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Flying green:

Aviation biofuel may soon be reality

Jonathan Gradin Argonaut

In a significant push toward researching practical adoption of biofuel in previously untapped markets, three University of Idaho professors are partnering with the University of Washington and Washington State University in two parallel, five-year \$40 million grants to develop jet fuel based on isobutanol.

Isobutanol is a type of alcohol derived from cellulosic (woody) materials. Chemically it acts the same as conventional liquid fossil fuels and contains nearly 50 percent more energy than ethanol, according to project partner Gevo, a chemical research company.

"The cool thing about isobutanol is that it's a 100 percent drop-in replacement for aviation fuel," said Steve Hollenhorst, research faculty in UI's Department of Conservation Social Sciences. "Also, it's hydrophobic, meaning that it doesn't have the same problems as ethanol with water."

Hollenhorst is working on the WSU grant project, Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance, which is researching the viability of distilling, distributing and using isobutanol jet fuel that is made

from waste products such as construction and logging debris. More than seven universities and other organizations are contributing to this project, which is divided into three research teams and two outreach and education teams.

"Think of it as three research teams," Hollenhorst said. "Those research teams start with the feedstocks, either in the woods or however they're collected. The next step in this process is conversion ... when we turn this stuff into a useful fuel. And then, there's all these people working on what we call metrics — sustainability impacts. These are the folks looking at what the environmental impacts and social impacts of producing this fuel are."

Hollenhorst leads the outreach and education teams. These act as a bridge between the scientific community and the public.

"If we're going to move toward a sustainable fuel economy, we're going to have to make all sorts of changes to society, away from petroleum and toward a locally, bio-regionally

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut University of Idaho students Keith Christopher, Intan Karina, Jo Scholkowfsky and Sarah Reichman designed this prototype to remove bacterial contamination of cantaloupes.

Students invent process to shelve safe produce

Joanna Wilson Argonaut

Around 23 people have died from a nationwide cantaloupe listeria outbreak that began in late September. A team of University of Idaho students have designed a way to test for the deadly bacteria for an international competition.

The Waste-Management Education and Research Consortium's contest challenged collegiate teams to create an apparatus that would wash melons with clean water and then test for microbial content.

"At first we really didn't know how to tackle it ... it's an interesting project that's never been done before, so there's not that much research that we could look up and refer to, so we had to go our own way," said

Karina Intan, UI student.

"We thought about a couple of different methods. One of the two prominent ones were using a Magnasonic water bath, just like a jewelry cleaner, and another one was a golf ball washer."

To test for bacteria in the water, the cantaloupe needed to be undamaged by the cleaning device. The team decided to make a large golf-ball washer from 8-inch-diameter PVC pipe. The device holds a cantaloupe in place, but is able to rotate it against a wraparound brush.

Intan said they exposed test cantaloupes to UV radiation for an hour to kill all the existing bacteria on the skin, then dropped a known amount of E. coli onto the melon. After washing, they grew cultures from the captured water. Intan said they

recovered about 85 percent of the bacteria with seven minutes of brushing.

"It was to find a device that could detect bacterial contamination early, so that the cantaloupes don't go out to shipment and affect a lot of people," Intan said. "With our prototype — with our apparatus — it doesn't use a lot of space, it's very simple. It's very accurate."

The bacteria that has caused the recent deaths, listeria monocytogenes, can survive in refrigeration, is tolerant to heat, resistant to low pH and found in some fermented products, said Gulhan Unlu, UI associate professor of food microbiology and biotechnology.

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Moscow police, fire and ambulance responded to a report of an unconscious person at Kappa Sigma fraternity at 1:25 a.m. Saturday. Brandon Hawkins, a UI freshman, reportedly fell from an undetermined height from a fire escape on the exterior of the Kappa Sigma house, sustaining severe injuries when he hit the ground, said Lt. Dave Lehmitz, of the Moscow Police Department. Lehmitz said Hawkins was transported to Gritman Medical Center and then transported to a hospital in Spokane via fixed-wing aircraft. MPD is currently investigating the incident and has not yet determined if alcohol was a factor.



Alex Aguirre | Argonaut Students walk past the new Hello Walk stairs Monday. The recently renovated steps resemble the 20th Century style of the original stairs.

Hello new steps, goodbye construction

Michelle Gregg Argonaut

The sidewalk toward the Administration Building is one of the most recognizable landmarks on the University of Idaho campus. Students, faculty and staff can now welcome the facelift the landmark underwent this summer — the steps at the beginning of Hello Walk.

"The old stairs built in the 1960s were completely removed," said Benjamin Camp, UI landscape architect.

"Our design and construction

was inspired by the original steps built in the early 1900s."

Camp said the new steps are influenced by the architectural style that is

used for the rest of UI's buildings.

"The steps leading to Hello Walk and the pathway along the Admin Lawn are one of the most visible and important parts of campus," Camp said. "Tours for students and other people looking at campus always go by the steps, so it's important to have them look their best."

Construction started early this summer and will be completed

roughly by the end of October, Camp said. The budget totaled \$256,600 and was funded through that State of Idaho Permanent Building Fund and administered by the Division of Public Works.

"A few things need to be added before we finish. Wall caps, handrails and historic light fixtures still need to be installed," Camp said. "And the landscaping around the historic light fixtures needs to be worked on as well."

Camp said they added two

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What is black and white and fried all over?

Bacteria causes threat to potato industry

Molly Spencer

A disease in potatoes originally found in New Mexico has traveled to Idaho. The disease — "Zebra Chip" — has no known threat to humans, but this disease is an issue for the potato industry.

Zebra Chip begins with a bacteria carried by psyllids (tiny insects related to aphids).

'Essentially what's happening here is that it can cause a very mild marking inside the flesh of the potato. So if you cut open a raw potato you might just see a slight little discoloration," said Nora Olsen, an associate extension professor at the Idaho Center for Potato Research and Education. "You can still eat it — there are no human or health concerns at all."

Some of the samples have gone unnoticed through the system, but scientists were not too surprised to see this disease in Idaho, Olsen said.

"We were on the watch for it in Idaho. So the system did work — we found it very early and so now we can get information out to everybody and education on what to look for and what we need to do differently next year possibly to not have some infection by these potato psyllids," Olsen said.

Bill Loftus, science writer in the College of Agricultural and Life sciences, said this may be the only year Zebra Chip occurs in Idaho, but it's still important for potato growers and processers to be aware that the disease is out there.

"Our researchers like Nora Olsen and Phil Nolte are some of the best in the business. Phil Nolte down in Idaho Falls wrote about this two years ago because he was already tracking it in Texas and Nebraska and Kansas and California," Loftus said. "You know, they grow a lot of potatoes there too but they're not as important as potatoes are to Idaho."

Loftus said it's important to find a balance when communicating information about a somewhat threatening disease. It's important to relay the message to the potato industry without exaggerating it, he said.

"The Idaho Potato Commission wanted to make sure growers knew about it. They also wanted consumers to understand that it's not a human health threat," he said. "It's basically a cosmetic issue because the sugar balance in these potatoes gets messed up according to the industry standards."

