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## Medical amnesty bill advances

ASUI-sponsored bill one step closer to becoming state law

Danny Bugingo  
Argonaut

During his freshman year, Seth Guyer found himself in a position familiar to many college students. A friend had had too much to drink and appeared to need medical attention — and calling 911 would lead to legal trouble.

Guyer, currently a senior, made the call, but considered leaving before an ambulance arrived.

“The thought definitely passed through my head, that maybe I don’t want to be here right now,” Guyer.

Yet Guyer stayed. He said he wanted to be there to help in case paramedics had questions about his health.

“And then they called the police,” he said.

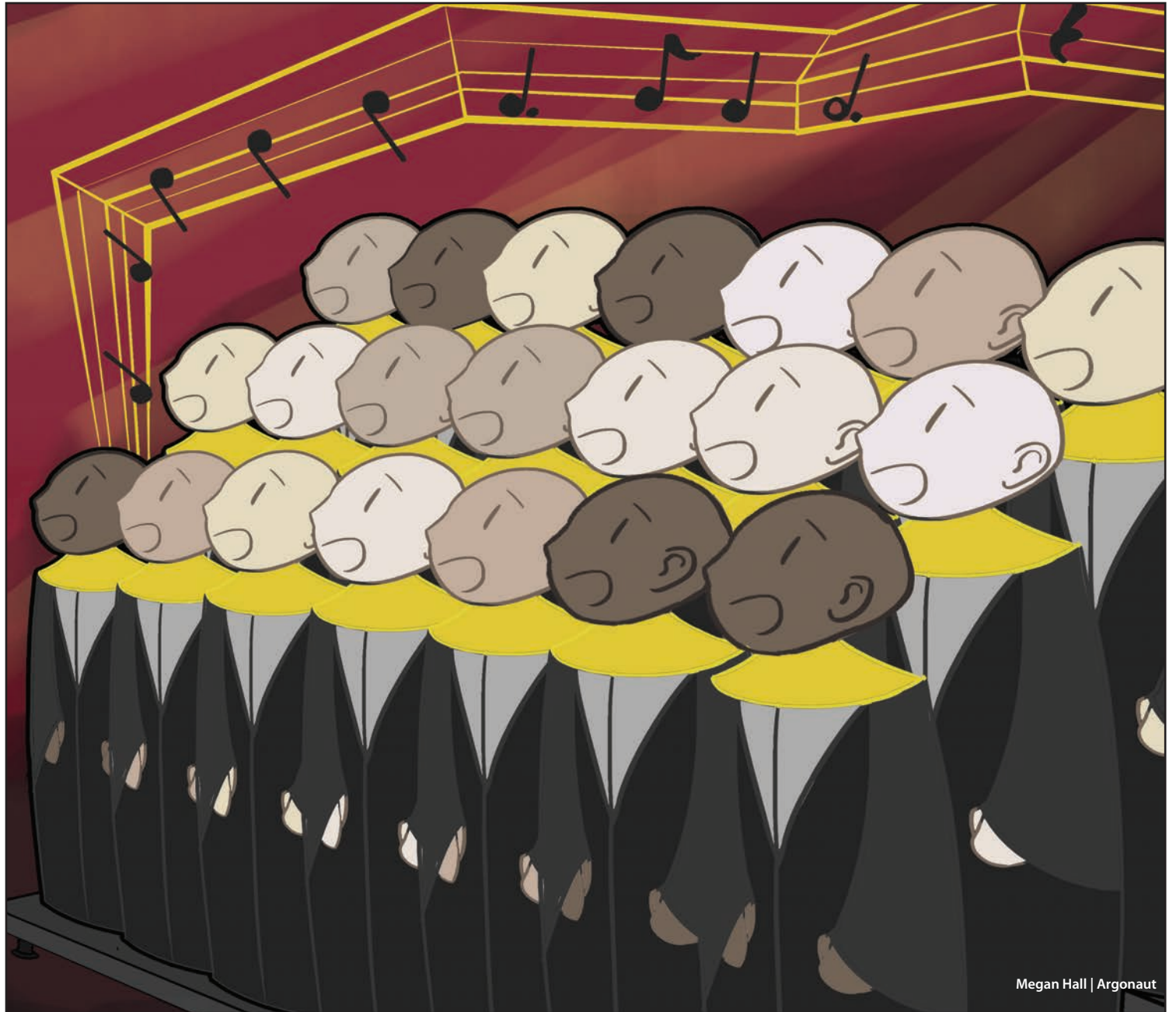
Guyer said the sort of situation that he found himself in is not rare — and students are usually far more reluctant to call for help.

A bill drafted by ASUI Lobbyist Nate Fisher that seeks to address this issue was cleared Wednesday to be presented in a full hearing in front of the House Judiciary and Rules Committee of the Idaho Legislature. The Good Samaritan Policy aims to remove barriers to those seeking medical assistance by not punishing people who call for help after underage drinking.

Fisher explained that laws similar to the one being proposed, called medical amnesty laws, have been enacted in 31 states, with 10 other state legislatures considering them during the current cycle.

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JAZZ FEST



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## Getting jazzed for Jazz Fest

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival celebrates 49 years of student outreach

Griffen Winget  
Argonaut

Youth outreach is an important part of almost any major event. Steve Remington, director of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, said the Jazz Fest office realizes this, and goes above and beyond the call of duty to touch the lives of as many kids as possible.

Remington is at the forefront of this mission. He said he works countless hours directing and brainstorming ways get more students involved with jazz.

“Jazz Fest coordinators visiting schools

can be really helpful for students in the Pacific Northwest, especially in smaller communities where we don’t have a lot of diversity,” Remington said. “They help kids to learn and understand the shaping of who we are as Americans.”

Jazz Fest sends volunteers to the surrounding Palouse schools to educate kindergarteners through seniors in high school on the impact and importance of jazz. Remington said they cover the origin of jazz and its historical roots so kids can better understand what the music they are playing and listening to means.

“Youth outreach engages the community,” Remington said. “That is the largest purpose, but secondarily is music education. It’s en-

gaging (students) in something they can be passionate about but if we can’t reach out and entice them into saying jazz is a good thing they won’t give it a chance.”

Remington’s said his passion for jazz and student involvement is second to none, and he said he strives to convey that passion to the kids he visits.

Remington said he feels Jazz has not had a large influence in Idaho and much of the Pacific Northwest. He said it is this reason that he and his volunteer staff created a Jazz Fest that caters to students and their families. Remington described meeting an elderly couple who had recently attended the festival.

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LAW

## 40 years of right versus might

Law professor Don Burnett will retire this spring after 14 years

Diamond Koloski  
Argonaut

Don Burnett has served as a part of the “army of the right,” as he calls it, for most of his life.

He is currently a professor and past dean at the University of Idaho College of Law, and served as interim president of the university during the 2013-14 school year.

He will retire this spring after 14 years with UI.

Burnett said one of the experiences that led him to choose law occurred in his hometown of Pocatello, Idaho, in 1960, when he was just 14 years old.

His dad had introduced him to a lawyer, who Burnett called Mr. Davis, who did pro bono work for the nearby Native American Tribes. They were going hunting on the reservation.

“As we were walking with guns on both of our arms, an old woman said ‘No shoot!’

### More info

There will be a celebration to honor Burnett in Moscow March 21 and in Boise on April 21.

and ran away as quickly as she could,” Burnett said. “Mr. Davis didn’t seem surprised, like he had seen this before.”

When Davis asked a young Donnie Burnett what he thought had just happened, he wasn’t sure.

“So Mr. Davis said to me ‘Think back to when she might have seen a white man with a gun for the first time. I think that might explain what you just saw,’” Burnett said.

The two then got into a deep conversation about right versus might, and Davis explained that he had found fulfillment in being part of the army of the right.

Burnett said he can still remember watching the sun set that night, and deciding that he, too, wanted to be a part of the army of the right.

