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CAREER FAIR



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University of Idaho career adviser Eric Anderson speaks with UI student Ty Prince at the 2015 Fall Career Fair in the Kibbie Dome.

Suiting up for the future

Career Fair prepares and informs job-hunting Vandals

Diamond Koloski
Argonaut

Career advising liaison Leanne Ralstin said when it comes to job hunting, having a good professional network can make a world of difference.

"Networking is everything," Ralstin said. "If you use active networking when job searching, you have a much greater chance of getting a job versus simply applying," Ralstin said.

University of Idaho students will have the opportunity to do just that at the spring Career Fair, held 2-6 p.m. Wednesday in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center.

Over 105 employers and grad schools will be at the event. The event provides an opportunity for students to see what companies they may want to apply to work for, whether as a summer job, internship or job after graduation, Ralstin said. She said women should wear a knee-length skirt with hosiery or dress slacks, and men should wear a button-up shirt and suit if they have one.

John Mangiantini, assistant director for internships and employee relations, said professional attire is important for making strong first impressions.

Weighing their options

Career Center focuses on producing capable, employable students

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

On the third floor of the Idaho Commons, past a dimly lit hallway in a back corner, administrators at the Career Center at the University of Idaho work daily to organize events, seminars and projects with the goal of helping UI students do what they came here to do: find a job after college.

"I mean, yeah, you're at school, but what's next?" said Kristine Tims, the Career Center

office manager.

The rise of college career services has made recent garnered attention in outlets including LinkedIn and USA Today, as colleges nationwide have started increasing efforts to educate students on finding and keeping a job.

Following record-breaking success at the UI Career Center, administrators said it will continue to expand this year.

Tims said administrators at the Career Center are always busy helping students succeed in finding their career path.

She said the center utilizes various resources to reach out to students, including tabling, programs like Hire a Vandal and frequent events.

"(The Career Center) is ultimately to help our students for that next step and to link up employers and students," Tims said.

A changing focus

Career Center Director Suzi Billington has been with UI for 21 years. She said the purpose of college career centers have changed with the times and the economy.

Billington said the UI Career Center opened shortly after World War II, a time of economic prosperity when jobs were abundant.

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IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Rethinking reluctance

Staben talks enrollment, diversity to state legislature

Danny Bugingo
Argonaut

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben addressed the Idaho State Legislature's Joint Financial-Appropriations Committee Wednesday, outlining the university and the state's efforts to raise college enrollment.

In his speech, Staben praised the Idaho State Board of Education's new Direct Admissions program, which notifies high school seniors with requisite SAT score and GPA they have been pre-admitted to Idaho universities throughout the state, as well as the important role UI plays in the program.

"We were pleased to have led that initiative, and I wish to thank the state board for embracing this and rolling it out so quickly," Staben said in his address.

Staben has repeatedly emphasized the importance of making college a reality for more of Idaho's young people. Last Novem-

ber, the school set into motion Enroll Idaho, a series of events across the state informing Idaho's high school students of their college options. Students learned about how applications, costs and other barriers to enrollment could be managed.



Staben

"We followed up (Direct Admissions) with events at 43 locations throughout the state, which we plan to make an annual tradition," said Staben, noting the school's tremendous reach.

However, Staben made clear that this was only the first year of the program, and that there were some kinks to be ironed out. In an interview, he said there was a mix-up concerning Direct Admissions and Enroll Idaho. The State Board of Education was untimely in sending out Direct Admissions notifications, leading to high school students at Enroll Idaho events receiving instructions regarding letters that had not yet arrived in the mail. Staben described the situation as "pretty awkward."

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DIVERSITY

Enhancing diversity

BSU representatives approach UI administration with ideas for increasing diversity

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

A group of student representatives from the Black Student Union have a list of six requests of their university, which they presented to University of Idaho administrators Jan. 22.

Cynthia Ballesteros, Izaiah Dolezal, Jayson Egwuonwu, Jamal Sanders and Adonay Berhe met with UI administrators in hopes they will take these points into consideration in order to further diversity on campus and enhance the student experience.

"We called upon student leaders across campus, sat down and for each group made specific points that each student group wanted to see met," Ballesteros said. "We met up and it seemed like we had themes reoccurring in each of our lists."

The six points they ultimately approached the UI administration with were the need for an African-American student

space, a retention program geared toward increasing the admission of African-American students, departmental outreach for student athletes, an increased administrative cultural competency program, increased diversity among faculty and staff and more programs to connect current students to alumni of color.

They presented their ideas to UI President Chuck Staben, Dean of Students Blaine Eckles, Director of Diversity Yolanda Bisbee and Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Jesse Martinez.

Dolezal, ASUI director of diversity affairs, said he felt both parties left the meeting having learned valuable information.

"(Staben) was definitely listening," Dolezal said. "We provided perspectives he hadn't thought of before, and he did the same for us."

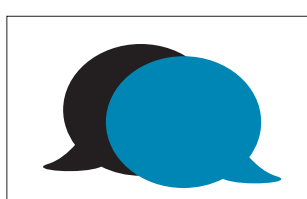
Egwuonwu, vice president for the UI chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), said he was encouraged because several of the points they brought up the UI administration said they were already working toward.

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- Crushed ice

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2. Cut the slice into quarters and place in sturdy glass with 8 mint leaves and sugar
3. Use a muddler to crush the mixture 7-9 times in the cup
4. Add white rum and fill glass about 2/3 full of crushed ice
5. Add soda water and top with a little more ice and serve

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CAMPUS

Battle of the brains

UI students compete in a challenge of knowledge

Hailey Stewart
Argonaut

University of Idaho students put their knowledge to the test last week in the annual College Bowl competition.

Co-hosted by UI's Intramural Sports, the Idaho Commons and the Student Union, the College Bowl is a question-and-answer game played by students of all majors and undergraduate levels. For each team of four competitors, two nine-minute halves are played.

Butch Fealy, associate director of competitive and recreational sports, said the number of student participants was much higher this year than last year.

Thirty-one teams participated in this year's event compared to the 13 teams present in the 2015 College Bowl.

The College Bowl was a two-night event. Thursday's competition was based on a tournament schedule to narrow down each of the teams, and the final four teams of the game competed on Friday.

The final four teams consisted of Farmhouse, Team Who Must Not Be Named, Fiji and Bloodhounds. Team Farmhouse, which featured members Nathan Clemans, Kevin Blosser, Phillip Barnes and Matt Daniel, ultimately rose as the victors. Along with the title of 2016 College Bowl champions, they also received VandalStore gift cards.

The questions covered music, geography, history, pop culture and more.

"We outsource the questions through the National Academic Quiz Tournament Company," said Dante Jones, Student Involvement program coordinator. "They create new questions every year, and then we use them for the competition."

There are two kinds of questions: toss-up questions, which both teams can try to answer, and bonus questions that can be answered by the team that answers the toss-up question correctly.



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UI students Dino Vinci, Colton Biedenbach and Cole Lickley represent their team at the College Bowl Thursday.

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When I was in college, games like this were never a big thing for me, so it's nice to have something that the students enjoy.

Dante Jones,
Student Involvement coordinator

After Farmhouse won the first round, Clemans said it was great to have one of the first wins of Thursday night.

"We really just found some guys and put together a team," Clemans said. "All

we did was have a good positive attitude coming into the competition."

Clemans said there were a lot of music and art related questions, so the team studied those subjects.

