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'Couldn't be more excited'

Karstetter takes ASUI presidency by 25 votes

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

Austin Karstetter and Cruz Botello were named the ASUI president and vice president-elects for the 2016-2017 academic year 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons rotunda.

Karstetter overcame rival candidates Rachael Miller and McKenzie MacDonald by 25 votes, taking 50.6 percent of the vote.

Students gathered in the rotunda cheered as the announcement was made and the president and vice president-elects were showered with black and yellow balloons.

"I am so thrilled to be the next ASUI President," Karstetter said. "It was nerve-racking waiting for the results, but I am so glad all of our campaigning paid off."

Among those congratulating Karstetter and Botello was Miller, who was neck and neck with Karstetter throughout the election.

"The election results being so close makes this a little bit harder, but I know that McKenzie and I did absolutely everything we could," Miller said. "We worked so incredibly hard and I'm really proud of us."

Miller said though she didn't win the election, she still plans to be involved with ASUI. MacDonald said she also still plans to represent the student voice and will continue working on projects within ASUI.

"Knowing the election was so



Austin Karstetter & Cruz Botello

992 votes

Rachael Miller & McKenzie MacDonald

967 votes

Diamond Koloski | Argonaut

ASUI President-elect Austin Karstetter and Vice President-elect Cruz Botello celebrate the announcement Wednesday in the Idaho Commons.

close is bittersweet," MacDonald said. "It's heartbreaking that we only needed a few additional votes to win, but at the same time I couldn't be prouder of what Rachael and I accomplished."

The ASUI senate-elects were also announced Wednesday night.

ASUI Sens. Danny Buggingo, Mattie Cupps and Zachary Spence were re-elected alongside incoming senator-elects Rory Butcher, Sam Balas, Jordan Kizer, Nina Rydalch and Haleigh Sims-Douglas.

The ballot initiative, which proposed doing away with the mandato-

ry 25 percent voter turnout, did not pass due to 23 percent voter turnout.

Karstetter said he is eager to begin his term as president and to start making improvements at the university.

"My next step is to hit the floor running," Karstetter said. "I want to

make sure that we fulfill the promises that we made to the student body. I honestly couldn't be more excited."

Botello said he knew the results of the race would be close, so he is happy to be done campaigning.

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Amnesty an actuality

Otter signs bill pushed by ASUI into law

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

With the clock ticking out on the 2016 Idaho legislative session, House Bill 521 proposing medical amnesty was officially signed into law by Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter Tuesday evening.

With the new legislation, underage drinkers will be protected from Minor in Consumption and Possession charges in the case of medical emergencies.

ASUI Lobbyist Nate Fisher said the bill had been previously approved by the House, but required a second appraisal after changes to the bill's language had been made by the Senate.

"We got it through Thursday, March 24 around 7 p.m. Mountain Time and the legislature officially convened at noon the following day," Fisher said. "We were coming down to the wire."

The bill was on Otter's desk by March 28. Otter signed the bill a little over one week later.

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BORAH SYMPOSIUM

Global turning point

Keynote speaker addresses humanitarian work and sexual violence

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Keynote speaker Samantha Nutt called for students and residents of north Idaho to campaign against world violence and small arms trade during the keynote address of the Borah Symposium Wednesday night.

The War Child Canada founder said the recent terror attacks in Brussels and San Bernardino serve as proof of a global turning point involving war and peace in the modern world.

"Many of us wonder whether our children will truly feel safe anywhere, and that is a ter-

rifying and horrifying reality for all of us," Nutt said. "But I do believe it is possible to disrupt this cycle of violence and poverty."

Nutt said she realizes how individuals may have difficulty believing in the potential for a peaceful world in context of recent tragedies.

"In the face of these atrocities, it can be very easy to succumb to a sense of cynicism and believe that peace is a naive concept with no place in the modern world," Nutt said.

As a physician with over 16 years of experience in war zone care, Nutt discussed the brutality she saw as a humanitarian worker in the

Congo. She said sexual violence in war-torn regions has become cyclical, as young women are repeatedly assaulted and abused.

"There is an ongoing need for treatment programs for rape survivors, as well as protection programs to make sure these young girls and women are safe," Nutt said. "But we can't stop there. Because it is not enough to treat the problem and then move on, only to send women out there to be assaulted again."

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STUDENT LIFE

A time for speaking up

Events honoring Sexual Assault Awareness Month to be held throughout April

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

There are people who don't understand how they have been affected by sexual assault. On the average American university campus, one in four women and one in 71 men will experience sexual assault, Heydon Hensley said.

"If you know four women, odds are at least one of them has been assaulted," said Hensley, who works for Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse (ATVP).

He said victims don't always feel comfortable or prepared to disclose what happened to them, which may be why some people don't know how they have been indirectly or directly affected by sexual assault.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and the Women's Center, ATVP and Vandal Health Education have teamed up to help bring awareness to the UI campus. Events will be held throughout the month of April.

The Clothesline Project, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday, invited students and staff to decorate t-shirts to express their personal experience with sexual assault or their solidarity with victims. All the materials were provided, and the shirts will be displayed April 27 in the Idaho Commons food court.

On Wednesday there will be a student presentation of "Standards of Beauty: Under My Jeans" that discusses what

a victim is wearing, where they are or how much they've drank doesn't hold the victim responsible for their assault.

"Listen to Me," the keynote speech, will be held Thursday in the Idaho Commons, and will feature multiple survivors sharing their stories.

A Zumbathon will be held April 22 as a fundraiser to raise money for ATVP.

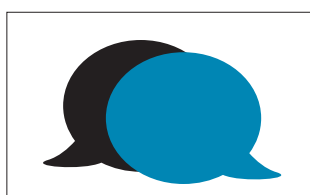
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A Crumbs recipe



Pan-fried cinnamon bananas


This is a quick and easy snack to make that takes very little time out of your busy day. Pan-fried cinnamon bananas are a must-try and will leave you wanting more.

Ingredients

- 2 ripe bananas
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- Olive oil

Directions

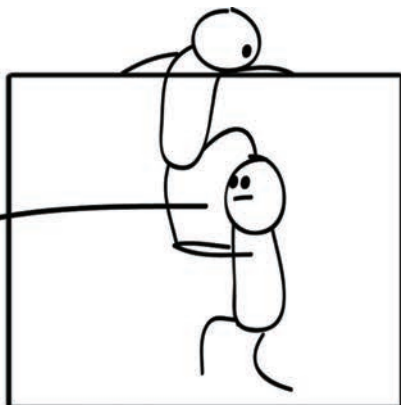
1. Slice the bananas into coins about 1/3 inch thick
2. In a small bowl mix together sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg
3. In a large skillet add a tablespoon of olive oil and warm over medium heat
4. Add the banana slices and cook for about 2-3 minutes
5. During the last minute of cooking on the first side, sprinkle half of the cinnamon mixture over the banana slices
6. Flip the slices over and sprinkle the rest of the mixture and cook for 2-3 minutes
7. Serve warm and enjoy



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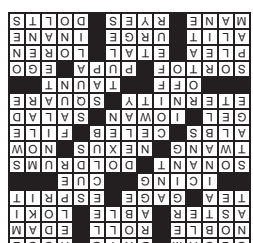
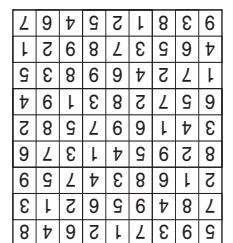
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International students chat at Denny's as part of the Campus Conversation Program.

