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University of Idaho students, faculty and administrators stand together in the Free Speech Zone Nov. 18 in solidarity with Mizzou protestors.

'We hear their voices'

Dozens of demonstrators stand in solidarity with civil rights protesters in Missouri

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

In the hours before the public demonstration she helped organize, University of Idaho student Cynthia Ballesteros said she was most apprehensive about potential backlash.

She wasn't the only one.

"It's just a peaceful protest," UI student Jessy Forsmo-Shadid said as she hurried through the Idaho Commons to the site of the demonstration. "Of all the times there could be opposition, please don't let it be today."

She carried a large, yellow banner that read "University of Idaho stands with Mizzou."

Dozens of UI students, faculty and staff gathered Nov. 19 in the UI Free Speech Zone outside the UI Library to express solidarity with the student protesters at the University

of Missouri. Moscow community members and representatives from the Washington State University Black Student Union also attended the demonstration.

Demonstrators on the University of Missouri campus protested their administration's mishandling of several race-related incidents on campus. Their efforts ultimately resulted in the resignation of President Timothy M. Wolfe and led Mizzou Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin to step down and accept a new role.

The UI protestors, dressed in black, stood against the cold in a tight group holding their signs. They took turns speaking out about their experiences being minorities on campus and expressed their hopes for the future for an hour and a half.

The crowd caused dozens of students to pause as they made their way to class. Some pulled out their cell phones. Others leaned to other onlookers to ask in hushed voices what was going on.

Chelsea Butler, who organized the demon-

stration, said first and foremost the demonstrators stood to support the Mizzou protesters, who wanted people to know how tense and abused they felt on their own campus.

It's something Butler said many minority students experience at UI as well.

"We hear their voices," said Butler, who also founded the UI Black Student Union three years ago. "We see what they're doing."

There had been a similar solidarity demonstration in the Compton Union Building on WSU's campus Nov. 16. There, several UI students joined members of the WSU Black Student Union and other members of the WSU community to wear black, hold signs and speak out about their experiences.

Following the peaceful demonstration on the WSU campus, the Pullman Yik Yak, an anonymous social media app for college students, lit up with posts that were critical of the demonstration.

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Alone in the crowd

Many students of color feel unwelcome at UI

Hannah Shirley Argonaut

ASUI Director of Diversity Izaiah Dolezal has moved around a lot. Among the places he's called home are Atlanta; Chicago; Cape Town, South Africa; and now Moscow.

Dolezal said there's much he has learned from seeing so many different people and their interactions with one another.

While racism is a minor element, one of his observations, he said, is that racism in the Northwest can be a different beast than racism elsewhere.

"Down south, you don't really hide your racism," Dolezal said. "People tell you to your face they don't like you ... Here it's more subtle. You can't really tell who's who."

Idaho is approximately 89 percent white, according to the 2010 census. That means for many students, coming to the University of Idaho is their first time spending time around students of diverse backgrounds. Some simply don't know how to conduct themselves, Dolezal said, and as a result, some students express curiosity in a way that is unfriendly.

Similarly, an instructor might single out a student in class to speak on behalf of all people of color, he said. Other times, Dolezal said students don't say anything until a few drinks, and then a few more. Then students might use derogatory slurs, or make other racially or culturally

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FACULTY SENATE

Exploring options

Faculty Senate applauds Foisy for talk on employee classification

Erin Bamer Argonaut

Vice President of Finance Brian Foisy doesn't understand why the University of Idaho has the practices it does for employee classification.

"I'm not sure how we got here," Foisy said at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. "I'm not sure why we do this."

Foisy said he plans to spend the next 9-12 months evaluating UI's internal equity issues based on the needs of faculty and staff. He said the idea to change internal hiring

the idea to change internal hiring practices is still in the exploratory stage and the presentation was intended to get feedback from faculty members on the idea.

"We are just exploring and doing our due diligence right now," Foisy said.

Foisy said he would want to receive approval from multiple share governance groups on campus before bringing an idea to UI President Chuck Staben for final approval.

If approved, Foisy said a change to UI's practices in hiring current employees should address one issue with internal inequity.

Current employees are allowed to apply

for higher positions at UI, Foisy said, but if they were given the position they would not be awarded the higher salary that comes with the position. Applicants outside the university would be given the salary to fit the position.

Foisy said the process discriminates against internal employees. The reason for

it is because allowing current employees to get a pay raise by changing positions would create an internal equity problem, but Foisy said UI already has an internal equity problem by adopting this practice.

Foisy said UI's overall issue with internal equity is a big problem and he doesn't have a solution for it at

the moment. He said one part of the solution might be to remove the hiring discrimination against internal applicants.

Although, Foisy said he wants to seek further approval before bringing proposed solutions to Staben.

Almost all members of Faculty Senate were pleased with Foisy's idea and shared their appreciation.

"This is absolutely fantastic," said Brian Mahoney of campus recreation. "Where were you about two years ago?"

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PALOUSE

Helping for the holidays

Palouse community members will volunteer time to collect

Diamond Koloski Argonaut

A one-to-two hour commitment on a Saturday morning can go a long way to reducing hunger on the Palouse, said Palouse Cares Board of Directors President Rick Minard.

"The more doors we can knock on, the more people will open their doors and give us food," Minard said.

Palouse Cares will hold its 10th food drive and fundraising auction this Saturday, first at 9 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.

Community members from 13 different areas on the Palouse will be given maps and assigned neighborhoods to visit and collect food donations from.

"Because this is our 10th year, I'd say 90 percent of people are expecting us because we come every year," Minard said. "Last year we raised over 20,000 pounds of donations in Moscow alone."

All food donations go to the local food bank while monetary donations are given to food banks and other non-profits that focus specifically on children, Minard said.

Palouse Cares provides the maps and bags, and volunteers simply show up willing to drive around the town and collect food.

Minard is expecting about 600-700 volunteers in Moscow this year and said students turn out in the hundreds to volunteer.

He said he usually gets about 100 University of Idaho student-athlete volunteers and about 200 volunteers from UI sorority houses. He said about 100 students from Moscow High School also show up to volunteer.

"A huge shout out to U of I students who come and help us out," Minard said. "Without the students this event wouldn't be near as suc-

cessful of an event as it has been over the last 10 years."

When volunteers are done, they return to their site and turn in donations.

"That's when the magic happens and we see all the food that was raised over that couple-hour window," Minard said. "It's just amazing."

After the food drive, a fundraising auction will begin. In Pullman at Zeppoz, and in Moscow at Real Life at Eastside Marketplace, crowds will gather to enjoy baroque, baked goods, music, games and live and silent auctions. All profits will go to local nonprofits.

