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Idaho first state to require online classes

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Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Education officials on Thursday gave final approval to a plan that makes Idaho the first state in the nation to require high school students to take at least two credits online to graduate, despite heavy criticism of the plan at public hearings this summer.

The measure is part of a sweeping education overhaul that introduces teacher merit pay and phases in laptops for every high school teacher and student.

Proponents say the virtual classes will help the state save money and better prepare students for college. But opponents claim they'll replace teachers with computers and shift state taxpayer money to the out-of-state companies that will be tapped to provide the online curriculum and laptops.

The rule will apply to students entering the ninth grade in fall 2012. It goes before Idaho lawmakers for review in the 2012 session, which starts in January.

The State Board of Education gave the online graduation requirement its initial approval in September after heavy opposition was voiced this summer at public hearings across Idaho. Trustees collected more feedback during a 21-day public comment period last month.

"A majority of the comments felt there should not be an online learning requirement," said board member Don Soltman during the meeting.

Schools nationwide offer virtual classes, but just three states — Alabama, Florida and Michigan — have adopted rules since 2006 to require online learning, according to the International Association of K-12 Online Learning. The online rules vary from state to state, but Idaho would be the first to require two credits online.

The Idaho Education Association blasted the decision in a statement Thursday, saying the board "overruled the wishes of a majority of Idahoans and disregarded parental choice" by mandating the online credits.

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Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Sheila Soto, architecture sophomore, and Juan Mendez dance in celebration of Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday that pays tribute to ancestors, Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom. Traditionally, those who celebrate dance to scare spirits away. The holiday provides friends and family with the opportunity to remember those who have died.

Celebrating life after death

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

The start of November brought Dia de los Muertos to the University of Idaho.

Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday that takes place Nov. 1 and 2, is a traditional celebration that pays tribute to ancestors. Literally meaning "Day of the Dead," Mexican families dedicate these days to loved ones who have passed on. Rather than mourning, this event celebrates the dead.

Nov. 1 was Día de Muer-

tos Chiquitos, and celebrated children who have departed. The festivity continued Nov. 2, which recognized all souls. During this celebration, altars are created and decorated with a picture of the deceased, soap, mirror, food and beverages.

"The souls are thought to go on a journey," said Leathia Botello, multicultural programs coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "People provide food and water for the famished souls to rejuvenate."

Churros, cake and hot chocolate were served as fes-

tive music played in the background, and 10 altars created by individuals and groups lined the walls of the Student Union Building ballroom. Steve Jobs and Cesar Chavez were among the deceased commemorated in the displays. Attendees also had the opportunity to create their own masks. In traditional celebrations, people wear masks to scare souls back to their resting place.

A speech explaining the holiday, common practices and traditional beliefs opened the ceremony.

"This custom is a way to bring the family together. It's not intended to be sad," said sophomore Haley Egan. "Family members rejoice that their departed loved ones are living in a better place."

The evening also featured a calaveras contest, Spanish poems that make fun of the living. More than 80 poems were entered in the contest, and UI student Maria Torres won the competition with a poem about a close friend.

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LIVING IN ZOMBIELAND



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Author Dan Drezner gives a speech about his book "Zombies and International Politics" Thursday in the Student Union Building ballroom. Drezner spoke about the key points in his book including zombie marketing, which is when marketing comes at consumers from different angles looking to steal money away from you.

Living a dream

NPR correspondent shares stories of life and war

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Rachel Martin's friend and NPR coworker was kidnapped in 2007 while covering news on the ground in Iraq. The kidnappers later called with death threats and wanted a ransom for his release.

At that time, Martin, a foreign correspondent for NPR, was assigned to cover John McCain's visit to Camp Victory in Iraq and told her editor she would be devastated if the kidnappers killed her friend.

"I said 'If they kill him, I'm not going to meet deadline,'" Martin said. "... My editor said, 'Yes you will.'"

Her friend was released that day, and Martin said she learned a valuable lesson about maintaining calm amidst chaos from the experience.

Martin spoke to the



Rachel Martin

University of Idaho community Tuesday about her experience broadcasting in the Middle East, including coverage of Afghanistan's first democratic presidential election and the implementation of schools for Afghan girls.

Martin presented "Between the Lines: Five Lessons from Afghanistan, Iraq and the Home Front" to a full house in the UI College of Law courtroom.

The Idaho Falls High School graduate traveled to Afghanistan in 2003 as part of her graduate studies at Columbia University. By 2005 she was an NPR foreign correspondent in Berlin, covering issues like the London terrorist attacks and elections in Germany. Martin also worked for a short time covering White House Affairs for ABC News.

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A better picture

ASUI hopes to broaden student representation

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

An amendment to the ASUI constitution creating districts within the student body will go into effect for the upcoming senatorial election.

The amendment allocates a specific number of senatorial seats to Greek and non-Greek districts. Of the 15 ASUI Senate seats, five are reserved for non-Greek members, five for Greek members and five remain non-designated.

Seven new senators will be elected this fall to fill two Greek seats, two non-Greek seats, and three open seats. Candidates are required to declare if they are Greek or non-Greek prior to campaigning.

"To be Greek means that you are pledged to or a member of or associated with any IFC (Interfraternity Council) or panhellenic organizations," said

J. Jacob Marsh, current ASUI senator.

Marsh said this includes any non-housed Greek organizations, such as Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Alpha.

In order for districting to take effect, there must be at least three more candidates than there are open seats in a district.

This regulation was put into place to prevent candidates from being elected based on being the only candidate from their district. However, it does allow a candidate to be outside the top seven and still earn a seat on senate.

"The ability to represent students from different backgrounds is a unique and separate and valuable qualification that doesn't always correspond to the number of votes a person gets," Marsh said.

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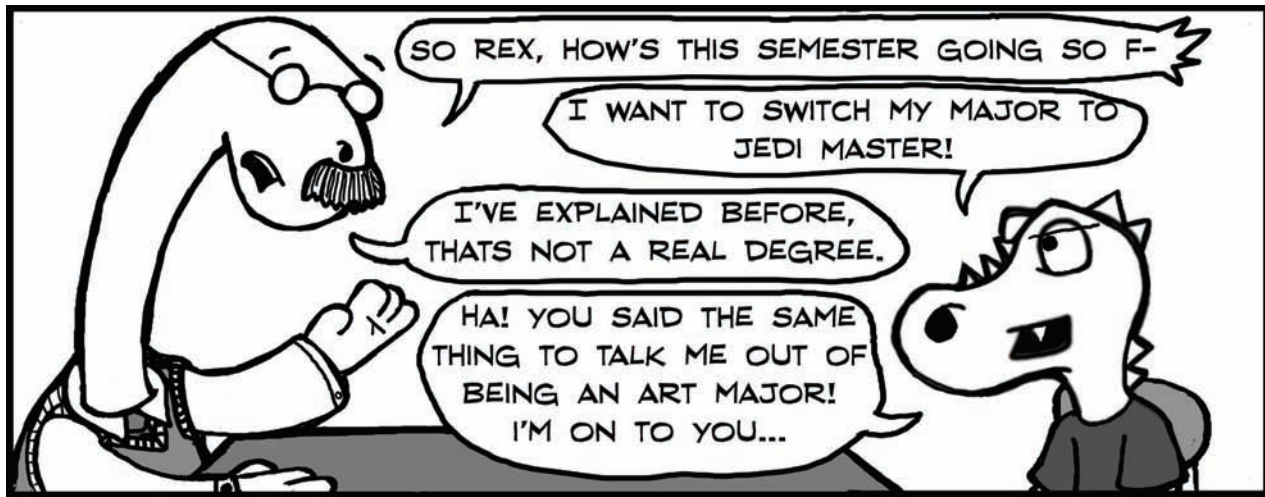