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Talking points

TEDxUIdaho to showcase local ideas

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

If University Freshman Kyle Morgan had to decide on one thing to be passionate about, he would have a difficult time deciding between helping others and building computer software.

Morgan is not one of the 20 community members speaking at TEDxUIdaho Saturday. He has, however, played an instrumental role in making the event happen.

"I'm the technical director," Morgan said. "I guess my title suggests that I oversee all the technical aspects of TEDxUIdaho."

TEDxUIdaho is an entirely student-led event that will showcase the ideas of people within the community, Morgan said. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Morgan said he could not

divulge the specific names of the speakers, but he said the topics they will address will encompass a wide range from the struggles to become a nicer person to an evaluation of how our society addresses race and identity. He said because the event was put together by student volunteers, the ideas were chosen based on what issues students think the community should hear more about.

"We're members of the community, so we know what we want to see in the community," he said. "So knowing that we can better represent who we put on stage and what kinds of things are going to matter."

The speakers have prepared for this event for about

six months, Morgan said. As technical director, he helped with multiple aspects including building the event's website and working with speakers to revise their speeches. He said the current head of the event Graduate Student Yvonne Nyavor told him she wants him to lead the event next year, with her as more of a second in command.

Though Morgan said he enjoys watching TED Talks, he has no idea what he would talk about if he ever had the chance to do one himself.

"Maybe I should think about that," Morgan said.

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Peaceful planting

Chance encounters ignite conversation of sustainability

Austin Maas
Argonaut

Anthony Davis, director of the Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling research at the University of Idaho, said after several chance encounters with Emmanuel Stefanakis, he knew they were meant to work together.

Davis said the two met on a flight to Haiti, where they were both leading projects to promote sustainability. They remained in contact, and by complete coincidence ended up sitting next to each other on the same flight home. Davis said their continued contact and projects in Haiti have opened up opportunities for collaboration.

Stefanakis, the principal of Sustainable Strategies International, spoke at UI as one of nine expert guests for the 2016 Borah Symposium, "Waging Peace."

Stefanakis said he has had over 45 years of experience working in the field of sustainability, but began his presentation by questioning whether sustainability is an appropriate goal. He compared society's relationship with nature to interpersonal relationships, saying we shouldn't aim to sustain — we should aim to thrive.

Stefanakis defined the terms of the symposium title, Waging Peace. He said waging is the act of pledging to an ideal and peace is a state of quiet and tranquility.

"We are pledging quiet and tranquility through sustainable development," he said.

Stefanakis said the primary cause of conflict is a lack of resources and the likelihood of conflict increases each day. He said specifically areas with a lack of water directly parallel areas of conflict. He said areas like Syria that lack rainfall see a lack of grown resources, and that this has contributed to the recent conflicts.

"I think we can all agree that poor parts of the world are envi-

ronments where conflict begins," Stefanakis said.

Another contributing factor to conflict in developing countries, he said, is a lack of support from stable countries like the U.S.

"Two days of the United States Department of Defense budget could solve malaria globally," Stefanakis said.

As a way of combating conflicts, Stefanakis began working in Haiti on a 300-acre plot of land. He said he was hired by the Central Bank of Haiti with the goal of using the land to provide housing, vocational education, and to promote the creation of livelihoods while creating models for economic development and social inclusion.

Davis said for the past five years, UI has had its own plant nursery in Haiti that has created an avenue for collaboration with Stefanakis and his projects.

"I think as his project on the planning side moves forward, my projects on the small business development, agro-forestry and nursery production piece are moving forward and providing some expertise that we can plug into this sustainable community that he's created," Davis said.

Stefanakis said the primary use of his land is to reduce and utilize the waste produced in the mango farming industry. By using the estimated 33 percent of wasted product for profit, he said they could accomplish his team's goals.

"This would be the Silicon Valley of Haiti," Stefanakis said.

After Stefanakis' presentation, Borah Foundation Director Bill Smith said he and his staff were incredibly excited to work with Stefanakis.

"He has an incredible legacy but a fairly low profile," he said. "I loved the intersection of disciplines and ideas inherited in Emmanuel's talk."

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A walk in the park

Arboreta expansion proposals presented

Ryan Locke
Argonaut

Robert Zimmer, a Seattle-based architect and University of Idaho alumni, presented his goals to link the Arboretum and Botanical Garden, the Shattuck Arboretum, the Administration Lawn and the Academic Mall to better connect the arboreta with the rest of campus.

Zimmer said the proposal began as a plan to enhance the north entrance of the Arboretum and Botanical Garden on Nez Perce Drive, but was subsequently expanded.

"We had a lot of discussion and we had no preconceived ideas and it became very clear in a short amount of time that we really should strengthen the connections between the arboretum and the main campus," Zimmer said.

Director for Architectural and Engineering Services Ray Pankopf said there were numerous concepts that emerged from the discussions with Zimmer, divided into three main areas.

The first area is the north entrance to the Arboretum and Botanical Garden, or "New Arboretum." Pankopf said one proposal for this section is to narrow Nez Perce Drive and plant new trees alongside the street, which in time will grow to form an overhead canopy.

Pankopf said Zimmer based the concept on Washington Park Arboretum at the University of Washington in Seattle.

That arboretum has a parkway running through it which successfully serves 18,000 cars a day, but is a more serene, park-like drive. Pankopf said the plan is feasible because Nez Perce Drive is already extremely wide, containing two lanes with parking on either side, and could be narrowed.

Pankopf also said similar landscaping was successfully done on the UI campus in the mid-1980s when London plane trees were planted on Line Street next to the Steam Plant, which now form a canopy over the road.

Pankopf said fully landscaping the street will form a continuous arboretum, connecting the old and new arboretums divided by Nez Perce Drive. Pankopf said people will cross the street under the canopy to enter the new arboretum, giving a feeling of continuity between the Shattuck Arboretum and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Pankopf also said the area near the north entrance to the Arboretum and Botanical Garden could lend itself well to some sort of meeting place, created by either reshaping the topography or by building a structure or plaza of some sort on the site.

Pankopf also said he hopes to expand the Shattuck Arboretum, though he said there are currently no formal plans to do so.

Pankopf said it is also proposed that a new path be added, starting from the Old Administration Building steps and following the topography of the hill up and along the ridgeline above the Shattuck Arboretum and down to the north entrance of the new arboretum.

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Pankopf said the third area is the Academic Mall. He said the plan is to tie the two arboreta back to the academic mall. Pankopf said that during discussions, it was noted that the UI Library tower, Memorial Gym tower and the 'T' Tank all line up with each other, and this inspired the idea of expanding the academic mall up the slope to the 'T' Tank through the Shattuck Arboretum.

Pankopf said the plan would involve removing trees and continuing the academic mall up slope to the top of the hill, likely via a switchback trail. Pankopf said this would mean the Academic Mall would extend to the highest point within the City of Moscow, and have an overlook giving a view of entire academic mall visible from the ridgetop.

