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Climate research projects higher temperatures for PNW

Carly Scott Argonaut

It's July. The sky is blue and the rolling hills of the Palouse contrast a vibrant green. In the sweltering heat of summer, a bead of sweat rolls down the forehead of a farmer. He must wonder if it's actually getting warmer, or if it's just his imagination.

Local researchers believe they

have answered that question. Researchers of the Regional Approaches to Climate Change project (REACCH) claim to have found significant climate warming in the Pacific Northwest.

The REACCH project is a 5-year, 20 million dollar interdisciplinary effort made up of a team of scientists from three major regional universities, including University of Idaho Oregon State University and Washington State University. Sanford Eigenbrode, the project director and University of Idaho entomologist, said cereal production systems are the focus of the project.

"So in this part of the world, that means wheat and a little bit of barley," he said.

The project is part of the USDA's overreaching project on climate variability and change. Every year, Eigenbrode said they take grant proposals to address aspects of this problem.

In 2010, the USDA put out a call for big, multi-institutional regional grants, specifically for one dealing with wheat production. To answer this call the REACCH project was born, a

young idea built on long-standing regional research collaborations.

In a way, the REACCH project is unique and truly the first of its kind, Eigenbrode said.

The human component

Jenny Gray is a socioeconomic researcher based in Coeur d'Alene. She studies what factors go into farmers' decision-making, as well as the impact these decisions have on climate change and economics.

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By the numbers

+1.3 F observed winter temperature change

at +5.2 F there will be increased water runoff

+1.3 F observed spring temperature change

at +5 F there will be earlier plant maturation

+1.2 F observed summer temperature change

at +6 F there will be increased heat stress

+12% observed spring precipitation change

> at **5%** there will be increased potential water-logged soil.

-3% observed summer precipitation change

at **-9%** there will be increased drought stress

RESEARCH Believe it or not

Marisa Casella

he and Baumgaertner realized the colored squares

UI professors use computer programs to model how beliefs spread in society



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The uses of philosophy and computer science are coming together to explain the phenomenon of how beliefs spread within a society.

Robert Heckendorn, an associate professor of computer science, and Bert Baumgaertner, an assistant professor of philosophy, are working to create a model that explains the spread of beliefs and ideas.

Heckendorn said that the idea just came to them during a casual conversation. He said that they could use each other's skills to create a visual representation of the spreading of beliefs.

Heckendorn and Baumgaertner have created four different models that demonstrate how beliefs spread, with the most visual model being the agentbased model. In this model, they can decide how accepting of differing ideas people are. The simulation then begins with people with different beliefs being represented by different colored squares below them. As the people interact, progressively change as the ideas are exchanged. A bar graph also demonstrates the

content, visit uiargonaut.com gaps between more

extreme ideas as well as the amount of people who believe the same thing.

"What you need are people in between, a path in between, to slowly pull people across," Heckendorn said.

Heckendorn said the pair still has plenty of work to do, but what they have found so far is that people are more acceptby people who have ideas similar to their own. People with polar-opposite views typically disregard

each other's views.

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Heckendorn said the further away an individual's beliefs are from another individual's beliefs, the less likely they are to influence one another. When people are open-minded, it results in many mixed ideas in contrast to a few extreme beliefs.

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International students show

STUDENT LIFE

Exploring the world

Marisa Casella Argonaut

Cruise the World, an annual cultural showcase put on by the University of Idaho International Programs Office, can bring families together — the El-Tawir family, for example, have participated in the event representing Libya for the last four years.

'The beginning years, we were the help," said Taha El-Tawir, the eldest son of the family. "This year since we're one of the only Libyan families in Moscow, we started

running it."

Taha said that he thinks it is important for his family to represent Libya because to many it isn't a very well-known country. The El-Tawir family continues to practice Libyan culture at home, and Cruise the World has given them an opportunity to share it with their community.

The El-Tawirs weren't the only people who displayed their national pride Saturday in the International Ballroom. Dozens of international students jumped

at the chance to discuss their culture with guests.

The students dressed in traditional clothing, and many of

tional foods from their country. The booths were decorated with colorful pictures of each country, their national currency, religious items and books. The students also performed traditional dances and musical pieces from their countries. Children were offered



treasure maps that encouraged them to visit each booth and have their map signed in different languages.

Erin Rishling, the outreach coordinator for

the international programs office, said that one of the goals of Cruise the World is to create a sense of community between both domestic and international students, as well as the Moscow community.

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position

ADMINISTRATION

HR director

accepts new

Walters' departure puts employee compensation discussion on hold

Hannah Shirley Argonaut

After three and a half years in Moscow, University of Idaho Human Resources Executive Director Greg Walters has accepted the position of Assistant Vice President of Human Resources and Training at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California.

"It was time to move on, I think," Walters said. "The University of the Pacific approached me themselves looking for somebody with a particular set of skills and experience, and I guess it was a good match."

Walter's last day on campus will be Feb. 5. He said he will start his new position about two weeks after that, giving him and his wife time to move to Stockton.

UI Assistant Vice President for Finance Brian Foisy said this position was an excellent career opportunity for Walters.

"In terms of subject matter expertise, he's a wealth of knowledge," Foisy said.

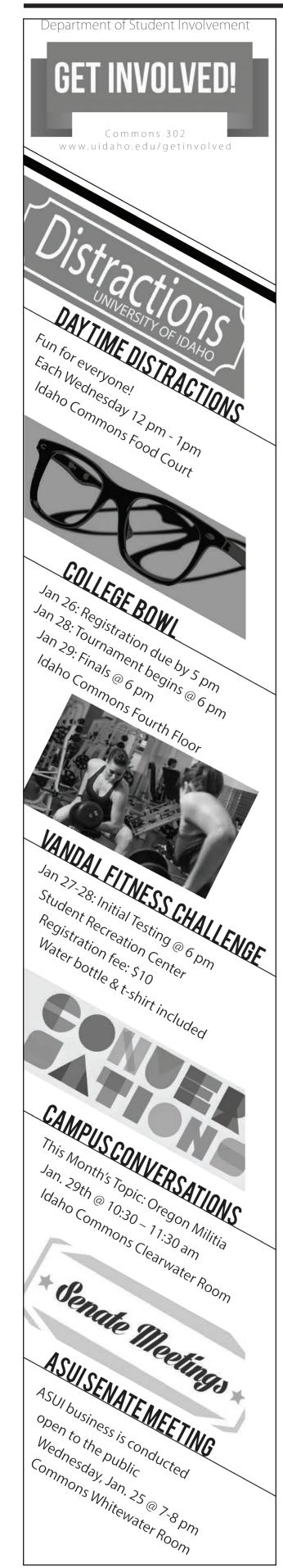
Foisy said he hopes to work with the HR department to appoint an interim executive director.

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off their countries at annual cultural showcase

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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Homemade Pancakes

Everyone can buy a box of pancake mix but you have not enjoyed a proper pancake unless they were homemade. This is a great way to start off your morning and it's quick and easy to make.

