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Students, families and Moscow locals enjoy festivities during the Capitol Christmas Tree event 2 p.m. Thursday in the Kibbie Dome parking lot. The tree was cut down in the Payette National Forest (McCall, ID) and will tour Idaho before making its way to Washington, D.C.

ASUI

ASUI stands up for veterans

ASUI passes resolution to include all veterans in non-discrimination clause

Nicole Etchemendy
Argonaut

ASUI Sen. Zachary Spence was the first to bring up the idea to protect all veterans in the University of Idaho's non-discrimination clause during a weekly ASUI meeting last month.

The original clause included veterans, but only veterans from the Vietnam War.

Spence said he had only briefly skimmed the clause once before and had thought it odd, but after it was brought to his attention once again by three individual students, he took another look and became passionate about changing it.

"My curiosity was peaked, understandably, because the Vietnam War has been over a long time," Spence said. "The Vietnam veteran era status is required by federal law, and there was no need to take it out, but we could at least make the change so that it could include all veterans."

Oct. 26, when the topic was brought to the table for a vote, not a single person stood to oppose it, Spence said. The resolution passed 14-0.

ASUI Vice President Kelsy Briggs agreed with Spence when he suggested the change.

"We figured that it had been long enough since it was necessary to have Vietnam veterans specified in the clause," Briggs said. "With the ROTC program on campus, there will be Vandals that join the army and may fight in a war. When they come back home, we should absolutely not discriminate against them."

The change to this clause would protect current and future Vandals from being discriminated against by any student group or individual because of their involvement in a war, Spence said.

This non-discrimination policy is a section that is mandatory for all student groups and organizations to incorporate into their respective constitutions.

"It says that we care about each other as Vandals," Spence said. "We are a Vandal family and we stand together. And I think that if there is a part of that family that has not been addressed, then we care enough that students will come to the student government and say, 'This needs to be changed.'"

Spence smiled as he talked about the unity and strength behind the vote taken amongst the ASUI Senate.

"It made me proud to be in the senate in which I was partaking," Spence said.

"Seeing the unanimity in a good cause was really inspiring."

Spence and Briggs said they were proud to be part of a change that could ultimately enhance and protect a student's experience at UI.

"All of us saw it as a good opportunity to voice our support to being an all-encompassing, nondiscriminatory campus," Briggs said.

The resolution now awaits approval from UI faculty and administrators. Spence said he hopes other people feel the same way as the senate on this issue.

"This is something that I feel passionately about just because I feel very strongly about veterans," Spence said. "It is on their backs that we have the freedoms and rights that we enjoy today."

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COMMUNITY

Getting out of the house

A large turnout of UI students show up to volunteer for Make a Difference Day

Jack Olson
Argonaut

Yard work is rarely something college students wake up early on a Saturday to do, but 450 people did just that for Make a Difference Day at the University of Idaho.

Hosted by the Volunteer Center, Make a Difference Day pairs student organizations with regional businesses and nonprofits to match the desire to volunteer with work that needs to be done.

This year, 22 sites received volunteer groups. Anna Dolezal, lead service coordinator at the Volunteer Center, said there is a growing number of students who sign up for the event.

"I hope it's because we promoted it, or people wanting to get their feet wet in volunteering, and this is a good way to see if

that's something they'd like to do," Dolezal said. "That would be my hope for the event is that people find something they like or that they're interested in and they can grab a friend or go back by themselves."

Most groups were Greek houses, but the Food and Nutrition Club, the National Society of Black Engineers and the College Republicans of UI also participated, among others. Dolezal said the sites included the Northwest Children's Home, Moscow Public Library and the campus itself.

"Make a Difference Day allows people to get two community partners in a group setting. It's a lot harder to walk in on your own like 'Hi, I'm here to volunteer.' To be able to go in a group opens that door," Dolezal said. "And if you find an organization you really like, students are much more likely to go back and repeatedly build that relationship with the community partner."

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POLITICS

Support from Vandals

UI offers students support and open dialogue for students with post-election events

Catherine Keenan
Argonaut

As turmoil and celebration followed the results of the 2016 presidential election, members of the University of Idaho community are offering events and resources to those in need of them.

"Making Sense of the Election" is an event that cycles every two years following election results. This year, the event will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Whitewater Room of the Idaho Commons.

The event will gather UI political scientists to analyze and debate about the polling results in detail, along with the effects on foreign policy and economical outcomes.

The Department of Politics and Philosophy will present the event through its chair

Brian Ellison, faculty secretary Don Crowley and assistant professor Juliet Carlisle.

Students had divided opinions after Tuesday night, as President-elect Donald Trump won the presidency by maintaining enough votes through the Electoral College, despite Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote.

James Foster, faculty for UI's College of Science, said he has voted in every election since 1976 and has never seen an election like this year.

"If you look at the voter turnout for Republicans versus Democrats, Democrats didn't show up," Foster said.

UI President Chuck Staben made an official statement sent via email to the university community.

"The recent presidential election has heightened tensions along some very real fault lines in our society and spurred demonstrations in several cities and college campuses," Staben said.

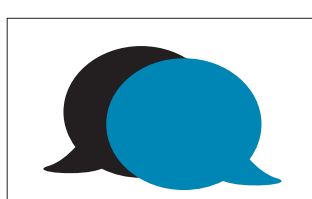
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About the Day After Election

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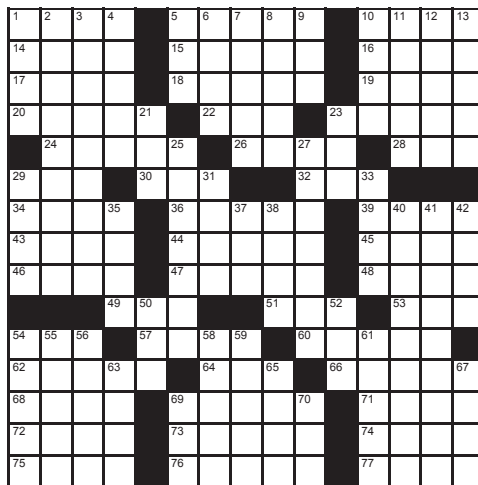
He always thought that it was strange people wanted Trump to run, but he never thought it would happen, let alone that Trump would win.