Brian Johnson, assistant vice president for facilities, said the proposals are all still very early in the planning stages and nothing is finalized yet. No particular designs have been chosen, no budget estimates have been made and no timeline for completion has been set, though Johnson said he expected that each of the proposals, if approved, would be funded and constricted one at a time over a number of years, rather than all at the same time. Johnson said facilities is presently focusing on seeking feedback about the concepts that have recently been made public.

Johnson said the concepts have been presented to Arboretum Associates, campus executives and various deans and vice presidents. The response so far has been generally supportive and enthusiastic.

Johnson said facilities is now attempt-

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Robert Zimmer, architect

ing to get feedback from students, faculty, staff, and community members through public presentation and details posted on their website at www.uidaho.edu/infrastructure.

Johnson said there has been no significant opposition so far, though people have expressed the greatest amount of caution around the proposed extension of the academic mall. Johnson said because the proposal would necessarily require some tree removal in the Shattuck Arboretum, it naturally causes some concern over altering the historic arboretum.

"I don't think we've heard anyone say, 'That's a bad idea, don't do it,'" Johnson said. "We've instead heard, 'Make sure you do it well.'"

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FACILITIES

Will play for free food

Late Night at the Rec hosts third annual Grocery Bingo

Will Meyer
Argonaut

If there's one thing college students love, it's late-night food binging.

To accommodate this obsession, Campus Recreation has created Grocery Bingo, which gives students the chance to play Bingo to win groceries.

"What student doesn't need groceries?" said Kristin Strong, coordinating and marketing specialist for Campus Recreation.

Ashtin Mitchell, peer health educator for Vandal Health and UI senior says the main theme of the event is getting food.

"I think people look forward to this event because, I mean, students need free food, and any opportunity to come across free food is really great" Mitchell said.

Strong said though the University of Idaho Recreation Center hosts several Late Night at the Rec events throughout the year, and the idea for Grocery Bingo came about when they realized all the other events revolved around sports.

"Once a semester we try to host something that's not an athletic event — something that anyone can play," she said.

She said after staff asked students what this special night should entail, their response overwhelmingly was one of desire for an event similar to the one students know as Grocery Bingo today.

"We tried it out, and the students loved it — it's been getting bigger each year," Strong said. "I think originally we started out only having forty bags of groceries, and now we'll have about sixty bags."

Strong said those who stay for the entirety of the event end up with the biggest stockpiles, with the most valuable bags of groceries saved for last.

"It ranges anywhere from five dollars to forty dollars. Our campus dietician actually puts the bags together, and creates kind of a theme for each bag," Strong said. "Maybe at the beginning, it will be like,

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breakfast foods."

She said sponsors such as Tri-State Outfitters and Kind allow them to make the event more substantial. Tri-State supplied

Campus Recreation with many of the raffle prizes which will be given throughout the night, and Kind will supply some of the food in the bags, as well as snacks for during the event. The event is also sponsored by Campus Recreation, Vandal Health Education, Vandal Nutrition and the Department of Student Involvement.

"Just for coming, you can get your raffle ticket, put it in the bowl, and we'll do a random drawing at the end of the night — you have to be present to win. We have seven different grand prizes," she said. "Of everyone that stays 'til the end, no one will leave empty handed."

The event is based around a game to liven up the event, and the night is reputedly high energy and charged with competitive spirit she said.

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Once a semester we try to host something that's not an athletic event — something that anyone can play.

Ashtin Mitchell, peer health educator

"I think it's important to do these events so that students know about (Student Recreation)," Mitchell said. "I think that's why we do Late Night at the Rec — is to get students to get students to come and have fun, and really get comfortable in the Rec. It does have a lot of awesome perks to it."

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Nutt said violence in these regions often occurs due to the relative ease of individuals accessing weapons. She said it is important for developed countries to reduce the small arms trade to poverty-stricken regions of the world.

“We must know these small arms do not recognize borders,” Nutt said. “Their first stop will not be their last.” She said the United States has contributed to the crisis by aggressively producing light weapons.

“The worldwide pandemic of weapons is one of the greatest threats to global health in the world today,” Nutt said. “And yet in the United States, many pension funds are heavily invested in the top arms manufacturers.”

Nutt said another important aspect in combating violence around the world is a consistent flow of funds and effort.

“When you see a crisis in the news and want to write a check, that is noble,” she said. “However, know that if you really want to have a lasting impact, a consistent amount of money invested — even if it’s a smaller amount on a monthly basis — will go a lot further than a one-time donation.”

Nutt said the foundation of social change is knowledge and information. She said individuals should make a concerted effort to read or watch news every day.

“People say, ‘I don’t understand what is going on or who these parties are,’” Nutt said. “We use it as a reason to do nothing at all.”

She said violent threats that were once common in specific regions of the world appear to be expanding to include all corners of the globe.

“In my experience, so it goes,” Nutt said. “Death. Resentment. Revenge. It is a far too familiar beat, these drums of war.”

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Samantha Nutt, 2016 Borah Symposium Keynote speaker, discusses humanitarian work Wednesday.

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AMNESTY

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Conversations about the bill first began last year. ASUI Director of Policy Nick Wren, who was at the time ASUI director of health and wellness, found out the state of Idaho lacked any sort of medical amnesty policy.

“I was talking to Brian Dulin, the coordinator for the Alcohol and Other Drugs program, and we got on the topic of medical amnesty,” Wren said. “He said UI has this policy, but the state doesn’t.”

That’s when Wren and Fisher began laying the groundwork for the legislation.

“We met with quite a few groups around the university as well as local, like the police, city council,” Wren said. “That kind of culminated in a meeting with the prosecuting attorney Bill Thompson. He really helped us a lot in writing and crafting the language, he really gave the bill shape.”

Fisher said the primary concern surrounding the bill was that a policy of

medical amnesty would not hold students accountable for their actions.

“They didn’t want this to be a free pass — they still wanted some type of accountability,” Fisher said. “We really needed to send the message that this isn’t an issue of rewarding them, but of not punishing them for making the right decision.”

Before the bill passed through the legislature, Fisher said many amendments were made to ensure that students maintain a level of accountability.

The official legislation provides a limited immunity from Minor in Consumption and Minor in Possession charges, both misdemeanors, in the event of a medical emergency. Fisher said the bill is specific to any type of medical emergency and is limited to the person who needs help and the person who is seeking medical attention on their behalf.

“Kids that utilize this policy and protection must remain on the scene and cooperate with law enforcement and emergency medical personnel,” Fisher said. “It’s fairly

specific. I think it’s valuable and necessary that if the state is going to grant us this protection, there should be some responsibility from our kids too.”

Although the legislation has been signed, the bill will not take effect until July 1.

While many remain critical of the law, Fisher said he believes that fighting for the legislation was worth it.

“I think that if this law saves one life, we will have done a tremendous amount of good for the state of Idaho,” Fisher said.

In addition to sponsorships from Idaho Reps. Caroline Nilsson Troy and Kelley Packer and Idaho Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, students from Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State College and Idaho State University signed a letter in support of the bill.

