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ADMINISTRATION

Five finalists named for UI presidency

The State Board announced the names of five contenders vying to become UI's 19th president

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The State Board of Education announced the names of the top five finalists for the University of Idaho presidency Wednesday morning. The finalists will tour campus next week.

According to the news release, the finalists are as follows:

- Christopher Callahan, founding dean of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Arizona State University



Christopher Callahan

- Diane Z. Chase, executive vice president and provost of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- Scott Green, global chief operating and financial officer for Hogan Lovells, an international law firm

- Elizabeth Spiller, dean of the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of California, Davis

- Paul Tikalsky, dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology at Oklahoma State University

Callahan also serves as ASUI's vice-

provost and as chief executive officer of Arizona Public Broadcasting System.

According to the board's news release, the college is among the top-ranked schools of journalism in the country.

Chase, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, handles a \$448 million budget, 30,457 students and 1,121 faculty members, according to the release. UNLV, during Chase's tenure, was recently moved from R2 to R1 research status by the Carnegie Classification of Institu-



Diane Chase

tions of Higher Education, according to the release.

Green, an alumnus of the UI and a fourth generation Idahoan, works for a law firm which has 45 offices globally and over \$2 billion in total revenue. The Financial Times recognized the firm as the second-most innovative law firm in North America and Europe, according to the release.

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GREEK LIFE

Members of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority utilize the UI Library Wednesday.

Finding home

Greek life organizations without on-campus housing thrive off campus

Ellamae Burnell
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Greek life's foundation is grounded on four pillars — scholarship, friendship, leadership and service — and for many, a house on campus, according to the Division of Student Affairs. For seven multi-cultural chapters at the University of Idaho, members have made a home outside of the four walls of an on-campus house.

Living off campus means these Greek organizations must find creative ways to host chapter events, social gatherings and other functions. Often this means chapter presidents have to book university facilities weeks in advance to accommodate the lack of an on-campus space to call their own.

"The biggest challenge of not being housed on campus is not having a designated area for events or weekly functions," said Jennifer Rangel, Kappa Delta Chi President. "Sometimes it can be troublesome when there are other events happening at the university."

Omega Delta Phi, a multi-cultural fraternity, is dedicated to the concerns of the community, and the foundation of providing any member a diverse fraternal experience which coincides with higher education, according to Omega Delta Phi's mission statement.

A difference between multi-cultural Greek organizations and Panhellenic and Interfraternity organizations lies in the rush process. Multi-cultural Greek organizations have no formal recruitment process, according to Omega Delta Phi President Carlos Paez.

"Rushing for ODPPhi starts once the semester starts, and that's with any multicultural organization," Paez said. "This leads to the biggest misconception when it comes to multicultural organizations, we don't just accept individuals from all walks of life, 'one culture, any race.'"

Paez said the recruitment process occurs year-round, and the group seeks out people they believe will be beneficial to the culture and add to the unique experience that multi-cultural Greek life offers.

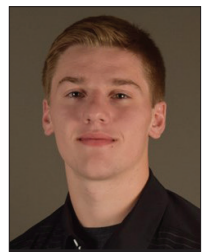
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COMMUNITY

Loss in the Vandal family

Meredith Spelbring
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Idaho football athlete Collin Sather died Tuesday morning of stage four kidney cancer, according to Idaho Athletics.



Collin Sather

Prior to Sather's death, a GoFundMe page, created by Samantha LP, aimed to help the Sather family with medical expenses.

"Thank you for all the love and support you had for him and shared with him and the family during his precious life filled with humor and antics and his horrific battle with cancer," wrote LP.

The University of Idaho issued a statement with comments from Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino Tuesday afternoon.

"Collin was a tremendous young man and a great teammate," Petrino said in the news release. "It is a testament to him to see how many of our players cared so deeply about him and how many lives he touched in the Vandal Family in such a short time. We challenge our players to be tough and always choose character. My time with him made me a better person and I know his teammates feel the same way."

Sather began experiencing stomach pains Jan. 17, according to the page, and was taken to Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Washington Jan. 21.

A "Celebrate Collin" event will be announced in the near future, according to the page. As of Wednesday night, the GoFundMe raised \$22,752 over the course of nine days.

Sather, a redshirt freshman, studied exercise sport health science pre-physical training.

Prior to joining the Vandals, Sather was a two-time All-Great Northern League First-Team selection at wide receiver out of West Valley High School in Spokane and a First-Team All-League selection on defense in his senior season.

"On behalf of the Vandal Family, our deepest condolences go out to Collin's family and loved ones," said Interim Director of Athletics Pete Isakson in the news release. "The loss of a 19-year-old is difficult to comprehend and we are here for anybody who needs help during this challenging time."

Sather celebrated his 19th birthday Feb. 24.

Those in need of additional resources during this time are encouraged to call or visit the UI Counseling and Testing Center.

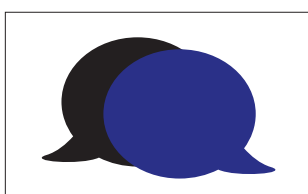
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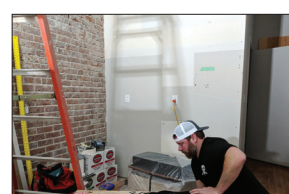
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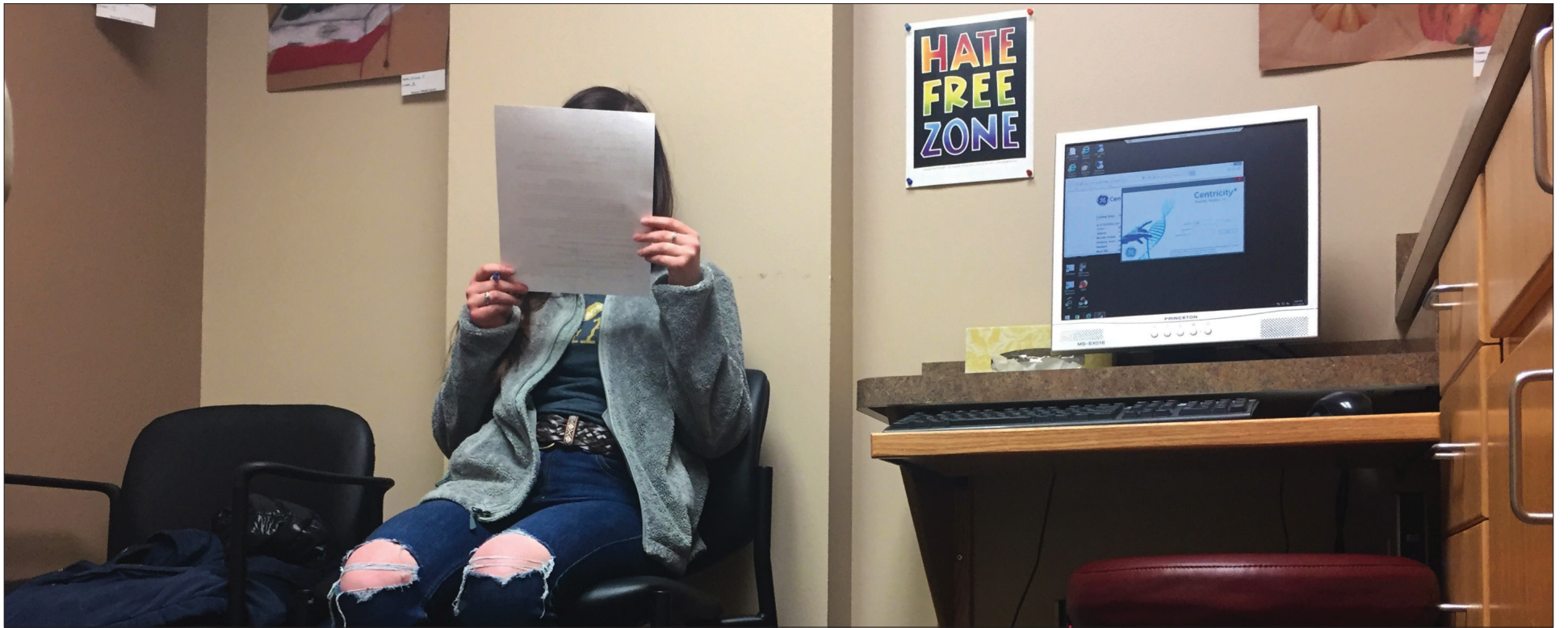


