

GRADUATION



Kira Hunter | Argonaut

Graduating senior Natalie Dobkins works on a final project in the University of Idaho Library on Wednesday of dead week. Dobkins will graduate Saturday.

Starting from scratch

First-generation college student describes her adventures, challenges

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

Throughout her life, Natalie Dobkins was never encouraged by her parents to go to college. Her mother came to the U.S. from the Philippines when she was 18 and did not see the need for acquiring an education.

It wasn't until she graduated high school that Dobkins realized she needed an education to accomplish her goals. So she applied to the University of Idaho.

"I didn't think that I could accomplish that ever, coming from where I come from, in a household that didn't believe in education," Dobkins said.

She was a self-described shy student with an undecided direction and a passion for cheerleading.

Now, Dobkins is a busy-body who speaks confidently about her accomplish-

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Natalie Dobkins,
UI graduating senior

ments at UI as a first generation student. She has a regional management job waiting for her in North Carolina after she graduates with a bachelor degree in business marketing this semester.

That goal has not come without its challenges, though.

Dobkins said it was a few years ago that a new

family took her into their home to live. There, Dobkins got to know her adoptive siblings Elizabeth Campbell and Chris Campbell as she finished high school and moved on to UI.

During her freshman year, Dobkins fell down the stairs of the Theophilus Tower in what she called a life-changing moment. The fall led to a concussion that left Dobkins unable to speak properly for three months.

"It was a rough time, but she came out the better for it because she never gave up," Elizabeth said. "She didn't just give up and lay in bed all day. She went out and she did her job and she went to class and she worked through it."

It was not until Dobkins began a marketing internship in Atlanta that she and others said she started to develop the confidence she has today, Elizabeth said.

"I never had any doubts that she was going to be successful in college," Chris said. "Like, she's very determined and she works really hard with everything."

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Graduation by the numbers

714

Total degrees

464

Undergraduate degrees

183

Master's degrees

60

Doctoral degrees

7

Specialist degrees

692

Students graduating statewide

113,657

UI's all-time total graduates

Commencement will be held 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

FACULTY SENATE

A grade inconvenience

Faculty Senate gives input on ASUI grading resolution

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Grades can impact students' lives years after they graduate college.

"This is something that's near and dear to students' hearts," said ASUI Representative Lindsey LaPrath,

speaking at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. "Grades affect us in a big way, even after we leave."

At the final Faculty Senate meeting of the fall semester, LaPrath presented a resolution that calls on professors to post grades

on Blackboard.

The resolution came about from an ASUI poll, which showed that 94 percent of students want more of their instructors to post grades on Blackboard, LaPrath said.

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LEGISLATURE

Preparing priorities

UI lobbyist plans to push for CCI, WWAMI program funding increase

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

Less than a year ago the University of Idaho began tackling important issues in the Idaho Legislature.

Although the priorities of the university are fairly similar to the prior legislative session, UI Government Affairs Director Joe Stegner said they are just as critical to address.

With the next legislative session just around the corner, Stegner plans to lobby for funds to increase UI employee salaries and to expand other ongoing programs, including the WWAMI.

"One of the things that we want out of state government is funding for the university," Stegner said, who has been in the position for the past

four years. "We get a significant amount of our money from the tax dollars that the state takes in, so what we really want is that money."

Stegner said the state draws money from a general fund and distributes a majority of the funds to higher education and K-12

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SCHOLARSHIP

Adventures abroad

Three UI students win Gilman Scholarship to study abroad

Warnick and Tyler Mitchell were awarded the Gilman Scholarship.

Something LaHann said she thinks set these students apart was their work with their school advisers.

The students worked with their financial and study abroad advisers, who proof read their applications and offered suggestions for improvements.

Started in 2002, The Gilman Scholarship requires students to write two essays and participate in a follow-up service project upon their return.

Gilman prefers students to travel to nontraditional locations and the students must live there for at least four weeks. Being a U.S. citizen

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

At least one University of Idaho student has won the Gilman International Scholarship each year since 2002. But to have three out of the four UI students who applied win the scholarship — that's unique, said Holly LaHann, a UI distinguished scholarship coordinator.

"Usually one in three or one in four students win," LaHann said.

The Gilman International Scholarship strives to assist students receiving the Pell Grant in studying abroad.

This year, UI students Clarisa Lopez, Joshua

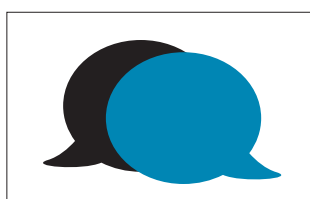
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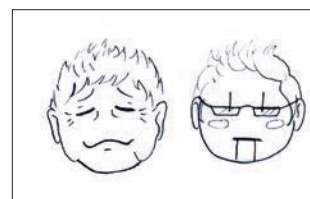
Callandret, Sanders making impressive duo in Idaho's back-court.

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Good luck on finals and have a safe winter break!

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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe

Peppermint white chocolate cheesecake

The holiday season is about indulgence. This white chocolate and peppermint cheesecake fills all those indulgence cravings. For a less sweet version, just cut the amount of white chocolate in half. For more low-fat options try using Neufchatel cheese instead of cream cheese.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/4 cups Oreo crumbs
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 24 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 box of peppermint candy canes, crushed
- 1 bag of white chocolate chips, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. In a bowl, combine melted butter and Oreo crumbs with a fork
3. Press into 9-inch springform pan
4. Place pan on baking sheet
5. Bake for 7-9 minutes or until lightly browned
6. Cool on a wire rack
7. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, cornstarch, vanilla, salt and sugar until smooth
8. Add eggs, beat just until combined
9. Cook over medium heat while stirring until ingredients are warm
10. Fold in chocolate and candy canes, saving some crushed candy cane for the top of the cheesecake
11. Pour into the springform pan
12. Place pan on aluminum foil and fold foil around pan
13. Place in a casserole dish with 1-inch of water
14. Bake for 60-70 minutes, until set
15. Do not open oven while cheesecake is cooking, this will cause it to fall and crack
16. Let cool in oven for 15 minutes
17. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes
18. Carefully run a knife around edges of pan and loosen the sides
19. Top with remaining candy cane crumbs
20. Let cool completely and remove sides
21. Let refrigerate for a few hours or over night
22. Serve chilled

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HEALTH

Making time for nutrition

For students, maintaining proper nutrition is more about being prepared

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Between the chaos that is class, work and extracurricular obligations, some students have trouble finding the time to grab a bite to eat.

And when they do, it's not always the healthiest option.

Marissa Rudley, University of Idaho campus dietitian, said while maintaining proper nutrition is integral to the welfare of an individual, eating healthy is something students often struggle with.

Rudley, who works with students to help them learn to eat well both on and off campus, said one of the most common problems she sees isn't that students are eating unhealthy foods, but that they're not eating at all.

"It can be really difficult to get consistent meals," Rudley said. "As a consequence, I see a lot of students go long periods of time, maybe entire school days, without having a meal."

Regardless of how normal it may seem to students to skip meals, Rudley said it is a detrimental habit.

"Your body is relying on consistent fuel to be effective — even if you're not necessarily active,

your brain is a very energy intensive organ," Rudley said. "Even if you're just studying, you need to be eating every 3 to 5 hours to be thinking clearly and maintaining a positive mood."

Despite the difficulties of maintaining a healthy diet, Rudley said there are several things students can do to maintain healthy eating habits. She said it's crucial to take the time to plan out weekly meals and snacks.

Regardless of whether they live on campus or off, Rudley said this is a strategy that works for students.

For those who live off campus or in the LLCs, Rudley said developing a plan is more about carving out the time to make a grocery list, shop for food and cook meals in advance.

"I cannot stress enough planning ahead," Rudley said. "This encompasses everything from meal planning to grocery shopping to finding the time to cook meals in advance if you have the option."

For on-campus students or those with meal plans through Vandal Dining, Rudley said developing a plan is more about making the time to eat at places on campus, as well as planning portion sizes and food selection.

In addition to viewing every option provided by dining services, Rudley said students should remember to include fruits and



Alex Brizee | Argonaut

Marissa Rudley, UI campus dietitian, encourages students to plan meals and snacks.

vegetables in their meals. She said there will always be room for carbs and protein, but it's important to get at least half of the plate covered with some fruit or vegetable.

Even if students are selecting healthy food options, Rudley said sugar-filled beverages like sodas, juices and energy drinks can also pose a problem for individuals. She said some students do not consider that beverages are a huge source of calories and provide artificial energy.

While choosing healthy options might be a challenge, Rudley said nearly every dining service on

campus does provide healthier alternatives for students.

"Sometimes it can take a little bit of work, but there are a lot of options on campus," Rudley said.

Rudley said dining options in the Idaho Commons, like Einstein's, Sub Connection and Mien Bowl, offer healthy alternatives, such as whole-wheat bagels, lean meat, brown rice and stir-fried veggies.

Payton Allert, a UI freshman who lives in the residence halls, said her experience with Vandal Dining has been a good one.

"Overall, I feel like the food (at

Bob's Place) is pretty good and they do a good job," Allert said. "They always have the sandwich section open — I'm a cheerleader and have to eat at weird times, so when not everything is open it's nice that that is."

While she feels it's a challenge to make healthy choices while eating at places on campus, Allert said she appreciates that places like Bob's provide students with the option to eat healthy.

"They give you enough options to maintain a healthy diet," she said. "It's just up to you."

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HEALTH

Fit for the holidays

UI faculty and staff compete in annual Healthy Holiday Challenge

Diamond Koloski
Argonaut

The Holiday Fitness Challenge gives University of Idaho faculty and staff the opportunity to keep the stress and holiday weight gain under control.

The goal of the event is to help participants stay consistent with workouts during this holiday season, a busy and often calorie-filled time of year.

Peggy Hamlett, Wellness and Fitness director, has been coordinating the challenge for years and said she loves how excited participants often get, especially UI employees from extension offices.

"We try to make this friendly for everyone," Hamlett said. "So that everyone can be excited to participate and be active during the holidays."

There are about 160 people participating in the challenge this year, which runs from Nov. 22 through Jan. 2.

The competition is made up of teams that range from three to five members.

"People have been really enthusiastic about joining in," Hamlett said. "We love watching the teams progress and enjoy the friendly competition."

There are three divisions of the challenge based on a person's activity level.

Santa's Little Helper is a division for people who don't usually workout, but want a reason to stay active this season.

Buddy the Elf is for people who like to work out in order to stay healthy.

Polar Express is for people who are competitive and work out intensely — almost daily. This year, participants will also be able to use a program to log their activities.

Blue Cross of Idaho has a phone application and website for their members, or people can sign up as guests. The program makes it easy for teams to log all of their activities, including the ability to see which teams are currently ahead.

Kristin Strong, special events coordinator at the Student Recreation Center, said she believes the challenge brings a positive attitude to the stresses of the holidays.

"The way the program is set up really shows people that everything they are doing is exercise," Strong said. "Any movement helps, especially during the holidays."

Teams log daily activities, which can include simple tasks like playing with their kids or cleaning their house, as well as activities such as bike riding or walking on a treadmill.

There are weekly drawings for teams that have kept up with logging their activities, with prizes including gift cards, Vandal gear and water bottles.

Blue Cross of Idaho donated Fitbits this year, which will be given as grand prizes at the end of the challenge.

To Hamlett and Strong, these prizes are second to the great feelings that come from being physically active.

"My favorite part is hearing from people how much they enjoyed the event," Hamlett said. "That it helped them stay active during the crazy holidays."

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HUMANE SOCIETY

It's for the animals

Humane Society offers opportunities to adopt, volunteer

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

Winter brings new challenges to the Humane Society of the Palouse every year. In response, some University of Idaho students are doing their part to lighten the load.

