

GAMEDAY

Idaho Vandals (4-5) vs. Boise State Broncos (8-0)

One last time?

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Friday night will be the end of an era for Vandal and Bronco fans alike, even if they don't want to admit it. After 40 years of competition, wild games, close finishes, huge blowouts by both sides and plenty of memories, the annual Idaho-Boise State football rivalry is coming to a potential end.

Idaho legend Jerry Kramer, the 11-year veteran offensive linemen for the Green Bay Packers, flew into town Wednesday on the brand new Vandal plane, and said he was sad to see the great rivalry come to a potential end.

"I'm distressed by it. I think it's such a wonderful thing," Kramer said. "The tradition and the history behind it — you can't buy that."

Earlier in the year, BSU coach

Chris Petersen expressed his displeasure with traveling to Moscow to play the Vandals, saying the Kibbie Dome lacked seating and few BSU fans make the trip up. The only way the rivalry could potentially continue, Petersen said, is if the Vandals agree to play in Boise and not the other way around.

Idaho coach Robb Akey is not one to focus on the future, choosing instead to remain grounded in the present, but shared his feelings on the situation with his usual enthusiasm.

"That is ridiculous," Akey said. "You play the rival game as a true rival game. Their home and our home every other year, or you don't play at all. Bottom line."

There is no presentence for a required match-up between the two schools with Boise State heading to the Mountain West Conference next season while Idaho remains in the WAC.

All the more reason, Akey said, for the Vandals to make the most of this game and play spoiler to the Broncos' perfect season.

"We're going to get up off the mat," Akey said, referencing Idaho's blowout at the hands of Nevada. "This football team ain't gonna run and hide, it ain't going to quit and it ain't gonna go away — we are going to battle our tails off."

The Vandals are coming off a tough loss to Nevada at home, dropping the squad to a losing record for the first time since 2008. Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick and the Wolf Pack's rushers made short work of the Vandals, piling up an insurmountable lead and preying on Idaho's every weakness.

Idaho's defense was powerless to slow the churning Nevada offense, giving up 844 yards and allowing three rushers to gain more than 100 yards. Safety Shiloh Keo said the defense will have to play a better game for the Vandals to have a chance.

"If you want to be a great defense, you have to be able to get off third downs and make big plays when your team needs it," Keo said.

It's a huge task, as No. 4 Boise State is a complete squad through and through. Last week, BSU quarterback Kellen Moore picked apart the Hawaii Warriors and walked away with more than 300 passing yards. In addition, the Broncos' were able to shut down Hawaii's Greg Sallas, one of the nation's top receivers, and limited Hawaii to just seven points.

To say Idaho is an underdog would be putting it lightly — the Broncos are favored by 34.5

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Stay with it

Idaho's running game hasn't been able to move the ball all season, partially because of missed blocks and assignments, but also because the running game eats away the clock. The Vandals need their running game, which means hanging with Boise State and giving rushers such as Kama Bailey a chance to make some noise.

Keep it positive

Idaho is coming off a tough loss against Hawaii, and an even tougher to swallow blow-out loss at home against Nevada. Getting thrashed by Nevada wasn't easy for anyone on the Idaho squad, and the Vandals know Boise State will pose a stiff challenge. Throw in the rivalry, and it could get ugly if the game turns into a blowout. Idaho will need to keep emotions in check, avoid bad penalties and think positive thoughts on the bench.

Bring the pressure

Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick had his way with Idaho's defense last week in large part because Idaho was unable to put sustained pressure on the quarterback. The result was 844 yards, a scary proposition, as Kellen Moore has even more weapons at his disposal. Idaho was held without a forced turnover for the first time this season against Nevada, and this must change for the Vandals to have success, which means Idaho will need to rush Moore and get him off his game.

Players to Watch



Taylor Elmo

tight end

With Daniel Hardy going down from a broken arm, the door is open for Elmo, who has enjoyed a respectable year as backup and compliment to Hardy. The young Elmo has 14 receptions and two touchdowns on the year, and he will need to play the game of his life against a Boise State squad stacked with defenders.



Robert Siavii

linebacker

Idaho's defense needs to have a stellar game and put pressure on Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore. Enter Siavii, who leads the Vandals with 59 tackles, including 11.5 for loss. With Tre'Shawn Robinson questionable for today game, expect Siavii and the rest of Idaho's defense to step up their game.



Kama Bailey

running back

Bailey showed his versatility against Nevada, rushing twice for 14 yards, catching two passes for 19 yards and also working the kickoff return, piling on 143 yards, including a stellar 86-yard return which ended in a not-so-stellar forced fumble. Expect Bailey to be in the thick of it again today, catching passes, picking up rushing yards and contributing to the Vandals' offense in every way possible.



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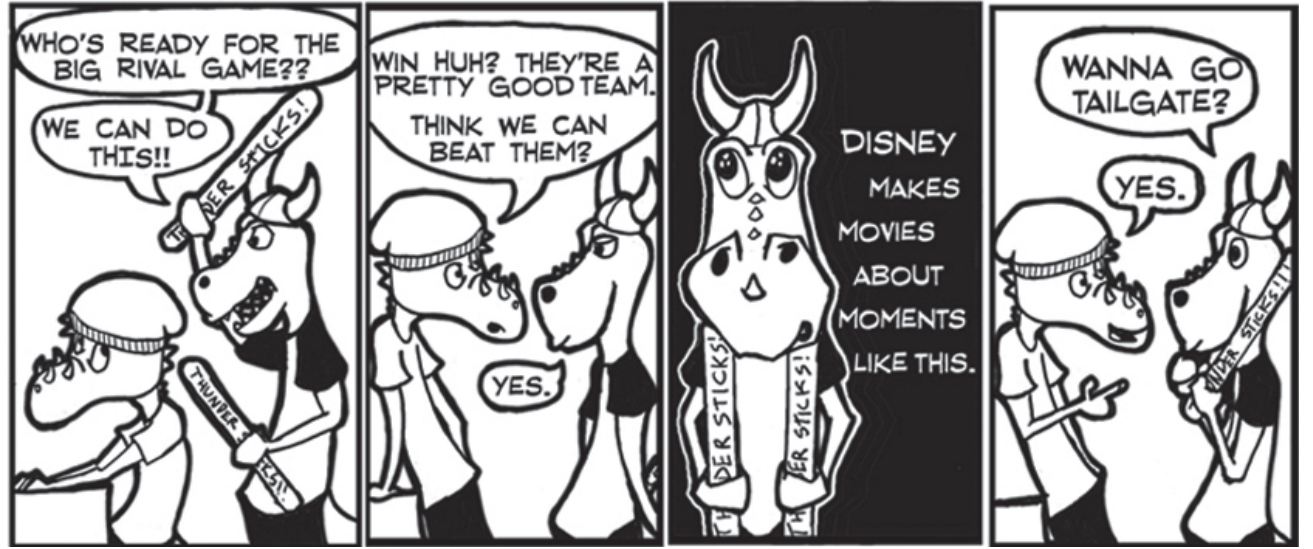


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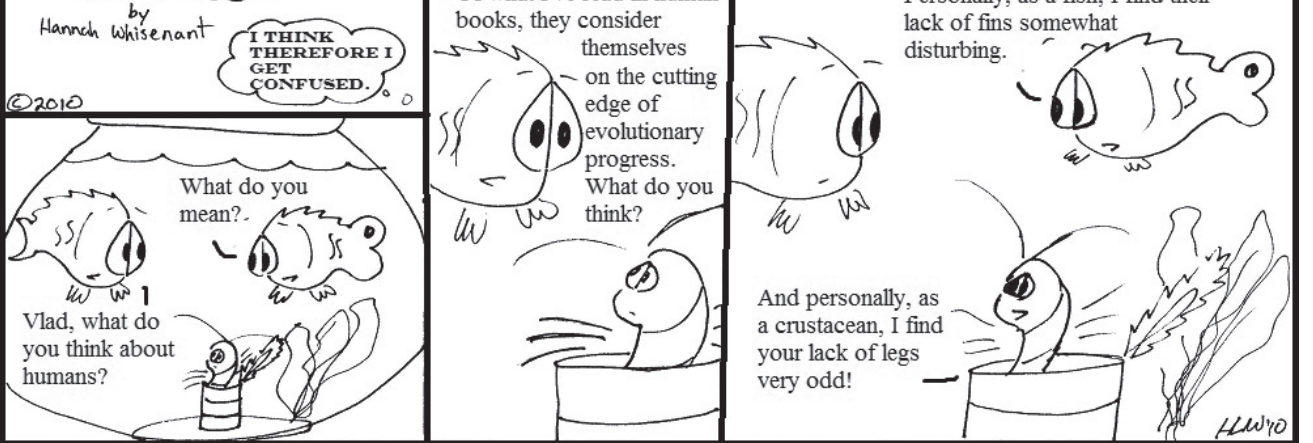