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Emile Darney | Argonaut

A student awaits her doctor at Moscow Family Medicine Monday in downtown Moscow Feb. 11.

New physician keeps eye on returning to campus

Moscow Family Medicine's new physician assistant discusses a possible return to campus

Andrew Ward
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Jake Blazzard, 42, began his 2019 with a brand-new place of employment: Moscow Family Medicine.

Born in Lewiston, Idaho, Blazzard said he's traveled much of the mid-west over the course of his career.

"I've been a (physician's assistant) for almost 15 years," said Blazzard, who was hired Jan. 5. "I've been in Montana, been in Wyoming, and then recently I've been working here in Moscow-Pullman for Palouse Pediatrics before my current position, but Idaho is home, born and raised."

Blazzard said after high school, he attended Rick's College, now Brigham Young University-Idaho, to play football before departing for Australia on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Upon arriving home, Blazzard said he went back to study at BYU-I before meeting

his wife Debra and returning to his hometown of Lewiston.

"I went to BYU for a while," Blazzard said. "And I got married. My wife was a nurse and was at (Lewis-Clark State College) in Lewiston. So, we moved back she finished her nursing there."

Blazzard is the only physician assistant available to students at the medical center. In terms of work-load, Blazzard said he and Kate Maura, a nurse, take on the majority of work for student health.

"Kate and I, we're it as far as student health," Blazzard said. "We need more providers to have (Moscow Family Medicine) back on campus."

Blazzard said between his wife's own medical practices and being the head volleyball and track coach for Troy High School, their family spends a lot of their free time in the graces of nature.

"My wife is a nurse practitioner and works with mental health all around the area as well," Blazzard said. "We have four children, and we're heavily involved in sports together. We love the outside — camping, hiking, fishing and we do a lot of backpacking as a family."

Blazzard said he became particularly interested in a job in the medical field after his senior-project in high school gave him insight into the benefits of being a physician's assistant.

"I wanted to study medicine since high school, really," Blazzard said. "I took a lot of biology, and in my senior year I followed a (physician's assistant) for my senior project, and I really enjoyed that. I saw what he could do, and I also the diversity. You know, you he could be doing one job for a while and then move to another, and I liked that."

Blazzard said he enjoys Moscow Family Medicine's facility but he also has hopes the medical center will return the university soon.

"I'll be honest, I would love for us to go back to the campus. I really would hope that's something that'll happen soon. It'd be better for the students, making us more accessible," Blazzard said.

Kate Maura, a nurse at Moscow Family Medicine, has worked with Blazzard since his hiring and she's been very appreciative of his work ethic.

"He's really helpful," Maura said. "I like that about a provider. Somebody that is willing to really help out, and not just place

everything on the nurse to just, like, get everything done. There is good communication. It's all a learning process because we're just starting out, but he's doing really well."

Blazzard said although the medical center is off campus, he wants students to be fully aware of the resources available.

"I like where we're at because we're close to Gritman," Blazzard said. "We're a student health center that is fully functioning. We have everything you need — X-Ray, labs and other providers in the area to consult with. Students have access to all of that, and it needs to be known this a great facility for students and we can help them with a lot of things."

Blazzard said his goals for the future are simple: learn and expand.

"Personally, the goal right now is to continue to learn, and help people," Blazzard said. "I enjoy it. You know, we're busy — we see a lot of students — so learning and getting more (health care) providers would be an awesome goal to hit."

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HOUSE

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Paez said while being housed on campus could have perks, he feels it would deteriorate the unique culture of Omega Delta Phi. The costs of insurance would go up as well, which would, in turn, impact membership costs, he said.

"If we were to do that, I feel that we would become the same as every housed Greek on campus," Paez said. "At the end of the day one of the reasons I joined was because ODPi didn't have a house, so I wasn't forced to live on campus with many individuals I didn't feel comfortable calling my brothers."

Last semester, former ASUI Senator Ismael Mendoza authored a proposal for an on-campus space dedicated to multicultural Greek organizations. Under the bill, the space would have priority for multi-cultural Greek events and meetings.

At the end of his term last semester, Mendoza passed the information and the proposal to Multicultural Greek Council President Alex Dominguez. Dominguez said he has initiated conversation with UI faculty members about next steps for the proposal, including putting seasonal flags around the Idaho Commons courtyard that represent Multicultural Greek Council organizations.

"I think there is great potential to increase recruitment (with this space), it allows for flexibility regarding philanthropic events," said Jennifer Rangel, Kappa Delta Chi President. "On the other hand, if the event is on campus, it can become expensive for the organizations."

Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Phi, two Interfraternity Council fraternities, are also housed off campus at this time.

The Delta Sigma Phi house on University Ave is currently being remodeled.

According to 2018 Chapter President Michael Bivens, the membership chose to move off campus to take responsibility for actions made by the chapter and to choose a new direction.

"Low membership count at the start of the culture change and the scale of the remodel were the reasons," Bivens said. "Made the move and reasoned that it would also be instrumental in ensuring recruitment of quality men while we reshape our organization."

