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POLICE

## Determined to excel

Captain James Fry selected as next Moscow Chief of Police

**Diamond Koloski**  
Argonaut

In Moscow Police Captain James Fry's office, a framed quote — a gift from Moscow Chief of Police David Duke — hangs on the wall.

"Some excel because they are destined to," it reads. "Most excel because they are determined to."

For years, Fry said he has considered Duke his mentor within the police force. Now, with Duke slated to retire later this spring, Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert has selected Fry to fill the role of Moscow's new Chief of Police. The mayor's selection will be affirmed by the Moscow City Council April 18.

"I feel extremely honored and humbled by the fact that I get to take on this role. It's even more of an honor to me because my mentor is the current chief," Fry said. "I get to follow in his footsteps and that means a lot."

Fry grew up in Council, Idaho, and pursued a criminal justice degree at the University of Idaho. He applied to be a reserve officer in 1993 and in 1995 he was hired as a patrol officer.

Since then, he has worked as a SWAT team member, fire-arms instructor, Taser instructor, bike patrol officer and homicide detective.

Latah County Prosecuting Attorney Bill Thompson first met James Fry 23 years ago, when he was a young reserve officer who was eager to get out and learn.

"I think the city made a wise decision to hire someone like James, who already knows the community and has ties with the university, the people, and the businesses," Thompson said. Fry agreed that his connections



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Moscow Police Captain James Fry observes traffic outside the police station Friday.

within the Moscow community will help him in his new role.

"I've been here for a long time," Fry said. "I know what matters to our community."

Emilie McLarnan, assistant director of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, said she has worked with Fry for eight

years, mostly while he was a detective investigating sexual assault and domestic violence crimes. She said she has appreciated how well he treats victims and survivors and she is excited to see how he continues to help the Moscow community.

"Our system is good and there's

always room for improvements, and he looks out for those kinds of things," McLarnan said. "He is a great advocate for victims, and I think he's very personable and will be great. I'm very happy with him being selected as chief."

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CAMPUS

## A moment of thanks

Students encouraged to express appreciation for faculty, staff

**Corrin Bond**  
Argonaut

Four years ago, James Brownson, the University of Idaho director of annual giving, realized that while there was an event where students could thank scholarship and grant donors, nothing similar existed for UI's faculty and staff.

"We were looking at ways to say thanks to faculty and staff for everything they do for the university and for students," Brownson said. "We felt that a personal thank you from a student would go a long way to make faculty and staff feel valued."

Once the idea had been established, Brownson partnered with the Student Foundation and Student Alumni Relation Board (SArb) to make the event a reality.

Wil Everly, Student Foundation president, has participated in the last three Days of Thanks. He said each year, the Student Foundation and SArb set up a table outside the Idaho Commons where students can write personal notes to faculty and staff or share their appreciation by leaving messages on whiteboards.

The fourth annual Day of Thanks will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons plaza.

"This year, we'll have a table outside of the commons with doughnuts and coffee in the morning and pizza throughout the day," Everly said. "Students have the opportunity to write specific thank-yous to professors or just to say thank you as a whole. We take pictures and post them on the university's Facebook page."

While messages shared on whiteboards and posted on social media have been a successful way to reach a broader audience, Brownson said he has also received positive feedback from faculty members who have been sent handwritten letters.

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DIVERSITY

## Celebration of culture

Festivities bring India to Moscow for a night

**Marisa Casella**  
Argonaut

The audience silenced as India's national anthem began to play. The piece was purely instrumental, but up on stage, host and University of Idaho graduate student Asad Iqbal mouthed the words to the song he had learned many years ago.

"It reminded me of home. It reminded me of school days," Iqbal said. "On our two national holidays, we would have the flag hoisted and we would sing for it."

India Night brings back such memories for UI's international students from India. With spicy food and elaborate performances, India Night celebrated Indian culture and cuisine based on the idea of the "removal of sorrows."

This positive spirit radiated throughout the International Ballroom Sunday evening. The hosts joked with the audience, who cheered and applauded for the

smiling performers.

One such performer was Bollywood dancer Adrija Sudheesh. Sudheesh began performing for India Night two years ago when she was just six years old. Now eight, she said she's used to performing on stage.

"I say to myself, 'Be better,'" Sudheesh said, explaining how she overcomes any stage fright she may face before performing.

Sudheesh performed two dances this year. She said her favorite was her surprise performance, a dance set to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

The performances were mostly dances, with one singing piece. There were two dances solely made up of UI students, one that was all female and the Mass Dance that was all male. The evening also featured performances from Washington State University students.

Pavan Penkey, president of the UI Indian Students' Association, said there were between 50 and 60 UI students who helped with India Night this year. He said students and alumni prepared everything, from the food to the decorations.

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FACULTY SENATE

## Speeding up the process

Faculty Senate approves changes to disciplinary hearing process

**Erin Bamer**  
Argonaut

On the agenda at last week's Faculty Senate meeting was a vote on the recommended changes to the process of hearing cases of violations to the Student Code of Conduct. Faculty Senate passed the proposed changes at the end of the meeting.

Aside from minor changes in language, Vice Chair of Faculty Senate Liz Brandt said the major revisions focused on making the process of hearing cases more efficient. One of the approved changes is that cases will be heard by three members of the Student Disciplinary Review Board (SDRB). Brandt said previously there needed to be at least five of the nine members of the SDRB in order to have a quorum.

"I think that will really help us process cases faster," Brandt said.

The approved revisions also increased the number of people on the SDRB from nine to 11 by adding two staff members.

The final change created a student

appeals committee, made up of faculty, staff and students, Brandt said. The committee would also hear cases in panels of three.

This is different from the previous system because Faculty Senate is now out of the loop on the appeals process, Brandt said. Before, two panels of three faculty senators — one panel of Faculty Senate leadership and one of other senators — reviewed each case in depth to make a decision on whether or not to dismiss the appeal.

"You read everything and you agonize over it and then it goes to the three-person committee and they do the same thing," she said.

Most members of Faculty Senate were in favor of these changes. Brandt said she thinks it's because faculty senators are some of the busiest people on campus, and when cases arose in the past, most members didn't know what they were supposed to do when analyzing the appeals. These revisions will hopefully speed the process along with individuals who are more knowledgeable about the system, she said.

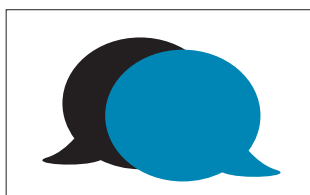
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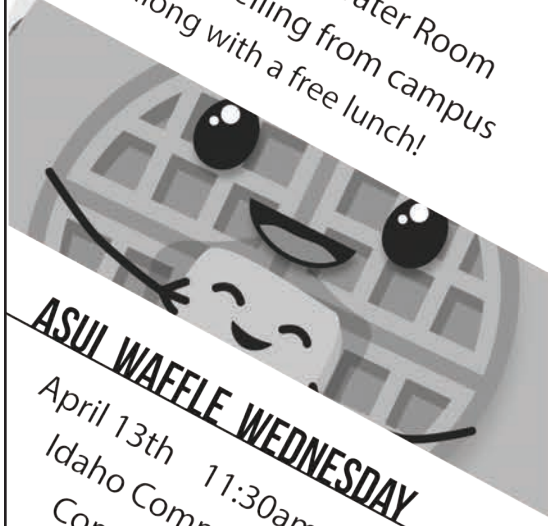
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## A Crumbs recipe



### Honey-orange firecracker shrimp

Shrimp can be made into many dishes, especially ones that incorporate Asian flavors. Try these firecracker shrimp with garlic kale and rice to make a nice bowl that is packed full.