Trina Pickett, cattery manager, said volunteer times are usually booked this time of year by students trying to fulfill volunteer hours they are required to clock by the end of the semester.

"We have a huge volunteer base," Pickett said.

Volunteers sign up by the hour to socialize with animals, clean or do laundry and walk dogs.

Pickett said the shelter hosts about 50 volunteers a day, a majority of which are students from UI and Washington State University, as well as some retirees.

Matilda Arbini, a Moscow High School student, has worked as an animal caretaker intern since April. Since then, she has helped the Humane Society with vaccinations, microchipping and overall caretaking of the facility.

"I didn't have any particular interest in wanting to be a vet or anything in college," Arbini said. "I just like the work and I like environment, and I like animals."

Students and others also help the shelter by adopting animals, but Pickett said sometimes adoptions do not work out.

Pickett said a small percentage of people bring pets home and realize they do not have the means for a pet. Other times, she said people bring home a pet and find they do not get along with pets already in the home.

To make sure the pet is right for



Megan Gospe | Argonaut

The Humane Society of the Palouse offers volunteer opportunities. Volunteers walk dogs, clean or do laundry.

them, the Humane Society has a seven day foster period for adopters.

Despite the large number of students visiting the shelter, Pickett said the number of students returning pets is no higher than anyone else.

The maximum capacity of the shelter is 20 dogs and 85 cats, though Pickett said the capacity was once 7-10 cats. She said the shelter is currently filled to about half of its capacity, but that number fluctuates daily.

"I just took in 7 more cats today," Pickett said laughing.

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I just took in 7 more cats today, some guy brought in six cats and we had another stray.

Trina Pickett, cattery manager

"Some guy brought in six cats and we had another stray."

Manager Don Nickles said he

and Pickett want to continue to serve the community and spiff up the shelter.

"It's not very welcoming," Nickles said. "We want to add brighter colors and just make it more friendly — more adopter friendly — so people actually want to come in here and spend more time here."

Pickett said the Humane Society will continue to host fundraisers until Christmas. The shelter recently hosted a Pet Pictures

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with Santa event at the Eastside Marketplace. The shelter will have a Christmas booth at the Palouse Mall as well as a giving tree to raise money for the shelter.

Nickles said he and Pickett have plans to continue to renovate the shelter and keep it running for future animals and adopters.

"Some place like this is always going to be needed," Nickles said.

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HOLIDAY

A concert for community



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University of Idaho music student Rebekah Jillson plans to participate in this year's Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert.

Regional choirs gather for annual holiday concert in Kibbie Dome

Kristen Bertoloni
Argonaut

School choirs from all over the region will gather in the Kibbie Dome Friday to perform in the annual University of Idaho Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert.

Hosted by the Lionel Hampton School of Music, the concert will start at 7 p.m. and also feature UI's jazz choirs.

"The concert is continuous music that moves at a fast pace, to be able to go through each school," said Rebekah Jillson, a senior music education instrumental major.

The singers have a busy day of preparation Friday evening before the concert, Jillson said. She said they usually start rehearsing around 1 p.m. and will continue to rehearse until approximately 4:30 p.m.

"It is a really fun concert," Jillson said. "It is pretty stressful for people behind the scenes and it is a long day, but it is worth it. We love putting the concert on and seeing everyone that attends."

Jillson said the concert is a great community event, serving as a time for celebration and time with others. By having so many choirs involved, she said the concert brings the entire community together.

While the concert is holiday themed, the choirs will perform traditional songs as well. Jillson said UI Jazz Choir I will perform Psalm 81, a song about Hanukkah, and a medley of Christmas songs.

The students that are involved in the Jazz Choir I are not necessarily music majors, Jillson said. While the program is made up mostly of music majors, students from any major can be a part of the program, Jillson said.

Jillson, who started playing piano when she was five years old and eventually switched to drums, said this holiday concert will be her last as a performer.

"I am a senior and it is sad that the time has gone by so fast," Jillson said.

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CAMPUS

Cultivating curiosity beyond Moscow

TEDx accepting applications for spring event at UI

Carly Scott
Argonaut

At the University of Idaho, there are many ideas worth sharing.

TEDx Talks give an opportunity for people to share those ideas.

"We are looking for ideas that will spark curiosity beginning right here on the Palouse and spreading globally among millions of TED community members worldwide," said Yvonne Nyavor, organizer of the TEDxUIIdaho event.

Scheduled for April 9, UI will host its second TEDx event. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events meant to bring ideas to communities.

The theme, "Cultivating Curiosity," will be highlighted by 16 to 20 talks.

Each performance will range from three to 18 minutes in length and TEDxUIIdaho organizers are seeking speakers.

Applications are due Dec. 31 and can be filled out online at tedxuidaho.com. Speakers must also be available April 8 and 9.

Last year, the topics of talks ranged from activism to food. The topics and presentations at-

tracted a YouTube audience of over 30,000 people and counting.

Nyavor said anyone should apply.

"We know there are so many awesome ideas in our community, from the research faculty all the way down to our undergraduate students," she said.

TEDxUIIdaho is searching for life changing ideas, Nyavor said.

"It goes back to the basic ideas of TED, which is 'Ideas worth spreading,'" Nyavor said.

"That's really what the most important thing

is. They have an idea that the world should hear about. Will it affect the way someone thinks? Will it help someone fulfill their dreams?"

Nyavor said change starts with hearing about shared experience. She said she wants the conference

to spark ideas in the Palouse community.

"It helps to have someone talk about an idea that they have, an idea in their head, to get up on the stage and share it with you. It ignites, it sets off a fire," she said.

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ENGLISH

Daily dose of poetry

UI faculty create project to bring daily poetry to campus

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

Imagine a machine in the Idaho Commons where a student could push a button and a slip of paper with a short poem on it would be printed out.

Devin Becker, head of data and digital services at the University of Idaho Library, said the idea could be a reality in the near future.

Becker said he has been working with UI faculty and staff members Alexandra Teague, Sarah VanGundy and Evan Williamson on a project called Vandal Poem of the Day.

"Vandal Poem of the Day publishes a contemporary poem every day through our website," Becker said. "This way people will be able to start off their day with a poem."

The website, poetry.lib.uidaho.edu, will post a new poem each day at around 6 a.m., Becker said.

Students can access the poetry via the website or by scanning one of the many quick response codes

that Becker said will likely appear around campus over the next couple of months.

Becker said he has been working with Williamson to come up with new ways to physically exhibit the project. The experiment with the poem-printing machine is still an ongoing process, Becker said, but he hopes they will be able to carry it out.

Becker said the inspiration for the project comes from Aubie's Poem of the Day, which run out of Auburn University in Alabama. At a conference in Moscow, he said he spoke with the people who directed Aubie's Poem of the Day and they encouraged him to conduct a similar project.

"They wanted to spread the idea throughout the country so they invited us to be the second university to do it," Becker said. "They came up with the idea and we're just doing our version of it."

The project is a collaboration between the College of Letters,

“It shows that poetry doesn't have to be this separate academic thing that we do. The goal is to get poetry into people's daily lives and the community.”

Sarah VanGundy, reference librarian

Arts, and Social Sciences, the UI Library, the Idaho Humanities Council and Copper Canyon Press, Becker said.

Becker said the Vandal poems are obtained from Copper Canyon Press, a nonprofit company based in Port Townsend, Washington.

Becker said Copper Canyon Press is a prestigious independent publishing company that has given permission to project coordinators to use their poetry.

"As the site builds, there will be more poems to read through so hopefully people find poets or poetry books they like," Becker said. "There's also a link at the bottom of each poem where you can find that book in the University of Idaho Library if you liked it."

Copper Canyon Press let project directors use about 180 poems throughout the year, which will be mostly randomized, Becker said. When the website runs out of poems to use from Copper Canyon Press, Becker said he will try to get permission from another publishing company to continue the poetry project.

"The conversations that might be started because of Vandal Poem of the Day are really important," Becker said. "We want to expand the audience of contemporary poetry on the University of Idaho campus

and in Idaho." VanGundy, a reference librarian at UI, said she has been helping the project team by proofreading poems and creating the

press release.

"It's going to display some incredible big names that are cutting edge right now like C.D. Wright and Natalie Diaz," VanGundy said.

Project organizers also plan to host a student poetry competition in the spring, VanGundy said. The winner of the competition will have their poem displayed on the project website.

"It shows that poetry doesn't have to be this separate academic thing that we do," VanGundy said. "The goal is to get poetry into people's daily lives and the community."

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CAMPUS

Waging peace

Borah Symposium announces theme, some speakers

Nina Rydalch
Argonaut

The upcoming Borah Symposium will be unique in more than one way, said Bill Smith, director of the Borah Foundation.

In past years, the symposium has reached out to the Moscow community and the University of Idaho campus. And while the outreach remains the same this year, Smith said this year one of the speakers will first talk at Borah High School in Boise.

With four months until the Borah Symposium, the committee organizing the event recently decided on a theme — Waging Peace.

"It's about humanitarian action in the 21st Century," Smith said.

Smith said the theme surrounds the idea of people actively getting out and being involved in communities that need support, as opposed only talking about it.

Physician Samantha Nutt is one of two who have been officially scheduled for the symposium.

Nutt runs War Child, an organization that protects children from involvement in wars. She has been involved in medical outreach work, Smith said. Nutt will first speak April 7 in Boise before coming to UI the next day.

The other scheduled speaker is human rights activist John Prendergast, who will speak April 8.

Prendergast was involved in providing frontline humanitarian aid in the world. Smith said Prendergast has worked with the Lost Boys of Sudan and other peace organizations.

"Prendergast and Nutt are both keynote level speakers," Smith said. "So they're both going to talk about the topic as if they were keynote speakers."

Smith said he thinks there will ultimately be around five speakers at the symposium. Preliminary agreements have been made with other potential speakers, but there is

“It's about humanitarian action in the 21st Century.”

Bill Smith, Borah Foundation director

nothing official yet, Smith said.

Smith said the second unique aspect of this Symposium will be a composition by Dan Bukvich, a music professor in the Lionel Hampton School of Music, who is composing an original piece to premiere on April 6.

Smith said the Borah Foundation is in honor of Idaho Sen. William Edgar Borah's legacy and is supported by donors and the State Board of Education. Smith said Borah is known for his efforts studying the causes of war and the conditions necessary for peace between World War I and World War II, helping to keep the U.S. out of foreign conflict.

Salmon Levinson, a railroad man, respected the senator and honored him by giving money to the state of Idaho — and thus the University of Idaho — to preserve Borah's legacy, Smith said.

Smith said the exact methods for accomplishing this were left to the discretion of the state and university.

In 1948, UI hosted the first Borah Symposium with Eleanor Roosevelt as the first speaker, Smith said. The 2016 Symposium will be held from April 6-8.

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CAMPUS

Gathering for student art

Hundreds gather to see student prints, ceramics at student art show

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

Hundreds filtered through the Prichard Art Gallery in downtown Moscow during the Moscow First Thursday Artwalk to see and purchase student art.

The Student Holiday Ceramics and Print Sale featured pieces from art, architecture and design students at the University of Idaho.

"I'm excited. I've never sold anything before, so I'm curious to see what sells and what people react to," said student artist Anna Jackson at the sale last week.

Proceeds from the sale went to students and art and design programs.

Mike Sonnichsen, an art and design professor, said the percentage of proceeds given to art and design programs will increase this year from 10 percent to 25 percent. Students will receive the remaining 75 percent of the proceeds.

Sonnichsen said that percentage is high — since most artists receive about 50 percent of the revenue received from art sales.

