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Danika Stromberg, Pedee Ewing and other University of Idaho students stand in front of the Administration Building. Stromberg and Ewing share experiences from their freshman years.

Vandal ventures

Sophomores, juniors and seniors alike offer advice — be open and get involved

Elizabeth Rudd
 Argonaut

Name: Emily Long
Age: 19
Year: Sophomore
Major: Business and Finance
Housing: Theophilus Tower
Hometown: Richland, Wash.

When she began her freshman year of college, Emily Long said she did not expect to continue playing the sport she did in high school. But when the girls on her floor in the Theophilus Tower organized an intramural soccer team, she signed up for a chance to play again and bond with her hallmates. "...Intramurals was the perfect balance between friends and

socially and competitive, so it was really fun to get out there again..." Long said.

She said her first intramural team was formed at the beginning of the semester and she was able to meet people on her floor she hadn't yet.

Long said the thought of living on a floor full of women seemed like a bad idea at first. But the women on her floor made it easy to lose the drama and cattiness of high school, even with limited privacy. She said she had to adjust from having her own bathroom and laundry with her family to sharing with about 1,000 other people.

"That was hard because you had to work with other people to wait for the right shower that

you wanted or have to wait half an hour for a washer to wash your clothes..." Long said.

There were other transitions besides living arrangements for Long. She said she enjoyed the time she had available during the day, and deciding what she wanted to do.

"Freshman year was super, super fun, but also like challenging," Long said. "I really liked that from transitioning from high school to college that the classes weren't all day ... and you were in class for X amount of time and then the rest of your time was yours."

Long said the ability to determine her own schedule made time management and the pressure of school more important for her.

She said she wanted to do well in class, but it was a different experience than high school since half were lecture classes and others had about 30 people.

"Lecture classes were challenging because if you had a professor that went fast you had to go with it," Long said. "You couldn't raise your hand and interrupt all the time. You had to try to scramble and take all your notes as quickly as possible."

Even with all the transitions, Long said she felt comfortable when she arrived on campus because her sister had also been a Vandal, so it was familiar. The acceptance Long experienced

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A Vandal Jeopardy! victory

Dylan Brown
 Argonaut

Mark Runsvold has student loans like an average college student, but his trivia prowess has given him an unconventional avenue to pay them back in full, with some left over.

Runsvold, a Boise native and senior in international studies at the University of Idaho, is at least \$103,000 richer after two Jeopardy! wins Friday and Monday, and America will see if he can continue his streak tonight.

Runsvold already knows his fate as the popular game show is pre-taped, but because of contractual obligations he is sworn to secrecy.

"It's nice to have the secrecy melting away," Runsvold said.

Runsvold was in Hollywood filming March 8 and 22. Being on stage for a show that is televised to a nation-wide audience was nerve racking for Runsvold. Although he was fine during the actual game, his hands shook as he tried to drink the water brought to him during commercial breaks, Runsvold said.

The nerves didn't get any better on the second day of taping.

"They actually got worse," Runsvold said. "I got more and more nervous sitting there—watching everybody else play."

However, after playing a few practice games with his fellow contestants he thought he could still do well.

"It didn't seem like anybody was head and shoulders above anybody else," Runsvold said.

Success on Jeopardy!, Runsvold said, just depends on how well you can work the buzzer and what categories you get.

Runsvold also said while interaction with the famous host is limited, Alex Trebek has a fun, dry, almost mocking, tongue and cheek sense of humor, but it is all good-natured.

Runsvold grew up an avid reader and developed a love of trivia early on, competing in Quiz Bowl and the National Geography Bee during his school years. He said he is just one of those people with a trivia disposition, a "Jeopardy! disposition."

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You don't know SHIP

When college students' nightmares become reality

Elisa Eiguren, Kristen Whitney,
 Kameron Nordyke
 Argonaut

Victor Ferral blamed an old soccer injury for the aching feeling in his leg. After four days of limping and experiencing a fever and chills, he finally visited the University of Idaho Student Health Clinic.

"My leg started bulging as the swelling increased and it became red like a tomato," he said.

Ferral, a senior UI architecture major, had not previously experienced any major issues or emergencies regarding his health. At the Student Health Clinic, doctors ran blood tests to determine the cause of the swelling in his leg.

"I told the doctor 'I have a project due tomorrow. Can you just give me Vicodin and antibiotics?'" Ferral said. "That's when he looked at me and said, 'You need to be in the ER.'"

On Nov. 2, 2009, Ferral was admitted to the Gritman Medical Center emergency room to treat a staph infection. He spent approximately eight hours in emergency care while doctors administered antibiotics, morphine and drained the buildup of blood in his leg. Ferral said he felt like he was in shock during his time in the emergency room.

"The doctor told me 'If you had waited

another day, it could have been bad. Bad encompasses losing your leg or going into septic shock and dying,'" he said.

Ferral spent four days at Gritman. The second day was when the realization of how much the treatment would cost finally registered in his mind, Ferral said. As a student enrolled in the UI Student Health Insurance Program, he said this was his first experience dealing with health insurance without his parents' guidance.

The total cost of Ferral's treatment was approximately \$7,000. SHIP covers 80 percent of medical expenses, which left Ferral with a bill totaling \$1,500.

"I remember panicking after hearing what the remainder was," he said. "I had no idea where that money was going to come from."

Ferral consulted with a SHIP insurance adviser as well as an insurance adviser at Gritman, and was able to fill out a charity application through Gritman. Based on his income and other considerations, Ferral was approved and received financial aid to pay the remainder of his hospital bills.

"An experience like this makes you think about the future," Ferral said. "How you will cover any future emergencies like that."

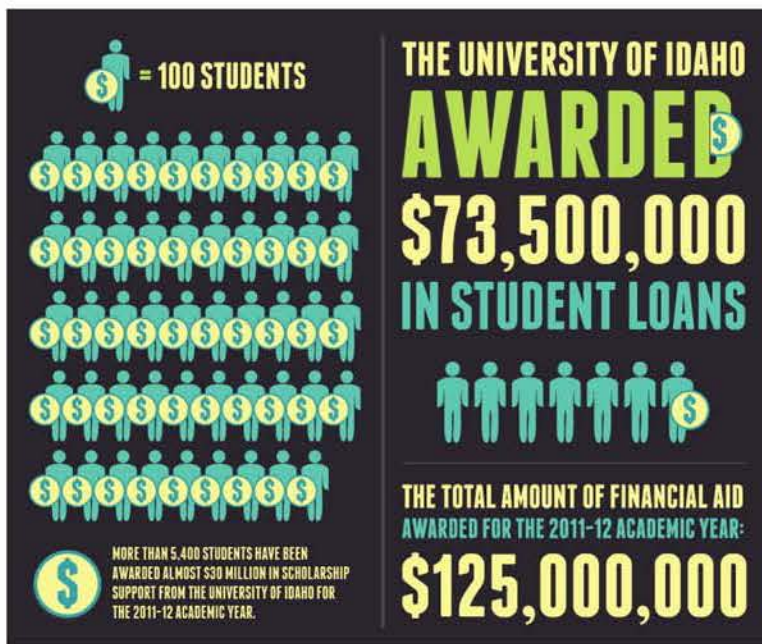
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Welcome to the University of Idaho. This issue of The Argonaut is oriented toward freshmen and transfer students to familiarize you with UI and Student Media. Student Media is an organization comprised of college students of all ages, and is independent of the university. The Argonaut hits stands every Tuesday and Friday so check us out when you arrive on campus, online at uiargonaut.com or Facebook.



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Financial aid awards help students attend college

Kayla Herrmann
 Argonaut

Finances are a crucial component for many students when deciding to attend college, and to help the University of Idaho has awarded \$125 million in financial aid this academic year.

More than 5,400 students have been awarded about \$30 million in scholarships and \$73.5 million in student loans, said Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services. The last

two years in financial awards have remained consistent, but they have increased since the 2009-2010 academic year, Davenport said.

"Federal grants have increased, which was caused by the amount of Pell Grants available," he said. "Due to the state of the economy more students have qualified for the Pell Grant."

Currently more than 75 percent of students receive various types of financial aid.

Amy Gregory, a senior

studying advertising, is a student who has been awarded not only student loans, but some scholarships as well.

"I have received grants, loans and scholarships all three years that I have been up at UI and have some for my upcoming year too," Gregory said. "I honestly have no clue how people can go to school without them, because I would not be able to afford school, my books, even housing and groceries."

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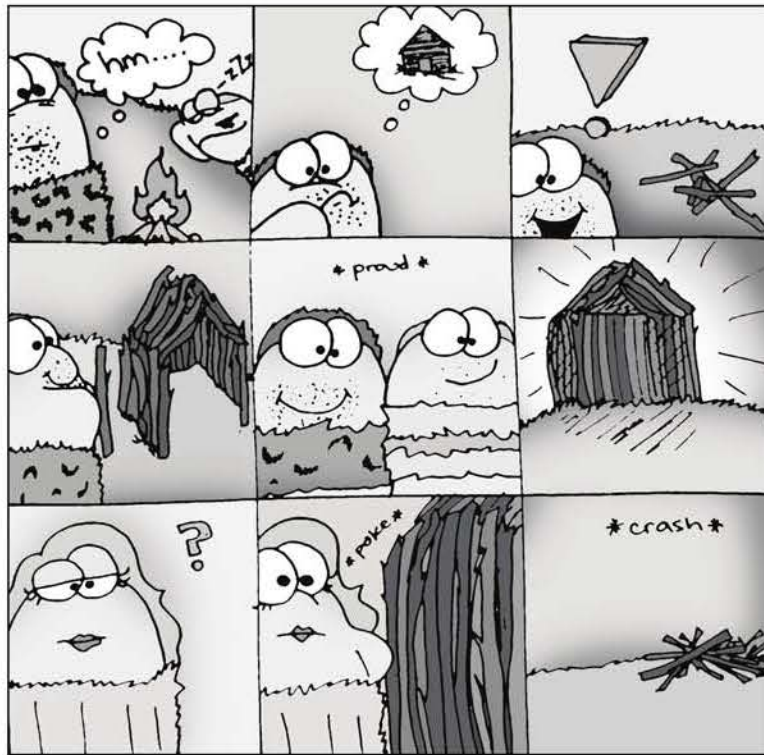
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- Unadulterated
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- Word of disgust
- Set apart
- In perfect condition
- Autocrat of old
- Start of a cheer
- Hot time in Québec
- Lively card game
- Abhor
- Teen follower
- Parting word
- Break bread
- Singer's bane
- Feels fondness for
- Look through a scope
- Dining car
- Maintained
- Mouse's place
- Be decisive
- Top dog
- Swiftly
- Rightful
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- Feminine suffix
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Beginning and ending at UI

New VP of Finance and Admin returns to first higher education employer

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

For Ron Smith, the decision to apply for the open position of vice president of Finance and Administration was a matter of coming home and returning to the place where he began his career in higher education.

