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KIBBIE DOME PREMIUM SEATING UNVEILED

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Athletic Director Rob Spear, center, and University of Idaho President Duane Nellis, right, look on as Vandal football coach Robb Akey addresses the crowd in the Litehouse Center and June and Bud Ford Club room Friday evening in the newly remodeled Kibbie Dome.

Donors and workers honored at ceremony

Anja Sundali
Argonaut

University of Idaho officials, leaders, alumni and patrons gathered Friday evening, Aug. 19 in the Litehouse Center and Bud and June Ford Clubroom in the newly renovated Kibbie Dome for the official Stadium Builders Celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The ceremony honored those individuals who worked on or donated to the renovation of the Kibbie Dome and more specifically to the construction of the new premium seating, VIP rooms and press box.

Rob Spear, UI athletic director, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

"Tonight we are here to

honor our stadium builders who stepped up for this project and made it happen, and I can't thank you enough for what you've done," Spear said.

Spear said in the past seven years UI has been planning and working on this renovation, he has worked with four presidents five financial vice presidents, and four football coaches. The work being done on the Dome is 90 percent finished, he said, with only signage and graphics to be installed.

Among those in attendance were UI President Duane Nellis, football coach Robb Akey, and Vandal Athletics Hall of Famers Don Monson, Gary Simmons, and "Voice of the Vandals" Bob Curtis.

Spear thanked University Support Services, UI Facilities Services and the construction companies involved in the Dome renovation. Walsh Construction of Portland, Ore.

was responsible for the new end walls and translucent panels on the east and west walls and Opsis Architecture of Portland and McAlvain Construction of Boise were in charge of the premium seating enhancements, including the new VIP and president's lounge and the new Bob Curtis Press Box.

Much of the evening was spent honoring the individuals that donated to the renovation, most notably the lead donors, the Hawkins family of Litehouse Foods and Bud and June Ford. Both parties donated more than \$1 million to the Kibbie Dome renovation.

"You're the ones that made it happen. You're the ones that believed in this vision. You're the ones that believe in the University of Idaho like the president and I and Coach Akey, and you absolutely made it happen," Spear said.

Akey also thanked the sta-

dium builders before heading downstairs to football practice.

"We made the University of Idaho better and everything that we do. This is going to make our football team better," Akey said.

Nellis said the renovation was "transformational" to the university. The Kibbie Dome hosts a range of activities and all will benefit from the changes, he said.

"You have all truly made a difference in the lives of our athletic program, and the importance of this to our university is tremendous," Nellis said.

The ceremony concluded with Doug and Edward Hawkins of Litehouse Foods joining with June and Bud Ford to cut the official ribbon to the clubroom followed by a champagne toast.

"This is truly a monumental day in Vandal history," Spear said.

Housed and happy

Greek recruitment numbers stay high

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

After 2011 recruitment ended, 313 women and 305 men found homes on Greek Row, said Matt Kurz, Greek adviser.

Kurz said the variation in numbers from last year to this year were minimal, with sororities increasing from 272 and fraternities dropping from 317 in 2010. Kurz said every person who came through recruitment was placed in a house and he was happy with the numbers.

"I'm really excited to see that they stayed fairly high," Kurz said.

Since 2006, when 200 women were placed in houses, the numbers have increased annually, Kurz said. The process for sorority placement is completely different from fraternities, he said, and involves the women visiting 10 houses one day, eight the next, then five and then two.

He said the process is very formal and completed through "mutual selection" with a "99 percent match rate." Kurz said the whole process is completed electronically and involves variables like chapter size and national membership input. Most girls are placed in their first choice, he said.

"Five days of recruitment and then they rip open their envelopes, and there's a lot of screaming," Kurz said.

This year Delta Zeta sorority, a new Greek colony, also participated in recruitment like other Greek chapters, Kurz said. Currently, they are located on a renovated floor in Wallace Residence Hall and are planning to have a house built in a few years.

Kurz said the recruitment processes used at the University of Idaho are not the only options, but have been successful in the past.

"Both systems are vastly different, but work out for both in the end," he said.

The process for fraternities is much more relaxed, Kurz said, and will continue after the initial recruitment week.

"They pretty much recruit all-year round," he said.

In addition to the open recruit throughout the year, this year fraternities were able to send out bids before the recruitment week, Kurz said.

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Hot topics from 2010-11 progress through summer

Anja Sundali
Argonaut

As students return to campus for the fall semester, hot topics from the last academic year continued to develop during the summer and are still unfolding.

Megaloads

This summer the Idaho Transportation Department reissued permits to Imperial Oil, a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corp., to transport oil refinery equipment from the Port of Lewiston to the Kearl Oil Sands Project in Alberta, Canada. The next shipment, referred to as a "megaload" is scheduled to come north through Moscow via US-95 Aug. 25.

Netherlands-based company Mammoet is transporting the equipment.

Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department said the shipments that have previously come through Moscow have not been full-sized megaloads.

"They're like regular oversized loads, similar to a mobile home being transported," Lehmitz said. "To my knowledge the first big megaload is coming through this week."

Doral Hoff, field operations manager at the ITD, said the first full-size

megaload is coming through Moscow this Thursday evening or early Friday morning. The shipment was originally scheduled to come through Monday, but was delayed.

"I don't know specifically why the megaload was delayed, I would guess it's because of coordinating between (the ITD), Montana and the state police," Hoff said.

The full-size megaload measures at 24 feet wide, 14 feet high, 208 feet long and 413,600 pounds. The weight includes the weight of the machinery, trailer and the two trucks needed to push and pull the load.

Due to its large size, the megaload will not be allowed to leave the Port of Lewiston until 10 p.m. An Idaho State Police escort will also accompany the shipment.

The Idaho chapter of Rising Tide, a grassroots organization focused on addressing the root cause of climate change, has been protesting the megaloads for the past summer.

Helen Yost, a doctoral student of natural resources at the University of Idaho, said that Wild Idaho Rising Tide is protesting the megaload because of both the environmental impact it has by travelling through the

state and because of the oil-refinery equipment it carries.

"The Kearn Oil Sands Project is one of the largest industrial projects in North America," Yost said. "The oil mining creates carbon emissions which is one of the roots of climate change."

Wild Idaho Rising Tide has organized several protests during the summer and another is scheduled for 9 p.m. Thursday.

"We'll be meeting at the PieHole in Moscow and will have a small parade downtown to gather supporters. Then we will monitor the megaloads as they come up 95," Yost said.

Wild Idaho Rising Tide will monitor the megaloads by following them in vehicles from Lewiston in a three-day period as they travel north. Yost said each vehicle will have two people, one to drive and the other to take video, pictures and note any violations the megaloads may commit.

So far, Yost said, the protests have had as many as 30 participants, and she is hoping for more now that school has started and students are back in town.

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REPORTED SHOOTING



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Moscow Police Department is investigating a shooting at 9 p.m. Monday at 112 S. Lilly Street in Moscow. Witnesses said they heard 11 shots fired near the scene. More to come as information becomes available.

More info at uiargonaut.com

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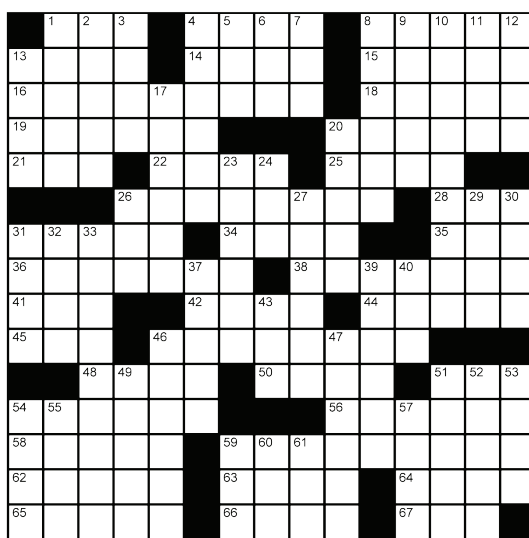


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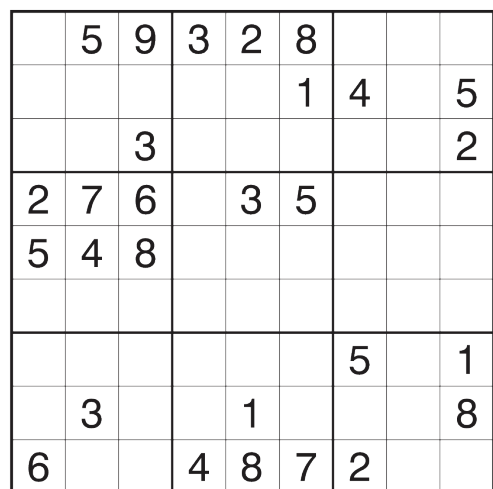


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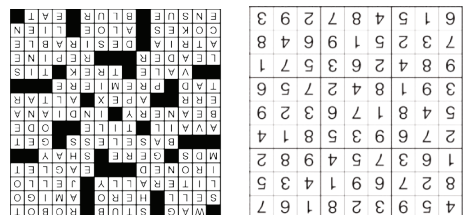
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Finding a new home

Navy ROTC moves into Hayes Hall after fire

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Navy ROTC's move to the second floor of Hayes Hall was a team effort between the ROTC and the university, Matt Dorschel, the director of emergency management and security services, said.

After the Navy ROTC's building caught fire on June 18, the university moved them into the Idaho Commons for the summer as space in Hayes Hall was being renovated. Dorschel said they began the move into Hayes in early August.

Capt. Gregory Eaton said the square footage in the new place is substantially smaller, but they started classes on Monday with the rest of the college.