Artist Cody Mage, a UI student, submitted ceramic mugs and bowls to the sale. He said he had been working on his artwork since November.

"It's just a really good experience, I mean, going through all this," Mage

said. "It's new and challenging."

Mage said most students have been working on their submitted art since the beginning of November, but some students have been working since the semester started.

"I hand painted all my stuff. Hand made, hand carved," student artist Rosalie Wold said of her decorative art.

This year was student artist Kateri Warnick's first time submitting her leaf prints to the sale. She said she had never sold anything before.

"It's just really therapeutic carving in a block of wood," Warnick said of the prints.

Sonnichsen created the student art sale last year as an idea he took from previous teaching jobs in

New Mexico and North Carolina.

Despite the larger size of art sales he has helped with in other states, he said he believes the UI sale could reach the same level in the future.

"This is ongoing and it's only going to get bigger and better," Sonnichsen said.

Sonnichsen took the reigns the first year, but said this year's sale had the official support of the UI Ceramics Department and ceramics professor Casey Dolye.

Sonnichsen said the sale is beneficial not only to UI students, but Prichard Art Gallery and the city of Moscow.

He said the sale also gives student artists real world experience for

their future careers.

"Rarely do we share practical advice or experiences and setups like this," Sonnichsen said of the art department.

Sonnichsen said the event is something he is proud of and will definitely continue for years to come.

"It inspires so much confidence in the students," Sonnichsen said. "For them to see people that are really impressed with the work, impressed enough to pay dollars for their work, it's a really, really positive and instructive experience for the students."

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SUSTAINABILITY

Little steps to sustainable living UI Sustainability Center announces grant recipients

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

One project plans to install a refillable water station in the Living and Learning Community, reducing the use of plastic water bottles. Another aims to expand the recycling infrastructure in the Kibbie Dome. A third project would replace light bulbs in the Reflections Gallery with LED bulbs and fund a permanent acrylic poster frame.

All have one common goal — increasing sustainability.

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center recently announced this year's student-led grant recipients. The center allocated a total of \$10,000 between the eight approved projects.

"It's an incredible opportunity for students to give back to campus and the community and to develop skills that will help them later on," said Josie Greenwood, the

projects coordinator at the center.

Stevie Steely, sustainability engagement coordinator at the center, said the grants will help UI move closer to becoming climate neutral by 2030, a goal laid out in the university's Climate Action Plan. She said the grants focus on different issues areas, such as campus infrastructure, energy efficiency and transportation.

Although the center funded all eight projects that applied, Greenwood said there are a wide variety of projects in this year's group.

The center awarded representatives from UI's Eco-Ambassadors with \$1,300 to fund sustainability surveys. Another project, headed by UI graduate student Elizabeth Kang, aims to decrease plastic water bottle use by installing a water bottle station in the Living and Learning Community.

The Soil Stewards also received more

than \$860 to install hoop houses, which will allow the club to extend their growing season, Greenwood said. The money will also go to a more permanent sign at the student farm.

While all of the projects have until April to be completed, one project, the Sustainability Film Festival, was on an accelerated timeline. With both organizers graduating this month, Steely said they had to organize the event by the end of the semester.

"They only had two months to put this whole thing together, but they are really doing a good job," Steely said.

The project came to fruition Tuesday, when organizers hosted the 3-hour film festival at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

Greenwood said those who applied for grants attended an information forum and later attended a grant-writing workshop.

Then, Steely said the Sustainability Advisory Board selects which projects get funded.

Greenwood said she has been impressed by the students leading this year's projects. Even though they might

be at UI for only a few years, Greenwood said the students are interested in affecting campus and making a change.

Greenwood is no stranger to the grant program either. Greenwood received a grant a few years ago to move the student farm closer to campus to make it more accessible to students.

"At least for me, they have been the more meaningful learning experiences of being at the university," Greenwood said.

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Safe rides for students

ASUI passes bill to fund taxi service on trial basis

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

ASUI Senate passed a bill Wednesday that would pay for a trial run of a free weekend taxi service for students.

The bill allocates \$720 from the senate budget to pay for two taxis to run from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. the Friday and Saturday after the first week of classes next semester. The taxi service will be available to UI students who show their Vandal Card.

"I think this program has the potential to decrease risk for students and create safer situations," said ASUI Sen. Keely Snow.

ASUI Sen. Aran Burke, who wrote the bill, said the program fits well into the infrastructure and safety platform he ran on when he was elected.

"When I first brought it up, people thought it was a little too expensive," Burke said. "So I thought we could just pay for a test run and they were very receptive to at least trying."

He said they chose the weekend following syllabus week because it is a common heavy drinking time. He said he first came in contact with a service like this when he visited a friend at another university.

"It was cold outside, she had drank and was alone, but had this service available to her," Burke said.

But he said the program would not exclusively prevent drunk driving.

"If any student needs to get away from any unsafe situation, they can," Burke said.

If ASUI extended the program to run every weekend, Burke said it would cost \$2 per student from student fees. He said they could potentially get sponsorship from the Dean of Students Office or the city of



Alex Brizee/Argonaut

ASUI Senate passed a bill Wednesday that funded a trial run for a free taxi service to students. Sen. Aran Burke (center) wrote the bill.

Moscow to relieve costs. He said cities fund similar programs around the country.

When he first started looking into the program, Burke said he talked to members of a security company. He said they told him people had brought this idea up in Moscow

before but it was never created.

Burke said he chose College Cabs for the test-run of the program because they were the first to respond and were eager to work with him. He said if they decide to continue the program, they would be open to

working with any cab company, though they would not necessarily need two cabs.

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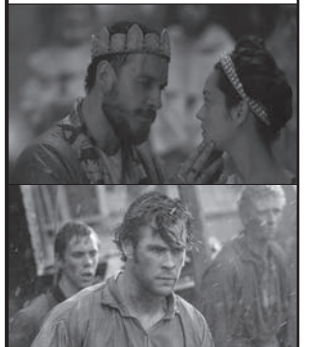
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CAMPUS

Keeping the campus cleared

UI clears walkways, roads during winter months

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Every year around this time, the University of Idaho goes to work trying to keep the campus running as safely and smoothly as possible.

Charles Zillinger, director of landscape and exterior services, said removing snow and ice is an important step in keeping campus safe.

Zillinger said snow and ice can cause traffic accidents or slipping and falling — things that can potentially lead to serious injury or death. The university must remain operating during the winter months, so those dangers must be minimized, he said.

"The university still has business to perform and so we try to accommodate that business, but we don't want anybody getting hurt doing it," Zillinger said.

The snow, Zillinger said, must be removed as quickly as possible to prevent snow compaction. If snow is left on roads and walkways, it will become compacted by cars or pedestrians, he said.

When temperatures drop again, Zillinger said this snow becomes

a sheet of ice which creates highly hazardous conditions and is nearly impossible to remove.

There are three different groups which handle snow removal on campus, Zillinger said. Two are within UI Facilities Services — Landscape and Exterior Services and Building Services.

The third is what are known as auxiliary groups, Zillinger said, which include things like University Housing and the VandalStore. He said these groups handle the maintenance of their own entryways and surrounding grounds.

Roughly 40 people are employed by Facilities Services to handle snow removal, though the number can be higher or lower depending on the amount of snowfall, Zillinger said.

The university has multiple snowplows, Zillinger said, ranging from small tractors for clearing walkways to heavy-duty, 5-ton trucks for plowing heavy snowfall. UI also maintains assorted machines for spreading various materials on walkways.

Zillinger said they use rocks and sand for traction, salt for deicing and a chemical called magnesium chloride that is spread on walkways beforehand and prevents ice from forming.

Zillinger said the difficulty of removing snow from campus depends on several factors, including how much snow fell on campus. He said it's easier to plow two inches of snow rather than six inches, for example.

When there is heavy snowfall, Zillinger said there is a need for larger equipment and more time is needed to clear the snow.

Zillinger said the timing of the snow is another factor. He said it's easier to handle if the snowfall occurs late the previous evening or early in the morning, so that the campus is not crowded and the snow can be cleared before classes start.

The goal is typically to clear the campus by 8 a.m. When snow falls while classes are in session, Zillinger said it is more difficult to clear roads on campus due to the large numbers of pedestrians on the walkways and roads. Removal must be slowed down for safety reasons, he said.

Zillinger said people are generally satisfied with the work the snow removal team does. He said they do the best they can to get the snow removed, even in bad weather conditions and on tight deadlines.

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Most people understand the limitations of what can be done, he said. While Zillinger said snow removal employees do what they can to make the campus as safe as possible, winter conditions will always be a bit more hazardous than other times of year.

Zillinger said people should always be more cautious when walking on campus in winter.

"The main responsibility for their welfare still lies with themselves," Zillinger said.

Whether or not the university gets a snow day depends on the severity of the snowstorm, Zillinger said.

It takes particularly severe conditions for the university to cancel classes, he said, and the decision to close the campus is made by upper administration, not Facilities Services.

Facilities reports on the conditions and will make recommendations to administrators, Zillinger said, but the administration makes the final decision.

Because of low visibility in storm conditions, Zillinger said it is much easier and safer to clear the snow during the day. He said

closing the campus also has the benefit of clearing the campus of people and traffic, so that the large snowplows can operate without obstructions.

Because such severe storms are rare, Zillinger said snow days are uncommon at the university. He only remembers two or three snow days during his 19 years working at the university.

During the 2008 snowstorm, Zillinger said that snow fell for two days, piling up as fast as they could plow it and it was ultimately decided that the campus couldn't be kept clear in those conditions.

"We had started 48 hours before and it just kept coming, kept coming, kept coming," Zillinger said.

Zillinger said he thinks a snow day is unlikely this year and expects conditions to be similar to last winter. Last winter snow removal employees only came in early in the morning to clear snow twice and the rest of the snowfall happened during the day, but it was so minor that it was cleared quickly without major disruption.

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ADMINISTRATION

New knowledge

University employees required to complete newly developed training modules

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University of Idaho employees, including student employees and supervisors, will be required to complete training programs recently developed to teach employees about topics ranging from sexual harassment to overall university goals.

"We're proposing to define supervisor pretty widely," said Brian Foisy, vice president of Finance. "If you supervise any employee, even including student employees, we want to make sure you're appropriately trained."

All employees are required to complete three training modules by April 5. The first program, Our Inclusive Workplace, was required of UI employees last year and addressed topics to do with discrimination and sexual harassment prevention.

In a similar format, the UI Stewardship of Resources and Ethical Conduct training covers topics ranging from conflicts of interest to ethics and resource stewardship.

Finally, UI Mission and Goals discusses broader topics such as the role of the university and the current strategic plan.

Employees will not be required to retake Our Inclusive Workplace or UI Stewardship

of Resources and Ethical Conduct if they have already completed the training in 2015.

Employees will be required to complete refresher trainings every three years.

Foisy said the set of the three programs can be completed in about one hour.

University supervisors are required to complete four additional modules by April 5. The training programs are Performance Management, Performance Evaluation, Navigating the Employment Legal Landscape and Strategies for Selection and Hiring Success.

In total, the courses require about three hours of time to complete.

At a Faculty Senate meeting, Foisy said the definition of a supervisor at UI is purposefully broad.

Successful and timely completion of these training modules will be taken into account in 2016 performance evaluations and 2017 pay determinations. The three additional modules will be included in the employee training plan by 2016.

More instructions will be sent to UI employees on Dec. 22. Yet, current employees can access the training modules by going to uidaho.edu/human-resources/pdl/compliance-training.

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LIFE

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During her time in Atlanta, Dobkins worked with the university coupon company, Campus Special, to bring the company's services to the West.

