Candidate pulls name from race

Liana Shepherd

The University of Idaho may be undergoing a series of changes, but presidential nominee Duane Nelligans won't be part of them. Nelligans, the Kansas State University provost, withdrew his name from consideration Thursday. Nelligans was the second nominee to drop their name from consideration.

"This is just part of the process," Mark Browning, the spokesperson for the Idaho State Board of Education. "He was an exceptional candidate, and we're sure he'll continue to be successful at Kansas State." Nelligans did not give a statement regarding his decision.

"After seriously considering the opportunity at the University of Idaho, I have decided to decline the offer of employment to president there," Nelligans said in the statement.

He did not immediately return calls to The Argonaut Thursday.

Hann Shrivastava, president of Cal State University at Stanislaus, removed his name from consideration in February.

"People withdraw their names for a variety of reasons, but the state board is still committed to making a decision by the end of the year," Browning said.

In January, Browning was one of two candidates invited to visit UI and participate in an open forum with faculty and staff. The other candidate was Montana State University Provost David Dodson.

"When my wife and I move somewhere, we move and we're committed to the place, community, institution, job and the challenges that are there, and that's how we would come to UI," Nelligans told The Argonaut in February.

Browning said Nelligans' departure won't affect the selection process, but no other university interviews are scheduled at this time.

Only three finalists remain in the running, including Dodson, Don Burnett, dean of the University of Montana School, and Larry Penley, former president of Idaho State University.

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Master's program set to go

Chase Thomas

Agresta

Mark Hoversten, dean of the College of Art and Architecture, said he wants to increase his students in the Program Prioritization Process.

"The emphasis is on full information," he said.

But some would argue that philosophy might not always be present in his discussion with professors.

On Feb. 17, he sent an e-mail to faculty in the college that stated telling students about possible changes and financial matters was "impossible.

"We're very trying times for all," he said in the e-mail. "The level of stress about the financial troubles in the short term and the Program Prioritization Process in the long term will probably be the most individual faculty members will ever experience." Hoversten said he is concerned about transferring and faculty changes should be "opaque" to students.

One controversial opinion on the table for the bachelor's degree program in architecture is lowering the amount of students admitted to the third year of the program from 45 to 30.

"At this point it's just a possibility," Hoversten said.

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UI faculty salaries below peer average

Raid Wight

Argonaut

Nick Gier's eyes shimmer with tears as he talks about the changes in Idaho's budget over the years.

"Every kid could go to a university, regardless of class," he said. "We're slowly privatizing public universities ... it's no accident that degrees given are down 35 percent in Idaho." Gier is a former president of philosophy at the University of Idaho and secretary of the local chapter of The American Federation of Teachers. The arguments that lower faculty salaries are a symptom of this trend.

The organization recently published its annual faculty salary survey of the UI. The report said U of I's professor salaries are the lowest in the state, but lagged 18.4 percent behind peer institutions. This breaks down to 21.4 percent for professors, 16.5 percent for associate professors and 14.4 percent for assistant professors.

UI Provost Doug Baker said the university has addressed the issue before.

"We have been trying to re-allocate dollars within the institution to faculty salaries," Baker said. "Former UI President (Tom) White attempted to address that ... by having at least a 4 percent salary increase per year."

Baker said there wasn't enough money for large faculty raises due to declining tax revenues.

"The reality is if higher education in the country is going to have less money, as are most sectors in the economy," Baker said. "All parts of the budgets are going to be impacted."

So salaries, which are a major part of our budget, are going to be impacted. The report also indicates the gap in the rate of salary increases between UI faculty and
Tyson Drew
Events Program Coordinator — Kirby Dome

Crossword

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Corrections

In Tuesday’s edition of The Argonaut, in the story “Nation’s best slam poets…,” the photo byline should have read Jake Boling/Argonaut. Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor, Contact information can be found on page 6.
ASUI/GPSA support RFI for sustainability

**ASUI/GPSA support RFI for sustainability**

Erin Hart

"Everything that we do in ASUI/GPSA in general is sustainability focused," ASUI President Sean Baker said on Thursday. Baker was referring to the recent approval of the Recommendations for Increased Minimization (RFI).

The RFI is a new initiative that both ASUI and GPSA are backing to help address sustainability on campus.

"The RFI is a way for ASUI and GPSA to really do something to combat the sustainability issues on campus," said GPSA Vice President Erin Argonaut. "It's something that helps us actually do something instead of just saying it.

Baker said the initiative is a new way for students to become involved in the sustainability effort on campus.