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Burnett

CITY

## Reading for a cause

BookPeople’s Blind Date with a Book program supports local book fairs

Carly Scott  
Argonaut

Lonely? BookPeople of Moscow may have the cure — with their “Blind Date with a Book” program, you could go to bed with a new book any night of the week.

“So you go up, and the books are wrapped so you can’t see what they are,” University of Idaho freshman Miles Ward said. “They have some descriptive words on the wrapping and only after you buy it do you find out what the book is.”

Ward was initially attracted to the program because he wanted something to read, but felt overwhelmed by the number of titles there were to choose from.

“I thought that getting a blind date with a book would be nice because it would give me a random book to read,” he said.

His first date was with Juliana Barbassa’s “Dancing With the Devil in the City of God,” a book about what the city of Rio de Janeiro faces as it prepares for the 2016 Olympics.

Ward said it was a great book and it spurred him to go on another blind date.

Jesica DeHart, the assistant manager of BookPeople, said book stores often get advanced reader copies (ARCs) of books from publishers to see if they want to carry the book or not. She made it clear that ARCs are not the finished copy of the book — there is still some editing to be done, and there might be occasional spelling mistakes or similar errors.

“Once we’re done previewing them, we put little hints on them,” DeHart said. “It gives you a chance to read a book months and months before it comes out.”

However, book stores are not allowed to sell these copies after they’ve finished previewing them.

“We used to donate them to the jail or the homeless shelter,” DeHart said, “While that’s a great thing to do, it didn’t really give us a chance to interact with the buyers of the books.”

While publishers do not allow book stores to sell them, they do allow them to receive donations for the books.

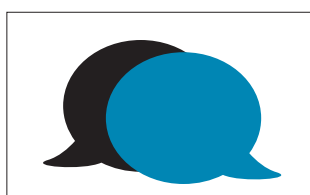
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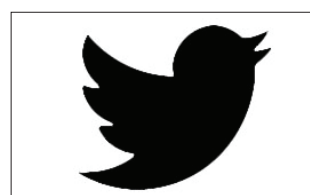
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CRUMBS

## A Crumbs recipe



### Spicy chicken cheese dip

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- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Original sauce
- 1 cup ranch dressing
- 2.5 ounce can chunked chicken breast

#### Directions

1. Place saucepan over medium-high heat
2. Stir ranch and hot sauce together until combined
3. Add cheese and let melt, stirring often
4. Once cheese is almost completely melted, add chicken
5. Coat chicken thoroughly and let sit over heat until completely melted and piping hot
6. Add hot sauce to taste and serve warm with corn chips

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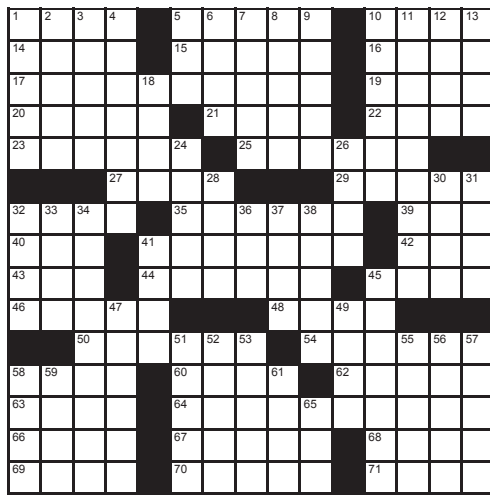
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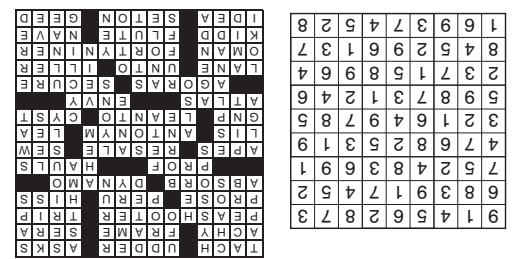
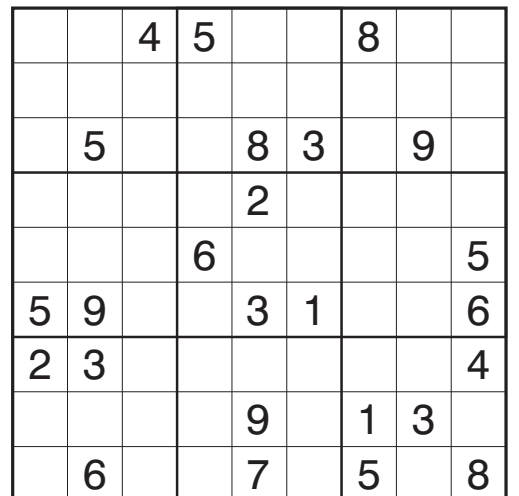
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## ADMINISTRATION

# A job for a jack of all trades

UI welcomes new assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services

**Hailey Stewart**  
Argonaut

After spending almost four years as the Executive Director of Auxiliary Enterprises at The Citadel, a military college in South Carolina, Alan Coker decided it was time for a change.

"When this position opened up, I saw the opportunity as a step up from a smaller school to a flagship and research university," Coker said. "As a career move, it was a really great change."

Coker started his job as the assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services Feb. 16. In this position, most of his responsibilities will be to oversee the UI Golf Course, Housing and Residence Life, Vandal Dining and the VandalStore.

Coker replaced former vice president for Auxiliary Services Tyrone Brooks, who left UI about nine months ago. In that period, two UI

faculty members served as interim assistant vice president to keep auxiliary services afloat.

Coker said working in Auxiliary Services is much like running a corporation — there are several different departments that need attention on a day-to-day basis.

"In auxiliaries, you are actually running a business and trying to make a profit for the institution," Coker said. "You really have to be a jack of all trades."

Coker said his background is very squarely in business. He worked on his Master's of Business while in the military and finished his master's degree in Management Sciences at Troy State University in Alabama.

Although the campus scenery has changed for Coker, his job description has changed little.

Coker said he worked with many departments of The Citadel that are similar to what he will be working with at UI.

"But now I get a golf course," Coker said. Coker said the Pacific Northwest setting is special to him.

"I have good friends in this area, and

one of my long-term goals is to retire out here," Coker said. "This position is all-around a wonderful opportunity."

It was not just the environment that drew Coker to the UI, however.

Coker said it was Brian Foisy, vice president for Finance, who ultimately made him want to become a part of the Vandal family.

Foisy interviewed Coker in fall 2015. It was then that Foisy realized Coker would be a wonderful fit for UI.

"If you look at Alan's resume, he is amazingly accomplished professionally," Foisy said.

Foisy said Coker will help him with operationalizing the goals and plans in place for the university. The two will work together to break down higher-level strategic tasks on a day-to-day basis, in order to make the small details that run the campus achievable.

It was Coker's strong portfolio that intrigued Foisy enough to offer him the position, but it was not the first characteristic that stood out to him.

Foisy said Coker's people skills and his appreciation for those around him is what appealed to him the most.

"We want UI to be the primary choice for students, and with faculty like Alan that is possible,"

Foisy said. "His attitude perpetuates across the whole organization."

The attitude that Foisy spoke of is what Coker plans to use to make his goals a reality at UI.

Coker said many higher education institutions have forgotten about their most important customers: the students. His first few weeks at UI will focus on getting to know about the student body's wants and needs.

"My overall goal here is to provide an environment for students to live in and learn in so that they can graduate and become successful in whatever they pursue," Coker said.

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## INFRASTRUCTURE

## An unfinished basement

**Ryan Locke**  
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One group of University of Idaho students is not happy with the current student level of the Albertson Building.

"It's a basement," said Michael McCollough, program adviser for the student-run marketing firm Vandal Solutions. "It suffers some of the problems that anybody's basement suffers — a lack of light, the general ambiance of it is depressing, it's not a space you're drawn to or a space you want to spend time in."