"We've got one small classroom, offices, and sundry study spaces for the students," Eaton said. "As the semester starts, we are waiting to see

if we can make do with this space." He said the old building had four classrooms.

"I'm thinking we may need a bit more elbow room," Eaton said.

On Aug. 12, the Navy ROTC held a flag-lowering ceremony, two days before demolition started on the old building.

"In an effort to bring closure to our time in that building," Eaton said. "We did a final retirement of the colors."

Eaton said he spoke, the flag was lowered, folded, and presented to him.

"We'd lost the building we'd had since November 1945," Eaton said.

Battalion Cmdr. Wade Rushton said the Navy ROTC had years of history there.

"In the Navy, we are big on tradition," Rushton said. "The transition wasn't easy, but we got it done."

Ron Smith, vice president for finance and administration, said the uni-

versity is waiting for the insurance to come through before finding or building a permanent place for the Navy ROTC.

Smith said he expects the insurance to be between \$700,000 and \$1 million.

"Once we get the totals in hand, then we can start moving forward," Smith said. "Right now we aren't sure."

For now, Smith said, the square patch of dirt where the building stood will be landscaped.

Eaton said the change will give this battalion a chance to define what the UI Navy ROTC will look like in the future.

"The bottom line is the battalion is not looking back," Eaton said. "We are looking forward. We are not getting a clean slate, but we, an established unit, are standing up new spaces."

"It's going to be fun," Rushton said.



Alejandra Aguirre | Argonaut
The University of Idaho NROTC Alumni Monument stands in front of the lot of the recently demolished NROTC building.

Roll over delays returning traffic

Dylan Brown
Argonaut

A rolled SUV at the corner of Sixth Street and South Jackson blocked off a major intersection just in time for students and parents returning to Moscow, Aug. 19.

The three-car accident, reported to police at 2:57 p.m., resulted in only minor injuries, but traffic was backed up for more than an hour near the Coeur d'Alene Alehouse, said Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department.

A west-bound white Toyota SUV on Sixth Street entered the intersection after making a complete stop at the red light, and collided with a Subaru headed south on Jackson, which sustained a glancing blow near the rear doors as it swerved to avoid the Toyota. A Buick, also headed south, then co-

lided with the Toyota SUV, flipping it onto its roof. Lehmitz said there was little either oncoming driver could do.

"It happens I guess," Lehmitz said.

Each car had only one occupant and only the driver of the Buick was transported to Gritman Medical Center for a minor injury to his right knee, Lehmitz said.

Moscow Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Division Chief Dave Reynolds said his crew broke out the back window of the SUV to free the driver.

"The patient actually walked out," Reynolds said. "And they refused transport."

The fire department then put the SUV back onto four wheels and it was then removed, allowing traffic to



Katherine Brown | Argonaut
A rolled SUV at the corner of Sixth and Jackson streets blocked off a major intersection Aug. 19. The three-car accident reported to police at 2:57 p.m. resulted in only minor injuries.

flow through the intersection again.

This accident was accompanied by another in-

jury crash last Thursday night at North D Street and Lincoln, involving another Toyota SUV, Lehmitz said.

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Moving forward: LGBTQA office loses program coordinator

Summer Christiansen
Argonaut

After six years of working to create an inclusive climate for the LGBTQA students, Rebecca Rodd, the program coordinator of the LGBTQA office, is saying goodbye to the University of Idaho.

"I feel like she laid the foundation for an incredibly important student service office at the University of Idaho that didn't exist before," said Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center and LGBTQA Office. "Rebecca really had a great vision for the LGBT."

While program coordinator, Rodd created the Lavender Lunch program, where LGBT folks and friends can get together and have food and discuss topics on their minds. Rodd said that within a

few years the lunches went from having three to five people to 15 to 20. Five years ago, Rodd started National Coming Out Day festival at the University of Idaho, held October 11, which became an annual event. The celebration includes student organization booths, music and speeches on the Idaho Commons plaza. Rodd also helped bring back the Lavender Graduation, where both the director of diversity and dean of students have previously spoken.

Rodd said the support she's had from administrative faculty, such as the provost, dean of students and president, has been an enormous help.

"My goals all along were to connect with people on campus, offices and departments and to collaborate with people to gain strength and solidarity," Rodd said. "So when we

have our events on campus, there are a lot of people on board."

Rodd said she felt that it was time to leave her job as program coordinator.

"I reached a bit of a burn out point that I didn't realize I was at," Rodd said. "The truth is that this type of social justice work can take its toll on a person after awhile. Plus, I was just finally feeling a bit too gay - gay life, gay job - kind of one-dimensional, and I'm so much more than that."

"It's been a great run and I'm really proud of having been part of making the University of Idaho a more welcoming place for LGBT faculty and staff," Rodd said.

She said campus climate is incredibly important for people to

learn and grow and that is what makes her job so important.



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Rebecca Rodd,
Program coordinator

Gasser also mentioned that while the LGBTQA office will be in the TLC, it will still have its connection to the Women's Center, which is the primary

funder of the office.

"This allows for the office to be really successful," Gasser said.

Rodd said now that she isn't busy with work, she plans on expressing her "multidimensional self," which includes her interests in music, art, the outdoors and pottery.

"My best work is yet to be done," Rodd said. "I expect that to happen. I guess I have a lot of great years left in me."

Rodd said anyone who felt that her work had been important could make a donation to the LGBTQA Emergency Scholarship Fund, which she established last spring. The scholarship is for "LGBTQ students who have lost or are facing the loss of financial support from their parent/family when they make the courageous decision to disclose their sexual orientation or gender identify to their family."

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Students show spirit at Palousafest

Matt Maw
Argonaut

Freshman Kelly Deobald said there was one booth giving out free massages at this year's Palousafest.

"A friend of mine said you just have to fill out a piece of paper and they'll give you a massage," she said.

That booth was one of many that lined Sixth Street in front of Theophilus Tower Saturday. Representatives from collegiate ministry groups, local businesses and myriad clubs and organizations – like the Ballroom Dance Team and The Society for Creative Anachronism – manned their tables while students availed themselves of signup sheets and free refreshments.

Deobald said she appreciated the large number of attendees this year because she was looking forward to meeting new people. She said she'd expected primarily freshmen at the event but was happy to see many upperclassmen. One benefit of Palousafest, she said, is access to group information.

"Having everything available for explanation

is wonderful," Deobald said. "(You) can actually go around to all the organizations ... and say 'Hey, when do you meet? What is this all about?'"

Junior Cody Kinzer helped out at the Anime Club table. He said this was his third Palousafest, and the event is a good way to showcase the university.

"I think Palousafest is a great way for freshmen to understand the spirit of UI," he said. "(We're) getting our name out (and) being responsible, but we're still having fun – it's a party. That's sort of what UI stands for to me – having fun while being responsible at the same time."

Kinzer said last year's Palousafest was too loud and crowded, but people appeared happier about the event this year. He said the Anime Club began last October and celebrates love for video games, Japanese animation and other media. The club is small, he said, but the members are friendly and willing to help each other.

Palousafest can also serve as a recruitment tool. J. Jacob Marsh, a member of the Moscow Undergradu-

ate Mock Trial club, said he attended the event as a high school student and it encouraged him to enroll.

"Aside from the fact that it (was) a really impressive event ... I met some students who were really outgoing and (they) encouraged me to look at the opportunities here at UI," he said. "I definitely did, and it paid off."

Marsh said Palousafest went well, particularly due to the bands Ra Ra Riot and We Are Scientists, and a greater number of clubs and organizations than he'd seen in previous years. The Mock Trial club is a speech and debate team, he said, that competes at a regional level with schools like the University of California in Berkeley and the University of Washington to perform fictitious trials in front of real judges. People who want to cultivate critical thinking and speaking skills and work in a positive team environment would enjoy the club, Marsh said.

Junior Resendiz, founding member of the UI chapter of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc., said he's seen several Palousafests and this one was "a lot of fun." While the event aids his fraternity, he said recruitment for his and other ethnicity-based Greek chap-



Check out video clips of Palousafest online <http://bit.ly/qzmu9z>



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We Are Scientists perform at a free concert on the Theophilus Tower lawn as part of Palousafest 2011.

ters helps develop UI diversity at large.

"Sometimes ... we'll do programs with local high schools, with Latin (American) students or whoever needs the most help," he said. "Usually, if they're affiliated with that school, we'll bring them on campus and do different things with them and recruit them to the university."

Resendiz said he didn't know much about any ethnicity-based fraternities in high school. Lambda Theta

Phi has been a national organization since 1975, he said, and has done many things in its chapters' communities. He encouraged students to find more information.

"Whether you're a traditional incoming freshman ... a non-traditional student or a grad student there's

so much to do here, and there are so many different groups of people that you really should get involved in something," Marsh said. "And if enough people do that, then that's what's going to make this university an even better place than it already is."

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New and returning University of Idaho students mingle at Palousafest Saturday before the official start of the fall 2011 semester.



Jack Gratton styles a feather into University of Idaho student Yuri Rueda's hair. Gratton said he can also be found at the Moscow Farmer's Market.

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A cast of actresses at Tank 41

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One of Shakespeare's final comedies opened at a grain silo in Moscow on Aug. 18.

"The Tempest," is performed by local theater troupe Moscow Art Theatre (Too). The show will run for a second week Aug. 25 to 28.

Director David Harlan said "The Tempest" is about Duke Prospero who was thrown out of Dukedom by his own brother Antonio.

The cast and crew of "The Tempest" is made up of 13 members, and all of the characters are played by women.