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled, deveined, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup canola oil

#### Directions

1. Bring honey, juice, zest and cayenne to a boil in a small saucepan
2. Remove from heat and keep warm, covered
3. Put cornstarch, garlic powder, salt and pepper into a large Ziploc bag
4. Seal and shake well to mix
5. Put half of shrimp in bag, seal, and shake until coated
6. Transfer to a platter and repeat with remaining shrimp
7. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat until shimmering
8. Shake off any excess coating from shrimp
9. Pan-fry in two or three batches until golden brown and crisp, 1 to 3 minutes on each side
10. Drain on paper towels
11. Serve immediately, drizzled with warm honey mixture and sprinkled with red pepper

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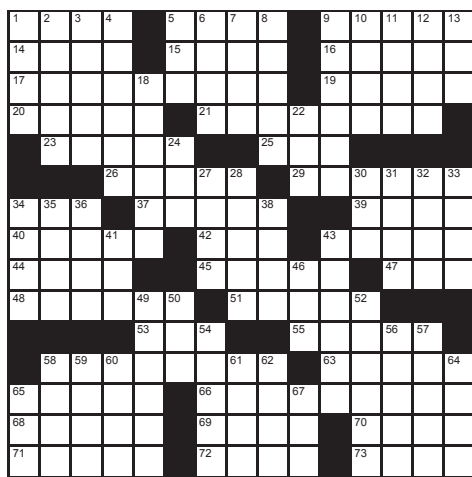
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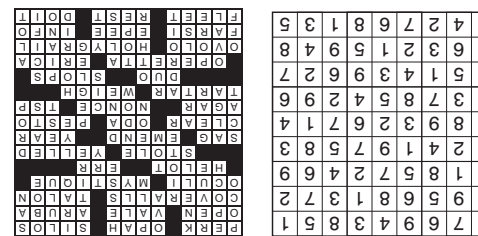
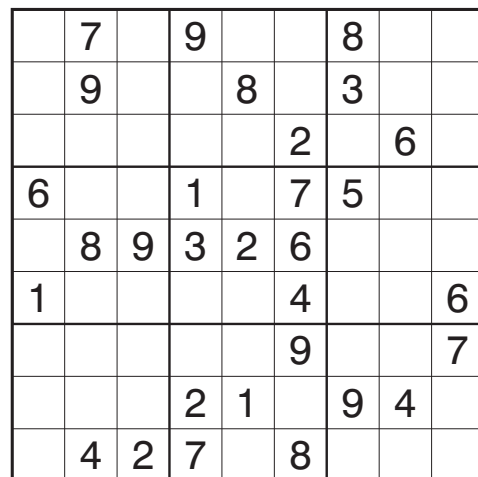


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**COLORFUL CULTURE**



High school students Vibha Kumar (left) and Ashika Sudheesh (right) perform at India Night on Sunday in the Bruce Pitman Center.

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**COMMUNITY**

# Space lovers unite

*Yuri's Night to bring those with a passion for space together*

**Carly Scott**  
Argonaut

On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first man to strap himself into a rocket and successfully launch into orbit, and others have been following him for the last 55 years.

Tuesday, space lovers across the world will celebrate Yuri's Night, an international celebration of this human achievement — and for the first time, this celebration will come to Moscow, hosted by the Idaho Space Grant Consortium.

University of Idaho freshman Bethany Kersten is a member of the celebration's planning committee. She said it's exciting for Moscow to be part of the celebration this year.

"It celebrates more than just Yuri, but human achievements in space in general,"

she said.

Kersten said professors and researchers will be at the event to network and dance, and attendees will have the opportunity to talk to professionals with a passion for space. Kersten said this is a great way to be exposed to opportunities in space business and research.

After the informational section, Kersten said there will be a dance party.

"Costumes are welcome," Kersten said. "You can go all out if you want."

She said the event will also feature a photo booth and a telescope.

UI freshman Monica Rommens said she has already reserved her spot. She said she's always had a passion for space.

"Space is always something that's been out there," Rommens said. "People should be interested in what's out there in the solar system and beyond."

Yuri's Night will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the 1912 center.

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## ROCK THE BOAT



Canoes built by students competing in the National Concrete Canoe Competition sit on display Friday outside the Idaho Commons. **Diamond Koloski | Argonaut**

## GRADUATE STUDIES

# Diving into dissertations

UI graduate students to showcase Three Minute Thesis presentations Tuesday

**Diamond Koloski**  
Argonaut

The average graduate student's dissertation is approximately 80,000 words, said University of Idaho College of Graduate Studies Associate Dean Jerry McMurtry. With the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) event, graduate students are challenged to cut their project down into just a three-minute presentation.

McMurtry said since the first time he heard other graduate deans speak of their success with 3MT events, he thought it was something that needed to be brought to UI.

"(The deans) had reflected back on the 3MT being a really fun and dynamic activity and I wanted Idaho to have a piece of it," McMurtry said.

He said the first 3MT competition took place at the University of Queensland in 2008, and since then, the event has spread to over 170 universities around the world.

Tuesday will mark the first annual 3MT event hosted by the University of Idaho.

"The main benefit is for (graduate students) to bring down their giant dissertation into three minutes and be able to present in a way that pretty much anyone can understand," Koester said. "That way, you don't have to be specialized in their

field to understand their research and why it matters."

McMurtry said the event is a chance for graduate students to write for an audience that may not understand the intense level of research that is described in their dissertations. Participants are allowed to use just one PowerPoint slide as a visual aide.

When McMurtry decided to bring the event to Idaho, he designated Sam Koester, management assistant for the College of Graduate Studies, as the person to organize, plan, advertise and execute the event. Koester said it has been crazy to see how much time it takes the students to create a three-minute version of 200-plus pages of research

He said there are 11 students participating this year. A panel of judges will decide who wins the first place and runner-up prizes, which are \$1,000 and \$500, respectively.

The audience will also have their vote of who did the best job presenting their thesis, and the people's choice winner will win \$250.

Students have two minutes to set up and three minutes to present, and will be disqualified if they exceed that limit.

UI graduate student Yvonne Nyavor said she came to Moscow from Ghana to research neuroscience with her current professor. She will be one of the 11 students participating in the competition.

"I love the concept, and am excited to be a part of it because it gives the general community the opportunity to learn about our research in simple language," Nyavor said. "That's a big benefit."

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**Yvonne Nyavor,**  
graduate student

She said she has been studying how a high fat diet leading to type two diabetes can damage what she called the "little brain in the gut," and how that damage, and possibly the diabetes itself, can be reversed.

McMurtry said he hopes this event will continue to happen annually, especially because UI is a publicly-funded institution.

"As a state-funded public institution, I thought it was important that our students have this opportunity to put together research," McMurtry said. "Then we can share this research in laymen's terms with the other people of the public that support our school."

The 3MT will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Whitewater room of the Idaho Commons. All members of the university and public are encouraged to attend.

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## CONFUCIOUS INSTITUTE

# Where food meets culture

Chinese Food Club furthers culture through food

**Carly Scott**  
Argonaut

For members of the Chinese Food Club, it's about more than eating meals together. With red decorations, struggles with chopsticks and a lively atmosphere, the club brings together members of the community with a passion for food and culture.

