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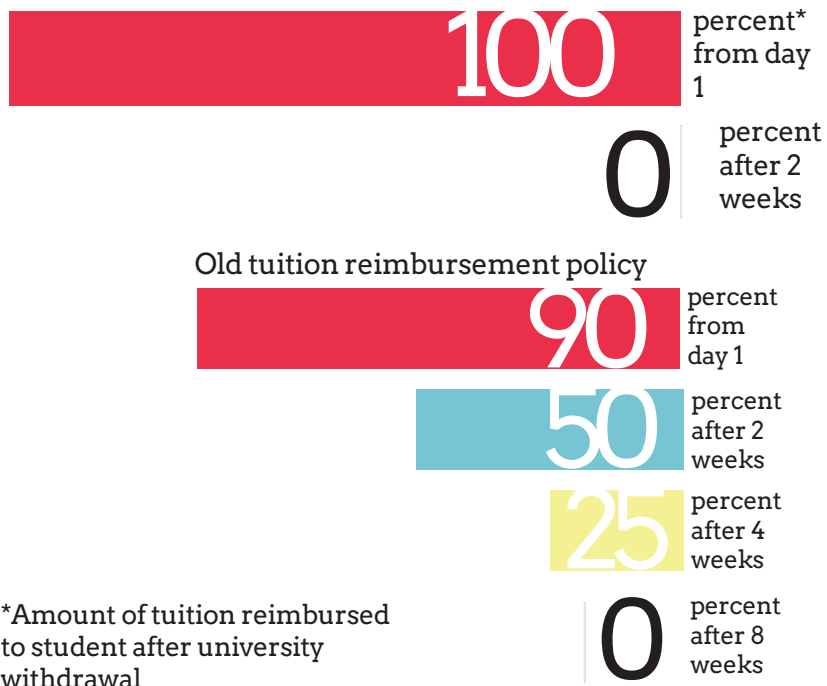
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Two-week limit on refunds

New tuition reimbursement policy



*Amount of tuition reimbursed to student after university withdrawal

Katy Sword
Argonaut

In order to get in line with other changing policies within the university, Student Accounts is changing their tuition reimbursement policy.

The policy used to be graduated—a 90 percent refund from day one, 50 percent after two weeks and 25 percent from four weeks to eight weeks, at which point there would be no more refunds. Starting this semester, that policy will be a 100 percent refund for the first two weeks and then nothing. The last day students can withdraw and receive a refund is Aug. 31.

Delora Shoop, student accounts manager, said this policy lines up with the revised registrar add/drop policy that changed in the spring semester. “After the first two weeks

students have to petition to add a class, so we are moving our policy to be in line with that policy to encourage students to make their selection in the first two weeks,” Shoop said. “That way there are not so many dates.”

Although the policy is stricter, Shoop said appeals can still be made if there are extenuating circumstances.

While the change is already in place, students were yet to receive information explaining the new policy as of Aug. 18.

“We will send an email to all students coordinated with the registrar office, also to inform them about another change in late fees,” Shoop said. “We are waiting closer to school because we are not sure how often students look at Vandal-Mail and we also don’t want to

bombard students with emails.”

Shoop said they didn’t look at the number of students who would be affected by the change, but compared the policy to other schools with similar regulations.

“It’s hard to tell,” Shoop said. “I think positively there will be a lot of students affected in the first two weeks because in the past they had to give up 10 percent and now they don’t have to pay anything.”

She added that they anticipate a lot more adds and drops in the first two weeks because of the change.

Among the refund and add/drop changes, there will also be increased late fees—\$75 beginning Aug. 21 if the account is not paid in full (up from \$50),

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UI hosts 1st convocation

Speaker George P. Bush and UI President talk on importance of education

Katy Sword
Argonaut

President M. Duane Nellis said George P. Bush — nephew of former President George W. Bush — was selected to speak at University of Idaho’s convocation Friday because he “shares our desire to inspire futures through inclusion and education.”

Friday’s event will be the first convocation for UI.

Brett Morris, director of internal communications said there was one slated for last year, but the “unfortunate shooting occurred and we had to cancel.”

While Bush has no ties to the UI, he was selected by a committee assembled by the Dean of Students Office.

“We always try to get an alum as a preference, but we try to get widely recognized speakers approved for larger events,” Morris said.

Nellis said in a press release that he is honored to bring Bush to Moscow.

“As the son of both a Mexican migrant worker and political powerhouse family, he recognizes and models the dedication and hard work necessary to achieve tangible change by including youth and minorities in the political process,” Nellis said.

Nellis said his background, with ties to the U.S. presidency and migrant workers provides an example showing that success is supported through quality education.

Nellis said this isn’t about politics. “I’ve asked Mr. Bush to share his experiences from the standpoint of promoting better education for all.”

Bush will speak on five topics, according to the convocation website: Lessons I Learned from My Grand-

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George P. Bush

NEW FACES, OLD GREEK ROW



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Women of Kappa Kappa Gamma gather for a group photo Tuesday at their Old Greek Row residence. Recruitment for new sorority members ended Wednesday.



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We the Kings will perform at Palousafest 2012 and will be introduced by local band “Knights of Philly” and Bart Budwig. Palousafest is an annual event that teaches students about local businesses, campus offices and school clubs or organizations. We the Kings will be the main event starting at 7 p.m. Saturday on the Theophilus Tower Lawn.

