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## LGBTQA

# The debate of identities

*“Why Gay Is Not The New Black” lecture sees several perspectives*

**Lyndsie Kiebert**  
Argonaut

University of Idaho student Alanna Engle sat in the second row of the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center Thursday night, ready to hear the words of visiting speaker Voddie Baucham.

She said she came with no expectation as to how she'd feel toward Baucham's message.

“I'm here because this is a really hot topic, and I just want to listen,” Engle said.

That hot topic came in the form of Baucham's lecture, titled “Why Gay Is Not The New Black,” hosted by Moscow's Collegiate Reformed Fellowship. Baucham, currently the dean of seminary at African Christian University in Zambia, spoke to a packed house about the state of homosexuality in the United States and his belief that homosexuality does not operate as an identity in the same way as ethnicity — namely, blackness.

“The argument is that (homosexuality) is an immutable characteristic that is akin to ethnicity,” he said, pointing out that he, as a black man, is visibly black. “Where is the proof that anybody was a gay person, like I am a black person? It doesn't exist.”

Baucham said despite a lack of scientific evidence, many people see homosexuality as an identity in the same way ethnicity is an identity.

“But you can't tell me why,” he said.

Baucham referred to the 1989 book “After the Ball” by Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen, which outlines a three-step process for gay people to overturn homophobia in the United States during the '90s. Baucham outlined the three steps for the audience — desensitizing, jamming and conversion. He said desensitizing meant exposing Americans to homosexuality so much they become accustomed to it, jamming meant associating the anti-gay community with Nazi supporters and the like, while conversion referred to feeding pro-gay propaganda to the media and school system.

“Here's why this conversation is so important. We're told two things that can't both be true,” Baucham said.

First, he said, Christians are told changes need to be made in American politics because homosexuality is an innate characteristic such as ethnicity, and should be treated as such under law.

“That's what we're told on the one hand. And on the other hand we're told, ‘We're not trying to force anything on anybody,’ he said. “And people want us to live in this cognitive dissonance, because the two of these things don't work.”

Baucham said if gayness is equated to blackness, then the way the government enforces laws related to racial discrimination then apply to how it enforces laws on same-sex marriage.

“You don't need a law degree to figure that out,” he said.

Baucham's lecture revolved mainly around same-sex marriage. He said, under past law, he sees himself as having the same marriage rights as a gay man — they are

both allowed to legally marry a woman.

When asked why he felt so strongly that marriage be upheld by courts as an act solely between a man and a woman, Baucham said allowing same-sex marriage opened the door to other forms of marriage seen as “taboo,” such as polygamy and incest.

“We're not just talking about two individuals and what they can do. We're talking about an institution that is thousands of years old,” he said. “When we make decisions like this, we're not just making decisions that people in isolation are going to experience and no one else is going to be affected by. You're not free to not participate in this when this becomes law. This definition changes for everybody.”

The Q&A portion of the night consisted of differing views on scripture translations, people asking for clarification and others asking about the steps to take in defending heterosexual marriage as the rightful form of marriage. Baucham thanked speakers for their participation.

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## WOMEN'S CENTER

# A woman empowered

*UI student directs “The Vagina Monologues”*

**Taryn Hadfield**  
Argonaut

University of Idaho senior Maiya Corral first read “The Vagina Monologues” when she was 12 years old.

“I saw it on my grandma's shelf and I thought, ‘What? That book says vagina on it? What's that?’” Corral said. “I read it cover to cover, like a little secret. I remember being incredibly overwhelmed that someone could write something like that.”

Corral is the director of this year's performance of “The Vagina Monologues,” hosted by the UI Women's Center. “The Vagina Monologues” is a series of monologues about the different perspectives of real women, written by social activist Eve Ensler more than 20 years ago.

Used to spread awareness about gender-based violence, the Women's Center does an annual performance of the play as part of Valentine's Day in February.

Bekah MillerMacPhee, director of programs for the Women's Center, said the purpose of the play is more about

the activism than the appearance of the show. She said the Women's Center was looking for someone who could focus on the mission of the play, and they found that quality in Corral.

“She really embodies the mission of the play,” MillerMacPhee said.

A transfer student from Diablo Valley College in California, Corral is working to obtain a degree in theater arts. Ever since stepping onto the stage for the first time in the second grade, Corral said she always knew theater was her calling and said it was the best way she knew how to give back to the world.

“(Theater) is a way to build communities,” Corral said. “It's a way to bring people together, to take them from behind their television screens and cellphones and bring them into the same room together.”

With years of experience in playwriting, directing and acting, Corral said she decided to transfer to UI because she wanted a program that would allow her to pursue all those things. While attending a college theater festival, she said meeting the people at UI was what really convinced her to transfer.

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## CAMPUS

# Leading from the core

*I Lead to improve students' personal leadership*

**Nina Rydalch**  
Argonaut

I Lead, the first of four in a series of interactive leadership workshops, starts Tuesday.

All four leadership sessions will be available on-demand to any student organization at VandalSync. The workshop will focus on core values, said student engagement coordinator Lysnie Clott.

“Your core values are one of the key foundations to your leadership growth,” Clott said.

The Department of Student Involvement will hold the workshops to develop students' personal leadership skills. Clott said they identified personal rather than interpersonal or societal leadership as the most important.

“You'll always be working with others, but it starts with you first,” Clott said.

The department is offering the opportunity to win a free giveaway at the end of the semester if a student completes all four workshops. Clott, who has about six

years of experience teaching leadership skills, said she will teach the second and fourth workshop while Assistant Director of Student Involvement Katie Dahlinger will teach the first and third. Clott said the three workshops will be held Feb. 28, Mar. 28 and Apr. 25 to focus on identifying strengths, conflict styles and overall leadership style, respectively.

“Leadership isn't something we're trying to change you into, there's not like a typical type or characteristic that's the best leadership style,” Clott said.

She said she hopes to expand the workshops next semester to include another series on group leadership, tentatively called Vandals Lead. She said the two series would run concurrently. Clott said a community leadership series may eventually be available as well. Ultimately, all workshops would be student-run, she said. Clott said when a person develops all three, they can create change.

“It's like dropping a little pebble into water and it ripples out from there,” she said.

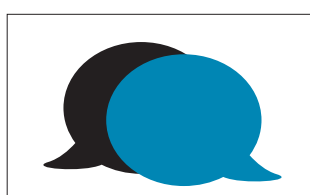
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# A Crumbs recipe

## Peanut butter cereal bites

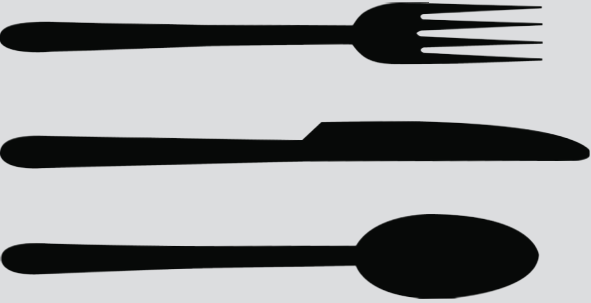
These peanut butter cereal bites are the perfect go-to morning snack for students in a hurry. Make these little bites of crunchy deliciousness on a Sunday evening, and have breakfast and snacks ready to go for the rest of the week.

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- 6 cups of whole grain cheerios
- 1 1/2 cups of crunchy peanut butter
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- 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

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2. Add the honey, cinnamon and vanilla and mix well
3. Pour the cheerios into the bowl and mix everything together until the cheerios are fully coated with the peanut butter mixture
4. Spoon out golf ball sized amounts of the mixture and place on a baking sheet lined with wax paper
5. Let the bites sit to solidify for two hours



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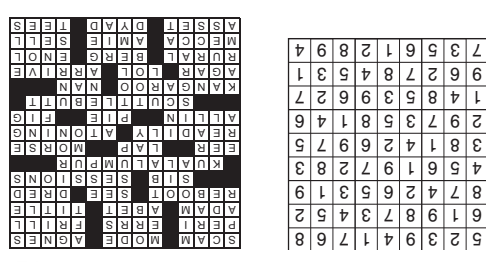
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STUDENTLIFE

# Why he went Red

UI student discusses why he rooted for President Donald Trump

**Olivia Heersink**  
Argonaut

During a period of political labels and polarization, University of Idaho student Justin Marino remains unaffiliated with either of the major U.S. political parties, as both are too self-serving for his taste.