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GSTA to award 2009 graduates

Dana Barney
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For a college student, teachers who make the extra effort to teach well and effectively make a difference in what is learned and retained.

"We want to reward graduate students for contributing to the better education of undergraduates," said Monica Hansen, Gradu- ate and Professional Student Association senator at large and represen- tative from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

The Graduate Student Teaching Assistants are accepting nominations for the 2009 GSTA Excellence in Teaching and Achievement Awards.

"We want to find grad- uates that are contributing to high undergraduate retention rates," Hansen said.

Last year, there were between 15 and 20 nominations. This year, they are expected to be nearly the same, said Miller.

Nominations can be made by anyone, including students, faculty, or graduate students. All students and graduates are to be graduate students. The deadline for nominating submissions is May 31. The deadline for applications will be announced mid-April.

"Money is set aside for the award winners," Hansen said.

Applications will receive a monetary award funded by the GRSA budget. Miller said the amount will be determined by how many awards will be given out, he said.

The committee is looking for graduate students teaching methods that help students learn in different ways, he said.

For teaching assistance, we are looking for graduate students who are available to their students, among other positions on time and willing to help students when they need it," Miller said.

For research assistants, we are looking for graduate students who are interested in new and innovative approaches to the discipline," he said.

Anyone can nominate graduate students, including students.

University of Idaho marketing sophomore Taylor Edgington performs a grab on a ramp he made in front of the John Hampton School of Music on Wednesday. Edgington is sponsored by 24x Snowboards.

Local/Briefs

Feast to honor Cesar Chavez

The fourth annual Cesar Chavez celebrations will be held at 7 p.m. March 31 at the 1912 Club.

The event will feature Judge Jorge Cortes, the “Father of the Idaho State Court of Appeals,” as a guest speaker.

The event is sponsored by the College Assistance Program.

ASUIPetitions due today

Petitions to run for the open ASUI senate seat as well as the presidential and vice presidential positions are due by 5 p.m. today for the ASUI Of- fice on the first floor of the Moe-Kah Center.

All undergraduate students eligible to run for the open seats.

The petition is available at the ASUI office.

UI students tear up slopes

Three University of Idaho students placed in the U.S. Collegiate Skiing and Snowboarding Association National Championship in Colorado.

Katie Ward took second place in the women’s snowboard event. Two other UI students, Kelly French and Jalee Beth, came in third and sixth, respectively.


USC hiring for 2009-10

The UI Sustainability Center is now looking to fill assistant positions for the 2009-10 school year.

Open positions include student program coordinators and communications coordinators.

More information is available at www.ui. edu/sustainability/openings.

ASUI Student Senate

Senato REPORT

Open Forum

The ASUI director of athletics, the Board of Control, is con- sidering a proposal for the Larry Crowe Athletic Complex.

She said the needed ASUI funds would be worked with the legislative and executive branches of the university, the lunchrooms, or board- room floors.

Malechis, ASUI director of athletics, said the conference board has discussed 31 Notice of Intent, and he was working with interested students on the curriculum committee.

Eight students were voted onto the ASUI executive branch.

Presidential Communications

Grayson Stone, ASUI director of communications, said the ASUI executive branch received 31 Notice of Intent, and he was working with interested students on the curriculum committee.

He said there was a $100

for talking about ASUI elections in the ASUI office, and winners should not talk about the elections.

He said there were three tickets for ASUI president and vice presi- dent and 26 senate positions.

Hofbauer said Grayson Stone should be ap- pointed to deputy director of athletics so he can get a feel for how the ASUI executive branch works.

Approval of Appointments

Grayson Stone was ap- pointed as Deputy Director of Athletics.

Unfinished Business

SO-18, a bill appointing Michelle Kolesko to the position of ASUI elections coordinator, was unexpectedly considered and passed.

SO-22, a bill appointing Bryan Strobel as ASUI Student Senate and Union Board vice chair, was immediately considered and passed.

SO-19, a bill appointing Jesse Johnson as Community and Administration Services assistant director, was immediately considered and passed.

— Ciera Thomas

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M.A.S.T.E.R's from page 1

The college may be adding a sixth school to the ar- chitecture program, which would increase the student body and necessitate lowering the annual cost of the program.

"It's been the major- ity of our budget goes toward that," said another.

Kathy Walker, vice president of the Idaho chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students, said that women make up the majority of students and faculty members because they would also be among the few on staff.

Fewer would be no layoffs this fall.

"We are working in our facility from now on and looking at the advantages and disadvantages of all the programs so we can make the front information as clear as we can," she said.