"There are 11 actors plus myself. I play a little music for the show and then there's a stage manager who runs the lights and does a few other things. So there are 13 of us," Harlan said.

The cast is all female. I chose to do this for practi-

cal reasons – the actors who were available were mostly women and I thought it was an interesting way to re-frame some of the themes in the story."

Harlan said the theme of isolation is portrayed in a different light when the maleness of the characters is de-emphasized.

"There are other interesting effects that this casting has that you'll note if you see the show," he said.

Crystal Muñoz-Tesch is playing the lead male character, Prospero.

"The way Crystal has been playing him has been beautiful because it's very soft, but also very strong," said Keely Anna Gray, a senior theater major at the University of Idaho, who is playing Prospero's daughter Miranda.

"The Tempest" is being performed at a grain silo known as Tank 41.

"The unique venue is the

silo. There's a metal silo just off the corner of Sixth and Jackson," Harlan said. "It's a grain silo 61 feet in diameter and 100 feet tall."

Harlan said it's exciting to be recycling a venue that has been a pretty iconic structure in Moscow.

"Its original use is no longer needed as a grain storage facility. Instead of tearing it down, we're using it as a theatre," he said.

Harlan said the cast has been rehearsing since the beginning of August. He said the crew had a couple rehearsals in June and July, but have really been concentrating on the rehearsal process closer to opening night.

Gray said she has been acting consistently since high school and that there is a lot to love about preparing for a show.

"We've all had to put our 'real lives' aside and devote ourselves to this one



Kyndall Elliott | Argonaut

Local theater troupe is performing Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at an iconic grain silo in downtown Moscow.

show and it's just been a great bonding experience," Gray said. "Having Dave (Harlan) as a director is just great because we've all worked with him before

and he has total faith in us. We just kind of get to explore and play as much as we want to."

The upcoming dates of the show are at 7:30 p.m.

from Aug. 25-27, and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 28. Tickets are available in advance for \$12 at One World Café or \$15 at the door.

U.S. fines WSU for campus safety violations

Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) Federal education officials have fined Washington State University \$82,500 for violations in 2007 of a campus crime reporting law, including not properly reporting two sexual assaults, the university said Friday.

WSU will appeal the fine, spokesman Darin Watkins told The Associated Press.

The U.S. Department of Education detailed the fine in a letter to WSU President Elson Floyd on Friday, more than five months after federal education officials completed an investigation of WSU's campus crime statistics.

The government acknowledged in a report sent to Floyd

in March the university has made improvements to its crime reporting since the incidents, but the report says those corrective measures do not diminish the seriousness of the violations.

WSU was one of several universities found in violation of the Clery Act this year. The federal law requires campus notification of potential threats to students and employees.

Earlier this year, Virginia Tech was fined \$55,000 for failing to quickly alert the campus during the 2007 mass shooting that killed 32 students and faculty members. Virginia Tech is appealing. Virginia's attorney general called the fine "absolutely appalling," but the federal officials said it should have been higher.

Federal education officials audited the campus crime statistics at about a dozen schools this year, including Washington State. Some of those schools remain under investigation and could also be fined. Violations of the Clery Act are investigated by the student aid office of the U.S. Department of Education, and punishment may range as high as suspension of federal financial aid payments to a university.

The federal government found Washington State University guilty of two violations of the Clery Act, but one finding covered two incidents. The federal law calls for fines of up to \$27,500 for each violation of the law.

WSU was charged with failing

to properly disclose forcible sex crime statistics and accurately classify offenses, and failure to include statements about campus crime reporting policies in its annual security report.

The first incident stemmed from an Aug. 31, 2007, call to campus police that was incorrectly labeled as a "domestic dispute" and never corrected even though investigators found the case may have included a rape. The victim submitted a written statement that said a friend of her husband had sexually assaulted her.

The second incident involved a Jan. 27, 2007, police report of sexual assault that was labeled as "unfounded" by a records manager after the victim decided not to provide substantiating informa-

tion to police. The records manager had no authority to label the case unfounded, and that action caused the case to be removed from campus crime statistics.

WSU did not argue against the findings in the federal report and said in one case the university had benefited from the guidance and information provided during the review process.

But in a statement Friday, Watkins said, "We disagree with the assertions in the report that the failures cited endangered WSU students and employees. The findings in the report relate to how crimes were reported in 2007. The mischaracterization of two crimes in our statistics did not in any way endanger our students or employees."

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RELAXING THROUGH THE FIRST DAY



Emma Ehret, University of Idaho senior in biology, takes a break during the first day of fall semester on the Administration Building lawn.

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Fire crews battling multiple blazes in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho (AP) Fire crews are battling a handful of wildfires across south central and eastern Idaho that were started by lightning strikes over the weekend.

So far, at least three of the blazes are

blamed for burning 2,500 acres.

The biggest as of Monday afternoon is the so-called Garden Fire southeast of American Falls. Bureau of Land Management Spokesman Lynn Ballard says the blaze started early Sunday morning

and has charred 1,750 acres of public and private crop land.

Near Fort Hall, crews are working to contain the Two-and-a-Half fire, which has burned more than 430 acres.

Ballard says crews are confident

they'll be able to make significant progress toward containing the fires by the end of the day.

Crews are also battling the Bingham Point fire burning north of Minidoka.

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Joy and fear in Libyan capital

Ben Hubbard
Associated Press

Fierce gunbattles in one neighborhood, celebratory shooting in the next: Tripoli was a mix of jubilation and fear Monday after rebel fighters rode into the Libyan capital in their final push to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

A day after the rebels claimed control over Gadhafi's last bastion, cars raced down deserted streets to evade snipers, shops remained shuttered and opposition fighters manned makeshift checkpoints of garbage trash bins and car wrecks.

But despite danger lurking behind many corners, many here found ways to rejoice, burning Gadhafi's green flags, trampling on his posters and flashing victory signs from windows of honking cars circling the main square.

Many here could not believe the speed with which the 42-year-old regime imploded in its final days.

"We came out today to feel a bit of freedom," said 30-year-old Ashraf Halati, who works in a coffee shop near Green Square, long a symbol of the old regime which rebels now call "Martyr Square."

"We don't believe that this is really happening."

Halati and his friends embraced and patted each other on the back. He said his father had urged him to stay indoors because Gadhafi's forces were still present in the city, but that he ignored the advice because he needed to express his joy.

Just the night before, convoys of rebel fighters had driven into the city of 2 million, facing relatively little resistance from Gadhafi's troops.

Around midday Monday, rebel fighters took over

a women's police college near the Mediterranean and declared that they would set up their new headquarters there. "We are going to protect the city of Tripoli from all attacks and threats," fighter Munir al-Ayan said after kneeling and kissing the ground in the compound.

"I was bowing down to the Almighty God who helped us get rid of this brutal dictator," he later explained.

The compound's previous inhabitants appeared to have left in haste, and their belongings were not touched.

Gadhafi loyalists also launched attacks in two other areas of Tripoli, said Ashraf Hussein, a rebel fighter who sat pressed against an inner wall of the compound for safety.



We came out today to feel a bit of freedom.

Ashraf Halati

The celebrations were mixed with defiance and derision.

In one street, a man in a white robe danced and clapped as two others near him burned green flags. Another man holding a green flag walked up to a driver, asking if he had a lighter to set the banner on fire.

In the main square, one group chanted "Show us your might now, o frizz-head," using the derogatory nickname "shafshufa" in Arabic for the dictator. Most chants included the word, with Libyans seemingly relishing the chance to express their contempt openly. Under Gadhafi, anyone seen as criticizing the "brother leader" could expect arrest.

A day after the rebels' triumphant arrival, life was still largely paralyzed in the capital. When one gas station briefly opened to allow rebel vehicles to fill up, civilian motorists also lined up, only to be told all available gas

was needed for battle.

In recent months, Gadhafi-controlled areas had suffered extreme fuel shortages, and motorists would often wait for several days to fill a tank.

Abdel-Salam Ali, a hospital nurse waiting in line at a gas station Monday, said his car had been parked for the past month because he could not get fuel. Ali said he had quietly supported the rebels in the past few months, but was unable to express his views. "We were very oppressed," he said.

The situation in the capital remains far too chaotic to start planning the future, but some already know what kind of country they want.

Mohammed Agami, 22, a medical student, said he dreams of a Libya that has a constitution and rule of law. "We will have a free, democratic country," he said. "Everyone can say whatever they want, without fear."

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Gun lawsuit

In January 2011, then second-year law student Aaron Tribble filed a lawsuit against the University of Idaho for not allowing him to keep a handgun in his dorm on campus, claiming regulations interfered with his Second Amendment rights.

This summer, the lawsuit was heard and a few days later on July 25 the University of Idaho asked the Latah County District Court to dismiss the lawsuit. Currently, there is a motion for summary judgment scheduled for the lawsuit on Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Latah County District Court.

A news release from UI released in July said Tribble signed two University Housing agreements with the university stating that he would not bring weapons and/or ammunition into his housing unit. Latah County District Court was provided with both documents.

The university issued the following statement when it filed to dismiss the lawsuit:

"The University of Idaho contends that it has the legal authority to regulate firearms on campus, including in university-owned student residences. The university's firearms policy was incorporated into the student and faculty/staff handbooks in 1974. It disallows loaded weapons on campus, except by law enforcement and supervised use in a shooting range."

Tom Luna

Last spring, a group formed to recall Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. The Committee to Recall Tom Luna officially began collecting signatures on April 16, and was given 75 days to collect the over 150,000 signatures necessary for a recall. The committee fell short of its goal, collecting over a third of the signatures necessary.

A second recall is being organized separately by former Idaho gubernatorial candidate Ron "Pete" Peterson.

