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Left photo taken spring 2010 before exterior construction, right photo taken fall 2011 following completion of renovations. Complete construction took a total of three years and cost approximately \$28 million.

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## DOME'S DONE

Kibbie Dome renovation focused on public safety and fan experience

**Elisa Eiguren**  
Argonaut

Three years and approximately \$28 million later, the renovation of the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome is complete and the building will be reopened to the public today.

Chris Murray, vice president of University Advance-

ment, said the renovation project was divided into two main components: Public safety and fan experience.

Murray said the \$20 million public and life safety project consisted of two phases. The first phase was to replace the wooden steel wall with a non-combustible wall comprised of metal

framing and siding and translucent panels. A combination of state and university funding was used to pay for the public safety project, Murray said.

"The second phase was to do the east end wall and put up some translucent

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### Kibbie Dome construction

<b>3 YEARS</b> TOTAL FOR THE ENTIRE RENOVATION PROJECT	<b>\$28M</b> ON PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND FAN EXPERIENCE.	<b>100</b> DONORS THAT GAVE \$25,000 OR MORE
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## Welcome Vandals

Events planned to engage new and returning students

**Anja Sundali**  
Argonaut

From the University of Idaho to the Moscow community, from food to games and competitions to giveaways, Palousafest 2011 has it covered.

Palousafest, which starts at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 20 on Sixth Street between Line and Rayburn streets, will include more than 170 tables promoting different campus entities, student organizations and local businesses.

Christina Kerns, coordinator of Student Engagement at UI, has been organizing Palousafest for most of the summer.

"Palousafest started as a large-scale welcome to the university and the community in Moscow," Kerns said. "It's become so much more in recent years."

Palousafest, which has been welcoming students back to campus for more than 10 years, is an opportunity for the community to join together, Kerns said.

"It's a very unique coming-together of students, groups and community members," Kerns said. "People have put lots of effort into their tables and everyone will feel the energy once they're there."

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## Vandal ventures

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

**Elizabeth Rudd**  
Argonaut

Chantel Wilkes, a junior in international relations, said even though getting involved on campus is a scary process, every freshman is in it together.

"I think that it's great that they now force freshmen to live on campus because that's the best way to meet new people," Wilkes said. "Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone, it's what freshmen year is all about — getting outside your comfort zone."

A part of breaking out of an individual comfort zone is being open to new ideas, people and situations, said Pedee Ewing, a junior in agricultural systems management and plant science.



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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.

"The biggest thing would be keep your mind open because between social experiences, class experiences and university life you're going to be confronted with a lot of things..." Ewing said. "You might have a background that might

not have included some of the different things like that..."

Tony Kanagl, a senior in computer engineering, said regardless of preparation, it's important to go into college open to it being different than anticipated.

"Don't let any of your expectations guide what you actually do," Kanagl said. "Just go with the things that seem like a good idea as far as trying to balance your studying and social life."

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## FINDING A HOME ON GREEK ROW



Kyndall Elliott | Argonaut

Incoming freshmen socialize in the Student Union Building Aug 12.

## Registered sex offender exposes himself on campus

**Anja Sundali**  
Argonaut

A Pullman man was cited for indecent exposure and released by Moscow Police Department Aug. 11.

According to MPD, 49-year-old Marcus Payne allegedly exposed his genitalia to

women in the Moscow area on two separate occasions Aug. 10.

The first incident occurred mid-afternoon at Spring Valley Reservoir, approximately 30 minutes from Moscow. Payne reportedly exited his vehicle wearing a towel around his waist

and exposed himself to women swimming in the reservoir.

The second incident occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m. outside of the Alpha Gamma Delta house on Nez Perce Drive on the University of Idaho campus. Payne alleg-

edly exited his vehicle, exposed his genitalia to women outside AGD, and drove away. Both incidents were reported to MPD.

UI notified the campus of the incident the following morning,

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### Greek recruitment

SORORITY RECRUITMENT

**272**  
recruits in 2010  
**313**  
recruits in 2011

FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

**320**  
recruits in 2010  
**320\***  
recruits in 2011  
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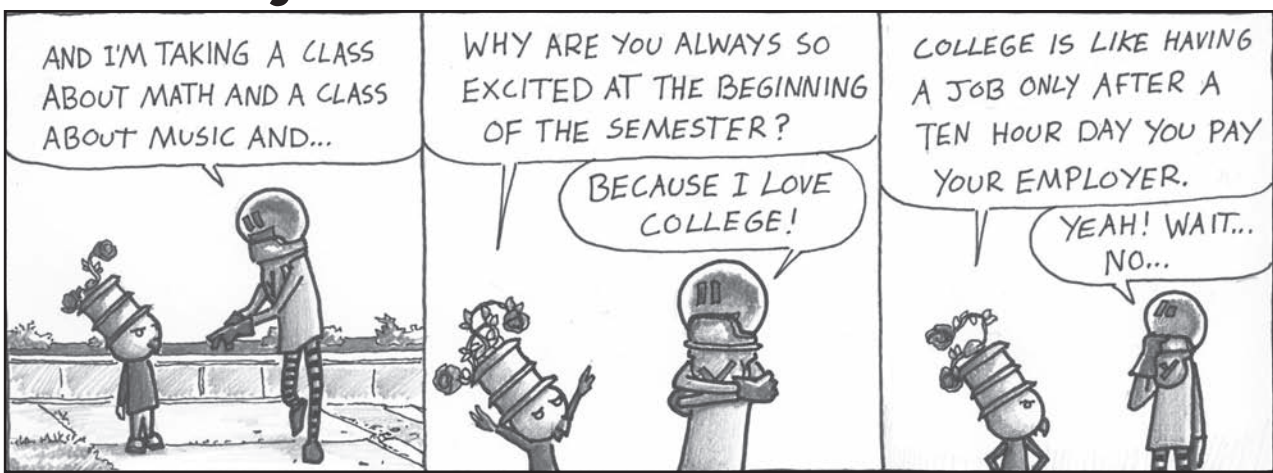


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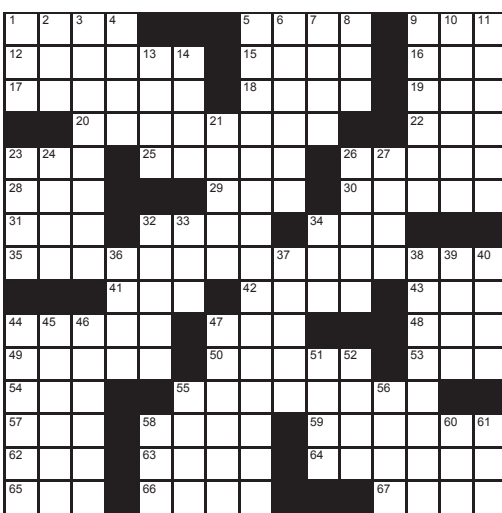


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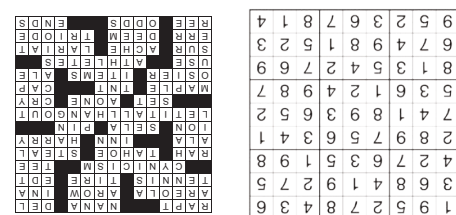
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## VANDALS

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He said it's important to not get caught up in too much partying because you can miss opportunities later on. In the same respect, Wilkes said freshmen should try to remember their roots as often as possible while becoming involved.

"Don't get so far away from who you were and what you believe yourself to be that you just jump off the deep-end," she said. "Because it takes a long time to find yourself again. We all kind of do it at some point, some of us wait until our sophomore year, some of us wait until our junior year, and we all kind of jump off of this cliff."

She said everyone needs their friends from home and their new friends, and it's important to stay in touch with that life. There are details about an individual that are wonderful when they come to college, she said, and just because there is a chance to become a whole new person doesn't mean the old person should be completely lost.

"The nice thing about college is there are 10,000 people on that campus — you don't have to have that one person like because there are a million other friends," Wilkes said. "That was one thing that I had to learn... If that person didn't like me, I could go find another person to like me because I was me."

**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 living in the dorms and becoming a member of Delta Zeta sorority helped maintain that comfort, she said.

"...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 freshmen year, I came up here and the recruitment process ... was scary a little bit at first be-

fore 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:** 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 advance placement classes in high school. Three years later, he said high school students cannot complain about teachers lecturing until they have taken a physics class with 150 other people where no one has the chance to ask questions, there is no 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 classroom atmosphere was different the workload is increased, and it took him a little while to develop a way to stay on top of homework to avoid cramming on Sundays. Even with the increased workload, Kanagl said he found the teachers to more helpful if students were willing to make the ef-

fort to ask for it.

One of the highlights of his education during 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 upperclassman 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 worked with engineering students his age since he lived 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.

The group also became the group that reintroduced Lamda Chi Alpha to the UI campus during his freshman year, and also 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 soror-

ity 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.

**Name:** Chantel Wilkes  
**Age:** 20  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** International Relations  
**Housing:** Theophilus Tower in Honors Hall  
**Hometown:** Rathdrum, Idaho

Chantel Wilkes had one motto when she left for college — she was ready to leave her hometown and high school class of 37 and embraces the changes she was about to face.

"I think I was just mentally ready for it. I was ready for college at the beginning of my senior year of high school, and I was ready to go out there and try it," Wilkes said. "And I think my open mind helped it a lot, and just finding friends quickly too because if I hadn't found friends quickly I think it would have seemed more daunting."

Wilkes said she went from having more girls on her floor and people on campus than in her graduating class and hometown. At times she said it was a little traumatic and overwhelming, but once she got in the groove she became involved with several different groups on campus.

"I just learned and made that mental shift — I'm going to a big place in my mind and I'm excited to be there," she said.

As a member of the Honors Program coming into school, Wilkes also quickly became involved with Ultimate Frisbee around campus, club volleyball and then in her second semester ASUI. Wilkes said having a good roommate and friendly people in the Theophilus Tower helped her adjust.

"The first thing that was fantastic was I made friends really quickly in my hall. My roommate was amazing," Wilkes said. "She was just a great roommate, she was easy to get along with and that just made a huge difference in my experience was having a good roommate."

Not only did she get along well with her roommate, Wilkes said the Tower is laid out perfectly to become social and meet new people.

"The Tower is laid out perfectly for freshmen because you have to share a communal bathroom so it's not like you can just shut yourself and never walk down the hallway," she said.

Meeting new people was not all Wilkes gained from living in the honors hall of the Tower, and she said it was the encouragement and advice from her adviser, Alton Campbell, that led her to join ASUI.

In her second semester, Wilkes decided to run for ASUI senator with Zack Goytowski, which she said was quite an experience.

"When you run, you have to go tour around all the different Greek houses and you have to go to all the residence halls, and you basically see hundreds and thousands of people within the few weeks that you're going to go there," she said. "You try to get more people to know your name than should ever probably know your name on campus, and that was a great experience."

Wilkes was an ASUI senator for fall and spring 2010, but because she is studying abroad in Japan this semester she said she decided not to run again. But she said it was this experience that confirmed her desire to pursue a career in politics.

"I'm an international relations major and my goal in life is to be a leader in the state or the country, or even just a city. I love leading," Wilkes said. "It's something I'm called to do, it's something I'm called to be involved in and I just think every person has a calling in their life and that's my calling."

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# Presidential Leadership Tour takes students across state

Anja Sundali  
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Some students leave school behind for the summer, but some take it with them.

Sam Chafe, ASUI President Samantha Perez and ASUI Vice President Juan Corona were just a few of these students. Chafe, Perez and Corona spent a week of their summer on the road with President Duane Nellis for his University of Idaho Leadership Tour.

Nellis's tour, which started June 24 and ended June 30, was an opportunity for Nellis to promote UI's mission, share its accomplishments, and discuss opportunities with university alumni, staff, students and friends across Idaho. This tour was a continuation of Nellis's "Listening Tour" from two years ago after he took office.

"The goal was to continue connecting with our statewide institution. Two years ago, on my first tour, I listened and learned. I took that feedback and it helped our leadership team in shaping our vision for the future," Nellis said. "This year, I wanted to share with our statewide stakeholders and constituents about the many ways in which we have worked to advance not only our institution, but the state."

The tour, which visited places such as Boise, Pocatello, Coeur d'Alene, Salmon and Arco, was also an opportunity for some students to learn about leader-

ship and promotion.

Chafe, who graduated in May with a degree in public relations, blogged about the tour on the president's website and gained experience in media relations.

