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An unplanned altercation

Student lobbyists run into an altercation with Sen. Dan Foreman at Idaho State Capitol

Hailey Stewart & Brandon Hill
 ARGONAUT

When Ashley Ayala, Emily Carter and other group members of the Planned Parenthood Generation Action group organized their visit to the Idaho State Capitol, they planned on attending a full day of meetings.

Instead, they made national headlines.

Carter, the president of Generation Action at the University of Idaho, said the group fights for reproductive justice on college campuses. At UI, the group



Sen. Dan Foreman

focuses on sex education, including options for contraception.

This year, Carter said Generation Action will focus on lobbying for birth control coverage through university insurance, specifically UI's Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Monday marked Planned Parenthood Lobby Day across the nation. Generation Action took part by visiting North Idaho lawmakers in Boise during the legislative session.

The group of 12 spoke on

behalf of the 12 Months of Birth Control legislation. The bill, backed by Planned Parenthood, would require health insurance to cover the cost of one year's worth of birth control, rather than covering month-by-month refills.

"That was the goal — to talk to our representatives and see if they would support it," Carter said. "As their constituents, this is something we care about."

Ayala said the group originally planned to meet with North Idaho lawmakers Sen. Dan Foreman of Moscow and Sen. Bob Nonini of Coeur d'Alene.

The group met with Nonini earlier in the day. Foreman, however, abruptly canceled the meeting Monday morning, Carter said.

"We were confused because we didn't know why the meeting was canceled," Carter said. "But, no one was mad — we figured we would try to speak with him later in the day."

Generation Action waited outside Foreman's office in the Capitol hallway, hoping to speak with the senator between meetings.

Before their next meeting, the group left a note for Foreman.

"After we have a meeting with a

senator, we are supposed to write thank you notes. So, we wrote a note to (Foreman) with what we wish we could have spoken about," Carter said.

The note was written on poster paper with a Planned Parenthood button and a condom attached.

"It basically said you're not doing your job because you wouldn't speak with your constituents," Ayala said. "And we highlighted what we wanted to talk about since he missed our meeting."

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CITY COUNCIL

Involving everyone

Kathryn Bonzo aims to involve all community members in city council

Sierra Rothermich
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Coming up on her fourth year as a Moscow City Council member, Kathryn Bonzo keeps a Margarete Mead quote on her wall because she has never doubted a citizen's capability to impact the community.

"I have a family, a full-time job teaching fourth graders and other commitments, but I hope to show people that you can still be involved with government," Bonzo said.

Bonzo said a community is always growing, and change is inevitable, but citizens should be a part of the conversation so they can have a voice in the direction of their community, she said.

Bonzo said during this term, her goal is to remind people working full time they can still be involved in public service. The public tends to think city council is only for retired people, but anyone at any age can find a way to be involved and discover an area of government they are pas-



Kathryn Bonzo

sionate about, Bonzo said.

Bonzo said she believes getting people to be civically involved is the toughest obstacle she has faced. Bonzo said she taught American government to high school students so she could show people there is a process that works to take care of schools and the community.

Bonzo has been teaching kindergarten through 12th grade for 30 years. Bonzo said her favorite part is building relationships with students, which is why she says she is in the business of people, to help with growth and success.

Bonzo spent seven years living abroad in Sweden, London, Algeria, Singapore and the Dominican Republic before coming to Moscow.

"I've lived in places with issues like having clean water, so citizens must realize the importance of taking care of what we have," Bonzo said.

Bonzo said Moscow residents can always use resources more thoughtfully, and if people are involved they can see how the decisions of government are made.

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COMMUNITY



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Aly Bean and her son visit the Sheep Center and watch the animals graze Feb. 9.

Showing off the sheep

UI Sheep Center begins lambing season with more than 100 new lambs

Hailey Stewart
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Several years ago, when Aly Bean first stumbled upon the University of Idaho Sheep Center, she knew the trail alongside the 126-acre farm would be a great place for a daily run.

Now, the UI graduate student still returns to the farm often, not just to run, but to watch the sheep graze with her 1 1/2-year-old son — his favorite part

of the week.

The pair now visits twice or more a week.

"I don't know anything about sheep, but we sure love them," Bean said.

Nick Hill, assistant manager of the Sheep Center, said he sees just as many visitors explore the center as students visiting for class.

Approximately 200 sheep — Suffolk, Targhee and Polypay breeds — call the Sheep Center home. Even more sheep are birthed and held there. However, many are sold off around the Palouse.

With three main barns,

an intensive care barn, seven shelters along the trail and countless pens, the Sheep Center is more expansive than ever, Hill said.

"Although we get some interested visitors, we are mainly here for the students," Hill said. "We aim to teach students, and anyone who wants to come out and see the operation, about the sheep and what we do here."

Through the Sheep Center, animal and veterinary science students from both UI and Washington State University gain hands-on experience with handling, birthing, shear-

ing, feeding, vaccinating and marketing the animals, Hill said.

Researchers are currently working on finding antibiotic properties for progressive pneumonia in sheep, Hill said. Students also experiment with feeding trials and grazing for the varying breeds of sheep.

"Researching means they come work with the sheep and take samples," Hill said. "They will take those back to a lab and process the information or come back and get even more info."

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CAMPUS LIFE

The new discussion on DACA

UI College of Law hosts a discussion about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals



Gavin Green | Argonaut

Kate Evans and Luis Cortes Romero discuss current DACA litigation Thursday afternoon in the Menard Law Building.

Andrew Ward
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The University of Idaho College of Law hosted a discussion on the current and future state of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Thursday.

Luis Cortes Romero, a UI alumnus, was one of the lead attorneys in *Garcia v. United States of America*, which challenged President Donald Trump's revocation of DACA. Kate Evans, an associate professor of law at UI, presented alongside Romero. She prompted him with questions about the state of DACA, his current work and his journey

from a UI student to an immigration attorney.

DACA was an Obama-era immigration policy created in 2012 for immigrants who arrived in America illegally as a minor. The policy, which came by way of executive order, allowed minors to attain a renewable, two-year deferred action from deportation and allowed eligibility for work permits.

The Trump administration formally announced the end of DACA Sept. 5. The program protected nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants from being deported.

Romero began his presentation by addressing common

questions people have about DACA recipients.

"When someone's here without legal status, one of the questions that is always asked is 'Why don't you just apply for citizenship?' The reality is that in the current schematic of our immigration laws, a lot of the time there just isn't a way to get that done," Romero said. "There is a citizenship application that does exist, but to even apply for it you have to be a legal, permanent resident — somebody with a green card. That is where a lot of people get stuck."

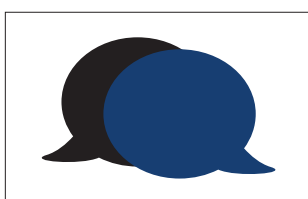
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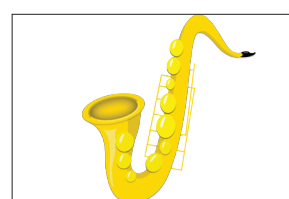
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Ingredients

- 3/4 cup of frozen raspberries
- 3/4 cup of frozen strawberries
- 3/4 cup of frozen blueberries
- 1/2 cup of fresh spinach leaves
- 1 cup of Greek yogurt
- 1 cup of orange juice
- 1 teaspoon of honey

Serves: 2 smoothies
Start to finish: 10 minutes

Directions

1. In a blender, pulse the raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and spinach with the orange juice.
2. Next, blend in the Greek yogurt and honey.
3. Serve with toast or oatmeal for a full, healthy breakfast. Or, drink as a healthy afternoon snack.

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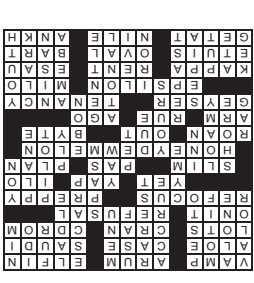
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ALUMNI

Changing Laynes

UI Alumnus Layne Gneiting discusses his worldwide bike treks

Mary Phipps
ARGONAUT

After feeling stuck in his life, University of Idaho alumnus Layne Gneiting looked to get away.

His family joined him on a coast-to-coast bike trek across the U.S., where Gneiting said he felt the “heart-beat of America.” The bike trek was a life changing experience, and Gneiting said he wanted to share it with others.

Gneiting, now an Arizona State University instructor, took his first bike trek client on a journey through northern Europe and said the adventure changed his life.

Not long after, Gneiting launched his New Zealand trek with more clients. Those in-

involved, Gneiting said, felt more present and no longer meandered through life uninspired.

