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New president named by April

The University of Idaho looks to choose its 19th president

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With the list of candidates narrowed down to five finalists for the presidency, the University of Idaho is only a couple of weeks from new leadership.

Jodi Walker, University of Idaho director of communications, and Mike Keckler, chief communications and legislative affairs officer for the Idaho State Board of

Education, said UI should have a new president by April.

“A new president will be selected from among the five finalists. The field will not be narrowed any further,” Walker said. “The announcement will be made by the State Board of Education.”

Walker said the Idaho State Board of Education partnered with the search firm Storbeck Pimentel & Associates to find candidates across the country who were interested

in the position.

However, Walker said the firm has no influence on the choice, which is up to the State Board.

“Only the Idaho State Board of Education members are voting members on the decision,” Walker said.

Keckler said the recruitment process for candidates did not begin until a series of listening sessions were conducted on campus. Keckler said a screening committee was then

appointed by State Board member Emma Atchley, who also served as committee chair.

“Once a slate of candidates was compiled, Storbeck (&) Pimentel met with the screening committee to discuss and evaluate each candidate individually,” Keckler said. “From those discussions, nine semifinalists were identified and interviewed late last month.”

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ADMINISTRATION



Presidential preview

UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost Diane Chase hears concerns regarding campus safety and sexual assault

Ellamae Burnell
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University of Idaho presidential finalist Diane Chase spoke about student life, athletics and university responses to sexual assault in the first candidate forum with the top five finalists Monday, while not having answers to enrollment related concerns.

Chase, executive vice president and provost at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said there may be a campaign out there to help, and it could be similar to one she helped employ at UNLV called Start by Believing, a global campaign focused on changing the way sexual assault is responded to. UNLV currently holds an annual Start by Believing public awareness campaign based on the message “we hear you and are here to help you,” according to the UNLV website. She also said the university needs to be responsive when students come forward when there is an issue.

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UC Davis college dean Elizabeth Spiller speaks to campus about the need for community support at Tuesday's open forum

Alexis Van Horn
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University of Idaho presidential finalist Elizabeth Spiller emphasized the importance of supporting communities as she spoke to UI faculty, staff and students at Tuesday's open forum.

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Janet Nelson introduced Spiller. Nelson gave a brief overview of Spiller's achievements, including her two National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships. Nelson also addressed Spiller's work as Dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of California Davis.

“Spiller has provided leadership and invested in faculty recruitment, addressing a historical budget deficit and enhancing opportunities for student learning beyond the classroom,” Nelson said. “Those are all things here at Idaho that are near to our hearts, so we're looking forward to hearing some of her comments.”

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Oklahoma State University college dean Paul Tikalsky supports land grant universities and implementation of graduate programs

Ellamae Burnell
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Paul Tikalsky, Dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology at Oklahoma State University addressed University of Idaho students, staff and faculty at a presidential candidate forum Wednesday.

Tikalsky, a first-generation college student, grew up in a small town in Wisconsin and said he had the opportunity to go to college because of a land grant scholarship.

“The fact is we have this kind of university that creates knowledge,” Tikalsky said. “We create people who are changing the economy of a state or region in the world. We're not a university that just imports knowledge and trains people.”

During Tikalsky's seven years at Oklahoma State University he implemented a variety of programs, including the launch of new graduate programs in strategic areas for the region. This included the formation of a master's program in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology according to his curriculum vitae.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Women's Center: Where it's going, where it's been

The Women's Center location has changed several times, and it could move again

Jordan Willson
 ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho Memorial Gymnasium is one of the oldest athletic buildings on campus. UI volleyball and basketball teams compete within the old brick walls of the gym, but the first floor of the building is also home to a safe space for students — the Women's Center.

Since 2003, Women's Center staff have met with students and provided a space for them to gather, communicate and take action, while bleachers are pulled out and balls are bounced on the gym floor above. What was supposed to be a temporary location has housed the Women's Center for 16 years.

The Memorial Gymnasium is just one of six locations the center has occupied since its doors opened in November 1972. Worried

about the high attrition rate of women students, then-UI President Ernest Hartung appointed a committee to study that rate and other issues affecting women on campus.

The committee, housed in Room 104 of the Administration Building — across from Hartung's office — eventually became the support system and vehicle for change that the Women's Center is today.

Kay Keskinen, who worked for UI for 31 years, said when the Women's Center was created, there were not a lot of female role models at the university, so the center provided much-needed support.

“A lot of women in the faculty track had no mentor to help them through the tenure process,” she said.

Keskinen remembers attending programs in the small, one-room Women's Center. She said there was not much room for furniture, so everyone sat on the ground on “puffy pillows.” When programs became too large for the area, they would be moved into the Administration Auditorium.



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Students work inside the University of Idaho Women's Center in the Memorial Gym.

The next year, 1973, the Women's Center moved across the hall to Room 107 and then to Room 346 during the summer — as computer services moved downstairs, the law program moved into its own building and the Women's Center was set to transition into

the building which also housed the Tutoring and Academic Assistance Center, across from what is now the Idaho Commons.

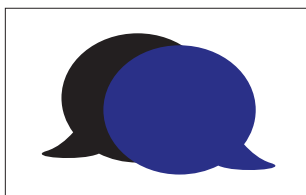
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Environmental science professor dies



Maxine Dakins

Maxine Dakins, a faculty member in the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, died Tuesday night.

Dakins taught as a professor of environmental science while based in Idaho Falls. She had not taught this semester for health reasons, according to UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker.

Dakins originally worked as a statistician for Union Carbide, a chemical and polymers company, during the '80s. While there, Dakins became interested in the emerging environmental science field.

Dakins' friend and UI co-worker, Alice Allen, an academic program coordinator at the UI Idaho Falls campus, said Dakins' sense of adventure led her to leave her corporate position and join higher education. Dakins left Union Carbide and earned her Ph.D. in 1994.

"With a bit of trepidation and looking for an adventure, she faced her fears and accepted a postdoctoral position at University of Idaho in Idaho Falls," Allen said.

Dakins became a full-time faculty member with UI in 1997. Since then, Dakins specialized in areas of study such as environmental statistics, natural resource policy and law and pollution prevention.

Allen said Dakins was well known for helping students achieve their goals. A non-traditional student herself, Dakins supported and guided non-traditional students returning to college.

"Max's belief that people should define their own self of success earned her great respect from students, staff and other faculty," Allen said.

Dakins' desire to help those outside her student groups was evident in her volunteer work, Allen said. She worked closely with the Breaking Boundaries organization, a non-profit dedicated to helping people with H.I.V. and AIDS in the eastern Idaho area. Dakins was also an active participant in grant writing to support STEM education and scholarships for her students.

"She volunteered countless hours to people that she may never have met but who have had better lives because of her work, leading quietly and not letting any fears get in the way," Allen said.

Former student dies in campus crash

Idaho State Police responded to a fatal car crash Saturday night on Nez Perce Drive near the University of Idaho Golf Course, according to a news release.