"There is a saying — if there is something good, we share it with each other," said Hexian Xue, Confucius Institute co-director.

The Chinese Food Club began in 2014 after a seminar the Confucius Institute put on at the University of Idaho. Xue said the participants of the event showed not only a great interest in the theory behind Chinese culture, but also the practice.

The main goal of the club has been to become an intersection between language and culture.

"We want to disarm the fear in (the public's) heads about Chinese being hard," Xue said.

This month, the club was run in its typical fashion. It met Friday at the 1912 Center. Though inviting aromas wafted from the kitchen, participants were not yet allowed to eat.

Instead, the club commenced with a brief lesson in the Chinese language.

"Mostly it's for fun, what we teach," Xue said. "It's usually just phrases related to what we're supposed to eat."

In unison, participants followed the pronunciation of the instructor. Unsure chants of phrases like "zhu rou" (beef) and "mian tiao" (noodles) echoed throughout the room.

Finally, it was time to eat. Members enjoyed a dish of noodles, beef or pork, and shredded potato.

UI freshman Carlos Simms is enrolled in Chinese 110 this semester. This month was his first time attending the club. He said the Chinese Food Club is the first time he's really been able to get involved in the culture.

"My Chinese class talks about it a lot, but it's not shown nearly as well as it's shown here," he said.

On the other hand, Sharon Kehoe and her husband Rob Snyder are Chinese Food Club veterans. Before moving to Idaho, Kehoe and Snyder lived in the California Bay Area and were Chinatown frequenters. Snyder is a Confucius Institute scholar.

Asking Snyder about his favorite part of the club elicited a hearty laugh.

"Besides the food?" he said. "In addition to the eating, I enjoy watching and learning how to make the dishes."

He said it's like being let in on a secret. This excitement keeps him coming back. Snyder said he's always wondering what's next, and each month it's a different meal.

Kehoe's favorite part is in the people. "Often, my favorite part is the camaraderie," she said. "To get to meet community members."

Following the eating and the socializing, there is a demonstration aspect to the meetings. This month, Xue demonstrated how to make the shredded potatoes.

"Idaho people like the potato," she said with a laugh. "But Chinese people love the potato, too."

Jokes like this keep the atmosphere of the club lighthearted and fun.

These aspects have made the club wildly popular. One of the jobs of Dusty Fleener, Confucius Institute administrative coordinator, is to handle reservations for Chinese Food Night.

He said in the beginning, they always used to have a few open seats, and now the workshops fill up sometimes a month in advance.

No matter what, however, the 35 people attending the workshop always seem to have a fantastic time, he said. The club is open to anyone, and they always get about an even mix of students, staff, faculty and community members.

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High school student Vibha Kumar performs during India Night on Sunday in the Bruce Pitman Center.

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This year, almost every seat in the ballroom was taken, and Penkey said he was very happy with the turnout. “We got a tremendous response,” he said. Audience member Vikram Yadama said and his wife drive over from Pullman to attend India Night almost every year. Yadama, who is originally from southern India, said he enjoyed discussing the different traditions between northern and southern India with those he sat with. “We’re really not that different,” Yadama said. “We all like good food, we all like kind people, we all like to dance and sing.” Yadama said he encourages everyone to attend events like India Night. “If you took a person and sent them around the world and had them end back where they started, the world we be a better place,” Yadama said. “It opens your eyes so much.”

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“It’s just the idea of getting a handwritten thank you note from a student,” Brownson said. “They’ll keep those cards around on their shelves or on their desks for quite some time.” Everly, a third-year business and economics major, said he believes the event is important because it prompts students to take a few moments to reflect on their experiences with UI faculty and staff members. “Just saying thank you can go so far, and everyone has a certain pro-

fessor or faculty or staff member who has impacted them,” Everly said. “We get so wrapped up in keeping track of classes and other obligations, no matter how much we intend to give that thanks, sometimes it gets put down to the bottom of the to-do list.” Brownson said every year, they receive only positive feedback from faculty and staff. “You can send an institutional message, but to have that thank you come from a student, the people we’re here to support and help in their educational journey, to have that message come directly from them is much more practi-

cal,” Brownson said. Two years ago, Everly and other Day of Thanks participants made an effort to personally thank the UI Facilities staff. “We went through the facilities offices and thanked a lot of the staff, and I think we had a few staff members who were so touched, it brought them to tears,” Everly said. “It was nice to see how much our appreciation was appreciated.” This year, Everly said he hopes to see students engage with the event, whether that be through stopping by the table to write a



note of appreciation to faculty and staff or through taking a moment to send an email to someone they appreciate. “I would really encourage students to come make sure they stop by our table and give a special thanks,” Everly said. “The day can even be used as an excuse to send an email to someone here at the university that’s impacted you, to let them know.” *Corrin Bond can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @CorrBond*



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**Wil Everly,**  
Student Foundation president

**EXCEL**  
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Fry said in sexual assault and domestic violence crimes, it’s important for him to remember that how police handle these cases can make a huge impact on the victims and their families. “We do that by how we react and how we talk to people,” Fry said. “I can’t change what happened, but if I can help them in anyway heal, and move on, a lot of times that is a success in itself.” Fry said that’s just one of the reasons he knows he can take the quote that now hangs on his wall and hang it in any office he may have — he said he knows that especially in law enforcement, things may get hard, but with determination, it’s possible to continuously strive to do better and better. “(The quote) reminds me that you have to keep excelling to be excellent,” Fry said. “You have to keep working at it every day.”

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Faculty Sen. Annette Folwell of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences asked about the amount of representation across demographics in the new three-person committees. She said two previous hearings she knew of required female members to review it, and wondered if that would still be possible with the new revisions. Brandt said equal representation is not out of the question, but it was not the main point of the revisions. Depending on the cases that come up, she said it would be possible to have diverse representation on the committees. Faculty Secretary Don Crowley said it may not always be a perfect process, but that was something they could pay attention to when examining future cases.



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# SPORTS



Idaho sweeps weekend doubleheader at home against LCSC and SFCC

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## FOOTBALL



Joleen Evans | Argonaut

Members of the Idaho defensive line run through drills Saturday before the team's second scrimmage of the spring at the Kibbie Dome.

## Open field success

Senior tight end eclipses 200 receiving yards in scrimmage

**Josh Grissom**  
Argonaut

Senior Deon Watson provided a spark for the Vandal offense during the team's second scrimmage of the spring season.

The tight end amassed 216 receiving yards on nine receptions Saturday during the team session at the Kibbie Dome.

"He's working the hardest he's worked since he's been here," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "He's just playing really well right now and doing a good job."

The senior averaged 24 yards per catch and recorded four touchdowns Saturday. Watson's performance included a 67-yard touchdown pass during the second half of the scrimmage.

"That was a lot of play calling," Watson said. "Coach (Petrino) put us in a lot of positions where we could thrive."

Petrino said Watson's versatility as a tight end and wide receiver combination allows the Vandal offense to confuse opposing defenses. "What doesn't show up as much out there to everybody is how much he has improved on his blocking," Petrino said. "So then he can play tight end and we can run the ball. We've had a lot of our best runs with him at tight end this spring."

Sophomore quarterback Jake Luton finished the practice with 19 completions on 33 attempts for 431 passing yards. The sophomore recorded six passing touchdowns,

including a 69-yard pass to senior wide receiver Callen Hightower to conclude the scrimmage.

