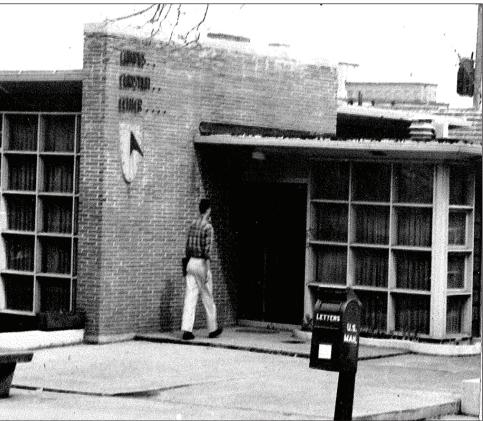
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University of Idaho's Campus Christian Center as it stands today (left) and in 1959, in the Gem of the Mountains yearbook, two years after its construction.

Ashes to ashes, day to day

Campus Christian Center stands strong on last leg

> **Hannah Shirley** Argonaut

It was 1967 and Moscow still hadn't discovered rock and roll.

Back in those days, the campus was strictly straight-laced, John Pool said combed hair and slacks with sweaters for the men, and skirts and a 10 p.m. curfew for the women.

Yet there was one place on campus Pool said self-respecting, God-fearing men and women crossed the street to avoid walking past.

"It was called The Burning Stake," Pool said. "That's what the coffeehouse was called."

Operated by the Campus Christian

Center, it was located on the lower floor of the original building - and it attracted a very particular crowd.

They were the progressives and the Vietnam protesters. They smoked dope and listened to rock and roll, and had a tolerant relationship at best with the Bible studies classes upstairs. They gathered at The Burning Stake to listen to bluegrass and a lounge piano player, to drink hot coffee and play bridge.

That's what drew Pool to the coffeehouse in the first place, he said.

"I wasn't serious about going to class," Pool said. "But I was serious about playing cards."

The radicals are long gone, and the Christian center, still standing in the same place it was decades ago, has developed a meeker presence on campus. It's a space where students go to study, enjoy free cookies or soup or to sit quietly in a prayer room.

Yet, on the basement floor of the center, tucked into a cluttered office at the end of a narrow, unlit hallway, John Pool remains.

Pool managed The Burning Stake Coffeehouse for a year before leaving the university. He returned to continue his studies five years later in 1973. He said when he came back, he expected everything to be just as it had been when he left it.

But sometime in the space of five years,

everything had changed. Sex, drugs and rock and roll had finally reached Moscow. The Bible groups, which had been so large and active on campus, had

dispersed, as had Pool's group of radicals. "The coffeehouse went from a center of radical thought to having really no

purpose," Pool said. "What was a special place went to not special at all... Nobody cared about it anymore."

For weeks, Pool was at a loss. Without his community, he wasn't sure what to do - ultimately, he decided to put The Burning Stake in his past and focus on his studies.

He went on to complete school, and upon graduation was invited to stay at the university as the student media adviser and adjunct communications professor. He later took a job with ITS managing a computer lab in the College of Engineering. He stayed there until 1999, when in a single day he lost his ITS job and got a job at the public library.

Pool wouldn't return to the Campus Christian Center until 2007.

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Supporting a sisterhood

Annual fundraiser for Moscow's sister city will take place Friday night

Diamond Koloski

Argonaut

The first time David Barber went to Villa El Carmen, Nicaragua, was in 2007, and he staved for two months.

"It was so unlike what I was used to here in Moscow," Barber said. "It took some getting used to, but it was a great trip."

Villa El Carmen and Moscow have been sister cities since 1986. Since then, the Moscow Sister City Association, of which Barber is a member, has raised funds and sponsored projects to help develop the Nicaraguan community.

Originally, Barber said the Moscow Sister City Association donated funds to the Nicaraguan government, but the group felt the government wasn't using the money as they had hoped. So in 2012, when Barber returned to Nicaragua to volunteer teaching English in a school, the group decided to refocus their efforts on education. That way, Barber said, they could be more independent in their sponsorship.

That's when The Moscow Sister City Association began hosting the Villa El Carmen annual dance and auction, which will be held for the third time at 7 p.m. Friday in the 1912 Center. The event will feature silent and live auctions, desserts for sale and a dance floor with music provided by local band Blue Funk Jailbreak. Admission is \$10 for the general public.

Elisabeth Berlinger, president of the Moscow Sister City Association, said she expects between 80 and 120 people to attend this year, and the funds they raise will go toward education in Villa El Carmen. She said the event has raised between \$4,000 and \$6,000 over the past few years.

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WOMEN'S CENTER

Films with feminists UI Women's Center presents its spring 2016 Women's Film Series

Corrin Bond Argonaut

A century ago, women fought for basic human rights and their ability to sustain a voice in society. Today, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in history — Malala Yousafzai — is a young woman globally advocating for girls' rights to an education.

In the span of one hundred years, women have experienced tremendous progress and countless struggles — experiences which the University of Idaho Women's Center aims

to illustrate in their upcoming Spring 2016 Women's Film Series.

Lysa Salsbury, director of the Women's Center, said the series is the result of a collab-

orative effort between the Women's Center and the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. "The Kenworthy and the Women's Center have enjoyed a long collaborative relation-

ship," Salsbury said. "Their film programming committee approached me and asked if we'd be interested in sponsoring an international women in film series."

Following the proposition, Salsbury said

she turned to fundraising at local businesses and applying for grants to fund the event. Local businesses Wild@Art and The Moscow Food Co-Op will help fund the event, as well as a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council.

Salsbury said the series consists of four films, each will be shown the last Monday of every month, and is a mix between more wellknown films and independent documentaries.

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Thinking affordable

Cowan talks student fees, open textbooks

Hannah Shirley

When it comes to student fees, ASUI President Max Cowan said students want to know where their money is going. Technically, that information can be accessed — but that doesn't mean it's accessible, Cowan said.

Cowan said he wants to make that information readily available to any student who wants to know.

"And when I say available, I mean the student can actually find it and actually understand it without getting a degree in finance," Cowan said.

Cowan said understanding student fees is no small task. He learned about it by sitting on the Dedicated Student Fee Committee for three years.

"It truly is an incredibly complex beast," he said.

Cowan said he thinks the best way for students to understand how their money is spent is to learn the same way he did — by doing it themselves.

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A Crumbs recipe



Italian meatballs

Spaghetti and meatballs is a classic, but not many people consider making meatballs from scratch. This rather simple recipe is a combination of things that are usually already in the kitchen. For people who don't like sausage, ground turkey or beef work just as well.

Ingredients

- 1 pound Italian sausage ■ 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 2 eggs
- Spaghetti sauce
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder ■ 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Directions

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl
- 2. Mix together with hands
- 3. Roll into 1-inch thick balls
- 4. Fry in olive oil over medium heat until cooked through, around 10 minutes
- 5. Pour about 1/2 of spaghetti sauce into pan
- 6. Heat through
- 7. Serve with spaghetti noodles

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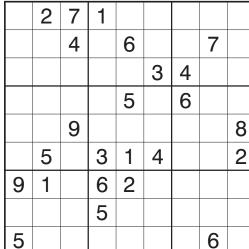
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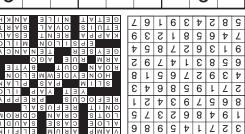
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Professional juggler Charles Peachock performs a trick with a student during the Vandal Entertainment event held Wednesday night in the Bruce Pitman Center.