Palousafest first

Annual event to feature a mechanical bull, bungee run and We the Kings

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

We the Kings will open this year’s Palousafest, an event that has welcomed students since the 1990s, Director of Student Involvement, Colleen Quinn said.

The event helps students get used to the University of Idaho by learning about local businesses, campus offices and organizations and different school clubs.

Quinn said it is a way for incoming freshman to spend the day together by working in the morning at the Serving Your New Community (SYNC), performing community service in and

around the Moscow area, and celebrating and learning about their next four years during the evening.

The evening before Palousafest, there will be a showing of the Lorax at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Borah Theater to give those incoming freshman something to do their first night on campus, according to Quinn. She also said the film has a good message.

A first for Palousafest is the three musical features beginning at 6 p.m. Bart Budwig and Knights of Philly are both from the

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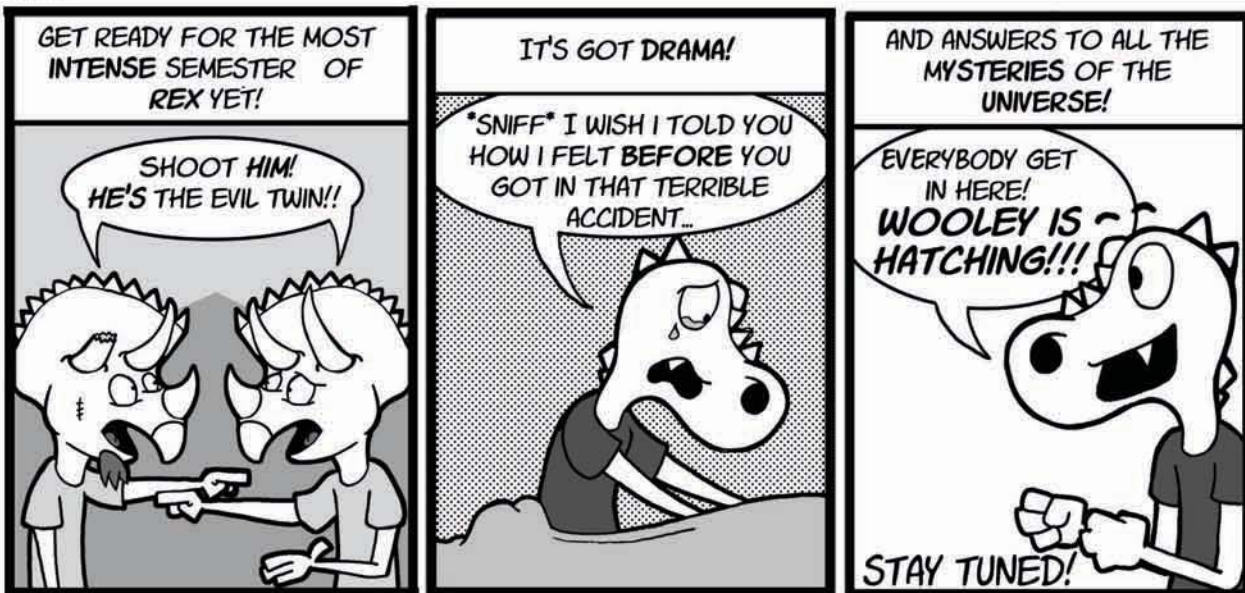