"Our team had a great sports

guy, and he knew all of the answers to those kind of questions, which really helped," Clemans said.

While undergraduate students are the primary participants in the College Bowl, this year's staff members of the Department of Student Involvement and the Volunteer Center formed a team to test their knowledge.

Natalie Magnus, Volunteer Center program coordinator, Katie Dahlinger, assistant director of Student Involvement and Jones competed as a team of three.

Dahlinger said they have all been out

of the game a while, but they were ready to have a good time.

"These questions are definitely made for you to answer while you are still in college and taking those types of classes," Magnus said. "But, it is still fun

to play."

Jones said seeing everyone get excited about competing is the best part of the College Bowl.

"When I was in college, games like this were never a big thing for me, so it's nice to have something that the students enjoy," Jones said. "We give out prizes and just have a really good time."

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RESEARCH

The fault in CO2 emissions

Researchers analyze CO2 emissions from East African fault line

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Eastern Africa is one of the most volcanically active regions of the world. However, James Muirhead, a University of Idaho geology doctoral student, and Hyunwoo Lee, a University of New Mexico Ph.D candidate, were more interested with what was going on under the ground.

That's why Muirhead and Lee set their sights on the East African Rift (EAR).

The EAR is the world's largest active continental rift. These usually occur where two tectonic plates come together. Lee said they focused their research in Kenya and Tanzania, as the fault stretches parallel to much of the East African coast, while they were there for three weeks last summer. Muirhead said prior to this, no one had really investigated the role these fault systems play on a global scale and the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) they release.

"This is different from volcanoes," Muirhead said. "There's no plume of smoke, they (CO2 emissions) are nearly invisible," said Muirhead.

Though the focus usually falls on volcanoes, he said, there's actually magma all along the rift releasing a large amount of CO2.

It sounds dramatic, but this isn't a giant tear in the crust of the planet with a river of lava at the bottom — it's subtler than that, he said.

"We're looking at diffuse emissions," Muirhead said. "Wide-spread, low concentrations of carbon dioxide coming out of the soil."

To measure this, they used what Muirhead called a Carbon-Dioxide Accumulation Chamber. Placed on the ground over the fault, it was used to read the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere at that point, and the rate of change of CO2 in the chamber of the device. If there was no fluctuation, the scientists knew there wasn't a leak coming out of the ground. However, if there was a leak, they would see a flux of CO2 in the device.

"Our hypothesis was that there can be CO2 coming out of the faults from deep-seated magma bodies," Lee said.

The question then became how to prove where the CO2 samples actually originated, and Lee is using carbon isotopes to attempt to answer it.

Lee said an isotope is another form of an element with a different atomic mass, but the same chemical properties.

"I have measured the carbon isotopes of

carbon dioxide from the rift, which shows that the gas came from magma deposits, and not the atmosphere," Lee said.

The carbon emissions have an effect on more than the atmosphere. Their paper, published in Nature Geoscience, is titled "Massive and prolonged deep carbon emissions associated with continental rifting," which concludes on a somewhat ominous note.

"We conclude that widespread continental rifting and super-continent breakup could produce massive, long-term CO2 emissions and contribute to prolonged greenhouse conditions like those of the Cretaceous," the paper reads.

To Muirhead, this means two main things are going on. First, he said that continental drift is partially driven by the

release of CO2, and that the pressure helps break apart the crust of continental plates. Second, this continental drift is contributing to the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere.

Two of the reasons the researchers are studying these emissions is to increase the understanding of the deep carbon cycle and the influence they have on the climate humans live in.

"Basically, we're trying to understand the sources of carbon," Muirhead said.

Lee said the research isn't over yet.

"We just thought about one continental rift, but there are more continental rifts to be studied, to get more numbers, more data," Lee said. "We want to give a message to people about how much carbon-dioxide is released from rifts versus human activities."

Muirhead said the next plan is to go back to the EAR to see how the rates of diffusion vary throughout the rift, and to coordinate that to the amount of magma accumulating below it.

Yet Muirhead said emissions produced by the EAR are minimal — compared to the emissions created by humans, at least. He said the carbon dioxide leaking out of the EAR is about 500 times less than what humans produce per year.

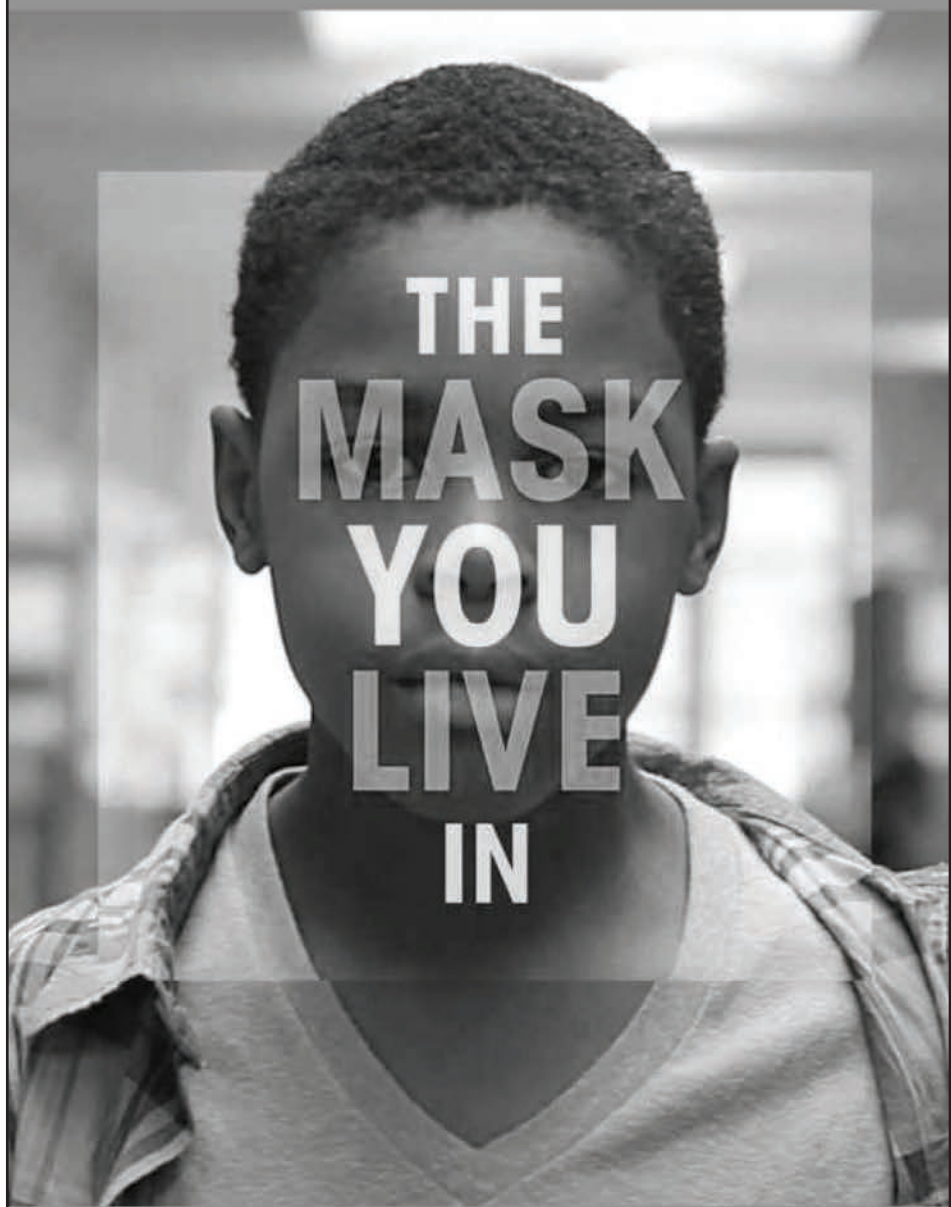
"Nowadays, human activities are very important. But human beings started appearing, oh, 10,000 years ago," Lee said. "These carbon dioxide emissions from faults, continental rifting, have been happening throughout earth's history."