Gneiting said the treks are a transformational experience because of the conditions. Through Gneiting’s experience, barriers are stripped away and tourists are given the chance to fully immerse themselves in the scenery. Regular safety nets are taken away and participants have to rely on themselves and others around them. Gneiting said this creates a mutual trust between those on the trip.

Gneiting said bike treks are his preferred method of experiencing new and exotic locations for several reasons, one of which being the interactions he and his clients have with the people they meet.

“We get these bursts of interactions,” Gneiting said. “Bikers are somewhat of a novelty when coming to a town because they are

different than hikers or cross-country bikers, and that sparks conversation.”

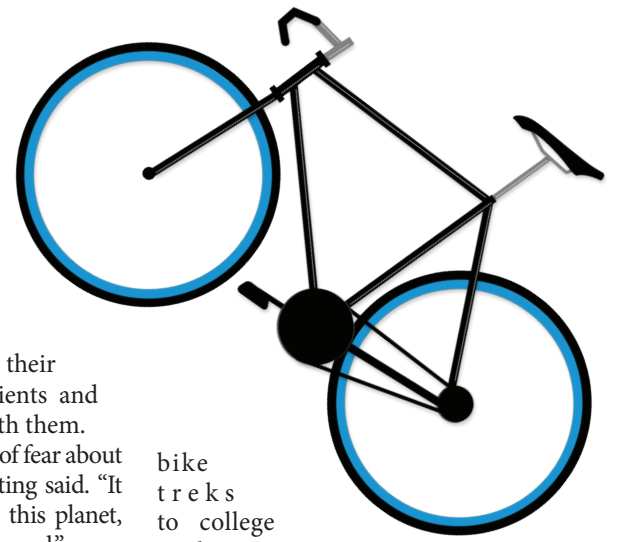
Strangers regularly open their homes to Gneiting and his clients and have shared food and shelter with them.

“The media feeds us with a lot of fear about the atrocities of humanity,” Gneiting said. “It doesn’t matter where you go on this planet, there are incredible humans all around.”

He said bike treks also provide experiences that other motives of transportation cannot provide. Gneiting said he pushes himself to the limit to prepare for whatever comes his way. Being stretched in all directions helps build confidence, he said.

“I aspire to come close to the greats of the past. I’ve got to stretch myself to even a margin of what they’ve achieved,” Gneiting said.

Gneiting said he plans to soon offer



bike treks to college students. He

Grayson Hughbanks | Argonaut explained the need for students to push themselves out of their comfort zones and grow.

“We need leaders that can learn to push past today’s comforts,” Gneiting said.

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FACULTY

UI plans raises for TAs

UI teaching assistants enrolled in graduate programs will no longer have to pay tuition

Brandon Hill
ARGONAUT

Teaching assistants received a blessing Feb. 5 in the form of an email detailing the new system in which University of Idaho TAs will be paid.

The email, sent out by UI associate professor Erin James, detailed the increase in TA funding. Starting in the fall of 2018, all UI TAs will receive a \$14,000 annual stipend and a full tuition waiver.

Annual stipends will increase by \$500 from their previous amount of \$13,500 in the 2018 spring semester. In previous years, TAs with Idaho residency were expected to pay full tuition for

graduate school, amounting in \$8,864 per academic year. The only tuition waivers UI previously offered applied to out-of-state students, who’s out-of-state tuition had been waived to match the in-state total.

“The decision largely was inspired by a push to increase the scholarly and creative output and environment in the university, to become a center of research excellence,” James said.

James, who works in UI’s English department, said the push for larger funding packages came from many department heads, and the benefits are expected to be seen university-wide. With more funds available for

prospective graduate students, UI can more aggressively recruit, James said.

“It absolutely means that they’re more financially stable and that we also stand to recruit much more competitively with the programs that we’re competing with, because we will be on par with what other programs are offering,” she said.

John MacPherson, a single father and UI graduate student, is just one of the TAs that will receive a dramatically smaller bill come fall. MacPherson has taught both English 101 and 102, and said not paying tuition will significantly help his finances — and his family — in the

long run.

“That’s just a lot of extra money that I’ll have on my hands that I won’t have to take out loans for,” he said.

MacPherson said he spent his first four years of his undergraduate degree working more than 100 hours a week for C&R, a local supported living facility for the elderly and mentally disabled. Once he began his graduate program, however, MacPherson said putting in that many hours wasn’t feasible.

“It’s hard to keep up with 100 hours a week, it’s hard to keep up with 40 hours a week,” he said. “Honestly, I’m being paid better for the hours that I’m working here. With

this increase, it’s all the better.

MacPherson stressed the long-time need for better funding packages. He said many TAs are often the first instructors for new UI students.

James agreed, adding more money circulating through the English department directly correlates with a TAs dedication to the program.

Since the deadline to apply for graduate school was Feb. 1, James said many future UI TAs might not even know that tuition will be covered once they arrive in Moscow.

“They will get a very nice surprise,” James said. “I’m so excited to write them and give them this new funding. It’s

going to be a game-changer.”

MacPherson, who had James as an advisor before he decided to attend graduate school, said he strongly believes the UI teaching staff has its students’ best interests at heart, with the recent tuition waiver as the latest example.

“The teachers are great and they fight for us,” he said. “Honestly, as much as we do, we couldn’t do it without them. This is the proof right here. They went out of their way for us to get this for us. I wouldn’t be here without the teachers that I have had.”

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ALTERCATION

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The poster outlined the 12 Months of Birth Control legislation and other sex education statistics.

"This is important because consistent use of birth control is the best way to help women avoid unwanted pregnancies and abortion. Birth control is healthcare," the note read.

Later that day, Foreman passed the group in the hallway. A video recording by one of the Generation Action members showed Foreman shouting, "Abortion is murder. I stand against it."

"I am a Roman Catholic. I am a conservative Republican. I think what you guys do stinks," Foreman said in the video footage obtained by The Argonaut.

Ayala said the goal of meeting Foreman in the hallway was to give him a folder with information about the bill and sex education.

"As constituents, we thought (Foreman) would take the time to talk with us," Ayala said. "Because of our pink shirts, he made the decision

not to speak with us. Representatives should listen no matter what."

Foreman did not return multiple Argonaut requests for comment. Tuesday, he told the Associated Press he has no plans to apologize and his "response was dead on."

Generation Action's other meetings for the day did not produce the same outcome, Carter said.

Although their discourse with Bob Nonini was civil, Carter said, Nonini waved around rosary beads and talked about abstinence rather than contraceptive alternatives.

"It was a little strange and definitely interesting," Ayala said. "But, he didn't shut us down and he actually listened to what we were saying."

Paul Dillon, director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho, said he was pleased with the way Nonini handled the meeting, even after the senator asked how many of the present students were Catholic.

"The meeting continued with him actually taking the time to look up where the bills were, telling the

students how impressed he was with their preparation and stories and thanking us for our time," Dillon said. "While we disagreed, he handled it like a fairly normal meeting compared to what followed."

Foreman was also videoed last year in a confrontation with another constituent. He was recorded by a Latah County Sheriff Department bodycam. The video showed Foreman swearing and shouting at an unidentified male Sept. 14.

Ayala said she felt disillusioned after the day's events. But, she said she is ready to get back to work, educating UI students about sexual health and rights.

Dillon said he was encouraged by the young members of the group. "We work on a legislative agenda because policy matters," Dillon said. "Youth advocating for policies that impact them provides an opportunity to learn the inner workings of government and make a better world."

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Planned Parenthood Generation Action members at the Idaho State Capitol Monday afternoon.

SHEEP

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Although sheep studies attracts student researchers most often, lambing season, which begins late winter and early spring, brings in all kinds of visitors.

Hill said it is important to keep a watchful eye over the sheep, especially during lambing season. With Hill, Dave Casebolt, a night watch employee, and various students throughout the school year taking care of the lambs, Hill said the animals are monitored constantly.

During the springtime, Hill said a day at the Sheep Center begins early in the morning and wraps up by late evening. Feeding all the animals alone, especially with an influx of newborn lambs, takes up a large chunk of his day.

Casebolt, the Sheep Center manager, has been working these long days at the farm for the last 20 years. Although busy, he said his favorite part of the day is feeding the lambs.

The Sheep Center caretakers are always on call. Hill said lambs are born at all hours, making some of their days on the farm more unusual than others.

Sheep, Hill said, usually give birth to lambs in sets of two, if not more. Once birthed, the lambs are tagged and given a short health examination.

"They all have their own personalities," Hill said. "But, it's best not to get too attached to the little ones."

Hill said the mother is then prepped for feeding and kept in

a birthing pen, with her lambs for several days until the lamb has acclimated to its mother and its surroundings. The Sheep Center has 35 birthing pens for the nearly 450 lambs born throughout the year.

