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Intercollegiate Athletics

Idaho has a proud athletic tradition and sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports for men and women. The teams are known as the Vandals and compete as a Division I member of the NCAA and Sun Belt (football), Big Sky (men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's cross country) and Western Athletic (swimming and diving) conferences.

The men's program consists of teams in football, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis, and golf. The women's program consists of teams in basketball, volleyball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis, golf, soccer and swimming and diving.

The athletic program enjoys splendid facilities. The Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center, known as the "Kibbie Dome," houses the Athletic Department offices, team locker rooms, weight room, athletic training facilities, and academic support unit. The Kibbie Dome itself is the site for football and men's and women's basketball games played at the Cowan Spectrum within the Kibbie Dome. Historic Memorial Gymnasium is the home for Idaho volleyball. Track and field and tennis make great use of the Kibbie Dome's indoor facilities for practice and competition as well, with the five-lane, 290-meter track and the nine indoor tennis courts. The women's soccer team plays its home matches on Guy Wicks Field. The university's 18-hole championship golf course, numerous outdoor tennis courts, and the UI Swim Center complete the facility picture.

Athletic Department Mission

The University of Idaho Department of Athletics is committed to enhancing the visibility and image of the university by:

- Developing and maintaining competitive, integrity-based athletic programs
- Uniting students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community
- Educating and graduating student-athletes
- Competing for championships

The core values are: Tradition, pride, commitment to excellence, customer focus, accountability, integrity, diversity and gender equity.

Athletic Program Goals

The goals of the UI athletics program are:

1. Recruit and prepare student-athletes for successful competition academically, athletically, and socially. Contend for Western Athletic Conference Championships and graduate student-athletes at rates above national averages.
2. Establish a national image for the University of Idaho and engage the campus and community. Improve and expand our image through marketing and outreach activities.
3. Promote diversity and gender equity. Conduct an athletics program that incorporates, fosters, and enhances gender equity and diversity.
4. Increase Revenue from Development and Corporate Partner (Learfield) Sponsorship Opportunities. Annually increase revenue toward the average of Western Athletic Department institutions.
5. Enhance Internal and External Relationships. Strengthen our internal and external relationships through timely meetings, increased communications, and by exhibiting high standards of personal conduct at all times.
6. Attain Financial Stability. Develop a user friendly and informative budget process that ensures fiscal accountability and contributes to an athletic reserve fund.
7. Continue Improving Facilities. Complete fund raising for the Kibbie Dome and identify future priorities from feasibility study.
8. Enhance Support Services. Inventory and evaluate support services and processes for efficiency and effectiveness.
9. Recruit, Retain, Recognize and Reward Current and Former Coaches, Staff and Student Athletes. Identify and offer rewards and recognition for current and former student-athletes, coaches and staff.

Student-Athlete Support Services

Student-Athlete Support Services is committed to the education and success of student-athletes at the University of Idaho. SASS collaborates with cross-campus resources to support student-athletes academic progress, maintain NCAA eligibility and develop well-rounded, employable graduates. This is accomplished through nurturing study and social skill sets, encouraging initiative, self-motivation, and accountability and fostering positive, meaningful relationships within the Vandal community and beyond.

Recreational, Social, Extracurricular, and Co-curricular Activities

Idaho Commons; 208-885-2667 Bruce Pitman Center
208-885-4636; www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/idaho-commons-and-student-union

Many of the programs and activities at the Idaho Commons and Student Union are co-curricular in design, linking students' academic endeavors with out-of-class learning experiences. Students can get involved in numerous functions and activities that meet their personal goals for individual growth and leisure time activity. UI student organizations in the Idaho Commons and Student Union are integral to the planning and implementation of educational, cultural, and recreational activities for the campus.

ASUI Productions is a forum for students to organize almost all entertainment each year including blockbuster film series, small concerts, coffeehouses, "open mic" nights, comedians, educational speakers, and nationally touring bands. In the process, students gain experience with event planning and marketing. Idaho Commons and Student Union Programs feature weekly foreign and alternative films, noontime and summertime concerts, and educational enrichment events. A College Bowl Tournament is also sponsored by ASUI Productions. For more
information, contact the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office in the Idaho Commons Room 302, 208-885-6331.