Despite this, Marino voted for Republican candidate Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

"I was a fan of Donald Trump from the beginning ... I am eager to see what he can do," Marino said.

Initially, Marino said he rooted for Trump because of his entertaining nature, but continued to follow the Republican frontrunner because he wasn't the typical candidate.

"Trump isn't a cookie cutter politician ... I can vote for somebody who'd be controlled

by political action committees or vote for somebody who kind of has the freedom to follow their heart and do what they think is best for the country," Marino said.

Marino, like many others, was surprised when Trump won the election because of various predictions by media outlets that showed Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton winning by a large majority.

"I voted for Donald Trump and I was laughing because there was no way he was winning. My perception of the election was a joke," Marino said.

Marino said he remains hopeful for the Trump administration and thinks he will surprise his critics.

"I don't have any preconceived negative feelings towards him," Marino said. "I feel like he can do a good job. He's surrounding himself with decent, smart people, so there's no reason not to be optimistic."

Throughout the next four years, Marino said he hopes to see the economy strengthen as well as the military, but mostly he hopes that Trump can work toward healing the internal conflict within the country and unify everyone.

"Right now, there is so much divisiveness amongst the people, and I think that if we can come together to work past the issues we have regarding one another that the U.S. can actually be made into a better place," Marino said.

Although Marino said he would like to see the people rally together, he understands why people have such a hard time supporting Trump, especially given the unpleasant comments he has made in regard to women, minorities and people with disabilities.

"He is a little bit insensitive to different groups of people in terms of what he says ... I think that, sometimes, he isn't very thoughtful and I do think that oftentimes, he is being misconstrued, but there are those few

times when he has been blatantly offensive with no excuse," Marino said.

Marino said he hopes in time, people can look past the offensive remarks and give Trump a fair chance to lead.

"No matter what Donald Trump has done thus far to offend you or anybody else, he's now the president of the U.S. and until he fails you as your president, give him a fair shot and be open-minded," Marino said.

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DIVERSITY

# Curve hate with training

Stop the Hate training will provide Vandals the opportunity to help reduce hate crimes and bias

**Savannah Cardon**  
Argonaut

Stop the Hate is a training program aimed toward providing education on how to curve hate and bias on the University of Idaho campus.

The program will take place 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Administration Building Room 217. Registration for the training can be done online, although it is not required for attendance. It will be offered for anyone who strives to expand their knowledge on hate crimes.

Providing Vandals with the opportunity to understand what actions to take when confronted with hate and bias is the main purpose of the training.

"It is an educational initiative of Campus Pride, Stop the Hate aims to develop and implement campus-wide strategies to

reduce hate crimes at colleges and universities," said Erin Agidius, director of the Office of Civil Rights and Investigations. "Participants will acquire social justice tools for to recognizing, preventing and combating acts of bias and hate on campus, as well as fostering the development of an inclusive and supportive community."

The training is an introduction and brief overview to determining what Stop the Hate is, its basics and what individuals who want to intervene with hate crimes and biases need to know, Agidius said.

"It's meant to be a precursor to a more full-length training," Agidius said.

The program is intended to train individuals what to do when confronted with these types of biases, Agidius said.

"The goal is for people to understand how they can intervene if possible, if they

experience hate or bias or if they see it happen on campus as a bystander. How they can intervene, what they can do, and how they can report an incident that happens ... we'll have information on reporting," said Julia Keleher, program coordinator for the LGBTQA Office.

Along with learning how to approach hate crimes, Keleher said individuals will also be able to learn the difference between hate crimes and bias incidents.

During the training, Keleher said participants will be provided with a general overview and basic information involving hate crimes. The training will include interactive activities, rather than a lecture.

Keleher said the plans for activities are not official yet, although she hopes to have activities that teach individuals about how hate grows, what makes people hateful and

the impacts hate has on its victims.

Many of the activities will be based off what is taught in the training, Keleher said. The activities will allow a sense of social interaction while elaborating on what will be discussed during the training.

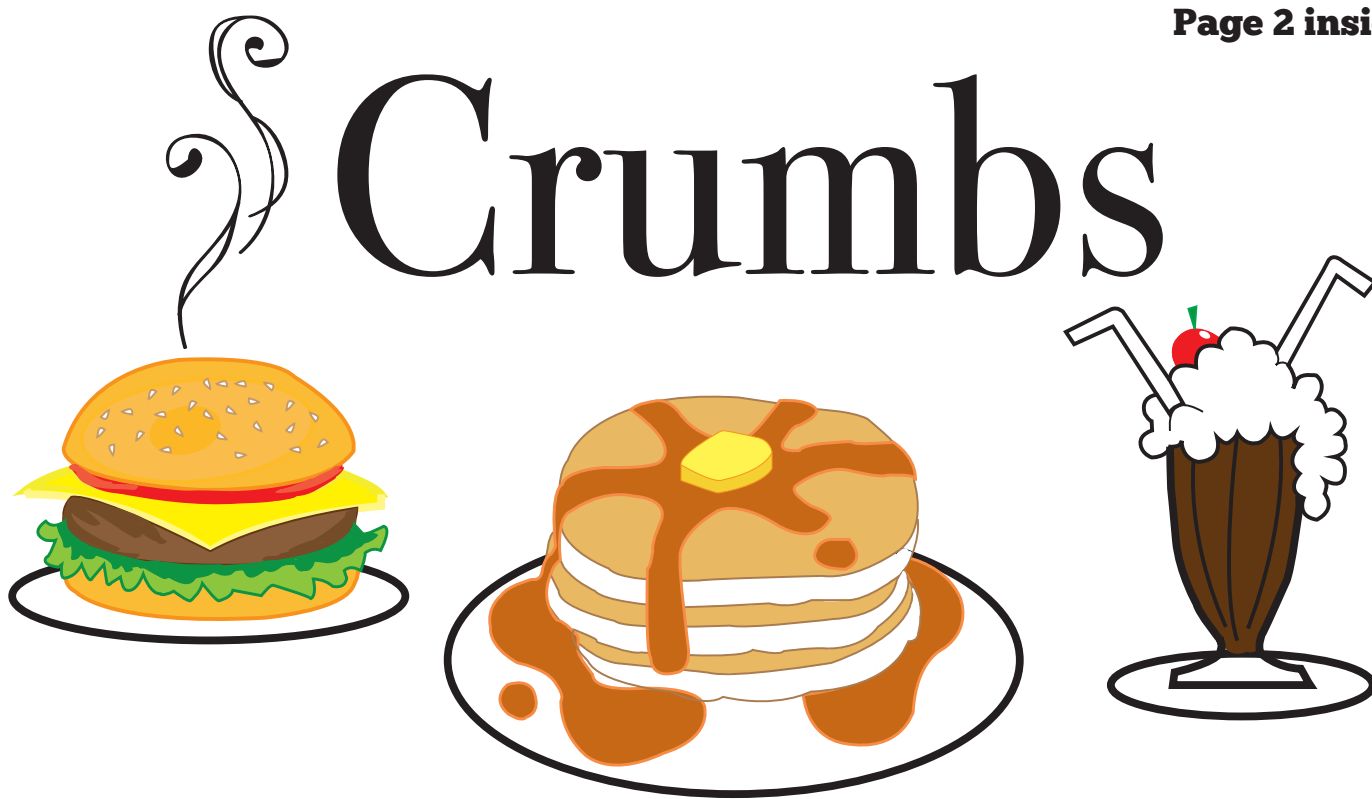
Not only does the training provide individuals with a chance for personal development, Keleher said these types of trainings are also great resume builders for students looking at jobs for the future.

"By attending this training, I hope that people will acknowledge that we don't live in this perfect bubble and take that step to attend, to learn how to help to combat those incidents when they do happen," Agidius said.

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## WOMAN

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"I just really fell in love with the people," Corral said. "I knew I wanted to go into a rigorous program, but what was more important to me was that I was in community of good hearts. I found that here."

Coming from a long line of leaders and activists, Corral said social activism has always played a big role in her life. She said she had always been attracted to stories about revolutions.

While taking a women's history class during her second year at Diablo Valley College, Corral said she was struck by how many stories of women have never been told. She said that class inspired her to combine her passion for acting with her passion for activism, and she began to write her own plays.