When the potatoes with Zebra Chip are fried they develop dark zebra-like bands. The discoloration results from changes in stored sugars that caramelized when fried. Potato products that show signs of the disease are removed before being packaged because of the appearance.

"It's just a little thing that we have to kind of deal with to make sure that we always maintain a high quality standard of potatoes coming out of Idaho," Olsen said.

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Indigenous ingenuity

Wildcat addresses local and global environmental issues

Lindsey Treffry Argonaut

Native Americans have a strong connection with nature, and one in particular believes indigenous values are crucial to reducing humanity's impact on the environment.

Daniel R. Wildcat, author of "Red Alert!: Saving the Planet with Indigenous Knowledge" and director of the University of Idaho's American Indian studies program, will speak to students and faculty at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the UI Law School Courtroom as part of the Distinguished American Indian speaker series. This event is free sponsored by UI American Indian Studies Program, which is led by Janis Johnson.

"There's a disconnect between facing realities and living sustainably," Johnson said. "'Red Alert!' is realistic in its ideas about solving human and environmental problems." Wildcat said his book and upcoming lecture discuss how the U.S. has adopted a "one size fits all" type of culture.

'What we really need to do is think about indigenizing world views, to begin to understand that biological, economical and environmental diversity is deeply connected to people that reflect that in their cultures," Wildcat said.

In order to do that, Wildcat said, we must reconnect to our surroundings like Native Americans have.

"Indigenous people can still remind us the power that resides in that kind of thinking — that we're not in any way above nature," Wildcat said.

Wildcat plans to use examples of local environmental impacts, such as the effect of traffic and megaloads in addition to well-extraction processes.

"Look at traffic we're seeing and what's happening there in Moscow,' Wildcat said. "You start asking yourself, 'What's the cost of this?' Is this something that we want and that landscapes and the environment can afford?"

Wildcat said there are three easy ways for UI students to reduce their carbon footprints. These include reaching out to the university to reduce mechanical and building energies, as well as walking or riding a bike, and creating interdisciplinary entrepreneurships and businesses that can solve global and local issues.

"People get so fixated with technologies, get so caught up, that they don't see the exact place they're standing, sitting or looking and take that for granted," Wildcat said. "I'm not saying we don't value it ... (but) we become neglectful."



To learn more about Daniel R. Wildcat, his upcoming speech and distinguished American Indian speakers:

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The Native American Student Center will host a luncheon Wednesday in preparation for the series. All students and faculty are invited. The law school is partaking in the evening event as well as the Native American Student Association, which will sell Native gear and clothing.

encourages Johnson students of all disciplines to attend.

"This is a chance to hear a point of view that is not commonly heard," Johnson said.

Wildcat believes students are up to the task of positively affecting the planet.

"There's a challenge to figure out how we can live in an environment and a life-enhancing manner not at the expense of other lives," Wildcat said.

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grown fuel," Hollenhorst said. "That's huge. That's a big change. We're going to need a workforce that can work in this industry."

Hollenhorst said that at the end of the first year he hopes to have a K-12 curriculum developed that focuses on biofuel and alternative energy. This will be presented at the Mc-Call Outdoor Science School to 2,500 students, as well as globally through web-based curriculum by partner organization Facing the Future. At the three to five-year mark, he said the focus would be on education about the production of isobutanol and the "isobutanol economy," although this would be dependent on the scientific development.

"Basically, our job is to take these other three groups and the science they create, and turn it into useful curriculum for K-12 kids, teachers and citizens," Hollenhorst said.

The technology for isobutanol creation already exists and is proven on a small scale. The main challenge, Hollenhorst said, is in scaling it up to provide realistic amounts of jet fuel, without incurring energy penalties in the production process.

"Petroleum fills a specific niche: It fuels vehicles," Hollenhorst said. "It's almost irreplaceable. The reason we focused on aircraft is it's the most difficult part of the (fuel consumption) stream to replace."

While significant advances could be made on improving efficiency within the current system, Hollenhorst said petroleum independence is important for three reasons — national security, reduction of emissions and the limited amount of oil available.

Working to bring the nation one step closer to this goal are UI faculty researchers Mark Coleman and George Newcombe, who are working with UW on its grant. The UW

grant examines the viability of creating isobutanol from plantations of special, hybrid poplar varieties, which are provided by Portland-based Greenwood Development.

Poplar is a plant that has been domesticated for millennia and can be grown from cuttings or planted branches, Coleman, associate professor of forestry resources, said. This allows identical plants ("clones") to be developed and bred without the need to produce seed. Also, the use of cuttings ensures the genetic purity of sample varieties.

"Greenwood is a company with a long history of poplar breeding in the Northwest," Newcombe, UI professor of forestry resources, said. "They have a longstanding program of hybridization. Brian Stanton is the main breeder. They've produced very good clones that should be very productive for liquid fuels."

The poplar is being experimented on a coppice growing system, whereby trees are planted very close together, grown for two to four years, then cut to within six inches of the ground. The trees grow back the next year and the cycle is repeated. Coleman, whose research emphasis is in soil sustainability and enhancement, said this can be repeated for 25 years, although Newcombe said ongoing developments on poplar varieties might extend this life cycle even further.

To determine optimal growing conditions for biofuel feedstock, new plantations will be founded in eastern Washington and Idaho, western Washington, northern California and Oregon's Willamette Valley. These will be founded on what Coleman termed "marginal farmland" and other areas not being used for food production. This lack of fuel versus food competition, both professors said, is a significant advantage for isobutanol.

Newcombe has been working with poplar varieties since 1991 and said main specialties are in plant protection and plant pathology, or study and prevention of plant diseases.

"There is concern with growing hybrid poplar (with) closer spacing for biofuels, that some diseases will become more serious than they have been in the past," Newcombe said. "Leaf rust is the most serious, and it tends to multiply when foliage is close to other foliage."

To end that, Newcombe hopes to use recently developed beneficial microbes to fight the fungi and diseases. These microbes and bacteria, which act to boost a plant's immune system, have shown promise in the lab, although the effect on such a large scale remains to be seen.

"Beneficial microbes directly interact with the rust pathogen," Newcombe said.

One advantage of the coppice system is that it is naturally used by beavers, Coleman said. Poplar and other cottonwoods grow near riverbanks, and the frequent cutting forces it to grow back fully more quickly. Coleman said the project takes "advantage of a natural mechanism for harvest."

"(We are) looking for an environmentally sound alternative to foreign oil," Coleman said. "We're not going to meet all our energy needs with isobutanol, but this presents a viable alternative. By the end of the five years we expect to have tanker trucks of jet fuel."

Coleman said several UI graduate students will be employed on the project. He said this five-year grant research could help someone earn a degree.

All three faculty members said they are excited about this project and think it has a high chance of success, especially as the main challenge is that of large-scale application.

'It's amazing that the state of Washington got both these grants," Hollenhorst said. "It's good for the Northwest and Idaho, too."

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trail-marking medallions to the steps to signify the connection between UI and the Moscow community.