“This was a very collaborative effort,” Fisher said. “We had a lot of partners and a lot of people who support this bill.”

When Wren found out the bill had been

signed, he said he couldn’t quite put his feelings into words.

“As far as we know no other student government in Idaho has passed a bill purely on their backs before,” Wren said. “This is something that was really born in the house in ASUI. To see that come full circle and come to fruition is immensely satisfying.”

While this legislation has the potential to help save lives, Fisher said he also believes that the signing of the bill sends a tremendous message — that students are capable of initiating change outside of their campuses.

“The biggest statement that this makes is that students and young people do have influence in the political process,” Fisher said. “I think what this does is help reinforce the fact that we can make a difference if and when we want to.”

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SPEAKING

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April 27 is Denim Day, where students and staff are encouraged to wear denim to raise awareness about sexual assault.

Assistant Director for Programs for the UI Women’s Center Bekah MillerMacPhee said Denim Day was started after a judge in Italy during the 1990’s found a man not guilty of sexual assault because the victim was wearing tight jeans and therefore would have had to help her assaulter take them off. MillerMacPhee said this caused international outcry and led to the creation of Denim Day.

Vandal Health Education intern Ashton Mitchell said students typically feel more comfortable talking with people their own age about their experience. She said her job is to connect with students who are the same age as her to help them get through their experience and direct them to the Counseling and Testing Center or to ATVP.

MillerMacPhee said many people don’t understand that sexual assault is a health issue as well, which is why it’s important for the Vandal Health Education office to be involved.

MillerMacPhee said she encourages students to get involved with the events, and that while sexual assault can be a difficult topic to talk about, is important to be educated to be able to stop it, or at least recognize how to help someone who has experienced it.

Hensley said that those indirectly affected still play a vital role in sexual assault awareness.

“My advice would be just to educate yourself, know what the dynamics are, make sure that you understand how we can help,” Hensley said. “One of those ways is just to believe.”

Only about 2 percent of instances of sexual assaults are falsified Hensley said.

“Believe survivors when they disclose,” he said.

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EXCITED

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“Austin and I are so grateful for all of the support and we feel very accomplished, however, we know the really hard work is just about to begin,” Botello said.

As winners of the election made their way up to the ASUI office on the third floor of the Idaho Commons to celebrate with cake, Karstetter and Botello stuck around

the rotunda to shake the hands of their peers and take in the excitement of the event.

“We really want to stress the transparency part of our platform, and make sure students feel they made the right choice in electing us,” Botello said. “We look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting our hands dirty with all of the changes we are going to make.”

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SPORTS



Men's tennis earns
shutout sweep against
EWU

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SOCCER

Rose City doubleheader

Soccer program travels to Portland for back-to-back games

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

The Idaho women's soccer teams travels to Portland Sunday to face Concordia and Seattle University in a doubleheader.

Vandal head coach Derek Pittman said the team is hoping to rebound following a 1-0 loss to Gonzaga Sunday afternoon.

"We hadn't played a game since November," Pittman said. "There were a lot of things that we did well, but there were a lot of things that we were very much out of sync. I think it took us a little while to get into the game and get back to playing the way we are capable of playing."

Pittman said the team was slow in finding its rhythm early in the matchup.

"There were definitely some errors early on," Pittman said. "Gonzaga capitalized and scored a great goal. We'll go back and watch the film and work on training and do what we can to get better for this coming weekend."

Pittman said the goal of the spring season is to provide players with valuable game experience before the fall.



"We scripted out exactly how many minutes we wanted each player to play and made sure that we gave everybody as much playing time as we possibly could," Pittman said. "From that standpoint, it was extremely beneficial."

The Idaho head coach said he saw stretches of strong play from both starters and key substitutes in Sunday's game, most notably from fifth-year senior Elexis Schlossarek. Pittman said he was also impressed with the early role provided by freshman midfielder Megan Goo.

"She came on and is playing in a bigger role for us coming into the fall," Pittman said.

The Idaho coach said the team will compete in two 70-minute games over the weekend, instead of the usual 90 minutes required in regulation matches.

"We'll look at it and try to script out who we want to play in both games, and how we want to adjust our substitutions," Pittman said. "So that way everybody gets as many minutes as possible."

Pittman said the team would need to balance playing time among team members while considering fatigue.

Concordia enters the matchup following an 11-4-3 season last fall. The Cavaliers finished with a record of 8-2-2 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference before falling to No. 3 seed Seattle Pacific in the conference championships.

Meanwhile, the Redhawks enter Sunday's



Junior forward Kavita Battan dribbles toward the goal during Tuesday's practice on the SprinTurf. The Vandals will travel to Portland Sunday for a doubleheader against Concordia and Seattle University.

Tess Fox | Argonaut

meeting with Idaho after earning a 14-3 record last season. The team went undefeated against Western Athletic Conference opponents but lost to No. 2 seed Utah Valley during the conference tournament.

"It's a great development opportunity for some of our younger players who maybe didn't get to see as many minutes during the fall," Pittman said. "Now they

get to step into a live-action game and grow and get better."

Pittman said the team's focus has shifted from conditioning to the successful completion of offensive and defensive strategies.

"Early on it was about our physical development," Pittman said. "Right now it's about our tactical development and continuing to improve upon the pieces that we were suc-

cessful on."

The Vandals will kick off at 9:30 a.m. Sunday against Concordia. The team will then face Seattle University later that afternoon at 12:30 p.m.

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MEN'S GOLF

Sutton leads Vandals

Vandals earn 12th place finish in Cowboy Classic

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

The Idaho men's golf team produced a solid performance during the program's trip to Chandler, Arizona, for the Wyoming Cowboy Classic.

The Vandals finished with an 11-over-par 875 to finish in a tie for 12th place at the annual tournament.

"We had it going early, but then some late miscues cost us some much-needed strokes and we weren't able to climb out of our round-one hole," said Idaho head coach David Nuhn.

Idaho sophomore Daniel Sutton led the Vandals with an individual score of 216 to earn an even finish on the course to tie for 25th.

Sophomore Ian Kim shot a four-over-par 220, while freshman

Enrique Marin finished the tournament with a five-over-par 221.

Senior teammate Rylee Iacolucci finished one stroke behind Marin's performance.

Freshman Jake Scarrow rounded out the Cowboy Classic for the Vandals with a nine-over-par 225.

The University of Colorado claimed the tournament title with a 21-under-par score of 843.

"It was great," said Colorado head coach Roy Edwards. "Ever since the start of yesterday's second round, the guys were tremendous and competed really hard. That's what I was most proud of."

Sam Houston State earned a second place finish in the Cowboy Classic, edging out the University of Wyoming by one stroke.

"We had a really good two and a half weeks off where we really prepared hard," said Sam Houston State head coach Brandt Kieschnick. "They had been shooting a lot of low scores in practice. With a year of tourna-



ment experience and quality practices, we really positioned ourselves to compete. This is the best I've seen all five play together."

Four players ended individual competition in a tie for first place.

Jordan Gumberg of Arizona and Jeremy Paul of Colorado shared co-title honors following a one-hole playoff. Nuhn said the Vandals are showing improvement during the final stretch of the season.