ASUI - Student Government is dedicated to addressing the needs of undergraduate students and the campus community at large. The Associated Students University of Idaho is an organization that represents the most important element of the university, the students. The ASUI Senate, while acting as a liaison between the undergraduate student population and university administration, plays a very active role in shaping policy. Student senators, who are elected to a two-semester term, also give the opportunity to work with and learn more about the Idaho State Legislature and the State Board of Education. For those students who have an interest and want to shape policy in a specific area of campus life, the ASUI features many different boards: academics, activities, civic engagement, student issues, Idaho Commons and Union Facilities, ASUI productions, athletics, natural resources and conservation, and Student Recreation Center. Opportunities are also available for student appointment to university-wide committees. ASUI offices are located in the Idaho Commons in the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office, Room 302, 208-885-6331, www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/department-of-student-involvement/asui.

Civic Education Project and Volunteer Programs. The national community service movement is alive and well at the University of Idaho. Our programs are dedicated to providing students with opportunities to serve the community while developing group leadership skills and a better understanding of citizenship. The program coordinates several one-day service projects with the community including ‘Make a Difference Day’ and ‘Saturday of Service’ (Youth Service Day). The program also keeps an on-going catalog of service and volunteer positions available to students and student organizations. Some University classes offer credit for service commitments, and the program assists in connecting these students to community service projects. The program promotes the belief that young people can greatly impact our communities and future through community service and by building a lifelong ethic of civic engagement. In addition, the program offers national community service based scholarship programs such as the Bonner’s Service Leaders for students, and administers these programs in the community. For more information on volunteering, contact the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office, Idaho Commons Room 302, 208-885-6331.

The Enrollment Services, located in the newly renovated Student Union, is the headquarters for Undergraduate Admissions, Registrar, Student Accounts, and Office of Undergraduate Recruitment. Branch offices of Vandal ID Card, Parking, and Housing are located near the Information Desk. The Financial Aid office and the UI Bookstore are also nearby. Tours of the campus originate from the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment on the main floor. For information on Student Union activities and services, call 208-885-INFO or 208-885-4636.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) supports and promotes graduate student education and graduate student life at the University of Idaho. This includes creating programs and assisting graduate students during their transition from student life to professional life. GSA elections are held annually as a commitment to providing a collective voice for graduate students to the university and to the state. The GSA office is located in the Idaho Commons, Room 305, just off the Overlook Lounge. GSA can be reached at 208-885-9446 or gsa@uidaho.edu.

The Idaho Commons is the center of campus life and provides programs, amenities, and services to enhance the educational experience of UI students, their families, and guests. Located at the heart of campus, the Idaho Commons serves as the crossroads and meeting place for the University of Idaho. Services offered at the Idaho Commons include meeting rooms for nonacademic programs, a variety of student support services, a food court, coffee shop, convenience store, copy service, credit union, ATMs, lounges, and administrative offices. Through various programs and services, the Idaho Commons cultivates and enhances the living and learning experience of students. Our students enjoy the many aspects of the building itself while gathering with friends to study, learn, and socialize with each other in a comfortable atmosphere. Cultural enrichment programs such as art exhibits, music, and speaker presentations are available to students, other members of the university community, and area residents. For information on Commons’ activities, call 208-885-CMNS (2667) or 208-885-2233.

Leadership Development starts from the moment students enroll at the University of Idaho. An annual fall leadership retreat promotes student development and growth through campus involvement. Students can stay involved throughout the year through leadership training seminars, student organizations, and meetings between student leaders and university administrators. The Group Opportunities and Leadership (GOAL) program stretches both mind and body. Through activities such as ropes courses and team initiatives, students will develop knowledge of leadership styles, conflict resolution, communication skills, and problem solving. For more information about leadership development, contact the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office, Idaho Commons Room 302, 208-885-6331.