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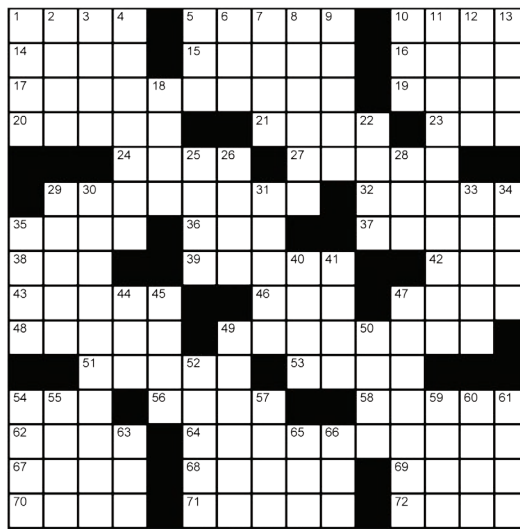
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- 19 Assortment
- 20 Escargot starter
- 21 Family member
- 23 Starchy tuber
- 24 Dire fate
- 27 Manicurist's concern
- 29 Phrase to an underling
- 32 Space shooter
- 35 Milne bear
- 36 Wool weight
- 37 Range
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- 42 Beer barrel
- 43 Tops
- 46 Botanist Gray
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- 49 Phrase of helplessness
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- 53 Buckeye State
- 54 Egg cells
- 56 Alliance acronym
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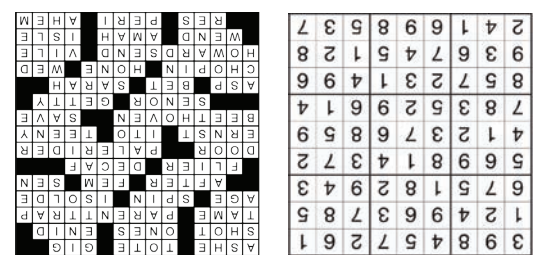
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- 8 Quantity
- 9 Steam bath
- 10 Pi follower
- 11 Phrase of excitement
- 12 Lamb alias
- 13 Energy source
- 18 Play disaster
- 22 Nervous twitches
- 25 Director
- 26 State of mind
- 28 Auction offering
- 29 Tender spots
- 30 "No way!" phrase
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- 50 Enumerate
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Security

Extra security for UI vs. BSU game

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

With possibly the last Boise State University vs. University of Idaho football game at home happening Friday, extra security precautions will be made to make sure the event goes smoothly.

ASUI President Stephen Parrott said the main goal for extra security measures is to make sure everyone gets to enjoy the game and everybody stays safe.

"I am very confident in our police force," said Parrott. "Since there will be a much bigger crowd, it's normal for us to have increased police and added precautions."

Lt. Dave Lehmitz, UI's campus division commander, said they are expecting a crowd of about at least 18,000 people, and hope to have the overall good behavior from fans continue as it has past home games this season. Police staff in the tailgating area will be increased from six officers to 12, he said, as well as added security all over campus. Police will also be in all the parking lots, and there will basically be a huge presence of police everywhere, he said.

"Our precautions are the same as they've always been, we want to make sure people can enjoy the game," Lehmitz said. "We will not put up with any underage drinking, open containers are permitted in the private tailgate areas, but be prepared to show your identification if you do have an open container," he said.

Nick Stuzman, junior, said he thinks extra

police force will limit some of the fun for students, but it is also necessary to keep everyone safe and to keep everything in order.

Four Boise police officers will also be present at the game, and assigned to wherever Lehmitz needs them, said Lynn Hightower, communications director for Boise Police.

"To have an increase in patrols is basically for public safety perspective," she said. "To have Boise Police come up to Moscow was an agreement that was made after Moscow sent four officers to the UI vs. BSU game in Boise last year. They will be implementing the same rules as Moscow Police Department, but just be in different uniform."

Erin Slyke, sophomore, said she is going to avoid tailgating and the game altogether.

"I don't want to be put in any sort of situation where everyone, underage or overage, could have a target on their back, and risk getting in any kind of trouble," Slyke said.

Lehmitz also said anyone continually taking officers away from monitoring their specific area will be given a misdemeanor and transported away from the area.

To go back and forth from the game, a hand stamp, as well as a hard ticket is required, Parrott said. There is also a camera with audio in the center of the dome to monitor fights and drinking in the stands.

"We want to be proud fans supporting the Vandals, as well as welcoming to the BSU fans, and keep an overall positive attitude," Parrott said.

Special reaction team

Nathan Heilman
Argonaut

As students gear up for the culmination of the University of Idaho vs. Boise State University football rivalry, so does the local police department.

Moscow Police Department even has its own Special Reaction Team, a specially trained group whose capabilities are comparable to that of a SWAT team.

Led by 20-year Navy veteran and former team sniper, Lt. Paul Kwiatkowski, the team includes negotiation, rifle and entry elements.

Unlike a SWAT team, usually comprised of 20-25 dedicated professionals, the 32-person department only has 10 SRT members, and they also work in other sections of the department, said Kwiatkowski.

"Let's just put it this way," Kwiatkowski said. "Three years ago we competed against teams from Spokane, Seattle and other major cities from the Northwest — we took third place."

While the SRT is not often called to action as an entire team, its members often assist to serve warrants as well as in other high risk situations Kwiatkowski said.

"We train, train, train and get called out one in a million times," Kwiatkowski said.

In order to keep up their tactics, negotiation and shoot-

ing skills, the team trains quarterly in different "real world" situations. Most recently the SRT team participated in a multi-agency training evaluation that included an active shooter scenario. The fire department and a life flight helicopter were even employed to make the training more realistic.

Assisting in the team's success is an arsenal of weapons comparable to those used by military special operations commands. Armed with M-4s, the police equivalent to a military M-16 assault rifle, MP5s and a .308 "police special" sniper rifle, the team can handle most any situation.

"We even have a night scoped .223 sniper rifle," Kwiatkowski said.

While night vision sniper rifles and military grade assault rifles assist in the team's effectiveness, they and the rest of the police department are all also equipped with skills in riot control.

The department is both well trained and well equipped to deal with any problems, but there is still concern, Kwiatkowski said.

"You mix alcohol with the statements made by the Boise State president and there is

reason for concern," Kwiatkowski said.

As for Friday night, Kwiatkowski said he "hopes it rains like hell." He said if it were up to him the weather would be so bad that nobody came out, and the night went without

incident. As the game approaches the MPD's concerns are echoed by that of some students whose hope it is that the beating of BSU will be left on the field and out of the streets.

UI student Chris Douglas plans to attend the game with his family, among them, his brother, a BSU graduate sporting BSU's team colors.

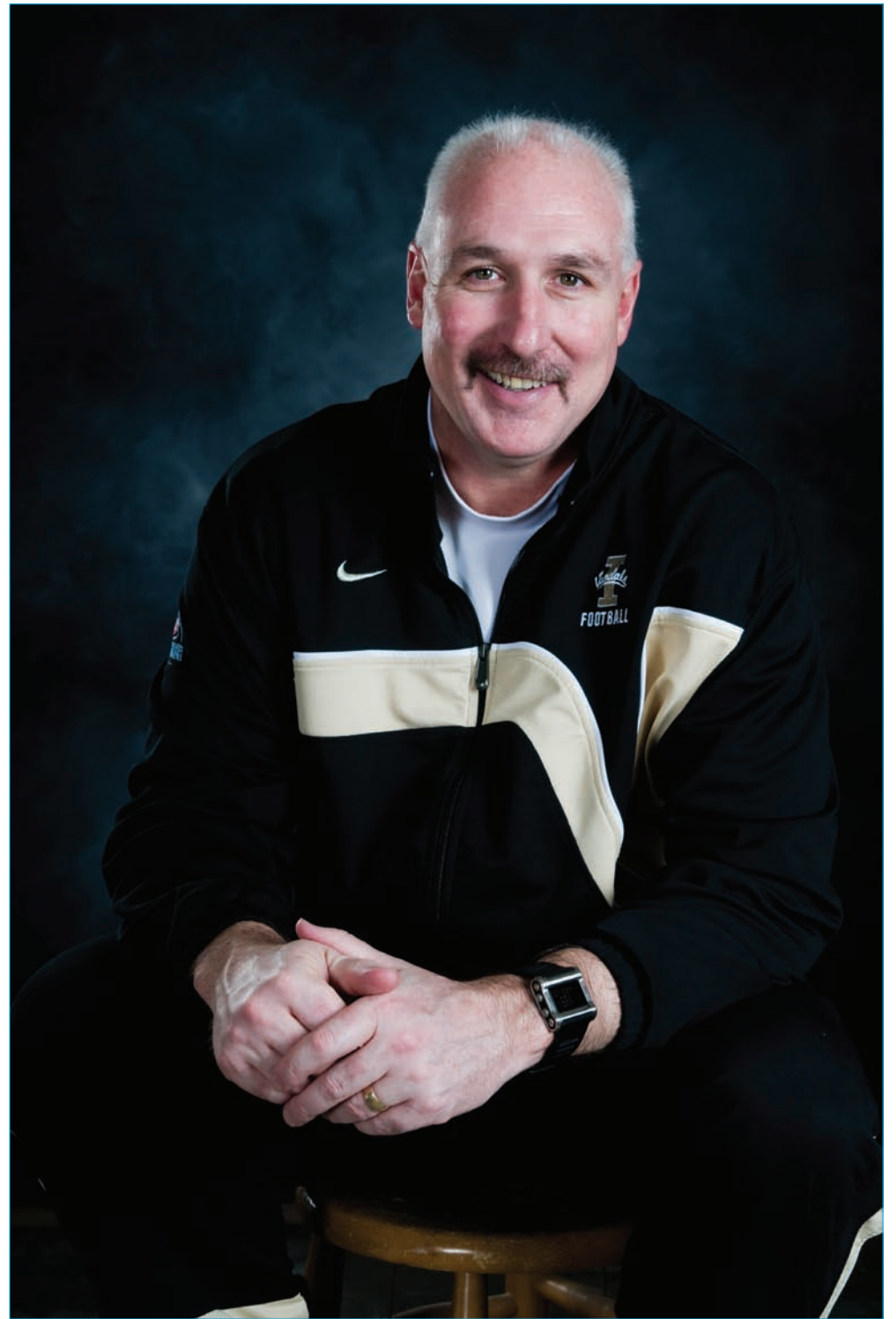
"I just hope we don't prove BSU's president right," Douglas said.