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Students on the issues

Students speak to state lawmakers about concerns, goals for UI

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

It's not too often students get the chance to discuss important matters directly with state lawmakers — yet last week, 27 University of Idaho students traveled to Boise for the Legislative Luncheon to do just that.

The Legislative Ambassador program's main event was the Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, in which students met with legislators and lobbied for ASUI interests.

ASUI Director of Policy Nick Wren said he was involved with planning the Legislative Ambassador program.

"They decided to mix it up a little bit this year with a sit-down lunch to give students more one-

on-one time with legislators," Wren said.

In years past, Wren said the event has consisted of students walking around to displays set up by deans of the different colleges with a legislator. The luncheon creates more of a personable environment and makes it easier for students to connect with legislators, Wren said.

He added that UI representatives have always attended Higher Education Week for the Joint Appropriations Committee presentation to pitch why the committee should fund UI.

"We had some feedback that legislators appreciated the UI adding the student component, because that's who they really wanted to talk to," Wren said.

Wren said students applied for the program last semester and he was in charge of selecting which students went on the trip.

"We really put an emphasis on students who were from the state of Idaho because we wanted to match them with a legislator from their district," Wren said. "So the people who they were talking to are the people, in theory, that they voted for."

Wren said they wanted to lobby for three main points during the luncheon: medical amnesty, scholarship funding and the Complete College Idaho program.

"We wanted to ask for more money for Complete College Idaho to encourage students to attend colleges in the state of Idaho," Wren said. "It would also add more programs to the Career Center and expand their job database."

ASUI Sen. McKenzie MacDonald participated in the luncheon and said she attended three training sessions in preparation. She said training sessions covered topics such as policy points students were

supposed to address, as well as dress code.

MacDonald said her favorite part of the experience was connecting with the state legislators.

"I was really excited for the opportunity to talk with those who represent me, my family and my district," MacDonald said.

She said about 50 legislators showed up to the luncheon and she spoke to representatives from Idaho's 1st and 2nd Districts.

"I felt a little intimidated at first, but once I got to talking to them they were really personable and seemed like they were genuinely excited to be talking to UI students," MacDonald said. ASUI Pro Tempore Rachael Miller also went on the trip and had the chance to speak to the legislators from her district.

"It was great to get to know my

local senator and talk about things important to the university and to ASUI," Miller said. "It was interesting for me to talk to a lawmaker who represents my home and

will affect university policy." Besides the luncheon, Wren said the program included an optional service project, a tour of the Capitol and an alumni event called the Silver and Gold Banquet.

Wren said this program is a unique and rewarding experience for students who participate.

"A lot of people don't get the chance to tell their state government what really matters to them on such a one-on-one level," Wren said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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FACULTY SENATE

Raising the bar

Faculty Senate welcomes new student member

Erin Bamer
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Joseph Dallas wanted to be a representative for the Student Bar Association (SBA) on Faculty Senate last semester, but because of a class conflict he wasn't able to make the weekly meetings.

This semester, with his schedule free at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Dallas said he wants to stay on Faculty Senate as long as he can.

As the newest member of Faculty Senate, Dallas has some catching up to do, but he said he isn't worried about managing all his responsibilities.

"I think just being busy is being healthy," Dallas said.

As a representative of SBA, Dallas will speak for the University of Idaho's law students. He said he wants to communicate frequently with the rest of SBA during his time on Faculty Senate.

"I definitely want to do what's best for the university and what's best for the school," he said.

Dallas said SBA President Linda Wells was the one who initially ap-

proached him to see if he was interested in representing the association on Faculty Senate. After reviewing the material and his responsibilities, he accepted the position.

Dallas, a second-year law student and self-proclaimed "political junkie," said he is looking forward to the opportunity to work in a democratic environment like Faculty Senate.

"I watch the Republican debates, the Democratic debates," he said. "So for me I was excited by the position."

While he serves on Faculty Senate, Dallas said he wants to take advantage of the unique opportunity to work with other senators who have experience serving on Faculty Senate.

He said there are some common themes to the topics they discuss, but he expects it will still take him a little extra work to get to where the other members are.

"As a new member, I just want to make sure that I'm up to par with the other senior members," Dallas said. "So that's just going to mean taking more time, reading the briefings and just getting familiar with the procedure."

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DIVERSITY

Leading the charge

Michael Satz recognized as leader in diversity by National Jurist Magazine

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Associate Vice President and Executive Officer of UI Boise Michael Satz has always been passionate about equality issues.

Satz came to UI in 2006 to work in the College of Law. Now he works on the university president's diversity council. He said topics of diversity and equality have always been a big part of his job. He said when he was hired to work in UI's College of Law he was the only doctrinal faculty member of color, and he tried to provide a different perspective to his students.

National Jurist Magazine named Satz a leader in diversity after he was nominated by one of his colleagues. Satz said he was happy and humbled by the news.

"If you look at the list of the people who were selected, a lot of these people are people whose work I follow closely and who I look up to as sort of my leaders," he said.

After years of studying diversity and equality, Satz said he has noticed the most popular issues shift to follow national politics. For example, he said when Barack Obama was elected U.S. president, racism came to the forefront of people's minds. Now, immigration and

the refugee crisis are heated issues as well.

Satz said a common concept that surrounds the core issues of inequality is the idea of "The Other."

"All of this boils down to this concept of 'These people are somehow different from me,'" he said. "It's what we call 'The Other.' 'These people are 'others' compared to me.' And you can see this in anybody, and any group can see another group and call them an 'other.'"

One of the primary issues to do with diversity facing the State of Idaho and UI is the lack of diverse groups in the area, Satz said. He said there are pockets of Native American, Hispanic and refugee groups, but there should be more diversity throughout the state.

The lack of diversity in Idaho and UI has its ups and downs, Satz said. Because there are less diverse groups, many people in Idaho don't know how to appropriately address related issues. Yet, because there is such an obvious lack of diversity, more people are open to discussing and learning about diversity-related concerns, Satz said. "The university has done just a fantastic job in the last decade that I have been there in addressing these issues and growing certain populations and making the school comfortable and the climate comfortable for everybody," Satz said.

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At the time, Billington said, students expected to get “placed” into a job after college. Career centers made the placement process their focus.

“[Students] didn’t have a choice of what job that they would get,” Billington said. “They were just given a job.”

Billington said today, the process is different.

She said the modern college career center now focuses more on student responsibility and on giving students the tools they need to find a job tailored to their specific expectations, skillsets and interests — rather than immediate job placement.

“If that first job that you get aligns with what you want, you’re more likely to be successful,” Billington said.

She said students today have much more of a choice when it comes to the job they get after school, so the emphasis is on the student’s responsibility to make that decision for themselves, Billington said.

But between World War II and today, the economy has taken various turns, and Billington said the Career Center has been affected by each one.

