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University of Idaho senior Heather Colwell helps destroy the wall at the Writing on the Wall event at the Idaho Commons Plaza Wednesday. The aim of the event was to symbolically tear down hateful stereotypes with the wall.

More than sticks and stones

Writing on the Wall event aims to destroy harmful stereotypes

Austin Maas
Argonaut

In a little over five minutes, the wall would come down.

The drywall structure, which stood all afternoon Wednesday outside the Idaho Commons, was a part of The Writing on the Wall event hosted by the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action (CVSA). The event gave University of Idaho students, faculty and staff from all different backgrounds the opportunity to write statements they found damaging on the wall. The aim of tearing down the wall was to symbolically tear the harmful constructs down with it.

For Sienna Reuben, a fourth-year UI student, the event was a chance to speak out about the color of her skin.

"I am not red," she wrote. "I am indigenous."

She said she wrote the statement simply to point out blatant racism that is still present in society.

Reuben said her friend also wrote a statement that displayed the perception that indigenous people are all "free-loaders" to expose a hurtful stereotype.

Reuben said it's important to show these kinds of racism because often people don't even realize what they are saying is offensive in any way.

Courtney Stoker, a social justice coordinator at the CVSA, wrote an oppressive statement that is often used without proper understanding of its context — the phrase, "I got gyped."

Stoker said the phrase is a reference to an indigenous population in Europe called the Roma, or more commonly gypsies.

Stoker said the Roma are just one example of a demographic that has been systematically excluded from society.

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"Everyone hates the Roma," Stoker said. "They're known for being homeless and dirty. You know, the 'dirty gypsy' typical stereotype."

She said the phrase originates from a fear that the Roma would steal from anybody.

Reuben said she had never heard about the meaning behind the phrase.

"There's just one example of better understanding," she said.

For Emily Clark, a UI senior, the event was an opportunity to discuss consent as a continuous process.

"Apparently," she wrote. "Being repeatedly raped by your significant other is OK, 'because you're dating.'"

Clark said she never thought that she would never be in an abusive relationship and didn't know how to react when it happened.

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FINALS FEST

Going up on a Friday

Finals Fest featured hip hop performers and celebrity DJs at SprinTurf

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Hundreds of students at the University of Idaho braved the rain and cold weather Friday evening to attend Finals Fest 2016 on the campus SprinTurf.

The event consisted of foam pool noodles, inflatable pizza slices and celebrity amateur DJs.

"This was always going to be a rain or shine event," said Alec Rettner, board member of Vandal Entertainment. "That's what we wanted it to be. We didn't want the weather to influence Finals Fest."

IloveMakonnen headlined the university event, while "Workaholics" television stars Anders Holm and Blake Anderson opened as guest DJs.

"We were excited they were in our budget," Rettner said. "Our job is to bring the music people ask for to campus. We were grateful the artists came out to Idaho."

Vandal Entertainment hosted the event on the SprinTurf, as vendors from Coeur d'Alene and Moscow provided food products ranging from grilled cheese sandwiches to miniature doughnuts.

"This is the first year that we've had food other than Sodexo at Finals Fest," said Hannah Dunbar, board member of Vandal Entertainment. "We wanted local food places that provided a mix of options."

The event commenced with opening acts from experimental hip hop group Sly Moon Sutra and Nu-disco band Chanti Darling.

"It's called Finals Fest, so we thought, why not make it into an actual fest instead of a one-man concert?" said Samantha Tanigawa, promotions chair of Vandal Entertainment.

Holms and Anderson followed with a performance that combined music with impromptu comedy routines.

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ENGINEERING

It's rocket science

SpaceX cofounder discusses journey from logging to rocket design

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

As a college student in the early 1980s, Tom Mueller spent his summer months working as a logger to pay for his education at the University of Idaho.

Three decades later, Mueller has established himself as one of the leading global experts in the field of spacecraft propulsion as a co-founder and of SpaceX.

Mueller discussed his journey during the keynote address of the UI Engineering Design EXPO Friday afternoon.

Mueller said his path to becoming a rocket designer resulted from a conversation with a college professor in Moscow. Mueller said he initially enrolled in the university to learn how to be an aircraft mechanic.

"This professor asked me, 'Do you want to be the guy who fixes the plane or designs the plane?'" Mueller said. "I told him I wanted to be the guy who designs it. He then said that I should be an engineer."

That conversation led Mueller to pursue courses in thermodynamics and mechanical vibration as he pursued a mechanical engineering degree.

Mueller said his college experience was not the only motivation to pursue a career in rocket design. He said he inherited his uncle's chemistry set as a child and used it to build powerful model rockets.

"It was a real chemistry set back in those days," Mueller said. "Not the current versions kids use that is much safer."

Mueller said his love for science prompted him to move to California in 1985 to look for a job in the aerospace industry. After two years, he landed in a position with automotive company TRW as a propulsion development engineer.

Mueller said his first duty involved testing rocket fuel containing the highly-explosive substance chlorine trifluoride. He said he did not fully realize the danger of the material until it shattered a metal pipe during a testing round.

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FACULTY SENATE

Spread pay three ways

Spread Pay Task Force proposal met with concern at Faculty Senate

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

More than 500 University of Idaho faculty members enjoy the benefits of spread pay, but some members of Faculty Senate aren't sure it is best for the university as a whole.

At last week's Faculty Senate meeting, members of the Spread Pay Task Force and administrators reviewed a proposal to slowly bring UI away from the spread pay method.

Spread pay takes an employee's annual salary and divides it equally among the 12 months of the year, so faculty and staff are paid the same amount during the summer months. Chair of the Spread Pay Task Force Becky Tallent said many faculty members perceive spread pay as a valuable benefit to them, but staff don't see it the same way.

Tallent said many staff members think

spread pay undermines Banner, a financial transaction software for higher education institutions. Vice President for Finance Brian Foisy said this was a reason a change was needed.

"Lots of people say, 'Well if it ain't broke, why fix it?'" Foisy said. "Well, what we need you to understand is that for a certain extent from the staff perspective, something was broke."

The task force came up with multiple solutions, but also wanted to make sure no employee was forced into a system they didn't agree with, Tallent said.

She said the primary objective was to do no harm.

"People who don't want to leave the system don't have to," Tallent said.

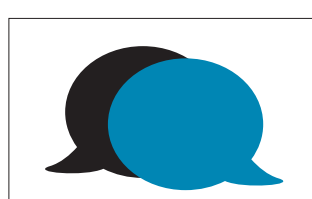
The Spread Pay Task Force came up with three options for current university employees. Foisy said if an employee enjoys their payment system through spread pay, they can opt to stay in.

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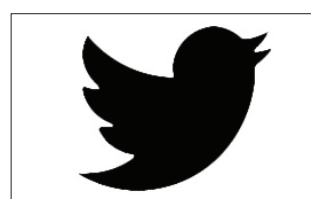
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Commons Whitewater Room

CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe Meatballs

This meatball recipe tastes great and can go with many different recipes. Put them in spaghetti, subs and casseroles, or just eat them plain as a snack.