Rivalry is healthy, it shouldn't be about fighting. Having a president bearing an entire community of students might however, produce negative results, especially when alcohol is involved, Douglas said.

"No matter what side wins, there will be fights...they can have riot police there, and there will still be fights," said Bobby Dunder, freshman. "Alcohol and an intensified sense of team support will be the major contributing factors."

"We even have a night scoped .223 sniper rifle."

**Lt. Paul Kwiatkowski
Special Reaction
Team Leader**



Nick Groff | Blot

Stick around

Vandal coach wants to take rivalry to the field

Amanda D'Anna
Argonaut

Disappointment about this Friday being the last rivalry game has swept Vandal Nation, but it can also bring on feelings of excitement and anticipation.

Football coach Robb Akey shared his disappointment at a recent press conference but said he believes this game gives UI the opportunity to make a great deal of noise for the program.

"There's a lot more that comes with this game than any other regular conference game, and it's up to us to go out there and earn respect. You're judged on your last performance, and essentially that's all you're judged upon," Akey said.

This is Akey's fourth season as UI football coach, which

means he has had to prepare for many games like this one.

Although this game is unlike any regular season game and has gained much more hype and controversy, the team will approach it like a normal game and stay focused.

"It's going to be a great challenge. They're a talented football team that has continued to improve. That tells me that we've got to perform very well and get off to a great start. We're not going to worry about what the outside world expects," he said.

He said he believes there's an immense amount of respect between the two teams.

"The bantering isn't coming from the players — they've got a great deal of respect for each other. It's the fan bases, the alumni. But that's the beautiful thing about it. Things are ei-

ther or in the rivalry week, and that's great. There are a lot of people involved in the rivalry," Akey said.

"The rivalry between Idaho and BSU is just that: a rivalry," said sophomore Michael Norby.

He said he believes all rivalries are meant to be intense because that is what brings all the excitement and fun to the game, but also said he admits that there is an "unspoken respect between the two schools."

The outcome of the game can go either way, and according to Akey, in order to win is the simple fact, "one team just has to score more points than the other."

"The players are going to go out there and play the game and the winner will be determined at the post game party on Friday night," said Akey.

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Stephanie Mballo and Tammi Johnson walk across the new Paradise Creek pass by the Student Recreational Center Thursday. The pass is part of the Paradise Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project. The project will be dedicated Friday.

Dedication Ceremony

Emily Reeping
Argonaut

The Paradise Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project, one of the most recent missions in Moscow, will have a ceremony for the dedication of the project today at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will take place on Paradise Path, just behind the University of Idaho's Student Recreation Center. It will be put on through a collaborative effort by UI and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District.

The keynote speakers at the dedication will include UI President M. Duane Nellis, Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney, and Lt. Col. David Caldwell, commander and district engineer, Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Paradise Creek runs through the north part of UI's campus and has had its course rerouted a few times throughout the 20th century.

This most recent project created a new channel for the creek, which now runs along the east side of Line Street to 3rd Street. This allows the creek to merge with the original Paradise Creek channel, which will also keep it from running under the street.

"But this is a good thing," said Jan Boll, faculty member in the UI Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department. "It will be better for safety. There will no longer be a stream running underneath the street."

The part of the creek that previously ran under the road was where a large number of storm water drains discharged, which caused a large amount of untreated water to flow to all parts of the UI campus.

The Paradise Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project made it so higher quality water will flow to the campus.

The project also involved making the creek site more aesthetically pleasing by having the channel turn around the bends smoothly and by adding more vegetation to the banks of the new sections of the creek.

Line Street was closed during the duration of this project and will be opened right before the ceremony takes place.

The Paradise Creek project is associated with the Paradise Bike Paths which are bike paths that go through sections of Moscow and are working to connect Moscow with the UI campus.

"This is a tremendous project, improving the physical linkages between the university and the city of Moscow, while also providing habitat restoration and improving water quality in the creek," said Brian Johnson, UI assistant vice president of facilities.

Get back to the roots

Emily Reeping
Argonaut

Get Rooted, a program run by the UI Sustainability Center, took place Oct. 30, and more projects will begin in the spring.

Joe Nickels, UISC sustainability assistant, said the main focus of the program is to plant natural species around campus, though they do occasionally get projects around the Moscow community.

Nickels said the program is on its third year and that it is supported by the UI environmental science classes. He took over the program last year and said he has been trying to promote the program as much as possible.

"I'm focused on ramping it up

as much as possible," Nickels said. "It's a great learning experience. It's engaging, really fun, rewarding and it gets people outside."

Nickels said their volunteers for Get Rooted come from the Greek system, Core classes that require community service, environmental science classes, UISC volunteers and even community groups from Moscow.

Nickels said this fall they planted 655 native plants with 12 different species. These were planted over the course of eight events with the help of more than 300 student volunteers.

Wieteke Holthuijzen, freshman environmental science student, has helped with many of the Get Rooted projects this fall. She participates

in the Food & Farms and the Vandal Tailgate Recycling programs through the UISC, and the Get Rooted program was another opportunity for her to volunteer.

"My favorite part is that I am outside and active," Holthuijzen said. "There's nothing really more satisfying and refreshing than going outside for a few hours and then looking back at all the work you've accomplished while having fun."

Nickels said the program focused on one area of campus this fall exclusively. That area is the hillside located behind the Martin Laboratory on 6th Street and Perimeter Drive. They were having a problem with the stability of the soil in that area, and after the Get Rooted projects,

there are now 12 native Palouse plant species on the site.

According to Nickels, one of the landscape teachers on campus helped UISC design the layout for the planting in this area. One side of the hill has a prairie nature to it and transitions to a pine and fir forest.

Nickels said the plans for the spring projects include finishing the hill site as well as other areas along Perimeter Drive that need rehabilitation and filling in.

"Off campus projects are fun, however the projects that are actually on campus get students engaged," Nickels said. "They take an active hand in improving the campus and the projects have aesthetic, environmental and even health benefits."

Tuition replaces fees

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

With Nov. 2 over and the passing of the SJR 101 amendment, the process of changing University of Idaho's fees to tuition is underway.

Keith Ickes, UI's executive director of planning and budget, said the passing of SJR 101 will be a lot easier on the budget, because they won't have to have people watching to make sure student fees aren't used for teacher instruction.

SJR101 was a bill proposed to change UI's fees to tuition, since the fee money from students wasn't able to be used for instruction, making it a lot harder to move money around to places it was needed, Ickes said.

"Students will be able to pay for things that have direct effects towards them," said ASUI President Stephen

Parrott. "They will soon be paying for things that impact them the most, such as classroom instruction."

Ickes said this passed bill is going to the state board meeting in December, so the process to put this in effect is happening now, and could come into effect sometime next year. Ickes said students shouldn't worry about prices increasing, because SJR 101 just helps with the flexibility of the budget.

"Now UI is just like all the other colleges in Idaho, this bill being passed doesn't change anything but the flexibility on spending for the university," Ickes said.

Parrott said the passing of SJR 101 will help the university get through future budget constraints, will allow UI to be like all the other institutions in Idaho and will produce positive results for the future.

STORMING THE DORMS



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

University of Idaho Vandals rally in the spirit of Beat BSU week for ESPN's Storm the Dorms Thursday night at the Wallace residence basketball courts.

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Presidential Communications

ASUI President Stephen Parrott has a meeting this week with vice president Samantha Storms and the dean of the College of Education. Parrott and Storms would like to get to know her better.

Channel 7 News from Boise State has been on campus all week. Parrott did a walk around interview Thursday with Channel 7 News.

Today, lobbyist applications are due.

Everyone was reminded to keep educating students about the elections next week.

Committee Reports

Pro Tempore Samantha Perez said Ways and Means met on F10-03 and gave it a 400 due pass.

Senator Laura Ann Clark met with Finance Committee on F10-41 and gave the second half of bill a 500 due pass.

Unfinished Business

Bill F10-41, transferring \$300 to the Safety Task Force for the Safety and Self Defense Workshop for food and materials, was passed.

New Business

Resolution F10-03, welcoming Boise State fans and students to the University of Idaho campus for the BSU VS. UI football game, was passed.

Vice Presidential

Communications

Vice President Storms reminded senators to e-mail the presidents of each living group and especially with the game this weekend. If they have concerns about game or parking, have them e-mail that link.

Promote elections and let people know what they are voting for.

Storms, Parrott and Melinda Lewis have been going around to living groups talking about fan behavior and questions about the watch party and parking.

Communications

Perez encouraged living groups to keep donating for the food drive, which ends tomorrow.

Senator Juan Corona reminded senators about Vandal Mania tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to get students to make rally towels and posters. The event is for promoting appropriate fan posters.



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Mike Hobbs and his four-month old daughter Terra Hobbs watch "The Penguins of Madagascar" at their Sojourner's Alliance homeless shelter family unit Nov. 10. Hobbs went homeless when Terra was only a month old. "We didn't even know there was a homeless shelter in Moscow until we went homeless," Hobbs said.

Karaoke for the cause

Summer Christiansen
Argonaut

Sojourner's Alliance will host their first annual karaoke ball and sponsored dance-a-thon Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Moscow.

The dance will fall during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which is Nov. 14 to 20.

A Sojourner's Alliance member's main mission is to provide stable housing for the homeless and to allow them to have the opportunity to collect themselves and get back on track.

"We want to bring about awareness to the immense amount of homelessness and poverty here," said Steve Bonnar, executive director of Sojourner's Alliance.

The sponsored karaoke ball and dance-a-thon will potentially raise awareness to the student body and become an annual event. If anyone wants to dance or sing karaoke in an effort to bring about awareness to this cause, they can call to pick up a sponsor form or download one at sojournersalliance.org. The idea behind the form is to find sponsors who will pay a certain amount of money for each dance or song the participant performs.