When the lambs and the mother are deemed healthy enough to leave the birthing pen, they are assimilated with other animals. Eventually, the lamb is moved into the general flock.

"This way they can learn how to find their mom and get associated with their buddies," Hill said.

It can be a lengthy process, but it helps to ensure the health and safety of the sheep and lambs.

However, Hill said there is always the chance a lamb might not live past birth or its first few days in a pen.

The Sheep Center has seen 98 new lambs since the beginning of February. With a successful birthing season, Hill said the center is operating at just a 5 percent death rate.

Casebolt said the center ensures newborn lambs are given thorough medical treatment and kept from the rest of the flock.

"We are very pro-life here," Casebolt said.

Bean said it has become tradition to visit the lambs and the staff at the Sheep Center.

"Every time I've been out here, whoever is working or tending to the sheep, they are always super happy to have us just stand and watch," Bean said.

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DACA

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Romero, who himself was a DACA recipient, focused on why the immigration policy is so important for his clients and people across the U.S. who fear immigration repercussions.

"No one's really talking about the people who are impacted by this," Romero said. "The individuals who have these stories to tell, who have very human consequences to what's going on."

Evans said she thinks many people do not appreciate the amount of work and vulnerability required to complete a DACA application, including White House Chief of Staff John Kelly.

"Doing a DACA application requires saying where you've ever lived, where you've ever worked and proving you're deportable," Evans said. "And then explaining exactly where you can be found generally at any given time."

Romero and Evans spent a

majority of the presentation discussing the method the Trump administration used when revoking DACA and questioned if the sudden revocation was constitutional.

Romero said throughout his career, he has learned to value every opportunity, regardless of potential profit. He cited his personal connection with struggling clients who came from similar backgrounds as himself.

"One of the biggest take-aways I've found is being able to recognize opportunities particularly beyond the paycheck," Romero said.

Monica Ontiveros, a law student at UI, attended the presentation to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the DACA situation.

Ontiveros said she's been interested in immigration because of her ethnicity and cultural ties to the situation.

"It's one of the main reasons why I came to law school," Onti-

veros said. "I think there is a real importance for advocating for people who are put in situations that need that help, and who can't really voice themselves."

Ontiveros said although she's taken immigration law classes with Evans, Romero's first-hand encounters of corruption helped her get a firm grasp on the situation.

"I have taken the immigration class through Professor Evans. I kind of knew a little bit about DACA, but I think hearing the stories by the speaker today was kind of — I was

kind of in shock," Ontiveros said. "I think what shocked me the most is when attorneys don't take clients that are in need because they don't have money, but those people still need representation."

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INVOLVING

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"I love infrastructure because I get to work with people who think far out and strategically plan to craft a vision we have for the city," Bonzo said. "People don't realize how much our community works because we benefit from others thinking ahead."

Bonzo said people should be connect-

ed with the City of Moscow and volunteer for their community.

"People making a little time to contribute to something, that's what a community is," Bonzo said. "I have our sewer and water system printed out on my wall because, although other citizens may not always notice, people did a lot of interesting work to contribute to the city."

Bonzo said when people blame the gov-

ernment, they don't realize there are many ways to make a change. Anyone can go to open Moscow City Council meetings or go to the City of Moscow website and watch the recorded meetings, Bonzo said.

Bonzo said the six council members she works with are all very different, educated and great people spending their days taking care of the community. People need to come to the table prepared with

an open-mind, willing to listen and compromise, Bonzo said.

Bonzo said her favorite part about Moscow is how much people truly care. Bonzo said she sees the future of Moscow staying vibrant, with the University of Idaho thriving and entrepreneurs opening more businesses.

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BEHIND ATHLETICS

Branded Vandal: Idaho and Nike

A look into the contract supporting Idaho athletics top brand

Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

From Ukraine to the U.K., New York City to Idaho, the swoosh exists and accelerates its brand onward at every level, in every place.

The Oregon-based company, Nike, flourishes and retains sports dominion in all corners of the world, including here. According to The New York Times, the company's logo has a nearly 100 percent rate of recognition among people in North America.

At least part of that materializes from its grasp on almost 190 Division I athletic departments nationwide.

Unsurprisingly, Nike's most fruitful contracts lie with its most profitable locales — University of Texas and Ohio State University are both currently on 15-year deals, each worth about \$250 million in mostly "promotional" apparel, but also chunks of real cash.

So, these behemoths of the college landscape are compensated heavily and permitted decades-long "all you can outfit extravaganzas" because of their worth as Nike advertisements.

That is logical, but what about the comparatively scant and obscure conferences and their universities — the Sun Belt, Big Sky or Conference-USA schools, for example, which still adorn themselves in full-Nike regalia?

"We have to buy the uniforms," Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear said. "We're able to purchase them at their wholesale costs. I believe it's 50 percent off. It's considerable, but still expensive, especially when you have to replace an entire team's uniforms."

That's the difference. While the mammoths of collegiate athletics get a dollar and apparel-pay-out, schools like Idaho receive an "Annual Product Allotment," plus a line of credit in wholesale discounts. Idaho is granted \$400,000 in such discounts.

According to the university's 2013-2018 contract with Nike, which The Argonaut received in response to a freedom of information request, the company provides \$140,000 in what Spear describes as a "product line of credit." Nike equips men's basketball and football teams with shoes, warmups and camp t-shirts (plus some extra cleats for football players in the case of a postseason appearance), which is altogether worth \$100,000 at retail.

Then there's some flexibility on the remaining \$40,000 worth of

"promotional retail dollars," Spear said. Often it goes toward teams in desperate need. However, university-selected basketball and football staff are entitled to order an extra combined \$25,000 in apparel at retail value. A lot of this "Nike Elite" product is ordered to outfit athletics staff, Spear said, so the little that's left of the "free apparel" is generally skimpy in relation to what the programs need.

"It doesn't last very long considering you're just grabbing stuff at full cost," Spear said. "After that, you have to purchase everything ...we can always say there's not enough. We're always using it all, never rolling anything over to the next year."

So, if \$125,000 of the school's granted promotional apparel is disbursed to basketball, football and staff, than just \$15,000 is left over for whatever need be. Fourteen programs are covered by Nike. All of that practice gear, off-court/field apparel, gloves, sleeves, extra shoes, coats, uniforms in general — those are chiefly paid for at the wholesale discount, not given to athletes for "free."

Compared to its Power-Five neighbors on the Palouse at Washington State University, Idaho's contract is more constricting. WSU Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Chief Financial Officer Matt Kleffner said the

school's \$2.2 million product allotment gives it freedom to choose where all of the promotional product goes.

"With our new contract (2015-2025), our product allotment doubled. We can spread it around as needed," Kleffner said. "I'd like it if the deal was bigger, but then again, it's pretty good where we are. There are bigger markets with bigger deals, so I'd say, for us, it's fair."

Along with the comparably jumbo product allotment, Washington State's athletic department also draws in \$200,000 in cash to do with as it pleases. Whether it be purchasing supplementary Nike product at wholesale, or putting all of that money toward facility improvements, it's the athletic director's say.

Spear said Idaho's current contract, which expires in May 2018, falls almost directly in line with the school's initial deal, which ran from 2008-2013. Prior to that, Idaho was an Adidas school for five years. Spear said the shift came after the school solicited bids and received responses from Adidas and Nike.

The shift was practically fueled by the desire to change, but Spear said another uniform supplier transition is unlikely in the near-future.

"One of the obstacles when you

take a look at potentially changing your uniforms, essentially, is you'd have to purchase entirely new sets of uniforms, both home and away, for every one of your teams, and that's really, really expensive," Spear said.

The only potential for a switch to come, Spear said, would be if, say, Adidas offered to supply entirely new uniforms as part of the transition, which is highly improbable for a non-Power-Five school.

"In the past we've gotten some quotes from Adidas in particular ... and it seemed like Adidas might have been a bit more lucrative from what you'd perceive as (compensation)," Spear said. "But the large cost of changeover would offset any increase you could get there."

In a warehouse connected to the Kibbie Dome sit boxes, stuffed full with additional Nike product. Spear said this is one of the positive results sticking with the same provider for a decade can produce.

"We have an existing inventory of extra sweats, shorts and practice gear, so if a kid comes midyear, we'll have something to provide them," Spear said. "We have a lot of inventory built up ... if we switched, all of that stuff would be useless."

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TRACK AND FIELD



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Vandal women compete in the one mile race during the track meet Friday in the Kibbie Dome.