Ingredients

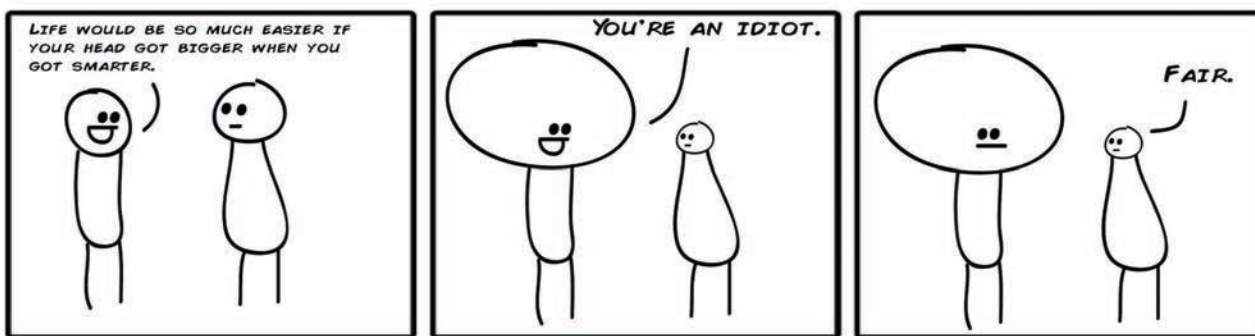
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 tablespoon onion powder
- 1/2 tablespoon basil
- 1/2 tablespoon oregano
- 1/2 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 tablespoon rosemary
- 1 egg

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a 13x9 inch pan
2. In a bowl mix together ingredients just enough to where they are combined – too much mixing will make the meatballs hard and gross
3. Roll mixture into meatballs that are one inch in diameter
4. Bake for about 20 minutes or until no pink is in the center of meatballs

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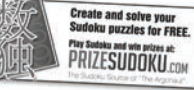
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ART ON THE SPRINTURF



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University of Idaho students make art out of yarn during Finals Fest, featuring headliner ILoveMakonnen, Friday on the Sprinturf.

STAFF

Grace, style and a can-do attitude

Staff Award recipient strives to bring vision to her job

Will Meyer
Argonaut

Lively voices rang out into the cold linoleum hall of the third floor of the Mines Building.

That's where Whitney Floch sat in a bright room scattered with family photos and homey decor, chatting excitedly with her next-door colleague.

Floch, the program supervisor of the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), said her program affects much more than many might think.

Floch received an Outstanding Employee award from the University of Idaho Wednesday.

"We do a lot of different activities," Floch said, "Because it's a grant, we have these really broad missions and goals with."

Floch said the funding is spread not only throughout the biomedical fields at UI, but at 11 other Idaho schools as well.

"I actually really love working for this program, because of how creative we can be with the funding," she said. "I've been working here for almost six years now, and I'm still learning about new things that the program entails."

Floch said she started working at UI with the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) right out of high school. She needed a job for the summer, and that summer job turned into a five-year endeavor, she said.

"I went from working in the central office that deals with all the federal programs, to working with one federal program," Floch said.

She said her career pathway has been led by different people she knew in the programs that she worked for — a director of OSP helped get her the job there, and later when a coworker at OSP left to work at INBRE, she followed.

Floch said this love of the program, and desire to learn more about its specifics may have something to do with why she was nominated for the outstanding staff award.

Carolyn Bohach, administrator with the INBRE program, said she secretly nominated Floch, and then was happy when the committee chose Floch to receive the award.

"She does what she does with style and grace," Bohach said. "She has a can-do attitude. Whatever I propose, as crazy and time-consuming as it might be, Whitney always says 'We can do that.'"

Bohach said Floch had recently organized a large event for biomedical professionals across the country at the Couer d'Alene Resort.

"Whitney was the key person to coordinate this activity. She carried out the vision of the Faculty Steering Committee for what this meeting should be," Bohach said.

Floch's ability to concentrate on the small-

est things, such as scheduled coffee breaks, to organizing the main speakers at an event with more than 300 participants, are what Bohach said make her into an employee administrators appreciate.

"It was a very well received conference," Bohach said. "People from the National Institute of Health said it was one of the best conferences they had attended."

Though the conference is only one instance of how Floch is able to apply her passion and drive in the program, Bohach said that it demonstrates her talent and arduousness for her job and the people she works with.

"She deals with a wide variety of people, not only at the University of Idaho, but also across the state," Bohach said. "She does all of these things on top of her regular activities, and that's why she is really deserving of this Staff Award."

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ENGINEERING

'An engineer built this'

Seniors showcase capstone projects at engineering expo

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Brian Tucker stood beside a white foam board labeled "UI Flywheel Energy Storage System (UIFESS)" in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center Friday. He gestured to the board packed with many years of research as he explained the rotating battery to a pair of visiting high school students.

"It's an ongoing project done with the U of I," Tucker said. "It was initially started by faculty, then it was passed to grad students, then it was passed to us for our senior design project."

Tucker was among the many graduating students within the University of Idaho's College of Engineering to showcase their senior capstone projects at the 23rd annual Engineering and Design EXPO, presented by The Micron Foundation and Engineering Outreach at UI.

"It's honestly really fun," Tucker said. "A lot of people are excited to see the projects, and it's always fun to share your research with people who are interested."

Engineering students often work on capstone projects in groups, and

each project showcased at the event was a collaboration between three or more students.

Similar to Tucker and the three other students who worked on the Flywheel, Thomas Stewart's capstone team expanded upon research first conducted at the university in 2011.

For their capstone, Project Ivory, Stewart said UI partnered with the Sound of Idaho to develop a new way to operate a drum set called the Band-Beeston.

"Every year, a team takes it over and updates it," Stewart said. "We took the drum set and reworked the drive system so it will operate better and can be used by marching bands."

Stewart said the next phase of the project is developing a remote-controlled piano that can be used by marching bands.

A few tables down from Stewart's, a large white and blue plane was suspended at an angle. Visiting high school students, UI students and community members gathered around the dynamically-scaled model made by a team of five students, including Benjamin Clark.

While some seniors decide to expand upon research from previous years, other engineering students, like Clark, are paired with a company and commissioned to design a product.

Clark said the model was the product of a partnership with



Joleen Evans | Argonaut

The Clean Snowmobile Team presents during the University of Idaho Annual Engineering Design EXPO, an event which showcases senior capstone projects, it took place Friday at the Bruce Pitman Center.

Quest Aircraft.

"A scale model of this plane is half the size of the plane, it's a half-scale model," Clark said. "A dynamically-scaled model is scaled by using fluid properties and how it acts in the air."

Designing a dynamically-scaled model is a more efficient and less expensive process than designing a scale model, Clark said.

"On this model, there's auto-

pilot built in, a fail safe for the controller and a data collector that collects measurements from forces around the plane," Clark said.

Other projects, such as Robin Rakowski and team's Janssen Engineering Building Touch Screen Kiosk, were aimed at designing new technologies to be used around campus.

Beyond the project or purpose of the design, Clark said having

the opportunity to participate in the event was valuable.

"It's really nice to be able to have the opportunity to share what you've worked on with people and to pitch it to people," Clark said. "It's an opportunity that you don't have in the classroom."

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SCIENCE

FROM PAGE 1

"That was my first experience with rockets at TRW," Mueller said.