Bonnar said even if the sponsor gives just a dollar a dance, it

will have the pyramid effect that will help raise funds while raising awareness to this cause.

Due to economic hardships, Sojourner's Alliance is trying to create fundraisers to provide money to support themselves.

According to Bonnar, President Barack Obama's stimulus program provided money to assist Sojourner's Alliance in their efforts to reduce homelessness. Compounding this issue is the fact 20 percent of Moscow's residents live below the poverty income level. As the curtains began to close on stimulus funding for programs such as this over the next few months, creative solutions for funding such as these weekends events will be needed.

According to Bonnar, so far, Moscow's Sojourner's Alliance has assisted approximately 120 households. Without this assistance, they would have been evicted from their homes and potentially homeless, and without any additional funding beyond that which the stimulus program has provided, as many as three hundred additional households seeking assistance are facing homelessness.

Although the holiday season generates the greatest amount of donations, it's not enough to make it through the rest of the year, Bonnar said.

"Financially, as things get

tighter, there is less money to work with so we're in a tough spot," he said.

Bonnar said with Sojourner's Alliance only having three full-time staff members, it is difficult

for volunteers to be assigned projects. One project volunteers have been needed for is helping out with the food bank and thrift store in Troy. There has been a large increase in the

amount of households that need to use the food bank during this economic downturn.

Bonnar also said he wants to let students know class projects that will work with Sojourner's

Alliance are always welcome.

"We want to bring about awareness, raise money and also bring awareness to the student body who don't know about that side of life," Bonnar said.

Budget cuts

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

Scott Wood, dean of science, worked closely with John Hammel, dean of agricultural and life sciences, to make sure the plan to reallocate the Microbiology Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Program was feasible from the College of Science viewpoint and have a role in welcoming and integrating the new faculty coming to their college, Wood said.

According to the Notice of Intent that was passed by Graduate Council, the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate, the faculty currently in what is now the MMBB department will be redistributed. Seven will come to the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Science, and three each will go to the Departments of Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences and Food Science in the College of Agriculture and Life Science, Wood said.

"The faculty was distributed according to their area of expertise and where in the various departments that expertise is needed and fits strategically," Wood said. "According to the NOI, all undergraduate and graduate degree programs will now be administered by the College of Science, but the College of Science and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will cooperate in the delivery of the coursework and supervision of student theses."

The faculty envisions the MMBB degree programs will function in some respects as do other cross-college degree programs, such as environmental science, neuroscience, bioinformatics and computational biology, Wood said.

"There are still a lot of details to work out, and many of these are not addressed in the NOI that is going forward," Wood said. "However, many of these details will be spelled out in a separate memorandum of understanding between the two colleges."

Wood said the MOU is in

preparation.

"For students, it should be seamless during the transition time, the programs are to remain the same. The degree programs the same, the requirements stay the same, the courses are supposed to be staying the same," said Bruce Miller, interim head of the MMBB.

Miller said as far as he knows, the purpose of the change is two-fold — one is budgetary for the College of Agriculture to deal with major budget cuts. The second purpose of the change is to improve and expand programs, Miller said.

The university has gone through severe budget challenges in the past three years, Wood said. CALS has been especially hit hard in its general education and its research and extension budgets, he said. The reassignment of MMBB faculty resulted in a substantial budget savings to CALS.

"The expectation that everyone has is that those students that are presently majoring in one of the degree programs in MMBB will not experience change at all, so that for them it's business as usual," said Joseph Cloud, professor and chair of biological sciences.

Cloud said he believes the change will strengthen his department. He said it's going to take a little work to figure out how the plan will go through, but he doesn't anticipate any problems.

"Any time there is such a relatively large change in a program, it is likely that some issues will arise that make folks feel uncomfortable," Wood said. "However, overall I see this change as very positive for the university. It preserves the very important biochemistry, microbiology and molecular biology programs while at the same time strengthening key programs related to fundamental life science, biomedical science, food science and plant-soil and entomological sciences."

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Candidates for the ASUI Elections on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 make opening statements at the ASUI open forum Nov. 10 at the University of Idaho Commons food court.

Senatorial candidates speak at open forum

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

ASUI Senatorial Candidates Seth Pratt and Justin Black attended the voluntary Open Forum held in the University of Idaho Commons today, Pratt said.

"It's one hour in the Commons and a lot of the senators are there to help ask questions that apply to what's going on in the senate at the current time," Pratt said.

The forum is about getting the candidates platform out there so all of the students can learn what they are about and what the candidates plan to change in the senate, Black said.

"One thing that was brought up that students would like to see is to have the forum put up on the ASUI website in video form so that students who weren't in the commons building during that one hour can still see the candidates in action," Pratt said.

Candidates can put information on flyers and posters but when students actually see the candidates speak, it is easier to get an idea of what the candidates are about, Pratt said.

"All in all, the forum is a great idea — it really helps us get our names out there and what we believe we can do and change in the senate," Black said.



Nick Groff | Argonaut

President M. Duane Nellis and Joe Vandal pose for a photo Wednesday morning at the Moscow-Pullman Regional Airport in front of a Vandal-themed Q400 of the Horizon fleet. Idaho's first football All-American player Jerry Kramer was the first person off the plane.

Vandals take flight

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Cold, wet and dreary conditions didn't stop University of Idaho president Duane Nellis, Athletic Director Rob Spear and hundreds of Vandals from converging at the Moscow-Pullman Regional airport to watch the maiden landing of the newly-repainted Horizon Airlines Vandal plane.

With Joe Vandal, the UI cheerleaders and the UI marching band leading the charge, the crowd erupted in cheers and applause as the turbo-prop plane drifted lazily through the morning fog before making a safe touchdown and taxing to the gate.

The first person off the plane's maiden flight was UI alum and football legend Jerry Kramer, who waved enthusiastically to the crowd. Kramer said it was an honor to be included in the ceremony.

"There have been many really wonderful experiences in my life and this has been such a kick," Kramer said. "Seeing

the plane parked in Seattle, parked in the shadow except for the tail, which was in bright sunlight, it was like a neon sign."

Wednesday's landing was the culmination of over a year of work and planning on the part of Horizon Airlines and the University of Idaho. The plan was set in motion last year by Spear, who refused to fly on a Horizon Airlines flight because the plane was painted in the colors of Boise State until the Vandals had a similar plane.

On Wednesday, Spear made one thing clear.

"You know what, I am going to get on this airplane, there is no question" Spear said. "Isn't this the best looking airplane you've seen? There's something about the color scheme that is very appealing to me."

Nellis said it was an honor to work with Horizon Airlines and he was excited to see the university represented.

"This is really a great symbol for the University of Idaho. We are the state's flagship university as far as its research and be-

ing a student-centered university," Nellis said. "We are so proud of what this plane represents as it travels around the western United States and shows the colors of our great university."

Following its maiden flight, the plane will be absorbed into Horizon's fleet, meaning it will provide service to Los Angeles, the Northwest and Canada, proudly displaying the black and gold colors of the university.

Kramer, who is in town for the Vandal rivalry game against Boise State, said it was humbling to be selected as the guest of honor for the flight and said the flight was uneventful except for one moment.

"The only moment of nervousness was when we didn't land on that first go around. We came up and went around again and then you started looking outside the window and 'how far away it is' and 'can you see anything,'" Kramer said. "I got a little nervous about that — those situations when you can't see are uncomfortable."



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Polynesian brothers



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Shiloh Keo, Jojo Dickson, Robert Siavii are part of a brotherhood beyond the football field

Nick Groff
Argonaut

Jojo Dickson lay defenseless on the turf with a broken leg and dislocated ankle.

Shrieks of anguish, sadness and fury roared from the field.

Except Dickson was not yelling — it was his teammates.

It was then the bond between the Polynesian players was undeniable.

“That was kinda to be expected by me,” Dickson said. “If one of them goes down, I’d feel the same way. Definitely tears falling from your eyes and you got that fierceness in your heart. After that it’s kinda fighting for them.”

The Polynesian players understand the bond they share and it shows. When Dickson went down in the third quarter against the New Mexico

State Aggies, teammates Rob Siavii and Shiloh Keo’s emotions and drive hit another level. The pair was noticeably upset with the situation Dickson was in.

Keo said the emotion and intensity many Polynesian players play with comes from their family backgrounds.

“I think there is a special thing about it,” Keo said. “No matter where you’re from, the islands or the mainland, we cherish similar things. We’re all about the family bond.”

He said teammates who don’t have a Polynesian background see the tight bond they share and want to be part of it. Keo said the fact that most of the Polynesian players tend to take some kind of leadership role helps too.

“You know, that kinda brings them in more and be a part of that family ... they are our brothers out

there,” Keo said. “There have been plenty of times where we have roomed with people that aren’t Polynesian background, so I think it comes into a big effect.”

Keo, Dickson and Siavii have lived together in some way during their years at Idaho and knew each other as recruits. When Dickson was being recruited by Idaho, Keo hosted him, and when Siavii was recruited one year later, he stayed with Dickson.

“Well I’d already heard about him (Siavii) as a player from Hawaii and knew he was gonna be a recruit,” Dickson said, “but they put him with me because I was from Hawaii and because of that connection.”

Keo said the connection the players have is usually obvious.

“We do so much outside of football and everyone around here knows it,” Keo said. “You can talk to random

people and they’ll be like, ‘Oh, there goes the big Samoan guys again, having a good time.’”

Even off the field and away from the group, their bond is visible. Some Polynesian teammates have intricate tattoo art across their bodies, and in many cases it represents their family.

“I had like certain symbols to resemble siblings and my mom and dad,” Siavii said. “I had my uncle help me draw it up.”

The tattoo covers Siavii’s whole right arm, and each piece of art has a special meaning to him, largely based around his family.