Dobkins has worked other internships since then, including her most recent position as a sponsorship coordinator for the university where she helped manage all advertising displayed in the Kibbie Dome.

Besides marketing and school-work, Dobkins said she likes to stay active and travel.

With just a backpack, Dobkins recently set out for a month and a half in Central American to see new sights, meet new people and hike volcanoes.

Dobkins even tried volcano-boarding, a sport where one uses a board to slide down a mountain, or in Dobkins' case, a volcano.

"It was thrilling, it was exhilarating," Dobkins said. She pointed

out the activity's No. 2 spot on CNN's list, "Big thrills: 50 ways to be a daredevil."

Dobkins friends said this kind of adventure is no surprise coming from her.

"She's always the one that makes our friend group get off our butts and do stuff," Campbell said.

Campbell also has words of advice for fellow college students.

"Get internships," Campbell said, banging her hand on the table. "I yell that at everyone that I ever come across."

As for her future goals, Campbell wants to use her time in North Carolina to continue to be involved with people and manage them.

Elizabeth said they expect a successful future for Dobkins.

"Natalie is one of the hardest working people I know by far," Elizabeth said. "She has overcome so much in her life and she has done so well."

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GRADE

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Despite student support, the resolution was met with criticism from Faculty Senate on a variety of different aspects of the presentation.

Clinton Jeffrey from the College of Engineering made comments about some typos he found in the document.

Annette Folwell from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences voiced concerns about the time commitment that posting grades would require of her and other instructors. She said Blackboard creates pages for every type of class an instructor is directing, including internships and research projects.

"So when you look at the courses that I'm responsible for, there's a whole host of those," Folwell said. "So when you put forth something like this you're saying that for every single class, whether it's pass/fail like an internship — for some of our disciplines, not all of our

disciplines — that's a concern for me."

Stephan Flores from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences agreed with Folwell, and said students can still find out about their grades by emailing their instructor. He said the resolution may limit the opportunities for students to discuss how they are doing with their professors.

Alan Caplan from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences expressed his concerns over the legal matters of the resolution.

He wasn't sure how Blackboard works, but he said he was worried that the university could be sued if a student receives a different final grade than what they saw on Blackboard if a professor curves grades or has other grading practices.

Anthony St. Claire, a graduate student representative on Faculty Senate, said the resolution is not exactly what students want, despite what the ASUI poll reported. He said students want

their grades posted in a timely manner and they want a way to keep track of their attendance in classes. Neither of those things must be recorded through Blackboard.

Jodi Nicotra from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences was one of the few members of Faculty Senate who said the resolution was not a bad idea. She said Blackboard was a secure service that doesn't make it difficult to post grades and doesn't shut down her conversations with students because she uses it. Nicotra also said Blackboard is not that hard to operate.

"If they have bad grades, students come in and complain just the same as they would if they came and asked about what their grade was," Nicotra said.

The next meeting of Faculty Senate will be during the second week of the spring semester.

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PRIORITIES

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education. Around 300 million dollars is reserved for higher education institutions, and Stegner said the university hopes to receive a portion of that pool.

"We've been getting money from them (Idaho Legislature) for as long as we've existed," Stegner said. "And from time to time we ask for funding of more specific things like maintenance of buildings or specific programs."

Stegner said the university is also working to encourage enrollment at the university.

"The state of Idaho wants to have a more educated work force," Stegner said. "Recruitment and retention are important, not only for the university, but for the state also so we have expanded that effort significantly

over the last few years and need legislature to help fund it."

Stegner said legislature usually gives UI about 80 million dollars of money from the general fund which the university uses for programs such as Complete College Idaho (CCI).

"There is a significant request this year for enhancement for what we generally call CCI," Stegner said. "CCI is more of an umbrella name for a number of specific efforts going on across the state to increase the number of students going to college."

ASUI Lobbyist Nate Fisher will also be in Boise this spring to lobby for a statewide medical amnesty policy, Stegner said.

Yet, Stegner said UI administration has not taken a position on medical amnesty and will not be advocating for it at this legislative session.

"(Medical amnesty) tends to be a policy issue that the legislature will make," Stegner said. "It's just not one of our top priorities."

The differences between this legislative session and the last one comes down to the specific areas that the university will be requesting more funding for, Stegner said.

Stegner said the university will ask for more funding for the WWAMI medical program, which is operated through the University of Washington.

"The state of Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska and Montana are all small to the point where they don't have their own medical school in the state," Stegner said. "The University of Washington allows a number of students from each state to participate in their medical education program without

having to go to Seattle."

Stegner said the Legislature has been paying the out of state tuition for these students so they can receive their medical education in Idaho.

Stegner said UI will also push to increase research funding for the College of Agriculture and the College of Natural Resources.

"The University of Idaho thinks these are all important in some way or we wouldn't be asking for the money," Stegner said. "We watch these efforts very closely so we can hopefully become more competitive in the higher education community."

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ABROAD

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and receiving the Pell Grant are the main criteria for the students, allowing a diverse pool of scholarship winners.

Students are awarded up to \$5,000 based on the budget they submitted in their application.

Students who are studying a critical need language such as Arabic, Chinese or Japanese, are considered for the Critical Need Language Award up — to \$8,000.

The scholarship is not just for students who are studying abroad. It also is available

to students who intend to intern abroad.

Lopez, a clothing textile and design major who plans to go to Leon, France, said studying in the fashion capitol of the world is going to be great for her future career goals.

She is also minoring in French and said she wants to become fluent in the language. She also plans on working with the UI Study Abroad Office when she returns by giving prospective and first-hand advice about the scholarship and studying abroad.

Warnick, a mechanical engineering major, said he considered going to

France and England before deciding on Morocco. The deciding factor was that Morocco offered engineering courses in English, he said.

Warnick intends on working with the study abroad office to create an articulation agreement that would establish which engineering courses will transfer back to UI.

Not knowing what courses transfer deters a lot of engineering students from studying abroad, Warnick said.

Both Lopez and Warnick began their applications only a few days before they were

due and said they recommend future applicants start early.

Lopez said future applicants should work with their financial and study abroad advisers and allow them to proofread the essays. She said students should put a lot of thought into their applications.

"Do it from the heart," Lopez said. "As cheesy as that sounds."

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Idaho women's basketball falls to Texas Tech on the road, Oregon State next

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandal pair on hot streak

Callandret, Sanders step up in absence of last year's leading scorers

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

What does a head coach do when his team loses its top three scorers from a season ago?

When Idaho men's basketball coach Don Verlin faced this very scenario this offseason, it seemed he decided to trust that his recruiting process over the past few seasons had netted talent.

The decision seems to have paid off for Verlin and the Vandals as junior guard Perrion Callandret and sophomore guard Victor Sanders have developed into an explosive offensive duo for the program on the perimeter.

Callandret has emerged as one of the team leaders from the guard position after appearing in all 30 games for the Vandals last season, when he provided a substantial role off the bench.

The junior has already tallied a team-leading 342 minutes on the court for the Vandals this year and averages 13.4 points per game. Callandret also leads the team in assists with 21 and has collected 39 rebounds.

But perhaps the most notable surprise for Idaho this season is the presence of Sanders on the perimeter. The sophomore leads the team with 146 points and a 43.5 shooting percentage from behind the arc.

"When anyone on the team is hitting shots like Vic, it makes it easier for me and for our coaches as well, because we can call plays for him and find ways to get him open," Callandret said.

In addition, Sanders has one of the lowest turnover rates when compared to other starters on the Vandals roster, and is responsible for just 18 of Idaho's turnovers this year.

"Vic always seems to play with a lot of energy," Verlin said.

The consistent offensive presence from Sanders and Callandret helps fill a role left behind by former Vandal guards Connor Hill and Mike Scott, who led Idaho in scoring last season with an average of 16.4 and 14 points per game respectively.

In addition, the Vandals lost the team's third-leading scorer in Sekou Wiggs, who transferred in the offseason to Alaska-Anchorage, a Division II program.



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With Connor Hill and Mike Scott gone, guards Perrion Callandret and Victor Sanders have stepped up in the Vandal backcourt.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

New season, new results

McCorkell has made big strides this season

Brock Woods
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team has gotten off to a 7-2 start and Idaho sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell has played a key role in the hot start.

"I think last year I was a bit overwhelmed, but this year I've settled into what we need to do, what we need to do defensively, and just helping the team," McCorkell said.

She is averaging 14.4 points per game and is in the top three on the team in field goals, 3-point field goals made, blocks and rebounds per game.

Idaho senior post Ali Forde said McCorkell is showing her capability as one of the team's leaders on the court.

"I think Geri (McCorkell) has been a big part of our team," Forde said. "(She is) definitely stepping into that leadership role. I don't think it will be next year, but definitely this season."

Forde said she believes McCorkell is performing very well because she is

playing smart basketball.

"She shoots her shots when she's open and passes the ball when she needs to," Forde said. "Her all-around game has stepped up."

Compared to last season, McCorkell has doubled her scoring average and rebound average and surpassed the number of steals she had last season. McCorkell has eight blocks this season and had 12 last year.

"I think Geraldine has been playing so well (at) both ends of the floor," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "Defensively, I think she's moving a lot better."

Newlee said McCorkell's biggest strength this season has been her work ethic.

"She stays after practice every day, works on her shot, works on her game," Newlee said. "(She) works hard during practices and she worked hard in the offseason to make herself the type of person she is now. Her ceiling is very high so if she continues to work and do the things she put in last year, she will have an unbelievable career by the time she is done here."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hardwood rivals eight miles apart

Idaho-WSU men's basketball rivalry has had its share of memorable games

Luis Torres
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One of college basketball's oldest rivalries in the West takes place on the Palouse.

Idaho and Washington State men's basketball teams faced each other for the 110th consecutive year Thursday night at the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals beat the Cougars 78-74. It was the 271st matchup in the rivalry's rich history.

Idaho coach Don Verlin said he treated Thursday's game like any other game on the schedule but with an urgency to defend the Spectrum.

"We don't really prepare any differently for a rivalry game," Verlin said. "Defending your own court is very important. Not only in nonconference season but obviously in conference season, you always have to defend your home court."

The Vandals don't play Boise State this season. Last season, Boise State defeated Idaho 86-75 in Boise.

"It's big," said Idaho junior guard Perrion Callandret. "The

past two years we got to play Boise State which is a team we want to beat. This year we don't get that chance. So Thursday is our one chance to beat somebody that's really considered our rival. We don't get too many opportunities like we did in the past. This is really our chance to go out and compete against a really good team and get our first win at the Spectrum this season."

Throughout its 110-year run, the Cougars have won 162 (change after game) times, including the first game in 1906 when they defeated Idaho 28-12 in Pullman.

Idaho defeated the Cougars 77-71 Dec. 3, 2014, at Beasley Coliseum. As a result, the Vandals ended their 25-year winless streak at Pullman and won their first Battle of the Palouse since 2002.

In addition to both droughts ending, it was Verlin's first Battle of the Palouse and 100th win as the Idaho head coach.

Verlin said last year's win was a good feeling and looked forward to beating a tougher

Cougars team Thursday.

"I don't think you can ever calm a team down," Verlin said. "It's one of those things we will talk about a little bit. But it's the reason why we play college basketball is to play a rivalry game. I'm going to let them handle it themselves accordingly. My guys know what it's like to play the game because a lot of them played Washington State last year."

Despite being rivals, both Verlin and Washington State coach Ernie Kent have been on the same page and hope to continue the series.

"I have a great relationship with Ernie as well as their assistant coaches," Verlin said. "Washington State runs a really good program and have good people that stands for all the right things. I hope it continues because I heard nothing that (the rivalry series) wouldn't continue so hopefully this series will continue and play them for many years to come."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tough teams, same game

Idaho basketball teams play two power-five conference opponents each this week

Tess Fox
Argonaut

On top of dealing with the stress of dead week and a full-time school schedule, the Idaho men's and women's basketball teams have played only power-five conference teams.