Erin Matson, the North Region Field Director for the Committee to Recall Tom Luna, said the committee believed that Luna's policies would be damaging to Idaho schools and families.

"He was bullying the teachers," Matson said. "We felt that he was being dishonest, rushing policies through

the system, and not listening to the voices of educators and others in Idaho."

Matson said that despite not winning the signatures needed to recall Luna, the organization still educated many in the state about Luna's actions. In addition, the committee is planning on creating a watchdog group to hold all elected officials in the state accountable for their actions.

"It's a non-partisan effort," Matson said. "On our committee of about ten people, we had two democrats, two republicans, and the rest were independent voters."

The office of Tom Luna declined to comment on the actions of the Committee to Recall Tom Luna.

Wheatland Express canceled

UI Parking and Transportation services announced in July that they would not be renewing their contract with Wheatland Express to provide a campus-to-campus shuttle to Washington State University.

The announcement came after a feasibility study concluded that the cost per rider, along with a downward trend in ridership, would be too expensive to justify continuing to subsidize.

Formerly, students were able to take a Wheatland Express bus from Moscow to Pullman for free with a student ID.

Both universities have agreed to provide ride sharing and short-term car rentals to students on campus in lieu of this decision.

Peg Motley, a representative from Wheatland Express, said they are disappointed that they are not going to renew their contract with the university.

"We've been working with both universities for many years, but we understand the finances played into their decision," Motley said.

The Wheatland Express will still continue to run an airport shuttle from Moscow to Spokane and vacation shuttles to Seattle during holidays.

Two young alumni die

Caleb Hamm, a 2010 graduate of the College of Natural Resources, died July 7 while fighting a fire near Mineral Wells, Texas.

Derek Arnold, who graduated in May with a B.S. in political science, succumbed to a long battle with cancer June 2.

HOUSED
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This allowed students who had visited for Vandal Friday or another reason and knew which house they wanted to be in to sign during the summer, Kurz said. The only requirements were they had to be admitted to UI and signed up for recruitment.

Blake Harris, a member of FarmHouse and Judicial Board Chairman for the Interfraternity Council, said this year was really smooth and didn't involve any problems with alcohol or illegal substances, or "dirty rushing."

"We don't want alcohol influencing a house. We want the people in the house influencing the house," Harris said.

He said this year all the houses were pretty happy because the number of recruits per house was fairly equal with each getting 16-20 new members.

"There wasn't one house that was 35 guys and then another that was just two," Harris said.

Harris said on a national level, new recruits are supposed to live in the resi-

dence halls until they are upperclassmen, but here they move right into the house. He said fraternities have several different events going on during recruitment and afterward to help new members get to know each other, and then just for fun.

"That's why we join a fraternity — just to have that social atmosphere," Harris said.

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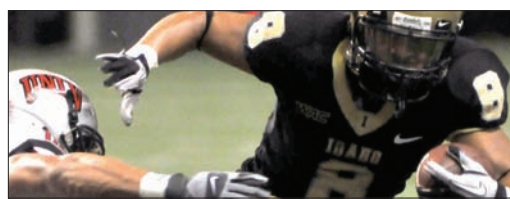
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Vandal offense gears up

Nick Groff
Argonaut

The Vandals' offense is attempting to overcome early injuries and gain stability as preparation for the 2011 season begins.

Offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Steve Axman compared the depth and skill set of the 2011 offense to that of the 2009 Rody's Humanitarian Bowl Championship team.

"Well I think that's the big thing from the bowl team two years ago. You know last year we had four out of five linemen that were brand new and they had very little experience," Axman said. "In our bowl year we won a lot of games right in the last minute or so, and as a result we had a lot of young players not get experience playing. This year they're (the offensive line) all back and I really feel it's going to be the difference this year ... the leadership of the offensive line."

Bowling Green State University is on the schedule again this fall and the matchup against the Falcons isn't the only similarity Vandal fans will see from two years ago. Injuries hindered the Vandals through spring and fall camps, but Axman said Matt Cleveland, Mike Marboe and Sam Tapua, will be back for the first game against Bowling Green at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 1

in the Kibbie Dome.

"All the injuries have kept them out of practice, but none of them are serious," Axman said. "We had a tough time this spring ... we had so many nagging injuries and it seems like we had a different offensive line everyday."

Senior left tackle Matt Cleveland agreed with Axman on the progress of the offensive line.

"It's been good, you could really tell how far along we've come from the spring to the fall," Cleveland said. "Even the last scrimmage, we scored on almost every drive, moved the ball consistently and put up some big plays."

Axman said he is confident in the cohesion built in the offensive line and that the fundamentals have improved tremendously. He also spoke highly of the progress and talents of the offensive leader this season, quarterback Brian Reader.

"A lot of people feel that if you look at the season, and the team returns a quarterback, you really have a good shot ... we feel we have a really good quarterback in Brian," Axman said.

Reader said last year quarterbacks seemed to be running for their lives and camps have gone much smoother for the offense this year because four of the five offensive line starters are returning from last year.

Reader is an efficient

quarterback, who knows the Vandal offense well, Axman said. He said Reader directs, the majority of the teams pass protections and is an accurate and pocket-aware quarterback who is anxious to start preparation in the No. 1 spot.

"It's a lot better than it has been in the last two years, I guess you could say," Reader said of securing the starting position.

The 6-foot-3-inch senior quarterback from Prunedale, Calif., echoed Axman, regarding the nagging injuries within the squad, and said it was one of the only things the offense needs to fix.

"We have a couple holes right now," Reader said. "Developing those guys who are actually getting a lot of work right now. Getting them to be where our starters are, that's where our holes are."

Reader said he felt confident throwing to any of the receivers and that it reminded him of the 2009 offense.

"Honestly, you can go to any of them at any time, spread the ball to all of them," Reader said. "We'd run the ball five times and then run a play action for a touchdown. We have that same kind of concept this year."

Going into camp Axman said he knew the wide receiver position needed depth, and he said he believes by the first game it will be available.

"Our biggest concern coming into fall camp was at the wide receiver position. However, Mike Scott is a junior college



Nick Groff | Argonaut
Vandal quarterback Brian Reader throws a pass Friday evening in the Kibbie Dome during the last practice of fall camp. Reader returns for his third year with the Vandals and for the first time will be the starting quarterback. Reader has seen a decent amount of game action with the Vandals and offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Steve Axman said he has a "very good quarterback" in Reader.

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File Photo by Steven Devine | Argonaut

Freshman Jessica Tiffany jumps up for a shot during a game in Mem Gym April 16.

Volleyball picks up where they left off

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team will look to pick up where they left off last season as the team prepares to start its 2011 campaign.

Last season, the Vandals had a young team with just one senior, but proved they were competitive by posting a 14-15 record and making it to the semifinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament. This year the Vandals look even tougher, bringing back all but one starter from last season. Coach Debbie Buchanan said bringing back that many players gives the

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Women's soccer off to a rolling start

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

This weekend the Vandals braved the heat at the UNLV Rebel Classic tournament and went on to back-to-back draws, both in double overtime.

Coach Pete Showler said considering all the obstacles they faced coming in, the weekend went all right for the team.



File photo by Steven Devine | Argonaut
Jill Flockhart dribbles the ball down field against Lauren Munechika during a pre-season game on the SprinTurf last Spring.

"It was 105 degrees in Las Vegas and it was opening weekend, but even with these things against us, we managed to come away with a couple ties," Showler said.

The Idaho women's soccer team opened its 2011 season with a 1-1 draw against UC Santa Barbara Friday and then played UC Riverside Sunday, ending in the same score of 1-1.

The defense held strong, keeping the opposing teams to only one goal in each game. Against Santa Barbara, senior goalkeeper Liz Boyden made a school-record 14 saves. With Idaho getting out shot 29-7, these saves kept the Vandals in the game. The Vandals out shot Riverside 16-11 in their game, which took a little pressure off the goalie.

For the offense against Santa Barbara, sophomore Bailey Hewitt netted her first career goal. Against Riverside, junior forward Chelsea Small scored her 22nd career goal and broke another school record for shot attempts. In both games, the goals came in double overtime and forced a tie.

At this point last year, the team was 0-2, so this year is already looking up. Showler said that two wins would have been better, but UC Santa Barbara is one of the best teams they will play all summer and UC Riverside is a highly athletic team, so two ties was fine with him.

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Fifth place for Vandal's football poster

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The Vandal football schedule poster designed by Vandal Marketing in conjunction with Advantage Advertising placed fifth place in a nationwide contest held by The Bleacher Report.

The Bleacher Report is an open source sports network that covers all sports and is viewed by millions of people each year. This year, all those viewers will see the University of Idaho

in fifth place and Vandal Marketing is proud to be in that spot.

"Our goal is always to be the cream of the crop. Anything we do wants to rival anything else, no matter what size the school, we're always going to be shooting for the top," Vandal Marketing Director Nick Popplewell said.

Popplewell said there are three people who put their minds together to come up with the design for the poster. Popplewell, president of Advantage

Advertising Chuck Christopher and football coach Rob Akey. Together they decided what they wanted the poster to portray.

"We wanted to show the pride, the camaraderie and the Vandal spirit of the students, athletes, faculty and staff, while still remaining classy and professional," Popplewell said.

Hundreds of posters were turned in and judges narrowed the selection down to its top 50 posters based on six categories: Clarity as to who the

poster is for, schedule being clear and easy to read, photo quality, uniqueness/creativity, eye appeal and "coolness" factor.