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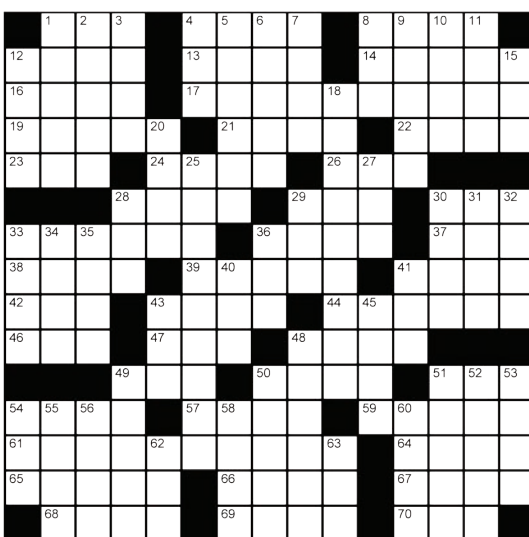


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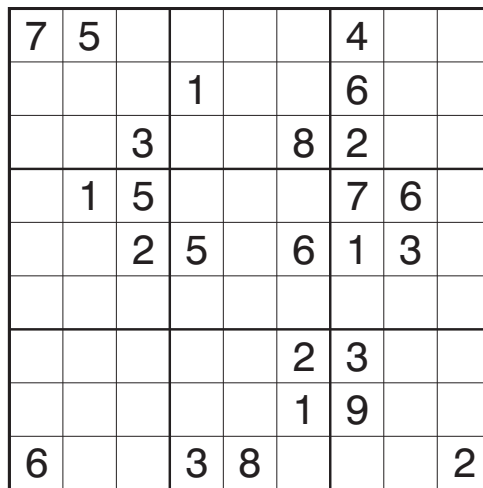
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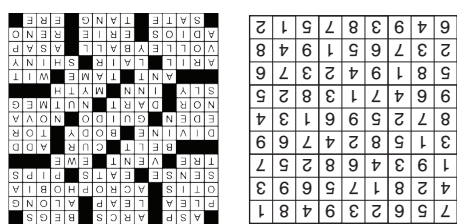
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Seeds of information

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Just as local fauna prepare for the winter by storing food and hibernating, Burley residents have the opportunity to do the same at this year's fifth annual University of Idaho Extension South Idaho Gardening Symposium Saturday.

"The Master Gardeners Association put on a symposium every other year for the public and themselves," said Jo Robbins, University of Idaho extension educator in crops and horticulture at the Jerome County Extension Office. "Mostly this year it's centered on food crops, so it's called, 'A Garden for Everyone: Food and Fun.'"

Robbins said a booth fair will attract master gardeners, people who have taken a four-credit class at a reduced rate and are asked to donate 40 to 50 hours of their time.

"Jo Robbins and other extension members are providing grade-A information to folks at the Garden Symposium," said Bill Loftus, science writer for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Terri McAfee, a master gardener will give a talk on how to garden "cheap and dirty."

"Terri will give home-spun ideas on how to use what people have around the house in their gardens," Robbins said.

Other lecture topics include edible flowers, preserving summer's harvest, seeds used in Idaho, how to garden in raised beds and patio containers, and the storage of garden vegetables, which will be presented by Robbins.

Loftus said events like the Garden Symposium are made possible by the Uni-



File photo by Steven Devine | Argonaut

The fifth annual Southern Idaho Gardening Symposium teaches attendees about home gardening and food storage.

versity of Idaho Extension, where professionals work with the Idaho community to address youth, community, family, environmental, natural resource and agricultural issues.

"This is really what the University of Idaho extension does," Loftus said. "It takes information that our researchers and other researchers around the county find and makes it accessible to the public."

Loftus said the Garden Symposium is continuing the tradition of a land grant-based university in the community, which goes back more than 100 years. Members of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences provided information to

farmers and home economics experts talked to farmers' wives about preserving garden vegetables.

"Here we are 100 years later, still helping farmers and gardeners," Loftus said. "It's still relevant today because people are trying to stretch our food dollars."

Robbins and Loftus said the increasing popularity of local food growth and consumption has created a huge increase in gardening.

Loftus said the symposium is about giving back to the community.

"It's not about our experts, but it's about the people in the community who have been trained and are giving back to the public," he said.

Sunshine and grain

Jonathan Gradin
Argonaut

The Palouse's largely agrarian economy is heavily dependent on weather that affects the growing season, and in light of projections for Northwest climate change the University of Idaho and other regional institutions are taking advantage of a five-year, \$20 million grant.

The program, Regional Approaches to Climate Change in Pacific Northwest Agriculture (REACCH PNA), looks at aspects of grain production and climate change. Project director and UI professor of chemical ecology in the department of Plant, Soil, and Entomological sciences Sanford Eigenbrode said the grant, awarded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, encompasses four institutions: UI, Washington State University, Oregon State University and the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

"(This) is what we're calling ... a trans-disciplinary project," Eigenbrode said. "It involves many disciplines working closely together."

The project is all-encompassing and investigates climactic and economic modeling, more efficient methods of grain production, data infrastructure and the native biology of earthworms, bug and fungal pathogens.

"We're interested in how agriculture affects the atmosphere and climate," Eigenbrode said. "We also have economists, because in order for the project to achieve impact it will have to take into clear consideration the economics of agriculture and incentives for addressing climate change."

Researchers from UI address individual projects on focus teams. Assistant professor of rural sociology J.D. Wulfhorst, is the sole member of the sociological portion of the social-economic team. He hopes to understand sociological phenomena within rural communities, especially attitudes and adoption rates of new, environmentally conscious means of production. In the Pacific Northwest, he said there is a legacy of poor soil care and erosion.

Projected climate fluctuations and their affect the agricultural economy and society are another key aspect of grant-funded research. From a sociological perspective, Wulfhorst said, the sheer multitude of variables and uncertainty could lead to anxiety among community members or other un-

foreseen cultural effects.

Aside from the typical "doom and gloom" aspects, Wulfhorst said there is a possibility of unforeseen positive impacts of climate change, such as changes in crop zones. Right now, the region is primarily a one-crop economy, but greater diversity could result from climate change anxiety.

Wulfhorst said he sees this project as "upgrading science," cutting across "silos" of specialized discipline. This collaboration, he said, seems to be a trend, both within the university and within government agencies awarding contracts.

Jodi Johnson-Maynard, associate professor of plant, soil and entomological sciences has two major responsibilities on two different teams — researching the affects of climate on earthworms for the biological team, and brainstorming K-12 curriculum for the education team.

Johnson-Maynard said air temperature and soil moisture affect how well earthworms interact with the soil.

"There's not a lot of good data available on how earthworms can survive different temperature and climate combinations," Johnson-Maynard said. "So we'll be doing some specific studies."

Her other project emphasis, education, spans kindergarten through the graduate level. In the K-12 arena, researchers will survey teachers to find which products would be of most use.

"We've been trying to figure out exactly how we can package this material in a way that they can use it," Johnson-Maynard said. "We also hope to do some professional development activities, where we might have teachers come for a week ... to see how we do our science."

