

STUDENT LIFE

'A maker wherever I go'

UI taught an art major how to think about things in a new way

Jack Olson
Argonaut

Silas Harper Bray has changed significantly over the last few years.

The change is apparent in the contrast between two different paintings they've done. One took 40 hours of painstaking attention and intention, while the other was an improvised work with more freedom to become anything.

"This was still sort of living in that world where I had this strict idea of who I had to be and where I wanted to be," Harper Bray said. "And this is sort of, 'Whatever, life's good. Life's fine.'"

They said they feel happier now than they did before.

"I wouldn't say that I don't care. I care, but it's a lot less of being annoyed if things

don't go the way that I plan," Harper Bray said. "I feel a lot more Zen."

Going to the University of Idaho aided that transition, as Harper Bray said they learned how to better communicate with people who don't agree with them. They said a successful conversation with their Christian and conservative mother about Islamic people helped exemplify that personal arc.

"So I thought that was kind of nice because when I was 16 I would have just flipped out like 'That's racist,' because it is, but that's not a helpful way to have that conversation," Harper Bray said.

Harper Bray will graduate in December with a degree in art and studio design, and said their art history classes taught them the most.

"They not only taught me that I don't know anything, but taught me how to think about things, which I think is probably the most important skill that I've gotten from the university," Harper Bray said.

Their capstone project was a collection of large embroidered and painted pieces of fabric made for specific people. Harper Bray said fabric surrounds people's lives — in clothing and rugs and favorite childhood blankets.

"The idea was to figure out how to represent somebody through fabric," Harper Bray said. "I wanted to find a way to de-commercialize those things and really

express an identity."

They said this was the most challenging project they've done.

"Painting is sort of selfish in a way," Harper Bray said. "Like, 'I have this great thing to say, now let me say it through whatever.' But taking somebody else's identity and trying to sort of put that into a container of expression or something that made sense to them was a lot more challenging, because I had to figure out where my bias lies so that I could kind of be in between."

After graduating, Harper Bray said they want to join the Peace Corps or become a river rafting guide.

"I love sports and outdoor things. It's better when it's shared with people," Harper Bray said.

Cody Magee was in senior studio with Harper Bray. He said they are good friends and thinks Harper Bray's future offers

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Diamond Koloski | Argonaut

Silas Harper Bray will graduate this semester with a degree from the College of Art and Architecture in art and studio design at the University of Idaho.

ASUI

New ASUI senators sworn in

ASUI Senate meets for final time this semester, welcomes new lobbyist, senators

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate wrapped up the end of a busy semester Wednesday, saying farewell to four senators, welcoming in four more — including a new ASUI lobbyist — and voting on a few final pieces of legislation.

The senate voted unanimously to appoint Michael Ryan as ASUI lobbyist. His appointment came a week after ASUI President Cruz Botello told the senate former ASUI Lobbyist Rachael Miller would step down from her position amid her decision to graduate this semester.

Miller said she created a transition plan for the new lobbyist.

"I'm really sorry for leaving you in this position," Miller said to the senate.

Though this position is a new one for him, Ryan is no stranger to ASUI. From 2014 to 2015, he served as a senator and senate tempore. Since then, Ryan said he has also served as his fraternity chapter president, a university tour guide and is on the University of Idaho cheer squad.

Ryan addressed concerns that, as an out-of-state student from Colorado, he would not be qualified to handle the lobbyist position.

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GRADUATION

Celebrating commencement

UI fall commencement to take place Dec. 10

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

As a self-described introvert and two-time graduate of the University of Idaho, Commencement Coordinator Lisa Belles said while both fall and spring commencement have their merits, she prefers fall commencement.

"I love the fall commencement, because it's a lot more intimate," Belles said. "It feels a bit more like a University of Idaho family event."

This year's fall commencement ceremony is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Kibbie Dome.

For many students like senior Elizabeth Jossie, the date arrived quicker than expected.

"I'm excited to finish my degree and celebrate, but I am also not prepared," Jossie said. "I guess I spent a lot of time thinking of graduation as being in the distant future, and now it's finally here, but I haven't quite adjusted my mindset yet."

The commencement ceremony, whether held in the fall or spring, is all about honoring the years of hard work that graduating students invested, Belles said. Belles participated in fall commencement after graduating in 2007, and walked across the stage again

in Spring 2012.

Belles said students who want to walk at commencement this semester should have already applied to graduate, but if a student has not, they still can apply on VandalWeb by 3 p.m. Dec. 9. Should a student want to graduate but not participate in commencement, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. Dec. 16. Students that haven't applied for graduation yet this semester must pay a \$60 fee.

The date of the fall commencement ceremony falls in the weekend between dead week and finals week — a time defined by copious amounts of cramming for tests by stressed students.

"I think it is kind of overwhelming to have to do the entire graduation thing right before finals week," senior Dakota Atwood said.

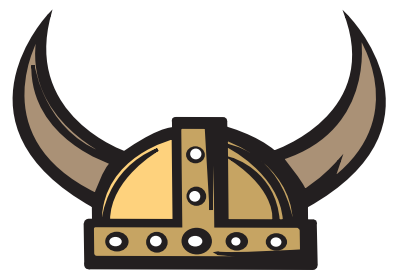
Belles said fall commencement typically hosts around 400 graduating students, whereas spring commencement hosts closer to 1,000 students. This impacts the time each student has on stage after their name is called.

"With spring commencement, there are so many people there, when they're walking across the stage we have them coming from both sides and announce the names as quickly as possible," Belles said. "Fall commencement is a lot smaller. We have students walk across the stage one at a time from one side to the other, so there's a bit more time for their name to be read off."

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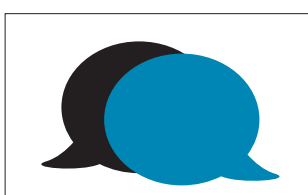
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Cheesy chicken casserole


This chicken casserole is the perfect dinner to warm up with on a cold evening. With the perfect combination of cheese and chicken, this casserole won't disappoint.

Ingredients

- 2 baked chicken breasts
- 1 box of cooked stuffing
- 2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cans of cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups of chopped cooked broccoli
- 4 pieces of toasted bread
- 1/4 cup of mayonnaise

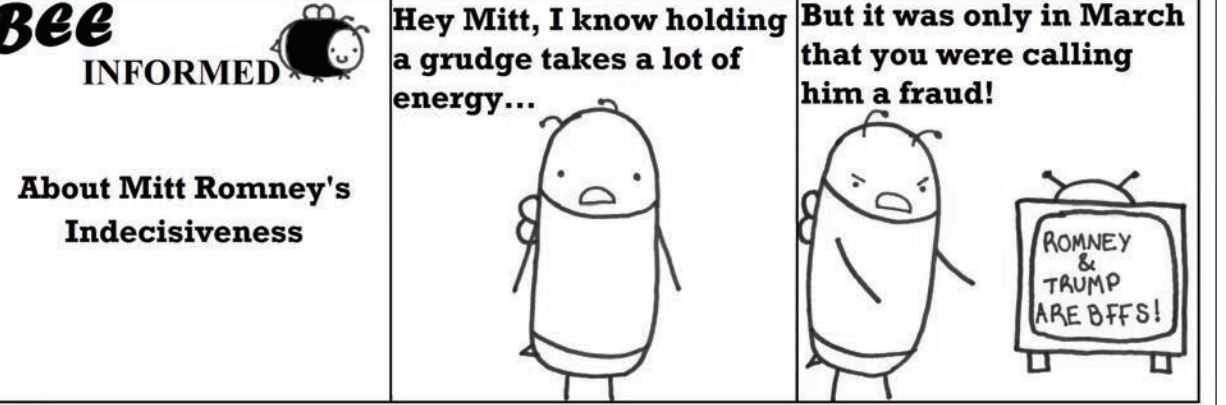
Directions

1. Layer the cooked stuffing mixture along the bottom of a casserole dish
2. Cut the chicken into small cubes and combine with broccoli pieces, cream of chicken soup and one cup of cheese
3. Place chicken mixture on top of the stuffing
4. Cut the toasted bread into cubes and place on top of the chicken mixture
5. Sprinkle leftover cheese, salt and pepper over the top of the casserole
6. Bake for 30 minutes cover in foil
7. Bake for another five minutes to achieve an extra crispy topping



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Kyle Harty | Argonaut

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HEALTH

Fighting the holiday sugar rush

UI employees compete in Healthy Holiday Challenge

Taryn Hadfield
Argonaut

While the holidays are usually a time for sugar cookies, hot chocolate and curling up next to a fire, many faculty and staff at the University of Idaho use the season to get moving and stay active.

The Healthy Holiday Challenge is a university-wide, seven-week competition hosted by Campus Recreation to encourage UI faculty and staff to exercise and set healthy goals for the holidays, said Peggy Hamlett, fitness and wellness director at UI.

Participants can form teams of three to six people to compete against other teams by gathering the most fitness points, which are calculated from the amount of exercise each teammate completes. The competition has three divisions — snowflakes, mistletoe and blizzards — that allow both beginners and experts to join in the fun.

“The challenge is a fun way to bring the whole campus together to stay active over the holidays,” Hamlett said. “For our faculty at our other campus locations in Twin Falls and Coeur D’Alene, this is a special event that makes them feel like they are a part of the campus community.”

Due to the popularity of the challenge in recent years, Campus Recreation partnered with Human Resources and the Blue Cross of Idaho. While it was always open to all campus faculty and staff, Hamlett said the partnership has made it easier to include off-campus employees in the rivalries and competition. Participants can now use a mobile app to record their points, check other team’s scores and add points from many different types of exercise.

“While this year’s challenge is fairly similar to years’ past, every year we try to simplify the program to get as many people as possible to participate,” Hamlett said.

Justin Barnes, assistant professor of advertising, is competing in the challenge for the second time. Two years ago, he was the leader of the winning team.

“I really liked seeing how others incorporated movement into their life, and sharing that experience together,” Barnes said.

Barnes said the best part of the challenge is being part of a group and meeting new people. As a former athlete, Barnes said his perspective on exercise has changed over the years.

While in his younger years he spent his time at the gym lifting weights and cycling, Barnes said he now looks at exercise through the lens of longevity and lifestyle habits. He said being part of the team has allowed him

to “add a wrinkle here or there” on new ways to exercise, inspiring him to try different exercises like dance and yoga.

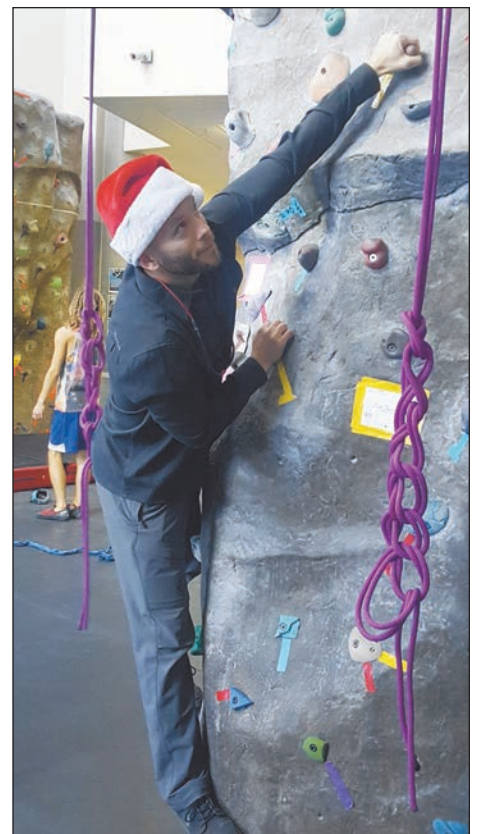
“That idea of camaraderie is so important in fitness,” Barnes said. “Whether at school, home or work, if you have a stronger community around you, you’re more likely to come back, continue to exercise and make it a lifestyle.”

Hamlett said the Healthy Holiday Challenge impacts the health of faculty at UI. The challenge makes more people aware about the importance of movement in a healthy lifestyle, and it inspires its participants to start asking important questions about staying active, she said. Hamlett said being part of a group holds people accountable, motivating them out of the desire not to let their team down.

“We know that getting up and doing exercise is the hardest part,” Hamlett said. “But once you work out, it’s fine. The challenge helps with that.”

Winners of the competition in each category will be awarded free lunch, courtesy of the UI Staff Council. Participants who log in their points each week can also enter drawings to win a Fitbit donated by the Blue Cross of Idaho.