A Big Sky battle

Idaho prepares for the final meet of the indoor season in the Big Sky Conference Championships

Meredith Spelbring
ARGONAUT

After a trip to the USA Championships, the Idaho track and field squad runs down the 2018 indoor season with the Big Sky Indoor Championships, beginning Feb. 22.

The Vandals will travel south to Flagstaff, Arizona for the conference championships, which will begin Thursday with the multi-events. The field events are set to be underway 3 p.m. MT Friday and

running events at 4 p.m. MT.

Idaho Head Coach Tim Cawley said the indoor season went well on many levels and the team is now heading in the right direction moving toward conference championships.

"We are in a position to do better than we did last year, which is kind of all we had, just keep moving in the right direction, Cawley said. "We still got to go and kind of get it done at the conference meet and like I say, there are fantastic coaches, fantastic athletes, it should be a fun battle."

While the pressure is on to perform at top-marks, Cawley said this pressure can push the athletes to compete their best and

end the season on a high note.

"That's where a lot of great performances come from is kids trying to rise to the occasion of the new competition, to the excitement of the competition," Cawley said. "It's been a good season so let's see if we can finish strong."

Sophomore Ben Doucette moves into the conference meet fresh off a trip to the USA Championships, where he was one one-hundredth of a second away from advancing to the next round. As the defending Big Sky 60-meter hurdle champion, Cawley said Doucette is hungry to hold his title.

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MEN'S GOLF

Strides forward

Marin ties for 25th, Vandals tie for 19th at Classic Club

Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

After the first round, junior Enrique Marin sat comfortably tied for third out of 130 golfers. The junior had fired a 4-under 68 in the first, but a slump-round in the third culminated in a 1-under, 25th-place overall tie for Marin over the weekend at the Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California.

In a 23-team field featuring three of the country's top-25 (Texas Tech - Ninth, California - 19th, UCLA - 21st), the Idaho men's golf team managed a tie for 19th with an aggregate 35-over 899, just two strokes back of in-state competitor, Boise State.

Marin's 68 matches his best round of his career, and the third below-70 round of his career.

His first round featured a slew of birdies — three on the front and three on the back, including a circle on the handicap-1, 595-yard par-5 ninth.

Yet again, Marin's company all nearly matched each other. Each shot a 5-over 77, except for freshman Cole Chrisman, who finished the first with a 78 on the 7,322, par-72, hill-surrounded links.

In round two, the Vandals whacked themselves to their best overall round out of their last 11, a 9-over 297. Marin knocked in four birdies, but was unable to card an under-70 score. However, he managed to stay in the top-10 with a 1-under 71 on the day.

Junior Klaus Ganter carded his best round of this still-young spring season, a 1-over 73 in the second. Ganter's play on the day was relatively fixed: he birdied two par-5s, two of the longest holes on the course, but bogied three near-400-yard par-4s.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

A familiar feeling

Idaho gets another near-replica opponent Saturday

Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

Idaho men's basketball may be met with an acute sense of déjà vu come Saturday when it takes on Weber State in Ogden, Utah.

The Wildcats show resemblance to the Vandals' opponent last Saturday in Montana, considering their heavy-handed offensive attack, complimented by an exceptional defense.

Weber State (19-7, BSC 12-2) even has a near-model record to that of Idaho (19-7, BSC 11-3), besides its sweep of Northern Colorado, a reversed result for the Vandals.

The Wildcats own the No. 2 scoring offense and third-ranked defense in the conference, while Idaho still sits back at seventh in the former category and at first in the latter.

However, the Vandals' offensive attack proves it doesn't deserve its current position in the rankings. Idaho has racked up an average of nearly 85 points per game over a 6-game winning streak, nearly 10 points higher than its scoring average on the season.

The Vandals have been on a tear through the month of February, as has Weber State. The Wildcats, who boast the nation's No. 8 shooting percentage from the field, haven't lost since Jan. 13 and are currently in the midst of a nine-game winning streak. A great chunk of that flare comes thanks, in part to Weber's own all-star in sophomore guard and preseason all-conference pick, Jerrick Harding.

Harding drops just over 21 points per game, good enough for the No. 1 spot in the Big Sky. His mob of buckets doesn't lack efficiency though, considering he's shooting over 54 percent, which is immaculate for a guard. He ranks 14th nationally in points-per-game and owns the seventh-highest percent from the floor among all guards.

Over the stretch, Harding's lowest point total was a measly 14 — compared to the rest of his numbers over the tear — against Portland State. He's averaging 22.3 points per-game since the nonstop besting began over a month ago, and the rest of his Wildcats aren't lagging too far behind.

Featuring the NCAA's 28th-ranked overall offensive rating, Weber is riddled with scorers and deep-ball sharpshooters. Four players are averaging double-figures over the last nine games, and, as a whole, Weber is netting nearly 51 percent of its shot attempts since it began stringing consecutive wins together.

The Wildcats did nearly drop a pair of overtime thrillers to Northern Colo-

rado and Portland State, but aside from those, it has by and large handled its opponents. Like Idaho, for example, the Vandals have often supplied their fans scares — see Eastern Washington — but have been adept at reorganizing down the stretch.

Three Wildcats have taken more than 70 3-pointers, and all three rank top-15 in long-ball percentage. The Vandals will have to take extra care around the perimeter when up against the conference's top-three team in both attempts and efficiency, as will Weber State. The Vandals are the No. 2 Big Sky team in percentage from behind the arc.

After taking into account Weber's incredible run, a closer look at Idaho's six-game streak is necessary.

The Vandals sit in second, three percent behind Weber in shooting efficiency, but are canning over 52 percent of their shots over their six-game run. Idaho also owns the sixth-best 3-point shooting percentage in the nation, but Weber is second.

Senior forward Brayon Blake has been incredible for Idaho over its run and throughout the season. Though Harding's numbers are impressive, Blake is matching his sum from the field for Idaho during its streak with his own 22.3 points per game.

Harding's productivity is primarily on the offensive end, shooting the ball in particular. Meanwhile, along with a striking points-per-game stretch, Blake is averaging 10 boards-per-contest over the last six, contributing to a 20th ranked rebounding-margin position in the nation.

The Vandals have routinely discovered means to snatch triumph when faced with adversity. Their upset win over the conference's top-seeded Montana last Saturday likely boosted morale to an all-season high, and they have an opportunity to repeat the deed against a comparably talented team.

Idaho's defense will have its hands full with both its own destiny and an exceptional Weber offense, but Vandals have regularly discovered means to effectively put teams away late — they are by far the conference's best defensive team, after all.

We've experienced this before, just one week ago. Weber gets upset-minded Eastern Washington before returning home to take on the Vandals. Right now, Idaho's offense is at its peak, but so is Weber's. Idaho has a slight advantage on defense and the boards, and that's what it may come down to yet again.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The streak shall live

Idaho has all the tools necessary to win an in-state clash

Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

The Idaho women's basketball team has forgotten how to lose over the past month, so it would be easy to say that pure momentum should produce a win against Idaho State Thursday.

The reality, of course, is a little more complicated than it may seem.

Idaho State will be one of the toughest challenges the Vandals face all year. The Bengals' defense will be the immovable object to the unstoppable force of Idaho's offense. Idaho State boasts the conference's defense and point margin. They also claim the Big Sky's best point margin, and they have four different players who are averaging at least 9.9 points per game.

In spite of those gaudy statistics, Idaho could have a favorable matchup on Thursday.

As always, it starts with junior guard Mikayla Ferenz. Everything that can be said has been said about Ferenz's scoring prowess and it is reasonable to assume that Idaho State will try to limit her impact by double teaming her throughout the game. Ferenz has proven that she can be counted on in big games against any competition. Take the game against Northern Colorado for example. Against the best team in the league and on their court, Ferenz put up 33 points and managed to dish out five assists.

Even if Ferenz is impacted by Idaho State's defense, this team has grown enough over the course of the season to the point that they can adjust in-game and find opportunities elsewhere. Senior posts Geraldine McCorkell and Nejra Solo have become even more productive as of late, and their ability to clog the lane and give no easy shots could be enough to frustrate the Bengals.

The formula for this game is simple. Idaho has to start strong and put the pressure on Idaho State early. In their losses against Weber State and Northern Colorado this season, the Bengals were liable to give up an early lead and dig a hole they could never quite climb out of. The one thing that this Idaho State team cannot really do is pull off a double-digit comeback and Idaho has the shooting and rebounding presence necessary to get an early lead.

Idaho jumped out to a 20-5 lead against Montana and a 25-17 lead against Eastern Washington in the first quarter of each game. That kind of performance would offset the Vandals' tendency to turn the ball over and slow the game down a little bit to prevent turnovers.