Police said Ricardo Lopez, 24, of Mountain Home, Idaho, driving a blue 2006 Ford Escape SUV, was traveling westbound on Nez Perce Drive toward Perimeter Drive when the crash occurred at approximately 11:18 p.m.

Lopez, who police said was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the SUV. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

He overcorrected after going off the right side of the road prior to the intersection of Rayburn Street, police said. He crossed both lanes and rolled to the left side of the road.

Lopez had studied at UI, working toward a degree in chemistry with a minor in Asian studies. He walked in fall 2018, but had one class left before finishing his degree, said Jodi Walker, UI spokesperson. He was not enrolled this semester.

Lopez worked in the soil chemistry lab in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, according to an email sent to faculty, staff and students. He planned to finish his degree in chemistry in fall 2019. He was also involved in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), according to the email.

Students affected by Lopez's death are encouraged to contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 208-885-6716.

Student Accounts Construction

The cashier's office within Student Accounts has been relocated to within the students account office as it undergoes a renovation that is scheduled to be finished March 15.

Building Trades Project Manager, Elaina Perry, said the renovation is the result of the staff's need for a more ergonomic working environment and better work flow.

She also said the renovation is a small project that is internally funded.

"All employees are currently located within the same office suite," Perry said. "Due to the short duration of the project (three weeks), the unit was able to temporarily move individuals impacted within their own office suite."

Coffee with District 5 legislators

The Moscow Chamber of Commerce is hosting the second coffee with district five legislators' event 9 a.m. Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce Lobby.

Sen. David Nelson and Representatives Bill Goelling and Caroline Nilsson Troy will be in attendance to answer any questions members of the Moscow community have.

Guitar Guest Recital

Montana State University Guitar Program Director, Michael Videon, will be performing a guest recital 7:30 p.m. Thursday in The Haddock Performance Hall.

Tickets are available at the door at a cost of \$3 dollars for students and senior citizens and \$5 for adults.

A Crumbs recipe

White chocolate honey nut muffins

Have overly ripe bananas sitting on your kitchen counter? Put them to good use with this sweet recipe. Grab a few ingredients from the pantry and you'll be putting those bananas to good use in no time at all.

Ingredients

- 2 very ripe bananas
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 3/4 cups of flour
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1/2 stick of melted butter
- 1/2 cup of white chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup of salted chopped walnuts
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup of honey
- 1 teaspoon of lemon juice

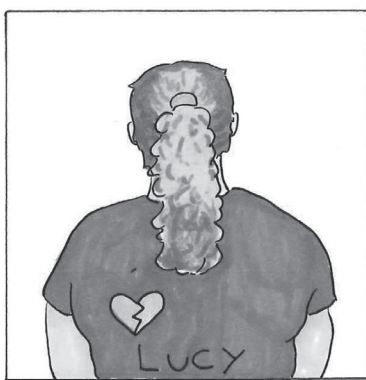
Directions

1. Cream together the melted butter, mashed bananas, sugar and melted butter.
2. Slowly add in the flour in small increments, whisking between each pour.
3. Mix in the vanilla and walnuts.
4. Fold the mixture until well combined.
5. Fill each muffin mold about 3/4 of the way full.
6. Drop a few white chocolate chips in the center of each muffin.
7. Bake at 350° Fahrenheit for 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
8. Combine the honey and lemon juice in a small bowl.
9. Remove the muffins from the oven and brush the honey, lemon mixture over the top of each muffin.

Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 16

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CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 28 issue of The Argonaut, Stephanie and Jason Dillon's last name was misspelled.

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Former Idaho football player pleads not guilty to rape charges

Former Idaho football player accused of rape pled not guilty in Latah District Court Thursday

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Kyree Curington, a former Idaho football player accused of rape, pled not guilty in the Latah County District Court Feb. 28.

During the 18-year-old's preliminary hearing, the court sought to find probable cause that the rape in question was committed by Curington.

The court said the relationship between Curington and the alleged victim began as a friendly relationship between the parties. There was possible exchanging of information that led each to believe they were interested in one another, Judge Megan Marshall said.

However, the judge said it was clear from evidence, testimonies and a medical examination that a rape was performed.

The alleged victim testified that she attempted but couldn't push Curington away and indicated "no" several times. At one point, she said she tried to hit him in the abdomen.

The judge said the victim was resisting the sexual encounter. Resistance does not require extreme physical ability exertion, Marshall said. It can come in multiple forms, such as verbal resistance.

"I would just argue that the state has not provided sufficient evidence on each element," said Robyn McPherson, Curington's attorney.

Curington's arraignment also took place that day, in which he waived his right to a speedy trial and instead agreed to hold his trial in four months. The trial is set for 8:30 a.m. June 17 in the Latah Magistrate Court, with a pretrial conference scheduled for 1 p.m. May 15.

The alleged victim did not contest this request. Judge John C. Judge presided over the arraignment.

The felony charge of rape could carry a sentence of a year in jail at minimum or up to life in prison, a fine of up to \$50,000, as well as restitution for the alleged victim's costs incurred by injury or loss. It could also carry an additional fine of \$5,000 to be paid to the alleged victim. Curington, if convicted, could be required to register as a sex offender.

The case was previously in Latah Magistrate Court but was moved to district court earlier that day at Curington's preliminary hearing.

The arraignment was accelerated due to travel plans. Curington is currently living in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Curington previously posted his \$75,000 bond, with stipulations that he not enter the UI campus without permission from officials or contact the alleged victim.

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

The alleged victim told her family she had been raped by Curington in her dorm room at UI's Wallace Residence



Kyree Curington leaves the Latah County Courthouse after his arraignment Thursday.

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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 Curing-

ton who denied he had 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 around 5 a.m. by her mother in California.

After meeting with the woman at Gritman Medical Center, the officers visited Curington at 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.

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Keckler said the screening committee — comprised of university stakeholders such as alumni, faculty, ASUI members and State Board members — was then responsible for narrowing the list from nine to five.

“The evaluation process centered on the interviews and then a discussion among the committee members,” Keckler said. “Each committee member shared their thoughts, and then a vote was taken on each candidate.”

Alberto Pimentel, managing partner of Storbeck Pimentel & Associates said there is no “cookie-cutter” method to finding the most suitable candidates for a university. Pimentel said well over one hundred individuals expressed interest in the presidency, with 58 individuals initially applying for the position.

“When we start a search, we start with the assumption that one size does not fit all,” Pimentel said. “That means that the process needs to be customized to an institution, and taking into account the location, the demographics, the aspiration and challenges every university is going to be very, very different from the next.”

“Not just Moscow students, frankly there was a great deal of consistency in what individuals were looking for,” Pimentel said. “Not in any order of priority, but it was clear that (UI affiliates) want someone who truly understood, embraced and could promote the mission of a land grant institution.”