Ingredients

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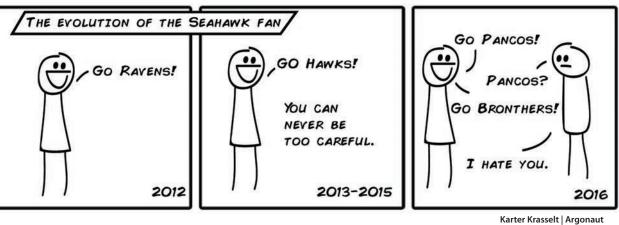
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- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract ■ 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 cups buttermilk

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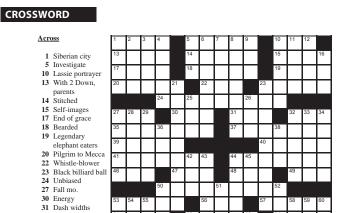
- 2. In a separate bowl combine buttermilk, vanilla, cinnamon and egg and whisk well
- 3. Add melted butter to wet mixture and then whisk again
- 4. Slowly pour add wet mixture to dry mixture and whisk to mix it
- all together 5. Place a large skillet on medium low heat and add 1/4 to 1/3 cup of mixture
- 6. Cook until bubbles appear on surface of pancake then flip
- 7. Cook for another 2 to 3 minutes and serve warm

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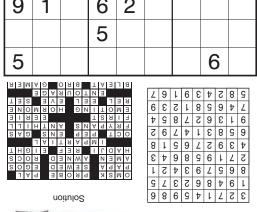


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Stoking the fire fire Human rights award recipient does her part to make a difference

Austin Maas Argonaut

Acts of service often go unnoticed, but for University of Idaho senior Courtney Stoker, years of hard work have finally led to some recognition.

Stoker received the 2016 Rosa Parks Human Rights Achievement Award earlier this month at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Breakfast, along with Women's Center Director Lysa Salsbury.

Stoker has worked at the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action two and a half years cultivating service opportunities for other students and engaging in social justice work herself.

"When I started at my position I hadn't met Courtney, but I had heard stories about who she was," said Natalie Magnus, director of the Volunteer Center.

Magnus and Lydia Hanson nominated Stoker for the award. Hanson said she and Stoker became close while planning a service trip to Indonesia.

Hanson said the trip to Indonesia not only began her friendship with Stoker, it was also the first time she observed Stoker's work.

"I couldn't really come up with a more deserving person for the award," Hanson said. "Every interaction she has with a person speaks directly to their humanity."

Stoker now works as the Outreach Social Justice Coordinator at the Volunteer Center.

She said so far her favorite part of her education has been the multiple Alternative Service Breaks she has helped coordinate and participated in.

"They're an opportunity to use your privilege in a way that can help make a difference in the world," Stoker said.

On the two-month-long trip to Indonesia where she met Hanson, Stoker said she and her group got to teach the locals English and lead an environmental sustainability effort and beach cleanup. Stoker said she has also traveled to Eugene to build a habitat for an endangered species of butterfly, and to Nicaragua to work on a coffee plantation.



Courtney Stoker collects donations from the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's various donation bins.

Over winter break, she went on an ASB trip to Guatemala and worked with a variety of cooperatives to help encourage economic stability and environmental integrity.

After all her work, Stoker said receiving this award is encouraging.

"With social justice work it's really easy to get down on yourself and think that you're not making a difference," Stoker said. "Getting a little recognition helps stoke the fire a bit."

Hanson said she feels that simply being around Stoker and witnessing her resolve to aid others has made her a better person.

Magnus said she believes Stoker has contrib-

uted a lot to their team, especially with her work to bring back the Campus Conversation project.

Campus Conversations is a program designed to provide a platform for people to have conversations about difficult issues. The first Campus Conversation, held last semester, focused on recent Planned Parenthood controversies.

"I know that not only is her heart in this work, but she's also very smart and forwardthinking," Magnus said.

Stoker said she hopes this award will give her a bit of credibility and allow her to take more risks when it comes to her social

justice work.

Stoker said she feels privileged to have been born in the circumstances she was and she would like to use that privilege to help others.

"The people in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Indonesia or wherever are humans, too. And just because they don't have a certain passport shouldn't mean that they aren't able to do the same things as I am," Stoker said, "I feel I have a responsibility to use the things I've been given in a way that helps other people."

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CAMPUS

A concert full of culture

Corrin Bond Argonaut

The Auditorium Chamber Music Series began with the dream to make high-quality chamber music available to the University of Idaho and has since developed into a concert series that is loved by students and community members alike.

From Estonian vocal ensembles to wood-

at Yale University, has been gaining renown in the chamber music circuit while touring the country and Garrison said he considers ACMS lucky to host the performers.

As a part of the series, Garrison said artists spend a week in Moscow, leading workshops and master classes for students and performing one main concert for UI and Moscow community members.

ancing that with some unusual pieces one is by an Argentine composer,

content, visit uiargonaut.com Alberto Ginastera. His music is very

colorful and evocative or South American style and beauty."

The string quartet will be mixing it up even further, Garrison said, by performing a brand new work by leading British composer, Thomas Ades.

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Ul's Auditorium Chamber Music Series hosts string quartet concert

> caliber," True said. "Anyone who can should come and see these great performers because it's an opportunity to experience high quality chamber music that you wouldn't necessarily get anywhere else."

> Garrison said beyond the opportunity to see high-quality chamber music, the concert also exposes individuals to different cultures.

"You don't just come to a university to

wind quintets, Leonard Garrison, co-director of the Auditorium Chamber Music Series (ACMS), said the series has run for 29 seasons in Moscow.

"We present five concerts a year by world class artists who normally come to bigger cities," Garrison said. "We're able to get them here. It's a very popular series with the community, with the Palouse and with students."

For their third concert of the year, Garrison said ACMS will welcome the Enso String Quartet to UI.

"We have at least one string quartet each year because that's the most distinguished medium for chamber music," Garrison said. "This is a really hot, young group called the Enso Quartet."

The string quartet, which was founded

They come not only to present a concert, but they do a lot of outreach in the community," Garrison said. "This group will be presenting a day-long chamber music workshop on Saturday and a whole bunch of chamber groups from middle school, high school and college will participate in that."

In addition to hosting workshops and their main community concert, Garrison said the Enso String Quartet will also make a stop at the Gritman Medical Center and visit Lewiston to perform for a children's home.

Garrison said the Enso String Quartet's main performance, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the UI Auditorium, consists of three different works.

"Only one of those is what I consider very traditional and standard - it's a Beethoven string quartet," Garrison said. "But they're bal-

Of the three different pieces the Enso String Quartet is set to perform, Kalindi True, ACMS student ambassador, said she most looks forward to the set by Ginastera.