"Just coming home. It was exciting for me and my wife — my wife has two degrees from the University of Idaho and her family lives in Idaho — and I started my career at the University of Idaho so it just felt compelling to come back and finish my career at the University of Idaho," Smith said.

Smith was hired to fill the position made vacant by the retirement of Lloyd Mues in early June and officially began his duties July 1. Prior to his acceptance of the position at UI, Smith was the VP of Finance and Administration at Seattle University for five years. Smith said he initially began his career in higher education at UI in 1987 as an associate internal auditor and worked his way to director of Business and Accounting Services, which is a controller position and the one he held in 1994 when he left UI to advance his career.

"In higher education if you want to advance to ... a higher position it seems that you really need to move around a little bit," Smith said. "So I went from a controller here (UI) to assistant vice president and controller at the Univer-

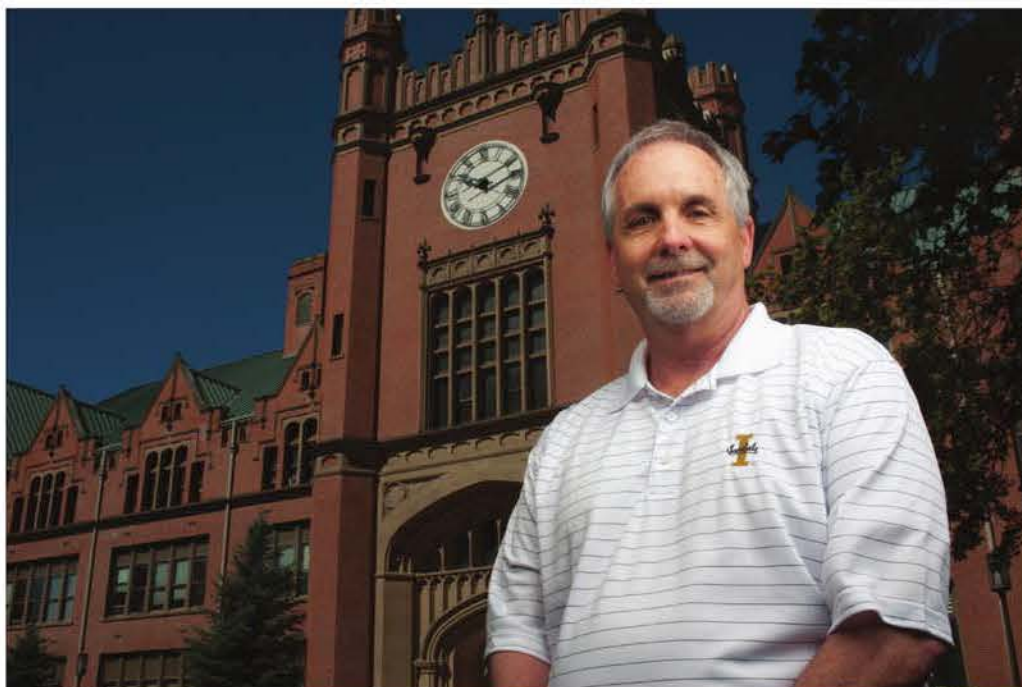


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sity of Arizona."

From the University of Arizona, Smith then bounced to Brea College in Brea, Kent., where he obtained his first vice president job in 2001. Three years later, he and his wife, Sue Hasbrouck, moved back to Idaho because of family health issues, where he held the same position at Lewis-Clark State College for two years. Leaving Idaho once again, Smith took the VP job at Seattle University before returning to UI — an application and hiring process that he said was smooth in his perspective.

"It went great. I mean, I still have people in Idaho that know me and know my capabilities, I think, and so I saw the position come open, inquired about it, and then put in my application," Smith said. "It wasn't very long

before I got a call from the search committee for a telephone interview, shortly after that I was invited to campus, and then three weeks after my interview I was offered the job by the president."

Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes served as the job search committee chair, and said there were around 60 applicants at first. He said a number of applicants met the basic criteria for the position, specifically a degree, but fewer had one criterion the committee thought was important.

"One of our criteria we hoped for was experience in higher education because I think we really do need someone who understands the higher education business in particular and it is different," Ickes said.

The pool of 60 was re-

duced to 20 applicants who were called for interviews by committee members, and then eventually four, Ickes said. The final four candidates visited campus for a day, interviewed with President M. Duane Nellis, met with leadership groups, presented in a public forum and took questions.

Smith said once he received an interview, he contacted Mues who he had met during his time at LCSC, to talk about the position and his perspective. He said Mues provided him with information on the budget and explained that an increase in revenue through being entrepreneurial and looking for alternatives to tuition and state appropriation were major components of the job, as well as some insight on the staff.

"He did give me a lot of good information about the people that report to this position and their qualifications and how good they are, which gives me a lot of comfort coming into the position," Smith said. "We have some people who can help guide us in the right direction."

Ickes said much of the hiring process also depends on how the candidates present themselves, and for him Smith came across well.

"He has good experience — he has experience in private as well as public (sectors)," Ickes said. "I think a lot of it is the way they conduct themselves, the way they're able to answer the questions, the kind of comfort level they bring to the job so there's a lot of non-specific variables that come into play..."

Ickes said the commit-

tee had also heard positive attributes of Smith from Seattle University that also favored him as a candidate. Smith said in the next year, he's hoping to apply some of the positive experiences and ideas he implemented in Seattle at UI to help generate more revenue. He said to do that his plan for the first year involves a lot of planning and trying to find new opportunities for revenue.

"We purchased a building on the corner of our campus that we converted into self-storage, which ended up bringing in close to a million dollars a year for the general fund ..." Smith said, "so I'm hoping to find some of those fun things that we can do. And work with the local community and local developers and private businessmen to kind of do some partnerships, hopefully."

Smith said he also plans to meet with all of his department managers and the people who report to them to learn their jobs, discuss their issues and wants in order to establish a good strategic plan to help move his area forward. In addition to meeting with staff, he said he will meet with ASUI President Samantha Perez to make a connection with students.

Smith said he always hopes to avoid increasing fees and tuition, but it is hard to cut expenditures without eliminating people and jobs, so he tries to inform students of where their money is going through forums.

"... I think it's really a good idea to make sure the students understand as many pieces as we can," Smith said. "It's kind of a complex budget environment right now to say the least because we're not sure where the money is coming from depending on what the state does ... so we should be transparent and let them know what we're doing."

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Knocking down walls to open up ASUI

Molly Spencer
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Director of Student Engagement Jennifer Fountain has been working with ASUI President and Vice President Samantha Perez and Juan Corona, respectively, to remodel the ASUI office in the Idaho Commons.

"The professional staff in the office wants to be more accessible to students, but right now we're barricaded by a wall in a dark hallway," Fountain said. "We really want to open that up so students feel more free to come in and seek help from us."

Fountain said part of her position in Student Affairs is a liaison between students and administrators. To do this, she said she advises Perez and Corona, helps to meet their needs and navigate UI expectations that revolve around projects that involve buildings, furnishings, architecture and lighting.

Fountain said her role is to help Perez and Corona make the best and most informed decisions possible. She said she hopes the remodel of the office will provide a more open and welcoming reception area to bring students into ASUI.

"The second thing is I hope it gives better space for student organizations," she said. "We believe student organizations are a premier leadership development opportunity and we want them to have space to learn and grow and serve."

The third goal, she said she hopes the remodel accomplishes, is better collaboration among members in ASUI.

"A setup that allows for small conversations, large

conversations, big tables that allow people to surround and plan. Ideally it's based on small groups together and large groups together," Fountain said. "We want to be accessible, that's the big thing. Sam and Juan have just handled it with the most professionalism and have kept their values in front of them."

Fountain said although the project most likely won't be done until early September, it won't impact students at all.

"It's a big push to do this right now because we have an ASUI reunion planned for Homecoming weekend, and we want to bring our former students back into the ASUI family and want to get them reconnected with our organization and build strong relationships," she said.

Perez said Fountain had been thinking about remodeling for some time and once she mentioned it to Perez and Corona they were right on board with the idea.

"The main thing we're going to do is kind of like a structural change, so currently the way that our office is set up we have the cubicles that are set up and then we have this weird divider wall between my office, Jennifer's office, and the rest of the office and so we're planning on knocking those walls and the cubicle walls down to open up more space," Perez said.

As of now, there is no estimate for how much the project will cost, Perez said. But the ASUI staff plans to reuse the current furniture and computers in the office.

"The wall that's between Jennifer's office and the rest of the office will either be pillars or glass so



that it's more open in our office," Perez said. "We're not repainting or putting in new carpet, really we're just knocking the walls down to make it more open."

The current setup awkwardly divides the office, Perez said.

"I think there have always been like certain areas where senate exec(utives) would work and then we also have eight spots for student organizations whereas we have over 200 student organizations," Perez said. "It's mainly centered around student organizations because we want them to feel like they can have a meeting space, where they can make posters and flyers."

Perez said a graduate of Interior Design, Akyla Probert, created the remodel design.

"Really my part has just been giving feedback and contacting the current students who work for ASUI, and get their feedback and kind of just overseeing the project and making sure it's what's best for the students now," Perez said.



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Moscow police in search of arsonist(s)

Dylan Brown
Argonaut

A string of arsons remain unsolved as the Moscow Police Department continues to call on the community to keep a weather eye out for suspicious activity in Moscow's parks.

Eight fires broke out in trashcans, dumpsters and a porta-potty across Moscow the night of July 3 and into the morning of July 4. The first was reported at 10:13 p.m. and the last at 2:24 a.m. The fires were set in plastic cans at Lion's Park, Water Tower Park and Jim Lyle Rotary Park; dumpsters at the Latah County Fairgrounds, Lena Whitmore Elementary and along Sweet Avenue; a metal can at Joseph Street Park; and a porta-potty at Anderson Frontier Park.