“It’s never too late to start,” Hamlett said. Taryn Hadfield can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu



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Advertising professor Justin Barnes exercises at the SRC as part of the Healthy Holiday Challenge Thursday afternoon.

Police log

Dec. 1
900 block South Adams Street, 12:56 p.m.

A person purchased and sent a laptop to Nigeria after making a deal to get \$500 through a PayPal account. When she didn’t receive the money, she got the laptop back from the post office.



Dec. 2
West 6th Street, Domino’s, 12:22 a.m.

A delivery vehicle was stolen from Domino’s, taken for a joy ride and found undamaged several blocks away.

South Mountain View Road & Troy Road, 2:16 a.m.

Male was driving without headlights. He refused to provide a breath sample and was arrested for possession of marijuana after an inventory search of his car.

West Pullman Road, Palouse Empire Mall, 12:21 p.m.

Male was in the mall taking photos, then some workers spoke to him. He went to the department to complain that he had been spoken to. The male is now banned from being on mall property for a calendar year.

Dec. 3

West Pullman Road, U-Haul, 3:05 p.m.

A bag of methamphetamines was found in a moving truck after it was returned.

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Junior Mitch Williams is fed up with Christmas music and the length of the holiday season in his typically undecorated home on Tuesday night.

A very merry Mitchmas

Student dislikes the Christmas season due to carols, merriment

Griffen Winget
Argonaut

Christmas is known to some as the happiest time of the year.

Streets are filled with Christmas lights and music that fills people with joy. But for one University of Idaho student, the holiday does not bring much merriment.

Mitch Williams appears to be an average 20-year-old college student. He spends most of his time studying or hanging out with his friends. He spends his weekends working on film projects or playing games. When it comes to Christmas, however, he differs from most.

"I started disliking Christmas music ... but it was only around 15 that I realized there was a word for this — it's called 'hate,'" Williams said.

One of the biggest reasons for his dislike of Christmas is the music.

"It is the kind of slow, simple songs. Happy, yeah, but you hear the same ones every year until you die. Why don't you do anything different?" Williams said.

Williams said he is annoyed by how early Christmas carols start playing in the year, some even playing before Thanksgiving.

Music is not the only thing that ruins this time of year for him. Williams said he also doesn't appreciate that Christmas lasts an entire season.

"If I could change the amount of time we celebrated Christmas I would keep it to three days maximum," Williams said.

Williams said he prefers how people celebrate Halloween. Decorations and costumes last in stores for about a month, and then after Halloween everything immediately goes away.

"If it lasted a maximum five or 10 days I would be fine, but it doesn't," Williams said. "It starts way before Thanksgiving and I have to be blasted with it until I stop caring."

Williams said it doesn't help that he is not the best at buying gifts for others.

"You're supposed to know your friends on a real personal level and I do," Williams said. "For me, it just doesn't transfer into a physical gift."

He loves to make people happy, but he said he feels like his gifts can never stand up to the ones given to him. This makes it hard for him to find the perfect gift for friends.

Even though Williams doesn't enjoy the build up to the holiday, he said he loves the actual day of Christmas. He said he loves waking up and spending the morning with his family opening their presents.

"I would stay up Dec. 23 all night and then all day Dec. 24 so that I would be completely exhausted that night and could actually sleep," Williams said.

Williams said he would rather have the holiday focus on family instead of overplayed songs and tasteless marketing.

The core of the Christmas season is what gives him his happiest memories, he said, not the twinkling lights or the soft tones of "Silver Bells" playing over mall speakers.

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STUDENT LIFE

Crafting holiday cheer

Three roommates bring the holidays to their home through creative apartment decorations

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

As Aubrey Shaw and her roommates constructed a fake fireplace out of cardboard on which they could hang a set of stockings brandishing their names, they listened to the Mariah Carey holiday station on Pandora.

They strung lights throughout their space in the house they share with other renters and set up a tree. Shaw, a University of Idaho doctoral student, challenged her roommates to name the artists of the songs Pandora produced.

The decorations weren't as extensive as the ones she grew up with, but Shaw said she and fellow UI students Chelsea Hogan and Keanna Hawk tried their best to fill their living space with holiday cheer.

"My dad, he loves lights and so he would decorate the outside of the house and our house literally looked like a gingerbread house," Hogan said. "And then, inside the house we had two blue spruce trees — one in the family room and one in the living room — so my parents went all out. I really transferred it, so I love to decorate for Christmas."

Shaw said she and her roommates share a passion, not only for decorating, but also for the Christmas season.

"I love it, it's just — I don't know — it's just joyful," Shaw said.

Growing up, Shaw said Christmas meant creeping down the stairs with her two older sisters before sunrise to peek at the presents Santa left under the tree and then darting back to bed, or dancing through the house to Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" with her sisters.

Hogan said her passion for Christmas is rooted in the appreciative atmosphere the holiday season

often produces.

"The holiday season, for me, is really about giving and being with family," Hogan said. "It's an exciting time. People are more thankful for what they have and you're able to spend time with family and just kind of reconnect."

She said the Christmas spirit came alive for her when she was about 11 or 12 years old.

"I was old enough to know Santa Claus wasn't real, but my little brother didn't," Hogan said. "I actually spent so much time convincing him that Santa was real that I actually re-convinced myself"

Similar to Shaw, Hogan said her family often made the Christmas season a valuable one.

"On Christmas Eve day, we'd go to my grandma's house and spend the day sledding and doing bonfires and having our Christmas meal and being with my cousins and playing out in the snow," Hogan said. "It was just so much fun as a kid."

Now, an hour away from her hometown, the Idaho native said the lack of abundant Christmas cheer on campus is a little disappointing.

"Honestly, I mean, I passed through the Commons when Santa was there, but I haven't seen much Christmas or holiday cheer," Hogan said. "I mean, everyone's super busy studying for finals and stuff, but I guess for me, it's a little disappointing."

While campus might not be as festive as Hogan would like, she said she's happy that she and her roommates have managed to keep the Christmas spirit alive in their living space.

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FACULTY

A little kid from a dairy farm

Alton Campbell retires after 33 years at UI

Lindsey Heflin
Argonaut

When a student walks into University of Idaho Honors Program Director Alton Campbell's office, they are greeted with a joyous, southern "hello" and offered tea from a selection he keeps stocked near an electric kettle.

No matter how busy the director is, his door remains open to all, and his smile never fades. Adorned across the office walls are photographs of current and past students, all with a different story.

Former Dean of Students Bruce Pitman was one of the first individuals to see Campbell's ability to relate with students.

Pitman worked at UI for 42 years, and during his career developed a deep friendship with Campbell.

"I heard about a young faculty person who had a real heart for students and an interest in student success, and that guy was Alton Campbell," Pitman said.

Pitman invited Campbell to be part of the Idaho Road Show, where a crew of UI staff and faculty traveled across Idaho for about 10 days and met with students to talk about their first year at UI.

Campbell participated in the Idaho Road Show for 10 years, moving from one assignment to the next, while also working with his students, Pitman said.

"Not everyone can do that," Pitman said. "Partly because of the time commitment, partly because you have to expose yourself in a very open way to students. Alton stepped out of that role and did a lot more."

Campbell's career began at UI in 1983, as a professor teaching and researching wood history. He eventually became the associate dean for the College of Natural Resources from 1993 to 2007.

It was during this period that a high

school senior from Indiana named Mindy McAllister received an unexpected postcard from Campbell encouraging her to look into UI's College of Natural Resources.

"I still remember he used a green pen," McAllister said. "It was that impactful, I remember the color of ink he used."

McAllister said she never heard of UI before and she had already committed to another school until she read the note. McAllister and her father traveled to Moscow prior to spring break of her senior year.

Campbell was their personal tour guide for the day and showed them all across campus as well as a special place that McAllister said she would never forget.

The place is known as Idler's Rest, a small nature conservancy property located at the base of Moscow Mountain. With a beautiful cedar grove and peaceful setting, it didn't take much for McAllister to realize where she wanted to go to school, she said.

"Somebody cared enough about me to make that connection for me, to make me fall in love with this place," McAllister said.

Today, McAllister holds the position of student services coordinator for the honors program, and Campbell still remains her biggest influence, she said.

"He's absolutely what got me here as a student, and why I am in this position now," McAllister said.

In the following years, Campbell transitioned to the College of Graduate Studies as the associate dean and became the associate director for the UI Honors Program in 2008. In January 2014, Campbell was named director of the honors program.

Once Campbell became the director, the number of honors program members moved from 387 students in fall 2013 to 468 in the fall 2014. Admission numbers are continuously increasing to an all-time

high of 538 students in fall 2016, according to the UI Honors Program Enrollment table.

Campbell also took the initiative of creating the Honors Things That Matter discussion groups and fire-side chats, where visiting faculty talk to students about a particular subject, Campbell said.

Campbell's students appreciate his hard work, as he has been noted as the most inspiring faculty mentor by more than 50 students who have received the Alumni Award for Excellence, Pitman said.

Pitman said Campbell has a wall of plaques that he has gathered over the last 33 years. He said they were given to him based on his profound impact on students.

This year, senior Alyssa Ertel, a Goldwater scholarship award recipient, noted Campbell as her inspirational mentor when she was nominated for the Alumni Awards for Excellence. She said Campbell's role in her life was incredibly influential.

"He's really had an immeasurable impact on my life," Ertel said. "And having a faculty member believe in you in those really challenging moments that every student faces is the most incredible thing someone can do for someone."

Ertel applied for the Goldwater scholarship during her third year at UI, and she said she wouldn't have done so without Campbell's encouragement.

"I think that has been a common theme me entire education, is Alton believing in me more than I believe in myself," Ertel said.

Ertel said when she told Campbell that she chose him to be her inspirational mentor for the award, Campbell emailed her to tell her that he was grateful and knew how many individuals she could have chosen other than him.

After seeing the response, Ertel smiled and shook her head. She said he had no idea what kind of influence he had on her life as a student.

While students and employees have the utmost respect for the director,

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Not everyone can do that. Partly because of the time commitment, partly because you have to expose yourself in a very open way to students. Alton stepped out of that role and did a lot more.

Bruce Pitman, Former Dean of Students

Campbell said he feels his work has been fairly ordinary. His students have brought him joy, and he said it's given meaning to his life.

"I enjoy the challenge of getting up every day and having something to do and something to try and contribute and make the world a little better, and that's through students, and through all the other things I do," Campbell said.

As Campbell reflected on his 33 years at UI, he said he thinks back to where he was in North Carolina before he came to Moscow and is grateful for how his life turned out.

"It's just hard to believe that a little kid from North Carolina, who grew up on a little tiny dairy farm could ever have gotten a Ph.D. and then have been a professor and have been the director of the Honors program of all things, can you imagine?" Campbell said.

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FACILITIES

A triumph for the trees

A natural repellent applied to campus trees helps prevent evergreen theft over the holidays

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

In the planter outside the University of Idaho Library, a white sign with red lettering serves as the public's only warning about the "essence" of the evergreens.

David Rauk, the campus horticulturalist, said it's one of many signs posted next to patches of evergreen trees on campus that have been sprayed with a natural repellent — a precaution taken to protect the trees from people who consider furnishing their homes with free Christmas trees by illegally cutting them down.

UI Facilities Services first began their evergreen repellent program in 1992, the year Rauk began working for the university.

"Prior to that, we had been losing several evergreen trees a year to Christmas tree thieves around December time," Rauk said.

"It gets pretty expensive and time consuming to keep replacing these trees."

Rauk said including labor costs, replacing stolen trees can cost up to \$900. Although this is considered a misdemeanor theft in Idaho, some states classify theft above \$500 as a felony.

In the past, Facilities sprayed the trees with animal scents, most often the natural essence of skunks, to deter individuals from cutting down the trees. This year, Rauk said the repellent applied to the trees is a less expensive synthetic skunk scent.

Four or five ounces of the synthetic skunk essence are mixed with two gallons of water and a sticking agent, similar to molasses in consistency, that helps the repellent attach to the trees and prevents weather erosion.

Rauk said the cold weather may not wash off the scent, but it does suppress the smell of the repellent. When a tree is cut down and taken inside, the warmth of a building allows the smell to spread.

"The cold air really traps that odor," Rauk

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said. "However, if you take the tree inside, then the warm air will emulsify the material, and then a little goes a long way and you'll certainly be able to smell it."

