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ADMINISTRATION

Vandal Alert, professor spark controversy

UI bans journalism professor from campus in Vandal Alert Wednesday, despite no threat

Brandon Hill
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The University of Idaho issued a Vandal Alert Wednesday morning, informing students, faculty and staff Denise Bennett “has been barred from campus. Recent admittance to police of meth use and access to firearms.”

Jodi Walker, UI director of communications, said there was no immediate threat to campus when the alert was sent. Walker said the alert was approved by UI President Chuck Staben, which is standard procedure for most Vandal Alerts.

Bennett, a professor in the Journalism and Mass Media department, was put on

administrative leave Jan. 24 and barred from campus Wednesday, following “unprofessional conduct” with College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences Dean Sean Quinlan and another university employee, according to the terms and conditions of her leave. Bennett relayed this information via live stream Tuesday.

Walker said no direct threat had been made to anyone within the university. She said the information in the alert was taken from a Nov. 4 police report.

The report, according to Captain Tyson Berrett of Moscow Police, originated from an

alleged domestic dispute in which Bennett admitted to using methamphetamine.

The police records obtained by The Argonaut through a public records request reveal Bennett admitted to police she used methamphetamine Nov. 3. Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute in progress with firearms present Nov. 4.

No criminal charges were pressed and the case was closed that night.

“This is where we thought it was pertinent the university should know what we know,” Walker said.



Denise Bennett

Berrett said police revisited Bennett’s case following her live stream Tuesday, which led to the university citing the information in the alert.

“The information that was included in the Vandal Alert — which came from us — stemmed from one of our officers watching the live feed. He said, ‘I recognize her. I had a case with her last year,’” Berrett said.

Berrett said the university asked Moscow police to serve a notice of trespassing to Bennett should she be seen on campus.

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STUDENT LIFE



Elizabeth Marshall | Argonaut

Student Bryan Ramirez places tape over his mouth before the walk out Wednesday night.

Students protest to support Bennett

Students participated in a march Wednesday to protest actions made by administration

Ellamae Burnell
ARGONAUT

Nearly two dozen students gathered in the Teaching and Learning Center Wednesday night to march in protest of the University of Idaho’s decision to place Denise Bennett on administrative leave.

Protesters placed black tape over their mouths “to signify the attempts of the university to stifle and mute the voice of their students,” according to the event’s

Facebook page.

Protestors marched from the TLC to the Administration Building where they stood in silence on the front steps. Ryan Benson, the event organizer, led the group’s sending of individual emails to UI administrators in support of Bennett.

“She’s got a passion for supporting the students,” said Bradley Janssen, Bennett’s husband who attended the event. “She spent her whole Christmas vacation here fixing the studio because she wants things to go well for the students.”

Janssen thanked students for attending the protest in support of his wife.

“All I would say is watch your backs, because a university that would be as unethical

as they are going after one of their instructors would do the same thing and go after one of their students,” Janssen said. “You’re all putting yourself out there at risk to yourselves and Denise would thank you for that.”

From there, protestors marched through the Commons to speak at the ASUI Senate meeting’s open forum.

Benson told student representatives that Bennett’s leave was hampering education.

“It’s unacceptable to have students paying for an education, and now they’re worried about advising, internships and now whether or not they will graduate on time, let alone their safety on campus” Benson said.

Tasia North, a fourth-year student from the College of Natural Resources, never met

Bennett but joined the protest because they felt the way the university is handling the situation is unacceptable.

“Texting the entire student body that there is a crazy lady with a gun and meth and that she’s a threat to campus is really not OK,” North said, “because most students have no idea who she is or what’s going and all of sudden they get a text and that’s scary for no reason.”

Former ASUI Senator Teja Sunku, a third-year statistics student, also joined the protest after following news related to Bennett.

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FACULTY

UI chemistry professor dies on campus

Thomas Bitterwolf died Wednesday afternoon in Malcom Renfrew Hall, cause unknown

Olivia Heersink
ARGONAUT

A University of Idaho chemistry professor died Wednesday afternoon in Malcom Renfrew Hall.

It is unknown what caused Thomas Bitterwolf’s death or the specific time when it occurred, according to UI spokesperson Jodi Walker.

Bitterwolf, who was a Navy veteran, reportedly worked at the university for more than 30 years, receiving several awards for his research focusing on chemical synthesis and physical study. He also served on the UI Faculty Council from 2000 to 2001.

“The passing of a Vandal family member can understandably have significant impacts on those left behind. Students impacted by Tom’s loss and needing assistance during this time are encouraged to contact the Counseling and Testing Center,” wrote UI President Chuck Staben in email to students, faculty and staff Wednesday night.

Bitterwolf was highly involved in the university and Moscow communities — “an organometallic chemist with incredible skill in mentoring and engaging students.”

The Moscow Police Department could not be reached for comment.

The Argonaut will update this story as more information is made available.

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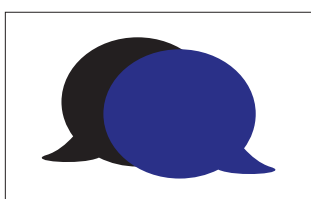
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UI professor Thomas Bitterwolf died Wednesday.

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- 3) Bake the cake in a pan according to package directions.
- 4) When mostly cooled, finely crumble the cake into a large bowl.
- 5) Mix the chocolate frosting into the crumbled cake.
- 6) Form the cake mixture into balls and freeze.
- 7) Melt the white chocolate chips with the tablespoon of coconut oil in 15 second intervals.
- 8) Stir after each set of 15 seconds.

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Comic strip panels showing a character looking at a phone with a playlist titled 'Angry Chill' and reacting to the mood.

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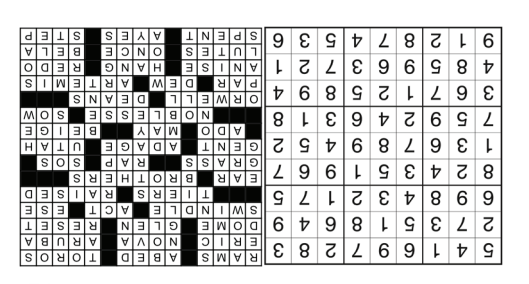
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CAMPUS LIFE

Set up for success

Career Services provide insight on preparing for upcoming Spring Career Fair

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Eric Anderson, assistant director of career development at the University of Idaho Career Services, offers students advice and an inside look at what to expect for the upcoming Spring Career Fair.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with employers for seasonal internships, full-time position and graduate school opportunities from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 7 in the ASUI Kibbie Activity Center.

Q: What should first time Career Fair attendees expect?

A: Expect to see the Kibbie Dome as you have never seen it. Students will enter from the west side and come on to the turf where Career Services staff will be there to welcome you, get you checked-in, a map of where the employers are located on the turf, and a packet with more information on each employer. You will get also get a nametag that includes your major(s), and a colored dot to show which college(s) you represent.

From there, you will be free to walk around the turf and speak to employers you are interested in. Some employers will be accepting resumes, some may not and some may ask attendees to upload their resumes online. Expect to have employers talk with you more about what they do, why they are here at Idaho, and what they are recruiting for, now and in the future.

Some employers will also be holding interviews on-site that day, or the next day or two on campus.

Overall, you should expect to be dressed professionally and prepare for the opportunity to network with employers and learn more about what they do, while also having the opportunity to pitch employers about the value you can offer their organization or graduate program.

In addition, there will be a photo booth where you can get a free headshot to use on your LinkedIn profile. Lastly, there will be a table at the end asking for feedback on your experience at the fair.

Q: What can students do to prepare themselves for the fair?