"I just thought, 'Well somebody needs to be telling these stories,'" Corral said.

Combining performance, storytelling

and activism, Corral said the author of "The Vagina Monologues," Eve Ensler, was one of her biggest influences in her career. She said Ensler would go out into communities across the country and interview people, using their true experiences and words as inspiration for her work. When the Women's Center sent a call for a director for the play through the theater department, Corral said it was the perfect fit.

"It's all of the work I hope to do," Corral said. "It's a testament to our ability to be empathetic for each other, to take on these stories as my own and to step into that bravely."

While this is not the first play she has directed, Corral said directing "The Vagina Monologues" presents its own set of challenges. Because the content of the play "hits close to home" for many people and involves the stories of real women, Corral said it is especially important as a director to "create safe spaces" for her performers and her audience.

"It's a very different directing experience than other experiences I've had, though I think that they share a lot of the same qualities, which is holding space for people to explore a character, to explore themselves," Corral said.

"I think that's my major goal is to create safe spaces for people to explore their own stories and the stories on the pages."

Corral's friend and actress in "The Vagina Monologues" Mary Caraway said Corral is more than achieving that goal.

"She makes such a warm, loving environment," Caraway said. "She doesn't push. She really lets us explore the piece. I think she really emphasizes the idea of how important this community of women is."

In light of the high statistics of abuse, Corral said it is increasingly important to celebrate the stories of women. She said many women don't spend time together in a community like they used to, and that taking time to celebrate stories in a

community can be incredibly healing. She said "The Vagina Monologues" is a unique opportunity to do that for Moscow and the UI community.

"I hope the audience is present with us," Corral said. "I hope it will be a celebration of these stories, of women, of love, of our bodies."

"The Vagina Monologues" will return to the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 and 11. Tickets can be bought in advance at the Women's Center and the Safari Pearl for \$8, and will be sold at the door for \$12. Corral said the performance is a way to bring love to the Moscow community.

"Our fight is not a violent fight," Corral said. "This is a way to celebrate the love that we have created in our rehearsal rooms and bring that to the community."

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## DEBATE

FROM PAGE 1

Baucham said with a topic like gay rights, "argumentum ad hominem" is a common strategy. He said hominem arguments happen when one party attacks the other not because they disagree with a certain view, but because they decide to disagree with the other party based on who they see them as a person based on that view.

"It's not that you're wrong on an issue — you are, at your core, in your being, a bigot," he said. "It shuts down all discussion."

Baucham said with his lectures, he hopes to foster discussions about same-sex marriage and the homosexual movement in the United States.

Pullman resident Kelly Van Nuland said he attended Baucham's talk because he'd hoped to see several perspectives.

"We're here to support Voddie," Van Nuland said of himself and his friends. "We definitely hold the same views he does, but it's going to be interesting to hear the whole perspective ... We love to be able to hear it in the setting of a university where there are going to be some conflicting worldviews and kind of gain a full perspective of what everybody thinks on the subject."

Perspectives attending "Why Gay Is Not The New Black" came from both sides of the spectrum. Downstairs, UI's Gay Straight Alliance hosted a silent protest.

"I'm here in support of human rights, that human rights are important for all humans, no exceptions," said Jess Darney, a UI student who attended the protest. "We're hearing one side of the story tonight, and I just want to make sure that my side is here also, especially at my university."

At one point during the lecture, Baucham discussed how homosexuality went from being "sodomy" to a "condition" to an "identity." He said homosexuals as a minority didn't even formally exist a century ago, and that the group has somehow "managed to overwhelm and overhaul a universal social institution thousands of years old."

About 25 people began to leave during his speech.

"Remember, I said, discussion doesn't happen on this issue," Baucham said.

One of the people who began to leave said — just loud enough to hear over the crowd's laughter — "I will not debate my right to exist."

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## LEADING

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I Lead will replace Lunches With Leaders, which had low attendance fall semester, Clott said. She said while Lunches with Leaders may come back, the department is focusing on I Lead. She said the program may or may not continue depending on students' responses through the semester.

"We'd love that feedback, because then we can tailor our programs to their leadership development," she said.

She said a survey available on VandalSync in March will also impact their future programming.

Clott said this is part of the department making leadership accessible.

The purpose of the workshops is for students to develop their dominant style, but also versatility when in homogeneous groups.

"The most successful groups have somebody from all those different four typologies," she said.

Clott said everyone is a leader, regardless of title or position. She said those with extensive experience in leadership positions should also seek further development.

"Sometimes some students think 'Well I am already president of two clubs so why would I need leadership development?'" she said.

Skills learned in the workshops could be applied every day, she said. She said students should consistently refer to their core values, the foundation for leading when making decisions.

"We're really trying to promote integrity and ethical leadership," she said.

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# SPORTS



Idaho men's basketball claims another over time win over montana

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS



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After winning her third conference championship last year, senior Claire Yang sets her sights even higher in her last season.

# Reaching for a fourth

*Tennis senior seeks rare feat in final season of college career*

**Josh Grissom**  
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The dream scenario of any college athlete is to end their career with four consecutive conference championships.

That is the very goal senior Claire Yang hopes to accomplish when she steps onto the tennis court this spring. Yang already has three conference titles under her belt, and will seek a fourth when the Vandals open Big Sky play on the road Saturday against Portland State.

As a young girl in Taiwan, Yang was first introduced to the sport while attending elementary school. She said the co-recreational environment allowed her to sharpen her abilities as she played against both male and female competitors.

"It's not like here where the two (genders) are separated," Yang said. "Guys tend to be

at a higher level — they hit the ball a bit stronger and have better conditioning — so when we compete with them we improve ourselves better."

Yang quickly excelled in her home country, claiming the National High School Athletics Group Game championship in 2012. Afterward, she turned her attention toward a collegiate career.

"I posted a video on YouTube, and contacted some schools," she said. "It came down to Wazzu and Fresno State."

After taking a recruiting trip to the West Coast, Yang decided to enroll at Fresno State. She was a member of a Bulldogs squad that posted a perfect 5-0 conference record on its way to the 2014 Mountain West title.

As the team's only freshman, Yang earned the Bulldog Spirit Award for supporting and encouraging her teammates.

"That Mountain West championship was kind of shocking, because I never had that kind of experience before," she said.

Despite the accolades, Yang said she felt

like she was not getting enough time on the court. She said she decided to transfer to the University of Idaho because of its academic reputation and rising tennis program.

"I was looking at several schools in the conference," Yang said. "I heard my friends talk about a team environment, which is why I chose to go here."

The camaraderie of the program proved to be a major factor in Idaho's run to the Big Sky title in 2015. Yang played eight matches during her sophomore season, posting singles victories in matches against Lewis-Clark State and North Dakota.

"As a team we work and compete really hard in practice with Coach (Mariana) Cobra," Yang said. "She is intense in a sense, but we have a lot of team environment. We study together on and off the court, and we have a lot of bonding."

Yang's breakout year came in 2016, when she went 10-6 in singles play as a junior to

lead the Vandals to another conference championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament against Pepperdine.

"I think the biggest thing for how we win is that we all have the same goal," Yang said. "We set our goals together and then we encourage each other. We never have problems between teammates because we get along really well."

Despite the possibility of achieving a historic milestone, Yang said she is focused on helping her team establish a strong connection with one another.

"I'm going to be really proud to have been a Vandal," she said. "But winning another (championship) would be really cool, I don't think many people are able to say they've done that."

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Cowgirls wrangle Vandals

*Idaho started the spring season with a loss to Wyoming*

**Brandon Hill**  
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After a promising fall season, the Idaho women's tennis team had a bumpy start against Wyoming. The Cowgirls defeated the Vandals 6-1 Saturday afternoon.

Wyoming (2-0) gained the advantage right out of the gate. Wyoming's Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg defeated freshman Jessica Brzozowska and junior Lucia Badillos 6-4.

Not long after, Wyoming clinched a point on the doubles court when Magdalena Stencel and Miranda Talbert overcame senior Claire Yang and freshman Shion Watabe 6-4.

Leading 1-0, Wyoming took its momentum to singles play.

