

ADMINISTRATION

## Leading a school and a family

*President Chuck Staben reflects on family life while leading UI*

**Andrew Ward**  
Argonaut

Fathers take over the University of Idaho during Dads' Weekend, and some have traveled farther than others.

But one father has been here for a while — the president of the university.

Chuck Staben began his work as the president of UI two-and-a-half years ago, but this is far from his first experience working in a college environment.

Chuck said he met the woman who would eventually become his wife, Mary Beth Staben, while they attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley.

"I met my wife in the dining hall at Berkeley in 1978," Chuck said. "And we got married in 1982. We've been married for 35 wonderful years."

Chuck said when he and Mary Beth found out they were going to be parents, they were excited. He said he quickly realized there was so much more to being a father than he had ever anticipated.

"One of the funny things about having a child, especially your first child, is that you're more focused on the process of having a child," Chuck said. "Then all of a sudden you actually have one, and they're so much responsibility — I think the enormity of that isn't apparent to you as a young adult."

Mary Beth said Chuck has always been an excellent father. She said he may not be the softest, most touchy-feely dad in the world, but he is always willing to

makes sacrifices for his children.

When Mary Beth decided to go to medical school after the birth of their third child, Chuck took on the role as the main caregiver for three children who were all under the age of 6.

"Medical school is very consuming timewise," Chuck said. "So, I spent a lot of time with my kids. I had the unusual experience of being the direct primary caregiver during that formidable time."

Chuck said his two sons are currently pursuing doctorates. His daughter just finished working at Yale University as a research economist and now plans to attend school at UI.

Chuck said even though all of his children are in school, he has only been able to attend Dads' Weekend for one of his sons. He said that experience showed him why Dads' Weekend is so important to students and fathers alike.

"It was a lot of fun seeing him in a new environment, and seeing him having new experiences," Chuck said. "It also helped me feel better about where he was, as a student and as a person."

Chuck said he believes being a father impacts how he does his job, and how he observes the issues brought to him.

"By the time one becomes a president, you've probably already had a student in college," Chuck said. "So, you understand a lot of the concerns that the students and parents have."

Mary Beth said she also believes being a father also directly influences the way Chuck makes decisions that affect UI students.

"Once you become a parent, you only see things as a parent," Mary Beth said.

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UI President Chuck Staben with his two sons and daughter, who are now ages 27, 25 and 23.

DADS' WEEKEND

## Counting down the days

*Naval ROTC student said his children are his inspiration to finish school*

**Taryn Hadfield**  
Argonaut

Many University of Idaho students will spend this year's Dads' Weekend with their fathers, but Naval ROTC student Robert Brown will spend it counting down the days until he sees his sons again.

"Being a long-distance dad really pulls on the strings," Brown said. "There's the pull of being a full-time student and a Marine, and it takes away a lot of the time I would spend with my kids."

Brown's sons currently live in different cities while he finishes his degree in Moscow. Born and raised in Boise and an "Idahoan through and through," Brown said UI was the closest college to his sons with a Naval ROTC program, and the university's program in recreation made his decision even clearer.

He said he looks forward to graduating at the end of this semester, when his children will come to visit him again.

"I'll be the first in my family to gradu-

ate from college," Brown said. "My kids are what give me the motivation to finish. Being a father makes it easier to be inspired. It's a foundation, a basis for my life."

After dropping out of college the first time and going down a "bad path," Brown said he wanted to join the Marines to make a positive change in his life. Throughout the past 11 years, Brown said he was in several combat deployments, serving in the infantry in Iraq and logistics in Afghanistan. He said he continuously pushed himself while serving in the Marines, and eventually decided to go back to school for his sons.

"I knew that I could do more, that I was worth more," Brown said. "I wanted to be a good example and good role model for my kids."

Brown will graduate with a bachelor's of science in recreation and a minor in outdoor leadership. He said his choice of study comes back to the outdoor experiences he had with his parents as a child, enjoying the natural wonders of Idaho's backyard.

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DADS' WEEKEND

## Time to cool down

*Dads' Weekend will have a different rhythm, events to offer family members this year*

**Catherine Keenan**  
Argonaut

Vandal fathers will celebrate Dads' Weekend Friday through Sunday just before Christmas break begins, but this year's timing does not follow the norm.

Dads' Weekend is customarily set for September or October during a home football game, but the Sun Belt Conference limits timeslots for the event, said Blaine Eckles, dean of students.

"This year, we didn't have too many home football games, especially during October and September," said Kristina Godinez, Dads' Weekend committee chair for the Student Alumni Relations Board (SARB). "This was the only (weekend) we really had open to plan around."

Setting Dads' Weekend in December was the biggest challenge for SARB members, she said. But it allowed the coordinators to be more creative and plan new

events, Godinez said. "Last few years have been forgiving," Eckles said. "It's not as an ideal (schedule) as we'd like it to be. It definitely doesn't stop us from having a good time."

The weekend will include multiple events like "A Christmas Carol" and ice skating as well as basketball and football games Eckles said.

"I am really looking forward to the beer tasting event," Godinez said. "This is the first time we hosted this specific event and we have been planning this for months now."

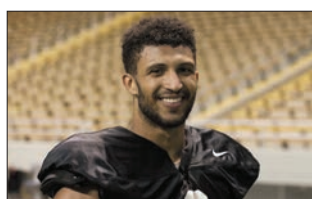
Godinez was committee chair for Moms' Weekend last spring and said she fell in love with the process.

"I applied to become committee chair for Dads' Weekend," Godinez said. "I wanted to use the skills I gained from Moms' Weekend to use and expand for Dads' Weekend."

She said it was exciting to work with local companies of the Palouse to pull the event together.

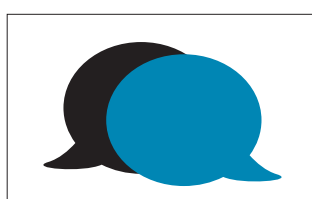
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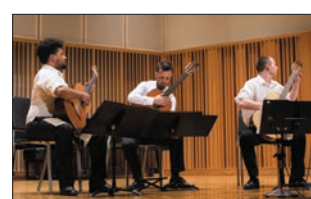
Deon Watson looks up to his father — who's also a Vandal.

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UI guitar ensemble performed Monday night at the Haddock Performance Hall.

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# A Crumbs recipe

## Couch potato soup

With the holidays approaching, it is nice to curl up with something warm and liquidy to eat while binge-watching Christmas movies. As a celebration of both the holidays and the state in which we live, one of the most appropriate foods is potato soup.

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 1/2 cups boiled water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- Pepper flakes
- Paprika and parsley to garnish

### Directions

1. Melt butter in sauce pan
2. Add onions
3. Cook until yellow and tender
4. Add potatoes
5. Add water
6. Add salt
7. Cover sauce pan and check occasionally
8. Boil until tender, about 10-12 minutes
9. Add milk
10. Add pepper
11. Heat until warm
12. Serve with sprinkle of paprika and parsley
13. Eat and enjoy



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DIVERSITY

# Stories that change the world

*Native American Heritage Month keynote speaker talks about how to change the world*

**Jack Olson**  
Argonaut

Gyasi Ross said he looks at life as a series of stories, and people can either accept or challenge those narratives.

"Stories are the most powerful thing in the world," Ross said. "If you can change a story, you can change the world."

Ross was the keynote speaker Wednesday evening for Native American Heritage Month. He is an author, speaker and appears regularly on television and radio shows to talk about issues affecting Native Americans. The main theme of his speech was the impact stories have on the world.

He told several stories, including the story of a man in New York who told him Native Americans couldn't grow facial hair, despite Ross' goatee.

"Stories are powerful, because even if we don't know if they're true or not, we will assume they are true if we've heard them properly," Ross said.

He said the United States used to tell a story about Native Americans and it finally began to

be challenged. He said the government tried to kill off Native people and the treaties signed between tribes and the government were not honored. Ross' uncle, Billy Frank, challenged that story.

"The story was Native people have no value. We can do whatever we want to those people. We can sterilize them, kill them, starve them, steal their children," Ross said. "And here's this short Native man from Nesquali who says, 'I want to challenge that story. That story doesn't make any sense to me.'"

He said Frank began holding federal and state governments accountable for what they agreed to in the treaties and began fishing in the place his family had fished for 30,000 years. Frank was arrested 52 times over the next 29 years for fighting for what he believed in. Ross said eventually, the Supreme Court sided with Frank.

Ross focused on contemporary stories. He said he just returned from Standing Rock, North Dakota, where a large group is protesting the expansion of the Keystone Pipeline through Native American lands. The pipeline was originally slated down a different route, but it was determined there was too much risk for the mainly white community there. No such risk has been

determined for the Native people along the new route.

Ross said that story shows everything has a price, but the story is being changed by the protestors.

"We're going to challenge the story that money can buy anything," Ross said. "No matter how much money this company offers us, it's not going to be enough."

He referred to a quote by Albert Einstein and said problems cannot be fixed using the same logic that created the same problem. A new way of thinking is required. Changing the story is finding that new way of thinking.

To help protestors at Standing Rock, Ross said the most ideal option is to actually go there. He said there are some important dates coming up where the protestors will need people to be there.

"And importantly, there's going to need to be people that don't fit the bill of being the usual suspects," Ross said. "When it's the usual suspects, we usually get the usual outcome."

The next best thing is to send money to Standingrock.org or Standforstandingrock.org, Ross said. The money donated to those sites goes directly to the legal defense of the

protestors or to keep them supplied with water, firewood and other necessities.

Third, Ross said people can contact their federal legislators and pressure them to demand that the pipeline's consultation requirement be honored.

"We have to be accountable and put accountability on them," Ross said. "It's not good will, it's not because they're being generous, it's not because they're being sweet, it's actually their job."

Ross explained that capitalism works like spilled milk. If a person spills the milk, they clean it up. If they didn't spill the milk, they don't have to. But that story is being challenged as well. He said Millennials receive more criticism than they deserve and credited the generation for trying to change the story.

"None of you created racism," Ross said. "None of you created global warming, but you're the first generation that's said, 'I'm going to clean up this spilled milk. We're actually going to do something about this, even though we didn't create it.'"

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## Police log

### Nov. 20

1400 block West Pullman Road, 2:22 p.m.

A young lady was sitting in the parking lot for several hours. McDonald's employees called MPD and the woman was arrested for trafficking heroin, possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and being a fugitive from justice. She had 6.8 grams of heroin in her person.