“Like everything you go through in life, you could get anything around us,” Siavii said. “If I had one (a tattoo) for Jojo, I’d probably put like three lines, a big wall and four more lines to the side for his number, like 34.”

Dickson’s tattoos represent his siblings, parents and the bond that started it all. Keo said one of his dreams is to get tattoo art done.

“It’s funny, because we used to go out all the time, like in the summers,” Keo said. “All the Poly boys would go out and throw the football around. We’d always go out and play tattoos versus no tattoos. They’d always be like, ‘Man when you gonna get tatted.’ I’ve always told them if I’m ever to fill my dream, that’s the day I get tatted.”

From the field to living and hanging out together off the field to tattoos representing their families, they all agreed it isn’t something that is taught. Dickson said they can’t teach the bond, but is something they grow up around.

“It’s developed by the things you do on and off the field,” Keo said.

Vandal season opener

Pierce Beigh
Argonaut

After a successful set of exhibition games, the Idaho men’s basketball team will begin its regular season Saturday night at home. The Vandals will tip off against Eastern Oregon at 8:05 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym.

After a mediocre performance against Lewis-Clark State College Nov. 6, the Vandals hope to pull it together and play some competitive basketball as a team.

“We have a lot of new guys,” senior Jeff Ledbetter said. “Our

chemistry is good, but it’s all about our effort right now.”

During the game against LCSC, the Vandals only shot 34 percent of field goals at halftime and were being pushed around by the Warrior big men on the posts.

“They out played us in every aspect,” said Don Verlin, Idaho coach. “Every aspect except the scoreboard.”

With the exhibition games behind the team, Verlin said it’s time to step into the regular season and show the WAC what the new Vandal players are made of.

The Vandals will look toward senior Brandon Wiley to lead the team to victory. Wiley’s size and athleticism allows him to play anywhere on the court.

“We’re really happy to have Wiley back,” Verlin said. “He’s got a great nose for on the ball.”

Wiley ended the game against LCSC with 18 points shooting 8-of-10 field goals and 10 rebounds. Although the Vandals may not have played as well together as they would have wished, Wiley came out strong and got the job done, and said he expects a better performance in the season opener.

“I feel like we are on track to be where we need to be,” Wiley said.

Idaho will also look toward junior guard Deremy Geiger for control and distribution of the ball, as well as points on the board. In the previous game against LCSC, Geiger had 17 points and four assists, second on the team behind Wiley.

Eastern Oregon is coming into this game with a 4-0 win record. They are ranked 18th in the NAIA Division II polls. Eastern Oregon is in the Cascade Collegiate Conference and does not compete with Idaho for conference records. Being ranked 18th in the NAIA basketball polls is something to brag about and something for the Vandals to think about before going into this game.

The Vandals’ next contest is away against Washington State Nov. 16.



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Vandal center Kyle Barone aims for the basket as his teammates cover him in Memorial Gym Tuesday. The Idaho men’s basketball team plays Eastern Oregon this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

Out Of



Colorful commentary from across the conference

The WAC is back

Don’t look now, but the WAC is back in full force. Early Thursday, the WAC announced it has sent letters of invitation to the University of Denver, the University of Texas at San Antonio and Texas State.

The schools promptly accepted the invitations, and will join the WAC effective July 1, 2012.

“The Board of Directors is extremely dedicated to the long-term stability and growth of the Western Athletic Conference,” said Stan Albrecht, chair of the WAC Board of Directors. “The University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas State University and the University of Denver are three very strong institutions, both in their commitment to building athletic excellence and in their commitment to academics. We believe that all three will help us in our quest to make the WAC one of the outstanding athletic conferences in the country.”

Both UTSA and Texas State are making the jump from the Football Championship Subdivision, while Denver is the only school in the WAC that does not field a football squad, becoming the first school in WAC history to be accepted with a football program.

“The addition of these three schools clearly sends a message that the WAC and its member schools are prepared to

move forward to build a ‘new’ WAC,” said WAC commissioner Karl Benson. “As the WAC prepares to begin its next 50 years as an athletic conference, I am confident that these three new members along with the six other WAC schools will continue to compete at the highest level of the NCAA.”

The expansion is great, but let’s play devil’s advocate — UTSA and Texas State. Really?

UTSA has played a grand total of zero football games, holding its first-ever practice on Sept. 16. Texas State has been playing since 1904, and has reached the FCS playoffs twice since joining the conference in 1983-84. However, Texas State is 1-4 this year and is on the downswing.

On the upswing, Benson said the WAC is perusing other schools, with Montana and Seattle University in the mix.



Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

WAC disciplines Boise State coach

Boise State cross-country coach Brad Wick has become the latest Boise State official to take aim at the Vandal faithful, railing the Vandal fans at the WAC cross-country championships last month. Apparently Wick was displeased with the sportsmanship expressed by Vandal fans.

“Even though their team (Idaho) wasn’t our rival in the meet, it feels good to go there because their fans have very poor sportsmanship, so it feels extra good to get the WAC championship on their turf,” Wick said.

Fun Facts

- » The Vandals were picked to finish eighth in the WAC preseason polls.
- » Idaho lost four starters to graduation, who accounted for 44 points per game last year.
- » Eastern Oregon is ranked No. 18 in the NAIA.

Series statistics against Eastern Oregon Mountaineers

- » Overall record 6-0 Idaho
- » Most points scored by Idaho — 99
- » Largest win margin — 46 points
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Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

University of Idaho and Northern Arizona University swimmers dive into the water from the board during the meet against Northern Arizona Thursday afternoon in the University of Idaho Swim Center.

Vandals to host Northern Arizona in dual meet

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

As Friday's face off with Boise State draws near, no Vandal is immune to the excitement in the air. Even the student-athletes of Idaho's swimming and diving team will participate in the festivities despite Saturday morning's dual meet against Northern Arizona University.

"The kids are going to be up late on Friday night," said Tom Jager, University of Idaho swimming and diving coach. "It's important to learn to compete when you're tired."

Jager is hopeful that the increased number of students on campus may boost the turnout

for the Vandals' home meet.

"Who knows, maybe we'll have more people here, it's hard to say," Jager said.

The dual meet with Northern Arizona will start Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the UI Swim Center. Thursday afternoon, the teams will participate in an exhibition relay competition to give NAU's swimmers a chance to acclimate to the pool.

"This is their first meet of the season," Jager said. "They've always been a good program, but we haven't seen them yet this year."

Northern Arizona's consistency may present the greatest challenge the Vandals have seen at home so far. Idaho has

never beaten the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks, but Jager is optimistic about the team's progress, given how the Vandals have been performing of late.

While swimming and diving are often lumped together, the sports are separate and athletes don't cross over from one to the other.

"Essentially, they're two different sports that share the same pool," Jager said.

Following an impressive performance against WAC rivals, Vandal diving has gained recognition across the conference. Sophomore Paige Hunt was chosen as last week's WAC Diver of the Week after winning two events in last week-

end's back-to-back meets. Hunt broke Idaho's record for the one-meter dive with a score of 274.90 against New Mexico State University.

"They're great kids," Jager said of Vandal diving. "They've got a lot of heart and put forward good effort."

This Saturday, Vandal swimmers and divers will gather after a long night of rivalry revelry to test their strength against a worthy opponent. They are expected to entertain a full audience and if you're conscious at that hour, the UI Swim Center is the place to be.

"This team's fun to watch," Jager said. "We've got a lot of different groups doing well."

NCAA aspirations

Cross-country heads to Eugene, Ore., to compete in NCAA Regional

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

The strongest field of competition yet this season waits for Idaho's cross-country team at Saturday's NCAA West Regional meet in Eugene, Ore.

"The West is typically the toughest region in the nation," coach Wayne Phipps said. "It's difficult to qualify for NCAA in cross-country anywhere, but here it's especially challenging."

Despite the high stakes, Phipps is not underestimating the ability of the Vandal women, coming off of their Western Athletic Conference victory at Virgil Philips Farm two weeks ago.

"They're up to the challenge," Phipps said. "We're going to run with the expectation to make the NCAA."

Senior Erica Digby feels confident going into her final race as a Vandal.

"I'm feeling really good," Digby said. "It's a lot bigger meet than conference but we're all just going to go out and do our best."

The women's 6,000 meter race is longer than most, but flat grassy trails at the University of Oregon will make for a faster race, especially compared with the hilly courses the Vandals are used to running.

Idaho's women's team is ranked 13th in the region, but coaches and runners alike are shooting higher. Only the top six make it to the NCAA, Phipps said, and Digby has her sights set on a slot among the top 10 teams.

NCAA official rules dictate each team may send their top

seven runners and the top two teams qualify automatically for the NCAA championship Nov. 22. After finishers from the top two teams are taken out of the finishing lineup, the top 25 individuals qualify for national competition.

This is where Barry Britt hopes to land.

"The best way is to stick with the fourth and fifth guys from top teams," Britt said. "I really want to be first for the team."

Britt has battled relentlessly with teammate Markus Geiger for the first place team finish throughout this season. The score stands at Geiger three, Britt two.

"Honestly, I want to even up the score with Markus (Geiger)," said Britt of the friendly rivalry. "When it comes down to it, it's better to be beat by your own team than someone else, but the best is neither."

Phipps has confidence in both Geiger and Britt's ability to perform over longer distances. The 10,000-meter race is Geiger's specialty, but Britt has yet to be tested on such a distance this season.

"The men's team is shooting for the top 15," Phipps said. "Barry (Britt) and Markus (Geiger) both have a chance at qualifying individually."

As the best of Idaho's cross-country team heads for Eugene, they carry months of experience and accomplishment with them.