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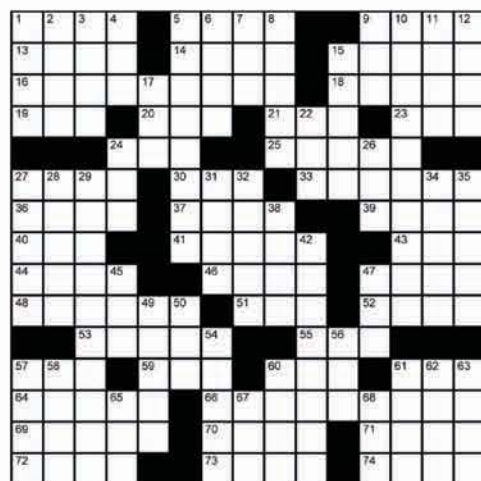
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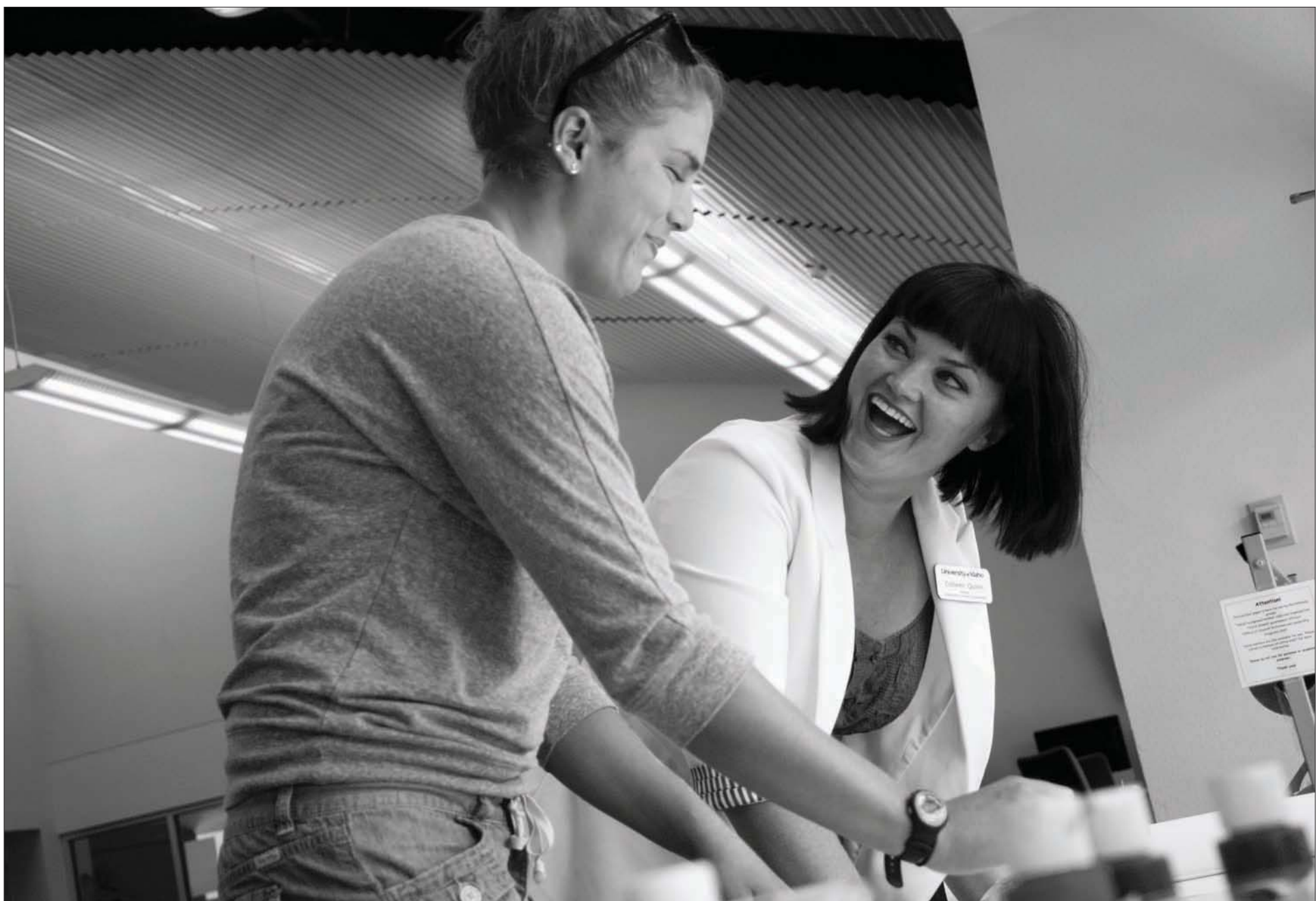
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University of Idaho Director of Student Involvement Colleen Quinn, right, and UI senior Kelsie Saxe prepare for the first day of classes Thursday in the ASUI office.

Three steps ahead

New director of student involvement plans to keep students informed of campus events

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

After college, graduate school and several job changes around the United States, Colleen Quinn was content teaching civic engagement and conducting research for her Ph.D at the University of California Los Angeles. She had no intention of leaving California or searching for another job.

When Quinn read the job description for the University of Idaho's director of student engagement, however, she said she had to apply.

"I literally read it and went 'That's my job,'" Quinn said.

Quinn said she learned of the opening from UI's Director of Multicultural Affairs Eddie Ruiz, with whom she used to work. She applied in December, came to campus for an interview in February and was offered — and ac-

cepted — the position in March.

The Department of Student Engagement has since had a name change to the Department of Student Involvement. Greg Tatham, UI's assistant vice provost of student affairs, said this is because the term "engagement" is overused on campus.

As UI's new director of student involvement, Quinn said she'll oversee the Vandal Entertainment Board, Commons programming, advise ASUI and look over the department's general operations. Quinn will supervise Student Involvement Coordinator Denise Carl, Volunteer Programs Coordinator Bruce Mann, Student Media Adviser Shawn O'Neal and Administrative Assistant Meladi Mottern.

Quinn attended college at the University of Washington, where she was involved with her sorority

and student government.

She went on to work in public relations and sales, but said she missed the college setting, so she went back to school to get a master's degree in student affairs from the University of Portland.

There, Quinn said she worked in housing, multicultural and student affairs. Her first job out of graduate school was at Boston University, where she oversaw all of its leadership programs, student government and student organizations.

To be closer to her family, Quinn took a position at UW's Bothel branch.

"It was a pretty new campus," Quinn said. "So when I got there, there were about five student organizations. In my two years of being there, we grew it to about 25. I started up a spring break program, advised their entertainment board and revamped the ori-

entation program."

She then decided it was important for her to get her Ph.D, which is how she ended up at UCLA.

Quinn said she'll spend most of her first year at UI getting a feel for the campus, and working with her team to better inform and involve students about the department's events.

"On every campus that I've worked at, the most common complaint is that students don't know what's going on," she said. "I don't care if you're on a campus of 2,000 or 65,000 — that's the most common complaint."

Quinn said she hopes to become cognizant of how students find their information, and remain three steps ahead of them at all times.

Tatham said Quinn's new ideas and previous experience made her the best candidate for the job.

UI junior and Summer Student Coordinator Clare Haley worked with Quinn over the summer to plan events like Palousafest.

Haley said Quinn is a fun person to work with because she brings excitement to the office every day.

"I also think she's going to be focused on really finding out what students want to see on campus so we can increase attendance at events," Haley said.

Haley said it's important for students to be involved because student fees go toward several of the programs Quinn oversees.