The move has caused the chapter to redevelop the structure of events and activities that were previously simpler, he said. He said the time off campus has given younger members something to

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look forward to as they get to make tangible contributions to the work on the remodel process.

"While it's had its difficulties, it has also allowed us to actively work to establish brotherhood between members, which has been incredibly successful," Bivens said.

Pi Kappa Alpha was last housed on campus in 2007 but moved out after membership dwindled, among other issues. The Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) house located on Nez Perce Drive was torn down in 2014.

Currently, PIKE members can choose where they want to live after finishing their first year on-campus live-in requirements that apply to all off-campus Greek organization. President of PIKE, Jesse Watson, said the chapter is content with not having a house.

Like Multicultural Greek organizations, PIKE holds meetings in the Commons building.

"For fraternities that are unhoused, people think that they are not real fraternities, which is interesting to me," Watson said. "They are fraternities that are unhoused. (The Multicultural Greek Council) and unhoused fraternities and sororities and PIKE — we are real fraternities. We do everything that other fraternities do."

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GREEK LIFE

PIKE ends initiation week

UI PIKE chapter transitions to member education instead of traditional initiation week

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Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity Council unanimously voted to abolish Initiation Week at the July 2018 Richmond International Convention. PIKE chapters across the nation were given one year to implement what is known as "The True Pike Experience."

The change focuses on an individualistic and comprehensive member development program that is implemented for members for all for years, according to Jesse Watson, University of Idaho chapter president.

This semester, one class of new members will go through an eight-week process, with four weeks focused on education and four focused on bonding, Watson said.

"Abolishing I-Week is a statement to the Greek Community that Pi Kappa Alpha wants to do better for its members," he said. "Across the country, many hazing events happen during initiation week. By eliminating this practice, we make the Greek community a safer place."

New member educator Kent Youngdahl said I-Week has traditionally been a period where new members are taught a series of values.

"These values impacted all of our lives and created a stronger brotherhood between our pledge classes and the rest of the fraternity," Youngdahl said. "I learned countless lessons through my new member experience and I want to make sure that every new member gets that opportunity."

However, Youngdahl does not think that the changes will sacrifice the quality experiences new members have received in the past at Pi Kappa Alpha.

"The structure of the new member

process has been changed, but not the values we try to instill in their lives," Youngdahl said.

Watson said two classes of new members will go through in the future are a new member education process as well as bonding activities, spread across four weeks for each class.

"We implemented the really big things first, like changing our executive board, changing I-week and everything else," he said. "And now we're fine tuning everything to get our new membership classes down to four weeks long."

Watson said the UI PIKE chapter would like to see campus become a safer place for students and hopes other fraternities follow suit.

"If we want to solve this nationwide problem, it starts with every fraternity chapter making some changes at home," Watson said. "Fraternities should be a place where men can gain personal and professional development in a safe environment while making lifelong friends."

Neither the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or the Interfraternity council played a role in the decision.

"Pi Kappa Alpha National Headquarters has been modernizing many of its membership affiliation processes to be more developmental and I applaud that modernization," said Shawn Dowiak, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at UI.

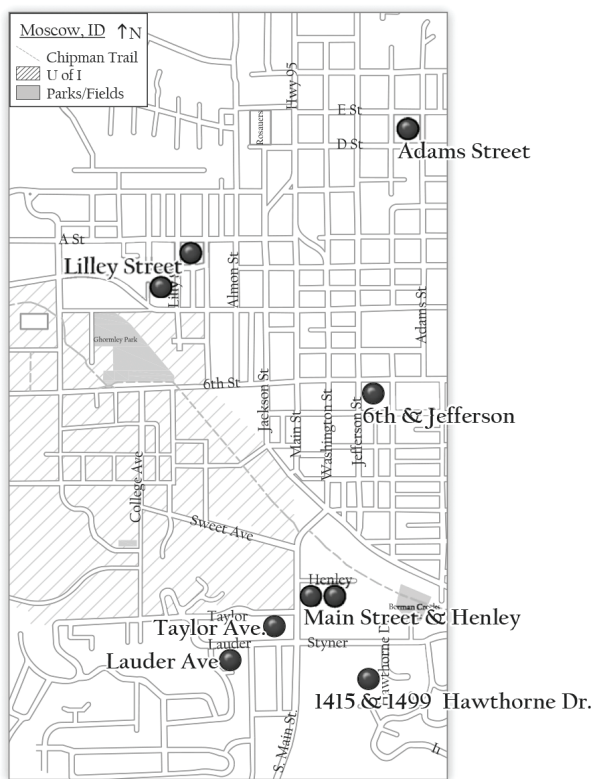
Watson said there was very little push back on the decision and questions centered on what the new member process will look like in the future. Watson said he believes the elimination of initiation week will help recruitment numbers.

"It may actually increase our overall recruitment numbers because potential new members will see that Pi Kappa Alpha is taking a stance against hazing on college campuses, and that we are dedicated to providing a safe environment," Watson said.

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Spiller's college within UC Davis is the largest at the university, as well as the University of California System. It serves 14,300 undergraduate students, 1,600 graduate students and has over 900 full-time faculty.

Under Tikalsky's leadership at Oklahoma State University, the college raised \$110 million from donors, foundations and corporations. The land-grant university also, according to the release, has advanced 23 positions in U.S. News & World Report's college rankings.

The candidates are set to visit the UI campus in Moscow and the UI Boise Center next week, according to the release.

Open forums with students, faculty, staff and the public are also set for next week. According to the search website, those forum schedules are as follows:

- For the university community, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. PST each day in a location to be determined.

- For the Moscow community, from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. PST each day in Moscow City Hall's council chambers.

- For the Boise campus, from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. MT in the Boise Center

The board said more information on the search can be found on the search website.

"By engaging with dedicated staff, creative faculty, vibrant alumni, and others, these candidates will no doubt understand the unlimited upside potential of being our next president," wrote Aaron Johnson, chair of Faculty Senate; Kathy Barnard, executive director of the UI Alumni Association; and ASUI President Nicole Skinner in a joint news release.

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Beyond frozen cream and sugar

Panhandle Cone & Coffee to open in downtown Moscow early March

Alex Brizee
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Jason Dillion and his American bulldog Lucy jumped into their van looking for a new place to call home four years ago.

Jason later found that home in Sandpoint, Idaho, where he and his wife Stephanie Dillion opened Panhandle Cone & Coffee, a cafe and ice cream shop.

"We were driving (into Sandpoint), and I'm like, 'This is home — I need to be around this,'" Stephanie said.

However, Sandpoint wouldn't be the store's only location. The pair recently decided to add a second shop almost 130 miles south in Moscow, which is set to open in early March.

Despite their success, Jason and Stephanie never expected to enter into the coffee and ice cream business, let alone create a business dedicated to both.