Growth continues

Since they began in 2008, the attendance

of a typical UI Career Fair hovers between 900 and 1,000, Billington said. At UI’s 2015 fall career fair, there were approximately 1,200 students in attendance, making it the best-attended Career Fair UI has ever hosted.

She said the fair included the more employers than it has before, and was moved from its usual spot at the Bruce Pitman Center to the Kibbie Dome to accommodate the number of attendees.

Billington said the main goals for Career Center administrators are to expand services and staff — particularly career advisers.

Currently, the center has three advisers. Billington said that is not enough for the liaison model the center is working toward, where the vision is to have at least one expert in every college and career.

She said the center administrators plan increase that number to six next year through additional state funding, which UI has already received this fiscal year for employment readiness enhancements.

The funding will also pay for a new position that deals specifically with internship development and employer relations in Boise.

Billington said the Career Center is funded by State General Education funds, and also by revenue generated from Career Fairs, where employers pay fees to attend.

Billington said the center will recruit more employers for the School of Journalism and Mass Media, which saw fewer employers at the Career Fair than other majors, such as engineering.

Utilizing a resource

Billington said advisers see approximately 3,000 students in individual appointments per year. During those appointments, students can learn how to write a resume and cover letter, how to search and apply for jobs and internships, how to get through an interview and how to negotiate a salary, among other things.

Billington said the most popular service the center offers is resume advising. Students can learn how to write a professional resume or bring their own resume in to be reviewed by an adviser, no matter what condition their resume is in.

“We have everything from a handwritten draft on a sheet of scratch paper as a resume to something that’s very, very well developed,” Billington said.

Billington said the center offers services for students of every major and year in school, including alumni. Some students utilize the center from freshman to senior year, while other students stop by

the center just once or twice during their entire college career.

A first-time visitor to the Career Center can make an appointment in person or over the phone to see an adviser.

At that appointment, Billington said the adviser will get a sense of how certain a student is of their major. The adviser will ask about factors the student finds important in a future career, such as location and salary.

Based off this information, as well as the student’s individual experiences and knowledge of their desired career path, the adviser will help find and research jobs tailored to their requests.

Billington said she wants more students to become aware of services the Career Center offers. She recommended students start visiting the center earlier in their college career, rather than later.

“I think students are realizing the fact that it is a very competitive job market and that networking with employers is really valuable,” Billington said.

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“Employers want to be able to envision what you’ll look like when you’re working in their office,” Mangiantini said. “A suit is a good investment for the future.”

Marketing and Communications Specialist Mark Pfeifer said students should consider visiting the university’s Pinterest page prior to the event.

“We have an entire board that shows the differences between business casual, business professional, and what occasions call for which attire,” Pfeifer said.

Pfeifer said students should attend the fairs even if they aren’t actively looking for jobs or internships.

“It makes all the difference,” Pfeifer said. “Sometimes just realizing what industries are out there and asking how your major might connect to certain majors, it could be a great enlightening experience.”

He said getting practice with face-to-face interaction will help students gain confidence with each fair they attend, and that can be a game-changer.

Ralstin said it is a good idea for students to look at the list of employers coming, including their short description and what jobs they are hiring for, and to make a list of which ones they want to visit.

Mangiantini and Ralstin also suggested bringing several copies of resumes to the fair.

“Put a blanket resume together for the fair, but if there’s a company that you’re hungry to work for, tailor a resume to that employer and the jobs that they are posting,” Mangiantini said.

He says relevant work experience should be first on your resume. Then, list any other work experience. He says it’s important

to list the qualifications they are asking for, especially if they list certain GPAs or various certifications.

Ralstin said students should also come prepared with their elevator speech, including major, goals and hopes for the future.

“(Employers) do remember who comes through and shows interest in them, and the ones that stood out,” Ralstin said.

She recommends bringing a pad of paper and pen to take notes about employers of interest or to record conversations. She suggested using this information to send a thank you note after the fair to the companies students may hope to eventually apply for.

She suggests that nervous students speak to potential employers who may be lower on their interest list first, and work their way to number one, so that they can gain experience and shake nervousness as they go through the fair.

Mangiantini said any student who doesn’t come to the fair is blowing a huge opportunity.

“No other time in your career will employers come to you, to seek you out,” he said. “The rest of your career you’re going to be chasing them.”

He said everyone coming will be there to hire Vandals, and nationwide statistics shows chances of landing a job after graduation double if you’ve had an internship, so students should be on the lookout for those.

“Most of them want to start building a relationship with you now, so that you’re thinking about them when it comes time for your turn,” Mangiantini said. “That’s why freshmen and sophomores especially should come.”

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RELUCTANCE

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In his address, Staben went on to talk about a study by UI’s McClure Center for Public Policy called “Life After High School.” The study looked at the reasons Idaho’s high school seniors choose to go or not go to college. Staben praised the report, saying it is an example of using UI’s research capability to address a major state concern in the area of college education.

However, the study found that Idahoans mainly forgo college because of concerns about cost and the practicality of college — not the lack of information that events like Enroll Idaho seek to remedy. About 90 percent of high school seniors knew where they could find information about college.

Nevertheless, in an interview, Staben explained that viewing the McClure study as an indictment of attempts to inform students would be misguided. While many students might know where they could go if they ever wanted information about college — for example, a school counselor — few actually seek it out.

Without ever seeing how scholarships can manage the cost of college or the practicality of having a bachelor’s degree, students can see insurmountable obstacles between them and an education, and Staben said events like Enroll Idaho are still valuable opportunities for students to see options they may not have previously considered.

In the question and answer segment of Staben’s presentation, local Senator Dan Schmidt asked about underrepresented minority enrollment. President Staben said that the UI’s goal is to match the demographics of the state. Despite the state’s lack of diversity, the university

continues to struggle to meet this goal.

Native American and Hispanic students are most notably underrepresented. Staben pointed to the school’s efforts to better represent the state, with a thriving Native American Center and a Latino Advisory Council. UI is also making headway in Latino communities, with advertisements in Spanish throughout the state.

Staben said the school is unusual in its freshman to sophomore year retention rates of underrepresented minorities — just as important as drawing students to the school is keeping them there. He said no school in the state holds onto Native American and Hispanic students as well as UI.

Lastly, Staben mentioned groups that represent the state’s demographics, but still remain a distinct minority on campus, such as black students. Staben said more than half the black students on campus are student-athletes, many of whom come from out-of-state, which makes integrating them into the rest of the student body a challenge for the school. He said events like Alicia Garza’s Black Lives Matter presentation and groups like the National Society of Black Engineers enrich all students’ experiences by exploring the wide range of cultures and identities in the U.S.

Ultimately, Staben said making college seem attainable for reluctant high school seniors and keeping them in school has proven to be a struggle, but that UI and the state of Idaho will continue to work together to solve the difficult problem.

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DIVERSITY

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“I guess the goal of bringing this up is to hasten the process,” Egwuonwu said. “We’re here, we want this to be happening as quick as possible, there’s always going to be setbacks but we want to let them know we want to see it — if not in our time, then in future diverse Vandals’ times.”

“Laying the groundwork, as we do,” Dolezal added.

Bisbee said Staben welcomes students who want to have a discussion with him, and he consistently makes an effort to be knowledgeable of campus issues.

“I think any time the president can sit with students and discuss interests and issues will make the university more productive,” Bisbee said.

Bisbee said the UI administration hopes to continue working with the Black Student Union and the Office of Multicultural

Affairs as well as Enrollment Management to improve retention of diverse students.