"I learned a lot as far as my major goes," Chafe said. "I was able to follow Ysabel Bilbao, regional integrated communications officer, from media event to media event and shadow her. I also got to work with Joni Kirk in Northern Idaho. I learned a lot about the media."

Many events on the leadership tour manifested as alumni luncheons, dinners or "business breakfasts" in addition to multiple press appearances, Chafe said.

"I got a lot of positive feedback during and after the tour," Nellis said. "People around the state are understanding just how important the University of Idaho is to our state and the region, through our research and creative activities and through the generations of leaders we have educated."

Like Chafe, Perez said she also gained a lot from the tour.

"It was beneficial to me because I could see all the pride that we have across the state for the University of Idaho," Perez said. "It was exciting to see all the alumni come and support the president. It was exciting to hear their stories from when they were here."

UI has more than 70 physical locations outside of Moscow, and part of



Courtesy Photo  
University of Idaho President Duane Nellis, center, spends time with Wayne Ayers, left, and Amy Yacavace at the Caine Center in Caldwell this summer during Nellis' leadership tour of Idaho.

the tour's mission was to emphasize how connected Moscow is to the rest of the state, Perez said.

"I gained a greater appreciation for the state of Idaho, getting to travel to a lot of places around the state that people rarely go," Perez said.

Perez, who will be starting her first term as presi-

dent alongside Corona in the fall, said that this tour was a great way to start off their year in ASUI.

"This was my first big opportunity to represent the students of the University of Idaho, which I think is a great way to start my term as president," Perez said. "It was a really good opportunity for Juan and I to

get to know President Nellis. We got to start building really good relationships, which will benefit all of the student body."

To read more about Chafe's and Perez's experiences on the tour, Chafe's blog is available on the president's website at <http://presidentialtour.uidaho.edu>.

"I think all students and our university community should be proud to know how well-respected our university is and that a University of Idaho education both empowers and transforms our students to connect with communities as engaged volunteers and as future leaders," Nellis said.

## Smooth transition for College of Engineering

Associate Dean Larry Stauffer steps up as interim dean

Elizabeth Rudd  
Argonaut

Larry Stauffer has spent much of his tenure with the University of Idaho at the Boise extension campus, but two years ago he moved to the Moscow campus as the associate dean for the College of Engineering. Now, he will fill the empty dean slot left by Don Blackketter.

Following a formal search, Stauffer was officially announced as the interim dean for the College of Engineering in late July after former Dean Blackketter left to take a job with Montana Tech, said Doug Baker, UI provost and executive vice president. There were four finalists, which Baker said were strong, but Stauffer "came out on top."

"I think he's well respected by the faculty and staff. He has good relationships with folks. I think he communicates well," Baker said. "He's also had experience with external folks, like the advisory board and donors and been effective with those relationships."

Baker said Stauffer's longevity with the university and years he spent working around the state also contributed to his qualifications. In addition, Stauffer also had the advantage of being in the dean's office as associate dean, and therefore had an understanding of the dean's role and where the college was headed, Baker said.



Larry Stauffer

"I think it's going to be good. He's, as I've said, he's an excellent communicator," Baker said. "He knows the direction that the college is on and is going work to continue to move it forward. I think his background and experience is really going to lead forward."

Stauffer said he initially started studying engineering because he had friends who were in the program at Virginia Tech. He continued on to earn his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and master's in agricultural engineering, and complete his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Oregon State University.

"Then after school I worked at Westing-

house on product design and I just loved that and all the creative parts, and so I just kind of stuck with it," Stauffer said. "Then when I was at Westinghouse I was in charge of a large seminar series and started teaching some classes to the technicians and stuff, and I enjoyed that constructional part so that's what got me thinking about being a professor."

Stauffer was hired by UI in 1987 and has previously worked at the Moscow campus, Boise extension as well as around the state, he said.

Stauffer said he's excited to complete projects that he started with Blackketter and continue to move the college forward during his time as interim, which could be anywhere from six to 12 months long. One project in particular is the new customer service based model for the college and the completion of the "Think Tank," the new engineering student center.

"I like working with people and I like helping them figure out their careers," Stauffer said. "Help them figure out what makes them happy and successful, so I'm looking forward

to that aspect as well."

During the next few months, Stauffer will also be responsible for helping new staff members adjust to the College of Engineering, he said.

"We've also got five new engineering faculty this fall and six transferring from Idaho Falls to Moscow next fall so getting these folks up and running and properly mentored that's going to be a big task I'm looking forward to working on," Stauffer said.

Stauffer said in the next year he will also emphasize development within the college and external constituents. He has already begun traveling to meet with alumni and provide on updates about the college, and more is planned for the rest of the year.

Even with the step up and vacant associate dean position, Stauffer said the transition has been smooth and tasks have been delegated throughout the college to compensate for the change in staff.

"Everybody's been very supportive and we've been working together pretty well, so it's actually been very smooth, except for more work (without an associate dean)," he said.

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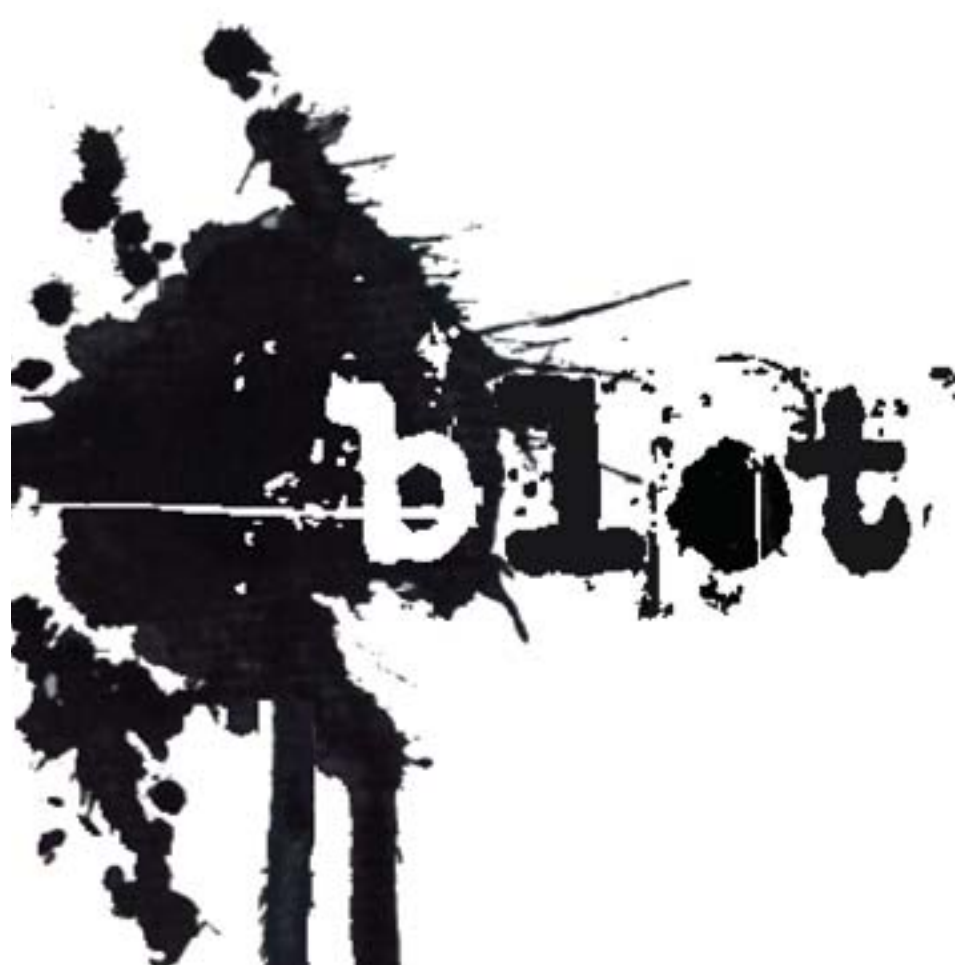
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# Lock your bike

Bike thefts becoming more common on campus

**Dylan Brown**  
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Bicycles are a common sight on college campuses, because they are often the most economical form of transportation for students.

With bikes, however, comes the problem of bike thefts.

Moscow Police Department and University of Idaho campus officer Lt. Dave Lehmitz said a steady stream of stolen bicycle reports come in throughout the year.

Lehmitz said most of the thefts occur when an owner leaves a bike unchained somewhere, usually for a long period of time, until the owner realizes it's not there anymore.

"That's pretty much the standard thing," Lehmitz said. "What happens is most people leave their

bikes throughout the year. Then we got winter hitting and they all of a sudden go back in the spring-time and say, 'Oh my gosh, my bike is gone.'"

The reports, if not the thefts themselves, spike toward the end of the school year, he said.

"We usually take quite a few bike theft reports toward the end of the (spring) semester and into the summer," he said.

The summers are usually quiet in terms of bike theft, but UI Director of Emergency Management and Security Services Matt Dorschel said it's still always a good idea to lock up bikes.

"Because we traditionally have had a very safe campus, people choose not to secure their bikes with a lock," Dorschel said.

Lehmitz also warned that the more expensive the bike, the more likely it is to be stolen. For fancy, full-suspension mountain bikes and top-of-the-line road bikes, Lehmitz said he recommends locking the bike with a sturdier lock and chain or inside.

Students living in residence halls have the opportunity to store their bikes in the basements of Theophilus Tower and the Wiley and Gooding wings of the Wallace Residence Center. Living Learning Communities students should talk to their resident assistants about finding a safe place to stow their bikes.

Lehmitz said he suggests any bike owner, even the ones with \$50 Walmart specials, should go downtown to register their

bike with MPD. The \$7 sticker greatly increases the chances of getting your bike returned to you. License forms can be picked up at the MPD office in the Idaho Commons, next to the information desk.

Stolen bikes are frequently abandoned. An abandoned bike spotted around town by police can almost always be returned to the owner if it has been registered, Lehmitz said.

Without the license, a bike found abandoned by police usually goes unclaimed. With a stockpile of unclaimed bicycles, the police hold bike auctions throughout the year. The auctions this year are online, and Lehmitz said students should be on the lookout for the next one coming up at the end of September.



Alejandra Aguirre | Argonaut

Locking up your bike greatly decreases the chances of it being stolen.

## UI features 'Big Burn' as freshman Common Read

**Summer Christiansen**  
Argonaut

More than 100 years ago Moscow was just south of the largest forest fire in American History.

The fire, known as the "big burn," burned from Eastern Washington through Northern Idaho and into Western Montana, and is the subject of this year's Common Read at the University of Idaho.

UI will be featuring "The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America," by Timothy Egan as part of this year's new student orientation.

The Common Read Program is designed to help prepare incoming freshmen intellectually and academically for their first semester at UI. Students are expected to read the book by the start of classes because ideas from the book will be used in CORE curriculum classes and orientation activities throughout the semester.

"This is the first opportunity that new students have to engage with faculty and staff on an intellectual level," said Katherine Aiken, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. "It's an introduc-

tion to the university process."

This year's Common Read was chosen out of approximately 140 books nominated by faculty and students. Aiken was one of five that nominated "The Big Burn."

"I think people chose that book because it has a local connection. It is really relevant to all of our disciplines and it's a good read," Aiken said. "Readability was certainly one of the things we talked about."

Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said this is a compelling book and attracted the attention of the Common Read committee for multiple reasons.

"I think that in simple terms we look for a good story, something interesting," Pitman said. "We don't want to pick a book that's simply dry and stale."

Pitman said the committee wanted to choose a book that deals with multiple themes and issues that can be related to a number of academic disciplines. The Com-

mon Read choice needs to be one that can be used during orientation and classes, Pitman said.



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"We can pick something that's very narrow, but we won't be able to find people who are willing to be discussion leaders," Pitman said. "It needs to be translatable and usable."

Both Pitman and Aiken said they feel this book was attractive to the committee because of its regional history, colorful and interesting characters and stories, and its topic, which is one that resonates today.

"We still have arguments and debates about common usage of common lands," Pitman said. "We still have fire in the West and fire is still a dominant force in our public land."

Timothy Egan, who won the National Book Award for "The Worst Hard Times," wrote this book about the 1910 wildfire known as "The Big Burn" and the creation of the U.S. Forest Service. "The Big Burn"

consumed three million acres in Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Egan tells his tale through overworked rangers, Buffalo Indian Soldiers, college men, day workers and immigrants from mining camps, as well as through the story of President Theodore Roosevelt and his chief forester Gifford Pinchot.