"He keeps improving every day," Petrino said. "There's still things that he can continue improve on. There were a couple plays where he needs to know exactly where he's going, but getting all these reps has been huge."

Sophomore Gunnar Amos completed 12 passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior Reuben Mwehla also showcased his skills during the scrimmage. The wide receiver collected 158 yards on seven receptions. Mwehla was on the receiving end of a 56-yard touchdown pass from Amos late in the scrimmage.

The junior averaged 22.6 yards

per catch and ended team activities with three touchdown receptions.

Transfer wide receiver Alfonso Onunwor finished with five catches for 71 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown pass from Amos near the end of practice.

"I think (the receivers) stepped up," Watson said. "I think the O-line has helped out quite a bit too, just with the timing of the quarterback. But the receivers themselves have stepped up emotionally and brought some energy to the team, which is what we need."

Running back Aaron Duckworth led the Vandal backfield with 122 yards on 14 carries. Duckworth recorded two touch-

downs and averaged 8.7 yards per rush.

The junior demonstrated his strength with a 65-yard touchdown run late in the scrimmage. Duckworth barreled over defensive back Jordan Grabski in the open field on his way to the end zone.

"That was actually really exciting," senior center Steven Matlock said. "It looked like it was going to be a good play towards the start, but once he got outside and ran down the sideline and then cracked Jordan off his shoulder ... it was cool to see. It was a good play."

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## OPINION

## Defending the pass

Idaho secondary looks to contain quarterbacks during spring practices

**Brandon Hill**  
Argonaut

Idaho's passing game was dominant during Saturday's scrimmage at the Kibbie Dome.

Sophomore quarterbacks Jake Luton and Gunnar Amos combined for nine touchdowns through the air. The duo averaged 19.3 yards per completed pass, totaling 50 attempted passes and 608 passing yards during team activities.

The numbers are both a positive and a negative for the Vandals. While the quarterbacks found open receivers time and time again, the Idaho secondary was kept on its heels for most of the practice.

Senior cornerback Jayshawn Jordan was at the forefront of the secondary. Jordan made it difficult for the offense to succeed in short passing situations.

The senior also made several key tackles on bubble screens, reducing the yardage gained by the offense.

Jordan also helped out on blitzes and recorded a tackle for a loss in the backfield.

Jordan's highlight play of the scrimmage came just inside of the left tackle. Jordan jumped in front of the pass and took the interception 39 yards for a touchdown. He ended the day with 6 tackles.

Senior Khalin Smith also recorded an interception against Luton, but a whistle from

a referee ended the play before Smith had a chance to return the pick.

Senior defensive back Kahshan Greene and freshman Thomas Sedrick each knocked down passes during the scrimmage. Greene batted down a short pass to the outside, while Thomas swatted down a ball intended for senior Callen Hightower.

Sophomore Calvalry Pugh forced a fumble near the middle of the field that the offense quickly recovered.

Despite some strong individual efforts from the defensive backs, the secondary had difficulty when it came to deep coverage. Luton and Amos often found open receivers down the middle of the field on deep post routes.

Many of the defensive miscues appeared to occur during a zone coverage. Cornerbacks and safeties often gave the receivers too much space, allowing them to find soft spots in coverage. This led to several passes and big yardage gains for the offense.

Many deep passes, especially late in the scrimmage, resulted in touchdowns. The number of passing touchdowns increased once the secondary began to show signs of fatigue. Jordan and senior safety D.J. Hampton were the most targeted defensive backs on deep passing routes.

Early in the scrimmage, Jordan and Hampton let junior wide receiver Reuben Mwehla split between them for a touchdown.



Hill



## Athletes of the week

### Kolcie Bates - Track and Field

Junior thrower Kolcie Bates brought home one of the two Vandal victories in Spokane at the WAR IX competition this weekend. Bates recorded a career-best throw of 51.82 meters in the hammer throw to earn a first place finish. The junior also took fourth in the discus throw with a distance of 42.55 meters to earn a season-best mark.



Bates

### Arphaxad Carroll - Track and Field

Sophomore Arphaxad Carroll recorded the only Vandal victory in the men's competition during the WAR IX in Spokane Saturday. Carroll earned a first place finish in the long jump with a distance of 6.97 meters. The mark earned the sophomore a qualifying position for the Big Sky Tournament.



Carroll

### Lucia Badillos - Women's tennis

Sophomore Lucia Badillos earned victories in both singles and doubles competition Friday against Montana. The sophomore defeated Anabel Carbo 6-4, 6-3 on the No. 4 court in singles play, before pairing with freshman Marianna Petrei to earn a 6-2



Badillos

victory over the Montana duo of Carbo and Hanna Sulz.

### Deon Watson - Football

Senior tight end Deon Watson eclipsed 200 receiving yards during the team's second scrimmage of the spring. Watson snagged nine passes for 216 yards, recording four touchdown receptions during the scrimmage. The Vandals will scrimmage again at the Kibbie Dome Friday at 4 p.m.



Watson

### Odon Barta - Men's tennis

Senior Odon Barta helped the Vandals sweep Eastern Washington Wednesday with victories on both the singles and doubles court. Barta defeated Eastern Washington's Victor Pereira 6-3, 6-2 on the No. 1 court. Barta and sophomore Felipe Fonseca teamed up to defeat Eagle duo Vuk Vuckovic and Eduardo Bringhold 6-1. The Vandals earned a 7-0 sweep of the Eagles.



Barta

### Kristin Strankman - Women's golf

Senior Kristin Strankman led the Idaho women's golf team to its first tournament victory of the season. Strankman tied for sixth with a 2-over-par 218 to propel the Vandals to an eight-stroke victory in the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic.



Strankman

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## VOLLEYBALL



Josh Grissom | Argonaut

Members of the Idaho volleyball team celebrate an early point during a scrimmage Saturday against LCSC at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals earned a 3-0 sweep of the Warriors.

# Vandals ace the competition

*Idaho volleyball earns home sweep over LCSC and Spokane Falls Saturday*

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team continued to improve on the court and establish team chemistry over the weekend as the team competed in its first home competition of the spring.

The Vandals faced regional opponents Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) and Spokane Falls Community College at the Memorial Gym Saturday.

The Vandals earned a 3-0 victory in each meeting, sweeping both opponents.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said consistency played a key in the team's performance.

"Overall, we played really consistent Saturday," Buchanan said. "Offensively, we're starting to connect a little bit more than we have been. We played a lot steadier and our passing and offensive numbers went up quite a bit."

Senior defensive specialist Terra Varney said both victories were a huge boost for the program.

"We've been working on the things we

needed to work on and we just gelled as a team," Varney said. "We're all playing together really well and it was a good weekend for us."

Idaho cruised to victory in the first set against the Warriors, earning a 25-16 win.

Inconsistent serving and several errors allowed LCSC to remain competitive in the second set, but the Vandals squeezed by with a 25-23 win. It was Idaho's closest margin of victory during the weekend.

The final set of the match concluded with a kill by junior outside hitter Becca Mau, giving Idaho the third set win 25-18.

Mau said the team was more prepared for competition in comparison to the previous tournament in Pullman.

"We went in knowing that we going to have a lot to work to do," Mau said. "This past week in practice, we focused on practicing our skills. Especially our serve and receive passing and building trust this spring. We did a lot better in our passing along with just connecting with Haylee (Mathis) as our only setter."

Mau said Mathis has done a great job filling the primary setter role left behind by Vandal graduate Meredith Coba.