Flying through the air

Juggler seen on America's Got Talent performs at UI

Katelyn Hilsenbeck Argonaut

Charles Peachock juggled balls, clubs, rings, knives and comedic wit at his Vandal Entertainment performance Wednesday night.

America met Peachock in 2011, when he appeared on season 6 of America's Got Talent and made it further than any juggler in the history of the show.

Peachock said he began juggling nearly 30 years ago because

his brother took up the act. "I couldn't have him doing something I couldn't, so I had to learn a little bit," Peachock said. "Then it got to be a sibling rivalry type of thing."

Vandal Entertainment Lectures and Performing Arts Chair Camille Aubrey saw Peachock perform at a conference in November and said his act stood out.

"It's really impressive," she said, noting his ability to play the piano with tennis balls he was juggling.

Wednesday Peachock kept his Vandal audience clapping and engaged throughout the whole show.

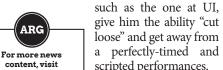
"It was fantastic," said Hailey Johnson, UI freshman and computer engineering major. Johnson and some of her friends had

Peachock TV, but came to the event because Simon Shindler, freshman and chemical engineering major, had enjoyed Vandal Entertainment events in the past.

Peachock said he visits about 20 schools a year, along with corporate events and cruises. At nonschool functions, he said audience members are already gathered in one place, almost obligated to watch.

"People at schools could be doing any number of things, which leads to a very enthusiastic audience," Peachock said.

Peachock said smaller audiences,



give him the ability "cut loose" and get away from a perfectly-timed and scripted performances.

"If I did the same thing all the time, it wouldn't be as fun," Peachock said.

Several audience members joined Peachock on stage. One held a cigarette in his mouth while Peachock attempted to hit it loose with a club, one assisted Peachock by throwing and catching one of four clubs he was juggling, and third student laid on the ground — with his eyes covered — while Peachock pretended to juggle knives over him.

The audience also saw tricks

Peachock — in one such trick, he balanced a club on his head, allowed it to fall behind his back and blindly kicked it over his head to start juggling. The grand finale of his perfor-

still that were in progress for

mance was two popular acts from America's Got Talent — a lightsout juggling act with glow-in-thedark objects followed by several songs on the piano, including "My Fair Lady."

Everyone I was sitting around was just freaking out," Aubrey said. Katelyn Hilsenbeck can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @Katelyn_mh

News Briefs

A shift in enrollment management

In a Jan. 8 statement, University of Idaho Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek announced he would assume direct oversight of Enrollment Management.

Though she will no longer oversee Enrollment Management, Jean Kim will continue to perform her other duties as vice provost for Student Affairs, according to the statement. Kim declined to comment.

Wiencek said he has discussed a more centralized structure with university lead-

ership since he arrived at the university in June. He said this model has proven successful at other universities.

Wiencek said prior to the change, he oversaw the same organizations he does now — including Enrollment Management, Academic and Student Affairs and the colleges — in many instances, they were just removed from him by two layers.

The statement indicated that the reorganization was driven by a new approach to admissions, but Wiencek said ultimately it's about improving the student experience. He said by creating a more centralized effort, he believes the quality of students' time working with the university, from from recruitment to graduation, can be greatly enhanced.

Wiencek said he hopes to have a more definitive timeline regarding the structural reorganization in place by the end of this fiscal year.

Planned Parenthood reopens

Six months after a firebomb destroyed the Pullman Planned Parenthood, the clinic is reopening its doors Feb. 1 in its previous location, according to a Jan. 20 press release. A community celebration will be open to the public 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 5.

Damage following the arson was extensive, and the renovated clinic required all-new walls, ceilings, carpeting, fixtures, furniture, medical equipment and appliances, as well as significant security upgrades.

The Pullman location serves approximately 3,000 people.

Serving students' needs

ASUI President Max Cowan reminded the ASUI Senate Wednesday night their role as student senators is to represent the interests of the University of Idaho student body.

That's why, following a student complaint, Cowan recommended the senate consider buying a new microwave for the Idaho Commons.

ASUI Sen. Anne Zabala said she had also received two separate complaints about the speed of the microwave.



WOMEN'S CENTER



Bekah MillerMacPhee, Women's Center assistant director for Programs, and UI student Kennedy Caisley make buttons to be distributed at the Women and Gender Brown Bag Series Tuesday.

Scraped knees and social stigmas

Brown Bag Series to discuss the 'tomboy' as a social identity

Hailey Stewart

In her studies, Traci Craig said she has identified three main ways in which the tomboy identity provides temporary protection to women.

The tomboy identity is not the sort of identity we have at our core," said Craig, associate dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. "It is much more of a nuanced identity that provides particular privileges and opportunities that are unique to itself."

Craig will discuss the tomboy as a complex identity in contemporary U.S. culture in "Tomboy: Protections, Limitations, and Implications for Girls and Women" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Crest Room of the Idaho Commons. The presentation will be the first event of the semester in the Women and Gender Brown Bag Series, hosted by the University of Idaho Women's Center in conjunction with the Women's and Gender Studies program.

Maggie Rehm, faculty in the Women and Gender Studies Program, said her favorite part about the series is getting to hear such a diverse selection of stories and research work people are doing

at UI and in the community. She and Assistant Director for Programs at the Women's Center Bekah MillerMacPhee coordinate the events each month.

"(The Brown Bag Series) really is an opportunity to learn about gender in our society in all sorts of interesting ways," Rehm said. "But it's also a chance for students to find out what kinds of work their pro-

MillerMacPhee said when se-

lecting speakers, they look for anyone doing work relating to women's and gender studies. She

said she is particularly excited to have Craig as this month's presenter. "I think that (Craig) is really good at talking

about her research and

then getting others to relate to it in their own lives," MillerMacPhee said. "I have no doubt she will accomplish that in this

specific program." Craig said that this type of event might shed some light onto a topic that many might not think was important to women's studies.

For example, she said though the tomboy identity comes along with a gender fluid understanding, it still comes with certain costs, benefits and protections.

"The events that the Women's Center hosts provide really critical content on the basis of women and gender," Craig said. "Women's experiences are often not validated or seen as clearly as they are when we have programming that highlights these experiences that are important to our lives."

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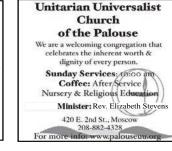




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Win for students

Idaho governor to prioritize education

Jessica Gee Argonaut

In his State of the State Address earlier this month, Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter laid out plans to help students with tuition costs. ASUI lobbyist Nate Fisher said Otter's focus on the cost of education is a win for students.

"I am supportive of addressing college affordability, and I appreciate his commitment to scholarship programs that help us to become a more educated state," Fisher said.

In addition to scholarship programs, Fisher said the governor hopes to use "tuition lock," which would ensure that the amount of money undergraduate students pay during enrollment remains constant for at least four years.