"I think (Egan) did a very nice job of telling a compelling story of our history," Pitman said. "He focused on the consequence of the fire, which was basically a redefinition of the U.S. Forest Service and how we in the West treat public fire."

Students will have a chance to meet Egan when he visits UI at the beginning of the semester.

"This year we have the opportunity for the author to come and visit some classes," Pitman said.

Egan will give a public lecture at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Student Union Building ballroom.

"I'm especially pleased for when Timothy Egan is here," Aiken said. "He is very charismatic and interesting in a lot of ways."



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# Mark Runsvold returns to Moscow a winner

Dylan Brown and Madison McCord  
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 leftover.

Runsvold, a Boise native and senior in international studies at the University of Idaho, is \$154,300 richer after five days on the Jeopardy! set. Runsvold, who won four straight days on the show was defeated by Brian McEntee, an academic adviser from Arlington, Texas.

During his five games, Runsvold averaged

\$30,760 per game and answered 42.6 percent of all the questions asked correctly. He also answered four of five Final Jeopardy! and 88 percent of the Daily Double questions correctly.

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, Runsvold said. 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 as the taping continued.

"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-in-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."

"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 college, Runsvold said he 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 even received a few marriage proposals, but his new found 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."



Mark Runsvold

## Economists see growing risk of global recession

Christopher S. Rugaber and Derek Kravitz  
Associated Press

Discouraging economic data from around the globe have heightened fears that another recession is on the way.

Fresh evidence emerged Thursday that U.S. home sales and manufacturing are weakening. Signs also surfaced that European banks are increasingly burdened by the region's debt crisis and sputtering economy.

The rising anxiety ignited a huge sell-off in stocks that led many investors to seek the safety of U.S. Treasuries.

Economists say the economic weakness and the stock markets' wild swings have begun to feed on themselves. Persistent drops in stock prices erode consumer and business confidence. Individuals and companies typically then spend and invest less. And when they do, stock prices tend to fall further.

"A negative feedback loop ... now ap-

pears to be in the making" in both the United States and Europe, Joachim Fels and Manoj Pradhan, economists at Morgan Stanley, said in a report Thursday. Both economies are "dangerously close to a recession. ... It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance."

The risk of a recession is now about one in three, according to Morgan Stanley and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Among the worrisome economic signs: — A survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia shows that manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic region contracted in August by the most in more than two years. The steep drop, on top of a smaller decline in a New York Fed survey this week, means U.S. manufacturing probably contracted in August, economists said.

It would be the first decline since July 2009 — a worrisome sign because manufacturing has been a key source of U.S.

growth in the two years since economists say the Great Recession ended.

— U.S. home sales fell in July for the third time in four months, the National Association of Realtors said. Sales dropped 3.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.67 million homes. That's far below the 6 million homes that economists say must be sold to sustain a healthy housing market.

Sales are lagging behind last year's pace — the weakest since 1997. "There seems to be a correlation between the stock market and home prices," said Andrew Davidson, a New York-based mortgage industry consultant.

— In Asia, Japan's exports fell for a fifth straight month. The world's No. 3 economy has fallen into a recession since its earthquake and tsunami in March. Its weakness is contributing to the global slowdown.

— Consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in July, mostly due to more expensive

gas and food. The "core" price index, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 0.2 percent. The higher prices add to the burdens for Americans already squeezed by stagnant pay, though economists don't expect prices to rise much further. And gasoline has fallen this month.

Investors are also growing more anxious about Europe's sputtering economy and its leaders' ability to resolve the debt crisis. European bank stocks accelerated their fall Thursday.

European banks are being forced to pay more for the short-term loans they need to finance day-to-day operations. Some with heavy exposure to the debts of Greece and other weak countries are relying on loans from the European Central Bank because other private banks are reluctant to do business with them.

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# You don't know SHIP

Preparing for emergencies: 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.

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

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 by 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 urgent 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 many 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 UI, 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 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."

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# Opportunity for change

ASUI plans a remodel for their office to encourage student involvement

**Molly Spencer**  
Argonaut

Former Director of Student Engagement Jennifer Fountain was 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 as part of her position in Student Affairs, she acted as a liaison between student voice and administrative positions. To do this, she said she advised Perez and Corona, helped to meet their needs and navigated UI expectations that revolved around larger requirements, such as buildings, furnishings, architecture and lighting.

Fountain said her role was 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 in students outside of 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 the organization.

"So 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 the first part of 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 right 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 an interior design graduate, 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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## DOME

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put up some translucent glass," he said. "It looks much better, but it was based on safety and making sure it was up to code."

Several changes were made to make sure the Dome was up to par concerning fire and safety regulations, Murray said. Field level emergency exits were added along the south wall, as well as new handrails in the stair aisles. A new smoke exhaust system was installed along with improvements to current fire detection systems and four acres of fire sprinkler coverage.

The public safety component was only one aspect of the renovation, and Murray said \$7-8 million was privately funded to improve what he referred to as fan experience.

"We had 100 donors that gave \$25,000 or more for the project, along with a whole host of other donors that also gave to the project," he said.

Murray said moving the press box and creating club rooms and seating were all part of the fan experience improvement project.

A new press box is located on the north side of the Kibbie Dome, and the old one is now the Bud and June Ford Club Room. A new President's Suite and eight additional suites were also constructed and club seating replaced existing seating at the top of sections five and six. People who have access to suites or club seating also have access to the club room. Although there is now less seating than prior to the renovation, Murray said it is not a concern.

"There is reduced seating but it's still over what it takes to qualify for the NCAA, which is what's important," he said.

The reason for the length of the renovation, Murray said, is that UI had to go through the process of getting approval from the Idaho State Board of Education and also raise money to pay for the project.

Fundraising for projects, like the Kibbie Dome renovation, is a concept that Murray said is relatively new to the university.

"The projects that we are going to want to get done that really add value to the students and to the university are going to have to be partnerships from private donors and corporations to make it possible to do what we want to do to improve the university," Murray said.

Although the deadline may have been tight, the process was smooth because of the effort of people in facilities and athletics, Murray said.

"A lot of people worked hard to get it finished and we knew we had a date we had to hit," he said. "Really the heroes of this project are our donors and the facilities people who made it happen."

The Kibbie Dome is the building where many UI students start their career as a Vandal and it is also the place where they end their career during graduation. As an iconic building for students on campus, Murray said it is important to keep the Dome upgraded and hopes the renovation encourages students to attend home games during their time as a Vandal. The remodel will change the nature of the Kibbie Dome and make it a first-class place to play football, Murray said.

"It's very impressive and really brings the Dome up to the level of many of our peers and makes it even better in some instances," he said. "There is some seating in the Dome that is phenomenal and it's a way to show that the university is always achieving excellence, whether it is in the classroom or on the athletic field."

The grand reopening of the Kibbie Dome will start with a Vandal football scrimmage at 7 p.m. today. Kibbie Dome tours will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and the first Vandal football game will be played at 6 p.m., Sept. 1. But Murray said students should remember the renovation isn't just about sports.

"The Jazz Festival is in the Dome, commencement is in the Dome," he said. "A lot of activities happen in the Dome, so it's important that we bring it up to speed and make it viable for the coming decades."

## WELCOME

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Palousafest is sponsored by the Idaho Commons and Student Union, and will feature other events such as a pie-eating contest sponsored by Shari's Restaurant and Pies and a burrito-eating contest sponsored by Qdoba Mexican Grill. In addition, there will also be a hair-feather station and the Original Butt Sketch artist will be returning to Palousafest.

First and foremost, however, Palousafest is a place for students and community members to share their passions.

"There's going to be a lot of information available and students will have the ability to make connections to people with similar interests," Kerns said.

With an estimated 3-5,000 students expected to be in attendance, it shouldn't be difficult to make connections.

Palousafest tabling ends at 7 p.m. but festivities will continue on Theophilus Tower lawn with a free concert from nationally touring bands We Are Scientists and Ra Ra Riot. The concert is sponsored by ASUI and Vandal Entertainment.

For incoming students, there are even more ways to get involved in the Moscow community or on campus. Before Palousafest, new students will have the opportunity to participate in Serving Your New Com-

munity, or SYNC, as part of new student orientation.

The program, which is in its second year, allows students to start their Vandal career with a half-day of community service at any of 18 different community organizations. Bruce Mann, ASUI Volunteer Center coordinator, said the goal of SYNC is to instill a sense of community and service into new students.

"One is for students to have some service and really instill the institution and value of service and civic engagement right from the start, and really get them connected with the local community," Mann said. "We want them to feel that they are now members and citizens of the greater Moscow community, and this is a great opportunity to get civically engaged while getting to know one of our many community programs."

Among the participating organizations in SYNC are community programs Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, the Salvation Army, Backyard Harvest and local public schools. New students who want to participate will meet on Theophilus Tower lawn at 9 a.m. and can choose between the many volunteer opportunities available. Mann said as soon as each organization has enough participants, they will move to the service site and work until 12:30 p.m.

"We have a wide variety of partners with a wide variety of so-

cial issues they address, from environmental and sustainability to security, education, aging," Mann said. "We like to give students options."

Last year's SYNC program attracted more than 150 student participants, and this year Mann is predicting anywhere from 500-700 students. SYNC is sponsored by the Latah County Community Foundation, ASUI, PCEI and Gritman Medical.

After students have finished their SYNC projects, UI Campus Recreation is hosting an All Campus Rec Fair from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the Student Recreation Center lawn as part of the new student orientation. Incoming and returning students will have the opportunity to learn more about Campus Recreation programs, participate in activities and games, and get a tour of the Student Recreation Center and the rock wall.

Butch Fealy, director of Intramural Sports, said the rec fair is an opportunity for students to find a new activity at college.

"Our goal is to welcome students back to campus and introduce new students to some of the activities we have, not just out and about campus but also who we are and what we do," Fealy said. "Get them active, get them participating and having a good time. We want to get students comfortable in a new setting."

### More info

Information about activities can be found online at <http://www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/orientation>.

## EXPOSES

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Aug. 11. A press release and email were sent to students, professors and university employees containing a description of Payne and his vehicle, a 1992 gold Ford Explorer with Oregon license plates.

Lt. Dave Lehmitz of MPD

said the actions the university took lead the police to find Payne.

"Payne's car was found by a university employee named Stuart Robb," Lehmitz said. "He received the description from the university and saw his car parked in Moscow. This guy deserves a pat on the back."

Lehmitz said Payne is a registered sex offender in Washington

state and has been cited for offenses before.

"This was an unusual and unfortunate event, but everyone — the police and UI security — took the correct steps to ensure the safety of the students and the quick release of information," Lehmitz said.



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## Losing an asset: Director of Student Engagement leaves

**Molly Spencer**  
Argonaut

Former Director of Student Engagement Jennifer Fountain's move from the University of Idaho to Southern Oregon University is a loss of an important asset, said Samantha Perez, ASUI president.

"Jennifer was such a great adviser," Perez said. "We don't have an interim adviser so we're just going to keep moving forward."

Fountain, whose last day was Aug. 5, recently accepted the position of director of Student Life at Southern Oregon University. Perez said ASUI has other professional staff, such as coordinators, who act as advisers as well.

"Nothing will change, we'll do everything that we've always done and all

of our projects will still happen without Jennifer, we're just losing a really big resource," Perez said.

She said that students involved with ASUI are sad to see their most recent adviser leave, but they are still working hard in her absence.



Jennifer Fountain

"From a student's perspective it's never fun to not have an adviser," Perez said. "It's a really great opportunity for ASUI students to kind of make decisions on our own, you know, work together and come together as a team. It's hard that she's gone."

Denise Carl, coordinator of Leadership Programs, said Fountain was a good advocate for students and professional staff at UI.

"I think that loss will definitely be felt

in the long term while we don't have a director in place," Carl said. "The assistant vice provost of student affairs will be filling in with her absence."

Carl said one of Fountain's great qualities was her willingness to drop in the ASUI office and give advice and ask students questions.

"She was the adviser for student government and I think one of the things I'm most concerned about for Idaho is the important role that student government does play on campus," Carl said.

Carl said she believes the university has strong student leaders. She said she expects Perez and ASUI Vice President Juan Corona to face some challenges, but will be getting support from all of the professional staff involved in ASUI.

But, she said it is always nice to have that immediate go-to person.

"I definitely think we'll be OK and all of the programs will continue to offer good support to the students," Carl said. "I think one of Jennifer's really strong suits was working on a brand and mission and vision for our department and I think we were making some really good headway as far as that goes."