While at the company, Mueller worked with liquid propellants for small satellite thrusters and large booster engines. He said he left TRW after 15 years because he felt as though his skills would be better suited in another area.

"Just doing rockets at work wasn't enough for me," Mueller said.

Mueller would later be introduced to business magnate Elon Musk in January of 2002 through a contact in the Reaction Research Society. He said Musk presented an idea to create an aerospace company, and invited Mueller to join the organization.

"I talked to my wife, and she agreed

that I had to do this," Mueller said. "One of my better decisions was to leave my career at TRW and start my career with this company."

The SpaceX company founded by Mueller and Musk quickly gained prominence within the aeronautics community and established itself as one of the leading organizations in space travel. The company currently has 4,000 employees and has recorded 70 launches.

"We design, manufacture and launch advanced rockets and spacecraft to revolutionize space technology," Mueller said. "We have the ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets."

On April 8, SpaceX was responsible for the first successful post-launch landing in ocean waters, as the company's Falcon 9 rocket touched down on a barge out at sea. Mueller said the unprecedented landing

was made even more difficult by the high winds during launch day.

"When you have high winds, you have high waves," he said. "We landed during a time where there was the worst set of wind and wave conditions."

Mueller said the company has the goal of cutting costs associated with space travel by creating reusable rockets, such as the one that landed at sea.

"Falcon 9 was the first rocket completely developed during the 21st century," Mueller said. "It is designed to be fully reusable with landing legs and grid fins."

Mueller discussed components of the Falcon 9, including the Merlin engines and carbon landing legs. He said one of the most important aspects of the rocket is the fairing used to protect the spacecraft

from damage.

"These rockets are not very aerodynamic, so you have to protect them from the atmosphere," he said.

Mueller concluded his address by providing some advice to prospective engineering students at the university.

"It is very difficult to get into SpaceX — the bar has been set very high," he said. "We look for people who have done something extraordinary, like leading a good work project or having a resume from the top school. I would just say to students that they should study hard and be a good leader."

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STICKS

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"I was always told by people, 'Oh you're dating him and you've had consensual sex, so it's not rape,'" Clark said. "Just because I consented to my ex one time does not mean he has control over my body."

She said that rather than being a one-time thing, consent is required every time two partners engage in any sexual activity regardless of how long they've been together.

"It didn't happen right away though," she said. "It started probably about a year into the relationship."

She said so often the idea of rape is put at a distance in people's minds, which can lead to victim-blaming.

"All of our mutual friends believed that I ruined him, and that I was lying because it was uncomfortable for them," Clark said. "I lost friends."

Clark said eventually she was forced to move, but is now safe and currently engaged.

Wendy Silva, a testing assistant at the

Testing Center, wrote a series of statements on the wall, each referencing a different social conflict.

Silva's first statement was, "Trans people are rapists."

Silva said she researched how the stereotype began and found that it was not related to transgender people at all.

Silva said it began with a cisgender male who was taking photographs of young girls in a restroom and a supposedly anti-trans person saw and began to spread rumors about transgender people.

"It began with this man who is not a trans person at all, has no association with trans people, and somehow conservative ideology jumped to the conclusion that because this man was taking photos of young girls, trans people shouldn't be able to go into the bathroom of their choice," she said.

Silva said she also wrote the stereotype that, "refugees and Muslims are all terrorists."

Silva said she was writing in response to recent political statements regarding the creation of concentration camps for refugees and Muslims in the United States. She said

the vast majority of terrorism in the U.S. is internal, committed by white males who have lived in the country their whole lives.

"How do we get from point A to point B?" Silva asked. "It just makes no sense."

Silva said she also wrote on the wall a statement about all gay people being child molesters.

"Just because we are attracted to people of the same gender, it puts us in this category with all sexual deviants of any kind, which is also absurd," Silva said.

Silva said the Writing on the Wall event was extremely beneficial to the UI community. She said it's important to have a forum for starting discussions about difficult topics.

"We can't always be thinking about being politically correct, or quiet or silent about these things," she said. "Even if it upsets us or makes us uncomfortable, we have to talk about it if we are going to start making positive changes."

Silva said the CVSA will host a peace rally at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Friendship Square in downtown Moscow.

"It's basically going to be a march for justice and equality and anything that has to do with spreading any kind of love," Silva said.

By the end of the day, when the wall had been covered in stereotypes and constructs, a crowd had gathered to see it torn down. Stoker passed hammers out to the crowd and each person took their turn smashing a piece of the wall.

Some seemed to have a particular word or phrase in mind when taking their turn, others simply struck the wall where they thought they could do the most damage. UI Dean of Students Blaine Eckles took a swing, destroying the word "slut." Finally, all that remained of the wall was an empty frame and a pile of broken phrases.

"We have to tear down hurtful stereotypes before we can build a more healthy society," Stoker said.

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FRIDAY

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"Does anybody want some potato chips?" Anderson said, waving a bag toward the crowd. "We brought the good stuff tonight — barbecue kettle-cooked."

Tanigawa said Vandal Entertainment was excited to book the television stars for the event.

"College students love 'Workaholics,'" Tanigawa said. "The agent is actually the one who suggested it. He said, 'Wild idea, but...' and the rest is history."

Over the course of the ensuing hour, the duo played music from a variety of artists including ASAP Ferg, Travis Scott and Future.

Near the end of the set, Anderson launched himself from the podium and crowd surfed among spectators for several minutes.

"This is a lot like Coachella," Anderson said. "Except we're in

Idaho. And it's raining."

I LoveMakonnen took the stage as the final artist of the night, playing tracks from his self-titled albums and "Drink More Water 6" mixtape.

"Wow, Idaho really does turn up," Makonnen said. "You all represent one of the best states in America."

The hip hop artist concluded the event by performing an unreleased track titled "Swimming in the Money."

Rettner said he hopes Finals Fest 2016 paves the way for future events to be held outside on the SprinTurf.

"Obviously every board is going to have their own mission in terms of what they want to accomplish with the entertainment that they bring," Rettner said.

"But hopefully they take on the idea of putting the festival back in Finals Fest."

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PAY

FROM PAGE 1

Faculty or staff could also opt out of spread pay and switch to standard pay, which gives them the same salary, but over a period of nine months. Foisy said employees would be offered an incentive to leave spread pay.

Finally, employees have the option to stay with spread pay, but have their money controlled through a financial institution instead of UI. The university would give the employee's annual salary to their bank, credit union or similar organization, and they would be in charge of dividing the individual's pay throughout the year. Tallent said this gives employees the chance to be in full control of how they receive their money.

Another big change the task force proposed was that no new employees would be put on the spread pay system. This was controversial among multiple members of Faculty Senate. Vice Chair of Faculty Senate Liz Brandt said it seemed self-serving and that the proposal didn't take into account how this would affect new faculty and staff.

"I think your people have looked for self-interest," Brandt said to Foisy during the senate meeting. "They're not thinking about those incoming employees."

Faculty Sen. James Foster of the College of Science said if staff members weren't satisfied with spread pay because of Banner, then UI should consider switching to another system. Vice President of Infrastructure Dan Ewart said the university has used Banner since the 1980s, and doesn't have the money to switch to a different module.

Several members of Faculty Senate were concerned that this proposal would eliminate another benefit for employees and add to a list of benefits that have been cut throughout the years.