Pimentel also alluded to a general consensus within the community for increase in diversity, building a more inclusive environment and a need for long-term stability for university leadership.

“Someone who is interested in the university — this university — versus someone who is interested in being the president of just a university,” Pimentel said. “Someone who is interested in a long-term commitment to the university, who will stay the course, and help develop this university.”

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SPILLER

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Spiller did not prepare any remarks, but she gave a brief explanation of her background and interests before opening the floor to questions. She explained what she believes land grant universities are responsible for and how UI and her own background fit into those responsibilities.

“The (problems) that our students in 20 years are going to face are even harder than the ones we have now,” Spiller said. “Being able to be integrated in defining community, defining educational access and defining the research good produced by a higher education research university seems to be what a land grant is supposed to do.”

Faculty, staff and students asked a wide range of questions over the hour-long open forum. Some asked about her intent in applying for the presidency and her proposed initiatives while others asked about her stance toward interdisciplinary research, inclusivity and enrollment. She shared her experience with improving enrollment at the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech.

“At the end of my three years there, we had increased applications by 59 percent and we had increased incoming freshmen by 39 percent,” Spiller said. “We did everything. We did every little thing. The most important thing in a conversation like that is to know who you are. You don’t just want to recruit students, you want to recruit your students.”

Spiller brought the importance of community to the forefront of all her answers. She said UI is the perfect size for achieving true academic diversity while maintaining a sense of home and community. She also discussed her ties to the Greek community.

“Fraternalities fit into the larger conversation of how you make a place feel like it is a place of belonging for students,” Spiller said. “There’s a number of mechanisms for doing that. Fraternalities are a powerful and important one of those mechanisms. I rushed a fraternity — my college fraternities were co-ed — and my father founded a fraternity when he was an undergraduate at a land grant in a different state. (I remember) all the times that his friends would come from as far away as Micronesia to fraternity reunions. The degree to which that is of value as a lifelong experience of building community with people.”

Spiller was not available to answer questions after the forum but attended a variety of events throughout the day. In the morning, she spoke to students on campus. In the evening, she spoke in the Moscow City Hall to connect with the Moscow community.

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WOMAN’S

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Keskinen said the building provided a larger, more visible space for the Women’s Center — located in the heart of campus.

In 2001, that building was demolished, sending the Women’s Center to the Theater Arts Annex, a small white building across from the Administration Lawn. In fall 2002, maintenance on frozen pipes led to the discovery of asbestos and lead paint which meant another move for the Women’s Center — to its current location in Memorial Gymnasium Room 109.

Lysa Salsbury, current director of the Women’s Center, said when moved to the current location, the staff was told it was a “temporary emergency move.”

Brian Johnson, assistant vice president of facilities, said the move from the annex to the Memorial Gymnasium occurred at the same time as many UI entities that rented space downtown were moved back to campus, so there was not a lot of flexibility on where the Women’s Center could go.

CHASE

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“I certainly wouldn’t mind speaking out on the topic and its importance,” Chase said.

Chase’s statement came after a faculty member raised concern about sexual assault’s prevalence across college campuses.

“The evidence suggests that is pretty widespread across university campuses,” said Deborah Thorne, associate professor of sociology.

Thorne said there is a position for the president to lead on this type of issue.

Chase also touched on enrollment concerns, saying she hasn’t had enough time to learn about what has been done about enrollment and what the actual issues are at UI.

“Enrollment has been an issue across the U.S. of late,” Chase said. “It is something I have spent a fair amount of time working on in my past lives.”

Chase went on to say enrollment

TIKALSKY

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“I’ve applied to this position because I think, I believe that this university can make a difference,” Tikalsky said. “And if I can help drive that vision to legislators, to the (State) Board, to the citizens of Idaho, if not the whole nation. To let them know the hidden gem needn’t be hidden.”

On the role of the president, Tikalsky also said that he believes a president must have integrity. He also said provosts and vice presidents play a large role in helping a president be successful and making shared decisions.

“I think a president lives that vision and mission,” Tikalsky said. “It needs to be in the front of their desk every day, and they need to make decisions based on those mission, vision and values of the institution.”

Tikalsky also touched on the impact that presidents of other universities have had on him. He said over time he has learned the impor-

“The (Memorial) Gym was a space they could fit,” Johnson said. “It kept them in the core of campus, but it reduced their visibility, unfortunately.”

Johnson said there was no “plan B” or clear idea about where the Women’s Center would go next, so it has not moved since.

Rebecca Rod, a former staff member of the Women’s Center, said while the location of the Women’s Center provides privacy and feels “more safe,” it is a fairly small and inaccessible place.

“It certainly has made do over the years, but it is awkward to tell people where it is,” Rod said.

Salsbury also mentioned the privacy of the Women’s Center’s location was a benefit, but she noted there is little walk-by traffic and some people might not know where the center is. Other downsides to the current location include a subpar heating and cooling system and constant noise from the gym.

“When they pull the bleachers down, it’s like the ceiling is going to fall,” Salsbury said.

Salsbury said it would be nice to have a larger space with a multipurpose room for hosting meetings and

and marketing are areas she would definitely be engaged in, but she can’t speak to what those specific issues are.

Chase also took a question on where she stood on two recent policy areas, program prioritization and market-based compensation. Chase said that she believes market-based compensation is important.

“Paying people a fair market value is an incredibly important thing to do, and it’s a thing you can’t do quickly,” Chase said. “I was pleased to hear the university was engaging in those efforts.”

Chase also said that she understood that resources were limited because of low student enrollment, but she hasn’t spent time with anyone to go over program prioritization and didn’t have an understanding of where things stood.

Later, after hearing concerns about athletics from a staff member, Chase said she is under the impression that things are getting better for athletics.

“The issues that U of I is facing

gives him both insight and pause.

“So, you have a unique structure with the State Board that’s important,” Tikalsky said. “If the president can’t work with the board, the president’s got to go.”

Dean and Professor of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University Christopher Callahan will present at a forum 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bruce Pitman Center. Scott Green, global chief operating and financial officer at Hogan Lovells and UI alumnus will speak Friday at the same time and place. The other two finalists, Diane Chase and Elizabeth Spiller, spoke on campus earlier this week.

“I’m a person who wants a challenge,” Tikalsky said. “I don’t want to manage anything. I don’t want to manage a university. I want to find a place that needs the kind of skill sets that I have.”

He said that as an institution, a university is ever changing, which

workshops, in addition to a lounge and access to a full kitchen.

In the next few years, this might be possible.

Johnson said UI has a desire for a new building, called the Tribal and Diversity Center, which would house the Native American Student Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, LGBTQA Office and the Women’s Center. This new building is first on the list of requests for funding from the state for new buildings, he said.

The university will find out in March if funding for the building is approved, and the new facility would be ready in the next two or three years, Johnson said.

The location of the building will not be determined unless and until planning money is awarded.

Salsbury said being located in the same building as other diversity-centered offices would be advantageous because they all work closely together.