McCollough said the Albertson Building was constructed in 2002 without any state funding. It was entirely funded using corporate and alumni donations. With limited funding, classroom space

was prioritized, and the study space in the basement was done with minimal and uncomfortable furnishings, exposed pipes and steel beams and poor lighting.

He said Vandal Solutions hopes to propose to improve the Albertson Building's sparse and underutilized basement in order to attract prospective business students.

Micah Johnson, a student on the team, said Vandal Solutions is currently brainstorming ideas for the basement. He said Vandal Solutions sent out a survey asking students in the College of Business what they wanted to see in the basement. The results suggested most business students wanted a space to come together to work on projects, since the curriculum

of the College of Business is so team-oriented.

Johnson said Vandal Solutions is partnering with students from the College of Art and Architecture to put together the proposal, which they hope to present to the dean of the College of Business. If the project is approved, it would likely be funded by alumni donations, just as the rest of the building was, Johnson said.

Courtney Tanner, one of the interior design students on Vandal Solutions' design team, said the group hopes to present a final proposal later this year which.

"I think the bottom line is just it's a really poor space and its poorly used because of that, so we wanted to make it a space

that works for students better," Tanner said.

Johnson said some of Vandal Solutions' ideas for the basement have included adding technology to conference rooms such as screens and video cameras for video conferencing and presentations, replacing the chairs in the main area with ergonomically-designed furniture, repainting the walls and covering the exposed pipes on the ceiling, and replacing many of the walls with glass to make the space look more open and make it easy to tell who is using the rooms and which rooms are occupied.

McCollough said that he thinks the proposal should be seen not so much as a renovation,

Marketing, Art and  
Architecture students envision  
study area improvements



but as completing a section of the building that was left incomplete and unsatisfactory for budgetary reasons.

"It's a little bit like, sometimes, when people buy their first house, the realtor says to them, 'and here's a wonderful basement that when you have the funds you can finish, and there are elements of our basement that are similar to that,' McCollough said. "We just didn't finish it the way we finished the rest of the building and so maybe we should be calling it a remodeling, we should call it an enhancement project."

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# 'Freight train of change'



Leonard Pitts Jr. gives his keynote address for the sixth annual Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium Thursday evening in the Bruce Pitman Center.

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist discusses race and the media

Marisa Casella  
Argonaut

These are strange times, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. told a packed International Ballroom Thursday evening — strange, unsettling and unprecedented.

In his 2016 Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium keynote address, titled "The Broken Pendulum," Pitts said that since the Civil War, black history in the U.S. has always followed the same pattern — two steps forward, one step back.

"But I am reassured by the knowledge that better times always come back around," Pitts said. "I keep waiting for the pendulum swing that would bring it all back."

Yet this election has put race and race issues on the forefront of American politics in the most brazen way since candidates still sought endorsements from the Ku Klux Klan, Pitts said.

Pitts said politicians have used race to stir fear in the elec-

torate for decades, but have usually done so with code words. With the rise of candidates such as Donald Trump, Pitts said some of that coded language has begun to fall away.

"It's important to draw a line about using race to stir fear as openly and blatantly as Trump," Pitts said.

He said the fact that the American public that elected Barack Obama twice by a significant margin is the same public that accepts Trump's statements speaks volumes about where the U.S. stands as a country currently.

In such an unprecedented political climate, Pitts said voters and reporters alike cannot afford to simply go with the flow. Instead, he encouraged the audience — and especially young journalists — to be active members of society who are willing to stand up for what is right.

Pitts said reporters have been "too kind" when it comes to calling politicians such as Trump out on their politically incorrect statements. Pitts said he attributes this to a heightened fear of media bias and the false belief that journalism needs to be objective.

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Pitts said there is a difference between opining and making a judgment call in journalism — while opinion has no place in journalism, he said news without judgment is an "oxymoron."

"Be brave," said Pitts, directly addressing the young journalists in the audience. "By that I mean have the guts to see the truth and to report what you have seen."

Pitts said it was journalists who brought the Civil Rights Movement into people's living rooms by slowly reaching the consensus that segregationists were on the wrong side of history and integrating this into the cultural narrative with their reporting.

He said he hopes journalists will once again step up to tell the story of these strange times.

"What you can strive to be is fair," Pitts said. "What you can strive to do is tell the whole story fearlessly — you can strive to ensure that every reasonable voice on every reasonable side is heard."

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## VOLUNTEER CENTER

## Conversing constituents

Campus Conversations discuss the importance of political involvement

Austin Maas  
Argonaut

At the Campus Conversation Thursday, University of Idaho political science professor Juliet Carlisle said the Electoral College is like a platypus.

"It's sort of an anomaly," she said. "Every time you look at it you see something different."

Carlisle was invited to the Campus Conversation to discuss common misconceptions within the U.S. political system with the UI and Moscow community.

Carlisle said the Electoral College allocates a certain number of votes to each state, which are then represented by a corresponding number of electors and the votes of that state's population are meant to influence the choice of their representatives.

Carlisle said only in rare cases will "faithless electors" make a choice that doesn't correlate with their state's votes. The candidate who receives 270 of the 535 total electoral votes wins the presidency.

She said this system was devised to buffer the masses and ensure that the loudest voices were not the only ones heard.

Carlisle said the idea behind this system was that campaigns would travel to areas where

voters may have been lacking in education and inform the population to build a more stable election process. Yet, she said modern campaigns focus on the states that have more electoral votes and treat campaigning season as more of a popularity contest.

The group discussed where problems can arise in the current system, including cases where the electoral vote doesn't equal the popular vote. The general consensus of the discussion suggested that many felt their electoral representation was no longer effective.

Latah County Sub-Caucus Chair David Morse said he thought the Electoral College system is unstable, but asked the group what they thought.

Carlisle said in some ways this system can help limit the influence of misinformed voters. "Having this buffering system in some sense gives a little peace of mind," she said.

Carlisle also addressed some concerns she and many others in the group shared. She said the electoral system works against third party candidates, registration in Idaho specifically is tedious and in some ways the populations of rural communities are over-represented.

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Though some states have far more electoral votes than Idaho, the population to vote ratio is far more favorable in rural areas.

"Your vote in California might be worth much less than in Idaho," Carlisle said.

ASUI Vice President Stetson Holman said he is frustrated that his vote doesn't always matter.

"I can see why it might be even more frustrating for someone who lives in California that my vote actually matters way more," Holman said.

ASUI Sen. Anne Zabala also voiced her concerns with the electoral system.

"For me it's always interesting to revisit the history and the tradition behind the Electoral College, because I disagree with it," Zabala said. "I would like to see a popular vote."

Despite her frustrations, Zabala said she thinks involvement in local politics is very important.

"There's a large barrier to voting because people think it doesn't matter, and that's because they're uninformed about local politics," Zabala said. "We have races in Idaho that are won by seven votes. On a

## More info

The Republican primary will be held March 8 at local polling stations.

The Democratic Caucus will be held March 22 at McDonald Elementary School.

state level a lot of those decisions are made that affect us, like tuition, et cetera."

Zabala said she encourages students to caucus this election season.

"It seems complex, but you can break it down to understand it and find a place to participate," she said.

Morse said the caucus is a great way to get involved because it doesn't require any money for participation — anyone who is a registered Democrat can attend the Latah County Democratic Caucus.

Holman said this will be his first year caucusing and he hopes many students will also attend.

"I'm excited to caucus this season," Holman said. "We should all go caucus together."

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## ASUI

## 'Learning the ropes'

Freshman Lindsey LaPrath strives to be a leader at UI

Erin Bamer  
Argonaut

Lindsey LaPrath of Middleton, Idaho, said she knew she was meant to be a Vandal long before she started her first year at the University of Idaho.

"I am actually a fifth generation here at the University of Idaho," said LaPrath, now a UI freshman. "It goes back to my great-great-grandfather. It was actually the only school I applied for and the only school I wanted to go to."

Within her first weeks on campus, LaPrath had applied to be an ASUI Representative on Faculty Senate, joined Alpha Phi sorority, to which she is a legacy member, and enrolled in multiple 300-level classes.