"I know the rising cost of tuition can impede their (university's) enrollment and retention rates," Fisher said. "Locking in tuition for four years will help a lot."

Fisher said UI will also likely receive retention programs and there may be an additional five seats added to the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) medical program.

Otter said in his address he also wants to direct \$10 million toward expanding Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs throughout the state.

Executive Director of the new-

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> C.L. "Butch" Otter, **Idaho governor**

ly-created Idaho STEM Action Center Angela Hemingway said the STEM programs would help provide a welltrained workforce.

"I think if legislators are listening to industries and businesses in their area, they will hear loud and clear that there is a gap in the STEM workforce," Hemingway said. Hemingway said these pro-

lishment of the Intel Science and Engineering Fair. 'We are currently the only state

grams will include K-career levels

of education, including the estab-

in the nation without a state-wide science fair," Hemingway said.

"We hope to partner with the University of Idaho to be one of the host sites for the fair uiargonaut.com next year."

> Otter said these programs are important in improving education this coming year.

> "We are entrusted with the singular constitutional responsibility of providing for a 'general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools' throughout Idaho," Otter said. "Frankly, I'm convinced that we would see this as our highest priority."

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General Education director reviews ISEM courses for Faculty Senate

Erin Bamer

General Education director Kenton Bird said the University of Idaho faces a challenge with their ISEM courses.

The Integrated Seminar courses, intended to serve as capstone courses, are required in UI's general education. After completing the mandatory ISEM 101 course, students are then required to complete a one-credit ISEM 301 course their sophomore, junior or senior year.

Yet some students are unaware that both ISEM 101 and 301 credits are re-

quired to graduate, Bird said. He said five seniors have yet to earn their ISEM 101 credits and 97 seniors haven't received credit for ISEM 301.

"They're going to be in for a rude awakening when they apply to graduate and find that area deficient," Bird said.

Bird also said there is also an issue with the high demand for ISEM 301 courses from students, with nearly 70 students waitlisted for ISEM 301 courses this semester.

Students who have yet to get the required credits in ISEM 101 have options, Bird said. Students can set up meetings with him so he can help get them into an available ISEM 101 class. The student could also petition to get one of the classes they've previously taken to substitute for

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Kenton Bird, **General Education director**

the ISEM 101 requirement.

Faculty Senator Alan Caplan of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences asked Bird if he had any data to show that General Education requirements help students get a job after they graduate UI.

Bird said results from graduating senior surveys showed that students who completed UI's General Education requirements rather than the State Board core felt they were better-equipped with the university learning outcomes addressed

in General Education courses.

Bird said the university's General Education is impressive and could be used to help recruit potential students who are considering UI for its educational value.

"We know that General Education here is something that is part of our academic strength," Bird said. "And we need to do a better job of promoting it to our prospective students and their families."

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He had retired the year before. In his retirement, Pool decided to study French to keep his mind active, but wanted a place on campus to call his own — somewhere close to the recreation center where he like to exercise, and somewhere close to class.

So he returned to a place that was familiar to him. In 2007, Pool approached the Campus Christian center about renting office space from them.

"It was warm, accepting, comfortable," Pool said. "And it still is."

For eight years Pool has been a fixture in the background of the Campus Christian center, quietly listening to French podcasts beyond a door kept slightly ajar. Every year, from his place in the Christian Center, he has watched fewer and fewer students come

Thinking through the quiet

The University of Idaho Campus Christian center blog hasn't been updated since May 16, 2012. The post, titled "Thinking Through the Quiet," is a somber one.

"On a campus of 12,000 — we fed 77 this year," the post reads. "I wonder what we're doing wrong."

Julie Coyle, the current center director, didn't arrive in Moscow until 2013. The blog and its author, Methodist pastor Doug Wood, who has since left the center, were before her time - vet Coyle often finds herself wondering the same thing.

"Churches in general in this country are asking why it is that students aren't coming to congregations any more," Coyle said. "They're kind of blaming it on the fact that campus ministry is not working."

For those who do frequent the Campus Christian Center, the community is tight-knit. Fresh coffee is brewed every morning. Free soup is offered Monday

nights, and a pizza and lounge night is offered on Fridays. Local churches host dinners and roundtable discussions in the evenings, and during the day students and peer ministers might study, watch movies or play games.

"Students have been fearful of churches - they've grown up in a church and felt ostracized, or they feel like they don't fit into the church scene," Coyle said. "This building and the programs we create are meant for students who don't feel comfortable in churches or with mainstream Christianity, who still want to ask the big questions."

Though many students, both Christian and not, consider the center a safe and inviting space, having the word "Christian" emblazoned on the front of the building still makes it hard to get students through the door at all.

And for the Christian center, Coyle said fewer students means less funding.

"Unfortunately churches still look at numbers as part of their funding basis," Coyle said. "If we're not pulling people in, they begin to wonder, 'Why are we sending money to you?'

In the past, there have been two main sources of funding for the Campus Christian Center-local churches, whose national organizations allocate a certain amount of funds for campus ministry every year, and Cooperating Ministries in Higher Education (CMHE), which supplied the Christian center with a majority of its funds each year. CMHE folded early last year.

That news was felt throughout the Christian center.

Around the same time, the American Baptist Ministry was closing its doors permanently. Desperate, the Christian center approached them and asked for help. The ABM gifted the Christian centerwith their remaining funds, about \$25,000. Of that, they put away \$12,000 for the future.

"But that's a very short-term solution," Coyle said.

Since then, Coyle, the Christian center's only full-time employee, has poured time into looking for grants and asking churches for increased funding — but the churches are struggling, too.

According to the Campus Christian Center blog, two churches withdrew funding from the center in 2012.

Coyle said currently the Christian center has a circle of eight local churches, and in her time there, none of them have withdrawn.

Lutheran Minister Carla Neumann Smiley, who has worked out of the Christian center almost full-time for 15 years, said her church understands the value in campus ministry.

"The Lutheran Ministry understands the need for presence," Neumann Smiley said. "I know that I can talk to students in crisis, or a student who has a joy to share or a question about faith, and those spontaneous conversations are as important to faith and spirituality as our formal programs."

Yet Coyle said the center can't afford to

"We're still here, but you never know what else could happen with unforeseen situations," Coyle said. "You could have something like building damage crumble your organization with no funds left to support it."

That news came in October, when the Campus Christian Center Board learned their roofing was no longer safe. It would have to be replaced — a nearly \$10,000 expense — or they would have to sell the building, Coyle said.

At the regular board meeting Nov. 19, members strained to find possible solutions. Budgets were tight, grant deadlines were looming and bids from contractors were still outstanding.

Gently, one board member urged the other attendants to be open to all options including selling the 60-year-old building.

Two weeks ago, however, the board found out that wouldn't be necessary. The National Lutheran Campus Ministry agreed to give the Campus Christian Center a grant to match their current funds, which will cover the cost of re-roofing the whole building. Coyle said they have already found a contractor, and they hope to take on the project this summer.

"We're very fortunate," Coyle said. "It will be a lot easier to continue our ministry than if we were to change locations. We're finally getting our name out there. Students finally know we're here."

Coyle said thanks to things like their Peer Ministry program, which encourages word of mouth between students, she is optimistic the center will see more and more students in upcoming years.