Looking for an adventure experience? Outdoor Programs offers classes and informal instruction in some of today’s top outdoor activities; kayaking, rafting, rock climbing, mountaineering, skiing, and other winter sports. Take advantage of Outdoor Programs Resource Center and Climbing Center, which includes 6000 square feet of climbing surface and a 55 foot pinnacle. Want to experience the great outdoors, but lack the gear? The Outdoor Rental Center has the most extensive inventory of quality outdoor equipment in the Northwest. From rafts, kayaks, and canoes to skis, climbing gear, and camping equipment, the Outdoor Rental Center is ready to serve students and the Moscow community with their outdoor needs. The Outdoor Program, the Outdoor Rental Center, and the Climbing Center are located in the Student Recreation Center (SRC). For information, call the Outdoor Program 208-885-6810, Rental Center 208-885-6170, www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/campus-recreation/outdoor-programs.

Recreational facilities located on the Moscow campus include the new Student Recreation Center with approximately 85,000 square feet devoted to student health and recreation. In it are a climbing wall with a 55 ft. high pinnacle (the highest of any university), fitness equipment, indoor jogging track, 2 full-size gyms, a multi-purpose court, 2 multi-purpose/aerobic rooms, locker rooms, and a social lounge. Additional recreation facilities include the ASUI Kibbie Activity Center, the Swim Center, an 18-hole golf course, and indoor and outdoor tennis and handball courts.

Sound, Production, and Lighting Services (SPL) offers training and experiential opportunities for student employees. SPL provides professional sound, lighting, and multimedia production for student-sponsored performance and entertainment events. Employment opportunities exist for technicians to work with sound, lights, and film. Other employment is also available to students interested in computer and network support. SPL is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union, 208-885-6947.

In Student Media, students utilize real-world technology in the various productions of the student newspaper, yearbook, FM radio, and advertising. Argonaut, the twice-weekly student newspaper,
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Athletics & Extracurriculars gives students the chance to gain real-world experience in media writing, computer graphics, photography, advertising, marketing, and business management. Editors, paginators, reporters, and advertising representatives have the opportunity to work with the newest technological equipment to create a product comparable to many commercial newspapers. The Gem of the Mountains yearbook is about much more than putting out an annual; the most important commitment of the GEM staff has been their continued dedication toward preserving the UI legacy for students and alumni. KUOI-89.3 FM, the student-run campus radio station, provides a free-form alternative to other media in the Moscow-Pullman area. Students have the opportunity to serve as on-air announcers, music and programming directors, and station manager. All student media organizations are housed on the 3rd floor of the Bruce Pitman Center, 208-885-7825.

Variety is the spice of life, and there is no better place to find your niche than with the variety of Student Organizations available at the University of Idaho. With more than 150 campus-wide organizations, sports clubs, and Greek chapters, students have many choices when it comes to customizing involvement. Catch a glimpse of the options available on campus by attending the Student Involvement Fair and browsing the Student Organization Guide to Involvement. Not only is it easy to find a student organization, it is just as simple to start your own. Through resources in the Student Activities Office, new organizations can gain recognition, build membership, and apply for funding from the ASUI Activities Board. For more information, contact the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office, Idaho Commons Room 302, 208-885-6331.

The Student Union, located at Sixth and Deakin Streets, is home to Enrollment Services; including the Registrar’s Office, Admissions, Office of Undergraduate Recruitment, Student Accounts/Cashiers, Student Financial Aid; Off-Campus Student Employment; Student Media; Sound, Production, and Lighting; International Ballroom; Borah Theater; UI Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival office; and several meeting rooms. Services offered at the Student Union include student computer labs, a video center, a cafe, catering services, copy service, ATMs, and lounges. 208-885-4636.

Religious Activities

The university is served by three campus religious centers: Campus Christian Center (corner of University and Elm); LDS Institute of Religion (902 Deakin); and St. Augustine’s Roman Catholic Center (corner of Sixth and Deakin). These centers provide opportunities for the study and practice of religion as well as resources in counseling and guidance. In addition, all of Moscow’s churches provide opportunities for religious development for University of Idaho students.