"I'm looking forward to the fact they'll be featuring a string quartet and an Argentinian composer from the 20th century," True said. "That's the kind of music students aren't always exposed to."

True, an instrumental performance major, said she urges all non-music major students to attend the concert for the sake of being exposed to a new experience.

"I think it's really great that students have an opportunity to hear performers of that

learn how to do a job, you also learn how the world works and you learn all kinds of exciting things about cultural connections," Garrison said. "Throughout the history of our culture music has had a central place, that's why it's important."

The concert is open to students, faculty and community members.

Season tickets for the performance are on sale at the Idaho Marketplace, Book-People of Moscow or at (208) 885-7557. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$19 for seniors and \$22 for general admission.

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ADMINISTRATION

Seeking legal counsel

Jessica Gee Argonaut

Three finalists presented their values at open forums this week for the deputy general counsel position, whose role it is to assist the university's general counsel in all legal matters. The three candidates who spoke were James Craig, April Smith and Amy Clemmons.

James Craig

At the first forum on Tuesday, candidate James Craig, a University of Idaho alumnus and former employee of the Latah County prosecutor's office, presented to an audience of mostly faculty members in the Bruce Pitman Center.

"My entire career has been in public service," Craig said. "I love the university, so I jumped at the chance to apply for this position."

Craig said one of the issues he would like to focus on is due process and student discipline versus victim rights and campus community safety.

"Before the allegation arises, the university counsel should be actively involved with forging good relations with law enforcement and the community," Craig said of investigations. "You don't want to be having turf wars with the police department and the university."

Craig said the most important time for the university to get involved is before the allegation is brought up.

"University Counsel should educate the community about sexual misconduct, sexual misconduct policies, and how to report sexual misconduct," Craig said.

Craig said there should also be an emphasis placed on training faculty to handle emergency situations to fully prepare them for investigations.

The second issue Craig said he was asked to talk about was First Amendment rights versus victim rights and campus safety. An example would be LGBT students who may be offended by religious expression that is anti-gay, Craig said.

"When you're talking about sensitive issues like this it is important to foster a respectful environment, it's important to respect each individual simply because they're a human being deserving the respect as a fellow human being," Craig said.

April Smith

At the open forum Wednesday, April Smith had the opportunity to share her ideas on the same topics for the deputy general counsel position.

Smith said she was born in Moscow and received her bachelor's degree and law degree at UI, and currently works as the Chief Deputy for Nez Perce County prosecutor's office and lives a family-oriented lifestyle.

"Due process is fairness in investigating sexual assault allegations," Smith said. "Fairness is important because the investigator and hearing board need to have the best information in front of them."

Smith said the rights of the person accused and the victim are crucial in due process. Being aware of the outcome, knowledge of evidence used and the opportunity to contest the findings of the investigations are all rights Smith said the person accused should have.

"The same is true for victims' rights because they need to be treated with fairness and respect

as well," Smith said. "Having to describe what happened to them with many strangers many times just adds to the trauma."

Smith said victims also have the right to accommodations in a sexual assault case.

"This can be changes in class schedule or changes in housing to make sure they feel safe obtaining their degree," Smith said. "Counseling is also a huge part in helping them obtain coping skills to continue pursuing their education here."

Concerning the First Amendment and offensive language, Smith said having open discussions without hateful or discriminatory language is the goal.

"In the university's strategic plan, goal No. 4 is really what we're talking about," Smith said. "Promoting civil and respectful dialect and debate in and out of the classroom."

Amy Clemmons

Amy Clemmons spoke at the final open forum Thursday in the Idaho Commons.

Clemmons is also a law school graduate and has worked at the Office of Attorney General in Washington.

"I'm interested in this job because it's student-oriented," Clemmons said. "The law and rights of students is not always clear and my role as deputy general counsel



Deputy General Counsel candidates address students' legal issues

would be to advocate what is and isn't provided in the law."

Clemmons said there are many clashes between the First Amendment and religious expression or practices. The university has to act as a "referee" in

these conflicts to promote a safe environment and ensure students feel accepted, Clemmons said.

"When you're in a school where there has been behavior that has been incited before, then the school has the right to restrict it using reasonable judgment," Clemmons said.

As for sexual harassment, Clemmons said it is crucial to establish whether or not the action was severe and pervasive in each case.

"One touching incident is not necessarily sexual harassment just like five inappropriate jokes may not be enough to be severe and pervasive," Clemmons said. "You have to look at the circumstances it was done under, how frequently it was, how severe it was and if it is severe and pervasive."

Clemmons said there is no perfect process for investigations, but it is the university's responsibility to find the best one.

"These are never easy decisions and I think establishing the best process available is important," Clemmons said. "My hope as deputy general counsel would be to provide the clearest parameters we can and review the process to make it as fair as possible."

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Bigger than attributions, however, is the fact that their beliefs impact the economics and biology of global warming, Gray said.

"We're finding that there are a lot of implications — that it's all kind of connected," she said.

Gray said the economic impacts have an effect on more than just the Pacific Northwest. The cereal industry of this region is a huge economic component of the worldwide economy, and much of the wheat grown there is exported to Pacific Rim countries. Global warming has the potential to impact global supplies, Gray said.

Gray said she is studying the connection of those who are managing land production and the global economy.

"We're looking at the human component that intersects between agriculture and global warming," Gray said.

A bit fruity and a bit nutty

While the future of cereal crops in the northwest is still up in the air, things are looking up for fruit and nut trees. Lauren Parker, a UI doctoral candidate, is studying the way climate change impacts general agriculture.

"Though the REACCH project mainly studies cereal crops, I've taken a little bit of a different approach," Parker said. "I've been interested in what alternative crops might be able to be cultivated in the northwest under climate change scenarios." Parker has a particular interest in fruit and nut crops, which are perennial, meaning they grow from year to year. Unlike most cereal crops, these are mainly trees that grow over long periods of time, and cannot be replaced within a year.

So far, Parker and her team have noticed changes in extreme cold winter temperatures.

"Under climate change there will be a warming of these extreme cold temperatures," Parker said. "The warming of these temperatures may allow for over-winter survival of some perennial crops."

Parker said this could be a positive thing for the industry — still, it's all about tradeoffs, she said.

Though warming winter temperatures can be good for expanding the geographic distribution of some crops, those same warming temperatures can also allow more generations of pests.

Warming winter temperatures also lead to warming summer temperatures. The higher summer temperatures can cause heat stress to the plants, Parker said. The water that's necessary to grow the crops may increase, although those crops might be able to make it through a milder winter.

"You're gonna win some, you're gonna lose some," she said.

It's bugging us

Climate change isn't just affecting the plants. Eigenbrode said he has found many things about the insect system here through the REACCH project. He's been able to make some projections about the cereal leaf beetle, a major wheat pest.

In the future, the beetle should thrive more than it is currently, which would mean more pressure on wheat, Eigenbrode said.