Moscow Police Chief David Duke said based on the times and sequence of the

fires, it was easy to connect the dots linking these fires together, but he cannot conclusively point to a single person or group of people as the perpetrators of all the fires, but the search will continue for the next few months.

"Fires usually don't start on their own," Duke said. "We will put all efforts into finding if they are connected."

The police are offering a \$1,000 reward for any pertinent information that could help lead to an arrest or conviction in the largest serial arson Duke has seen in his time on Moscow's police force. Local community organization Moscow Cares have matched the police reward, offering their own \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest and an end to the fires.

Duke has asked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to assist in the local investigation with their ex-

pertise in arson fires.

Moscow Parks and Recreation, Director Dwight Curtis is still assessing the damages inflicted by the fires.

While the plastic containers will be relatively inexpensive for the city to replace, the heat from the fire in the metal can at Joseph Street Park melted its plastic-slat enclosure. A new enclosure will cost between \$500-\$600 to replace. A replacement for the charred porta-potty will cost Parks and Recreation between \$2,400-\$3,000.

Curtis said as the police continue investigating, he just wants the whole affair to be over.

"Best case, we catch someone and put an end to this," he said.

Duke is encouraging people who are visiting Moscow's parks to report any suspicious activity to try and bring a stop to any future arsons around Moscow.

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The university awards student loans and grants based on students' academic and demographic records.

"Awarding is based on what we get back from FAFSA, and for scholarships we have 32 different scholarship committees that gather info

and make a selection," Davenport said.

Because the economy has changed drastically in the last few years, Davenport said it's important for students to be aware of who their financial aid adviser is for when times get tough.

"It's a good thing to use your financial aid advisers for special circumstances. We don't want students feel-

ing like they can't afford going to school without talking to us," Davenport said. "If a family has a loss in income or different health care costs, we can work with them."

Current students can pick up any remaining financial aid funds after tuition and fees are paid Aug. 22 in the Student Union Building ballroom, or will receive a direct deposit Aug. 19.

VICTORY

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"When I run across things I don't know, I look them up," Runsvold said. "Anything—can hold my attention for 30 minutes."

With approximately a year and half left of col-

lege, Runsvold hopes to use his winnings to pay off his debt from student loans and travel, ideally to Europe, specifically Germany to test the German he has studied for 11 years. Despite his trivia triumph, Runsvold may have to wait to start his final year and a half of college because the Jeopardy!

money doesn't roll in until November.

Runsvold has done several interviews and even received a few marriage proposals, but his newfound fame hasn't sunk in.

"It doesn't feel real," he said. "It hasn't gotten out of hand. No one is asking for money or anything yet."

SHIP

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Health related issues can create large bills and it requires maturity and a desire to help themselves for college students to consider their financial security and health insurance options.

Most students know they need health insurance to attend UI. What they may not know is that it is not required by the university, but rather the State Board of Education.

On July 1, 2003 the SBOE made it a condition of enrollment for all degree-seeking students to have some form of health insurance. In addition to this, all institutions are required to offer its students an option for health coverage.

Lori Krasselt, a coordinator for UI SHIP, said this change in regulations is how the university came to have a more comprehensible health insurance plan. Krasselt said in past years the university provided accident insurance, where if a student didn't want a health insurance plan they simply checked it off.

Mary Baker, a nurse at the Student Health Clinic, has been providing medical care to students at UI for more than 20 years. She remembers when students were not required to have insurance and many did not.

"There is much better access to care because the students have insurance," Baker said. "Before when kids didn't have insurance, if I was referring a student to a specialist, say somebody broke their leg, a lot of specialists wouldn't take our patients because they didn't have insurance."

One of the main reasons the SBOE determined that insurance be required as a condition of enrollment

was because of the cost of indigent care in the state of Idaho. They determined that a high number of people who did not have health insurance and could not afford to pay for their medical care were college students.

"So they were accessing medical services, but they were unable to pay their bills and that falls back on your community members who do pay taxes. It doesn't just affect the student, it affects the whole community," Krasselt said.

Baker said a lot of medical providers treated students, but never received payment. In addition to receiving better care, Baker said students benefit from being exposed to the concept of health insurance, which is complicated. It forces them to take an active and responsible role in their health care.

"I would hope having insurance, and being introduced to the realm of health care they would understand how expensive it is to get sick, even with insurance," Baker said. "And that it is a really worthwhile thing to take care of yourself."

SHIP is intended to be a sole source of insurance for students, meaning they wouldn't need another plan. SHIP covers medical and pharmaceutical claims, but does not include dental or vision. Care is provided worldwide so if a student studies abroad or gets an internship away from Idaho, they are still covered.

The average cost of SHIP during the 2011-2012 school year will be \$119 per month. For that amount, students have access to the Student Health Clinic and pharmacy with a set cost per visit.

"If you come in and think you have the flu or a sinus infection, you pay \$15. Any labs or things that can be done here at the Student Health Clinic is included in that \$15," Krasselt said.

If a student needs to see a specialist off campus, or becomes ill while away from student health, they have the option of visiting a doctor that is part of SHIP network services for a \$25 co-payment, like Ferral did during his emergency room visit. Covered expenses also include procedures like X-rays, lab work or CAT scans, which can rack up a hefty medical bill.

Baker said one of the biggest mistakes someone could make is to go to the emergency room for something that is not an emergency. Most health insurance providers won't provide coverage in that instance.

"It is probably about \$700 to walk through the door at Gritman Hospital to go to the emergency room," Baker said. "That doesn't even account for any testing or anything."

Baker said the cost of health insurance is the first thought most people have when considering health care and that prevents a lot of people from ever getting health care.

"Health care has gotten so expensive. I think it is way too expensive and I'm not sure what we can do about it," Baker said. "I think it would be great if everyone could have insurance for a reasonable cost."

Krasselt said the students she meets with the most frequently are the ones involved with high-cost medical expenses, such as surgery or emergency room visits.

"It's not fun, it's not something you go out and research before you need to use it," Krasselt said. "We try to make it (SHIP) a plan that works for you even if you've already received care before you got information."

Brochures with detailed SHIP information and other health related services will be sent to all registered students the first week of August.

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VANDAL

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"...We're all growing up together, I don't know how to explain it without sounding really corny," Long said, "but we're all leaving high school and we're all doing this at the same time ... you can just be yourself and people like you as you are and not how you were in high school..."

Name: Pedee Ewing
Age: 20
Year: Junior
Major: Agricultural Systems Management and Plant Science
Housing: Farmhouse
Hometown: Meridian, Idaho

Before he ever attended the University of Idaho, Pedee Ewing said he knew he wanted to feel the sense of Vandal pride he saw in his teachers who were UI alumni.

"...It leaves its mark on you, not just from the things you buy that say Idaho Vandals on it, but your pride," Ewing said. "It gives an environment where you're proud to say that you're from the University of Idaho that you're in this area because that's what it's about..."

Ewing said he grabbed his freshman year by the horns and immediately became involved with campus activities, which he attributed 90 percent of to being a member of Farmhouse.

"My freshman year, I came up here and the recruitment process ... was scary a little bit at first before I really knew anything about it," Ewing said, "but after I started going through it about the second day ... it didn't look like such a challenge necessarily or an obstacle. It looked like an opportunity for me."

His involvement with his fraternity not only helped with social aspects, but with academics as well, Ewing said.

"We have Study Table ... where we'll set aside a couple hours after dinner on certain days of the week and we'll all go to the library or we'll all stay at the house and it's quiet and we work on homework as a group in a group setting," Ewing said.

He said being in his house and class with people who were older helped him to quickly learn effective study habits, and he didn't think he

would have done as well on his own or in a dorm.

"As a freshman, I came to the university with the same mindset that I had in high school and for a lot of people the mindset that you have in high school is not the mindset that you need for success in college."

Ewing said he initially attended UI because of his involvement with FFA, but that wasn't what made him stay in school or on campus.

"The real reason I'm here is the brotherhood and the connections of people and being a part of this group and going to the tailgates as a team, as opposed to just like you and a buddy or you and a loose handful of friends that kind of fade in and out with classes."

Name: Riley Peters
Age: 21
Year: Senior
Major: Productions and Operations Management
Housing: Learning and Living Community
Hometown: Longmont, Colo.
Transferred from: Central Washington University

Like so many other students concerned with the cost of education, Riley Peters made a conscious decision to save himself close to \$6,000 when he made the move from Central Washington University in 2009 to the University of Idaho.

Peters said he was guaranteed a \$3,000 transfer scholarship for two years and a tuition that was \$1,000 less. He said he also made the move because UI's business program involves Integrated Business Curriculum, which his only offered at three universities in the Northwest.

Despite having already experienced a freshman year at Central, Peters said transferring to UI was like round two.

"Just like a freshman year. So my freshman year I figured out all about college," Peters said, "so I kind of already knew what classes were like, what to expect homework wise and study wise, but since I was a transfer I had to start all over again with like the new friends."

In his Geography 100 class, Peters said he met a member of the fraternity Alpha Theta Omega and became friends with other members in the house. He said they tried to get him to join the house, but he was comfortable in the Living and

Learning Community.

Even though he didn't want to join ATO, Peters said being friends with the members helped to develop his sense school pride — something he wasn't really involved with at Central.

"I really didn't know much about it and then at the time the state rivals, they were cutting their sports programs, so they were no longer our state rivals," Peters said. "It used to be Western Washington versus Central Washington and then Western cut their football program."

Peters said he's at UI for school, but he's also big about the school he goes to, and does not plan on transferring again. He said the area was similar to his home and the friendly community made the transition from one school to the next easier.

"Regardless I was going to stay here, I lost credits transferring here, if I made another transfer I would have been a five year student ... I think that it helped, I guess like the school atmosphere and made it a lot easier. I mean, it's easier to meet people when the school is really friendly versus not."

Name: Tony Kanagl
Age: 21
Year: Senior
Major: Computer Engineering
Housing: Theophilus Tower, Engineering Hall
Hometown: Spokane Valley, Wash.

Tony Kanagl said he had different expectations for college when he was taking advanced placement classes in high school. Three years later, he said high school students shouldn't complain about teachers lecturing until they have taken a physics class with 150 other people where no one has the chance to ask questions or a real connection to the professor and the push of information feels like "drinking from a fire hose."