### Nov. 21

West Pullman Road, Wendy's, 10:07 p.m.

Someone broke into the driver's side window of a female's car and \$35 was missing from her vehicle.

### Nov. 24

South Main Street, Wells Fargo, 12:14 a.m.

Male was jumped and had his laptop stolen. He took photos on his phone as the suspect drove off, the suspect then came back and jumped him for his phone as well. Authorities pinged the devices and the suspect confessed.

### Nov. 27

North Main Street, Hillcrest Motel, 12:37 p.m.

Male intentionally overdosed on prescription Ativan and was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

### Nov. 28

East 3rd Street, 1st United Methodist Church

Squirrel was trapped inside a pastor's office. A trail was created to help the animal find its way out.

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## DADS' WEEKEND

# Grab a cold one

Dads' Weekend will include the annual beer tasting event to keep the Vandal tradition alive

**Savannah Cardon**  
Argonaut

Beer, wine, cider and celebrations are just a few of the many traditions fathers can look forward to during this year's Dads' Weekend at the University of Idaho.

The tradition of drinking beer with dads is here to stay, with local breweries providing craft beer and other specialties for students and their fathers to enjoy.

To kick off Dads' Weekend and prepare for Saturday's game, the beer tasting event will take place from 6-8 p.m. Friday in the Silver and Gold room at the Best Western.

Admission for beer tasting is \$25 for individuals 21 years old and over and \$10 for underage students, who will be provided with water and soda. Participants are encouraged to RSVP online, although payment will also be accepted at the door.

Trevor Kauer, president of the Student Alumni Relations Board, said the event is put on in hopes to create and facilitate Vandal pride, as well as give students something to do with their dads.

"We want to be able to have something for the dads and students to do together. It's also a great way to promote Vandal pride," Kauer said.

This year's event will be different from previous years, Kauer said. Instead of taking place outside in the parking lot of Moscow Alehouse, it will be inside the Best Western due to weather.

"It's a chance to drink beer, hang out with your dad and chill out the

night before the game," Kauer said.

Hunga Dunga Brewing Company, Lindsay Creek Winery and Whiskey Barrel Cider will all provide samples of their products at the event, Kauer said. These local businesses will be open over the weekend, so for people who find samples they enjoy, they are able to grab more before the weekend is over.

Not only will the event include beer, Kauer said Vandal Meats will also provide a variety of samples of their meat products.

"The event is kind of a way to sort of advertise for the locations that we're getting the beer from. Rather than trying to go from place to place to try out different types of beers, this is a good chance to go somewhere and find really good beer and either go to that place continually or order some," Dads' Weekend Chairman Anthony

Delyea said.

Not only is the event one for tasting fine beer, Kauer said it provides UI with a chance to partner with local businesses and bring the community together.

"At the University of Idaho, we want to connect our campus with our community of Moscow. It's always nice to bring some business to the local companies," Kauer said.

Along with beer tasting, Kauer said there will be games like corn hull and giant Jenga, and a band will perform as well.

Delyea said the event is one that can bring dads and students together to appreciate quality beers and good company.

"Beer is one of those things that many people can relate to and enjoy," Delyea said.

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## DADS' WEEKEND

# The best from the rest

SArb prepares for the annual Dad of the Year Award as Dads' Weekend begins Friday

**Nicole Etchemendy**  
Argonaut

Every year during Dads' Weekend, one Vandal dad is selected to receive the Dad of the Year award.

The award is given based on essays submitted by students at the University of Idaho.

The Student Alumni Relations Board (SArb) planned all of Dads' Weekend and has placed a committee of students in charge of deciding who the Dad of the Year will be.

The decision is made based on the 500-word essays that were submitted to them over the last couple weeks, said Kristina Godinez, Dads' Weekend committee chair. In the essay, students are given an opportunity to recognize their dad by writing about the ways he inspires, motivates and impacts them, she said.

"We are looking for someone who can really describe how their father inspires them and basically what sets him apart from other dads," Godinez said "We are looking for that heartfelt essay."

Essay submissions opened Nov. 20 and

were accepted through Nov. 28. On average, about 10-20 essays are submitted each year by UI students nominating their dad for the award, Godinez said.

"It's a great opportunity for students to really show their dad how much they appreciate him," Godinez said.

SArb advertised the contest on its Facebook page and other media outlets, as well as other places on campus to make students aware of this opportunity, Godinez said.

With Dads' Weekend being at a different time in the year than usual, SArb members were able to change up the events they included. The beer tasting event was moved from the Moscow Alehouse to the Best Western. But this event stuck, because it is an important part of the Vandal tradition, Godinez said.

Godinez has been part of planning for Moms' Weekend for the past couple of years and said she decided to become a part of Dads' Weekend this year as she stepped into her position as secretary.

Director of SArb Kathy Bernard will present the award to the selected dad toward the end of the week at a time which will be a surprise to the dad receiving it, Godinez said.

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DADS' WEEKEND

# Solo cups, Powerade and a purpose

SAAC holds first annual Powerade Pong Tournament to support local nonprofit

**Jack Olson**  
Argonaut

Athletes at the University of Idaho needed a fundraising event at the end of the semester, so they utilized an old college stereotype to their advantage — pong.

The Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) will host the first ever Powerade Pong Tournament from 2-4 p.m. Friday in the lower Physical Education Building gymnasium. It will be SAAC's fundraising event for the local nonprofit organization Christmas for Kids.

Claire Johnson is a volunteer and service coordinator for SAAC, and she said people have already signed up.

"I hope more people sign up," Johnson said. "I hope it gets out to Greek kids, and not even that, but normal students, because it's a fun way for all of us to do things together."

Teams of two may participate for a \$5 entry fee, or for \$4 with a toothbrush, toothpaste or another oral hygiene donation. Kelly Dopke is also a volunteer and service coordinator for SAAC and said the organization across the Big Sky Conference is taking part in an oral hygiene donation competition.

Johnson said the SAAC looked for a fundraising event to support Christmas for Kids and a few ideas were tossed around, but Powerade Pong received the best reactions.

One of the largest challenges the council is looking to overcome is reaching out to involve non-athletes. Johnson said they've made a big push to get flyers into the Idaho Commons and to promote the event on Twitter and Facebook. She said it's a great opportunity for different groups to do

something together.

"I feel like there is kind of that gap between athletes and everyone else just because we're so busy, or Greek systems are doing their own thing and marching band has their own stuff, you know," Johnson said.

Winners will receive a prize of gift cards from businesses around Moscow, and Dopke said they're trying to find old unused jerseys and T-shirts with numbers on them to give away as well.

Christmas for Kids gave SAAC Christmas lists from four local children and Dopke said the athletes will purchase the gifts and wrap them once they've collected all donations.

"We're going to collect as much as we can because we wanna give back," Dopke said. "I think that's the biggest thing, is just trying to help the community out."



There are many ways to play pong, and Johnson said they still have to work on putting a consistent rule sheet together. As this is the first time the event has happened, Dopke said they're hoping for the best and will look to iron out any kinks they run into.

It's a good time to hold it, Dopke said, because it's Dads' Weekend and it's before dead week and finals. The football team plays the next day, and many other UI teams also play at home for the weekend.

"If people want to meet more athletes, that's a good way, because a lot of athletes are doing it and then get to know some Greek people, other students, hopefully some ASUI and band people sign up as well," Dopke said.

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"I think there's going to be a lot of excitement and the families that come to the campus will be busy with the community," Eckles said. "It creates a wonderful opportunity for parents to walk around campus."

Another highlight is the University of Idaho's Agriculture Strolling Supper to entertain families with dancing and feasting. Along with the Moscow Winter Market, 42 vendors will provide a range of produce, meats and honey.

The end of the weekend will include a farewell breakfast in the Bruce Pitman Center Sunday.

Dads' Weekend does not only hold events for father and student relations,

Eckles said — there are moms, aunts, uncles and family friends who come to celebrate as well.

Godinez said she remembers friends and parents having a great time during last year's Dads' Weekend.

This tradition also stretches to alumni and the Vandal family network that UI built over the years, Eckles said.

"We have a really tight community," he said. "I think that grows into the alumni. We want to create it in our family, so they also feel that close connection to the institution. Whether they went (to UI) or not, and just being a part of the fold."

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**COUNTING**

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This summer, Brown interned at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Boise, in which he assisted a recreational therapist in outdoor therapeutic activities with veterans. He said this experience inspired him to eventually work with nonprofits assisting veterans and wounded warriors through recreational therapy.

"If you knew me, you'd know that I love to have fun," Brown said. "And this major is all about how to have fun and to do that professionally. It's about increasing the quality of life."

After graduation, Brown said he plans to

continue his career in the Marines for another eight years and then retire, hoping to move closer to his sons. When he retires from the Navy, Brown said his children will be teenagers — an important time to have a father figure present. He said he can't wait to treat his children to amazing outdoor experiences, remembering just how impactful those were in his own childhood.

"I'll just pound out these next eight years," Brown said. "I have this commitment to be the best dad possible, and I want to be there for them."

Until then, Brown is counting down the days.

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# SPORTS



Junior defensive specialist Klaree Hobart's ultimate escape? The outdoors.

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## FOOTBALL

## Junior follows senior

*Vandal tight end plays integral role in turnaround success of football program*

**Josh Grissom**  
Argonaut

Deon Watson Jr.'s journey to the University of Idaho began more than two decades ago when his father joined the Vandal men's basketball team.

The standout performance of Deon Watson Sr. at the collegiate level led to a career as a professional basketball player, allowing Deon Jr. and his family travel across Europe and South America.

"From what I remember, which was mostly Argentina, it was fun watching my dad play basketball," Deon Jr. said. "I always wanted — not necessarily basketball — to play a sport professionally. Seeing my dad do that was pretty inspirational."

Anna Watson said Deon Jr. spent many childhood days perfecting his jump shot at the local court.

"He basically lived in the gym from the time he was little," she said.

The birth of Haile Watson in 1996 encouraged the family to settle down in the United States. After moving to Coeur d'Alene, Deon Jr. was introduced to football when he joined a local youth league. Still, he remained heavily involved with basketball.

"As a young kid he had great coaching," Deon Sr. said. "We were like a shuttle or a taxi, driving from one practice to the next. We had tournaments in Seattle, Bellevue, Portland and all over."

Deon Jr.'s interest in multiple sports eventually led to a difficult decision at Coeur d'Alene High School — to play football or basketball at the collegiate level.