A: The Career Services Office recommends the following. First, check out the Vandal Career Fair Guide on the Career Services website, or on Issuu. Printed guides are also available in the Career Services Office at the Vandal Success Center (Commons, 3rd floor). This informative resource includes a wealth of tips and advice to help you prepare. Career Services advisors are happy to meet with students to go over the guide.

Second, check out the list of over 130 organizations attending the spring fair on Handshake to gain some background information on who they are and what they are looking for. Our employers appreciate when students have a little background knowledge on their organization or can genuinely articulate why they are interested in the company, or why they would like to learn more about what they do.

Third, attend the Vandal Networking Night. This is not only a great way to practice and help build confidence, but it is another opportunity to get face time with employers of interest.

Q: Should freshmen and sophomores attend the career fair?

A: Absolutely. This is a great opportunity to learn early in your academic career what employers are looking for, and an excellent chance to ask them questions about what skills, education and experiences you can gain at Idaho over the next few years to make yourself more competitive for their internships, jobs or graduate program. We know first-hand that students who attend the career fair early on are more successful with employers in gaining opportunities at future fairs.

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FACULTY SENATE

Budget cuts are coming

A structural deficit caused by declining enrollment has to be addressed by spending cuts, UI provost John Wiencek said

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University of Idaho Provost John Wiencek led a discussion with the Faculty Senate Tuesday about budget cuts that will be taking place in the coming fiscal year.

Wiencek said the changes won't be seen until July 1.

He said declining enrollment has placed a strain on the university budget leading to a need for these changes.

All the cuts were carefully considered, and administrators had conversations with the deans of all colleges, Wiencek said.

Wiencek walked through what the cuts will look like for the university. The academic budget is being reduced by 3.31 percent to \$59,897,535 and the non-academic

budget, including administration and the library, is being reduced by 4.23 percent to \$28,292,406.

The colleges that will be hit hardest by these cuts are the College of Education and Health and Human Services, which will receive an 8.15 percent cut to its budget. The College of Natural Resources will receive a 7.37 percent cut.

Additionally, the strategic hiring process, discussed in a senate meeting last semester, will be implemented as planned.

Wiencek said filling vacancies has traditionally been handled by colleges and departments but will now be handled by the provost's office with the goal being to carefully examine if all vacancies need to be filled or if colleges or departments can fill those positions with the faculty and staff they already have.

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Skating in style



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CRIME

Hearing rescheduled for UI football player accused of rape

A new court date for former Idaho football player Kyree Curington set for 9 a.m. Feb. 28

Olivia Heersink
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The preliminary hearing for a former University of Idaho football player accused of sexually assaulting a female student has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 28.

Kyree Curington's initial appearance — set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday — was vacated, according to court documents. It is the second time a preliminary hearing has been rescheduled.

Curington, 18, is charged with forcible rape, a felony offense, stemming from an incident in early December.

The New Orleans native and first-year UI student was arrested Dec. 8 after Moscow Police officers were contacted by a woman's parents who said their daughter had been sexually assaulted.

According to a probable cause statement, the events preceded as following:

The alleged victim told her family she had been raped by Curington in her dorm room at UI's Wallace Residence Center. She reportedly said "no" several times and attempted to push him off, but he pinned her down.

The woman's roommate, who was present and woke up when the pair entered the space, told police she didn't know what to do during the incident. She reported hearing, "No, I don't do that," and "I thought we were just going to sleep," and said she was worried whether the student had consented. Officers retrieved a condom wrapper from the woman's room.

The alleged victim told police she and a group of friends left at 12:30 a.m. Dec. 7 to Stubblefields, a Pullman bar, where she encountered Curington — whom she knew from social media. They left the bar separately, but communicated through Snapchat about him sleeping in the woman's dorm room for the night.

Police used surveillance footage to corroborate the student's account that she opened a dormitory wing door around 3:30 a.m. to let in a male, later identified as Curington who denied he'd been with the woman.

He was shown leaving her dorm at 4:15 a.m., about the same time she told officers she began making calls. An official report was made to police near 5 a.m. by her mother from California.

After meeting with the woman at Gritman Medical Center, the officers visited Curington in his dorm room. He told police he sat in a roommate's car after returning from Stubblefields, arriving at his room around 4:45 a.m. Curington was wearing the same outfit seen in the footage when officers spoke with him.

He later admitted to seeing her in Pullman, but said he never went into her dorm.

Curington was initially booked into the Latah County Jail on a \$75,000 bond. He was later released Dec. 9 after posting bail.

After his arrest, UI President Chuck Staben released a statement Dec. 10, informing students, faculty and staff that the university is reviewing the incident.

"University investigations look into violations of the Student Code of Conduct and are separate from Moscow Police Department criminal investigations," Staben said. "The university will continue to monitor this situation as the inquiries move forward and will make the best decisions possible to ensure the safety of all its students, staff and faculty as well as a fair process for those involved."

Curington, who has been suspended from the football team indefinitely, is currently not allowed at the university, nor is he enrolled for the spring semester, according to UI spokesperson Jodi Walker. If he were to come to campus without approval from officials, he would be immediately removed, Walker said.

The Argonaut doesn't generally name victims of sexual assault.

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Kyree Curington

STUDENT

FROM PAGE 1

"I think it's kind of a pattern of behavior on behalf of the administration," Sunku said. "The administration has a pattern of either dragging their feet or jumping ahead and not going through proper channels."

Protestors also compared past administrative handling of former UI Athletic Director Rob Spear to the treatment of Bennett.

"We got all kinds of emails about how he's a good upstanding guy and that investigations are ongoing, and with Bennett within a week the entire student body is getting a text about guns and meth," North said.

Bailey O'Byrant, a broadcast and digital media major and fourth-year student, has been helping with efforts in support of Bennett and said he will continue to do so until Bennett is reinstated.

"We're angry, we're upset at the fact

that the administration is trying to pull this as an internal issue that is not affecting students," O'Byrant said.

O'Byrant said he thinks the administration's decision to not let Bennett's students know where their classes stood until four days after she was put on leave shows a disregard for students.

"It's frustrating, my class with Denise on Tuesday's, we didn't go," O'Byrant said. "We met off campus, just us students, to discuss our schedule and what we needed to do. We weren't going to sit there with someone who took part in putting Denise on leave."

The student group supporting Denise does not have another event planned, but Benson said they will continue to support Bennett.

"I'm pretty proud of the turnout," Benson said. "I think any students voicing their opinions or that they care is important and I like what we did tonight."

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VANDAL

FROM PAGE 1

Moscow police vehicles were posted outside the Administration Building Wednesday morning following the alert. However, Berrett said the heightened security was because of a planned protest at the CLASS offices. The sit-in was organized by the REINSTATE DENISE BENNETT Facebook group but was later delayed.

Ryan Benson, administrator of the Facebook page, issued a statement on the page, accusing the university of taking Bennett's past out of context in the Vandal Alert.

Following the Vandal Alert, the group planned a walk-out that took place Wednesday evening.

Benson then penned an email, on behalf of the REINSTATE DENISE BENNETT Facebook group, to UI President Chuck Staben, Quinlan and JAMM faculty and staff.

"We, the students of the University of Idaho, are dissatisfied and disappointed with the handling of the suspension of our professor. The complete silence from University of Idaho Administration demonstrates the lack of commitment to undergraduate educa-

tion at this institution," Benson wrote in the email.

Benson said the students will not accept instructors who are not experts in the digital media and film production field to teach Bennett's classes while she is on leave.