She said her involvement on campus and with Faculty Senate has already taught her much about ASUI, faculty and the university. She said she was pleasantly surprised

by how methodical and involved the members of Faculty Senate are during meetings, for example. She also said her involvement has made her more comfortable around other faculty and her instructors.

LaPrath said she tries to be observant and take in new things every day.

"I'm a freshman this year, still kind of learning the ropes," she said. "But it's been a great year so far."

LaPrath works with the ASUI policy team to come up with ideas to present to Faculty Senate. Last semester, ASUI Sen. Rachael Miller proposed a resolution that calls on professors to post grades on Blackboard, which LaPrath reviewed for Faculty Senate. Despite receiving criticism from many members, she said she valued the feedback.

"I think that the input we got from that meeting was great," she said. "We are currently reworking and changing it up a little bit to make it more effective and to make it more instructor friendly."

LaPrath said she plans to propose a revised

version of the resolution later this semester.

LaPrath said she was drawn to leadership at a young age. While she is a student at UI, she said she hopes to grow as a person, and she believes being involved in the community as a leader is a good way to do that.

"I like being able to help others find their inner leadership," she said. "And I think all of the positions that I've had have inspired somebody to do that."

As a fifth-generation Vandal who has been making yearly family trips to Moscow since she was a child, LaPrath said the community has so much history for her. She said she hopes to continue her family's legacy, as well as make her own mark on the university.

"It's fun because all of my family comes up here and has their memories that they share with me, and I can't wait to do the same eventually," LaPrath said.

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50 YEARS LATER



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Actor Ron Jones discusses his play "The Movement" before performing Thursday in the Vandal Ballroom. "The Movement" chronicles the 50 years since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and was performed in honor of Black History Month.

JAZZ

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Remington said the couple's kids were in choir and band and they had a wonderful time at Jazz Fest.

"We see the looks of accomplishment on their faces and we hear them play — that is what we love about the Jazz Festival," Remington said. "It isn't about the big-name talent or the workshops. It is about how it makes them feel. That is what building a relationship is about."

This is the community engagement Remington said he hopes to achieve — touching the lives of the listeners and the performers is the heart and soul of the Jazz Fest. Students who participate in the festival gain a better appreciation of the dedication and work that music performance takes, he said.

UI student Kathleen Cox performed in the festival twice during her high school years and said she hopes that the festival will encourage others to become interested in jazz.

"There is not really a jazz culture in Idaho. It's awesome that they

can coordinate high schools from all over the PNW to come," Cox said. "Seeing a great musician at the Jazz Fest always impacted me. Listening to Grace Kelly made me want to pursue being a music major. Eventually I was talked out of it but it took months for that to happen."

Cox said the youth outreach programs that Jazz Fest coordinates are a big reason why the festival is as great as it is. The ability for directors like Dan Bukvich to come and speak at her high school inspired her to push herself when nobody else would.

"It's important to have higher level competitions like the Jazz Fest because it reminds you why you started," Cox said. "In high school I felt like I got stuck, but Jazz Fest showed me that I could work harder to achieve what the great players like Grace Kelly had achieved."

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BURNETT

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He graduated from Pocatello High School, then proceeded to get his baccalaureate degree from Harvard, his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago, and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia.

During those years, he met his future wife, discovered an interest in academia and gave guest lectures occasionally at the University of Idaho.

After ten years as Dean of the Brandeis College of Law in Louisville, a deanship position opened up at UI, and Burnett was happy to take it.

"My parents went here after growing up in Wallace. For them, the university was a gateway to the world," Burnett said. "So I always felt a debt of gratitude to the university for what it had done for them, and therefore for my family."

Burnett served as dean for 10 years, then spent a year as interim president, then returned to teach courses in the College of Law.

During that time, Burnett worked to broaden participation by staff and faculty in university decision-making,

to protect student health and safety and emphasize collaboration with sister institutions in promoting higher education throughout Idaho.

He said he quickly realized that most people go to law school because they really want to do some good in the world, which is one of the purposes of the pro bono program that he has helped establish in the UI's College of Law.

"If you can harness your endowment of talent to good purposes with the skills to make a difference, it can make a transformation in your life," Burnett said of the pro bono program.

Burnett said it is one of the jewels in the crown of the university, but there are many more amazing qualities at UI.

"The university is situated at the intersection of thought and action," Burnett said. "It is both a privilege and a challenge to go to work every day."

He said every new fall semester has brought a renewed sense of hope, energy and purpose. He said this has filled his heart, and he will miss it.

Burnett said his students have brought joy to him over the years, as well.

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Don Burnett, law professor

classroom. Often, I have learned as much from them as they learned from me," Burnett said.

He suggests that students connect to something that they love, and pursue that passion.

"Be bold, look for something that is fulfilling. In the long run, if you love what you do, the money won't be important," Burnett said. "If you don't love what you do, there's not enough money to make you happy."

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AMNESTY

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He said a landmark study from Cornell University found that 19 percent of students had considered calling for medical help due to alcohol consumption in the past year, but that only 4 percent had actually called.

He said the main reason students had not sought medical assistance was a fear of getting in trouble.

ASUI has been trying to address this problem for over a year, Fisher said. When a city ordinance in Moscow was unable to progress because of a conflict with state law, ASUI set their sights on Boise, and began drafting legislation for the entire state.

Idaho State Representative Caroline Nilsson Troy praised the work Fisher has done in moving the bill through a complicated legislative process.

"I don't know that you always get this level of engagement out of your ASUI lobbyist," Troy said. "He's proving that you can be an effective voice down here."

She said historically, it has been difficult for a bill driven by a student body to make it through the gauntlet of subcommittees, hearings, and votes and become law.

Troy said that she hopes this bill will open the door to more student engagement with the state legislature.

"I've been pushing the legislature to find a way to do distance testimony so that people who live far from Boise can have their voices heard," she said.

Troy said Fisher's work has shown that the student body can make meaningful change.

"This is a big thing," Troy said. "I'm really proud of them."

Guyer said when he thinks back to the incident his freshman year, he wishes there had been a medical amnesty law in place.

"I would have been way less reluctant to try to get help," he said. "A lot of people might not do it just because they're afraid they'll get in trouble."

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READING

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This allows the readers to get them for a fraction of the shelf price — usually for a suggested \$3 donation.

BookPeople puts on many of the book fairs that occur throughout Moscow and Pullman, as well as some of the smaller surrounding towns.

DeHart said because the cost of the books is 100 percent donation-based, the money never goes through the register at all — instead, it all goes toward BookPeople's book fair fund.

"We always find that when we do these book fairs, there are a handful of children whose parents, grandparents, or caregivers, were not able to buy them a book," said DeHart, "These children would show up with 78 cents to buy a books, and we were reaching into our own pockets and making up the difference."

She said that this wasn't a very sustainable business model. Ultimately, they realized instead they should set up some sort of fund to provide for



these children.

The long term solution was Blind Date with a Book. It funds \$10 gift cards for children pre-identified by the schools as needing the aid.

"We leave the book fair knowing that ideally, every single student at that school got a book," DeHart said.

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# SPORTS



Men's basketball slips on the road against Sacramento State

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Josh Grissom | Argonaut

Freshman guard Taylor Pierce drives the baseline against Sacramento State during Idaho's 107-60 win over the Hornets Saturday.

## Seniors on top

Ali Forde leads teammates to victory in final home game at the Cowan Spectrum

**Brandon Hill**  
Argonaut

There is little doubt the seniors of the Idaho women's basketball team will look back on Saturday's game with positive memories.

It was only minutes into the first quarter when the Vandal seniors began to put on a show against Sacramento State.

Ali Forde and Christina Salvatore led the charge for the Vandals early. In the first quarter alone, Forde had 13 points and Salvatore had 12.

"There was definitely an energy about it tonight," Forde said. "It was cool to have everyone out here supporting throughout four years."