Faculty Sen. Michael Murphy of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences said a big reason why he chose to work at UI was because he could get a loan that gave him money to move across the U.S. and the university offered spread pay. Now, he said the university doesn't offer the loans anymore, and it's leaning away from spread pay. He said these changes could impact UI's efforts to recruit new employees.

"To think that people should

just figure it out is, I think, a little hard and cold," Murphy said.

Foisy said UI is the only place he has worked that didn't offer a loan fund, and he was in favor of that benefit.

Overall, Brandt said she was disappointed with the presentation. She didn't like that only one member of faculty on the task force voted in favor of the proposal, and said that it seemed like the university is trying to bribe current employees to leave spread pay with the incentive.

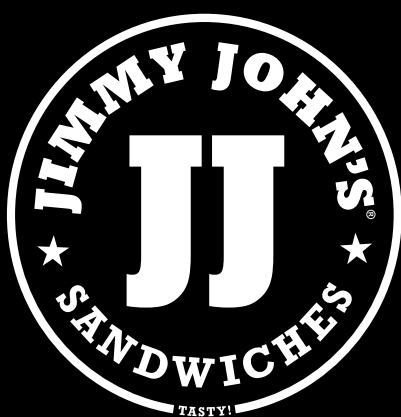
Brandt also said it was likely that the proposal wouldn't solve the problems it intended to address either way. One of the main issues with spread pay is advanced pay — paying employees before they start working, but she said that wouldn't be until the last employee who opted to stay on spread pay left the university.

Vice Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek said the proposal was not meant to be an easy fix.

"We're not solving it today," Wiencek said. "We're solving it in the long run."

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SPORTS



Idaho men's golf wins second consecutive Big Sky Title

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandals victorious

Idaho takes Big Sky Championship by storm

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

Back-to-back Big Sky Conference champions is an impressive title to hold.

The Idaho women's tennis team earned that distinction Sunday after a dominating performance in California over the weekend.

The Vandals entered the Big Sky tournament as the third seed behind Northern Arizona and Sacramento State.

Idaho head coach Mariana Cobra said the team's seeding in the tournament meant nothing to the players, as she urged the Vandals to focus on what they could control.

Idaho did just that over the weekend, defeating three consecutive Big Sky opponents to claim the tournament victory. The Vandals opened the tournament by facing No. 6 seed Eastern Washington in the first round of play.

Idaho earned the doubles point with standout performances from freshman Marianna Petrei and sophomore Lucia Badillos, while freshman Maria Tavares and senior Rita Bermudez clinched the point for the Vandals.

In singles play, Tavares defeated Carolina Lopez 6-1, 6-1, but Eastern Washington answered with a win from Moira Hedberg over Bermudez 6-1, 6-3.

Ptrei provided the Vandals with a boost on the No. 1 court, beating her opponent 6-2, 6-4 to improve the Idaho lead to two.

Freshman Celine Koets finished off the Eagles with a 6-1, 6-4 victory to clinch the 4-1 victory for the Vandals.

Idaho's win gave the team a berth in the semifinals against No. 2 seed Sacramento State.

The Vandals continued to excel in doubles, as Petrei and Badillos jumped out to an early lead, while Tavares and Bermudez fought their way to a 6-4 victory to clinch the doubles point.

"I kind of felt confident, once we won the doubles point," Cobra said. "The doubles point is the key for us right now. Getting that point early is massive for us. Earlier in the year, we lost the



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The Idaho women's tennis team celebrates their second consecutive Big Sky Championship Sunday after a 4-0 win over Northern Arizona.

“

We kind of wanted revenge, for what happened in the regular season. Props to the girls, they played like women today.

Mariana Cobra, coach

doubles point and we lost the match 4-3. This time, we won the doubles point and we won the match.”

The early momentum for Idaho transferred over into singles play.

Ptrei dominated her opponent 6-2, 6-3, but the Hornets came back with a victory from Andie Mouzes over Belen Barcenilla on the No. 5 court.

Wins on the No. 6 and No. 2 court from Tavares and Bermudez respectively allowed the Vandals to reach the finals.

"Rita, one of our seniors, got the win for us," Cobra said. "When I knew it was coming down to her, I felt very confident that she would get the job done.

She really stuck in there and battled and got us the point that we needed.”

On Sunday, the team squared off against No. 1 seed Northern Arizona.

Ptrei and Badillos capitalized on a strong doubles chemistry to shut out their opponents, and a Northern Arizona injury on the No. 2 doubles court forced the Lumberjacks to forfeit the point to Idaho.

The Vandals rolled through singles play, as sophomore Ana Batiri claimed the first singles point with a 6-1, 6-2 win. Tavares followed by extending the Idaho lead to 3-0 after defeating Northern Arizona's Livia Hollosy.

Koets added a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jordan Denesik to clinch the conference championship for the Vandals.



"Celine finished it off, beating a girl that had been undefeated in conference, in straight sets," said Cobra. "I think it just came down to how

much we wanted it. We kind of wanted revenge, for what happened in the regular season. Props to the girls, they played like women today.”

Idaho will wait to hear the team's seeding in the NCAA Tournament. The announcement will be made by the NCAA Tuesday afternoon.

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TRACK & FIELD

Battle in Boise

Several Vandals qualify for the Big Sky Championships during Border Clash

Mihaela Karst
Argonaut

Windy weather did not hinder the Vandal track and field team over the weekend, as multiple athletes qualified for the the Big Sky Track and Field Championships during the Border Clash in Boise.

"With the windy conditions this weekend, the goal was to go out and compete hard," said Tim Cawley, Idaho director of track and field. "I'm really proud of the team for doing just that.”

Idaho junior Andrea Pikes ran a personal best in the 100-meter dash during the competition. Her Big Sky Championship qualifying time of 11.92 seconds earned her a fourth place finish in the Border Clash.

Pikes also ran in the 200-meter event, earning a new personal-best and a fourth place finish.

Junior Marquita Palmer finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a personal best time of 2:11.53.

Palmer's performance was good enough to earn the junior a berth in the Big Sky Championships.

Two Idaho athletes had top-five finishes in the 1500-meter run. Junior Ally Ginter finished third with a time of 4:42.91, while sophomore Alex Siemens finished behind Ginter in

fifth with a mark of 4:44.88.

Freshman Jonny Magee set a new personal best in the triple jump with a leap of 14.51 meters. Derek Haas finished second in the javelin throw with a distance of 62.58 meters.

Both Haas and Magee previously earned qualifying marks for the Big Sky Championships.

Senior sprinter Ben Ayesu-Attah earned another spot at the Big Sky Championships with his performance in the 200-meter dash. His time of 21.60 seconds was a season-best for the senior.

Junior Nathan Stark finished fourth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 3:55.54, while junior Santos Vargas earned a fourth place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

"We had a great meet this weekend," Cawley said. "Things are starting to come together for the team, right in time for conference.”

Kinsey Gomez was the lone Vandal representative in the Payton Jordan Invitational at Stanford. The senior finished first among collegiate participants in the event.

Gomez competed in the third section of the 5000-meters and earned a time of 16:11.17 to finish seventh overall. The time was the fastest mark for Big Sky Conference athletes this season, and would rank her in the top-40 of current nationwide college competitors.