"Overall, I'm seeing some real positives," Nuhn said. "With one tournament to go before the Big Sky tournament, we are getting closer to where we need to be to repeat as champs."

Idaho will travel to Iowa City April 15-17 to compete in the Hawkeye Invitational. The team will then compete in the Big Sky Championship in Henderson, Nevada, from May 1-3.

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Sports briefs

Idaho football schedules spring game

The Idaho football team announced the date of its annual spring football game Tuesday morning.

The Vandals will hold a public intra-squad game April 22 at the Kibbie Dome. The competition will begin at 6 p.m.

FBSchedules.com first released news of the spring game on Jan. 26. The University of Idaho confirmed the date Tuesday with a tweet from the official Idaho football Twitter account. The Vandals will hold the team's second scrimmage of the spring at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

Men's club lacrosse travels to Oregon State

The Idaho men's club lacrosse team travels to Corvallis Sunday to face regional opponent Oregon State in a conference matchup.

The Vandals (2-7) will be looking to halt a two-game losing streak after weekend losses to Simon Fraser and University of Washington.

The Beavers (7-3) trail Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League leader Oregon by 1.5 games, with the opportunity to gain ground on the Ducks with a victory.

Freshman attacker Kyle Baldes leads Oregon State with 18 goals and 13 assists. Senior midfielder Colin Kacinski has provided another 17 goals and five assists for the Beavers this season.

Vandal baseball hosts Gonzaga

The Idaho club baseball team hosts Gonzaga this weekend in a three-game series.

The Vandals (0-6) are seeking the program's first win of the spring season, following losses to Washington State and Western Washington.

Gonzaga (6-2) sits atop the Northern Pacific North Conference standings, leading second place Western Washington by half a game. The Bulldogs enter the matchup following a series sweep over Washington State last weekend.

Vandals soar past Eagles



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Idaho senior Odon Barta returns the ball during the double competition against Eastern Washington Wednesday in Moscow. The Vandals earned a 7-0 sweep.

Idaho moves to second in conference standings with home sweep of EWU

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

The Vandal men's tennis team delivered a shutout Wednesday against Big Sky Conference rival Eastern Washington.

The loss drops Eastern Washington to 4-4 in conference play and 8-15 overall.

Idaho did not lose a single match on the day. The Eagles failed to win a single set, while Idaho won 15 straight.

Freshman Lucas Coutinho and sophomore Mark Kovacs supplied the initial momentum for the Vandals in doubles play. The duo quickly beat Eastern Washington's Luke

Ness and Rendell Burghart 6-1.

Senior Odon Barta and sophomore Felipe Fonesca followed the pair's performance with a 6-1 victory.

Senior Varney Jackson and freshman Artem Vasheshnikov played Idaho's toughest match of the day, earning a 7-6(3) decision during doubles play.

Varney hit the winning shot — a line drive that ricocheted off the net and landed out of reach for Eastern Washington.

Idaho concluded doubles play with an early 1-0 lead.

It did not take long for the Vandals to clinch the Big Sky victory.

Kovacs earned the first singles win for Idaho on the No. 4 court. Kovacs defeated Eastern Washington's Eduardo Bringold in

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two sets 6-1, 6-0. Fonesca followed suit with a 6-2, 6-1 singles victory.

Varney followed the pair's performance with a 6-1, 6-3 win on the No. 3 court. Varney used a combination of top spin and back spin to keep opponent Vuk Vuckovic off balance. The Idaho senior was caught off guard by several drop shots, but eventually countered Vuckovic's strategy to seal the win for the Vandals.

Coutinho played in a tough match against Burghart. Coutinho won the first set handedly 6-2. Burghart responded by forcing a tiebreaking second set. Coutinho eventually won the tiebreaker 7-4.

Vasheshnikov's match was not nearly as close. The freshman overcame Eastern Washington's Luke Ness 6-3, 6-4.

On the No. 1 court, Barta and Victor Pereira engaged in a competitive battle. Pereira showed good ball placement with a variety of short and long shots near the sideline. Barta retaliated with acrobatic saves that lobbed the ball far out of Pereira's reach.

Odon eventually won the match 6-3, 6-2.

The win improves Idaho's record to 13-5 and moves the team into second place in the Big Sky Conference standings behind Weber State. Weber State remains undefeated in conference play, holding the sole possession of first in the standings.

The two programs will clash at 2 p.m. April 15 at the Memorial Gym Courts in Moscow.

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OPINION

Inconsistent west

American League West needs consistency to pose real threat in league

America's pastime has arrived for another thrilling season, as fans across the country pull out their baseball caps and cheer for their team to reach the World Series.

This season is unique in that historically mediocre teams are frontrunners to reach the playoffs in October, such as the Chicago Cubs and the Toronto Blue Jays.

The American League (AL) is a division that fans should focus on this season. While other divisions boast powerhouse teams like the Kansas City Royals, the AL West is one of the most unpredictable leagues in Major League Baseball.

The AL West has the potential to produce a dominant team, but that hasn't been the case in recent years due to the division's inconsistency.

Since 2012, no AL West team has made it past the American League Divisional Series. In addition, the league is currently in a World Series drought that has lasted 14 years.

The surprise of the league last season was the Houston Astros. The team joined the AL West in 2013 and earned a wild card berth last year after spending two seasons as one of the worst franchises in the MLB. This included a stretch of three straight seasons with over 100 losses.

The Texas Rangers were one of the best teams in baseball earlier this decade, reaching two consecutive World Series. But since the team's last trip in 2011, the Rangers have failed to

live up to the expectations placed upon them by fans.

In contrast, the Oakland A's will likely finish at the bottom of the division standings this season. After winning the AL West in 2012 and 2013, the team has struggled to produce a strong season down the stretch.

The dark horse in the division this year is the Seattle Mariners. The team has high expectations after failing to reach the postseason for the 15th straight year. The Mariners have yet to reach the World

Series, coming short on three separate occasions (1995, 2000 and 2001).

The Mariners roster is stacked this season, as former All-Stars Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz have provided the offensive push the team needs. There's only so much Felix Hernandez can do from the mound, and it will be up to Cano and Cruz to carry the team this year.

The Los Angeles Angels pose a threat to the division each year, thanks to the presence of Mike Trout, who has become the face of the MLB. However, the team is overrated because they have been unable to advance past the first round of the playoffs.

It will be a long season consisting of 162 games, so it is too early to judge the teams based on spring training. But the AL West has several well-rounded ball clubs that could make some noise and become legitimate contenders for the World Series.

Only time will tell if the division is able to establish consistency with its franchises.

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VOLLEYBALL

Building foundation

Idaho volleyball continues to improve during spring season

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The lack of scrimmage experience during practice last week did not hinder the Idaho volleyball team in their pursuit of growth during a spring tournament in Pullman over the weekend.

The Vandals faced Central Washington and Washington State Saturday as part of an exhibition showcase.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said the team's performance against the Cougars showed marked improvement in the program.

"We played four sets against Washington State," Buchanan said. "We had the lead almost in every game except the very end. It's just a matter of pushing through each game, but our challenge right now is not having a ton of players."

Buchanan said the team has experienced a lack of scrimmage time during practice due to a thin roster.