Other work on the project, in collabora-

tion with Utah State University, has been done on the parasitoid, a predator to the cereal leaf beetle. However, Eigenbrode said climate change projects bad news for this beetle-suppressing organism.

"It suggests that this (cereal leaf) beetle, which is right now a minor pest, could be a serious issue," he said.

With downscaled climate models, he said they are able to map out these trends and expectations to research the potential problem. To do this, Eigenbrode and his team put the beetles in chambers with elevated carbon dioxide and temperatures.

They found in some places the feeding of the beetle will become more aggressive, and in other places, less. Like many of the issues caused by climate change, this one isn't as black and white as it first seems.

Borrowed Time

Though the project was originally supposed to conclude after five years, REACCH has been granted a sixth.

"This will allow us to get more of the word out, to start an extension component," said Eigenbrode.

Each department of researchers is ready to make use of this extra time. Overall, the project is working on an international collaborative component. Eigenbrode said they are already attending a conference, and they are also seeking to partner with other organizations on a global level also in arid wheat production zones, similar to the Palouse region, he said.

Gray's team will conduct a follow-up survey to the one conducted in 2012. This will allow them to analyze and compare the results and to see how beliefs have changed over time. Even after the conclusion of the REACCH project, Gray noted that her team will continue its research into the socio-economic effects of climate change.

All in all, the research is just beginning. Past the project, many

of the researchers have plans to continue analysis due to the broad nature of climate change.

"The secret is when we started this grant, it wasn't at all clear what the future of the effort would be beyond the five years," said Eigenbrode, "Six years is pretty cool, but ten years would've been even better."

Interdisciplinary futures

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> Whether it is agriculture, outreach, biology or socioeconomics, the project spans more than just one group. Eigenbrode, for one, said he hopes this interdisciplinary structure is the way to conduct business in the future.

> "Agricultural systems are big systems, that have all these moving parts," he said, "They should be worked on together in a collaborative way."

> The USDA, however, is unsure if this is still the way to operate. Though the REACCH project has given no foundation to these fears, they are wary of high costs and low results in the future, Eigenbrode said.

> Eigenbrode isn't swayed by their concerns. Though he admits there are tradeoffs, he can see the value of balance. According to him, if that much money was spent on that many small grants in the past it could have been more infused into the scientific research community. However, there were clear benefits in the results by creating such a large integrated program.

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BELIEVE

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With the use of the internet, ideas and beliefs are easily accessible, so one might think that people would be more open-minded, Baumgaertner said. In reality, people tend to pick material that agrees with their own belief system. Baumgaertner described this as a "confirmation bias."

"So if I have a belief that I don't want to quite count as knowledge yet, and I run into someone who agrees with it, I suddenly become more confident in my belief," Baumgaertner said. "I haven't gotten any new evidence for it, I just found someone else who believes in that belief, and I now become more confident in that opinion."

Baumgaertner said he is interested in how individual biases may lead to population patterns of bias, such as the polarization of the political spectrum.

Heckendorn said that this information could also help explain how we get extremist groups, such as ISIS.

"Once we know how things work, we're no longer scared of

them," Heckendorn said.

Heckendorn said by limiting ideas to a line spectrum of extremes and in-betweens, people are potentially missing common ground that could bring points together. In order to solve the problem, he said, it's necessary to get off this line.

"Getting an understanding of something gives you the power to actually do something," Heckendorn said.

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"I hope people get excited about the world, about traveling, about experiencing different cultures, different countries," Rishling said.

Toby and Andrea Sauer attended the event and said they were surprised by how many international students attend UI. They said they enjoyed learning about each country and trying the different foods. They also said they were impressed with the sense of camaraderie among the students despite their vastly different backgrounds.

"In the papers we see just strife all over the place," Toby said. "To see everybody getting along was a very unifying thing."

Rishling said the event was an educational experience, and through all the music, languages, clothing and traditions, there was one lesson from the event that stood out.

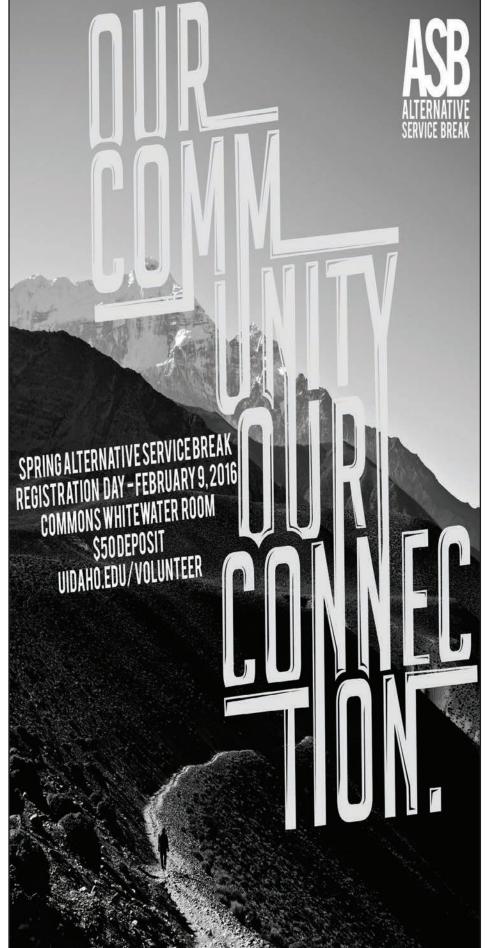
"We're not that different," Rishling said.

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> > ful, it has to be a project shared by the entire administration.

That's why Foisy said when choosing a new

HR executive director, his priority will be selecting someone with expertise who will be more concerned with the direction of the project than the pace of the project. "Moving to classification was a Herculean effort," Foisy said. "Any kind of system implementation like this is years of work, and Greg was really instrumental to helping to make a lot of the things happen. At the end of the day, his work really has become the foundation." Hannah Shirley can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @itshannah7



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Several current faculty and staff members as well as former administrators have already been recommended for the position. After that, Foisy said a national search committee will seek a more perma-

nent director.

That process can take months, and Foisy said he tentatively hopes they will find someone by the end of the semester.

Foisy said appointing an interim director will put further exploration of employee compensation temporarily on hold.

The current classification-based compensation system, implemented in great part by Walters, is fully implemented, Foisy said.

"That plane is on auto-

has authorized him to research new employee compensation systems. The one Foisy said he is most interested in is a market-based system, which would base employee salaries based off similar positions at peer institutions, rather than the one-size-all classification approach employed currently.

Once a new director has

been appointed, Foisy said

UI President Chuck Staben

Foisy said to him, a market-based system is the next logical evolution in the university's current system — but he said he knows if the system will be success-



SPORTS In the state of the stat

Idaho cruises to victory over Oregon State in team's final home competition

Luis Torres Argonaut

As the spring semester heats up, the Idaho swim and dive team looked to cool off from the program's 181-119 loss against New Mexico State in the desert.

The team returned to Moscow to face Pac-12 opponent Oregon State in the team's Senior Meet.