"That's student dollars being spent," Haley said. "So getting to know Colleen and letting her know what you'd like to see on campus is important — it's your money being spent."

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The 'new office smell' of sustainability

Matt Maw
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center has merged with the Office of Community Partnerships and gained a makeover of its Shoup Hall office spaces as well as its mission.

Jeannie Matheison, sustainability program adviser, said the merger has broadened the scope of the center's vision.

"The Sustainability Center has historically championed energy efficiency, recycling, waste reduction, food systems and other issue areas," she said. "The merger

allows us to tackle economic development and poverty alongside those issues throughout the state."

Sustainability Director Darin Saul said the partnership provided the center with university funding and resources to maintain its staff and services, upgrade its facilities and enabled it to remain institutionally permanent. He said the center is led and funded by students, and their needs and interests are paramount.

The Shoup remodel provided 915 additional square feet of office area for them to utilize.

"It's better for everybody,"

Saul said. "It was kind of a ghetto before the remodel."

Saul said last year's student staff team of around 20 people shared two offices, and seven non-student staff shared the remaining three offices. The remodel afforded 10 of this year's student staffers a room to themselves and an additional three offices for everybody.

Matheison said the center's research assistants, who were working off-site for lack of room, now have an office to use. All of the remodeling was done with certified sustainable materials, she said, including new

floors, blinds and furniture for all the workspaces.

The OCP works to involve student research and projects with the local needs of Idaho communities through UI Extension, the Service Learning Center and other resources. Saul said the merger pools the strengths of the OCP and the Sustainability Center, and will afford more resources and opportunities for student involvement and leadership on campus and throughout Idaho communities.

"What the Sustainability Center brings is experience and momentum with student engagement,

student leadership and sustainability issues," Saul said. "What the [OCP] brings is a network of community relations, a history of encouraging student involvement with community issues and relationships with faculty and administration at the university."

Matheison said the new arrangement is promising.

"It's an amazing opportunity for the students, for the university and for the communities that we'll support and collaborate with," she said.

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Donor goal no challenge for Vandal Challenge

Matt Maw
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Vandal Challenge campaign pushed UI past 12,000 total fiscal-year donors during its two-month run from April 30 to June 30, according to Annual Giving Director Mandy Hanousek.

The campaign was part of the larger Inspiring Futures: Invest in the University of Idaho initiative, which introduced its public phase April 28.

Hanousek said the Vandal Challenge campaign utilized print, e-mail and video

to kick off the public phase of Inspiring Futures and attract first-time donations. The effort gathered 286 new donors and more than 1,100 first-time gifts from current donors.

Hanousek said the seven-and-a-half-year-long umbrella campaign Inspiring Futures aims to raise \$225 million by its completion in December 2014.

"I get excited about how many donors we have because every dollar counts," she said. "The \$25 donor is just as important to me as the \$2 million donor."

Richard and Sharon Allen, Inspiring

Futures co-chairs and fellow UI donors and alumni, said they are grateful for all the effort people put into the Vandal Challenge campaign.

"The Vandal Challenge is a terrific way for our current students to initiate contact with Idaho alumni in order to say thanks for past support, ask for continued support and to develop new donors," Richard Allen said. "Their results over the past couple of years have been very impressive and we thank them."

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Theta Chi wins sixth award for chapter excellence

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Theta Chi chapter, Epsilon Kappa, was chosen as one of 11 chapters within the national organization to receive the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for chapter excellence.

"It's a pretty big deal in the Theta Chi world," said Matthew Kologi, chapter president. "They only give away a handful every year, and this is our sixth one. It just kind of shows we've reached a level that we've become really good, and it shows consistency."

To earn the award, the chapter has to apply for it, demonstrating their stellar records for the year in G.P.A., recruitment, philanthropy and campus involvement, financial management, brother-

hood, and risk management practices.

"And a lot of credit goes to our awards chairman, Keith Leitner—it's like a 60-some page document he has to submit," Kologi said.

A member of the selection committee also visits the chapters. Out of the 131 active chapters, the award recipient numbers have varied each year between as many as 13 and as few as zero, according to Bart Zino, Theta Chi Fraternity director of communication.

"It's our way of recognizing the chapters that perform above and beyond," Zino said. "I'm hesitant to say this is handed out to the best chapters, but it's our way of recognizing chapters that perform well across all levels. This particular chapter at the University of Idaho is consistently

one of our best chapters. I've personally been out there twice, and I was very impressed."

Along with winning the award, Theta Chi earned the highest average fraternity G.P.A. for the spring 2012 semester.

Matthew Kurz, UI Greek Advisor, wrote a letter of recommendation for the chapter. He said Theta Chi is a chapter they can always count on for involvement and leadership.

"They are a well rounded exemplary fraternity on campus," Kurz said. "We are really proud of them for winning the award."

Kologi said the house's dry policy is one thing that helped them win multiple times.

"Being a dry house—remaining a dry house, and seeking that atmosphere,

really lays the groundwork for the grades and the philanthropy," Kologi said. "It certainly makes it a heck of a lot easier."

Each year, the national fraternity makes the award requirements harder to push the men to go further. Kologi said they will certainly push to win again and guard against the apathy six awards can bring.

"It's one of our goals every year," Kologi said. "It's tangible, and it does a lot for our internal motivation."

Each one of the men in the house deserves credit for winning the award, he said.

"They are the ones who make it possible," Kologi said. "One person could mess it up."