The Idaho men's team fell to Southern California — a Pac-12 team — 74-55 Monday in Los Angeles and beat Washington State — another Pac-12 team — Thursday night at the Cowan Spectrum.

The Idaho women's team lost to Texas Tech — a Big 12 team — 78-62 Wednesday in Lubbock, Texas, and will take on seventh-ranked Oregon State at 2 p.m. Saturday in Corvallis, Oregon.

Combined, the teams will travel over 6,000 miles between Monday and Saturday. Idaho last played USC in 1976.

"They wore us down a little bit," Idaho men's coach Don Verlin said of the Trojans. "I thought we executed. I don't think it was the magnitude of the game, I just thought they wore us down."

The Battle of the Palouse is the oldest college basketball rivalry west of the Mississippi River.

"It's the biggest game on the nonconference schedule," Verlin said.

Even though the Idaho-Washington State game is a rivalry that players and fans seem to enjoy, Verlin said Idaho does not prepare differently for the game.

"We talk a lot about preparing ourselves," Verlin said. "So we put more pressure on ourselves than anybody else."

The time crunch between the USC and Washington State games makes preparation difficult. As of Wednesday afternoon, Idaho had not started its work for its game against the Cougars.

"We don't have a lot of time to make adjustments," Verlin said. "We got back yesterday (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock (a.m.). Our guys haven't even watched any film."

Idaho junior point guard Perrion Callandret has never had an issue with nerves.

Even during weeks when Idaho plays two Pac-12 games, he does not let the pregame jitters get the best of him.

"I don't really have any nerves at all really," Callandret said. "I'm confident in my ability and my team."

Callandret's first game against a big-time opponent came during his freshman season

when the Vandals played Oklahoma.

"Pretty sure any freshman would be a little nervous about that," Callandret said. "But when we went in to play USC this past weekend, I felt like I was playing a pick-up game with my friends. I wasn't nervous, I wasn't intimidated. I think that's just confidence in myself and my team that no matter what we're going to be there to help each other out."

Sophomore guard Victor Sanders said he does not pay attention to the name on the front of the opponent's jerseys.

"This is a big game against a Pac-12 team which would be considered a better conference, but that doesn't matter," Sanders said. "Having that aggressive attitude that we're going to win regardless of who's in front of us is all we got. If we work hard and do what we're supposed to do, it'll translate over."

Callandret said the rivalry with Washington State is a big deal.

"Those other two years we got to play Boise State which is a team we really want to beat here in Idaho," Callandret said. "This year we don't get that chance. So this is really our one chance to beat somebody who's really considered a rival."

After falling to Texas Tech Wednesday, the schedule does not get any easier for the Idaho women's team as it faces seventh-ranked Oregon State Saturday on the road.

"It's going to be a tough week," Idaho women's coach Jon Newlee said Monday. "Very hostile environments, I've taken teams to both, so I know what I'm in for."

Newlee said the crowd energy is special when playing schools in the power-five conferences.

"It'll be loud," he said. "It's almost like an NCAA tournament game when you go to those places for us."

Newlee said some of the younger players may not realize the atmosphere they will be playing in this week.

"I'm really excited to play a Pac-12 team," freshman guard Mikayla Ferez said. "I've only played in an environment like that once or twice and that was at the high school level."

Not only are there more people in the arena, but there are more people watching and listening at home. The Pac-12 has its own network where fans can access games.

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"It's more exciting than anything," said Ferez of the larger audience. "We like to have a big fan base. It'll be nice to have that support. I think we could surprise a few people."

While these teams experience the noise and energy of a strong fan base every home game, Idaho does not — at least not compared to a Pac-12 team like Oregon State.

Newlee said he believes these games are a way to experience that kind of environment.

"I think it'll be a great testing ground for the Big Sky play coming up once we get into conference," Newlee said.

As a senior guard, Christina Salvatore is used to the stress of traveling, schoolwork and Pac-12 teams.

"It's a little overwhelming, it's a quick turnover," Salvatore said. "We're focusing in on playing tough teams this week. None of us struggle in the classroom too hard. Our minds are on the game."

Traveling to Cancun, Mexico, during Thanksgiving break gave the Vandals an idea of the focus traveling takes. Idaho played three games in three days at the Cancun Challenge.

"It's a quick turnaround," Salvatore said. "I think a lot of it is mental. You get mentally exhausted from the travel and the playing."

Salvatore said there is no better way to prepare than playing the game itself.

"Nothing gets you ready until you're actually in it, doing it," she said.

As far as extra preparation, Newlee treats these high-intensity weeks like any other.

"We're preparing for the team," he said. "Just like we did for Duke and Iowa State."

Idaho lost 74-68 to then 15th-ranked Duke at the Cancun Challenge, but the Vandals beat Iowa State 97-65 in Cancun.

"Playing Duke and Iowa State, those are really big teams for us," Ferez said. "We've emphasized playing like we did down there and channeling that intensity again."

Yet Salvatore said when it comes down to it, the game shouldn't be any higher pressure than the rest of the season.

"Once you're out there, it's just the game," Salvatore said. "Any court, it's a basketball court. You're just trying to play basketball."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandals own bragging rights on Palouse

Callandret's 25 points carries Vandals to victory over WSU

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

The most anticipated nonconference matchup of the season for Idaho ended in thrilling fashion Thursday as the Vandals claimed a 78-74 victory over Palouse-rival Washington State. Thursday's game was the 271st meeting between the two programs.

The Vandals' victory added yet another aspect to the historic rivalry between the two teams and gave Idaho a two-game winning streak over the Cougars.

"This win was a really big one for us because I had a tired basketball team and I thought my guys really stepped up and played as hard as they possibly could," Verlin said.

The Idaho victory gives the Vandals bragging rights in the longest-running rivalry west of the Mississippi.

"(The win) was big," junior guard Perrion Callandret said. "It was a real fun game and I think it was really important to the whole school."

Callandret exploded for 18 points in the first half, converting six of eight shot attempts from the field. Sophomore guard Chad Sherwood added another five points and a rebound for the Vandals in the half.

Junior forward Josh Hawkinson led the way for the Cougars in the first 20 minutes of play, scoring eight points and adding two rebounds. Junior guard Ike Iroegbu contributed another seven points for the Cougars.

Idaho (6-5) outrebounded Washington State 19-9 in the first half en route to a 44-37 halftime lead over the Cougars.

The Vandals effectively contained the Cougars' quick-paced offense, not allowing a single fast-break point during the first 20 minutes of the contest.

"Our players executed the game plan," Verlin said. "We knew we needed to get back in transition and we did a great job of spreading the court and not giving them easy baskets in transition."

The Vandals took advantage of a cold shooting streak from Washington State by wwtaking a 70-63 lead, as the Cougars converted just two of 12 shots down the stretch late in the second half.

Sophomore guard Victor Sanders combined with Callandret to provide 45 points for the Vandals on the night. Sanders finished with 20 while Callandret had 25.

The Vandals relied on 39 rebounds and a 56.3 percent shooting percentage from 3-point range to claim the victory.

"The difference in this basketball game was our effort on the boards tonight," Verlin said.

The loss drops Washington State's record to 6-2 and gives Idaho its first home victory in the rivalry since 2002.

"We didn't want to be intimidated by them," Callandret said. "We don't want to have fear of anybody."

The Vandals play New Hope at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Cowan Spectrum.

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CLUB SPORTS

New, experienced players welcome

Georgallis has been busy managing Idaho women's lacrosse team

Luis Torres
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Experience is a virtue for Arianna Georgallis, who is entering her second year playing for the Idaho women's lacrosse team.

Like other club sports, recruitment has been a concern for Georgallis going into the spring season. Not only does Georgallis play for Idaho, but she and teammate McKenna Sato are team captains, club presidents and coaches.

"That's a big problem for us," Georgallis said. "Last year we had issues that we didn't have enough players. So we are playing against teams that had 12 players on the field but we only had eight or 10. So it's really hard for us not having any subs and playing with less people."

Georgallis and Sato's role will depend on how many players will take part in the team before its season opener in January.

"Based on how many players we get, McKenna and I will mostly coach," Georgallis said. "If we don't get enough players, then McKenna and I will also play."

The club is not limited to experienced players as the team allows anyone with little to no background in lacrosse to join the sport.

"Last year, a majority of our team was brand new," Georgallis said. "So we take everyone even if they never played lacrosse. I think it's great because it's not super time consuming, it gets you in shape and you make a lot of new friends."

Georgallis said it's challenging teaching inexperienced players.

"It's really difficult when you get people who haven't played before and people who have," Georgallis said. "People really want to get right into it and keep going. But we also need to teach the new players and that's a lot what fall is about."

Georgallis said not having any fall games has allowed the team to build good chemistry and establish its lacrosse skills.

Before playing for the Vandals, Georgallis, a sophomore from California, played high school lacrosse for four years.

Club sports also require teams to travel regionally which Georgallis said traveling and transitioning to a new place has been a challenge since joining the Idaho team.



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Idaho women's lacrosse player, Susanna Flesher, carries the ball downfield last spring during a tournament on the Idaho SprinTurf.

"We travel pretty far to play other teams," Georgallis said. "We go to Seattle and Montana. So just keeping up with practice, college work and playing in the cold has been a challenge."

The Vandals will play in four tournaments this spring, including hosting their own tournament Feb. 13-14.

Georgallis said she hopes they'll continue hosting a tournament in the next few years.

"It's a big deal because before last year, we

haven't hosted a home tournament for a long time," Georgallis said. "Last year we were able to get a home tournament and then this year. So hopefully we're going to keep the trend going."

Idaho's first tournament is set for Jan. 30 at Seattle University where the Vandals will play two games. In addition to their own tournament, the Vandals will play on the road at Washington State and Central Wash-

ington campuses.

"As soon as we get back from winter break, we want to start practicing," Georgallis said. "We want to get a lot of girls and have a pretty big team. But we also want everyone to be prepared, show up to practice, get their skills down, play as a team and get new players."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Senior post Renae Mokrzycki fights through the Wyoming defense Saturday. Mokrzycki led the Vandals with a career-high 20 points in Idaho's 78-62 loss against Texas Tech in Lubbock.

OPINION

Intriguing Opener

Idaho-Montana State 2016 football season opener will be interesting after Montana State coach's comments

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Although Idaho's season opener is almost nine months away, the football team may have already found a substantial amount of motivation for the team's first matchup in September.

A recent coaching hire by Montana State has created an intriguing clash for the Vandals when they host the Bobcats to open the 2016 season. Idaho faces a former public critic in newly appointed head coach Jeff Choate.

The controversy stems from a former interview of Choate by a Coeur d'Alene sports reporter in September 2012. While the interview was aimed toward addressing high school football in the state of Idaho, Choate quickly shifted the discussion to the status of the Idaho football team as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program.

Choate, who was the linebackers coach at Washington State at the time, criticized Idaho's decision to schedule LSU as an opponent for the 2012 season. He referred to the game against the elite opponent as a body bag matchup that sacrificed the health of players in order for the university to receive a large paycheck.

In the weekend before his comments, Idaho had traveled over 2,300 miles to Baton Rouge to play LSU, falling to the Tigers 63-14. Idaho received \$925,000 for the game.