At the undergraduate and graduate education levels, about 10 undergraduate internships will be offered in the summer, and starting fall 2012 about 14 grad students will be hired on the project full time.

These internships will draw from agricultural science, economics, education and sociology students.

Eigenbrode and Wulfhorst said they hope this grant is just the beginning of an extended, extra-long-term project, and that more grant funds can be brought in after practical results are obtained.

"Our goals are increased nitrogen efficiency and decreased greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture," Eigenbrode said.

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To online learning advocates, the requirement seems reasonable. They say children need to be prepared for the world that awaits them after high school.

"There is still a live teacher. It may be at a distance, but that teacher is still instructing and interacting with the student," said Susan Patrick, president of the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, a Washington-based nonprofit.

Kendra Wisenbaker, 28, is among those questioning the Idaho plan.

"The poor kids are guinea pigs," said Wisenbaker, an elementary school teacher in Meridian, the state's largest school district.

Like many of her students, Wisenbaker is on Facebook, and she spends several hours a day online. But when it comes to requiring her tech-savvy kids to learn in a virtual classroom once they enter high school, Wisenbaker is among Idaho teachers who aren't so sure.

"I am a little conflicted, I am. It won't work for every kid, and I think requiring it is a horrible idea," said Wisenbaker, who also reasons that some students may thrive learning online. "But it shouldn't be an option for saving money," she said during an interview with

The Associated Press.

In Idaho, members of the state Board of Education have said most of the opposition is directed at new education laws as a whole - not just the online requirements.

Nationwide, state legislatures tackled education policy this year and triggered protests from teachers over proposed changes to their collective bargaining rights, and how they are evaluated and paid. But Idaho has made some of the most sweeping changes, according to education experts.

The state is introducing teacher merit pay, limiting union bargaining rights and shifting money from salaries toward changes such as more classroom technology, as part of the changes backed by public schools chief Tom Luna and the governor.

The overhaul has drawn heavy criticism, including from educators. But to others, Luna is changing a system that was badly broken and they have commended him for restructuring how Idaho's scarce education dollars are spent.

A group seeking to recall Luna over the education changes failed to collect enough voter signatures earlier this year, but parents and teachers who want to overturn the new laws did meet a June deadline to put three repeal measures on the November 2012 ballot.

The student group College Assistant Migrant Program Organization of Students took first place in the group altar contest.

Student group Sabor de la Raza ended the ceremony with a performance of Folklorico, showcasing the traditional Mexican dance. They wore elderly masks and hats to frighten the spirits away.

The night ended with a dance featuring DJ Sir Juan and Spanish music.

ASUI

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Although a student no longer has to be in the top seven to earn a spot in the senate, if their district has not been filled they must be within 20 percent of the votes received by the seventh place candidate.

"Part of the reason the districting bill was passed was to give students from all associations and backgrounds an opportunity to be represented in ASUI," Marsh said. "... and to encourage students from all backgrounds to run for ASUI Senate regardless of whether they have the advantages traditionally associated with being a member of the Greek system."

Adam Chadwick, a current ASUI senator, sponsored the bill when it was being considered last spring.

"The main goal was to get more than just Greeks into senate and into ASUI," Chadwick said.

Chadwick said he sponsored the bill because he felt non-Greek voter turnout was low and he hoped the bill would change that.

"What it does is it spreads around the voting where certain people from certain groups, you can only have a certain amount of Greek senators, you can only have a certain amount of off-campus, you can only have a certain amount of kids who live in the dorms be involved in senate," Chadwick said.

As with all amendments to the ASUI constitution, the districting bill was voted on by the

student body and passed by a high margin.

"The perception has been for a lot of students that running is something that mainly Greeks do, that voting is something mainly Greeks do, and that being involved in ASUI is something that mainly Greeks do," Marsh said. "I think that this bill can help to change that perception because that's not really true. ASUI is an organization that every student is a member of."

Marsh said it's important for students to know that districting is not done by living group, but by association with Greek organizations. Off-campus and residence hall living groups make up the non-Greek district, while members of Greek organizations make up a separate district.

Marsh and Chadwick are pleased with this year's candidate turnout, and hope to see the same in voter turnout.

"More candidates from all backgrounds, all majors, all living situations, all parts of the state and out of state — that's how students are going to have the best options and that's how we're going to have the best senate and the best students serving the student body," Marsh said.

Campaigning began Monday and elections take place Nov. 14 through 16. Students can vote online at vote.ui-idaho.edu or at any of the polling stations that will be set up around campus during the voting period.

LIVING

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As a reporter, Martin said she wanted to educate herself about what she wanted to report on.

"I find that what makes me care — what makes listeners care — is how policies affect individuals," she said.

Martin had the opportunity to do just that while covering policy such as the Pentagon's ban of women from direct combat units. Martin gave the policy a face by publishing the story of Silver Star recipient Leigh Ann Hester, whose combat efforts earned her the third highest combat medal.

During her NPR coverage of the eradication of the U.S. military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, Martin featured U.S. Marine Maj. Darrel Choat, who publicly acknowledged that he was gay for the first time on NPR.

"It changed a lot of opinions and it had changed a lot of minds," Martin said. "It mattered to find the person to tell the policy."

Martin's five-part speech included subtopics on her "half-full" view on life, the struggle of adjusting overseas and the truth of spoon-fed information.

"Any time I was down on my job ... she would say 'Pinch yourself, because you're living your dream and you don't even know it,'" Martin said.

Martin emphasized the importance of living life to its fullest, and shared insight on how she furthered her

career as she answered audience questions.

"Shaking things up — not doing the safe thing — can catapult your career," Martin said.

Her speech was organized by Glenn Mosley, UI director of broadcasting in the School of Journalism and Mass Media, who said Martin's speech was a great way for students to interact with an Idaho native who had national experience.

"If students do what we encourage them to do — take part in getting involved on campus, to write, edit, and critically analyze news — they'll be as well prepared to go on and be like Rachel Martin," Mosley said.

Her speech was sponsored by the UI School of Journalism and Mass Media, the James A. Louis McClure Center for Public Policy Research, the Martin Institute and Northwest Public Radio.

Kerry Swanson, station manager for NWPR, said the most interesting thing about Martin was her sense of adventure and how she has followed her dream.

"The sense that 'I don't know what I'm doing, but I'm going to try it, even if I'm wrong,'" Swanson said.

While teaching journalism classes overseas, Martin said she told her students to take risks as a reporter, but ultimately decided against living in a conflict zone.

She said she had never been in the line of fire, but was 30 feet from a rocket that killed a neighboring citizen.

"But that's the job right?" Martin said.

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Altars honoring the dead were also part of a competition, and UI student John Karpe won for his altar commemorating his friend.

"This altar is for Matthew John, who passed away last semester," Karpe said. "He was a good friend. My Spanish class collaborated on one altar, but I decided to create an individual one because it seemed appropriate."

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VANDALNATION

Vandal soccer makes history

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The NCAA tournament is just two wins away for Idaho.

The Vandal soccer team made a substantial leap for the program as a whole with its first WAC tournament victory in history, defeating San Jose State 2-1 Thursday in Fresno, Calif.

The Vandals play Utah State in the semi-finals Friday, with the winner competing for the conference championship Sunday.

Junior Amber Pimley net-

ted both Vandal goals, her only scores of the season.

"We were more attack-minded today," Pimley said. "When we were playing Pete (Showler) told us to be more attack-minded, and make the other team have to worry about us."