The Vandals beat the Beavers 188-106 and took 12 of the 16 events Saturday to regain momentum before a lengthy road trip.

Idaho coach Mark Sowa said he knew the team would turn it around after the Jan. 12 meet in La Cruses, New Mexico.

"Last week was rough and they learned a lot from it," Sowa said. "We sat down after our loss and asked what did you learn and forced them to self-evaluate."

"They made a lot of nice adjustments this week, especially in training," Sowa said. "I'm very happy and they were focused performers."

Freshman freestyle swimmer Sarah Hall competed in three events and won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.94.

Hall said she felt Saturday's meet was her best performance this season.

"I was happy with my time and how today went," Hall said. "After La Cruses, the mood was a bit down and coming to a home meet lifted our spirit and attitude, so it was lot more fun."

Before the meet, Sowa and the entire team recognized seniors Sami Hendricks, Allison Hodgin and Emily Renzini for their hard work and contributions in the swim and dive program.

"Their legacy is their leadership," Sowa said. "They wanted to leave their mark on this place and that's what a Vandal is. A Vandal goes some place and changes it for the better."

Sowa said the seniors will be remembered for their valiant team chemistry with the underclassmen.

"Their maturity as leaders this year was extraordinary because we have such a young team and having those three seniors really take on that leadership role is so impressive," Sowa said.

Hall said her takeaway from the senior class was their teamwork.

"They were some of the best teammates I could ever ask for," Hall said. "Being team captains this year will be hard to fulfill next year and (we are) going to miss them a lot." Renzini said she was sad her final home meet had concluded, but was happy to see what's in store for the Vandals. 'I'm really happy that we ended the meet with a win," Renzini said. "I'm proud of my team and we have a really young team, so it's going to be exciting to watch for the next couple of years." Hendricks said it was enjoyable to see the team's attitude transform with the positive experience Saturday. "(The seniors) had a big impact in our team," Hendricks said. "When you watch them coming to practice, they're always ready to go. They bring enthusiasm in everything that they do and it's really fun to watch them." Hendricks, along with Cara Jernigan, Maryann Kok and Allie Magrino, won the 200-yard medley relay (1:45.89). Hendricks was also part of the winning team in the 200-yard freestyle relay featuring Kok, Aileen Pannecoucke and Emily Kliewer. Vandal freshman Vivian Crow won the



Freshman diver Janelle Lucas attempts a 3-meter dive during a meet against Oregon State on Saturday.

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200-yard butterfly event.

Sophomore Nikki Imanaka won both diving events for Idaho while Jerningan took the number one spot in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke.

Erica King (200-yard backstroke), Kok (50-yard freestyle) and Kliewer (100-yard freestyle and butterfly) were other victorious Vandals Saturday.

The Idaho divers will head to the Air

Force Academy Friday and Saturday to compete in the Air Force Academy Diving Invite.

Idaho's next dual meet will be Feb. 5 when the team faces Grand Canyon in Phoenix.

Sowa said that it was great to get a win against a Pac-12 opponent, but that he's focused on finishing the final stretch of the season on a positive note. "They need to continue to improve on their starts, turns, breakouts and finishes," Sowa said. "Then try to give them a ton of rest and see if we can get some giddy up toward the end of the year."

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Athletes of the week

Ty Egbert – Men's Basketball



In the absence of leading scorers Victor Sanders and Perrion Callandrat, Idaho junior Ty Egbert stepped up for the Vandals by posting 18 points and collecting seven rebounds Saturday. Egbert was on the floor against Montana State for a longer time than usual, and the junior earned the additional minutes with his performance against the Bobcats. Despite a late push by the Vandals, the team fell to Montana State 70-68. The Vandals will take on Sacramento State at the Cowan Spectrum Thursday at 7 p.m.

Egbert

Geraldine McCorkell – Women's Basketball



Idaho sophomore Geraldine McCorkell led the Vandals against Montana State Saturday with 15 points and eight rebounds. McCorkell finished as the team's leading scorer in the Big Sky Conference matchup. Despite the effort from McCorkell and the rest of the Vandals, Montana State defeated Idaho 62-59. McCorkell also added 16 points for Idaho in the team's 78-61 win over Montana Thursday. The Vandals will travel to Sacramento, California to take on Sacramento State Thursday.

Kolcie Bates - Track and Field



Idaho junior Kolcie Bates kicked off the 2016 indoor track season Jan. 16 with a fifth place finish in shot put and a second place finish in weight throwing. In the Washington State University Indoor Invitational Friday, Bates earned personal bests and took first in the discus throw and ninth place in the shot put event. The junior and the rest of the Idaho track and field team will travel to Seattle to compete in the University of Washington Invitational Friday and Saturday.

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Sami Hendricks - Swim and Dive



Idaho senior Sami Hendricks is one of three Vandals on the swim and dive team set to graduate in the spring. Her performance against Oregon State University on Saturday was a contributing factor in the Vandals' 188-106 victory over the Beavers. She competed in the winning 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle medley relay. Hendricks also placed second in the 50-yard freestyle (24.50) and eighth in the 100-yard freestyle (53.90). Hendricks and the swim and dive team will face the Air Force Academy Friday and Saturday.

McCorkell

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Bobcats bite Vandals

Offensive woes haunt Vandals on the road against Montana State

Josh Grissom Argonaut

Early foul trouble and a multitude of injuries plagued the Idaho men's basketball program Saturday, as the team fell to Montana State 70-68 in Bozeman.

The Vandals had difficulty matching the Bobcats offense after Idaho's top two contributors were ruled out of the matchup with separate injuries.

"When you play (Don) Verlin's team, you know you are going to be in a tough game," said Montana State head coach Brian Fish. "They were down a couple of good players, and they brought it and exposed us in the first half with toughness." Idaho (12-8 overall, 4-3 Big Sky) employed a zone defense during the first twenty minutes of play, as the team held the Bobcats to 23 first-half points.

The Vandals were without leading scorer Victor Sanders, who was absent from the lineup with a wrist injury. The junior guard was responsible for 89 points in Idaho's previous three games.

Freshman small forward Nick Blair came off the bench to spark the Vandal offense with 14 points in the first half. Blair went 5-7 from the field and connected on four 3-pointers to help Idaho grab a 33-23 lead over Montana State at halftime.

"Well Victor (Sanders) was hurt, and anytime you have a good team they have a chance for guys to step up and Nick Blair stepped up and made some 3-pointers for

) them," said Fish.

Junior guard Quinton Everett led the Bobcat offense with 9 points and two rebounds in the first half.

The Vandals shot 54.5 percent from the field in the first half and converted 5 of 8 shots behind the arc, while Montana State shot 27.6 percent from the floor.

The Bobcats (9-11 overall, 4-4 Big Sky) used a 9-0 run early in the second half to pull within four points, as junior guard Stephan Holm connected on a layup to cut the Idaho lead to 38-34.