It is clear that the team will miss these productive playmakers. The seniors combined for a total of 17 points in the first half, allowing the team to enter halftime leading 59-29.

The upperclassmen's experience was a major contributor to the Vandals' massive lead.

On several occasions, the Hornets tried a full-court press on the Vandals. The young Sacramento State roster was no match, and the Vandals' quick and decisive passing easily cut through the Hornets defense and led to easy baskets.

"We know that after you beat the first line, you're probably going to get one-on-one in the paint," said Idaho head coach Jon Newlee. Newlee said this year's class of senior athletes was special.

"They were the ones that raised this program to championship levels," Newlee said. "I knew that when we signed that class, that was going to happen."

Newlee said he immediately saw potential in the original seniors when they joined the program.

Forde, Salvatore and Connie Ballesterio all played together since their arrival at the University of Idaho in 2012. The strong leadership of the trio throughout their careers provided the Vandals consistency in both scoring and defense.

The consistency of the seniors was readily apparent Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

As the margin of victory increased to 40 points midway through the fourth quarter, Newlee made a point to make sure every senior on the roster saw the court at one point or another.

When Newlee substituted his seniors for the very last time, emotions ran high among all of the players. Ballesterio and Forde were greeted by hugs from teammates when the duo left the floor in the fourth quarter.

Idaho celebrated a 107-60 victory when the final buzzer sounded.

When asked about her fondest memories, Salvatore said the team's appearance in back-to-back NCAA tournaments was her greatest memory. The senior also said she remembers her early days as a roommate with both Forde and Ballesterio in the university dorms.

"You don't really get a chance to look back on it," Salvatore said. "But now that it's senior night, it's nice to sit back and remember."

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# Vandals squash Hornets

Women's basketball eclipses triple digits in Big Sky Conference win

**Josh Grissom**  
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Senior Ali Forde exploded for a career-high 23 points to lead the Idaho women's basketball team to a 107-60 victory over Sacramento State Saturday.

The commanding win over the Hornets keeps the Vandals locked in a battle with Eastern Washington for second place in the Big Sky conference standings.

"I thought we did a great job tonight against them," Idaho head coach Jon Newlee. "It's obviously the best we've done in the time that we've been in the Big Sky and had to play against that system."

The Vandals began the game on a 20-4 run, sparked by consecutive baskets from senior Connie Ballesterio and freshman Taylor Pierce.

The Vandals scored 38 points in the first quarter to take a 25-point lead over the Hornets early in the matchup.

Idaho held Sacramento State to 16 points in the second quarter, allowing the Vandals to enter halftime with a 59-29 lead over the Hornets.

Forde led Idaho in the first half with 16 points.

The senior went 6-7 from the field and

4-5 from the free throw line.

"It was really cool to have one of my better games on senior night," Forde said. "It's nice to go out of the Cowan Spectrum like that. It feels kind of special."

Senior Christina Salvatore finished the half with 12 points and eight rebounds for Idaho, while freshman Mikayla Ferenz scored 9 points in nine minutes of play.

Senior Adella Randle-El scored 9 points for Sacramento State in the first half on 3-10 shooting from the field. The guard also collected six rebounds during that span.

"I like to give our credit to our scout team," Newlee said. "They really brought a lot of pressure on us on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I think speed-wise they really gave us a great look."

The Vandals continued the offensive explosion with 29 points in the third quarter. Pierce connected on two 3-pointers while Forde collected three rebounds.

The Hornets attempted 54 treys throughout the course of the game, connecting on eight. Sacramento State finished the game shooting 23.7 percent from the field.

"I thought we did a great job of getting out on the 3-point line," Newlee said. "I'm amazed at the number of 3's they ended up getting with 54 attempts."

Ali Forde finished as the game's

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highest scorer with 23 points on 9-11 shooting.

"She's big-bodied and strong, not a lot of people can body her up and guard her," Salvatore said. "We kind of use her in the middle and if we're

in trouble, we throw it in and read off her. She does a good job of attacking off it or making the pass."

Salvatore finished one rebound shy of a double-double, ending the night with 17 points and nine boards. Pierce went 4-6 from behind the arc to finish with 17 points.

Ferenz contributed 12 points for Idaho on 5-7 shooting, while Ballesterio went 5-10 from the field to score 11 points.

Randle-El was the only Hornet to finish the night in double figures. The senior scored 14 points, collected four steals and tallied six rebounds.

The Vandals are scheduled to face Eastern Washington Saturday at 7 p.m. in a pivotal Big Sky matchup in Cheney.

"I know we will be playing with a lot of confidence," Newlee said. "The road is tough in the Big Sky without a doubt. We need to keep our focus on what we are doing."

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## Athletes of the week

### Ali Forde – Women's Basketball



Forde

Senior Ali Forde made Idaho history Thursday evening against Portland State, when she passed former Vandal Alyssa Charlston for fourth place in career rebounds with 862. The senior collected 11 rebounds against the Vikings and scored 17 points in the victory. In Saturday's game against Sacramento State, Forde had a career showing on Senior Day. Forde finished with a career-high 23 points and five rebounds, sparking the Vandals to a 107-60 win over the Hornets.

### Marianna Petrei – Women's Tennis



Petrei

The Italian freshman played a key role in Idaho's 6-1 win over Utah State during the weekend. Petrei earned a 6-1, 6-0 singles victory over Utah State's Ekaterin Tugarinova. The freshman also paired with teammate Lucia Badillos to defeat their opponents 6-3 to help Idaho clinch the doubles point in the match.

### Perrion Callandret – Men's Basketball



Callandret

In his first full week back from a foot injury, junior Perrion Callandret energized the Vandals by immediately contributing on the court. Callandret posted 19 points and collected four rebounds against Portland State Thursday. In Saturday's matchup against Sacramento State, the junior guard contributed 14 points and notched four rebounds.

### Matt Sullivan – Men's Track and Field



Sullivan

Senior pole vaulter Matt Sullivan's performance in the Husky Classic earned him the honor of the Big Sky's Male Field Athlete of the Week. During the Husky Classic, Sullivan vaulted an indoor career-best 5.23 meters, which provided him a fifth place finish. His vault was the third highest among the collegiate athletes at the meet.

### AJ Gravel – Men's Lacrosse



Gravel

The men's club lacrosse team captain took the field by storm Saturday afternoon. Gravel scored five goals in Idaho's 16-5 victory over Washington State in Pullman, to lead the Vandals to a rivalry win and keep the Cougars winless on the year.

# Stinging loss for Idaho

Second half woes plague Idaho in loss to Sacramento State

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team dropped a thrilling road matchup 68-65 to Sacramento State, despite the opportunity to climb the Big Sky Conference standings.

The loss snaps Idaho's three game win streak and drops the Vandals to 17-11 overall and 9-6 in Big Sky play.

"Sacramento State became the most aggressive team," said Idaho head coach Don Verlin. "We got up 11 and we didn't finish this basketball game. They grabbed the momentum, they outrebounded us, they out-competed us on both ends of the court."

As a result of the loss, the Vandals lose possession of fourth place in the conference standings. The team slipped to fifth in the rankings with three games remaining.

Verlin said the team must finish the season strong to regain a first-round bye.

"It's obviously a very disappointing loss," Verlin said. "We had a chance to get ourselves all the way to third in the standings tonight, but what we need to do is keep going, keep plugging along."

The Vandals struggled shooting from the field in the second half, converting 7 of 22 shots. Meanwhile, the Hornets made 15 of 27 attempts.

Verlin said Sacramento State did a better job of defending the Vandals in the second half.

Junior guard Perrion Callandret led Idaho with 14 points, converting all nine of his free throw attempts.

In his first start since returning from a hand injury, sophomore guard Victor Sanders finished the night with 12 points.

Verlin said he was disappointed with how the team was unable to contain the Hornets on defense.

"It's going to take some time for us to play our best basketball," Verlin said. "Where I was disappointed tonight was our defense. We got through this stretch without them by defending the ball and we didn't do that Saturday."