San Jose State struck first in the 21st minute, putting in a goal from a crossed ball into the box. It took only 20 seconds for Pimley to answer. The Vandals have struggled this season to escape early deficits, but the conference tournament cre-

ated a sense of urgency.

"After that goal, we felt like because it was the tournament we needed to give it all," Pimley said. "It was really crucial to get back in the game. It was important to get the momentum back."

The eventual game-winner came shortly before the second half when Pimley took a throw-in and sent a volley from 30 yards out over the goalkeeper's reach.

"I was in the right place at the right time," she said.

Coach Pete Showler made great use of

his bench, playing 16 different Vandals during the 90-minute contest.

"(Showler) told us everyone needed to be on their toes and ready to go," said freshman defender Emily Ngan. "Everyone plays a big part in today's match. Whether you start or you're on the bench you need to be ready."

The Vandals kick off against Utah State at noon Friday. The Vandals fell to Utah State 3-0 the last time the two teams met.

"It's definitely revenge," Pimley said. "We have a lot of pride for this game definitely coming up."



Who starts under center?

Nick Groff
Argonaut

After two quarterbacks played against Hawaii, two quarterbacks led the Idaho offense during this week's practice, and the one that will start in California has yet to be determined.

Idaho travels to the Bay Area to face the San Jose State Spartans at 1 p.m. Saturday in Spartan Stadium, and offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Steven Axman said the starting quarterback position has not been given to Brian Reader or Taylor Davis.

"We're just kinda having them split and compete all week long, and competition brings out the best in everybody," Axman said. "I think both quarterbacks have performed very, very well during the week and we're just going to kinda take it from there."

Davis started against Hawaii, but was benched in favor of Reader near the beginning of the fourth quarter. Davis agreed with his coach that the two

quarterbacks competed all week.

"Both me and Reader are fighting for the job and right now it's just ... it's just all a big competition," Davis said.

Axman said the Spartan defense is sound and adjusts to what is necessary for itself, not always based on the offense it faces.

"They have an excellent coordinator in coach (Kent) Baer and he's a guy who's been around a long time and he knows how to make adjustments," Axman said. "I think we have a pretty good idea of what they're gonna do and pretty good game plan."

Davis said the key to the offense is to maintain production from the Idaho running game and simply catch the ball.

"Receptions," Davis said. "We need to get a lot better at throwing the ball and that's on me and Reader. So we need to step it up."

Axman said the play-action pass offense Idaho employs is where it can be successful against the Spartans.

"I think the biggest thing is to start getting balance," Axman said. "So that we can throw to a greater degree so that a defense can't key just on our running game."

Helping carry the load this weekend along with running back Princeton McCarty, should be Ryan Bass who is recovering from injury. Running back Troy Vital is said to be "day-to-day" by Axman.

"Ryan (Bass) is getting a lot better. He's starting to feel a lot better," Axman said. "He's cutting a lot more powerfully and hitting the holes a lot more. ... We're real pleased to see that."

While the Idaho offense has struggled putting points on the board, the Idaho defense fired on all cylinders against Hawaii, forcing four turnovers. San Jose State has already coughed up the ball 21 times this season, which is good enough for No. 11 in the country. Defensive end Benson Mayowa attributes the defensive efficiency

Players to watch



Benson Mayowa

Idaho defensive end
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Photos by Nick Groff | Argonaut
Brian Reader, top, started the first seven games of the season, but Taylor Davis started the game against Hawaii. Early in the fourth quarter, Davis was benched and Reader finished the game.

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Kyndall Elliott | Argonaut

Wendell Faines, junior forward, rebounds the ball in Thursday's practice in the Physical Education Building gym. The men's basketball team will play Willamette University at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym.

Verlin seeks defense in exhibition

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

At the hands of NAIA Division II opponents, the Idaho men's basketball team flourished offensively Oct. 28 amid an Evergreen State onslaught.

Saturday's exhibition game against NCAA Division III opponent Willamette University may prove to be slightly more challenging.

Willamette opened the 2011-2012 season at Idaho. The Bearcats were

7-18 last season and won just two games on the road. Senior Taylor Mounts led the team in scoring last season with 20.2 points per game and was selected to the postseason all-Northwest Conference second team.

Idaho will likely employ a similar offensive scheme to Friday's that saw them force the ball to their big bodies down low against a shorter Evergreen

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WAC Player of the Week

Walker named yet again

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

For the second time in a month and third overall, Idaho volleyball's Allison Walker was named WAC Player of the Week, capping off an impressive October for the sophomore.

Walker said personal effort helped, but her team set her up for success.

"It feels good," Walker said. "It's not just me. It's definitely a team effort."

Walker received the honor for her performances in Idaho's wins over La. Tech and New Mexico State, in which she recorded 37 kills and an impressive .278 hitting percentage.

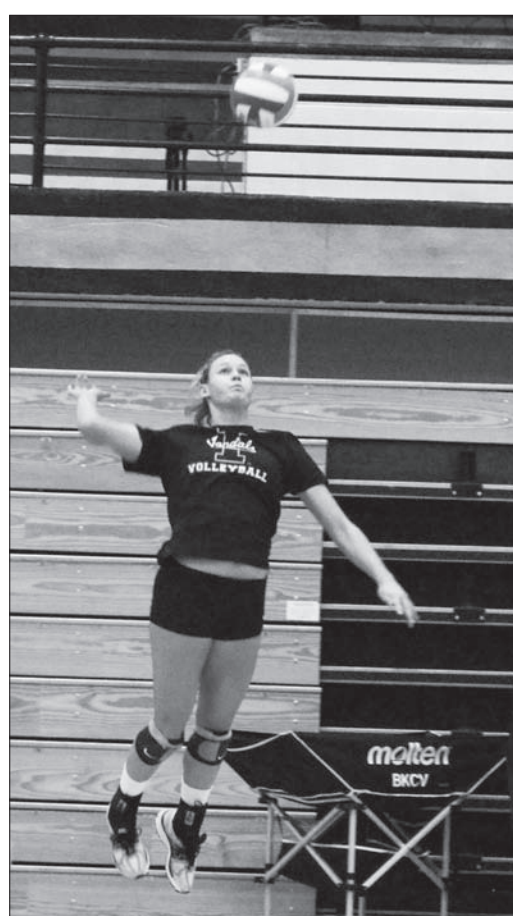
The sophomore outside hitter is no stranger to awards, having been named to multiple all-

tournament teams as well as being the first Idaho freshman to be given all-WAC honors. Walker said recognition puts pressure on her to perform, but overall she just enjoys playing the game.

"There's some pressure to play well for my team and myself and my coaches, but it's volleyball," Walker said. "I love this sport, so I'm just trying to get better every day."

Walker has led the Idaho attack for two seasons, sitting atop the team in kills. Coach Debbie Buchanan said she is a vital part of the team and is amazed that Walker has accomplished so much in her short career.

"She's a go-to player for us," Buchanan said. "People look at her and she's physical. She can play the whole game. She



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Sophomore Allison Walker jumps up to spike the ball during practice Tuesday in Memorial Gym. Walker was named volleyball's WAC Player of the Week for a second time in October.

knows how to pick a play or mix it up just a little bit."

The end of the regular season and the WAC tournament

are rapidly approaching, and Idaho will be on the road in its final three matches, starting with Utah State Saturday.

Keys to success

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The long offseason finally comes to a close Friday when Vandal women's basketball starts its new campaign with an exhibition game against Warner Pacific at 7 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

Idaho has a much different look this season after losing six letter-winners. The largely inexperienced team needs to accomplish several key goals for a successful season.