Linda Nickels, director of the Moscow Food Bank, said their shelves start to run low on donations close to the holidays. And when it doesn't seem like they can pull through, the food bank receives the huge donation from Palouse Cares.

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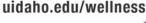
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A Crumbs recipe



Chicken pot pie casserole

Chicken pot pie is a great dish to fit into even the busiest dead week schedules — make it ahead of time and reheat it for a hearty meal on the go. It's the perfect recipe to keep in your back pocket as finals approach.

Ingredients

- 1 pound chicken breast
- 12 ounces thawed peas and carrots
- 2 cups diced potatoes ■ 1 onion diced

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- 2 cans cream of chicken soup ■ 1 cup water
- 2 cans refrigerated crescent rolls ■ 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Grill chicken breasts until cooked

- and allow to cool
- 2. Grill onions until transparent and set aside
- 3. Dice chicken into 1/2 inch cubes
- 4. Preheat oven to 350
- 5. Grease an 11 by 13 inch baking dish
- 6. Unroll 1 can of crescent rolls and place in the bottom of dish and up the sides
- 7. Bake for 20 minutes or until crust

Directions

- is light brown and allow to cool **8.** In a large skillet, combine
- chicken, onion, water, potatoes and peas and carrots
- 9. Cook over medium heat while
- stirring until ingredients are warm
- **10**. Add soup and poultry seasoning and continue cooking for 5 minutes
- 11. Pour mixture into dish and top with remaining crescent roll sheet and bake for 20 minutes

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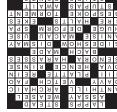
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Legislators looking forward

Legislators preview issues for upcoming legislative session

Taylor Nadauld Argonaut

District 5 legislators discussed Idaho salaries, roads and Medicaid expansion Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the approaching legislative session in

The League of Women Voters hosted the discussion at the 1912 Center in downtown Moscow.

Rep. Paulette Jordan, D-Plummer, voiced her concern for Idaho's educational system and referenced a petition started by political consultant Bill Moran, which would raise tobacco taxes for the purpose of funding education.

Jordan said legislators should focus on education in general, as young people who are looking to settle down are not looking to Idaho.

That, to me, is the greatest challenge," Jordan said.

Jordan also spoke on environmental issues, calling Idaho a "nice, pretty, green state," that is already doing well in energy but has room to improve.

Jordan said the Legislature will have to come to a decision on a 50-state strategy to help Idaho and the rest of the country develop better energy sources.

Jordan and Sen. Dan Schmidt, D-Moscow, echoed each others' sentiments throughout the discussion, though Schmidt spoke more to Idaho salaries and said the issue would be his focus this next session.

While the country has recovered from the financial crisis of 2008, Schmidt said Idaho's salaries have not.

"Everything I'm going to look



Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy, Rep. Paulette Jordan and Sen. Dan Schmidt discuss education, enviornmental issues, Medicaid and other goals at an even hosted by the League of Women Voters in preparation for the upcoming legislative session Wednesday at the 1912 Center.

at will have to answer the question 'Is this going to help people in Idaho earn more money?" Schmidt said.

Rep. Caroline Troy, R-Genesee, said she too would focus on living wages in Idaho, as well as transportation and roads.

Troy said she was shocked to find out there was no plan in place to make Highway 95 a fourlane roadway between Moscow and Worley.

"We can't grow our economy in this region without a better road system," Troy said.

Parties clashed when it came

to Medicaid, as Schmidt challenged Troy to convince the majority party that there was hope for a Medicaid expansion plan this session.

Troy said Richard Armstrong, director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, has been doing briefings on a Medicaid expansion plan. She said he and others believe it is a workable plan.

Schmidt said the plan would Idaho's upgrade Medicaid funding from county and state funding to a federal level. But Schmidt said the current system does not always serve its purpose.

"People don't get care," Schmidt said. "They get their catastrophe paid for."

Troy also pointed to a debate from last year's session, stating it was a good sign Schmidt was not hopeful of Medicaid since he made a similar prediction about transportation funding at last year's session that did not come true.

"Yeah, I made that prediction with transportation tax last year," Schmidt said. "I was wrong. Maybe I'll be wrong this year. That'd be wonderful."

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In reference to the Medicaid expansion plan, Jordan said she sees the state saving at least \$100 million in the

next seven years. Either

way, Jordan said voter participation is important for future elections and petitions on the matter.

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'You've got to look at whether we're voting party line or voting for our people and our constituents," Jordan said.

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Impeding reports or promoting safety

ASUI votes on U.S. Safe Campus Act resolution

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a stance on the Campus Accountability and

ASUI will join student governments and Greek houses across the country in taking

Introduced earlier this year, the U.S. Senate bill would require students to report sexual assaults to the police before the university could take any action, among other measures addressing sexual

"I think the bill has good intentions, but it's just not there yet," said ASUI Pro Tempore Kate Ricart, who wrote the resolution.

ASUI Sen. McKenzie MacDonald, who sponsored the resolution, she said she thinks ASUI will vote in favor of a resolution in op-

This act impedes our goal of a community that is accountable, is safe and serves all students.

Max Cowan, ASUI President

position of the bill next week.

"Students on many campuses are concerned victims will report even less often with the police requirement," Ricart said.

Ricart said the Student Disciplinary Review Board, which handles sexual assault cases, has a lower standard of proof than a

ASUI President Max Cowan, who sits on the board, said their standard of proof is closer to that in a civil case than in a crimi-

Ricart said that allows the process to move more quickly. She said going through the court system would create a dangerous barrier to reporting assaults.

Cowan said this lower standard of proof is acceptable because expulsion is less impactful than a felony charge. He also said he thinks many favor the bill out of concern that the board lacks the same standard of due process that court proceedings have.

But Cowan said he thinks the board does achieve due process. He said the board provides a hearing notice and conducts an impartial hearing.

Ricart said she also dislikes the bill's requirement of universities to report sexual assaults that occur on their campuses.

"It's kind of an incentive to just expel students with little to no proof just so they don't have to report the statistic,"

McDonald is a recent addition to the disciplinary board and said although she has not yet heard a sexual assault case,

she has received Title IX training and thinks the bill would make things even worse for victims if passed.

Cowan said the bill would take away freedoms of victims to choose how to go through the healing process.

"This act impedes our goal of a community that is accountable, is safe and serves all students," Cowan said.

McDonald said she does not expect any opposition to the resolution and hopes the senate will pass it next week.

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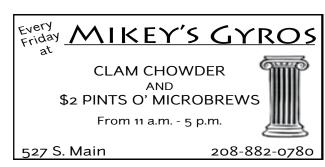
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Second-year grad student Michael Brandt works on the Face of Want as a scenic designer for the annual "A Chirstmas Carol" play, which opened Thursday.