Choate concluded the 2012 interview by saying Idaho would be better served joining the Big Sky Conference, which would drop the Vandals from FBS standing to the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

Ironically enough, Choate interviewed for the head coaching position at Idaho several months later when former head

“ Idaho has made vast improvements to the program under Petrino in the last three years, going from a one-win program to a conference competitor.

coach Robb Akey was dismissed from the program. Idaho eventually made the decision to hire current head coach Paul Petrino instead of Choate, who chose to pursue a position as the defensive line coach at Washington.

Last Friday, Montana State officially announced the decision to hire Choate as the new head coach of the football program. The Bobcats are a member of the Big Sky Conference and compete in the FCS.

What's unique about this situation is that Montana State's season opener is scheduled in Moscow against the Vandals, the team that Choate previously interviewed for and publically criticized.

Idaho has made vast improvements to the program under Petrino in the last three years, going from a one-win program to a conference competitor.

With the Vandals poised to make a run at bowl eligibility in 2016, the opener against Montana State provides an opportunity for Idaho to silence critics of its FBS status, including Choate. A commanding victory over the Bobcats would solidify Idaho's standing as a member of the Sun Belt Conference and quell any rumblings that insist on a change in division.

When the season opener comes Sept. 1, fans can expect the Vandals will be fighting for more than just a win. The team might be looking to prove doubters wrong, starting with Choate and Montana State.

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Texas Tech too much

Mokrzycki scores career-high 20 points in loss at Texas Tech, Oregon State next

Tess Fox
Argonaut

A four-game winning streak came to an end Wednesday when the Idaho women's basketball team lost to Texas Tech 78-62 in Lubbock, Texas.

Senior guard Christina Salvatore added three 3-pointers for Idaho, tying former Vandal Stacey Barr for the school record. Salvatore has made 268 3-pointers for her career.

Texas Tech guard Ivonne Cook-Taylor scored a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds and teammate Japreece Dean

scored 23 points.

Idaho (7-2) started the first quarter cold offensively. The Vandals did not score until 3:29 left in the first quarter after senior post Ali Forde hit a jumper to cut the Red Raider lead to 9-2.

Texas Tech led 20-6 after the first quarter.

Idaho senior post Renae Mokrzycki led the Vandals with a career-high 20 points. She finished 7 of 9 from the field and 4 of 5 from the free-throw line.

The Red Raiders led 39-28 at halftime.

Texas Tech started the

third quarter on a 9-2 run to extend their lead to 48-30 but the Vandals clawed back to cut the lead to 50-38.

Salvatore finished with 11 points, six rebounds and four assists and Forde finished with nine points and eight rebounds.

Texas Tech beat Idaho 90-55 in 2008 — the last time the two teams met.

The Vandals move from a Big 12 school to a Pac-12 school as they face seventh-ranked Oregon State at 2 p.m. Saturday in Corvallis.

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Final: Little Rock 64, Idaho 54. Vandals fall to 5-4, Trojans 7-0. Idaho has a pair of Pac-12 games in USC and Wazzu next.

—Moscow-Pullman Daily News sports editor Michael-Shawn Dugar tweets the result of Saturday's game between Idaho and Arkansas-Little Rock.

@SKramerWrites



Victor Sanders scored a career-high 24 points. But he wasn't celebrating his individual performance. The loss seemed to hit him hard.

—Spokesman-Review sports reporter Sean Kramer tweets about Idaho sophomore guard Victor Sanders' postgame press conference following Idaho's 64-54 loss to Arkansas-Little Rock Saturday.

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Ballestero makes two FT shots, 61-57 against Wyoming, 3.8 seconds left #govandals

—The Vandal Nation account tweets about a pair of pivotal free throws by senior guard Connie Ballestero, which helped seal Idaho's 61-57 win over Wyoming.

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New wall graphics and furniture for the office! Looks good our 2015 Regular Season Champions Trophy! #GoVandals

—The official Idaho Vandals soccer account tweets about the addition of the Big Sky Conference regular season championship trophy to the coaching staff's office this past

Knocking down shots



Idaho sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell has helped fill the scoring production left by Stacey Barr. Tess Fox | Argonaut

VANDALS

FROM PAGE B1

In a recent interview with Anchorage media, Wiggs said he left Idaho because he felt his play was not evolving in Moscow.

Despite the absence of this high-scoring Vandal trio, Verlin and Idaho have already established a productive offensive attack from the perimeter, beginning with Sanders and Callandret.

In Saturday's game against Arkansas-Little Rock, the duo combined to score 25 of the Vandals' 29 first-half points. Sanders eventually finished the game with 24 points, while Callandret added 15.

"Whenever someone is hitting shots like that, you always try to find ways to get them the ball," Callan-

dret said.

While the two have put up big numbers for the Vandals, the rest of the Idaho offense has been slow to develop. The next leading scorer for the Vandals, Arkadiy Mkrtychyan, averages six points per game.

Verlin said despite the consistent production from Callandret and Sanders, the team would need to find ways to incorporate other players into the offense in order for the Vandals to have more success.

"I look at it as team basketball," Verlin said. "We've got to execute better and we've got to play better team basketball. I don't really care who scores the points."

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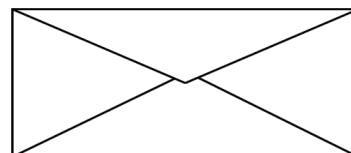
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OUR VIEW

Rising from heartbreak

The power of Moscow's community is displayed in times of struggle

The start of this year was not a happy one for the people of Moscow.

Just 10 days into 2015 the community was rocked by a shooting incident that killed three and injured one

Throughout the rest of the year people tried to recover from the tragic event, but it is still fresh in everyone's mind.

The aftermath of the incident displayed the blatant truth that Moscow is as strong as ever. The people in this community have the incredible ability to come together and support one another in times of tragedy, and it has always been this way.

The rest of 2015 wasn't exactly easy, either — both for the people of Moscow and the rest of the world. Multiple incidents of extreme violence or major injustices took over national and international headlines this year. While the events themselves were terrible, the reaction they spurred from college

students was promising.

From declaring their support for Paris after the terrorist attacks last month to the protests at the University of Missouri prompting responses from colleges across the nation, students have been more active on larger issues this year than ever before.

More young people are standing for what they believe in, and it's due to an increase in awareness from the general public of these important issues. Students at the University of Idaho and other institutions were never totally ignorant of certain issues or problems that have been discussed this year, but there's no denying that more students are involved now.

This involvement will yield positive results in the long-term as well as the short-term. As more young people feel comfortable to speak out on issues they feel passionately about, the youth demographic will have a greater ability to make a difference on a larger scale.

The protests at Mizzou also had relevance to the staff at The Argonaut, as it involved the school's

student media program.

As members of a media organization, 2015 was impactful for many young journalists across the United States.

The controversy of the Mizzou protests spurred conversations about the rights of student journalists, but there were also shocking events that took place in the professional world of reporting.

Early into the fall semester, the news station WDBJ7 was stunned when a reporter and cameraman were shot dead during a live broadcast. This tragic event rocked the entire journalism world, but the employees of WDBJ7 showed incredible strength in the days after the incident, similar to the response the people of Moscow had following the shooting in January.

The tragedy on Jan. 10 was not the first tragedy to hit Moscow, and it won't be the last. However, it is through times of hardship that Moscow shows its true strength, and its citizens and the connections that bind it together only come out stronger in the end.

— EB



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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Argonaut people

You guys are some of the coolest people I know. It's been a blast being around everybody the last year and a half. I'll miss covering Vandal athletics, but I'll miss the people I worked with almost every day the most. Continue the Arg's tradition of greatness next semester and beyond.

— Garrett

The Arg is ...

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I'll leave a piece of my heart in the newsroom and take the memories with me.

— Ryan

Loss of two faces

So two people will be leaving the office and it will be sad to see them go. However, I congratulate both Garrett and Ryan on moving on to better things. I wish you two all the best in your endeavors.

— Claire

Moving forward

Best of luck to Ryan and Garrett, and everyone drive home safe.

— Jessica

The old and the new

It's been an honor and a privilege working with the current Argonaut editors — Ryan and Garrett, you will be greatly missed. For incoming editors, I can't wait to work with you!

— Corrin

Good luck

To the graduating seniors and my two editors departing for bigger and better things, we will miss you. Congratulations and best of luck.

— Katelyn

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Crying.

— Erin

2015's last classes, last Arg

It is in times like these that I remember how lucky I am to earn this education and have a hand in this newspaper.

— Lyndsie

Thank you

To everyone who tuned in to listen to Vandal Nation's radio coverage last night of the rivalry game between Idaho and Washington State. We appreciate your support.

— Josh

Nearly there

We're sooooo close. Don't give up. You can do this.

— Jake

Reading for pleasure

Remember what that was like?

— Hannah

Habits

Over this semester I developed a drinking and smoking and letting my schoolwork go to hell habit. I'm looking to get more schoolwork done in the future.

— Jack

Second semester

Cheers to a new year of better study habits and classes starting over.

— Tea

One more

The end is finally near. One more week and then a well-needed break.

— Jordan

First OTC

I can't decide between something profound and a really bad pun.

— Austin

Contentment

At least I'll go home not worrying about egos for a month. Maybe I'll lose 15 pounds for once.

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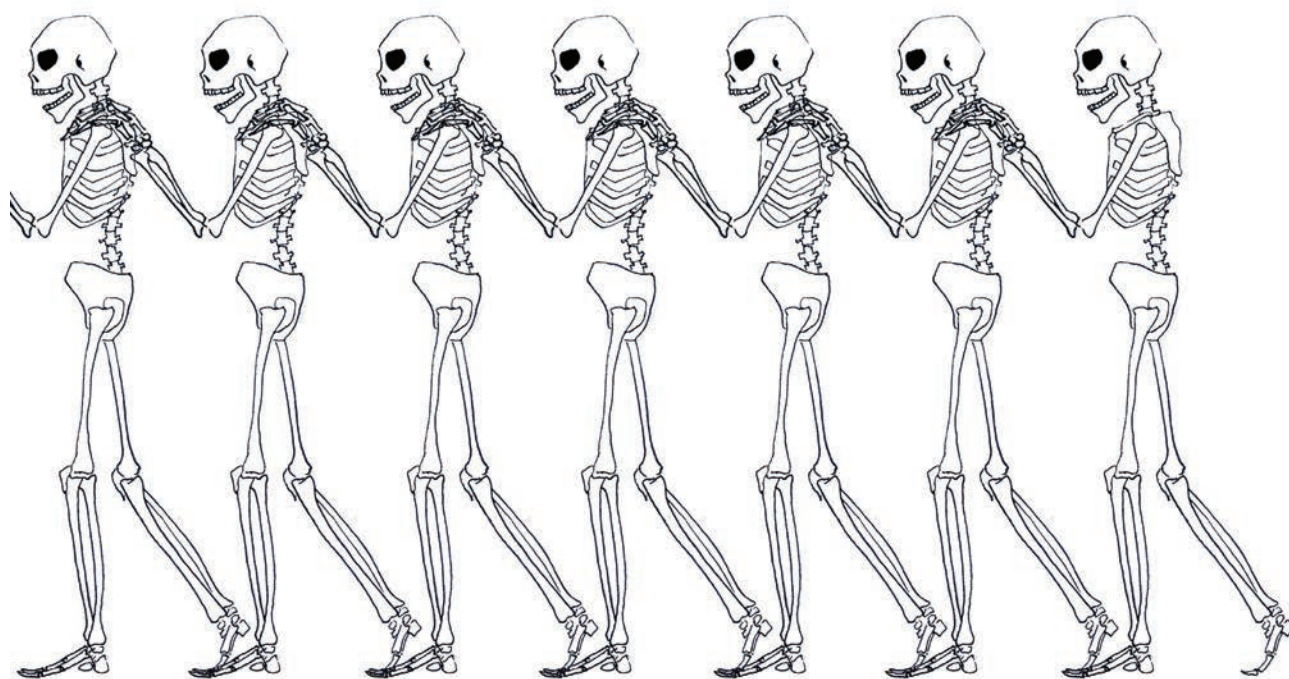
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END OF DEAD WEEK.