"I told him he was athletic — he could run and jump — he was a basketball player playing football," Deon Sr. said. "He might take offense to that, because he considers himself a football player, but in my mind those are great basketball skills. The foot-

work, the vertical jump, the hands."

Anna Watson said the family was surprised but supportive when Deon Jr. committed to football.

"You always worry because there are a lot more injuries that could occur in football," Anna said. "It's a normal thing for moms to have those kinds of feelings. But he was really talented, and I know he liked it and we backed him up and everything."

### A difficult decision

As a high school athlete, Deon Jr. received interest from both Idaho and Washington State.

"Robb Akey was such a genuine person, and he really didn't even know what they were going to do with Deon or the positions they would put him at," Anna said. "Ultimately he just said that he knew Deon was a wonderful athlete and he had no concerns that he was going to be successful in the program."

Meanwhile, Washington State attempted to recruit the Coeur d'Alene standout for the defensive line.

"At WSU it was the defensive coordinator that was recruiting him," Anna said. "It was kind of a unique thing in that they realized another aspect of his game."

Deon Jr. said his parents provided guidance during the recruiting process.

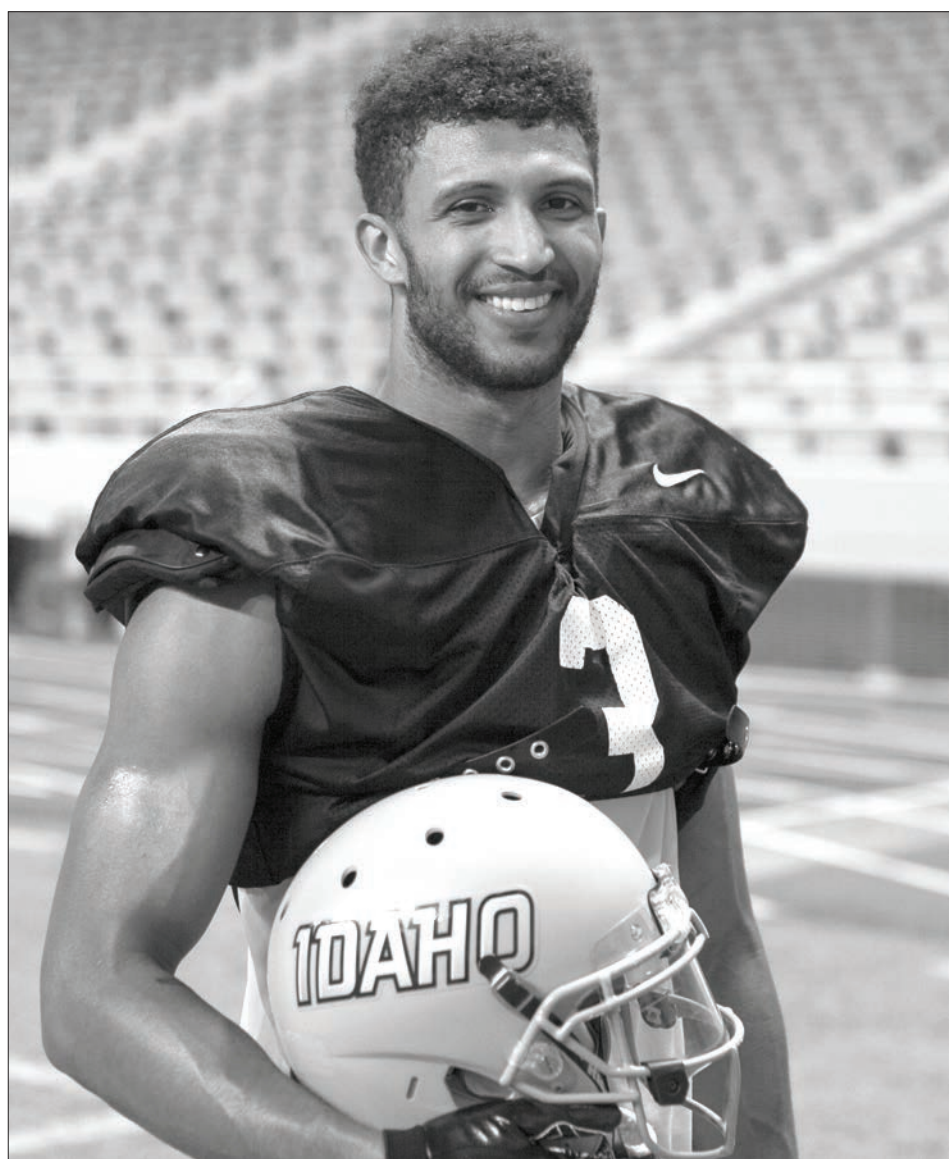
"All they wanted to do was make sure that I was committed to whatever I did," he said. After several weeks of deliberation, Deon Jr. made the decision to be a Vandal.

"It was pretty exciting for me and my wife, he would be close to home and we could go watch him on Saturdays because it's right down the road," Deon Sr. said. "We've been to nearly every home game. We were excited for him because he was pursuing his dream."

### Early struggles

Deon Jr. watched from the sideline as a redshirt in 2012 while the Vandal football team struggled through a 1-11 season.

He earned a starting nod on offense in



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Senior tight end Deon Watson earned 42 receptions for 551 yards during the 2015

2013 and 2014, but Idaho continued to post one-win seasons.

"There was sometimes frustration," Anna said. "They didn't have the best seasons, there was a lot of losing. But you never want your kid to sense your disap-

pointment because it's not about you."

Deon Sr. said he sat down with his son to offer advice during the early struggles of his career.

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## FOOTBALL

## On the way out

*Saturday's game carries heavy emotions for graduating seniors*

**Brandon Hill**  
Argonaut

The Idaho football team is on its way to making history.

With the Vandals boasting its best record since 2009 and an expected bowl game berth, it seems Idaho has all but finished a successful season.

But one obstacle stands in the team's way — Sun Belt opponent Georgia State.

While Idaho (7-4, 5-2) already clinched a winning season, the Idaho seniors are not quite finished with 2016.

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said it was important for the seniors to get one last win.

"I'm appreciative that we've been through it together," Petrino said. "We've been through the tough times together. We've all kept fighting. When you do things like that with people, it builds a special bond that really will never be broken."

There are 20 players who will play their last game Saturday.

"I think I'm going to try and get all of my emotion out Friday night," Petrino said. "I am half-Irish and half-Italian, so sometimes emotions are hard for me."

Petrino said a win on Senior Day would be nice but Georgia State (3-8, 2-5) is not an easy opponent.

Despite their record, the Panthers have a knack for staying in games.

"They scare you," Petrino said. "You would think they were 8-3 when you just watch them."

A strong passing game has helped Georgia State stay competitive through the season. Quarterback Conner Manning threw for 318 yards and two touchdowns during the Panthers' victory against rival Georgia Southern Nov. 19. His 21-of-39 completions to four different receivers helped elevate the Panthers past the Eagles 30-24.

Petrino said work from junior quarterback Matt Linehan will be necessary to win.

Linehan passed for 231 yards and two touchdowns in Idaho's win over South Alabama Nov. 26, but had trouble controlling the football with three interceptions.

Despite the turnovers, Linehan passed to seven different players. Senior tight ends Trent Cowan and Deon Watson combined for five catches and 57 yards.

The game-leader in catches, senior receiver Callen Hightower, caught five balls for 111 yards and a touchdown.

With so much experience in one position, Idaho's air attack will play a large part in the game. Georgia State's pass defense will look to minimize the impact of receivers, after allowing 122 yards through the air

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I am half-Irish and half-Italian, so sometimes emotions are hard for me.

**Paul Petrino, head coach**

against Georgia Southern.

Sophomore running back Isaiah Saunders rushed for a career high 143 yards in Idaho's game against South Alabama.

"Isaiah is just a little picture of what our team is," Petrino said. "He's got great vision, he's physical, he breaks tackles, and he catches the ball out of the backfield too."

Georgia State allowed 241 yards of rushing against the Eagles, while running for 71.

Petrino will look to Saunders to carry the load against the Panthers and rely on his young running back to pick up valuable yardage when the passing game stalls.

Georgia State's interim head coach Tim Lappano is a 1983 Idaho graduate. The Spokane native played football for Vandals from 1975-79. Petrino and Lappano have never met.

Idaho takes on Georgia State 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL



Joleen Evans | Argonaut

Junior guard Victor Sanders pushes past a defender Tuesday in the Memorial Gym.

## Defensive showdown

*Turnovers continue to befuddle Vandals*

**Colton Clark**  
Argonaut

A defense-heavy contest Tuesday did not favor the Idaho men's basketball team.

The Vandals lost 58-49 to San Jose State in the Memorial Gym.

Idaho (3-3) ended the game on a three-and-a-half-minute scoring drought, its fifth of the night.

"Obviously a tough defeat, you have to tip your hat to San Jose State, who came up here and played great," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "We need to execute better, and we can't just rely on Callandret, we need to learn to play without him."

Verlin said senior guard Perrion Callandret has a bone bruise and is out indefinitely. A bone bruise causes fluid and blood to build up in and around the injured bone.

The Vandals struggled in

the first half with eight turnovers and nine fouls.

Despite this, Idaho looked respectable in the first half, shooting 40.7 percent from the field with 20-of-26 points coming from the paint.

Idaho's defense held the high-power San Jose State offense to 30 points and kept Spartan forward Ryan Welage out of double-figures.

Tight defense and inconsistent shots kept all players in single-digit points.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Establishing her legacy

*Klarea Hobart finds her passion on and off the court at Idaho*

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

A month into junior defensive specialist Klarea Hobart's first season as a Vandal, she earned a career-high 22 digs against Tennessee Tech. Then disaster struck.

Hobart was stuck on the sidelines for four games with a hamstring injury.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said losing Hobart was difficult.

"It's hard enough as it is because she really hasn't been injured up to that point," Buchanan said. "We needed her. It took her awhile to get back in ... but once she came back, she continued to gain and expanded from playing left back to middle."

Hobart said the season was challenging. "There's been a lot of ups and downs, there have been days better than others as far as wanting to be in the gym," Hobart said. "The last couple of weeks kind of hit me and I wanted to work hard and keep loving what I'm doing."

Buchanan said Hobart is a consistent player. "She gets along with everyone in that capacity," she said "When she gets the ball midline and gets the ball in a good spot, she does a great job controlling that ball. She's strong and doesn't make a ton of errors and that's what we need in our system."

Buchanan said she first noticed Hobart during high school.