“I mean gender is obviously an important identity, but so is their race and their ethnicity and their cultural background,” she said.

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is similar to issues that exist elsewhere,” Chase said. “I agree with what folks say frequently — athletics is a front porch to a university ... It is important for a variety of reasons.”

Robert Anderson, director of facilities, said athletics on campus were a central issue to campus, and student support for it is “anemic at best,” adding that it was clear “that a complete overhaul is really needed in the culture.”

In regard to hiring a new athletic director, Chase said that she will need a lot of help but knows what a good athletic director can be in terms of a great partner for the university.

Chase said for any position, whether it be president or athletic director, integrity has to come first, along with concern for students’ well-being.

“And for god-sakes it has to be someone who can help you win and fill the seats,” Chase said.

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A local community member reads a newspaper in the Latah County Public Library Feb. 25, which offers residents many resources.

COMMUNITY

‘Much more than just books’

Latah County Library offers resources, events for all community members

Allison Spain
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While countless University of Idaho students filter in and out of the UI Library on a daily basis, the Latah County Public Library serves as an additional resource to both students and community members.

Located on the corner of Jefferson and First streets and a 10-minute walk from campus the library is the headquarters for six other branches in the county. Each offers a wide variety of activities and events year round for children, teenagers and adults.

“The Moscow library has access to many more resources than meets the eye in the building,” Director Chris Sokol said. “Card holders can place holds on materials shelved at our six rural branch libraries, in addition to the resource of the many other Valnet libraries.”

Sokol said the library gives students, both traditional and nontraditional, a chance to get off campus to utilize different resources. Library cards are free and it only takes a few minutes to fill out an application form with photo ID and proof of current address, she said.

“Since the University of Idaho Library is mostly an academic resource for students, the Moscow community library can be more of a place to relax and hangout,” Sokol said. “Most college students are on a budget, so a free library card is a great resource.”

April is a busy month for upcoming

events, ranging from monthly programs such as book club meetings to guest visitors. Sokol said upcoming events include Hunting for Wild Mushrooms in North Idaho April 13, as well as Historical Idaho Women Stories and Folksongs April 30.

Tim Gerlitz, club educator of the North Idaho Mushroom Club, will provide macro identification techniques, an overview of poisonous and edible mushrooms, and tips on how to forage and harvest ethically.

At the end of April, musician Tracy Morrison will present original songs that recognize historical Idaho women. Morrison has studied American folk music for more than 30 years. Her songwriting and storytelling explores culture, history and life experience.

Sokol said among events, voyager kits are popular to check out year round. The kits include happy lights to aid seasonal depression, beginner birdwatching and stargazing kits, beginner knitting and sewing kits, and how-to kits for juggling and playing the ukulele, to name a few.

Adult Services Manager Amy Thomas said she is always looking for ways to serve more young people. She said one convenient tool the library offers is a program called Overdrive, where students can rent e-books and audiobooks for free with no late fees.

“The program is perfectly set for on-the-go, busy lifestyles where you never have to step foot in the library,” Thomas said. “Often times, people associate libraries solely with books, but we are much more than just books.”

She said another resource is the large DVD and audiobook collection. New, popular



Chris Sokol



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The Latah County Public Library, located at Jefferson and First streets in Moscow.

movie releases are given to the library for rental, she said.

“The UI Library, while it does a great job as an academic library, does not necessarily have a lot of leisurely reading or the option to browse,” Thomas said. “Often times, if a book is put on hold, there will be a shorter waitlist here because we are always sharing materials among branches.”

In mid-April, Thomas will be hosting a booth in the UI Teaching and Learning Center to reach more students and give them a chance to sign up for a library card.

“I really love the sense of community in a library — witnessing what happens when

these strangers walk into a room and start to connect and talk, realizing they have so many of the same things in common, even in a tiny little town,” Thomas said.

More information on all upcoming events — all free and open to the public — can be found on the library website at latahlibrary.org or their Facebook page.

With so many events, Sokol said people can sign up for the library’s e-newsletter by typing in their email address in the sign-up bar at the bottom of the website’s homepage.

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DIVERSITY

Tea, cake and ‘HERstory’

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The University of Idaho Women’s Center, while providing services to all students year round, will spend March focusing on what originally gave the center its name: women.

While spring break does interrupt the festivities, the Women’s Center will host a tea party Thursday afternoon before the week-long hiatus, celebrating International Women’s Day.

The holiday celebrates “the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women,” according to the official International Women’s Day website.

In the past, the Women’s Center has celebrated International Women’s Day with a tabling fair and cultural performances. Assorted local and school-associated organizations shared challenges women face and contributions women make to their cultures. Afterward, the Women’s Center coordinated with Daytime Distractions to provide performances in the food court.

“We thought we’d do something different this year,” said Jackie Sedano, Women’s Center program coordinator. “We’re col-

laborating with the Global Student Success Program to bring this event. It’s essentially this international tea party.”

This year, the Women’s Center decided to break away from the traditional celebration with a tea party 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The potluck-style event will provide UI students, staff and faculty with an opportunity to try new food, meet new people, sip some tea and learn about women’s history.

Sedano said everyone is welcome to attend, not just women.

“We would love to be able to experience other cultures through some food culture,” said Cailin Bary, Global Student

Success Program student experience specialist. “That’s why we’re encouraging everyone to bring something to share.”

Sedano and Bary said International Women’s Day was a natural way to bring the two offices together. Since the holiday celebrates women from around the world, it seemed like the perfect way to pull resources from both offices.

“The Women’s Center is focused on supporting communities of women, and here in the Global Student Success Program, we support international students through their first year on campus,” Bary said. “By

Women’s Center, Global Student Success Program to honor International Women’s Day

our offices collaborating, we’re able to bring together these two communities.”

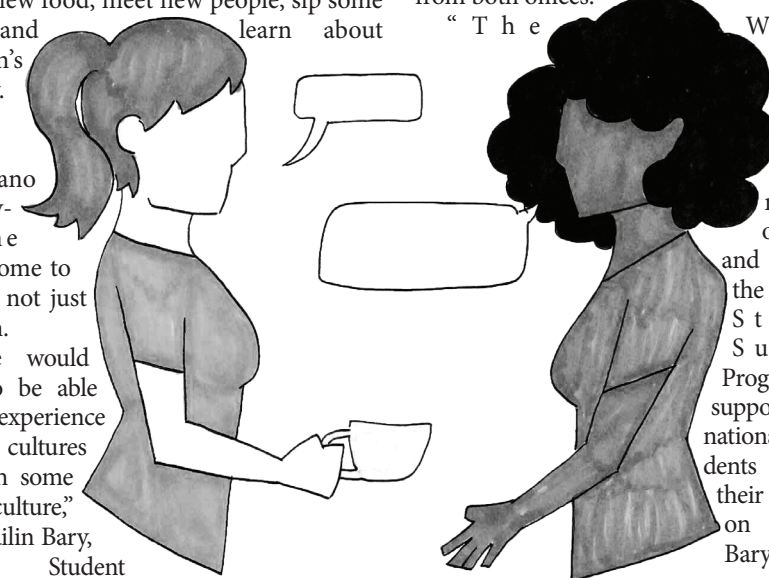
While International Women’s Day is Friday, the tea party will be held a day earlier. Sedano said this allows people who may be leaving early for spring break or are busy on Fridays to celebrate the holiday.