"The larger of the two is at the bottom of the steps, and a smaller one toward the top," Camp said. "Although nothing is final yet, in the future we hope the same trail-marking medallions will be repeated from the Admin Building, down to Friendship Square off of Main Street in downtown Moscow."

Although Hello Walk is used by many people each day, most don't know the history of the area.

"Most people don't understand how much history is on Hello Walk," Andrew Dahlquist, tradition keeper co-chair for the Student Alumni Relations Board said. "Just walking up to the Admin you pass the Spanish-American statue, the Admin steps — it brings attention to the less-known, but still significant parts of UI's campus."

The tradition of Hello Walk began in

1920, when former UI President Alfred Upham walked the pathway to the Admin, greeting everyone he passed. Upham strongly encouraged students and faculty to do the same while on Hello Walk.

"I think the design of the new steps bring an older feel that correlates with the rest of campus and brings positive attention to that area of the university," Dahlquist said.

Maddy Paterson, Dalquist's tradition keeper co-chair, said completion of the steps will encourage more people to participate in the Hello Walk tradition because it is a different way to make new acquaintances.

"This is my favorite tradition because you get to meet new people in an unusual way," Paterson said. "Even if you don't know the person, it's an enjoyable way to stop and chat with someone new on your way to class."

Paterson said since most students use Hello Walk, the new renovation will make the pathway more accessable and hopefully enhance students chance to engage in the Hello Walk tradition.

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Unlu said listeria has been found in almost all kinds of food, and the best precaution is to discard fruit with broken skin and to carefully wash all produce with running water, making sure to rub the fruit's surface.

When a person is infected with listeria, it multiplies in the intestines, then migrates into the body's cells, cloaking its presence from the immune system inside vacuoles, Unlu said.

"This organism makes people sick slowly," Unlu said. "And depending on the person, you know, we are talking about five to eight weeks after consumption of the cantaloupe or another other suspect food. So just because you ate your cantaloupe today, and then tomorrow you feel good, that doesn't mean you are free of listeria."

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David Hylsky, an epidemiologist with Idaho Health District No. 1, said the long incubation time makes a listeria outbreak, once detected through a blood test, hard to track.

"People really don't test for this unless someone gets, you know, pretty sick," Hylsky said. "It's gotten into the bloodstream and causing the really high fevers, inflammation."

When a case is reported, the health department is notified.

"Then we contact the ill patient, and we go through our epidemiology investigation forms," Hylsky said. "And we go through and ask them all sorts of questions, you know, 'What foods?' 'Where have you been traveling?' 'Anybody

else in the household ill?' We call it getting a food history on these individuals."

Hylsky said they go back as far as they can, sometimes only a week, sometimes 10 days.

"We try to get the most complete information we can," Hylsky said. "It is an investigation."

The epidemiology department compares the lists as the cases come in and watches for any connections, Hylsky said.

"As we review each

case, we look down and see that it looks like they all ate these cantaloupes from this one firm, and that sends the signal out that this very well could be the source," Hylsky said.

They trace the food back to the store, from the store to the distributer, and finally to the farm.

"Each case is very timeconsuming and each one's different," Hylsky said. "It takes a lot of time to track down where these food sources come from."

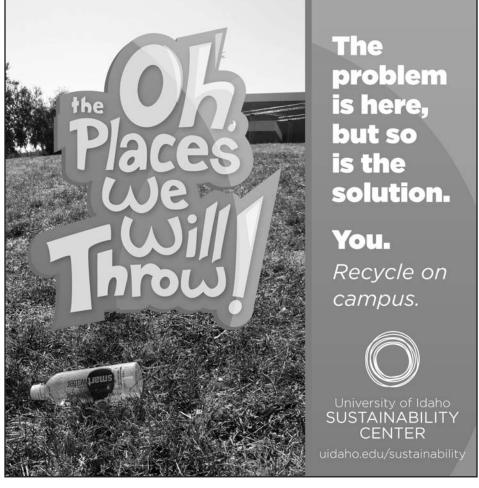
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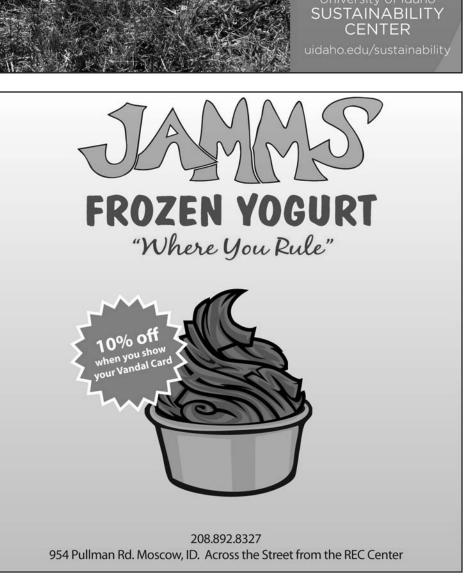
"We got our cantaloupes from Costco," Intan said. "And one of those times we unknowingly tested one of those contaminated cantaloupes. It was obviously a different strain than the bacteria we were working with, so when we plated the results of those cantaloupes on the plates, we saw that there was a different type of colony."

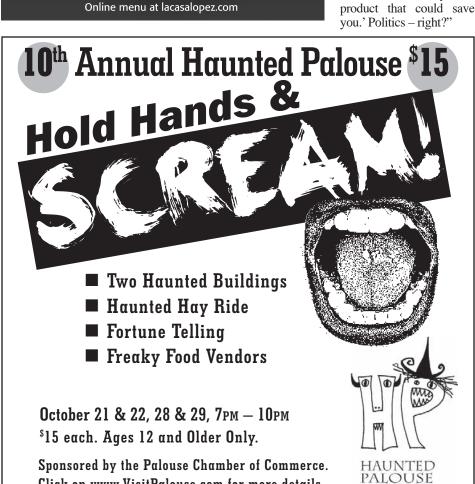
Intan said they thought they had contaminated the melon in their handling.

"About a month after we had written our formal report, Del Monte (Foods) came out with a public statement saying they were recalling the cantaloupes we had just bought," Intan said. "So we were like, 'Cool, we found contamination on your cantaloupes, and you don't want to talk to us, even though we have this really cool product that could save

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VANDAL NATION

Small comes up big for team

Midfielder makes only goal against New Mexico State

Sean Kramer Argonaut

If there was one word to describe Idaho's season thus far, it would not be ordinary.

The Vandal soccer team (6-8-3, 2-2-1 WAC) came away from a weekend road trip to New Mexico State Friday and La. Tech Sunday with a draw and a win, respectively. The results didn't come without drama.

Tying New Mexico State was disappointing considering a Chelsea Small goal in the 81st minute gave the Vandals a 1-0 lead. It took the Aggies all but five minutes to equalize. Two scoreless overtime periods later and Idaho was left wondering, "What if?"

"I'm disappointed overall with the result, but we didn't lose," coach Pete Showler said. "I feel it was a game we had enough chances to finish for the win."