Post Play

Size could be a huge issue for the Vandals this year. Idaho lost all-time WAC rebounder Yinka Olorunnife, who left a huge void to fill. The Vandals have some height in junior Jessica Graham who stands 6 foot tall and 6 foot 4 inches sophomore Ashley Walters, but both have limited experience. Idaho coach Jon Newlee said the team is going to rely heavily on guards.

"I think our size is going to be an issue in the post and that's something we're still trying to address," Newlee said. "I think our depth at guard will be nice. I think that's something that's really going to help us, and they're versatile."

Chemistry

Idaho's roster features six new players, and a lot of returners have limited experi-

ence. Building chemistry with each other and within the system could make or break the Vandals this year. Newlee said he's pleased so far with what he has seen.

"I like our chemistry right now," Newlee said. "The new players are picking stuff up pretty quickly. I like our intensity in practice, and just how fast we're learning things. Right now I like the way they come every day trying to get better."

Leadership

Idaho lost major leaders in the five seniors who graduated. Newlee said he's not sure who's going to step up, but he's looking to his returners.

"Right now, I don't know where it is," Newlee said. "I'm looking for the guys who are coming back. Keri (Arendse), Ganeaya (Rogers), Alyssa (Charlston), Jessica (Graham) to supply that leadership and it's been kind of hit and miss right now with those guys and I've challenged them to step up and be the leaders of the team."

This Friday the Vandals have a chance to get a feel for each other in a game situation. Newlee said he wants to see effort in the exhibition game.

"I'm looking for them to play hard," Newlee said. "That's the number one thing I keep telling these guys. I don't care how many offenses you put in or how many defenses you play, if you don't play them hard, you're going to lose."



File photo by Jake Barber | Argonaut

Idaho guard Keri Arendse drives to the basket past Hawaii guard Keisha Kanekoa to score during a game January 2011 in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals open the season tonight in Memorial Gym with an exhibition game against Warner Pacific.

Vandal Snow to show 'The Art of Flight'

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Flight is an art form rarely perfected, and members of Vandal Snow hope the prospect draws viewers to a showing of "The Art of Flight."

Brendan Baughn, president of Vandal Snow, said much of the footage was filmed in Alaska and shows people places they would not normally see.

"I don't even like to call it a snowboard film because the cinematography is so amazing," Baughn said. "They take these

cameras to places that people have never been before."

He hopes to fill all 420 capacity in the Admin Auditorium next Friday. The film will play at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 for a \$5 entrance fee to subsidize Vandal Snow activities, competition and dues. Two drawings during the event offer chances to win a snowboard, backpacks from Dakine, beanies from Space Craft, gift certificates from Zumies and lift tickets for Lookout Pass. The first 200 attendees will receive free subscriptions to Transworld Snowboarding. The club is also partner-

ing with Redbull to put on the event.

Baughn said past fundraisers haven't gone the way they wanted.

"We did have a video premier last year, but it wasn't like this year's is going to be ... I've gone all out this year," Baughn said.

Vandal Snow is generally made up of about 50 people, Baughn said. Club dues are \$300 and afford members some of the cheapest season passes around.

Baughn said fundraisers like this are necessary to enter competitions because individuals of the club who decide they want to compete often

have to pay more fees and money is always on short supply.

"It does cost money to compete — individuals have to pitch in their own money to compete," Baughn said.

One option Baughn is looking into that might help members of the club and other students, is to create a VIP card that would enable students to get discounts at local food vendors and online shops.

The club is being especially monetarily conscious because of funding issues. Baughn said the club used to get more than \$8,000

from the Sports Club Federation, but that has dwindled to just more than \$3,000.

Even with those issues, Baughn said he still welcomes everyone to the club.

Baughn said some of the fears he hears from incoming members is that they don't want to compete, but he assures everyone that only cheering is mandatory.

To compete, Vandal Snow needs revenue from fundraisers like next Friday's film showing. Baughn said doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m.



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Veteran profiles will be displayed on the Free Speech Wall in the Idaho Commons. We encourage active duty, reserve, and retired military members affiliated with the University of Idaho to fill out a profile. We also welcome profiles of ROTC cadre, cadets, and midshipmen.

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VOLLEYBALL

Long road to Logan

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team has three matches left in the regular season and every one is on the road, beginning with Utah State Saturday.

The Vandals (13-11, 7-4 WAC) have had a strong season at home, going 6-1 with a senior night victory over No. 2 (WAC) New Mexico State to cap it off. The Vandals are in a good position for the WAC tournament that looms on the horizon, but will have to get it done on the road to keep their high seeding. Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said it's all about the team playing its game, regardless of venue.

"We know what we have to do as far as our goals for the WAC tournament," Buchanan said. "We have to take one match at a time and not overlook a single opponent. We have to make sure we're ready to go compete on the road, because we have three tough road matches and we do that by executing our game."

The Vandals enter the weekend having won seven of their last nine matches. Buchanan said her team seems to be peaking at the right time and said it's not a surprise to her.

"We knew that we could, it was just a matter of when everything was going to come together," Buchanan said. "We knew

we had the personnel to do that. I thought we were going to be a little bit better early on, especially in preseason and have a few more wins than we did, but that's part of it."



They're going to be a little bit more dynamic than they were last time. From early on until now — teams are better, players are better and we will face a completely different team than what we faced here.

Debbie Buchanan,
Volleyball coach

around, especially since they are playing at home.

"They're going to be a little bit more dynamic than they were last time," Buchanan said. "From early on until now — teams are better, players are better and we will face a completely different team than what we faced here."

The season is almost over and the Vandals still have players battling for play time, especially at the setter position. Buchanan said depth is a good problem to have.

"It's a good position to be in," Buchanan said. "All the kids want to play, and we know that."

The Vandals are No. 3 in the conference and nipping on the heels of New Mexico State for second. Hawaii still sits atop the WAC with a perfect 12-0 conference record.

The Vandals will face defending WAC champion Utah State Saturday to begin the final stretch. Idaho swept Utah State at home earlier in the year, but Buchanan said she expects the Aggies to put up a harder fight this time



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Freshman Jessica Hastriter spikes the ball during practice Thursday in Memorial Gym. Hastriter had a season high of five kills and one block during the game against La. Tech Oct. 1. The Vandals will face off against Utah State in Logan, Utah, Saturday.

Bringing a little 'shop of horrors' to the SRC

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Once a year, things get a little crazy and significantly more bloody in the Student Recreation Center.

Every Halloween, the student staff at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) looks forward to an intense first aid training scenario titled "Our Little Shop of Horrors."

"It's something that's just outside the norm," Mahoney said. "It's something fun we can do on Halloween and get away with it." The staff participates in various scenarios throughout the fall but the Halloween training session takes first aid training to the next level.

"Basically what we do is make somebody get really messed up," said Brian Mahoney, campus recreation operations super-

visor. "This morning he sawed his foot off. He also had a piece of glass embedded in his forehead."

Staff responders have to help the scenario victim as if the ordeal happened in real life. This time, the victim was Climbing Center Coordinator Trevor Fulton.

"They're a little anxious about it when they know (the scenario) is going to be happening," Mahoney said. "They use it as a learning opportunity and I think they have fun with it."

The event began a few years ago when Mahoney and his student managers were looking for something fun and educational to do for Halloween. "Our Little Shop of Horrors," was a success and the SRC staff looks forward to it every year.