Berhe, president of NSBE, said the group was encouraged by the Mizzou Solidarity demonstration that took place in November.

At the demonstration, students expressed support of demonstrators at the University of Missouri campus who pushed back against their university administration for their treatment of diversity issues, ultimately resulting in the resignation of two major administrators.

At the UI solidarity demonstration, Berhe said Martinez, Eckles and Vice Provost for Student Affairs Jean Kim made an appearance. Ballesteros said the night before the demonstration, Staben sent a letter of support as well.

“Maybe this might be the time for UI,” Berhe said.

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SPORTS



Women's hockey falls to EWU in regional battle

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Junior forward Ty Egbert falls to the floor after battling with Portland State defenders for a loose ball in Saturday's game at the Cowan Spectrum.

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Minute to win it

Idaho wins Big Sky thriller behind 15 points from Sherwood

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Sophomore Victor Sanders cheered on his teammates from the sideline, his right hand covered in a large white cast.

The Vandals leading scorer was joined by junior Perrion Callandret who sat on the bench with his right leg extended, encased in a medical boot.

The two offensive leaders for Idaho were playing an unfamiliar role Saturday night, confined to the bench as the result of recent injuries.

In the absence of the Vandal playmakers, senior guard Chris Sarbaugh delivered on two pivotal free throws in the waning seconds of Saturday's game to elevate Idaho to a 56-55 win over Portland State.

"I thought we showed our toughness tonight, no doubt about it," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "We battled every possession."

Sophomore guard Chad Sherwood led the Vandals in the first half with 6 points, while freshman strong forward Nick Blair provided another 6 points and notched

three rebounds.

Portland State received a strong first half from forward Cameron Forte, who scored 11 points and collected 8 rebounds. Sophomore forward Isaiah Pineiro contributed another 8 points and tallied 4 rebounds for the Vikings.

Both teams ended the first half with low shooting percentages.

The Vandals (13-9 overall, 5-4 Big Sky) shot 32.4 percent from the floor in twenty minutes of play to take a 26-24 lead at half-time. The Vikings converted just 8 of 25 shots from the field within that span.

"We have the same mentality regardless of who is playing," Nate Sherwood said. "We came out and competed and executed our game plan."

The two programs traded shots to begin the second half, before a 7-0 run by Portland State propelled the Vikings to a 46-41 lead.

Another Idaho scoring drought of three minutes allowed Portland State to seize the largest lead of the game at 50-43.

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Don Verlin, coach

"We could have very easily quit there when we were down six or seven," Verlin said. "But I thought we really dug in and found a way to get it done."

The Vandals responded with consecutive baskets to pull within three points before a series of fouls sent Portland State to the free throw line.

With 1:45 to play, the Vandals trailed by three points. Redshirt freshman Nate Sherwood was fouled during Idaho's next possession and converted both shots to cut the Vikings lead to 55-54

and give the forward 15 points on the night.

The Vandals forced a miss from Portland State but the team was unable to score, as Nate Sherwood's hook shot bounced off the front of the rim. Portland State regained possession of the basketball with 39.1 seconds left to play and attempted to run down the clock.

As the 30-second shot clock reached its final seconds, the Vikings threw up a late mid-range jumper that clanked off the rim.

Sarbaugh was fouled while attempting to grasp the rebound in the ensuing scramble and was awarded a pair of free throws.

The senior converted both attempts to give Idaho a 56-55 lead with 10.2 seconds left to play.

"We rep it (free throws) out I don't know how many times during practice," Sarbaugh said. "It was just all mental."

The Vikings unsuccessfully tried to run a play during the ensuing possession and were

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forced to call a timeout with 2.8 seconds left in the game. Junior guard Zach Gengler attempted a last second 3-pointer on a give-and-go for the Vikings, but the shot ricocheted off the rim.

"We knew that they were going to try and go to Forte," Verlin said. "What we were trying to do is not allow a lob over the top to give them an easy basket."

Verlin said that the Vandals chose to employ a traditional defense during the final play of the game.

"We put out our normal-rule defense and had Ty jump the ball," Verlin said. "(I) said we have to contest every shot without a foul."

Idaho will travel on the road to face Southern Utah in its next Big Sky matchup at 7 p.m. Thursday in Cedar City, Utah.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Idaho sweeps the week

Idaho women's basketball finishes road trip with win over Portland State

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After a significant comeback on Thursday, the Idaho women's basketball team finished its weekend road trip with a 94-65 win over Portland State Saturday.

The Vandals converted on 17 treys to tie a single-game school record. The Vandals also utilized 32 assists in the win, which came close to breaking the program record of 36 assists set against Portland State in 1986.

Freshman guard Taylor Pierce led all scorers in the matchup with 18 points. The guard also contributed four 3-pointers to the team total.

Sophomore post Geraldine McCorkell followed Pierce's performance with 16 points, while senior guard Christina Salvatore added another 11.

Salvatore opened the game with a quick

3-pointer to put Idaho ahead. Another six points from junior point guard Karlee Wilson kept the Vandals moving as Portland State's offense struggled to score.

The Vandal lead continued to grow as the game clock ticked down the final minutes of the first quarter.

McCorkell finished with a total of nine points during the first period to give the Vandals a 23-12 lead.

"Portland State started playing in that zone and we got some really good looks," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We had seen that defense on film and thought we would be able to run a few things to give ups from favorable matchups."

The Idaho offense continued its dominating performance through the second quarter

to take a 44-22 lead at halftime.

Idaho shot 43.7 percent from outside the key in the first half but just 14 percent from the free throw line.

The low free throw shooting percentage did not impact the success of the Idaho offense, as the Vandals ran away with the game during the third quarter.

Pierce added 11 points during the period and freshman post Brigitte O'Neill connected on a 3-pointer to give the Vandals a 71-36 lead.

Junior guard Agueda Trujillo and sophomore guard Bethany Krause saw some time on the court for the Vandals during the fourth quarter.

The Idaho bench proved its depth by outscoring Portland State 48-35 throughout the

entirety of the game.

Trujillo added eight points and Krause added seven, both numbers were a season-high for the reserve players.

The game marked Krause's first appearance on the court for Idaho since Dec. 2. The sophomore converted the 17th 3-pointer for the Vandals to tie the program record.

Senior post Tayla Corrigan added a season-high eight points for the Vandals.

Ashley Torres of Portland State added 18 points while Cici West finished with 18 rebounds.

Idaho will return to Moscow at 6 p.m. Thursday to host Southern Utah at the Cowan Spectrum.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Vandals slip in Cheney

Brooke Bogart's hat trick leads EWU over Idaho in spring meeting

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

A lengthy road trip and a flurry of goals proved too much for the Idaho women's club hockey team to overcome, as the Vandals fell to Eastern Washington 4-1 in Cheney.

The Eagles (2-1) scored back-to-back goals in the first period to seize control of the tempo early in the matchup.

"I definitely think that we are not really used to the big ice," Idaho captain Lizzie Jossie said. "It just took us a while to get into a groove."

Idaho (0-1) adopted a quick offense in the opening minutes of the matchup, but Eastern Washington responded with several counterattacks that caught the Vandal defense off-guard.

Eastern Washington captain Brooke Bogart opened up the scoring midway through the first period after a give-and-go play opened up a hole in the Idaho defense. Bogart's shot slipped past the outstretched foot of the Vandal goaltender to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

The team captain found the net a second time after a defensive breakaway left the center uncovered. Bogart deked the goaltender with a forehand-to-backhand move to force movement to the left, before firing the puck into the right side of the net.