"For the longest time, we would ask, 'If you could do anything you wanted, what would it be?'" Stephanie said. "And he would say, 'I would open an ice cream coffee shop.' It was just a dream for a long time."

Before becoming an ice cream connoisseur, Jason was a pastor for 17 years. Although his path shifted, he said he's retained the values he found in his former career, creating a cream-filled sanctuary one scoop at a time.

"Ice cream, I know, is just frozen cream and sugar," Jason said. "But it also just kind of gets you away from the day-to-day and everything — it's kind of this special treat."

Their business came together quickly once it started, mirroring the ease of their 24-year relationship. But they almost didn't become a couple.

Stephanie said she didn't want anything to do with Jason when she first met him in Wyoming. But with her father serving as the town's pastor, she was expected to welcome all new community members, including her future husband.

"It's her mom's fault," Jason said.

Stephanie said her mother had asked her to invite Jason to dinner on multiple occasions, which helped the two to become better friends and an eventual couple.

At the start of the Sandpoint business, Stephanie did everything, causing her to later learn she was allergic to dairy and couldn't try

their products anymore.

This made it harder for her to feel "confident in ownership," she said. But her partnership with Jason — both professionally and romantically — allowed her to trust him to take the lead.

Along with co-owning Panhandle Cone and Coffee, Stephanie works as a nurse at Bonner General Health in Sandpoint.

Over time, she said she has learned her role is not always taking care of business, but instead taking care of Jason when he needs it — something they've both learned.

"She's more of a priority than Panhandle Cone & Coffee," Jason said. "And it's not worth sacrificing our relationship or business, even if it is ice cream or coffee, which are — outside of human beings — the two most wonderful things in the world."

Both Stephanie and Jason have taken a step back from the business, with fulltime managers running the Sandpoint shop and eventually the one in Moscow.

They said they can't believe they found people to work for them who truly value their positions, allowing Jason and Stephanie to trust and invest in their employees.

"When we hand our employees a key, we say, 'Hey, this our life savings,'" Jason said. "Not to say, 'Don't screw it up.' It's more like you have our life savings behind you."

Their seasonal staff has been just as stellar, with some of their favorite employees coming from the University of Idaho, including their son Nate Dillion. He will work for his parents at the Moscow shop, while getting his degree in mathematics.

Nate's love for coffee translated well into the second store, as he encouraged his father to have a full coffee bar at the Moscow shop, he said. Like his father, Nate also has a love for "making someone's day."

He wants customers to not be afraid to ask for more ice cream samples, saying it isn't an inconvenience for them. In fact, he appreciates customers who aren't afraid to ask for what they want, he said.

While the couple takes a step back, Jason will continue making all the ice cream himself. His favorite flavor? Vanilla.

"People come in and they apologize, 'I'm sorry, I just want vanilla.' The thing that I think bothers me is that they think vanilla is plain," Jason said. "Vanilla is a really, really good flavor if it's done right."

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FACULTY



Searching for lost literature

Allison Spain | Argonaut

University of Idaho English professor Zachary Turpin studies a photograph of Walt Whitman in his office Feb. 13.

UI professor uncovers, researches archived American literature

Allison Spain
Argonaut

The fragile, crinkling paper of centuries-old American literature can be found in libraries across the nation. But with increased access to digital archives, individuals can discover even more on their own.

Zachary Turpin, a University of Idaho assistant American literature professor, said he is in the early stages of writing a book about digital archivists and their work. He is influenced by potentially lost novels of Walt Whitman from the 1850s, as well as other authors.

"It's fascinating," Turpin said. "It makes me realize there is so little that we really know about our own literature — not only books, but periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets — that is miles and miles deep. Now is a really interesting time to be able to start excavating that literature."

He said it's presumed Whitman stopped writing fiction in the early 1850s, but there are all sorts of published manuscripts, especially in old newspapers, that indicate there might be more.

Turpin pours over texts and facts to find what is interesting and compelling, as well as anything new.

He said plenty of people throughout history have been researchers, archive rats, book hunters or collectors. But many just repeat the same sort of work.

"It is good, strange work — and to me, that is always a good sign," Turpin said. "When it starts to feel strange, I think that's when it gets productive."

Turpin said he became interested in archives and lost literature organically, and sort of fell into it. After playing around with key words and phrases in digital archives, he said he found the work to be productive and actually possible.

"Everyone we know are really key-word attuned people every day, if not every hour," Turpin said. "It starts to really hone your mind down to this very specific, multi-tool mindset. With digital archives, that's all you need, because it's like you're already pre-trained."

During his time as a doctoral candidate, he said he was given leeway to pursue what he wanted, and pursuing lost American literature didn't require any funding.

"I used to call it an obsession, but maybe that is too much of a pathological word," Turpin said. "It is something that keeps me up at night ... I don't find it easy to stop thinking about — just the mountain of unknown literature out there."

He said the great thing about working with UI students is how many possibilities there are for everyone. When he was working toward his doctorate, he said he felt like he was perhaps joining the cleanup crew of American literature, with some odds and ends one might find or reinterpret.

"Because archives are increasingly opening their doors and digitizing, it's almost like we are entering this golden age of rediscovery that's really great," Turpin said. "What is particularly nice about it is that it is increasingly democratized — you don't need to have travel funds (or anything like that) — you can do this sort of stuff from your kitchen."

Turpin said students should specifically care about this type of work because it puts American literature and literary culture in their hands — something he tries to teach them.

" Oftentimes when you take say a literature class at the University of Idaho, it can feel like you're receiving something — you're being given cultural knowledge and critical understanding — which is true," Turpin said. "But this is a good way of inverting the class dynamic and saying, or demonstrating, that students are going to go on to determine what we mean when we say American literature."

Austin Maas, a former student of Turpin's and his co-instructor last semester, is not a digital archivist, but said he admires the profession. He said digital archive work requires a certain amount of rigor that not a lot of other professions can handle — dredging through document after document to find something.

However, Maas said it is much easier than it sounds, even though it is tedious and takes

time. Most digital archivists utilize software and search for key words or phrases.

"Some people may wonder if literature is stored digitally, then how is it lost?" Maas said. "So many writers wrote under different names, or quite often published their work without names at all. A large part of digital archivist work is not just finding the work, but connecting the work to its actual author."

For anyone who is interested in learning bits and pieces about history, digital archivist work is like a fun house, Maas said.

English as a profession, or just as a hobby — whether it be creative writing or digital archive studies — is fascinating because it continues the process of rearticulating what it means to be human, he said.

Maas said creative writing is the articulation of experience, while literature is the critical thinking ability that allows someone to understand different experiences — no matter if they are personal or someone else's.