Yang, who made her first spring appearance in over a year for the Vandals, suffered her second loss of the day at the hands of Ana Tkachenko. Yang dropped the first set 6-3 and failed to recover in the second. Koonik gave the Cowgirls a 3-1 edge after defeating Watabe. Koonik performed well in the first set, winning 6-2. However, Watabe fought back to tie the second set at 6-6, but could not hold on in the tie breaker.

Batiri met a similar fate. When facing off against Dorotyya Jones, she lost the first set 6-1. Batiri fought back in the next set, but Jones proved to be too tough an opponent and won 7-6.

Idaho's last chance at a comeback rested on the shoulders of its No. 1 player. Badillos did her best to lift the team up during her match against Magdalena Stencel. Things seemed to be looking up for the Vandals when Badillos won the first set single-handedly 6-1. However, Stencel recovered from the early upset to win the second set 6-3. The Wyoming sophomore did not give up the lead after that, and won the third tie breaking set 6-2. Despite the Cowgirls officially clinching the win, play continued on the No. 3 and No. 4 courts.

At No. 4, Wyoming Der Ploeg defeated Tavares in a close 3-set match. Tavares took the first 6-3, but dropped the next two 6-4, 6-1. In the final match of the day, Idaho finally notched a win. Brzozowska faced off against Milka Genkova, and looked like she might also suffer a loss. After a tough 6-2 loss in the first set, Brzozowska rallied back to win the next set 6-2. She hung on to win the third set 6-3.

The Vandals look to put the tough loss behind them when they travel to Portland State for their first Big Sky Conference matchup. The Vikings also started the season off with a loss, falling to Portland 6-1.

Idaho squares off against Portland State 10 a.m. Feb. 5 in Vancouver, Washington.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Seattle Success

*Idaho traveled to the UW invitational*

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The Idaho track and field team traveled over the border and across the state to compete in the University of Washington invitational.

On the first day of competition several Vandals performed with top marks.

In the distance events, freshman Kara Story and freshman Maizy Brewer came in with top-5 finishes in the 3000-meter. Story finished in second with a personal best in 10:03.22. Brewer closely followed in third with a 10:04.78.

Redshirt sophomore Sierra Speiker also set a personal best in the 5000 meters with a 17:20.88—the second fastest time in the Big Sky Conference. Sophomore Andrea Condie also set a personal record in the 5k with a time of 17:40.89.

Junior Kolcie Bates finished sixth in the weight throw. She threw 17.16 meters in her season personal record and is placed seventh in the Big Sky.

Day two of competition brought success and top finishes for the Vandals as well.

Freshman sprinter Ben Doucette had another strong weekend with the 60-meter hurdles at UW. Doucette ran 8.26 seconds in qualifying to move on to finals and run an 8.17 to finish in fourth place.

Freshman Karina Moreland had a strong finish in the triple jump, placing sixth with a leap of 11.62 meters.

Continuing the success in the field events was sophomore Matthew Pete Bauman who set a new personal record in the weight toss with a throw of 15.73 meters.

Rounding out the weekend was the men's 4x400 meter relay, composed of freshman Mack Baxter, freshman Dean Ellenwood, senior Ian Middleton, and sophomore Zion Stuffle. The crew finished in seventh in a time of 3:20.67.

Idaho heads on to the Idaho Duals Feb. 3 in the Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Leslie Kiebert | Argonaut

Sophomore Mikayla Ferenz drives by a Montana guard Jan. 28 in the Cowen Spectrum.

## Vandals maul Grizzlies

*Karlee Wilson led the Vandals to a convincing win over Montana*

**Brandon Hill**

Argonaut

Senior point guard Karlee Wilson affirmed her role as a team leader Saturday afternoon, when the Vandals turned a tight game into a convincing win over Montana 75-50.

Wilson led the Vandals with 18 points, going 6-11 from the field and 3-5 from the perimeter. She came one point shy of a new career high. Guard McKenzie Johnston led in points for the Grizzlies with 11, going 5-9 from the field and 1-2 from the perimeter. Meanwhile, Idaho's leading scorer, Mikayla Ferenz went the whole game without a 3-pointer, but had help from the rest of the team.

Idaho head coach Jon Newlee said he was impressed with the depth his team displayed.

"We really spread it around tonight, with people stepping up," Newlee said. "That's what we need. We need people to really step up and not depend on one or two people to have monster nights."

The Vandals kept the Grizzlies off the free throw line and committed minimal fouls. Despite the large margin of victory, the game went back and forth during the first half. Seven lead changes in the first quarter led to a one-point lead by Montana at the end of the half. The Grizzlies extended the lead in the second quarter. Guard Madi Schoening knocked down a 3-pointer to put the Grizzlies up by four, their longest lead of the game.

Idaho regained the lead after a 3-pointer from Ferenz midway through the second quarter.

Idaho held onto the lead for the rest of the half. At the end of the second quarter, the Vandals led 35-31.

During halftime, Newlee said he wanted his team to play with higher intensity.

"We talked at half time about picking our energy up and not wasting an opportunity and defending our home floor and they did a great job of taking that to heart," Newlee said.

Idaho never surrendered the lead in the second half. A pair of free throws by junior post Geraldine McCorkell extended the Vandals' lead to 13, the largest of the quarter.

Once the last quarter rolled around, Idaho began sending out the bench players, who did not slow the offense's pace. Idaho gained a 25-point advantage by the time the final buzzer sounded.

Coming off a tough loss to Montana State on Thursday, the Vandals needed a win against a Big Sky opponent.

"The mentality in this game was way different after. We were really excited. It is great to come off a loss, at home especially, and beat Montana the way we did," Wilson said.

Wilson also played fierce defense. She contributed to five out of the Vandals eight steals, a career high.

"I think I've always had a nose for the ball. I'm not afraid to go through their biggest person to try and get it," Wilson said.

After splitting two home games, Idaho goes back on the road to face Portland State. The Vandals tip off against the Vikings 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Oregon.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Fresh Start

*Carlos Longhi Neto traveled many countries before finding a home in America*

**Brandon Hill**

Argonaut

Whether he is surrounded by sandy beaches and an ocean breeze, or brisk mountain air and miles of pine forests, Carlos Longhi Neto does not find solace in places. He finds it in people.

The Brazilian native found a home in Idaho, surrounded by friends from his childhood. However, his new family of fellow tennis players did not come about coincidentally.

Longhi Neto was first introduced to tennis at the age of eight. His father owned a car dealership for most of Longhi Neto's childhood. Poor decisions and financial troubles drove his father away from the business. Ready for a fresh start, he became a tennis coach.

Longhi Neto took a liking to the sport, so his father coached him two to three hours a day.

His skill level took off like a rocket. His father taught him the value of a fast serve and a wicked forehand, which Longhi Neto took to heart.

"I'm not the fastest, but I hit the ball hard. That's my game," he said.

Within two years, he was playing in Brazilian tournaments. It was in these competitions that he found a life-long friend: Felipe Fonseca, another Idaho tennis player.

Longhi Neto swears he won that fateful first meeting, but said Fonseca would deny the fact tooth and nail. They continued to meet on the court for the rest of their high school days, playing each other over 15 times in the next few years.

Tennis became a staple in Longhi Neto's life once he became a teenager. At 15 years old, Longhi Neto left the comfort of his family to compete at a higher level. With a 4-hour plane ride separating him and his parents, Longhi Neto found his independence.

"It's good to have your parents close to you, but it's also good to learn to live by yourself," Longhi Neto said.

His skills resulted in opportunities to travel the world. He competed in tournaments in places like Italy, France, Spain and Portugal.

Despite seeing most of the world, Longhi Neto could not take his eyes off America. The possibility of a bright future in the US was enough to convince him to attend an American university.

Scholarships made the difference in his decision, and he decided to attend Louisville over Oklahoma State.

However, a tennis career in the Atlantic Coast Conference proved to be too much of a burden for Longhi Neto.

"I had a lot of scholarships, so I had to play at one or two in the lineup," he said.

The stress of trying to learn English, keep up in school and stay competitive in the ACC wore on Longhi Neto. That was when he heard from an old friend.

Fonseca told Longhi Neto about his time at Idaho, and the recent success of the team under head coach Abid Akbar.

"Felipe told me early on," Akbar said. "I did a little research on Longhi Neto. I didn't know how interested he was, but then I found out that he really wants to come, and so I was very excited. But it didn't take very long to convince him. He was sold pretty quick."