So Pool, and other students who have found a home in the center, can breathe a

Pool said watching the Campus Christian Center struggle to stay afloat in recent years, both because of dwindling numbers and dwindling funds, has been deeply saddening to him. Pool believes the Christian center should be a place for all students to come find a warm, safe place — he said he knows this especially well as a non-Christian.

"It's a sanctuary for everybody," Pool said. "You walk in the door and nobody asks if you're a Christian. They offer you coffee and cookies. They don't care if you're a Christian, they care that you're a person."

In the meantime, Pool said he enjoys

"This place has been a home away from home for a long time," Pool said. "I just hope it keeps going as long as I keep going. I don't know what I would do without it."

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AFFORDABLE

Now, students can do that by accessing the "Where does your money go?" banner on the ASUI homepage. There, students will have the chance to peruse all the university departments that receive student fees.

Cowan said he hopes to have at least 60 responses by Feb. 1, when the Dedicated Student Fees Committee will convene to look at all the submissions. He said he hopes the exercise will help them better understand how students want their money to be spent so the committee can more accurately represent students' interests.

When Cowan addressed the ASUI Senate Wednesday evening, he said they had received 12 responses in the three days the site had been live.

Of those, Cowan said there were a few that dedicated a large portion of money to one or two departments, and others that dispersed funds more equally. So far, he said the responses indicate to him that those who have participated took the question seriously.

"We could have asked dumb questions," Cowan said. "But I trust students are here to learn, and they want to be educated. We're tired of people not trusting us to engage in topics that are complex and make decisions for ourselves."

This semester, Cowan said he also plans to continue to move forward with his open textbook initiative, starting with the launch of a petition at uidaho.edu/open-textbooks.

"Many professors don't know about these resources, and if they did they would be more inclined to adopt them," Cowan said. "I think students don't know they're out there, as well."

One program Cowan has explored for a possible open textbook policy is OpenStax, a platform used by several other major universities. With this program, professors can tailor textbooks to their class specifically by taking the available textbook and removing or rearranging chapters, or by substituting their own examples in the text.

Cowan said free textbooks also have the potential to save students hundreds of dollars.

Cowan said he hopes the petition will demonstrate to Faculty Senate and faculty leadership that open textbooks are an immediate concern to many students — he said he has data that shows each semester many students opt out of buying required textbooks altogether because they can't

Cowan said many major universities across the U.S. are already adopting similar open textbook policies, though the practice is not yet widespread. That gives UI the opportunity to be a leader among its peers on that front, he said.

Up to this point, Cowan said the administration has been very supportive of the initiative. He said he is also seeking to formalize a partner-

ship with OpenStax.

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He said after that, his next goal is for three introductory-level classes to adopt open textbooks.

"If three courses like that make the switch, you have hundreds of students every year who would save hundreds of dollars, and when you add it all up that's saving hundreds of thousands of dollars," Cowan said. "You really start getting into the territory of making an impact in the affordability of college."

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FILMS

"We picked films that we felt highlighted important issues to women, like women's suffrage, LGBT rights, sexual violence and education," Salsbury said. "All of the films that we chose have tremendous reviews — there are a couple of blockbustery-type films and a couple of documentary-type films."

Salsbury said the first film of the series, "Suffragette," which stars Mervl Streep and Helena Bonham Carter, is similar to the American film, "Iron Jawed Angels."

"It's like a British version of 'Iron Jawed Angels," Salsbury said. "It tells the story of the British women's suffrage $\,$ movement, of the humiliation and suffering those women endured to gain the right to vote."

Salsbury said "Suffragette" is the only film that people will be charged for because of the Kenworthy's licensing agreement.

Jamie Hill, operations director of the Kenworthy, said the theater will also show the film throughout the weekend.

"The first film, 'Suffragette,' we're basing it off of our current booking," Hill said. "We're showing it this weekend and will show an extra one for the Women's Center."

In addition to providing a movie-screening venue, Hill said the Kenworthy also helped acquire the independent films in the series.

"For the Women's Center, some independent films, especially Women's Center films, can be kind of hard to get your hands on," Hill said. "We stepped in and got them, so they wouldn't have to."

In February, Salsbury said the Kenworthy will show the feature-length documentary, "In The Turn," about a young transgender girl who finds acceptance in an international collective queer roller derby team.



Salsbury said the films for March and April include "India's Daughter," a film that examines the sociocultural values of India following the gang rape of a young medical student, and "He Named Me Malala," about the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in history, Yousafzai.

The first film, "Suffragette," will be screened at 7 p.m. Monday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for children 12 and under. Admission to the following three films in the

Although three of the four films are free of charge, Salsbury said they are also accepting donations for the Women's Center throughout the course of the series.

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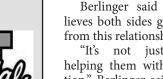
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"A lot will be scholarships, but if we have enough or extra, then we go pay for whatever they need to have," Berlinger said.

She said the Moscow Sister City Association has already provided new bathrooms, books, diction-

aries, water towers and renovated schoolrooms. For the last two years there has also been a scholarship program, Barber said.

Berlinger said she believes both sides gain a lot from this relationship.

"It's not just about helping them with education," Berlinger said. "Kids here — often high schoolers — learn about other cultures, and they learn that not everybody is as privileged as they are here."

She said she likes the exchange of different cultures that comes from the sister city relationship.

Yet Barber said many Moscow residents are

not aware of the situation in Villa El Carmen.

"One of the biggest problems we have had is individualizing the

situation for people here," Barber said. He said he hopes that

with the individual scholarships program, connections between the two cities and its residents can be improved all around.

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SPORTS



Women's club hockey prepares for spring season

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The sky is the limit Freshman Taylor Pierce takes season by storm with killer stroke

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Idaho women's basketball head coach Jon Newlee remembers the exact moment he first saw freshman guard Taylor Pierce on the court.

"I knew when I first saw her play, I'm not kidding you," Newlee said. "I thought, 'I want that kid on my team."

Pierce was a junior at La Costa Canyon High School in California at the time.

"She didn't know it probably, but I put a big target on her back," Newlee said. "She's a baller. She was just lighting it up from three, a pure shooter."

Pierce has already provided 161 points for the Vandals during her freshman season.

Newlee first placed Pierce in the starting lineup against Northern Arizona and Southern Utah last week, which marked the first two official starts of her college career. She led the team with 14 points against Northern Arizona on Jan. 14.

On Nov. 28, Pierce came off the bench to hit nine 3-pointers, a new single-game program record. Her team-high 27 points helped Idaho pull off a 97-65 win against Iowa State during the Cancun Challenge.

"That was crazy," Pierce said. "You're in the game and you don't know how many 3's you've hit. I thought 'I think I've hit four or five."

Pierce said that Newlee maintains a "green light" policy with his team. If the players are open, he expects them to shoot the ball.

"I know he's not going to get frustrated with me if I take a shot," Pierce said. "He actually gets mad at me when I don't shoot the ball."

Pierce began her basketball career in junior high.

"I got pretty competitive in sixth, seventh and eighth grade," Pierce said. "And then high school really picked up with club basketball. I've been playing for a really

Pierce credits her dad, Eric Pierce, a former basketball player, for her love of the game.