No Christmas miracle

UI students work behind the scenes on "A Christmas Carol" Production

Carly Scott Argonaut

Putting on a theater production is no Christmas miracle.

"I think that the biggest misconception, the best misconception, is that it appears effortless," said "A Christmas Carol" Director David Lee-Painter. "The audience can't see the time and energy that went into it."

This year's production of "A Christmas Carol" began Thursday and will continue with showings at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and performances at 7:30 p.m. through the weekend. There are also performances scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 12-13, as well as 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12. The production will take place in the Hartung Theatre and is free for University of Idaho students.

Sound designer Keely Wright-Ogden is one of the people putting in time and energy for this year's production. Wright-Ogden is a first year graduate student at UI and has been involved in theatre production since the 6th grade.

"I think that a lot of people believe that sound design is primarily just throwing on some sound effects and playing them over the speakers," said Wright-Ogden.

Sound design has unique challenges. Wright-Ogden said that one of the most challenging things is to get the microphones to work with the actor's voices and costumes. In this play, she said it's difficult to find the right balance to where the audience can still hear well, but the characters still sound spooky.

To her, sound design is an art form. The creative liberty in sound design is Wright-Ogden's favorite part of the job, she said.

"The excitement of exploring a text and finding ways that sound can be an asset and can be in its own way interesting and effective is one of the coolest parts," she said.

"A Christmas Carol" is tradition for UI student Samantha Williamson. This will be the third year Williamson has either seen the production or been involved in it at UI.

"With every year, the thing that blows me away about this show is the sense of pure joy that everyone gets out of it," Williamson said.

Williamson said she has worked in theatre production for six years. And as stage manager

for this year's production, come opening night, Williamson will be running the show. She said her re-

sponsibilities include making sure everyone is where they need to be when they need to be there. With a 37-person cast and 10-member crew, she said

"It's a stressful job, but somehow I like it," Williamson said.

it's no small task.

Design meetings started in September, even before the rehearsal process, Williamson said. The cast puts in six rehearsals a week — each one about four hours, she said. The technical crew is there for all of them, sometimes even longer, she said.

No play is complete without a set and props, and this year that responsibility falls to Michael Brandt.

A second-year M.F.A.

student, Brandt said he does a little of everything.

"I'm branded as more of, not a super specialist, but as a Swiss Army Knife kind of guy," he said. Brandt works on props, scenery, puppets, scenic design and stage management behind the scenes, he said.

Brandt said audience members often do not realize how much time goes into making the physical aspects of a production. He said aspects that look easy to create take a monumental amount of time to design and build.

Besides the time, Brandt said there is still a strong appeal to working backstage.

"You get to dream up imaginary things and make them as real as you can," Brandt said.

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Mini Kibbie survives

Officials plan to bring event center back next year

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The temporary Idaho Fan Zone has ended its semester-long trial run, and university officials are pronouncing it an absolute success with plans to expand in the future.

The temporary canvas structure, erected at the beginning of the semester, was intended to be dismantled following the last football content, visit game of the year Sunday. But uiargonaut.com the structure was dismantled a week early after it sustained damage during a Nov. 17 windstorm. The total cost of renting the structure, erecting it and dismantling it was just under \$500,000 in total.

Dan Ewart, vice president for Infrastructure, said in previous years events were held in various venues around campus. The university president, different colleges and other campus organizations all had separate tents and venues that were separate from game day events.

"The fan zone was an opportunity to bring all those folks together in a familyoriented environment and bring more people to the football games and just have a much better experience over all at the football games," Ewart said. "And I think it more than succeeded in that."

The purpose of the Idaho Fan Zone was to have a unified game day event center for all fans to attend events, Ewart said, something that would bring a number of different campus groups together under one roof.

Ewart said the fan zone included places to eat and drink, including a sep-

arate section serving beer and wine. The

mini dome also included a place to buy

Vandal Gear and had TVs to watch other sporting events. He said the fan zone also held live music, with the Vandal Marching Band and other bands performing

before football games. At each one of the different games, Ewart said the fan zone was co-sponsored by one of UI's colleges. One week, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences held its an-

nual Ag Days event in the fan zone, which included free giveaways and a display of tractors inside the structure. Later on, the College of Science hosted an event where children could participate in various science experiments in order to get young kids interested about careers in STEM fields.

"Those things were very, very well-received by those that came to the fan zone," Ewart said.

Ewart said the university will not have the same structure next year, but it intends bring the concept of the fan zone back. He said UI is set to have a different event center for the fall 2016 season.

Ewart said they expect to have a finalized plan for the structure this spring. One plan under consideration set up a complex of various tents, similar to booths at a fair, he said.

This plan, Ewart said, would have separate tents for food, Vandal Gear and the colleges. He said the separate tents would all arranged next to each other on the same site as this year's fan zone.

Ewart said a new basketball arena and event center is set to be built on the site next to the Kibbie Dome sometime in the coming years. The proposed new venue is still in the early planning stages, he said, but UI is now planning to incorporate a permanent fan zone into the future arena because of its success this year.

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VOICES

FROM PAGE 1

"Protest ISIS, stand with equality, protest any legitimate cause and I will stand with you," read one post. "But Mizzou? Go read a book."

Ballesteros said it's nothing new.

"With race issues and students, it gets a little weird," Ballesteros said. "There are comments on Yik Yak during cultural events that like, nobody will tell us straight up, but they maybe are thinking."

On the afternoon of the UI demonstration, however, any opposition seemed quiet and students were left largely in peace. The students who spoke out were met not with hate but with cheers, applause and hugs.

"I'm standing here for my siblings," Forsmo-Shadid said in front of the crowd. "They have big dreams, and big dreams of going to college — I'm here to make sure college campuses are safe for them."

She finished her short speech with a singu-

"We give a shit," she said to the crowd, who immediately called it back to her.

"We give a shit!"

UI freshman Hailey Thorn had not planned on being at the protest and said she had not even known it was going on. Thorn said she was just at the right place at the right time.

"So I'm probably one of the whitest people here," she said to laughter, addressing the protesters on a whim.

Her good-natured introduction quickly grew serious as Thorn condemned her own privilege and the culture that marginalizes minority students.

"We should be over this by now," Thorn said as she began to cry. An African-American woman broke away from the protesters, running forward to hug her. "We should have been over this years ago."

Adonay "Donny" Berhe, a member of the UI Black Student Union, told the crowd he was born in Ethiopia but grew up in Mississippi.

"I have seen what racism actually creates," he said. "Racism is everywhere at every time."