Akbar heeded Fonseca's advice, and Longhi Neto joined the Vandals. His effect on the team was felt in no time.

"He brings a lot of fire. He has the ability to get the team going. He's brought a bit of voice to the team," Akbar said.

Longhi Neto backed up his talk by taking the fall season by storm. He earned one singles title and two doubles titles when paired up with junior Mark Kovacs.

"He's got a big first serve and he's got a good forehand, which is a very typical characteristic of solid, top players," Akbar said. "He definitely has the capability to blow people off the court."

The powerful play comes at a cost. Akbar said that while Longhi Neto hits harder than almost anyone, his speed still needs work.

"He's got the biggest legs I've seen in a tennis player. He's got tree trunks for legs," Akbar said.

To improve this, Akbar has been putting Longhi Neto through a series of drills to help increase his speed. He said getting a quick first step is crucial if Longhi Neto wants to play at the top of the lineup.

"I've seen improvement, but it takes time," Akbar said.

When it comes to practice, Akbar appreciates the friendship between Longhi Neto and Fonseca.

Along with Lucas Coutinho and Guilherme Scarpelli, fellow Brazil natives, Longhi Neto said he has found a home away from home.

Still, the bond Longhi Neto and Fonseca share seems to stand out. Their dynamic benefits not only themselves, but the entire team.

"Those two are very competitive and very hard working guys," Akbar said. "They fuel from each other. They feed off each other and it only makes them better."

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OPINION

# Big Sky, big dreams

Former Big Sky basketball players in the NBA hits close to home

**Meredith Spelbring**  
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I am a diehard Portland Trail Blazer fan. I see Rip City logos and I get excited. I see clips of Damien Lillard hitting the buzzer-beater 3-pointer to beat the Houston Rockets in game seven and advance to the second round, and my heart races a bit faster. I follow and admire them similar to the way my 12-year-old self followed and admired Justin Bieber.

The athletes are more than just basketball players doing their job — to many fans, myself included, they have been manifested into something of a Hollywood star. If I were to see any Blazer out in public I would be just as stupidly excited and flustered as I would be if I were to see an actor in Hollywood.

Sitting on the sidelines of the Idaho women's basketball game against Weber State, I noticed something on the court that caught my eye and mentally took me out of the game for a few minutes. The vast majority of the Weber State players were wearing Dames on their feet.

Why do the shoes the opposing team wore have the power to mentally derail me from my job? They shouldn't, they are shoes. But the shoes led me to connect dots that I hadn't connected before.

Weber State wore the Dames in tribute (and through adidas sponsorship) to former player and current Portland Trail Blazer all-star forward Damien Lillard.

I knew Lillard played for Weber State, but it wasn't until that moment that I realized that he hails from the conference that I follow and write for. If I was only born a couple years earlier I could have watched

him play on that same court and wrote about him before he went on to be the All-Star he is today.

During his time in the Big Sky, Lillard put up impressive numbers. Over his four years with Weber State, he averaged 18.6 points per game with a 22-point average in conference play. His talent was recognized by the conference in both 2010 and 2012 when he was named Big Sky Conference Player of the Year.

He was drafted in 2012 as a first-round pick, after his last year with Weber State, to Portland where he has stayed since 2012.



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The conference has sent several players into the NBA. Weber State sent Joel Bolomboy in the 2016 draft to the Utah Jazz.

The Jazz also has former Eastern Washington point guard Rodney Stuckey. Stuckey was with Eastern Washington for two years before heading into the NBA in the first round at number 15 pick.

On a more local level, Idaho has seen athletes head into the big time. While there have been no Vandals in the NBA, in 2011 Idaho guard Jeff Ledbetter continued on to play in the D-League after two seasons.

It is exciting to see a big time player come from a league that is not known for producing powerhouse players. I watch Lillard develop and advance with the Trail Blazers and know he got his roots in the same conference I am devoting the next four years of my life to.

Every game on the Big Sky courts has the potential to host the next NBA All-Star. If that's not reason enough to be a wild fan, then I don't know what is.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Overtime victory

Idaho improves conference record with an overtime win in Missoula

**Meredith Spelbring**  
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Overtime served the Vandals well after Idaho clenched its third overtime win against Montana with a 85-77 final score.

Idaho head coach Don Verlin said he was pleased with the spirit the team showed.

"At half time I told them to show their hearts and they sure did in the second half," Verlin said. "I thought we had a number of guys step up and play really well. We've been talking a lot about playing with a purpose and with this team the purpose is defense and rebounding, and that's what we did in the second half."

Montana struck first within seconds of the opening half to kick off the game. Both teams fought through, shifting leads and changing the score gap consistently. Montana bested the Vandals, holding an 11-point lead with five minutes left in the half. The Vandals closed it and brought it back within single-digits and headed into halftime trailing 32-40.

On top for the Idaho offense after the first half was junior guard Victor Sanders with nine points. Junior forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan followed closely behind with six-points and three assists.

Verlin said the athletes played well all weekend and their hard work in practice is paying off.

"Our post guys played good all weekend long," Verlin said. "(Brayon Blake) had a great night on Thursday night, and (Nate Sherwood) had a good night on Thursday

and he follows it up tonight. (Mkrtychyan) was very effective in there tonight. We had worked hard in practice on when they were going to double the post and passing it out of the post, making those extra passes. That really helped us offensively."

The Grizzlies quickly extended their lead back to 11 points in the beginning of the second half but Idaho fought through. Sophomore power forward Nate Sherwood propelled the Vandals ahead with a pair of free throws to take a one-point lead at 59-58, with six minutes left to play.

Both teams fought over a narrow lead held by Idaho for the remainder of regulation. A Montana layup tied it up with 16-seconds left to play to send it into overtime.

The extended five minutes of overtime proved to be enough for the Vandals to overpower the Grizzlies and seal the win. Idaho held the lead for the entirety of overtime, leading by as many as eight-points before closing out the 85-77 win.

Sanders led the team with 28 points. Mkrtychyan finished the night with a season high 17 points.

Verlin said the win was possible because of the spirit and effort put forth by the team.

"This game was won by just being tough and showing your heart," Verlin said. "We had a chance to fold there, down 11 at the start of the second half, but just kept fighting and kept fighting and kept fighting and found a way to win."

Idaho hosts Portland State 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum.

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University of Idaho students replot the UI Recreation Center rock climbing wall in a night of free pizza, fun, and community service.

## Vandals rock the house

*Recreation Center resets rock climbing wall*

**Bradley Burgess**  
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On Thursday night, the University of Idaho Student Recreation Center invited students to participate in refinishing the rock wall's handholds.

The event drew a crowd, who enjoyed free pizza while creating new routes for climbers to traverse across.

The route setters on staff at the SRC removed handholds on the rock-climbing

wall so they could be washed and replaced with newer ones, with the help from event attendees. Certain holds can only be secured by bolts at specific areas on the wall and the paid setters taught newcomers how to secure the holds, said Elise Clausen, the Outdoor Program director of the Climbing Center.

“This is the first event like this that we’ve ever done,” Clausen said.

“(We’re) engaging a different using group at the climbing center. We have volunteer route setting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 p.m. and Sundays from 12-2 p.m., and I have a staff of paid setters that help them during those times. We wouldn’t be able to run this center without

volunteers,” Clausen said.

Around four to six paid setters work for the SRC and volunteer numbers can fluctuate depending on the day, she said.

Graduate Andy Gonzalez works at the center as route setter and has been rock climbing for 17 years.

“I like giving back to the community. I like to help (volunteers) along so their job is a little easier. To be honest, it doesn’t seem like work because I have fun,” Gonzalez said.

Freshman Matthew Young said he had no prior experience in route setting before this event.

“I’ve been interested in rock climbing and I wanted to figure out how to make the routes and I want to see how it’s done,”

Young said.

He said he is interested in knowing how to construct a rock climbing route.

“Climbing them is pretty fun, but making your own so you can have other people try it out sounds more fun,” Young said.

Clausen said she hopes to attract more people interested in assisting at the SRC to events like these.

“Hopefully, they’ll be enticed by more people coming and it not being super late at night,” Clausen said. “I want to encourage more volunteer route setters to involve them at a time that’s a little more convenient.”