Carl said her understanding is that the plan is to fill the position as soon as possible.

"Jennifer is super nice, really personable and really cares about people so we're definitely sad to see her go," she said.

Carl said she also understands the personal and professional reasons as to why Fountain resigned.

"As cliché as it sounds, I'm sad to see her go but excited for her new opportunities that she's getting to pursue," she said.

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Defensive tackle Michael Cosgrove, center, leads defensive ends Marius Burgsmueller, left, Jesse Davis and other defensive teammates at the start of practice Thursday evening at the SprinTurf. The Vandals were picked to finish sixth in the WAC and open this fall Sept. 1 in the new Kibbie Dome against non-conference opponent Bowling Green State University in a re-match of the 2009 Rody's Humanitarian Bowl.

## Vandals picked sixth

### Idaho looks ahead, despite preseason polls

Anthony Saia  
Argonaut

Adversity isn't new for the University of Idaho Vandal Football team.

The team has had four head coaches within the past ten years, not to mention last year's disappointing season after coming off the Humanitarian Bowl win of 2009.

To the public, things haven't gotten much better. Projections were bleak for the Vandals, who were predicted to finish in the sixth slot this year in a conference made up of only eight teams.

Looking at these numbers, despite the departure of Boise State from the football schedule, might be what is best for this Vandal team.

There are a few things that the Vandals really need to bank on this year. With one less WAC game than the year before, every conference win is essential.

Former Vandal Nate Enderle is on his way to the Chicago Bears, leaving quarterback Brian Reader with the opportunity to step up and not just

fill Enderle's cleats, but take what he learned under his tutelage and put it to use on the field.

Reader will have to find his footing early, especially since his last official start was a dismal one. Throwing five picks against a very hungry Boise State team, is something he will be looking to remedy as he takes the field against WAC competitors.

In preseason workouts Reader has shown promise, but it will come down to whether he can produce on the field.

In addition to production from Reader and the offense, the Vandal coaching staff has an opportunity to prove something as well.

The Vandal football program brought in former NFL quarterback Jason Gesser, who should be familiar

with Moscow already – especially since he lived only ten minutes away during his WSU stint as a student and player, merely eight years ago.

Despite what the team has going for it, they still sit behind Hawai'i, Nevada, Fresno State, Louisiana Tech and Utah State.

The Vandal football program is flourishing. Having seven players picked up, even after a losing season, says something about this Vandal team and its staff. They definitely put in the work to succeed – it just needs to translate on the playing field.

Ultimately, what it all comes down to is performance for the Vandals – and maybe a little bit of luck.

#### Where to watch next

The Vandals will hit the turf inside the newly renovated Kibbie Dome at 7 p.m. Friday for their last scrimmage before the first game of the season against Bowling Green State University Sept. 1.

## Women have tough road ahead

Madison McCord  
Argonaut

As if finding four new starters wasn't hard enough, the University of Idaho women's basketball team has been dealt a daunting schedule for this season, which includes games against nine teams who advanced to postseason play last year.

The season, which starts on November 4 in an exhibition game against Warner Pacific, is highlighted by a visit from Gonzaga University on Nov. 17, a game that will be played in Memorial Gym.

The Bulldogs, one of four NCAA Tournament teams that the Vandals will face this season, advanced to their first Elite Eight in last year's tournament under the leadership of players like Courtney Vander-sloot, who was selected

third overall in the 2011 WNBA Draft.

Last season, Idaho made the trip up to Spokane to play Gonzaga, a game that they lost 93-62.

The Vandals' schedule doesn't get any easier after the GU game, as the team travels up to Missoula, Mont., to play the Montana Grizzlies who are another NCAA Tournament qualifier from last season.

Other non-conference games include visits from the University of Washington, Carroll College and Wyoming. The Vandals will also head to Albuquerque, N.M., for the University of New Mexico Tournament, as well as a second trip to Missoula for the Montana Tournament.

Idaho's Western Athletic Conference season starts

SEE TOUGH ROAD, PAGE 6B



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Vandal guard Keri Arendse dribbles away from Boise State guard Kati Isham Jan. 22 in the Cowan Spectrum. Arendse and the Vandals never trailed in the 68-48 blow-out win over the rival Broncos.

## Farquhar makes Lou Groza Award watch list

Charles Crowley  
Argonaut

The Lou Groza Award is handed out each year to the best college football kicker in the nation, and this year, Vandal kicker Trey Farquhar is on the watch list.

Since being established in 1992, the Lou Groza Col-

legiate Place-Kicker Award has become the most prestigious college football award for kickers.

"Quarterbacks strive for the Heisman Trophy, and kickers, we strive for this award," Farquhar said.

Previous winners of the award include Martin

Gramatica, Sebastian Janikowski, Nate Kaeding, Mike Nugent, and Graham Gano, who all went on to be NFL kickers. Last year, Farquhar put 18 field goals through the uprights, breaking the University of Idaho's record for most made field goals in a single year.

He also put 40 out of 41 extra points through and was fifth on the field goal percentage list last year. These stats have earned Farquhar a spot in the final 30 players on the watch list for the prestigious award and he is honored to be there.

"Aside from all-conference kicker, the Lou Groza Award is the only award out there for kickers and it's a huge one," Farquhar said.

Farquhar didn't always play football, he actually started where many kickers do – on the soccer field. A soccer coach in high school influenced him to switch to football.

"He said, Trey, if you want a really good shot at a sports scholarship for college, you should go try out for the football team as a kicker," Farquhar said.

Farquhar took that for what it was worth and tried out for the Redlands East Valley High School football team. He became the kicker for the Vandals in 2009 as a freshman and shined right away.

As a freshman, Farquhar earned second-team all-Western Athletic Conference honors for his efforts and made Idaho's fourth longest field goal ever – 54 yards. After being closely watched throughout the season, the 20 semi-finalists for the award will be announced in early November and the winner will be announced at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show in Orlando, Fla., in early December.



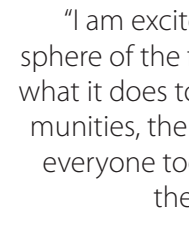
## What are you excited about for Vandal athletics this year?

Jake Dyer  
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"I'm excited to see campus come together and support all of our teams. Our Vandal pride really overshadows a lot of other schools."

Jeff Heath  
Junior, Business marketing



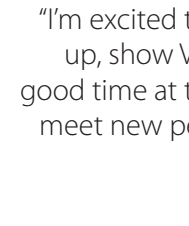
"I am excited about the atmosphere of the football season, just what it does to campus, the communities, the families ... its brings everyone together and kicks off the year the right way."

Emily Nash-Gray  
First-year MFA grad student



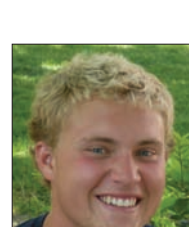
"I am really excited to see the spirit that happens here with the Vandals, it was different at my undergrad, so I am excited to see how much more pumped people are here ... and to see us win."

Tiffany Flory  
First-year MFA grad student



"I'm excited to go to town, paint up, show Vandal pride...have a good time at the sporting events, meet new people – all that jazz."

Jaxon Shoop  
Sophomore, Accounting



"It's awesome to see the Vandal soccer team really improve with the incoming freshman players. I am stoked to see them play throughout the season."

Casey Silveria  
Junior, Finance and Economics



Nick Groff | Argonaut

Vandal kicker Trey Farquhar practices on-side kicks at the beginning of practice Thursday evening on the SprinTurf. Farquhar is on Lou Groza Award Watch List that recognizes the best college kickers.

# A new leader in the water

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

When the University of Idaho swimming and diving team hits the water this fall, it will be under a new head coach as Mark Sowa takes over the program.

Most recently the head coach at Wagner University, Sowa said he believes UI is ready to put forth the effort to be a contender.

"They want a winner, they are going to throw as much resources at this as they can be-

cause they want to be good and they want the student athletes to have a tremendous experience," Sowa said. "They want to be able to compete at the upper Escalon of the conference and to me that was exciting."

Before coaching at Wagner for three years, Sowa had coaching experience with Harvard, Maryland, Richmond and Brown. According to

Sowa, the time spent under coaches at his previous stops helped him develop into the coach he is today. "Tim Murphy at Harvard Uni-

versity ... really enabled me to figure out you have to take in an entire student athlete as a whole, not just the swimming aspect of the athlete, but the entire student athlete, and take that into account when you train them and if you do that you are going to be very successful," Sowa said.

The keys to Sowa's success were already being taught during his time at Richmond, where he helped coach the team to national recognition.

"The success that we had at Richmond, rebuilding a program and making it a very strong, nationally recognized, mid-major

program, allowed me to learn how I wanted to do that, and gave me a template for how I wanted to do that at places like Wagner and like Idaho," Sowa said.

While at Wagner, Sowa's team combined for a record of 15-15, and 10-4 in the Northeast conference.

Sowa said that his time at Wagner was well spent, but he is looking forward to his new challenge as the Vandal coach.

"It was three very, very enriching years, but now I'm ready for a new challenge, I'm ready for a new project, the ingredients are here at Idaho and I can't wait to

take swimming and diving one more step forward," Sowa said.

While Sowa has spent this summer traveling and recruiting for the Vandals, he also managed to fill his coaching staff for the upcoming year.

Ashley Jahn and Chelsea Oates join the team as assistants for Sowa.

Jahn, who will be the swimming assistant, is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. She also spent time as a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee and most recently served as the



Mark Sowa

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An Ultimate Frisbee player snags the frisbee and looks for an opening on defense. Ultimate Frisbee is one of the various sports clubs students can participate in at the University of Idaho.

## Like sports? Join a team

Palousafest offers education about specific sports clubs available on campus

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

University of Idaho sports clubs plan to use Palousafest as an opportunity to gain the support they need to flourish throughout the year.

Palousafest is not only a time for sports clubs to recruit new members, it is a last-minute effort to fill necessary spots.

Gordon Gresch, UI sport club director, said that although Palousafest is not always a great recruiting opportunity, it allows the clubs to introduce themselves to new students.

"Palousafest is not necessarily one of our main recruiting or promotional events,"

Gresch said. "However, the clubs that do host a table at the event in the past have found it to be a lot of fun and a great way to market their particular sport to the new students and early arrivals to campus."

For many incoming students, Palousafest may be the first time that they are introduced to sports clubs.

Women's club soccer president Tessa Fox said that she was not even aware a club for soccer existed until she saw the booth at Palousafest.

"Palousafest is actually what made me see the club soccer, I didn't know they had

club soccer until I went around and saw their booth, so it made me really excited, because I wasn't ready for the commitment of playing for the U of I," Fox said.

Denise Carl, the coordinator of ASUI Student Engagement and Leadership Programs, said other clubs that will be attending Palousafest are ultimate frisbee, women's rugby, women's volleyball, ski team, men's soccer and cycling.

For sports clubs like women's soccer, Palousafest is much more than just introducing incoming students to what their club is about. After having a large amount of se-

niors graduate last year, Fox said her club is in need of players so that they can field a team when their games begin.

To accommodate her needs, Fox is planning to try and lure students over to her booth with multiple tactics. She said that she wasn't sure exactly what she had planned for the booth, but she would consider options, like candy to bring in recruits.

"I am really hoping to have more advertisement, and have people walking around with fliers, and just let people know that we are out there and we're out to have fun and we want to be competitive," Fox said.

## UI sends seven alumni to the NFL

**Charles Crowley**  
Argonaut

With the NFL season about to begin, seven Vandal football players are about to live out their dreams and play in the pinnacle of professional football.

The NFL is considered every football player's dream and Robb Akey and the rest of the Vandals' football coaching staff helped make these seven players' dreams come true.

"I'm like a proud father, I'm proud of 'em," Akey said. "Every guy that comes and plays college football, his dream is to be able to continue to do that, and it's been a life-long dream, so for those guys to realize that, I'm excited for them."

Akey said three of the players were drafted and the other four were picked up as free agents, and he can't remember the last time the Vandals sent that many players

to the NFL.

"I would like to believe that it sends a message that we're doing things better here and that the people at the highest level like the way that we're doing things and the way our players are doing things," Akey said.

The drafted players this year were Nathan Enderle (QB) to the Bears, Shiloh Keo (CB) to the Texans and Daniel Hardy (TE) to the Buccaneers.