"I think since I played for so long, it was always so much fun, I knew I wanted to keep going with it," she said. "Practicing was actually fun and that was a good sign, so I stayed with it."

Originally from Carlsbad, California, Pierce drove to Northridge last year to watch Idaho play California State-Northridge.

"I watched and played against the same girls that played last year," Pierce said. "It was kind of weird being on the other side of it but it was really fun."

eye-opening moment for the freshman came when the Vandals faced Duke in the Cancun Challenge.

"I was like, 'Woah, we're playing Duke. These girls are



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Freshman guard Taylor Pierce drives into the key during practice on Tuesday. Pierce earned her first official collegiate start last week.

on TV like every other night," Pierce said. "I'm at a pretty high level of basketball."

The freshman said she believes that playing at the collegiate level has lived up to her expectations.

'You really can't prepare yourself for anything that's going to come," Pierce said. "It took me a while to adjust to everything."

Pierce said that being thrown into the game without explanation can be terrifying, but it reinforced some of the best advice she's been given: never be afraid to ask for help.

"Coaches throw you into things and say 'Figure it out," Pierce said.

"You learn to ask teammates and coaches and everyone around you."

Pierce said she sought advice from the upperclassmen, specifically senior guard Christina Salvatore.

"I see a lot of myself in her coming in as a freshman," Salvatore said. "She has a good stroke. She's lights out when she shoots and we all trust her to make shots."

'Whenever I miss a few, (Salvatore) looks at me and she says 'Hey just keep shooting, stay in it, you're good," Pierce said.

Pierce knew when she arrived in Moscow that her defensive game was her weakness.

"Defense was never my thing in high school," she said. "It's still a challenge now. I'm just trying to get better every day."

Newlee said that Pierce has been working tirelessly to improve on the defensive side of the ball.

"She's putting in the work, I see her defense getting better every day," Newlee said. "Last game was her best defensive effort against Southern Utah, which is great to see her keep progressing."

Salvatore has also enjoyed helping Pierce on improving her defensive play.

"It's been fun helping her to adjust to everything and see her grow," Salvatore said. "I've seen her grow a lot this season."

Pierce is majoring in exercise science with hopes of attending medical school to specialize in orthopedics.

"She's going to be a great Vandal when it's all said and done," Newlee said. "The sky is the limit for Taylor."

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Staff Predictions

Mens basketball takes on Montana State Saturday



Argonaut

Prediction: Idaho 74 – Montana State 73

Sophomore guard Victor Sanders was electric last week, scoring 33 points against Northern Arizona and 29 points against Southern Utah. But the Vandals will likely be without the team's second-leading scorer in junior guard Perrion Callandret, who has been ruled out of the matchup with a foot injury. The absence of Callandret and the atmosphere of a road trip to Bozeman will likely impact Idaho, but the team should still squeak by with another Big Sky Conference victory.



Prediction: Idaho 63 – Montana State 80

The Vandals will put up a valiant fight against the Bobcats on the road in Bozeman. But with guard Perrion Callandret out of the game with a foot injury, Idaho will lose the leadership scoring abilities of the junior. His absence will prove to be too much for the Vandals, who will struggle to produce offensively in his absence.

Prediction: Idaho 80 – Montana State 72

Based on the performances of key Idaho athletes, The Vandals will hold their own against conference opponent Montana State. The Vandals will recover well from their tough overtime loss to Southern Utah and pull away in the second half. I would not be surprised to see Vic Sanders post another career-best Saturday.



Prediction: Idaho 74 – Montana State 71

Idaho's overtime loss to Southern Utah Saturday is an example of how conference records in the Big Sky can be deceiving. The Vandals are back on the road where they seemed to have more success and that streak will continue against Montana State this weekend. Without Perrion Callandret, the Sherwood brothers and sophomore guard Victor Sanders must continue to play competitively and not let a potential win slip away from the team. As a result, this game will be closer than people expect.



Prediction: Idaho 78 – Montana State 69

Even though the Vandals are playing a Montana State program with a 7-11 overall record, Idaho will be in the midst of a tough road trip this week. The Vandals need a win to improve their record in Big Sky play and gain some much needed momentum before the upcoming conference tournament in March. Idaho will earn a hard-fought win in Bozeman with scrappy play and a strong offensive effort.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior guard Perrion Callandret drives to the hoop during an exhibition matchup against LCSC in November. The junior has missed Idaho's last three games with a foot injury and is listed as day-to-day.

Shuffling the guards

Without Perrion Callandret, Vandals must rely on other guards to carry team

With the devastating overtime loss against Southern Utah behind them, the Idaho men's basketball team has been playing the last two weeks without one of the team's

leading scorers.

Junior guard Perrion Callandret hasn't played since Jan.
9 at Eastern Washington due to a lingering foot injury.

In Thursday's 63-58 win against the Montana Grizzlies at the Dahlberg Arena at Missoula, Callandret was not in the lineup for a third consecutive game.

Idaho coach Don Verlin said in Tuesday's press conference that Callandret is a day-by-day, week-by-week process and that the guard would not play this week during the team's road trip to Bozeman, Montana.

The Vandals have been forced to rely on multitude of other guards to keep the team's momentum going in conference play while Callandret recovers.

The Vandals have struggled without Callandret, winning only two of their last four games after a five-

game win streak in the month of December.

Sophomore Victor Sanders has played a key role in Idaho's success in recent weeks, as the guard has averaged 26.6 points in the last three games. This includes a career-high 33 points against Northern Arizona Jan. 14.

The Vandals started off slow in the first half against Montana, trailing the Grizzlies 24-22 at halftime. Idaho picked up the pace in the second half with a 12-0 run in the first five minutes as Sanders scored six points.

The sophomore ended the night with 27 points Thursday after scoring nine in the first half. Sanders also went 13-14 from the charity stripe in the matchup.



Senior Chris Sarbaugh, sophomore Chad Sherwood and redshirt freshman Nate Sherwood have also been picking up the slack in recent weeks for Idaho.

In the opening three minutes of Thursday's game, the trio combined to score the first five points for Idaho.

As the game progressed, Chad Sherwood and Sarbaugh combined for a total of 17 points.

Sarbaugh, a senior co-captain of the team, has displayed a versatile role throughout the season. The guard played a pivotal role in Thursday's game, seeing 36 minutes of play.

Sarbaugh finished with seven points and led Idaho with eight rebounds and four assists.

Idaho's win ended Montana's undefeated run in the Big Sky Conference this season. The Vandals are now 12-7 overall and 4-2 in conference play.

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Vandals upset conference leader

Sanders scores 27 to lead Idaho past Montana in Big Sky matchup

Josh Grissom Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team rebounded from an overtime loss to Southern Utah last week with a 63-58 upset over Montana on the road Thursday night.

The win by the Vandals marks the first conference loss for the Grizzlies, who were atop the Big Sky Conference standings with a 6-0 record before falling to Idaho.

Montana (11-7 overall, 6-1 Big Sky) began the game with strong defensive play, holding the Vandals (12-7 overall, 4-2 Big Sky) to 10 points in the first 13 minutes of play.