The repellent is applied four weeks before Christmas and wears off shortly after the holiday. No harm is done to the trees. Rauk said several national parks and other institutions use similar, if not the same, practices to protect evergreens from being cut down during the holiday season.

"This is done all over the country," Rauk said. "A lot of evergreen trees of a small size have problems with theft, so it's nothing new."

Before the program began, two to three evergreens were stolen each year. Now, Rauk said one tree is cut down every five or six years.

"We've lost several (trees) over the many years, but not like it's been beforehand," Rauk said. "So it's successful, I think."

While the repellent has been effective, Rauk said some theft still occurs. One year,

an evergreen was stolen that had been dedicated to an individual on campus, and even the bronze plaque placed on the lawn in front of it was stolen.

"It's sad to see that kind of thing happen," Rauk said. "That's one of the few we've lost since the program, but it was an important tree at the time."

Rauk said Facilities has never caught anyone in the act of stealing an evergreen, they have only found the tree stumps following the theft.

"I'm guessing the person brings the tree inside the house and finds out it's smelling up the house and quickly disposes of the tree," Rauk said. "People see it outside and think it's just another abandoned Christmas tree."

Rauk said about 100 trees on campus are sprayed each year. The white warning signs are placed next to some of the trees that are sprayed, but not all of them.

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UNIVERSITY

Staben ready for state legislature

State surplus could go to university

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben said a State Board of Education initiative and a surplus of state money could mean more funding from the state legislature this spring.

At the University Faculty Meeting Tuesday, Staben said the State of Idaho has a \$132 million surplus this year.

"I'd like to see that come to higher education and other investments like infrastructure," Staben said. "Now is the time to invest."

Staben said in particular an "outcome-based funding" initiative from the state board could lead to more funding for the university.

He said the initiative would assign different values to different degrees earned at a university, and provide funding to colleges and universities in Idaho based on the number of each type of degree the schools produce.

That funding would come from a separate pool of money and would be an addition to the university's current funds.

Staben said if funded, the initiative would likely not affect the university's emphasis on any level of degree, regardless of the values assigned by the state board.

"The biggest potential effect is a pool of money," Staben said.

Appropriations bills for higher education will be considered near the beginning of the legislative session in January.

Staben said an emphasis on education by the legislature in recent years could mean

a good chance some of the surplus goes to higher education, but he expects K-12 education to be the emphasis of funding.

Due to a lack of a quorum at the meeting, university policies passed by Faculty Senate this semester, including ones to make changes to position descriptions and instructor evaluation forms, could not be voted on by the faculty and will be sent to Staben as if passed by the faculty.

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ASUI

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Ryan said he believes his status will benefit his position, as one of his projects will include lobbying to grant residency hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to out-of-state students. Ryan will travel to Boise next week for a policy briefing on the issue.

During the meeting, Miller said she looks to work with Idaho Fish and Game on the plan, rather than the Idaho State Legislature.

Senators Sam Balas, Tanner Beymer, Laura Ehman and Michael Lejardi were also honored by their fellow senators. The four will not return to the senate next semester.

Beymer, the senior-most senator to leave the senate that evening, gave an emotional farewell as he addressed his fellow senators.

"Each and every one of you has such a passion for representing your fellow students," Beymer said. "And your commitment to due diligence and your commitment to service is inspirational and unmatched by any senator before you that I have seen in my time here."

The senators also told Lejardi, who lost his reelection campaign earlier this month, that they expected to see him back in the senate in the spring.

ASUI Pro-Tempore Mattie Cupps thanked Lejardi for his work on the Vandal Dance Marathon and said he should apply for a vacant senate seat in the spring. Other senators agreed with her suggestion.

"I know that his presence in the senate will be greatly missed and we would love to have it back," Cupps said.

The senate also voted unanimously in support of a resolution welcoming refugees into the state.

The legislation, written by former Volunteer Center Outreach Coordinator Jessica McDermott, calls for "refugees from every country (to) be recognized as victims of persecution in their home countries and subsequently welcomed in Idaho as positive additions to the culture and economy."

One of the sponsors of the resolution Sen. Danny Bugingo, who also works for The Argonaut, said he and his family immigrated to America when he was 5 years old. Since then, Bugingo said much of his family's success came from the kindness of the people in his community, and he thanked his fellow senators for supporting the bill.

The senate also voted not to supply \$106.25 from its general fund to the Office of the President to pay for transportation to a basketball game Wednesday.

Tuesday, the ASUI Finance Committee,

headed by Beymer, sent legislation about the transfer to the senate floor with a "do not pass" recommendation.

Beymer said despite the fact that everyone who testified during the committee meeting was in favor of the bill, his committee voted against it. He said the General Reserve money is supposed to be looked at as a back-up bank account for emergency funds.

"The justification for expenditure of these funds, I don't think really fit the purpose of either of the two accounts over which the senate has authority," Beymer said.

According to the legislation, the bill would have transferred \$106.25 from the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget to the Office of the President, which would have then gone toward the total cost of renting three buses to transport students from UI to Washington State University in Pullman for the men's basketball game Dec. 7.

The total cost of the buses is \$1,275. Vandal Athletics and the Office of Alumni Relations will partner in funding the bill, according to the legislation.

Beymer said the buses have already been paid for, meaning the outcome of the bill would not affect the buses either way. However, it does determine how much

money must come from other sources in order to reimburse the payment.

Director of Athletics Ethan McIlhargey said he originally asked to have the money transferred, thinking the cost of the buses would be closer to \$600.

"We didn't want our budget to be completely taken over by these buses," McIlhargey said.

McIlhargey said his individual director budget includes roughly \$1,000. Botello said \$106.25 will come from the cabinet, and the same amount will come from McIlhargey's individual director budget to fund ASUI's portion of the payment.

McIlhargey said he hoped the bill would pass, but his department would not be in as much of a financial struggle as he originally thought it would if it did not pass.

Following the meeting, Senators Cait Bowyer, Briggs Jackson, Bailey Morris and Clayton Zimmerman were sworn in by Botello as ASUI's newest senators and the new senate conducted another quick meeting to reelect Cupps as pro-tempore.

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MAKER

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"I think (they're) going to be sort of a nomad just traveling around doing their thing, working here and there, doing what (they) can. Really kind of experiencing life and finding what's important to (them,)" Magee said. "I think it's awesome, like 'You do you, boo.'"

Magee said helping other people and making them happy is fundamental to Harper Bray.

Despite looking into jobs that have little to do with art, Harper Bray isn't concerned about the future.

"I'll be a maker anywhere I go, even if it's not the focus of what I'm doing," Harper Bray said. "There's a beauty in a sketchbook. It's very small and all you need is a single pen."

There is often a mismatch in the interpretation of a piece of art between its maker and its audience, but that doesn't worry Harper Bray either.

"I actually find it beneficial in a way," Harper Bray said. "Regardless of what I intended, I think it's kind of beautiful that everyone gets to interpret it in their own fashion. It opens up conversations that you probably would have never had. It

sort of speaks to the fact that there isn't one truth, and that's sort of the beauty of art."

While they said their time at UI has been enjoyable, Harper Bray said they are ready to be done with the studio and move on with their life.

"I think that the world is a good place and that we all have an important role in it and it's just a matter of figuring out how to do what we want to do in a way that uplifts us and other people," Harper Bray said.

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Police tips

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- If you pull over for a nap, lock your doors and park in a well lit area.

- Make sure your windows are completely defrosted before driving.

- If you lose control and slide on ice, apply light pressure, take your foot off the gas and gently correct.

By Captain Tyson Berrett



CELEBRATING

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The ceremony will begin with students lining up on the east side of the Kibbie Dome to proceed to their seats. Following this, UI President Chuck Staben will give an introductory address, and not long after that the dean of the College of Engineering will present his com-

mencement address.

From there, students joining the armed forces will take Oath of Office, and then graduate, doctoral and undergraduate students will walk across the stage.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Talent is nothing but a prolonged period of attention and a shortened period of mental assimilation"
-Constantin Stanislavski

MUSIC

The music of Moscow

Musical traditions during the holiday season shows diversity on campus

Mary Emert
Argonaut

During the holiday season, "music is in the air" becomes less of an expression and more of an inescapable reality.

At the University of Idaho, the student and faculty population is diverse.

Mikayla Sievers, president of the Lutheran Campus ministry has a tradition known as Advent that starts four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

"It was a time of preparing for the Messiah to be born and so to the church it's a special time. The most common song you will hear would probably be 'Oh come, Emanuel' because it's about that waiting and preparation," Sievers said. "We have lots of other hymns that people know as well, but this one is closer to what we celebrate during this time."

Sievers said she is also affiliated with public relations and Latin American studies.

"People would dress up as Mary, Jesus and Joseph and go caroling, they called it 'Las Posada,'" she said.

These were average songs sung in Spanish and is a long stretching tradition in this community, she said. It is a mostly Mexican music tradition so very few student's practice it until they go home for the holidays, she said.

Sampath Goudu, an exchange-student from India, said there weren't any particular hymns he could think of, however there are always devotional songs to Ganesha.

"Ganesha in the Hindu religion is the remover of obstacles and since every celebration in India is the start of something new, ceremonies always start with devotion-



Sam Balas | Argonaut

Vandaleers sing Christmas carols in the University of Idaho Commons for Chuck Staben and passerby to celebrate the season.

al songs to him to show thanks for removing the obstacles that might have been in the way before," Goudu said.

In practice, this tradition doesn't differ much from many other ceremonies other cultures participate in, but the frequency of it definitely stands out, Goudu said.

Music accompanies every celebration and ceremony whether it's religious or not. He said while music isn't everywhere

in India, those songs do make him think of home whenever he hears them.

Moscow local MaKaela Straw — who said she identifies as an agnostic — said she acknowledges a higher power but has no religious affiliation. She said she adores the evangelical Christmas traditional music.

"It reminds me of my family and of good times together," Straw said. "In short, it

doesn't matter what anyone listens too over the holidays because whether it brings you closer to your faith, culture or family, it's your own."

Music often brings people together and it is more frequent this time of year.

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COMMUNITY

Smithsonian comes to Moscow

The Smithsonian's traveling exhibit 'Water/Ways' coming to Moscow

Nina Rydalch
Argonaut

The Smithsonian predicts the next global conflict will be over the scarcity of water, said Executive Director of the Latah County Historical Society Dulce Kersting.

Kersting said this impending problem inspired them to create a traveling exhibit of the Smithsonian that will be in Moscow Dec. 9 to Jan. 1: "Water/Ways."

Kersting, who wrote a grant to host the exhibit, said the procedure to bring it in began over a year ago in August 2015.

"It's been a long process," she said.

Kersting said the exhibit is part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program and is one of many initiatives to raise awareness about water scarcity. Six communities in Idaho are chosen to host the exhibit throughout the year, she said.

"It's just the Smithsonian's way of reaching out to smaller exhibits," said Jessica Bowman, Latah County Library adult services manager and the person in charge of the #WaterWordsMoscow project.

Kersting said the Historical Society collaborated with the library to bring in a humanities perspective per the request of the grant maker, the Idaho Humanities Council.

Bowman initiated #WaterWordsMoscow to raise awareness for the upcoming exhibit, Bowman said.

"It was a project that we conceived of to draw attention to the Smithsonian exhibit," Kersting said.

Water-related quotes from famous people can be found at 10 different locations throughout the city, she said. The majority of the quotes can be found on Main Street but there is also one each in front of the library, McConnell Mansion and City Hall. She said they are written in an environmentally-friendly water-resistant spray imported from Europe.

"They only show up when the cement is wet," Bowman said.

She said the effects of the spray could last from two months to a year. Kersting said although the art is often referred to as "water graffiti," the term is not entirely accurate as it is a city-approved installation.

She said they partnered with the Moscow Art Department to ensure their plan would not violate official regulations.

"This is more of a community art project than it is graffiti," she said.

Kersting said the focus of the exhibit is on the different aspects people relate to water through the ages in regard to exploration, industry, agriculture, religion and more.

"It can be found in many Native American creation stories," she said.

In addition to the Smithsonian's exhibit, the Historical Society will show a companion exhibit they created specifically for the community, Kersting said. She said it will include information about local issues such as the positive effects of Potlatch River dam removal on steelhead trout.

"It just picks up on themes that the Smithsonian exhibit articulates and gives a local perspective on those themes," Kersting said.