The four Vandals who signed as free agents were JoJo Dickson (LB) to the Jaguars, Deonte Jackson (RB) to the Buccaneers, Aaron Lavarias (DE) to the Patriots and Eric Greenwood (WR) to the Steelers.

Seeing these players reach the NFL and knowing that it is possible to get drafted from UI gives the rest of the team motivation, Akey said.

"They line up with those guys, they live

with those guys, they practice with those guys every day and they see how hard they work and it should make things step up here a little bit seeing that they have a chance to accomplish their goal," he said.

The current players aren't the only ones being motivated. Akey said that it also shows young players who are thinking

about playing at UI that it's a place where you can have the opportunity to continue your football career after college.

Akey said he believes that the Vandals will have a few more players to send to the NFL next year.

"I certainly anticipate it," Akey said. "If we play well, that will happen."

## Hanging at the Student Rec

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

For freshman students arriving this weekend at the University of Idaho for orientation, there is an opportunity to have some fun at the UI Student Rec Center. On Friday and Saturday the SRC will be hosting activities that are intended to familiarize freshman students with the center. Mike Beiser, SRC outdoor program coordinator, said these two days are opportunities for the different programs in the center to introduce themselves to incoming freshmen.

"It's an opportunity to get exposure to the different programs," Beiser said. "Wellness fills the gyms with things like Zumba—it's a kind of let your hair down fun, and climbing wall will be open. It's an opportunity for people to get in there."

The events start on Friday when the SRC hosts "Late Night @ the Rec," which begins at 9 p.m. and goes until 11-11:30 p.m.

According to Beiser, it's easy for students to get overwhelmed with all of the orientation activities the weekend before school starts.

"We start with a late night at the Rec—we like to call it disorientation," Beiser said. "There are all these orientation activities for new students; they are going through transition, their parents dumping them off in the dorms."

Beiser said there will be some healthy treats for participants and that all of the

gyms will be hosting different types of games, such as volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, shuffleboard and more.

The entire SRC staff will be involved with the event, and even the maintenance staff will participate in some of the fun.

Beiser said they are expecting to have anywhere from 1500-2000 students arrive for the festivities. Only freshmen are allowed in the building and it's an opportunity for them to have free reign of the SRC.

"It's targeted to new students ... they come into the building for the first time and it's their backyard, their home," Beiser said.

Before students even make it into the SRC, they have to get access to the event via a pass they will acquire in their orientation packet. Beiser said this ensures that they will have an identified population that they can frame the event for.

The next day, new freshmen will find on their orientation list the Rec Fair. The event is scheduled from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

While Late Night @ the Rec is about hanging out inside of the SRC, Saturday is about spending time outdoors.

Students will get to participate in activities like soccer shot, football toss, Frisbee golf and more.

Beiser said the outdoor program does an obstacles course which divides participants into groups of four and pits them against one another.

The event starts with a land ski, after which they attempt to pitch a tent they have never seen before. Meet they run to two rafts, put on life jackets and start paddling while a crew soaks them with water.

Beiser said that part of the reason for the obstacle course is because new students can have a difficult time meeting others and this is a way that they are thrown into the mix and share in the fun with people they are going to be acquainted with for the next four or five years.

"You can tell the awkwardness from just seeing it, so our goal is to tear some of that awkwardness out and provide activities," Beiser said.

Students can go onto the outdoor program website to see photos of themselves getting soaked and others joining in on the fun.

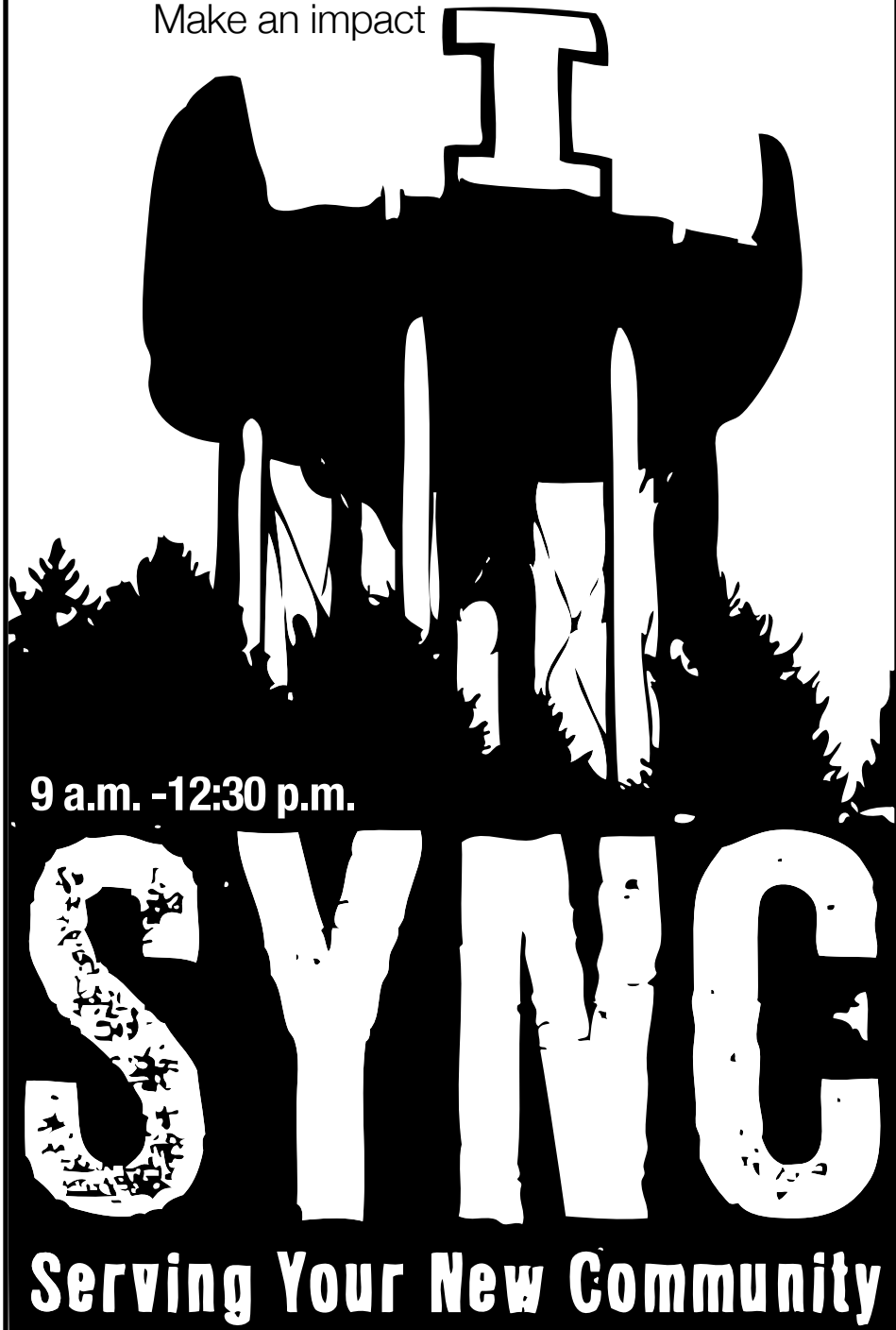
The weekend ends for recreation when Palousafest starts at 5:30 p.m., Saturday. Students will have the opportunity to come and meet the staff from all areas of the SRC and find out more about what happens during the school year. Pamphlets will be handed out that will provide information ranging from what types of wellness classes are held to the facilities that are available to students. They are also trying to schedule a local band to play music.

All three of the SRC activities are unique and students are encouraged to attend each one to get the entire experience, Beiser said.

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# Once a Titan, now a Vandal



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Vandal running back coach Jason Gesser works with quarterbacks and running backs during drills Thursday evening on the SprinTurf. Gesser joined the Vandal staff in June. Gesser is a former Washington State Cougar and Tennessee Titan quarterback.

**Charles Crowley**  
Argonaut

A former National Football League, Arena Football League and Canadian Football League quarterback has joined the coaching squad for the University of Idaho Vandals this season.

Jason Gesser played quarterback for Washington State University, then went on to play for the Tennessee Titans, the Calgary Stampeders and the Utah Blaze as a professional. The NFL was his favorite of the three leagues, Gesser said.

"You're playing with guys like Steve McNair, Eddie George, Derrick Mason and Jevon Kearse, and you're with guys like that, so that's the pinnacle and it's a dream come true," Gesser said.

Gesser said he would have liked the opportunity to stay longer in the NFL, but he also got to play in the AFL and that was a blast for him.

"Being a quarterback and how fast the game was. Being able to throw the ball around a lot and having a guy like Danny White as a head coach, that was phenomenal," Gesser said.

He said he learned a lot from White, not just as a player, but from a coach standpoint too. This along with other things he has done in the last nine years, from playing to coaching, from broadcasting to running camps, has prepared him for where he is now.

"In all stages you learn a lot

about the game, but in the end, the NFL is the top dog," Gesser said.

Gesser said they are going to bring players to Moscow and they are going to get an education, No.1, and play football, No. 2.

"We want to bring guys in here that want to do both of those, but at the same time they want to be the best of the best and excel and get to the next level," Gesser said.

He said his own experience at the next level helps in that process and knowing the coaches, scouts and a lot of people in that realm and knowing what they are looking for.

"Being there and seeing the make-up and the model of what the top players are, I feel like that knowledge will help translate to help these guys get to that stage," Gesser said.

As a quarterback, Gesser said you have to know what everyone is doing because you are not just running a route or picking up one guy. Knowing every player's role will be useful because although he was a quarterback for the duration of his career, Gesser will be the Vandals' new running back coach.

Not only will this help broaden his horizons, since he wants to eventually be a coordinator and then a head coach someday, but it was also an opportunity to work with Robb Akey, who Gesser has known since his second year at Washington State University.

"I remember I was sitting there watching him get the guys motivated on the field and he gets a break and as the D-line walks away Akey turns around and puts his hand on the wall and leans on the wall," Gesser said.

Gesser said he thought he may have to go catch him if he falls over from exhaustion after motivating the players so hard.

"But at that instance you knew the passion that he has, the care that he has, the knowledge that he has for the game and you instantly want to be around him. He is a gravitational pull. Ever since that day, we have clicked," Gesser said.

Which is why when the running back coach spot was open, Gesser took the opportunity. Although they are different positions, Gesser said there are some aspects that people fail to correlate between quarterbacks and running backs.

"The running back spot is real similar to the quarterback spot," he said. "You gotta do a lot of reading back there, you gotta pick up a lot of blitzes, you gotta understand linebacker tilt and where they are coming from, etc."

Gesser said that in his role as a coordinator during the last few years he has coached every position from offensive line to running backs, quarterbacks and receivers.

"I feel like I could fit right in and that was the opportunity at the time and I was grateful to get that chance," Gesser said.

## WATER

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recruiting coordinator at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Oates will be the diving assistant and is a graduate of Oakland University. She most recently served at Ohio Northern University as the recruiting coordinator.

Sowa is confident they are making strides toward the regular season and he

said it is critical that these two hires were made because he knows that it would not be possible to get everything done in time without them.

With the help of his assistants, Sowa has time to look at the team that he now manages. The Vandals have finished eighth in the last two WAC meets, but Sowa believes there is a lot to be excited about with his new team.

"Our biggest strength is our senior

class ... from the moment I walked onto campus I could tell these girls want to lead, these girls want to be good and they want to put their stamp on that before they leave this program," Sowa said.

With new recruits coming in, Sowa said he will be looking at his seniors to help lead the Vandals in and out of the water. Sowa is hoping to recruit student athletes that will bring the same kind of energy that he believes the seniors al-

ready have.

"When I start the recruiting process with anybody, I tell them I want someone who wants to come to Idaho and I want somebody who wants to be a part of this university, and want to embrace what this university stands for and then I look for, athletes who have character, who love to work hard and who have talent," Sowa said.

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# Vandals run for the maple leaf

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

Three Vandals, who represent the cross-country and track and field teams, had the opportunity to compete for Canada this last year.

Barry Britt, Alycia Butterworth and Christie Gordon were all invited to run for their home country in 2011.

Britt, who competed at the Central American and Caribbean (NACAC) Cross Country Championships in Spain earlier this year, where he finished fourth, said that it was a unique experience to be one of the few people who get that opportunity.

"I can't really explain how good it felt to put on the maple leaf and represent my country," Britt said. "Out of the whole country of Canada I was one of the few athletes in Spain running in the World Cross Country Championship."

Butterworth competed in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Pan American Junior Championship in late July and finished fifth.