"As our only setter, Haylee has got a ton of reps," Mau said. "She's getting the hang

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of it pretty quick. We're wanting to run that faster offense, so I'm excited to see how she does going forward."

Idaho also earned a sweep over Spokane Falls (25-16, 25-14, 25-12), as Casey Kline's kill ended the game in a Vandal victory.

Buchanan said despite a lack of scrimmaging during practice, the team's confidence improved against Spokane Falls.

"We're gaining more confidence," Buchanan said. "Our chemistry and our whole team dynamic is building and it's been really good."

Mau said the team was able to find consistency on starting and finishing games.

"Last Saturday, we kind of struggled on staying strong from beginning of the game to the end," Mau said. "It was another big focus we had going in Saturday. We just went in with the mindset that we're going to focus on our side of the court and have a lot of fun."

Varney said there are some plays the team will continue to work on during practice.

"We'll still work on continuing to build our trust and work on our cross patterns," Varney said. "There's a lot of balls that were dropping just because we weren't quite trusting each other together. So we need to just keep playing

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We're gaining more confidence. Our chemistry and our whole team dynamic is building and it's been really good.

**Debbie Buchanan, coach**

together at all times but we still did a good job throughout the week and both matches Saturday."

Buchanan said the team made occasional errors Saturday, but she saw hustle on the court.

"We're trying to get them to be real aggressive," Buchanan said. "I thought we saw some really good balls going in that were good and tough. It caused the other team to continue to either zero to one passes. We had some misses, but we got to work through that and get it fixed before the fall."

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## OPINION

## Game of concussions

*Research shows football may not be safe for developing brains*

Between spring scrimmages and the upcoming NFL draft, it's safe to say it's football season once again.

The sport of football is violent, even at the high school and middle school levels.

Injuries are common, if not expected. The crack of colliding helmets can be heard even from the top of packed stadiums, where crowds cheer as men risk career-ending injuries.

As players begin to suit up for spring practice, one question begs to be asked: is football safe?

Typical injuries include concussions, ACL and MCL tears, torn meniscus, ankle sprains, muscle contusions, torn hamstrings, shoulder strains, joint separation and dislocation.

Treatment for these injuries can range from an ice pack to surgery. Any injury can significantly limit a player's impact during a season.

The previous list does not include the latest scare in the sport: Chronic Traumatic

Encephalopathy (CTE).

According to Boston University, CTE is a "progressive degenerative disease of the brain found in athletes with a history of repetitive brain trauma, including symptomatic concussions and asymptomatic subconcussive hits to the head."

The first diagnosis of CTE was dramatized into the blockbuster movie "Concussion," starring Will Smith as Dr. Bennet Omalu.

Omalu diagnosed former Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Mike Webster with the disease posthumously in 2002.

When kids grow up playing football, the forceful collisions can impact their brain development.

Human beings are born with a set number of neurons for their entire life. These specialized nerve cells cannot be regrown or added artificially, only lost. When young men experience traumatic brain injuries, they risk losing nerve functions they will never recover.

Omalu argues that such a rough and violent sport should not be played until the brain is completely developed — usually between the ages of 18 and 25.

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The human body is designed to withstand some bumps during our journey through life. In the case of football, the repeated tackling and occasional concussions build upon one another to create a damaged brain.

There is some risk of injury in athletics and there always will be. But where should the line be drawn? How much brain damage should be considered too much?

Everyone has the right to choose. People have the right to choose to smoke, drink or participate in activities that may put their health on the line. This is what makes our country great — the right to choose.

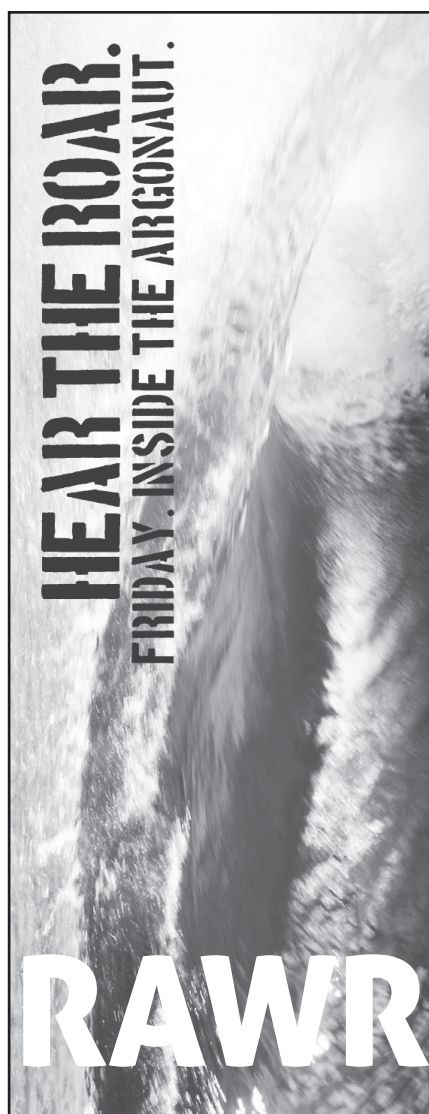
Parents have the right to choose if football is a safe sport for their children. But these parents should also be presented the facts and understand the risks involved in such a contact sport.

Great care needs to be taken to ensure the health of athletes of all ages, until further research is conducted on the subject.

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**Tess Fox**  
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## SOCCER

# Vandals split road trip

Idaho women's soccer splits Sunday doubleheader in Portland

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

The Idaho women's soccer team continued its spring season by traveling to Portland Sunday to compete against Concordia and Seattle University.

The Vandals defeated Concordia 1-0 following a goal in the second half from junior midfielder Elexis Scholssarek with an assist from midfielder Clara Gomez.

Gomez slipped the ball past the midfielder, while Scholssarek got behind the backline to the goaltender one-on-one to score the vandals lone goal of the day.

Idaho head coach Derek Pittman said the team did well in its first spring win.

"Overall it was a really good day for the team," Pittman said. "Concordia is a very good program and I thought our team came out very organized and sharp. We had a couple of chances early on but it wasn't until

about midway through the second half that we broke through."

The Vandals dealt with fatigue during the second game of the doubleheader, as Seattle U scored with less than a minute to go in the second half to move ahead of Idaho.

The Vandals had several opportunities to score in the second half, but could not convert on any shots. The Redhawks scored again in the final five minutes of play to seal the 2-0 win.

Pittman said he was proud of the way the team competed, despite consecutive games.

"It can be difficult when you're down but I thought our kids kept fighting," Pittman said. "They did a good job at competing all the way to the very end."

Pittman said the Redhawks possessed more energy because the team had to play one game during the afternoon, compared to two for Idaho.

"There was a little bit of tired legs in our second game," Pittman said. "We made a couple of mistakes on the goals, but overall it was a pretty even match. We just didn't score our chances and they scored theirs."

Pittman said playing two games in one day can be grueling, but it's also part of spring season. He said his goal was to get as many players on the field as possible to provide his roster with valuable experience.

"We used our entire roster Sunday," Pittman said. "So everyone played anywhere from 60 to about 110 minutes. We had some people on the field that maybe normally haven't been playing to get some experience. But we also have some players that have played a lot of minutes and were definitely having some tired legs."

Pittman said the team has made noticeable

progress this spring.

"We did some good things defensively and created some great opportunities on the attack," he said. "But we just need to be better at finishing on those opportunities that we have to score."