Kyle Harty | Argonaut

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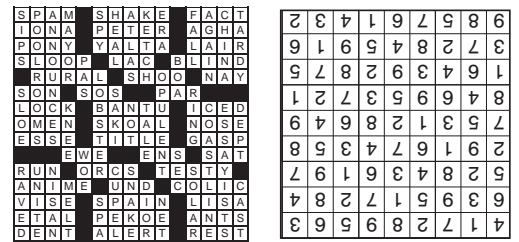
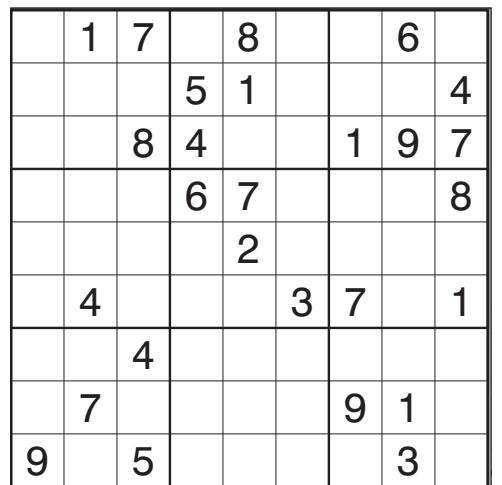
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POLITICS

Election causes mixed reactions

Students react to the 2016 presidential election

Claire Whitley and Erin Bamer
Argonaut

The Democratic Headquarters on Main Street Tuesday waited in silence as electoral votes across the country were tallied.

Statements of “This must be a dream,” occasionally floated amongst those in attendance as they watched.

“Well, I came to this country as a refugee. And after months of listening to that man insult other refugees, minorities, women and countless others, I’ve become legitimately afraid that this behavior was rewarded the presidency,” said Sargon Hamad, a University of Idaho student watching at the Democratic Headquarters. “I actually feel alone and unwelcome in my country. I think that’s the way a lot of people feel right now.”

Across Main Street, the Republican Headquarters had its doors open, light flooding the street. Laughter could be heard from inside. It was the antithesis to their Democratic neighbors.

“I am very pleased with the results of the presidency,” said UI student Samra Murray.

“Not only did Donald Trump go in as the underdog, but he beat out a career politician and is ready to make changes the American people want to see.”

UI students used social media to express worry and fear for the future for minority communities. Others showed support for the result.

“I’m just shocked that nothing has changed, but Hillary supporters are now the ones full of so-called ‘hate,’” said UI Student Jeffery Doolittle in a Facebook post. “Think about Americans for a change, no this election didn’t kick you out of the country or leave you in devastating horror. There are many worse off places in this world and America is very far from them.”

Other students, including Doolittle, are reacting against the riots that took place after the election, calling for unity instead of division.

“I guess most of you don’t appreciate what we have in our country and seeing people burn the flag, riot and send threats all over our nation is not fully showing your patriotism of what it truly means to be an American,” Doolittle continued in his post.

One young Republican and UI student Patric Kukla said he is not the biggest Trump

fan, but he could not be more ecstatic about Clinton’s loss.

“I’m not very surprised by Trump’s win, because I feel like a lot of Trump supporters were hesitant to share their opinions with the polls in fear of being scrutinized,” Kukla said.

Rather than being focused on the presidential election, Kukla said he was glad Republicans retained the majority in the U.S. Senate.

“I think that now with the Republicans in charge of the House, Senate and presidency, we will finally be able to make positive progress in our country,” Kukla said.

Students have gone so far as to say they feel unsafe, making comments about the presidential election. Recent UI graduate Chris Hammond said he feels compassion for those who are fearful of the future Trump presidency.

“I understand many minorities, LGBTQ and women are worried,” he said. “I want to let you know I support the people and would never stand behind a man who will infringe on your rights ... I feel confident your rights will remain, and if not, I will be the first to sign a petition for impeachment?” Hammond said Democrats would be

surprised by Trump’s stance on a number of key aspects.

“People that actually read up on Trump’s policies would realize he leans left on issues, sometimes more than Secretary Clinton,” he said. “The Republican party needs to evolve to survive, even if he is not my ideal image of where the party needs to go.”

Hamad said he has never seen an election which has left so many people feeling unsafe. Even though he disagreed with many former Republican candidates, he never believed he was in danger before.

“You know, I think I took other presidential elections for granted. People like McCain, Romney, they were honorable people who thought differently,” Hamad said. “They were never bad. And (Trump) is.”

ASUI Vice President Kelsy Briggs said everyone needs to respect others’ views.

“Regardless of anyone’s political ideology and reaction to this outcome, though, I think the thing people need to put their faith in is the idea that a united America is a strong one,” Briggs said.

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News briefs

UBFC taking proposals

The University Budget and Finance Committee (UBFC) is accepting funding proposals for items in line with the strategic plan

Faculty Senate Chair Liz Brandt said the requests aren’t for a portion of any particular pool of money. Instead, the UBFC has chosen proposals that would shed light on the university’s priorities.

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Patrick Hrdlicka said the UBFC will likely get around 200 proposals, and if last year’s process is any indication, it will pick about 10. Hrdlicka is a member of UBFC.

“The UBFC will only decide which proposals are meritorious,” Hrdlicka said. “The president’s cabinet will review them and decide whether to find funding internally or develop line items to the (State Board of Education) or to request from

the legislature.”

UI Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek said individual departments can draft proposals for almost any purpose — from funding programs to paying for new faculty or staff positions, and it can be for permanent or one-time funding.

The UBFC receives the requests through an online form.

Brandt said proposals will likely have a better chance of becoming a high priority if they are in line with a part of the strategic plan.

Brandt said this is only the second year the committee’s process has been so open. She said the changes in the process last year were beneficial overall, but the process was plagued by many small problems.

“That committee had been largely dormant,” Brandt said. “Last year, the committee wanted to establish a much more transparent way for funding requests for operational funding to be submitted.”



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The Food and Nutrition Club asked specifically to work at McDonald Elementary. Miranda Anspach is treasurer of the club and she said they had such a great time volunteering at McDonald earlier this year they decided to do it again. She said they will clean up garden beds and prepare them for winter.

"We were just looking for a volunteer project. It's really convenient ASUI does this. They pair us up with people," Anspach said. "You just show up and get free T-shirt, snacks and do work for the day. It's kind of hard to find a project for yourself."

Togetherness and giving back were the big themes of the day. Haley Smith of Delta Delta Delta sorority said 18 women from her house participated.

"We really like not only to volunteer, but

doing it together makes it a lot more fun — makes a bigger impact I guess," she said. "It just shows how fast you can get work done. You can make it easier, a positive environment to be around."

Aleta Rutherford of Gamma Alpha Omega sorority said her house believes that serving the community is important and they want to give back to the community that has given them so much. She said the high student turnout was impressive.

"I think it's really cool," Rutherford said. "People have this stereotype that college students are lazy and don't want to do anything, but then you come to places like this and it is overflowing with people and these are college students that want to spend their Saturdays helping people and giving back to their community."

Theta Chi fraternity rounded up nearly 25 members and headed off to touch up the landscaping around WISH Medical Center

in Moscow. The men brought a boombox and a positive attitude.

"For the most part, everybody here is really excited," said Dillon Blair, Theta Chi member. "Everybody loves to give back to their community. Some aren't as early risers as others, so it was little bit tougher, but everybody's here for the most part willingly, and without too much harm."

On their way to WISH, Theta Chi member Nash Johnson said he was excited and expected to have fun.

"We like to organize things like this where we all go together," Johnson said. "We do it as a house and it's kind of like a brotherhood event."