During her time at Lewiston High School, Hobart played softball and basketball.

Hobart and Idaho women's basketball senior point guard Karlee Wilson won the

2012 Idaho 5A State Girls Basketball Championship. The Bengals defeated Centennial 37-24 Feb. 18 in the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Hobart said she considered basketball her sport growing up until she committed to playing volleyball.

Outside of the court, Hobart said she spends her off-time alone.

"My favorite thing when I have nothing to do and no responsibilities is I like to leave cell phone reception and be in the woods," Hobart said. "There's nothing like getting away from everyone and getting into the outdoors."

Hobart spends her weekends at the family cabin.

"We're playing cards, playing pool and not doing anything in the gym is nice and refreshing," she said.

Hobart said she and her father spend their time watching football and basketball

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"There's nothing like getting away from everyone and getting into the outdoors."

**Klarea Hobart,**  
junior defensive specialist

but the competitive nature is non-existent.

"My dad always says that he would give any success up for me to have it," Hobart said. "Brother and sisters, we get competitive but my dad just wants the world with us."

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## COMMENTARY

## Callandret is the missing link

*Idaho men's basketball is missing the team's strongest player*

For the Idaho men's basketball team, being without one of its star players, senior guard Perrion Callandret, isn't out of the ordinary.

Callandret suffered from multiple injuries throughout his career, removing him from the lineup more than once. Most recently, Callandret was on the bench for a stretch during conference play of the 2015-16 season.

Callandret is out once again with a bruised bone injury. I think the rest of the team is feeling some pain right along with him.

The Vandals felt his absence Tuesday in the Memorial Gym as they fell to San Jose State 58-49.

His partnership with junior guard Victor Sanders is a sight to be seen, but it also seems like they are on their own wavelength, leaving the rest of the team to fill in the blanks.



**Mihaela Karst**  
Argonaut

Callandret isn't exactly a force in the communication department.

Last year's leader, guard Chris Sarbaugh, seemed to keep everything running smoothly with constant communication. Junior Brayon Blake has filled that position almost flawlessly. But Callandret is a force in the skills department and this is where he left a hole in the Idaho game plan.

His presence, though it may not be very vocal, is still needed on the court. If any-

thing, it boosts the confidence of the team.

I noticed during the Vandals' game against San Jose State that Idaho struggles to keep possession of the ball. The Vandals finished the night with 17 turnovers, and it might have been one of the deciding factors in the loss to the Spartans.

Against Sam Houston State Nov. 25, the Vandals allowed 15 turnovers. The Bearcats scored 18 points off turnovers. Limiting turnovers could have helped Idaho close the score gap, which was just seven points difference at the end of play.

Could this be a result of the absence of an offensive strength?



On the offensive end, Sanders and junior small forward Jordan Scott picked up the slack in the scoring and rebounding realm, but any positive addition to the stat sheet is more than welcome during this rough patch.

Callandret created a confidence that Idaho has yet to replace, and the team is hurting because of it.

But if Callandret remains unable to play, the Vandals have just enough time to work out the kinks just in time for Big Sky Conference play.

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## OPINION

# Ultimate underdogs

Unexpected teams show strength in Pac-12 football

When it comes to college football, Oregon and Stanford have always been the teams to watch in the Pac-12. This season, the conference-dominating teams dropped the ball, allowing previous underdogs a place on the national stage.

Throughout the 2016 college football season, the Pac-12 advanced in the rankings with unpredictable upsets.

The start of the season placed multiple Pac-12 teams in the AP Preseason Top 25 rankings, however, those shifted to show a different side of the conference over the course of the year. Teams considered an easy win became powerful forces in the battle for post-season games.

Representing the Conference of Champions in the preseason polls were No. 8 Stanford, No. 14 Washington, No. 16 UCLA and No. 24 Oregon.

In the final weeks of play, the Pac-12 is represented by five teams in the College Football Playoff ranking: No. 4 Washington, No. 8 Colorado, No. 11 USC, No. 18 Stanford and No. 20 Utah. At several points in the season, half of the conference was ranked. Only two teams remain ranked as the postseason of college football edges closer. Washington (11-1) has flirted with the possibility of a run at a national championship all season, consistently climbing the polls. After starting the season at No. 14, the Huskies fought their way up to the No. 4 spot and earning a playoff bid.

This season has exceeded the expectations of most Husky fans. After a mediocre 2015 season, it was hard to imagine so much success so soon.

Washington is a young team, led by sophomore quarterback Jake Brown-

ing, who was considered for the 2016 Heisman Trophy.

Browning and dynamic head coach Chris Peterson built a team with a strong defense and offense. Washington faces Colorado in the Pac-12 Championship game Friday in the final fight for the playoffs.

The Huskies weren't the only team that broke through the cracks.

The Buffaloes (10-2) snuck their way to No. 8 in the CFP rankings. This is the first year Colorado has been ranked in the Pac-12, after joining the conference in 2011.

After battling through the 2015 season only to continuously come up short, Colorado has found success under Pac-12 Head Coach of the Year Mike MacIntyre and senior quarterback Sefo Liufau.

Colorado claimed the Pac-12 south title in its 27-22 victory over formerly No. 22 Utah, securing a spot in the conference championship game.

Losses against No. 5 Michigan (10-2) and No. 11 USC (9-3) are the only losses holding the Buffs back. As a Husky fan, it's been exciting to watch my team climb the rankings, surprising teams and fans around the country.

On the flip side, it's hard to feel excitement when entering a conference championship game with playoff chances on the line.

The 2016 Pac-12 highlighted all that is great about college football — wild victories, upsets and shakeups across the country. This season the tables turned and the underdogs pounced on their chance to climb, reminding fans and myself, why people love college football.

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## SWIM &amp; DIVE



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Senior Kelly Giffey swims sprint freestyle events for the Vandals.

## The chemistry of Kelly

Kelly Giffey is the rock of the Idaho swim and dive team

Colton Clark  
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Idaho swimmer Kelly Giffey has been swimming since before birth.

Her mother, Cheryl, attended swim classes while she was pregnant. Shortly after Kelly was born, the two began participating in mom and me swim classes together.

"Every summer, I'd do weekly swimming lessons," Kelly said, "I remember always being sad when it was over so I decided to do club swimming in third grade. It was always just really fun for me."

Kelly knew she wanted to swim in college and stay in a small town, like her hometown of Chehalis, Washington.

"Everyone is pretty real and chill here at UI," Kelly said. "The authenticity of people here is something I like about the town."

Kelly said, despite her busy schedule, she chose to study biochemistry.

"It's really interesting for me to learn about the chemistry of life," Kelly said. "I want to do something in the future relating to bio-med or promoting public health."

Kelly said she would like to help in third world countries one day.

The two-year captain relieves stress by dancing to her best ability, frequenting Moscow's many coffee shops and relaxing with friends at church.

Idaho head coach Mark Sowa described Kelly as the team's rock.

"She uplifts, teaches and comes in every day with a smile on her face trying to get better," Sowa said. "She's an emotional leader with a great value system."

Kelly said she enjoys the challenge of swimming.

"Swimming is cool because it requires a ton of investment," Kelly said. "It's difficult to do other sports at the same time."

Cheryl said Kelly always had a caring nature.

"I remember when Kelly was two years old, she was standing at the top of the stairs and just looked down at us and said, 'I'm all better,'" Cheryl said with a laugh. "We had no idea what she was talking about. Then she said she had put herself in timeout, we didn't even know what she did."

Sowa said he appreciates Kelly's attitude every day.

"I joke with Kelly in particular, for example I say, 'This will be your last Nov. 15 as a Vandal,'" Sowa said. "It's sad but it always gets a laugh out of her and I'd never take the time we had for granted."

In her spare time, Kelly is a tutor for the athletic department and enjoys running and skiing.

Kelly said she plans to use her time after the swimming season ends to become more artsy.

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## OPINION

# Goodell has got to go

*Roger Goodell is using a guise of morality to damage football*

Football is emotional. It requires an incredible amount of physical and mental strength to play contact sports. The game is a testament to athletic prowess and mental fortitude.

National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell does not seem to understand what it feels like to play football. His attempt to regulate on-field emotion is unreasonable and illogical.

His incompetent regime has done everything to turn the National Football League into the "No Fun League."

Goodell's administration has cracked down on acts of celebration. An NFL by-law instated during his tenure says, "It is unsportsmanlike conduct if two or more

players engage in prolonged, excessive, or premeditated celebrations."

Obviously, it would be crass if a player celebrated a touchdown with crude gestures, but the by-law is so obscure, it's pointless. Excessive celebration is a matter of opinion. It is unreasonable to ask NFL referees to be consistent in enforcement.

Goodell's Draconian rules are meant to create some sort of moral regulation within the field of football play. If Goodell thinks he's qualified to make decisions about morality, he's mistaken.

For one, most NFL teams feature a squad of highly sexualized, all-female cheerleading squads. Cheerleading serves a purpose in high school and college athletics. Co-ed spirit squads lead spectators in cheers and provide half-time entertainment.

In contrast, NFL cheerleaders are treated as eye-candy. They are a scantily clad, un-

derpaid marketing tool.

In 2014, an Oakland Raiders cheerleader, identified as Lacy T, filed a lawsuit against the organization for low pay — a meager \$1,250 for the season.

In addition to treating cheerleaders poorly, Goodell and the NFL regularly sell themselves to the marketing devil. Sunday viewers are bombarded with advertisements for alcoholic beverages and erectile dysfunction medications.

Goodell has a right to sell ad space, but Budweiser and Viagra commercials are clearly inappropriate in a family setting.

These advertisements do more damage to the minds of youth than watching someone celebrate a touchdown. American society struggles with alcohol dependency — not watching Seahawks tight end Jimmy Graham celebrate a touchdown by dunking a football on a goalpost.

Perhaps Goodell thinks the new rules enhance his damaged reputation. From the player and referee lockouts, Deflat-

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National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell does not seem to understand what it feels like to play football.

egate and near constant scandals and cover-ups, it is a wonder the inept and unqualified commissioner still has a job.

Policing innocent behavior won't help Goodell. The recent decline in ratings is only a hint of what is to come if NFL owners don't drop Goodell before he can do more damage to the game.

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## JUNIOR

FROM PAGE 6

"I told him you're not going to remember the 1-10 record, you're going to remember the friendships that you made and the stories from the road," Deon Sr. said.

The Vandal football team made progress in 2015, recording four wins under Idaho head coach Paul Petrino.