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COMMUNITY

Skating away the winter blues

Palouse Ice Rink provides winter fun, looks to expand for future opportunities

Nina Rydalch
Argonaut

In the cold winter months on the Palouse, there is a struggle to find fun physical activities nearby. The Palouse Ice Rink in Moscow offers a solution to this issue.

"I don't think most people realize what a fantastic asset this is to the community," said peewee hockey coach Mark Mumford.

He said it provides an activity for children and adults alike to participate in, bringing the entire community together.

Mumford said he played hockey when he was younger and began skating again at the rink a few years ago when his son was old enough to start hockey.

"I said 'If you'll join, I'll join,' and that's

the way it turned out," he said.

The ice rink is only open for a short period of time, generally between mid-October and April, said Gary Qualmann, who said he helped build the rink and has been working there since it opened around 16 years ago. He said although they have a refrigeration system, opening time is highly dependent on the weather.

"We're basically a tent over a sheet of ice," Qualmann said. "We have to wait until it gets pretty cold at night to do it."

During the summer months, Qualmann said the rink offers roller-skating and an avenue for roller derby practices. He said the rink offers multiple skating opportunities in the winter including figure skating, youth and adult hockey, curling and events like Science on Ice.

"Science on Ice we're very proud of," Qualmann said.

Science on Ice teaches fifth graders lessons in physics generally related to water

and ice Wednesday mornings, he said.

Qualmann said it is a popular program for schools in Moscow and surrounding areas. The rink also offers a Learn-to-Skate program with five sessions in the fall and five in the spring, he said.

"We're booked hard for the most part," Qualmann said.

Mumford said the rink is trying to raise money to become a full-size rink. He said this would provide opportunities especially for hockey players over the age of 13 and for University of Idaho and Washington State University club hockey teams who need a full-size sheet to play tournaments on.

"Our sheet of ice is about three-fourths the size," he said.

He said if the rink was full-size, UI and WSU would have a place to call home. This entails they would play games in the community and bring people throughout the northwest to Moscow, he said. He said it might encourage the universities

to have MCAA teams.

"That would really attract a lot of people to see the games and come to the community and spend money," he said.

Mumford said they are currently trying to raise \$3 million to complete the project. He said much of the money comes from community members involved at the rink, such as hockey families. He said if the rink raises one million dollars, the Moscow City Council will match the donation.

"We're going to try and break ground spring of next year, that's what we hope," Qualmann said.

The nearest full-size ice rink is at Eastern Washington University in Cheney which is where the university hockey club teams and hockey players over 13 play games and tournaments, Mumford said.

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THEATER



Diamond Koloski | Argonaut

Senior Gus Rose-Witt and sophomore Aidan Transtrum perform their play "Between Rows" as part of the annual 10 Minute Play Festival Monday in the Forge Theatre.

OPINION

The longest winter night

A look at the winter solstice and its ancient holiday meanings

Snow has fallen, the temperature has dropped and soon the winter solstice will occur.

Every Dec. 21, earth experiences one of the shortest days and longest nights, marking the transition from autumn to winter.

This only happens twice a year. In the northern hemisphere this happens in December, and in the southern hemisphere this occurs in June. Many ancient structures such as Stonehenge still stand today as a monument to the winter solstice, also

known as "Yule."

The "Yule Log" came from the Scandinavian tradition of cutting the largest tree down and lighting it on fire, burning through the longest night of the year.

The winter solstice is a long and ancient astronomical event marking the beginning of shorter days and longer nights.

Its beginnings go back as far as the Neolithic era.

This time of the year marked when people collected food supplies to store for winter. Starvation was common and for those who weren't able to prepare for it meant disaster. But, in spite of that reality, many ancient cultures, mostly pagan, recognized this time to celebrate and gather together with loved ones and share in the bounty of a harvest from

fall. This tradition prevented low-morale, and welcome the rebirth of a new year.

These old traditions survived through the centuries and are the foundation of many celebrations today. Decorating a Christmas tree comes from a pagan tradition where pine trees were brought into the home as a symbol of life since its pines stayed green throughout the year. Other celebrations such as the Roman holiday of Saturnalia were also held around solstice with many feasts and parties. In one particular tradition, masters and servants would switch roles for the day.

Centuries later, the winter solstice was adopted and essentially replaced by the Christian religion, recognizing Jesus's birth in order to celebrate the son of God in place of a pagan sun God. The tree was used as a symbol for the Holy Trinity and a star

placed on top as the Star of Bethlehem.

Though the winter solstice isn't as publicized or perhaps as well known today as it was back in ancient times, the traditions and festivals from the solstice have grown and evolved to the holiday events celebrated today.

The Earth's "rebirth" into a new year and transition to longer nights and shorter days is still celebrated in its own modern forms.

Historically this time of year has brought family and friends together to drink and decorate that green and lucky pine tree or conduct other holiday traditions to remind us that even in the dark and the cold, there will always be life.

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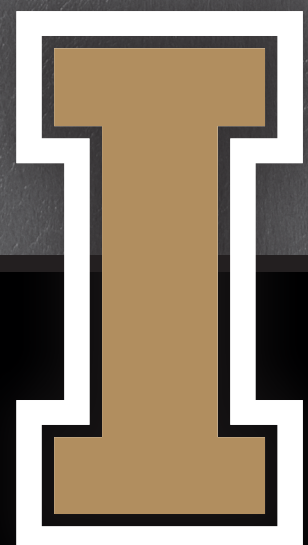
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SPORTS



Meet the new additions to the men's basketball team

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SOCCER

The Moore you know

Senior defender Madison Moore is a 'tough cat'

Lyndsie Kiebert
Argonaut

Madison Moore doesn't have any hobbies. "I wish I could say (I had hobbies) but school and soccer have been my life," she said with a laugh, admitting Netflix might qualify.

Moore, a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, began playing soccer at 4 years old and never lost her love for the sport.

During her club soccer career, she attended a camp at Idaho.

"I told myself 'Wow, I could never see myself being somewhere like this,'" she said. "I was like, 'This is such a small town, how do people live like this? There's no way.'"

But on her official recruitment visit, she gained a new perspective.

Moore said she saw the benefits of a small community, and fell in love with the campus and its changing seasons.

More than anything, she said, it was the team that convinced her.

"I met the team and immediately it was like family. Everyone was so close, so friendly, something you don't really get everywhere else," Moore said. "It wasn't an easy decision at first but I knew this was somewhere I could see myself... And now I could never imagine myself going anywhere else."

Moore is an integral cog in the machine that has been a successful Vandal soccer team over the last two years. As a defender, Moore has played a key role in a UI backline responsible for a record-breaking number of shutouts and fewest goals allowed. Moore credits the recent success to the family-like atmosphere.

"We had some tough days where we really wanted to figure out who we wanted to be and what team we wanted to become," she said. "I think just having everyone be on the same page and buy into the team and putting in the effort and the hard work, it really helped us thrive."

That hard work paid off, Moore said,

when the Vandals wrapped up their 2015-16 season playing the conference championship game on their home field. Vandal soccer fans set a new record for attendance that day.

"Just being able to have the tournament and then play with so many fans out there, it's something that not everyone gets to experience," Moore said. "It's something I will hold onto forever — just to be able to make it to the championship and show people we could play some soccer."

Idaho head coach Derek Pittman came to Idaho at the start of Moore's junior year.

"I've always referred to her as our 'Steady Eddy,'" Pittman said. "She's got a lot of blue-collar grit."

Though some people might see Moore as shy upon first meeting her, Pittman said her playing style is anything but.

"She's a tough cat with a lot of piss n' vinegar in her," he said. "I challenged her a lot during her career here, and she rose to the occasion. It's a testament to her character."

That character shone through in one of Pittman's favorite memories of Moore. During an indoor workout, the head coach was having his players run sprint sets. The team was split into several groups of five or six players, and they had to beat a set time. In order to complete the workout, each of the five to six had to beat the time. Pittman recalls Moore struggling with the workout on that particular day.

"Madi's group was struggling, and she was pissed," he said. "She was angry a little at herself because she thought she was letting her team down."

Between the 12th and 13th reps, Pittman said Moore let out a yell of frustration — unusual for the normally quiet, cool-headed player.

"In that last rep, she showed her true fighting spirit," Pittman said. "I still tease her about it. But that moment, for me, sticks out as a benchmark for her."

Pittman said Moore's leadership style is defined by consistency and setting an example for her teammates.

"She may not yell and scream, but when



Joleen Evans | Argonaut

Senior defender Madison Moore is planning to attend nursing school after graduation.

she had something to say she would say it, and people respected that," he said.

He said Moore's dedication to moving the Vandals soccer program forward will leave a lasting mark on the organization.

"To see her growth couldn't make me more proud," Pittman said. "Her inspiration will stick with me and her team for a long time."

Moore said she's proud of what her team has been able to do over the last few years, and she knows she is leaving the Vandal

soccer program in good hands.

"Now, with the transition over the years, even the underclassmen feel (they want to prove themselves) and they want to continue the culture that has been built here," Moore said. "I think even when we're gone, they're going to keep doing amazing things."

Moore is studying exercise science and pre-nursing and always knew she wanted to enter the medical field.

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VOLLEYBALL

A new set

Mills, Ball and Carman set to join the Vandals

Tess Fox
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team added three new recruits Tuesday for the 2017 season.

Rachel Mills, a 6-foot 1-inch outside hitter, led La Costa Canyon High School to the 2016 State CIF Open Division Quarterfinals.

The Mavericks finished the season with a 23-11 record and ranked No. 18 in California.

She was a First Team All-Avocado West League selection in 2015 and a Second-Team selection as a sophomore.

Mills played for the Coast VBC club team. She was a San Diego Tribune All-Academic selection.

"Rachel has a heavy arm and knows how to find the court," Idaho head coach Debbie Buchanan said in a news release. "She is competitive, strong, and plays for Coast, the top club volleyball team in Southern California. She is a great team player and is used to playing at a high level."

Nicole Ball of Vista del Lago High School, led the Capital Athletic League in hitting percentage, blocks and kill percentage in 2016. The 6-foot

3-inch middle blocker totaled a .354 hitting percentage and 33 career aces.

Ball was team captain in 2016 and earned All-Capital League honors. She played for the Northern California Volleyball Club.

"Nicole is long, physical and light on her feet," Buchanan said. "I have watched her over the last few years and I am excited about her continued growth and athletic ability."

Reece Carman spent the 2016 season playing for Boise State. The 6-foot 4-inch outside/middle hitter totaled 38 kills and 11 blocks in 35 sets. She recorded a season-high 11 kills with the Bronco's 3-0 over Abilene Christian.

Carman transferred to Idaho in October and took a redshirt.

She was a three-year varsity player at Walla Walla High School and captained the team as a senior in 2014. During summer 2013, Carman played on the USA Continental Team for USA Volleyball in Florida against international teams.

"She is a competitive player who plays high above the net and moves extremely well for a long player," Buchanan said. "She is a fast learner, great teammate and has been an outstanding addition to our program."

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Rachel Mills



Nicole Ball



Reece Carman

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Junior small forward Jordan Scott drives into the paint Wednesday in Pullman.

Cougars pounce Vandals

Poor shooting and lack of post presence hurt Idaho Wednesday

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Emotions ran hot during Wednesday's Battle of the Palouse game between Idaho and the Washington State men's basketball team.

Sharpshooting from the Cougars made the difference in

the 272nd rivalry game, as Idaho's shooting skills dropped cold. The Vandals (4-4) fell 61-48 at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman.

"They came out with a lot of energy, I thought we did too though," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "They played well from the opening tip and we could never get close to them."

Senior guard Perrion Callandret missed his sixth consecutive game with a bone bruise in his right knee. Washington State center Conor Clifford's strong

presence in the paint brought the Cougars (5-4) to an early 21-5 lead. Clifford used his 7-foot frame to box out defenders and score eight points in the first half.

Idaho struggled from the field, shooting 2-of-18 in the first period. Junior guard Victor Sanders connected on a pair of deep 3-pointers to help the Vandals claw back into contention.