"Regionals are a reward for performing well throughout the season," Phipps said. "Both teams deserve this opportunity."

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175/70QR-14	78.89	235/65SR-17	169.51	245/60TR-18	232.02	225/50HR-16	174.25
195/70QR-14	82.65	245/65SR-17	180.27	265/60SR-18	216.11	205/50TR-17	157.88
215/70QR-14	96.43	265/65SR-17	199.69	P275/60TR-20	312.89	215/50HR-17	149.42
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185/65TR-14	89.08	215/60TR-15	117.44	215/55HR-16	152.13	265/50HR-19	305.16
195/65TR-14	93.40	205/60TR-15	117.44	225/55HR-16	163.73	P245/50TR-20	301.47
215/65TR-15	110.30	185/60TR-14	90.44	205/55HR-15	129.68	235/50HR-17	184.36
205/65TR-15	101.92	195/60TR-14	95.32	195/55HR-16	148.69	235/50R-18	233.03
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265/75SR-15	139.84	LT245/75R-17	229.66	LT265/70R-17	230.51
215/75SR-16	114.23	225/70SR-14	122.54	LT275/70R-17	255.53
225/75SR-16	128.48	235/70SR-15	130.37	255/65SR-16	155.52
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245/75SR-16	139.39	225/70SR-16	128.87	245/65SR-17	168.64
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VANDALS TAKE FLIGHT



Nick Groff | Argonaut

The new Vandal-themed Q400 of the Horizon fleet touched down at the Moscow-Pullman Regional Airport Wednesday morning. The welcoming crowd included President M. Duane Nellis, Athletic Director Rob Spear, Joe Vandal and the cheer squad, part of the Idaho Marching Band and Vandal fans from the area.

Game of the week

Showdown in Columbia

The 17th ranked Missouri Tigers (7-2 3-2 Big 12), losers of two consecutive games, will host the Kansas State Wildcats (6-3 3-3 Big 12) in this weekend's game of the week. Kansas State has not won at Missouri since 2004.

Since beating Oklahoma three weeks ago, Missouri has lost to both Nebraska and Texas Tech in back to back weeks. Missouri desperately needs this win to keep any momentum they had going



Michael Greenway
Argonaut

Kansas State, on the other hand, is coming off a 39-14 blowout win against Texas and is bowl-eligible for the first time since 2006. Coach Bill Snyder has returned to the Wildcats in his second season since his return. Snyder's first stint as coach at Kansas State started in 1989 until he "retired" in 2005, and now he is back for more.

This game is going to be a good one and will be a game that will keep you at the edge of your seat well into the

fourth quarter.

The Tigers are certainly the better team in this one, but with that said, Kansas State has one of the best coaches in the game in Snyder. Snyder is not afraid to take chances and gamble on trick plays, so Missouri must play well and execute nearly to perfection in this one to win.

Missouri has one of the nation's top defenses, which will be put to the test against the Wildcats. Tigers quarterback Blaine Gabbert has been efficient this year completing 62 percent of his passes, and has thrown for 12 touchdowns.

Missouri must be efficient on both

sides of the ball this week to come away with the win.

Kansas State has problem and will have to play a near perfect game to come away with this one. The Wildcats are dealing with injury issues, as starting quarterback Carson Coffman was injured last week against Texas, and his status for the game remains unknown.

Coffman's replacement, Collin Klein, isn't bad. He had 127 rushing yards and two touchdowns against Texas, but the Wildcats will need their star on the field against a tougher Missouri squad.

The Kansas State defense is going to have to play its best game of the

year. Only giving up 14 points to Texas is a good sign and the defense must continue to play well Saturday.

With Missouri coming off back-to-back losses and Kansas State looking sharp, the smell of an upset is in the air.

Missouri will come out sluggish after coming off two consecutive losses and Kansas State will take advantage. The Wildcats will get off to a comfortable lead early and won't let lose. Expect Missouri to make a battle of it and give us a good game, but in the end it will be the Wildcats who come away with this one on a last second field goal.

Todman helps UConn beat Pitt 30-28

Pat Eaton
Associated Press

Jordan Todman ran for 222 yards, including 4 on a key fourth-down conversion, and Connecticut beat Pittsburgh 30-28 on Thursday to bring the Panthers back to the pack in the Big East.

The Huskies faced fourth-and-1 from their 19 with 2½ minutes left in the game and coach Randy Edsall decided to hand the ball to Todman, who put his head down and broke through the line. UConn ran out the clock from there.

Pittsburgh (5-4, 3-1) entered with a two-game lead in the Big East, and was looking to

become the first team in the conference to become bowl eligible.

The Panthers led 21-20 with just over 7 minutes left, but UConn (5-4, 2-2) scored 10 points in 48 seconds to go in front again.

Jon Baldwin caught a 20-yard TD pass with 4:35 left to get the Panthers within two. It was initially ruled incomplete, but the call was overturned when a replay showed he dragged a foot in the back of the end zone.

Dion Lewis ran for 77 yards and Ray Graham added 75 on the ground for the Panthers. But Graham fumbled a kickoff, setting up the Huskies' final touchdown.

Pittsburgh, which had been surrendering just under 94 yards rushing per game, could not stop Todman, who had 102 yards at halftime. The junior moved into third place on the school's all-time rushing list and had career

highs in carries (37) and yards.

With UConn trailing 21-20 in the fourth, Todman broke off a 31-yard run to set up Dave Teggart's 25-yard field goal, his third of the day.

Graham was stripped on the return by Anthony Sherman, and two plays later, Zach Frazer found Isiah Moore from 14 yards out for the touchdown.

Frazer completed nine of 20 passes with an interception, but threw for two scores.

Pittsburgh's Tino Sunseri, who was 20-of-28 passing for 220 yards and a touchdown, had two key first-half interceptions. His first came at the UConn 9-yard line, on the 12th play of a drive. His second stopped a 12-play drive.

But the Panthers appeared to be in control in the third quarter after touchdowns from Lewis and Graham made it 21-13.

The Huskies answered Graham's score on the kickoff, which Nick Williams took at the 5-yard line, cut right and ran 95 yards.

Pittsburgh started quickly. Jarred Holley picked off a flea flicker on the game's first play from scrimmage, and the Panthers needed just five more plays to score. Lewis took a screen pass 31 yards, setting up his 4-yard TD run.

Connecticut responded with an 11-play, 83 yard drive. Frazer hit Kashif Moore on a crossing pattern and Moore reached the ball just over the pylon for a 36-yard touchdown.

UConn, which beat West Virginia a week ago in overtime, is now one win away from becoming bowl eligible and back in the race for the conference championship.

The Panthers finish the season with games at South Florida and Cincinnati, the annual Backyard Brawl with West Virginia sandwiched between them.

The Huskies, who came in averaging just over 13 points per game in Big East play, improved to 5-0 at home his year and are 3-1 against the Panthers at Rentschler Field.



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Cleary, Holmstrom lead Red Wings

Associated Press

Dan Cleary and Tomas Holmstrom each scored twice to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Edmonton Oilers 6-2 on Thursday night.

Valtteri Filppula had a goal and an assist, Johan Franzen also scored and Jimmy Howard made 23 saves.

Dustin Penner and Theo Peckham scored for Edmonton, and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 28 shots.

Detroit led 3-0 after the first period.

Filppula opened the scoring at 7:29 when he beat Khabibulin from the slot by chipping a pass from Jiri Hudler, who was behind the net, just above the ice and into the net. It was Filppula's fourth goal. Holmstrom got his first goal of the game, with 6:31 left, when he backhanded in a rebound from in front. Cleary's first goal of the night came with 2:21 left on a shot from the top of the right circle.

Cleary got his second of the game and sixth of the season 2:18 into the second period.

Detroit's Mike Modano was awarded a penalty shot 5:22 into the second period when his legs were taken out by Edmonton defenseman Ryan Whitney on a breakaway. Khabibulin stopped Modano.

Franzen picked up a power-play goal with 2:57 left in the middle period. It was his seventh of the season and 100th goal of his career.

Penner put Edmonton on the board 58 seconds into the third period.

Holmstrom added his sixth goal of the season with 3:20 left. Peckham got his first career goal with 1:15 remaining.

Vandals open season at home against Eastern Oregon

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

For the Vandal women's basketball team, the time has finally come. The squad will open up their regular season on Saturday when they take on Eastern Oregon in Memorial Gym at 5:30 p.m. as part of a triple-header of volleyball, women's basketball and men's basketball action.

The Vandals are coming off a convincing 73-58 exhibition victory against neighboring NAIA team Lewis-Clark State College last Friday. The game was a chance for the Vandals to work the offseason rust away and senior guard Bianca Cheever said she was happy with the team's performance.

"I think we did really well," Cheever said. "It's a good way to see where we are as a team. I think we're doing really well right now."

With the exhibition game out of the way, the Vandals know they will face much tougher opposition in the regular season. Coach Jon Newlee said he wants to make sure his team knows they need to bring the intensity level up for the regular season.

"I think we got complacent after the game against LCSC," Newlee said. "I told them earlier this week we're trying to beat Fresno State and Louisiana Tech, we're not trying to beat NAIA teams. We need to re-focus and realize that the work we put in has to continue."

Idaho will get the first of many chances to prove itself and see where they stand as a team

this weekend. Eastern Oregon played the Vandals last season, and the end was a dominating 61-43 Vandal victory. The Vandals will attempt a similar performance this year.

Height will be a major factor in this game. Eastern Oregon has only two players on roster over 6 feet tall, while Idaho is sporting five players breaking the six-foot barrier. Coach Newlee said he hopes to use the disparity in size to his advantage, but also said the Mountaineers' speed and shooting are things his team will have to contend with.