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Based purely off statistics, it would be easy to give the edge to Idaho State. Yes, they have an impressive defense and yes, they do rebound well and get high quality shots. However, Idaho has the right pieces to keep the streak alive. They haven't lost in Moscow since 2017. The Vandals can go off for 90 points on any given night against any opponent. Their best players step up when the competition gets tougher. Idaho has proven that they are capable of knocking their opponents off balance early on and setting the tone for the rest of the game.

This team is more than capable of putting all those pieces together. The result should be another high-octane performance from the Vandals' offense that Idaho State just won't be able to match.

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NIKE

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In 2008, after Idaho made the switch to Nike, the athletic department held a large garage sale out of that warehouse. All of the supplementary Adidas apparel from years past was now obsolete, so it had to be sold at discount to the Idaho faithful.

Whereas the Nike contract pertains directly to the university's athletics, it does not hold restric-

tions on fan-apparel.

"Nike doesn't have an exclusive for anything at retail," Director of Trademarks Sue Smalley said. "A lot of schools exclude any companies that do performance wear, but we don't have any exclusives, so hopefully that'll stay. They'd send it to me if they were trying to do that."

Smalley said Nike can be difficult to work with at times. Although she said having access to branded custom sportswear is

nice, the minimums on Nike products are high, so working through local companies, like Pro Image in Lewiston, proves difficult.

Idaho's athletic department uses a company called Winthrop Intelligence to ensure fair deals. Spear said the company acquires public record information and releases it to the university upon payment. This way, the athletic department can compare university contracts, which assists in negotiating contracts.

The new Nike contract, which Spear said has been in negotiations since November, will likely be analogous to the past. He said annual product allotment will take a \$10,000 hit, but overall, it will predominantly align with schools of similar size.

"Because of the drop, they tried to get us closer to the Big Sky average," Spear said. "I just didn't want us to be losing money."

Negotiations are tricky, however. Considering three com-

panies dominate the sporting apparel market, Idaho's choices are to either stay the course or suffer major financial impairment.

"There's three, the 'big-three.' There's not a whole lot of competition, so we don't have a huge opportunity to leverage the Idaho brand," Spear said.

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SKY

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"There is still a little bit of a chip on his shoulder just missing that next round at USA Championships, so going into the conference championships a little hungry, especially when you're ranked second going in," Cawley said.

"He is ranked second going in and then you got a couple other guys right there chipping at his heels. That should be an amazing race to watch at conference. I think that is one where it should be fun to see if Ben can defend his title but at the same time he is going to have a heck of a challenge doing it."

Doucette is not the only Vandal at the top of the ranks in his event heading into the final meet of the indoor season.

Sophomore Kasin Pendergrass-Anderson sits at the top of the conference in the long jump after a jump of 7.46 meters at the WSU Open.

Sophomore Rechelle Meade also sits atop the ranks in the long jump. Meade kicked off the season

with a school record-breaking leap of 6.17 meters, breaking Olympian Angela Whyte's 15-year-old record of 6.08 meters.

"Rechelle (Meade) obviously, as had a couple injuries here and there throughout the season but I think she is healthy right now and in a good place," Cawley said. "Hopefully she gets out there, you know, she can go and try to win the title there, she hasn't done that yet so that would be kind of exciting if she can do that."

Zachary Short sits second in the shot put after throwing a career-best 18.01 meters. He is one of only two throwers to break the 18-meter mark so far this season.

"(Short) has really put a lot of things together, he is a kid that is just very talented, very explosive, very dynamic, very consistent, I mean that is the exciting part," Cawley said. "He's got a good shot to place top-three and hold where he is at there in the rankings going in, second. If you get a chance to stay up in that spot, top-three, then you always got a chance to win it."

Sophomore Kaizer Gillispie has

come out in the top of the conference in both the 400-meter and the 200-meter. Gillispie sits at third in the 400 meters and seventh in the 200 meters.

"He is in a great spot, he is in great shape, I think he should get through to finals and if he gets himself in the finals there I think he's an incredible competitor, we will see what he can do there," Cawley said.

Sophomore Karina Moreland and junior Kara Story are two athletes with the potential to come out strong in the conference meet, Cawley said.

Moreland moves into the meet with two wins to her name and a third-place spot in the Big Sky ranks. Story holds the fifth-place spot with a time of 9:42.90.

Cawley said overall, he feels his team is strong and well-rounded, ready to compete on all platforms at all levels at the Big Sky Indoor Championships.

"We do have a good, well-rounded team," Cawley said. "This is going to show a little bit of where we're (at) and kind of help us reach

out for outdoors but I think the team should go out and battle. That is all I'm looking for, is them to go out and compete as hard as they can and just see where, at the end of the day, see how many

points we have, see where those scores lie next to the other teams."

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STRIDES

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Chrisman also recorded his best round of the spring in the second and his second-best of his career thus far. With almost all pars, save a couple bogies and one birdie, Chrisman found himself with a 2-over 74.

After a bogey on the first, Marin strung together 12 consecutive pars during the third round. However, a triple-bogey on the final hole of the tournament proved inimical to his tournament up to that point. Marin finished the day with a 4-over 76, dropping him down the leaderboards to 25th.

Freshman Adam Veenstra was

the Vandals' bright spot during their rocky round three. Veenstra fired his best round since the Itani Quality Homes Collegiate in mid-September, finishing with five birdies and five bogies for an even par-72.

Nineteenth-ranked California reigned supreme throughout the tournament's entirety. The Golden Bears finished with all four of their

accepted scorers in the top-15 overall and all five competitors under-par. Only one of their five golfers carded an over-par round the entire tournament.

Cal's Collin Morikawa, Sebastian Crampton and Texas Tech's Fredrick Nilehn tied for medalist honors. Each turned in aggregate 14-under 202s.

Idaho will break from competition until March 10, then will head to Bandon, Oregon, for the Bandon Dunes Championship hosted by Gonzaga University.

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ARTS & CULTURE

MUSIC

No rest for Jazz Fest

Jazz musicians prepare for Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

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The opportunity for immersion in both the jazz community and the comforting sounds that play alongside the genre's nuances will return starting Thursday.

Jazz musicians and performers have been coming to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival for over 50 years, joining icons like Dizzy Gillespie and Ella Fitzgerald, who appeared in the past.

"There's a national awareness in the jazz community," said Vern Sielert, artistic advisor for the festival and director of jazz studies.

Sielert said even if students do not have much jazz experience, they can still expect to learn many new things.

The festival will feature competitions, solo performances and group collaborations, including guest organist Joey DeFrancesco.

University of Idaho students can acquire a two-day pass for Friday and Saturday, starting at \$15 for outer section seating and \$25 for floor passes, while UI employee prices start at \$20 but extend to \$35 for exclusive club seating.

Thursday is exclusive to those who signed up before the capacity limit was reached, with the two following days available to the public. Alongside schools from British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, bonus day participants can attend a stylis-

tic variety of musical workshops from 12-5 p.m., led by the Lionel Hampton School of Music faculty.

Competitions begin 8 a.m. Friday, with vocal and instrumental contests from collegiate, elementary and middle school students. Student performances will also take place Friday, lasting from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Every hour during the day there's something going on," Sielert said.

Following the student performances, the Young Artists concert will be held in the Kibbie Dome.

"Jazz is a big world, it encompasses a lot of styles," Sielert said. "So, we're trying to have some diversity over the two nights."

Capping off the night is a "Nancy Wilson/Cannonball Adderley" tribute, featuring Antonio Hart (saxophone), Brianna Thomas (vocalist) and Terrell Stafford (trumpet).

High school competitions begin 9 a.m. Saturday and will continue throughout the day, followed by another Young Artist's concert.

Headlined by DeFrancesco, the festival will end with a performance from the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Big Band, featuring Stafford, Tanya Darby and vocalist Kate Skinner among other artists.

Sielert has been involved with the festival for 15 years, and said part of his mission is choosing people that are passionate about education and who will pass on information and enthusiasm to younger generations.

"The way jazz musicians learn is by studying the people that came before them," Sielert said. "Understand what they did, before you

can effectively create your own voice."

Sielert said the workshops put on for the Jazz Festival are centered around what the artists and hosts want to discuss and teach the audience. Regardless of musical ability or engagement within the jazz community, the workshops are designed to be a welcoming environment to all participants that wish to be taught, motivated or inspired.

"Go in with an open mind, because there are lots of things you can focus in on when listening to music," Sielert said. "Just go with whatever catches your attention."

Sielert said he wanted to emphasize the uniqueness of these performances.

"That particular group that's up there on stage, they're going to be playing this piece," Sielert said. "And that's the only time that the piece will be played like that. Certain elements may be the same ... but it's always going to be different."