"I told him that things would get better and to just keep working hard," Deon Sr. said. "Show up in the weight room early, stay late at practice and just stay away from all the negativity around the program."

Deon Jr. said the success stemmed from an attitude change within the program.

"I just think there's a general care about each other," he said. "We might not necessarily get off the field and Kumbaya — we've got 80 dudes on the team and not everyone is going to hold hands and sing along. But I think when we come to the (Kibbie) Dome, everyone has the idea that we are here to work and get better."

Deon Sr. said he instructed his son to lead by example.

"He could have left the program, but he said he believed in what they had going on there," Deon Sr. said. "I'm just so proud of him for being a part of that culture change."

Deon Jr. developed into one of the most versatile weapons in the Sun Belt Conference during his senior season. He caught 35 passes for 538 yards and a touchdown during the regular season while alternating roles as a tight end and receiver.

"That part of his game is amazing to me, because you have to learn routes at both positions and you have to learn how to block," Deon Sr. said. "He just told me that he wanted to be able to help out his team any way that he could."

On Nov. 12, the Vandals cruised to a 47-14 road victory over Texas State. Deon Jr. reeled in five catches for 116 yards to help Idaho clinch bowl eligibility and its first postseason appearance since 2009.

"To this day I still remember Idaho winning the Humanitarian Bowl down in Boise against Bowling Green," Deon Jr. said. "Just to be able to say that the seniors and I took the team to another championship like that is a blessing."

The win marks the third time in program history that Idaho reached bowl eligibility.

"The university is going to have something to talk about now," Deon Sr. said. "That's a huge accomplishment, and they get to go down there and represent the University of Idaho. All the talk will be about them and they'll get to be on TV."

Deon Sr. said the bowl appearance is a fitting conclusion for the hard work and success his son displayed at the university.

"We as parents are just so proud of him because he's a good kid," Deon Sr. said. "He's graduating, they're playing in a bowl game and his brother and sister are encouraged by his work ethic and commitment."

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## DEFENSIVE

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"We need to execute better," junior forward Jordan Scott said. "It's our job to come out every night and play with great energy and want to win more than the other team. We didn't do that tonight."

The Vandals failed to hold a lead after the first minute of the first half.

The second half appeared to go Idaho's way early.

Idaho used pump-fakes under the rim to continue scoring in the paint. The Vandals outrebounded the Spartans 23-22, but committed nine more turnovers to San Jose State's two.

The Vandals' offensive troubles came late in the second half. Spartan guard Brandon Clarke earned five blocks in the second half, three in the final three minutes.

Junior guard Victor Sanders netted 15

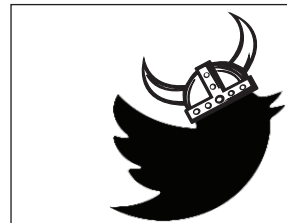
points on 5-for-13 shooting. Sanders was able to duck and maneuver around large San Jose State forwards to add nine points from the paint. Freshman guard Trevon Allen led the full-court press in his 24 minutes on the court. Allen added six points.

"Defensively I think we played great, that's something we can hang our hat on," Verlin said. "We've got to get better at taking care of the basketball, we need to know that your shot is our shot and that's just as important as anything, we've got to get this team playing offense the way I've coached it for years."

Idaho plays one more home game — 7 p.m. Saturday against UC Davis in the Memorial Gym — before playing Washington State in the Battle of the Palouse 7 p.m. Wednesday at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman.

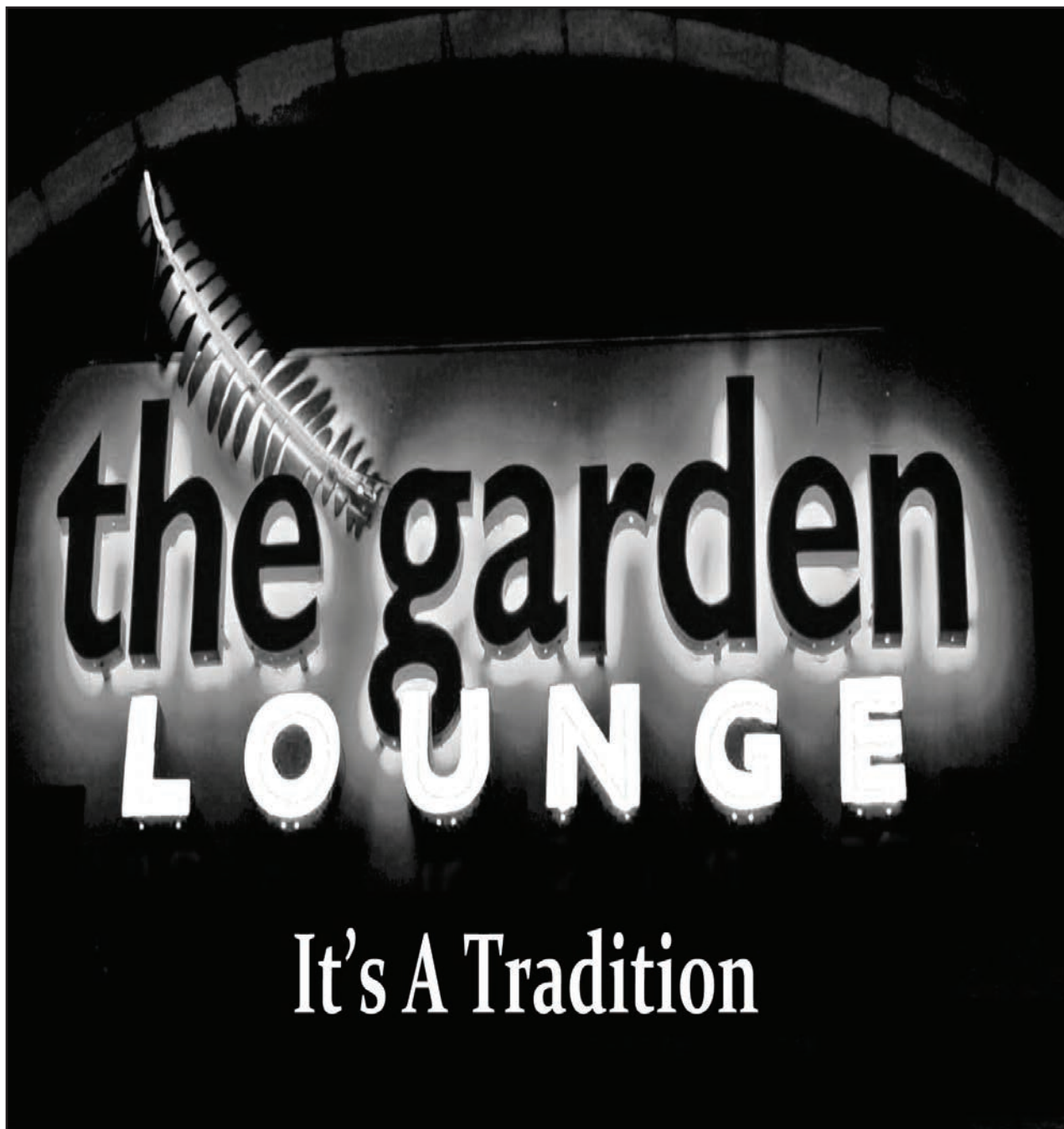
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“What I dream of is an art of balance.”  
— Henri Matisse

MUSIC



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Juniors Andrew Bell and Connor Bruce and senior Dylan Champagne perform in the semesterly Guitar Ensemble event Monday night in the Haddock Performance Hall.

## Movement in music

*Guitar students perform variety of movements during semester ensemble*

**George Wood Jr.**  
Argonaut

Without any introduction, the lights dimmed and guitar performers Lucas Powell and James Reid walked out with two glossy classical guitars and sat down in the middle of the warm-lit stage.

After a glance at one another, the two began their dance and duel of quick strumming, switching from support to lead, creating a scene that could be described as a renaissance era Venetian marketplace and a scene from Zorro.

The performance was hosted in the Haddock performance hall Monday evening in the Lionel Hampton music building. There was a wide selection of guitar duets, a trio, a quartet and a clarinet and guitar duo.

Reid is a professor of music that has been with the university for 39 years, and said since he's been here ensemble performances have been happening consistently once every semester. This performance is on the quiet side, and the musician is taken somewhere.

“I've always felt it was important as guitarists for us to get performance experience in an ensemble setting,” Reid said. “You have to listen to what someone else is doing, and adjust to something that's never happened before and you learn how to deal with it.”

Looking from the front seats at the finale performers Bobby Meador and Aaron Torres, who performed “Tres Piezas of Otonos,” or Three Pieces of Autumn, one could see the small physical reactions and interactions between the performers, their instruments and the music they created.

“When I was playing...it was as if nothing existed but me and my guitar, and

Aaron obviously,” Meador said. “We did some unplanned dynamic changes, and just went with it which was really fun.”

What does this communication look like? While playing, the two would exchange subtle eye-contact, stomp their feet, tilt their head and chin and slap their guitar. They'd bob their head in brief rests and then jolt back to life. Autumn was fleshed out as creeping, jovial and boisterous, all conveyed through the techniques of the guitarists.

The audience of about 30 people were in different states of physical engagement, from leaning forward to relaxing with their eyes closed, transported to Buenos Aires, the Renaissance Era, an Autumn day, or somewhere else, on the wings of the music. Reid said the artists also get lost in the music.

Each of the performers had their own characteristic movements to the music, ranging from facial twitches to body swaying and more. Some artists, such as

guitarist Seth Hull, used these movements to cope with the pressures of performing for an audience.

“A guitarist from the San Francisco Conservatory taught me a few weeks ago...if you move around up there, if you have different facial expressions, you can escape the stress of it, and it starts to make it more enjoyable,” Hull said.

Hull, and fellow clarinet performer Riley Braase, performed “Dos Aires Candomberos,” a pair of movements by Argentinian composer Maximo Pujol. Their performance switched speeds from slow to fast, quaint to wild, punctuated by extended breaks in sound and hard-hitting crescendos.

One could see Hull's eyebrow furrow when his fingers started speeding up on the fretboard, his jaw clench at a misstep, and a slight smile as he and Braase bowed following their performance.

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THEATER

## A Christmas tradition

*UI's yearly 'A Christmas Carol' adaptation is in its fourth production*

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Since published in 1843, Charles Dickens' “A Christmas Carol” has become a staple of the holiday season. It's a universal tale of goodwill and charity in lieu of greed and selfishness has lent itself to countless interpretations and productions.