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Athletes of the week

Michelle Kim - Women's golf

Freshman Michelle Kim ended her first season with the Vandals as a Big Sky champion. Kim's par on the final hole clinched Idaho's team victory in the tournament. Her 4-over-par 220 earned her Freshman of the Year honors from the Big Sky Conference, as well as a First-Team All-Conference designation.



Kim

Ryan Porch - Men's golf

Junior Ryan Porch earned the lowest individual round on the last day of play in the Big Sky Championship with a 7-under-par 67. His performance Sunday propelled the junior into second place as he tied with teammate Daniel Sutton and finished with a 9-under-par 207. Porch earned an honorable mention from the Big Sky Conference at the conclusion of the tournament.



Porch

Drew Thompson - Track and field

Junior Drew Thompson earned

a berth in the Big Sky Championships with his performance in the 110-meter hurdles. His qualifying time of 14.73 seconds earned a fifth place finish and marked a new personal best for the sprinter.



Thompson

Jackson Varney - Men's tennis

Senior Jackson Varney displayed his skills for Idaho on both the doubles and singles court during Big Sky postseason play. Varney defeated Weber State's Hou-En Chen 6-2, 6-2 on the No. 4 court Sunday and teamed up with sophomore Artem Vasheshnikov to take down Weber State duo Stefan Cooper and Sanjay Goswami 6-2.



Varney

Celine Koets - Women's tennis

Freshman Celine Koets' victory on the No. 4 court proved to be the deciding factor in the Big Sky postseason tournament. The Idaho freshman beat Northern Arizona's Jordan Denesik 6-3, 6-2 to clinch the sweep for the Vandals and earn the team the Big Sky title.



Koets

MEN'S GOLF

Comeback kings

Idaho men's golf repeats as Big Sky champions after setting new record

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

For the second straight season, the Idaho men's golf team earned the Big Sky title while setting new conference records in the process.

The Vandals trailed Sacramento State by four strokes entering the final day of competition and relied on a strong showing on the front nine to erase the Hornet advantage and claim the victory.

"Our goal today was to get after the course early," Idaho head coach David Nuhn said. "We knew the first six holes were going to be extremely important."

The four members of the Vandal team finished the first nine holes at 11-under-par, while Sacramento State earned a score of 5-under-par during the same stretch.

"We were 11-under on the front nine which is a fantastic score," Nuhn said. "We kept the pressure on and around hole 12 it turned in our favor."

The Vandals shattered the team's previous conference record for the lowest score in a 54-hole span, totaling 842 strokes over the three-day event. Idaho finished 22-under-par, while Sacramento State finished

15-under-par with a score of 849.

Hartford finished in third with an even score of 864 strokes.

"Every single tournament this spring I felt there was a progress in a positive manner," Nuhn said. "This was the first victory of the spring but it came at the right time. To shoot 17-under today was a huge deal."

Idaho sophomore Daniel Sutton came close to earning the individual lead, falling to Evan Russell of Hartford by one stroke. Sutton shot a 9-under-par 207, while Russell finished with a 10-under-par 206.

"Today was probably one of the best ball-striking rounds I have had all year," Sutton said. "I gave myself a lot of chances to make birdies. I made a couple of eagles which was nice."

Idaho junior Ryan Porch also finished with a 9-under par to tie Sutton for second place.

"If I had played better maybe I could have beat Ryan," Sutton said. "We tied so I am happy."

Porch said he narrowly missed an opportunity to find himself atop the leaderboard.

"I had a late run with an eagle on 16," Porch said. "That was huge.



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Junior Ryan Porch tees off during the Big Sky Conference championship Sunday in Bolder City, Nevada.

Followed it with a birdie on 17. I had a chance to tie for the lead on 18, I just did not quite execute it."

Senior Rylee Iacolucci finished in a tie for seventh overall with a 4-under-par 212, while sopho-

more Ian Kim finished with an 8-over-par 224.

Freshman Jacob Scarrow finished the competition in 27th with a 9-over-par 225.

Idaho will learn its seeding for

the NCAA Regional on Thursday. The Golf Channel will air the selection show at 6:30 a.m.

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SOCCER

Northwest showdown

Idaho women's soccer looks toward fall after ending spring season with win

Tess Fox
Argonaut

Idaho women's soccer head coach Derek Pittman has routinely stressed the importance of defense in his team's matchups.

The Vandals delivered another strong performance on the defensive end, shutting down Central Washington 2-0 in a road trip to Ellensburg Saturday.

Junior forward Kavita Battan and freshman forward Summer Kaneshiro scored the two goals for Idaho. Battan's goal marks the fourth score for the junior in consecutive games, after she recorded a hat trick

against North Idaho College.

Pittman said the game was a mental challenge, as both teams entered the half locked in a scoreless draw. The Vandals would not score until late in the second half, as Battan and Kaneshiro scored back-to-back in a matter of minutes to claim the victory for Idaho.

"We got off to a slow start," Pittman said. "It wasn't until the last half of the game that we started to pick it up."

Pittman said the three-hour commute to Ellensburg was worth the opportunity to face another collegiate competitor on the pitch.

"We knew we needed a game so we wanted to make sure we made the trek," Pittman said.

Idaho was originally scheduled to play a doubleheader against Central Washington and Eastern Oregon in the Tri-Cities.

After learning the field was unplayable, the game was moved to Ellensburg. Eastern Oregon decided the trip would be too far, and cancelled its meeting with the Vandals.

Pittman said he believes the trip was still worth the drive.



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"A lot of our subs played which is what we were hoping," he said. "It wasn't about our starters, it was more about getting as many players as many minutes as possible."

As he looks over the spring season, Pittman said he believes his team has made significant improvement on the pitch.

"We've done a really good job of solidifying ourselves on the defensive side of the ball," he said. "We're getting much more creative, less predictable on the attack

and how we want to break other teams down. We made a lot of good improvements."

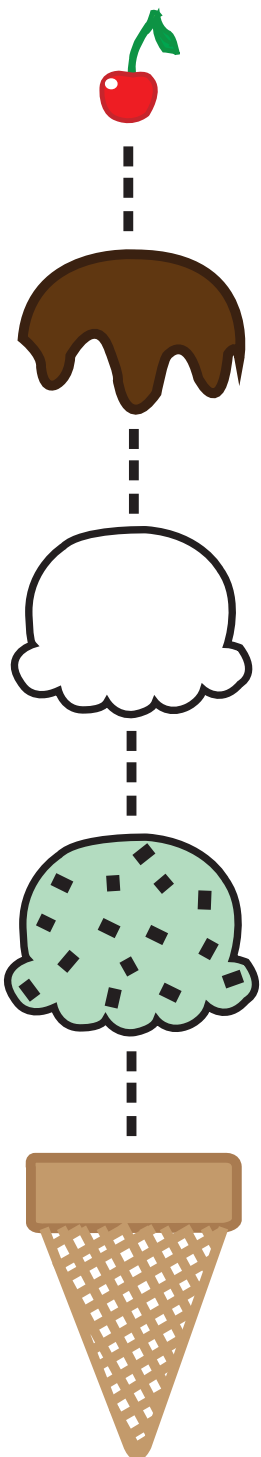
Pittman said the team's goal is to earn another Big Sky Conference Championship.