One-eighth of the way there *Lessons learned by a first-semester freshman*

As the fall semester draws to a close, it's time for freshmen to turn the page on the first chapter of their college career.

This semester has been an eventful one for many and it has proven to be quite educational both inside the classroom and out. Here are a few lessons I learned from the perspective of a seasoned freshman.

First, textbooks are a financial curse that can easily be avoided. I, like many, attempted to be proactive with the purchase of my textbooks and fell into a costly trap. What isn't explained when you fork over hundreds of dollars for your textbooks with plenty of time for them to arrive is that, at any point prior to the first day of class, the required text for a course can change.

Often, a professor will tell you exactly what book you need the first day of class and whether or not you actually need to purchase it. To avoid any unnecessary spending, wait until the end of the first week of school to purchase your textbooks. By that point, you will most likely be able to determine whether or not the professor plans to use the text and to what degree.

Also, if you're a team player and know that you'll be in a class with a friend next semester, split the cost of the textbook and enjoy the financial stability of

joint custody.

Second, your health is still a priority. It's no mystery that some of the dining options on campus don't exactly provide the healthiest or appetizing options, but going hungry is not a viable alternative.

Spend a little time thinking about what you've eaten throughout the day. Your diet can really impact your energy level and leave you without the necessary fuel to stay up all night studying — not that I'm condoning all-nighters.

Sleep is possibly the most important aspect of a college student's life. Going without sleep not only impacts your immediate productivity, but over time it can impact your health in adverse ways.

Unfortunately, sometimes there just aren't enough hours in the day and an all-nighter is the only option. In that case, it would be wise to invest in a few short naps throughout the day just to give your brain a little break.

The nice thing about being a college student is that nobody will judge you for taking a nap at 5 p.m. because everybody's been there at

one point or another.

Third and finally, getting involved on campus really does help you make the most of your experience. As much as the idea is shoved down our throats as freshmen, it is grounded in truth.

I hate to admit it, but the university staff knows what they're talking about. Being involved with a club or student organization is rewarding and extremely educational. If you find the right club for you, you'll discover that you'd much rather go to your club activities than your actual classes and your time spent in extracurricular activities can be just as, if not more, rewarding than your classes.

One of the biggest lessons I took away from this semester has been the understanding that finding a like-minded group of people who are pursuing similar goals can inspire you to work harder than ever and give you a platform for sharing your success. Find that group of people, and let their achievements drive you to accomplish a thing or two yourself.

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All the things a college student accomplishes over winter

Right before the winter break, professors, roommates and friends all ask one question — “How will you spend your winter break?”

It puts students on the spot, so they panic and say they are going on a grand adventure to the Alps or something.

Well, I'm here to be frank about the actual break plans of most college students. That's right, almost every college student on the planet will do these few things over break.

The first thing students will do is sleep. For days. In fact, it's likely they will snooze almost every day until late into the day when they do decide to get up. After dead week and finals, students could use the break from grueling work

and study.

A little sleep goes a long way making up for sleepless all-nighters in preparation for finals. Maybe a full hibernation over break will make up for the week of all-nighters in order to complete projects and papers.

When they aren't sleeping, which won't be often, students will probably be watching some silly shows on Netflix or binge-watching their favorite TV series they haven't been able to watch in four months because of school. If they aren't doing that, then they are simply staring at the TV screen trying to recollect their souls. They call it dead week for a reason.

The last essential activity students will take part in during break is eating. As always, college students love free food. While being at home doesn't always guarantee free food, students get

a lot more high-quality, homemade meals at home for free than they do here. Also, it's not Bob's or ramen, so that's a step up at least.

Food is one of the greatest pleasures in life, and when it is a home-cooked meal from a parent, it is 10 times greater. Or if it is free — then it is also great.

After these three necessities, it is up to each student to make the most of the rest of their break. I plan on visiting a hot spring to get some more relaxation before attempting to conquer the next semester of upper division classes.

That is the key to the entire winter break. If students have the time and the means, they should take it. One month may feel like a long time when in the middle of it all, but by the time classes start up, that month will feel like it didn't last long enough.

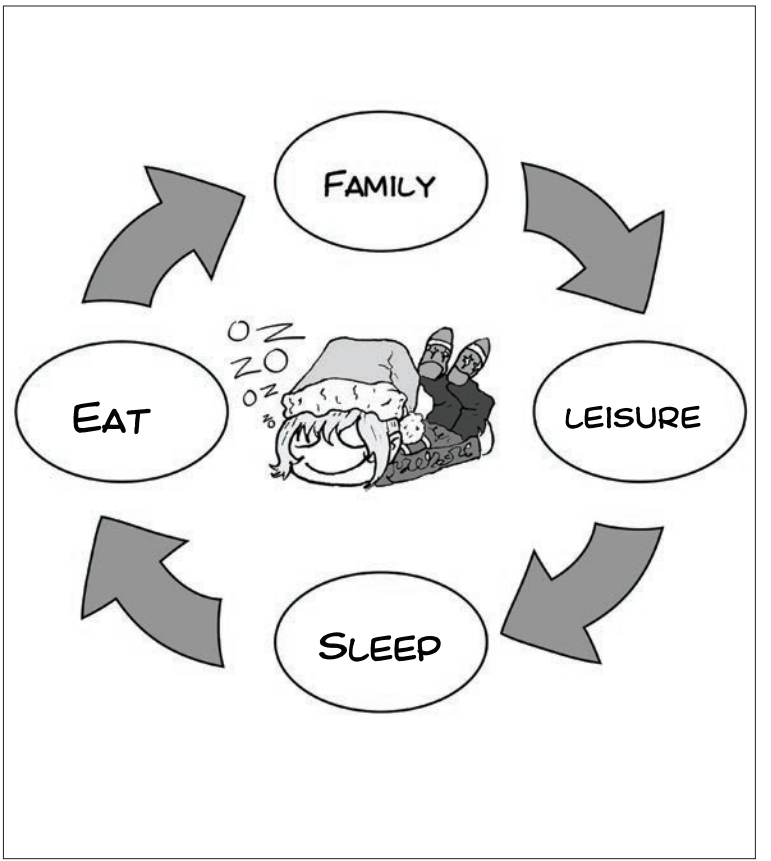
So take the time. Enjoy it.



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Good night and good luck

Time will tell if Staben's administration will succeed in their goals

The first time I met University of Idaho President Chuck Staben, he was wearing workout pants and what looked like an old sweatshirt.

It was a Sunday — just a day after Staben officially began his tenure as the university's 18th president.

At the time, I was waiting to meet a videographer outside of the Administration Auditorium for a story. I got there early and was checking my phone when I heard footsteps down the halls and saw a silhouette by the door.

On the day after he took office, Staben appeared to be taking a stroll in the dark and quiet Administration Building, taking in the university he had just inherited.

He introduced himself and asked if I wanted any tea. I regretfully declined. It was a surprising and unexpected interaction, to say the least.

Little did I know, it would be the first of many interactions, as I would spend the next year and a half following and reporting on his administration.

Staben and his new cast of administrators face a daunting challenge. They hope to increase UI's enrollment while at the same time creating a college-going culture in a state that regularly ranks near the bottom in college go-on rates.

In fact, Idaho ranked last in the nation in college go-on rates, according to a 2010 study by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

One thing is for sure, if Staben can solve UI's enrollment problems, he will become a saint to this university.

There seems to be small but promising signs that UI enrollment will be headed in the right direction soon. Although the university saw a dip in overall enrollment for a third consecutive year, enrollment of in-state undergraduate freshmen went up 1.2 percent in fall 2015. It might be small, but the numbers show growth in a critical demographic for the university.

No, enrollment will not spike in one school

year. The growth will be gradual and Staben will need to manage expectations as the university continues forward.

But for now, I'm optimistic. After large changes at the upper administration level, UI now has the new personnel to tackle enrollment.

The direct admission policy implemented by the State Board of Education at Staben's urging this year should have a positive effect on next year's numbers. The VandaLink programs set up at multiple community colleges in Idaho should also help to increase transfer student enrollment.

Administrators are also looking to provide more money for student scholarships, as well as a different way of packaging scholarships.

Make no mistake, enrollment will define Staben's tenure at UI.

Increasing enrollment is critical. Without it, the university will continue to fall further behind peer institutions and shrink its regional influence.

Without it, talented and hard-working faculty and staff will continue to leave UI to take higher-paying positions at institutions that have the funds to pay them what they are worth. Without it, the university will have no choice but to continue to pay faculty and staff below market value.

As many on campus already know, low salaries make it that much harder to find qualified candidates for open positions.

Perhaps Staben's tenure will become another one of UI's many short-lived presidencies.

Perhaps Staben will solve the enrollment problem and in doing so help UI too.

I wish all the best to Staben and the new crew of administrators. They seem to have the enthusiasm and experience to solve UI's enrollment problems.

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It's never too late

The pros and cons of being a nontraditional graduate

Here I go, moving on to bigger and better things, or so I hope. Graduating college a decade late is better than never, I suppose.

Being a nontraditional student has been a wonderful experience, but I have discovered that there are many ups and downs to returning to college later in life.

First of all, I was more focused on schoolwork these last few years than when I was younger, and I even enjoyed most of it. The social aspect of college was less prominent for me, as I put forth more concentration on my academic success.

Many college students love to party. Some students can do both, but I don't have that kind of energy anymore. At the same time, it is kind of sad that I missed out on that social aspect that is part of the college experience.

In some ways, I believe I have a better start on the world than traditional graduates. I often hear students worry about when they will eventually have to go out into the real world and start "adulting." I have been "adulting" for a long time already.

The world is not nearly as intimidating to me as it would be to someone who has never been face-to-face with life — holding down a job, a home and paying all their own bills.

At 34 years old, I spent about 15 years in the working world before returning to school to get my bachelor's degree in journalism. I have paid many bills, and at

times I haven't been able to pay my bills.

As far as life after college goes, it does not intimidate me, but I also feel like I have more pressure to get a good job quickly because I don't have as many years to work my way up.

I started my own book editing business a couple years ago. It began with editing for my sister, who has written a popular young adult book series. I always knew I

was a good writer and a better editor, and I realized I could make some real money if I went back to school. So here I am.

My work experience and my education should be enough to secure me a good job, and I am sure it will, but as graduation approaches my anxiety increases.

One thought that has often occurred to me as I begin to apply for jobs is what to write on my resume and cover letter. Should I promote that I am older even though I am just

graduating college? This could be seen as good or bad by potential employers. They could see it as good thing that I have work experi-

ence and can prove that I am a hardworking and reliable. On the other hand, some employers might wonder why I waited so long to finish college and assume that I'm not a go-getter, when there were extenuating circumstances that prevented me from finishing college when I was younger.

Some employers would

prefer to have fresh young minds to bring new ideas to their business as well, and while I am fresh out of school, I may not have the young, fresh and pliable mind they are looking for.

The biggest problem with being a nontraditional graduate is that I have a home and a family secured in rural north Idaho, where journalism jobs are hard to come by. I am envious of younger students who have their whole lives ahead of them and can fly across the country on a whim.

I could do that, but it would not only be a hassle, it would be heartbreaking. My life, my love and my everything is in north Idaho. I am ready to go home to Priest Lake, to my little house in the woods.

While I may not have thought everything through before returning to school at 30 years old, I wouldn't change my experience for anything. I have enjoyed my time at the University of Idaho. I have met some of the most amazing people, many of whom are going to go far in the world. It is refreshing to see young people who have so much ambition.