"All my goals are just my team passing it up and then giving me chances," Bogart said.

The Eagles appeared to score again with 1.2 seconds left in the first period, but referees waved off the goal because the net became dislodged during the play.

Idaho began the second period with a more conservative offensive approach, concentrating more players on the defensive half of the rink in order to thwart the offensive success of Eastern Washington.

Defenseman Haley Smith had several scoring opportunities for



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Idaho team captain Lizzie Jones speeds down the rink against Eastern Washington Saturday in Cheney. The Vandals fell to the Eagles 4-1.

Idaho throughout the second period, but her best attempt glanced off the goaltender's shoulder pad and sailed wide of the net.

The Vandals entered the third period trailing the Eagles 2-0.

"I think that (fatigue) started to hit them and we just got some lucky breaks," Bogart said.

Freshman Katie Sholty put the Vandals on the scoreboard early in the third period. The right wing stole the puck from the Eastern Washington defense and scored a backhanded goal to cut the score to 2-1.

"I think our line just got super motivated," Sholty said. "Keanna

(Hawk) and I started to cycle really well and work together. I think our teamwork and the way our line played really helped out."

After ten minutes of the teams trading shots, Idaho employed a faster pace on the ice in order to create a scoring opportunity.

The offensive shift for Idaho opened some gaps in the Vandal defense, which would prove to be the deciding factor in the final minutes of the game.

Bogart took advantage of a Vandal turnover to create a breakaway scoring opportunity. The

team captain slipped the puck past the Idaho goaltender to increase the Eagles lead to 3-1 and earn a hat trick.

"A couple of those were breakaways that hit me coming out of the zone and I just got lucky on opportunities," Bogart said.

Eastern Washington tacked on a fourth goal with 57.4 seconds left in the game, following Maegan DuFour's rebound goal to seal the victory over the Vandals.

Sholty said that fatigue played a factor in the team conceding two late goals to the Eagles.

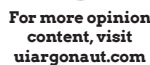
"We're not used to playing on such big ice," Sholty said. "So I definitely think that was a factor."

The freshman said that the team would use the game as a learning experience before its next tournament.

"I think we are going to have to learn how to practice and cycle a lot better and learn how to not get tired so fast," Sholty said.

The Vandals are scheduled to compete in the Palouse Care Cup from Feb. 12-14 in Lewiston.

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TRACK & FIELD

Running in the Emerald City

The indoor track and field team competed in a jammed pack three-day meet at the University of Washington Invitational

Luis Torres
Argonaut

Idaho track and field coach Tim Cawley told reporters at the WSU Open that the indoor meet last week was more of a preparation tool for the University of Washington Invitational in Seattle.

After three days of competition, Idaho left the Emerald City with several Vandals recording personal bests.

The Idaho track and field program continued to find its stride with the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships several weeks away.

Senior Ben Ayesu-Attah, who already earned a place at the conference meet in February, continued to pull off several strong races this week highlighted by his performance in the 400m.

Ayesu-Attah and competitor Taylor Ros were the only runners to finish with a time under 48 seconds. Ayesu-Attah claimed the top spot with a time of 47.22 while Ros ended the race at 47.54 seconds.

Vandal teammate and freshman Kaizer Gillispie finished two seconds behind Ayesu-Attah with a time of 49.73, which was good enough to earn the freshman a top-20 standing.

Senior Jesse Villines and freshman Zion Stuffle advanced out of the qualifying preliminaries in the men's 60m hurdles to compete in the following round of competition.

In preliminaries, Villines proved to be

the quickest of the Vandal duo with a time of 8.47. However, the senior fell short on advancing to the finals as unattached hurdler Stephen Delaney claimed the eighth and final spot with a time of 8.34 in the third heat race.

Stuffle also failed to qualify for the final round by placing 17th in the preliminaries.

Junior Drew Thompson went the distance for the Vandals and finished 11th in the heptathlon, which consisted of seven events that began Friday.

Fresh off her win in discus at the WSU Open in Pullman, junior Kolcie Bates continued to put up career performances in other field events.

Bates led the second flight with a personal record of 16.82m in weight throw, which proved to be enough for fifth overall. Eastern Washington's Kaytlyn Coleman had

the furthest throw at 18.50m.

Bates also took fourth in shotput with a mark of 11.97m.

Three Vandal women competed in a stacked 200m dash. Sophomore Meghan Palesch was the fastest out of the trio with a time of 26.41.


Freshman Lauren Curlanis took seventh in long jump with a distance of 4.96m.

Senior Halie Raudenbush finished 36th overall Sunday in a competitive women's 3000m with a time of 10:04.02, after finishing fourth in her heat race.

The Vandals will travel to Pullman to compete in the Cougar Indoor Friday and Saturday before returning back to Seattle for the Husky Classic from Feb. 12-14.

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Athletes of the week

Chad Sherwood - Men's Basketball

Idaho sophomore Chad Sherwood provided a spark for the Vandals offense in the final minutes of the team's matchup against Sacramento State Thursday. The guard posted 22 points and his final 3-pointer pulled the Vandals to within one point late in the second half against the Hornets. In Saturday's game against Portland State, the sophomore posted nine points and collected eight rebounds. His performance helped guide Idaho to a 56-55 victory over the Vikings.



Sherwood

Taylor Pierce - Women's Basketball

In Saturday's game against Portland State, Idaho freshman Taylor Pierce led the Vandals with 18 points. Pierce also collected two rebounds and provided four assists for Idaho in the Big Sky matchup. The guard's performance contributed to the Vandals' offensive success, as Idaho scored over 90 points in back-to-back games, the first time the program has reached that mark since 2014.



Pierce

Rita Bermudez - Women's Tennis

Despite the Idaho women's tennis program falling to nationally ranked Oregon, senior Rita Bermudez stood out on the court by providing the lone point for the Vandals. Bermudez's match against Oregon's Micheline Aubochon forced a tie-breaking third round, which Bermudez claimed in order for the women's tennis program to avoid the sweep against No. 51 Oregon.



Bermudez

Jackson Varney - Men's Tennis

Senior Jackson Varney played a pivotal role in the 7-0 win for the Idaho men's tennis program over UC Riverside on Sunday. The senior worked with sophomore Mark Kovacs on the court to take the initial doubles match against UC Riverside. Varney later took the singles court to defeat Hans Baumstark 6-1, 6-3 in the first match of singles play for the Vandals.



Varney

Katie Sholty - Women's Club Hockey

Freshman Katie Sholty scored the lone goal for the Vandals in the team's 4-1 loss on the road in Cheney against Eastern Washington. The wing stole the puck deep in Eagles territory and provided a backhanded goal to cut the Idaho deficit to just one late in the game.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandals 'quack' against Oregon

Women's tennis falls 6-1 to nationally ranked Oregon

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

A road trip to face a nationally ranked program resulted in a tough weekend for the Idaho women's tennis program, as the team fell to Oregon 6-1 on Saturday.

Senior Rita Bermudez collected Idaho's lone point in Eugene against the No. 51 ranked team in the country. "Oregon is a very strong team," Idaho head coach Mariana Cobra said. "They are very tough and consistent. They showed why they are a top-ranked team in the nation."

The Vandals initially entered the matchup shorthanded. Freshman Marianna Petrie, who plays as the team's No. 1, was unable to face Oregon Saturday.

As a result, everyone on the team was forced to move up a spot in the Vandal lineup.