"It's just a Halloween thing to see how

they would deal with a major trauma issue," Mahoney said. "The staff enjoy it and know to look forward to it."

The name spoofs the movie "Little Shop of Horrors," and hints at the training venue.

"We actually do this in our shop in the Rec Center," Mahoney said. "We put up a couple of signs on the outside of (the shop) and we lay a bunch of towels down because we are going to get blood everywhere."

The event serves as an opportunity for staff members to handle life-threatening events that could occur.

"We do a heart attack CPR education, fainting, nosebleeds, open wounds, broken bones and sprains, and choking," Mahoney said. "It's a learning tool for them too because normally most of our scenarios don't involve

a cut off limb or glass stuck in the head."

Although nobody is likely to lose a limb in the SRC, "Our Little Shop of Horrors" is made as realistic as possible for those involved.

"(Fulton) had an amputated foot laying there. This is somebody screaming and there's lots of blood pumping," Mahoney said. "It's not something we normally train for although it's part of their first aid training."

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Amber Pimley defends Christine Leathem during a team drill on the SprinTurf this season. The Vandals beat San Jose State 2-1 Thursday to advance to the semi-finals of the WAC tournament. The eventual game-winner came shortly before the second half when Pimley took a throw-in and sent a volley from 30 yards out over the goalkeeper's reach. Pimley scored her first two goals of the season on Thursday to help lead the Vandals to their first WAC tournament victory. The Vandals play Utah State today.

STARTS

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to changing schemes and team cohesion.

"We're gelling more as a defense and we're dialing up some good blitzes with coverage as well," Mayowa said. "So we're just mixing it up — disguising."

Mayowa said the Spartans are much more 50-50 when it comes to offensive play calling. He said the run must be stifled in order to be successful.

"Stop the run," Mayowa said. "Hit the quarterback hard. Stop the run."

Of 120 FBS football teams, San Jose State's running offense ranks No. 103. The Idaho running defense ranks No. 44 — something the Vandals should be able to take advantage of.

Axman believes even though the offense is injury-ridden, especially at the receiver position, the Vandals have players that are capable

of stepping up to the task at hand in California.

"We've got some pretty good people I feel can fill some holes for us," Axman said. "But the core of our offense is all-together and we feel pretty good about being able to do a good job when we get to San Jose this weekend."

Receiver Armauni Johnson suffered a likely season-ending injury against Hawaii with a broken arm and teammate Justin Veltung was in a knee-high boot at practice Wednesday with a toe injury, Akey said.

Davis said whether he or Reader gets the start, the receiving core is ready to step up.

"You know we still have a lot of receivers," Davis said. "(Daniel) Micheletti is stepping up. (Mike) Scott is always stepping up, but our receiving core is all there still. We're good."

Idaho will attempt to salvage the rest of its season at Spartan Stadium, going for its first FBS and conference win of the season.

VERLIN

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State team. As a result, the Geoducks made the most of unlimited space to shoot 3-pointers at will.

Willamette has the size advantage over Evergreen State, but not by much. On the Bearcats' 22-man roster, only five players are 6 feet 5 inches or taller whereas Idaho's 14-man roster consists of seven players who are at least 6 feet 5 inches.

Willamette's leading three scorers from the 2010-2011 season return and attempted more than 350 3-point shots last year.

"We've got to do a better job of getting to the shooters, I mean we can't give up 13 3-point shots, we've got to do a better job pressuring the ball," coach Don Verlin said. "I haven't seen a

lot from Willamette but if they're small we have to do a better job getting out to the shooters, contesting the shooters and making an emphasis of that this week."

Despite allowing 76 points on defense, the offense maintained stable and again, utilized its height to grab 26 offensive rebounds. Idaho grabbed 68 total boards Friday, almost twice as many as Willamette averaged per game last season.

Verlin said it will be important for the offense to "set up shop close to the basket" this season.

"We've got good size, we can start a pretty big lineup and we have a lot of different options to do it and we have some very good rebounders so we've got to dominate the boards inside," he said.

With four exhibition games and scrimmages to judge stats and production

prior to the regular season opener at Long Beach State, Verlin has worked different schemes and will use all 14 players in the second and final pre-season exhibition game.

Mansa Habeeb and Djim Bandoumel were the only players not available last weekend but both should see action Saturday.

Though Idaho's competition in the exhibitions will not compare to what the team will face in WAC play, senior guard Landon Tatum said the team's competitive edge remains the same.

"Our coaches always put it in our minds, it's a regular game you're not trying to go out here just to impress people, you're trying to go out there and get work done and get better each time," Tatum said. "We go out there to try and make a statement, get a win."

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OUR VIEW

Crossing lines

Jokes aren't funny when they're sexual harassment

Cracking jokes is a way to make new friends, feel comfortable in class, brighten someone's day and get in trouble for sexual harassment.

We've all heard those snide remarks about how short that girl's skirt is, or teased a friend about the sexual favors they performed to get an A. We laugh at jokes like these and usually no one is offended, but how many college students actually know what sexual harassment is?

The University of Idaho Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion is teaching a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training course Nov. 16. The course is tailored toward students, staff, faculty and administrators and will provide definitions of sexual harassment as well as an explanation of the UI's sexual harassment policies and procedures.

The UI Faculty Staff Handbook defines sexual harassment of a

student as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. The FSH also includes guidelines for reporting, investigating and resolving complaints of sexual harassment.

An AOL survey found that one in six Americans report being sexually harassed in the workplace, according to a CNN article. Two-thirds of those who said they were sexually harassed didn't report

the incidents. Perhaps the lack of knowledge about what qualifies as sexual harassment is one reason more people don't file complaints.

Sexual harassment includes touching, sexual comments or jokes, displaying pornographic material, indecent exposure, and assault or rape. Men and women alike are victims of sexual harassment, and the harasser can be a person of the same or opposite sex. Most importantly, sexual

harassment is not decided by the harasser's intent. It is determined by the effect of the sexual conduct on the victim.

Ending sexual harassment starts with ending a culture that finds it amusing. Stop making comments about your co-worker's physical assets or about what you would do to your professor to pass a class.

Jokes are only funny as long as no one gets hurt — and sexual harassment hurts.

Decisions run deep

Smoking weed affects more than just you

It's no secret that people smoke pot. If you don't believe me take a stroll around campus on a Friday night and you'll smell some ganja smoke.



Eric Czirr
Argonaut

Many argue that marijuana is fine to use because there are "medical benefits" associated with smoking weed. However, if you are going

to the University of Idaho, chances are you don't have narrow-angle glaucoma so that doesn't apply to you.

Regardless of the dangers associated with smoking, minds are made up. Marijuana contains carcinogens and tetrahydrocannabinol, which change the way the brain functions and lead to higher incidents of depression, anxiety and psychosis. But many users have a carefree attitude and think, "Hey man, it's my body so it doesn't really matter. I'll mess up my brain if I want to." Unfortunately, this decision runs deeper than many realize.

The Attorney General Office of Mexico estimates that more than half of the multi-billion dollar drug cartels' revenues are made from the sale of marijuana. And who, you might ask, is the biggest purchaser? It's the land of the free and the home of the brave, of course. The U.S. is the largest market for marijuana worldwide. In fact, the market is so large that drug cartels have started growing inside U.S. borders.

The eighth you buy from your buddy for



Illustration by Eric Czirr | Argonaut

50 bucks could very well have originated from a drug cartel.