Struggles of the past came back to haunt the Vandals as they put eight shots on target and came away with one late goal.

"In that first half, we should have gotten something, and going into the half nil-nil wasn't really what we deserved, but we've just got to finish those chances," Showler sad.

Considering that a draw can only be considered a success if it's supplemented with wins, Showler placed high importance on Sunday's match against La. Tech and his team

1-0 victory. Small was once again the hero for Idaho as she scored seven minutes into the match to give the Vandals a lead

they held for the entirety of the game. But she wasn't the most impressive forward on the field.

Morgan Porter, a freshman from Seattle, experienced her first action as a Vandal out of position when she played goalkeeper following a Caroline Towles red card for handling the ball outside the box.

The booking left Idaho with only ten players for the final 21 minutes of the match.

"The sending off meant we had to re-tool a few

things," Showler said. "The girls just battled and battled, dug deep and ground out a phenomenal result considering the circumstances. I'm really proud of them."

Porter garnered a save when she handled a La. Tech free kick shortly after entering. She handled the

"They responded with a situations well and a free kick just outside the box played on her toes. and she handled The girls are all so it," Showler said. "She handled the situations well and played on her toes. The girls are all so

Pete Showler, Coach

proud of her.

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The trip puts Idaho in third place in the WAC with two conference games remaining. The Vandals hope to finish within the top six in the WAC. Idaho can clinch a berth in the WAC Championship tournament in Fresno, Calif., with one more conference victory.

Idaho comes home to close their conference schedule with match-ups against Utah State Friday and Nevada Sunday

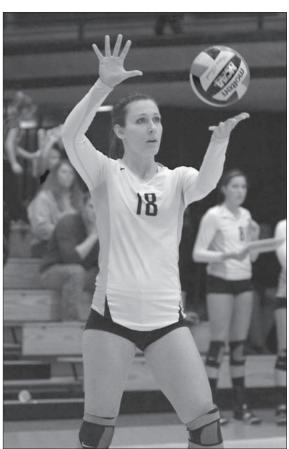


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Junior forward Chelsea Small grapples with Eastern Washington player Dashia Huff at Guy Wicks Field fall 2011.

VOLLEYBALL

Keeping the streak alive



Zach Edwards | Argonaut Freshman Amy Westberg serves during the match against Fresno State Saturday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals won in five sets, and improved their not to focus too much on the record to 5-2 in WAC play. Idaho travels first to San other team and play Idaho Jose State Friday, then Hawaii Sunday

Buchanan hit career mark of 174

Debbie Buchanan,

Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan captured her 174th career victory Saturday

night, tying Tom Hilbert for the most wins in school history as the Vandals kept their winning alive streak in a five-set thriller against That shows some Fresno State.

The Vandals (11-9, 5-2

Coach WAC) have now won five matches in a row. All last season the Vandals never won more than two in a row, but they have found the consistency that was missing last season. Senior hitter Alicia Milo said the streak has been all about focus.

'We just got to play our game, focus on us and try volleyball," Milo said.

The match was the first time the Vandals played a five-set match since their season opener. It was a win,

but for the second game in a

row the Vandals didn't play at the high level they have shown they can Idaho com-... I like the fact mitted 44 errors that we hit spots in the match and and were able to Buchanan said she's happy with pull out a win. the way her team fought through character... adversity. but

wants to resolve

some issues. "I like the fact that we hung in there," Buchanan said. "I felt we weren't completely playing up to our level. I like the fact that we hit spots and were able to pull out a win. That shows some character. Now we have to go in and find out why this has happened two matches in a row now."

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FOOTBALL

WAC Round-up: Week 7

San Jose State 28, Hawaii 27





Only one word could describe this sloppy, scrappy Friday night affair in the San Francisco Bay Area — turnover. There were 12 in the Warriors' first conference loss of the sea-

son, six of them from interceptions. Following an early Hawaii touchdown, the Spartans controlled the second quarter, scoring 20 points off two touchdown runs from Chandler Jones and two field goals. Hawaii ruled the third, and took a one-point lead into the fourth quarter. Hawaii's Joey Iosefa extended the Warriors' lead to seven but San Jose State was determined to give Spartan fans a reason to celebrate on Homecoming. San Jose State's Duke Ihenacho blocked the PAT and ran it back for two points, leaving the Spartans at a 5-point disadvantage. Jones and quarterback Matt Faulkner hooked up for a 36-yard touchdown pass with 36 seconds remaining to give San Jose State a 1-point lead. The clock ticked down to zero and the Spartan faithful stormed the field following San Jose State's second WAC win of the year, one more than they won throughout the entirety of last season.

Nevada 49, New Mexico 7

It didn't take long for Mackay Stadium in Reno to turn into a slaughterhouse Saturday, as the host Wolf Pack manhandled the winless Lobos. Nevada's rushing game





SEE WAC, PAGE 8

TENNIS

Women now prepare for the spring season

Charles Crowley Argonaut

The Vandal women's tennis team didn't have any top finishers, but still played well at the ITA Regional Tournament in Las Vegas.

The Vandals started the tournament strong in singles play advancing four of their six players through the first round of the tournament, much to the liking of coach Daniel Pollock.

"It's always nice to come out of the first round with more wins than losses ... especially for this size of a tournament," Pollock said.

Pollock said overall there were a lot of bright spots for each Vandal and while it would have been nice to get all of them out of the first round, he can't complain at four out of six.

Victoria Lozano, Idaho's top seed, advanced through the first round with ease.

"She was on a whole different level than her

competitor was in the first round," Pollock said. After delays caused Victoria Lozano to wait for her second match, Pollock said she came out

a little slow, which cost her the match, but he is not worried after the great fall Lozano had.

"She has a lot of matches under her belt and she knows what she needs to work on to get better and be ready for the spring and I think she will get there — no worries," Pollock said.

He said it was nice to see Almudena Sanz, in her first college tournament, advance to the round of 32. She was the only Vandal to advance

past the round of 64. Sanz beat a top-seeded player from nationally ranked Utah in her first round and then beat a top 50 U.S. junior player, who is a freshman at

Colorado State. "It was definitely a really good way for Sanz to start her freshman campaign," Pollock said.

The Vandals also competed several new doubles pairings including Alejandra Lozano with Sanz, Beatrice Flores with Molly Knox and Victoria Lozano with Sophie

Alejandra Lozano and Sanz won a match

against a New Mexico State team and then lost a match to a highly ranked BYU team, but Pollock said they looked great for their first time ever as a doubles team.

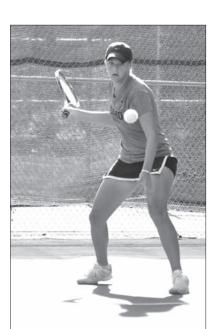
Knox and Flores had a tough draw getting matched up against a nationally ranked team out of Wyoming, but came back strong with three straight wins in the consolation draw.

Victoria Lozano and freshman Sophie Vickers performed best of Idaho's doubles teams.

They made it through to the round of 16 to face the top-seeded team in the tournament and went up in the match 4-3 before things faded and the Vandals fell behind and eventually lost the match.