"We demand that the University uphold its promise to provide us with an education by providing a qualified instructor from another institution," Benson wrote. "There are no faculty at the University of Idaho qualified to teach production and film classes and we will not accept a second rate, hastily arranged, internal replacement."

JAMM Director Robin Johnson could not be immediately reached for comment.

Editor's Note: As many Argonaut employees are students in the University of Idaho Journalism and Mass Media Department, no Argonaut employee who has previously worked with Denise Bennett, as part of their curriculum, has or will report on this developing story. It is our mission as a staff to report university and community news with fairness and transparency.

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ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

‘WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER’

Vandal Entertainment hosted its second annual Glow n’ Roll event Jan. 25 in the Bruce Pitman Center’s International Ballroom.

Saharah Chalupny | Argonaut

A LOOK AT PAST VANDAL ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS



Lindsay Trombly
ARGONAUT

Natalie Mesplay often finds herself bored, believing there are fewer entertainment options in Moscow than there could be.

“It’s boring. I want to go out and do things and meet people outside of campus. I don’t know of any good places to do that or if there are, they’re just restaurants. Or bars. Which I cannot go to. It’s way different than where I grew up,” the University of Idaho first-year student said.

Coming from Boise, Mesplay said she wishes there were bigger movie theaters, a bowling alley, an arcade or even a waterpark — places she went regularly with her family while at home.

“I’m a really big movie fan, so I’m very disappointed by the movie theater here. I’m used to movie theaters down in Boise that are big, that have so many options,” Mesplay said. “I wish the movie theater here had a bigger selection of movies and show times.”

Jenny Ford, executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, said there are plenty of options for students.

She said the Palouse Mall provides lots of shopping options, as well as plenty of restaurants and event opportunities for the community.

“There are plenty of local options, through the art galleries, unique culinary experiences, the theaters, as well as many live music options at coffee shops that are accessible to the general public, as well as youth that I believe are satisfactory,” Ford said. “There are also annual music events, such as Modest Music Fest, organized by the local business owners of Humble Burger and Rendezvous in the Park.”

Shawn O’ Neal, director of Student



Gem of the Mountains | 1970

A man smokes a cigarette in the former UI Student Union Building in 1970.

Involvement, also said there is plenty to do on and off campus for students.

“But this is the perspective of a 46-year-old man whose department spends \$200,000 a year to bring entertainment to campus,” O’Neal said. “I think there’s a ton to do in this town and sometimes it feels like we can’t get people to do any of it. Finding events that resonate with students isn’t always easy.”

He said it can be difficult to get students to attend events put on by Vandal Entertainment.

“That, to me, is the missing piece right now — is getting to move college students. Another theory is that college students don’t want to be moved. People are so demanding of your time at this point in your life,” O’Neal said. “You’re studying, doing the things you need to do — your social relationships — that maybe you just want some downtime and sit in your room on your phone for a while. And I can absolutely understand that.”

UI Greek student Livy Hynote agreed with Mesplay, saying there aren’t enough options off campus for underage students, especially compared to her home state of California.

“There’s seasons here. We don’t really have that in California. You usually can be outside most of the

time, but here if you are outside for too long, you get cold,” Hynote said, “For me, I’m less social because it’s cold and I don’t walk in the snow.”

In California, she said there were hiking and swimming options, as well as Ubers or other car services to get to various entertainment options — something she wishes was in Moscow.

“I think municipal traveling would be better, having buses and trains. It’s not that the town has nothing to do, it’s that you have to drive,” Hynote said.

Hynote said she typically finds entertainment options through her sorority Alpha Gamma Delta. She said believes students who live in the dorms don’t have as many options.

In her free time, Mesplay said she generally watches movies in the UI Theophilus Tower and doesn’t travel outside of Moscow, since she doesn’t have a car.

“I really honestly don’t know about entertainment options off campus because I haven’t had time to explore,” Mesplay said.

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Shawn O’Neal

DIVERSITY

A panel of LGTBQA perspectives

LGBTQA Office to host open panel Thursday evening

Alexis Van Horn
ARGONAUT

Regardless of whether one is familiar with stories or issues within the LGBTQA community, Julia Keleher believes everyone will find something to enjoy in the upcoming LGBTQA Office Speakers Bureau Open Panel.

This recurring event allows volunteers from the LGBTQA Office to connect with the local community for a night of storytelling and conversation.

“This is an amazing opportunity to learn first-hand what it’s like to be a queer or trans student at the University of Idaho,” Keleher said.

Keleher — LGBTQA Office Director — said the uniqueness of each student’s

story helps to make the conversations more personal.

“If you’re not too familiar with LGBTQA people, it can be kind of mystifying, like what’s the facts about people’s lives and what’s a rumor or misinformation that’s spread,” said Keleher. “Granted, everyone has their own experiences ... but you get a good glimpse.”

Carson Poertner, Mia Giglio, Tegan Campbell volunteered to speak on the panel. Poertner and Giglio have previously served on LGBTQA Office panels.

According to Poertner and Keleher, each of the four students on the panel will introduce themselves and their

experiences before opening the floor to questions.

Poertner started speaking on bureau panels three years ago. He speaks out to help others understand different perspectives while Giglio decided to start speaking after she watched a panel in her women’s studies course two years ago.

“I like the speakers bureau because it gives a platform for queer students to connect with other queer students and educate people on a deeper level,” Giglio said.

Poertner said he wants to share his story and help the LGBTQA Office assist people. A sentiment

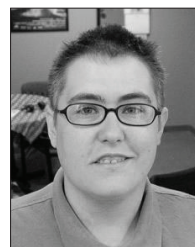
echoed by Giglio.

Both students feel the event will provide a positive opportunity to learn and connect.

“One of the beauties of having this panel is that it opens up a safe space to have these conversations and to unbox and explore these difficult things that we’ve been socialized to be skeptical of,” Giglio said. “It’s one of the only places you can have a genuine heart-to-heart conversation and nobody’s going to take it personally.”

The event starts 7 p.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Crest room. The event is free and open to the public.

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Julia Keleher

COMMUNITY



Alex Brizee | Argonaut

Sisters Cookie Company recently opened a physical storefront on North Almon Street just outside of downtown Moscow.

'People really care about these cookies'

Sisters Cookie Company retells the story of how one cookie turned into thousands

Alex Brizee
ARGONAUT

Connie Rosendahl never wanted a business. A mother of five with a working husband, Rosendahl did not have free time.

Yet, one day when she and her daughters made cookies for her husband to take to work, everything changed.

The cookies were loved by coworkers, who suggested she sell them at the Moscow Farmers Market. She wasn't keen on the idea.

Rosendahl said she decided to sell the cookies at a children's booth for three weeks to give her daughters an opportunity to learn more about business and give them a fun opportunity.

When the third week came, the family showed up late to their booth and found a line had already formed.

"If these people are counting on our cookies, I feel bad about not continuing to show up," she said.

Though Rosendahl said she may not have wanted to start a business, she is part of one now — Sisters Cookie Company, a staple in the Moscow community.

Recently, they added a physical storefront on North Almon Street, allowing customers to come in and enjoy a cookie at the bakery, she said.

"At this point, (the business's storefront) is finishing the circle for me," Rosendahl said. "Now, if the girls want to take it bigger and better, they can. But for me, balancing the wholesale, the retail, the market, the university, the online and now the storefront fills my cup up. I'm really happy — I really love this."

Anna Rosendahl said she has started working with her mother as a full-time employee. She recently graduated from college and tried a few different jobs, but decided to come back to Sisters.

"I think I was drawn to (Sisters) because

of the freedom and getting to spend time with my mom — that's an awesome job," Anna said.