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Idaho men's basketball schedule through winter break



at South Dakota State
6 p.m. Dec. 10



Northwest Nazarene
5 p.m. Dec. 17



at Stanford
7:30 p.m. Dec. 22



Eastern Washington
7 p.m. Dec. 30



Montana
7 p.m. Jan. 5



Montana State
7 p.m. Jan. 7



at Weber State
6 p.m. Jan. 12

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Meet the new kids

Get to know the five additions to the Idaho men's basketball team

Mihaela Karst
Argonaut



Chance Garvin

Age: 18
Year: Freshman
Major: Exercise Science
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite warm-up song: anything by Drake
If you could have any pet in the world: Dog
Celebrity crush: Selena Gomez
Favorite Kardashian: Kim
If you could play any other sport: Baseball



Tyler Brimhall

Age: 19
Year: Freshman
Major: Broadcasting and Digital Media
Favorite color: Red
Favorite warm-up song: "Jumpman" by Drake and Future
If you could have any pet in the world: Husky
Celebrity crush: Jessica Alba
Favorite Kardashian: Khloe
If you could play any other sport: Football



Brayon Blake

Age: 21
Year: Junior
Major: General Studies
Favorite color: Red
Favorite warm-up song: "First 48" by Jadakiss
If you could have any pet in the world: Iguana
Celebrity crush: Angelina Jolie
Favorite Kardashian: None
If you could play any other sport: Football



Trevon Allen

Age: 18
Year: Freshman
Major: Exercise Science
Favorite color: Red
Favorite warm-up song: anything by Future
If you could have any pet in the world: Lion
Celebrity crush: "Queen B" Beyoncé
Favorite Kardashian: Kim
If you could play any other sport: Football



Myles Franklin

Age: 20
Year: Freshman
Major: Advertising
Favorite color: Black
Favorite warm-up song: anything by Migos
If you could have any pet in the world: Monkey
Celebrity crush: Beyoncé
Favorite Kardashian: Kendall
If you could play any other sport: Track & Field

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Ruiying Wang

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Lu Ding
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Feng Guan
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Zhiwei You
Jingyu Tong

History

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2 p.m.
Dec. 17



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MEN'S TENNIS

Getting by with a little help

Felipe Fonesca found more than a team in Moscow

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

For most Americans, Brazil seems like a far-off vacation destination, filled to the brim with exotic rainforests, smooth sand beaches and a non-stop party atmosphere.

But there is much more to the country than the images broadcast during the 2016 Rio Olympics. Brazil's rich culture expands beyond the forests and coastline, enriching every inch of the world's fifth largest country.

That is why Idaho junior tennis player Felipe Fonesca is proud to call Brazil his home.

Fonesca came to Idaho from Curitiba, Brazil, in 2014.

"It is a really different country," Fonesca said. "I lived in a really good city near the beach. I miss being in that environment."

Fonesca said his favorite food from his hometown is picanha, a type of barbecued meat. Even though his favorite dishes are hard to find in Moscow, Fonesca said hamburgers have become his favorite alternative.

When Fonesca arrived in Moscow to begin his college career, he was the youngest player on the team at 17. He looked to older teammates for leadership.

"During my freshman year, we had a lot of seniors, but that was really helpful because they helped me a lot," Fonesca said.

Fonesca quickly evolved into a high-caliber player capable of staying competitive against older opponents.

During his freshman year, he went 31-11, tying the school record for most wins in singles competition.

Idaho head coach Abid Akbar, who was an assistant coach during Fonesca's early years, saw the potential in the young player.

"Even when he came as a freshman, he was playing at the top of the lineup," Akbar said.

Akbar recognized that there is much more to Fonesca, despite his small stature.

"He's not the biggest guy, he's not the

most intimidating guy and he's not the strongest guy. His mind is his strongest muscle," Akbar said.

Fonesca proved his value to the Vandals during his first two years on the team. As a sophomore, he finished 10-1 against Big Sky opponents.

The second half of his career at Idaho began with the arrival of a familiar face.

During the offseason, Idaho acquired freshman Carlos Longhi Neto from Louisville. Fonesca could not have been more excited.

Fonesca and Longhi Neto both grew up in Brazil and developed a strong friendship as children.

"I've known him for 10 years. We have played against each other since we were 10 and 11," he said. "We kind of grew up playing against each other, and now we end up here playing for the same college."

Longhi Neto went to school in Sao Paulo, 250 miles away from Curitiba. Despite the distance, the two kept in touch and never turned down a chance to face off in competitions.

"We grew up in different cities, but we get our friendship by playing together," Fonesca said.

For Longhi Neto, the new transition to America has not been easy. The freshman said adjustments to the colder weather and different culture have been eye-opening experiences. Nevertheless, he always has his good friend to help him through, whether that be on the court, in the classroom or at home.

"He's very consistent," Longhi Neto said. "It's very hard to play against him. As a person, he's a very good friend."

Their friendly rivalry is often seen during practice.

Akbar said the duo's banter creates a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere for the other players.

"It's really healthy," Akbar said. "Whenever they're on the court during their sets, I can see it. They're fired up and still talk about their records. As friends, they get along so well. It's really good for them to push each other."

The companionship can be seen after practices. The team chats about who can



Diamond Koloski | Argonaut

Junior Felipe Fonseca came to Idaho from Curitiba, Brazil.

beat who in the FIFA video game and where they should go out to eat over the weekend.

Fonesca has come a long way from his days as the younger player on the court.

At the start of the 2016 fall season, Idaho had no seniors on the roster and six underclassmen, four of which are freshman. Fonesca now plays as one of the most experienced on the team.

He said he tries to emulate the senior leaders from his freshman year.

"Now that I have this experience, I try to do what they did by helping the guys with everything I can to help them feel good about being here," Fonesca said.

Fonesca stays out of the spotlight and is more content with helping his teammates behind the scenes.

Akbar said that he keeps to himself and is not one to get the others fired up before a

game. Instead, he stays focused and lets his game do the talking.

"He's one of the quieter ones," Akbar said. "He's not the most talkative. I'd say he's very passionate about his soccer team. Coming from Brazil, he really gets into arguments when soccer comes up. Otherwise, he's the one who listens and laughs most of the time."

Fonesca said tennis is his greatest passion. The sport gave him a best friend, a clear direction during college and hopefully future career opportunities.


"I want to get a job, especially in the area of tennis," he said. "I really enjoy the sport. Being in this environment is what I want."

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OPINION

Gonzaga glides

The Gonzaga men's basketball team is surpassing pre-season expectations

In September, I advised readers to keep an eye on the Gonzaga men's basketball team.

I'm here to revise my statement — keep both eyes on the Bulldogs.

College basketball fans across the country should provide Gonzaga with their full attention because Coach Mark Few's team has done everything to deserve it.

The program's Cinderella story of years past is but a whisper these days. Currently ranked eighth in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll, Gonzaga holds a comfortable position, so far.

The Bulldogs boast a 9-0 record as of Wednesday, when they all but mopped the floor with Washington. The Zags led by 34 at one point in the game, eventually prevailing with a 98-71 victory.

As per usual, the Kennel was packed. In September, I predicted Gonzaga's big man, Przemek Karnowski, who sat out last season with a back injury, would make all the difference this year. I wasn't wrong, but I also wasn't entirely right. Nigel Williams-Goss and McDonald's All-American Zach Collins have contributed heavily to the team's scoring effort. As far as the defensive end of play, it's undoubtedly a team effort. The hustle plays of Few's legacy are more present than ever.

This team is playing well, and they'll continue doing so, on both ends of the court.

Over the years, Gonzaga's schedule has

featured bigger and bigger names. Easing into conference play won't be easing at all this season, and that's how Few seems to like it.

In the coming days, the Bulldogs will face Akron and Tennessee — both on the road. Pepperdine, Santa Clara and even BYU won't know what hit them when it comes time to face the West Coast Conference's not-so-Cinderella team.

The V Foundation for Cancer Research recently announced teams that will compete in the 2017 Jimmy V Classic: defending national champions Villanova, recent champions UConn, notorious powerhouse Syracuse and none other than Gonzaga. The doubleheader, an effort by ESPN to raise funds for cancer research, is set to take place Dec. 5, 2017.

To be listed among these teams is a testament to the program's growth. The Zags have built a legacy of consistency with a direct payout — 18 straight NCAA tournament appearances — and I'd safely put money down on a 19th straight appearance this year.

Being invited to the Jimmy V Classic is a nod to Few, his program and his ever-improving team.

I'll be enjoying my holiday break beside my Christmas tree, lounging in my pajamas and happily cheering on my Bulldogs. I know most of the Pacific Northwest will be.

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WOMEN'S GOLF



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Amy Hasenoehrl chose Idaho because of its proximity to Lewiston, her hometown.

Local lifestyle

Amy Hasenoehrl hopes to stay close to home after graduation

Mihaela Karst
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It was the final round of the Idaho State Tournament, and Amy Hasenoehrl — then a senior in high school — stood five strokes behind the leader before the final round.

She walked off the course after the final round with a 7-under-par 65 — enough to tie the leader and force a play-off hole.

After sinking a birdie putt in the play-off, Hasenoehrl became a state champion.

Hasenoehrl had a self-proclaimed late start in golf. It began as a hobby, a way to spend time with her father and brother.

In September, Hasenoehrl embarked on her last collegiate season.

She began the quest for a collegiate career during her sophomore year of high school. The first generation college student said she was banking on a scholarship to continue golfing.

Location helped Hasenoehrl make the decision. Growing up in Lewiston, she said her options were slim.

"I knew I wanted to stay close," Hasenoehrl said. "So when I came up here, I really liked it. I like Lisa (Johnson), liked the team, and I liked being close to home."

She said she feared missing important family events, like birthdays, so the ability to visit home whenever was a priority.

Hasenoehrl met Idaho head coach Lisa Johnson the summer before ninth grade.

"She's the hardest worker that I've ever seen in this area," Johnson said. "I knew she wanted to stay close to home, so it was a pretty easy fit for both of us."

Johnson said Hasenoehrl naturally stepped into a leadership position on the team.

"She helps out in a lot of ways, and she's very supportive of the younger players on the team, especially the freshmen," Johnson said.

Hasenoehrl said her mental game has improved the most while at Idaho.

"I play a lot more relaxed and just go out and have fun every time I play," Hasenoehrl said.

Johnson said she believes Hasenoehrl is capable of winning a spring tournament.

"I want to see her continue to believe in herself and focus on playing relaxed golf and the process instead of getting to caught up in the outcome," Johnson said. "She knows she only has six months left, so she might as well go out and have some fun and enjoy it."

Johnson said Hasenoehrl has a consistent demeanor on the course.

"As long as Amy is in a good place before the round mentally, you know you can count on her to shoot a low score," Johnson said.

In addition to her mental strength, Johnson said Hasenoehrl's personality makes her the perfect sportsman.

"She's very fun to play with—all of her teammates and competitors enjoy playing with her because she's just very nice," Johnson said. "She believes that you should treat everyone with respect and that's extremely important to her when she's playing golf. So she's very well liked."

Hasenoehrl said she doesn't know what direction she'll take her public relations degree, but she knows staying close to home is at the top of her priorities.

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FOOTBALL

Vandals go bowling

The Vandals look to repeat history in their first bowl game since 2009

Brandon Hill
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Every gold-blooded Vandal remembers the play.

With Bowling Green leading 42-41 following a Vandal touchdown, former Idaho head coach Rob Akey sent out his offense for a two-point conversion. Quarterback Nathan Enderle went through his reads and fired to receiver Preston Davis in the back of the end zone.

The risky call and impeccable execution earned Idaho the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl victory.

Seven years later, a new generation of Vandals has a chance to repeat history.

Idaho takes on Colorado State in the 20th annual Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Dec. 22.

Alberstons Stadium in Boise will host Idaho's first nationally televised game of the 2016 season. This will be Idaho's first bowl appearance since 2009.

"I think it's a great accomplishment," Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said. "It's just a whole bunch of hard work and everybody coming together and fulfilling the dream."

If the Vandals want to hang another banner in the Kibbie Dome, they must fight past a tough Colorado State team. Colorado's (7-5, 5-3) season was filled with close losses and unexpected blowout wins. In week eight, Colorado State kept toe-to-toe with No. 15 Boise State. The Rams outscored the Broncos 20-7 in the fourth quarter but came five points short of an upset win.

The Rams turned heads in their final game of the season by rolling over San Diego State 63-31. The Aztecs went on to win the Mountain West Championship a week later. The Rams put up 42 points in the first half and held San Diego State to seven in the second.

"They're a good football team, they're physical," Petrino said. "I think they really improved as the year went on."

Petrino said the Rams use a dual-running back system that can be tough to defend. Colorado running backs Dalyn Dawkins and Izzy Mathews lead the running game for the Rams with a combined 1,506 yards and 15 touchdowns on the season. The two split the load against San Diego State with over 100 yards apiece.