The ITA Regional Tournament is the last event on the schedule for the women's tennis team until the spring season. Pollock said the fall season gave him a great chance to see what the team is capable of, especially its newcomers.

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Zach Edwards | Argonaut Molly Knox returns a ball at practice fall 2011. The tennis team traveled to Las Vegas for the ITA Regional Championships from Oct. 12 to 15.

Football Brief

Like a broken record

The story hasn't changed in five straight weeks for the Vandals, as Idaho dropped its fifth straight game of the season Saturday in Las Cruces, N.M., 31-24.

Idaho put together an 8-minute-2-second, 90-yard drive in the fourth quarter, only to come up short with 21 seconds remaining when quarterback Brian Reader was sacked on fourth down and goal. Had Reader found a wide open Kama Bailey in the end zone, the Vandals would have been down one, with only seconds remaining, with a point-after-touchdown kick opportunity to tie.

The Vandals are 1-6, with their only win coming against FCS opponent North Dakota. Idaho can still technically qualify for a post-season berth if it wins every game for the rest of the season - a task seemingly unlikely after the first half of the season.

Bright spots were seen from Idaho, only to be stifled by four turnovers coming off three fumbles and an interception. Safety Trey Williams forced the only turnover Idaho could muster, which set-up Idaho's only offensive touchdown of the game.

Wide receiver Troy Vital returned a punt for a touchdown, chalking his second of the season. But stalled offensive drives and poor execution in the last few Idaho plays of the game, handed Idaho its third WAC defeat.

Running back Princeton McCarty had a career-best all-purpose game, tallying 236 all-purpose yards, coming off 116 yards on the ground, 25 yards through the air and 95 yards coming by way of a kick-off return for a touchdown.

Idaho will take a much needed bye week to prepare for its next foe, Hawaii, Oct. 29 in the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho coach Robb Akey said the result was not a happy ending to a game Idaho could have won.

"We had a chance to make that play," Akey said. "We're all hurting."



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Sophomore Allison Walker awaits a Fresno State serve during the match Saturday in Memorial Gym. Walker was voted WAC Player of the Week for Oct. 10, it was the second time she has held the title in her career.

Walker's future bright

Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

Vandal volleyball's Allison Walker received another WAC honor last week when she was named the conference player of the week for the second time in her career.

Walker came into last season as an unknown after redshirting her first year at Idaho, but she soon became a dominating force on the court. She has started at outside hitter for two years, and in that time she's led the team in kills and been a big part of the team's success.

Walker's performances against Eastern Washington and Utah State helped propel the Vandals to two straight sweeps. In those matches she nabbed her fifth and sixth double-double in a row, and had a career-best 17 digs and a season high 24 kills in the match against Eastern Washington. Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said Walker's swing contributes to her success.

"She's learning to control the ball to

where she can get a kill every time," Buchanan said. "She has a big swing when she's on time and she's definitely putting the ball away. She hits hard.'

One thing that sets Walker apart is her ability to play all aspects of the game. Many outside hitters are all about offense and struggle on the defensive side. Buchanan said Walker is a good player because she can play more than just offense.

"The thing that she's doing right now is she is playing the whole game," Buchanan said. "She's passing, she's serving, she's playing defense as well as the offensive side of it. In the past when we've had a great hitter we haven't always had the back row with it. She is really picking up the whole game and she's able to do everything.

Being named WAC player of the week is another achievement Walker can add to her resume. She made history last year when she became the first freshman to receive all-WAC honors from Idaho. This season she was named preseason all-WAC and has been living up to those expectations so far.

While being recognized for success is always nice, there's always more an athlete can do to improve. Buchanan said Walker has been working on reducing out of system errors and improving her mechanics.

"The mechanic part of it and the form is huge," Buchanan said. "Just being off a little can cause that error, especially when you're going for it."

Walker is playing at a high level right now, but so is the rest of the squad. Saturday's victory over Fresno State puts the Vandals at five wins in a row and third in the WAC behind New Mexico State and No. 8 Hawaii.

The Vandals are seeing success right now and Walker has been a big part of that for two seasons. Knowing that she has two more years on the court should make every fan optimistic about Idaho's

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Biking out of Harrison a nice change

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

The University of Idaho Outdoor Program will take part in the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's Bike Trip Saturday.

All participants are welcome and the \$20 cost of this trip includes transportation to the trail. The trip will be led by Outdoor Program Coordinator

Trevor Fulton.

"It's a bike ride on a paved trail," Fulton said. "Pretty good for intro folks. It's nice to get out and do a ride.'

This bike trip is meant for beginners as well as long time cyclists. Several trip leaders will be present on the trip so riders can roll along at a leisurely pace or race to cover as much of the trail as possible.

Besides the occasional up and downhill portions, the trail is flat for a majority of the course.

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Those who have street bikes should not be discouraged from participating in this trip. The paved path is great for street bikes as well as mountain bikes. Fall is a good time of year to get in one last bike trip before the weather gets too cold and the paths get bad.

In addition to the beautiful fall foliage, participants can see wildlife such as waterfowl, birds of prey, deer and moose. Fulton said the area is a nature preserve with a bike trail running through it.

Lakes those who pardidn't ticipate in the Chain Lakes Kayak Trip earlier in the semester. The bike trail weaves right through the Chain Lakes area for several miles

Trevor Fulton, **Outdoor Program** coordinator offering

breathtaking beauty along the way. This year the trip will good opportunity."

The bike trip is also a start out of Harrison, good way to see the Chain Idaho, instead of Plum-

mer. The 72-mile trail is too far for many riders to complete in one day so starting in the middle of the trail at Harrison will be a nice out of Moscow for change of pace for riders who have started at Plum-

mer in the past. good opportunity. "It's a trip that if folks want to get out of Moscow for the day,

it's real inexpensive," Fulton said. "It's a

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Signs of life for the Seahawks now

Seattle out of the Andrew Luck lottery

Pete Carroll wants to "Win Forever." so he wrote a book about it. I have never read the book, but I assume he talks about his will and determination to succeed at Southern Cal and how he built a college football dynasty that lasted for the better part of the last decade.

He is now trying to do the same in Seattle during his third stint as an NFL coach, and results have been varied.

His overall record is just 9-12, but includes a division championship and a playoff victory.

He has made well over 300 official roster moves since arriving in Seattle prior to the 2010 season, completely changed the culture and is slowly but surely eradicating all semblance of the previous Tim Ruskell

And for what?

To most Seahawk fans the insinuated idea was to tank the 2011 season, grab the quarterback of the future in the draft and build from there.

To Pete Carroll — it's to win

It's easy to see why Seattle fans had the perception of a franchise looking to tank it. But in reality, Carroll is walking one of the most difficult lines in any professional sport — rebuilding a broken program while trying to be competitive in the present.

Sean Kramer In 2011 the Hawks are sitting at 2-3. An ugly record on the surface,

but put into context, it's impressive enough considering the perception around the franchise coming out of the pre-season.