When the family first began selling cookies at the farmers market 10 years ago, Connie Rosendahl said she made sure to give her daughters a role just as important as her own. At that point, she said her daughters were starting to get burnt out, so she decided to get matching aprons for everyone so they could truly feel like part of the business.

"We didn't know what to call ourselves — my name is Connie Rosendahl, and they thought we should call it Connie's Cookies, but this wasn't about me," she said. "It was about them, so I thought, 'Let's just call it Sisters.'"

After working the Moscow Farmers Market for some time, Rosendahl and her daughters decided to take a Saturday off. They received unexpected grievances from customers when they returned the next week, she said.

"But I brought my grandma — your

cookies reminded me of her. She makes these German cookies at Christmas out of real butter, like you," Rosendahl said one customer told her. "She was in town, we brought her to meet you and you weren't here."

She said the experience felt overwhelming for a while, as customers truly cared about the cookies and everything began to feel more like a business.

Anna said she has loved working at the business and feels it has always been a part of her life. Rosendahl said she never expected something such as cookies to take off in Moscow. They're just extra-large, all butter cookies that seem to have found a home, she said.

"So now, I really love what we do," she said. "Somewhere along the line I quit saying, 'I don't want to be a business, and said, alright, let's be a business.'"

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FILM

A one-stop 'Air Bud' shop

It's not the list we deserve, but it's the list we need

When I first heard the phrase "Air Bud" growing up, I thought it was in reference to a "Top Gun" sequel. Boy was I wrong — at least mostly. To be honest, I'm not sure why there isn't a "Flight Buddies" yet, but I have a feeling Tom Cruise would be more than willing to lend his voice.

I've taken it upon myself to watch all 14 movies throughout the past few weeks, and I'm proud to finally present the definitive, top 10 "Air Bud" rankings list.

Why was this written? Well, with the Oscars quickly approaching, this is the perfect pallet cleanser before a critical review of 2018's nominees — which honestly, may not even be as great as the films on this list. This is cinema's finest.

1. "Air Bud"

What more can be said about the original? "Air Bud" was the inspiration for a series spanning more than 16 years — or 112 dog years. Not only is Josh's relationship with Buddy a treat to watch develop, but this may be the most believable movie on the list.

2. "Space Buddies"

On the opposite end of the believability spectrum is this entry, chock full of iconic scenes such as B-Dawg walking on the moon or a ferret contacting their spacecraft via mission control. The name speaks for itself.

2. "Super Buddies"

For superhero fans disappointed in the

last few "Fantastic Four" outings, look no further. Not only are the puppies' powers identical, but the plot somehow manages to become even more convoluted. A supervillain disguised as a pig also steals a car.

6. "Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch"

I had more fun watching this than any baseball movie in recent memory. That's right, Buddy takes to the major leagues once again, but this time with a baseball bat in his mouth. Buddy's puppies also disappear, but that's second fiddle to the MLB.

5. "Air Buddies"

Many thought the series would stop at five — maybe it should have. Regardless, these mischievous buddies reinvigorated a concept quickly becoming stale, resulting in another decade of talking dogs. Here's to many more.

6. "Air Bud: World Pup"

If the rest of these films are dramatic period pieces, "World Pup" can only be described as romance at its finest. Buddy quickly falls for Molly, another golden retriever, and the two have six offspring. Even amidst saving his pups from the evil Snerbert, Buddy still somehow manages to lead his team to a state championship.

7. "Santa Buddies"

It's around this point we get into the weird stuff. I agree with critics that Puppy Paws' decision making is lackluster, and he almost singlehandedly ruins Christmas. Buried amidst this festive film, however, is a

tale of holiday spirit and identity.

8. "Snow Buddies"

I know what you're thinking — why is there a Siberian Husky on the poster? Shasta, the puppy in question, is a surprisingly welcome addition to the franchise, and teaches the buddies the valuable skill of dog sledding. The hardest pill to swallow simply comes in the form of these dogs behaving on the long flight back from Alaska.

9. "Air Bud: Golden Receiver"

In addition to having the best name, "Golden Receiver" embodies everything great about the franchise. It was released as a "sports comedy," somehow grossed \$10 million and reached an incredible 21% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Not only does Buddy play football, but he's also kidnapped by Russians planning to use him in the circus. This may very well be the most well-rounded film in the franchise.

10. Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups

I don't particularly care for the Santa Paws spinoffs — there, I said it. The films just don't quite have the magic of their predecessors and "Christmas spirit" can only hold up in court so many times before a judge finds it guilty. Thankfully for the final entry on this list, positives include an all-new group of Santa pups, an abundance of snowy paws and "The Great Christmas Icicle." The icicle is as magical as the title suggests.

11. "Treasure Buddies"

We've been spoiled by Indiana Jones.

This is a perfectly fine adventure film, but is simply lacking the X-factor Harrison Ford provides. Apparently, the buddies' great grandfather was an archaeologist, so that's pretty neat.

12. "Spooky Buddies"

Halloween films can be hit or miss, but "Spooky Buddies" delivers a decent enough take on the genre. Only a certain level of fright is acceptable in a G-rated setting, and this is a contributing factor toward the film's downfall. Additionally, there's just too much magic and lack of believability. I've personally never seen a dog wandering around outside on Halloween.

13. "Air Bud: Spikes Back"

It's well known that volleyball pales in comparison to other sports. This fact, combined with the lack of actual volleyball in the film, drags it down a notch. And if that wasn't enough, Josh is away at college playing football, a sport Buddy most likely prefers.

14. "The Search for Santa Paws"

Rounding out the list is another film where Santa suspiciously loses his memory. Also, Paws must try to get others to believe in Christmas. Also, Santa is in danger of becoming mortal. Even for a film about talking dogs, there are a few too many cliches present. Stick to what works — maybe a Thanksgiving theme could be the next outing?



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CULTURE

A taste of 30 countries

Annual Cruise the World event hosts hands-on international booths on UI campus

Allison Spain
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The high energy, family-friendly annual Cruise the World allows University of Idaho students and Moscow residents to showcase a taste of their home countries.

The UI International Programs Office will host their event 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bruce M. Pitman Center International Ballroom. There are about 30 different countries represented this year, with 18 booths serving homemade food.

Morgan Gardner, International Programs Office outreach coordinator, said the all-day affair is the biggest cultural event the office puts on every year. While most booths sell food, others offer henna, calligraphy, homemade jewelry and more.

"The event takes a lot of planning and juggling, but on the day of the event, it is so vibrant and happy," Gardner said. "It's quite amazing to see, in Moscow, Idaho, a room (filled) with all of these different cultures. It brings so much joy to those who get to share the food they eat at home with others."

Last year, the spicy noodle challenge during the lunch hour was very popular, so they are bringing it back this year, Gardner said.

"With spices added all at once, volunteers from the audience are taken on stage to eat a portion of noodles as fast as they can to determine the winner," Gardner said. "The event was really exciting and fun to see last year."

There are back to back performances throughout the entire day, including a lot of dancing and singing this year, Gardner said. Not all performers are students, but all of

them represent different countries.

"Last year, the mother of an acquaintance-friend of mine said when she walked into the event she got tears in her eyes seeing people from all over the world come together," Gardner said. "It does just give you that feeling, chokes you up a bit."

Laila Cornwall, associate director of International Student, Scholar and Faculty Services, was born and raised in Denmark, representing the country at the event the last 14 years.

She said she serves Danish meatballs, her grandmother's potato salad, Danish crepes and a few Danish Christmas sweets, such as candied almonds. There is also a play area for children because Legos were invented in Denmark, Cornwall said.