With the large number of performers and scale of the event, Sielert said it can be hard to narrow down one piece to look forward to specifically.

"I'm excited about everything," Sielert said.

Uniqueness and variety dig themselves deep into the festival, shown through a range of workshops such as Hip Hop and Krump, Math and the Musical Scale, Smooth Ballroom/American Foxtrot, and "What Might Be Living in My Instrument."

Sielert said he hopes students will participate in the workshops and have fun dancing, even if they might not have experience.

All workshops are open and available to all students and community members, free



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of charge. "Jazz is, first and foremost, rhythmically based music," Sielert said. "It developed not as an art form, it developed as a social function, for dancing, because people wanted to dance. The rhythm and the feel of it at the very least should make you want to tap your feet, and be involved."

Vanessa Sielert, associate professor of music and educational advisor for the Jazz Festival, emphasized how great of an opportunity the festival is, and said students shouldn't miss out.

"It's not really what you miss, it's what you find," she said. "There's beauty in all of it."

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REVIEW

Ya like jazz?

The Bee Movie brings bigger issues to light



Barry B. Benson is someone we could all learn a thing or two from.

That name ring a bell? It should.

Remember the small bee who longed for a bigger, better life outside of stirring honey? The one who aspired to break free from the hive and halt the production of honey?

I do.

The year was 2007, George W. Bush was president and the first iPhone hit the shelves. And, the bees were only kind of dying.

This was also the year the infamous Bee Movie was released.

I was about 11 years old when I first saw the Bee Movie. At the time, it was just another funny cartoon filled with weird jokes — some of which I didn't understand — and bees.

Since then, the movie has turned itself into a world full of memes, bad bee puns and, best of all, societal importance.

The Bee Movie begins with Barry, who just graduated college and is looking for a job outside of the hive, far from the 'Honex' corporation.

Whether it be pollen counting, 'crud picking' or stirring, Barry simply won't have it.

He longs for a life outside of a cubicle and when he leaves the hive discovers just that, embarking on a journey with the 'Pollen Jocks' to spread pollen across the city.

It isn't until about halfway through the movie that Barry discovers 'Ray Liotta's Honey' on the shelf of a grocery store. Enraged because humans are stealing the honey his colony worked so hard to produce, Barry sues honey vendors. He wins and the hive takes a break from all duties.

However, after a long break without honey production or pollen distribution, all plants and wildlife in New York City die.

It is here the movie takes a turn for the worst and we realize the true benefit that comes from bees — pollination.

The movie, although ridiculously funny, gives viewers a slight under-

tone of urgency and panic regarding the importance of bees.

These small insects mean a lot to the world.

According to The Guardian, "Some 84 percent of the crops grown for human consumption — around 400 different types of plants — need bees and other insects to pollinate them to increase their yields and quality."

Bees pollinate a third of everything humans eat and play a vital role in sustaining the planet's ecosystems, The Guardian reports.

Additionally, bees are responsible for much of the food we eat. According to an article published by CNN

about the importance of bees, 1/3 of all food is pollination-dependent.

But, bees are dying at an alarming rate.

According to CBS, exposure to pesticides on chemically-treated plants is a large factor in the overall decline of bees.

It is our job to save them, and there are some easy ways to do this.

Plant bee-friendly flowers, avoid chemical pesticides in gardens and donate to organizations like 'The Pollinator Partnership,' whose goal is to protect and promote pollinating animals, according to CNN.

Whether someone watched the Bee Movie and felt as passionate about the bee population as I did, or simply enjoyed the memes that followed, it ultimately comes down to the louder message sent — we need bees.

The Bee Movie truly captures the importance of bees in the world. Through pollination, honey and wax, it is hard to imagine a life without bees.

So, next time you walk outside and, quite literally, smell the roses, thank the bees. We wouldn't live on this beautiful planet without them.

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ART



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United States wildfire photography by Kari Greer featured in the Prichard Art Gallery's latest exhibit.

A collision of art and science

United States wildfire photography featured in Prichard Art Gallery's latest exhibit

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Boise photographer Kari Greer has been taking wildfire photos under contract for the National Interagency Fire Center since the late 1990s, but she never thought she would see her work featured in an art gallery.

University of Idaho Prichard Art Gallery's latest exhibit, which opened Friday, did just that.

The exhibit, which will continue through April 14, combines scientific graphics from UI Professor of Forest Resources Penny Morgan, writing from award-winning author Stephen Pyne and an array of photographs from Greer's work throughout many states. This is the first thorough exhibition of Greer's work, which is most often a supplement to various words and reports.

Greer's photos depict smoke and flame but also

the emotion of firefighters on the job. Her work serves to show fire in a way that isn't just destruction.

The exhibit acts as a bridge between art and science, telling a story through images to help us better address what living with fire is like, said Roger Rowley, director of the gallery. Rowley said the gallery provides a place for contemplation.

"If we're really going to change our view, humanities need to be involved," he said. "Science is only going to get us so far."

Rowley said he chose to feature Greer's work for two reasons — the powerful images and the increasing prominence of fires. Rowley said Greer's photos are incredibly amazing in terms of wow factor, but we also have to live with fires and learn how to adapt to them.

Greer said she has always loved photography, being a child of a television and media culture where image illustrated life, and she knew it was what she wanted to do.

CAMPUS LIFE

Safe sex is the sexiest kind

Campus departments offer information and resources for safer sex

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Peer educators and other campus resources spread awareness of safer sex through a series of events during "Safe is Sexy Week."

The University of Idaho Women's Center, LGBTQA Office, Violence Prevention Program, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Generation Action and Vandal Health Education all collaborated to inform students about resources available to them.

The topics included the importance of consent, STI testing, detailed contraception options and free condom locations.

Emily Tuschhoff, director of health promotion for Vandal Health Education, said students should be familiar with campus resources and generally more informed through these outreach opportunities.

Tuschhoff said the point of the week was to remain sex positive for those who participate in sex and also those who don't.

"Sex is more openly talked about on college campuses than elsewhere, and I think it should be because young adults are at the highest risk for STI transmission," Tuschhoff said. "There is support for those who ask questions about their experiences and also support for those who are choosing not to have sex



A panel of students learn about condoms and contraceptives during "Safe is Sexy Week" Thursday night in the Idaho Commons Whitewater room.

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right now for a variety of different reasons."

Monday's tabling in the Teaching and Learning Center focused on "Consent is Sexy," hosted by the Violence Prevention Program to enhance the importance of healthy communication. On Wednesday, Vandal Health peer educators hosted a Valentine's Day Health Hut in the Commons to provide informational pamphlets, free swag and condoms.

Thursday was the "No Glove, No Love: Condoms and Other Contraception" presentation by Dr. Bryn Parker from Moscow

Family Medicine and a group of students who shared their experiences. The talk featured contraception options, benefits, success rates and side effects, hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, LGBTQA Office, Women's Center and Vandal Health Education.

The presentation promoted a culture of respect and inclusiveness toward diverse lifestyles and experiences. Members in the audience asked anonymous questions through an app or filled out sticky notes to avoid feeling awkward or uncomfortable

asking in person.

A Vandal alumni community member, Ceci McClurg, said sex is a natural activity and there should be no embarrassment surrounding the topic. A large part of relationships is the discussion of contraceptives and the decision to partake in sex or not, and sex deserves to be something special and fun, she said.

"We have a multi-dimensional student base so it is great to have collaboration between different departments, so all students can rely on resources they are familiar with and learn about new ones too," McClurg said.

"I think that Dr. Parker does a great job at explaining topics in a concise and understandable way, while also being medically accurate."

On Friday, free condoms and more sexual health resources were available. This event is hosted by Generation Action every Friday in the Idaho Commons. Free condoms are available all year at the Student Health Clinic, Vandal Health Education Well Space, Women's Center and dispensers in the LLC Help Desk bathrooms and Wallace Basement.

A new anonymous sexual health question

box is being launched both in the Well Space of the Student Recreation Center and in the Women's Center, located in Memorial Gym. The answers to questions will be posted online weekly. The hope is that anyone, whether or not they participate in sexual activity, can have all of their inquiries answered in a safe environment.

"There is so much information provided in different formats for different people," Tuschhoff said.

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REVIEW

The app that continues to thrive

Pokemon GO's Generation 3 release is no disappointment to fans

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Rain began to pour on the University of Idaho campus, but students standing near Theophilus Tower didn't seem to mind. Everyone stared at their phones tapping away, looking around to see who would be participating in the raid battle at the Pokemon gym.

Students who were late to the gathering came running, grasping their phones with cords trailing behind. It was time to throw their pokéball and hopefully add a Pokemon to their Pokedex.