The Ducks began play by taking two doubles matches against the Vandals.

The Idaho duo of freshman Claire

Idaho is a really tough team. They're talented with great players that compete really hard.

Alison Silverio, Oregon coach

Yang and senior Belen Barcenilla fell to the Oregon pair of Nia Rose and Alyssa Tobita 6-0 to begin doubles play. Oregon claimed the corresponding point when the Vandals lost on the second doubles court later in the morning.

"It was a good day for our team," Oregon head coach Alison Silverio said. "The upperclassmen Nia, Alyssa and Marlou stepped up, got it done and put that point on the board for us."

Following the doubles results, Idaho struggled to find success against

the strength of the Oregon lineup.

The Vandals were defeated in five of the following six single matches, claiming just one victory on the day.

Bermudez earned the Vandals' only point after defeating Oregon's Micheline Aubochon 6-3, 2-6, 10-2.

"Idaho is a really tough team," Silverio said. "They're talented with great players that compete really hard."

Silverio said that Idaho's success on the court proves how difficult of an opponent that the Vandals can be.

"They're always winning their conference and top in their conference," Silverio said. "So for this to be our first home match and us be able to get it going right away was exciting to see."

Cobra said she thought the Vandals played well given the quality of the team's opponent.

"I thought we did a good job of handling the challenge," Cobra said. "We fought hard today."

The Vandals will return to the court 3 p.m. Thursday against Seattle University in Pullman.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Idaho starts where they left off

The reigning Big Sky Conference champions sweep UC Riverside 7-0 in spring season opener

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The Idaho men's tennis team began their spring season with a convincing 7-0 victory against UC Riverside Sunday in Lewiston.

The defending Big Sky Conference champions entered the spring season with a new head coach.

Former head coach Jeff Beaman left the Vandals in July to accept the head coaching position at the University of West Alabama. In Beaman's absence, the Vandals hired head coach Abid Akbar.

Akbar spent the previous two seasons as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's programs.

The new head coach said he has goals for the men's tennis team to repeat as Big Sky champions.

"It was an ideal start to the year," Akbar said. "I am very pleased with the way the team competed. It was great to see the freshman step up and play very mature tennis today."

Despite the coaching changes, the Vandals entered the spring season with a victorious sweep in all three doubles competition, highlighted

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Abid Akbar, coach

by the Vandal duo of Mark Kovacs and Jackson Varney defeating Julian Ruffin and Sean Yun 6-2 to begin play for Idaho.

In singles, five of the matches concluded in two sets, beginning with Felipe Fonseca's victory over Sean Yun 6-0, 6-1 on the second court. The result was followed by Odon Barta beating Julian Ruffin 6-0, 6-3.

Ukrainian freshman Artem Vasheshnikov won 6-3, 6-0 over Calvin Ngo on the fourth court to stretch the lead to 4-0 and clinch the victory for the Vandals.

Varney defeated Hans Baumstark 6-1, 6-3 to extend the Vandal lead to 5-0. The third court proved to be the

longest match of the day, as Kovacs ousted Kyle McCann in three sets (6-2, 3-6, 6-3).

Freshman Lucas Coutinho wrapped up the match with a 7-6 (5-0), 6-3 win over Anderson Ju to complete the 7-0 sweep over UC Riverside.

As a result the Vandal sweep, UC Riverside falls to 0-5 this season.

Idaho finished the 2015 season with an 8-3 conference record and a 4-2 conference victory over Northern Arizona. It was the Idaho's 11th Big Sky title and the team's first since 1978.

The Vandals were eliminated by No. 7 seed USC for the second straight year in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Trojans handed the Vandals a 4-0 loss.

The Idaho men's tennis team was selected to finish second in Big Sky preseason coaches' poll behind top-ranked Weber State. Idaho earned five first place votes and 112 points overall, three points shy of the Wildcats.

The Vandals will begin the team's first of two road trip matches on Saturday. The team will face the University of Portland.

Idaho's next in-state match will be against Lewis & Clark State College and Whitman Feb. 13 in Lewiston.

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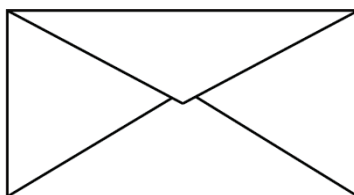
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OUR VIEW

Freezing the fear

Proposed tuition lock provides a temporary fix for rising cost of tuition

One of the greatest challenges many college students face is finding a way to fund their education.

Students often enter college paying a manageable tuition rate, but find that a couple of years down the road they have to pay far more to go to school than when they first began. Whether a student is working full-time, taking out all expenses in loans or receiving help from their parents, this puts everyone in a precarious position.

Rising tuition rates is a growing problem for college students across the country and something like a 3 percent increase could push students who are already working 40-hours a week or parents who are stretching themselves thin to pay for their child's schooling over the financial edge.

Increasing tuition is often necessary to fund improvements to colleges and employee salaries, but those paying school bills feel the pain as money leaves their hands.

In his most recent State of the State Address, Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter tackled the sensitive subject of increasing tuition rates and proposed a "tuition lock" — a plan that would freeze university tuition for incoming freshmen for four years so that each class of students pays the same rate while they work toward their degree.

While the plan doesn't stop tuition rates from rising each year, it does ensure that students will pay the same amount of money in tuition for all four years of college.

This could solve a number of the state's higher education concerns, from low enrollment and retention rates to decreasing morale. A tuition lock would also take a considerable amount of pressure off of students and families and could provide a new education opportunity for graduating high school students who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford college.

The University of Idaho in particular has experienced a problem with both enrollment and retention rates and is looking for ways to improve.

The tuition lock could help attract new

students to UI because of its appeal to incoming freshmen and it could keep retention rates up, as fewer students will have to drop out of school because they're not able to compensate for the rising cost of tuition.

Not only will this increase retention rates, but it can also help improve student morale. Each tuition increase means an additional stressor for students who are already under a tremendous amount of pressure.

A student entering college who knows the exact amount they'll need to pay for tuition over the course of four years can budget the costs out, focus more time on their college experience and less time worrying about how they're going to pay for the experience.

Although it doesn't solve the foundational problem — that tuition costs are rising at a rate that students and the general public aren't able to keep up with — the tuition lock is a temporary solution that could make the difference between a student graduating from college or having to drop out because of financial troubles.

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FEBRUARY 2



Megan Hall
Argonaut

Ode to ... Donald Trump

Trump's presidential campaign has unexpected results

Donald Trump's presidential campaign came as a blessing to many late night talk show hosts, but believe it or not, Trump is actually doing some good for American politics as well.

Obviously he's not making the impact he's intending to make because he has no self-awareness whatsoever. But, he's certainly not a conventional presidential candidate either. What can you expect from a guy who takes himself so seriously even though everything about him is a joke?

Hopefully voters aren't foolish enough to elect Trump as the next President of the United States. But I predict a spike in the number of Americans who show up to vote because of the candidate's sheer dramatic appeal.

Trump is so entertaining that it's easy to forget that what he's rambling about is hard-hitting news, which impacts a lot of serious topics and current events. That doesn't necessarily mean he's addressing these issues well, but he's still addressing them.

They can't catch a new Trump gaffe during

a live recording of one of his campaign speeches or debates. But while those viewers are laughing at his blunders, they're also learning about important topics that affect them and the rest of the nation.