Petrino has a personal connection to Dawkins. The running back's younger brother played little league football and baseball with Petrino's son, freshman quarterback Mason Petrino.

The strong ground game opened oppor-

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Paul Petrino

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Sophomore linebacker Tony Lashley
Senior tight end Trent Cowan
Junior offensive lineman Jordan Rose
Sophomore linebacker Kaden Ellis

tunities for quarterback Nick Stevens to hit receivers down field. Stevens has 1,491 yards and 14 touchdowns on the year with three interceptions. By comparison, Idaho junior quarterback Matt Linehan has thrown 2,803 yards this season, but has been intercepted 10 times.

The Idaho defense, which generated seven turnovers against Georgia State, will look to its playmakers known for disrupting offenses.

"They have a really explosive offense," sophomore linebacker Tony Lashley said. "So now, we just take this time and gather what we need to do to work hard and get ready for this game."

Lashley led in tackles against Georgia State and senior cornerback Jayshawn Jordan recorded the most takeaways.

"With our fourth straight win, we've got the ball rolling, the confidence is up, and the energy level around here is great," Jordan said.

Boise houses many Vandal fans that do not usually get to see Idaho play in person.

"We knew playing in Boise, we would have a lot of people come out and support us," Lashley said. "I was very happy to hear we were playing in Boise."

Despite participating in an in-state bowl, the players said they were grateful for the chance to make a post-season appearance.

Petrino, who has experienced multiple bowl games against other teams, said there is a single factor that determines the outcome.

"The team that's most excited to be in the game wins," he said.

Idaho kicks off against Colorado State 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at Albertsons Stadium in Boise.

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FOOTBALL

Leading the way

Trent Cowan hopes to suit up for the NFL in the future

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Football is family. Teammates share a special bond — a bond that people outside the locker room cannot begin to fathom.

For senior tight end Trent Cowan, Idaho — and football — is in his blood.

Donning the silver and gold is a family affair for Cowan. His brother, Bobby Cowan, spent time at Idaho as a punter and set the record for career punting yards with 11,570.

"In my first year, he was helping (Austin) Rehkow out with punting," Trent said. "So, my first year on campus, he was here and I definitely think he helped me with that transition. I really leaned on him."

Trent's brother is not his only Vandal relative. His parents, aunts, uncles and cousins all found their way to Moscow. He watched Bobby play for Idaho growing up, which made his decision to attend easier.

"It definitely made me want to put on the Vandal uniform," he said.

Trent played wide receiver at Camas High School in Washington. His thinner build meant he spent most of his time on the outside catching passes instead of blocking.

After strength training at Idaho, Trent gained enough mass to transition to tight end. He said his training increased his strength without compromising his speed.

During his freshman campaign, Trent caught a glimpse of his future as a Vandal with two receptions for 40 yards.

As a sophomore, he saw limited action as a receiver, but recorded tackles on the special teams unit.

It wasn't until 2015 that Trent began to show off his talents. He caught 48 passes for 624 yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 13 yards a catch.

Trent said his junior year was special, thanks to one moment.

Down 13-7, Idaho was trying to reach the end zone before the half against Louisiana-Monroe. On second down, then sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan threw a bomb 36 yards to the end of the field. Trent was there to haul it in for a touchdown, putting the Vandals up 13-10 with seven seconds left.

"Scoring that touchdown right before the half, I'll probably always remember that," Trent said.

The season left Trent with a rising career and a new friend in Linehan.

"We are really good buddies," Trent said. "He trusts me and I really trust him. I think it helps having that chemistry on the football field, and it's nice after a game and after a win just hanging out."

The chemistry is evident this year. In 11 games, Trent caught 43 balls from Linehan for 517 yards and five touchdowns.



Idaho vs. Colorado State
4 p.m. Dec. 22
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"We've really gone through the grind together," Linehan said. "We've done everything together for the last couple years."

Trent said his career success is helped in part by the relationships forged with coaches.

"I feel I've got to owe a lot of my success to my coaches," he said. "They have really helped me better myself with my technique and just growing stronger and faster."

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino is one of Trent's mentors.

"There's a lot of trust between Petrino and I. He's really a great guy and a great coach," Trent said.

"What he has done for the Idaho program, you can't really put into words. The job that he has done is second to none. Honestly, I don't know if another coach could do it."

Petrino said he will miss Trent and the dynamic he has created with fellow senior tight end Deon Watson.

"They're both really talented kids and we use them in a lot of different ways," Petrino said. "As the years went on, more and more people tried to double Trent."

When it comes to locker room inspiration, Trent keeps to himself. He describes himself as shy, not looking for the spotlight.

He said he leaves the inspirational speeches to the other team leaders, like Linehan and senior defensive lineman Tuani Lupeamanu.

Trent said he has an added responsibility this year — helping the younger tight ends that will start next year.

Trent has set his sights on the National Football League. Trent said he wishes to get a call from an NFL team, preferably the Arizona Cardinals.

Until then, Trent is focused on helping the team practice for the upcoming bowl game, he said.

"My favorite memory as a Vandal hasn't happened yet, because it's going to be that bowl game," Trent said. "What I'm going to miss most is being around all the guys. The football players, athletes from other sports and just the people of Moscow."

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COMMENTARY

Missing the magic

The Idaho men's basketball team lost the fire in the Battle of the Palouse

The Idaho men's basketball team that stepped onto the court against Washington State Wednesday night was not the team that I've seen in the past.

Sloppy mistakes littered the floor — all easily correctable. The team's chemistry on the court was not on point.

I thought the game would have had a tighter ending, comparing the box scores.

With the Vandals' 26 percent from the field paled in comparison to the Cougars' 39 percent, Idaho dominated the boards. But, the Vandals collected 42 rebounds compared to Washington State's 40.

Idaho junior Victor Sanders led both teams in scoring with 18 points. Idaho's bench outscored Washington State's 19-7. Idaho outscored Washington State in the paint 22-18, and led the floor in steals 10-3.

So how did Idaho end its streak against Washington State?

There was no rhythm on the floor, and once again the Vandals suffered from communication failures.

For instance, in the first half, junior Brayon Blake collected a rebound and searched frantically for an outlet

down the court.

Spotting Sanders on the perimeter, Blake made the pass — only to find it bouncing off Sander's heel as he booked it down the floor, unaware of Blake's pass.

This led to a turnover, which led to a foul, a drained Cougar free throw and an extended lead.

Idaho had 14 total turnovers, following a growing trend, and experienced foul trouble throughout the game. Blake and Sanders both earned four personal fouls by the end of the game to contribute to the team's 21 total.

All of this caused a disconnect on the floor, something that has plagued the Vandals in the last couple weeks.

At the beginning of the season, I thought Blake filled the role of communicator on the court. He took charge from the start, and the team seemed to follow suit.

But now, I'm not so sure. While Blake may be the most talkative man on the floor, he may not be what the Vandals need to start stitching everything together.

They have the skills — the team just needs a little push to reach its full potential.

Luckily, there is still time for the Vandals to get their affairs in order before taking on Big Sky opponents.

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COUGARS

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The Cougars led 36-25 at the break.

"We just missed a bunch of shots," Verlin said. "Their defense and their size really bothered us around the basket."

Clifford and senior forward Josh Hawkins combined for 17 points and eight rebounds for the Cougars in the first half. Sanders led Idaho with six points and two rebounds.

"I noticed a lot of energy from within our teammates, and we also had a good showing from the crowd tonight," Hawkins said. "A lot of WSU fans came out and Idaho fans came across the border. It was a fun atmosphere, and it was fun to see a lot of fans supporting us."

The Vandals used a half-court press to slow the quick Cougar offense in the opening minutes of the second period.

Cougar guard Ike Iroegbu regained momentum as he drilled a shot and extended Washington State's lead 42-28.

"You never know which player is going to step up for us and lead us in scoring," Hawkins said. "I think that's what's going to make us a threat to other teams."

Sanders provided a spark for Idaho by scoring 12 of his 18 points in the second half,

but the effort wasn't enough.

Washington State pulled away for the 61-48 victory.

"It seems like when the emotion is there and their spirit is tapped into, they play at a different level," Washington State head coach Ernie Kent said.

Iroegbu finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. Hawkins tallied a double-double with 11 points and 11 assists.

Kent joined Verlin on the Idaho bench for the opening tipoff as part of a Coaches vs. Cancer auction package purchased in September.

"(Cancer) has been beaten all over the country by some wonderful individuals, but there's still help that needs to be done, and that was the purpose of the moment of sitting on that bench," Kent said. "Nothing more than that. Not about me, not about Coach (Verlin). It was about cancer and bringing the recognition to it, and we had an opportunity to do it."

The Vandals return to the court for a road meeting with South Dakota State 5 p.m. Saturday in Brookings.

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MOORE

FROM PAGE B1

She is currently applying to nursing school and hopes to begin classes in the summer.

For now, she is saying goodbye to soccer.

"It's hard because soccer has been such a huge part of my life, so now all of a sudden I'm transitioning on to the real world and life without it," she said. "It's a bittersweet moment."

Still, Moore is ready to move on.

"It's kind of nice to be able to be like, 'OK, I'm going to work hard for this now,' and put my full efforts into something else," she said. "It's always been divided, like soccer and school. Now I can be like, 'OK, I'm going to focus on school and be my very best off the field just like I was on the field.'"

Maybe, Moore said, she'll acquire some new hobbies.

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OPINION

Adapting each system

Jimmie Johnson is in my top-five greats, but not my top-three

Love him or hate him, Jimmie Johnson is now a seven-time NASCAR champion. He's tied with two of the greatest drivers in the sport, Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty.

Johnson won his seventh title in his 16th season after winning the Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway Nov. 20 and there are no signs of slowing down.

The question is where Johnson ranks among NASCAR greatest legends.

Johnson barely makes my top five because of the competition seen this decade.

The other two seven-time champions

were up against tough competition. The championship rewarded the best all-around driver and each race mattered to a driver's point count.

Some fans would say this is NASCAR's least competitive era because of gimmicks and sandbagging until the end of the season.

Johnson adapted to the changes and adapted well.

Johnson came in after Earnhardt's death 15 years ago. Four-time champion Jeff Gordon told his boss, Rick Hendrick, Johnson is a force to be reckoned with.

Before joining the premier series, Johnson only won a Xfinity Series once, barely led laps and finished eighth.

Once Johnson strapped in the highest level, he changed NASCAR.

Johnson's dominance peaked in 2004

after two stellar seasons.

The No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet ruled at Dover and Charlotte.

Johnson's strongest suit has been the controversial Chase for the Cup, a playoff format used in the last ten races to determine a champion.

Since its debut in 2004, 29 of Johnson's 80 wins came in the Chase. Fans know when he gets going in the closing stages of the season, it's over.

Fans have criticized the Chase for the Cup format because it rewards the best driver of the last ten races instead of 36.

Outside the playoff format, Johnson scored the most championship points three times (2006, 2009 and 2013).

Gordon would've been a seven-time champion by scoring more points than any other driver in 2004, 2007 and 2014.

For years, information like this made

me hate Johnson because consistency didn't matter.

After Johnson won his sixth title three years ago, I realized Johnson couldn't be stopped.

If a race team is strong every season and maintains key members, it shows fans they have everything together.

No matter the format changes, the No. 48 team continues to be competitive.

With Gordon and Tony Stewart retired, Johnson is the only driver with enough star power to remain a championship contender.

Johnson is now on a quest of being the most successful NASCAR driver and earn his eighth championship. He may be the last driver to make history.

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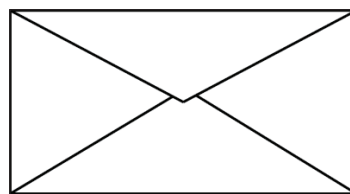
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OUR VIEW

Vandals represent

Vandals should stay safe over break, represent their university with respect and compassion

The upcoming winter break gives students ample opportunity to relax, travel and have fun, but University of Idaho students should make sure to stay safe and smart while on vacation.

The Pacific Northwest can be a hazardous place to drive in winter, especially when it comes to multi-hour road trips. A driver's first priority should be safety, not speed.

Idaho's "Arrive Alive" campaign got its name for a reason. The most common issue is when someone doesn't allow themselves extra time and then they force risky driving decisions to try and arrive on schedule.