For the past four years, the University of Idaho Theatre Department has produced its own take on “A Christmas Carol.” Using large-scale puppetry and special effects, audience members are given a fast paced, emotionally satisfying journey through an important Christmas story.

Despite a quick tempo, the production still manages to delightfully illustrate the original theme and message Charles Dickens infused into his 1843 play.

“Dickens wrote this story because of income inequality and lack of education,” said Daniel Haley, who plays Ebenezer Scrooge. “We still have those things. If not worse, then different. They are still with us very, very much.”

Haley said he hopes that, in addition

to being entertained, audience members manage to gain something on a deeper level from their viewing.

“The tagline we kind of came up with throughout the summer was ‘how do we make the end of the show, the beginning of the story,’” he said. “We want to inspire people to come see the show and hopefully they connect to it in such a way that they are compelled to go out and do something. Volunteer, donate or even just say hi to a neighbor.”

This emphasis on audience connection led the directing team to take a more impressionist approach with special effects.

“We treat our audience like poets, doctors and geniuses,” said Shea King, an assistant director on the production. “When (Haley) is holding a puppet over a little red cart with a fake house on it, we all can envision the story in our own imaginations.”

By encouraging audience members to imagine more of the scenery than they normally would, King said viewers become more invested in the story.

“We are going to show you pieces of

something and let you fill in the rest of the puzzle. That makes an audience more active, rather than just passively watching the show. We want you to experience and share in it,” he said.

In addition to engaging effects, the university's rendition of “A Christmas Carol” also involves more audience interaction and improvisation. Haley said he and other actors frequently walk into the audience.

“The stage is the entire building. I feel incredibly free to, at any time, to jump off stage and go shake somebody's hand, or tussle their hair or earlier in the play maybe bad mouth them a little bit,” he said.

Although Haley has the luxury of having a set character from which he can improvise, many of the “Christmas Carol” cast members had to take multiple roles within the production.

Junior Whitney Holland plays several characters, which requires her to quickly jump between roles within a matter of minutes.

“There's a lot of running around. You have to know where to go next, what to

do next, what to wear next,” she said. “Also trying to derive what the message of a particular scene or character is.”

As a first time performer in “A Christmas Carol,” Holland said she is excited to make her mark on a long lasting UI tradition. She said she hopes the voice of herself and others who have never been involved in the production will allow yearly viewers to find something new in the 2016 production.

“It's been an interesting process to hear stories about what it has looked like in the past,” she said. “I think it helps to have new people like me come in with fresh eyes and have new ideas and a blank slate. The variety of people we have who have been here two years, or maybe four years, or like me, this is my first year. It's the people, they are all so open to new things.”

“A Christmas Carol” will be in production from Dec. 8 until Dec. 11.

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## MUSIC

# A vocal variety

Palouse Choral Society to perform 'A British Isle Christmas' this weekend

**Nina Rydalch**  
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British music will entertain Americans in Uniontown, Washington this year. The Palouse Choral Society will perform its concert "A British Isle Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Sunday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Jan Keller, president of the society, said they have performed at St. Boniface since 2000.

"It works well with our choir because it's halfway between the Palouse towns of Moscow and Pullman and the valley towns of Lewiston and Clarkston," she said.

Gary Peterson, vice president of the society, said the combination of the music and the building create a "spectacular" experience.

This is the second concert the choir has

performed under the direction of Sarah Graham.

"I think it's fair to say that we're all just delighted with the piece," Peterson said.

He said the concert will open with "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, which consists of 11 pieces.

A variety of instruments are used with this style of music, Peterson said. He said the concert is often accompanied by a harp, piano or organ.

"There are even bagpipes," he said.

Peterson said this many instruments is not typical, but most of the concerts the society performs are different from one another in some way. Keller said the theme for next year's concert will be "Christmas Around the World."

"Every year, we try to have a different theme for the Christmas program" she said.

However, she said they consistently

perform "The Messiah" every three years.

For this year's performance, the entire choir will sing most of the pieces, although the Chamber Choir, a separate children's choir and the women of the choir will all perform individual pieces, he said.

"The women formally walk out while singing and that concludes the first half," he said.

The children's choir, sponsored by the society, is a new addition to the annual concert, Keller said. She said it was a dream of former director Michael Murphy to offer an advanced choir to compliment the music taught in schools.

"He wanted to see a broader opportunity for children to sing formally," Peterson said.

Murphy's dream was brought to fruition last fall when the choir formed and a year later they began practicing for this concert

under the direction of Claire Murphy, Peterson said.

"They started rehearsing in September," he said.

Peterson said around 20 children from the area practice every Sunday at the 1912 Center in Moscow.

"They learn classical vocal technique, sight reading and performance skills," Keller said.

She said the plan is to make the children's involvement in the concert an annual tradition. She said this year the concert is almost entirely sold out on Sunday, although those interested can likely find tickets online for the Friday performance.

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## MOVIES

## Better than before?

A review of J.K. Rowling's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"

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When the highly anticipated movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" was released, it definitely stirred up the potter-verse. This was expected due to the wide fan base, however what wasn't entirely expected was the success of the film.

"I'd say it's better. It's honestly probably my favorite movie, it brought back the magic of the original films, but it definitely has a different feeling," Daniel Stahn, a member of the UI quidditch team said. "Very well rounded characters, amazing parallels as well and the effects that made the beast were amazing."

For a loyal fan that's quite the statement, but the film itself has definitely earned it, according to Stahn, who like others is already eagerly awaiting the next four films currently in production for the series.

"Pretty fantastic, no pun intended," UI freshman Ashlynn Clayton said. "I was absorbed in it the whole time."

Clayton said it is on-par with the previous Potter films as far as the cinematography

and the magical effects the film employs.

"It maintains the spirit of the original films, but instead of a trio of adolescents always running into trouble, the characters are all adults on the outskirts of society," Clayton said.

Stahn said an appeal of the film was a mystery surrounding the identity of the villain.

"Viewers beware though, while this is a good story it's not as light and airy as a fan might expect. Without giving too much away, there is a darker side to the plot and all that glistens is definitely not gold," Stahn said.

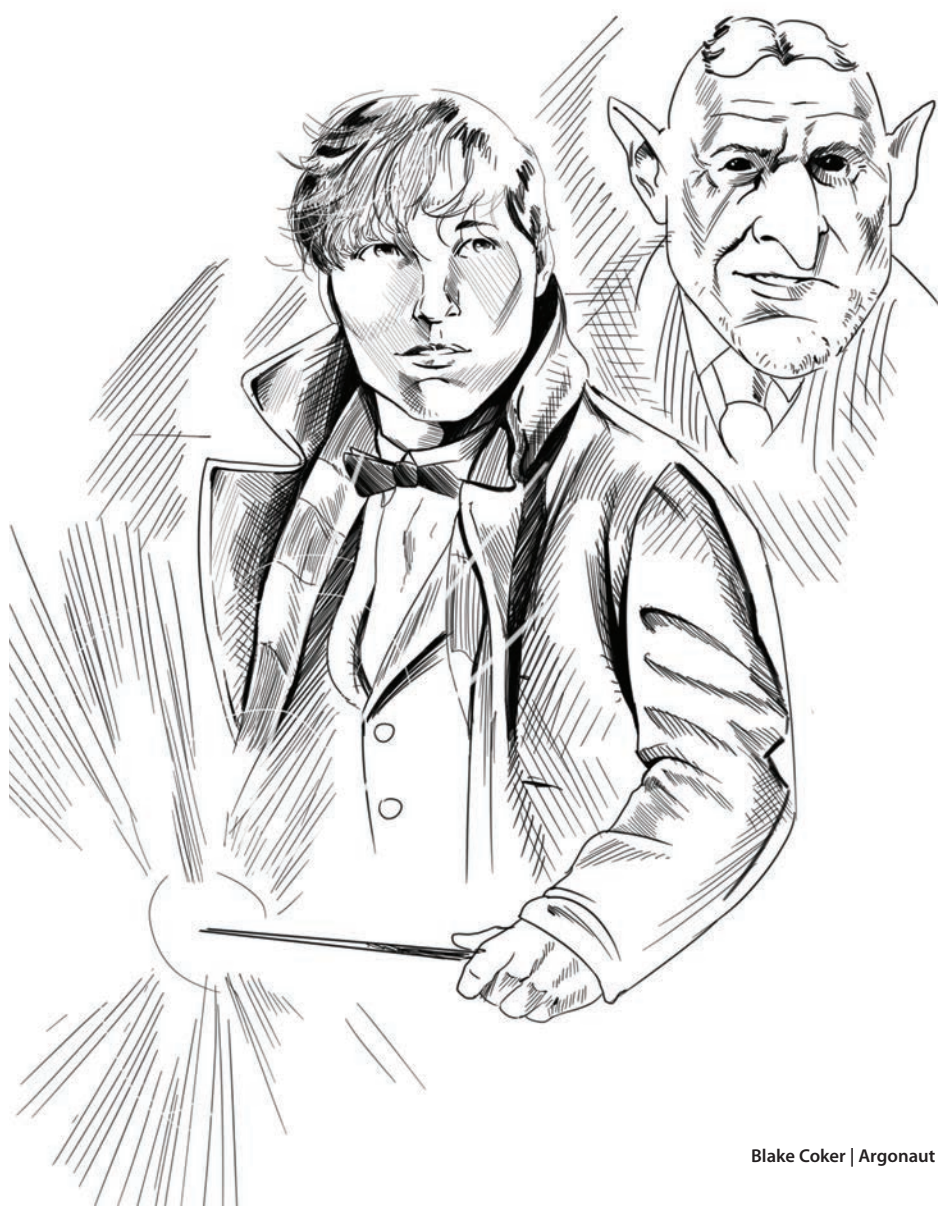
Stahn and Clayton said the cast is a bit different, and uses more muggle characters than the prior films.

"The plot was so well written I didn't know what was going to happen," Stahn said.

He said it wasn't predictable because it's totally separate from the original series, but there are a few Easter eggs for fans to look for.

Stahn and Clayton said they felt like the characters were relatable and that the lack of backstory only makes them that much more excited for the other films.

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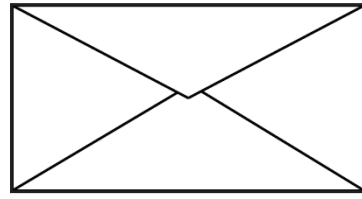
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## OUR VIEW

# December is for the dads

*Dads' Weekend in December isn't conventional, but Idaho football will attract attendance*

Dads' Weekend at the University of Idaho is a longstanding tradition complete with golf, beer tasting and, of course, Vandal football.