What started as catching Charmander, Bulbasaur or Squirtle in Pokemon GO

turned into a popular trend. Cyndaquil, Chikorita and Totodile, a part of the Johto region, were released about a year later. Now, it's Torchic, Treecko and Mudkip's turn.



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I've been catching em' all ever since the app came out in 2016, and the Pokemon GO trend is still living on through various events. These events have been happening much more

regularly, making more Pokemon available to trainers everywhere.

After Generation 2 came out, people stopped playing Pokemon GO for a while, but when December hit, the game became popular again. Generation 3 Pokemon were released Dec. 8, and it seems

like that's when Pokemon GO made its complete comeback.

Generation 3 has been released in bits and pieces ever since December. Just recently, they've released the rest of Generation 3 for players to catch and even hatch from their incubated eggs. When this generation came out, they announced an event where up until Feb. 13, Generation 3 Pokemon would take over wild encounters. Not only that, they announced that lure modules will last up to six hours until Feb. 23.

Besides Generation 3 Pokemon having their own events more often, other Pokemon have been a part of events as well. A special Valentine's Day event occurred in game, in which if you caught Luvdisc or Chansey, the player would

get extra stardust. Also, Niantic created an event for the Lunar New Year where players can catch Growlithe, Poochyena or Electrike to obtain bonus stardust.

Events such as these are a marketing technique to players everywhere, especially for people who've put down the game and haven't picked it up in months. By the looks of it around campus, it's working.

Furthermore, every time an event comes out, there's another chance for a new shiny Pokemon to spawn.

Raids were added to the game as well, where Pokemon from anywhere in the Pokedex, including legendaries, would be released in gyms for people to catch. The only requirement for players is to fight the Pokemon as part of a large group, in order

to have a better chance of catching the Pokemon. This is still a very popular feature in the game, but legendary raids are constantly being recycled so players can only catch certain Pokemon in a time frame.

If players want to complete their Pokedex, they have to continuously play Pokemon GO. If not, they can't possibly catch em' all. Until March 16, the legendary Pokemon Rayquaza will appear in Raid battles more often.

With these many updates to the game, Niantic has definitely kicked it up a notch and made the game trendy again, as well as making a profit by having more players invest in the game. Because of how many Pokemon are available, players are now forced to buy a Pokemon upgrade

in the shop in to make room for more captured Pokemon. They can either purchase this by using pokecoins or their wallets.

Nevertheless, Pokemon GO is still a very great social activity for students around campus. UI social media groups are going nuts over the updates that have been occurring, meeting in areas around campus to help others catch em' all. With the weather update as well, players are warned of dangerous weather conditions to make sure safety comes first. With snow on the ground here in Moscow, you can never be too safe. Stay safe, have fun and catch em' all.

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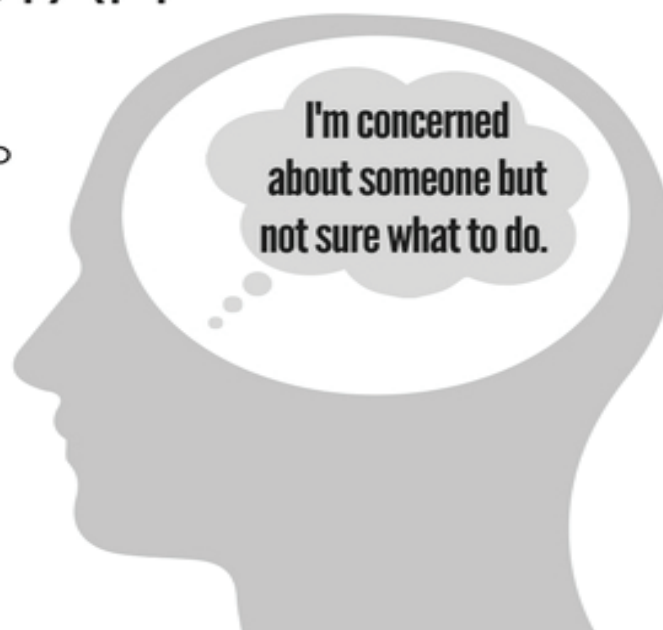
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A wall of photography by Kari Greer featured in the Prichard Art Gallery's latest exhibit.

COLLISION

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She said she happened to be a firefighter as a college job and the two went together so well it was "undeniable."

"My favorite part is having a front row seat to a phenomenon this spectacular and being asked to be there," Greer said.

Because Greer's work is done under contract and not typically displayed by itself, she said she loves having a new opportunity to use her work in a way she hasn't previously, and she is hopeful that it is something she can keep doing.

"It feels very validating to see that it's well-received or that it resonates with people," Greer said. "But it's my life and my passion and something I would continue doing no matter what." It's important to combine

art and science in a place where the amount of fires is increasing, Greer said. This is a fire community and an art community and the two mold, she said.

"(Art) humanizes it," Greer said. "It makes it applicable to real life. It's visceral. It's reality in your face. But maps and writing give a greater sense of reality. This could be anyone's backyard."

Greer said her work honors people who have been impacted by fire and the work firefighters have done on the ground. It gives credit, she said.

"I hope people will take away a sense of the boots on the ground effort by firefighters, that they care and they're doing a difficult but rewarding job in public service," Greer said. "And I definitely hope people learn the importance of fire as well, that it can be good."

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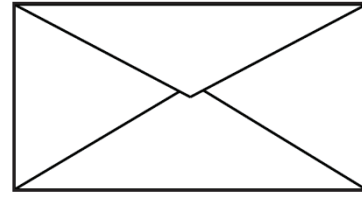
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OUR VIEW

Professional politics

We should support politically active students with professionalism

Student lobbyists from the University of Idaho made national headlines after an altercation with Idaho Sen. Dan Foreman Monday at the Idaho State Capitol.

The students, part of the Planned Parenthood Generation Action group at UI, traveled to Boise intending to meet with North Idaho lawmakers to discuss the 12 Months of Birth Control legislation.

But, early in the morning, Foreman cancelled the meeting, leaving the students a little perplexed. The group left a note in Foreman's office with a condom and Planned Parenthood button attached, and waited outside hoping to speak with him between meetings.

Later in the day, when Foreman passed the group in the hallway, an altercation occurred. A video recording showed Foreman saying, "I am a Roman Catholic. I am a conservative Republican. I think what you guys do stinks."

Foreman concluded by saying "Next time you walk in my office, you are going to be dealing with ISP (Idaho State Police)."

There is almost no better way to represent your beliefs and call for action than to lobby. Without student lobbyists bringing awareness to these many important issues, our voices cannot be heard. Being a lobbyist means supporting something you truly believe in, and college is the perfect place to express these thoughts. By representing UI, students have an even greater chance to sit down with politicians and persuade them of their cause.

And it's expected that politicians return the favor. Foreman showed a lack of both civility and understanding, lashing out at students who had driven hundreds of miles to try and support their cause.

While it might be more difficult to be taken seriously as a young student, or someone whose views don't directly align with the politician, politicians must still put forth the effort to listen to their constituents. By disregarding student lobbyists completely, Foreman expressed a lack of care, slamming their views just for being different than his own.

But professionalism goes both ways. The note in Foreman's office contained certain phrases that irritate rather than inform. "I believe this is the definition of not doing your job," and "Happy Hiding!" are less than ideal ways to persuade someone to join your cause, and instead push them

even further away.

After the news broke, there were hundreds of comments on all news sites with often less than professional discourse. Of course, disagreements are a healthy part of learning. However, we can all remember to be professional, even behind the screen.

Foreman's actions were inexcusable. But, as students we must act with heightened professionalism to even get our foot in the door.

Students are already at a disadvantage, having to work harder and act more professional to be taken seriously. It's important for both sides to be professional and courteous of the other, meeting in the middle to discuss their ideas and try to produce change, even if they might be resistant.

When college students get involved in politics, we should pay attention, especially when they are UI students. Not only are they representing some of our beliefs on a greater level, but we might learn a thing or two, as well. Change comes about in many ways, and lobbying is one of the greatest ways a college student can rally behind it.

We should be proud of politically active students on the national and local level, and continue to support them in their political endeavors.

— MR

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

If you could live forever, would you?

No way

If you could live forever then there really isn't a point to live at all.

— Grayson

Nope

Eventually I would like to call it quits. Even though the thought of death is terrifying, forever is just way too long.

— Savannah

No thanks

Sorry to be a pessimist, but with the rate of how things are deteriorating in society right now I'd rather die at an old age.

— Elizabeth

Nah

I wouldn't want to see all my loved ones die around me, and end up alone. That's just depressing.