The absence of junior guard Perrion Callandret appeared to hinder the Idaho offense early in the game. The Vandals second-leading scorer missed his third consecutive matchup with a foot injury.

Junior guard Victor Sanders led the Vandals with 9 first-half points. Redshirt freshman power forward Nate Sherwood contributed another 4 points for the Vandals while freshman strong forward Nick Blair collected 4 rebounds.

The Grizzlies were led in the first twenty minutes of play by junior guard Brandon Gfeller, who provided 6 points for Montana. Junior Walter Wright



added another 5 points while redshirt senior Martin Breunig notched 4 rebounds.

The Vandals shot 32 percent from the field and made two 3-pointers in the first half, while the Grizzlies converted 9 of 28 shots from the floor.

Montana entered halftime with a slim 24-22 lead over the Vandals after poor shooting performances from both programs.

Idaho began the second half with a 12-0 run to take a 10-point lead over the Grizzlies.

During the second half, sophomore guard Chad Sherwood connected on back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Vandals a 44-29 lead over the Grizzlies midway through the second half.

The initial deficit proved too much for Montana to overcome, as the Vandals recorded 41 points in the second half to secure a 63-58 victory.

Sanders finished with 27 points and two rebounds for the Vandals, while Chad Sherwood ended the night with 9 points.

The Grizzlies finished the game with a 32.1 shooting percentage from the field, as the team scored 34 points in the second half of play.

Breunig finished the game with 20 points for Montana, while Gfeller contributed another 14 points for the Grizzlies.

The Vandals will travel to face Montana State at 1:05 p.m. Saturday in Bozeman, Montana.

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Women's triple jump ended with Reed Richardson from @IdahoTrack jumping 10.77 meters and taking the gold

— The official Twitter account for Idaho Track and Field tweeted about freshman jumper Reed Richardson winning the women's triple long jump. It was one of Idaho's 12 wins out of the 28 events of the Vandal Indoor Invitational Jan. 16 at the Kibbie Dome.

Sean Kramer — @SKramerWrites



Day to day, week to week with Perrion Callandret. It's a "mid-foot strain." Idaho coach Don Verlin does not expect to have him this weekend.

— The Spokesman Review sports writer Sean Kramer tweets about the injury to junior guard Perrion Callandret's foot that has sidelined him for two weeks. Idaho coach Don Verlin said Tuesday he doesn't expect the junior to play against Montana State this weekend. Callandret last played for the Vandals Jan. 9 in a 74-60 loss to Eastern Washington.

Women's Basketball — @VandalsWBB



For the first time since the 1992-93 season the Vandals earn a @BigSkyWBB road-sweep #GoVandals #Road-ToReno

— The Idaho women's basketball team's official account tweeted about the Vandals sweeping both road games last week against Big Sky Conference opponents after the team defeated Southern Utah 72-61 on Jan. 16. Senior post Ali Forde's 11 points and 10 rebounds led in the win against the Thunderbirds. The team had defeated Northern Arizona 72-51 two days earlier.

Swim and Dive — @Idaho_Vandals



@VandalSwim_Dive is in action at home on Saturday vs Oregon State beginning at 11am! #GoVandals

The official University of Idaho Athletics account tweeted about the swim and dive program's home meet against Oregon State at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Swim Center. The matchup against the Beavers also serves as

Women's Tennis — @IdahoWTennis

during the spring season.

Idaho's final home meet of the year.



Senior Rita Bermudez finishes out the win for the Vandals! #GoVandals

— Idaho's official women's tennis account tweeted about Rita Bermudez finishing her singles match with a win, giving Idaho a 5-2 victory over Montana State Jan. 17. The match was Idaho's first against a Big Sky opponent

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CLUB SPORTS

Chicks with sticks

Women's hockey expects promising season after rapid growth of program

Brock Woods Argonaut

Women's club hockey forward Alena Lee said she is impressed with the growth that the Idaho program has seen in the last couple of years.

"The sport is growing rapidly in the area, and it is just another reason to cheer on the Vandals," Lee said.

The forward said the team takes part in round-robin tournaments against rival opponents that include universities such as Washington State and Eastern Washington, as well as local programs from cities such as McCall and Lewiston.

'It's always fun to play (Eastern Washington)," Lee said. "They're a good team and they are true competition to play. We usually end up pushing each other and both teams get pretty roughed up."

In addition to regional matchups in the Palouse, the women's hockey team also travels to cities as far away as Seattle in order to play games, due to the scarcity of women's hockey programs in the area, according to captain Lizzie Jossie.

Despite the lack of territorial opponents, Jossie said the team does their best to play as close to home as possible.

"Even though we travel for games, it is within driving distance for friends, family and our fans," Jossie said.

Jossie, who started playing young, said that the experience of players on the team ranges from beginners to experts, but that the team has a lot of potential heading into the spring season.

"We did pretty well last year,"



Alena Lee | Courtesy

Forward Brianna Smith eludes a defender during the Vandals matchup against the U19 Idaho Polar Bears in November.

Jossie said. "We usually got first or second at the majority of tournaments we played in."

The team is playing without a head coach this semester, but Jossie said that the experience and chemistry of the players has allowed the team to succeed on the ice and improve the skills of new players.

Lee said that she hopes the growth of the team will bring more fans to local games, which will help to raise the funds necessary to build a new ice rink in the Moscow community.

The women's club hockey team currently plays on a rink that is only three-fourths regulation size.

"I want people to come out and watch us," Lee said. "I think the more people that come out, the more funds that are raised for a new ice rink, one that is a full-sized rink."

The Idaho women's club hockey team is scheduled to face Eastern

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Washington in a doubleheader Jan. 30 in Cheney, Washington.

The Vandals will then travel to Lewiston for the Palouse Care

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandals take down Grizzlies early

Idaho women's basketball claims another conference victory over Montana

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An early lead allowed the Idaho women's basketball team to come away with yet another Big Sky Conference victory Thursday night.

Sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell scored 16 points to bring Idaho to a 78-61 win over Montana on Thursday. Idaho moves to 5-1 in Big Sky play as a result of the victory.

Senior guard Christina Salvatore fin-

ished with a double-double, including 15 points and 10 rebounds.

McCorkell put the Vandals on the scoreboard in the first half with a layup.

The first quarter became a backand-forth between the two programs. A 3-pointer from senior guard Christina Salvatore allowed the Vandals to take an early lead, but Montana's Kayleigh Valley responded with consecutive baskets to regain

Two free throws from junior point guard Karlee Wilson and a 3-pointer from freshman guard Taylor Pierce helped Idaho regain a 12-9 lead as the first quarter ended.

Idaho took advantage of the lead and expanded it in the second quarter.

Freshman guard Mikayla Ferenz added a

deep 3-pointer to extend Idaho's lead to nine midway through the second quarter.

Idaho began to run away with the game late in the third quarter, as the team grabbed a 17-point lead.

Wilson responded with four points for the Grizzlies to cut the Vandal lead to 37-24. Salvatore finished with 9 points in the

The Vandals continued the offensive pressure with 20 points in the fourth quarter. The deficit proved too much for Montana to Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum. overcome, as the Vandals left Cowan Spectrum with a 78-61 victory.