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Dean of Students

Faculty/Staff Handbook 3200 CONSENSUAL ROMANTIC OR SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

PREAMBLE: This section was created to clarify university policy with regard to consensual relations. Faculty Affairs Committee recommends that this policy be distributed to all students, staff and faculty at the start of each fall and spring semester. Work on this policy began early in the year and culminated in a final policy vetted by all student, staff and faculty groups at the university, and which was approved by the Faculty Senate on November 8, 2011 and the Faculty on December 13, 2011 and President Nellis on December 13, 2011. For further information please contact General Counsel and/or the Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion.

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A. Introduction. This policy addresses only consensual romantic and sexual relationships. Nonconsensual sexual relationships are addressed in university policies prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination, FSH 3170 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3170.html>> , 3200 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3200.html>> , 3210 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3210.html>> , and 3220 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3220.html>> .

The university's success in its educational mission depends on the professionalism of its faculty and staff. Maintaining professional relationships and the mutual respect and trust they engender between instructor and student, supervisor and subordinate, and in all relationships involving authority over another person, is key to this success.

A romantic or sexual relationship in which one party has direct academic, administrative, supervisory, evaluative, counseling or other authority over the other party inevitably raises concerns for objectivity, fairness, and exploitation. Such positions of authority include, but are not limited to, instructor-student; instructor-assistant; senior faculty-junior faculty; mentor-trainee; advisor-advisee; counselor-client; teaching assistant-student; coach-athlete; student housing staff-resident; and supervisor-employee. Consensual romantic or sexual relationships that develop in these contexts have the potential for abuse and damaging consequences; the imbalance of power creates unacceptable risks of exploitation, favoritism, harassment, and bias, both actual and perceived, and thereby impairs the integrity of the professional relationship and the trust on which it depends.

Relationships that may appear to be consensual, even to the parties involved, are frequently influenced by the position of authority held by the faculty member, supervisor, or other person exercising authority. Any faculty member, supervisor, or individual with authority over another who enters into a romantic or sexual relationship with his or her student or employee should realize that if a charge of sexual harassment were brought, either by the student, employee or an affected third party, a defense of mutual consent would likely fail. Sexual harassment violates federal and state law as well as university policy (see FSH 3220 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3220.html>>).

Students and employees should recognize the risks inherent in romantic and sexual relationships with their instructors or supervisors, and their ability to avoid the risks by staying out of such relationships.

B. Policy. In order to foster healthy professional relationships at all levels of the institution, it is the policy of the University of Idaho that no employee shall enter into or continue a romantic or sexual relationship with a student or employee over whom she or he exercises academic, administrative, supervisory, evaluative, counseling or other authority.

This policy recognizes that circumstances may develop that place one party to an existing romantic or sexual relationship in a position of authority over the other. It further recognizes that, despite this policy, consensual romantic or sexual relationships may develop in existing relationships of authority. Therefore, if a prohibited consensual relationship exists or arises, either the consensual relationship must end or the relationship of authority must be eliminated. The employee in the position of authority must disclose the romantic or sexual relationship to his or her immediate supervisor or to the next level supervisor. If the parties are unable, or do not agree, to immediately end the romantic or sexual relationship, the supervisor must take prompt and appropriate action to end the relationship of authority.

In an instructor-student relationship, actions may include but are not limited to: appointment of a qualified alternative instructor to the position of authority; transfer of the student to another course, section, or seminar taught by a different instructor; assignment or transfer of the student to another academic advisor.

In a supervisor-subordinate or other relationship involving the exercise of authority, the university may alter supervisory or reporting lines of either the supervisor or subordinate, and in other relationships of authority, may take such action necessary to change the position of authority. Whatever the nature of the authority one person has over another, prompt action must be taken to remove the authority when a consensual relationship exists or develops.

To encourage reporting of relationships governed by this policy, disclosures and actions taken shall be considered confidential, and they will be treated as protected personnel information under the public records statutes.

Any complaint or charge of discrimination or sexual harassment arising from a consensual relationship must be reported to the Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion.

C. Failure to comply with policy. Actions in violation of this policy are considered unprofessional conduct and may constitute adequate cause for discipline up to and including dismissal under the provisions of FSH 3910 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3910.html>> , 3920 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3920.html>> , and 3930 <<http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/3930.html>> .

Educating about another powerful f-word

University of Idaho Women's Center celebrates 40th anniversary with four months of events

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

The committees in charge of bringing to life the 40th anniversary celebration of the University of Idaho Women's Center are dreaming big and determined to make the series of events empowering for everyone.

Women's Center Program Coordinator Lysa Salsbury said planning the events to commemorate the anniversary celebration has taken nearly two months.

"(We have) so many people wanting to offer ideas," Salsbury said. "Everyone has such great ideas and there are so many things we could do ... the biggest challenge is narrowing it down."

Over the course of four months, from August to November, the Women's Center will be hosting a poetry slam, interactive and educational fair, fundraising luncheon and many more events to celebrate the center's 40-year anniversary on campus.

With more than 300 volunteers, the Women's Center has tasks that can apply to varying levels of involvement. From making buttons and stuffing envelopes to educating others, there are ample opportunities to get involved, regardless of one's gender.

"The idea is to tell everybody about the programs we do, the reasons why we do them, and invite everyone to participate," Salsbury said. "It's a big misconception that the Women's Center is just for women."