While I wouldn't change my own experience, if I could offer one word of advice to the youth of America it would be to go to college and do it earlier than I did, though it is never too late to pursue a higher education. Just get it over with early and move on to the bigger and better things in life. Finally, and most importantly, don't ever give up.

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Out with the old

Sometimes choosing what seems wrong in the moment can never be more right

I didn't like the University of Idaho at first.

I was born and raised in Idaho and have felt the need to branch out from my home state since I was in high school.

That is why I chose to go to Colorado State University for my freshman year of college. I made some amazing friends that year and did well academically, but something wasn't quite right.

The ridiculous amount of money I was spending on out-of-state tuition constantly haunted me during my time at CSU.

Last summer, my parents tried to convince me to transfer to UI, but I complained about how I didn't want to be in the same state for the rest of my life.

I thought UI was too small of a school and too isolated to be an adequate learning institution.

What can I say? Everyone is a little ignorant every now and then.

Eventually, my parents brought me to my senses, and I was enrolled at UI by mid-July, which was cutting it a little close.

I didn't like UI, but then I drove up to Moscow and saw the campus. I joined a sorority. I took up a position as a reporter at The Argonaut. I met tons of incredible people. I strolled down the streets of downtown Moscow.

Suddenly, I found myself loving the city of Moscow and the UI campus. CSU was an amazing experience, but there are definitely some benefits here that Colorado lacks.

I never played a significant role in my community at CSU. I only ever went to class and hung out with friends. I wasn't an active member in any clubs or organizations. At UI, students receive an overwhelming

amount of encouragement to participate in community events and groups.

Also, UI's campus is smaller than CSU's, which is something I thought I wouldn't like. However, seeing friendly faces I recognize on my way to classes is valuable when I'm having a bad day.

I also underestimated how much I would enjoy being closer to home. When I graduated high school, I made it my mission to get as far from home as possible because I worried I would be stuck in my home state my entire life.

This is likely a mentality I developed over years of living in a small town of only 459 people. I witnessed the same thing happen to many of my fellow classmates through time.

However, the six-hour drive between Moscow and my hometown has allowed me to maintain my independence from home.

I'm not saying that one university is better than the other, because they are both incredible institutions.

CSU is a neat school. The area is both diverse and sustainable. I felt like the majority of campus was environmentally conscious and most students were often active recyclers.

The campus also had a lot more recycling opportunities and it even had an entire week dedicated to sustainability called Earth Week.

But CSU also received a lot more money, since its student population is almost double that of UI, so the extra spending in these areas doesn't come as much of a surprise to me.

Even though I was determined to escape Idaho, I am here willingly, and happily — and I will remain here for the next couple of years.

I didn't like the University of Idaho at first, but I also didn't like the Star Wars movies when I first saw them. Everyone makes mistakes.

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A critique of pure irrationality

Politico article accuses Millennials without analyzing the roots of the issue

At this point, the general population has become desensitized to articles with titles proclaiming sensational statements such as, "Millennials Are More Racist Than They Think: Just look at the numbers."

Sean Mcelwee recently made this popular sensationalism in Politico Magazine. Mcelwee argues that, although certain data has found Millennials to be "post-racial," he believes there to be a flaw. Mcelwee generalizes that "My own analysis of the most recent data reveals ... gaps between young whites and old whites on support for programs that aim to further racial equality are very small compared to the gaps between young whites and young blacks."

For some reason, Mcelwee decides to use this as the basis for attacking Millennial racism. Mcelwee may simply have forgotten his socioeconomic terms, using the very specific term "racist," to describe a broad demographic.

The programs that Mcelwee addresses as aiming to "further racial equality," are programs that concentrate on race-specific students. He does not bother to look at the satisfaction of Millennials who participate in programs that have to do with general economic equality, because the abundance of these programs would derail his article.

The author himself is in fact the one stuck on the race issue. Unfortunately, programs that are favored in the 21st century are generally moving away from a race-focused mindset to programs that allow all disadvantaged students to apply.

Just as many people do not seek extensive evidence for their dissent, but there is also a lack of inquiry in the realm of general acceptance. In the process of consenting or dissenting with every opinion, a crevice has collapsed before humanity's eyes — one that cannot be crossed without some sort of analysis.

Mcelwee's opinion is a prime example of this gap. Though he attempts to show why youth are indeed more prejudiced, he does not explain why. He does not ask the question in order to discover its cause.

Many like Mcelwee seek to find problems, point them out and move on. There is no analysis, no stasis in his writing — it's simply one ostensible problem after the next. By writing about these problems, the author seems to accidentally separate himself from the society he addresses.

Mcelwee also manages to avoid clashing his newfound evidence with the studies of Pew Research he cites. He does not recognize that both of the sources are expressive of reality, but instead denies one half and exaggerates the other.

This type of reasoning is adopted by many like Mcelwee, who see a problem but inadvertently choose to limit their knowledge of it. He presents a problem, argues and embattles himself for said cause, without knowledge of its roots. If logic were used, some solution or cause would be discovered.

It seems that instead of discussing the base of social problems, many are instead infatuated with finding a scapegoat — in this case, it is youth.

Mcelwee talks of many pieces of the U.S. government that are segregated, such as housing and

employment opportunities. The question remains — why are these systems the way they are? Did Millennials have anything to do with the induction of

these structures? What age group protests for civil justice and equality most frequently?

These questions are virtually ignored by Mcelwee, though they are ironically the most provoking queries in hopes of finding a solution. Problems are never solved by choosing to blame someone as the first step. When a group of young people are asked whether they believe there is a racial problem, why don't we choose to analyze why they answered the way they did?

There are some people that show this analysis such as Pew Research. But it is much easier to complain that Millennials answered in such-and-such a way than to find the root of an issue.

Problems make life more melodramatic, as seen in the reality TV series' that Gen-Xers, Baby Boomers and Millennials alike are absorbed in. Isn't the purpose of finding these problems to progress toward a solution?

In my experience, many young people are obsessed with

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egalitarianism, more than any other generation alive. Does our generation have the ability to fight against laws successfully? Has the government really taken into consideration the opinions and views of the young? If not, how can we actually be considered more racist?

The problem of Millennial racism may indeed be a prominent issue. The world needs people to bring such issues to the eyes of society. But ultimately, without some sort of a well-reasoned attack and solution to the problem, these issues will remain in the back seat until someone is actually ready for change.

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Greek organizations that stood up to the Safe Campus Act should be applauded

On Nov. 12, Alpha Phi Sorority made headlines by becoming the first national sorority to publicly not support the Safe Campus Act.

The Safe Campus Act is a piece of legislation, supported nationally by many Greek organizations, that if passed would require victims of sexual assault to file a complaint with police before colleges could investigate the alleged assaults.

The proposed bill would prevent schools from imposing criminal punishments and allow more thorough investigations, but it would also require more time and concrete evidence to warrant a full investigation.

Sexual assault is an important topic that is discussed often, especially at colleges. Numbers provided by the "It's On Us" campaign indicate that 343 University of Idaho students are sexually assaulted every year, and one out of three of these assaults happen to freshmen.

Discussing sexual assault on campuses is a step toward preventing it. The Safe Campus Act is good for this, if nothing else.

However, not every survivor of sexual assault will benefit from the painful and long process of fighting their attacker

in court, which does not guarantee a sentencing outcome. What survivors could benefit from is the swift removal of their abuser based on the Student Code of Conduct.

The Safe Campus Act was previously endorsed by the National Panhellenic Council (NPC) and the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). According to an article published on Gawker, both organizations spent at least \$200,000 for lobbying purposes since July.

Some feel that sexual assault offenders should be punished to the full extent of the law and not be allowed to be protected by colleges. Many student activists, campus officials and rape survivor advocacy organizations oppose the bill, worried about the implications for survivors of rape and sexual violence.

Alpha Phi broke rank, several other national sororities also released statements publicly stating they did not support the Safe Campus Act.

After public statements opposing the Safe Campus Act, both NPC and the NIC withdrew their support for the legislation, choosing instead to continue supporting the Fair Campus Act. The Fair Campus

Act includes many of the same provisions, but does not require students to report an assault to police before allowing a campus investigation.

The public statements make me proud to call myself a Greek. Not only did they listen to the voices of individual organizations, but they responded accordingly and focused on the most important thing, making college campuses as safe as possible. Major props should be given to each and every organization that stepped forward and stood up for what they believe is right.



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No need for negativity

Our opinionated society needs a maturity check

I have plenty of opinions — whether they are affiliated with my political views or simply my moral compass, they are plentiful, and they are always developing.

Am I about to shove one of these opinions down my audience's throat? No.

Why? Because I am capable of holding an opinion without forcing others to understand that it is the only viable stance on a topic. I can hold my own views without spitting on the views of others. I can remain secure in my beliefs despite the fact that others may not agree.

Based on my recent observations of human interactions on social media, this seems to be a novel idea.

This is not to say there is no room for political activism on Facebook. People can share articles, memes, whatever — but outbursts of negativity are something entirely different. While a meme questioning President Obama's position on guns is tolerable, commenting on someone's feminist-themed article to say disparaging things about "man-haters" is not. To be decent is to have your opinions be heard without feeling the need to bash others.

Scrolling through Facebook last week, I found a ray of light in my otherwise disheartening newsfeed. A friend of mine had posted a status that basically said, "I don't understand why being 'for' something means you're automatically against something else. Good deeds don't have to counteract each other, we can leverage our differences to build a kinder and

stronger community together."

Her status put into words what I have been thinking for months. I often fear voicing my opinion thanks to the trend I've seen in rude Facebook comments and backhanded subtweets.

If this "believe what I believe, or else" attitude were muted, a more mature atmosphere would be promoted and Facebook wouldn't be such a volatile environment for people just trying to see pictures of their cousin's new baby.

Yet, my call for maturity transcends platforms like Facebook and Twitter. This is an issue of human decency and mindfulness.

When someone's views, whether they are pro-choice or pro-gun or what have you, make you draw conclusions about their personal lives or character, keep it to yourself. It is that simple. Beliefs are derived from life experience, moral lessons learned and numerous other

factors. Is it really so hard to separate a human from the positions they claim on controversial topics? No.

I don't expect the entire social media environment to change anytime soon, and I don't expect people to begin leaving political views out of assumptions of someone's character, but I do hope that we all stop to think about how our negativity toward opposing views accomplishes nothing.

Instead, working to promote our own views in respectful ways without feeling the need to slam others would be a good place to start.

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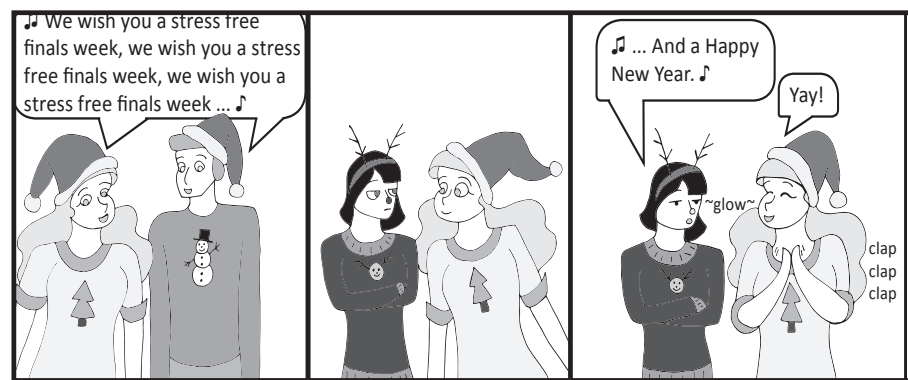
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