The Bobcats took advantage of four Vandal turnovers in a span of five minutes to regain the lead.

"We turned it over too much," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "They scored a bunch of points in transition. The turnovers finally caught up to us tonight." Freshman guard Tyler Hall connected on back-to-back 3-pointers to put the Bobcats up 53-47 midway through the second half.

The Vandals were

able to use a 7-0 run to pull within two points, but Montana State responded with a hot shooting streak and several pivotal free throws in the closing seconds to seal a 70-68 victory.

Junior guard Ty Egbert finished as the Vandals leading scorer with 18 points. The walk-on shot 6-8 from the field and collected seven rebounds for Idaho.

Montana State received 23 points from senior guard Marcus Colbert and 16 points from Hall. Sophomore Zach Green collected five rebounds and added another 10 points for the Bobcats. Idaho had a higher shooting percentage than Montana State, finishing the game with a 54.3 percent average from the field compared to 41.3 percent by the

Bobcats. But Montana State attempted 63 shots during the game, compared to Idaho's 46.

"I thought under the circumstances our guys fought hard," Verlin said. "We had a lot of guys who haven't played a lot this season step up. I thought our guys really, really competed hard."

The Vandals are scheduled to return to Moscow to face Sacramento State at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cowan Spectrum.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

A season of rivalies Men's club lacrosse prepares for season opener against Gonzaga

Luis Torres Argonaut

February is less than a week away, but the Idaho men's lacrosse team has been preparing for their game against Gonzaga since fall.

The Vandals begin their spring season against the Bulldogs Feb. 13 on the Moscow SprinTurf.

Senior captain A.J. Gravel said the preparation in the fall has set the team up for a promising season.

"We have a young team and it has been a stepping stone for building and growing on where we want to be this season," Gravel said. "We all have a clear vision of where we want to be and the fall definitely set us up for this season and we're going to keep working to reach our goals."

Senior Colton Raichl said the Vandals have beaten Gonzaga the past several years, and that there are no easy games or friends in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League.

"We're here to play hard and will hit them in the mouth between the whistles and nothing after," Raichl said. "It'll be a fun hard game and hopefully will come out with the win."

Sophomore Charlie Dolar said the rivalry with Gonzaga has a home feel, as several players are from the Spokane area.

"Since we're pretty close from each other, it's really a big game for us," Dolar said. "It's a blast to come watch and play because it's a pretty intense game."

Gravel sees this game as an opportunity for young players to establish themselves as collegiate athletes.

"In the past, younger programs have been a surprise to some people," Gravel said. "Who knows what we're capable of. I'm really excited to see what we can do come game time because it's a different animal compared to practice."

Raichl, the team's offensive coordinator, has played for the men's lacrosse team since freshman year. The senior said he's excited to coach the team and expand the club program. "I wanted to play lacrosse and grow the game up north," Raichl said. "Hopefully as a coach, I can continue my coaching career past this season and grow the game here in Idaho."

Raichl said although he can relate to his players based on age, he's no stranger to making play calls.

The team hired James Courter as the new head coach during the offseason to replace former head coach Sammy Seidenberg.

"I kind of tweaked some offensive play sets and bring a culture back to the team," Raichl said. "Since we have a new head coach, I know how the team, players and program works. I'm here to be the middle man between the new head coach and older players," Raichl said.

As a result of the coaching change, the number of players participating in lacrosse has been relatively low, but Raichl said they still have enough players that numbers are not a concern.

"It's pretty normal, we've been usually operating about 15 to 20

guys. This year, we're on the lower end because of the coaching change and a lot of guys decided not to come back," Raichl said. "But we got a lot of young

guys that are eager to play and are out here every day working, so I don't think it's a problem and we'll overcome it easily."

Courter said he's excited on the opportunity to coach the Vandals.

"We have a bunch of young talent that are committed and looking to progress the program," Courter said.

Dolar, the club president and team captain, said Courter has been a positive addition to the team.

"James has been a perfect transition this year," Dolar said. "He's done everything he can to help our team, and we're looking pretty good so far."

Dolar also added that the transition of high school lacrosse to the collegiate level has its share of contrast.

"The speed of the game is a



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lot quicker," Dolar said. "It's more about reaction than thinking about what were doing. It's an adjustment that takes the first two or three games to get through. But after

that, everyone is up to speed and so far everyone in our team is catching up quickly," Dolar said.

Idaho competes in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League as part of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association. Similar to many other teams in the conference, the Vandal players said that their goal is to win the MCLA National Championship in May.

Idaho will also host games against Nevada on March 25 and Montana on April 16.

The team will wrap up the spring season against Boise State April 23 in Westminster, Colorado.

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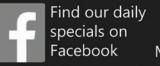
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Turnovers plague Vandals

Women's basketball offense falters, team falls to MSU in Big Sky matchup

Tess Fox

Argonaut

A loud, outspoken crowd made the matchup between Idaho and Montana State feel more like a playoff battle than a regularseason game.

Every call the referees made was met with a chorus of boos and grumbles from the Idaho student section.

Despite an early lead, the Vandals (13-6 overall, 5-2 Big Sky) lost control of the matchup in the third period, as the team fell 62-59 to Montana State (14-5 overall, 7-1 Big Sky).

"The 11 turnovers in the third quarter were killer," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "They are an extremely physical basketball team. We've got to get tougher."

Sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell led Idaho for the second consecutive game with 15 points.

Senior guard Christina Salvatore added her third double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 boards. Salvatore led the Vandals in assists with four.

Montana State took the lead early in the first quarter with five points

from Jasmine Hommes. Hommes finished as the

Bobcats leading scorer with 16 points. Senior post Ali Forde added

the first points for Idaho with two free throws early in the game.

Montana State stayed ahead of the Vandals, as Delany Junkermier added five points for the Bobcats.

Idaho began to apply some defensive pressure late in the first quarter, as Montana State missed four consecutive shots.

A layup from senior post Renae Mokrzycki helped the Vandals tie the score 16-16.

Montana State added two more layups late in the quarter to pull ahead of Idaho 20-17.

The Bobcats made seven points early in the

second quarter to maintain the lead. Back-toback 3-pointers from Salvatore and freshman guard Mikayla Ferenz brought Idaho within one point.

A free throw late in the quarter from Mokrzycki knotted the score at 29-29.

Salvatore added three points to help the Vandals enter halftime with a 36-32 lead. McCorkell opened the third period with a

3-pointer to extend Idaho's lead to seven.

The Bobcats received a helping hand from Alexa Dawkins, who scored six points to rally Montana State and tie the game at 43-43.

A foul on Renae Mokryzycki sent Montana State's Lindsay Stockton to the line, where she broke the tie and gave Montana State the lead.

The Vandals committed 11 turnovers in the third quarter, which resulted in 12 points for Montana State.

The Vandals were held to nine points in the quarter, and the Bobcats entered the fourth quarter with a 48-45 lead.