"As a mentor in my life, Zach has shown me that not only is a future that I imagine for myself possible, but it's totally doable if I have a bit of curiosity, compassion and really strong opinions about trashy TV shows," Maas said. "That is Zach. He is the most compassionate and curious professor I know. He gives so much of his time to students outside of class — I don't think I have ever texted him to get coffee and had him say 'no.'"

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Step up and turn up the beat

An in-depth look at some of the best female singers right now



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During the 2018 Grammy Awards show, few female artists were nominated and few won awards. But, there were countless incredible and award-worthy singers of all identities on the airwaves last year and this year already.

However, when Recording Academy president Neil Portnow said women “need to step up” in order to win awards at the 2018 Grammys, I made it my mission to add more female voices to my playlists.

Maybe they didn’t need to “step up.” Maybe we need to give them more room to flourish and win.

I won’t lie, many of my longtime favorite artists happen to be male. And, I often caught myself skipping to their songs during my morning routines and car rides. However, it was never difficult to find magnificent female artists.

Yes, there were more female artists nominated and female winners at the 2019 Grammys. Still, my playlists have never been better since adding a bit more female

into my musical tastes.

So, here are just a few of the great lady vocalists out there right now.

Billie Eilish

Billie Eilish slowly crept her way onto the music scene and then, in the last year, all at once. Turn on any pop radio station and you should be very surprised if the 17-year-old’s smooth vocals don’t caress your ears at least three times.

Tracks such as “When the Party’s Over” and “Bury a Friend” show a darker pop side of Eilish many fans are used to hearing from the singer-songwriter. Similar to Lorde’s first steps into the spotlight, Eilish brings murky and breathy vocals to her strongest songs.

On the lighter side, Eilish’s “Lovely” featuring Khalid and “Come Out and Play” share softer vocals and gorgeous instrumentals.

Her first album, “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?” — an homage to the lyrics in “Bury a Friend” — is set to release in late March.

Lizzo

Let’s just say if I had known about Lizzo’s strong lyrics and vocals back in 2016, the last two years would have been so much better. The Texas-born rapper and singer officially began making waves in two years ago, but her most recent release of “Juice” sealed the stardom deal.

It’s not just the poppy and strong vocals that put Lizzo on the top of the list, it’s the quippy, relatable and empowering lyrics. “Yeah, I got boy problems, that’s the human in me. Bling bling, then I solve ‘em, that’s the goddess in me,” Lizzo sings in her 2017 hit “Truth Hurts.”

Lizzo’s music videos — complete with dancing and outrageous montages — are perhaps the most entertaining on this list. I dare you to not smile while watching or listening to anything and everything by Lizzo.

Her new album, “Cuz I Love You” is set to release April 2019.

Maren Morris

Singer, songwriter, producer and Grammy winner, Maren Morris — like many other female country singers — is definitely having a moment.

After releasing four records, there is no stopping the 28-year-old singer topping the country charts.

With a combination of country and pop, Morris’ greatest hits include “GIRL,” “Seeing Blind” with Niall Horan and “Common” featuring Brandi Carlile. Similar to Carlisle’s tone, Morris combines pop, traditional country and bluesy vocals.

H.E.R.

A first-time nominee at the 2019 Grammys, Gabriella Wilson — better known by the stage name H.E.R. — can now add

two-time winner to her list of musical accomplishments.

The 21-year-old R&B singer won in best R&B Album and R&B Performance.

H.E.R., which stands for “having everything revealed,” has been singing and producing music since she was young. Her strong vocals and ballads bring out the funk and velvety tones of traditional 90s R&B music.

Julia Michaels

Without Julia Michaels, some of the best tracks from Selena Gomez, Shawn Mendes, Britney Spears, Justin Bieber and Gwen Stefani wouldn’t exist. Michaels began as a pop songwriter for some of the best before she turned into a full-fledged musical powerhouse.

With multiple awards nominations and tracks on the tops of pop billboards everywhere, Michaels is still finding time to work with the artists she once worked for.

Her relatable and catchy track “Anxiety,” featuring Gomez, carries a strong message against the backdrop of a poppy tune. Michael’s shows the breadth of her voice in “Uh Huh” and “I Miss You.”

From 2017 to now, Michaels hasn’t stopped producing head-bobbing tracks.

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BEYOND

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They pay \$450 for a pound of vanilla beans, soaking them for eight weeks in a distilled, light rum. They later hand scrape each bean to create their vanilla extract, so it “doesn’t just taste like milk and cream.”

The Sandpoint shop has a few flavors unique to the store, which will also be offered in the Moscow shop.

Along with their exclusive flavors, Panhandle Cone and Coffee is known for their affogato — the pouring of hot espresso onto a scoop of ice cream.

Jason kept Stephanie in mind when creating ice cream by offering non-dairy flavors made with a coconut cream base that allows the ice cream to maintain its creamy texture.

“When we first opened and I could have dairy, my favorite flavor was the orange dark chocolate,” Stephanie said. “(But now) to have one that has the dimensions of flavor, you know, the deeper flavors (that are found in dairy options) — I’ve really been pushing for that.”

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Idaho basketball prepares to face Portland State, Sacramento State over the weekend.

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MEN'S GOLF

CRICKET PLAYER TO GOLFER



Courtesy | Idaho Athletics

An ankle injury led to an athletic career shift for Idaho's Sean Langham

Connor Swersey
ARGONAUT

Sean Langham has not always been a golfer. Up until half way through high school, the now-junior was well on his way to becoming a professional cricket player in Australia.

Langham, originally from Sydney, Australia, did not switch to golf until late in his high school career. He never imagined he would be playing golf.

"From the age of eight to 15, I took my cricket very seriously and I was playing at the highest level I could at my age," Langham said.

Langham took it so seriously he switched from an academics-focused school to an athletic academy.

Craig Langham, Langham's father, said the change in schools was a huge achievement and was meant to put more structure around his academic and athletic pursuits.

Halfway through his high school career playing cricket, Langham had a chronic ankle injury that prohibited him from achieving his dream of playing cricket.

"I played with the injury for a bit, but I just couldn't do it anymore," Langham said.

Langham first turned to his father to figure out his options.

"I didn't see the conversion to golf occurring — I am a golfing enthusiast and had arranged for Sean to have a golf lesson when he was about seven but nothing more than that," Craig Langham said.

However, something was missing for Langham.

"One thing I really noticed right away was that I missed the team spirit of cricket since I was playing individually as a golfer," Langham said.

During the switch, his parents always supported his decisions, Langham said, but the bigger pressure came from his school.

"I had to try to get a sports exemption through the school so that I could play golf," Langham said. "But I wasn't good enough yet and had to prove to the sports master that I could do it over the next six months."

Langham said he was very motivated by the other players that were his age who were way better than him.

"Cricket can really get in

your head after you win a few matches, but golf is very humbling because if you have a bad day, you lose, your team can still carry a bad player in cricket," Langham said.