Gordon, who recently graduated from UI, is competing at the Athletics Summer Universiade from August 16-21 in the hurdles.



Native Canadians Barry Britt and Alycia Butterworth competed earlier this year for their country and Christie Gordon competes this week. Spencer Farrin | Courtesy

Head coach of cross-country and director of track and field Wayne Phipps said that the program is fortunate to have these athletes not just representing the school, but also their countries.

"We have been fortunate since I have been at Idaho that every year we have had people making national teams and going to international competitions, so for

a bit it kind of seemed like the norm, but when you stop and think about it a little bit, it is quite a feat for those athletes, and it does make us proud to have them as part of our program," Phipps said.

One of the benefits of competing on an international level is that the student athletes are getting a look at the level of competi-

tion that is out there. According to Britt, it allowed him to see how much work he is going to have to put in to be able to compete with the best in the world.

"It opened my eyes to a whole new level of competition I have never seen before and showed me how much more hard work and training I need to put in to be able to compete with the

top guys in the world," he said.

Although it was a tremendous opportunity, there is a concern from the coaching staff of the possibility of burnout when you have athletes competing throughout the entire summer.

Phipps said it becomes critical to make sure the athletes are taking the necessary breaks, even when they

don't want to.

"We make sure they are taking a break, they don't want to, we are away from them all summer for the most part, and we are banking on them—that they are taking that break, but it's funny, it's a sport especially with the distant runners, they never want to stop running," Phipps said.

## Vandal volleyball scores the grades

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

The 2010 Vandal volleyball team received an academic award last month for their excellence off the court.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association's Team Academic Award is given to teams in college and high school who maintain at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Volleyball head coach Debbie Buchanan said that her program makes a conscious effort to ensure that members of the team have time to study.

"When we recruit kids we tell them that there is not a reason they can't be successful. When we go on the road we have study time—we make sure we incorporate that in everything we do," Buchanan said.

The Vandals are one of 481 teams to receive this honor, including 92 NCAA Division I women's volleyball teams.

Buchanan said that she and her staff have always stressed academics and that her players understand that just being a great athlete is not enough.

"Being an athlete is a job, but they have two—being great in the classroom

and getting better and being great on the court."

According to Buchanan, student athletes have a wide range of assistance if they just go look for it. She encourages her players to get tutoring and they are also required to attend mentor meetings when they are freshmen.

One factor that has attributed to the high GPA of the volleyball team is the willingness and drive of her players to earn their degree, Buchanan said.

"We want to bring in students who want to get a degree," she said. "Volleyball is their venue to get their degree."

Another strategy for academic success that Buchanan and her staff use is to encourage their players to communicate with their professors early so that arrangements can be made if tests have to be missed. This way they can proctor tests on the road so they don't fall behind.

One tool that the volleyball team makes use of early in the year are academic planners that the coaches make so the Vandals can prepare accordingly for the year ahead, and with



Vandal middle back Alex Sele gets ready to spike the ball sets up by the setter Jennifer Feicht during the volleyball game against UC Irvine in the Bohler Gym in Pullman. The Idaho volleyball team wrapped up the opening weekend of 2010 in style as the Vandals marched to a 3-0 sweep of rival Washington State to go 2-1 in the Nike Cougar Invitational. File Photo by Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

only three home stretches throughout the season it is a necessary tool.

According to Buchanan, one of the biggest factors that contributed to receiving the award is the simple

fact that they recruit players who have proven they can perform just as well off the court as they do in the classroom.

"We talk to their high school coaches, we talk to

their club coaches—how are they at juggling practice and homework, are they just playing to play and they don't care about school?" she said.

This year marks the

seventh year in a row that the number of schools to receiving the award has increased.

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## VANDALS READY FOR THE FALCONS



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Cornerback Kenneth Patten runs drills with teammates during practice Thursday evening on the SprinTurf. Patten is expected to start at cornerback with teammate Aaron Grymes.

## TOUGH ROAD

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on January 12 with a trip to Ruston, La., to play last season's conference champion, La. Tech.

The Vandals' first WAC home game takes place on January 19 when Nevada makes the trip to Moscow. That game is the beginning of a three-game home stretch for Idaho in which they also host Fresno State on the 21st and Utah State on the 28th.

The rest of Idaho's home games include a game against New Mexico State on February 9, and La. Tech's visit to the Cowan Spectrum two days later on the 11th. The Vandals' two remaining home games come in the month of March with San Jose State on the 1st and Hawaii on the 3rd.

The WAC Tournament will take place from March 7-10 in Las Vegas. Last season Idaho made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Nevada.

## Brady keys Patriots offense in 31-14 win over Bucs

Kyle Hightower  
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady showed midseason form in his preseason debut.

After sitting out New England's preseason opener in Week 1, the reigning NFL MVP tossed a pair of touchdowns and completed 11 of 19 passes in the New England Patriots' 31-17 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Thursday night.

Brady threw for 118 yards in one half of work, and connected on scoring strikes from 16 yards to Aaron Hernandez, and 8 yards out to Chad Ochocinco, who also both made their debuts.

BenJarvus Green-Ellis also got in on the act, rushing 11 times for 51 yards and two touchdowns.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick called this a big week for his team in regards to position battles and roster spots. It included three straight days of full-pad practices, creating what some players characterized as a regular-season atmosphere.

The pace seemed to be there as Brady and the rest of the first unit played all six offensive series of the first half, failing to score on only two. They scored on four of their first five drives.

Buccaneers coach Raheem Morris had a tough time finding any fault with his team's effort in a 25-0 rout at Kansas City last week. But this week was more than a small reversal of fortune.

Third-year quarterback Josh Freeman, who was Brady-like against the Chiefs, misfired on his first three passes of the night to set a bad tone the Bucs never got over.

He was done after five series, connecting on 5 of 10 passes for just 33 yards. The Buccaneers had more than that in penalty yards in the first half. They were whistled 10 times for 85 yards, as New England built a 28-0 halftime lead.

Freeman was also sacked twice by the Patriots, who held Tampa Bay to just 73 total yards and four first downs in the opening half. Patriots linebacker Jerod Mayo got credit for both sacks, to go along with five tackles.

The Buccaneers didn't get on the board until early in the third quarter when cornerback Elbert Mack intercepted Ryan Mallett and returned it 69 yards for the score.

Their lone offensive score came early in the third quarter when third-string running back Allen Bradford capped a 12-play, 84-yard drive with 2-yard touchdown run. They were just two of the Bucs' 64 yards rushing.

But, by then it was seemed clear to the already thinning Raymond James Stadium crowd that it was not Tampa Bay's night and that their team still has a lot of work to do before the regular season.

Tampa Bay (1-1) will host Miami next Saturday night. New England (2-0) will travel to play at Detroit.

Notes: Patriots DB Bret Lockett was carted off in the second quarter (thigh bruise) and didn't return. LB Dane Fletcher also didn't return after injuring a thumb. ... Tampa Bay WR Arrelious Benn, TE Luke Stocker, CBs Myron Lewis and Aquib Talib, DTs Roy Miller and Brian Price and S Ahmad Black were inactive.

## Cutler on run, Bears beat Bills

Andrew Seligman  
Associated Press

If indeed he was experiencing flashbacks, Jay Cutler wasn't saying. Who could blame him if he did, though?

Cutler was on the run and out of the game in a hurry, playing just one series as the Chicago Bears opened the preseason with a 10-3 victory over the Buffalo Bills that did nothing to ease lingering concerns about the offensive line.

"They were good. They were fine," Cutler said. "It took a little bit to get settled down. Some of those young guys are still jelling a little bit."

The Bills got two sacks from Shawne Merriman and nine in all, but the Bears prevailed on a soggy night in which both teams pulled their starters early.

Cutler and Chicago's skill position starters were gone after one series, with the linemen staying in for the first half. On defense, the first stringers lasted two series, while the Bills lifted their starters on both sides after two.

The way Cutler was running around, it sure felt like last season. Sacked a league-leading 52 times a year ago, there wasn't much he could do Saturday with the defense bearing down on him. At least this one didn't end with a knee injury or with the outside attacks on his toughness, as his previous appearance at Soldier Field, an NFC championship loss to Green Bay in January.

All Cutler managed behind a revamped line that no longer includes departed center Olin Kreutz was this, an NFL shovel pass to Matt Forte on the Bears' second play from scrimmage for no gain and then a 10-yard scramble. He got sacked by

rookie Marcell Dareus on a third down at the 35 before Chicago punted.

Newcomer Roy Williams didn't have a ball thrown his way.

Forte stayed on for one more play after that shovel pass and didn't attempt a run but was at least in uniform. He had considered holding out at the start of training camp because he wants a new contract, and considered sitting out this one, too.

Newcomer Marion Barber made a good impression, running for 45 yards and leading the Bears to a second-quarter touchdown. He carried six times for 37 yards on that drive, setting up a 4-yard run by backup quarterback Caleb Hanie that put Chicago ahead 7-3.

Hanie got a rude welcome on the previous possession when he was sacked on consecutive plays by Merriman. That forced Chicago to punt after Johnny Knox returned the kickoff 70 yards following a 44-yard field goal by Rian Lindell late in the first quarter.

For the line, it was simply a rough night.

Kreutz, the six-time Pro Bowl center, is gone after contract negotiations collapsed, and the Bears are going with veteran Roberto Garza rather than newcomer Chris Spencer for now.

Garza got beat on Merriman's second sack, and it wasn't a great night for the rest of the blockers, either.

"Too much pressure on the quarterback," coach Lovie Smith said. "We have to tighten that up a little bit. But besides that offensively I thought we accomplished what we wanted to the first game. We have so far to go."

The Bills had to like what they saw from Merriman and Dareus, the third

pick in the draft.

Buffalo is counting on both players to help a defense that ranked last against the run a year ago and got hit hard by injuries while trying to adapt to the 3-4. That's one reason Buffalo went 4-12 last season, and coach Chan Gailey was quick to praise Merriman.

"The understatement of the evening I thought Merriman was impressive on his return," he said.

They never got the spark they were seeking from Merriman in November because the three-time Pro Bowler injured his Achilles' tendon about 15 minutes into his first practice with Buffalo after being waived by San Diego. He missed the rest of the season.

"I'm still getting a feel for the game again, so going out there and making certain moves, getting back in football shape is going to be a long process, but you are never going to take the athleticism and the ability to go out and want make plays for somebody," Merriman said. "I've been away for a year and half still just getting into the groove of things."

It wasn't a bad night for Ryan Fitzpatrick, either. He completed 7 of 9 passes for 44 yards for the Bills.

Stevie Johnson, the man the Bills are counting on to take over the No. 1 spot with Lee Evans gone, caught three passes for 15 yards. Fred Jackson ran for 18 yards on three carries.

"Everybody knows what an outstanding player Lee was here," Fitzpatrick said. "The off-the-field stuff, the leadership that he provided in that room was something that maybe you don't see every day. That's going to be something that the guys are going to have to pick up."

Notes: The Bears kicked off twice from the 30 rather than the 35 because they wanted to test their coverage unit. The Bills were OK with that. ... Chicago RB Chester Taylor ran for 3 yards on three carries. ... CB Zackary Bowman (head), DE Corey Wootton (knee) and DT Marcus Harrison (shoulder) were injured during the game. ... The Bears held out DT Anthony Adams (left calf). ... Buffalo was without WR/PR Roscoe Parrish (left leg).

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## OUR VIEW

# Balancing out new freedom

Freedom is beautiful. And not the kind we get from being citizens of the United States. While that freedom is more important than many may realize, it is one we take for granted and so it is not as powerful as the new-found freedom of college.