Two upcoming events, Women's Equal-

ity Day and the Feminist Fair, are events that support the inclusive and supportive message the center advocates. Women's Equality Day is observed nationally on Aug. 26, commemorating the day women were given the right to vote 92 years ago.

The UI Women's Center will celebrate the movement toward gender equality with a feminist fair called FEMfest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 24 in the Idaho Commons Plaza.

"We're going to have a band, live music, refreshments and we're going to invite a bunch of organizations — both on campus and in the local community, that work on women's issues to host fun and interactive booths," Salsbury said. "The idea is that it is going to be a fun outdoor event to kick off our 40th anniversary celebrations."

FEMfest will feature booths by UI's LGBTQA office, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Moscow Women's Giving Circle and the Women's Center.

Gloria Steinem, a journalist, social and political activist and revolutionary feminist, will be giving a keynote speech on "Women's Legacies, Inspiring Our Future," at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Kibbie Dome.

"(Steinem) has been a lifelong advocate for women's rights," Salsbury said. "You just have to look at the number of awards she's won, not just for her activism, but for her literary accomplishments."

Steinem also founded the feminist-themed Ms. magazine the same year the UI Women's Center was established.

"She's one of those people who believed so strongly — had such strong convictions in the rights of women to have equal access and equal opportunities," Salsbury said. "She dedicated her whole life to it."

Women's Center Director Heather Gasser said the opportunity to share Steinem's beliefs will be a highlight of the anniversary events.

"I'm really excited for the opportunity to share with the university and community the work of this amazing person," Gasser said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

To raise funds for the center and the anniversary events, a fundraising luncheon with Steinem as a distinguished guest will take place Oct. 5 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the 1912 Center in Moscow. Nectar will cater the luncheon and Camas Prairie Winery will provide wine.

Gasser said the Women's Center currently has many goals to accomplish throughout the celebration of the anniversary. She said they also want to educate students on the work that went into creating the Women's Center.

"I think the biggest goal is to do this celebration justice," Gasser said. "We really want to honor the history that resulted in the foundation of the Women's Center."

Not all universities have the resources associated with the Women's Center. According to Gasser, some centers across the country are being forced to close their doors due to lack of funding.

More info

For more information on the Women's Center anniversary events, visit www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/womenscenter.



Gloria Steinem

"We are (also) really celebrating that the University of Idaho embraces the work we do and supports the Women's Center—we have that support from the highest levels," Gasser said.

Psychology professor and psychology department board chair Dr. Traci Craig will emcee the "F-Word LIVE!" poetry slam. The slam will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

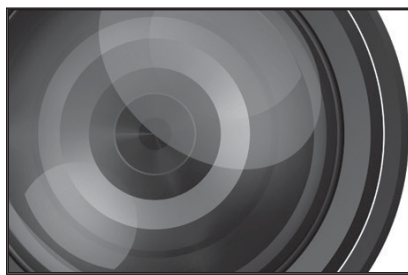
Craig has had the opportunity to perform poetry in New York, and has also won second place in a Washington State University slam poetry competition.

"It's different to hear your peers have that stance versus whatever the stereotype of what a feminist is," Craig said. "It opens peoples' eyes."

Craig said she hopes to have enough poets and presenters to fill a two or three hour time frame.

"Hopefully this year people will get really excited and involved and find things that really resonate with them," Craig said. "Hopefully they'll attend in future years, not just when it's the 40th anniversary."

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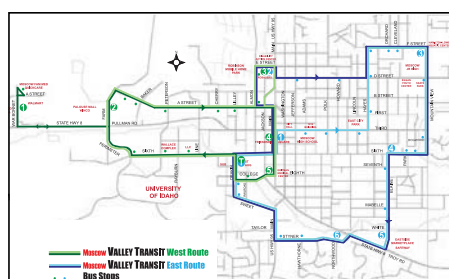
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Freshmen keys to success

Upperclassmen divulge their best tips and tricks for a great freshman year

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Leaving home and starting college can be an exciting new adventure, but it can also be more than a little frightening.

Many incoming Vandals are unprepared for the winding halls and half-staircases in Brink hall that can leave you lost for hours, or the hills on campus that ensure students are winded and sweaty by the time they make it to their 8:30 a.m. class.

Most upperclassmen have survived the hills and escaped from Brink Hall, and are now successful students or recent University of Idaho graduates with advice to offer those just starting their college career.

Ask for help

"Don't be afraid to ask anybody anything. Everyone's super helpful," said current ASUI president, Hannah Davis.

Davis, a junior majoring in political science and international studies, said her best advice to incoming students is to get to know their academic advisers.

"Reaching out to my advisers and asking them if there was anything (I should do) and looking into programs that they had available and applying for things that maybe I wasn't the best candidate for but applying for them anyway helped me build a relationship with my advisers that I wouldn't have had," Davis said.

Danielle Greene, a May 2011 graduate, attributes her success since graduating to a meeting she had with an adviser at the beginning of her sophomore year.

"We just talked about what I needed to get done in order to apply to medical school ... and I remember walking out and just wanting to cry because I was so overwhelmed by it, but it really helped me out because it was sort of like a checklist," Greene said.

Greene earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology with a minor in chemistry, and will attend medical school through the WAMMI program at the University of Washington in the fall.

Be unsure

Davis said she entered college knowing what she wanted to study, but wishes she'd

taken more time to learn more about her major first.