He praised UI as a school in conservative north Idaho for having such a strong voice for diversity issues, but insisted without love, they would never see the change they needed.

"It's a fight," he said. "A struggle against the system. If there's one color for America,

show me."

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As the demonstration neared its end and one of the protesters read a poem aloud, a sigh of relief could be heard among the onlookers.

"Yik Yak is quiet," someone

whispered. In fact, on the UI campus Yik Yak, there was only one post that mentioned Mizzou.

"Thank you yik yak," read the post, which had 26 upvotes by the time it cycled off the feed. "For not being racist during our Mizzou protest. Our campus is progressing."

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insensitive remarks, as if he isn't standing beside them, Dolezal said.

And sometimes, especially during cultural events on campus, students will turn to anonymous apps such as Yik Yak to express hate. This was the case during last year's Shades of Black showcase, when Dolezal said Yik Yak posts appeared about the KKK and threatening students of color.

'Maybe jokes, maybe not," Dolezal said. "But they make students of color feel unsafe and unwelcome."

Recruitment and retention numbers reflect those feelings, Dolezal said. After their first semester or year on campus, he said many students of color are not returning to campus.

Dolezal is a member of the President's Diversity Council for Recruitment and Retention, a group of faculty, staff and students put together last year to address diversity issues and enrollment on the UI campus.

UI President Chuck Staben pledged to increase diversity on campus by 35 percent as part of his 10-year enrollment plan. The recruitment and retention group of the Diversity Council will meet again in January, and they already have ideas for addressing minority students' needs.

'There's nothing offered for students of color," Dolezal said. "No communal support."

UI student Cynthia Ballesteros said in order to make minority students feel welcome on campus, the most important thing is providing

institutional support. To her this means creating more centers for different types of students and a more diverse course catalogue.

Ballesteros said she has always been socially aware, and has remained engaged in the activist community on campus throughout her time at UI. She said she has also closely followed the news of other students of color demonstrating on college campuses across the nation, such as at the University of Missouri and Yale last month.

She said she likes to believe on the UI campus and beyond, conversations about race are beginning to be heard.

"Everyone is coming together slowly," Ballesteros said. "It's like we're simultaneously having the same thought at the same time, and it's setting off lights."

Dolezal said the nation is in the midst of a second civil rights movement.

"The civil rights movement never really died, we just stopped talking about it," Dolezal said. "It's always been going on, but for some of us it's reality."

Since the killing of 17-year-old



Trayvon Martin nearly three years ago, Dolezal said the movement has gained momentum, especially with the rise of Black Lives Matter — a

movement Dolezal said has received largely negative and hostile feedback. Yet, he said the discourse among participants in the Black Lives Matter movement and its opponents on social media mirror discourse of the past.

"The comments on Twitter are almost identical," Dolezal said. "If you look at them together, you won't know which era is which."

Eventually, Dolezal said something has to change, but the solution won't be simple. He said in order for institutional change to occur, there must first be individual change.

Dolezal said achieving cultural competency can be difficult, but so is any process that demands extending beyond one's comfort zone.

"I have to step in front of myself step outside of what I know," Dolezal said. "To understand other people, spend time around different people... I guess you have to change yourself if you want to change the world."

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ployees that UI values

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"All of a sudden this miraculous thing happens and we are always blessed with all these donations from Palouse Cares and the Moscow community," Nickels said. "It's been really nice."

The food bank creates Christmas baskets for families to receive, and Nickels said there would not be a holiday for many families if they didn't have the food bank.

"What seems to happen is families are trying to get a few things for the kids for Christmas and so this really helps their budget," Nickels said.

She said this is a great way to provide the community with holiday spirit.

Nickels said the Moscow

Food Bank does not hold its own food drives and does not get funding from any government agency. So she said the donations make a tremendous impact.

"The biggest reward is that we are allowing no child to go hungry on the Palouse," Minard said. "It's pretty special to me that through our magical team of PC, we are able to fill the food banks with so much food and just make a child smile because he's not hungry."

Those who would still like to volunteer can show up at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Real Life in Moscow.

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Mahoney did have words of warning for Foisy, however. He said he and other faculty and staff have attempted to fix problems with internal inequity at UI before and were shut down by other administrators.

Faculty Secretary Donald Crowley appreciated Foisy's words as well, but said he found it unlikely that UI's internal equity problems can be fixed all at once. He said the current hiring practice is thought

to maintain equity rather than degrade it because some colleges at the university pay its employees more than others. If employees are allowed to shift

through colleges and departments and change their salaries based on that, many employees may drift into the richer colleges, Crowley said.

Though Foisy said he wished he could abolish Ul's internal equity problems outright, he admitted that some of it likely wouldn't go away. Changing the university's hiring process, however, would



them and that the ability to be flexible and work in multiple different departments increases

their value, he said.

"Step one right now is to make sure current employees understand that we like you," Foisy said. "We appreciate that you came to work here.

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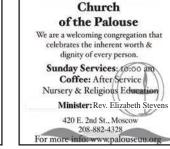
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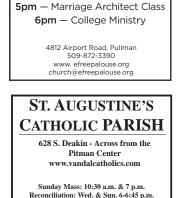
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Callandret leads men's basketball team to victory against Cal State-Bakersfield

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FOOTBALL



Tess Fox | Argonaut Idaho senior offensive lineman Dallas Sandberg hugs Idaho football coach Paul Petrino after the final game of Sandberg's college career. The Vandals beat Texas State 38-31 Saturday at the Kibbie Dome to finish the season 4-8 overall.

Vandal leader

Idaho senior offensive lineman Dallas Sandberg has developed into of team's leaders

Garrett Cabeza Argonaut

When Idaho offensive line coach Kris Cinkovich walked into the offensive linemen meeting room about three years ago, it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop.

But senior guard Dallas Sandberg, who just played his last game for the Vandals Saturday in a 38-31 win against Texas State at the Kibbie Dome, started bringing some personality to the room as he grew into a bigger leadership role last season.

"He knows at the appropriate time when he can loosen our guys up," Cinkovich said. "To me, you spend so much time with your position group, there's got to be some personality involved and I think Dallas has really extracted that out of our meeting room."

Cinkovich said Sandberg walked upstairs every day from the kicking game meeting to the offensive line room and said, 'what's up fellas?' in an enthusiastic, upbeat voice.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino said Sandberg helps players on the field and academically by helping them organize their school work. "He's almost like the grandfather or father of the group," Petrino said. "He kind of takes them all in. He talks to him. He really helps them in everything."

Sandberg has not always been the life of the Idaho offensive line room.

"He was really quiet, he hardly ever talked," Petrino said. "It started happening last year probably in the middle of the year and then in the offseason he really, really took that role on and then he's even taken it 100 times more through this year. It's neat. It's neat when you see those guys grow up and change their personality and become better leaders."