Tarvaris Jackson started to light up the Atlanta secondary in the second half of their home loss to the Falcons, and took the momentum straight to New York for a road upset of the Giants. The Browns, Bengals and four more NFC West match-ups fill out Seattle's relatively favorable schedule, and a six or seven-wins season is conceivable. Great? No. Terrible? Definitely not.

It's easy enough to blow up the entire program. And with moves such as the ones Seattle enacted when they let franchise mainstays Lofa Tatupu and Matt Hasselbeck walk, signaled that was the direction the Hawks were headed in. But in reality those moves were a perfect balance between competitiveness in the present and not hampering what the team is capable of in the future.

For example, Matt Hasselbeck signed a three-year deal with the Titans with dollar figures that push \$21 million. Tarvaris Jackson signed a two-year deal with Seattle that totals \$8 million.

While we whine about Tarvaris' lack of polished talent, the fact is that Seattle paid what equates to pocket change for starting quarterbacks in the NFL for a player who gives the team incredible flexibility.

Tarvaris is also completing more than 60 percent of his passes, and has scored five offensive touchdowns since Seattle went to a consistent hurry up offense against Arizona.

Seattle is getting their money's worth at the position in solid but not great production while keeping the door open for the future.

Throughout the rest of the 2011 season we are going to see the evolution of the Carroll/John Schneider program. We are going to see the youngest offensive line in football, including three players drafted in the last two years by Carroll, progress into a unit that will lead Seattle into the future.

We are going to see a young Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor develop into one of the best young safety tandems in the

We are going to see Doug Baldwin, Zach Miller, Mike Williams and Sidney Rice continue to prove Seattle has a dangerous set of receivers.

We are going to see a team scrap and fight and get better each week and prove that there is a method to the madness that is Pete Carroll.

Jim vs. Jim after Niners hand the Lions its first loss

Noah Trister AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Jim Harbaugh and Jim Schwartz have helped turn San Francisco and Detroit into contenders, earning plenty of attention for the energy and attitude they bring to the sidelines

That intensity was on full display Sunday during a postgame dustup after the 49ers handed the Lions their first loss of the season.

Harbaugh, the San Francisco coach, came running across the field and gave his Detroit counterpart an exuberant handshake and then a slap on the back. Schwartz took exception and chased Harbaugh back toward the tunnel, but the two were kept separated. Players gathered and appeared to restore order.

"I went to congratulate Coach Harbaugh and got shoved out of the way," Schwartz said after his team's 25-1910 (Telinite tell lowbatter the San Francisco tight an obscenity at that point obviously, end's right knee was do in being the when you win a game like that, Sin-ball-rached the goal line.

are excited, but there is a protocol." Schwartz wouldn't elaborate

much.

"I'm sure it is on video, and you can see it." Schwartz said.

Harbaugh took the blame but wasn't about to tone down his excitement after the big win.

"That's totally on me," Harbaugh said. "I shook his hand too hard."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the incident will be reviewed.

Alex Smith threw a go-ahead 6-yard scoring pass to Delanie Walker on fourth down for San Francisco with 1:51 left, and the 49ers added a field goal less than a minute later for the final margin. Detroit (5-1) lost for the first time in 10 regular-season games dating to last year. The Lions also won all four of their preseason

Walker's touchdown stood after video revie₩ didn't show definitive-

"I knew I got in there," Walker said. "I crossed the plane, but we were in their house and we got some bad calls early on in the game. But I didn't think twice about it."

After Walker's touchdown made it 22-19, Detroit had a chance to drive for a tying field goal or a goahead TD, but couldn't get a first down against a swarming defense that hit and confused quarterback Matthew Stafford from the start.

David Akers gave San Francisco (5-1) a six-point lead with 1:02 to go with a 37-yard field goal, and the Lions did no better with their next attempt at a winning drive.

Smith was 17 of 32 for 125 yards, going early and often to Michael Crabtree, who had nine receptions for 77 yards. Frank Gore ran 15 times for 141 yards and scored a TD that pulled the 49ers within three after they were outscored 10-0 in the first quarter.

e 49ers are not only atop the he 49ers are not only west, but they're opening up

some ground. Second-place Seattle (2-3) had an open date.

"I've never been a part of anything like this, especially since I've been a pro," Smith said. "The defense played unbelievable today. They deserve all the credit."

Stafford was 28 of 50 for 293 yards and two TDs. He was sacked in the end zone for a safety in the second quarter.

"Matt didn't have a whole lot of time today," Schwartz said. "We had a hard time getting the run game going. When it's one-dimensional that way, and I think it was, you're going to have a difficult time.'

Detroit ran for only 66 yards. Jason Hanson missed a 52-yard field goal attempt that would've given Detroit a four-point lead late in the first half, then Akers made a 55-yard kick. That put the 49ers ahead 12-10 as time expired in the half.

In the fourth, Stafford connected with Nate Burleson on a 5-yard pass into the end zone that was ruled incomplete on the field. It was overturned after video review, giving Detroit a 19-15 lead. Burleson caught the ball and got both feet down, then lost the ball after tumbling beyond the end zone ,Äî a play similar to Calvin's Johnson's well-documented play in the end zone that was ruled incomplete last year at Chicago.

The Lions couldn't hold the lead and were left to rue a couple trips deep into San Francisco territory that ended with short field goals ,Äî one in the first quarter and another in the

"We're not going to go 16-0," Schwartz said. "We have to protect the quarterback better, have to run the ball better, make more plays down the field. We have to stop the run better, we have to convert field goals."

The 49ers overcame 15 penalties, including five false starts at raucous Ford Field.

"Once you get a couple false starts, it's like throwing gasoline on a fire," Smith said.

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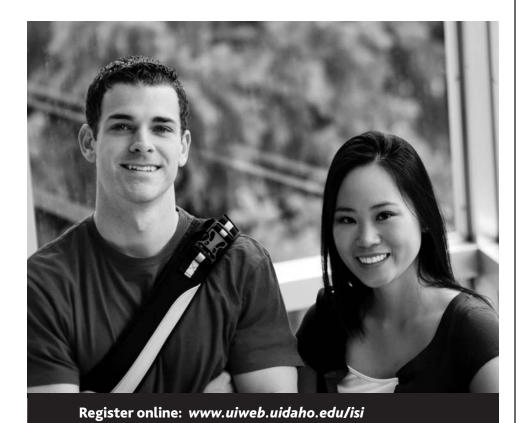
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IUMP ON THE 'DOGS



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The Vandal bench leaps in celebration after beating the Fresno State Bulldogs in five sets Saturday in Memorial Gym. With the win, coach Debbie Buchanan tied the record for most wins by a coach at Idaho.

VOLLEYBALL

The Vandals came out in the match and won a relatively easy first set and looked like they were on their way to another solid win, but Fresno wasn't about to roll over. The Bulldogs came out in the second set and dominated Idaho from start to finish en-route to a 25-15 win to tie the match at one. Buchanan said her team seemed to let up after the first set.

"I think Fresno struggled a little bit in game one," Buchannan said. "I thought they brought it on in game two and I felt like we let off a little bit. We just had too many hitting errors."