After a 4-0 Bobcat run, Mokrzycki made a layup to cut the score to 52-47.

A technical foul on Newlee late in the fourth quarter gave Montana two pivotal free throws in the final minutes, which allowed Montana State to grasp a 57-54 lead.

"I didn't say anything," Newlee said. "That's the crazy part. That's a tough time to make that call."

The Vandals responded with basket from Ballestero and a 3-pointer from freshman guard Taylor Pierce to give the Vandals a 59-57 lead.

Montana State's Peyton Ferris tied the score 59-59 with two free throws with 1:37 left in the matchup. After Idaho could not convert on several scoring opportunities, the Bobcats gained a 61-59 lead with 28.5 seconds left.

Idaho was forced to foul and Montana State's Lindsay Stockton went to the free throw line, where she only converted on one of the two shots.

After regaining possession, Salvatore threw the ball down the court to Mokrzycki, but the ball went out of bounds.

Tess Fox | Argonaut Senior guard Christina Salvatore drives to the rim against Montana State's Lindsay Stockton and Riley Nordgaard. The Bobcats won 62-59.

"I shouldn't have thrown it," Salvatore said. "We encourage our posts to run and our guards to kick it up and hit them while they're running. There's lots of times when they're open. It was a bad pass by me."

The Vandals were able to regain possession, and Pierce attempted a long range 3-pointer to tie the game as the buzzer sounded, but the ball clanked off the rim.

The 62-59 loss dropped the Vandals conference record to 5-2.

"We showed a lot of heart to come back," McCorkell said. "Especially after that third quarter. We just couldn't hold onto it."

The Vandals finished the game with a shooting percentage of 85.7 from the free throw line, 31.9 percent from inside the paint and 28.6 percent outside the key.

Despite the loss, Idaho picked up more boards than Montana State, outrebounding the Bobcats 48 to 39.

Idaho will face Sacramento State Thursday at 7 p.m. Thursday in Sacramento.

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TRACK & FIELD

Successful weekend on Palouse

Mihaela Karst Argonaut

The second indoor meet of the 2016 season was just as successful as the first for the Idaho indoor track and field team.

Idaho coach Tim Cawley commended the team's performance this weekend, as several team members posted personal bests at the meet in Pullman.

first place in discus throwing event with a throw of 43.40 meters. In addition to this first place finish, Bates also finished fourth in the open weight throw, with a final score of 16.08 meters.

Idaho junior Kolcie Bates took

Lauren Cooper earned sixth place during the weight throw competition with a distance of 15.56 meters.

a jump of 3.25 meters.

Two freshmen distance runners returned to the track and had stellar performances this weekend. Freshman runner Erin Hagen finished the one-mile event with a time of 5:14.31, which placed her at fifth overall in the competition. Freshman runner Andrea Condie placed seventh in the 3,000-meter event

with a time of 10:41.98. On the men's side, Idaho senior Ben Ayesa-Attah placed fifth in the 60-meter dash, finishing the event in 7.04 seconds. In the 800-meter run, junior Christopher Black completed the event in 1:59.84,

which was enough to propel him to a fifth place finish.

In the men's long jump, two Vandals finished in the top ten at the WSU Open. Red-

shirt junior Ian Middleton finished in sixth with a 6.57-meter jump, and redshirt junior Drew Thompson finished in eighth with

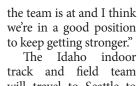
Sprinters and jumpers lead way for Vandals at WSU Open

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will travel to Seattle to compete in the University of Washington Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The team will then compete in the Cougar Indoor in Pullman from Feb. 5-6, before returning to Seattle to take part in the Husky Classic from Feb. 12-14. Mihaela Karst can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu

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"I think the team competed hard," said Cawley.

The women's team dominated the meet with six individuals finishing in the top ten of various events.

In the men's weight throw, redshirt freshman Matthew Bauman finished 14th with a throw of 14.22 meters.

Idaho freshman Cecilia Watkins tied for ninth in the pole vault, with 6.46 meters.

"We trained through this meet a little bit in preparation for the big invitational at the University of Washington next week," Cawley said. "But I'm still excited for where



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Abroad perspective

Studying abroad can enhance students' college experiences

I ollege — four short years — is supposed to be the best days of our lives. There is a multitude of ways to make college a time to remember.

Some students choose to spend their college careers being active in campus organizations and in their communities. Some go Greek, some live on campus and some live off campus. Other students choose to spend a portion of their college experience far away from campus — out of the country, in fact.

There are plenty of opportunities for students to study abroad while they work toward their degree. Whether it's by spending spring break in Peru, taking a whole semester to explore Spain or completing an internship in the Czech Republic, studying abroad is a unique opportunity for students to enhance their education.

Time spent in a different part of the world is an enriching experience for anyone, regardless of their age, but traveling as a student offers an added bonus.

Students can learn about subjects related to their chosen field of study while in new and beautiful locations. But, they also take in extra knowledge just by being in a foreign place and enlarge their worldview in ways they may not

have expected. Many students who study abroad return to the U.S. more well-rounded than when they left.

Not to mention, the best way to learn a culture is to experience it firsthand.

The number of students who choose to study abroad during their college career is growing. By this point, there are so many specific areas of study offered in so many different locations it can be hard for one student to keep track of all of them. It would be a shame for a student to miss out on the opportunity to visit one of 69 countries UI partners with because they didn't know there was an opportunity in the first place.

It may be hard to imagine that there are opportunities for aspiring mathematicians or English majors in such exotic locations,



but the market for study abroad trips is larger than it has ever been before.

If students are interested in traveling while they're in college, they should do a bit of research to

find out what opportunities best fit their personal aspirations. The Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Clearwater room of the Idaho Commons is a good place to start.

Then again, studying abroad isn't the best fit for every student. Those students shouldn't feel pressure to study internationally just because their friends are. Plenty of students choose to stay near campus and complete their education and feel completely fulfilled doing so.

If studying abroad is something a student has always dreamed of or has an interest in, it's worth putting the effort into looking at the opportunities available. Too many college graduates regret failing to take time to see the world while they were younger, so no student should be reluctant if they feel the urge to travel now.

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Upgrades

I don't tend to jump on bandwagons. But if I would, it certainly won't be the horrid sauce called Windows 10.

– Luis

Playoffs

Peyton Manning will be playing in the Super Bowl while Tom Brady will be sitting on the couch moping. All is right in the world.

- Josh

Super Bowl

Can't wait to cheer on my favorite team in the Super Bowl next weekend. Time for a win for the Broncos.

– Tea

Coffee

I'll miss Sisters' Brew, but One World Cafe is where it's at. - Austin

Sisters' Brew

I'll cherish the days your coffee stand in the Admin Building injected caffeine and life into my veins. You'll be missed.

– Jake

The Suffragette

10/10 socially conscious women would recommend. – Lyndsie

Presidential tunes

Excited to know that Obama loves Kendrick Lamar almost as much as I do.