Sandberg said he thinks he slid into that leadership role on the offensive line after Mike Marboe left last season. Marboe anchored the Idaho offensive line as a center for four years.

"There really wasn't a true leader on the O-line, some-body who just stood up and was vocal and I've never been a vocal leader until this past year and that's something I've had to learn myself and really overcome," Sandberg said. "I've never really liked to be too vocal. I just like to go out and do things and lead by example. But to be a true leader you got to be vocal and I think that's one thing I've definitely worked on and gotten better at this last year."

s last year."
The 6-foot-5-inch, 305-pound

guard is in his sixth year at the university. He earned his criminal justice degree in 2014 and his psychology degree last spring.

The Prescott Valley, Arizona, native graduated from Bradshaw Mountain High School in 2010 and grayshirted in the fall of that year. He then redshirted in the fall of 2011.

He played in his first Vandal game in 2012, starting 11 games that season and playing in all 12 at left guard.

When Sandberg earned game reps in 2012, he said he recognized that the speed of the game was faster in college than it was in high school and the mental aspect was more advanced than he was accustomed to.

"You got to concentrate on your technique, your job, you got to know what your backers are doing," Sandberg said. "You got to know what the guy next to you is doing. In high school, it's kind of more 'line up and go,' especially being a guy like my size ... and you can pretty much go and dominate anybody just because of pure size."

The year 2012 was the start of a tough stretch for the Vandal football team. Idaho won one game each of the past three seasons. Idaho finished this season 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the Sun Belt Conference.



moving in the right direction the last three years," Sandberg said. "It just hasn't shown as much into this last season."

"I think we've been

Sandberg said discipline has been the key to the turnaround this season.

"That's one thing that Petrino has tried to come in and really instill," Sandberg said. "That's one thing we lacked when he came in. Discipline was a huge thing and last three years we've just kind of been getting rid of the guys that didn't really buy into the program."

2013 was a rough year for the Vandals and for Sandberg as an individual.

Sandberg played in four games that season before missing the rest of the season with methicillinresistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in his groin.

He said he had three big holes in his leg and spent a week in the hospital.

"It was extremely tough seeing my team on the road, especially going to like Florida State and Ole Miss and whatnot and playing and me not being there," Sandberg said. "It was pretty hard."

With his career as a Vandal football player behind him, Sandberg said he will miss his teammates and coaches.

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on and off the field."

@MikeDugar #IdahoVandals AD Rob Spear: "Petrino

will be our coach.
The program has
made significant progress both

—Moscow-Pullman Daily News sports editor Michael-Shawn Dugar tweets about Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear's public support for head football coach Paul Petrino. Petrino finished the year with a 4-8 overall record and a 3-5 record in the Sun Belt Conference. The initial three-year contract between Petrino and Idaho is scheduled to end in the next few months, but Spear has publically endorsed Petrino as the Vandals' head coach for

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the foreseeable future.



Stats: @Taylor-Pierce12 set a school record with nine 3-pointers, @gemccorkell

had 24 points in @Vandals-WBB's 97-65 win today over lowa St.

—The Idaho Public Radio account tweets the results of Saturday's women's basketball game. Freshman guard Taylor Pierce set a new school record for the most 3-pointers made in a game, as she shot 81.8 percent from beyond the arc and added 27 points in the victory. Sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell added 24 points for the Vandals.

@VandalsWBB



At 5-1 the Vandals are receiving votes in the latest AP Top 25 poll.

1st appearance since January of 1986 #GoVan-

—The Idaho women's basket-ball account tweets the national recognition the program is receiving following the team's 97-65 victory over lowa State Saturday. The Vandals' lone loss came to Duke in the Cancun Challenge last week when the Blue Devils escaped with a sixpoint victory. The position right outside the Associated Press' top-25 women's basketball poll marks the first time in 30 years the team has been considered for a national ranking.

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Penny's in. Idaho takes a 38-31 lead with 1:02 to play thanks in large part to the catch

of the season from Watson.

—Lewiston Tribune sports reporter Theo Lawson tweets the Vandals' game-winning touchdown against Texas State when senior running back Elijhaa Penny found the end zone on a four-yard rush. Junior tight end Deon Watson set up the touchdown with a one-handed, 37-yard catch with under two minutes to play in a tied game. Watson's catch earned honors from SportsCenter, emerging as the No. 6 highlight in the Top 10 plays of the day.

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FINAL: Idaho 59, NIU 66. Victor Sanders leads the Vandals with 17 #GoVan-

lals

—The Idaho men's basketball account tweets the final score of Saturday's game when the Vandals fell to Northern Illinois 66-59 at the Memorial Gym. Idaho sophomore guard Victor Sanders continued his explosive season by posting 17 points in the loss.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Idaho junior guard Perrion Callandret defends Justin Pride of California State-Bakersfield Wednesday night at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals beat the Roadrunners 67-63.

Vandals edge Roadrunners

Idaho improves to 5-3 after win over California State-Bakersfield

Josh Grissom Argonaut

Revenge is a dish best served cold. The Vandals did just that on a snowy Wednesday night in Moscow, taking down California-State Bakersfield 67-63 to avenge a previous November loss to the Roadrunners.

"One of the things we talked about all week was how Bakersfield doesn't know how good we are or how tough we are," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "And I thought our guys did a good job of really standing their ground in the paint."

Junior guard Perrion Callandret provided an early spark for the Vandals offense, scoring eight points in the first half. Senior guard Chris Sarbaugh also provided a strong presence for the Vandals, setting a new career-high with 15 points.

"Everybody was just unselfish tonight,

honestly that was a big key," Sarbaugh said. After the two teams traded shots in the

opening minutes, Idaho (5-3) went on a 9-0 run to gain a 17-10 lead in the first half, holding the Roadrunners scoreless for almost four minutes of play.

Cal State-Bakersfield (3-3) struggled to convert scoring opportunities in the first half, at one point going 1 of 11 from the field during a six-minute period.

The Roadrunners finally responded with a strong defensive presence, forcing four Idaho turnovers in the final seven minutes of the half to take the lead. The Vandals shot just 2 of 12 during this span, and entered the second half with just a one-point lead.

Senior center Aly Ahmed carried the Roadrunner offense through the first half, scoring seven points and providing a dominating presence in the paint.

"(Ahmed) is a great player," Verlin said. "He's big and Arkadiy battled him. But (Mkrtychyan's) energy and intensity was good all night long, even though he came off of a severe knee injury."