Pittman said the focus of the spring is to develop the program and prepare the players for the upcoming fall.

"The encouraging thing about developing our players is that we're creating opportunities," Pittman said. "We just need to be better going at it and putting those chances away but it's important for their growth to play more minutes and continue to get better."

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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

# Idaho succeeds at WAR IX

Two Vandals earn individual victories, several qualify for Big Sky Championships

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The Idaho track and field team ended the Washington Against the Region (WAR) IX tournament in Spokane with several successful performances.

Two Vandals earned individual victories, while several others qualified for the Big Sky Championships next month.

On the women's side of competition, junior thrower Kolcie Bates earned the lone women's victory for Idaho with a hammer throw distance of 51.82 meters. Bates also competed in the discus, throwing a

distance of 42.55 meters to earn a fourth place finish.

In the 400-meter dash, two Idaho athletes earned top ten finishes. Sophomore Meghan Palesch's time of 59.08 seconds earned a second place performance, while junior Wednesday Walton finished behind Palesch in fifth with a time of 59.72 seconds.

Freshman McCall Skay and sophomore Alex Siemens had fifth and eighth place finishes in the 1500-meter run, respectively. Skay broke her personal record with a time of 4:44.49, while Siemens earned a season-best time of 4:47.68.

On the men's side of competition, sophomore Arphaxad Carroll earned the only men's individual victory for the Vandals with a first place finish in the long jump.

Carroll's qualifying mark of 6.97 meters earned the sophomore a berth in the Big Sky Championships in May.

Three Vandals cracked the top ten in the javelin throw. Senior Derek Haas finished third with a season-best 62.65 meter throw. Junior Ian Middleton finished in fourth behind Haas with a 62.56 meter throw. Freshman Austin Beyer finished sixth with a throw

of 60.44 meters, enough to qualify for the Big Sky Championship next month.

In the 110-meter hurdles, senior Jesse Villines finished third with a time of 14.78 seconds, while freshman Zion Stuffle finished third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.31 seconds.

Stuffle's mark is currently the fastest 400-meter hurdle time for any athlete in the Big Sky Conference this season.

The Idaho track and field team will compete in several events next

weekend. Some members of the team will travel to Ceritos, California over the weekend for the Mt. SAC Relays, while others will travel to Los Angeles Thursday for the Cal State Twilight.

In addition, several team members will travel to Azusa Pacific for the Bryan Clay Invitational Friday, while the remaining Idaho track and field athletes will compete in the Long Beach Invitational Saturday.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Vandals earn postseason berth

Women's tennis clinches postseason spot with 6-1 conference win

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The Idaho women's tennis team clinched a berth in the Big Sky Tournament Friday with a 6-1 victory over regional rival Montana.

The Vandals held the Grizzlies to a single point in singles play to improve the team's conference record to 7-2.

"It was important to come out and get the win today," Idaho head coach Mariana Cobra said. "Now we know we are in the tournament." Idaho gained momentum following a strong showing in doubles play.

The duo of sophomore Ana Batiri and senior Belen Barcenilla defeated Montana opponents sophomore Catherine Orfanos

and junior Francis Dean 7-5 on the No. 1 court. The Vandal pair of freshman Marianna Petrei and sophomore Lucia Badillos clinched the respective doubles point with a 6-2 victory on the No. 3 court.

"It is always nice to start with the doubles point," Cobra said. "It has been something we have focused on and will continue to work on."

Petrei continued her dominating performance in singles play with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Dean on the No. 1 court. The win improves the freshman's record to 17-2 in singles play on the season.

Freshman Celine Koets continued the trend for the Vandals by defeating Montana junior Hannah Sulz 6-2, 6-2 on the No. 3

court to extend Idaho's lead to 3-0.

Barcenilla sealed the Vandal win with a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over Cam Kincaid on the No. 4 court.

Freshman Lidia Dukic earned the only point for Montana with a 7-5, 6-3 win over senior Rita Bermudez on the No. 2 court.

Freshman Maria Tavares competed in Idaho's longest match of the day. Tavares earned a comeback victory against Orfanos after forcing a tiebreaking third set.

Badillos rounded off the Idaho win with a 6-4, 6-3 victory on the No. 6 court against junior Anabel Carbo.

The win provides the Vandals an auto-

matic berth in the Big Sky Tournament in Sacramento April 29 through May 1. The only other Big Sky team to clinch a postseason berth this season is Northern Arizona.

"We are excited to continue to build and improve over these last few matches in preparation for Sacramento," Cobra said.

The Vandals will travel to Grand Forks Friday to face North Dakota in a Big Sky matchup. The team will then meet Northern Colorado in Greeley Sunday.

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## SUCCESS

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Redshirt freshman Denzal Brantley provided another strong performance in the backfield by rushing for 95 yards on 12 carries. Brantley averaged 7.9 yards per rush during the scrimmage.

"He's explosive and has good balance," Petrino said. "He can both run and catch, and he's a pretty good pass protector. I think he's just got to keep improving. That's a lot of the same stuff I saw last year when he was a redshirt."

Petrino said the competition in the backfield for the starting role has allowed the running back core to excel on the field. "I think that's one of the best things - when you see your teammate play really well, and then you have to play really well to stay up with him," Petrino said.

Redshirt sophomore linebacker Tony Lashley led the Vandal defense with 11 tackles and three potential sacks. The sophomore also deflected a pass from Luton early in the scrimmage.

Senior cornerback Jayshawn Jordan recorded an interception from Luton late in the first half, returning the interception 39 yards for a defensive touchdown.

"Two guys that stick out to me in the secondary that have had great springs are Dezmon Banks and Jayshawn Jordan," Petrino said. "I think those two guys have really improved and that's going to help us."

Sophomore linebacker Ed Hall recorded another nine tackles for the Vandals, while freshman linebacker Tarik Littlejohn deflected two passes.

"I just thought we came out fast and ready to play," Hall said. "I didn't think (the offense) came out slow. We were just getting off blocks and doing our right assignment."

The Vandals will hold the team's annual Silver and Gold spring game at 7 p.m. April 22 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

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## PASS

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In the second half, Hampton and Jordan were beat on two separate occasions for long touchdowns. The second was a deep pass that tight end Deon Watson hauled in for a 67-yard touchdown. Watson recorded nine catches, 216 yards and four touchdowns on the day.

Safety Jordan Grabski saw some action for the Vandal defense and ended the scrimmage with four

tackles. Late in the scrimmage, running back Aaron Ducksworth beat him to the sideline for a 65-yard touchdown rush.

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino acknowledged the injuries sustained by secondary, but said many

players are stepping up to the challenge. Petrino specifically praised the efforts of Jordan and junior cornerback Desmond Banks during spring practices.

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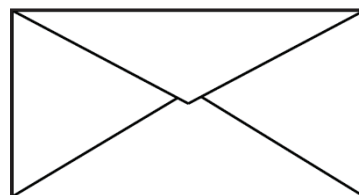
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## OUR VIEW

# Idaho evolving

*New police chief should pay attention to community's emerging values*

The Moscow Police Department has developed a good relationship with the people of the town and University of Idaho community, and Captain James Fry has been a part of that for years.

Fry will be approved as the new Chief of Police by Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert April 18, replacing current Chief David Duke, who is set to retire later in the spring.

Duke served the community well as chief, and Fry will inherit a lot of responsibility when he begins his position soon. He hasn't mentioned much that he plans to do differently from Duke, but it's important for him to take

note of how the community of Moscow is ever-evolving, particularly this year.