Montana shot 50 percent from the free-throw line and 35.7 percent from

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Valley finished with a doubledouble for Montana, scoring 22 points and collecting 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies. Senior McCalle Feller added another 13 points for

Montana, while Sierra Anderson provided four assists.

The Vandals outrebounded the Grizzlies 44-41 Thursday night. Idaho shot 81.3 percent from the charity stripe and 43.3 percent from 3-point range.

Idaho will face Montana State at 2 p.m.

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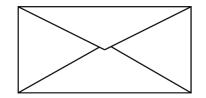
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An amnesty need

Medical amnesty could help save lives throughout Idaho

embers of ASUI have a lot on their plate this semester based on what they hope to accomplish.

While the Idaho legislature is in session, ASUI lobbyist Nate Fisher will represent the University of Idaho student body while working with legislators. He will also attempt to push a bill through the legislature that would grant statewide medical amnesty.

In October, ASUI passed a resolution that sent Fisher to lobby for a state law to remove or limit minor consumption and possession citations when medical care is needed. Basically, the law would prevent someone from getting in trouble for underage drinking if they need medical help for themselves or a friend.

This bill is a positive thing. ASUI is still in the process of forming an official bill, but it needs the support of UI students.

The university amended its Student Code of Conduct to include medical amnesty coverage, but the state law does not exclude

minors from prosecution, even though it should.

Having a medical amnesty law won't encourage underage drinking. It will save the lives of young people by making the decision to call for help an easy one.

No one body is the same, which means every individual reacts to various substances in different ways. While a few drinks might cause one person to barely feel buzzed, the same amount of alcohol could get another person completely drunk.

With the binge-drinking culture and lack of knowledge many new students have about alcohol, the college party environment is one in which alcohol poisoning isn't an uncommon occurrence.

Imagine an underage student shows signs of alcohol poisoning after a party off campus. As it stands now, students who are under 21 may fear seeking out the police or paramedics because they could get in trouble for being an intoxicated minor. Instead of pursuing professional help, underage students look for other ways to help their



friend, which is never the safest option in that type of situation.

When a minor is in situations like these, deciding to call 911 is harder than it should be. Eliminating the fear of legal repercussions will save lives.

Students in support of a medical amnesty law should make their voices heard, especially to Idaho legislators. Over half the states in the U.S. have a medical amnesty bill and it's important for Idaho to join the list.

Even if ASUI is unable to develop and push the bill through the legislature, their attempt is admirable. Formulating a bill for an issue students voiced their support for through ASUI President Max Cowan's poll takes their responsibilities as student representatives one step further.

The medical amnesty law is one students should continue to lobby for if it doesn't pass the legislature this year. Seeking medical treatment and saving lives is more important than placing citations on underage drinking.

– KH

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS**

Wilderness

Whether in 1964 or 2016, the subjectivity is real and the debate is brutal. Wilderness designation is a legitimate issue, and we must remember a land untrammeled is not a land untouched.

- Lyndsie

Predictability

You know, it doesn't matter how people view me. At least I'm not predictable like many reality shows since VH1's love game programs stopped being relevant.

Technology

Apparently Fitbits can tell when your heart gets broken.

- Tessica

Like Mike

I saw the movie while channel surfing the other day and was immediately reminded of my childhood. I want to be like Mike.

- Josh

Grammar

Why is English so hard? Why are there so many exceptions?

Variety

College is the perfect time to dabble in every subject you find interesting. Delve! Get in over your head! Fail! It's worth it.

- Take

Humble nature

I probably wouldn't think I was so gosh darn cool if I wasn't actually so gosh darn cool.

- Jack

I like to think

We're all just faking it.

Astronomy

I've never been into astronomy, but I may have to wake up before sunrise to see the planets align.

- Katelyn

Deep thought

What is the answer to life, the universe and everything? Simple. 42. Just try to prove me wrong.

- Claire

Surprises

One day I want to actually be surprised, I'm too sneaky to not find out beforehand.

– Tea

100-level class

Professors take their 100-level classes too seriously. I am doing more work in a 100-level class than my upper division classes.

- Jordan

Reading

At what point does it stop being a healthy exercise and become excessive? I think I might be at that point.

2008 called

Why am I seeing Sarah Palin on my newsfeeds again? Why? Why is this happening?

Life advice

Make opportunities for yourself. I got an entry-level job in my field because I asked for one. Go forth and ask.

WATCH FOR ICE



Megan Hall Argonaut

Waste of time

Claire Whitley

SATIRE

During college, most students have to sit through some pointless classes unrelated to their majors. It is just a part of the college experience to fill general education credits that are outside of their chosen field of study.

However, at the University of Idaho, students have a large variety of classes to choose from when it comes to figuring out which American experience class to take or which cultural studies course they are most interested in.

There is one thing that no student can escape, and the mere mention of the course brings ripples of groans that reverberate through UI undergraduates everywhere. The nefarious courses are called integrated seminars, or ISEMs. No one, not even professors, like or even care about ISEMs.

If requiring freshmen to complete the three-credit ISEM 101 course isn't bad enough, ISEM 301 courses are even more pointless. Forcing juniors and seniors to take a one-credit course on a topic that is usually irrelevant to their chosen degree breeds resentment among the students in question.

First of all, a one-credit class isn't worth being bored to tears by an unpassionate professor who lectures about a topic that won't

pertain to anything in my field or my life after college. Secondly, it's unrealistic that some courses are pass or fail based on one assignment in an eight-week course. No upperclassman wants to sit in a classroom assignment that can be done in a few days. It makes us feel like children.

sleep in the back of the room, the professor drones about a pointless topic from a lackluster PowerPoint and our



I don't understand what students are supposed to learn during their ISEM 301 course. Many students have no choice but to take ISEM 301 classes on subjects that have no use to them or their major, so what are they supposed to get out of this mandatory experience?

and professors

Integrated seminars

are useless to students

I already know how to make a PowerPoint, I have better presentation skills than my monotone professor at the front of the room and I could write a whole list of things that would be more worth my time than sitting in that classroom for two hours each week.

In short, whether or not I take the class shouldn't keep me from graduating when I have already invested so much time, effort and money into my education.

By this point in my life as a junior in college, if I haven't learned how to create an effective PowerPoint or how to communicate effectively with groups of people, an eight-week ISEM 301 course won't help. It would be like majoring in journalism. Pointless.

for weeks in order to complete one These classes are a joke. People

graduation somehow banks on us pretending to listen. Students have no other option but to stare blankly at the wall, carpet or ceiling, attempting to count the number of dots on the white tile.

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friends in classes

Having friends in college courses improves the learning environment

High school teachers tend to discourage socializing among the students in their classes — the groups of rowdy teens sitting in the back row seem to be the bane of their very existence.

These teachers just don't want a bunch of teenagers talking with their friends while they try to do their job, and that's understandable. But things

change in college.

In college, fewer professors are frustrated when they see that students in their courses are already friends. This is likely because most college students care about their education enough to pay attention during class regardless of whether they know other students, and they don't goof off. Having friends in class doesn't encourage us to shoot spitballs or

fessors when they turn their backs to us ... most of the time.

There is still a popular perception, however, that taking classes with friends leads to distractions and takes away from a student's educational experience. It's a perception that I've never fully understood.