After a tightly contested first half, the Roadrunners seemed to initially gain control of the game when sophomore guard Brent Wrapp went on a 7-0 run for Cal State-Bakersfield early in the second half.

Teammate Damiyne Durham continued the offensive push for the Roadrunners by draining 3-pointers on three consecutive possessions.

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But the Vandals responded with backto-back 3-pointers from Chad Sherwood and Callandret to regain a 47-46 lead with eight minutes left in the game.

A cold shooting streak slowed Cal State-Bakersfield down the stretch and 17 second-half points from Callandret propelled the Vandals to the win, despite a late offensive attack from the Roadrunners.

Callandret went 12 of 12 from the freethrow line, converting several key free throws late in the game to stifle a comeback attempt by the Roadrunners.

"This whole week Coach (Verlin) has been having us shoot free throws because last game that kind of hurt us a little bit," Callandret said. "I just went out there and concentrated and tried to knock

them down, and luckily I did." With the win, the Vandals snapped a

two-game losing streak. "I liked our mental focus tonight," Verlin

said. "My guys didn't waver at all. I mean, a number of times Bakersfield had to really work to get a basket."

Idaho will now prepare for its next home matchup against Little Rock at 5 p.m. Saturday. The meeting between the two teams will mark the first time this season that the Vandals will host a game at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow.

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Different results two weeks later

Callandret, Sarbaugh lead Vandals, stop twogame skid

Luis Torres Argonaut

California State-Bakersfield handed Idaho its first loss of the season Nov. 17 in Bakers-

field, California.

Since then, Idaho junior guard Perrion Callandret said the Vandals weren't seeking revenge but to be competitive when they faced the Roadrunners Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

Idaho beat the Roadrunners 67-63.

"We came out and we tried to compete," Callandret said. "It was all about competing the second that way." we stepped on the court and that Callandret scored a career-high to my teammates and

In their first meeting against the Roadrunners, the Vandals lost 68-45. Idaho struggled shooting as it finished 30 percent from the floor that day.

Idaho shot 41.2 percent from the field Wednesday night and Cal State-Bakersfield finished 40 percent from the field.

Callandret said he felt more comfortable handling the Roadrunners' defensive pressure after scoring six points in their last meeting.

"Last time we played Cal State-Bakersfield, they pressured me really well," Callandret said. "This time I tried to handle the pressure better and found my older shots

26 points and was 12 for 12 from the free-throw line.

Senior guard Chris Sarbaugh said Idaho was more prepared than it was in the last meeting against the Roadrunners.

"This time it was more mental competitiveness and we were just way more focused and ready for the pressure they were going to bring," Sarbaugh said.

Sarbaugh, a San Diego transfer, said he has confidence in his teammates despite this being his first and only year playing for the Vandals.

"This is my fourth school in five years," Sarbaugh said. "But it feels like I've been here a lot longer and it goes back coaches. They've made me feel welcomed and have confidence in me. It's helped me play better because I have

more confidence in myself and that's been the biggest key part of this year."

Sarbaugh earned career highs in points (15) and rebounds (7).

Idaho coach Don Verlin said the second half is when Idaho hit its stride.

"We had some guys step up and make some shots," Verlin said. "I iust liked our mental focus ... A number of times they had to really work to get a basket and I thought we did a great job."



more guard Victor Sanders stood out de fensively after covering freshman guard Damiyne Durham throughout the game. Durham led Cal State-Bakersfield

Verlin said sopho-

with 15 points.

"Victor did a great job (covering Durham)," Verlin said. "Durham got a couple of shots on Jordan (Scott), but I really thought Victor was one of the catalysts in this game."

With the win, the Vandals ended their two-game losing streak and face Little Rock at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior Karlee Wilson dribbles the ball down the court while dodging the Northwest Christian defense Wednesday night. Wilson finished with five points and four assists.

Stars emerging

Pierce, McCorkell have helped Idaho women's basketball to 6-1 start

Tess Fox

The Idaho women's basketball team's fast start to the season cannot be attributed to just one player.

Taylor Freshman guard Pierce and sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell

have emerged as two of the team's top offensive threats in the opening games of the season.

the 3-point arc.

thevandalnation.com Pierce led the Vandals with 16 points in the Vandals' 71-48 win against Northwest Christian Wednesday night at the Memorial Gym, bringing Idaho's record to 6-1. Twelve of those 16 points came from behind

McCorkell scored 24 points against Iowa State Saturday in Cancun, Mexico, and Pierce led with 27 points. Pierce set a school record with nine 3-pointers in that game.

Instead of defaulting to one player to score points, as was

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often the case when Stacey Barr played at Idaho, the Vandals have distributed the points more evenly this season.

Barr averaged 21 points per game last season and ended her career with 74 3-point shots made.

Against Iowa State Saturday, six different players contributed to the 17 3-pointers scored.

Idaho is ranked second in the Big Sky Conference with 79 points per game and has outscored oppo-

nents by an average of 21.3 points per game.

high-scoring offense combined with a steadily improving defense has helped the Vandals to their 6-1 record.

They held Northwest Christian to six points until three minutes into the second quarter, bringing the score to 22-8. Idaho led 38-16 at halftime, holding Northwest Christian to 26.1 percent from the floor.

The Vandals play Wyoming at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan

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Vandals continue winning ways

Idaho women's defense steps up despite Forde's absence

> **Luis Torres** Argonaut

A slow start in the opening minutes of the first quarter didn't hinder the Idaho women's basketball team.

With back-to-back layups by senior forward Renae Mokrzycki to begin the Vandals' 18-0 run, Idaho never relinquished the lead again and defeated the Northwest Christian Beacons 71-48 Wednesday night at the Memorial Gym.

It was Idaho's third straight win, extending the Vandals' record to 6-1.

Idaho played without senior post Ali Forde, who sat out with an injured hip.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said the Vandal defense was challenged due to Forde's absence.

"Ali is a huge defensive presence for us," Newlee said. "Everyone else had to step up and it definitely took a while."

Newlee said the decision to sit Forde was to allow her to heal for Idaho's next game, which is against Wyoming at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

"She could've played if we had to have her," Newlee said. "But she needs a couple more days to rest and should feel a lot better Saturday."

Freshman guard Taylor Pierce said the team took a

while to adjust its defense without Forde. "Defensively, Ali's energy

level brings us all up," Pierce said. "Our post did a good job on stepping up and filling

her role." Without Forde, Idaho's defense put

full-court pressure on Northwest Christian, causing 14 turnovers in the

first half. The Vandals also had 18 steals as a team for the game. The Vandals built on their lead and Northwest Christian was only able to close the gap

to 16. Pierce followed up her 27 points against Iowa State Saturday in Cancun, Mexico, by scoring 16 points Wednesday night. Pierce shot 4 of 9 from

"Taylor is looking good and she's a confident freshman," Newlee said. "She's very gifted and still got a lot to learn but looked good out there."

the 3-point line.