Five judges viewed every poster, then graded them individually based on the criteria. Each category was worth ten points per judge, making the total possible score 300. The University of Idaho received 248 points for its poster, only seven points less than the number one

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File Photo by Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Vandal shot putter Eugenio Mannucci practices his throw March 28 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. Many track and field athletes brought home gold medals from the WAC Indoor Championships last spring.

Mannucci wins Stan Bates award for the Vandals

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Athletic Department has been recognized once again for its strong academic presence, this time coming in the form of the Stan Bates Award, which was given to track and field's Eugenio Mannucci last month.

The award is given annually to the Western Athletic Conference's top male and female student-athletes. Kandis Jones of the New Mexico State softball team was the women's honoree. This marks the sixth time in six years a Vandal student-athlete has won the award and the fifth time that a track and field athlete was the recipient.

"It means a lot to me," Mannucci said. "I feel like I've accomplished a lot in the last three years from an athletic point of view and in my studies."

Mannucci graduated from Idaho in December of 2010 with a 3.75 cumulative GPA, while studying Animal and Veterinary Sciences. This fall, Mannucci will begin veterinary school at Oregon State University where he will focus on high-performance equines.

Idaho head Track and Field Coach

Julie Taylor commented on the role Mannucci took during his time in Moscow.

"It's invaluable to have someone like Eugenio, who's not only a great athlete, but also gets it done academically," said Taylor. "He's showing the other kids that you can be successful both ways. I'll miss having someone like that, because he was a great leader on the team."

A native of Vierbo, Italy, Mannucci didn't arrive in the United States speaking fluent English, but the language barrier didn't seem to be an issue for the two-time WAC All-Academic Honoree. In addition to his WAC honors, Mannucci was a United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division I All-Academic honoree in 2010 and a Capital One Second-Team Academic All-District VIII honoree in 2011. Within the University of Idaho, Mannucci was recognized with the Pre-Vet Senior of the Year Award for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in 2011.

Outside of academics and athletics, Mannucci has been recognized for his community involvement, taking part

in his team's Pen Pals program and coaching the team's We are Runners, Jumpers, Throwers Kids Camp.

"It's an amazing accomplishment for him," Idaho Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Wayne Phipps said. "He's obviously had a lot of success athletically, but for him to overcome the language barrier and immediately adapt to an American university at the highest level is just an incredible achievement."

Idaho's former recipients of the award include track and field's Allix Lee-Painter (2010), Jonathan Marler (2010), Melinda Ouwerkerk (2007), Jason Giuffre (2006) and football's David Vobora (2008).

"It says a lot for our program, and it means a lot to us," Phipps said. "We've been very fortunate to have such amazing student-athletes who have been able to perform at the very highest level on the track and in the classroom. That's what we strive for, and having our student-athletes continually rewarded at the highest level means a lot to our program."

Kandis Jones of the New Mexico State softball team was the women's honoree.

Bieberle claims ITA doubles title

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

University of Idaho men's tennis player Taylor Bieberle cruised to the doubles title at the University of Kansas' Intercollegiate Tennis Association Circuit Event, claiming yet another summer tournament title for the Idaho tennis program.

Native of Clafin, Kan., Bieberle paired up with Rockhurst University's Ben Newell to total three match wins en route to the title.

Bieberle and Newell received a first-round bye and were barely challenged in their opening match, defeating Arin and Scott Enge 8-3. Then the two triumphed over University of Iowa freshmen Chase Tomlins and Joey White, winning 8-3 again. The men's doubles championship match saw Bieberle and Newell take down University of Missouri, Kansas City freshmen Jonathan Rogers and Connor Edwards 8-5.

"That is a great result for Taylor (Bieberle)," Idaho men's tennis coach Jeff Beaman said. "He has been battling an assortment of injuries since the summer before his freshman year, but has kept working hard and persevering."

Despite not seeing any action during the 2010-2011 season, Bieberle has proven his ability to compete at the Division I level, as he went undefeated in singles competition during his inaugural season as a

Vandal in 2008-2009.

"Taylor's doubles have really developed during his time in college," said Beaman. "Doubles is a very mental game and to play at a high level means certain patterns and shot selections need to be automatic, how to work with a partner is critical, and Taylor has really developed his

doubles game and can be effective with any partner."

The junior boasted an unprecedented high school record of 110-6 at Clafin High School and finished second in the state of Kansas during his junior and senior seasons.

Idaho graduated two of its top three singles players, who also played doubles, and Bieberle could provide the doubles boost his team needs.

"Right now our line-up is pretty wide open. Some of our top guys graduated, some of our returners had great summer results, and we have added some talented new players, so it is really hard

to say at this point," said Beaman. "It is going to be very interesting to see how all the guys perform in the individual fall tournaments."

The Vandals' fall schedule has yet to be announced.

In addition to Bieberle's title, Idaho has seen summer success from Alan Shin, who claimed singles titles in two tournaments and Molly Knox of the women's team, who advanced to the doubles semifinals of the Washington State Open in Seattle.



Taylor Bieberle



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Pineda is a bright spot in another Seattle loss

Associated Press

Michael Pineda was a bright spot in another dismal day for the Seattle Mariners.

Johnny Damon lost a grand slam to a video review in the seventh inning, then hit a game-ending home run in the ninth that lifted the Tampa Bay Rays over the Mariners 8-7 on Sunday.

Pineda allowed two earned runs and six hits over six innings. The rookie had five strikeouts, giving him 148 over 147 innings this season.

"We had him throwing more change-ups for his development," Seattle catcher Josh Bard said. "Where we're at, we obviously want him to throw that pitch. We feel like when (staff ace Felix) Hernandez started to take off, that was the third pitch that really made him kind of who he was."

Damon connected for a leadoff shot in the ninth on the first pitch

from Dan Cortes (0-2), sending his 11th homer of the season into the right-field seats.

"He just left a pitch up," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said.

The Rays trailed 5-4 in the seventh when Damon launched a drive to right-center field. It was first ruled a home run, but the umpires changed the call to a three-run double after 2-minute, 45-second video review.

TV relays showed the reversal was correct and that the ball hit off the top of the wall.

Jamey Wright lasted just one-third of an inning in relief of Pineda, allowing four runs, three walks and one hit during the Rays' four-run seventh.

"A year from now we, probably, send him (Pineda) out for next inning," Wedge said. "(94 pitches), that was enough for him. It's just where we are and where he is."

Damon also came up with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the eighth, but the inning ended when Bard chased down a pitch that went to the backstop and threw the ball to Cortes, who tagged out Matt Joyce attempting to score from third.

After blowing an early four-run lead, Seattle tied it at 7 during the eighth when Wily Mo Pena hit a long two-run homer to center off James Shields.

Kyle Farnsworth (5-1) pitched a perfect ninth as the Rays won

for the 10th time in 12 games.

Casper Wells also homered for the Mariners, who have lost five in a row. Mike Carp extended his hitting streak to 20 games with a third-inning double.

"We were in position to win two of the three games here and ended up losing both late," Wedge said. "We just have to keep plugging."

Shields gave up seven runs and 12 hits over 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander had given up just two runs in 24 innings over his previous three starts at home.

Wells hit a two-run shot, helping Seattle go up 3-0 in the first. He has five homers over his last seven games.

Bard made it 4-0 on second-inning RBI grounder.

Joyce and John Jaso each had RBI singles that got Tampa Bay within 4-2 during the second. Jaso also had a run-scoring grounder in the seventh.

Seattle took a 5-2 lead in the fourth when Franklin Gutierrez drove in a run with a single. The Rays got the run back on Ben Zobrist's sixth-inning sacrifice fly.

More info

-The Mariners have lost 20 of their last 23 road games.

-Wells has 13 RBIs in his last 13 games.

-Seattle SS Brendan Ryan, who returned from a sprained left shoulder joint this weekend, is expected to be in the starting lineup Monday.

-Mariners INF Luis Rodriguez, hit in the right elbow by a pitch Saturday night, didn't play. Seattle LHP Jason Vargas (7-11) will pitch Monday against Cleveland RHP Fausto Carmona (6-12).



Vandal tennis teams accept honors for academic achievements

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Seven University of Idaho tennis players earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association academic honors last season.

Jake Knox, Kevin Lee and Abid Akbar took home the honors on the men's side while Molly Knox, Silvia Irimescu, Lauren Simpson and Jana Siwa made the list for the women.

The women also earned ITA All-Academic honors as a team. Idaho tennis director Jeff Beaman said it shows Idaho's tennis players' commitment on and off the court.

"Both programs had great years on the court and in the classroom," Beaman said. "Having the women's team honored as a whole and

several players off both teams as individuals shows these athletes' dedication to success in all parts of their lives."

To receive ITA academic honors, individuals must earn a varsity letter while having a minimum 3.5 GPA in the current academic year. Players must also have been at their current school for at least two semesters. The ITA All-Academic Team honor is awarded to teams that have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

The Vandal men joined New Mexico State University as the only WAC schools to have students on the ITA list. The Vandal women joined New Mexico State and University of Hawaii as the only WAC schools to earn the ITA's team honor.