Earlier this month, medical amnesty was signed into law in Idaho through the work of state legislators and ASUI representatives. Fry should take this into account. Because it was UI students who worked to pass this legislation, it means this is something that is important to other students, too. Fry and the rest of the MPD continually work to protect those students along with the rest of Moscow.

With high hopes for ASUI, students are likely to stand up for important issues in the future. Fry should keep his finger on the pulse of what's important to them.

It's hard to ignore the impact of sexual assault throughout the country, especially on

college campuses. How college communities handle sexual assault is important to the students who inhabit them.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but that doesn't mean people shouldn't remain aware of the issue throughout the year. This shouldn't be a problem for Fry, however, as he spent much of his time investigating sexual assault and domestic violence cases in the past.

For the rest of the community, sexual assault is something that deserves our attention. Often times people get a sense of security while living in Moscow, because the area is known for being so safe.

However, violence doesn't discriminate based on location. No one thought Moscow would experience a shooting incident, but that didn't pre-

vent the tragic deaths of three people last year.

The same goes for sexual assault — it can happen to anyone. Awareness may not do much to prevent it, but it does a lot to spread knowledge and respect for the victims.

Moscow is a strong and relatively safe community, one Fry is already a part of. The police force has a positive relationship with the people in the area, something that is becoming rare and shouldn't be taken advantage of.

To continue this positive relationship, both Fry and the other officers need to pay attention to the emerging trends and values of the people they are meant to protect. Humans are always evolving, and in a college town that is even more prominent.

— EB

## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### "Disabled" as a social construct

I went to a prom for students with special needs this weekend. Excuse me — a prom for students.

— Lyndsie

### Reminder

That the most effective changes are made out of self-love, not self-hate.

— Hannah

### Hannah

Claps for you.

— Austin

### Moment of panic

When you open your laptop to finish your semester project and your computer won't start. Looks like it's going to be an all-nighter.

— Josh

### Don't yuck my yum

If someone shoots an idea down without trying it out, you need to reconsider how you deal with people. If it sucks, it sucks and move on. It's called patience and taking risks.

— Luis

### TEDxUIdaho

The only place you'll get a 9-year-old boy telling you how to live your life effectively.

— Jessica

### Blues song, part 5/6

Try to forget me, or at least forgive. Try to forget me, if you can't forgive.

Just put down that gun, babe. You know I want to live.

— Jack

### Maryland

A bill protecting high school and college journalists is on the governor's desk in Maryland. It blows my mind that students across the country still don't have the protections they need to be journalists.

— Tess

### Panama Papers

While the whole story hasn't been pieced together, it's clear that this leak has exposed some suspicious behavior from prominent global leaders.

— Corrin

### Everything at once

No one panic. It's OK. Oh my God. No one panic. This time of the semester is going to be hard for everybody. We're in this together.

— Jake

### PB&Js

I am determined to learn how to cook this summer so I don't starve when I live on my own next year.

— Tea

### Us and them

The difference between us and them — rich and poor — extends to life expectancy. Why is the gap so large?

— Katelyn

### Moms' Weekend

I should probably start getting the house ready for my mom and my roommate's mom. I am going to need the full week to get the house ready.

— Jordan

### Undergrad research

Who knew students on campus were trying to find ways to create pharmaceuticals out of hops plants?

— Claire

### Moscow

Forever thankful that working for The Argonaut has given me so much knowledge about how great this community is. For those of you who don't work for Student Media, I highly recommend taking some time to get to know this town before you graduate.

— Erin

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THINK IT'LL BLOW IF WE KEEP POKING AT IT?

HASN'T YET. KEEP POKING.



Megan Hall  
Argonaut



# A pointless blame game

*The fight for LGBT rights is still an uphill battle in the United States*

Let's take a quick look at the current issues happening in the State of Mississippi.

It is one of the most obese states in the United States, which is one of the most obese countries in the world.

In 2014 it was ranked last on a national scale in K-12 student academics. Poverty remains a huge issue for the state, with 34 percent of Mississippi children living in poverty.

As if all these issues weren't enough, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant decided to sign a law permitting discrimination toward the LGBT community.

The legislation is called "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act," which aims to protect religious rights, but instead protects zealots who think their religion is above the law.

Of course religious freedom is important, but it

should not allow employers to fire someone based solely on their sexual orientation.

The law is meant to protect individuals or organizations who have "the sincerely held religious belief or moral convictions" that marriage "should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman."

This is meant to encourage people to sympathize with the restaurant owner who doesn't want to serve a gay couple celebrating their wedding anniversary because their lifestyle is against his religion.

It is simply a hateful law that justifies discrimination against the LGBT community. It's a step backward for Mississippi lawmakers in a country that has been working to establish LGBT rights.

But this isn't the only state making anti-LGBT laws. North Carolina passed a law stating people must use the gender on their birth certificate when using public bathrooms.

There is already plenty of discrimination that transgender people have to go through. A transgender man should not

be forced to use the women's bathroom where they may experience violence or judgment.

These states have received backlash from the nation, with many states including Minnesota, New York, Vermont and Washington banning employee travel to North Carolina and Mississippi in response to the discriminatory legislation.

Bruce Springsteen even canceled his concert scheduled in North Carolina, saying "To my mind, it's an attempt by people who cannot stand the progress our country has made in recognizing the human rights of all of our citizens to overturn that progress. Taking all of this into account, I feel that this is a time for me and the band to show solidarity for those freedom fighters."

Considering Mississippi is the most obese and most impoverished state in the nation, it appears this law has served as a brilliant distraction for Gov. Bryant. Mississippians will likely struggle with weight in the future and have trouble finding a job, but at

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least they can have the satisfaction of denying service to a gay man.

The law violates basic human rights for the LGBT com-

munity in pursuit of what Bryant claims is religious freedom. Religion should not allow an employer to fire someone based on their sexual orientation. It is also against Christian ideals to have sex before marriage, but employers shouldn't be allowed to fire a pregnant single woman.

I hope citizens in Mississippi who are against this law know the nation has their back. Lawmakers have used this social division as a diversion from the overwhelming problems in the state.

There needs to be a balance of protecting religious freedom and civil rights. These laws passed in Mississippi and North Carolina are fighting progression and have proved to be an embarrassment to the nation.

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# An image of importance

Schools shouldn't be afraid to use more Christian imagery

The auditorium in the Administration Building is surrounded by stained glass. When the sun streams through, books and papers and pens glow green, red and blue.

It looks old and important. Some of that comes from brick and ivy, but there's also an element of Christian imagery. The stained glass windows in the Administration Building, the pious dome on top of the north Art and Architecture Building and the monastery-like courtyard next to Brink Hall all say this school is old and important.

But should Christians be offended by these design choices? Should the replacement of religion with academia be seen as another shot fired in the war on Christianity?

If someone were to complain that a stained glass image of a book diminished their Christian faith, I would feel sorry for them, but not that sorry.

The difference between harmful cultural appropriation and fruitful cultural exchange is the power dynamic between the two cultures in question. Religious institutions and academic institutions have pretty equal footing in America. Both churches and schools receive tax exemptions and are generally seen as good things for society.

More than that, certain Christian images have acquired a meaning beyond the faith. A dove means peace. A four leaf clover means luck. Saint Valentine's Day means buying flowers for someone.