— Lindsay

Of course

There's so much to see in this world and not enough time to see it.

— Brandon

Certainly

You'll live to see your loved ones pass, sure, but that's the thing about love — it's infinite. It's just we're not infinite. Also, you'll live to finally see jet packs.

— Nishant

Count me out

I'm down for a solid 150-year life. I want to be around long enough to see a lot, but I definitely don't need to see it all. 150 years seems like a good compromise.

— Meredith

I'll pass

If I'm starting to push 100 that will even be too long. Give me until I'm 80 then I'm good to go.

— Chris

Why not?

There's so much to see in the world. And times are always changing. It would be cool to stay around to see it all.

— Joleen

Totally

But I'd want to live in heaven cause then life is amazing and I get to be with all the people I love.

— Andrew

It depends

I have to live at least long enough for there to be a Five Guys in Moscow. After that I can die happy, but who knows how long that could take?

— Max

Only if ...

I can be young forever. Maybe I'm just a little scared of growing up.

— Hailey

Hmm ...

Do I get to stop aging at a certain point? Then it's a yes from me.

— Tea

Conditionally

If I lived forever but could still die from physical harm like a gunshot then yea definitely. Though, watching my family and friends pass would break my heart.

— Griffen



Updated and outraged

The backlash to Snapchat's new update is unwarranted

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A recent update to Snapchat has driven users to take up Instagram for their image-based chat needs.

This redesign was highly disliked by a vocal majority of its userbase. Many people report deleting the app altogether.

The criticisms range from a hard to navigate interface, to an outright money grab with the new push for professionally created stories. I, however, disagree.

Change of a bad system garners praise while change of a neutral or well-liked system usually brings about backlash.

Snapchat is separated into two distinct parts: the home screen where you can send chat images to your friends and the Stories screen where

you can find posted photos from friends to curated Stories from content creators.

After the redesign, Snapchat coalesced your friends' stories and the ability to send them Snaps into one screen.

The previous story section is now dedicated to more professional content and advertisements.

While people claim stories are now hard to find, I counter and say, updates are incremental.

They have started down an important path to separating stories from your friends and what are essentially bite-sized news articles from outlets like Cosmopolitan and BuzzFeed.

Evan Spiegel, Snapchat's founder, said he wants to "separate the social from the media." Although I agree that's an important distinction in an era of fake news, their first attempt has fallen a bit short of the mark.



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The new Snapchat update is painfully awful to operate

Jonah Baker
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Unless you have been living under a rock with no service, you have probably heard about Snapchat's new update.

It wouldn't be surprising if you heard the backlash before even updating the app.

Snapchat overhauled their interface this month, and the people's revolt started almost immediately. A Change.org petition to remove the update has nearly one million signatures. A simple Google search for "Snapchat update" will come up with more news concerned with reversing the update than notes about the actual software update itself.

The new update is patently awful for two important reasons — the changed Stories

and Discover Page. The most obvious is the new orientation of Snapchat Stories.

What used to be an easy way to keep up with your friends' days is now gone. Stories are hidden among the inbox of new snaps and chats on the left screen, further clogging it up and hiding the stories you would usually care most

about. Unless you have exchanged messages with a particular person recently, you will have to scroll through your entire inbox just to find their profile and attached story.

Snapchat was already losing this particular battle, as Instagram Stories surpassed their Snapchat counterparts in usage in August 2017. At this point, it appears as if Snapchat is actively trying to destroy one of the original features that made it so endearing to young users.



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BACKLASH

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That, however, does not warrant deleting the app or lambasting across the social media sphere.

Another popular critique is Snapchat's new update is merely a thinly veiled grab for more profit from paid stories.

Is this so bad?

A business's first duty is to sat-

isfy its shareholders. It cannot do that if it isn't making money.

The initial public offering, the first time stock was sold to the public, was less than spectacular so they need to capitalize on any opportunity they have.

Paid stories are now much easier to differentiate than before.

The large rectangular boxes immediately tell you the source and message — it has never been

easier to consume paid content or skip it and go to the next one.

Snapchat refusing to revert the app is an important stance in today's consumer oriented market.

They are a relatively young company, having come out in just 2011.

To revert an update that is certainly not polished but not warranting the public outcry it has received would be to admit wrong

where none has been made.

People simply dislike change, whether the change is good or bad is yet to be seen.

The backlash it has received is equivalent to a child throwing a tantrum.

Day one there were people deleting the app and lamenting the downfall of snapchat and hailing Instagram as the new god of image chat services.

If this truly is the downfall of Snapchat, then please, spread the word.

However, give it a month or two and see how the next updates better this new system.

In time, they will create a more intuitive system, but the path they're on right now is promising.

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AWFUL

FROM PAGE 11

Paid stories and advertisements have been infiltrating the Stories screen for a while now, but this new update finished the transformation.

A fully-formed commercial monster has emerged from its cocoon. Snapchat's Discover page now takes up the entire right screen with corporate content. This is the stuff nobody ever looks at unless they have checked every other corner of social media for some kind of

entertainment. I can profess to looking at National Geographic's update once in a blue moon, and I believe that such a behavior is actually above average consumption of the product. Snapchat's intention is to transform the Discover screen into a combination of a news and Vine by advertising newsmakers and viral content creators in the same area.

We all know what is going on in the news and lives of celebrities. There are plenty of other platforms that have been dedicated to that purpose since their births. Snap-

chat is just trying to make a little money off that same impulse.

This won't work.

While Change.org petitions cannot be taken seriously as fire starters for consistent action, they can be used as gauges of public opinion. The petition to revert Snapchat's update is in remarkable company when using these petitions as a metric. It is already the third most signed petition in the platform's history, and the first and second were launched in response to the 2016 presidential election and the killing of Trayvon

Martin in 2012.

This movement is nowhere close to those two events in terms of importance, but the outpouring of dissent cannot be ignored. A petition was launched to take down Logan Paul's YouTube channel after his infamous stunt in Japan's Suicide Forest, and that hasn't surpassed 625,000 signatures despite being published Jan. 2.

Snapchat cannot be faulted for trying to make money. It has struggled with profitability and product mishaps for years now, and the company is just starting to

right the ship. They beat financial expectations in 2017, but the plan to entice viral content creators through this new app redesign is not going to accomplish anything.

Snapchat cannot afford any missteps, with Facebook copying their every move and Twitter slowly moving toward stability through profitability. Snapchat must address the backlash to this update disaster before too much irreparable damage is done.

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Naps aren't just for children

The art of the 10-minute nap

When I was a child, I loved taking naps. It was always such a refreshing part of the day, and I would awake full of excitement because the day wasn't over.

Many of us were required to take naps as children, but as soon as we received a choice in the matter we chose to neglect naps. As adults, we seem to no longer place value on naps. We either don't have time for napping, or it feels too childish.

The one time we will take naps is the day after we pull an all-nighter. We wait until we're utterly exhausted to take a nap.

When I moved to Moscow and transferred to the University of Idaho in 2016,

I started experimenting with different daily lifestyle changes and routines. This was my first time moving out of the house, so I felt like it was a good time to determine how I could live a healthier and more sustainable life. One of those experiments involved taking naps. So, I started taking mid-day naps.



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I discovered that if I took naps longer than 20 minutes I would feel groggy, but if I took a 10-minute nap, I would feel great. And sometimes those 10 minutes would feel like hours.

These 10-minute naps often result in not falling completely asleep, but they allow you to enter this zone of relaxation where your mind can daydream and process information and memories.

When aren't doing anything, the default mode network of our brains gets

more active.

When this network is active, our brains do a kind of processing different from the processing during an activity or task.

Marcus Raichle, a neurologist, radiologist and professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, said the default mode network deals with our perception of ourselves and episodic memory.

"These memories are our personal experiences, associated with a certain time and place, such as what did I have for breakfast today? Where was I yesterday evening? Episodic memory is a special thing," Raichle said. "It is very personal and very self-relevant. It integrates memories from our lives in a self-relevant way. This may be the essence of the default mode network."

Even if you just turn on some relaxing music, lay down for 10 minutes and

let your mind wander — your brain is actually doing some essential processing. Napping is not only incredibly relaxing, it's good for you.

"Normal mind-wandering serves important functions. Many researchers believe that creativity is associated with daydreaming or spontaneous thoughts about interesting problems," Raichle said.

It's good to daydream and it's good to take breaks, so why not incorporate a 10-minute nap into your daily routine? I have found myself with an extra boost of energy and an increased mental clarity after these 10-minute naps. And even if you are one of the busiest people in the world, you can totally find an extra 10 minutes every day.

And, don't forget to get adequate sleep every night. That's important too.

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