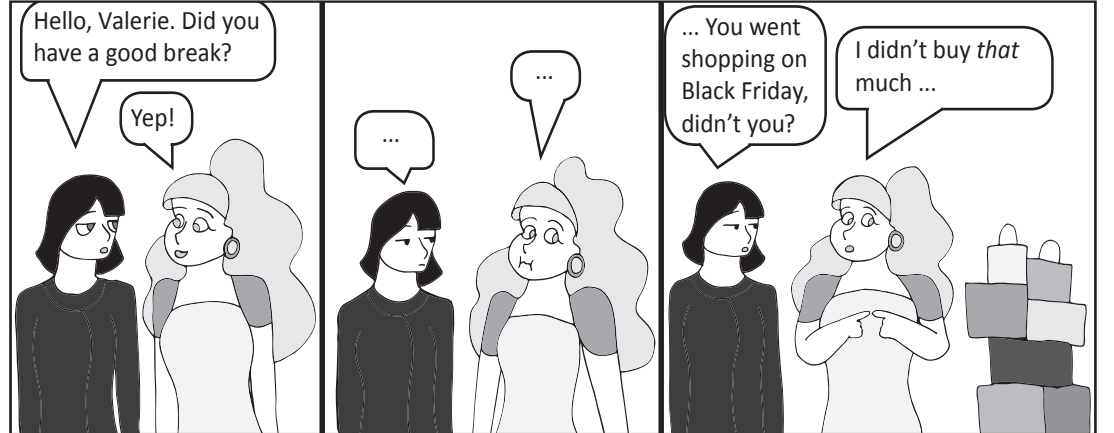
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