The men tore out dead grass from flowerbeds and trimmed down a shrub, which had been obstructing the view out the door. They gathered trash bags full of yard waste and went the extra mile — trimming obscure limbs and nearly-hidden grass they

didn't have to trim.

CEO of WISH, Michelle Ellinwood, said WISH partners with the university to find volunteer work and has always had a great experience with UI volunteers.

"I love to be involved in helping the community, so to see college students doing it, and doing it with excellence — it's encouraging," Ellinwood said.

An hour into the work, Johnson said it was going great. He said he was really impressed with the other members.

"I didn't expect to be having this much fun," Johnson said. "I think it's the collective attitude of all the guys here just making a difference in the community and that, also, we're bonding again. We got the speaker playing Johnny Cash. I don't think it could be going much better."

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VANDALS
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"The University of Idaho is proud to be a welcoming and safe environment for all students, staff and faculty. Regardless of political affiliation, it is important for us to remain focused, united and committed to working together and true to our core values," he said.

There are several resources UI offers others in the wake of the election, said Jodi Walker, director of communications.

"Find support, whether through attending ('Making Sense of the Election') or whether in your spiritual centers, finding it with your friends or counseling to help," she said.

The 2016 election resulted in a Republican winning the White House, along with a Republican majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate. This contradicted many polls and assumptions made in mass media.

Foster said the overwhelming number of predictions that Trump would lose the elec-

tion was not inaccurate, but rather there is an overall lack of knowledge in probability and how statistics work. Democratic voters became over-confident, Foster said.

"I've seen a lot who are really upset," Foster said. "Democrats decided not to vote."

Walker said she encourages the community to work together and not be divided. She said Thursday people came together for the Capitol Christmas Tree Celebration, despite the roller-coaster ride election.

Foster said there are other events coming up for UI, especially for minorities or individuals distressed about the elections results.

Walker said despite the undesirable or favorable outcome, the UI community remains a family.

"It has been a dramatic week," Walker said. "Even when it's a life-changing thing ... we're not jut humans, we're all Americans — coming together."

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Police log

Nov. 4

East Southview Avenue, The Grove, 12:36 a.m.

Couple got into a dispute and a female tried to call for help. Male took the phone from her and was arrested for domestic battery and preventing someone for calling for assistance.

1400 block East D Street, 2:22 p.m.

A parent came into Moscow High School and was yelling, arguing and disrupting the educational process. Charges are possible, but the incident is under investigation.

Nov. 6

Bill Chapman Memorial Trail, 3:49 p.m.

University of Idaho student was found deceased within Pullman city limits and Moscow Police Department was called to assist. It has been ruled a suicide and Whitman County is still investigating.

Nov. 7

520 Empire Lane, 4:39 p.m.

Warrant for a male's arrest also lead to the Moscow Police Department discovering meth on his person.

West 6th Street, Wallace Complex, 6:19 p.m.

Fight broke out between two female residents. No citations were issued for the physical altercation, both parties had minor scrapes and abrasions.

Nov. 9

100 block South Main Street, 12:30 a.m.

Male arrested for DUI, drunk in a public highway, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after threatening to use a firearm, challenging several people to fight after the results of the election were announced.

Police Tips



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- Don't leave items in common living areas while traveling
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— Corporal Casey Green

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SPORTS



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FACILITIES

A long term investment

Luis Torres
Argonaut

Poor weather and drainage issues at Guy Wicks Field have negatively impacted the Idaho women's soccer team, intramural and club sports at the university this year.

Despite earning the No. 1 seed in the Big Sky Conference postseason playoffs, Vandal soccer was not allowed to host the Nov. 4 tournament because of detrimental field conditions.

In addition, mud delayed the university's intramural flag football championships for two weeks.

Guy Wicks Field has experienced drainage difficulties throughout the last decade, which routinely results in soggy and unplayable field conditions. Gregory Tatham, the assistant vice provost for student affairs, has been working on a remodel of Guy Wicks Field since the mid-2000s.

Tatham said the field would see improvement with the addition of drainage upgrades.

"If we could get the field in condition to drain properly, then we wouldn't lose game times," Tatham said. "It's been the wettest October, and our intramural director has cancelled games all the time because we just can't be on the fields."

Butch Fealy, the associate director of competitive and recreational sports, said the field's conditions have negatively impacted intramural athletics.

"This by far the most difficult year to program and reserve space at Guy Wicks to date," Fealy said. "We wanted to have as little impact on the field as possible."

Dan Ewart, vice president of infrastructure, said the field was originally built on an old landfill.

"When you have the kind of rains in October and you play the pitch heavily, it became unplayable," Ewart said. "There's no way to repair it on a short period of time to get ready for the conference tournament. It's going to be a long-term fix."

According to Tatham, the drainage tiles, which remove excess water from the soil, are in subpar condition. He also said the drainage gradient is too low, allowing water to pool on the field.

Tatham brought in Mike McNeil, a construction superintendent with Shaefer-Meyer Seed-Sod, to evaluate the field. McNeil said ideal renovations would include stripping the top layer of soil to replace the tiles and shifting the gradient to move water into Paradise Creek. If UI kept grass on the field, the cost of the remodel would be estimated at \$300,000.

Ewart said the university has multiple priorities to consider, and the decision came down to renovating Guy Wicks Field or constructing the Idaho Arena.

"The students decided to fund the arena fee and not fund the Guy Wicks fee," Ewart said. "We love to put money to the field and improve the drainage and playability on those fields."

That certainly continues to be a project that's on our list if funding becomes available."

According to Tatham, UI and the Student Recreation Center shared an account devoted to field management. In 2003, the university used \$350,000 from the account to purchase a wireless computer system for the Idaho Commons and UI Library, instead of creating a new fee account.

Tatham said the university's decision was necessary and provided students with laptops and computers, but it has tightened the current budget.

Trina Mahoney, the budget director at UI, said the process of creating a dedicated student fee account is lengthy.

"It's looking for people who currently have a fee, and they must give out information of how they're using the fee to apply future funding," Mahoney said. "As long as they fill out the financial template and answer the questions that are outlined in the memo, they're invited to do a presentation at the Student Activity Fee Committee."

Mahoney said the presentation process takes place in January, and the committee prioritizes funding. If approved the proposal goes to the State Board of Education in April before a decision is made.

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Junior forward Olivia Baggerly jumps for the ball Oct. 23 at Guy Wicks Field. Idaho won 4-0.

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FOOTBALL

Just one more

Secondary, special teams expected to lead against Bobcats

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

One win away from bowl eligibility, the Idaho football team plays conference opponent Texas State Saturday in Texas.

Idaho (5-4, 3-2) came one step closer to reaching a postseason berth with a 23-13 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette Nov. 5. Idaho head coach Paul Petrino credited strong defense and special teams for the win.

"Tueni (Lupeamanu) is doing a great job up front," Petrino said. "It starts with those guys up front. I think our three linebackers are playing really well."