Trump is in the spotlight so much that he has become a regular name discussed by the likes of Stephen Colbert, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Fallon and many other hosts of late night television shows. These shows, like Trump himself, may be comedic in nature, but when they tackle Trump-related events they teach their viewers about topics they may not have been well-versed in before.

Sure, Trump and late night comedy may not be the most reliable sources of education regarding important political issues, but it has to start somewhere. Too many people in the U.S. had no clue what was going on in politics before Trump announced he was running for president. Now it seems like every man, woman and child have informed themselves just to watch Trump make a fool of himself.



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Dumb and dumber

Sarah Palin gives moving speech about American politics and Donald Trump

If you thought the 2016 presidential campaigns couldn't get any more horrific, you're in for a rude awakening.

That's right, good ole Donald Trump decided to bring out the big guns when he welcomed Sarah Palin to the stage during a speech in Iowa. Maybe she truly believes Trump is going to be the next best President of the United States. Maybe this was just her desperate attempt to remain politically relevant.

Trump is competing in recent Iowa polls with fellow candidate Ted Cruz. He decided to skip the most recent GOP debate because of his current feud with Fox News moderator Megyn Kelly.

The Palin endorsement appears to be Trump's newest attempt to get back underneath the spotlight without much effort.

Palin began her speech by finding some common ground with Trump — the dislike they've both received from the press. This, of course, is something Trump has been dealing with even before he decided to run for president, so it is understandable how they have formed a bond over America's animosity toward them.

This isn't the only similarity between the two politicians. Some people call them "bold" for what they say, because they "give it to you straight."

Others call their complete disregard for political correctness "over the line" and "inappropriate."



Jessica Gee
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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Family

Always express your love for the important people in your life.

— Jessica

Personal pronouns

When in doubt, ask. When writing a story about a drag show, just pray you got it right.

— Lyndsie

Light

Live light, travel light, spread the light, be the light.

— Tess

Single life

Being single in college shouldn't be something to be ashamed of, it tells you that you're waiting for the right one.

— Luis

Iowa

Most exciting Monday ever.

— Jack

The X Files

The truth is out there. Don't ever stop searching.

— Josh

Berned out

Wake me up when the primaries are over.

— Hannah

Kindness

Is never a regrettable thing. In the words of Khaled Hosseini, "You will never say to yourself when you are old, ah, I wish I had not been good to that person."

— Corrin

Moscow crime

Eagerly anticipating another update on the recent pizza thief story. Nothing else matters.

— Austin

One World

It's great to have an established, local coffee shop take over the Sisters' Brew locations. I have warm fuzzies associated with One World.

— Jake

Rated R

I can't wait for the Ryan Reynolds Deadpool movie. How many people can say they saw a rated R Marvel movie? Likely not many.

— Claire

Deadlines

I love getting docked points for turning in an assignment on Saturday when I have from Tuesday to Sunday to do it.

— Jordan

Food junkie

Contemplating driving to Spokane just to get my Costa Vida fix. I miss it too much.

— Tea

Attention spring 2016 graduates

You have 101 days until commencement. Prepare for real life.

— Katelyn

Holy snow

Finally January is acting like January. Oh wait ...

— Erin

DONALD
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It's likely that many Americans will forget about these political issues after the 2016 election, but some could stay involved because they learned about something they didn't know they were interested in. Comedic news like "The Daily Show" and "Last Week Tonight" introduced me to a lot of topics that I am now well informed and passionate about. A hilarious, well-crafted segment would pique my interest, and after the show I would research the subject from legitimate sources. Trump may be a similar force now for who knows how many unwitting television viewers.

The words that come out of Trump's mouth are garbage, there's no doubt about that. But if that garbage keeps more people interested in current events, it's better than those people remaining totally ignorant. For now, I'm content to watch Trump continue to crash and burn, because I know more people are interested in an election than they have been in years, and it's likely because of him. But if Trump actually manages to win, God help us all.

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DUMB
FROM PAGE 9

Not to mention, they both starred in reality television shows. I guess the public should have seen it coming, they're practically made for each other. Palin gave Trump quite an endorsement speech as he stood beside her with a smile plastered on his face.

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"You quit footing the bill for these nations who are oil-rich, we're paying for some of their squirmishes that have been going on for centuries. Where they're fighting each other and yelling 'Allahu akbar,' calling jihad on each other's heads forever and ever," Palin said.

ramble he realized what a horrible mistake he'd made. Honestly, this endorsement is almost too entertaining and the pair makes it easy to dislike them. If Trump ends up being the best GOP candidate for the campaign, then that says a lot about America's political system.

Not only did Palin invent the word, "squirmishes," but she also makes a good point about the only interest Americans should keep in mind — ourselves.

In the words of the great and powerful Sarah Palin, "This is going to be so much fun." This was, without a doubt, the most accurate statement in her endorsement. This is going to be so much fun indeed.

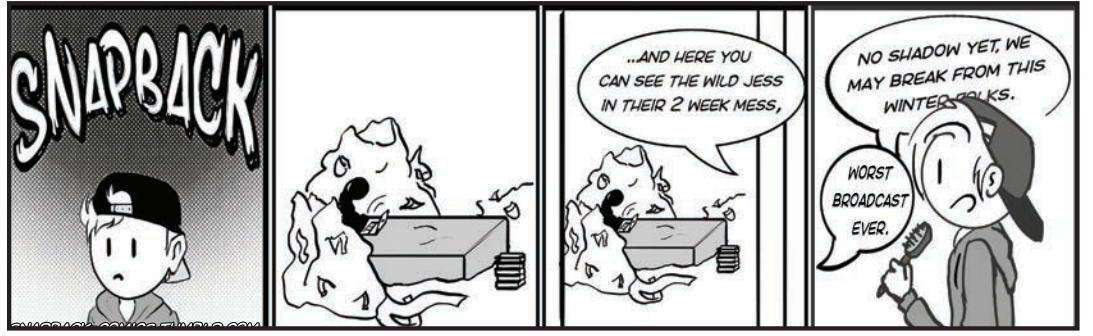
Props to Trump for keeping a smile on his face for the entire speech, because I'm sure within the first few minutes of her 20-minute



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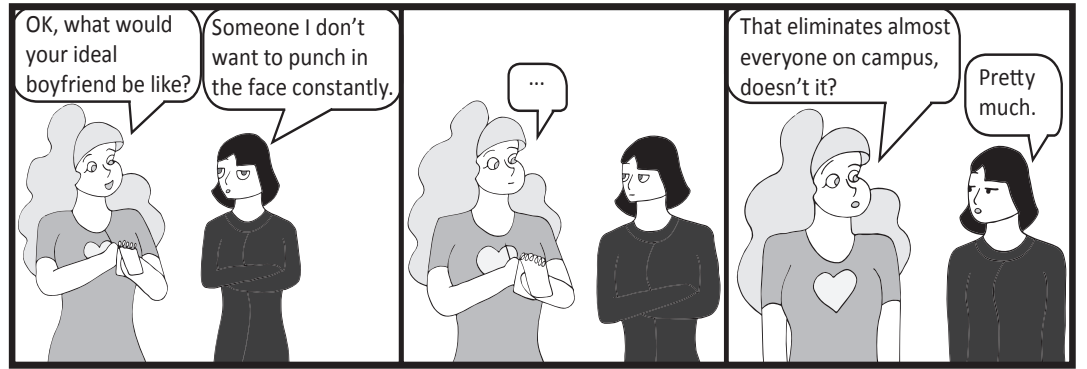
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