"We only have nine practicing right now and two of those nine are injured," Buchanan said. "We're trying to make sure we're pushing through and we still try to maintain a level so we can keep going."

Senior defensive specialist Terra Varney said competing against two teams Saturday provided players with valuable experience, noting it was the first time Idaho has played six-on-six during the spring season.

"I think we did well Saturday,"

Varney said. "We've only been able to play against three people on the other side so it was nice to get out and be competitive."

Buchanan said the team has been working on different aspects of the game.

"(In practice) we have one side working on rotations and the other side hopefully getting it back over," Buchanan said. "At this point, the one part we haven't had is the true scrimmaging experience. This past Saturday was a great experience for us and we definitely just have to keep getting better."

Redshirt sophomore and outside hitter Sarah Sharp said it was beneficial to see how the team stacked up against collegiate competition. She said the team can only focus on what they can control moving forward.

"Even though we are not playing against six people (during practice), as long as we can take care on our side, we should be just fine and we'll do good things," Sharp said.

Despite having some limitations to their practices, Buchanan said some team members played fantastic on the court.

"Torrin (Crawford) and DeVonne (Ryter) both did some great things in the middle," Buchanan said. "Right now, we're still trying to figure out the tempo from the outside and connecting (our shot selections) and just piece it all together. But we did some bright things."

Junior middle blocker Torrin Crawford said the team's growth increased during the opening matches of the spring.

"This weekend was good for us," Crawford said. "We made a

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Torrin Crawford, junior middle blocker

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Varney said the team treats each competition as a learning experience for the next two of weeks of the spring season.

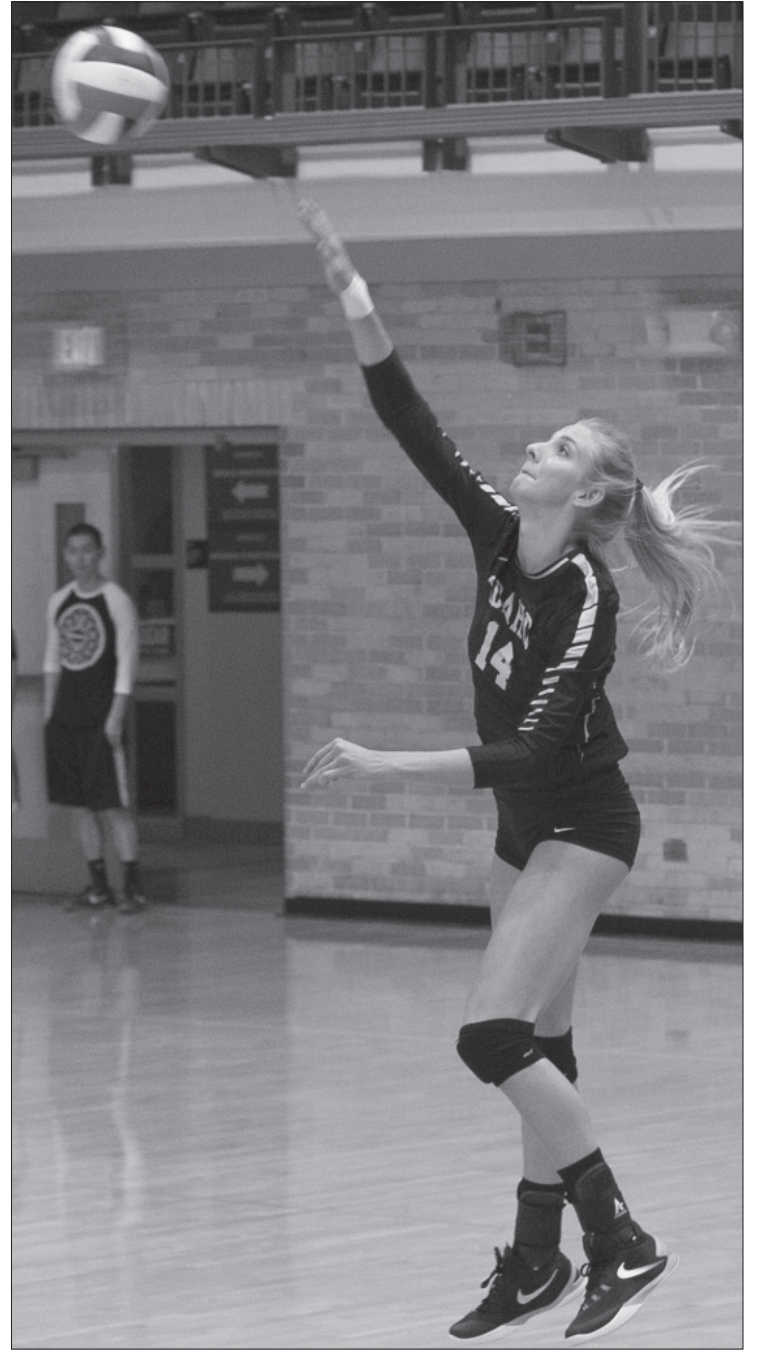
"We're learning from what we did last week," Varney said. "We're able to see what we're doing well, what we need to work on. This week has just been working on those things that we need to work on and see if we can improve Saturday by working as a team."

The Vandals will have two games on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Memorial Gym. The team will face regional opponents Lewis-Clark State College and Spokane Falls Community College.

Buchanan said she is looking forward to hosting a spring game on the team's home court.

"It's always nice to play at home," Buchanan said. "This is our comfort and where we play at. We typically don't get those crowds for spring games."

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Hitter DeVonne Ryter serves against Washington State during a spring scrimmage Saturday at Bohley Gym in Pullman.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Corralling the competition

Idaho women's golf earns tournament victory at Cowgirl Classic

Mihaela Karst
Argonaut

The Idaho women's golf team earned a team tournament title with a victory at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic Tuesday in Maricopa, Arizona.

The Vandals earned an eight-stroke victory over second place finisher Santa Clara.

"We had every member of our team contribute this week so it was a total team effort," Idaho head coach Lisa Johnson said.

Nineteen teams competed in the tournament Monday and Tuesday. Idaho finished the tournament with a score of 873 during the 54-hole tournament, while Santa Clara finished

second with an 881.

Washington State earned a third place finish in team competition, falling behind the Broncos by four

strokes. Nevada and Boise State finished in a tie for fourth after posting identical scores of 888.

"This was our best event so far this season," said Boise State head coach Nicole Bird. "We had very consistent play and that's what we need before we head to the conference championship in two weeks. We are starting to find our rhythm and be able to score, even when we don't hit it perfect or miss some shots."

Senior Kristin Strankman provided the strongest performance for the Vandals with a 2-over-par 218 to tie for sixth place in individual competition.

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Fellow senior Cassie McKinley and freshman Michelle Kim helped solidify Idaho's victory by both shooting a 4-over-par 220 to earn a ninth place finish in individual competition.

Johnson said the stability of the seniors allowed the Vandals to capitalize on strong showings from team members.

"Both our seniors stepped up and posted rounds of par or better when we needed it most," Johnson said.

Vandal sophomore Kendall Gray finished in a tie for 20th with a 7-over-par 223, while freshman Sophie Hausmann completed the tournament with an 8-over-par 224 to earn a 23rd place finish.