The word "escalator" used to be trademarked by the Otis Elevator Company. Once people began calling all moving staircases "escalators" even when they weren't built by Otis, the company lost the trademark. The patent office decided it was a generic term, and

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other escalator companies could call their escalators by the name.

Plenty of other trademarked words have become genericized, like trampoline, app or thermos. Kleenex is headed in the same direction.

Many Christian images have been genericized. Stained glass represents anything old and important, not just the age and significance of Christianity.

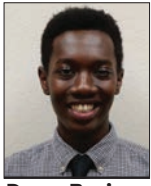
There is no inherent value in culture — what matters is culture's effect on people. When a language dies, nobody mourns the actual language, the grammar and the vocabulary. It's the fact that somebody's writing will never be read again, that their voice will never be understood.

The Christian voice will be heard for the foreseeable future. We have a Campus Christian Center, numerous faith groups and a number of opportunities for students to express their Christian identities.

Going to a school that feels old and important matters. Walking through the creaky hardwood floors of the Administration Building, hearing the sound of trumpets playing out of vine-covered Ridenbaugh Hall, looking up at the impressive oak trees on the Hello Walk — these things feel nice and they make students care about campus.

School needs to feel meaningful. If borrowing old, important Christian images helps, it's worth it.

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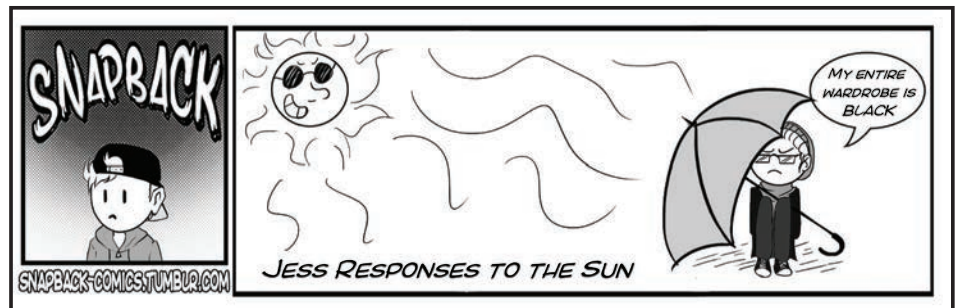


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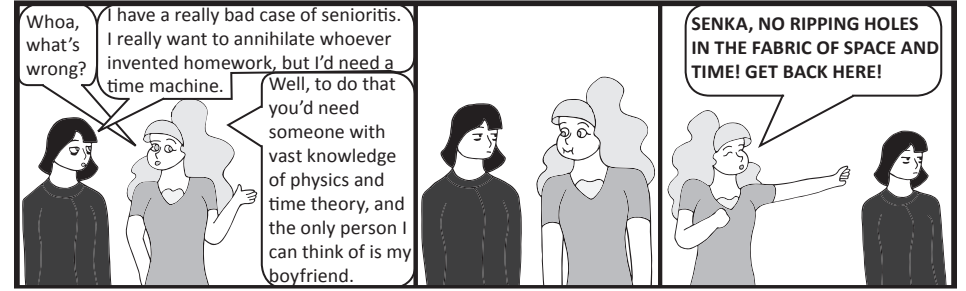
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### Snapback



Megan Hall | Argonaut

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### Bad sense of humor



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## Mailbox

### Tick season

It is tick season on the Palouse. I was changing my T-shirt after a walk on Kamiak Butte and a blood thirsty tick fell off. Even though I was alert to the possibility of ticks and avoided brushing against grass, limbs, etc. he was ready for me and

wanted a warm mammal on which to feed. It's tick season. Be aware. I saw several people with dogs wandering around on Kamiak Butte, college students. Hope they're alert and aware.

Jerry McCollum

## Artists' individuality

The unique voices of artists play a significant role in society

The world is filled with an indefinite amount of art. Art can be obvious, and contemporary life thrives on its popularity.

Young people spend hours every day consuming media. Much of this media, especially music, is generally thought of as art.

Art represents a world we all hold within ourselves, but often it must be expressed to us in a specific way to be recognized. The artist has long stood as a regulator of the status quo who ensures that people are shown a world outside of the one money-making entities want us to see.

When art connects to people, there is a loophole that allows both art and the individual to be manipulated in the process.

Evidence of this can be seen in the art produced during the reign of regimes, where figures represented the standards set forth by the oppressors. The works were transformed into a propaganda tool that helped convince the public that they were not being brainwashed.

Look to any painting from the early days of Stalinist Russia, any sculpture produced in North Korea or many pieces of art produced soon after the Chinese Revolution, and this concept becomes quite clear.

What is not clear is how often this is utilized by entities which strive to manipulate or remold the status quo behind the backs of a community.

As of now, most

developed countries don't possess totalitarian regimes that plot against their people, and so the program has changed. But that doesn't mean the art that is created can't have negative effects.

Although many people think their own opinions are unique, this is becoming more difficult to believe.

In the media, people are given a world created by a literal web of internet searches.

This individual objectivity that each person is fed makes the true divergence of the tradition of art difficult and sometimes impossible to maintain.

What is seen instead are things that look new and fresh, but are instead regurgitations with flashy wrapping.

If a piece of artwork really is new, its success will still be tied to whether consumers' search history matches what the art is portraying. We constantly praise artists as being

creative and bold when in fact much of their content is not created by the artists themselves, but ripped off from previous trends.

What is left is a world who praises a person as courageous who does not create his or her own art.

We are correct in worshipping something because it is courageous, for this is what all major movements in human history have consisted of, but we are incorrect in swallowing the words of anyone with enough money to buy a pedestal to stand on. In these cases we are worshipping the money, not the art.

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## Teaching life skills in the classroom

General Education needs more life skills classes

General Education — the bane of every student's existence at a university.

Paying to take more than 30 credits worth of classes that don't matter is appealing to no one. But I think my interest in General Education is different than most.

It has potential. There, I said it. It could be a great program.

The problem is, it's not a good program right now. It's a burden rather than a blessing. Instead of taking classes for my major, I have to take science labs, math and other subjects that I won't ever use.

General Education comes in two forms — University of Idaho General Education or State Board of Education Core requirements. Most students complete the UI General Education. Transfer students are given the option to choose. UI General Education aims to educate students on several levels according to the

university website. Written and oral communication, critical thinking, analytical reasoning, problem-solving, ethics, teamwork, creativity and the "application of knowledge and skills in real-world settings" are all included in this list.

Being generally educated is important. People attend college to broaden their horizons, learn new things, meet new people and receive job training for their future careers. I'm all for being taught new viewpoints, but how many humanities and social science classes do I really need?

General Education should include a life skills requirement. These classes would show students how to do important "adult" things. Most of us have to figure out how to do that by Google searches, or asking friends or parents. But not all students have a great support system where they can ask questions like, "What are the pros and cons of using a credit card?" That's why several different

life skills classes would be beneficial to all university students.

To be good productive, contributing members of society, there are things that we as emerging adults need to know. How do I build good credit? What happens if I don't? How do I register to vote? How do I do my taxes?

Instead of taking two science classes or several humanities classes, students would be required to take a life skills course. They could be online or in-person and feature a variety of topics to help students pick what they need to learn about. Some topics could include how to make a budget, taxes, how to build good credit, get a loan, buying a car or house and resume or portfolio building.

Modifying the General Education program to create better citizens as well as students would be beneficial to all. It's more important that I know how to do my taxes than the Pythagorean Theorem.

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