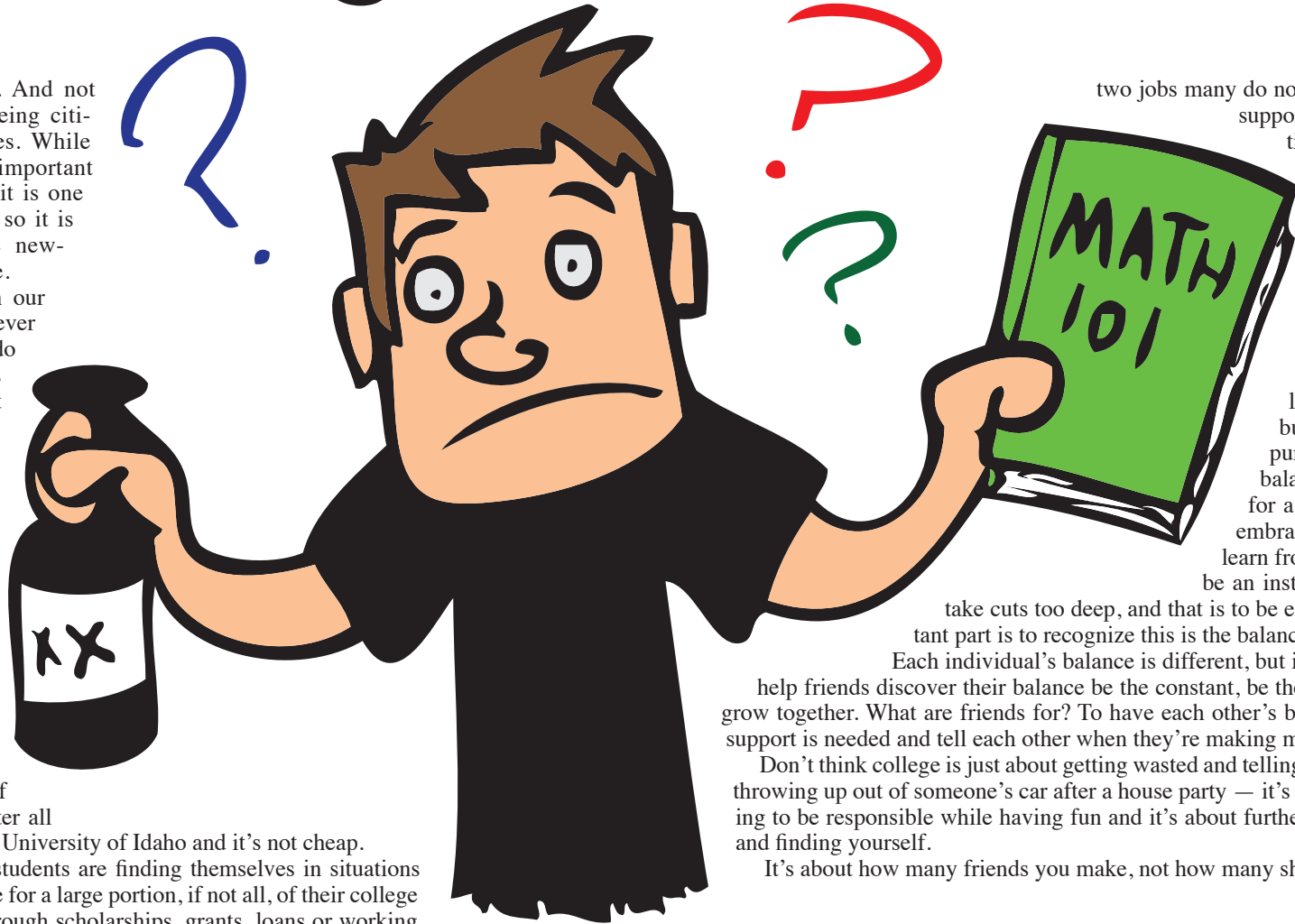
That's right, we're on our own for the first time ever and it feels good. We can do what we want, stay out as late as we want, eat what we want, go to class if we want and we can even drink what we want to an extent.

Yes, freedom is beautiful, but it's also a double-edged sword.

As a new college student, it is important to embrace this freedom, to grow and learn, make mistakes and deal with the consequences.

It is the time to feel out an individual balance of fun and responsibility, after all we are paying to be at the University of Idaho and it's not cheap.

More now than ever, students are finding themselves in situations where they are responsible for a large portion, if not all, of their college expenses. Whether it's through scholarships, grants, loans or working



two jobs many do not have the money to support a personal education. This is where the unpleasant edge of the sword comes into play.

Get out and experience the campus, meet new people, see Moscow, try something new and just live in the freedom, but do this with the purpose of finding a balance in mind. Search for a happy medium and embrace mistakes but learn from them. There may be an instance when the mis-

take cuts too deep, and that is to be expected. The important part is to recognize this is the balance.

Each individual's balance is different, but it's also important to help friends discover their balance be the constant, be the help and learn and grow together. What are friends for? To have each other's backs, be there when support is needed and tell each other when they're making mistakes.

Don't think college is just about getting wasted and telling funny stories about throwing up out of someone's car after a house party — it's not. It's about learning to be responsible while having fun and it's about furthering your education and finding yourself.

It's about how many friends you make, not how many shots you can take.

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## Birth control access is a pro

Insurance companies now required to provide contraceptives without copays

Birth control has several different perspectives for women, and even for men. It can be a way to plan a family, prevent the consequences of a stupid drunken night, maintain a regular menstrual cycle and keep hormones at a healthy level. However, as a medical solution that can be used for so many different purposes, it can be difficult for some women to obtain.

As part of President Barack Obama's health care bill and plan, he has announced that beginning in January 2013 insurance companies, with only a couple exceptions, will be required to provide birth control services to women. Only plans that meet the "grandfather" clause in the health care bill or are through a religious entity will not have to comply with the bill.

The birth control will be covered without co-payments and includes all forms approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The purpose for the coverage is said to not only be for preventing unwanted pregnancies, but to also encourage healthy pregnancies and overall general health for women.

To encourage this overall health, the bill will also include coverage without co-payments for breast pumps for nursing, annual physicals, counseling for domestic violence and also screenings for HPV and pregnancy diabe-

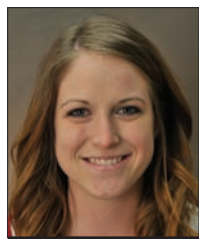
tes, along with other services.

While unwanted pregnancies result from a variety of reasons, many involving recklessness and acting irresponsibly, some are not because of either. Often women do not have the needed access to more reliable contraceptives. They cannot afford to go on prescription birth control, and instead rely on store-bought options, like condoms.

These solutions are not bad and do not show them to be irresponsible, but sometimes these solutions fail — condoms break. Then, those same women who initially tried to take precautions are left in a bind. A bind they can get out of with better access to prescribed monthly birth control, but Plan B or the "morning after pill." This law would help those women, and also encourage others to become more educated and preventative.

If women were more educated on birth control and had easier access to it, the number of unwanted pregnancies would decrease, which in turn would throw some water on the constant fight about abortion. Abstinence is clearly the only way to completely solve the problem, but it is also incredibly unrealistic. It's time to acknowledge that there are multiple solutions to the same problem, and this

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Elizabeth Rudd  
Argonaut



Bethany Lowe  
Argonaut

## How real is your world?

A tree falls in a distant forest, and no one hears its final thundering farewell.

A young Maldivian man sweeps the floor of a resort bar for the fifth time, and feet dragging from Ramadan hunger, stubs his toe on a chair.

An elderly Vietnamese couple lost their two sons to a not-so-distant war and are being evicted from their home because they can no longer afford the king's land taxes.

It is a sweltering day, and it is a Mongolian girl's first trip to the city. Her mother buys her an ice cream. Did these things really happen?

As an international studies and cultural anthropology student, there is a level of expectation to know what is going on in the world at any given time. To know what is important, who is suffering, who is prospering and where and why. We read the news and we know the maps. Ask us what is going on in the world and you should get an answer. Rioting in the UK, anti-government protests in Syria and debt crises in Europe.

But I cheated. I had no idea about these things until five minutes ago. In fact, I have not read the news for three months.

My answers to what is going on in the world during the past summer would have been in stark contrast to anything people in America consider to be relevant.

Classmates would consider me oblivious. With a three month absence from the world that was created by global media, all I have is stories — stories about people of all cultures and ages and places in 27 different countries that would never make the news.

"Objects of sense exist only when they are perceived; the trees therefore are in the garden ... no longer than while there is somebody by to perceive them," said philosopher George Berkeley in "A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge."

William Fossett explored this concept further with the idea of the existence of objects and things being defined by their very perception and said, "To say something is meaningful is to say that that is how we arrange it so; how we comprehend it to be, and what is comprehended by you or I may not be by a cat, for example. If a tree falls in a park and there is no-one to hand, it is silent and invisible and nameless. And if we were to vanish, there would be no tree at all; any meaning would vanish along with us."

Scientifically it cannot easily be said that things do not occur unless perceived. But with many metaphysicians concluding that an object is merely its "sense data," and after being exposed to a few realities so

## Voice your opinion in state politics

In Washington, politics has reached paralysis. With far right-wing Congress members demanding a hard-line stance with no compromise, leftist members more concerned with re-election than real legislation, and a president with a chronic fear of decision-making (and possible self-esteem issues), it's been tough to get anything done.

Case in point: the debt ceiling crisis, which was solved only days before America was to default on trillions of dollars in debt and the decision seems to have left everyone unsatisfied. So it's easy during this time to be a bit pessimistic about politics. People may wonder how they can have any in-

fluence in American politics, but the solution may be closer than we think. It's right under our noses, at the state and local levels.

State politics tend to be less glamorous than national politics. There's not as much big media coverage and for some, it can be easy to overlook. But many of the most important political decisions are made at the state level, thanks to a conservative movement that generally favors states' rights.

Take civil rights issues for instance. Gay marriage rights have advanced not from a Supreme Court decision or a movement in Congress, but at the state level. New York recently legalized gay mar-

riage statewide. California went the other way and passed Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage after an expensive political battle. Anti-discrimination laws are also determined at the state level. Politics at the state level may be the deciding factor not only for someone's right to marry, but whether their racial, sexual, or gender identities will keep them from finding a job or renting an apartment.

In 2009, the health care debates brought Congress to a standstill, as a conservative minority used the filibuster to block national health insurance legislation from being passed. Now that it has, it is being challenged at the state level in state lawsuits and by state courts. Most health insurance

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## OFF THE CUFF

### Happy birthday to me

I have decided to cancel turning 28 this year in hopes that 30 may forget its turn when it comes.

—Jake

### Back to school

Being back in Moscow is kind of strange after a summer away. I will say, though, that it's nice not to have to live in a dorm again.

—Madison

### Life in perspective

A stage at the Indiana State Fair collapsed from hurricane force winds killing four people — including a child — and sending 43 others to the hospital Saturday. Freak accidents like that really put life into perspective. Some things just don't seem that important anymore when you see stories like that on the news.

—Elizabeth

### Be who you wanna be

In the words of Kellie Pickler, if someone expects you to be any-

thing other than who you are, well ... that's just "tough."

—Rhiannon

### Happy new school year

My resolutions this school year are get to all As, remember to have fun in my last year of college, leave my mark at the University of Idaho, and try to keep the house clean during school (or maybe not).

—Katherine

### Go Vandals

There are 12 days and 479 miles

between me and the first Vandal football game. I'm so ready.

—Vicky

### A bad connection

My cell phone doesn't ring anymore and keeps dropping calls. I may have to conform to society's expectations and get a smartphone.

—Elisa

### Where did summer go

I'm procrastinating the first day of school.

—Anja

### Recruitment craziness

Keep calm and carry on.

—Britt

### Email overload

You know school is starting when the emails come flowing in. I've gotten more emails this week than I have all summer. To make it worse, being an employee means I get two of everything. Welcome to the new school year.

—Loren

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# Politics of buying a car

The decision to trade in or purchase your first car is a difficult and involved one to make. It feels like betrayal to give away a car you may have had since high school, but it's better to trade it in before it becomes next to worthless or completely breaks down. For those in their senior year of college, it might be time to consider purchasing a new car once you graduate and work a full-time job (which, of course, you'll get right away).



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But it's easier said than done. Many who are unfamiliar with the politics of car shopping underestimate the process, and either get frustrated and give up or don't get the quality deal they could have gotten. It's shockingly easy for a car salesman to take advantage of someone who isn't sure what they're looking for or what kind of price they should get.