Despite the win, Newlee said e wasn't completely satisfied with the Vandals' performance.

"It took a while for us to get dialed in," Newlee said. "I was disappointed with our lack of focus. Karlee Wilson was fantastic defensively and gave us the energy we really needed because everyone else was sleepwalking."

Wilson, a junior guard, had five points, four assists and two steals.

Senior guard Christina Sal-

vatore scored 14 points.

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Salvatore said Idaho's defense brings confidence to its offense. "We lacked intensity starting

> the game," Salvatore said. "But once we got going, it's kind of like a well-oiled machine sometimes. We hope to get our offense going by our defense and try to get

fired up on the defensive end which translates to our offense."

Despite the 23-point win, the Beacons shot 42.6 percent from the field, compared to Idaho's 36.8 percent.

Newlee said he pulled some of the starters out in the fourth quarter to allow the bench to get more minutes.

"We have to play Saturday," Newlee said. "Once we got ahead, there's no reason for my starters to be out there in the fourth quarter. I wanted to get my freshmen some minutes with Mikayla (Ferenz), Taylor (Pierce) and Brigitte (O'Neill) getting those minutes in a game like (Wednesday)"

Pierce said the team needs to come out stronger against Wyoming.

"We have to definitely finish our layups," Pierce said. "They will fall eventually but we need to keep our defense's intensity because our defense creates some great offense."

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VANDAL

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He said he visited the offensive line meeting room frequently to hang out, watch T.V. and game film and speak with coaches.

He also said he will miss the Moscow community. Safeway, where Sandberg shops, has many

"I go in there almost every day and they're like, 'go Vandals,' talking about the next game and whatnot and keeping up to date on the team, the program and how we're doing, and the whole community itself is pretty awesome around here," Sandberg said.

Sandberg said he is still focused on football. He hopes to continue playing professionally.

"For the next eight months at least, I'll be very

focused on football and then hopefully that eight months continues," Sandberg said. "If not, then I got a couple things set up."

Sandberg said his dad works as a supervisor in the oil fields in North Dakota. He said working there for a couple years will probably be his first option if professional football does not work out.

Sandberg said he eventually wants to coach and work with younger players. Later down the road he said he may want to become a police officer.

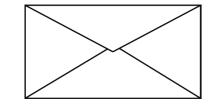
Whatever he decides to do in the future, Petrino said his leadership will continue.

"Dallas will be leading a company someday," Petrino said. "He'll be leading something. I guarantee you that. He'll be a leader in life, that's for sure."

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OUR VIEW

Dreading dead week

Dead week is a time of stress instead of a time for studying

fter Thanksgiving break, everyone knows what's waiting for them when they return to campus — the mad dash to the end of the semester.

There are two typical approaches for handling the end of the semester — giving up or going full-force — and both approaches could learn a bit from each other.

Giving up on the semester might seem like the easiest way to go, but it's important for students to try to find the motivation to power through the last few weeks.

Although one semester may not have an impact on the rest of a student's life, it could impact their success at the University of Idaho. Sure, GPAs aren't everything, but a high GPA does look better when applying for jobs or graduate school.

If studying and project preparation is spread out, it will seem less painful than one day full of misery.

For those who returned from break reinvigorated and equipped with a plentiful supply of caffeine, they might want to think twice

about the all-nighter they're planning. Students should study for finals

and work on their final projects in these last weeks. However, unhealthy study habits can hurt students more than they can help. Spread out the studying, don't cram the night before, remember to get some sleep and perhaps set some time to exercise and to relax, too.

And above all else, remember that it will

Regardless of which dead week approach students decide on, the underlying problem with this stressful time is that at UI, dead week is often synonymous with finals week.

UI has a no-test policy for dead week, but it's a policy that's routinely violated by professors. Students should be studying during dead week, not taking their finals one week early. The students pay for a full semester's worth of education and they deserve to receive it.

Students have the power to speak up, remind professors about the policy and report offenses.

As a university, there is the ability to enforce the current dead week policy or abandon it and go for another option altogether.

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At many universities, dead week is a time where no classes are held in order to allow students to study for finals the following week. This may not be the right solution for UI, but it's something to

consider at least.

Some may argue that students wouldn't utilize the time off. The truth is, some won't, but many students will and giving those students the time to study is worth it.

Some institutions don't hold final exams. They instead require projects due during dead week.

Most students skip town as soon as their finals are completed. When finals are placed during dead week, they skip town before finals should have begun.

Dead week is a valuable time for students. It's perhaps the last chance they have to put in the extra mile and bump their grade up in a class or two.

Whatever dead week looks like, students should take a moment to breathe, relax and refocus before they sprint toward the finish line.

- KH

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The final countdown

Liberal Arts students have mountains of work to wade through

One more week left until finals week. That is all that is left in the semester. Two weeks of Hell. Well, it's Hell unless you're a journalism and

criminology major. Double-majoring in two Liberal Arts fields seems fantastic when it comes to finals. This semester I have one in-class final that isn't cumulative and likely won't be harder than any other test this semester. The other two are likely going to be take-home essay finals that only have to be 10- 15 pages long and are due by the end of finals week. No

problem, right? However, there is something to be said about dead week for students in liberal arts fields. Sure we don't have many



in-class finals once we reach the upperdivision classes, but I have seven articles, four multimedia presentations and two papers due by the end of dead week.

Claire Whitely

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Just because Liberal Arts students don't have to stress about finals doesn't mean stress doesn't exist in their lives at all. There are many things to start

taking into consideration as school winds down to a close. For example, what am I

going to do with my fish? Will I take him home with me or will I stay in Moscow for most of break to avoid the awkward family dinners during the holidays with the excuse that I have a fish to take care of?

Also, most students, especially the ones that live on campus, must think about what they need to pack in order to survive at home for a month or

> more. Packing can be one of the most stressful things to do at the end of a semester. Food spoils if it isn't dealt with, clothes have to be washed or thrown in a trash bag to have parents wash.

So to engineering and science majors, just know that we Liberal Arts students don't get off scot-free. There is work to be done.

The fact of the matter is that the end of semester is not enjoyable or pleasant for anyone.



Everyone has things they have to do, and some burdens may seem heavier than others, but it is all a matter of perspective.

Instead of looking in envy at someone who only has one final during finals week, focus on what needs to be done or studied. It isn't a student's fault if they had to go ham during dead week and feel like they are going to keel over, then have only one or two more things to do before the true end of semester.

The grass isn't always greener on the other side, so be kind and focus during these last few weeks.