The event is usually celebrated in the fall about a month after semester begins, allowing students who haven't seen family since starting college to reconnect and show their loved ones what it means to be part of the Vandal family. The weekend allows students with parents who might not have been Vandals or college attendees to see what makes their student proud to call Moscow their home away from home.

Dads' Weekend is traditionally a family-oriented event. When Dad comes to campus, so do Mom and siblings.

But now, with Dads' Weekend arriving

just days after students came back to Moscow following a family-filled Thanksgiving break, relatives might not be as willing to visit as they have been in years past. The icy roads between Moscow and home will also likely serve as a snowy obstacle that some just aren't willing to brave.

As a result, Dads' Weekend will likely have a lower turnout.

Or will it?

The Idaho football team is in the midst of one of the most successful seasons in program history, including possession of a postseason bowl berth. With a 7-4 record that could improve to 8-4 on Saturday, there's no doubt there will be some Vandal dads and families willing to brave December travel conditions to see the team's potential win — and taste some beer or attend other events while they're at it.

And with Bowl Selection Day on Sun-

day, that's all the better reason to visit Moscow and be part of the Vandal football hype.

Dads' Weekend is meant to further tradition and expose relatives to the atmosphere of the UI campus. The hope is

that connections are forged on such weekends that make families and alumni want to return to Moscow and participate year after year. Though some students won't see their fathers this weekend because of the unusual scheduling, that's no reason to expect the football game won't produce a packed Kibbie Dome or result in an increased attendance at other associated events.

Dads' Weekend in December isn't conventional, but every Vandal should attempt to make the best of it with their loved ones. Isn't that what the holiday season is all about anyway?

— LK



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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Dad

I'm glad you could come by this weekend. Let's have a blast.

— Jack

### Snow

Bipolar as it comes, stick or go home.

— Luis

### Christmas music

Does anyone else feel incredibly uncomfortable listening to "Baby, It's Cold Outside," or is it just me?

— Josh

### Winter is coming

Or is it here? If you don't know, catch up on "Game of Thrones" before it's back next year.

— Kevin

### Brace yourself

Dead week is coming.

— Erin

### Tis the season

To live in a constant state of fear and worry about finals week.

— Hailey

### Above and beyond

Big shout-out to Lawton Publishing in Spokane. They bought a new printing press and it makes Blot magazine even more beautiful than it already was. So psyched for the next issue to come out on Monday.

— Tess

### Blot

On stands Monday. Give us a shout-out on social media and you'll receive a limited-edition sticker with the new Blot logo on it. Also, just read our magazine, because it's pretty great.

— Lyndsie

### Lucky duck

I'm somehow escaping the end of this semester without a single final. Christmas break here I come.

— Tea

### Old McDonald's

The creator of the Big Mac died Monday at the age of 98. Perhaps in commemoration of Michael "Jim" Delligatti I'll actually eat a Big Mac for the first time in my life.

Then again, maybe not.

— Claire

### Story of my life

It's hard being a sleepy woman with a busy life.

— Diamond

### Hibernation

I have decided that the second my finals are over I will be going into a week-long hibernation.

— Mihaela

### Dwarfish lore

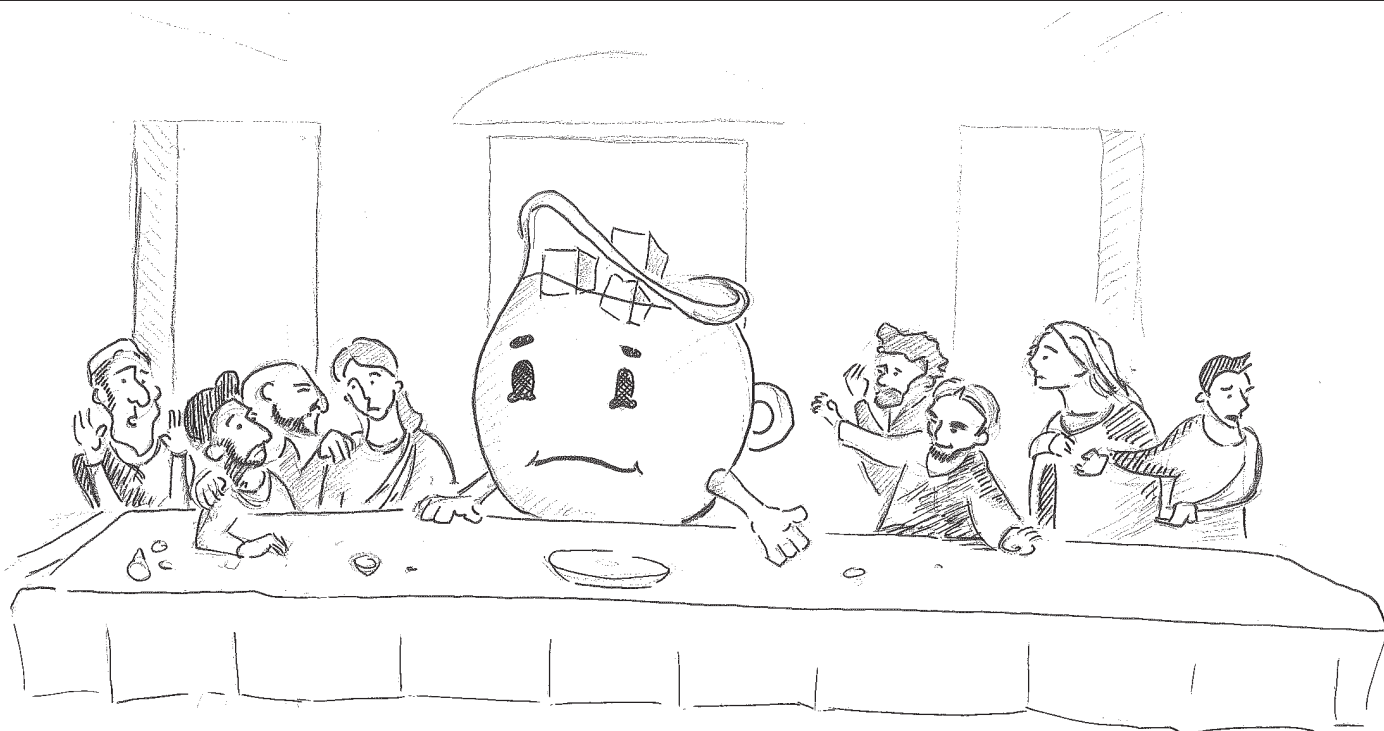
Did you know that the reason we commonly misspell the plural of dwarf as dwarves instead of dwarfs is because Tolkien misspelled it in his original trilogy and neither him nor his editor caught it.

— Griffen

### Skipping meals

It is officially finals era when two granola bars are breakfast, lunch and dinner.

— Catherine



"This is my blood."



JP Hansen  
Argonaut

# To Santa or not to Santa?

*The Santa Claus myth does nothing but damage hearts*

Since 1823, when an anonymous poet wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," children wait for Christmas morning anticipating the multitude of gifts they will receive from the jolly character known as Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is one of the world's most recognizable characters. From Coca-Cola bottles to endless television advertisements, Santa is a constant in culture's celebra-

tion of Christmas.

There is even a yearly online event called "NORAD Track Santa," where American military personnel use "radar technology" to track Santa as he dispenses toys to all the good little boys and girls of the world.

This all seems rather innocent and fun, and perhaps it is. Yet surely, it must dawn on some parents that deceiving children, even in the name of fun, is rather unethical — especially when such deception isn't always purely for fun.

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*Santa Claus can teach children about giving and believing in good*

Nine years ago I found out one of the world's most well-kept secrets — a classified and undisclosed fib among adults and some children alike. Santa Claus isn't real.

It was just before winter break, and I was in the sixth grade. I know — I was a pretty steadfast believer compared to most. As my class watched "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and picked away at red frosted cupcakes, I heard my math teacher tell a student that

even if Santa were real, not even he would gift the present of extra credit.

I was devastated, shocked, sad and a little embarrassed that I held onto the hope of a large, magical man shimmying down every chimney in the world for so long. My house didn't even have a chimney.

Then it hit me. My parents, just like many others, spent a great deal of time and money to keep that secret alive.

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# Weekend sans dad

*Dads' Weekend in December ends traditions*

When I first became a member of the Vandal family, my father wasn't the most excited.

As a long time Boise State Bronco fan, he begrudgingly welcomed the shower of Idaho-themed shirts and sweatshirts until eventually he fell in love with the University of Idaho just as much as I had.

One tradition that he was most excited for was Dads' Weekend. After he dropped me off at the dorms on my first day, the only thing stopping tears from both of us was the fact that in a few weeks we'd be seeing each other for the epic event.

My first Dads' Weekend was filled with love, laughter and memories I will never forget. Not only did my dad visit, but my mom also tagged along and it became a weekend for the whole family.

We enjoyed the annual golf tournament, where

our scores did not reflect how much fun we had. We cheered as the football team battled in the homecoming game. We chatted with other Vandals and their fathers during a breakfast.



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That weekend made me feel more like a Vandal than any event before. It was a weekend to meet new people and chat with old friends. My dad and I were always close, so the separation after I moved to college was hard on both of us. This weekend created a tradition that I wanted to keep alive until I graduated.

Which is what I planned to do until the event schedule was released earlier this year.

To my horror, Dads' Weekend was moved to Dec. 3 — the last home football game of the regular season.

When I broke the news to my dad, he was so disappointed. The drive from Boise to Moscow can be pretty unpredictable during the winter, so he knew he would probably not make it

to Dads' Weekend this year.

While I know that other students' fathers are able to make the trip to Moscow in December, many of my classmates are unable to take part in a longtime tradition because of poor scheduling.

I understand that there are many reasons for changing the date from September to December, but I can't help but resent the scheduling department.

Something that I had hoped would become a yearly tradition ended before it even started. While my dad visited earlier this year, it just wasn't the same as an actual Dads' Weekend.

I know there are a few more Dads' Weekends in my future, but there is one less than there should be.

I will miss the golf tournament, the football game and the breakfast. I will miss catching up with some of my dad's old friends. But most of all, I will miss creating unforgettable memories with my best friend.