"Bottom line is we want to win," he said.

The Idaho soccer team held the Vandal Soccer Academy Sunday for high school players. Pittman said local soccer participants attended, as well as players from Hawaii, California and Canada.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Devastating finale

Idaho men's tennis falls in heartbreaking Big Sky title match

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The dreams of consecutive Big Sky Conference titles shattered for the Idaho men's tennis team on Sunday, as the team fell to No. 1 seed Weber State 4-3 in Sacramento.

The Vandals entered the Big Sky postseason tournament as the No. 2 seed, earning an automatic first round bye in the playoffs.

Idaho squared off against No. 3 seed Northern Arizona Saturday afternoon in a semifinal matchup, earning a commanding 4-1 victory over the Lumberjacks.

Vandal coach Abid Akbar said his team played with confidence in the semifinal matchup.

"The boys are on a mission," Akbar said. "They believed in themselves and played very passionate and smart tennis."

Idaho earned the doubles point, as senior Jackson Varney and sophomore Artem Vasheshnikov defeated Northern Arizona duo Tim Handel and Ruben Montano 6-4 on the No. 1 court.

The Vandals would secure the point after senior Mark Kovacs and freshman Lucas Coutinho pulled off the 7-6 (6-0) win in a tiebreaker on the No. 3 court.

Vasheshnikov kicked off Idaho's momentum in singles by defeating Jackson Lee 6-2, 6-1 to earn the team's first point in singles, extending their lead to 2-0.

Wins from Kovacs and senior Odon Barta would clinch the championship berth for the Vandals.

Northern Arizona coach Ki Kroll said his team's early deficit proved much too difficult for the Lumberjacks to overcome.

"We fell behind early on, but still fought really hard until the end," Kroll said. "I'm proud of the

way this team competed not only today, but the entire season."

The Vandals faced top-ranked Weber State Sunday in the championship meeting. The previous match between the two programs resulted in a 5-2 Idaho victory in Moscow April 5.

The Wildcats earned momentum early in the matchup by securing the doubles point, as the Vandal duo of Varney and Vasheshnikov provided Idaho's lone doubles win.

In singles play, the Vandals relied on initial victories from Kovacs and Varney to regain a 2-1 advantage over Weber State.

The competition came down to the final set in the sixth and final singles match between Coutinho and Weber State senior Sanjay Goswami.

Goswami defeated Coutinho in the opening set 6-4, but the freshman responded with a 6-2 second-set win.

As the match progressed, Barta cruised by Wildcat senior Jakub Gewert to give Idaho the 3-2 to lead. At this point in the match, the Vandals needed one more singles victory to secure the title.

Senior Todd Fought of Weber State changed the momentum of the competition with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 win against sophomore Felipe Fonseca to even the meeting at 3-3.

Back on the No. 6 court, Goswami regained the lead in the third set and held onto it to give the Wildcats the championship point.

"We fought well, just not well enough," Akbar said. "I hope the boys have their heads held high because I'm proud of them."

As a result of the tournament victory, Weber State earns an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament May 23-28 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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OPINION

Back to the basics

Eliminating jargon opens up sports world to new readers

Anyone who follows a sport will be exposed to jargon and clichés in one form or another.

Basketball is a great example of this trend, as sportscasters claim that an athlete is living behind the arc, another is dominating the paint or that it is raining threes in the building.

The casual slang that has crept into sports commentary and stories is not journalistic, and it is confusing to introductory fans. If journalists were to take out this filler, it would produce more reader-friendly stories.

To be honest, I'm still fairly new to the world of sports. I did not know much about basketball when I started covering the Idaho women's team in December.

In addition to learning the rules and regulations of the game, I was overwhelmed by the slang and jargon — ranging from *treys* to *trifecta* to *three-ball*. By the way, all of those examples are alternative terms for a 3-point shot.

The encouragement of this jargon makes it difficult for prospective readers to enter the sports realm.

At my high school paper, writers often fought one another to get out of covering sports because they struggled with the terminology. These writers would spend the majority of their time writing and revising in the attempt to find the best way to describe a game.

Reflecting on this situation allowed me to realize the current situation for sports journalists. We often have to write for both the interested newcomer and the veteran fan.

A number of newspaper readers have never read a sports story. They understand the concept of the sport, such as putting the ball through the hoop, but they have not been taught the exact details of the game.

In addition, the athletes and coaches often cannot help but describe the matchup in clichés in the post-game interviews, which forces writers to paraphrase quotes to better summarize the information.

Meanwhile, the veteran readers are often deeply engrained in their respective sport. They often played the game during their childhood days or became involved with their local

team in one way or another.

In other words, they know the game inside and out.

Veteran fans often demand an in-depth examination of the game, backed by statistics and analytics.

Rather than resorting to jargon, sports writers should employ the basic components of journalism.

The basis of the field is to provide a clear and concise presentation of an event.

There is nothing clear about the term "shooting the lights out." The team did not literally put basketballs into a cannon to fire them at the ceiling lights, so why are we describing it as such?

While most readers are aware that the phrase means a team is shooting well, it would be better for writers to use statistics from the game to show that the team shot well.

Technical language and jargon has no place in the news section, so why should sports journalists continue to let it invade their work?

Let's keep the jargon out of sports coverage.

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Sports brief

Arizona Cardinals sign Penny

Idaho running back Elijah Penny signed a contract with the Arizona Cardinals as an undrafted free agent, following the conclusion of the 2016 NFL Draft Saturday.

Penny rushed for 1,559 yards on 245 carries for

the Vandals during his senior season. The 6-foot-2-inch running back also recorded 10 touchdowns on the ground.

The move unites Penny with an NFL team that has experienced multiple injuries at the position, as the Cardinals were forced to rely on rookie David Johnson during the team's playoff run.

Vandal linebacker Chris Edwards also announced that he would attend the Seattle Seahawks rookie mini-camp next week as a free agent.

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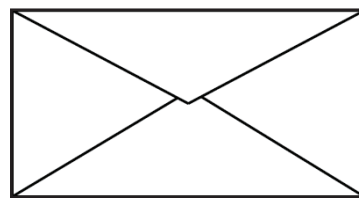
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BUS 310	Leading Organizations and People				June 13 - July 8		X
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BUS 311	Introduction to Management			May 16 - June 24			X
BUS 321	Marketing		May 16 - August 5				X
BUS 321	Marketing	X			June 13 - July 8		
BUS 350	Managing Information	X			June 13 - July 8		
BUS 350	Managing Information				June 13 - July 8		X
BUS 370	Process Management	X				July 11 - August 5	
BUS 370	Process Management					July 11 - August 5	X
BUS 490	Strategic Management	X		May 16 - June 10			
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	X		May 16 - June 24			X
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics			May 16 - June 24			X
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	X		May 16 - June 24			
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics			May 16 - June 24			X
ACCT 201	Introduction to Financial Accounting			May 16 - July 8			X
ACCT 202	Introduction to Managerial Accounting				June 13 - August 5		X
BLAW 265	Legal Environment of Business			May 16 - June 10			X
BUS 324	Consumer Behavior			May 16 - June 10			X
**BUS 378	Project Management ** (See info below)	X		May 16 - May 20			
BUS 414	Entrepreneurship			May 16 - June 24			X
BUS 415	New Venture Capital			May 16 - June 24			X
BUS 420	Promotional Strategy				June 13 - July 8		X
BUS 421	Marketing Research and Analysis			May 16 - July 8			X
BUS 425	Retail Distribution Management			May 16 - June 24			X
BUS 427	Services Marketing			May 16 - June 24			X
BUS 470	Supply Chain Management					June 27 - August 5	X
BUS 482	International Marketing			May 16 - June 24			X
ECON 343	Money and Banking	X				July 11 - August 5	
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BUS 378 - Class meets in person May 16-20, 8:00am - 3:30pm. Then on Sat/Sun, May 21-22, 9am-4pm, the class will complete a project together. Students with a Sat/Sun schedule conflict can choose to complete a project on their own by June 24.