"They're excellent 3-point shooters," Newlee said. "We're really going to have to move our feet to keep up with them. We're going to have a size advantage for probably the only time all years, so we'll see how we handle that."

"It's a good way to see where we are as a team."

Bianca Cheever
Senior guard

The WAC is a tough league for women's basketball. Last year four WAC teams saw NCAA postseason action with Louisiana Tech and Fresno State advancing to the NCAA tournament, and New Mexico State and Nevada going to the Women's NIT. Cheever said the team needs to just keep improving and work hard.

"We need to go out there and work the full 40 minutes," Cheever said. "Rebounding and boxing out are things we need to do better and have been working on."

Tipoff for the game will be at 5:30 p.m. After Saturday's game, the Vandals will be back in action next Wednesday when they take on Eastern Washington at 6 p.m. in Memorial Gym.



Jake Barber | Argonaut

Guard Shaena-Lyn Kuehu goes up for a shot during University of Idaho women's basketball practice Wednesday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals will take on Eastern Oregon University Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Memorial Gym.



Amrah Canul | Argonaut
Kelsey Taylor spikes the ball at practice in Memorial Gym Wednesday. The women's volleyball team faces Louisiana Tech on Saturday, at 1 p.m.

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Final home stand

Vandals attempt to clinch WAC tournament berth, seek season sweeps against Louisiana Tech, Fresno State on senior night

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

It's crunch time for the Vandal volleyball team as it enters the last home stand of the season. Idaho will face-off against Louisiana Tech on Saturday, and Fresno State on Monday before closing out the season on the road against Hawaii.

The Vandals (12-11, 7-5 WAC) enter the week sitting in third place in the WAC and will attempt to get closer to clinching the coveted post-season berth. Idaho is coming off a solid road trip in which they defeated Nevada and Utah State. The wins propelled the Vandals up a few spots in the standings, and coach Debbie Buchanan wants to make sure her team is ready for the homestretch.

"This weekend we used 11 players to win those matches," Buchanan said. "So it's not just seven people coming in and out, it takes everybody. The dynamic is good, they're supporting each other, and we're being competitive."

The Vandals will put their 11-0 all-time series record against Louisiana Tech (12-17, 1-11 WAC) on the line, when they battle in Memorial Gym Saturday night. Idaho thumped the last place Bulldogs 3-0 earlier in the year, and will look to do the same at home. Senior Kelsey Taylor said the team needs to focus on its game, and take one game at a time.

"We need to take one game at a time, they're games we should win," Taylor said. "We need to focus on the little things and get the wins we know we should get."

On Monday, the Vandals will host their last home match of the year against Fresno State (11-14, 5-8 WAC). Idaho will be looking for the season sweep on the Bulldogs, after pummeling

them in a 3-0 sweep earlier in the year. Fresno is locked in a tight battle for the sixth place position in the WAC, and his currently just behind Boise State.

Only the top six teams make it to the WAC tournament. Teams that are near the bottom of the league, like Louisiana Tech and Fresno State, can be dangerous because they have nothing to lose. Buchanan said her team needs to guard against giving up an upset this week.

"Those are the teams that are scary, because they're probably not going to make the tournament and they're just playing to knock somebody off," Buchanan said. "We have to come out and play our game at our level and try to get the job done."

The Vandals have gone through an extensive growing process this season. They have been a resilient bunch, and Taylor said the team is ready for tournament play.

"We've had our young moments. We're inconsistent at times, but were getting better and improving all the time," Taylor said. "Everyone really wants this."

On Monday, Taylor will play her last match in Memorial Gym and will be honored as the team's only senior. Taylor said a lot of emotions are going through her mind, but most of all she wants to finish with a win.

"It's gone by really fast," Taylor said. "I just want to play well, get three wins and go out with a bang."

"We need to take one game at a time, they're games we should win."

Kelsey Taylor
Senior

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Vandal setter Jennifer Feicht, left, and middle blocker Kelsey Taylor go up to block the ball set up by outside hitter Kayleigh Giddens of New Mexico State University during the volleyball game against the Aggies Thursday evening.

GAME

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such things do little to disparage the squad.

"We have to have a lot of heart and passion going into this. This is the best team we will play this season, hands down," Keo said. "A lot of people say they are better than us. They execute better than us, but that doesn't mean they are better than us. It all comes down to Friday — whoever has more points, that's the team who is better."

Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle played a clean game against Nevada, finishing with no interceptions, but the senior who sat out last season's game against the Broncos with an injury, will need to conjure up more offense. Enderle threw for 224 yards but managed only one touchdown pass, a 75-yard bomb to Justin Veltung, against Nevada.

Following Idaho's last game, Keo said Nevada was the better team on the field because they made the big plays when their backs were against the wall. This week, Idaho has a chance to be the better team with their back against the wall.

Kramer will be with the team before the game and as a member of the Green Bay Packers, he has had his share of ups and downs. He said he expects to give the players a simple message, one he received himself a long time ago.

"Remember this day. Go out and play a perfect game win, lose or draw," Kramer said. "Come off the field like you played a great football game that you gave it everything you had. You'll be happy with that. You can go home with that and feel good about yourself, no matter what the score is. You do that the rest of your life and you'll do very well."

WAC

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The WAC was not impressed and slammed Wick with a reprimand following the remarks. Perhaps if Wick had spent more time coaching instead of complaining about rival fans, he would have noticed his women's squad was thrashed by the Vandals.

But who am I to judge?

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Don't let the idiots win

"Nasty" and "inebriated."
By now you should be sick of these words. Since July they have consumed Moscow, the University of Idaho campus and just about anything else Vandal related. You're welcome.
Boise State University President Bob Kustra became a controversial figure in the past four months, and his now-infamous response to an Argonaut column will stay with him for the rest of his life, at least in the minds of Idaho fans and supporters. But the importance of today is not Kustra's misguided, inappropriate and flat-out insulting comments. No, what is important is to remember the entire purpose of rivalries are to have fun and give what might be a typical football game just a little extra spirit and intensity.

Tonight's football game will, without a doubt, have several idiots representing both BSU and UI. It is important for those of us who aren't a part of the ignorant minority to remember the differences between rivalry and reality. The select idiots, whether they openly admit it or not, should not only read this, but act on it.
Acknowledging the differences and being respectful toward the other team does not mean sugarcoating or kissing up. It simply means knowing the limits. Joking about serious incidents that have occurred on either campus is not acceptable, but that does not mean there should be no verbal bashing. Bash away — just do it tastefully.
Let's make this real simple for those who

don't quite get it: Chanting "Who do we hate? Boise State" does not necessarily mean we actually hate Boise State. Let's remember where this rather unoriginal chant was derived: It rhymes, simple as that. There are several other campuses that use the same chant, only they insert their rival in place of Boise.
No one needs to love Boise State or boast that it is the best university in the world, but there is also no need to bring academics into the conversation. Here's the deal: The rivalry is based on athletics and should remain about athletics. Both institutions are serving different academic purposes for the state of Idaho and neither should be discredited for those efforts.
Academics aside, when it comes to game

time, both teams serve one purpose: To entertain the crowd. In the heat of the game, winning always seems to be the most important aspect. It is the ultimate goal of players, coaches, announcers and fans, but at the end of the day it is just a game. Vandals are friends with Broncos and vice versa, and when the final whistle is blown everyone will party together — unless they're idiots, who will certainly do what they can to start trouble, no matter where they are.
Don't let a select few idiots — or a seriously misguided university president — ruin the fun spirit of a rivalry game.
Go out, have fun, and win or lose, cheer like crazy for the Vandals.

— ER

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Today is the day

It's finally here. The day we have all been waiting for. It will rock your world. That's right, a new Blot is on stands and it is awesome. Bet you thought I was talking about the game, huh? Well that's pretty dang important too, so: Go Vandals, go mighty Vandals.

— Elizabeth

Makes me happy

There is a good chance that a car will hit you today.

— Jens

Blot rocks my socks

I'm sure Elizabeth Rudd already said it in her Off the Cuff, but you should all check out the new Blot on stands today. And for the sake of being unoriginal, go Vandals.

— Kelli

Attention meter parkers:

There is something you should know. The electronic meters are not that hard to work. Turns out there are directions with pictures right on the front.

— Loren

Construction

I want to throw out kudos to the construction crews working on campus who are taking four and a half months to fix some pipes and pave 20 feet of a road. Talk about using your time wisely.

— Ilya

Whoa, mama

We have a month of classes left. Take a minute to think about this. If you power it out to make it through next

week you will return to family and loved ones for a time of gratitude. There is always much to be grateful for, even in our modern world and in light of its many problems. Keep your head above water so you can enjoy the break with a sense of ease.

— Tanya

Closed lots

It saddens me I received nearly 10 e-mails about parking on campus Thursday, yet there's a good chance more than half of the student body will still probably have no clue as to why many of the usual parking lots are closed. It must be frustrating to work in the Parking and Transportation office on a day like this. Oh, and good luck, Vandals.

— Kelcie

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It's a great day to be a Vandal, just like every other day of the year.

— Dana

Go Vandals

Let the weekend begin. It may be the last rivalry weekend for a while, but I am excited. I hope all Vandals have a great time this weekend, win or lose. Enjoy your tailgate, the game and friends and family in town, but do it responsibly. Go Vandals.

— Nick

Caution

I just noticed all of the card readers on campus constantly blink a yellow light. I wonder how much energy that wastes?

— Madison



Anthony Saia

Argonaut



Rivalries are about more than just a game

"Sports Illustrated" writer Andy Staples used these words to lead into his discussion about Boise State University's No. 3 ranking on his weekly poll: "The final — at least for now — installment of a nasty, nasty rivalry takes place Friday when Boise State visits the Kibbie Dome."