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CULTURE

## The Rooster crows, the family wakes

*The Year of the Rooster began Saturday*

**Nina Rydalch**  
Argonaut

The crow of the Rooster has replaced the cleverness of the Monkey, with Saturday marking the Lunar New Year.

Though dragons, fireworks, lanterns and galas are the most well-known details of the celebration, family and relationships are the true center of the Chinese New Year, said Ang Li, member of the University of Idaho’s Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

Galas rarely occur on New Year’s Day, Li said. He said this is a day reserved for family. He said the association is arranging a gala for Feb. 18 in collaboration with Washington State University, although the UI organization usually organizes its own.

“Usually when we start them our own selves, we start them before because at that time people need to talk to their parents,” he said.

The Confucius Institute held three events in honor of the New Year, said Institute co-director Hexian Xue. Xue said the first celebration was held Jan. 19 in Coeur d’Alene,

then in Boise and Moscow. The first two presented Wulin Hanyun Shaolin Kungfu Martial Arts Troupe and the third featured Lorita Leung Dance Academy. She said the institute makes Chinese culture available to the local communities.

“This is the three events for us to celebrate together with the local people,” she said. “University of Idaho Confucius Institute ... functions like a bridge.”

There are many UI students who come from countries where the Lunar New Year is celebrated, Li said. He said such galas are important to help these students feel less alone. Li said friends sometimes cannot entirely eliminate homesickness.

“The international students who come from China, at that time they can’t meet the family,” he said.

Xue said her daughter, whom she rarely sees, is coming for the occasion.

She said there are seven days set aside to celebrate the New Year — each with a special significance. Xue said the days are not celebrated in the same order everywhere due to China’s size and the country’s cultural variation.

“They enjoy the same custom, but they celebrate differently,” she said.

In her hometown, Xue said the first day

is the family reunion, which begins New Year’s Eve with a large dinner and continues through New Year’s Day.

“Dumplings shouldn’t be missing,” she said. They are a traditional dish, Xue said.

At this time, elders give the younger family members lucky money, red envelopes filled with money, Xue said. She said red, a symbol of luck and prosperity, is always the primary color for the New Year. She said most of the decorations are red to keep “the monsters,” or bad luck, from entering. Xue said the loud sound of fireworks is also traditionally thought to deter such evils.

“When the air was not so polluted, people were allowed to set fireworks,” she said.

Now, only rural areas of the country are allowed fireworks, excluding a relatively short display held by the government, Li said. He said the fireworks were his favorite part as a child.

“It’s beautiful. It makes the people happy, especially children,” he said.

Xue said families often watch the gala on China Central Television (CCTV) that night as well. Galas occur throughout the country and include traditional dancing, singing, opera and cross-talk, Li said. Xue said the next day the family spends time together and eats a large lunch.

She said if a couple celebrates the New Year, the second day is devoted to the daughter’s family.

“This day, the lady who got married brings their husband, their children,” she said.

The third day is different. It is considered bad luck to visit the living this day, she said. She said it is a day to visit graveyards or stay home.

“It’s committed to show respect for the dead,” she said.

She said day four and six are used to visit extended family such as aunts and uncles. Day five is a day to stay in, clean and relax, she said. People use the final day to prepare for the returning normal routine.

“Over the past days (they ate) very heavy, very oily foods,” she said.

She said the noodles and vegetables are eaten on day seven help normalize digestion.

Xue said younger generations are less likely to keep all the traditions. She said everyone sees their families, but practices such as staying home may be ignored.

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MUSIC



Andy Sydow, left, and Seth Beamer, right, members of Americana and rock n' roll Denver band perform at the Corner Bar in Fremont, Nebraska in October 2016.

Andy Sydow | Courtesy

# From the heart of Denver

**Claire Whitley**  
Argonaut

The air is musky, the room darkened, but the stage at John's Alley in Moscow is alight. Four young men prepare for their set, with pints of beer accompanying them on stage.

The lead singer, Andy Sydow, approaches the microphone and the show begins.

This Denver band featuring Andy Sydow on vocals, Seth Beamer on bass, Troy Thrasher on drums and Luke Bastion on keyboard, encouraged patrons of the Alley to dance and sing along with them as they performed. They even partook in a round of Fireball shots purchased for the entire bar.

The 25-year-old Sydow said he has been playing music for six or seven years, and his band in the most recent reincarnation has been together since September. The band, self-described as Americana and rock 'n

roll, plays everything from blues to folk or just good songs, Sydow said.

With how big DJs have gotten, the clubs all have the same music, Sydow said.

"We are more improvised than that," Sydow said. "Our music is fun and different."

The band tours all over the country. They have been to Austin, Lincoln, Nebraska and McCall, Idaho, as well as Moscow.

"We all wanted to play music for people," said the bassist, Seth Beamer. "It's what we wanted to do when we grew up."

Sydow said the band is currently working on a new album. The last extended play, "A Little Messed Up," was released in October. Thrasher mentioned tour dates booked in Alberta, which will be the first time they've performed in Canada. Thrasher said he enjoys touring and meeting fans from outside Denver.

While in Fremont, Nebraska, Sydow said

someone from the crowd joined them on stage and played guitar and a younger man MCed for the band. Those two became part of the family and they make sure to see them when they are in town.

"It's fun to make genuine interactions with people," Sydow said.

While in Moscow, the band talked with fans during intermission and thanked people for dancing and even had a dance off with me during the second half.

"Our shows are more like a party than a show," Sydow said. "We get everyone involved."

Sydow said the band likes to joke around with each other and they call each other friendly dudes or regular guys. Beamer video blogs their tours and travels, and Thrasher said they have rap battles in the car from time to time.

"We're all really good looking and funny and smart," Sydow said. "Come party with us."

The band has been to Moscow before. Sydow originally came to play at the Alley in June, and the entire band played a set in October. Sydow said they loved Moscow when they arrived because it is similar to Denver. Thrasher said that the bagels from Moscow Bagel and Deli were the best part of his trip.

"Those are the best damn bagels in the country," Sydow said.

Sydow said there should be a big shout out to the owner of John's Alley. The band will be returning to the venue Tuesday, and Sydow said he guarantees it will be a good time.

"You'll have the funnest time you can have with your clothes on," Sydow said.

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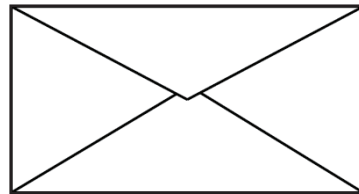
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# OPINION



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OUR VIEW

## Outside the box

*College offers a chance to hear others views — take it*

There are nearly 7.5 billion people in the world. There are about 326 million people in the U.S. and around 1.6 million people in Idaho, with nearly 11,800 students at the University of Idaho. And not a single one of those people has the exact same opinion on any given matter.

The current global and national environment tends to lead to tough and conflicting discussions on any side of an issue. Whether politics, climate change, human rights or current events are involved, it is always important to hear the opposing viewpoint.

It isn't fair to say that Thursday's speaker, Voddie Baucham, is

wrong or hateful, but it also isn't fair to say that those who staged a walkout during his speech are snowflakes who need to get over it. Both sides have reasons for their beliefs — reasons that are grounded in personal experience and should be listened to.

Any attempt at understanding is vital in order to survive in a connected world. People cannot choose to remain forever ignorant of their opponents' philosophies and ideals.

College is one of the best places to learn about differing perspectives.

From the pro-life lecturer, to the student who believes climate change is false, UI is a rich campus to step out of our own bubbles of opinion. Birds of a feather do flock together, but that also means there is no opposition

to a point of view. There won't be someone to bring up points no one in the group would have thought of.

In any organization, a phenomenon called groupthink occurs. This is when everyone is on the same page with an idea and the massive feeling of unity makes individuals forget critical, and often criticizing, thinking. This is why a person playing devil's advocate is so important — so that the most truthful and well-rounded ideas rise to the surface.

The thing about being wrong is that until the exact moment someone realizes they are wrong, it feels exactly like being right.

College is meant to challenge students in many areas, not just academically. We are not meant to be the same person we were when we entered college. We are

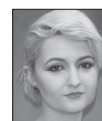
supposed to mature and gain knowledge in the fields we study and in humanity.