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Jeff Beaman, Tennis director



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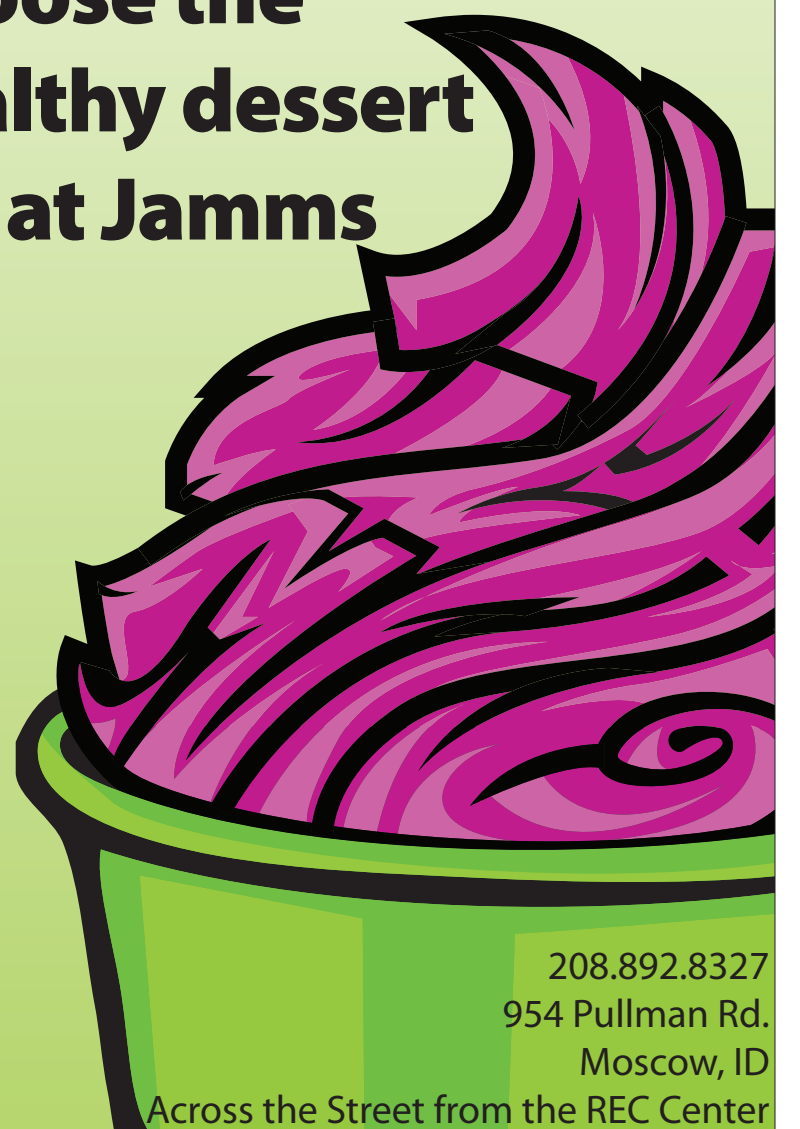
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Men's tennis signs two

Kevin Beaman
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The Idaho men's tennis team is off to a good start with this year's recruiting class, Idaho tennis director Jeff Beaman has signed two players.

Cristobal Ramos Salazar of Mexico and Dmitri Perevoshchikov of Russia have signed with Idaho and both come with impressive résumés.

Salazar was the first recruit of this year's class. He has been ranked No. 1 in the 12 and 14-year-old age groups in Mexico. Salazar has also been ranked as high as No. 240 in the world in juniors by the International Tennis Federation and was ranked No. 52 by tennisrecruiting.net in 2010. He was also selected to represent Mexico on the Jr. Davis Cup team. Beaman said he's thrilled to have Salazar on his squad.

"Cristobal will be a great addition to our team as an athlete, a student

and a teammate," Beaman said. "He has shown he can compete at the highest level, and has great potential to continue to improve in college as he gets stronger and his game develops. He will also be able to make an impact in our doubles lineup right from the start."

Salazar has a ITF junior singles record of 29-24 and a doubles record of 30-18. Beaman said Salazar brings more to the table than just tennis, as he will also be a great student and teammate as well.

"Cristobal is a great student and will study engineering at Idaho," Beaman said. "He also has a fun and laid back personality that will be great to work with and great for team chemistry."

Perevoshchikov is the second recruit to sign with the Vandals this year. Perevoshchikov has held an ITF junior singles rank of 220 and holds victories over numerous ranked

players from the pro tour. Beaman said he's expecting big things from Perevoshchikov in the future.

"Dmitry will be an impact player for Division I tennis, he has competed at the highest level and has shown he can win against top players in the world," Beaman said. "Dmitry's sister was a top player for our women's team, and Dmitry will have just as much of an impact for our men's team. In addition to being a great athlete, Dmitry is a great student."

Perevoshchikov was the No. 1 under-12 Russian player, and was always in the top five as an under-14-year-old. Perevoshchikov follows in his sister's footsteps, who played tennis at Idaho from 2009 to 2010.

Perevoshchikov will study economics when he joins the team this year. He will have three years of eligibility at Idaho.

A new face in womens basketball

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Kristi Zeller is the newest member of the Idaho Vandals women's basketball coaching staff.

Zeller is from Stow, Ohio and is a former Toledo Lady Rocket, where she played shooting guard and was a four-year letter winner. After playing, she was a graduate assistant manager for two more years.

Her duties on the Rocket's staff were recruiting, coordinating community service, overseeing managers and assisting with summer camps.

"I have been around the program for a long time and we went out with a great season when we won the NIT championship," Zeller said.

She said that it was a great way to leave the program and that she had a great head coach, Tricia Cullop, who was her mentor and someone she really learned a lot from.

While a Lady Rocket, Zeller was a two-time recipient of Academic All-MAC honors.

"Academics are really, really important to me, so as an athlete I was always making sure I was getting my work done early and talking to my professors and it just so happens I got good grades and was able to keep that up all four years," Zeller said.

Zeller earned a Bachelor's Degree in social work, graduating with a 3.9 GPA and then continued on to create her own Master's program, with the help of a professor from school.

She said she published an article for women's basketball and did her thesis on academic and athletic motivations of women's basketball. After receiving her Master's degree, Zeller said she began looking for work online and found a posting for the assistant coach position with the Vandals. "Everything just fit both sides, I think we both could see that we would work well together, and then I got offered the job," Zeller said. "It was incredible, it's great, it just fit perfectly," she said.

Zeller then made the big move from Ohio to Moscow and said it is much smaller here than where she is from.

"It's an adjustment for sure, but it's a good adjustment and I'm happy that I did it," Zeller said.

Now that she is here, she says it is time to go to work, and she can't wait to start meeting all the players when they get here and to start her duties as assistant coach.

She said her biggest duty is going to be film exchange, which she has a lot of experience with and that she will also be helping a lot with the guards alongside fellow assistant coach Christa Sanford.

Zeller said her experiences at the University of Toledo are sure to help her as assistant coach. She said she watched a struggling team with a strong tradition get a new head coach and go from a non-winning season to winning the NIT championship in three years.

"I got to be a part of the program at its lowest and then I got to be a part of the program during the growth, so I got to experience two different coaching styles and see what it takes to get to the next level," Zeller said.

She said that from what she sees so far she likes Newlee's coaching style. She said he seems easy to work with and that she liked his track record.

"He seems to make every team better and that stands out to me," Zeller said.

After last season with a bunch of close games the Vandals are in need of getting over that hump and both Zeller and Newlee have experienced just that before. She said when she came here it felt

right and all the coaches made her feel really welcome and right at home. While she waits for the team to arrive, Zeller is working on a couple of her other duties; the team's Facebook and Twitter page.



Kristi Zeller



I have been around the program for a long time and we went out with a great season when we won the NIT Championship

Kristi Zeller, Women's basketball assistant coach



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Top 5 college football games of 2011

5. Boise State University vs. Georgia, Sept. 3

The Boise State Broncos will be looking for a little payback against Georgia. When these two teams met in 2005, the Bulldogs blasted BSU 48-13. The Broncos will be looking for a signature win against a top team like Georgia before conference play starts. Just like a year ago, Boise State needs to win this game to have any shot at a national title. Georgia, on the other hand, will be looking to restore pride to a program that finished the season 6-7 after a 10-6 loss in the Liberty Bowl to the University of Central Florida.



Michael Greenway
Argonaut

A win against a top-10 program like BSU will help patch up old wounds suffered in last year's embarrassing season.

4. University of Southern California vs. Notre Dame, Oct. 22

Last year in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Notre Dame ended an eight-game losing streak against USC by shocking the Trojans with a 20-16 win. Notre Dame will be looking to surprise USC again this year in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame has the possibility of going to a BCS game, but will more than likely have to win this one to do so. For USC this game will be about

pride and revenge. The Trojans will be serving their second of a two-year bowl ban. USC will probably be undefeated in this one, and be ranked in the top 10.

3. Ohio State vs. Michigan, Nov. 26

This game will finally be competitive again. Ohio State will be down in the dumps this season after having to replace head coach Jim Tressel and quarterback Terrell Pryor. The Buckeyes have won seven straight in this series and will look for their eighth. Michigan, which has not won this contest since 2003, will put its first year head coach, Brady Hoke, to the test. With all the trouble in Columbus, this just might be the year that Michigan breaks the streak, especially since the game will be

played in Ann Arbor.

2. Oregon vs. Stanford, Nov. 12

Both Oregon and Stanford will be looking to make National Title runs this season. Last time Oregon went through the regular season undefeated, while Stanford finished the year 12-1 with their only loss coming against Oregon. During last season's game in Eugene, Stanford took an early 21-3 lead before being outscored 49-10 in the final three quarters and losing 52-31. Both teams have Heisman finalists; quarterback Andrew Luck of Stanford and running back LaMichael James of Oregon. The winner of this game will more than likely represent the Pac-12 North in the first Pac-12 championship game and be on their way to the Rose Bowl or possibly the National

Championship game.