Hall said he has been facing difficulties re- evaluating the college's presence on campus since 2002 and added into the College of Arts and Sciences. Bob Hoover, president of the college at the time, did this.

"We decided to cut costs that year," Hoover said.

In the fall of 2001, the college was cut and the resulting process began. Hoover added that members of the college who have faced the closure of the college have always had to face closure. "If we look back at the last seven years, the college has been through a difficult time," Hoover said. "It has been a difficult time for me and my family, and for everyone else involved."

"The most troublesome aspect of program governance and the new board," Hoover said.

"We didn't see the need to follow Hoover's advice for the board because it would influence his decision.

"If he was going to be a part of the board's decision-making process, he would have to cut some costs," Hoover said.

"I've seen a lot of people who are unhappy with the way the college has been run," Hoover said. "They think the college should be doing more for them and the residents of the area."

"We need to know that the college is doing more for us, and we need to be able to see the benefit of the college," Hoover said. "We need to be able to see the benefit of the college we value."
Secularism is atheism in a sheep's clothing

FEMINIM FRIDAY

Role models: where Paris, Lindsay and Britney fail

During my freshman year, my roommate and I were looking for a good restaurant on Paris Hilton’s hit sitcom, The Simple Life. I’m sure you’ve heard of it. We were trying to find a restaurant that was both affordable and had a good atmosphere. We walked into a place that looked promising, but as we sat down, I noticed something that struck me as odd. The restaurant was filled with people who looked like they were on a reality TV show. It was like they were putting on a performance for the camera. I couldn’t help but feel like we were being watched.

The celebrity culture has successfully turned our attention away from the serious issues of the day. The media has created a culture where stars are put on a pedestal and their lives are scrutinized. The reality is, these stars are often just as flawed as the rest of us. They have the same struggles and challenges as we do. They are not different. They are just more visible.

I find it concerning that we are so focused on these celebrities. It’s easy to get caught up in the hype and forget about the real issues that are facing our society. We need to start paying attention to the things that really matter. Taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture is crucial.

I don’t need to point

I’m getting ready to take my first step into the real world. I’m still thinking about the speech I gave in front of the school yesterday. It was a good speech, but I think I could have improved upon it. I’m not sure I’m ready to take on the real world just yet.

Shady stuff

Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh has been working on a report about an “executive assassination ring” that reportedly entered other countries without notifying any ambassadors or stations. The suspects and executed people were all from different countries. This group reportedly distributed to Dick Cheney. Of course, the CIA has called this “nonexistent.” But if it turns out to be true, then I am more than grateful for the new administration.

Procrastination

This work has taught me that not only can you procrastinate, but you can even get paid to do it. I’m not sure I’m ready to be a procrastinator, but I think I might be able to handle it. If it turns out to be more profitable, then I might consider it.

Queen of the castle

I hereby declare myself the new Queen of California. I’m not sure if Richies will all go out of business. In other news, I didn’t think I’d ever have to walk up to a sheet of ice or be on a television show again.

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The sculpture will be on display in the quad for the duration of the fall semester, and students are encouraged to visit and see the progress being made.

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continuingly, Beaman said. "We end up playing out those, three, or else to win it in three again. Maybe we switch up the teams — we've got to figure something out with our doubles." The win over Eastern showed his team is progressing forward, he said, but "there's still a lot of work to be done. It was a really positive step, but I wouldn't have liked it if we hadn't done a little more deck," Beaman said. "Two make that step, but you exposed a lot to make it. You like to make those steps and go on and out win the match with authority and perform well at all positions." Saturday, the men will take on Montana at Lewiston. Montana has only played three matches this season and is 2-1 overall.

The women's tennis team has played every weekend and as it ends this fourth and try to add another win to the streak against some tough out-of-region teams next year. The trip began yesterday for the Vandals. They play four matches on the road where they took on Cincinnati, Robert Morris University, West Virginia, and Missouri.

"It's definitely going to be a tough trip," said Idaho coach Tyler Neill. "Four matches in four days is always tough, but it's worth it to be able to schedule those big name schools that normally we wouldn't get to play against."

Neill said it will be a good opportunity to prove demerits against some big name schools and to see where they fit at as a program. "It's the test for the team, he said, be- cause if we're without in No. 2 play, Silvia Himsso, who will be out until April with a broken foot.

"I think we should do well," Neill said. "We're playing without our No. 2 player for this trip, which is always tough. But we'll play our last three matches without her too and we were able to win, so I think as long as we're healthy throughout this trip, and we're just healthy enough in four days we don't wear us down, I could win all four matches."