Cody Demps and Justin Strings scored a combined 41 points for Sacramento State, with Strings leading all scorers with 23 points.

"Both players did a good job on driving the ball through the lane," Verlin said. "You got to give coach (Brian) Katz and his team some credit. They put in a lot of energy and

I thought they fought and they grinded one out on us."

Sacramento State head coach Brian Katz said the win boosts the team's confidence level after losing four straight games.

"We had lost a bit of our magic on the home court so this was a very important win," Katz said. "(Saturday's game), especially in the second half, felt like the way we played early in the season and we might be getting back to the level of play."

Despite a low scoring first half from the Hornets, Idaho was only able to increase the lead to eight during the first half.

The Hornets shot 30.8 percent (8-of-26) compared to Idaho's 52.2 percent (12-of-23). Arkadiy Mkrtychyan led the Vandals with nine points in the first half.

After a trey from Sanders stretched the lead to 11, the Hornets responded with a 8-0 run.

Sacramento State continued to cut into Idaho's lead, shrinking the deficit to three after Dreon Bartlett converted a shot deep from the perimeter.

Idaho's offense struggled shooting the ball, converting 5-11 shots from the field compared to 12 of 18 for Sacramento State.

A layup by Jeff Wu put the Hornets back in front midway through the period. It was the game's third and final lead change.

Wu would strike again with a 3-pointer to extend Sacramento State's run to 16-4.

Callandret was fouled on the following possession by Wu and was able to make both shots from the charity stripe.

Freshman power forward Nate Sherwood drove by the Hornets defense on the next Vandal possession and made a layup to tie the game at 58 with 4:14 left.

Foul calls would bite the Vandals, starting with an offensive foul for Sanders, whose basket was waved off.

Sanders would respond by later tying the game at 60, but Bartlett beat the shot clock with a basket to regain the lead.

A late foul by sophomore small forward Jordan Scott sent Strings on the free throw line, extending the Hornets lead to four points.

Idaho had an opportunity to tie the game in the closing seconds, but Callandret's desperation 3-pointer missed the mark, resulting in a 68-65 loss for the Vandals.

Sacramento State ended the game shooting 43.4 percent from the field, while Idaho shot 42.2 percent.

Sacramento State outrebounded Idaho 34-31. The Hornets collected nine offensive boards.



Bob Solorio | Courtesy

Senior forward Nahshon George battles a Sacramento State defender in the post during Saturday's game. George finished with 11 points in Idaho's 68-65 loss.

The Vandals will wrap up the regular season with three straight games in Moscow. Idaho will face Eastern Washington at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Memorial Gym.

Verlin said the team must finish the final three home games with wins to snag an automatic bye in the conference postseason tournament.

"We had a good road season and now we have to finish the home season in style with three great games coming up," Verlin said. "We have three tough home games, all of them above us in the standings and we're going to find out about ourselves in these

next couple of weeks."

Verlin said the Vandals only detriment during the road trip was a singular bad half.

"Hopefully we can keep doing what we've been doing and get back to defending the

way we need to," Verlin said. "Saturday was really our only bad half of this road trip, but you can't have a bad half at this time of the season."

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## Sports briefs

### Idaho women's cross country team sees success in the classroom

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association recognized Idaho senior Kinsey Gomez and the Idaho women's cross country team for the program's outstanding performance in the classroom.

Gomez was one of three Big Sky Conference athletes to earn All-Academic Honors. To qualify, an athlete must possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25. In addition, the athlete must finish in the top-25 at regionals or finish as an All-American in a national meet.

With the senior's victory at the WSU invitational and the Montana Invitational, and her second place finish at the Santa Clara invitational, Gomez became an essential component in the women's cross country team's success during the 2015 season.

Gomez finished third at the Big Sky Conference meet and earned All-Region honors with her 17th place finish at the NCAA Regional Championships.

The organization also recognized the entire program's excellence in the classroom. The Idaho women's cross country team earned a cumulative GPA of 3.61, which is the highest grade point average in the Big Sky for either gender.

### Idaho men's lacrosse bounces back and wins in convincing fashion

After a 12-7 season-opening loss to the Gonzaga last weekend, the Idaho men's club lacrosse team entered Saturday's matchup against Washington State seeking the program's first win of the spring.

The Vandals made a statement in Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League play with a commanding 16-5 victory over the Cougars.

Idaho improves to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in conference play, while the Cougars drop to 0-5 on the year.

Grant Hill continued to lead the Vandals by delivering a game-high five goals for Idaho. Hill also dished out two assists for the Vandals in the victory.

Senior captain AJ Gravel scored four goals Saturday.

Drew Welch earned four assists for the Vandals and also scored a goal.

Idaho switched goalies partway through the match. Starting goalie Noah Kubowitsch and backup Peter Kotsonas combined for a total of 10 saves from the cage.

The Vandals are scheduled to face Oregon Friday at the Nex-Turf Field in Eugene.

### Idaho men's golf hits the course once again

The Idaho men's golf team dusted off the clubs Friday and traveled to Palm Desert, California to compete in the Wyoming Desert Classic.

The Vandals competed against elite golf programs during the three-day competition, including No. 36 Texas Tech and No. 46 Kansas.

Despite the stiff competition, the Vandals earned a 15th place finish in the Wyoming Desert Classic. The team finished with a 37-over-par 901.

Idaho freshman Enrique Marin led the Vandals with an 8-over-par 224, which was high enough to earn the Vandal 39th place.

Senior Rylee Iacolucci followed Marin's performance with a strong finish of his own, ending the tournament with a 9-over-par 225. The score earned Iacolucci a 45th place finish.

Kansas took home the tournament trophy with their 2-over-par 866. Gonzaga's Sean Walsh earned the individual title with a 7-under-par 209.

The Vandals will hit the course again in Aiken, South Carolina, next month. Idaho will compete in the Palmetto Classic from Mar. 5-7.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# From defeat to a sweep

Men's tennis splits weekend games with loss to UNC and win against North Dakota

**Brandon Hill**  
Argonaut

The Idaho men's tennis team split a weekend series by claiming a win over North Dakota Sunday after falling to Big Sky rival Northern Colorado Friday.

In singles play against Northern Colorado, the Vandals had strong performances from the team's upperclassmen.

Notable singles wins came from senior Jackson Varney and sophomore Mark Kovacs. Both defeated their opponents handily, only relenting three games between the two matches.

With two points from singles play, Idaho seemed to be on a path to victory.

The Bears stormed back and took control of the match. Sophomore Felipe Fonesca put up a fight against Colorado's Austin Mayo, but eventually fell in two close sets of 7-5 and 6-4.

Senior Odon Barta of Idaho and Eric Schuerman of Northern Colorado played

in an equally hard fought singles match.

Barta dominated the court in the first set, winning 6-1. However, the senior's early lead was short lived, and Schuerman won the next two sets with scores of 6-2 and 7-5.

The losses sparked a late game slide, and the Vandals lost three straight, resulting in an overall singles score of 4-2.

The silver lining of the competition for the Vandals was doubles play, as Idaho claimed two of the three doubles matches.

Fonesca and Barta won their match against Hayden Cramer and Schuerman 6-2, the biggest doubles win for Idaho Friday.

Northern Colorado claimed a 6-4 doubles win over Varney and freshman Artem Vasheshnikov. Kovacs and Lucas Coutinho combined to earn the tiebreaking victory with a 7-5 win over Jacob Sheldon and Connor Finerty.

Despite a strong showing in doubles play, the Vandals fell to Northern Colorado and suffered the team's first Big Sky defeat of the season.

Idaho head coach Abid Akbar said

Northern Colorado was a tough opponent for the Vandals.

"You have to give credit to Northern Colorado. UNC fought hard," Akbar said. "We did not bring that same effort today. Hopefully this wakes the team up and they come out hungrier on Sunday."