The idea is to encourage people from across campus to share their culture through food. Although attendees are encouraged to bring food to the event, Sedano said it is not required.

“I’m most excited about this event because it’s an opportunity for people to share a piece of their culture by bringing any kind of baked treat, maybe something savory, or any kind of hot drink,” Sedano said.

Those interested in providing food for the event should email Jackie Sedano at jsedano@uidaho.edu.

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CAMPUS LIFE



UI students and faculty adviser Robert Tripepi sell plants at the houseplant and succulent sale Monday in the Sixth Street Greenhouse. Alex Brizee | Argonaut

Dirt covered hands and green thumbs

UI Plant Soil and Science Club open to those with an interest in growing, learning and selling plants

Allison Spain
ARGONAUT

Succulents continue to be popular among budding plant owners, but the University of Idaho Plant Soil and Science Club does much more than just grow and sell them on campus.

Bob Tripepi, club adviser for more than 23 years, said the club is for students interested in growing different types of plants.

Students also propagate — an asexual plant reproduction process used to create new plants from already existing ones. They then sell these and other plants for various purposes, he said.

“Students use the proceeds to supplement a scholarship endowment and also donate to as many as two or three charities a year,” Tripepi said. “This year they donated to Christmas for Kids.”

The money also goes toward partially covering the cost of field trips for students, he said. Last year they went to Canada, and this year they will go to Portland, Oregon.

“Typically students go to visit places that have something to do with plants, like garden centers, nurseries and parks,” Tripepi said. “For example, they went to the Butchart Gardens in Canada last year and also visited a butterfly garden there.”

Anyone can be a part of the club, from history and art majors to agriculture education and plant soil and science students, he said. A variety of students from all across campus have participated, he said.

In the fall, Tripepi said students grow poinsettias, as well as succulents and house plants year round. In the spring, they specialize in bedded plants such as geraniums and impatiens. The Sixth Street Greenhouse is the central location for all plants, with two to five benches used, depending on the time of the year, he said.

Tripepi said there are more events and activities today than in the past, including a recent weekend trip to Garden Creek Nature Conservancy at the north end of Hells Canyon.

He said he went with students to complete a service learning project, taking a jet boat in to prune apple trees and enjoy evenings playing cards and relaxing.

The club also visited a greenhouse in Spokane, Washington, for a poinsettia tour,

he said. One of the most popular events every year is the Green Thumb 101 and 201 sessions for Moms’ Weekend, where participants can plant hanging baskets or planters to take home.

Zach Asher, club president, said anyone from any major can join throughout the year — no prior knowledge about plants is necessary, just an interest. He said a majority of members are not plant science majors, and new members have joined as late as Moms’ Weekend in the past.

Asher said the club tries to incorporate soil and entomology — the study of insects — but the club is primarily horticulture based.

Membership requirements include attending at least two meetings per month and one plant sale per semester. Meetings are held each Monday in the Sixth Street Greenhouse from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with free pizza nearly every week as an incentive, he said.

The club has a system where members are able to get points by participating in sales, attending club meetings, watering plants, covering and uncovering poinsettias in season, and helping table at events like *UIdaho Bound*.

Asher said the points are taken into account when the club has merchandise

for sale and upcoming trips. Members with more points are able to get a percentage off of merchandise, swag and trip costs.

“Some members might not have to pay anything, while others might have to pay more,” Asher said. “Those who put a lot in usually get free stuff, sometimes even free plants.”

The most well-known sales are poinsettias around Christmas time and bedding plants for Moms’ Weekend, along with Valentine’s Day and Halloween sales, he said. The club is always trying to do new things and is open to all ideas.

In the last few years, the group has put on a variety of new events and activities, Asher said. For example, it has partnered with other campus clubs, *Wild at Art* in downtown Moscow and several sororities. They also put on workshops for residence halls.

“I like working with plants and spending time in the greenhouse — time spent getting my hands dirty and doing something I am passionate about,” Asher said. “I also like the people who are in the club. I think they provide a good, inviting environment.”

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HOCKEY

ENGINEERING A TEAM

"At some point, everyone has to hang up their jersey...I just wasn't ready yet."

Kasey Peach, men's hockey club captain



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Idaho hockey team captain Kasey Peach helps move club toward the future of change and progress

Connor Swersey
ARGONAUT

Kasey Peach made the decision to come to the University of Idaho to focus on academics, not athletics. But he didn't have to.

Hockey has been a part of the UI senior's life since he first learned how to skate at 4 years old.

After growing up with the sport, he decided to take a step back as he approached his collegiate years.

Peach made the decision to not take the gamble with junior hockey and instead focused on his academics at Idaho.

Despite coming to the university to focus on school, Peach did not want to leave his life-long sport completely behind.

"At some point, everyone has to hang up their jersey," Peach said. "I just wasn't ready yet."

The Vandal men's club hockey was a perfect outlet for him — he could continue to play the sport he loves, while still focusing on his academic path as a chemical engineer.

It is not typical for a person to go straight from playing in high school to college the next year, Peach said. Usually athletes will spend time in the juniors, akin to a semiprofessional hockey league.

Junior hockey most often produces the next batch of collegiate hockey players.

"In Division I programs, you will usually have 21-year-old freshman, all people who have matured and got much better," Peach said.

It was a path Peach could have taken. He said he knew he had the skills necessary to compete in the juniors, but did not want to take the risk involved in moving to the next level.

Instead, Peach prioritized keeping his academic scholarships and continued his academic career.

The Idaho men's club hockey is one of the longest running sport clubs at the university. Since it is not affiliated with Idaho Athletics, it is completely run by student players like Peach.

"Sophomore year, I was voted in as captain," Peach said. "That was a lot for me to take on as school was ramping up, but I have really enjoyed it."

Peach is still currently the captain of the team and has helped push the team through his strong leadership.

The team did not have bad leadership at the helm before, Peach said, but it was less organized than it is today. Getting the team in shape to the point Peach wanted did not come easy, he said, but the work was worth it.

"Seeing what a concerted effort can do for a group was very rewarding in that sense," Peach said.

Dustin Pierce, current president of the club, said Peach took over leading practices as captain. Peach focused on pushing the players not only in their skills and abilities on the ice, but off as well.

"He really keeps us going at dryland. Not a ton of guys enjoy it the most, but he's always positive — and the results show," Pierce said.