Throughout life, there will always be someone to disagree with or a viewpoint that conflicts with our own beliefs and understanding. No one is right all the time. It is important to understand where someone is coming from, especially in a world with growing turmoil. These opposite viewpoints may even reinforce an individual's commitment to their beliefs.

As Orson Scott Card said, "when you really know somebody you can't hate them. Or maybe it's just that you can't really know them until you stop hating them."

— CW

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## The future of our fish

*Salmon and steelhead conservation has a long and controversial future ahead*

The Pacific Northwest is a land rich with natural resources and adventure. The area is arguably home to the best recreation opportunities available.

One of the most pervasive and important resources that the PNW has are the Pacific salmonids, one of the most controversial and conflict-ridden resources that we manage today.

These charismatic, anadromous fish, from an ecological standpoint, provide a very important ecosystem function. The adult fish, in the last steps of the salmon lifecycle, swim from the ocean up fresh water rivers and streams to the place they were spawned, providing nourishment for a plethora of other species along the way.

At their destination, they begin to reproduce. The challenges of the journey are too much for their bodies to handle, and they

die sacrificing themselves for future generations.

These fish's sacrifice provides the river systems they inhabit with nutrients from the ocean otherwise unavailable, allowing their young and other species in the ecosystem the opportunity to flourish.

One of the largest salmon runs in the Northwest is the Columbia River watershed, which drains many native Idaho waters, including the Snake River, Salmon, Clearwater and all of their respective tributaries. Spanning all the way to Yellowstone National Park, this waterway is the only access point for countless miles worth of prime salmon spawning grounds.

This mighty river also happens to be an outstanding water passage for shipping. This passage is home to a complex system of dams and locks, making river navigation inland relatively hassle-free all the way to the Port of Lewiston. This makes transportation costs for the region very low. This river passage is a huge economic recourse.

One large conflict that arises

with salmon runs and the Columbia River is the dams themselves. While they ease transport, they also create a large barrier and alter the free flowing river, both of which cause hardship and confusion for the fish.

After spending a few weeks in the cool mountain streams and rivers, the juvenile fish head out on their journey to the ocean. When they reach the large calm reservoirs built on the river, they can become disoriented by the slow flows and sudden temperature changes associated with dams. However, fish still exit the river system in troves, hundreds of thousands, even millions of fish swimming out to sea to traverse the Pacific.

The returning adults must navigate the same channels back upstream from the ocean, relying on memory to guide them to the place that they were spawned. A creative way to overcome these large concrete obstructions in the water is a system called a fish ladder, which have been employed with arguable success through the years.

An often talked about strategy to alleviate the pressure on

the fish as they go about their travels is to remove the four dams on the lower Snake River. Though this would solve a good number of problems for the fish that utilize the largest tributary of the Columbia River, this plan is by no means perfect.

The dams provide Lewiston and the greater Palouse with an effective and reliable means to transport the goods of the area, and removal of the dams would alter that ability. Proposed alternatives to barging have been made, such as railroad transport to the confluence of the Columbia and Snake, but none are as economically viable as the existing waterways.

These challenges have vast and far-reaching effects on a large part of not only this country, but also the continent.

There will probably not be an easy solution for these challenges. However, one thing is certain: inaction will only make things worse.

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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Baylor

The university is currently facing allegations that 52 rapes were committed by 31 football players over a four-year span. Absolutely sickening.

— Josh

### Ban America

It's fine. Don't worry. The ban will only go against everything that America stands for, but that's cool. The Constitution is totally flexible and can be used only when it serves your need to carrying guns on college campuses versus protecting our rights to speech, press, religion and assembly. It's all fine.

— Claire

### Wait a second

I thought America was "The Melting Pot" — can we get back to that mindset?

— Mihaela

### Fair warning

I finally saw "La La Land." Don't watch it unless you want to feel like dropping your major and moving to Hollywood with Ryan Gosling to pursue acting.

— Hailey

### Big mood

The emoji with steam coming out of its nose.

— Erin

### Education

Some foreign exchange students won't be able to return to America to finish their schooling.

— Brandon

### The hobbits know best

Always eat second breakfast.

— Andrew

### The real question

The America I love is now going against its foundation by refusing to let people in. Does this sad reality count as a reason to get approved for a therapy pet in my dorm?

— Diamond

### "Man's Search for Meaning"

In times like now, I recommend this autobiography not because it's from WWII era, but because of the persistence of the author and his survival.

— Catherine

### 202-224-3121

I'm writing a rap song about calling my state representatives and inspiring others to do the same. Guess what the phone number in the hook is.

— Jack

### Week four

You would think I would have my life together by now but unfortunately that is not the case.

— Tea

### Blood, revenge, blood, treachery, blood, and vengeance

If you've never seen a UI Theatre production take a "stab" at "Titus Andronicus." There will be violence and strong adult themes. Everything anyone wants in their theater.

— Kevin

### Josh

Is a fan of "The Bachelor"

— Lyndsie



# Genuine beats

*Hip-hop shows that originality comes from reshuffling ideas*

In 1997, a bizarre man wearing a gladiator-style mask began rapping at open mic nights all over Manhattan. He called himself Metal Face DOOM and people never saw his face or learned his real name.

Hip-hop is obsessed with authenticity and narrative. Rappers broadcast their hometowns, reflect on their rise from poverty and emphasize their allegiance to the streets in spite of newfound wealth.

Metal Face DOOM's mask and unexplained arrival seemed to reject a tradition of being real and telling a story.

It soon leaked that the mysterious rapper was Daniel Dumile, who had found moderate success in the early '90s rapping with his brother in a group called Kausung Much Damage. However, his brother died in a car accident in 1993, and his group's record label dropped them that same week. Dumile spent four years drunk and homeless.

He returned as Metal Face DOOM, a disfigured super villain determined to exact revenge on the rap industry. As he explained in his 2003 song "Beef Rapp," "He wears a mask just to cover the raw flesh/A rather ugly brother with flows that's gorgeous."

While his flows were gorgeous, what drew attention were Dumile's unconventional beats. He produced

his own tracks, cutting R&B tunes with '60s cartoon samples to build a villainous persona based on the Fantastic Four character Doctor Doom.

Dumile's inventive use of sampling to tell a real story of pain and redemption turns out to fall in line with the hip-hop canon.

Many genres of music tell stories and insist on being genuine. But hip-hop's culture of sampling and referencing older work shows that the originality needed for an interesting story comes from connecting old ideas rather than conjuring new ones.

Very little imaginative music finds as much mainstream success as Kendrick Lamar's 2012 platinum record "Good Kid, M.A.A.D. City."

It is a concept album, using voicemail messages, skits and songs to follow a 17-year-old Lamar — the good kid — as he navigates the streets of Compton.

The album begins with him borrowing his mother's minivan for a rendezvous with a female friend: "I had a fifth in the trunk like Curtis Jackson for ransom/I'm hoping to get her loose like an Uncle Luke anthem."

The hip-hop conscious listener recognizes "fifth" sounds like "fif," another nickname for Curtis Jackson, or 50 Cent. The listener also recalls that Uncle Luke was a member of 2 Live Crew, a group famous for the song "Me So Horny."

Rather than saying "I had alcohol and wanted sex," Lamar uses references to older work to build new images and connections that engage the listener.



The album and the story continue, packed with references to hip-hop and black culture: a free-style session in the backseat of a car where he proclaims "Martin had a dream/

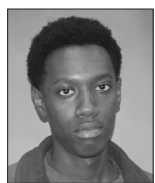
Kendrick have a dream." An unscrupulous peer suggesting he dive into a metaphorical liquor-filled swimming pool, reminiscent of Snoop Dogg in "Gin and Juice." Friends "bumping Jeezy's first album" while "hotboxing like George Foreman grilling." Ultimately, Lamar finds salvation in the form of his neighbor, played by Maya Angelou, praying for him to find peace in a mad city.

"Good Kid, M.A.A.D. City" shows a level of originality in its storytelling that comes once in a generation. However, like Dumile's samples, Lamar's originality comes not from inventing new ideas whole cloth, but by finding creative connections between old ones.

All music builds on itself, but only hip-hop explicitly acknowledges that crafting genius out of nothing is impossible. By constantly paying homage and pointing listeners toward influences, rappers show that ideas are not stolen, but repurposed and reintroduced.