The Idaho men's tennis team rebounded Sunday with a 7-0 sweep of North Dakota.

The Vandals earned initial momentum in doubles play Sunday.

Vasheshnikov and Varney achieved a 6-2 victory in doubles play. The duo's performance was quickly followed by teammates Coutinho and Kovacs, who won with an identical score.

Fonesca and Barta rounded out the doubles competition, winning 6-1.

Idaho lost just four sets in three matches, one of the most impressive showings for the Vandals all season.

Idaho also went unbeaten in singles play.

The closest contest was between Vasheshnikov and Travis Lau of North Dakota. Vasheshnikov won the first set by a small margin of 7-5, and dropped the second at 4-6.

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You have to give credit to Northern Colorado. UNC fought hard.

**Abid Akbar, Idaho head coach**

The freshman came back in the third set, sealing the victory for Idaho.

Akbar said the team's first shutout of the season helped to revitalize the program.

The win also comes at a crucial time in the year, as the Vandals begin a long stint in conference play.

The Vandals are now 6-2 on the season and 1-1 in conference play.

Idaho will resume play on March 5 in Cheney against conference opponent Northern Arizona.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Without skipping a beat

Idaho's growth process creates stellar results for men's tennis

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

When the Idaho men's tennis team entered the offseason last year, the Vandals were the reigning Big Sky Conference champions and had qualified for the NCCA Tournament.

However, the Vandals faced a challenge when former head coach Jeff Beaman left the program and signed on as the head coach of West Alabama last July.

Beaman coached the Vandals for eight years, earning national recognition for both the men's and women's tennis programs. In his last year with Idaho, Beaman won Big Sky Coach of the Year.

Former Vandal Abid Akbar was hired to replace Beaman. The newly signed head coach did not waste any time in letting his team know that he had the goal of winning the conference title and advancing deeper into the NCAA Tournament.

"Everybody has seen what it means to be part of the tournament and play against USC," Akbar said. "They want to be in the tournament again. Once you've been there you feel like you belong there and I think they can be there this year if they stay healthy and keeping working like they are."

Senior Odon Barta, last season's Big

Sky Player of the Year, said the Vandals must be able to adapt to the season schedule if they reach the NCAA Tournament.

"The way our schedule is set up is most of the time we play lower level teams at the start of the season," Barta said. "It gives us a good chance to prepare for the harder opponents, and our goal is to win the harder matches."

The Vandals defeated Northern Arizona 4-2 last April to win the program's 11th Big Sky title, its first since the 1978 season.

Akbar said his team's goal is to move past the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Vandals fell in the first round to USC 4-0 last May.

When Akbar accepted the Idaho position, he said was aware of the team's prior success.

"Jeff has done an excellent job for Idaho," Akbar said. "He took an average program and made it to one of the best regional teams in tennis." The Vandals new head coach said he immediately recognized the talent of the Idaho roster.

"I was taking over a well-known program that already had good players on the team," Akbar said. "But I had to fill big shoes and tried to work hard every day, trying to keep the team's success

where it is and getting it better."

Akbar was part of the Vandal squad from 2009-2013. Akbar was recognized with multiple awards, including first-team all-Western Athletic Conference honors in both singles and doubles in the spring of 2013.

When his collegiate career ended, Akbar spent two seasons as the assistant coach for both men's and women's team before being hired to replace Beaman.

Akbar has led the Vandals to a 6-2 record this spring, including a crucial 4-3 win over Gonzaga Monday.

"Being 5-1 instead of 4-2 gave our guys a huge boost," Akbar said. "Had we lost to Gonzaga then everything would have been different. Right now everyone is hungrier and motivated."

Akbar said the team's success requires dedication for the Vandals to achieve the preseason goals.

"We have a very solid group of guys who are committed to get better," Akbar said. "When Idaho won the Big Sky title last year we had a young team. But I have full belief in them as they age and mature, they're going to get better and better."

Akbar said he keeps the team motivated and conditioned. His main training

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focus for the team is to become faster on the court.

Akbar said his job as the head coach has become easier over the past few weeks because of the team's passion for improving as competitors.

Barta said he has seen a positive impact for the program since Akbar became head coach.

"Since we had Abid, our team has been doing a little bit more practicing and it has become a bit tougher," Barta said. "We've been focusing a lot on preparing on our conditioning. Even though Jeff left, we have a good team so I don't think it has affected us to win the Big Sky this season."

Barta said it was important that the team earn a win over the weekend before entering a difficult stretch of the spring season.

"The long period of rest, having spring break, traveling and playing a lot will definitely be challenging," Barta said. "If we can just keep practicing the way we are and focusing on getting better each day, we'll definitely be prepared for spring break."

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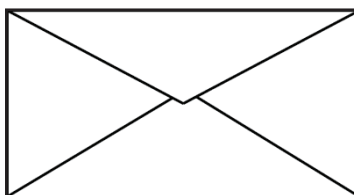
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OUR VIEW

## The power of jazz hands

*The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival acts as a recruitment effort for UI*

For one week in February, hundreds or even thousands of people travel to Moscow for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. Many of these visitors are prospective students who get a brief look at the University of Idaho and the rest of the community during their stay. The Jazz Fest is a big deal for these students, and most of them leave with fond memories of the university as a result.

Unfortunately, some people who are usually at UI don't regard it as fondly. Whenever Jazz Fest rolls around, faculty, staff and students seem to complain about the longer lines at the store or the new crowds of people on campus. People who don't engage in the festival often don't consider how important the Jazz Fest is for many people in those crowds, or realize what those crowds could mean for them.

Many of the students who visit UI for

the Jazz Fest get so much out of their experience, it makes them want to pick the university as the place to continue into higher education. The Jazz Fest is a powerful recruitment effort, and that should mean a lot to current UI students, faculty and staff.

UI President Chuck Staben has made it clear that increasing enrollment is a big priority for the university. He's also explained that UI students and employees should care about increasing enrollment as well. More students enrolled at the university means more money is going into the university, which means lower costs for students and higher salaries for faculty and staff.

Along with retention, recruitment is one of the most effective ways to increase enrollment at UI, and the Jazz Fest is a great way to recruit students even though it isn't an official recruitment event.

But the impact of the event as a recruitment

effort is smaller when people in the community can only see how the Jazz Fest is a pain for them. A visiting student's good impression of UI can fade quickly if they encounter enough locals with bad attitudes.

UI students, faculty and staff shouldn't have bad attitudes though, because a good turnout at the Jazz Fest could mean good things for them and UI's future. Even though many of the visiting students don't end up at the university when they go to college, the people of UI should at least take the Jazz Fest as an opportunity to showcase the community they love so much to the travelers.

Vandals shouldn't be frustrated with their university welcoming so many visitors each year. They should be proud that their university plays host to such a large and influential event that impacts thousands of people on a yearly basis.

- EB



### OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

#FreeKesha

Is this really happening? Like, is anyone else seeing this?  
- Hannah

#FreeKesha

Do I really need to say anything else?  
- Tess

Kids eat free

Whether you love Golden Corral or not, be thankful for Regan Smith! He finished eighth in the Daytona 500 and now kids shall rejoice free food. But I'm too old to care.  
- Luis

Flossie

I want to be just like you when I get old. Forget Virginia and her dancing, if I'm over 100, I guarantee I'll be Flossie Dickey.  
- Claire

Brace yourselves

The bulk of scholarship deadlines are coming.  
- Lyndsie

And internships

Don't forget those internship deadlines, too.  
- Erin

Seattle Supersonics

It's tough being a Phoenix Suns fan when the team is 14-42. Seattle needs to bring back an NBA team.  
- Josh

Warm food

I miss it — too many quick meals stolen from the freezer on the go.  
- Jake

Vacation

There is only one thing on my mind right now ... SPRING BREAK.  
- Tea

iPod, iMac, iPhone, etc.