"What I always love is having the regulars coming back," Cornwall said. "I will even see them downtown or at the store wondering when the event is, and then they will come in with their Tupperware containers and tell me to fill it up."

Cornwall said the event is a staple for the Moscow community, with a lot of families showing up, as well as residents from Pullman and Lewiston. It is a fun event, especially for children, Cornwall said.

"My kids have come with me every year, and now that they're teenagers they even take time off of work to go," Cornwall said.

The event is free, but bringing cash is recommended for food samples, which usually range from \$1 to \$3 each, Cornwall said.

"Energy is very high and it is just a big hodgepodge of fun," Cornwall said. "It is a great opportunity to learn a little bit about something that you're not familiar with and see different cultures dress up in their country's garb (clothing)."



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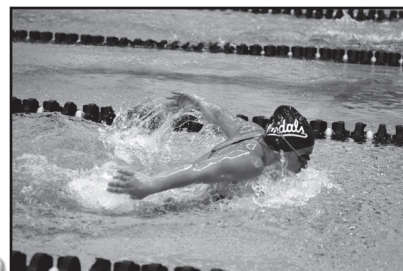
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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Clearing the air

A frenzied Vandal team hunts for a Big Sky win over the Lumberjacks

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

The head-scratching season for Idaho men's basketball rolls on with the Vandals desperately searching for their second Big Sky win.

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks travel to Moscow to face the Vandals in Cowan Spectrum Saturday in a game Idaho desperately needs to build momentum.

The last time the Vandals were home, Idaho almost pulled off an unbelievable win against Montana, until the game shifted in the Grizzlies' favor in the final six minutes.

Idaho then traveled to Sacramento State, where the Vandals were shut down for most of the game.

Questions remain as to when this team will finally click. With fans' patience reaching a tipping point after the loss to Sacramento State, the Vandals need figure it out quickly.

The Lumberjacks enter Saturday's game in seventh place in the Big Sky with four conference wins, while Idaho remains the only team with a single conference victory.

The Vandals will have to contain the Lumberjacks from outside the arc, as Northern Arizona currently ranks fifth in the Big Sky in 3-pointers made.

Both teams rank amongst the latter half in rebounding, so the battle of the boards will be a key factor in Saturday's matchup. If Idaho can win the rebounding battle, it can take this game.

One name fans should watch out for is Bernie Andre for Northern Arizona. Andre is fourth in the Big Sky in rebounding this season with Idaho sophomore Jared Rodriguez ranking seventh. The battle on the glass between the two could be an exciting one to watch.

Another Lumberjack the Vandals need to contain will be Carlos Hines. Hines ranks top-20 in steals per game and is top-20 in scoring for the Big Sky this season.

If Hines and Andre can be contained, the Vandals have a shot at getting their

second Big Sky win at Cowan trum this season.

While it seems clear this is certainly a rebuilding season, all Idaho can do is keep the focus on this game.

Idaho Head Coach Don Verlin seems to be using everyone on the roster, where every young Vandal gets a shot to prove their worth.

Once again, junior guard Trevon Allen will need to have a strong Big Sky performance in order for the Vandals to get a win.

This team can only go as far as Allen can take them. When he is hot the rest of the team follows.

With Idaho sophomore forward Scott Blakney getting into foul trouble the last few weeks, freshman forward Cassius Smits-Francisco has seen many minutes lately.

Having Blakney and Smits-Francisco at full arsenal will be great for the Vandal frontcourt if they can stay out of foul trouble.

A win Saturday can help boost the confidence for the Vandal squad and squash the recent five-game losing streak.

Idaho enters a brutal February schedule with four teams currently ranked in the top five of the Big Sky. If the Vandals do not pull off the win Saturday, the clouds hanging over Idaho men's basketball may never clear up.

Idaho will play Northern Arizona at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Cowan Spectrum. Stay tuned to Vandal Nation for a full game recap.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Vandals face road test in the Southwest

Women hit the road hoping to pick up weekend sweep

Zack Kellogg
ARGONAUT

It's the halfway point in the conference season and Idaho has itself in solid position to take the top spot in the rankings with a road test this week.

Women's basketball will hit the road to face off against the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks and the Southern Utah Thunderbirds. Despite both teams being ranked in the bottom-three of the conference, no game is a freebie in the Big Sky.

The Vandals have a conference record of 6-2 after a sweeping their homestand last week and are now tied for third place in the Big Sky rankings.

Idaho will first travel to Flagstaff, Arizona, to take on the Lumberjacks. Northern Arizona had a rough start to the conference schedule, going 2-7.

Despite the lackluster record, when NAU gets things clicking, they are a hard team to stop. They are led by senior Kaleigh Paplow, a forward who is leading the team in points, assists and rebounds, while playing almost 40 minutes every game. She will be a key player the Vandals will have to keep in check to come away with their third straight win.

The Lumberjacks are coming off a win against Southern Utah, committing a season-low eight turnovers and shooting an impressive 47 percent from the field, while also dropping 38 points in the paint.

This will be the first meeting between the schools this season. The last time they faced off was Feb. 28, where Idaho won 93-83. Senior

guards Taylor Pierce and Mikayla Ferez combined 47 points, over half of the team's points.

The Vandals will then head down to Cedar City, Utah, for a meeting with the Thunderbirds.

With a 2-7 record, Southern Utah has had a rough go and are currently in the middle of a four-game losing streak.

But as in the case of the Lumberjacks, the record may not tell the whole story. While there have been consistency issues, the Thunderbirds have had moments of high offensive and defensive performances.

Sophomore guard Jessica Chatman is a transfer from BYU playing her first season at SUU and has put on some impressive performances.

When playing Sacramento State, Chatman had her first career double-double, scoring 22 points and 10 rebounds.

But leading the charge are junior guards Rebecca Cardenas and Hansen Harley, who have consistently helped put-up double-digit scoring, 10 and 12 points per game respectively. Cardenas also has had solid numbers on the boards and assisting the ball, leading the team in both categories.

Idaho should come away with the weekend sweep, but only if the Vandals stick to their game plan and execute like they have all season.

Idaho plays Northern Arizona 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Flagstaff, Arizona, and Southern Utah at 1 p.m. Saturday in Cedar City, Utah.

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Junior guard Lizzy Klinker drives past a Portland State defender Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

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VANDAL NATION

WEEK IN REVIEW

SWIM AND DIVE

One last dive

Idaho swim and dive didn't disappoint in their final home meet of the season Saturday

Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

The Vandals' final home meet of the season was a last hurrah for the seniors, while also serving as a glimpse of the future.

Idaho (3-6, 1-3 WAC) swept Simon Fraser University and Grand Canyon University on Saturday in the UI Swim Center. The Vandals defeated the Clan 187-105 and took down the Antelopes 175-125 for the program's first WAC win of the year.

The tri-dual began with the honoring of Idaho's 11 seniors, who ushered in a new era of success for the program. The team finished third at the WAC Championships in each of the past two years, tying the program's best finish ever in both cases. Senior diver Janelle Lucas is a three-time conference champion and Leah Fisk was the conference champion in the 200-yard freestyle last year.

Both senior standouts made noise during the meet as well. Fisk soared through the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 52.19 and 1:51.86, respectively. She has now won the 200-yard freestyle in five consecutive dual meets. Lucas won the 1-meter dive with a score of 305.75, good for the second-highest score in the event in program history.

"What's exciting about Janelle's performance is that 1-meter is her weakest board," head coach Mark Sowa said in a news release. "As she gets higher up, she gets better and better. For her to figure out 1-meter like that, it just bodes well for the other two boards."