After splitting the next two sets it came down to a decisive fifth set. The Van-

dals jumped out to an early lead and never relinquished it. The Bulldogs threatened a few times and the Vandals seemed to struggle in getting the last point to end the match, but finally put it down after several long back and forth volleys. "It was pretty intense, and pretty frustrating," Milo said. "We just have to keep fighting."

Milo said despite the sloppy play, it always feels good to get the victory and keep the streak alive.

"It felt good," Milo said. "We were a bit off tonight, but then we started to pick it up - kind of off and on — but in the end we played our game."

The Vandals will put their streak on the line when they hit the road to San Jose State Friday and No. 8 Hawaii Sunday.

WAC

took command early on and the Wolf Pack found themselves ahead 14-0 in the first quarter after rushing touchdowns from Lampford Mark and Stefphon Jefferson. Quarterback Cody Fajardo threw for 200 yards, zero touchdowns and one interception but the freshman rushed for 86 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. Despite only 39 yards, Mark went for three touchdowns and the Wolf Pack offense had almost 600 total offensive yards against a helpless New Mexico squad. The Lobos didn't score until late in the fourth quarter when Tarean Austin ran it in for a 17-yard touchdown. UNM quarterback B.R. Holbrook was held to 62 passing yards and only completed 40 percent of his passes. At .500, the Wolf Pack are 1-0 in the WAC and host Fresno State next weekend.

Fresno State 31, Utah State 21

The Bulldogs remain perfect in the WAC and overcame an early drought against a po-





tent Utah State team Saturday. Fresno State fell victim to two long touchdowns early in the first quarter, a 47-yard touchdown pass to Michael Smith from Chuckie Keeton and a 57-yard touchdown run from Robert Turbin. Bulldog quarterback Derek Carr answered with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Isiah Burse and a one-yard touchdown run, which set the teams even at 14. The lead would change twice more but Carr and Fresno were able to retain it in the fourth quarter following the sophomore's 23-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Saunders. Robbie Rouse's touchdown run extended the lead to 10 and Utah State was unable to threaten offensively in the fourth quarter, which would ultimately lead to a loss in their conference opener.

TENNIS

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"I'm really happy with the newcomers,' Pollock said. "They have lived up to expectations and more competing like players that have been in college tournaments for years."

Pollock said Flores is a great player that will be a "fantastic addition to the team," Vickers is already playing the top spot in doubles and battling away in singles, and Sanz came out in her first tournament and beat two No.1 players, which Pollock said is "not bad at all" for newcomers.

Pollock said the fall season is a time for the team to make improvements and to get some matches under their belt going forward into the spring. He said they still have three weeks left in their "very specific" practice progression.

"I think it went pretty well overall but we're still not done with work and we got to get back on the court this week and keep making those improvements getting ready for the spring," Pollock said.

If there is one thing the Vandals have mastered already, it's playing together as a team, Pollock said.

"This has got to be by far the best team I have worked with in terms of team cohesion," Pollock said. "They love it, they compete for each other and they support each other at the tournaments."

The Vandals won't get their first shot at a team tournament until next semester. Their first match is Jan. 16, in Lewiston against Lewis-Clark State College.



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OPINION



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OUR VIEW

Where's the 'click?'

Since the season-opening loss to the Bowling Green State Falcons, University of Idaho football coach Robb Akey said his team was one step away from "clicking."

Six weeks and five losses later Akey's message remains the same, but with his team now standing at a 1-6 record going into a bye week. The Vandals are past the point of finding a magical click and need to make some tough decisions regarding

Students and fans alike are quarterback, Brian Reader, who despite throwing for nine touchdowns on the season has made countless poor decisions on the field, leading to a lack of confidence in himself which he has admitted. Granted, Reader is the one making the throws and calling the signals, but it is up to his coaches to realize he is no longer fit to run this offense. He looks frazzled during play and frustrated on the sidelines, yet drive after drive Akey and offensive coordinator, Steve Axman, call his name and expect him to take the offense to the glory land.

As much as the team and coaches may not like it, this season has turned into a "rebuilding" year, and with the new WAC coming into form next

year, Akey and Idaho need to realize that they do not have the right pieces in place to achieve the level of success needed to make it anywhere but

It is time to take Reader out after weeks of knob turning and fiddling with switches, every-Kibbie Dome sees that this team

Twitter question



Reader may have been the the future of the program. Any team who ends the year best chance to win games in at .500 or even worse, a losing spring and fall camps, but he is broken now, and after last season, always points to one play that didn't go its way, or a week's loss at New Mexico State has become the target of game where maybe all the moving parts just didn't line up. In his own teammate's public critithe case of Idaho football, the cism on Twitter and Facebook. embarrassment of this season Instead of individual players, stems from something much blame needs to start falling on the Vandals' coaching staff for bigger, a lack of coaching and not being able to make difficult control. decisions. quick to point a finger at senior

the losing end.

of the line of fire and let him cool off on the bench. It's time Akey starts telling fans what he will do to turn this team around in the future, because one but those who work in the can't "click."

-MM



Will you continue to attend Vandal games this season despite a 1-6 record? Follow us @ArgOpinion to tweet your answer.



OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Practically famous

@ElizabethRudd: Sometimes you randomly end up on TV without even trying. #15minoffame

— Britt

Unknown

"Striving for excellence motivates you, striving for perfection is demoralizing.'

- Rhiannon

Picture perfect

I've got so many rolls of film to develop dating back two months. It's too expensive but so, so worth it.

— Amrah

Yolky fail

It's official, fried eggs can only be flipped by a specific kind of spatula.

- Elizabeth

Doors

My daughter is convinced that doors close themselves, as she runs out of the house last and an hour later we discover that they don't.

— Jake

Data entry

Three thousand calculations, 140 buttons and 120 rollovers later the new digital Argonaut rate card is done and now live. Check it out at uiargonaut.com/advertising.

She's my kind of rain

On the way to work, I heard Tim McGraw's, "She's My Kind of Rain." I haven't heard that song in a long time. It reminds me of good times. Glad I heard it today. - Nick

After a stressful and hectic week of midterms, I am

Yummy

excited to unwind with my best friend and bake a tiered funfetti cake with rainbow chip frosting. — Elisa

Hmmm

Can you disarm a person that has no arms?

— Theo

happen more often. Thanks Mom and Dad for the year

The cupboard is full

long supply of food. - Madison

I have decided that taking trips back home need to

Priorities

Does sending birthday cards get precedence over doing homework?

Death of a legend

Another inspirational individual has been lost this week in Dan Wheldon. Your legacy will live on in the hearts of fans, Dan.

- Jacob

'V' the change

As college students, much of our life is influenced by change. Our plans, majors, friends, classes and relationships are not consistent

through the years we spend enriching our lives as university students. Change can be good, and this is one important lesson I took away as I watched the new "V" logo come to life this summer.

I came to the University of Idaho in the fall of 2008 and, like many students, have been used to seeing the traditional Vandal "I" logo around our state, campus, at games and on all our Vandal gear. When the new logo was proposed, I was hesitant to accept something different from what I had known.