Dumile's beats and Lamar's references show that the best stories draw from a broader context. A closer look at any seemingly novel idea reveals originality to be a mirage — a vortex of countless influences. Rather than running away from this reality, hip-hop cites its sources.

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GUEST VOICE

## Resource recap

*UI offers health-based resources that seem similar, but are actually different*

Students at the University of Idaho have a wide variety of health-related resources available to them. But, sometimes students aren't clear on how or where to access these services.

Three important health-related resources to know about on campus include the Student Health Clinic, Vandal Health Education and the Counseling and Testing Center. While they are all health-related, they serve different functions on campus.

The Student Health Clinic is a full-service medical clinic with services provided by Moscow Family Medicine located in the Student Health Center (Ash Street entrance). Students can access a variety of primary care and preventive services including, but not limited to check-ups, vaccinations, physical exams, STD testing, X-rays, birth control prescriptions and more.

If a student needs to go to the Student Health Clinic they can make an appointment or walk in. They just need to bring their student ID and insurance card.

Conveniently, the Student Health Clinic takes most insurances, except Washington Medicaid. The staff for this clinic is warm, welcoming and always eager to help. If students feel sick or just want a checkup, this is a great place to go.

Sometimes confused with the Student Health Clinic is the Vandal Health Education. We are located in the same building as the Student Health Clinic, but the services we provide are very different. Vandal

### Contact Information

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208-885-6693

#### Vandal Health Education:

Open Mon-Fri

Health Education provides health education, training opportunities, information about resources and nutrition counseling to UI students. Check out our complete schedule online, but regular signature events include bi-weekly Health Huts located in the Commons, Vandalizing the Kitchen cooking classes and Wellbeing Wednesday workshops.

At Health Huts, peer educators, like myself, promote health and wellness concepts and resources through activities that are fun, quick and stress-free. Our first one was the first day of the semester, where we welcomed students back and handed out our new calendar with all the events for the semester.

Another fun event put on by the campus dietitian is our monthly cooking class, Vandalizing the Kitchen. This free class is held once a month in a Student Rec Center classroom, where students learn how to make three budget friendly recipes.

Wellbeing Wednesday is Vandal Health Education's stress management workshop series held monthly in the Commons. This event focuses on how students can stay mentally well, despite common stressors college students may face, including balancing various commitments, finding a

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job, thinking about finances and more. Students who attend a Wellbeing Wednesday workshop will be entered into a \$50 VandalStore gift card given away at the end of the semester.

We can also do informative workshops upon request. Visit [www.uidaho.edu/VandalHealth](http://www.uidaho.edu/VandalHealth) or stop by our Resource Rooms in the Student Health Center (University Ave. entrance) or the Student Rec Center for more information about these events, other events or to request a workshop. Vandal Health Education is a great way to learn about different aspects of health.

Finally, the Counseling and Testing Center offers a variety of beneficial services as well. Free and confidential counseling is available for students to talk about a wide range of topics. Appointments are free for students and they can go as much as needed. The Counseling and Testing Center's number, 208-885-6716, also serves as a 24-hour crisis line.

At the University of Idaho we have many great resources for other student needs. However, these three are very beneficial for overall health and wellness, and can easily be confused with one another. They each offer multiple services, but all have one common goal: to help and support UI students.

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# Protest against pollution

Taking small steps toward more sustainable living will help the planet heal

In 2016, the cost of implementing clean energy, such as wind, solar and geothermal energy, began to rival that of fossil-fuels, combating the idea that clean energy measures are not cost-effective.

Cost reductions and installations of clean energy were prevalent in the United States and around the world throughout the year. The U.S., China and other countries also ratified the Paris Agreement, an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which deals with greenhouse gas emissions mitigation.

The global community began to combat the effects of man-made pollution, and it was a tremendous relief.

Environmental advocates face a far different reality in 2017. Less than a few days into his presidency, Donald Trump's administration instructed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to freeze its grants and contracts, which impacts everything from research on climate change to localized effects to improve air and water quality and environmental justice projects aimed at helping the poor.

This was followed by a ban placed on the EPA that stated all data compiled by the organization must be reviewed and approved by political staff before being released to the public — in essence, government-mandated censorship on climate change data,

among other findings from other studies.

The most frustrating part about this is that environmental protection goes beyond the idea of climate change. It's not a matter of whether someone believes in climate change or not. It's a matter of understanding that regardless of what's happening to our weather cycles, there is no debate that carbon emissions have risen steadily in the past decade, and humans are actively producing pollutants that negatively impact the environment and global ecosystems.

While most pleas for the public to move toward more environmentally sustainable practices, like mine, are steeped in emotional appeal, at the end of the day, the stark reality that humans face is simple: human beings will not exist without this planet. No other political stance should take precedence over protecting and cleaning up the environment. When the environment dies, so do we. The argument that space exploration, that final frontier, will be humanity's saving grace is contrived — it ignores the reality that unless some significant action to detoxify the planet is taken, humans will create an inhospitable environment far faster than they will discover a way to colonize Mars.

While the regulations already being applied to the EPA are terrifying, and make it clear that the current president does not care about the environment or the scientific

community, it's important that environmental advocates don't lose hope, and that people who have been previously apathetic to the plight of the planet start to step up. There are so many things students and community members can do to minimize their contributions to environmental pollution.

Walk when driving isn't an absolute necessity. Call people out for littering. Bring reusable bags when shopping, or choose paper over plastic — paper bags can be recycled, plastic bags cannot. Take 20 minutes out of the week to recycle, either on-campus or at the Moscow Recycling Center.

Say no to bottled water, straws and plastic cutlery. Invest in clothing made of plastic-free fibers, such as hemp, cotton, silk and wool. Cook from scratch and invest in locally-grown produce and livestock products. Launch internet investigations to learn which companies uphold sustainable environmental practices and which do not.

These acts are small, but they will make a big difference.

When I first decided to become a vegetarian, my loved ones often argued that my actions were insignificant — that I, alone, would not dismantle the industrialized agriculture industry through a lack of patronage. This was clear to me. No one person has the power to initiate social change. The actions of several people com-

pounded over time, however, are a different story. While the industrialized meat industry wasn't hurt in any way by my decision to stop supporting them, there was still value in taking a stance against something I vehemently opposed.

I'm a vegetarian, but I support the consumption of meat under the condition that the animal being consumed was treated with respect and decency, and the workers who produced that meat were paid living wages. Not eating meat isn't fun. I miss carne asada and how easy it was to eat out at restaurants, but standing up for one's beliefs isn't always going to be easy.

Minimizing plastic use by investing in better Tupperware, bringing reusable bags to the store and packing a fork from home rather than using plastic cutlery isn't necessarily convenient. Washing out and sorting through recyclables and taking them to the nearest recycling facility takes time. Leading by example and encouraging a cultural shift toward environmental sustainability will not be easy, but it is important.

If more individuals make an effort to incorporate more sustainable practices into their lives, these small changes will compound over time, and every small step will help the planet heal.

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## ✉ Mailbox

Dear Editor,  
Dr. Voddie Baucham, sponsored by the Collegiate Reformed Fellowship, delivered an address in the Pitman Center on Thursday, Jan. 26 titled "Why Gay is Not the New Black." The Secular Student Alliance (SSA), after consulting Dr. Baucham's previous lectures and his article of the same title, participated in a walk-out in solidarity with LGBTQ students and community members.

Mr. Baucham opened his

remarks by decrying an alleged lack of "discussion" about LG-BTQ issues and then proceeded to question the legitimacy and existence of LGBTQ identities, labeling them a "crime against nature." His other unfortunate complaints targeted marriage equality and attempted to cast the LGBTQ civil rights movement as an insidious conspiracy.

All who listen to Dr. Baucham's clumsy affirmations would do well to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ community members here in Moscow. They are an integral part of our city and our university: students,

faculty, business professionals, scientists, artists, and everything in between. The protection of their civil rights, including marriage equality, strengthens our community as a whole.

The Secular Student Alliance vigorously supports freedom of speech and honors Mr. Baucham's right to express his beliefs, but we also unequivocally condemn his dehumanizing remarks. The Collegiate Reformed Fellowship should be ashamed of themselves for sponsoring this inflammatory sophistry.

— The Secular Student Alliance at  
the University of Idaho



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