Freshman Katie Hale should give Vandal fans plenty of hope for the future based on her performance Saturday. Hale led all Vandals with three victories on the day in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke and 50-yard freestyle.

Hale was also the leadoff in Idaho's winning 200-yard medley relay, but the victory was secured by fellow freshman Natalie Crocker as the anchor.

"It was nice to send the seniors out with a couple wins," Sowa said. "It was really good to see a couple of kids come around. It's been a long three weeks and we saw some signs of life. I was very impressed with the energy and I think they did a good job of keeping the emotions in check."

The Vandals will split the squad for next weekend's Spring Lumberjack Diving Invite Feb. 1 through Feb. 2 in Flagstaff, Arizona, while the swimmers will travel to Oregon State Feb. 2.

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A Vandal swimmer dives at the beginning of the race Saturday.

TRACK AND FIELD

Wrapping up at UW

Idaho performs well at the UW Invitational

Meredith Spelbring
ARGONAUT

Idaho competed in the UW Invitational over the weekend, where the Vandals continued to improve their personal best marks and move up in conference ranks.

Junior Ben Doucette did not disappoint in Seattle, claiming the 60-meter hurdle victory. Doucette ran a 7.96 race in the preliminary before matching his personal best of 7.87 in the final.

Junior Kaizer Gillispie took fourth place in the 400 meters in 48.20 seconds. His performance moves him into the top-three in the Big Sky for the event.

A handful of Vandals found success in the jumps, placing in the top five in their respective events. Freshman Henrike Fiedler took second in the long jump with a hop of 5.84 meters. Her teammate

junior Rechelle Meade finished just behind in third with a leap of 5.80 meters.

In the triple jump, junior Karina Moreland grabbed fifth with a jump of 11.69 meters.

On the men's side, freshman Zachary Nunis finished in second in the long jump with a hop of 7.23 meters, moving him into the top five in conference in the event.

Junior Zachary Short grabbed third in the shotput invitational with a throw of 18.62 meters. Sophomore Cullen Williams took second in the weight throw with a toss of 18.22 meters, setting a new personal record.

On the women's side, sophomore Hannah Ringel finished in fourth in the shotput with a throw of 13.74 meters.

The squad will return home for the D1 Invitational Team Challenge Feb. 1 in the Kibbie Dome.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Hausmann to play in National Tournament

Hausmann Invited to Augusta National Women's Amateur

Connor Swersey
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Senior Sophie Hausmann was formally invited to the Augusta National Women's Amateur tournament Friday, which will take place April 3 through April 6.

"It's a big tournament, but I think the name makes it very big as well since it is a women's amateur tournament," Hausmann said.

The tournament was created to shine a light on woman's golf and raise interest while helping players fulfill their dreams to make it to the next level.

Hausmann received a call Wednesday and a formal invitation in the

mail Friday.

Hausmann has worked hard over the past four years, even participating in the U.S. Open.

"She is very deserving of this. She has earned it with her world ranking putting her in a position for a chance to getting invited," coach Lisa Johnson said.

Johnson also said she is very excited to have a player from the University of Idaho representing the program at such an esteemed event.

"Just thinking about (my) last three-and-a-half years in the U.S," Hausmann said. "I have proved a lot with coach, and the team, but if you have the right people around you, you can do a lot."

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Men come home to face NAU

The Vandal Nation staff predicts the outcome of Idaho men's basketball vs. Northern Arizona University




MEREDITH SPELBRING — IDAHO 64, NAU 59

Idaho is going to ride the home court advantage all the way to its second conference win of the season. It is hard to say at this point if this team ever has the advantage, but if they do, it's the Cowan Spectrum.




BRANDON HILL — NAU 70, IDAHO 69

The Lumberjacks will have the edge in this contest, despite their challenging season so far. The Vandals have their own share of troubles, so this game is basically a toss up.



CHRIS DEREMER — IDAHO 68, NAU 61

This may be one of the most unpredictable teams of the Verlin era. With all statistics and logic pointing toward an Idaho win, can Idaho actually bring home its second Big Sky win of the season? If the Vandals want to start heading back in the right direction they need to win — and now.



JONAH BAKER — IDAHO 75, NAU 70


This one will be close, but the Vandals have a couple of slight edges over the Lumberjacks that will be exacerbated by home court advantage on Saturday.

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@VANDALNATION TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@BYRACHELROBERTS TWEET-ED:

"It's weird being compared to players like that, because they just seem like they're on another level."
@VandalsWBB @Idaho_Vandals
— Idaho senior guard Mikayla Ferez answered with the above quote after being told she is one of 12 current players across the nation with over 2,000 career points.



@WACSPORTS TWEET-ED:

"Congratulations to @Idaho_Vandals' Katie Hale and Janelle Lucas on being named #WACwsd Athletes of the Week!"
— Idaho swim and dive earned some recognition this week after Hale and Lucas were both named conference Athletes of the Week.



@VANDALFOOTBALL TWEET-ED:

"Signing Day is coming! Join the coaching staff next Wednesday, to hear all about the newest Vandals."
— Idaho football prepares for another signing day. During early signing period, the Vandals had the second-best recruiting class in the FCS according to 24/7 sports.



@VANDALSWBB TWEET-ED:

"Finals: Vandals win the game down to the wire!"
#GoVandals | #BigSkyWBB
— Idaho pulled off a thrilling victory over the top Big Sky ranked Portland State Vikings on Saturday.



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EDITORIAL

Remember the students

Amid faculty and administrative chaos, UI failed its students first

In a flurry of emails, social media posts and action on behalf of students and faculty, Denise Bennett became a well-known name over the past week.

The University of Idaho Journalism and Mass Media faculty member was placed on administrative leave Thursday after sending an email laced with expletives to administration officials and others about grant project funding. In the time since the email was sent out, Bennett received her terms and conditions of leave Tuesday, hosting a live stream to read them in a near 30-minute segment that unleashed the same expletive-laced thoughts.

According to the terms and conditions, Bennett was placed on leave following “unprofessional conduct” with College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences Dean Sean Quinlan and another university employee.

Students quickly rallied around Bennett, staging sit-ins, making t-shirts and hats and starting a petition to reinstate her that has gained 850 signatures in support.

The issue that has quickly unfolded over the past week is one made up of communication errors and mishaps on both sides of those involved. Bennett should have been made aware of

the remaining funds at her disposal for her project before they expired. Documentary projects like Bennett’s are time consuming and require extensive funding. Bennett deserved better communication.

Once she was on leave, CLASS administration then owed it to her to communicate with her properly and efficiently the terms and conditions of the leave. She was reportedly told she would have official documentation of her leave shortly, but the letter containing the information did not arrive until Tuesday morning — five days after she was expecting it.

Back on campus, word moved fast. Posters of the professor covered the department halls. The petition to bring her back was plastered across social media. But no official acknowledgement or explanation came to students until almost 2 p.m. Tuesday — mere hours before her class was set to start, leaving students with little understanding as to how their learning would proceed.

To say the university and the college involved faltered on the communication front would be putting it lightly.

However, Bennett is considered a professional faculty member at the university. The way she handled this situation did not reflect that ideal — it did not reflect what UI students deserve.

Bennett made her case clear from the get-go —

she needed the funding and it slipped through the cracks due to poor communication.

However, she quickly made a bad thing even worse. In a YouTube live stream, Bennett not only restated the previous messages that got her placed on leave, but ramped them up.

She used language that no university professional and student mentor should use in regard to the institution that their students rely on.

In the wake of this week’s drama and Wednesday morning’s unexpected Vandal Alert, the people who have been hurt the most are students. Many JAMM students are without their intended professor and adviser and many students across campus were confused or jarred by the Vandal Alert that broke Wednesday morning.