"It was impressive that our team responded so well to being

in the lead groups today with it being our first time in contention this year," Johnson said.

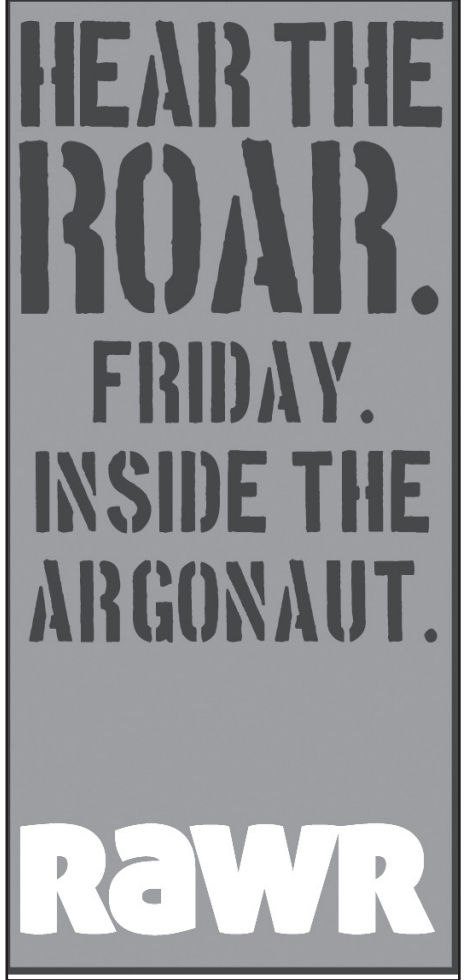
Santa Clara junior Annie Freman earned the individual title with a 9-under-par 207. Freman matched her previous 18-hole best during the final round, shooting a 5-under-par 67 to win the competition.

"It was hard to put into words" said Santa Clara head coach Krystal Kelly. "Annie played so well today. She was steady, she hit a bunch of greens and made six birdies.

It was fun watching her play."

The Vandals will travel to Boulder City, Nevada, to compete in the Big Sky Championship April 18 at the Boulder Creek Golf Course.

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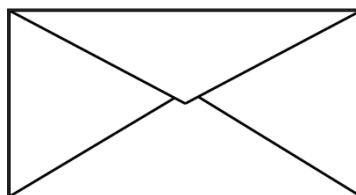
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OUR VIEW

Creators in the community

TedxUldaho brings out brilliance in the community

TED Talks — the short videos that teach us so much.

These videos are filmed at TED Conferences around the world where speakers meet and present their ideas in 18 minutes or less.

They cover anything from artificial intelligence to agriculture to learning about how to be happy. In the past, speakers have included scientists, theorists, entertainers and a 13-year-old Kenyan boy. Not only are these talks cool, but they're also educational — which makes the University of Idaho the perfect setting for

this type of event.

These conferences bring diversity to communities both in the demographics that are present, but also in the ideas that are discussed. People in the U.S. don't face the same issues, but learning about them brings everyone closer to a larger understanding of the global community.

Great ideas can come from anywhere.

It's Moscow's turn to experience TED Talks and to show the world that great ideas can come from a small town in northern Idaho.

Bringing TED to Moscow, specifically to campus, is good for the entire community. The talks bring in community members with diverse backgrounds and areas of interest and allows all the people attending to learn

about their ideas for the betterment of the community.

Students and faculty will take the stage this time.

Instead of writing a research paper to get their message across, these speakers have the chance to talk about their ideas directly with the people they interact with on a day-to-day basis.

Not to mention the event was planned by student volunteers, who picked the topics and speakers, scheduled the specific events throughout the day and were involved in putting the whole thing together. Students know what their peers want to learn about and what issues they should be more aware of.

These talks are an opportunity to think critically about personal ideas regarding certain subject matters.

They help keep people open minded and encourage them to think about situations from different angles.

The students that put TEDxUldaho together hope to make it a regular event each year, so if someone didn't have the chance to get a ticket and attend this time around, they should definitely mark it on their calendars for 2017. This is an event that people should plan to go to at least once in their lives, and what better place to go than on their university's campus?

Whether someone is a part of the UI or Moscow community, TEDxUldaho gives all locals a great opportunity to learn about new ideas from people they know and respect. These are ideas worth spreading.

— CW



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An extreme state of mind

Favoring extremes is a dangerous place to be

America is a nation of extremes, and that isn't a recent development.

From pop culture to the way we eat and dress, we don't like to do anything halfway. This thought process is especially prominent in the current presidential race.

Republican frontrunner Donald Trump is a great example of this, because he goes big in everything he does — even when it's completely inappropriate. However, he's not the only example, and it's sometimes hard to see that because he is such a caricature.

Politicians in both major political parties have advocated for increasingly extreme measures for much longer than the 2016 primaries have been going on. It's clear when they refuse to

agree with anything anyone in the opposite party proposes. Politicians rarely agree with people in their own party anymore.

In both the recent Republican and Democratic debates, the candidates avoid admitting that they feel the same way as another candidate, like they'd be signing their own death warrant if they did. They give the same answers as each other, with insignificant modifications to try and pass it off as though the position is original. No one corrects them either, because they don't want to be the person to admit that they agree with their opponent.

It's pretty easy to see how we got this way. We're a nation of extremes and politicians know this. They know that if they say they are more in favor of one thing than another politician, then they will get the support — and votes — of the people who hold the same view.

After a while, it escalates to the point that politicians have to advocate for such extreme measures that their proposals are totally ridiculous and impractical. Still, that rarely stops them from getting votes.

The problem is that such extremes are rarely the right thing to do. Why is it so bad to agree with someone from the same party about something that could actually benefit the country?

Living with an extreme state of mind is also dangerous because it impacts how we see the people who disagree with us. We see the exaggerated version of the opposition in the media because they're entertaining and we enjoy hyperboles, but we assume that everyone who opposes us acts like that.

People who are pro-gun control want to take away everyone's guns, and people who are pro-gun rights are

unstable rednecks who always want to be locked and loaded. People who are pro-life want to keep a woman's uterus chained up,

while people who are pro-choice are baby murderers. We're a nation of extremes.

Disagreeing with something isn't a bad thing. In fact, it can be used effectively if it is managed in the correct way. But stubbornly refusing to see eye-to-eye on anything will only block the path forward.

The middle ground isn't such a horrible place to be and it could lead to a more efficient way of making progress. If we can say we believe in one thing, but also admit that a few places need improvement, we could get so much more accomplished. Compromise is a beautiful thing.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

The boring empire

Want to hear a joke? Pro wrestling today. Why? Because we went from tough guys like Stone Cold (not the Demi Lovato song) to Roman Reigns, a dull guy. Meh.

— Luis

In the news Thursday

Vladimir Putin thinks America is creating a plot against him in Panama, Kim Jong Un and company are preparing for a 70-day campaign, 300 cement workers are kidnapped in Syria and a student protester against radical Islam is killed in Bangladesh. What happened to the Chihuahua from Monday? I want happy news again.