"I feel like I had this whole attitude like I came in knowing everything — knowing everything to the extent that I knew what I wanted to do, I knew where I was going — which is very rare," she said. "I almost wish I had been encouraged not to be so decisive with my major. I'm happy with it but there's a few things within it that I've switched around like emphasis."

Jordan Hensley, a 2011 UI graduate, didn't know what he wanted to study and ended up changing his major after only one semester.

"I really love musical theater, it's something that I've been doing for a long time. I also really love politics, so I kind of waffled for a little bit and didn't really know what I wanted to do," Hensley said.

During the 2008 presidential election Hensley was involved in a musical theater production and found himself uninvolved in politics in the midst of political change.

"I decided politics were more interesting," Hensley said. "You've got to follow your interests and take a lot of different classes."

Hensley suggests freshman students to take general 200 or 300-level classes in random topics that interest them.

"Usually it'll count as a humanities credit or you'll just learn something and you'll be a better person, and hopefully that's the purpose of getting a college education," he said. "Follow what you're passionate about."

Greene said she spent her freshman year knowing that she wanted to pursue science, but didn't know where she'd end up.

"My freshman year I wasn't really sure I wanted to go to medical school, I just wanted to focus on college and that sort of thing," Greene said.

Greene said a microbiology degree is difficult to earn but she would recommend it to anyone interested in the sciences.

"The process to go to medical school is really daunting and long and I wanted to make sure that's what I wanted to do before I committed to that," Greene said. "So what I did was get involved in undergrad research, which is another thing that I would recommend to anyone in a science major. Get involved in undergrad research and the earlier the better because that really tells you if you like it or if you hate it."

Greene said her experience in undergraduate research taught her that although she didn't enjoy the lab work, she loved the science behind it.

"I felt like I went to work and I sat behind my bench and I didn't really talk to anyone all day and it just really wasn't for me," Greene said. "It's a good thing to do early so then you know (if you like it.)"

Greene said the experience taught her that research wasn't what she wanted to spend her life doing and influenced her decision to commit to pre-med and at the beginning of her sophomore year she met with an adviser to make sure she was on the right track.

Stay in school

Despite changing majors, Hensley graduated in May 2011 after only three years in school and is now a campaign manager for several local politicians.

"For me it worked out well financially, I was able to get through ... without having to take out any loans so for me it made sense. But if you can stay for four years I would recommend it ... because you do a lot of growing up, a lot of changing, just being on your own and in a different environment even more than the academic side of it," Hensley said.

Hensley said most people he knows that struggle in school and end up leaving for one reason or another are afraid to get involved.

"It's because they didn't really feel like they fit in. But that's because they didn't really make an effort to go and try to be part of a group, and I feel like that's really helpful," Hensley said.

Greene said graduating from UI instead of a more prestigious university didn't hinder her ability to get into medical school.

"My med school application process ... I was really nervous just because when you apply to these schools you're up against people that went to Harvard and Stanford and all of these high-brow schools," Greene said. "It went really well for me, I interviewed at four schools and got into all four. I didn't feel like coming from UI was at all a hindrance for me even though it's kind of a small state school."

Get involved early

Amy Jacobsen, UI senior who will graduate in May with a degree in business-human resources and management, said she wishes she had been willing to get involved in university groups sooner.

"I was kind of held back by thinking I couldn't do it, but taking those steps and trying is a good way to learn a lot about yourself," Jacobsen said. "Freshman year I wasn't

that interested in doing other things. I was in Kappa Kappa Gamma and I loved that, but I wasn't really in a lot of other things."

Davis and Jacobsen both spent their sophomore year getting involved in groups such as the Student Alumni Relations Board, ASUI and VandalSolutions, and said their involvement really added to their experience at UI.

"When I came home for my first Christmas break I had so many friends who were depressed and they missed home and they hadn't made any good friends yet, and I came home and I was missing Moscow," Davis said. "I wanted to be with all of my new friends and I was having so much fun up here. I was so happy and content with my decision. After that Christmas break I was convinced that I made the right choice (to attend UI)."

Find balance

Davis said she came to college expecting parties, drunken people and fun at football games, but she also knew that students came to UI for higher education.

"I came in with a sense of knowing that people were coming here for school and so that's been really comforting for me, that everyone studies really hard but then people do know how to have fun," Davis said. "I feel like everyone that attends the University of Idaho comes here for their education but also takes all the opportunities to have the best experience that they can whatever that means for them"

Although Hensley graduated in only three years, he still found a way to balance his studies with his social life and even became involved in a band.

"I think finding that balance between working hard and striving to do well academically, and also taking time for myself and enjoying the fact that these are the years you have fewer responsibilities outside of your academic world are important," Hensley said.

Greene, a member of Delta Gamma sorority, said her living arrangement helped keep her life balanced.

"I wanted to go to medical school and so I was really involved and really busy ... but I didn't just go home to my apartment and be a little study rat," Greene said. "I would go home and there would be people around doing things ... it's easy to get so caught up in your studies and so caught up in all your clubs or your research and stuff and it just

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UI students earn fuel cycle research awards

Danielle Yantis
Argonaut

Two University of Idaho students won awards in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2012 Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research competition.

Robert Hoover, a Ph.D. student in chemical engineering, received first place in the open competition in the category of chemical separations. The research paper that won him this award, "Computational Model of the Mark-IV Electrorefiner: Two-Dimensional Potential and Current Distributions," was published in the Nuclear Technology journal in February 2011.