Of the classes I am taking this semester, I know and get along with several of my classmates in most of them. Even though the semester is still young, I've already noticed a difference between the classes I have with my friends and the classes

where I don't know anyone.
I enjoy my classes more often
when they include people I like
to be around. It's easier for me to

pay attention. When I am unfor-

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morning class on my schedule, it's easier to stay awake if I have a friend to make sure I don't doze. I look forward to the classes I share with my friends.

When students have good relationships with each other previous to the start of a course it's beneficial to the learning environment for the entire class. Friends can encourage each other to speak up during discussions and can

lead to more participation from the rest of the students in the class.

There are few reasons why professors should be against their students actually enjoying each other's company.

To be fair, most professors aren't against their students being in quadmit there is merit in using can etactical judgment when deciding on future courses.

Depending on the type of friendship, certain relationships can lead to distractions and degrade the learning experience of a class rather than improve it. In those cases, students should save the interactions with those friends for time spent outside of the classroom. But these cases are rare at a university because every student has a bigger reason for being here. It boils down to the attitude a

student has going into the class.

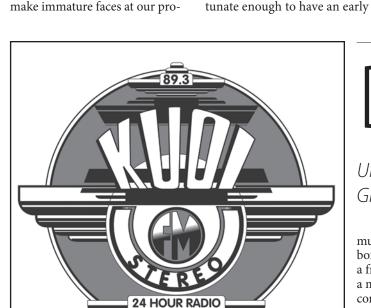
Pursuing a higher education alongside friends just makes the entire process of

learning more enjoy-

able. If the topic of the class is interesting or the friends in question are passionate about the subject matter, it can enhance the experience and provoke discussions about relevant topics when class isn't in session. Already this semester I've talked with some of my friends about our shared courses outside of class hours on multiple occasions.

But then again I am a nerd, which means most of my friends are bigger nerds.

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ROCKIN' ALL DAY EVERY DAY



Dropping the pin

Understanding why Greek members drop pin

After going through recruitment, multiple socials and other crazy bonding moments with members of a fraternity or sorority, when a member drops pin it can come as a shock to everyone.

When someone "drops pin" they end their commitment and relationship to their fraternity or sorority and actually return their pin, which acts as a symbol of that member's connection to their house. People drop pin all the time, but for members it can be tough when their brother or sister decides to drop.

Milles

A member of a Greek organization can choose to leave for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it's because of financial issues, sometimes it's because they couldn't focus enough to keep up their GPA, or in some cases it's because Greek life just isn't for them. People in the Greek system should try to be understanding when someone leaves their house, but it isn't always easy because of the close connections people form within a fraternity or sorority.

While Greek life can be filled with amazing positives, it also has

its drawbacks. As a member of a Greek organization, I'd like to say every day is perfect, that every member is my best friend and that I made the right choice paying my hefty house bill. The truth is that I've had moments where I have

thought about dropping everything, pin included, and walking away. But I've never given up.

What's always kept me from dropping pin is not my commitment to my brothers, but the bonds I have with them. I am convinced that joining my fraternity has made me a better person.

While staying in Greek life is something I highly recommend, I also recognize that Greek life isn't for everyone. Each student has the right to be in an environment that makes them happy. While it can be easy to get hurt and feel like someone dropping pin is a personal attack, the decision to drop is almost never personal. If someone finds their house is not the best fit for them, it's better for everyone.

No one should blame themselves for one of their members dropping pin, and no one should lose their friend because of them leaving an



organization. Being in a Greek house is not for everyone, and people should keep that in mind.

Instead of shutting someone out, it can be good to talk to someone who is thinking of dropping pin. Tough decisions become easier when communicating the pros and cons with someone else. Often times just talking things out helps

them make the decision and can make things more understandable for the rest of the house.

Not everyone has the courage to walk away from the positives of Greek life along with the negatives. A friend dropping pin

doesn't mean it has to be the end of the friendship. Most Greek organizations encourage their members to strive to be better people and to love others unconditionally, whether they're Greek or not Greek.

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The only Fischer in the sea

A tribute to a worthy celebrity girl crush

I know that the "Star Wars" hype is getting old and people are probably sick of it by now.

Sorry, but I'm totally not sick yet. Despite being strongly against the creation of endless prequels and sequels, I will go see every new "Star Wars" movie the Disney conglomerate produces. I will mainly go for the story, but I'll also be there for Carrie Fisher.

Aside from
her spirited,
quirky interviews,
Fisher sets a great
example for women who
have struggled during their
lifetime.

She turned to drugs in her 20s because they, "managed something in me that I was too lazy to manage on my own, this thundering emotion and verbal excitement that would roar out of me," she said in an interview.

She realized she had a problem when she got high on the set of "The Empire Strikes Back." After three months, Fisher overdosed in 1985 and entered rehabilitation. Since then, she has been divorced twice and has one daughter, Billie Lourd. Lourd has a brief cameo in "The Force Awakens" and a role on "Scream"

Many Twitter users have commented on Fisher's age. Fans seem to forget that Fisher is not 19 years old anymore, as she was in "A New Hope."

In response to these comments, Fisher tweeted, "Youth and beauty are not accomplishments." This is undeniably

This is undeniably true. Valuable accomplishments are perseverance, wit and intelligence, not vanity.

When she was asked about her weight loss for the newest "Star Wars" production, Fisher said,

"Yes I did lose weight, and I think it's a stupid conversation."

If I listen closely to that interview, I can hear the sounds of women across the country cheering faintly in the

background. She spoke the thoughts of every female actress who has ever been asked that question in an interview.

Her French bulldog, Gary, fell asleep during the interview on Good Morning America, just another indicator of how shallow and boring celebrity interviews can be for women.

By the way, Gary also got to attend the screening of "The Force Awakens," in which he "panted the whole time," Fisher said.

Her quick-witted answers during interviews has earned her the unof-

ficial title, "one of the most entertaining interviews, ever," according to Good Morning America Host Amy Robach.

"I think in my mouth so I don't lie," Fisher said of her honesty.

Her acknowledgement and subsequent disregard for social standards and expectations gives me hope. Maybe one day, society will value intelligence over youth.

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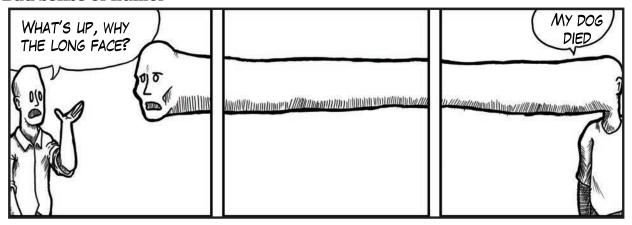


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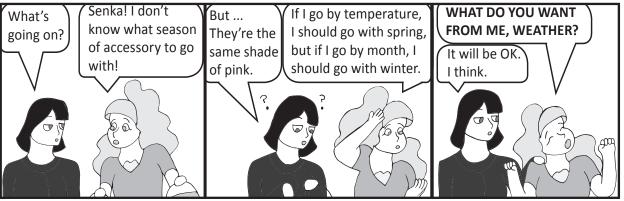
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