1. Oregon vs. LSU, Sept. 3

This game will be an early-season test for both teams. Oregon will have the core of its offense back in LaMichael James and Daron Thomas. Oregon will be playing a top SEC team in LSU and the last time the Ducks squared off against an SEC team, it ended in a 22-19 loss in the National Championship game to Auburn. The Ducks will need this win to return to the National Championship game. LSU is also looking for a shot at the title, and a win against Oregon would give them the opportunity to do just that. This may be the best LSU team since the 2007 season when they won the National Championship.

Rams beat Titans 17-16 on Brown's FG

R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Josh Brown's winning last-second field goal couldn't erase the bad taste from the St. Louis Rams' poor first half.

Coach Steve Spagnuolo didn't mince words after the starters got dominated on both sides of the ball, needing the backups to rally for a hollow 17-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Saturday night.

"I do think we've got a long way to go based on that first half," Spagnuolo said.

"I'm not real happy with how we ran the ball, I'm not real happy with how we stopped the run."

"Did we come away with a win? Yes, we did," center Jason Brown said. "But did we move the ball like we wanted to? No, we did not. There's going to be a lot of teaching points and a lot of criticism and constructive things we can learn from this game."

After getting burned for an 83-yard touchdown pass on the first play, the Titans' defense stood fast.

The offense thrived without holdout Chris Johnson while taking a 16-7 half-time lead.

The Rams (2-0) scored 33 points in the preseason opener against the Colts but, after getting Tennessee (1-1) to bite on play action on Bradford's 83-yarder to a wide-open Brandon Gibson for a quick 7-0 lead, new offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels had no follow-up with the first-stringers.

Brown's 42-yard field goal capped a closing 12-play 67-yard drive behind third

string quarterback Thaddeus Lewis. Brown was successful twice, first connecting after the Titans called timeout just before the snap.

St. Louis opened with three tight ends and Jackson the lone back on a play that easily topped the Rams' longest play last season, a 49-yard reception by Jackson, the lone suspense coming when Gibson stumbled at the 35. The rest of the half, St. Louis totaled just 70 yards on 27 plays.

Rookie Jamie Harper, third on the Tennessee depth chart behind Johnson and Javon Ringer (hamstring) had 83 yards on 11 carries in the half. The highlight was a 46-yarder on a cutback run, and he scored for the second straight week.

The Titans totaled 198 yards rushing with a 5.7-yard average.

Tennessee starter Matt Hasselbeck was sharp, going

7 for 9 for 74 yards. Hasselbeck was shaken up on his final play when Brady Poppinga rolled into his legs after a pass, but after walking off didn't need treatment on the sideline.

Jackson missed most of two practices with hip soreness this week, but said it was just a precaution. He had trouble finding holes behind a line that had seldom-used Hank Fraley at guard in place of guard Jacob Bell. Donnie Jones punted eight times, four in each half.

"I'm not looking for yardage in the preseason. What I'm looking for is run reads and how my chemistry is with the offensive line. One hundred yards or 1 yard, it's irregardless."

"The job of the preseason is to get back into the flow of the game."

The Rams' Donnie Avery (knee) played for the first time since last preseason and

caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from A.J. Feeley in the third quarter that cut the gap to 16-14.

Jake Locker threw a 29-yard completion to Jared Cook to the 5 on his first snap to set up Rob Bironas' third field goal of the half. Two of them were chip shots after the Titans stalled at the 7 and 5.

Titans defensive end Jason Jones was carted off the field at the start of the second quarter with a sprained left knee sustained on the 83-yard touchdown. Jones was back on the sideline in the second half wearing a brace and is expected back in time for the opener Sept. 11 at Jacksonville.

Rams middle linebacker James Laurinaitis made his preseason debut and tackled Harper for a 1-yard gain on the Titans' first play. Laurinaitis, who missed the opener with a pectoral injury, also had a sack.

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team confidence, but there's still a lot of work that needs to be done.

"The challenge was, even though we're bringing back the same team, did we come back better? Are we doing things better than we were last year, and right now we're a lot better than we were," Buchanan said. "So right now, having the same core and working though some things, taking the next step up has been awesome."

The Vandals bring back three seniors this year in Rylee Walker, Alicia Milo and Cassie Hamilton. Also coming back for Idaho is sophomore Allison Walker, who last season became the first Vandal to be named first-team All-WAC and is the only Vandal to be named to the preseason All-WAC team.

Idaho was picked to finish fourth in the WAC in the preseason poll and while Buchanan is pleased with the ranking, she's determined to finish higher.

"We have to prove ourselves," Buchanan said. "The team knows that and we've talked about it. We were a young team last year and were better than I thought we were. We're only one point behind Utah State, so that's basically a tie, so I think it's good. All the kids are fired up about it and we need to come out, we need to compete and obviously push to be better than that."

Hawaii was picked once again, to finish atop the WAC, beginning the season as the no. 10 team in the nation. New Mexico State and Utah State were slated to finish second and third in the conference.

The Vandals will kick off their season on Aug. 26 when they travel to play in the Notre Dame Tournament, where they will play Butler, Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan. Buchanan said she's seeing a lot out of her team in practice and is looking forward to the opening matches.

"We're seeing some really bright spots," Buchanan said. "We're still working through some things, but were definitely a more athletic team than we were last year. Our offense is a lot smoother. It's running a lot quicker. Passing's a lot better, so I think looking at our team from last year to this year, we're night and day."

The Vandals will not have a home match until Sept. 22, as they will play in numerous tournaments before WAC play starts. Buchanan said the team has no glaring weaknesses right now and she just wants to keep the players focused.

"There's no area that we aren't focused on right now," Buchanan said. "We have to think about every play, every rally, first to five, first to 10, with the mindset that we don't take a play off."

POSTER

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less than the number one poster, which came from the University of Texas at El Paso.

The other teams that ranked above the Vandals were Auburn (no. 2), New Mexico State (no. 3) and Tennessee (no. 4). In just the top ten, the UI ranked above Florida, the United States Air Force Academy, and North Carolina; three powerhouse universities. The Vandal's poster didn't even make the top fifty last year, which added to the surprise for Vandal Marketing when they found out their place this year. Vandal Marketing designs many posters every year for the university, so they appreciated the recognition.

"It's extremely exciting and rewarding to see our creative concept do so well on a national scale and it really reaffirms that our efforts paid off," Popplewell said.

After Vandal marketing completed the poster's design, Advantage Advertising in Lewiston created the final product. This means the poster was thought up, designed, and produced entirely in Idaho. Advantage Advertising mass produced the poster and pretty soon, they began popping up on restaurant, gas station and grocery store windows.

Students can get a copy of the poster from Popplewell's office in the Kibbie Dome, but he has warned that they are becoming very popular and going fast.



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"Would I have liked to have won them? Absolutely, and so would they, but we didn't lose and we came away with a couple ties; promising start," Showler said.

Showler said that even though it was opening weekend for everyone, the two teams they played were very physical and very fast.

This Friday, Aug. 26, the women's soccer team will play its first home game at Guy Wickes Field against Seattle University, a team that the UI hasn't beaten in a few years. Showler said they are preparing for a tough game and that he hopes to get a lot of people to come out for opening weekend to watch the game. He said it will be nice to play in weather 25 degrees cooler than in Vegas. The game will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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player that has come in who is looking good," Axman said. "You don't just play with two or three wide receivers. You need a stable of five or six and we're getting really close to getting there as our first game approaches."

During fall camp, the group of running backs also

showed promise to Axman.

"Right now, its' still a committee by group. We have a stable of four excellent running backs. Who's going to start? Well that's still to be seen," Axman said, "But the thing I feel really good about is that we have four guys that can start for us. And we're going to try to use their talents and keep them fresh and keep their legs fresh."

Fall camp ended Friday, something most of the Vandals looked forward to. Reader said the team is ready to prepare for week one.

"We've been hungry for this game back since San Jose State, because we missed that bowl game," Reader said. "People are just wanting to work toward this bowl game this year."



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Last call for seniors

The beginning of the school year is often focused solely on freshmen or new students coming in, but every year there is a group of people who are starting their last year as a Vandal.

Unlike the new students, this is it for those who are about to graduate this is the last chance to fulfill that bucket list of what it means to be a Vandal. The realization can kind of be a punch in the gut if you're not expecting it.

But this is the time to take advantage of all that Moscow and the University of Idaho have to offer. Don't take a back seat during your senior year, but embrace it. Go to every game possible, tailgate, dance during halftime, sing the fight song and go to The Corner Club afterward. It doesn't matter if you never go back to the Club, it's just something that needs to be experienced at least once — it's everything Vandal from floor to ceiling.

Take a walk through the arboretum (new and old) and take in the beauty and solace. Pack a picnic and take your friends. Ride your bike along Paradise Path either toward Troy or Pullman. Sit under a tree on the Administration Building lawn and read a book, sketch or nap.

Play an intramural sport with a group of friends or co-workers. Make crazy shirts or uniforms and have a get-together to do it. Laugh at yourself and your team if you suck, and don't take it too seriously if you don't. Just have fun.

Join a club, voice your opinion and try to make a difference in someone's life. Write a letter to the editor, participate in a protest and attend an ASUI meeting.

Complete the Bovill Run, dance like crazy at CJ's, make a trip to the "Bagel Shop" at 2 a.m. and visit New York Johnny's. Spend a Friday afternoon on Patty's porch, grab a gyro from Mikey's and listen to the bands at John's Alley.

This year is sure to fly by, so create your own bucket list and put it in drive for your last lap as a Vandal.

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OFF THE CUFF

Paint time

I have been trying to finish prerequisites for my art minor for three years so I can take painting. This semester I finally get to and I am so pumped. Class is the best way to schedule in hobby/break time. I'm ready to tackle 8:30 a.m. for that sole reason.