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# Post-election, no problem

*How to cope with the presidential election in a constructive way*

The 2016 presidential election has been stressful for all involved. But now that it's over, stress, anxiety and fear over the election of Donald Trump have skyrocketed. Tears are being shed, protests are being organized and countless online posts are expressing deep regret and sorrow over the results.

But not every American is drowning in their sorrows. In fact, some are dealing with these events in a more constructive way.

Going into this election, I was extremely anti-Trump. I was simply astonished what he said about "locker room talk" and even more appalled that he was a serious candidate for the presidency. I found his campaign behavior to not only be disgusting, but feared that it was possible he could become the 45th president of the United States.

I did my part and voted for Hillary Clinton, all the while, terrified of the possibility of President-Elect Trump.

And like many Americans, I watched the results of election night with interest, which quickly turned to panic as more and more states swayed toward Trump. At first, I was horrified, hoping for some

dim and impossible miracle in Clinton's favor. But as the results came in and Donald Trump won the presidency, I had an epiphany.

Trump's election is not the end of the world.

Regardless of where people stand on their opinion of Trump, like it



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or not, he has been elected. That's set in stone and there's nothing anyone can do about it. People are still crying over the results, but that won't change anything. This event, however grim it may appear, cannot come to define how someone behaves going forward. If you were opposed to Trump before the election, there's nothing wrong with that, but don't let those feelings crush your spirit.

Life will go on no matter what Trump does next. Yes, his election behavior was perhaps the worst ever seen from a presidential candidate, but a large portion of the country thought that despite this, he was qualified enough to earn their vote. And at the end of the day, that's what matters.

Ever since Trump's election, I've kept a level head. I won't argue that this event has elicited unfair reactions from people, because that would be ignorant. But for the general public, this election is taking a toll. All this time, I've been telling friends and family that I was terrified of Trump's election. Now that he's elected, I'm keeping calm because that's all I can do.

Like many people, I thought Trump's election would be the absolute

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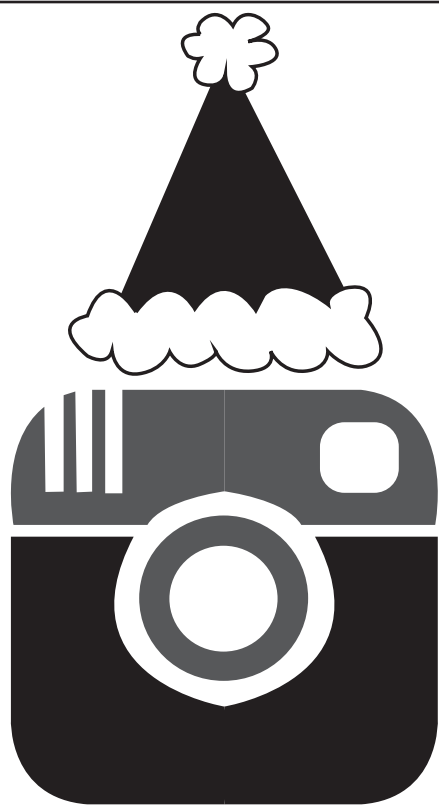
Like many people, I thought Trump's election would be the absolute worst thing to happen.

worst thing to happen. But when he won, I didn't move to Canada, I didn't cry and I didn't freak out. These events are out of my control, and even if they weren't, the world will keep turning. Trump or no Trump, this election shouldn't crush people. That's not how people who voted for Mitt Romney four years ago reacted.

The president of the United States is a demanding job. It doesn't happen overnight. Trump isn't sworn in for another few weeks, so the best thing for the world to do is take baby steps. Trump hasn't done anything too awful yet and he has a long road ahead of him. And who knows? Maybe Trump will do a 180-degree turn-around, maybe not.

But until then, the people of this great nation have a choice: Accept the realities, or let this event define everything.

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**BAD SANTA**

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As everyone knows, Santa only gives presents to the nice kids. The naughty ones? They get a nice big sack of coal for their transgressions. It's not hard to see how desperate parents could easily manipulate their kids into good behavior strictly for the promise that bad behavior will be punished with a sad lump of coal.

This is all well and good for families that can afford presents, but what about those that can't? According to the United States Census Bureau, 13.5 percent of Americans currently live in poverty.

The myth teaches children that good behavior will be rewarded with material goods. Surely it is unwise to continue this message when many well-behaved boys and girls in the United States do not receive the same gifts as their higher-income peers.

Are poor children "bad" in comparison to the rich kids that receive loads of expensive gifts on Christmas morning? Clearly not. But, certain kids may become confused when they see higher-income kids with more gifts

from "Santa."

Children in low-income and disadvantaged households need to be reassured that they alone have the power to determine the course of their lives, not some fat man in a red suit.

The materialism and consumerism the Santa Claus myth perpetuates not only damages the minds of children, it damages culture as a whole. Several religions, most notably the Christian religion, see the Christmas season as an important holiday of special remembrance.

According to a PEW research poll, 70 percent of the U.S. identifies as Christian. It is mind-boggling that this mainly Christian nation celebrates Christmas by buying hundreds of dollars worth of gifts for their children while saying it comes from an elderly man that lives in one of the world's most secluded areas where he constantly monitors the behavior of America's youth as if he were the head of a bizarre sister organization of the National Security Agency.

Surely Jesus Christ would have qualms with Christians celebrating his birthday by purchasing

expensive coffee makers for their rich uncles while low-income families struggle to afford stocking stuffers.

Perhaps it may be said that the Santa myth allows atheist families to celebrate the holidays. Yet, a group that prides itself on its supposed reason and logic cannot seriously celebrate a character who reportedly undergoes the unreasonable and illogical task of providing the world with presents and gifts in a single night thanks to "magic."

Instead of celebrating Christmas through Santa Claus, families should instead consider finding more generous ways of bringing meaning to the holiday season. Christmas is the perfect time to donate time and money to charitable organizations, while spending time with friends and family and exchanging reasonably priced gifts.

Christmas should not be spent awaiting the arrival of a man who does not exist. End the Santa myth and bring Christmas back to its original meaning once and for all.

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**GOOD SANTA**

FROM PAGE 12

Each year, they ate the dry cookies, drank the lukewarm milk, produced fake boot tracks and shelled out the cash for Barbie's newest beach bungalow. It put things in perspective.

After the short stint of sadness wore off, I became grateful to my parents and excited to know that I too could keep the tradition going.

I believe there are lessons to be learned from Santa Claus — when we believe and when we eventually find the truth.

However, there are some parents that simply don't believe in making the myth of Santa part of Christmas for their family. That is OK — there are plenty of ways to enjoy Christmas that doesn't involve the big guy. There is no one right way to celebrate the season.

There are also those that think the myth perpetuates greed and a sense of hierarchy between good kids and bad kids and families with high incomes versus low incomes. Sometimes, that is true.

Whether we realized

it or not as children, not everyone received presents on Christmas morning. As a kid, I just assumed that most of my friends ravaged through well-wrapped gifts from Santa every year. The rule in my house was to never brag about our presents at school, and one day that finally made sense.

I really understood the meaning of being thankful for what I had when others didn't after finding out about the truth.

It is a sensitive subject to think about the haves and have not's during the holidays.

There are many people who go without basic necessities, let alone a present for Christmas. Children all over the world write letters to Santa and get nothing in return. So, it is understandable that the joyful myth can also produce some sadness.

However, Santa is much more than a myth or a man with the ability to hand out millions of presents.

Santa represents magic and a sense of belief in what we cannot always see. He brings a little bit of wonder and fascination to the season.

We only stay innocent-minded children for so long. I, for one, would much rather write my

wish list to Santa than fill out a FAFSA form and rip open his reply than tear apart a bank statement. These childhood feelings last just a short while, but the memories of them last a lifetime.

Parents shouldn't be discouraged to let their children believe in Santa simply because they are worried their kid will turn into a greedy little monster.

Santa can teach children at an early age that it is a wonderful thing to give to those you don't know. We should all aspire to be like Santa — someone who gives back to those who bring good into the world.

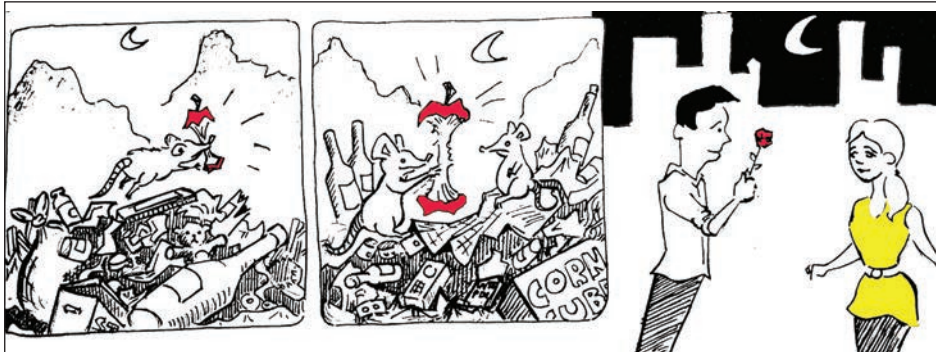
Presents in moderation and an appreciative attitude can help kids enjoy the fun of the myth, while still engaging in the charitable aspects of Christmas.

Instead of making the holiday about Santa or no Santa, make the season about giving a little more than we receive, being thankful when we do and allowing ourselves to believe in the good, even if we can't always see it.

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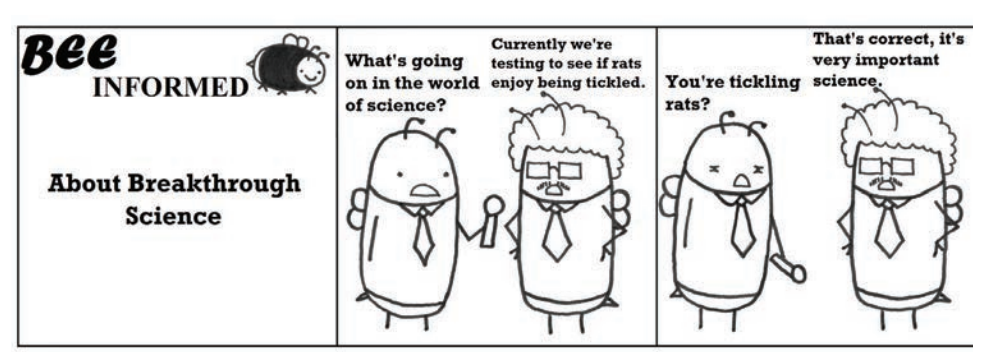
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