Research, research, research

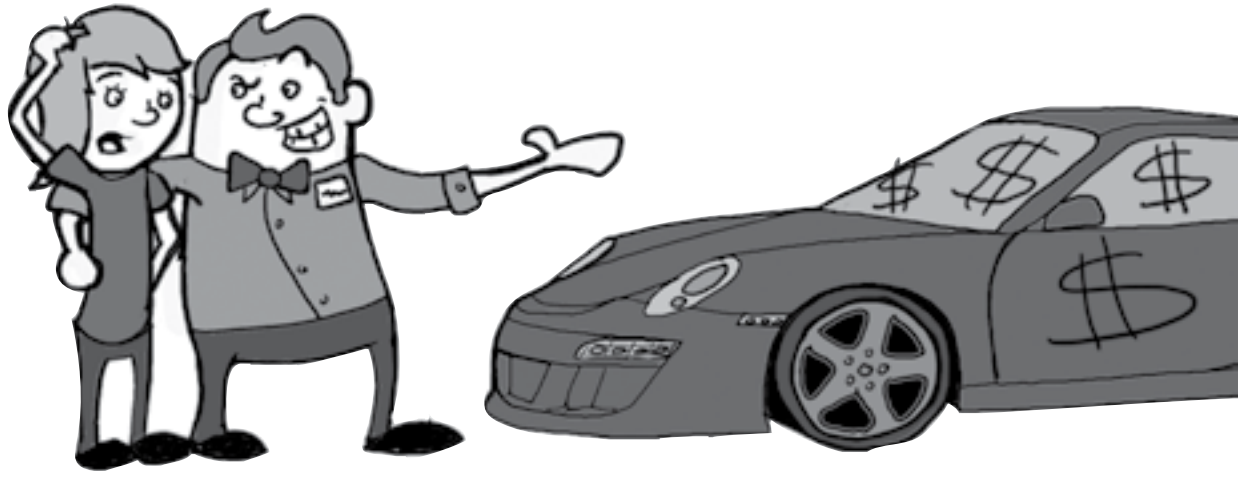
The most important task to do before walking into a dealership is to research every kind of car you might want. Check with Consumer Reports, Edmunds, Car and Driver and U.S. News. Each source is reputable and has comprehensive reviews of every car on the market, giving ratings for fuel economy, cabin space and comfort, road test results and other factors.

Consider exactly what you want from a new car. What is most important? A lot of space and less fuel economy? Or something tiny and efficient? Would you be happy with the standard model, or are the bells and whistles in the high-end model worth the extra money?

Rather than driving all around the area to find prices at dealerships, search AutoTrader.com and Cars.com for good deals within 500 miles of your location. No matter how far you want to travel to find your car, searching in this radius will familiarize you with what prices you should expect from different models. These sites also have a payment calculator option with each listing, so play around with different down payment amounts, interest rates and car prices to figure out where you want your monthly payment to land.

Learn about credit

Credit ratings are an alien idea to most college students. It is something we've never really had to worry about, something our parents talked about but we never cared enough to pay attention. But now that we've taken out loans and signed up for credit cards, it becomes a symbol to creditors about what kind of person you are. It has a strong bearing on what interest rate the car loan lender will offer you, so it's important to find out what your score is.



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If your credit score is low, it might be a good idea to try to improve it before deciding to purchase.

Thanks to fairly recent legislation, every person is entitled to an annual free credit report. By going to the Federal Trade Commission website at [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov), you can find out what information is required and how to access that report. It won't give you a score, but there are other sites you can visit that will estimate your credit score for you based on information you provide.

If you don't have credit cards and most of the loans you've taken out have been in a parent's name, be prepared to need a co-signer for the car loan. It might not have been the case five years ago, but with the economy the way it is now, chances are much higher that someone fresh out of college with minimal credit won't be trusted without a co-signer. So talk to a parent or relative about that possibility and see who might be willing to help you out.

Prepare for the bargaining

The last important step is preparing for the actual process of buying. This is the scariest part, because not only is it final and a huge commitment, but you are almost guaranteed to be pressured by the salesmen.

If you're a female, consider taking a significant other or friend of the opposite sex with you. Even if they have nothing to do with the actual car buying, it's a good idea to have someone to "confer" with. It might sound chauvinistic or anti-feminist, but with the way most car dealerships function, they will be more inclined to offer you a good deal if you've got a male with you.

Another tactic is to schedule test drives at a few different dealerships. Have the intention of going to them all, but casually bring it up during conversation with the salesmen so they know you're looking elsewhere. They might have the type of car you want to test drive at another dealer and let you test it there, which will help narrow down the options. Once they know you might take your business to a competitor, they will likely do next to anything to get you to buy that car.

The most important thing to remember is not to cave at a higher payment or rate than you had in mind. The concept of haggling, of course, is to start high and work down, so they will likely bring you their highest payment first to see how you react. If it's not what you want, don't be afraid to say so. If your end goal is reasonable, chances are they will eventually work down to that price.

## World hunger is a harsh reality

The images of the famine in Somalia are heart wrenching. Children who have imploring eyes and are too weak to lift their heads, with every rib poking out sharply on their tiny bodies.

As the worst drought in 60 years ravishes the Horn of Africa, it is estimated that 13 million people are victims of chronic hunger and more than 29,000 children under the age of five have already died. The United Nations said approximately \$2.5 billion will be needed to manage the disaster but they have currently only met 48 percent of that goal. The U.N. expects the situation to continue for several months

and a 25 percent increase in the number of people who need help.

A crisis of this magnitude is unfathomable in America where most people live in complete comfort.

Clean drinking water and wholesome food are taken for granted, something to be expected in life not to be grateful for.

Although it is difficult to relate to the gravity of the situation in Somalia, it is important to be aware of the crisis. Don't underestimate the power of the individual in making a difference or helping save lives.

The World Food Programme post-

ed 10 things anyone can do to help save lives in Somalia on their website. The suggestions range from making a donation to sharing information about the famine using social media, but they are all something individuals can do to contribute to stopping the crisis.

Be aware of what is happening in the world around you. Discuss the situation in Africa with family and friends and help educate one another. Informed and active people are necessary to not only deal with the current situation in Somalia but to hopefully someday end world hunger. Some cannot do all but all can do some.

Remember those who are less fortunate than you and be thankful for the life you have in America.



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## Two, three, four — should've ended at one

What's the first thing that comes to mind when a sequel is released in theaters? Really, are they really going to try and top the original? Or, the first one was bad enough, if they wanted to correct their mistake they would bury it.

But sadly, some studio executives don't know when to quit. A few examples are "Saw," "Night at the Museum," "Shrek," "Halloween," "Legally Blonde," and most recently, the "Final Destination" series.

"Legally Blonde," starring Reese Witherspoon, is full of laughs and inspiration. It takes the life of a seemingly seriously ditzy Elle Woods and with a few twists, helps her figure out her passions and grow as a person. Fun movie and a great story.

Two years after the original movie was released in 2001, the sequel, "Legally Blonde: Red, White & Blonde," turned Elle Woods back into a joke. It had potential with a good story line, but Woods was too much of a spacey, stereotypical "blonde" for the story to shine through.

More recently, "Final Destination 5" hit theatres

Aug. 12. How many times can death chase the same people with fate killing them off one at a time by freak accidents? It's

overkill with the same plot line over and over again, just like the "Saw" movies. Maybe it was a good idea at the start, but one, maybe two movies max and the

flame died out. "Shrek" is cute, funny and who doesn't love a children's movie? They even did a great job on the sequel — Puss in Boots is a great character. But they couldn't leave a good thing alone. It's risky to try and pull off a sequel so if it's done successfully, quit while you're ahead. The next couple of movies are terrible, especially when the little Shrek babies come along.

Now, coming to theaters in November is "Puss in Boots," a movie all about the cat we love. Fingers crossed this one works because it has potential.

There's a lesson to be learned here that sometimes you can't top what you've already done. If it's brilliant, better make sure the attempt of adding on to it is beyond genius. Or, just leave it be.

## Travel leads to new cultural appreciation

It is commonly accepted Americans are ignorant of other cultures. Some are more knowledgeable than others, but overall if an

American were to be challenged by a citizen of another county in a cultural knowledge showdown, they would lose. This was made clear this summer when I spent six weeks studying in the

Czech Republic, and visited five other countries. Americans assume English is spoken by almost everyone, or is at least common enough that they do not need to learn another language to get by

in another country. This is not true in the slightest. Attempting to buy groceries or finding the correct route home is problematic when

everything is written in Czech, and no one speaks English. This frustration, and often humiliation, provided me with a deeper understanding as to how immigrants in the U.S. must feel every day.

In the U.S., Americans are often unwelcoming to those who do not speak our language and sometimes refuse to help when they need assistance. Feeling unwelcome when you are lost

in a foreign country with customs you are not used to is one of the worst feelings imaginable and I was nearly in tears on several occasions. While there are always exceptions to this rule, including a welcoming hostel owner who helped me find my way home, I cannot imagine experiencing this constantly, and no one should have to.

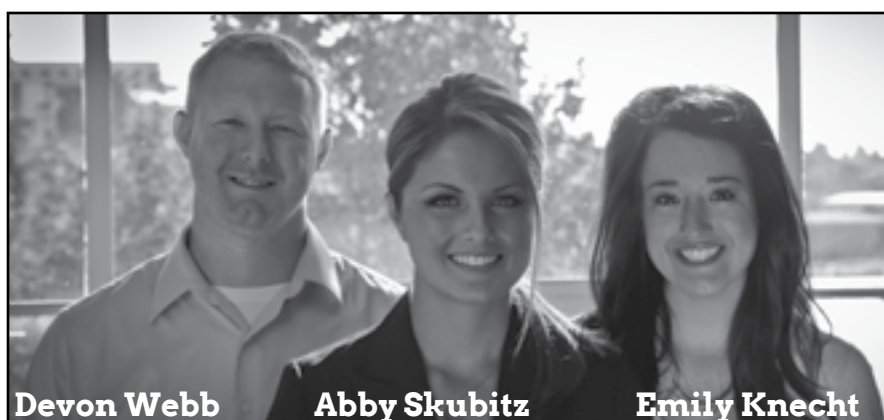
There are many cultural differences to experience overseas. While I embraced them — despite my refusal to pay for water at a restaurant or pay to use the bathroom — the transition would have been easier if I had an idea of what to expect in my temporary home. Research is helpful,

but only divulges so much. Everything is different than what travel books indicate or online information provides. While it is exciting to experience something completely foreign, being the minority also makes you appreciate what you have and forces you to look at how you treat others who are in the same situation.

The U.S. is a melting pot of diversity and culture, yet we know nothing but our own. Everyone should make an effort to take an interest in something outside their comfort zone, and learn about the rest of the world. It may come in handy, or at least will allow you to appreciate others' differences.



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bill is one of them.

Furthermore, women should have the opportunity to take care of their bodies and have regular physicals to ensure they are healthy. It's no different than an annual physical to check their heart, lungs and blood pressure. Especially since ovarian and cervical cancer are becoming more of a concern. Not to mention many of these services would also ensure the health and safety of babies, as well as the mothers.

It's important to attempt to fix some social problems, but in the wake of money constantly being an issue, cost for this bill does come into question. The finances to compensate for the lack of co-payments do need to come from somewhere, so it will impact other areas of insurance. But in the long run, the issue of pregnant teens or young adults who are not ready to be parents presents a greater problem with far more consequences.

To fix one problem, sometimes other areas need to soften the blow — it's called problem solving.

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laws are determined by the state, including limits on what companies can charge or the coverage they're required to provide. And it isn't just health insurance. The battle over medical marijuana and other prescription drugs is also being fought at the state level.

Perhaps most significantly for students at the University of Idaho, the

Idaho legislature is the reason student fees are going up while class sizes and opportunities are being cut. The legislature doesn't set the fees or the classes, but they do decide how much state money UI will get each year. And that amount has been shrinking as the anti-education conservative wing of the Idaho legislature (a movement comprised of a majority of state lawmakers) slashed education budgets not just for state universities but public schools

as well.

If students want to have an affordable education, want to further the cause of civil rights in Idaho, or want to have their voices heard, it won't be through national politics. Congress may not be able to get anything done, but does it really matter? All the important decisions are being made at home. And it is in Idaho that we as students and citizens can have an effect on the political decisions that most directly affect our lives.

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different from our own, it cannot be denied that this idea deserves some thought.

We each live in our own world. The world to one person is a different place than it is to another, so at any given moment there are nearly sev-

en billion realities co-existing in the same atmosphere.

This is something we tend to forget as we watch the world news, or learn from lecturers or books what is significant.

The state of the world cannot be accurately portrayed by news reports because they are small indicators that make only a few specific

things real out of the seven billion realities.

Although beyond weary from many travels and adventures, a traveler always has to give back in some way. So many lives have selflessly shared glimpses of their realities, which I have been privileged to experience. So before heading to Moscow, a little

girl called Chacha, who lives in her garage with her mother in Northern Pattaya, Thailand, will be getting a surprise birthday party. And whether my reality or your reality actually exists doesn't matter if this one girl's life can be made a tiny bit brighter.

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