The Vandals play at the Palouse Ice Rink, which is only a three-quarter sized rink in comparison to NCAA collegiate rink standards. The club only has one night of ice time per week, so training off the ice is important to stay in shape as well as keeping a focused mind as gameday approaches, Pierce said.

"Once a week, I try to get all the guys out to the Kibbie Dome to run stairs or in (Student Recreation Center) spinning on bikes," Peach said.

While their current ice facilities are functional, the team has long been pushing to get it upgraded to the NCAA full-size standard. In the three-quarter sized rink, only four-on-four matchups are permitted, compared to the standard five-on-five.

"It is hard to compete with teams that can host five-on-five games and practice more often than we do," Peach said.

Since Idaho has a club team, they do not have a set coach. The coaches they do have are former players, but are not guaranteed to stay, Peach said. It is because of this he, as captain, takes on added responsibilities.

As captain and defacto team coach, Peach writes all practice plans and takes on the responsibilities a coach would

generally have.

The hard work paid off during Peach's first year as captain when they played rival Boise State.

"We beat Boise State in their rivalry games for the first time in five or six years, which was really special," Peach said.

Nick Grover, a former player and coach for the team, said it was obvious Peach was different. From his freshman year, it was clear Peach knew what he was doing.

"(Peach) has basically been the reason that we have stayed afloat," Grover said. "Since I have been here, the team has been a little bit rough, but when (Peach) came around, things changed."

One thing the team is also pushing for is more publicity to attract new players, Peach said.

"We know that there are guys that play here at UI, but they maybe just don't know about it or are scared of the time commitment," Grover said.

The team practices twice a week for a total of about four hours, Pierce said, with games on weekends with the team traveling in and out of state.

"People are afraid of sacrificing their social lives for this huge commitment but that isn't what it is at all," Grover said. "They are at college on their own for the first time but playing club is honestly so beneficial."

In his final year here, Peach is focused on not only his time with the team, but the future of the club as well.

"The future of the team is very important to me and hopefully we can bring on a leadership position in the form of a coach soon," Peach said.

Peach now strives to leave his mark during his last year at the university — from helping grow publicity to pushing the players to new levels on and off the ice.

A key component in growth? Peach's leadership.

"You are a leader in the locker room, on the ice, off the ice, you have to conduct yourself in a way and keep a good attitude," Peach said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Closing out Cowan

A historic season could end in spectacular fashion for the team

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After many broken records and thrilling regular season play, women's basketball is set to finish the regular season this weekend.

Idaho (18-9, BSC 15-3) is riding a five-game win streak into a final homestand against Weber State and Idaho State. With a win in either matchup, the Vandals can clinch a share of the regular season Big Sky title.

A sweep would guarantee an outright conference championship.

The Vandals' opponents for this weekend are finishing remarkably different seasons and have varying motivations coming into their respective games.

Weber State (5-23, BSC 2-16) has underperformed this season, but an opportunity to spoil Idaho's dream season should be more than enough to motivate the Wildcats when they arrive in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals escaped with a 5-point win when the teams faced off in Ogden, Utah, but there are plenty of reasons to have faith in Idaho avoiding the upset.

On top of having the motivation to secure a share of their first regular season championship since 2016, Idaho holds just about every statistical advantage over the Wildcats. The Vandals can obviously shoot the lights out, but much of Idaho's opportunities come from gameplanning and taking care of the ball.

Senior guards Mikayla Ferenz and Taylor Pierce get many open looks in part because the Vandals average a league-low 12 turnovers a game while dishing out 14.8 dimes per matchup, good for third in the conference. Weber State does not have the defense necessary to stop an Idaho attack on all cylinders and their league-worst output on offense puts the Wildcats in a difficult spot.

In their last matchup, 46 of Idaho's 79 points came from Ferenz and Pierce, but recent developments around the roster point to the possibility of an more potent and diversified attack. Freshman guard Gina Marxen is averaging 13 points per game over her last three games and her 10-18 shooting from 3-point range makes it difficult for teams to double team Ferenz or Pierce. Expect head coach Jon Newlee to

spread out the team's opportunities to keep Weber State out of balance.

Ferenz and Pierce will play their final home game when Idaho takes on Idaho State for senior night on Saturday. Unlike Weber State, the Bengals (18-9, BSC 13-5) are gearing up for an extended postseason run after clinching a first-round bye.

In their final tune-ups before the tournament, both teams could be in for a bit of a surprise. Their last matchup came back on Dec. 29 in Pocatello and plenty has changed for both teams since then.

The Bengals were among Idaho's competition for the regular season title, but a 4-3 finish to the regular season that included losses to Montana and Northern Arizona crippled Idaho State's chances. Regardless, the Bengals have secured a first-round bye in the tournament thanks in large part to the best defense in the conference (58.6 points per game) and an offense that thrives on finding good shots.

Idaho State's .446 field goal percentage is also best in the conference, thanks in large part to the trio of Grace Kenyon, Estefania Ors and Saylair Grandon. Each upperclassman averages at least 12 points and four rebounds per game and Kenyon leads the team with 14.2 points and 7.1 rebounds per contest.

Newlee's approach to this second contest could depend largely on the results of Thursday's games.

If Northern Colorado drops its matchup with Southern Utah and the Vandals defeat the Wildcats, Idaho will clinch the regular season title without having to win against Idaho State. Pierce and Ferenz's workloads throughout this season (sixth and ninth in minutes played this season, respectively) could come into consideration, even on senior night.

No matter the weekend's results, the Vandals have put together a remarkable season with advantageous seeding secured in the tournament.

They didn't get this far by accident and Vandal fans can expect more of the same success in the team's final weekend at home.

Idaho will play Weber State 6 p.m. Thursday and Idaho State 2 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be in the Cowan Spectrum.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Idaho pushes for relevancy in season close

Idaho looks to carry momentum from win into the weekend contests

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The matchup: After picking up their second Big Sky win of the season last Saturday, the Vandals look to avenge their home losses against the Wildcats and the Bengals and build a late season push going into the Big Sky Tournament.

Overcoming the odds: The last time Idaho and Weber State met earlier this season, the Wildcats escaped with a six-point win over the Vandals. Since then, the Vandals plummeted to the bottom of the conference with Weber State currently fourth in the Big Sky. Idaho has the opportunity this week to add some chaos to the Big Sky standings before the start of the Big Sky Tournament with a win on Thursday.

Growing up at the right time: The young Vandals proved last week this team has turned around from their miserable two-month slump. Idaho has four players scoring in double figures in their last two games, all while playing stellar defense as well. Don't expect the Vandals to roll over just yet in these final two games of the season.

The names: Idaho junior guard Trevon Allen helped put the Vandals on his back to break the 14-game losing streak. In order for the Vandals to win again, expect Allen to be fearless on the offensive side of the court. Freshmen guards RayQuawndis Mitchell and Cameron Tyson both got their 3-point shots to fall last week. Continued strong shooting

by both guards would help greatly. Last but not least, freshman forward Jared Rodriguez has been a dominant force on the offense and if he can continue his persistent scoring, the Vandals could steal a win this week.