Although there are many aspects of our university in limbo, one thing is for certain — students know how to stick together.

When the university fails to communicate, students speak up and speak out. When students find a gap in information, they find a way to fill it.

When students feel they have been wronged, they find a way to make it right.

— Editorial Board



OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Author

You know, writing on my own time. Coming up with my own...fake...drama.

— Brandon

A writer

Doesn't matter what kind. I just really love words.

— Hailey

Hey look ma, I made it

If I could spend the rest of my life doing what I'm already doing — being a journalist and working for a newspaper — then I'd consider myself already grown.

— Olivia

No clue

At first I wanted to be a journalist and now I want to be a screenwriter. Who knows what the future holds?

— Lindsay

Legally brunette

Ever since I can remember, I've wanted to be a lawyer. I'm not sure what kind of law I want to specialize in but I've decided on either constitutional law or criminal law.

— Elizabeth

Travel writer

Get out of Moscow and get to write about how much better my life would be? There's really no downsides.

— Jonah

Unambitious, but whatta gig

I have watched Portland Trailblazer games as long as I can remember. I was always jealous of those who sat under the hoop for the entire game and just ran out for a split second to wipe up and then took the spot back. Sounds kind of nice if you ask me.

— Meredith

A dogged reporter

I'm talking Woodward and Bernstein, but with different hair.

— Kyle

A secret agent gaming magician

Dream big or go home — it's a lucrative business.

— Max

Wealthy without the work

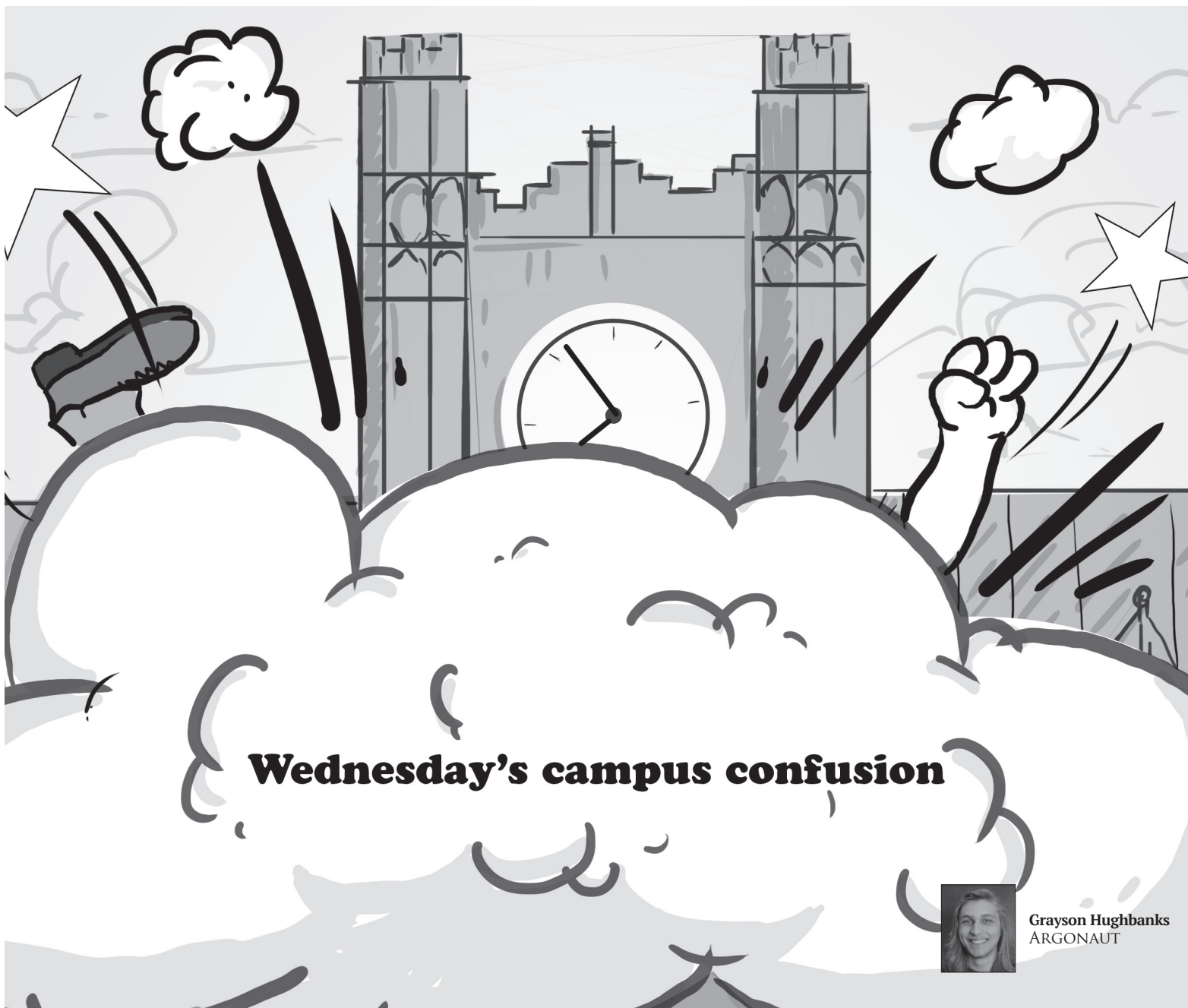
I'm just waiting for my family to surprise me with the fact that we have actually been filthy rich this whole time.

— Grayson

Dogs, Deadlines, & Dayoffs

I hope to have a life filled with hard work though in my free time spent my daysoff with my favorite doggos.

— Alex



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COLUMN

Real everyday people

A thank you to federal workers for sacrificing their time during the government shutdown and beyond



Elizabeth Marshall
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I started drinking coffee at age 12. And by coffee, I really mean coffee creamer. Most days, I only saw my dad in the morning when we were drinking coffee in the silence of the house I grew up in.

This limited time with my father taught me the value of public service and the true value of the sacrifices which government workers, public servants and elected officials make daily. This great example taught me what public service looked like, but it certainly didn't teach me how to be grateful for it. That understanding came later for me.

Only when I watched my coworkers during my congressional internship stress and labor over political issues did I realize their relevance to my life. Only after watching a former coworker and a federal worker cry after helping

with an immigration case did I truly understand of burden the empathy and sacrifice that public service places on these people who work for us. We give them the mandate, so we also need to give our thanks.

Public servants make monumental sacrifices for the sake of others. It's in the job description, but that doesn't mean we should overlook it. Unfortunately, this understanding seems to be coming late for others. Politicians on both sides of the aisle have neglected to feel the pain and sacrifice that other federal government employees have made.

“The president, vice president and Congress should have to feel the same pain and uncertainty that our federal government employees face during a shutdown,” said newly sworn-in United States House Representative Dan Crenshaw.

Rep. Crenshaw makes an excellent point here, but it's a point Americans should take even further. What's missing from this quote? The American people.

This isn't to say regular, everyday Americans haven't suffered uncertainty and other problems under the shutdown. They have.

But Americans have shown they can go much further than feeling our own pain — we have also illustrated that we can show an immense amount of gratitude for those who have made sacrifices. We should show that gratitude now, whether it be participating in lively and civil debates at home over politics or by those in our lives who work for the federal government.

So, here's my thank you to federal workers: thank you for making huge personal sacrifices so Americans can disagree and argue about important, stressing issues like border security, social security and other issues. By making these sacrifices, you're playing an important role in the safety and welfare of our country.