Which means you could be giving revenue to the same cartels who are responsible for countless beheadings, and in turn are supporting their organization. By purchasing an illegal product that is grown, smuggled and trafficked by drug cartels, you are condoning their actions — actions including murder, kidnapping and extortion. More than 34,000 people have died in drug-related killings since December 2006 as a result of Mexican President Felipe Calderon's war with the drug cartels.

Due to this relationship between marijuana and drug cartels, many are calling for the legalization of marijuana in order to divert drug revenues elsewhere. While the logic behind this argument makes sense, the fact remains that it is still an illegal drug. Whether you agree with its legal standing or not, your purchasing power could be contributing to the loss of human lives.

SEE DECISIONS, PAGE 10

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Finally ...

I can't believe I had to travel 1,378 miles to get the best wood of my life but I'm now in Minneapolis smiling and satisfied. So happy my dad could be here with me too.

— Jens (aka Madison)

It's almost here

Press check for Blot magazine next week.

— Amrah

God bless the Sounders

It may not have ended the way I wanted, but this Seattle Sounders FC season has been magical. Open cup champs, champions league quarters, and second-best team in the MLS.

— Madison

While it lasts

Every great song ends. That doesn't mean you can't enjoy the music.

— Rhianon

Hoop dreams

Basketball season is here. 'Nuff said.

— Theo

Automotive engineer wanted

For quite awhile now, I've been wondering what an Apple-made car would be like. I've heard Audi is the Apple of cars. I disagree. I don't think it exists yet. I need an engineer to make my ideas a reality.

— Jacob

Today, I am thankful for...

This beautiful fall weather, and the upcoming holiday season. It's my favorite time of year.

— Britt

Duck hunt

The game Duck Hunt taught me everything I know about hunting.

— Jake

Regret nothing

Every action, every decision, every consequence has brought you to this point, today, so don't waste it by thinking "what if?"

— Anja

Workin' it out

This is the time of year where going to class and being motivated to do anything becomes so incredibly hard. This year, I'm counteracting that by working out. Bring it on, stress. I will kick your butt. Others should consider it as well.

— Elizabeth

Guy Fawkes Day

Remember, remember the fifth of November. Good luck trying to rent it now, Howard Hughes Video is probably fresh out. Head to the Student Union Building, they're showing it for free.

— Vicky

Amor de la familia

Today I am driving for eight hours straight with my little sister so we can be home for my nephew's second birthday Saturday. It's amazing how the birth of one child somehow brought my entire family closer together. Happy birthday, Thales.

— Elisa

Mail Box

Get ready for some basketball

Dear Students,
Basketball season is here. The first game of the season was last Friday, a win against Evergreen State, and the next is at 7 p.m. this Saturday against Willamette University in Memorial Gym.

The team needs your support early and often this season. A rowdy student section is important in creating a home-court advantage and making Moscow a difficult road trip for all opponents. Student support motivates the players, increases their confidence and energy, and helps them to perform to the best of their ability.

The team and I appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming home games.

Go Vandals.

Sincerely,

Don Verlin
Idaho Men's Basketball Coach

Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 5	Willamette University
Monday, Nov. 14,	Concordia University
Saturday, Nov. 26	Montana State University
Wednesday, Nov. 30	E. Washington University*

All games take place at 7 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

*Doubleheader following the women's game against University of Washington

Follow men's basketball on facebook.com/VandalHoops

Truth about Gaddafi

After reading the article "Gaddafi's last words" by Bethany Lowe, I have to say I agree that wearing a Gaddafi mask for Halloween is tasteless, but her portrayal of Moammar Gaddafi is revisionist history of the first order. Gaddafi has done more than a few evil deeds, yet only the good that happened during his regime are mentioned in the article.

First he tried to wipe out the Berber culture in Libya, attempting cultural genocide on the Berber people. Just a taste of his benevolence to the Berbers included making their language forbidden in Libyan schools and government institutions, forbidding Berber parents to give their children Berber names, and forcibly removing Berbers from their ancestral villages.

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Separation of church and state protects rights

Right now, America faces a number of pressing issues: A weak economy, high unemployment, a growing gap between the rich and poor, a crumbling infrastructure, poor health care, and increasing poverty.

In the midst of all this, Congress has been paralyzed. Politicians have failed again and again, to take action. Compromise has been impossible. Members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, seem uninterested in helping working Americans, and more concerned with the approval of their corporate campaign donors.

However, the House of Representatives recently passed a resolution 396 to 9 — the most overwhelming show of bipartisanship in recent memory — to support putting the phrase "In God We Trust" on public buildings, and to "reaffirm (it) as the official motto of the United States."

It's tough to say what is saddest about this story. Perhaps it is that, in the midst of an ongoing national economic crisis, the only thing Congress can agree on is a non-binding resolution. Perhaps it is that the easiest way for Congress to score political points is to say they share the beliefs of 80 percent of the country, but in a vague, inoffensive sort of way. Or maybe it is that there were only nine people in the House of Representatives willing to stand up for separation of church and state.

Some politicians find it easy to forget that America is not a "Christian nation." About 80 percent of our population identifies with a Christian denomination, but that

does not make the U.S. Christian. We have a white majority as well, but few people would call America a "white nation." And they forget the Constitution exists to defend

the rights of the minority and defines separation between church and state to protect the right of Americans to choose their own beliefs.

Naming "In God We Trust" as America's "official motto" undermines that separation. It attempts to label America a Christian nation, rather than one with a Christian majority.

Much of the modern American obsession with conflating God and government goes back to the Cold War: "Under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance as a way of separating America from the "Godless" Soviet Union. Others may claim that America was founded as a Christian nation, yet many of the Founding Fathers were not Christians. Thomas Jefferson even rewrote the Bible to fit what he thought Christianity should be. The Founders would hardly fit the modern conservative or evangelical definition of Christian.

Aside from the question of church and state and the popular myth of a Christian America, the resolution is a distraction. A convenient social issue meant to appeal to a broad demographic of voters. Congress would prefer we discuss the merits of "In God We Trust" rather than the other problems facing America. But it's not just the wall between church and state that we should be concerned with: It's the lack of a wall between state and Wall Street.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

Just another circus act

Herman Cain is insufficient as a serious candidate

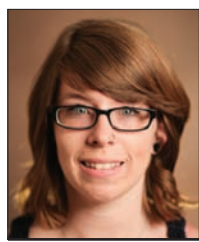
It is disheartening and amusing to read about the potential Republican candidates for next year's presidential election.

First there was Michele Bachmann, an updated version of Sarah Palin. Then Rick Perry, a "conservative to the core" according to his campaign videos. Mitt Romney, who tries so hard to be the favorite, but is ignored for Chris Christie who isn't even running. Ron Paul has always been in the background, somehow winning straw polls but never taken seriously. And now we have Herman Cain, the candidate who boasts about knowing nothing and uses his inexperience as a positive.

Not only is the GOP turning the election into a circus, it keeps picking losing frontrunners in a downhill battle to come up with a halfway decent candidate.

Cain, with 26 percent of the vote in the latest polls, leads the GOP candidates. His campaign leans heavily on his "9-9-9" plan, intended to be a model for economic renewal. It states that production is the real key to

stimulating the economy — not spending, and defies conventional wisdom and standard fiscal policy. Economists agree that spending does stimulate the economy and although trickle-down economists argue that giving money to the upper 1 percent will help by reinvesting in business to increase production, it has not been proven to work of Cain's plan.