** For Non-Business majors BUS 311 is offered via the WWW - May 16 - June 24 (This course does NOT count for Business Majors)

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	ON CAMPUS	FULL TERM	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	WWW
ACCT 305	Accounting Information Systems				June 13 - August 5		X
ACCT 315	Intermediate Financial Accounting 1				June 13 - August 5		X
ACCT 482	Enterprise Accounting				June 13 - August 5		X
ACCT 492	Auditing and Controls				June 13 - August 5		X
ACCT 498	Accounting Internship Program	X	May 16 - August 5				
ACCT 503	WS: CPA Exam Review Workshop	X	May 16 - August 5				
ACCT 503	WS: Tutoring	X	May 16 - August 5				
ACCT 598	Internship	X	May 16 - August 5				
BLAW 420	Commercial Law			May 16 - June 24			X

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OUR VIEW

Smashing through stereotypes

There is value in events that promote inclusivity on a more metaphorical level

It's easy to talk about creating a more inclusive and respectful environment, but taking action to create that kind of safe space can be difficult.

While events like Writing on the Wall might not seem like an instrumental part of building a more inclusive social environment on campus, these things actually play a crucial role.

For the event, the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action encouraged students to write words or phrases that they found to be offensive on a slab of drywall outside of the Idaho Commons Wednesday.

The event helped expose the dangerous stereotypes that are ingrained in our society, with phrases like "Trans people are rapists" and "All Muslims are terrorists" scrawled across the wall.

At the end of the day, the wall was smashed down by University of Idaho students, administrators, faculty and staff.

Writing on the Wall helped start a conversation about harmful stereotypes, but

more importantly, it served as a symbolic act — that together, the UI community has the power to break down barriers by acknowledging the existence of these stereotypes and working to combat them.

Verbal communication can be as powerful as physical action. Although many view the UI campus as a physically safe space, that doesn't mean it's always a verbally inclusive one.

People can be made uncomfortable when they hear outdated terms that are now offensive, such as "retard" or racial slurs.

In addition to words that were once appropriate but are now offensive, sometimes we aren't aware of what common phrases are used that have derogatory roots. For example, the term "I was gypped" is derogatory toward a group of nomads called the Roma, or Gypsies. The phrase "butt-hurt" is also seen as discriminatory toward homosexual men.

What might seem like an off-handed comment or an innocent use of a common phrase in a conversation can be offensive, even when it's unintended.

The language we use is important, and



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being sensitive to the colloquial phrases within the English language that embody stereotypes is one way to help foster a more inclusive environment.

Breaking a wall covered in statements that others find offensive doesn't erase all of the problems in our society or the hurt the words cause, but there is an important symbolism behind the act.

The event demonstrated that one of the most constructive ways to promote inclusivity within a community is to not only start conversations about harmful stereotypes, but also to acknowledge and understand the kind of roundabout rhetoric these social misconceptions are rooted in.

Conversations about harmful stereotypes and offensive terminology are important. Talking about the verbal transgressions that alienate other humans is important. Beyond that, understanding where these stereotypes came from, why they are damaging to others and choosing not to use them helps create a better society.

— CB

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Free pizza

If college has made me anything, it's an opportunist.

— Austin

Love free pizza?

Must be a journalist.

— Lyndsie

Count me out

There's no such thing as free pizza when you're allergic to everything in pizza. #foodallergies5ever

— Tess

Blasphemy

Sad to hear the men's tennis team lost 4-3. Especially covering their journey of wanting to return to nationals.

— Luis

The greatest humans

I only have one more week to express my undying love and appreciation for my co-workers in OTC form.

— Corrin

One for the books

Apparently, some guy in Paris flew more than a mile on a hover board, setting a world record.

— Jessica

Ultimate underdog

Leicester City went from 5,000-1 underdogs to Premier League champions. What an incredible day for soccer fans.

— Josh

Barack with the zingers

"Every year at this dinner someone makes a joke about BuzzFeed, for example, changing the media landscape. And every year The Washington Post laughs a little less hard."

— Jack

Congrats, new editors

Extra shout out to the all-female sports desk. Next year's Arg is looking good.

— Hannah

Nerd stuff

With Overwatch's upcoming release and Nostalrius administrators meeting with Blizzard as ambassadors to speak about potential legacy World of Warcraft servers, everything in me is excited.

— Jake

A political frenzy

Where is the craziest place to be during the Republican and Democratic National Conventions for this insane election year? Washington D.C. Where will I be this summer during those conventions? Guess.

— Erin

Honesty

I am not going to miss doing these OTCs next year. They were fun at first but they get tiring toward the end.

— Jordan

I wish

I wish I had \$532 million to spend buying an energy data company. Oracle CEO, wanna help me pay for college? No? Bummer.

— Claire

Wanderlust

My itch to travel is only being fueled by late-night Pinterest searches of the world. Oh I wish.