I am glad the shutdown has ended (at least temporarily) and you are able to more actively participate in serving our country through your everyday jobs. I hope that you can continue to protect our national parks, answer constituent phone calls and aid in helping people with your specialties and sacrifices.

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COLUMN

Idiocy in the op-eds

This week's media kerfuffle rolled nearsighted media and boneheaded politics into one big mess



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When it comes to New Year's resolutions, the general populace can be divided into three camps. Some take the turning of the calendar as an impetus to start something new, while others make change whenever is necessary instead of waiting for the next year. The third group is unfortunately dedicated to never making any sort of change, and much to the world's dismay, two card-carrying members of that third group joined forces on Tuesday.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) penned an op-ed focused on the election of Jair Bolsonaro as the new president of Brazil, championing the new regime as an opportunity for improved relations between the two most populous countries in the western hemisphere. CNN happily ran the piece, and now both Rubio and CNN have been exposed as the same bought politician and frazzled news network they have always been.

Rubio's piece is nearly 900 words long, but its message is deciphered before the end of the first paragraph. Rubio indicts former Brazilian presidents as "anti-American" while pointing to the new government's willingness to cooperate with the U.S. as more than enough cause for action.

Anyone as involved in politics as Rubio (or even just those with a basic internet connection) should be well aware of just how disquieting Bolsonaro's rise to power has been. A former military captain, Bolsonaro was never a power player in Brazil's political scene until 2014, when he became a member of the chorus responding to the country's economic downturn.

Since then, he's been painted as a wannabe dictator in far-right clothing, a loose cannon and a leader whose policies seem to be too much pledge without enough possibility. Oh yeah, and one of his most famous campaign planks was to militarize policing throughout the country and he has a track record of misogyny, racism and general callousness that

almost make him fit for American office. Bolsonaro willingly embraced the "Trump of the Tropics" moniker bestowed upon him.

Regardless, this is apparently the kind of leadership that at least one senior member of our government wants us to jump into bed with. Nevermind the two decades of corruption that still have no policy fix in place or the fact that policies similar to Bolsonaro's heavy-handed stances consistently exacerbated crime, this is apparently where an already-beleaguered American administration should invest itself. Whether it be bilateral security, energy investment or even space exploration, there is some way in which a completely unproven Brazil government could help us, according to Rubio.

This brings us back to the platform upon which Rubio's musings were published in the first place. CNN has taken a beating in the past couple of years for misleading headlines and overtly anti-Trump rhetoric, but providing a platform for something like this is just plain stupid.

Rubio's stances ignore the ethical issues of dealing with someone like Bolsonaro who has succeeded only in condemning the old with an alarming plan for the future.

That much can be gleaned from the most basic of read-throughs, so why publish something transparently damaging to Rubio? News agencies are constantly scrutinized for biased approaches, and publishing a misguided attempt at soft policy from an opponent will reek of an attack on the Republican Party from miles away. Surely someone else would have been happy to run Rubio's piece and an intern could rebut it for CNN, and it would just be business-as-usual quarreling between the network and right-wing pundits.

Brazil's new president appears to be a carbon copy of Trump with actual military service and fewer resources, but that does not make him our next great ally. Corruption is still rampant, crime and ignorance are on the rise and Rubio knew all of this but wrote a piece that ignored all of those issues anyway. For what feels like the umpteenth time in this already exhausting year, we have a political debacle in which no one is right. We the people will have to be the ones learning from the squabbles of our leaders and media, because Lord knows they seem incapable of accomplishing such a simple task.

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GUEST VOICE

Safe is Sexy Week

Take time to learn about sexual responsibility



Maddie Brown

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This Feb. 4 through Feb. 8, Vandal Health Education, in partnership with other campus departments and organizations, is promoting Safe is Sexy Week, a time dedicated to sexual responsibility with a focus on healthy relationships, consent and prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy.

Safe is Sexy week hosts a number of tabling events, workshops and activities to provide resources and enhance student knowledge of sexual responsibility.

On Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Agricultural Science Auditorium, Sex in the Dark will offer a unique opportunity for students to anonymously text in questions related to any sexual health topic, as well as a panel of experts who can answer those questions. The lights are dimmed and glow sticks are provided.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is hosting a student listening session on Feb. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to obtain feedback about student access and barriers to STI testing and treatment. All anonymous feedback will be used to enhance statewide STI and HIV prevention initiatives. The session will take place in the Commons Panorama Room. A free Qdoba taco bar will be provided.

The Student Success Program is hosting a Healthy Relationships: Desires and Deal-breakers workshop in collaboration with Vandal Health Education and Violence Prevention Programs. This event is focused on self-love, qualities of healthy and unhealthy relationships and red flag Thursday in the Wallace Basement at 7 p.m.

Generation Action, a Planned Parenthood organization that organizes campus events to educate and raise public awareness about reproductive health and rights, is hosting Free Condom Friday in the Commons. Stop by their table to access safer sex supplies for free on Feb. 8 – and every Friday for the rest of the semester.

Also happening Friday of Safe is Sexy Week is the Women's Center's Friday Crafternoons program. Make Self-Love Kits, including heart-shaped soap, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., with snacks and supplies provided.

A Green Dot training session is offered by the Violence Prevention Programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 9. This program is a bystander intervention program that gives participants the tools and resources to measurably reduce interpersonal violence in their community. Whether you're having sex or not, Safe is Sexy Week is a unique opportunity for students to learn about topics ranging from STI prevention to healthy relationships. Stop by any event or workshop to enhance your knowledge of sexual responsibility by learning more about yourself and the resources available for you.

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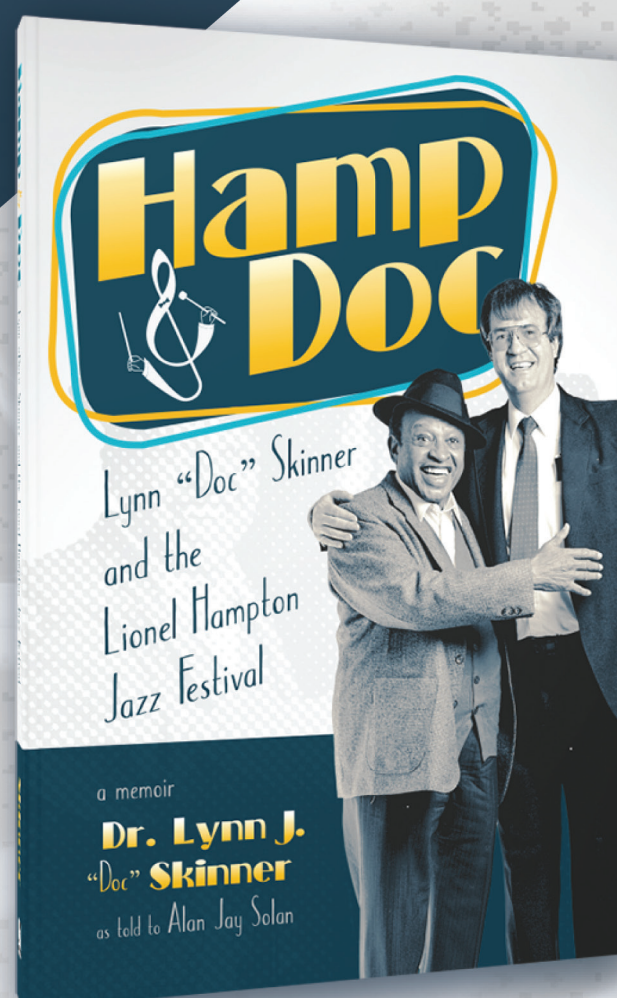
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