"Particularly math and physics were the core that were pretty different because the major specific classes were all new and I didn't have any expectations there," Kanagl said. "With math and physics, it was the first time that I actually had a class that was centered around a lecture."

Kanagl said the college classroom atmosphere was different with an increased workload, and it took

him time to develop a way to stay on top of homework and avoid cramming on Sundays. Even with the increased workload, Kanagl said he found teachers were more helpful if students were willing to make the effort to ask for it.

One of the educational highlights of his freshman year was working on undergraduate research for a professor in the electrical engineering department, he said. Kanagl said he wrote systems for autonomous underwater vehicles, like submarines that sweep for mines.

"...I actually got to work with upperclassmen on the project and actually get a publication into a national conference on the topic," Kanagl said. "So you know there's a lot of work involved, but at the same time it's really cool to get a publication to my name as a freshman and be involved and work with really intelligent professors and upperclassmen in my department."

Kanagl said he also met engineering students his age on the engineering floor of Theophilus Tower.

"Going into an engineering dorm ... I wasn't hopeful for my social experience shall we say, and I ended up meeting about 10 or 12 guys who all started hanging out together and we all got really close," Kanagl said.

They also became the group that reintroduced Lambda Chi Alpha to the UI campus during his freshman year, and participated in a lot of intramural sports, which was a welcomed break, Kanagl said.

"As cliché as it is, we spent most of our hours in our rooms doing homework and things like that so getting to go outside and do something so physical was a lot of fun," he said, "but getting beat that much probably wasn't the best."

Name: Danika Stromberg
Age: 20
Year: Junior
Major: Animal Science Pre-Vet
Housing: Sorority
Hometown: Boise, Idaho

When she was deciding on a college, Danika Stromberg did not want to go to school in Idaho and she did not want to join a sorority — but she ended up doing both.

Stromberg said her parents insisted she look at schools in Idaho and after visiting on Vandal Friday she decided the University of Idaho

was the place for her. Sorority recruitment also gave her a place to call home that structured her college experience from the beginning.

"For me, I really do well with structure and I found that also in the sorority. It helped me to plan my study time, friend time, and time for extra activities and maybe even leadership in the sorority," Stromberg said.

In the upcoming year, Stromberg will be a sorority recruitment officer and because of her role in the process her sorority cannot be named.

Stromberg said for her the recruitment process was big and a little scary at first, but then smoothed out and she ended up in a house that was a good fit for her.

"Truthfully, it's probably how much at home I feel when I'm there..." Stromberg said. "I did end up staying in the sorority I'm in at Vandal Friday and it opened my eyes and made me see this isn't like all the stereotypes say, this is just a big group of women who have common goals living together."

Entering college, Stromberg had a pretty serious goal she wanted to accomplish — joining the Vandaleer choir. She said she thought it would be a good challenge for her and she wanted to make it her freshman year.

"For me it was challenging, it put me, me not being a music major, I had to compete with these people that, you know, had voice lessons everyday and were training to be teachers or performers," Stromberg said.

Despite the challenge she made it into the choir, and said she was fortunate when she did because she was able to travel to Europe with them and be exposed to different people.

"It was a very different group of people ... most of the people in that group were studying music and it was just really nice to have their perspective on their studies," Stromberg said.

She said her involvement with the Vandaleers helped her know what was happening on campus in terms of concerts and plays, and she invited her sorority sisters to the events.

"I think that being in the Vandaleers really helped me expand my experience pretty early," Stromberg said.

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Vandal fans get pumped up before the football game against Boise State University Nov. 12 in the Kibbie Dome.

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GAME DAY SPIRIT BEGINS WITH TRADITION

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

One of the perks of going to the University of Idaho is getting to root for the Vandal football team in the newly renovated Kibbie Dome. The infectious excitement of Vandal Game Days is something many enjoy and look forward to during their time at UI.

Quentin DeWitt, UI graduate and percussionist in the marching band, said the only way to describe a football game at the Kibbie Dome is "Game Time."

"Young and old, babies — old people, and everybody in between, it's game day, everybody is there — all geared up and ready to go," DeWitt said.

The social aspect of football games also make them a special experience because students get a chance to meet other students their age as they come together to cheer on the Vandals. Senior John Jarpe said his experience at UI is unique because of how different it is from living in Boise.

"The best thing about going to the games is that there are a lot of students there too, so you are hanging out with a lot of people who are in your age group," Jarpe said. "I think that's kind

of like a different atmosphere, especially because I am from Boise and I went to a lot of Broncos sporting events and the people that attend those games tend to be older and not college students, so one aspect of U of I is when you go to those events you're surrounded by your peers and your classmates."

When Vandals are cheering at games, they are united with fellow Vandals.

Sophomore Joe Keefe said it makes no difference whether you are a part of the Greek system, residence halls or off campus because at games everyone is united.

"It's a spot where everyone on campus can go and basically cheer on their school," Keefe said. "Nobody is separated. If you are Greek or independent — it doesn't matter. Everyone is just coming together to cheer on their own team."

Not all of the fun on game day takes place at the Kibbie Dome or during the first through fourth quarters as everyone has his or her own pregame rituals. Keefe said that part of his process is getting pumped for the game.

"A bunch of us get together and we paint up for the games," Keefe said, "and we do a 'Go Vandals' and just get

pumped up for the game."

If painting your body to show school spirit is not your thing, there are more laid-back ways to prepare. Jarpe said his friends choose to concentrate on barbecue and tailgating traditions to prepare for games.

"We will meet up at one of our friend's house to get together, have a few beers, cook a few hot dogs, and all go over to the tailgate ... park our cars and have our own little barbecue," Jarpe said.

Jarpe said the best part of game day is getting together with a bunch of friends and going to the game and mingling with others. The collective experience of watching the game, the cheerleaders, marching band and cheering with fellow fans is what makes it a true Vandal experience.

"It's always exciting, really good vibe in the crowd ... regardless of the score, win or lose, there always seems to be a good excitement and a collective excitement from all the people watching the game," Jarpe said. "I have never had a bad experience or had a confrontation there — always been real easy going and a good fun atmosphere."



Joe Vandal

Rhiannon Rinas
Blot

He might be a costume made of fabric and designed with an overly large head, but Joe Vandal is the face of the University of Idaho.

He exudes a powerful Vandal spirit, from football jerseys to T-shirts for events, and even his political views — the Vandal way — all contribute to what makes him the icon of UI.

"Joe Vandal has more spirit than anyone, and is the one getting the crowd pumped at games," said Kali Gilbertson, student.

Joe Vandal is more than just a one-man support system for Vandal Athletics. He represents the campus as a whole, said Chris Murray, vice president of University Advancement.

Murray said Joe is a physical connection between athletics, academics and the campus, but also has the ability to be out in the public in-

teracting with people.

A Vandal is a unique mascot belonging to no other university, said Nick Poppellwell, assistant marketing director for the athletic department.

"They're (Vandals) similar to the Vikings, but they are not the exact same thing," Poppellwell said. "People say, 'Hey, Vandals have horns.' No, actually they have the wings, and that's why Joe Vandal has wings on his helmet."

Heed Edmundson coached a basketball team that played defense with such intensity and ferocity that sports writers said the team "vandalized" its opponents, according to gov-andals.com. The term stuck, and by 1921, UI students officially became Vandals.

"We're not some cute little fuzzy non-threatening blue and orange pony, we're the menacing Vandals, and who would want to mess with that?" said Alyson O'Brien, student.

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The student becomes the leader

Anthony Saia
Argonaut

Quarterback Brian Reader has some large expectations already placed on him as former starting QB Nathan Enderle moves on to the big show — and the season hasn't even started.

The Vandals weren't able to build on their 8-5 season that ended with an exclamation point as they overtook Bowling Green in a nail-biting 43-42 victory in 2009. Instead, the team saw a marginal 6-7 record.

Reader hopes to change this as a starter for the Vandals this year, but it may prove difficult for him if the offensive

"It will be my first start in a year and half since the Boise game two years ago."

Brian Reader
Quarterback

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WAC changes fuel competition

Anthony Saia
Argonaut

Nevada Wolf Pack

Nevada, the WAC favorite, will start the season down a handful of key players from last season as it is slated to take on some heavy-hitters in its first four games of the season.

The first four games are on the road, taking on a team that played for the national title a year ago in the Oregon Ducks. And it won't get easier from there either.

The Wolf Pack are slated to take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders and Boise State in their third and fourth games, which quite possible might put them at 2-2 — not a bad way to begin a season. If the Wolf Pack come away at .500 after the first four games there is no reason they can't pull off a 10-2 season if the team stays healthy.

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COACH BITES

Robb Akey
Sport: Football
Season: Fifth
Overall record:
17-33

John Means
Sport: Men's golf
Season: Second

Lisa Johnson
Sport: Women's golf
Season: Fifth

Pete Showler
Sport: Soccer
Season: Seventh
Overall record:
32-79-5

Mark Sowa
Sport: Swimming and Diving
Season: First

Debbie Buchanan
Sport: Volleyball
Season: Twelfth
Overall record:
164-163

Wayne Phipps
Sport: Track and Field
Season: Twelfth

Neill leaves opening, Pollock slides in

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Director of Idaho tennis and men's coach Jeff Beaman said despite other quality candidates, it was a perfect fit for his former assistant coach Daniel Pollock to slip into the recently vacant women's tennis coach position left by Tyler Neill.

"Of course you open the search up, and there were several other good candidates that applied, but just with his background, with him already being familiar with Moscow, the university, and me being familiar with his philosophies and his coaching — it was a perfect fit," Beaman said.

Pollock officially became the coach of the University of Idaho

women's team July 13, after Neill left at the end of last year to follow a law career — a departure Beaman said was not a surprise.

"At a certain point this past year we knew that Tyler was moving on to the law career," Beaman said. "Dan was already here working with the men's program — doing a good job."

Pollock grew up in Manchester, England, started playing tennis at a young age and said he began playing competitively at 11 or 12.

Pollock said the highest ranking he ever obtained was in the top 30 as an under-18 player in the UK. When the time came to choose a professional career or college, he said he decided to move to the U.S. and do both.

During his collegiate career, he

played at Anderson College in South Carolina and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education, a master's degree in kinesiology and is currently working on his Ph.D. in Exercise Science and Health at UI.