A haunting past: The Vandals' struggles all season have come from rebounding woes, turnovers and inconsistent shooting. Last week, Idaho addressed the issues and turnovers were the only problem Idaho suffered from greatly. Weber State ranks first in 3-point field goal percentage defense and blocked shots, which will make it a difficult time for Idaho to find a basket. The Vandals need to keep the ball moving and not get stagnant on offense to try to overcome the strong Wildcat defense.

Battle of the Domes: Idaho and Idaho State currently sit as the bottom two teams in the Big Sky. With both teams playing similar in almost every statistical category, the rivalry might turn into a battle of relevancy. A statement win over the rival Bengals could be a great launching point going into postseason play.

Where/when: Idaho men's basketball travels to Ogden, Utah, to take on the Weber State Wildcats 6 p.m. Thursday followed by the final Battle of the Domes matchup in Pocatello against the Idaho State Bengals 6 p.m. Saturday.

Both games can be streamed on watchbigsky.com.

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Staff predictions


The Vandal Nation staff predicts the outcome of Idaho women's basketball matchup against the Idaho State Bengals

MEREDITH SPELBRING — IDAHO 92, IDAHO STATE 85




Idaho State is a tough team and nothing will come easy in such a high-stakes rivalry game. However, the Vandals will have homecourt advantage and the drive to winout for the seniors, namely "Splash Sisters" senior guards Mikayla Ferenz and Taylor Pierce. ISU won't make it easy, but Idaho will come out firing on all cylinders and end on a win.

BRANDON HILL — IDAHO 76, IDAHO STATE 75




The Vandals are on a tear while the season draws to a close, but the Bengals prove formidable enough to make Idaho sweat on Senior Night. But a Splash Sisters finale in Moscow? C'mon, there's no way this team is letting this special moment slip between its fingers.

CHRIS DEREMER — IDAHO 70, IDAHO STATE 62



We have the Big Sky's best scoring offense going against the best scoring defense on Saturday, but something tells me the Splash Sisters aren't going to let the Bengals come away in their final home game as Vandals. Expect an Idaho win to gain the regular season Big Sky Championship.

JONAH BAKER — IDAHO 71, IDAHO STATE 59



Expect the Splash Sisters to take control in their final home game as Vandals, and the recent ascendance of the squad's underclassmen like Gina Marxen ensures that the team can take advantage of a double team on Mikayla Ferenz. Idaho and Idaho State have the Big Sky's best offense and defense respectively, but expect unstoppable force to top immovable object this time.

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EDITORIAL

An ever-changing legacy

Student input and involvement will play an integral role in the success of UI's next president

The University of Idaho will have a new president within the next few weeks, and for some, the change may feel meaningless or even superficial.

For others — those who have actively participated in the ongoing open forums and the screening process — the change could be met with open arms or even hostility.

Whether or not one agrees with the final decision, student awareness and involvement will drive the university's — and the new president's — future success.

There is plenty of room for disagreement. The five candidates come from a variety of backgrounds and represent different directions for UI's future.

Christopher Callahan. Diane Chase. Scott Green. Elizabeth Spiller. Paul Tikalsky. These names might not resonate with all students just yet, but they should.

With three of the five candidate forums already complete, there are fewer and fewer opportunities to ask questions and speak up.

Feedback forms are available on the university's presidential search page, allowing students the opportunity to directly voice any thoughts and concerns they may have about the individual candidates.

While Chuck Staben has been heavily critiqued by students — primarily during the last year — it can be difficult to find voiced solutions.

Nothing is more important than figuring out what you want to

gain from your time at a university. Without a clear picture and path forward, it's difficult to remain involved. Part of shaping your own future comes from helping to shape the future of the ever-changing university.

From here, the next step is figuring out which presidential candidate appeals to you directly.

Over the years, Idaho has lacked presidential longevity. Since 1989, the average length of time a president has held office is five years. Prior to the '80s, this number was consistently in the double digits.

Hopefully UI's next president can bring not only a semblance of longevity, but also consistency to the administration.

A fairly substantial amount of UI students may be graduating this spring, and of that number, many are likely to leave Moscow altogether.

So why should these soon-to-be alumni care?

It can be difficult to stay invested when the finish line is so close.

Yet, for many students, the university is a home away from home. Even for those who haven't spent the bulk of their college years in Moscow, they have assuredly left their individual mark on UI's history.

It's our responsibility to carry on UI's legacy and ensure future students can reach similar success.

Don't let go of this piece of your life completely. Rather, ensure there remains a stable foundation for generations of students still to come.

— Editorial Board



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QUICK TAKES FROM THE VANDAL COMMUNITY

What are you looking for in this week's visiting presidential candidates?

Diversity

I'm looking for a leader who can embrace the diversity of campus, support the students as they rise to professionals and inspire the employees to do their part in fostering a connected campus. Nothing less.

— Ryan Benson

Sustainability

Easy! A candidate who is ready to bring sustainability to the forefront of the mission at the University of Idaho. We have all of these struggling systems around campus like recycling and composting, but students and departments can only do so much. We need an administration that will devote itself to getting everyone on the same page and making the tough decisions that come with a sustainable campus. For example, we should be investing in solar panels on buildings to produce clean energy. We should also be streamlining recycling on campus by making it as easy as possible. Also, we need a president who is going to push Vandals Dining and Sodexo to use more compostable and recyclable materials in the Commons. There are so many things that come with a sustainable UI, but a new, passionate president is where we need to start.

— Ethan Morris

Student importance

Only two candidates mention students in their bios.

— Denise Bennett

Accessibility

As a former student, accessibility (or the lack thereof) needs to be addressed — and not just in all its physical manifestations.

— Ashley Lorraine

Investment

We need an individual who is ready to remain invested, even after the honeymoon period is over.

— Shannon Kelly

Just a connection

As it stands, there is almost no relationship or trust with our current president and our next administrator needs to be adept at communicating with the students.