The transition was one Langham adjusted to over time and took in stride.

"I recall he started with a handicap of 32 and was down to single figures within six to nine months," Craig said.

After some time with the sport, Langham decided he wanted to continue pursuing golf in the U.S.

"My dad always wanted to move to the states as a kid and he gave me the idea to do it," Langham said. "I have always been a very independent person and I really just wanted to get away from everything back home and do my own thing for a bit."

Langham told his father he wasn't good enough to go to any Division 1 golf schools in the states, but he wanted to get into a smaller school to improve himself. He spent the first years of his collegiate career at North Idaho College, where he won four tournaments before coming to Idaho.

David Nuhn, the men's head coach at Idaho, said Langham is a winner, which is what drew him to Langham as an athlete.

"The fact that (Langham) was competing at the highest level he could at NIC meant that he needed to push himself further and go to a bigger school," Nuhn said.

After playing two years at NIC for two years, Langham had a number of schools to choose from to finish out his collegiate career, including Grand Canyon University, Jacksonville University and Idaho.

"We really were focusing on his golf translating to Division 1 courses from what he might have been seeing at NIC," Nuhn said. "He also just brings some really positive diversity to the team and it is very exciting to have him and his competitive spirit here."

Now, several years into his golf career, Langham can not imagine his life any other way.

"Golf gave me this opportunity in the states to play and I couldn't imagine what life would be without it," Langham said.

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OPINION

College athlete pay day

The great debate of compensating college athletes reached fever pitch after Zion's injury



Braedon Cain
Column
ARGONAUT

One of the most talked about and debated topics of college sports the last decade has been whether or not collegiate athletes should be paid for their talents and revenue they generate for their universities.

This debate only drew further attention after Duke's perennial all-star and projected NBA lottery draft pick Zion Williamson suffered a knee sprain injury late in the Blue Devils' season, side-lining him for the time being.

The question people are now asking is whether or not he should finish out his collegiate season if he gets cleared to play. This is where the question "should collegiate athletes be paid" debate comes into heavy play.

There are multiple aspects that must be taken into account when considering this argument. The first being, how would the NCAA determine the fair payment of over 460,000 student athletes? Should a NCAA Division III athlete be paid as much as an NCAA Division I athlete? Should a player at Idaho make as much as a player at Washington State? If not, why do they deserve more or less money?

Another element to be considered in this argument is the definition of "professional" status. If collegiate players are paid, then they are no longer amateur athletes, but instead professional athletes. This takes away the value from professional sports leagues such as the NBA and NFL.

There is a reason players in those leagues have earned the title of "professional." Paying collegiate athletes takes away that process of earning the "professional" title and making such process much easier to achieve.

Usually, when this argument is brought up, people are referencing collegiate athletes who play on Power 5 conference teams in the sports of football or basketball.

How come we never hear about collegiate volleyball players being paid? Or collegiate golfers? What about collegiate soccer athletes? Not every sport in the NCAA brings in tons of revenue or viewership for universities and television, so only paying players in two sports out of dozens makes it completely unfair for all of those athletes not in football or basketball who are going through the same process.

Another major topic in this argument is how receiving a paid tuition as a scholarship athlete is not a worthy incentive. Duke University is not telling Zion Williamson to play one year of college and then leave. Zion has the opportunity if he so chooses to stay at Duke and earn a degree.

A free four-year degree from Duke University is pretty valuable.

So maybe, if you're a projected top 5 draft pick for the NBA then, yes, a scholarship might not be "good enough" for your specific talents, but was anyone forcing you to play college basketball and accept that scholarship?

Players with that much talent could just as easily go play basketball professionally over-

seas and make very good money at that young of an age, all while still maintaining the opportunity to play in the NBA down the road.

It is also incredibly annoying this argument usually only gets brought up when a well-known collegiate player either gets hurt or violates NCAA rules in terms of making money off of their name or likeness.

People act as if these collegiate players had no clue that they could get seriously injured playing their sport or that making money off of their own name was against the rules. They are fully aware of both of these things when they are accepting a scholarship to be a collegiate athlete.

So, next time your favorite collegiate athlete goes down with an injury, think of these things before you say he should be paid.

When you really look at all angles, you'll realize how hard it would actually be to pull off.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

End-of-season push

Idaho hits the road again to try and keep the top spot in the conference

Zack Kellogg
ARGONAUT

The Vandals will hit the road for conference play one last time as the season winds to a close. Wins mean more now than ever, with Big Sky Tournament seeding meaning every game down the stretch will count.

Idaho (16-9, BSC 13-3) currently holds the top spot in the Big Sky, with a half-game lead over Idaho State (18-8, BSC 13-4) and a one game lead over both Portland State and Northern Colorado (17-8, BSC 12-4).

After coming away with two more wins in convincing fashion at home against Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, head coach Jon Newlee said he knows the fate of seeding for postseason play is in their hands.

"You always want to be in control. You don't want to depend on other people beating other people," Newlee said. "You like to have things in your own hands. We have that and we're going to have to take advantage of that situation and how it's playing out these last four games."

Senior guard Mikayla Ferenz is just 13 points away from becoming the all-time leading scorer in Big Sky history, which she is sure to reach this coming weekend.

This will be the second time a player under Newlee will hold the scoring record. Natalie Doma, a former Idaho State post player who played from 2004-2008, has held the record for more than a decade. Newlee said it is amazing he has been able to coach both players, who had different play styles and positions, and is happy he has been able to coach these amazing athletes.

But getting wins on the road is what's most important to the team at this point in the season.

First, Idaho will hit the road and travel to Portland State for a rematch of one of the best games in the Big Sky this season.

The last time these two programs met was on Jan. 26 in Cowan Spectrum, with Idaho coming away with the 80-78 win thanks to some clutch free throws from freshman point guard Gina Marxen.

The Vikings have a solid all-around team with talented players and an unorthodox style of defense that has been working for them all season.

The main scoring threats that the Vandals will need to focus on are Sidney Rielly and Ashley Bolston, who are averaging 15 points and 13 points, respectively.

"We are going to need to keep Bolston off the foul line — and Rielly, we got to get a hand up," Newlee said. "We were lazy with Rielly (at home) and there are definitely some things we can fine tune for this second game in Portland."

The Vikings have a tall team that makes it easy to get rebounds, which leads to fast breaks and second-chance opportunities. Rebounding will be the key for Idaho to come away with the win on the road, according to Newlee, with most of the starting lineup being six feet or taller. The battle of the boards could be where the game is won or lost.

In running a 2-3 zone, the Vikings will essentially be baiting Idaho to try and take shots from behind the arc and find the small windows of opportunity in the mid-range game. If the Vandals can have an efficient night shooting, they should be able to come away with another win.

Next, it will be another flight, this time to Sacramento State (10-14, BSC 6-10).