After finishing his playing career, Pollock has coached at several locations, including Hawaii — his last stop before Moscow.

Pollock said while he was comfortable with being hired as the women's coach, he found himself getting nervous at the prospect.

"It is always a little nerve racking because this is my first head coaching position, but I think I have a lot of good experience, been pretty successful everywhere that I have been

and learned a lot from each of the coaches I have worked underneath," Pollock said. "I was pretty confident going into it, but still the nerves were jangling a little bit."

Pollock will have some time to allow the nerves to calm down as the season does not officially begin until January. One challenge Pollock said he has already prepared for is the lack of members on his team.

"It is going to be a really new team, we lost four seniors last year and then seven seniors this year, and so we basically have four girls coming back ... that is not even enough to put on the court, so that was obviously the biggest challenge coming in here," he said.

The team has taken steps to eliminate this problem with recruits

Almudena Sanz and Sophie Vickers signing to the team. Sanz is a transfer from the University of Leon in Oviedo, Spain, and Vickers is from Bairnsdale, Australia.

Pollock said he feels confident the team will get to a full roster by January and there is still a good list of qualified applicants.

After filling the team, Pollock said the No. 1 priority will be meeting with the seniors when they get back, explaining his philosophy and implementing his coaching style.

"The way I run things is we work really, really hard on the court, but we have a ton of fun while we do it," Pollock said. "I think it's important that the girls are college players and not in the military. They need to have fun."



File photo by Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut
Vandal forward Chelsea Small shoots a goal during a game against Portland State at Guy Wick Fields. They won the game 3-2 and Small scored her first two goals in the first five minutes.

Soccer returns all starters

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

After coming off its best season in school history, the women's soccer team plans to continue improving on its success.

Last year the Vandals ended their season with a record of 14-7 and finished third in the WAC, but after losing to Fresno State 0-3 in the WAC Tournament, Idaho coach Pete Showler said the team is hoping to fare better this year.

"They are still smarting a little bit about what they feel, and what we feel, is underachieving in the WAC Tournament," Showler said.

Helping the Vandals in their attempt to better last year's mark are a full squad of 11 returning starters. The Vandals also have nine new recruits joining the team, including Bailey Hewitt, a transfer from Oregon State. Showler said there definitely will be some healthy competition when practice starts with the number of returning players.

"Having all the players return who were starters just shows the depth that we will have now because we are bringing in eight new players, and nine technically with the

transfer from Oregon State, so there is going to be a lot of competition and a lot of depth," Showler said.

That competition can only help improve the team and make sure each player stays on their toes, Showler said. He said he believes his players have already shown they can handle adversity, and this team is a big part of the reason for the turnaround in the program.

"These girls have come in and turned this program around ... they have taken it to the next level, and that is a testament to their hard work and their commitment and wanting to come here and prove something at Idaho," Showler said.

Part of improving will be to accumulate more than 14 wins, the record from last season.

Showler said while as a coach he would love to win more games, it is more important that the team is competitive and looks at the bigger picture.

"Getting 14 wins, we would love it, but it's not the focus, the focus is being as well prepared as we can be for the WAC, league play and qualifying for the tournament," Showler said. The goal of improvement comes with a difficult schedule that involves three tournaments prior

to the WAC Tournament. Showler said the reason for this is to prepare for the WAC Tournament and to prevent the amount of traveling that has occurred in past seasons. The Vandals will also be facing a list of tougher teams this year right from the beginning, Showler said.

"We have a much tougher schedule," Showler said. "We have four teams that were top 25 teams, two we play on our opening weekend at the tournament in Vegas, and then we got Washington State who is a perennial powerhouse and BYU who are top 15, top 20 in the nation each year," Showler said.

Showler said the game against BYU will be one to watch this year. It takes place in the middle of the Vandals' season, right after Washington State. Showler said including outside elements, this game will be a real challenge for his team.

"BYU, down there at night, in front of 4 or 5,000 fans, and on live TV — it's going to be an eye opener, but it's a challenge and that's what it's all about," he said.

The season begins Aug. 19 when the Vandals compete in the UNLV Rebel Classic against UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside.



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84 Vandals earn WAC Academic honors

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Yet again, Idaho athletes have exemplified the perfect balance of athletics and academics when it was announced that 84 spring athletes and freshman/transfers were honored with WAC All-Academic honors.

Combined with 35 honorees in the fall and 34 in the spring, Idaho accumulated a total of 153 awards during the 2010-2011 academic year. The school hasn't seen this many honorees since Idaho joined the WAC in 2005-2006.

During the 2008-2009 year, 116 student athletes earned the award and 141 were honored in 2009-2010.

"I think it is great for the school to have so many athletes achieving WAC All-Academic honors," said James Clark of the track and field team. "It shows that our athletes take their schooling just

as important as their sports."

Clark is part of a track and field team that earned 11 awards during the spring season. The women's track and field team came short of equaling their male counterparts, earning nine spring awards.

To be eligible for the WAC's most prestigious academic honor, one must earn a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed one year of school, academically and athletically. Also, the athlete must have participated in 50 percent of their team's competitions.

During the spring semester, nine separate Vandal teams posted a team average 3.0 or higher GPA. Women's golf led the pack with a 3.67, followed by women's soccer with a 3.44. As a group, the spring teams averaged a 3.00, compared to a 2.95 in the fall.

Freshman forward Christine Boddie of the soccer team earned her first WAC

All-Academic honor during the fall.

Boddie said she struggled during the fall season, when the team traveled nearly every week, but the transition became easier when she took full advantage of her resources.

"Since we traveled a lot this year it took a toll on me academically in my harder classes," Boddie said. "However, with strong communication between myself and the professors it made it easier to maintain high grades."

Along with the rest of the team, Boddie said she took advantage of help her teammates offered in their specialized subjects.

"We are all a team and we are all there to help each other," she said. "Since not everyone has the same major, we use our strengths in certain areas to help each other. So if anyone ever needed help there was a teammate there to help them with that class."

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Finding your niche in Outdoor Programs

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An important aspect of the college lifestyle is trying new things, and the University of Idaho Outdoor Program is an outlet for freshmen students who want to explore the great outdoors.

Outdoor Program is located inside the SRC (also home to a 55-foot tall climbing wall) and contains a rental center for gear.

Mike Beiser, Outdoor Program coordinator, said the program lends itself to all students through its trips, credit classes and its other resources.

"We tend to have a selection of trips that are offered around campus, but we also get involved in some of the credit activity classes and the climbing wall," Beiser said.

Beiser said new students are encouraged to come and learn at the center because its clinics try to focus on core activities that are skill development and recreation based.

Two activities Outdoor Program has coming up are a Natural Rock Climbing event and a paddle raft trip.

The natural rock climbing event is taking place at Granite Point, Wash., Aug. 30. The trip costs \$30 and includes transportation, equipment and instruction. Beiser said events like this are a great chance for people to get out of the gym and have a real-life rock climbing experience.

"With the phenomenal climbing wall and the programs that swirl around the climbing wall, a lot of people don't have the opportunity, skill or equipment to go outside, and so it is an opportunity for people to

get out of the gym and progress to natural rock climbing," Beiser said.

An additional trip is the paddle raft trip Aug. 6 on the Salmon River for a fee of \$65. Beiser said it is important for people to come in and sign up beforehand if they want to participate in either trip.

Outdoor Programs also serves specific groups by holding a raft trip for the WWAMI program. The WWAMI program is a partnership between the University of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

"That's a 50 person trip, it's the largest group that we do, but it's the start of their year — they start their academic program early," Beiser said. "It's a really neat program, the director of the WWAMI program

came here from Jackson, Wyo., and he certainly did a lot of outdoor activities and things, and when he got here he didn't feel like just doing a barbecue for a group of students."

Beiser said this is just a portion of what is available for students at Outdoor Program. In early fall, when the weather is still warm, they offer water activities that include raft trips and visits to local lakes.

When the weather turns cold late in the fall, Beiser said the activities change but activities that fit the season will continue to be offered.

Beiser said early this fall he has plans for more rock climbing trips, backpacking trips and a mountaineering trip.

To accommodate the needs and wants of the student population, Outdoor Program took a poll on

what kinds of trips people were interested in taking.

"By popular demand, last spring we ran a Facebook contest: Name a trip, that you would like to see happen and one of them was an overnight flat water sea packing trip (kayaking trip Sept. 17-18), and so we are going to do that in the fall, probably on Lake Coeur d'Alene," Beiser said.

Beiser said he understands it can be a little intimidating walking into Outdoor Program when you see a long corridor, but hopes incoming freshman will give it a shot and find out all of the opportunities the program has to offer.

Students can learn more about the Outdoor Program from its website, Facebook or fliers posted around campus.

Football team beginning to take shape

With just one month remaining until the Idaho football team takes the field for the first time in its 2011-2012 campaign, the storylines are already starting to take shape.

Some of them are positive, like finishing the Kibbie Dome renovation, while some pose a question mark for coach Robb Akey's squad, like the lack of firepower from the offense.

All and all though, this upcoming season is shaping up to be an interesting one for Idaho faithful that may end up in a bowl appearance.

Here's what to look for:

1. Getting off on the right foot

For most current Vandals, the possibility for a bowl game is turning into somewhat of an expectation after the 2009 season when the Vandals finished the regular season 7-5, earning them a trip to the dreaded "smurf turf" in Boise and an opportunity to play Bowling Green in the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl. In arguably the most exciting football game in Idaho history, the Vandals walked away with a win and their first bowl victory since the 1998 season.

On Sept. 1, a familiar foe will help Akey's Army christen the newly renovated Kibbie Dome, as Bowling Green makes its second trip to the state of Idaho in three years. The Vandals, who opened last season with a 45-0 home victory against North Dakota State, will look to mimic that result into what should be a packed house.

2. The team's best 'Reader'

Any Vandal fan, athlete or coach, will tell people that when the team

steps out on the field this season, the biggest change will be the one under center. After four-year starter Nathan Enderle graduated last season, there was little speculation regarding who would replace him. Now for the second time in three seasons, Brian Reader will have to take control of the Idaho offense.



Madison McCord
Argonaut

Reader, a senior, has started two games for Idaho, both losses in 2009 when he came on at the end of the season for an injured Enderle. Reader is not without experience, though one of the two starts came in Boise against the Broncos. It will be up to

Reader this season to pull together a young group of wide-outs in an attempt to recreate the offensive ability last season's team had.