Lupeamanu finished the game with six tackles.

Idaho's defense kept Louisiana-Lafayette scoreless in the second half.

The secondary held quarterback Anthony Jennings to 161 yards and no touchdowns.

Louisiana-Lafayette converted six out of 16 third downs.

On special teams, senior kicker Austin Rehkow came in clutch with a 50-yard field goal and put Idaho up 20-13.

"I think when Austin is able to pin them back there, is really big for the defense," Petrino said. "He's a big part of the defensive success. He's a part of the offensive success too when he can nail 50-yard field goals. He plays a big role on both sides of the ball."

Rehkow had three punts land inside the 20-yard line and averaged 41 yards per punt. Petrino said his success came from personal endurance.

"It's been a lot of hard work," Petrino said. "He made himself better."

Sophomore running back Isaiah Saunders carried the load for Idaho offense with 86 rushing yards. His tough runs let Idaho run time off the clock and hold the ball during fourth quarter.

Petrino said Saunders has stepped up this season.

Saunders, Rehkow and the Vandal defense look to continue their strong performances against Texas State (2-6, 0-4).

The Bobcats recently suffered a 35-10 defeat at the hands of Appalachian State Nov. 5.

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OPINION

The changing tides

Football is seeing a resurgence in Washington

Prior to 2000, Washington was consistently a football powerhouse.

The Huskies' cross-state rival, Washington State, was ranked as a top-10 team three years in a row (2001-2003). The Cougars had one of the program's best seasons in 2003.

In the late 2000s, Oregon replaced Washington as the dominant football state in the Pacific Northwest.

Now, for the first time in 15 years, both Washington schools are ranked in the top 25, the Huskies at No. 4 and the Cougars at No. 25.

Perhaps impressive seasons from the Huskies and Cougars will spark a renewed excitement in football in the Evergreen state.

The probability of a national championship for Washington and a Rose Bowl for Washington State is becoming a reality.

Washington earned a 66-27 win over California Saturday. If the Huskies manage to win out the season, a berth to the Col-

lege Football Playoff is certain.

One problem in the plan could be the impending Apple Cup game against Washington State Nov. 25 in Pullman.

Washington State (7-2) is undefeated in Pac-12 play after a 69-7 win over Arizona Saturday. If the Cougars defeat California and No. 14 Colorado in the next two weeks, they could break the top 15. This would make the Apple Cup one of the most important college football games of the season.

If the Huskies go undefeated, as they should, there is a very realistic possibility that Washington could earn its third national championship.

Even with a Pac-12 loss to Washington, Washington State could remain the leading contender to play in the Rose Bowl.

Many Idaho students grew up watching Washington schools. Anyone under the age of 25 probably cannot remember the last time the Huskies and Cougars were receiving attention on a national level.



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Argonaut

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OPINION

Hate-free football

Racism is still prevalent in American football

Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman attempted to block a field goal during Monday's game against the Buffalo Bills. Sherman jumped the snap and was offsides.

Rather than stopping, Sherman continued unabated in his attempt to block the field goal attempt. He ran into Bills kicker Dan Carpenter.

Sherman's pseudo-tackle appeared to inflict a significant amount of pain on Dan. It was unclear if Dan exaggerated the hit to gain a more favorable call from officials.

Sherman's behavior definitely warranted a penalty. Many pundits considered the act a dirty play.

Sherman Smith, of ESPN's "First Take," felt Sherman was doing what every football player is taught to do — play until the whistle.

Most everyone agrees the officiating crew failed to ensure player safety. As soon as Sherman jumped offsides, a whistle should have been blown and the play called dead.

That did not happen.

It's fairly easy to make a case for Sherman's actions just being misconstrued. What is much more difficult is defending the reactions generated by the controversial play.

The worst came from Dan's wife, Kaela Carpenter. She posted a picture of a banner on Twitter with the caption, "I know what we do on the farm when a male can't control his own rage."

A banner is a tool used to castrate farm animals.

Clearly, this was an unwise tweet. Kaela is insinuating an African American player is an animal who must be castrated. It's alarming.

I'm guessing Kaela wouldn't have the same reaction if Sherman was white, or if her husband was black and tackled by a white player.

The comments are shocking, but not very surprising.

President-elect Donald Trump started his real estate career by preventing black tenants from renting out apartments he owned. It's not surprising one of the most successful black athletes in America receives racially-motivated mistreatment. Richard Sherman has fought the thug stereotype his whole career.

He is a Stanford graduate and far more intelligent than countless so-called football experts.

Sherman occasionally participates in excessive showboating, but by all accounts, he is a good teammate and a solid human being. Comparing him to a thug is ludicrous.

The only connection I can see between Richard Sherman and people who engage in criminal activity is skin color. The problem is — people of all skin colors can be criminals. When Kaela compares Sherman to a common farm animal, she is demonizing him. For a football player, tackling another player is the most fundamental and important component of the sport.

I understand she is concerned for her husband's safety, but I would hope she recognizes the racism in her statement.

The world is in a state of change and constant incivility. After this election cycle, human decency has been largely eliminated from much of American life. If any component of culture can remain a safe-haven of understanding in a sea of prejudice, let it be an America tradition — football.

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OPINION

Television turmoil

The NFL is losing its audience for many reasons

While the World Series captivated audiences and the presidential election kept the country hooked, one popular form of entertainment fell by the wayside this year — football.

According to Sports Illustrated, the NFL's television ratings were down 11 percent during the first six weeks of the season. Initially, this makes no sense. The Super Bowl continues to be the most-watched televised event every year. Football is often thought to be the most popular sport in America.

The nation has slowly turned its eyes elsewhere for a few reasons.

College football has been dramatic. Top teams are consistently falling to underdogs and games are decided by small point margins.

Many games are hidden behind paywalls or require a cable subscription.

On local, over the air television, the average viewer may only receive three games on Sunday. This excludes Monday Night Football, airing exclusively on ESPN.

In the Moscow area, Seattle Seahawks games often get first billing on local television. But for those who aren't aligned with Seattle or the Denver Broncos, there is not much draw to watch Von Miller tackle Russell Wilson.

If a fan in the Pacific Northwest wants to see Jacksonville play Tennessee, one would have to purchase subscriptions with DirectTV or Dish.

Services like these can cost \$10-\$20

a month.

For many, the extra monthly fee is not worth it.

Websites like Twitter are trying to capitalize on disenfranchised NFL fans. The social network broadcasted five games for free and plans to air six more.

It was exciting at first, but those games were available on television for free on CBS.

Fantasy Football's growing popularity has fans looking for highlight performances of individual players, rather than full games.

NFL Redzone is one option for those wanting to skip the game and see how fantasy players performed.

With NFL Redzone, a fan can pay \$5 a month for access to the biggest highlights of the week on a smartphone or television. There are no commercials and every score from every game is shown.

The emergence of these services indicate a shift in sports consumption.