Idaho completely dominated at home back in January, coming away with a 104-66 win. This was a conference-high for points in a single game.

Defensively, the Vandals had the perfect game plan, forcing the Hornets to shoot 34 percent from the field and 12 percent from beyond the arc.

Newlee said along with having to execute the same game plan, the Vandals will need to continue to take care of the basketball and limit turnovers, which will not allow the Hornets to get fast break points and wide-open looks from three.

The Hornets trademark is their five-in, five-out substitutions, ensuring they will always have fresh legs out on the floor to keep the defensive intensity high. The Vandals also have a deep bench and should be able to keep up with the pace of the game and pick up another win, although this contest might be a bit closer.

Idaho plays Portland State 7 p.m. Thursday in Portland, Oregon, and Sacramento State Saturday in Sacramento, California.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Idaho assembles for final homestand of the season

The Vandals continue their fight for a second Big Sky Conference win

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

The Vandals prepare for their final home stretch of the season in Cowan Spectrum against the Portland State and Sacramento State.

Idaho (4-23, BSC 1-15) snapped its 11-game streak of losing by double-digits against Southern Utah, but will continue searching for its first win since Jan. 3.

While Idaho sits at the bottom of the Big Sky, the troubling season drops the Vandals near the bottom of the nation as well.

According to the NCAA men's basketball NET rankings, the Vandals rank 341st out of 353 teams in Division 1 college basketball.

The tormenting season is nearly over with four games left in the regular season, leaving little time for the Vandals and some hope during the offseason for fans.

The Vandals had four scorers in double figures against Southern Utah, but rebounding issues plagued Idaho during another loss.

Idaho will now finish its final two home games against two of the top-five teams in the conference in rebounding margin, with Portland State ranking first in the Big Sky.

The rebounding struggles and turnover woes for the Vandals have haunted the transition season, leaving many desperate for one final win during this season.

The Vandals lost to Portland State and Sacramento State by a combined 37 points at the end of January and will be fighting for history to not repeat itself once more.

The Vikings rank second in scoring offense in the Big Sky, averaging 78 points per game, while Idaho ranks last in the conference averaging nearly 73 points a game.

Idaho freshman Jared Rodriguez played one of his best games of the season against Southern Utah last week, finishing with 28 points and 11 rebounds. Expect him to be relied on heavily throughout the week. The Vandal offense working best when the frontcourt can get going early.

If Rodriguez can find open shots in the paint, perimeter shooting for junior guard Trevon Allen and fresh-

man guard Cameron Tyson could open up for Idaho throughout Thursday's and Saturday's games.

Unlike last season, senior day will be a puzzling one for fans with no current senior players on the

active roster.

Senior Nate Sherwood was not able to play this season due to an undisclosed injury, forcing him to leave basketball. The loss of Sherwood left the Vandals having to scramble this season to develop a young frontcourt with the growing pains at the forefront.

No matter the game plan this week, the biggest key for a Vandal victory before the season ends is for this team to find a way to come together for a full 40 minutes.

The Vandals found consistent scoring last week. If that can continue this week, a coveted win might finally be in reach.

Idaho will face the Portland State Vikings in Cowan Spectrum Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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A comprehensive list of this week's Silver and Gold top performers



Meredith Spelbring Column ARGONAUT

No. 4 — Women's basketball squad
No, it is not just one person. But it does not take just one person to get to the No. 1 spot in the Big Sky. Yes, the "Splash Sisters" duo of senior guards Mikayla Ferenz and Taylor Pierce can knock down points unlike most others in the conference. As it currently stands ahead of the weekend contests, Ferenz is only 13 points away from the conference scoring record, for both men and women, and Pierce leads the nation in 3-pointers with 114 this season alone. While the two are undeniable talents, they have an incredibly talented group of athletes around them in Gina Marxen, the Klinker sisters and a number of others. Basketball is a team sport, and this Idaho team encompasses that mindset perfectly.

No. 3 — Marianna Petrei, women's tennis
The Idaho tennis standout was named Big Sky Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the second week in a row following her performance against Northern Colorado and Lewis-Clark State College. The senior finished the weekend with a 4-0 record at No. 1 singles and doubles. After winning her last six matches, she is currently 34-0

in conference play. The weekly accolade is her ninth in her career. Tennis athletes often perform quietly under the radar, but Petrei's performance not only throughout the past week, but throughout her career, are more than noteworthy.

No. 2 — Sophie Hausmann, women's golf

Hausmann finished The Gold Rush tied for third at 1-under, not far behind the co-champions of the tournament. The senior completed the tournament with a top-25 finish in 11 consecutive team events and five top-10 finishes over six events this season alone. Hausmann has been at the top of the leaderboard for Idaho for a number of seasons for the program and this season looks to be no different. The best is yet to come.

No. 1 — Zachary Short, track and field

Short is not only making a name for himself within the current Idaho track and field squad, but he has cemented his legacy at Idaho and is not even done yet. After breaking the Big Sky record in the shot put in the Big Sky Indoor Track and Field Championships for the third time this season with a throw of 19.81 meters, Short was the sole Vandal invited to the NCAA Indoor Championships and currently sits at No. 9 in the nation in his event. Short's performance at the conference championships were more than notable, but even more noteworthy is the fact his record-breaking season is not even over yet. If his skyward trajectory is any indication of the finale to come, it is a finale no one will want to miss.

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Staff picks

The Vandal Nation staff makes their picks for the Vandal Nation Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 17



MEREDITH SPELBRING — ZACHARY SHORT, TRACK AND FIELD

Idaho track and field just wrapped up the 2019 indoor season at the Big Sky Indoor Track and Field Championships and no one stood out more than thrower Zachary Short. Short not only won the event, but broke his own conference record yet again and earned a spot in the NCAA competition, the only Idaho athlete to do so.



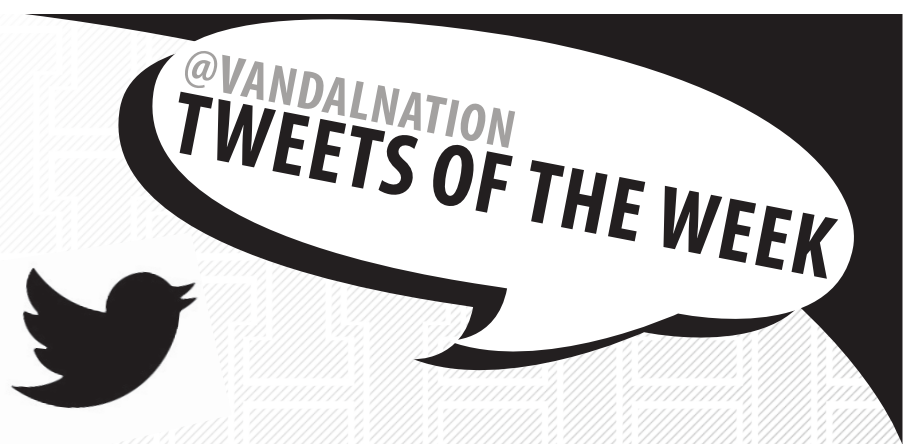
BRANDON HILL — COLLIN SATHER, FOOTBALL

The impact of losing Collin was felt far and wide across the Vandal family this week. His community — both in Moscow and Spokane — doing its best to help his family during this difficult time shows exactly what the Silver and Gold are capable of.