Ice and snow will slow drivers down and UI students have to accept the fact that they won't set any record times driving home for break. The Idaho and Washington Department of Transportation websites are routinely

updated with road and weather conditions that can help students plan ahead for inclement weather.

Once students are off the road, they'll likely have plenty of time to relax or party it up over break. Staying safe then is important too, just as it is all year. Just because someone doesn't have class for a week doesn't make alcohol poisoning any more enjoyable.

Many UI students will spend their break far from Moscow, which means they will be surrounded by people who aren't Vandals. Students represent the university whether they're wearing Idaho gear or not, and people will draw conclusions about UI based on the actions of those students. Make sure to represent UI as the respectful, compassionate university it is.

This is especially important during the Dec. 22 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Albertsons Stadium. Boise State University doesn't usually interact with Vandals, let alone the thousands that will show up for the football game. This is an opportunity for Idaho



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students, alums and families to demonstrate the true Vandal spirit and dispel any misconceptions of nastiness and inebriation BSU folks may have.

UI has been quiet in Southern Idaho in recent years. Rarely do the athletic teams compete and the universities rarely collaborate. This is a chance to market UI to Boise area and remind folks of the world-class education they can receive here. The Potato Bowl is also being broadcast nationally on ESPN and will be the only bowl game that day, which means UI will reach a massive nationwide audience. Vandals can show the country what makes this community great.

Wherever a student goes for break, they should be safe and smart. Don't die, don't start any fights on the football field and please, represent this wonderful university with class and showcase who the Vandals really are.

— JO

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Hi Mom

Thank you for your continued support throughout the years. I appreciate you making the six-hour drive to Moscow this weekend for the award ceremony.

— Josh

Goodbye

It was a strange ride but wherever I go in life, I'll prove the haters wrong. Godfather out.

— Luis

2016

It's been real. I can't say it's been fun. But somehow I suppose it could've been worse.

— Erin

Adventurous

Go out there and try ketchup on your mashed potatoes. Live a little for once.

— Griff

Being adventurous

While you're at it, might as well pick up some chicken claws and deep fry them in beer batter. Live a little.

— Claire

Pinch me, I'm dreaming

The Vandal football team is going to a bowl game, and they're taking the marching band. It's really a dream come true to see this group I've cheered so hard for find such success and to be able to follow them to the end.

— Jack

Ballin'

I'm thrilled to announce I've taken a corporate communications internship with the Charlotte Hornets for the spring semester. My boss is friends with Kemba Walker. Is this real?

— Tess

The little things

The only thing pushing me through this week is knowing that I'll have some time to read for fun again. Does anyone remember what that feels like?

— Hailey

2017

Despite this crazy year, Moscow remains a strong community — if not even more connected. Let's continue connecting between differences and finding commonalities into next year.

— Catherine

Finishing strong

Need to remind myself to finish off the semester on a high note instead of sleeping through class.

— Mihaela

Procrastination isn't just a school problem

I have three Ugly Christmas Sweater parties this weekend and I still have to find the one sweater that can work for them all.

— Diamond

New Year, new me

I am going to spend this break focusing on the positives in life and what makes me happy. There is no better way to ring in the new year.

— Tea

Closing shop

As the semester wraps up, I realize I forgot how to breathe as the burdens of school fall off going into finals week. Here's to nothing but memorization and regurgitation until break.

— Kevin

Silver lining

2016 wasn't the greatest year, but it sure is a fascinating time to be journalist.

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No-restraint Nicholas

Despite celebrity status, Santa Claus continues questionable business practices

Every December, children across the globe spend Christmas Eve laying in bed while anxiously waiting on an impending visit from Santa Claus.

These kids sneak out of their bedrooms to sit by the tinsel-covered tree in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the infamous red suit or hear the sound of reindeer hooves on the roof.

Claus is an international icon and mythical figure known in various cultures by a wide variety of names — Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle and Father Christmas. He developed an electrifying persona as perhaps the biggest celebrity in all of human history and boasts a popularity status that is unparalleled by any entertainer.

With the establishment of Claus' position as a cultural icon, people need to ask themselves an important question: Who is the man

under the crimson suit?

To approach this question, a person should first conduct a thorough review of Claus from a professional standpoint. He routinely demonstrates irresponsible business behavior, like allowing an inexperienced employee to guide international flight operations because of a physical oddity. His organization also experiences a fourth-quarter profit loss every year because of exorbitant expenses for toy products and heating bills in frigid conditions.

Another eye-raising concern is his treatment of employees. Although Claus boasts an immense workforce, nearly all of these individuals are hired into unpaid internships in an effort to cut costs around the workshop.

The holiday figure's omnipresence and ability to watch children while they sleep raises an additional cause for concern, not to mention his possession of a list containing names and addresses of the "naughtiest" individuals in society. Claus also endorses a lifestyle of obe-

sity during the holiday season through the promotion of peppermint candy and sugary chocolate drinks. He is well-known for gobbling down cookies at an unprecedented pace during Christmas Eve, resulting in a large protruding belly that cannot be hid underneath an XXXL red coat.

But perhaps Claus' most egregious sin is his decision to commit an immeasurable number of felonies every December.

Instead of seeking permission to enter households across the globe, he instead slinks in via the chimney and creeps through the kitchen in search of food to pacify his insatiable hunger for sweets.

Although Claus' gift-giving intentions appear good-natured, his business actions leave a number of unanswered and alarming questions. With the holidays quickly approaching, are you going to feel comfortable letting this man lurk about your home?

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On the road again

Christmas break is around the corner and it's time to drive home safely

All drivers are guilty. Guilty of not using the blinker while changing lanes, cutting off a car or driving past a red light.

The ultimate nemesis: parallel parking awkwardly and hitting the curb with the rear tire — or another vehicle.

Drivers come in a variety of packages — slow drivers who don't want to add anxiety to their day by rushing to a destination, fast drivers living on the edge and enjoying the ride and in between this spectrum are typical drivers.

I lean more toward a speeder, changing lanes and saving myself a whole two seconds. However, I've learned to let off the gas pedal rather than obsess about getting somewhere in a timely manner.

It's hard to focus on post-finals while my mind is completely engrossed in projects, studying and tests, but most students are ready to drive home to enjoy Christmas break.

Before hitting the road, here are a few tips to make the trip home easier.

Basics

Before starting that ignition, basic equipment like a scraper, a car jack and a mini tool kit can be lifesavers.

My friend's Ford Fusion tire flattened on the loneliest road — Highway 50. He forgot to bring his car jack on the trip. We ended up hitching a ride to a town to buy a car jack. Needless to say, my friend drives around with two car jacks now.

Winter basics

Winter is a different creature, where every vehicle becomes the enemy as roads become slippery. Bring along some comforts and precautionary items such as a first-aid kit, mini tool box, blanket, tire chains and cat litter. Cat litter or sand bags are important because tires can easily become stuck and make a car immobile.

Four inches of snow trapped my sedan right alongside a street. The powder was beautiful but the ultimate enemy to my punctuality. A neighbor came to help — I swear he was from "Baywatch" or something — who turned out to be a fireman. The car failed to budge so the fireman ran into his house and

came out with cat litter. I was puzzled until he placed the cat litter under the tire and drove my vehicle out of the pothole. #hotguyrescue

Prepping for a road trip

Until self-driving cars come around, there are extra precautions to take before driving. Make sure your car is packed and ready. Think of this equipment as a survival kit for the apocalypse when the tire decides to deflate.

Check that the windshield wipers work flawlessly, with no clump of leaves or ice build-up. The biggest pain while driving is realizing the windshield wipers are only contributing to blindness.

Have a "designated-texter," a friend to text family that the road trip has commenced and to update them along the way.

Check headlights, brights and blinkers. It would be bad if the headlights went out during a road trip at night and only your brights are working. Also, turn your brights off when there's oncoming traffic. Don't be a dick.

Finally, turn the engine over and wait until it is 1,000 RPM's or below. Once the engine quiets down, fill it up with gasoline and check tire pressure and treads. Cold weather usually releases air from tires, so it is likely that air has escaped.

Road trip

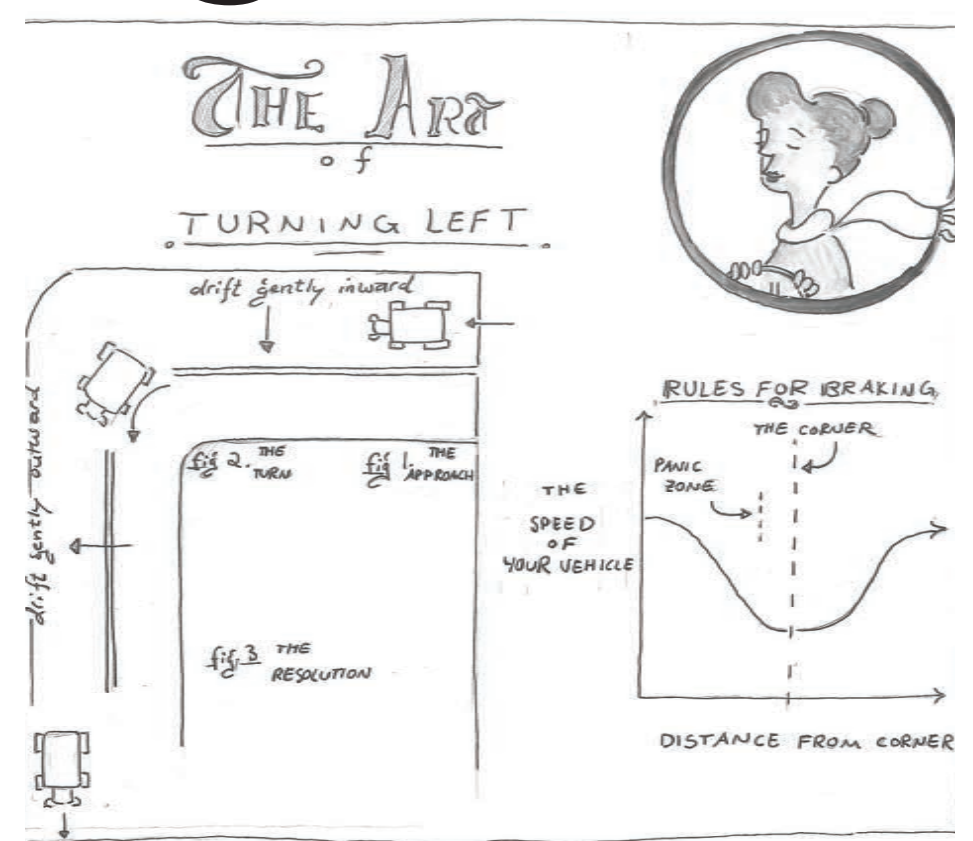
Once bags, car equipment, friends and junk food are in the car, it's time to hit the road and sing some Christmas tunes.

Tragically, the weather seems to know when I travel. So, keep in mind these driving techniques when dealing with the winter monster.

You are better off driving like a senior — drive cautiously and keep a little extra distance between vehicles.

If a driver only remembers one thing, it's that the brakes aren't their friend — specifically in a front-wheel drive vehicle. When roads are clear, brakes are good tools. But when roads are icy, braking can cause accidents.

As a friend was driving past Logan, Utah, through a mountain pass, a blizzard began dumping snow. We took a corner, she pressed on the brakes and the car slid to the edge of the road on a cliff. Her car was only



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three feet from the edge.

Instead of pressing the brakes at a road corner lightly apply them before turning, and gently press the gas, maintaining a cautious speed.

Know if there are lower gear options in an automatic. Some standard automatics have a second or first gear. If a driver loses traction or control of the vehicle, try shifting it into a lower gear. Change gears at the right speed, which means changing to second gear when driving 30 miles per hour or slower. Don't shift to second if you're going 55 mph.

This is an ideal technique when driving on a slippery corner.

Driving rough roads

As the road snakes through a mountain pass, practice straightening out the road. There is a specific way to drive around a corner. Take for instance a driver is about to turn left, closely lean the car toward the outer side of the lane — if you need to slow down, press the

brake before turning the wheel and turn the car into the center, painted line. As the car comes out of the corner, let the vehicle lean to the outer lane again. This technique gives the driver more control and better traction while driving.

Donuts

If a driver loses control of the car on ice, steadily straighten the vehicle out lightly pressing the gas. Do not over correct by sharply turning the wheel or hard pressing the gas or brakes. This can cause further loss in traction.