The diehard fans of the past are slowly fading away. Now it's about stats — how many yards

Aaron Rodgers threw for, or how many interceptions Richard Sherman had.

This trend can also be seen in the NBA — a star-driven league. More people cheer on LeBron James, versus the Cleveland Cavaliers as a team.

If the NFL is not careful, the league will fall into the same trap. People will stop caring and watching the teams, and only look to players and stats.

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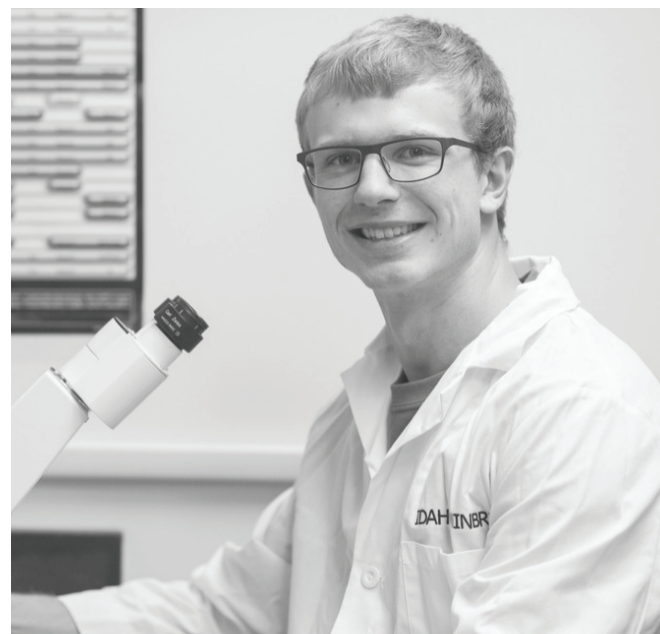
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FROM PAGE 5

Mahoney said she attends the activity fee meetings and provides advisory rules to students.

"I don't advise the students on what to approve or not to approve, it's up to them," Mahoney said. "I'm there more to ask questions about the existing fees and sometimes they want to know if they're building up a balance or what are they spending their money on. I have access to the financial system, so I can help them."

Mahoney said she does not recall any discussion about Guy Wicks Field, but she be-

lieves it came down to students not wanting to increase fees. Fealy said he was frustrated with the outcome.

"The administration had to make tough decision and once it was done, it was done," Fealy said. "We've kept going back through the student fee process to start collecting money again, but there's always been other priorities students have been focusing on."

Debbie Huffman, the director of administrative and physical operations for student affairs, said money for the fields account has not been collected since the 2006 fiscal year.

"There's no fees going into the Outdoor Recreations," Huffman

said. "Until there is, there's a little residual fund left — about \$117,000 — and it's not enough to take care of large improvements."

Huffman said facility fees related to aspects like Guy Wicks Field go through upper administration.

The process of renovating Guy Wicks Field would take about a year. Fealy and Tatham both said scheduling is already an issue for athletics, intramurals and club sports. An out-of-commission Guy Wicks could leave the three entities scrambling for space.

"As the day gets shorter, students can't play or practice intramural and club sports between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. because they have classes and can't

get everyone together," Tatham said. "Usually our intramural and sports programs get going with practices after 5 p.m. When it starts getting dark at 7 p.m., that doesn't leave very much time to get all the games in."

Ewart said field improvements would play a key role in developing programs at the university.

"The fields are okay now but it can be better," Ewart said. "They can be more playable for longer periods of time and get even more use than they do now if approved. It's worthy of a long-term investment."

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JUST

FROM PAGE 5

Quarterback Tyler Jones had a rough day against the Mountaineers, throwing for 183 yards, one interception and was sacked four times.

Petrino said Jones can be diverse.

Jones hit 10 different receivers and racked 24 positive yards of rushing, despite losing 34 yards evading sacks.

Idaho's defensive line could make the difference if the front players pressure Jones.

The game could be Idaho's bowl game tipping point.

Petrino said even though the stakes are high, his team treats every game like it is the most important moment of the season.

"It's a one-game championship every single week," Petrino said. "Let's prepare the very best we can."

Idaho kicks off against Texas State 1 p.m. Saturday in San Marcos, Texas.

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CHANGING

FROM PAGE 5

Oregon schools have been the heart of Northwest college football in the 2000s. Even lowly Oregon State has had more football success than both Washington schools in the last 15 seasons. The Beavers went 111-88 in 15 years with seven bowl victories. Washington is 92-107 since 2000 with only four bowl wins. Washington State is 84-110 with three bowl victories.

The Huskies were not eligible for postseason play from 2003-2009, the Cougars missed eligibility between 2004-2012.

The numbers tell the story. Oregon schools were simply too good for Washington schools to compete with in the mid-2000s. The Beaver state produced National Football League talents Marcus Mariota, Chad Johnson and Steven Jackson. Since 2000, Oregon only had one losing season, 5-6 in 2004.

The Ducks finished every other season with a bowl berth and ended as a top 25 team in 12 of the last 15 seasons.

The Oregon schools' dominance of the Pac-12 by Oregon schools kept Washington schools from playing on a national stage.

Both Washington schools defeated Oregon and Oregon State this season, the first time since 2003.

On the flip side, Oregon (3-6) must win out to be eligible for the postseason. Oregon State (2-7) already is eliminated from bowl contention. If Oregon ends up losing another game, this will be the first postseason without Oregon since 1996.

If Washington finishes 12-0 and Washington State ends 9-3, this will be the first postseason featuring two ranked Washington teams since 2001 and the rebirth of Washington football prominence.

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Sports briefs

The double As

Eastern Washington plays No. 2 USC 1 p.m. Saturday in Los Angeles. The Eagles enter the tournament after defeating Northern Arizona 4-3 Nov. 6.

Three of three

The Idaho men's basketball team plays its last home game before hitting the road 8 p.m. Saturday in the Memorial Gym. The Vandals take on Corban, an NAIA team, to begin nonconference play.

Hit the road

The Idaho women's basketball team is on the road until December, starting Friday. The Vandals take on former WAC rival Seattle U 5 p.m. Friday in Seattle. Idaho won 64-60 Nov. 23. The Vandals then head south to play California State-Fullerton 7 p.m. Monday in California.

The last stand

Friday and Saturday are important days for the Idaho volleyball team. In order to earn a spot in the Big Sky Conference Tournament Nov. 17-19, the Vandals (4-10) must win against Montana and Montana State this weekend. Idaho takes on Montana 7 p.m. Friday and Montana State 4 p.m. Saturday, in the Memorial Gym.

In addition to a weekend sweep, Eastern Washington (6-8) and Weber State (5-9) would need to lose to give Idaho a tournament berth.

With two conference wins, Montana and Southern Utah sit at the bottom of the North and South divisions, respectively.

Hidden weekend

The Idaho women's tennis team competes in the Gonzaga Hidden Duel Friday through Sunday in Spokane.