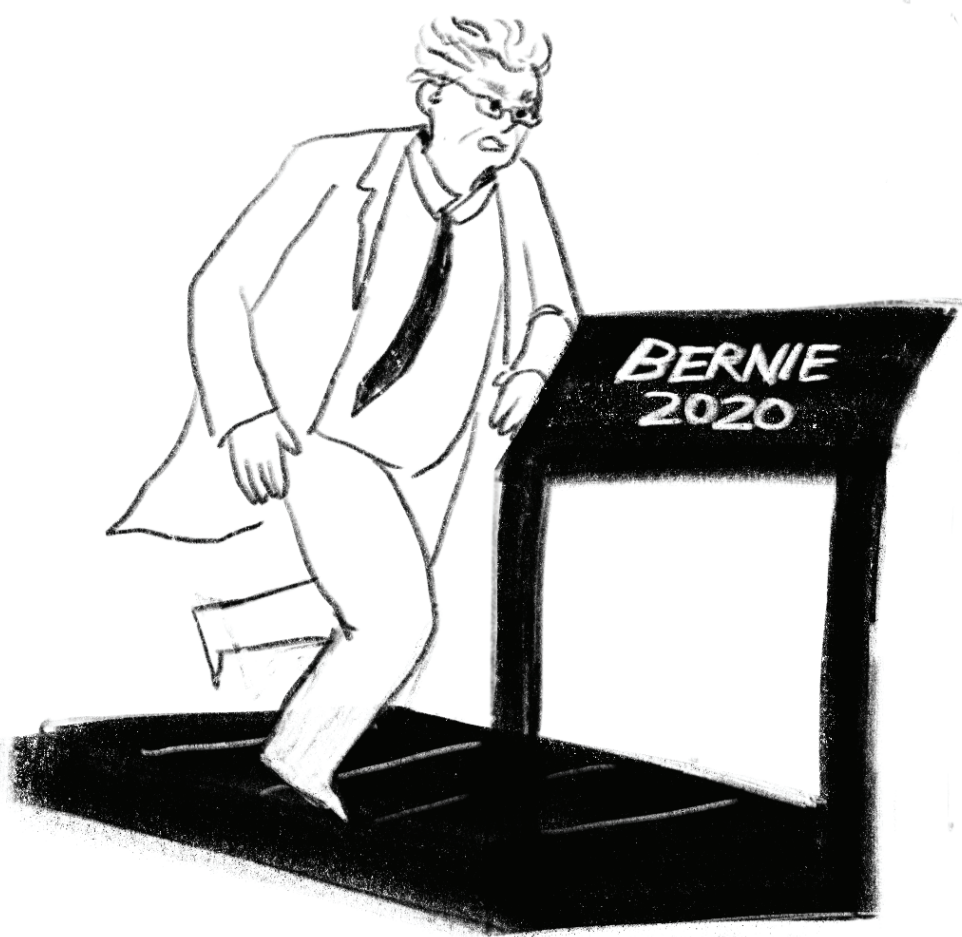
— Jonah Baker

Compassion

Our current president seems to lack compassion for the students of this university. This doesn't mean that the new president needs to make everyone feel like a special snowflake, but they need to communicate that they care about the well-being and education of the students.

— Grayson Hughbanks

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Berning down the house

Sen. Bernie Sanders' bid for the presidency is problematic for Democrats, 2020 election



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My phone sparked to life with a Washington Post notification at 3:39 a.m. Feb. 19.

The alert read, "Sen. Bernie Sanders, Democrats' 2016 runner-up, to make another presidential bid." Moments later, CNN made a similar announcement, followed by The New York Times and other major media outlets.

The 77-year-old joins a long list of Democratic contenders who have already made a bid for the 2020 presidency, such as Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Corey Booker and Kamala Harris.

The sheer amount of candidates — currently around 15 people — is problematic enough. But Sanders' run is different, appealing to a more radical sect of liberal voters who reared their heads about three years ago and gone away.

While many "felt the Bern" in 2016, it

wasn't enough for him to secure the Democratic nomination, losing to Hillary Clinton.

Sanders' loss prompted several of his supporters to join the ranks of third party candidates, such as Jill Stein. The switch was a direct blow to Clinton's campaign — albeit not the only reason she lost.

That initial notification conjured an overwhelming sense of déjà vu. Was 2016 doomed to repeat itself? Would his supporters jump ship once again?

"Short of Joe Biden entering the race, Sanders on paper starts off with more advantages than anybody else. He's got the largest list; he's got the most intense following that has stayed with him since 2016; he has a proven ability to fundraise from his small-dollar base," said Democratic strategist Brian Fallon in an Atlantic article. "He's in the exact opposite position that he started off the 2016 campaign in."

While I definitely agree Sanders is no longer the underdog he was two years ago, I don't believe he's made enough progress to carry the torch for the Democrats — at least to the White House.

His left-leaning ideas — expanding government support programs and single-payer health care — were revolutionary when he presented them in 2016. And yet, these

once-radical beliefs aren't as unique this time around. Many candidates have also adopted similar platforms.

However, we don't need far-reaching politics — we need a moderate, middle ground that can draw support across party lines.

There has been too much partisanship on Capitol Hill, causing little to nothing to get done.

We've learned all too well what someone who only cares about their individual party — or themselves — will do with the presidency.

"He could burn out, get eclipsed by some of the newer forces in the party, and have to answer for all the parts of his record

and background that didn't get full scrutiny when he was a novelty nowhere near winning in 2016," said Edward-Isaac Dovere in the same Atlantic article. "Sanders running when he's part of a big field of enticing candidates is a whole lot different from Sanders running as the single fresh alternative to a candidate who never inspired much passion throughout her entire career."

Sanders-like candidates are better at the local level — places they can enact change.

No matter who wins, it's time to make the White House blue again.

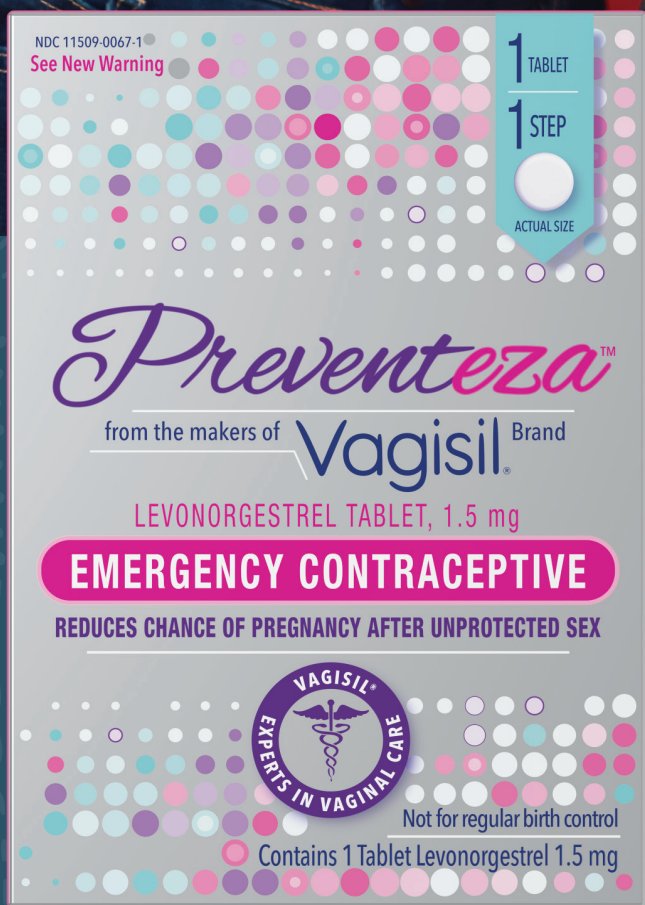
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