3. Who do we hate now?

There are many great rivalries in sports. Unfortunately Idaho isn't involved in any of them, that is unless you attend either Idaho or Boise State. This season will mark the first time since the series began in 1971 that the two foes will not head into battle against one another.

At the start of this season, the Broncos, who led a mass departure of teams from the WAC, will move to the Mountain West Conference to battle teams like San Diego State and Texas Christian University. This means the two schools won't be playing in the same conference, and by a decision down south, will not be using any of the team's remaining non-conference games to continue the rivalry.

Although the two sides may renew their hatred for the other in the future, for the meantime the Vandals have no rivals.

On a lighter note, here are a few more things to keep an eye out for this Vandal football season.

4. Just for kicks

Just because a kicker plays in a dome, doesn't mean he has a sub-par leg or questionable accuracy. In the case of Idaho kicker Trey Farquhar, it just makes him that much better. Farquhar, a junior on the Vandal squad, has been named to the Lou Groza Award watch list.

The award, which is given annually to the best kicker in college football, names 30 place kickers to watch. This can only mean good news for an Idaho offense that can be sure even if it doesn't get the touchdown, points should come from a lot of drives.

5. 'Gess' who?

This off-season was a busy one for Idaho football. Besides the fact that a record three players were selected in the NFL Draft, Akey had to make a few phone calls to replace some assistants who are hoping to find greener pastures outside of Moscow.

The biggest name that will be joining the Idaho sidelines will be former Tennessee Titans and Washington State quarterback, Jason Gesser. Akey announced June 30 the former Cougar will be joining the staff as the new running back coach, as well as a recruiter in the Inland Northwest and Hawaii, Gesser's home state.

Although running back is not the position that made Gesser famous in the Palouse, he knows the offensive game well and should be able to help a run game that averaged only 88 yards per game last season, good enough for 118th in the nation and second to last in the WAC, only ahead of San Jose State who finished with 78 yards per game.

Collegiate competition in a club

Sports clubs allow students to play any sport competitively

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Currently the University of Idaho offers 22 different sport clubs, but the number is not limited — any student can begin a club for a sport that doesn't already exist, even bowling.

Gordon Gresch, sports club director and manager of the Student Recreation Center, said starting a club is easy and once started, how the student runs the club is up to them.

"The program is designed to offer the collegiate competition experience," Gresch said.

Gresch, who started the program 15 years ago, said the students running the club can determine how much time will be spent, rather than having a coach tell them when and where they will compete. The only requirement is to compete against other universities.

He said students can do intramurals in-house or join ASUI clubs, and then competition with other schools is not required. The idea of the sport clubs program is to provide this higher level of competition that is not available in the other types of programs.

Once a sports club has been created, any student can join, from the new players who are just learning a sport to the experienced players who want to play but don't have another team as an option. Sports clubs give everyone the chance to shine.

Sports club teams participate in intercollegiate competition and conduct interclub activities, including practice, instruction, social and tournament play. The sports club program is designed to serve individual interests in different sports.

Gresch said some of the clubs are sports the university has a varsity team for but be-

cause of the demand to play, not everyone who wants to play can make the team. The club teams provide an opportunity for more athletes to play in sports like women's volleyball.

"There is such a need for it," Gresch said. "These gals are varsity level, some aren't, some didn't make varsity and this is a chance for them to still compete at the collegiate level."

Gresch said he has known of some players who joined a club as a freshman because they were interested in the sport and after a couple years in the club, they became some of the best athletes. Some of the most popular clubs are baseball, horse polo, rodeo and lacrosse, all of which bring in quite a few players and big audiences when they compete. The sports club teams play during the school year, but are off during the summer.

Gresch said that the sizes of clubs differ and this determines the amount of money the university will make available to the club. Each club is required to match the amount that the university gives them. They can do this through sponsors and fundraisers.

The university also guarantees there will be medical personnel available at every competition at the UI, Gresch said. This is intended to assure a safe environment for the players to compete.

Gresch said to join or start a club all students have to do is come into the SRC and acquire about the clubs or email him personally at Ggresch@uidaho.edu. They will then be directed to whom they need to talk to about the particular club or given the steps necessary to start their own.

Sport clubs are available to any part-time or full-time student with a valid UI identification card.



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Fresno State Bulldogs

After the departure of key players on the defensive side of the ball, it might be difficult to post the same number of turnovers the defense posted — forcing 13 only a year ago. The Bulldogs have some young players that can fill that void on defense, however, with the loss of four starters on the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Derek Carr will feel the pressure. Carr will have to make some quick decisions behind the line of scrimmage, while also looking for some key offensive threats in Jalen Saunders and Rashard Evans, who's combined stats as receivers total 886 yards and seven touchdowns. Fresno State will have an easy go in the WAC if the new starters can get a solid lock on the line of scrimmage immediately.

Hawaii Warriors

The largest issue for the Warriors at this point is whether they are capable of replacing their two leading receivers, leading rusher and numerous offensive linemen. There is some talent coming through at the line of scrimmage, but the big men up front will have to work hard to mesh together in order for this offense to succeed. Defensively, there is some young talent in the back positions, but they will need to make sure to have solid coverage in the back field or they will see pass-heavy teams shred through their secondary immediately. This will be the Warriors' last year in the WAC before joining Boise State in the Mountain West in 2012.

La. Tech Bulldogs

It is expected the Bulldogs will see some improvement from a year ago and there is a distinct possibility they could be a strong contender for the WAC title with Boise State out of the picture. Fresno State and Nevada will be the teams to beat this year, but don't expect other WAC teams to give La. Tech an easy go of things as they look to capitalize on a weak defense. If La. Tech is able to have some good showings versus some of the other teams in the WAC, the team could possibly make its way back to a bowl season for the first time in three years.

Utah State Aggies

The Aggies have a lot of offensive players returning from injuries that kept them laid up for the majority of the 2010 season. With improvements on the offensive side of the ball and a hope for more defensive production, their chance of competing for the conference championship is not out of the question. The Aggies need to have solid pass rushing,

and defense has to push for more sacks and turnovers if this team is going to have any semblance of success this year. The biggest worry for this team is how young the men in the secondary are. These new defensive backs are going to have to keep their eyes open or it is likely more experienced receivers will blow right past them.

Idaho Vandals

The Vandals are coming into this season looking to get back into bowl contention after their disappointing 6-7 showing following their bowl game victory against Bowling Green in 2009. They open the season with a rematch of that game, and despite the fact it isn't a conference game, QB Brian Reader and company will have to set the pace early if the team has any chance of making it back into bowl contention. With Boise State out of the picture it is possible that the Vandals will put up a good record, especially if they are able to handle San Jose State, BYU, Utah State and the most crucial win having to come against the Nevada Wolf Pack. Despite the loss of Shiloh Keo and Aaron Lavarrias in the secondary, the linebacker positions have some depth and will make key defensive stops for the Vandals this season.

San Jose State Spartans

The Spartans definitely have some experience under their belts after a disappointing season in 2010. They failed to win a single WAC game and finished with one win after battling in close games through their entire season. If the Spartans are able to find a solid player at the quarterback position, they may be able to string some wins together. They have some solid players that boast good game day experience. As long as the team stays hungry for wins they could be moving in the right direction for this season.

New Mexico State Aggies

The Aggies are devoid of players to help them take a step out from the depths of the WAC conference. Quarterback Andrew Manley might be able to put together some semblance of offense for New Mexico State, but he will have to make sure to hold onto the ball. The team's offensive line is solid but they will need some playmakers if it hopes to have a chance this season. On the defensive side of the Aggies' line has loads of experience, but that won't mean much for them if they can't find someone who is able to get some penetration in the backfield to make some plays. Like the Spartans, the Aggies are fighting an uphill battle to get out of the basement of the WAC but without the players to produce, the chances of this happening are slim.

JOE

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The Vandals may have been a menacing Germanic tribe that sacked Rome, but Jon Newlee, women's basketball coach, said Joe is also a sweetheart with children.

"He's at all the games. Little kids love him," Newlee said. "I've got a five-year-old daughter who just can't wait to go to the game to see Joe Vandal."

Popplewell said Joe is a fun-loving guy who always has a grin on his face that is jovial and welcoming, and looks like someone people would want to talk to.

But it's not easy being Joe. Popplewell said students spend hours in the hot and heavy suit, not only at games, but also at events he is constantly attending. The athletic department looks for spirited students and those willing to stick with it when filling the mascot suit.

James Miller, a member of UI's spirit squad, said

Joe Vandal is a beloved member of the squad.

"Joe is another way to help us connect with the student crowd. Everyone loves Joe and feels a connection to him," Miller said. "When we work so closely with him it helps to bring the crowd closer to the squad. It helps to shorten the gap between student and athlete."

The squad enjoys implementing Joe into their stunts and pyramids too.

"I don't know of many other universities that use their mascot as much as us. The crowd loves seeing Joe go up into the 'Joe Pyramid,'" Miller said. "It's not an easy thing to do since he's so tall and has unbelievably big shoes."

Murray said to sum it up, Vandals love Joe and he is a symbol of UI as a whole.

"Joe Vandal is the one running around cheering on the athletes," O'Brien said. "sitting with the students, playing tag with little kids during volleyball games at halftime, and wants to give everyone a high-five — four, in his case — or a hug."

LEADER

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better job throwing blocks after giving up 45 sacks in 2010, not the best statistic for someone directing offensive traffic.

The Vandals commence their season at home with a gridiron rematch against Bowling Green, who went 2-10 last season.

Although the stats favor the Vandals and Reader, he said he is a little nervous.

"It will be my first start in a year and half since the Boise game two years ago," Reader said.

In that start he had a less than impressive go around, completing 17 of 27 passes and giving up five picks.

"I kind of need a good redemption game, and I think that will be the game to where I can

kind of come back into my own and hopefully start a good season with this team," he said.

Reader may have that opportunity after two years of tutelage under his predecessor Nathan Enderle.

"He was really good about showing the right way to do things as a quarterback," Reader said. "It's not like we ever look back to the coaches, like during a play, we call everything on our own at the line of scrimmage, so just the way he slowed down the game for himself. He helped me in practice that you always teach constructively."