- Jessica

Nix v. Hedden

In 1893 the U.S. Supreme Court decided under national customs regulations the tomato should be classified as a vegetable rather than a fruit. You're welcome.

– Hannah

Relax

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Bring back the brew Sisters' Brew Coffee House will be dearly missed

During my first semester at the University of Idaho I discovered the wonder of Sisters' Brew Coffee House.

I admired the friendly employees and the amazing coffee, and I coped with the long hike up to the Administration Building whenever I needed to get my caffeine fix.

At the beginning of this semester, I made the trek up to the Administration Building, excited for a steaming cup of joe from the very best.

After a long first day of classes, I convinced myself that I deserved a cup of coffee. It was syllabus week, and the looming semester hung over my head. Typical of anyone my age, my eyes were glued to my phone, so when the barista called me forward, I was shocked to find that the menu I'd become accustomed to was gone.

In its place stood the One World Cafe menu, which wasn't foreign to me, but I still felt a surge of sadness. I looked down at the note Sisters' Brew left behind, seeing that the baristas decided to move on in their lives and that they would miss the faces on campus.

Well, we will all miss you too, Sisters' Brew. Do not get me wrong, I love One World. The atmosphere at the original location in downtown Moscow is incredible and the music playing overhead always seems to fit my current mood.

But, while many of my friends would disagree with me, the coffee there isn't my cup of tea. Something about their beverages just

doesn't satisfy my needy taste buds. The brew is a little too weak and the taste isn't quite sweet enough.

It always seemed like the baristas at Sisters' Brew knew the exact way I liked my mocha, and their muffins were always soft and moist - they created the perfect combo for my early schedule.

When my group of new friends and I had made at UI stumbled upon One World at the beginning of my

first semester, we fell in love. The music and the mood makes up for

the taste of the espresso. It is our go-to coffee shop. We go there to do our homework and

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to have good conversations. One World has become our sanctuary.

And yet, despite my love for the cafe itself, I can't bring myself to enjoy their warm drinks. The blended drinks are great, but maybe not so great once January comes around.

Even though the quality of coffee has decreased with the change in coffee shops, the prices have increased. I wouldn't mind paying a little more if I absolutely loved the coffee, but considering the coffee is subpar, I'm beginning to reconsider my coffee habits.

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As a terrified freshman at UI, it felt like Sisters' Brew gave me a warm welcome. Buying coffee there turned into a daily ritual before my 9:30 a.m. classes and was a landmark to meet friends. The coffee turned into a reward

> and it was an incentive to sit down and write my paper with an extra boost of energy next to me.

While I do miss the wondrous coffee that came from Sisters' Brew, I appreciate One World for stepping up and replacing such an iconic UI

business. If the members of Sisters' Brew are reading this, know that you will be dearly missed.

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Don't forget to take time for yourself every now and again. It makes a world of difference. - Tess

Highest office

With fringe candidates becoming so popular, does that mean the mainstream candidates are now the weird ones?

– Jack

Snowpocalypse

To the East Coast area, give us a little bit of that snow. Our mountains could use the water so we don't die of smoke this summer. - Claire

Women in STEM

While gender equality has come a long way, most academic fields are still maledominated. A shout out to the many female students working to become positive role models for a new generation.

– Corrin

University of Missouri

Remember the professor who called for muscle to remove a student reporter from a protest site? She was just charged with misdemeanor assault.

- Katelyn

Writing tip

Writing good ledes is one of the hardest things in the world. - Erin

Binge watching

I always start the day planning on getting stuff done, but the only thing I end up doing is finishing a few seasons. - Tordan



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The need for ISEMs

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ISEM 301 courses teach students valuable skills for life after college

General education is at the heart of the undergraduate experience at the University of Idaho. It brings together almost all students, regardless of major, regularly during their time on campus, and is designed to lay a

foundation for lifetime learning. As director of General Education, I read with interest Claire Whitley's Friday column, "Waste of time," about her Integrated Seminar (ISEM) 301. I had a similar experience as a UI student. I found

myself in an irrelevant course — or so I thought — taught by a professor whose teaching style was over my head. I saw the class as only a box to be checked on my degree checklist.

Years later, I came to appreciate that class. In hindsight, I realized I had been exposed to a field that I knew little about but became more curious about as time went on. By being forced to read and write outside my comfort zone, I learned critical thinking skills. I suspect that's true of many courses in our General Education program.

Ms. Whitley asks legitimate questions — what are students supposed to learn in an ISEM 301? Why should she have to take a course that doesn't directly relate to her major? Our General Education

curriculum is the result of a decade of discussions by students and faculty to create university-wide learning outcomes and strategies to achieve them — ISEM 101 for first-year students, ISEM 301 for sophomores and juniors, and a senior experience. In addition, all students must complete an American Diversity course and an approved international experience.

In these courses, students work closely with faculty who choose a topic to reflect their own passions. ISEM 101s are capped at 38, and with a couple of exceptions, ISEM 301s have no more than 40 students. Through them, students can get to know other students and the instruc-

tor to a degree not possible in a large lecture class.

Faculty who teach ISEMs are charged with integrating the university's five learning outcomes — learn and integrate, think and create, communicate, clarify purpose and perspective, and practice citizenship. The goal is to prepare graduates to

be enlightened and engaged citizens, regardless of which careers they pursue.

Employers say they want graduates who can communicate concisely and directly, work in teams to solve problems, adapt quickly to changing demands in the workplace and participate in a global

society. Taken as a whole, UI's General Education curriculum is intended to do all of those things. Nonetheless, our system is still

evolving and improving. Students who came to UI under the 2012-2013 catalog, this year's seniors, are the first cohort expected to complete ISEMs 101 and 301, along with the senior experience. Through the graduating senior survey, we'll be able to assess the students' satisfaction with the entire curriculum, not just individual courses.

I invite students to share their experiences, both positive and negative,

with me. The University Committee on General
Education, which reviews course proposals and advises Faculty Senate, has
openings for two student members. Part of practic-

ing citizenship is engaging constructively with the faculty members who are committed to students' success.

I hope that Ms. Whitley's ISEM 301 gives her an insight into the challenges that faculty face in developing courses to attract students from across the university. And I hope that after graduation, she will see the benefit of courses whose value wasn't apparent at the time. I did.

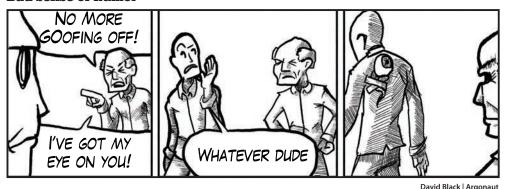
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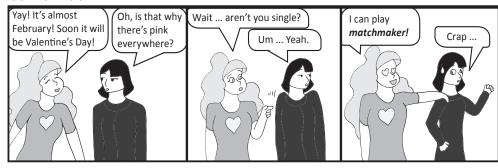
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