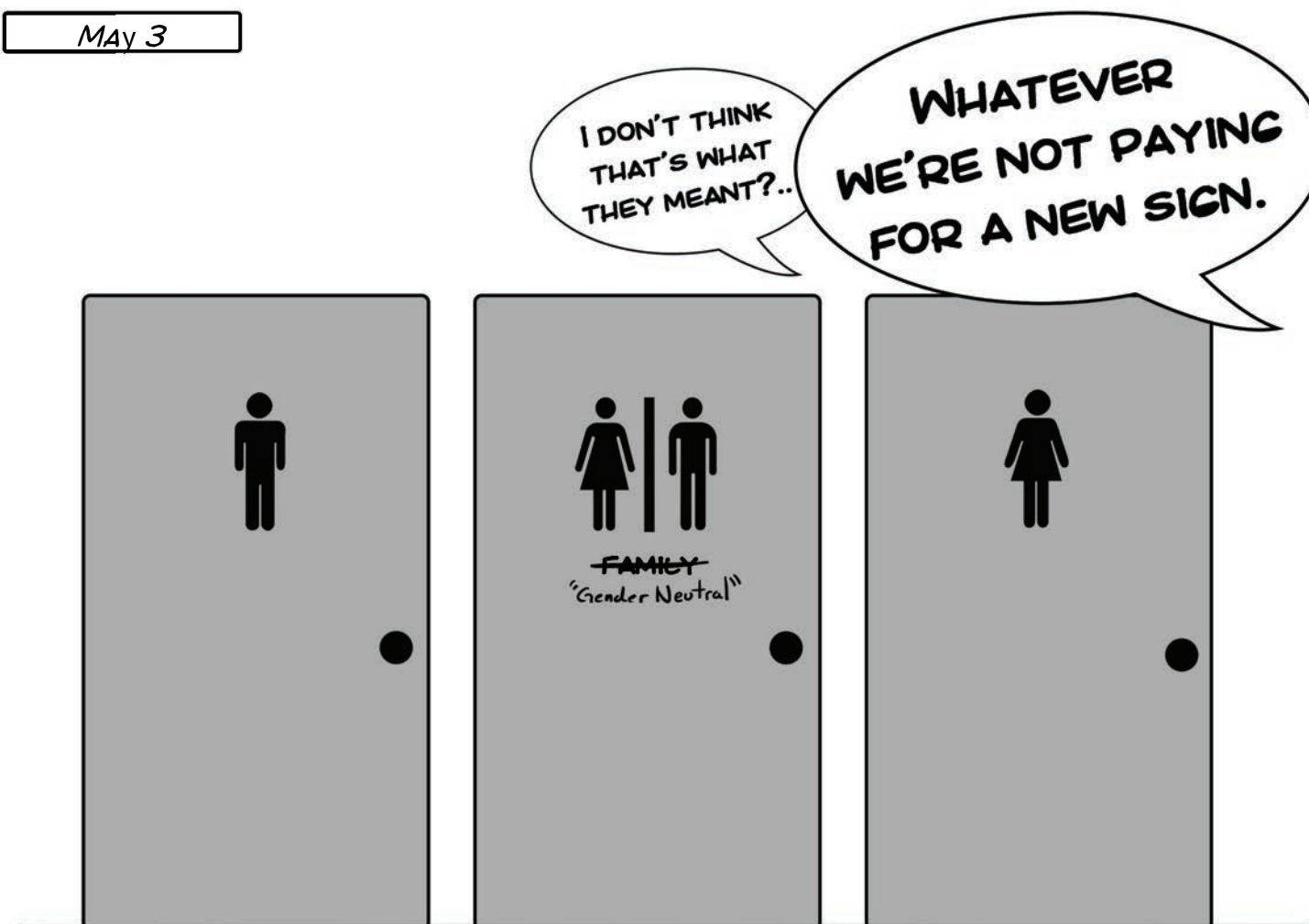
— Tea

A dramatic stance

Detroit teachers demanded more funding. And did so by staging a "sickout" resulting in the closure of almost all public schools. The need for education funding is real.

— Katelyn

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Megan Hall
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Searching for the syllabi

Syllabi should be available for students prior to registration

As students, we have a lot going on pretty much 24/7.

Still, there are a few times each semester that really stress us out — midterms, finals and registration madness.

We all know the registration routine. The upcoming semester's schedule gets posted online, we look over it, compare it to Degree Audit, look through the catalog, ask our friends' opinions, then wait by the computer until 7 p.m. when we register, hoping to get the classes we want.

Lately, I've noticed another regular routine. Students show up to class during the first week of school, get the syllabus and hear a professor's introductory lecture, only to find it is far from their expectations and end up dropping the course.

During registration, we have access to a small description of a course, the number of credits we get if we pass the course and usually an idea of the professor's likeability.

It isn't until the first week of the semester that we are able to see how often a class will have projects, exams, assignments or participation points. We can't tell how many absences are allowed, how the professor grades the course or what kind of workload we can

expect on a weekly basis. This is a flaw in the system that is wreaking havoc on our student body.

Sure, students could meet with the professor who's teaching the course they are considering, but registration takes place at a stressful point of the semester. Big projects are due and we're starting to prepare for our finals. I'd be surprised if many students have time to meet with more than one instructor during this crunch time.

A syllabus is complicated to compose. Often plans, textbooks and scheduling needs to be changed within days of the beginning of a semester. There are many reasons why being required to make a tentative syllabus available in advance could be considered an inconvenience, but the benefits outnumber those costs.

If a student could see what will be expected of them prior to registering for a course, they would be more confident and informed when preparing for the upcoming semester. Many of us have jobs, families, friends, clubs and organizations we're a part of, and of course we need time to relax and rejuvenate.

In return, there will be less turnover between classes within the first two weeks



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of school. Perhaps professors can't include every lesson plan through an entire semester, but students should be allowed to see how often they will have to focus 100 percent on a course, how much time they must take out of their week and if some of the required materials seem interesting.

I just registered for my third semester at UI, and I'm already tired of getting excited for a course, only to see the syllabus and realize it is far from what I expected.

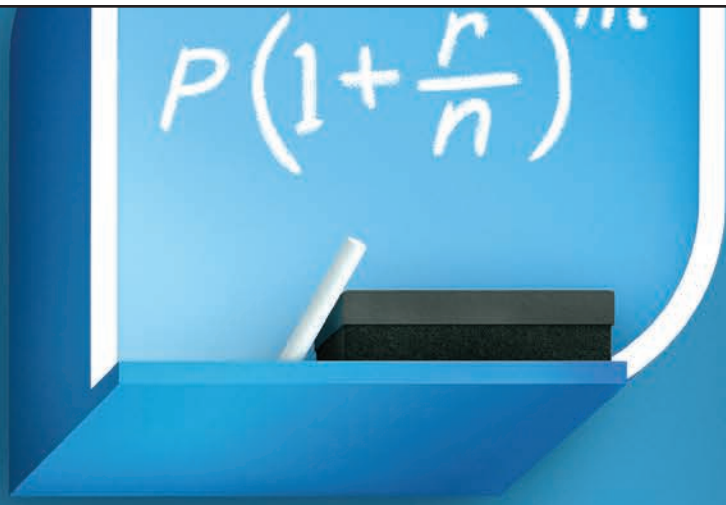
Students should have a tentative syllabus available as a resource to refer to as they decide which classes to register for. We pay a lot of money to better ourselves and our future.

We have enough surprises, stressors and inconveniences to deal with without this mess of a registration system. We need to have a better, more in-depth overview of courses available. We deserve that much, and it would save much more energy and stress than what the requirement would create for professors.

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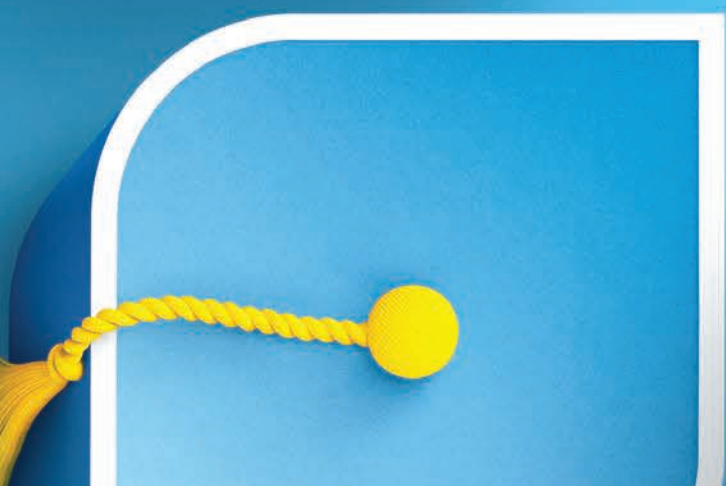
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