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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS**

Heavy heart

It really is a curse and a blessing to feel everything so very deeply.

— Lyndsie

Communication

... is a two-way road. I'm realizing when it becomes a one-way, you're no longer fit to drive.

- Jake

Modern advertising

A company released a 45-minute video of Nick Offerman sipping a glass of whiskey as he sits next to a Yule log fire. It is surprisingly effective.

- Josh

Learned something new

I learned the phrase scotfree is, first of all, a hyphenated word and in fact only has one t, and second of all that it is a modern twist on an Old English phrase meaning "exempt from royal tax." Who knew?

- Claire

Yep

I'm done with school but it's not done with me, if you know what I mean.

- Ryan

They say

Setting small goals is the key to success. This week, I'm just trying to make it to my next cup of coffee.

- Hannah

Got the research paper done by 9 a.m.

Woke up at 5 a.m.

In bed by noon.

Liquid and electronics do not mix. Ever. Learned that the hard way.

– Jack

Vikings and **Seahawks**

This should be an interesting game. Both teams need a good challenge due to their lack of games against tough teams so far.

- Jordan

Zzzz

You can do it

Dead week and finals are stressful. We will survive.

– Katelyn

Clothing optional

I saw a man dressed in gym shorts and sandals, with no socks, walking on campus Wednesday. Why? I do not know. But good for him for not letting the weather control what he wears.

- Garrett

Frugal holidays

I have officially mastered the art of re-gifting. Thanks mom.

- Tessica

One of those days

Sometimes, the universe decides to test your limits. When those days come, just remember — this too shall pass.

– Corrin

Choosing compassion

Despite realistic opposition, refugees should find home in U.S.

Lyndsie Kiebert

Stances surrounding whether refugees should be welcomed into the United States seem to be bombarding me from every angle — the news, my Facebook feed and classroom discussions.

I have always been hesitant to support America's apparent need to be the "world's policeman" of the Teddy Roosevelt era. Something in me has always craved less international action and more action within our own borders. simply for the sake of acknowledging the issues at home — a struggling economy, homeless veterans, starving children and a sub-par education system — just to name a few.

Everyone has seen how these national issues are being exploited in Facebook memes and aggressive columns and statuses to bring across the point that "refugees are not our problem — these are our problems."

But something to consider is the responsibility that comes with perpetuating this "U.S. as the world's policeman" idea. The brutal government infrastructures and terrorist groups our mili-For more opinion content, visit uiargonaut.com tary has worked to overthrow have no doubt helped to bring freedom to the world. However, in taking on this role, has the U.S. put off the idea that we, as trusty

It comes down to more than the idea that America's international actions show a willingness to bring in hurting migrants. What's more is that as more fortunate humans, a moral obligation to

policeman and spreaders of good, would

be willing to welcome the displaced

citizens of these war-torn countries?

acknowledge the humanity of the less fortunate should be innate. To be desensitized to images and first-hand accounts of other people being forced from their homes and forced to start new lives is a brutal, disheartening reality.

> Recent talk about letting refugees in only on the basis that they practice Christianity for fear of letting in radical Muslims is absurd. If religion determined all a person is worth, how many current American citizens would be deported?

To cite a common, often difficult-to-comprehend argu-

ment — we are a country of immigrants. Is now really the time to draw the line on letting anyone else discover his or her own version of the American Dream? This is a country of opportunity. It may be scary to consider welcoming such a vast foreign population into our borders, but to turn them away could be the ultimate act of hypocrisy.

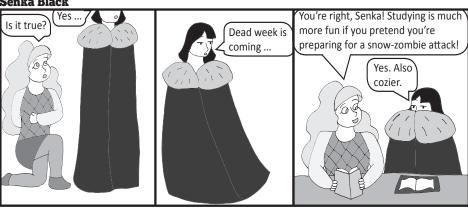
I know how easy it can be to alienate myself from another person due to a language barrier or a difference in cultural norms. The unknown can cause unease. But in light of this recent influx of refugees across the globe, the differences have been muted for me. I

see families. I see need. I see humanity. I will admit my tendency to err on the side of keeping my eyes on the issues at home. But now, I encourage us all to

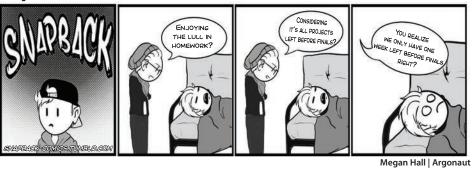
err on the side of compassion. Lyndsie Kiebert can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @lyndsie_kiebert







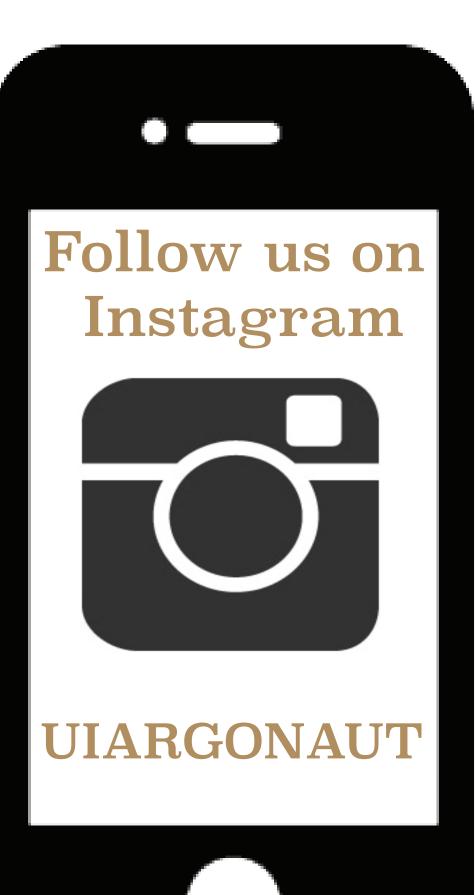
Snapback



Bad sense of humor

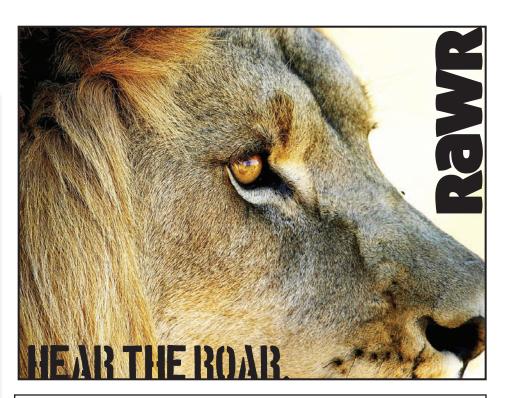


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