The words caused my heart to sink with the realization that tonight's football game between the Vandals and the Broncos may be the last played in the Kibbie Dome for a long time.

It's a shame BSU's president Bob Kustra and coach Chris Petersen are against continuing the rivalry after Boise State moves to the Mountain West Conference next year.

The 2006 game is among my favorite memories as a student at the University of Idaho. Both teams entered the game undefeated in conference play for the first time in the rivalry's history. Dennis Erickson had people believing in the Vandals again. For most of the first three

quarters, Idaho hung with the Broncos.

The campus was abuzz about the game all week long. Other than when Erickson betrayed Idaho by leaving for Arizona State and the immediate aftermath of the Virginia Tech tragedy, I've never seen the student body rally together for a common cause like we did that week.

Standing in the press box hearing the student body yell "Idaho" and the alumni and fans yell "Vandals" was incredible.

The next year, I left my apartment in Moscow at 3:30 a.m. to make the game. Just

before Weiser, I blew a tire and had to change it in the dark while it rained and snowed. My car limped into the Boise State parking lot on the spare tire, but I made it in time for the game. That game was the first my then-girlfriend had been to, despite graduating from Boise State.

Robb Akey's first team didn't fare well with the Broncos, and I heard about it from the scores of Boise State

fans sitting next to me. My phone lit up with texts from friends who go to Boise State before the game was anywhere close to ending.

Though upset about the game's outcome, I laughed the texts off. Their school had beaten mine on the football field, earning them bragging rights for the next year. I took their jokes, all the while smiling, knowing I'd rather be a Vandal than a Bronco any day.

Kustra doesn't realize what rivalry games are all about. Students and fans coming together. Bragging rights on the line. Memories created.

I don't remember every game Idaho plays against Nevada or Louisiana Tech, but I remember the Boise State games because they mean something.

But apparently that something doesn't mean anything to Kustra and Petersen, who, after assembling one of the country's best programs, seem to think they are suddenly bigger than an in-state rivalry game that's been played every year since 1971.

R.J. Taylor is a first year University of Idaho law student.



R.J. Taylor

Argonaut

Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

The 'C' Word

Many of us as children have at one time or another asked the question, "Mom, Dad, can I have a puppy?" Only to hear an answer like, "A Christmas Story." "You'll shoot your eye out. You cannot handle this."

Time passes and petitioning once more, they answer, "If you get this puppy, you've got to commit 100 percent, and to show me you can do this, show me you can do it with smaller things."

Smaller things such as doing chores around the house to show you can be responsible. Therefore, if you want to get married someday, you should "test drive" it in a smaller way: cohabitation. You practice commitment now, to someday succeed with your dog. Thus, to have a successful marriage, practice now by cohabiting. It makes sense. Yet, why do couples that cohabited before marriage have higher divorce rates than those who never did? According to CDC.gov, married couples have a 20 percent chance of divorce in the first five years, while

those who cohabited beforehand have a 49 percent chance, and in 10 years the ratio is 33 percent to 62 percent.

All you have to do is speak with people who cohabit and hear spoken blandly: "It's fine if it doesn't last, and one benefit is it's easier to dissolve." That, my friends, is not a "committed tone."

When you get married, what's the difference between now and when you were cohabiting? You say, "I do," to stand by them in better and worse. Thus the difference should be the committed aspect, but for many who practice cohabitation there is no commitment. There are no promises. Upon marrying after cohabiting, not much changes, such as the living situation. How do our minds wrap around what marriage means now? What makes the commitment aspect change? If marriage is belittled, then divorce is no big deal. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/02news/div_mar_cohab.htm

Casey Dail
Sexual Revolution Club

Safety found in same-sex marriage

Bi Mkami is from the Kaigata Villiage, Musoma, Tanzania. One day her daughter was murdered and left in a nearby village. So her husband beat her almost to death, stabbing her with a spear and leaving deep scars by her eye, on her head and across her legs. She was then hit with a plank of wood and beaten unconscious.

She awoke up at six the next morning on a nearby mountainside in a thorn bush. With cuts all over from being thrown in the bush, she managed to crawl out to lie on a rock. A woman passing by leading cattle found her and took her home. A doctor was called, who told Mkami she would likely die as she had a child inside her. The

baby was able to be aborted that night and had a completely crushed skull.

Afraid her husband would find her, Mkami fled to Kenya, where she stayed for four years and returned home with an infant daughter. Yet when back in her village, her husband threatened to kill both her and her "bastard" daughter. Again they ran away to another area, where her daughter grew up and they set up small businesses.

Both wanting security and company in a family setting, Mkami and her daughter each married women.

"No man has ever hurt this body since I've been married," she said with a smile. "My

wife is gentle with me, and we are happy."

Her story can be found on YouTube by the Mngongowazi project.

Life is different for each and every one of us on this Earth. Mkami, as sad as her story may seem, is just like us in many ways. She has lived her life the best way she knows how, and pursued happiness and personal freedom in the face of adversity. Something we all essentially are doing.

These women on the other side of the world found happiness in marrying another woman. It empowered them financially. They felt safe and had companionship.

Many people here also find happiness in being with someone of the same sex. It is no different — there really can be no basis to condemn this on any sane grounds. We are

all in the same life and being comfortable in a relationship with someone else, no matter who they are, is something many of us all essentially want in the end.

The word relationship means a "connection, association or involvement" with another. We are individual entities, yet all form these important connections with the world around us. None of us are isolated. We are within a web of these relationships with everyone we are associated with: Men, women, family members and professors.

We must remember relationships are not defined as a connection between a male and a female. So if marriage is the "formalization of a relationship," then where does gender become involved as a restriction, apart from traditional religious beliefs?

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Definitive Four

Random Idaho conversations

The Boise State University vs. University of Idaho rivalry normally divides the state, but a majority of the U.S. does not particularly care or know about the separation. In fact, people do not know a whole lot about the Gem State.

The easiest way to catch a glimpse of this is to wear a UI shirt in a major, non-Pacific Northwest airport. At least one person will feel compelled to blurt out something along the lines of, "Idaho, huh?"

The first inclination upon hearing this statement is to wonder what exactly is being said. Is it a comment, question or random utterance to try and provoke conversation that always seems to happen at airports?

Whatever the reason may be, the speaker will continue to talk, adding whatever little knowledge of Idaho he or she knows to the mix. It is an experience all Idahoans endure on a far too frequent basis.

Vandal and Bronco fans may not agree on much, but can concur there are four definitive points of discussion that nosy non-residents insist on bringing up when talking about Idaho.

Boise State football

While some Vandal fans may cringe at this, it is a welcome relief to

discuss Bronco football as opposed to the other three topics on this list. At least when someone mentions BSU, it is easy enough to vent about how the school and football team are quite lame.



Cheyenne Hollis Argonaut

Potatoes

People who know nothing about Idaho immediately bring up potatoes when someone tells them he or she resides in the state. Far too many people have equated Idaho and potatoes as one entity and it is fairly annoying.

It is really not that hard to either do some more research on the state before beginning a conversation with an Idahoan or simply passing without saying anything in the first place.

No one wants to talk about potatoes and mentioning this leads to nothing but an awkward conversation filled with useless tuber-related facts. Traveling around the country is a far more pleasurable experience when the potato chat is kept to an absolute minimum.

Hillbillies

Idaho does have a lot of hillbillies, but much like potatoes, it does not mean one wants to talk about it. Sure, most people in Idaho have an affinity for driving pickup trucks, a complete lack of style and an unnerving need to

use the phrase "hella gay," but it is not as if these people are unique to Idaho.

It is doubtful the same people who subject Idahoans to this conversation would walk up to a person wearing an Alabama hat and say, "Alabama, a lot of racists there."

Idaho should not be subjected to this conversation because it is fairly ridiculous in nature. Besides, the hillbillies are not so bad once you get to know them.

General Custard

This has only happened to me once, but scarred me none the less. Wearing my Idaho T-shirt in Chicago's O'Hare Airport led me to one of the most random conversations in my life.

A guy approached me and said, "You go to Idaho - General Custard, huh?"

Wasn't that like 100 years ago? And better yet, who randomly approaches another person using General Custard as a conversation starter? The most puzzling aspect of this is the fact General Custard has little to no relevance to Idaho.

Vandal fans, and all Idahoans, should wear the colors of their school or state with pride when traveling, but be forewarned - a General Custard-related conversation could be just around the corner.

Take advantage of free music and enjoy a break

Relaxation and the opportunity to relieve stress are key abilities every student needs. These opportunities do not often present themselves, and when they do, they should be taken advantage of. At the University of Idaho, we are fortunate to have access to weekly



Katy Sword Argonaut

movies - some of which are free - massages, and more importantly free concerts. ASUI hosts free weekly concerts that are a great way to unwind for an hour or so and enjoy good, and often new, music. Unfortunately, no one takes advantage of the opportunity. During the past

two semesters, I have tried to go to as many concerts as possible. At every show, the audience was dismal. The largest group in attendance seemed to be about 25. It was never surprising to see just four or five students show up. It is pathetic. Not only is it insulting to the talent ASUI brings in, but also students pay for the groups that perform with fees already paid. By not attending students are throwing their

money away.

It is not as if the bands are terrible either. I have found a few bands I really enjoy by going to the concerts. Tuesday's concert featured Scratch Track, who flew all the way from Kansas City, Mo., just to perform for five people, which luckily expanded to about 10, not including the photographer. They were not only talented, but had a sound not heard before. It was one of the

most entertaining shows, and so many people missed out on it for one reason or another.

It is a shame to see such a great opportunity to enjoy yourself, take a break from hectic lives, and listen to good music wasted. I understand people are busy, but this is something everyone should make time for. It is sure to be a great time, and if not, you are paying for it so you might as well go.



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