With that knowledge and being aware that he will be in full control at the line of scrimmage, Reader said he is certainly hopeful for a good season.

Reader's hopes may come to fruition with the balanced schedule, even if the Vandals face

match-ups against University of Nevada-Reno and Texas A&M at its home in College Station.

"Texas A&M might be a shellshock, but then again we played Nebraska last year," Reader said. "It will be a fun game, definitely, and a good experience for everybody."

As a non-conference match-up, the Texas A&M game may prove to be the most difficult for the Vandals, but Reader said he has his eyes on a different match up, and likely a more important one.

"As far as the Reno game, I know coach (Robb) Akey really wants to get after (them) this year and hopefully the game will come down to the WAC Championship," Reader said. "It's the last game of the year, and if we're both having a good season in the WAC, maybe that will be the game that decides it all."

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In four years that chunk of change will undoubtedly increase, and has the potential to nearly double and make the current annual bill go from \$5,856 to \$11,712. Despite the argument that the University of Idaho is fairly inexpensive in comparison to other schools, it will still cost students thousands of dollars in the end.

The cost alone can prevent some from obtaining higher education and others will be paying off the debt for several years following graduation. It is a gift to be able to attend college and it is important to take full advantage of it.

College is a chance to take classes that are interesting to each individual and not mandated by the school. It is a chance to join groups, organizations, play sports and be exposed to new cultures. It is a chance to meet the people who will become

lifelong friends. It is a chance to voice opinions and influence the operations of the university.

And most importantly, it is a chance to help push higher education forward — a move that's desperately needed.

New and returning students alike need to take advantage of what they're buying. It is more than an education, more than the best time of their lives, more than the next step. It is the future.

Students can't sit back and allow the service they are paying for to be hacked away by budget cut after

budget cut. They need to get involved, be aware of what is happening in their school's budget and most of all, they need to care about it.

It's your money. Don't waste it apathetically, worrying more about when and where to get drunk, blowing off numbers because they make your head hurt. It is not just your future — it is the future of higher education, the state and children.

This is your time. This is your money. This is your chance to make a change.

— ER

You're a Vandal now

The words of the Vandal Fight Song will more than likely become engrained in your brain during your time spent on the University of Idaho campus — you might even get tired of it.

But when you leave, it will be a song you'll never forget. Eventually you'll feel pride when you hear it and cheering out I-D-A-H-O with every other person who has ever attended UI will create a sense of unity and belonging.

It is not just about the words, melody or clapping and standing. It is about everything it represents, and it is really a small part of a bigger opportunity.

Some of the most important lessons learned in college are not taught in the classroom. They are lessons learned from service trips, joining groups and organizations that align with your beliefs, volunteering, and making friends. They come from the process of discovering yourself and finding an identity. It is a time in your life that you can never relive, get back or try again.

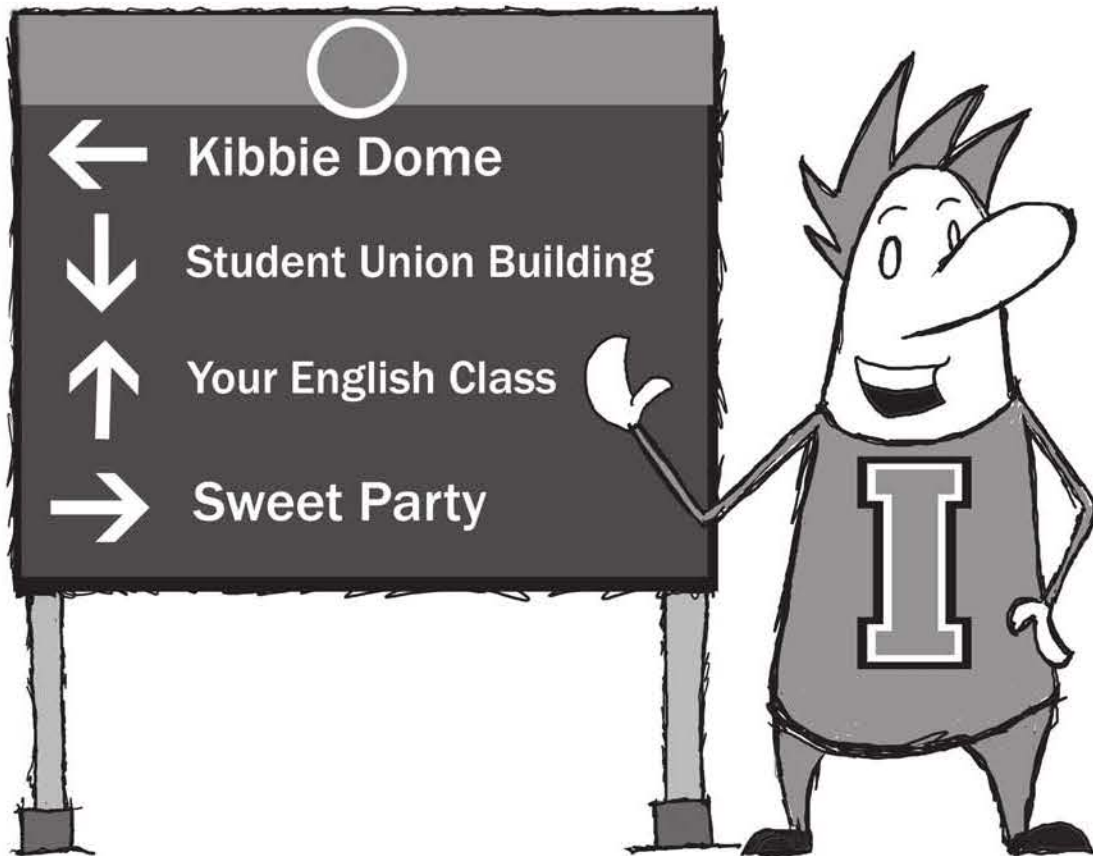
In the next four or five, maybe even six years, nearly every aspect of life can be altered, and probably will be. Majors will be changed, minors established and friends made. Some classes will be passed and others will be dropped the second day. Boyfriends and girlfriends will come and go, new Vandal gear will be sold, sporting events will be won and lost, and the budget will continue to increase fees and influence programs.

The years following college graduation are sure to be a whirlwind of different opportunities, and some may land you in places far from where you started. It's important to embrace this time, take advantage of all the opportunities you have now, and establish yourself on campus.

No matter where you end up, if you take advantage of the opportunities at hand, you can create an identity that will stick for life.



Elizabeth Rudd
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“New to the U of I campus? Helpful information signs will point you in the right direction!”

Eli Holland
Argonaut

You, uncensored

Freshman year is an opportunity to express who you are

Figuring out who you are is something many of us struggle with for years. When we're children in elementary school it's easier to be ourselves. As we're playing on the playground, there's no need to be ordinary and fit in, uniqueness comes naturally.

But the moment we hit junior high, life changes. It's no longer OK to be different — it's fit in or go home. Girls especially can be cruel, and high school is an environment where self-expression is squashed and similarity to peers is encouraged.

Going to college and getting out of the hometown where everyone knows your name is one of the best ways to find your true self and express it.

Although no time in life is free of judgment, it's acceptable to make mistakes and be crazy in college as you try to figure out who you want to be, which is something we should all be comfortable doing at any time, any place and all the time.

It's OK to flounder around and to not be sure of what you want to

do with the rest of your life. Eventually you do have to figure it out, but if that doesn't happen until later in your college career. It's all good.

This is the time to figure out who we are beneath the layers of masks we've put on to blend in and stay inside the lines. Forget the lines — color outside them. Better yet, forget the coloring book and express yourself in the way that feels best.

For me, finally shedding the chains of my past and being able to move on happened a few days ago in the form of creating a work of art to have tattooed on my shoulder. Butterflies to symbolize a new life and finally being able to fly.

Tattoos aren't for everyone, but for me I finally felt that I was ready to be thrown into the crazy world — I can handle it now without being dragged down by what I hadn't let go.

No longer be afraid of what others think, it's time to ignore the censoring voices and do what we want, be who we want — it's our time.



Rhiannon Rinas
Argonaut

Pride takes many forms at UI

Becoming a Vandal is something to be proud of. Many Vandals love to go to sports events dressed from head to toe in black and gold, while others prefer to show school spirit in other ways.

It's showtime

Students involved in the University of Idaho theater department and the Lionel Hampton School of Music work hard to develop talents in their chosen fields. Throughout the semester, these departments feature several events to entertain students, faculty and the community.

From smaller plays that feature a cast of about 10 or less to big productions such as "Grease" and "Urinetown," Idaho students handle everything from set and costume design to lighting and sound.

Music students practice all semester to bring well-

rehearsed choir concerts to campus. The school of music also features intimate concerts with individual performances by student guitarists, violinists, trumpeters and more.

Make a difference

ASUI provides many opportunities for students to make a difference in their local and global communities. Any student may seek involvement in student government to make changes and improvements to life on campus.

Students involved in ASUI make decisions about where to place funding received from student fees and through this funding, groups such as the UI Sustainability Center and the Women's Center are able to promote awareness and activism on campus.



Tanya Eddins
Argonaut

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Stoked for the Deathly Hallows

So, who else was in line for the midnight showing of Harry Potter? Wearing a cloak and glasses? Just me then?

— Anja

An inspirational performance

Darren Clarke's impressive performance at the Open Championship can only be surpassed by the amazing story of where he has been.

— Jake

Hey newbies

Just remember to keep your eyes off your feet. Be assertive and you'll do great.

— Rhiannon

It's that time

Oh man, I'm going to start my senior year in a month. Freshmen — you're all so lucky and I wish I were you. The next four years of your life are probably going to be epically awesome.

— Elizabeth

It bugs me

I'm not sure if it's the time of year or just a bad location, but my apartment is infested with bugs. I've found centipedes on the floor, spiders on the walls and even a black earwig crawling on me. If one day I just disappear, I've probably been eaten.

— Loren

Summer fun

Spent the weekend up at REO Rafting Company in British Columbia. Even though I got thrown from the raft and had to be rescued, I had a blast and highly recommend the company to anyone looking for a great adventure.

— Madison

My badness

My Off the Cuff is dedicated to Vicky, since I accidentally deleted her Off the Cuff text message on my 21st birthday. I heart Vicky Hart.