The Vandals earned a hat trick at the Gonzaga Bulldog Invitational Nov. 4-6. Sophomore Marianna Petrei went 6-0 in singles and doubles to win the A flights.

Petrei and junior Lucia Badillos earned the A flight doubles championship after winning over Eastern Washington and Gonzaga.

Badillos took second in the singles D flight with a 2-1 record. Sophomore Maria Tavares took runner-up honors in the singles B flight. Tavares and junior Ana Batiri took the B flight doubles title.

Batiri took fourth place in the singles C flight. Freshman Shion Watabe earned two singles wins and third place in the E singles flight.

Watabe and senior Claire Yang took the C flight doubles title. Yang grabbed two wins in the F singles flight.

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"There is a crack in everything, that's how light gets in"
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COMMUNITY

Ampersand cooking lessons

Ampersand's store held gluten-free class to prep cooks for Thanksgiving

Emerson Griffin
Argonaut

Ampersand is offering gluten-free Thanksgiving sides and desserts.

Ampersand Oil and Vinegar Tap House goes into the holiday spirit with a gluten-free Thanksgiving class Thursday.

This class offered warm and a delectable selection of different gluten-free treats to try out for a Thanksgiving dinner.

The event provided roasted squash rings with apple stuffing, pan roasted brussel sprouts with bacon and shallots, Asiago potato stacks and pumpkin cheesecake with maple cream.

Elissa Schaefer, Ampersand assistant manager, said their chef has been cooking gluten-free for over 40 years and really knows what it's like to cook gluten-free and work with it in everyday life.

"This class is helpful for people to learn how to make something delicious, but not spend a ton of money on gluten-free stuff, which definitely stores use gluten-free as like a marketing tool to make things more expensive," Schaefer said.

She said Ampersand strives for quality products everyday. Its main supplier, one of only 13 in the world, can say that its olive oil is 100 percent certified extra virgin olive oil. Schaefer said it's really fun to watch people browse their oil and vinegar wall.

"It's fun to have people try (the product

and have them say, 'Oh my gosh, this is like nothing I've tried before, this is really cool,'" Schaefer said.

Not only does Ampersand offer classes routinely, but it has a variety of products that can help with Thanksgiving season as well.

"Thanksgiving is really important, we're not open on Thanksgiving and we close early the day before Thanksgiving, but we have so many things in the store," Schaefer said. "We love Thanksgiving and we have a lot of tools in our store to help with it."

Ampersand offers a wide variety of classes beyond gluten-free sessions.

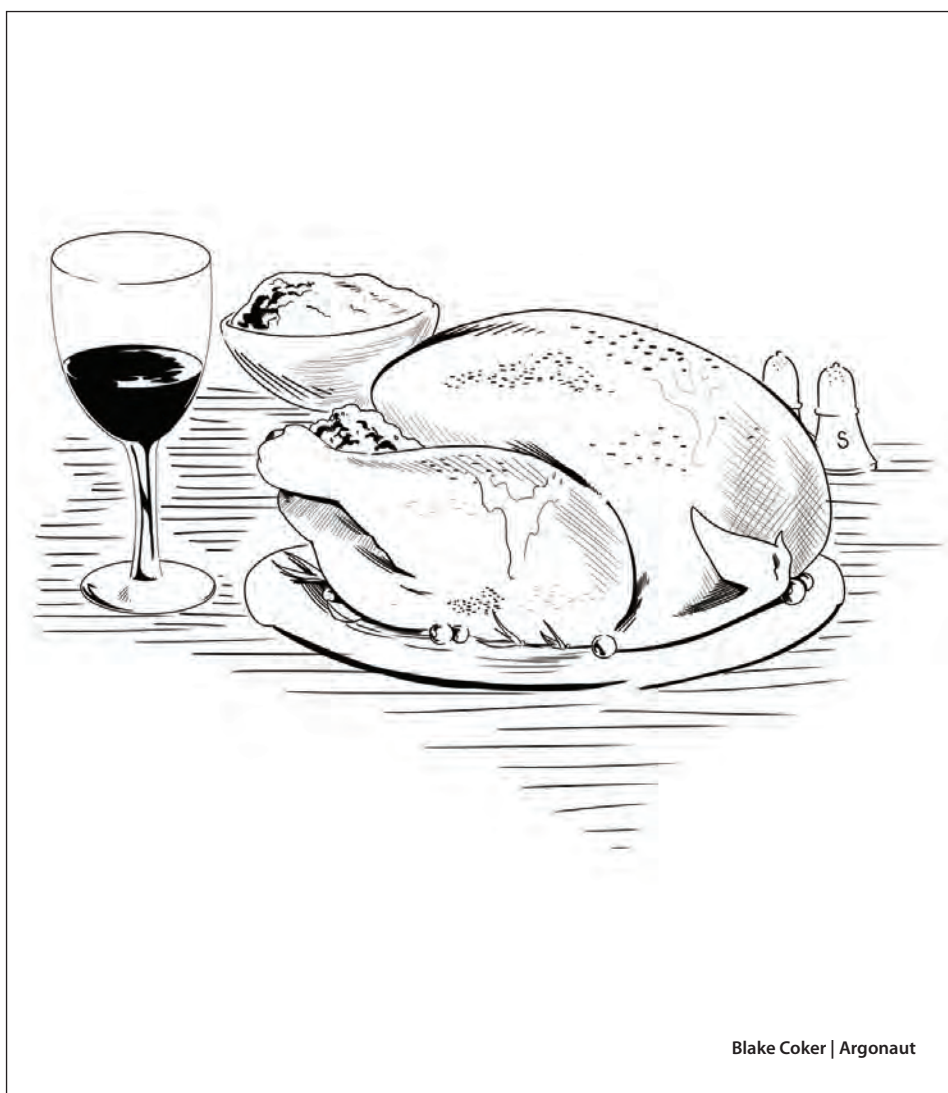
"The classes are targeted to people who love cooking and who want an easy way to get awesome flavor in your food and that's a part of the oils and vinegars because they're so flavorful. It's really easy to get into your everyday cooking," she said.

Schaefer said that quality makes a huge difference in cooking, once cooks switch to high-quality items, it's hard to go back to lower quality.

"If you use really processed things or just, like, cake mix from a box, you're not going to feel as good," Schaefer said. "It's more sugar and salt than when if you just make it yourself. You have more control over that and you'll probably feel better from that too."

Ampersand's will offer cooking lessons on its website calendar that everyone should attend.

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MOVIES

Strangely befitting Marvel

Marvel's "Doctor Strange" is trippy fun

With the world's most successful film franchise under its belt in the form of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel Studios is admirably open to taking some risks.

"Doctor Strange" is an origin story of a magical world that feels less like a superhero movie and more like "The Matrix."

Stephen Strange, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, is a gifted but arrogant neurosurgeon whose career is upended by a car accident that damages his hands. Desperate to return to his work, he eventually stumbles upon a monastery in Nepal that he thinks can heal him.