Steve Jobs said that the "i" stood for Internet, individual, instruct, inform and inspire.  
- Jessica

Tower of Power

Well I know where I'll be Friday night. You should come too.  
- Jack

Politics

I used to run from political discussion but I'm quickly realizing how necessary it is, especially for students.  
- Austin

All that jazz

Jazz Fest isn't just for music majors and jazz enthusiasts. It's a rare opportunity for students to branch out and expose themselves to new music.  
- Corrin

A friend's puppy

I love knowing someone with a puppy. It is all the fun of a puppy without the responsibility of owning the puppy.  
- Jordan

Access is a blessing

The digital divide is real and should be addressed. Internet plays a crucial role in education in the modern age.  
- Katelyn

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## Replacing a justice

*The recent death of a Supreme Court justice generates fruitless political debate*

The recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has caused a clash between political parties in the past few weeks.

Scalia was renowned for his outspoken nature and republican values. There are currently four conservative and four liberal Supreme Court justices.

Scalia's sudden death opens up a vacancy on the bench, and whoever fills it will sway the court to the left or right side of the political spectrum.

According to the Constitution, the current president is allowed to nominate someone in the case of a vacancy on the Supreme Court and the Senate must approve the nominee. However, like any political process, it is messy and will likely be dragged out for as long as possible.

Currently, there is an ongoing debate between Republicans and democrats about whether President Barack Obama should nominate a judge to replace Scalia before the end of his term. A lot of Republicans argue — for obvious reasons — that America should wait until the next president is elected before replacing Scalia on the court.

According to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, "The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this

vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

Waiting until the upcoming election to fill the empty spot would mean there would only be eight justices until January 2017 at the earliest, leaving the decisions in the meantime vulnerable to a tie. Not to mention, the American people voted Obama into office, so saying that the voice of Americans wouldn't be represented if he selected a judge this year is simply untrue.

It's important to point out that the process of replacing a Supreme Court justice is fairly unclear and inefficient. The Constitution gives the right to the president to nominate a judicial candidate, but the candidate must go through the Senate and be approved before they can start on the job.

Thus, it is up to our right-leaning Senate to bring in a new justice. But the Senate wants to wait for the next president so there will be a republican nominee. So the Senate gets to sit on its hands while candidates are thrown their way for the sake of partisanship.

Considering the Supreme Court only hears select cases and doesn't often end with a close 5-4 vote, perhaps leaving the vacancy open isn't such a terrible thing.

Obama will probably spend 2016 fighting to



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# My father is a feminist

*Feminism meets apprehension because the movement is misunderstood*

My father is one of the most influential people in my life.

He supports my endeavors — he's always one of the first people to text me when one of my articles comes out. He wants to discuss my plans for the future regularly, and he trusts me to choose what is best in my eyes. He never fails to remind me that I can do whatever I set my mind to.

The man helped raise four daughters to be independent young women. So one day, I informed him that he was a feminist.

"Don't say that," he said. "I don't think that's the right word."

And yet, my dad is definitely, irrevocably a feminist. The trouble is the interpreta-

tion of the words "feminism" or "feminist." These words are admittedly intimidating — they imply drastic political demonstrations and the demonization of men and housewives alike. But, like with all social justice movements, the radical few seem to become the face of the movement, leaving feminists like myself with a bad reputation.

If I say I'm a feminist, I must cringe at the concept of the stay-at-home mom. As a feminist, I obviously think men are entitled pigs who deserve to take a backseat to women. As a feminist, I must believe minorities deserve to be favored in all circumstances, no questions asked. I'm also clearly a lesbian, a bra burner and a Hillary Clinton supporter.

Yet, every single one of those assumptions about me is wrong.

Feminism, as I have been taught, is about equal opportunities for all. This is not confined to women having an equal

opportunity to be the CEO of a massive corporation. Feminist ideals also say a woman has the absolute right to be a stay-at-home mom without the disapproval of so-called "feminists."

Women who gawk at another female's audacity to choose to raise her children from home — an extremely difficult and underrated job — are not feminists. They are rude, and they clearly miss the point.

Feminism is also not a movement that's confined to women — it applies to all people. Every gender, race and sexuality benefits from feminist ideals. Yes, even men. This stereotype that feminism is anti-man needs to end now. If feminism were anti-man, it would negate the entire point of feminism.

It's simple really. Feminism is about breaking down gender barriers — those things that say women, men and every other gender on the spectrum are expected to do certain things, act certain ways, choose

certain careers — the list goes on. Feminism is about eliminating these limits altogether, not aggressively transcending them by expecting all women to be lawyers and all men to raise children. While this is not all that feminism embodies, it seems to be where most of the confusion lies when apprehension toward feminism surfaces.

The true downfall of feminism is not the radical few members of the movement who wrongly represent the rest of us. The true issue lies in the lack of widespread education on what the word "feminist" really means. The problem with feminism is that a nearly 50-year-old man who embodies the movement is in denial because "feminist" just can't be the "right word."

Let's reclaim the word for what it is — nothing to fear, and everything to gain.

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# GRΣΣK|SPΣΛK Coming out Greek

*Correcting common misconceptions about tolerance in the Greek system*

Coming out is never easy. In fact, most people would rather not come out at all. I know because I never wanted to come out as gay. Everyone's coming out experience can be different — some people even have coming out experiences multiple times.

Coming out can be painful or painless, quick as a text or as long as a lifetime. From telling friends to individual family members, coming out can seem like a daunting task.

Many choose to stay in the closet while they're in high school — I definitely did. In college, staying in the closet can be a whole different story. When that person is Greek and trying to create everlasting relationships in their brotherhood or sisterhood, their situation is often even more complicated.

Regardless of current progress, such as same-sex marriage legalization in the United States, the reality is that in today's world people who have different sexual orientations still face a lot of discrimination. It can be tempting for someone to hide their sexuality when it goes against the norm, but it just becomes another added stress.

Often people have the impression that homosexuality is something that is secretly not tolerated in Greek life. This has led to individuals staying closeted because they fear rejection from people within their own organization. Some just choose not to try the Greek experience, even if they think they may enjoy it.

With membership sizes ranging from 30 to 100 members, every single house has a high chance of having at least one member who isn't heterosexual. As someone who identifies as both gay and Greek, I can personally attest that there have been many individuals in the LGBT community



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who are in the University of Idaho's Greek system. No matter the house, people can always find open minded individuals in our Greek system.

The truth, as many Greek members know, is that there will always be members in a house who have different values or opinions, but there is no reason to be afraid of that. Learning to accept people for their differences and working to find a common ground is key for both Greek life and the real world.

Some Greek members will not bat an eye if their brother or sister decides to come out. Others are still learning to accept it.

The point is that the decision to come out is up to the individual and may not seem important or necessary, but it can pave the way for more members to feel comfortable and to be open with themselves and with their house members.

For members of the Greek system, creating an open environment where everyone is accepted is simple — just treat everyone the same. Allowing members to feel comfortable being themselves helps to foster the true brotherhood or sisterhood everyone looks for in a Greek organization.

Being Greek means finding a house that helps them find out more about themselves than they ever knew before. That is what makes each Greek organization not just a house, but a home as well.

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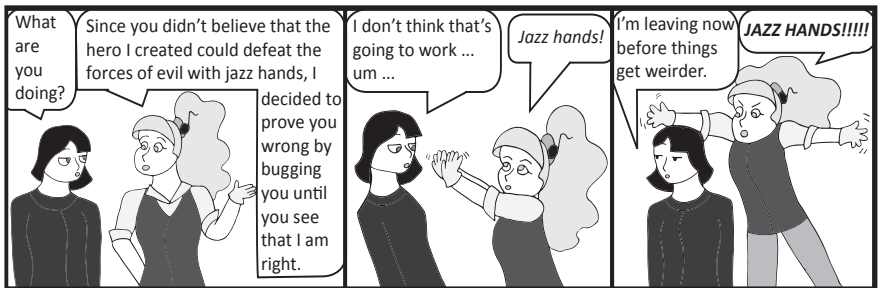
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