—Elizabeth

Words of wisdom

If my children have taught me anything it is that getting gray is not only to blame on genetics.

—Jake

Keep it classy

Looking to save a few bucks next time you have a dinner date? Buy a less expensive wine and decant it before the meal. Makes it taste much better.

—Madison

Fun fact

Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't float away. If that mental image didn't improve your day, it's time to go back to bed.

—Vicky

Write it all down

In order to avoid that awkward moment when you arrive to class and realize everybody else is turning in an assignment you had no idea about, remember that your planner is your best friend — Seriously.

—Britt

Just my luck

It wouldn't be the first day of school without a parking ticket.

—Anja

A perfect end to summer

I spent the weekend reuniting with my friends and laying by the pool at The Grove. Even though summer has ended, I'm still excited to have all my friends back in Moscow.

—Elisa

Engineering fluid mechanics syllabus

Construct knowledge, engage in reflective thinking, follow process and practice fundamentals.

—Amrah

Blue Lots

I should have bought a red parking permit since the lot behind Stax is apparently no longer owned by the university.

—Loren

Get a grip

OK, so Lindsay Lohan is suing Pitbull for harming her reputation because of his song "Give Me Everything." Apparently she has a problem with the lyric, "I got it locked up like Lindsay Lohan." Seriously Lindsay, if you continually get arrested for DUIs and possession and bounce in and out of rehab, you can't say someone else has ruined your reputation. You did it yourself.

—Rhiannon

Lingerie and makeup

Sexualizing young girls in the media

French company Jours Apres Lunes recently designed a new line of loungerie, which features designer brand loungewear and lingerie worn by sultry models. And it's being marketed toward children between the ages of four and 12.

It's not necessarily the clothing or its target audience that is so controversial.

It's the images of young girls on the company's website, posing in bras and panties.

Dressed in lingerie

and wearing makeup, the children recline on furniture and smile at the camera. The photos do not convey a message of innocent children's loungewear, but instead seem designed to allure in the same style as lingerie advertisements. Photographing young girls in this way inappropriately sexualizes their image.

The children in the photos are not mature enough to need to wear a bra or to understand the message they are sending

with their images. The combination of makeup and teased hair make the models seem years older than they actually are. Although Jours Apres Lunes' collection is the most recent example, they are not the only company to market lingerie toward children.

Abercrombie & Fitch released its Ashley push-up bra in March, which was originally supposed to be marketed to 7-year-olds. After a public outcry, the company decided to design the bra for 12-year-olds instead. These

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Fitting in

Transgender women undergo risky procedures to change their bodies

The pressures young people experience daily regarding their appearance can lead to depression, eating disorders and misguided behavior — but transgender young adults suffer from this pressure on an entirely different level.

Transgender people are those who were born in the wrong gendered body. Some are able to

undergo a gender reassign-

ment surgery, but most cannot afford this pricey operation. A New York Health

Department study showed that 22 percent of transgender women opted for a less expensive but far more dangerous procedure.

Pumpers are illegal and often untrained professionals who inject silicone into various parts of the body to obtain the desired hourglass figure and an overall more

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Elisa Eiguren
Argonaut



Katy Sword
Argonaut



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

"American exceptionalism" is a term that gets used a lot by the punditry these days. It's the reason we can't have national health care, why we have to invade oil-rich Middle Eastern countries and why we are as Sean Hannity said, "the greatest country that God ever gave man." Unfortunately for Hannity and other cable news pundits, American exceptionalism doesn't mean what they think it means.

American exceptionalism does not mean that America is the greatest country on Earth. The term was coined so political scientists could explain why America was a statistical outlier. American opinion polls produce very different results than European first-world countries, and the difference in cultures and values contributes to this concept of exceptionalism.

In many ways, America is exceptional. We have the highest infant mortality rate of any first-world nation. More than 1 percent of the population is in prison: that's more than 30 million people. We're one of the few developed countries not to offer some form of national health care. American workers work for less money, have less

vacation time and sick leave and many American workers don't receive the sort of job and health protection that would be considered basic in other developed countries.

The U.S. also has some of the broadest protections of free speech, and is an ethnically and culturally diverse nation. Perhaps most significantly, America lacks Europe's history of entrenched class systems. We may not live up to the ideal standard, but we were founded on the idea that we are all equal.

It is that idea that makes us truly exceptional. It is the American dream and the idea of class mobility. It is the promise that no matter what situation you are born into, anyone can become great. Everyone has the potential to live out the American dream.

We are failing to live up to our potential. Our classes have become stratified. People born poor are doomed to poverty. Almost a tenth of our population is unemployed. Many Americans work minimum-wage jobs, going into debt just to pay the rent. Every citizen who cannot find a job, every child born to a poor inner-city family, everyone without a safety net, who will lose

their livelihood if they become ill — these are the failures of American exceptionalism.

Americans believe this country has the most freedoms of any country. However, freedom of speech means nothing if we cannot be heard because corporations with money and power can drown out the individual. Private property means nothing if natural gas companies can pump drinking water full of toxic chemicals to ensure their own profits. Is the American dream only for those who can afford it? Every American that is harmed by corporate safety deregulation, driven into debt and poverty by an unregulated mortgage market, losing their social services because oil companies don't pay taxes, these are also the results of the negative side of American exceptionalism.

America can live up to its ideals. The principles we were founded on are truly exceptional. But before we find the American dream, we must ensure that the American people have jobs, can pay rent and won't starve if they get sick. The homeless need housing, not ideals. We must fulfill the basic duties of society before we can fulfill our great promises. Until we do, America will continue to be exceptional — in all the wrong ways.

Exceptionalism not always good



UI students speak about upcoming year

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

What did you find beneficial about Palousafest?



"Most of the clubs were there and I got a lot of information from them — some of them I want to join. I thought it was really informative."

Sol Jeraldine Alvarez Villa
Freshman, Architecture and Interior Design

"Well, you know, it has a lot of clubs and different ways for new students to get involved. I personally know a new student who signed up for 10 different things."

Andrew Rogers
Sophomore, Secondary Education



"I thought it was great to just get out and see the campus and what's at the university. It's a good chance to get out and meet new people because I'm not from around here, so it was nice to see people out, floating around."

Nick Bandy
Sophomore, North Idaho College transfer

How are you going to get involved on campus this year?



"I'm actually part of a sorority. I'm part of Delta Zeta and we have a 100 percent involvement, and so basically last year I was a part of intramurals and I'm going to do that again this year."

Kara Walther
Sophomore, Biology

"Well, I'm going to do intramurals and join some clubs — psychology club — and start there."

Sarah Lorber
Sophomore, Psychology



"I joined FarmHouse and I plan on joining all the intramural sports and all the clubs that involve my majors."

Tyler Santi
Freshman, Architecture and Technical Education

Why do you think it's important to get involved?



"I'm sure it's helpful but I don't think it's essential. I don't participate in anything but for the right person it could be helpful."

Meghan Walker
Sophomore, Psychology

"I think it's important to get involved because it improves the diversity of the school. It just gives students more avenues to get involved with in school and it just reaches out to more students, basically."

Chris Bulcher
Senior, Biology



"Honestly, getting involved on campus is one of the reasons to go to a smaller campus."

David Sapp
Sophomore, Architecture and Business

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wrong for designing inappropriate clothing for children, but they are catering to a society that is obsessed with youth.

Women are sexualized in their images through the media every day. Airbrushing, lighting and makeup are all used to create false images of women in advertisements and magazines. These images are considered an ideal beauty and many women aspire to look like these models. This idea of beauty is embedded so deeply in society that even children as young as those in the Jours Aprè Lunes are able to imitate the poses and facial expressions of

experienced models.

The public dismay following the release of products like the Ashley pushup bra proves that these companies are crossing the line in marketing lingerie toward children. Although the companies' intent may not have been to sexualize the images of their models, the design of the photos sends the wrong message.

Since children generally are not responsible for purchasing their own clothing, it is parents' responsibility to not purchase clothing advertised in a way that sexualizes children.

Images of young girls should show children who are makeup-free and innocent – not wearing lingerie.

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feminine look. The cost is significantly less than a gender reassignment surgery, but it is also a much riskier procedure.

The silicone is supposed to be medical grade, but pumpers often mix it with baby oil or other substances, increasing the chances of something going wrong after the procedure.

Silicone is considered safe for the body if it is sealed, but pumpers use loose, silicone which can lead to an array of side effects. Because the silicone is loose, it can travel in the blood stream throughout the body. An injection of silicone at the hip could end up in the leg or even around

the ankles. The silicone can also calcify and become painful, forcing those who opted for the cheaper surgery to be hospitalized.

A New York Times article quoted Pauline Park, president of Queens Pride House, an organization that provides services to lesbian, gay and transgender people, saying, "Pumpers are preying on desperate people who are poor. They're basically killing people and profiting from it."

Although some pumpers provide their services to help transgender women feel more natural in their bodies, many see it as a business opportunity and take advantage of these women with unsafe practices, like using industrial oil instead of silicone.

Nearly anyone who goes

through adolescence can attest to the awkward feeling of not knowing who you are, or feeling uncomfortable with your body. There is pressure to look "normal," and we need to be sensitive to the pressure transgender people feel when trying to fit in. Taking advantage of these feelings and performing dangerous, and potentially fatal, procedures may provide transgender women with a temporary happiness, but it is not worth the risk.

There is no easy solution to this problem. Perhaps in time gender reassignment surgeries will be made more readily available to those who need them. This is unlikely, but is something to work toward. For the time being, spreading awareness about the dangers of pumpers will have to do.



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Pauline Park,
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