It soon became clear to me that the "V" is a secondary logo and hand signal for Vandals, and will not be replacing the "I" logo. I also learned that the hand signal was created by the university in response to requests from fans and alumni for something new.

As a campus, we should embrace this change at the university we know and love. We're the only Vandals in the nation, and this new signal

> should be a rallying point for all students, faculty, staff and alumni who want to represent everything about UI. I love seeing

people throw the 'V" around Samantha Perez ASUI president campus at all

events (not just athletics), and most recently at Homecoming — one of the university's oldest traditions.

When I walk across the stage in May to receive my diploma, I know I will be proud to have been a part of this university, and throwing the "V" is one of the ways I will show my Vandal pride. This is a great opportunity for all UI students, alumni and friends to rally together and show we are proud of our institution.

"V" is for victory and "V" is for Vandals, so go ahead — "Throw the "V."



Opinion question: What do you think about the Occupy Wall Street protests?

"Occupy Wall Street: Responding to greed with envy. I mostly hear "redistribution talk." The answer is to minimize the government — that's where the corruption is. Corporations will always be the first in line for government handouts. Therefore stop the handouts for everybody: True free market. What is an Occupy Wall Street protestor who is consistent about getting money out of government? A Ron Paul supporter (in other words, not a malcontent Occupy Wall Street protestor.)"

> **Daniel Foucachon** Date posted: Oct. 16



"I'm all for exercising First Amendment rights, but if you're going to be in an organized protest at least know what exactly you're fighting."

Matt Cook Date posted: Oct. 17 "I think that there is a point and while it is not formally laid out, the Occupy Wall Street protests are a chance for people to voice their concerns over socioeconomic inequality. I think social movements, like this one, are a huge way to get policy changed or enacted. I think social movements are more effective when they have an overall goal (in this case SES equality) and not a direct list of demands. Having demands causes both parties to start the offense and do not create negotiation. I also hope that this encourages more individuals to go out and vote in the upcoming election. The Tea Party had a similar movement and seats in both the federal Congress and many states' congresses. Their voices are being heard and it's about time that the rest of our nation speaks up."

Curtis Lybeer Date posted: Oct. 17

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Mail Box

The following is in response to "Alabama immigration law impractical, unethical" in the Oct. 11 edition of The Argonaut.

It seems to me Max Bartlett hasn't thought through his arguments about the Alabama immigration law and the Texas Dream Act. One of the few classes of people who can still be fugitives from justice and still pull on people's heartstrings is that of illegal aliens (I'm sorry, I refuse to call them immigrants as long as they are not part of the proper process).

The Alabama and Arizona laws require the police to ascertain the resident status of people who are being detained or stopped, right? When the police stop or detain a person, it means they ve likely been engaging in some illegal activity that has nothing to do with immigration. If the person cannot speak English well, don't you think this might be a good reason to check residency status? That is profiling, but based on English-mastery, not race or skin color. Since these laws seem to be cropping up in states that are closer to Mexico, they are labeled as racist.

If an illegal alien is paying taxes, good for him for filing taxes, but doesn't that mean he is using someone else's identity? That's a crime not involving immigration status. If all those who are here stealing the job a citizen could be doing (whether by stealing an identity, being paid under the table, or whatever the method) were not here, there would be no children of illegal immigrants that needed the Dream Act. So discussing how great the Dream Act is without addressing the theft of American jobs is simply being dishonest.

-Joel Gibler, Genesee resident

Occupy everything

Eric Czirr

Argonaut

The recent Occupy now spread to 650 cities

worldwide, according to their website, and it seems like everyone and their mother has picked a side in the protests. But what will suffice to end the protests? Should we

simply take the income the top 1 percent legally earned and distribute it among the rest of the population? And even if we do find a way to distribute the wealth more evenly, won't we still be ticked off about the new top bracket of income makers? Of course we will. The truth of the matter is that unless we are in the top 1 percent, we will always see people who have it easier or have more than us.

Now don't get me wrong, injustice still makes me mad and the economy is still a problem that needs to be fixed, but blaming the rich isn't a real solution. So let's take a step back.

How did we get in this Wall Street campaign has mess to begin with? We overspent, over-speculated

> and overextended in the name of personal standard of living. Let's face it — we haven't been upset about the glaringly obvious injustice in global distribution of wealth for decades, but when

it's our jobs on the line we are suddenly up in arms.

For example, the poorest Americans — the 2nd percentile of income are at the 62nd percentile worldwide. And that's not taking into account the more than one billion people in the world who live on less than \$1.25 per day. One billion would be about 15 percent of the world's population (for those of you who seem to be crazy about percentages lately). We don't care that this has been happening, until all of a sudden we start losing our jobs and we need a scapegoat. So who is the easiest person to blame?

Now you might be saying something along the lines of, "Man this guy just doesn't get why they are protesting." If that is the case then let me put this in different terms. Chances are if you are reading this newspaper you are attending the University of Idaho, which means more likely than not you will receive a degree of some sort, which statistically speaking will put you in the top 2 percent of the world's population. That also means there is a good chance you will be in the top 1 percent worldwide. So be my guest and occupy Wall Street. But there is a much more effective and far less hypocritical alternative.

The truth of the matter is even those who are claiming a desire for "justice" and "fairness" are being motivated by their own self-interest and a desire to make money. Recent commentaries have claimed the "Occupy" movement has had a similar impact as the anti-war protests of the '60s and '70s. But beneath the surface they have been motivated not by justice, but by self-interest.

During the '60s and '70s it was people's desire to avoid the draft and at present it is their desire to be well fed, clothed and comfortable. These are all understandable desires. But the motivation of the protesters is not different than those they are protesting: Self-interest.

If we want to change the world then let's change our motivations. Let's be the generation motivated by love. Let's stop worrying so much about our own well-being and start living our lives for the benefit of others. If love was our motivation from the start then there wouldn't be a 99 or 1 percentile. There wouldn't be 15 percent living on less than \$1.25 per day.

Because I can't say it better than the best I'll leave you with one of my favorite passages. "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.' (Matthew 26:37-40).

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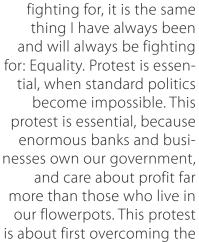


"No matter what the press releases that are reported as truth say, this protest is about the influence of money in politics. Some helped cause our financial mess by taking mortgages they couldn't afford (99 percent) and some by rigging the market so those mortgages could be written (1 percent). Only the 99 percent are suffering for it. That's not envy, that's corruption."

Rick Fletcher Date posted: Oct. 16

I think it is the chance for our generation to mobilize and make the changes that we wish to see in the structure of our government."

> Megan Kehrein Date posted: Oct. 17



overwhelming complacency

of our world at this time. We

can't work on the details, un-

til people from all opinions

are involved, peacefully and

"I know exactly what I'm

Hugh Jones Date posted: Oct. 17

with open minds."



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