— Elisa

For the freshmen

College is a weird transition. It may be overwhelming at times, but hang in there because it's also going to prove to be one of the most exciting times of your life, filled with your fondest memories. Don't force yourself to make hard and fast decisions. It's OK to make mistakes. It's OK to change your mind — and your major — a lot. Because nothing's permanent. That way when somebody asks you what you want to be one day, you'll truly know.

— Britt

Going crazy

Two weeks in Belize should bring back my sanity ...

— Annah

Deficit not as unhealthy as the right wing believes

It seems that holding the American economy and the American people hostage is now a legitimate political strategy. Or so it appears, as the debt ceiling debates continue.

The issue is that the U.S. government will soon reach its legal limit for borrowing and we will no longer be able to take on loans of any kind. This means no selling Treasury Bonds and no loans from foreign governments. It also means the U.S. will be unable to continue borrowing money to pay off existing debts and America may be forced into default.

If you do not think about it for long (and if there's one thing the right wing in this country is good at, it's

superficial thinking) it almost seems reasonable. Force our government to stop borrowing and spending money it doesn't have. Unfortunately, the end result of this would be the deepest economic depression since the 1930s.

First the government would not have the money to send out Social Security checks. Treasury Bonds would become worthless and America's credit rating would drop. Since the dollar is backed by faith in the system and our government's ability to pay back credit, the value of the dollar would plummet and millions of Americans would be forced into poverty.

This is why every time the issue

is mentioned — the debt ceiling has always been raised. But now the Republican House of Representatives is holding our economy hostage. They have demanded massive spending cuts (which would only further slow our economic recovery) as well as unrelated legislation such as abortion restrictions. The Republicans believe they can use the impending economic collapse as an opportunity to push their agenda forward.

After all, if they don't pass the bill, all that will happen is a government shutdown. Republicans in Minnesota have already shown they're willing to allow the state government to close. What is a shutdown but the ultimate in small-government ideology?

But perhaps we give our conservative politicians the benefit of the doubt. Maybe they truly believe the

deficit is a danger to our country and must be lowered by any means necessary. In this case they are not ideologues but simply incorrect.

This is not, by percentage of GDP, America's largest deficit. That would go to Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, during and immediately after World War II. America recovered. We have also not seen the largest debt increase under President Barack Obama, as Ronald Reagan, George Bush and George W. Bush all saw larger increases by percentage of GDP.

Presidents throughout history have realized the deficit is not a threat to economic prosperity. Money borrowed by our government goes to ordinary people, who spend it on rent, food and consumer goods. The money keeps moving, busi-

nesses prosper and jobs are created. During tough economic times, the deficit has always gone up as the government borrows more to keep the economy moving. Eventually, prosperous times reduce it.

Attempting to force the government to stop spending is far more dangerous to our economic recovery. Money spent by the government creates jobs and ensures that Americans can live day to day. Failing to raise the debt ceiling might keep the deficit from going up, but it will also mean harder times for ordinary citizens.

The best measure of the economy is the number of Americans who can pay rent, find jobs and aren't in poverty. That's real prosperity. Everything else is just numbers. We cannot allow our economy to be destroyed in the name of an economic ideology.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

Scrutiny is universal

The hardships men and women endure on a daily basis overseas is unimaginable to those of us who have never been there. The physical, emotional and mental turmoil that results from combat is something that can only be understood by someone who has experienced it.

But that does not mean the entire military is exempt from scrutiny or accountability for their actions.

Army Private First Class Andrew Holmes, of Boise, is awaiting court marshal for his alleged role in the murder of civilians as part of "The Kill Team." This group of soldiers he was included in is being charged with these crimes during their tour in Afghanistan in 2010.

The leader of the team recently told the courts Holmes was not involved, but his court proceedings are still pending. Cpl. Jeremy Morlock is accused of leading the team, and was convicted in March with the murders of three civilians — not only of murdering them, but of dismembering and mutilating their corpses as well.

In one case, Morlock is accused of staging an attack on a 15-year-old boy to make it look like he had attacked them first. According to a Rolling Stone article about the inci-

dents, the boy's pinky finger was severed with medic's shears and kept as a trophy.

Other platoons are accused of having committed similar crimes, but have not been charged.

These and other incidents have been reported, yet barely make any waves with the general public. Horrific photographs of these events are online, with the soldiers smiling beside dead bodies.

Why aren't we outraged by these acts? Why aren't we concerned enough about our image overseas to make this a big story?

Individuals serving in the military are deserving of our thanks, respect and admiration — until it's proven that they aren't.

Every single one of us is human, and while the bravery of some soldiers cannot be overstated, those who are paid with U.S. tax dollars and commit acts like these need to be held accountable.

By the same token, so does military administration, which is just as responsible for holding these people accountable. Perhaps they are war heroes, but that doesn't exempt them from the crimes they commit.

And it shouldn't prevent us from holding them to the same standards to which we hold our peers.



Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Pushing out of the comfort zone

One of the most terrifying transitions I ever experienced was the shift from high school to the University of Idaho. I was more than thrilled to leave high school, however, going from a place I'd known my whole life to another where I hardly knew anyone continues to be intimidating.

Living on campus my first year at UI was something I wanted to avoid, but of course I ended up in the luxurious Theophilus Tower.

Looking back on my freshman year, I wouldn't have it any other way. In my first 10 months at UI, I made countless friends

because of dorm life.

The Argonaut was another helpful stepping stone into my "college-life" transition. Writing for the school newspaper on top of being a full-time student hasn't been easy, but I've had the time of my life writing and learning.

Thanks to my job as a reporter I've made new friends, improved my writing abilities and even earned some pocket change.

Running from one side of campus to the other in order to get from class to an interview in five minutes can definitely

cramp my style, but once my stories are done the feeling is so gratifying.

During my first year I learned not many people are aware of the student magazine Blot, which I've had the opportunity to write articles for.

Writing for Blot allowed me to improve my writing skills as well as gain some experience with multimedia, which is essential for any journalism career these days.

No matter how hard a student needs to push his or herself to become integrated in a group such as The Argonaut, ASUI or sports, it is worth the risk. I wouldn't change anything about my first year.

Pushing myself out of my comfort zone has been a great experience.



Molly Spencer
Argonaut

Learn traditions and pass them on

During the first few months of college, it is easy to be overwhelmed by feelings of homesickness, a busy schedule of classes and the constant rush of new names and faces.

As you wander around the unfamiliar campus searching for a classroom, it's easy to feel like you don't belong.

When the University of Idaho first opened in 1892, there were 30 students and two faculty members. Although the spring 2011 enrollment was 10,409, traditions have been handed down through generations of students that continue to make them Vandals.

The first tradition of the semester is the Vandal Walk and President's

Barbecue. The freshmen students meet at the Kibbie Dome and the UI marching band leads them to the Administration Lawn for a picnic meal.

It is the official Vandal Walk into campus, and in four years students will reverse their steps during the graduation procession.

The four (or five or six) years between these two traditions will be the best years of your life.

There are so many traditions to experience and places to explore at UI. Learn the lyrics of the fight song and sing along with fellow Vandals at a football game. Wear Vandal gear on Fridays. Attend the bonfire during Homecoming Week, and vote for a king and queen.

Walk through the arboretum and admire the hundreds of species of plants. Recognize and appreciate the alma mater even if you don't know the words.

Sit on the I Bench and be thankful seniors are no longer allowed to throw underclassmen into a fountain. Take pride in the university and in being a Vandal.

Embrace the history of the university to make your time at UI a true Vandal experience. Who was the first president to visit the UI and what tree was planted in his honor? Which statue on campus was once painted bright pink? These are facts and quirks about the university that you will grow to love and make UI feel like home.

Learn the traditions and become a Vandal.



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PRIDE

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Those in student government also travel to Boise and speak with legislators to advocate the importance of higher education in the state.

ASUI also provides opportunities for Vandals who are seeking volunteerism or involvement with various student clubs and organizations.

Vandal Entertainment, an organization within ASUI, offers students a break from studies by featuring movie nights at the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building. Vandal Entertainment also hosts concerts in the SUB ballroom that feature musicians and sketch and improv comedians.

Cultural understanding

Students from all around the globe study at UI. They come to gain cultural insight into the lives of American students and form student groups such as the African Student Association and the Indian Students Association.

Through these groups, multicultural students have the opportunity to host events in order to share their culture and educate students, faculty and the community about their homeland. Many of these events feature ethnic food, dance, music, booths that provide educational materials and they encourage conversations between American and international students.

Support local music

There are several places to enjoy music in Moscow, but one of the best ways is to see local shows. Moscow is known throughout the state for its progressiveness, and this is most evident when it comes to local musicians.

Many students are involved in the local music scene and students can attend local concerts to see their preferred genre, such as punk, electronic, experimental, folk and rock.

For underage students, there are several house shows held on and off campus to get a music fix. There are also open mic nights and concerts held at One World Café and Bucer's.

For students who are 21 or older, there are shows at John's Alley, a pub that brings traveling musicians from all across the U.S., and open mic nights are also held at some of Moscow's other bars.

While many students will enjoy celebrating a touchdown adorned in black and gold, there are a variety of other avenues for students to show their Vandal pride.

OUR NEW ~~STADIUM~~ PRACTICE FACILITY



Photo column by Jens Olson | Argonaut

After six months of being closed to the public, the Kibbie Dome is scheduled to open any time as a new practice facility. Wait ... no we didn't build a new up-to-date stadium that would put us on par with our peers. We decided to give our dome a facelift and re-bandage the problem of not having a proper facility for our athletic program. We should build a new stadium big enough to fit all the students who want to attend Vandal games and change the Dome into a practice facility and event space.

Speak Out

What's your opinion on the renovation of the Kibbie Dome?



"If it will benefit the student body and make seating more organized then it's a great thing. I'm excited we can have Finals Fest there this year."
Alex Rheault, Junior, Environmental Science



"I think it's pretty awesome, but a little excessive."
Nina Wong, Junior, Mechanical Engineering



"My overall opinion is that it is good that the school is updating facilities that are used a lot by students. However, I feel it is rather unfair to the rest of the school."
Rachel Faulkner, Graduate student, Chemistry

"I think it looks a lot better than it did before."
Logan Selleck, Junior, Marketing



"I think it's gone very well. It's been coordinated very well and it's gone efficiently ... Things are on schedule without any cost to quality."
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