Instead, he meets the Ancient One, played by Tilda Swinton, an immortal sorcerer who shows him multiple dimensions and magical powers. Strange's response: "Teach me."

"Doctor Strange" opens up to a more magical angle, which is both a benefit and a little bit strange.

The good news is that when director Scott Derrickson of "Sinister" goes into the magical world, he goes all in. The

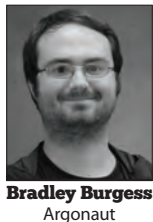
magic powers in the film, ranging from wall crawling fistfights to "Inception" level bending buildings, are not only visually creative, but used in a unique fashion.

The downside is that because Marvel has been holding back these magical powers, most of the film's first half is spent explaining how it works.

The actors in the film are dynamite. Cumberbatch not only nails Strange's physicality, but balances the humor of the character with more dramatic scenes. Chiwetel Ejiofor could read a phone book and make it sound fantastic, so Mordo is compelling and multilayered. Rachel McAdams as Strange's colleague is a nice levity and Mads Mikkelsen makes a great enigmatic villain.

"Doctor Strange" is one of Marvel's more creative films, featuring a fantastic cast and some insanely trippy visuals. It's not Marvel's best work, but it is a solid introduction to the character and sets up a grand plot to follow.

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HOLIDAY

Throwing a fantastic Friendsgiving

Throw a fun and entertaining Friendsgiving with these simple tips

Thanksgiving is often about traveling home and spending time with family. But, for those who loathe the idea of missing out on the best dinner of the year and can't get home for the holiday, the next best thing is Friendsgiving.

The holiday was made famous in part by "Friends" Thanksgiving episode, can be made one of the best parties of the year with a little preparation and a few friends. This kind of celebration may not be as common as a conventional family Thanksgiving, but what it lacks in tradition, it makes up for in creativity and individuality.

Here are a few ways to make any Friendsgiving celebration a fun and entertaining experience for everyone invited. This Friendsgiving leaves room for some innovation along with tradition, without leaving one longing for their mom's home cooking.

Food

Friendsgiving is all about friends and food, but mostly the food. While this kind of celebration doesn't require a full five-

course meal, it is a good idea to have an array of dishes for everyone to enjoy.

One doesn't have to stick with a perfectly roasted turkey as the main dish. Other meat options or non-meat options work just as well. The side options for any Friendsgiving really are the best part of the meal, so having a variety of other snacks makes for a well-rounded meal.

To let everyone enjoy what they like best about a traditional Thanksgiving, let the host make the main dish and a few side dishes, while having other guests bring a favorite dish of their own to share with everyone else. Side dishes like stuffing, mashed potatoes, salad, fresh fruit and roasted vegetables are always great options to have during dinner.

Any Friendsgiving wouldn't be complete without a selection of sweets. Apple and pumpkin pies are traditionally great options for sweet treats, but it never hurts to have guests bring more unconventional desserts as well.

No matter what food options one has for Friendsgiving, celebrations are most

successful when everyone pitches in and helps to create an original dinner.

Decoration

In a small apartment filled with Friendsgiving cheer and extra guests, it can be hard to find room for decoration and seating.

However, by adding a few miniature pumpkins around the room, stringing up white twinkle lights and placing some tea light candles on tables, the perfect touch of autumn can be added almost instantly to anyone's home.

Even for larger apartments, it is easy to create a crowded space with lots of food and friends. Like most people, those who don't have a dining room table that seats 12 can save space by placing the food in a buffet-like setting. Having extra chairs on hand and leaving couch space open for seating may not make for the fanciest of dinner parties, but that is what makes Friendsgiving fun and a little more stress-free.

Entertainment

Sometimes the food and friends of a

Friendsgiving celebration are entertainment enough, but it is always a good idea to have some fun for guests to engage in. Board and card games are both great options to have around one's apartment just in case guests want to partake in friendly competition.

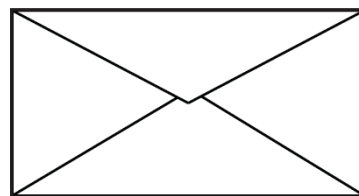
A versatile music playlist is also a must for a Friendsgiving party. A set of upbeat tunes makes for a fun atmosphere and keeps the celebration going. For those who don't mind creating an early Christmas vibe, make a playlist of the best winter holiday songs to add to the cheer of celebrating Friendsgiving.

To create a low-key Friendsgiving celebration, have a variety of movies on hand for when the night winds down. Pick out a selection of autumn or winter themed movies and relax with extra pie and mashed potatoes.

No matter how or where one spends their Friendsgiving, what matters most is the great friends and delicious leftovers the next day.

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OUR VIEW

Moving forward

Vandals must work together in the face of a divisive election

By now, everyone has heard the news. Donald Trump was elected president of the United States in a race that surprised pollsters, national news outlets, stock markets and many Vandals.

The important thing to remember is that Americans as a whole have the same goal — to be happy and safe. Nobody wants to be a bigot or cold-hearted to those in need, but those behaviors manifest and it's up to everybody to attempt to understand why. By addressing the underlying problems, these tragic character traits can disappear.

Americans now have a unique opportunity to work together in a way few had predicted. The tables have turned. The voiceless have now been given the largest megaphone in the world and now all Americans have to listen.

It is important that the voice speaks, though. Republicans levied major criticisms at Democrats for not getting anything done or for trying to get things done Republicans didn't agree with. Now, it's the Grand Old Party's turn to drive the metaphorical car that is our nation.

Republicans have control of the House, the Senate and the presidency. The honeymoon period they will experience in January provides a massive opportunity to show Americans and the world that they can get things done and that they will work

for those who voted for them.

While there will be few procedural roadblocks from Democrats, Republicans will face some legislative disagreement within their own party. Trump has supported some policies that stand in stark contrast to popular conservative ideology, such as his anti-free trade plans and promise to not touch Medicare or Social Security benefits. While his policies align with the Christian Right, he has made many uncomfortable with his offensive rhetoric.

The ideological and legislative vision of Trump and the Republican Party will sharpen as time goes on, but the first step taken will likely be the repeal of Barack Obama's eponymous bill, the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare.

Repealing legislation believed to be poor is understandable, but an alternative must be ready to go to address the underlying problems. Many policies must be ready for action for federal politicians, and while Trump routinely points out problems, he has not often offered a tangible solution and has rarely shared details.

The coming months will shed considerable light on his values, his vision for America and his potential performance.

Idaho did not want Trump. In the primaries, residents voted 45 percent for Ted Cruz and 25 percent for Trump, but the president-elect did receive 59 percent of

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Idaho votes in the national election. Many Republicans saw the two realities of the next president and were so averse to letting a Democrat, especially Hillary Clinton, see that office that they voted for Trump.

National news outlets cite working class white people as the forgotten demographic, and while many voters in Idaho had Trump as their No. 1 candidate, many more simply voted Republican. Those voters were complicit in the election of Trump, and they now occupy a unique position as Trump's constituents, but not his admirers. They must hold his feet to the fire if he strays from the reasons they voted for him.