Don't rush. Enjoy the trip home. Bring friends or family along, pick out a favorite playlist or listen to a book on tape. Trips can be stressful and annoying, but I've made some of the best memories on road trips. So get the gang together, pop in some music and hit the road.

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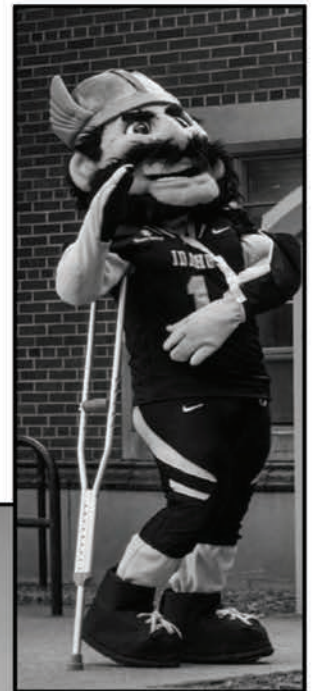
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Ice isn't nice

Moscow and UI could do more to prevent icy roads

I drive a three-quarter ton, four-wheel drive, diesel pick-up truck.

My pick-up isn't huge, but a person who drives a mid-sized car usually thinks it's pretty big.

During the winter, I am one of those scrooges that complains about the snow. It's not that I don't like the snow — in fact, winter is one of my favorite times of year. I don't like it because I drive a truck. I get comments from friends saying things like well you drive a big truck, you're fine in the snow. Maybe in other places, but not in Moscow.

Yeah I have four-wheel drive and it's heavy, but both of those things aren't going to help here on the Palouse.

I spent half my life in a very small town in Southern Idaho. There were some winters where the snow drifts were so big, that the entire front side of our one-story house would be covered.

Still, the bus was in front of my house at 7:20 a.m. because the roads were plowed by 4 a.m. and if it was snowing all day, they continued to plow.

So regardless of the ridiculous amounts of snow that covered my front door, driving anywhere was never a problem. I didn't realize that driving in the snow was a problem until I moved to Western Washington and when it snows there, people actually forget how to drive their cars. I may have the means to drive in the snow but I avoid going anywhere when it snows in Western Washington. The stereotypes are real — and Washington drivers aren't great

to begin with. Imagine them in the snow. Western Washington has the same problem as Moscow. They don't plow soon enough, don't own more than two plows and anyone that owns four-wheel drive assumes they are invincible in the snow.

The main problem in Moscow is they don't plow until 8-9 a.m. after people have slid their way to work. Also, if Moscow has real snow plows, I'm not sure I've ever actually seen one. I only see about two little trucks with a small plow on the front that doesn't even clear the entire road and because they don't clear the entire road, Moscow residents and University of Idaho students get the pleasure of driving on ice.

The problem isn't the snow. The problem is the ice that covers apartment parking lots, UI's parking lots, all of the small streets with less traffic and any place that doesn't get sun during the day. Due to this, the extremely impatient drivers think they can drive in the snow, and end up causing an accident.

Stopping body weight from sliding on ice is impossible, think about stopping a three-quarter ton pick-up on a nice sheet of ice. It's not as funny as watching someone fall and eat the pavement.

Obviously snow equals ice, that's the cold reality of winter. I know three people that have had their car hit this week and it only snowed just over an inch on Monday.

I just think that Moscow and UI could do a better job with plowing the roads and parking lots and taking better precautions to avoid ice as much as possible. Ice causes accidents and no one wants to be in an accident right before Christmas.

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Campus reality

After my first semester, I've discovered realities no one prepared me to face

Before arriving in tiny hand-me-down cars packed with random crap that probably wasn't necessary, students are gifted with the images painted by older siblings, parents and that one teacher who still wears his university sweatshirt everyday.

"It'll be the best four years of your life," they said, and it probably will be. But as we take these wobbling steps into our independent lives, students first have to learn how to grasp all of the responsibilities people forgot to mention that come with the life-changing transition into their freshman year of college

Having only one semester under my belt, I'm sure plenty of people would agree that college is not exactly what was anticipated.

It can become a tug of war with oneself. Do I do what I am expected to do as a college student, like go out to parties every weekend and drink my body weight in cheap, sugary liquor, do a keg stand and inhale four pizzas a day?

Or do I do what I know I need to do? Study for that test. Get the sleep I have lost over the week. Do the laundry that has been building itself up like Trump's wall in my closet.

Students were spoon-fed the stereotypes of a college student's behavior, but no one prepared them for the realities.

No one talks about how parties end at 3 a.m. or how I'll wake up one Sunday feeling like I have a month's worth of homework and an email inbox putting the fear of God in me.

But if I had said "no" to going to that party, I would've been the biggest loser to walk this campus as my friends give me disdainful looks.

I personally woke up every day of high school with the reassurance that college was on the other side of this obstacle course. But sitting here with textbooks spilling over the top of my desk and a half-eaten milkshake in hand, I question if I ever left that obstacle course. I think the

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Students are given more than enough rope to hang their own white flags.

arena merely became bigger and the obstacles more difficult to see.

I often wonder as I look at the students around me if we are in the same boat — are they struggling as much as me? Were they fed the same stories? Do they see the same difference that I have found between what I was told and where I am right now? And whoever can give me the same thing that the girl going out every single day of the week and has great grades is having, I'll take two.

And don't start with the movies that portray "college life" — those are about as spot-on as the way fast food restaurants portray hamburgers on their menu.

I can understand that showing students studying themselves to death and making alarms for 10-minute naps may not make for the best movie, and we are just one sad, smashed lettuce-less sandwich away from a lie when it comes to the way college really is versus how movies depict it.

Students are given all of these prerequisites for what college students are supposed to do but unfortunately, none of those actually contribute to their GPA.

When weekends came in high school I stuck to my parents' curfew and hung with a small group of friends who had all known each other since baby teeth fell from their mouths. But now, there is no curfew and every face I see is a new one.

Students are given more than enough rope to hang their own white flags.

I bet college will be the best four years of my life but right now, I'm just trying to make it to Tuesday.

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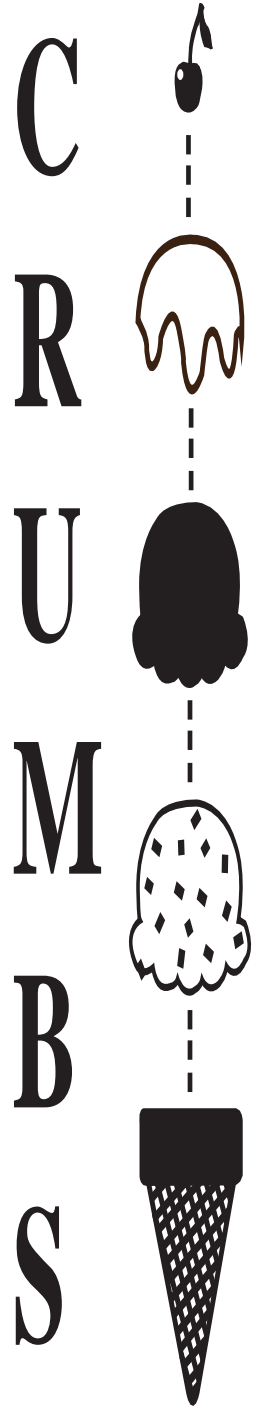
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Blue shows through

The future of the Western U.S. may be bluer than expected

The future of the United States is changing, shifting the scales of how our nation and its resources will be viewed and used.

The Western U.S. has traditionally been a bred and born republican area of the country for most of its history.

The small populations and large swathes of land that were untamable and uninhabitable caused the fledgling states to become overwhelmed in terms of legislation and law-making.

The past two centuries have witnessed the West change and morph slowly into an economic powerhouse with a population that cannot be ignored. The West Coast especially has amassed high-density population centers, changing the way the Western states are legislated.

As cities increase and gain more power over the

rural areas, it looks for places to escape the concrete jungle. Large national parks, national forests, reserves and preserves close to urban centers serve an excellent chance to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.



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The public lands that are used by so many are protected and preserved federally — however, it's not free. The services that need to happen cost large amounts of money, time, resources and people to implement proper planning and management.

These services are paid for with citizens' tax dollars, along with many other public services across the nation. The more Republican a state tends to lean, there tends to be fewer taxes and therefore less federally funded services throughout the community.

The governing party is about to take the highest office in the land, promising to cut taxes for everyone and cut spending where it's not needed. That could mean that "non-priority" natural resource funding could be out the window. However,

things could become quite the opposite with an increase in the budget for public lands across the board.

On the other end of the spectrum, Democratic states are accustomed to larger tax programs, and even larger public infrastructure. The more tax money available the more tax-funded programs can do, and that is no different with natural resources and public lands than any U.S. public service.

As people migrate toward large urban centers, especially on the West Coast, the cities become more dependent on public services, and lean more toward the blue end of the scale.

With such a vast population moving west, and so many taking part in the outstanding recreation opportunities in the region, the funding for programs that improve and maintain these opportunities will increase, whether by choice or by necessity.

Time will tell how the future will unfold. The choices that we make now will be the deciding factor of our most extensive resource.

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Easy as zero, one, two

Brink Hall would be less confusing if we started counting from zero

Walking down the stairs from the top floor of Brink Hall, the signs in the stairwell read "3," then "2," then "1," and then "M," then "G," and finally "B."

What?
Why are half the floors letters and the other half numbers? Is the exit on the first floor or the ground floor? What is "M?"

I've gone to my math professor's office hours in Brink Hall six or seven times this semester. Four times, I've had to ask for directions to his office. Once, I accidentally went back outside. And every single time, I've wandered through the building for five minutes before finding the right exit.

Brink will always be a maze, and I will always get lost in it, but there is a simple solution to the problem.

If the first floor was called "1," the ground floor — the zeroeth floor — was called "0," the basement was called "-1," and so on, it would always be crystal clear how far one is from the main entrance.

This system is in place in much of the world, but it hasn't quite caught on in the United States because of a fear of any counting that begins with the number zero.

There are two different ways to count things: cardinally and ordinally. Cardinal counting — one, two, three, four — determines how many things are in a set. It's how people figure out how many milk jugs are in their shopping cart. Ordinal counting — first, second, third — determines what order things go in. It's how people keep track of halves and quarters in football games.

Ordinal counting consistently makes more sense when one includes a zeroeth element.

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Ordinal counting consistently makes more sense when one includes a zeroth element.

It bothers me that 2016 is in the 21st century and not the 20th one. If the calendar included 0 CE instead of jumping straight from 1 BCE to 1 CE, we would have zeroeth century, 2016 would be in the 20th century and the world would make a little more sense.

It bothers me that our clocks run from 1:00 to 12:00 instead of 00:00 to 11:00. If we introduced zero o'clock, each day would begin at a reasonable 00:00 instead of the clumsy 12:00 midnight.

But nothing bothers me more than the confusion in stairwells. No other situation begs quite as desperately for counting to begin at zero and to include negative numbers. Buildings are essentially vertical number lines.

However, unfamiliarity with the idea of counting from zero and discomfort with the word "zeroeth" means that zero masquerades behind letters like "G" for ground floor, or maybe "L" for lobby.

Uneasiness with the idea of negative numbers means that negative floors hide behind names like "basement" and "lower lobby."

It doesn't have to be this way. Changing signs and buttons on elevators is pretty cheap, but meaningful change demands the difficult work of opening minds to the intuitive magic of counting from zero.

Email your congressperson, city council member or ASUI representative. Fight for saner stairwells.

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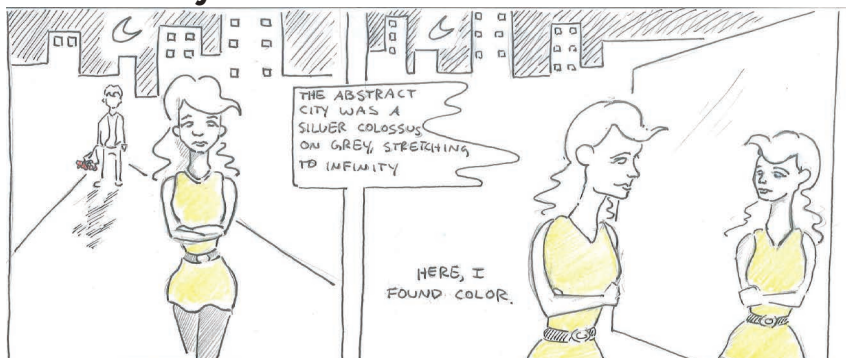


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