CHRIS DEREMER — TAYLOR PIERCE, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

While most of the spotlight has been on Ferenz lately, and deservedly so, Pierce brings a ferocity to this team that helps put them over the edge. If Pierce is on fire, the rest of the team follows and her performance against Southern Utah was no different.



@USATODAYSPORTS TWEETED:

"Idaho football player dies a month after being diagnosed with cancer. Collin Sather was just 19."
—Idaho football suffered a great loss over the weekend with the death of Collin Sather.



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— The Vandals continue their historic season during the final weeks of their pursuit of a Big Sky championship.



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EDITORIAL

Second chance involvement

Spend the rest of the semester enjoying what UI has to offer by engaging with one another

There are just 10 weeks — 72 days — until May 11. For some people, these numbers are just numbers. The dates are just dates. But for others, those 72 days represent much more: freedom, change and maybe even the end to a years-long journey.

While the days continue to fly by, so does the amount of time students have left to soak up what the University of Idaho has to offer.

It can be difficult to remember to have fun and enjoy university life during the second semester winter months. It's cold, schoolwork begins building up and there's more than enough drama over snow days and Vandal Alerts to make students forget to enjoy themselves.

Even more so, life gets busy. But there are always ways to get involved. There are always ways to make the most of each individual college experience.

It might be easiest to find involvement when you are part of Greek life or heavily involved in a specific organization.

But engagement can come from anywhere — not just a

Greek house or academic organizations.

Athletics, intramurals, student interest clubs, social actions clubs, student government and community groups. All of these possibilities have people in common — people who might love what you love.

Among student and community groups, there are countless events, showcases and gatherings happening each week. Sometimes, it just takes a little searching

We're always told about the opportunities available on campus.

From emails, posters and invites, it can be daunting to find what piques your interest among the mass of possibilities. There is no one college experience that works for everyone and involvement is not one size fits all.

Involvement may look good on a resume. It may help you find your way through classes. It might even give you something to do on a boring day. But more than anything, it will help foster a sense of connection — to the university, the community and the people around you.

So remember, 10 weeks. Just 72 days to make the most of whatever you want your experience at UI to be this year. Whether these days mean the end of the road in Moscow or the beginning of another summer, make the most of them.

— Editorial Board



Q & A

A CHAT WITH THE ONES WHO KNOW BEST



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We often hear about the perception that UI students lack involvement. Do you feel that's true?

I don't like to make this assumption about the general student body, since we don't have data. I'm mostly surrounded by highly involved students, so I do tend to see the interest there. What we do know is that involvement in campus activities and programming is down.

This is also a national trend, not something isolated to UI. The million-dollar question is, "why?" Is it truly that students' interest in being involved has declined? Is it that we increased the amount of programming and so everyone's numbers are lower? Do we need to change the way we market our activities so students are more informed?

Another hypothesis, that was discussed in the Chronicle of Higher Education somewhat recently, is that students have more obligations and expectations placed on them with fewer (mostly financial) resources today than in the past. College is more expensive than ever and cost of living has stagnated. This means more students have to find jobs and may have less time to invest in co-curricular activities on top of their academics.

We also know university demographics are changing, we have more non-traditional students, transfer students, first generation students and non-white students who are accessing higher education, which is wonderful, but we need to make sure our programming is appealing and appropriate for them as well.

How do you encourage students to get involved?

When we meet with students who are looking to get involved, we encourage them to seek these opportunities as well as opportunities outside our office. When we talk to students that walk through our door, we take the time to get to know them, ask about their major, their interests and hobbies, extra-curricular activities they were involved in while in high school or at their previous college. If they have an interest in a club that doesn't exist, we walk them through the steps to starting a new club.

What opportunities would you suggest for students leaving this year?

It depends on what they are looking to do. If it's involvement that's just fun entertainment, then definitely keep a close eye and the numerous daytime and evening events from Vandal Entertainment. If it's something super meaningful and transformational to end their college experience with, then an ABS trip is the right choice. If they'd like to boost their professional development skills and resume, then attend our leadership programs and join a club.

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Home over house *It doesn't matter what house you live in, it's the people that make UI*



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"If the house burned down tomorrow, would you still want to be part of their sisterhood?"

It's a question I was asked before the second day of my sorority's recruitment four years ago.

A Greek mentor who helped during recruitment asked this of possible new members as house tours were about to begin.

Delta Zeta Sorority may not have been new in 2015, but the new three-story building at the corner of Elm and 7th Streets was.

They asked this question in the hopes of teaching that the house is just a structure we live in, but our sisterhood or brotherhood will be what creates a home.

So if you asked me does a house make a home, I would say it doesn't. Because a house isn't a home and a home isn't a house.

If Delta Zeta was just a house, all you

would see is four walls, three stories and a roof. There's so much behind those walls, there's laughter, tears and happy memories.

Every tear was not always a cheerful one. Being Greek doesn't mean every moment worked perfectly, but it's a commitment someone makes to strive for excellence in their lives with people just as excellent.

My chapter did not always have a shiny new house on Greek Row. We started in the residence halls like many students and other organizations. We had our foot in two doors: Greek life and residence life.

Now, I never lived in Wallace, but I was the first pledge class to live in our new house. Once we got the gleaming new house, we became a sisterhood — we were one.

It's been four years since I decided to call Delta Zeta my home and I have watched our chapter grow, with no active members left of the 'Wallace days.' We still hold the values of sisterhood over the materialism of a new house.

I remember giving house tours to other chapters on campus just because they wanted to see our polished new house. The most exciting detail? "A breathtaking third-

floor bathroom." It got old, fast.

But that's not what makes us friends or even family.

We're women who hide toy dinosaurs all over the house, who race to the first floor at the words of free cookies in the dining room and most importantly women that have not only supported each other through all our success, but held each other when it felt like our hearts were going to shatter.

I never thought that I would call myself a sorority woman.

I'm glad I stuck with it. It means I have a voice with meaning when it comes to issues like this. The big house is not the best part. The four walls for any organization to call home is not what makes it a home — it's the people.

So, if I was asked the same question I was asked four years ago, I would still be so proud to call myself a Delta Zeta — with or without the shiny new house on Greek Row.

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