It is easy to be discouraged or angry, and many have expressed desires to leave the American political system altogether. But those people love America, and America needs them, perhaps now more than ever.

The women on television screens crying at Clinton's concession speech grieved for one day, but every day for the rest of their lives they will fight tooth and nail for what they believe is right.

It is up to all Americans to have compassionate and honest dialogue. That's the only way this fantastic nation can move forward. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

— JO

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Thankful

As November begins, I'm counting the reasons I'm thankful. Today I'm thankful for all of the veterans, especially in my family, that served at home and overseas. You are appreciated.

— Tess

Orange

Is the new black.

— Griffen

Election year

I know the vote didn't go the way some wanted. I know there are certain groups of people who are terrified. I know that, no matter this outcome, I will stand against hatred and fear. We stand together. #imwithyou

— Claire

Latinos

Survive as long as you can, I know I will. Come hell or high water.

— Luis

Get involved

No matter where you wanted this election to go, just remember that we always have a chance to get politically involved. The smallest things make the greatest change.

— Hailey

Be kind

Whether or not your preferred candidate won the election, please remember to be kind to one another. We are all human. We all have the right to be treated as humans.

— Mihaela

Going green

John Green doesn't say it better for me than in "My Post-Election Thoughts" on YouTube. It's OK to be angry for now but not for a marathon. Hope everybody looks out for each other.

— Catherine

The Electoral College

The system sucks. But it won't change because the people who can change it are the same people who have benefitted from it.

— Erin

Keys to the family car

After eight years of complaining about the driving, now it's the Republican's chance to show if they can do it better. Pressure's on.

— Jack

Stolen words

Leave no stone unturned, leave your fears behind, and try to take the path less travelled by.

— Diamond

Nostalgia

Just found a 15-year-old photo where I'm wearing a Vandal football jersey at Lake Coeur d'Alene. I guess it was just meant to be.

— Josh

Social media

Although it's a platform to speak your mind, it may be good to stop and think if what you are about to post is actually worth the world seeing.

— Tea

Silence

Nothing to say. Today, I play the silent minority

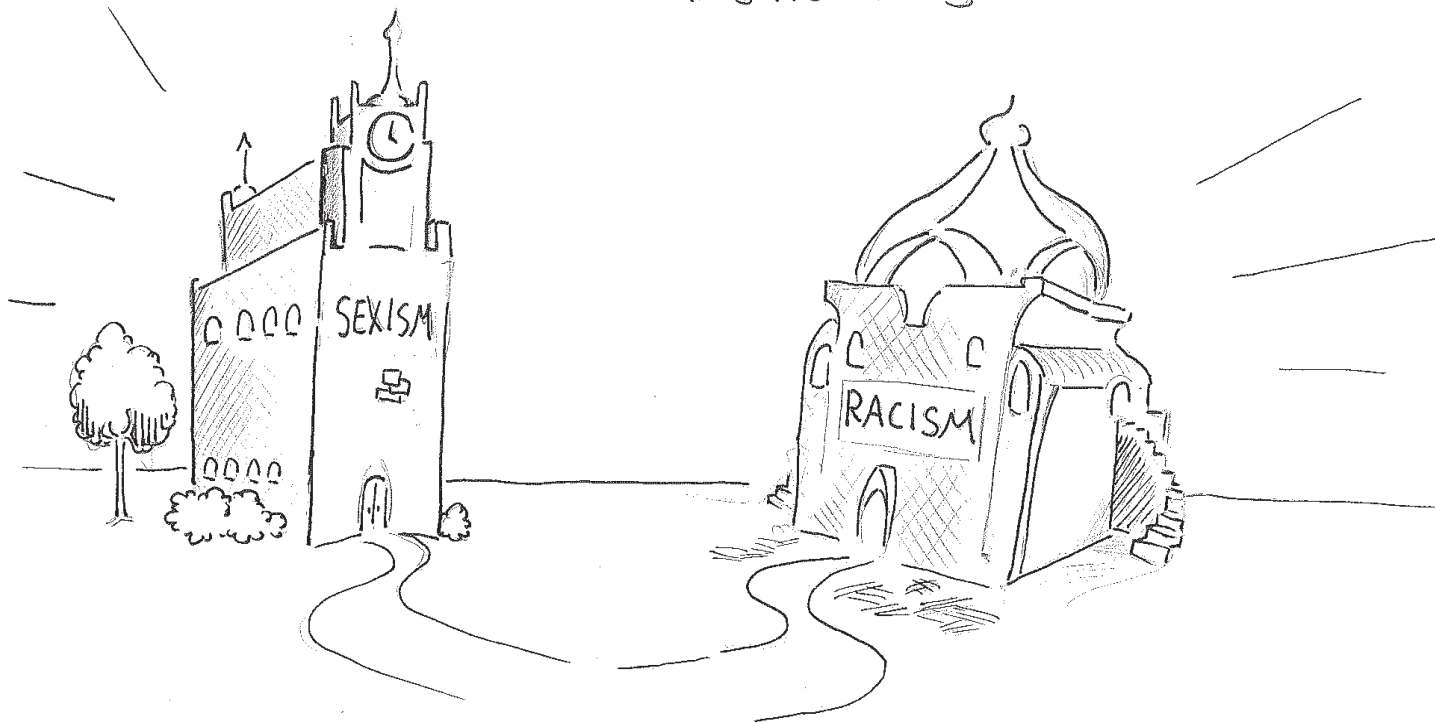
— Kevin

A break

A break from social media. A break from school. Both would be welcome right now.

— Lyndsie

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A veteran's perspective

UI student veteran reflects on Veterans Day

"Sound off for equipment check."
"All OK jumpmaster."
"Green light, go, go, go."

Counting off to myself, I exit the door of a C-130 with my body holding a 90-degree angle. "One-thousand, two-thousand, three-thousand, four-thousand."

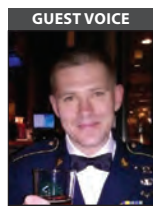
The olive drab canopy blooms above my head. I rip the release for the 80-pound rucksack and quickly adjust the risers before smacking the earth. It's a kind of humid where you live in sweat. This is Ft. Benning, May 2007.

We run and run and run, in boots or tennis shoes. One hundred and twenty

pair of soldier boots climb a hill from the hangers to get chow. Sergeant Ashley Carey and Specialist Donovan D. Witham made it up that hill. Their memory and service are always with me. I have a lot of fond memories similar to this. They pummel me like a wave and I'm transported to the days when I served with great honor.

Make no mistake about it — the oldest profession to legitimize our nation is owed to veterans. Starting out as militiamen, we fought for independence and still work to exercise our nation's core values. Freedom is unique within our country whether or not some people believe this stance or not.

Too often is the space we inhabit taken for granted. The average veteran probably has an unexplainable bond to their country. Veterans honorably relinquish some of their freedoms in hopes that the average citizen will prosper.



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