Katy Sword
Argonaut

In phase one all taxes are replaced by a flat 9 percent tax for businesses, individual incomes and a national sales tax is instituted of the same rate. This is intended to "expand GDP by \$2 trillion, create six million new jobs, increase business investment by one third, and increase wages by 10 percent," according to Cain's website. It shifts the tax burden from corporations and the wealthy to the poor and middle class. A study released earlier this week by the Tax Policy Center found that Cain's plan would increase taxes for 84 percent of Americans.

It also decreases taxes on corporations from 35 percent to 9 percent, which further cuts taxes on the wealthy while increasing

taxes for the 47 percent of Americans who do not pay income tax because they cannot afford it. Cain has alluded that his plan contains an exception for people not making enough, but there is no wording describing such an exception.

On their own, the individual taxes and corporate tax cuts negatively impact the poor — Cain's proposed sales tax is the finishing touch. Having a flat national sales tax is a regressive tax, which would mean that the poor, who spend their entire income, would be paying more in sales tax relative to their income than the wealthy, who do not spend their entire annual incomes.

In Idaho, this plan would increase the sales tax by 50 percent of the current amount, while adding taxes to states that do not currently have them, like Washington, which does not tax food, and Oregon, which has no sales tax.

With a plan that will hurt the majority of U.S. citizens, a lack of strategy, no experience, and a questionable ability to handle situations like his current scandal, the only question that should be asked of Cain is "How did he get this far?"

DECISIONS

FROM PAGE 9

The solution is simple: If the U.S. didn't have such an obscene demand for marijuana, the drug cartels would take a huge hit to their wallets. As a result, they would have less influence in their communities and the Mexican government and Drug Enforcement Administration would have an upper hand. This would decrease the number of drug-related murders and make our neighbors to the south a happier, healthier community.

So how do we bring about this change? Considering the fact that marijuana is illegal, the only other option is to quit smoking.

Your choices affect others more than you think, so make healthy decisions.

MAILBOX

FROM PAGE 9

Gaddafi was responsible for the disappearance of Musa Sadr, who was considered a Martin Luther King, Jr. figure. From the late 1960s to the late 1970s Sadr was largely responsible for helping organize the Lebanese Shia, a large segment of the population that had almost no power whatsoever. He was last seen in Tripoli on a visit to Gaddafi, but Gaddafi said he never showed up and never bothered to look for him.

In regards to the Lockerbie bombing, many historians believe Libya did indeed help fund the operation with Iran in revenge against the U.S. for shooting down Iran Air Flight 655 earlier that year. It was likely carried out by agents of Abu Nidal, who were caught with bombs that had the same type of explosive placed in the same type of radio earlier in the year.

Forty years of repression in Libya, sponsoring terrorism, killing a transformative Muslim leader and cultural genocide ... but at least Libyans got free electricity, right?

Mac Wilson
History major

Go green: reuse this headline

Have you ever heard of "conspicuous consumption?" I hadn't either, but the idea should sound familiar. Thorstein Veblen, whose name (and beard) are credentials enough, introduced conspicuous consumption in 1899. Basically, Veblen proposed the idea that we mostly buy things just to impress other people.

Here's an example: Say you're about to get engaged. You go to the jewelry store and buy the fattest, heaviest, shiniest rock in that place because you want your soon-to-be-fiancée to know just how much she means to you. Whether you consciously do it or not, you're trying to impress

more people than just her. When other people see it, they're going to know you broke the bank to get her that ring. You must be so rich, successful, and generous. You must be a victim of conspicuous consumption.

Or maybe you just hit it big in the record industry with your new single, "Baby Got Back 2: Baby Don't Got Back." It's a day you've dreamed about. You head down to Miami and buy Shakira's old house. You now have more bedrooms than you do fingers, and use maybe three of them.

Why buy the house? People now know you have the money to buy stupid things you don't need.

The reason I mention all this is simple on paper, yet remarkably difficult in practice.

I'd like to propose an end to the culture of conspicuous consumption. I propose an end to sizing up our peers based on the size of their logos, an end to wasting money on products we don't want to impress people we don't even know. I want to usher in the era of reuse.

Enter RE. University of Idaho graphic design students created RE to change perceptions of sustainability across campus and combat conspicuous consumption.

Let me cut through the crap for you: RE is about making sustainability easy and directly beneficial to students. It's about reusing the old and boring to make something new.

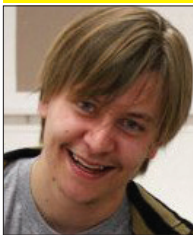
RE is about that moment when you go to get rid of something, when that voice in the back of your head asks, "Isn't there something else I could do with this?"

The answer is likely yes. On Nov. 10, the Sustainability Center will launch RE. Come to the Idaho Commons Clearwater room to talk to student groups about ways to reuse, save money and make new from the old.

We're starting small. Bring us your old T-shirts, bags and backpacks. We'll make them new again — and it won't be difficult. Bring other things in and we'll brainstorm ways to reuse them too.

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GUEST VOICE



Avery Worrell
UI Sustainability
Center marketing
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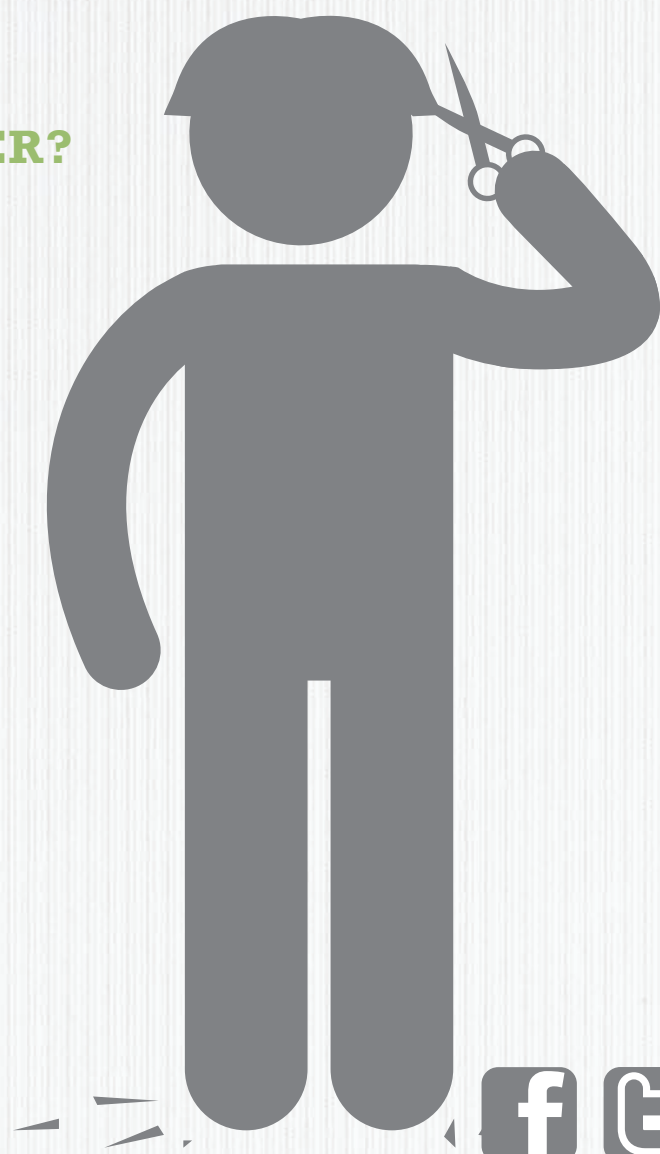
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