— Claire

Tattoos

Do they actually hurt? I'm really hoping it's all just an enormous inside joke that I'll be savvy to once I get in the shop. It probably just tickles a little ... Right?

— Austin

Money on my mind

I check my bank account nightly. I base my political standings largely on financial matters. I budget, I plan, I stress. Money matters to me.

The punchline — I'm an English major.

— Lyndsie

Plus size

Amy Schumer is fighting against these kinds of labels along with others. Learn more and see what Adele had to say.

— Jessica

Free movie

Spotlight is playing at the Kenworthy Theatre Monday at 7 p.m. If you are a journalism fan (which I'm assuming you are, you're reading a newspaper), you should really go check it out.

— Tess

Hustle

Talk less about your past achievements, work harder for your future ones.

— Hannah

Personal reading

I want more of it in my life. I'm grateful summer is going to grant me that pleasure.

— Jake

Bright spots

As I skipped class to catch up on assignments and articles, in the midst of being stressed and busy and tired, I became so overwhelmed by how happy I am to exist on this planet that I started to cry.

— Corrin

Blues song part 4/6

How could I see, baby, was our love not true?

How could I see, baby, that I never loved you?

I don't know what love is, I don't know what to do.

— Jack

Celebrating early

Hi, Mom, welcome to our campus. I hope you enjoy your time in Moscow.

— Josh

Sad news

Merle Haggard died this week at the age of 79. I have been listening to his music around campfires ever since I could remember.

— Jordan

Sunshine

You can find me outside every possible second soaking up some rays this weekend.

— Tea

Behind bars

Should the U.S. transfer the remaining 89 inmates at Guantanamo Bay to U.S. soil? American prisons currently hold 443 convicted terrorists.

— Katelyn

Congratulations

Austin Karstetter and Cruz Botello. Hope you can serve the Vandal community well.

— Erin

No more sorrow

Life is more than just one person you dwell on

There's an old saying called "Beware the Ides of March," and it couldn't be closer to the truth.

As students come and go, I'm reminded of how this month is difficult for me. I recall the unfortunate pain and misunderstandings I endured four years ago when I lost contact with someone I cared for. But I'm also reminded of the lessons I've learned as a result of this event.

The date March 9, 2012, is forever etched in my memory, to the point where I remember wearing black jeans and a long-sleeved orange shirt and that the weather was dark, gloomy and cold.

I was reported to the vice principal's office at my old high school and was told that I was no longer allowed to talk with a girl I knew because of a misunderstanding we'd had over multiple months.

Before our final encounter in the vice principal's office, we didn't speak for months after she turned down my offer to take her to our school's homecoming dance. Being rejected wasn't the issue — what bothered me was that the two of us didn't speak afterward, even though nothing seemed to be wrong.

From my end, I felt that I was being ignored by her and simply took the weak route and asked people to get her to talk to me. Time flew by and eventually I made the issue worse by asking her through social media why we had not spoken.

The plan backfired, and ultimately led to our permanent falling out.

This was like a wound to my heart, because I had feelings for this person like I had never felt before. The sting lasted up to a year, when it really shouldn't have

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affected me for so long.

The moment I realized she wasn't going to speak with me should've served as a signal that I should move on. Friends told me to let it go, but I didn't and continued to bother her.

I admit it wasn't smart to approach my hostility through social media to get my point across. I would never allow myself to do it again.

I had to learn the hard way, but at least I'm not angry about what happened anymore and I've overcome this bad chapter of my life.

In reality, the two of us weren't meant to be and that's OK.

If I was given a chance to speak to this girl again, I would gladly decline the offer. Today, she's no longer a part of my life, and the lesson I learned from our fallout motivated me to become a better man.

Those who experience something similar to what I went through would be wise to simply let it go, rather than allow the situation to get the best of them like I let it get to me.

Growth is an everlasting power people should continue to work toward. That's what made a heartbroken person like I was in 2012 a much stronger person today.



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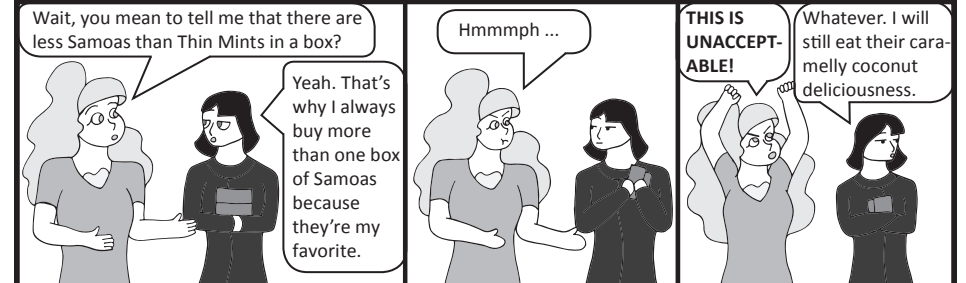
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Camouflaged differences

A lack of diversity should not discount the diverse voices that exist on campus

As a California native from a multicultural family, I experienced my fair share of culture shock when I moved to Moscow.

During my first year at the University of Idaho, I operated under the assumption that little to no diversity existed on campus. The more I heard my peers comment about how UI's campus was full of white, traditional students, the more I began to view homogeneity as a characteristic that defined the university.

It wasn't until later in my college career that I realized I had been so wrong.

UI may not be as diverse as other schools, but diversity does exist on campus, contrary to popular belief.

While it's important to encour-

age more students from diverse backgrounds to come to the university, it's equally as important to value and appreciate the programs that are promoting diversity on campus in a positive way right now.

The LGBTQA Office hosts Lavender Graduation, a celebration and recognition of queer and ally students. The Women's Center holds film festivals and co-sponsors events that educate students on women and gender issues, like the Brown Bag Series. The Confucius Institute helps students learn about Chinese language and culture. Various student associations bring a variety of cultural events to campus, such as the upcoming India Night.

Beyond events, we have programs on campus like the College Assistance Migrant Program, the Diversity Scholars Program and the Native American Center, all of which aim to help members of underrepresented populations at-

tain a college education.

The more involved I became at the university, the more I realized how many great student organizations there are. There are so many individuals from different backgrounds who are actively trying to improve the university and the way the Vandal community views diversity.

There are diverse populations on campus and they are doing great things. It's important that their voices do not go unheard. It's also important to remember that diversity is not exclusively related to race. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary's definition of diversity is "the condition of having or being composed of differing elements."

The idea behind diversity is variety. Diversity includes students of different cultural and sexual identities. It includes non-traditional and transfer students as well as those who are parents. It includes students from different socioeconomic classes.

Remember to be inclusive. To celebrate diversity is to celebrate

the unique perspectives that belong to each individual student on campus. When students resign themselves to only talking about UI's lack of diversity, they only add to the problem.

Conversations are important, but actions carry a tremendous amount of power, too. Learn more about programs that help increase the enrollment of multicultural students. Attend events hosted by various student associations and organizations. Become exposed to different cultures, different perspectives, different ways of life. Advocate for lactation rooms and childcare for parents. Talk to the non-traditional students in class, regardless of any age gaps.

There is diversity all around us, and dismissing the university as a school in which there is little variety discounts the diverse voices that currently exist on campus.

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