Joshua Daw, a Ph.D. student in mechanical engineering, received first place in the category of nuclear fuels. His award-winning research paper, "Update on Ultrasonic Thermometry Development at Idaho National Laboratory" will be presented at the eighth International Meeting on Nuclear Plant Instrumentation, Control, and Human Machine Interface Technologies (NPIC and HMIT) in July 2012.

"The award I received was for research I did for my master's in nuclear engineering on processing the metallic nuclear fuel to improve utilization of uranium

and minimize the use of natural resources," Hoover said.

Students play a fundamental role in developing the advanced nuclear technologies that will help sustain and further expand nuclear power in the United States, Hoover said.

"I hope to continue research in this area and eventually see closure in the number of fuel cycle in the United States limiting the waste that needs to be disposed," Hoover said.

The Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research program is designed to award graduate and undergraduate students for innovative fuel cycle

relevant research publications. It also demonstrates the Office of Fuel Technologies' commitment to higher education in fuel-cycle-relevant disciplines and supports the communication among students and DOE representatives.

"My adviser Dr. Supathorn Phongikaroon, informed me of the Fuel Cycle Research award program and encouraged me to submit my work," Hoover said.

The program awarded 24 prizes in 2012 for student publications and presentations relevant to the nuclear fuel cycle.

"This award is definitely a great addition to my resume and

will help me with employment prospects in the future, this also gives recognition to the work we do at the university in the field of nuclear and chemical engineering," Hoover said.

In addition to cash awards, students will have a variety of other opportunities including the honor of presenting their winning publication during the American Nuclear Society winter meeting, participating in an innovators forum, as well as the DOE Office of Fuel Cycle Technologies annual meeting.

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Wildfires continue through Idaho, Washington

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Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Some residents forced to flee a large central Washington fire were allowed to return to their homes Thursday, while firefighters in rural Idaho protected two threatened towns and thousands of crew members worked wildfires across California.

The Taylor Bridge Fire about 75 miles east of Seattle has burned across roughly 35 square miles of diverse terrain, ranging from dry grasses to sagebrush and thick timber.

The fire was 33 percent contained late Thursday and no homes have been lost in the past two days, fire-spokesman Mark Grassel said. Fire commanders said one firefighter was recovering at home for a few days after suffering minor facial

burns Wednesday

The fire started Monday at a bridge construction site. Officials have said at least 70 homes have burned. More than 950 firefighters have been assigned to the fire.

Evacuation levels at the fire's southeast corner were lowered Thursday afternoon, allowing some residents to return home. Grassel didn't know how many residents were affected. The area covered by the new advisory was just a small part of the burned area.

Laurie Plut said she doesn't feel out of danger yet. The fire has been right at the timber line for two days, just beyond the wood cabin she and her husband have been building over the past 12 years in a collection of 40 lots, all but five of them vacation cabins.

"We're still worried. It's

extremely frustrating, but the firefighters have been working hard," she said by telephone. "And we have to love them."

In Idaho, crews fighting 12 big fires hoped to take advantage of a brief break from extreme heat and strong winds to protect threatened homes and build lines around fire perimeters.

The advance of the Trinity Ridge Fire toward the small communities of Pine and Featherville stalled Wednesday, giving residents more time to protect their homes and cabins and prepare for a possible evacuation. On Thursday, structure protection engines from around southern Idaho arrived in Featherville to familiarize themselves with the town. Firefighters participated in a fire simulation exercise.

The blaze started two

weeks ago in the Boise National Forest and has scorched more than 108 square miles.

In eastern Idaho, growth of the Mustang Complex Fire slowed after days of rapid growth as flames quickly burned stands of timber killed by bark beetle infestation. The fires there have now burned more than 114 square miles and are moving northeast to within three miles of the Montana border.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter issued a disaster declaration Wednesday because of fire damage. The order clears the way for the Idaho National Guard to get involved in firefighting activities.

Officials said both fires are likely to continue burning until the fall before rain, snow or cooler

temperatures move in to shut things down.

In Northern California, crews made progress along the northern edge of the Chips Fire in the Plumas National Forest. The blaze has threatened more than 900 homes and prompted voluntary evacuations. It has burned 67 square miles and was about 20 percent contained.

It's among the largest of nearly a dozen major wildfires burning across California that more than 9,000 firefighters are battling.

Storm cells packing strong winds and lightning moved through areas of Southern California where crews are making progress against wildfires threatening more than 100 rural homes.

Thunderstorms dropped heavy rain and some hail Thursday at the command

center near Aguanga but didn't affect crews' efforts, Riverside County fire spokeswoman Jody Hagemann said.

A blaze that's burned 4 square miles of land east of Temecula was 60 percent contained. That fire destroyed four structures and injured five people.

About 30 miles to the southeast in San Diego County, a cluster of lightning fires was about 60 percent contained after destroying more than 24 square miles of brush. Evacuations remained in effect for more than 100 homes in Ranchita and San Felipe.

In Nevada, higher humidity helped crews get a handle on a huge wildfire burning on both sides of the Nevada-Oregon state line. The lightning-sparked blaze has burned 722 square miles of sagebrush and was more than 85 percent contained.

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\$100 fee Sept. 4 (also up from \$50), and an additional \$100 each month the balance remains unpaid, Shoop said.

But she added that students are encouraged to sign up for the newly in-house payment plan, which eliminates late fees and the previous third party hassle.

"Through TMS (Tuition Management Systems), the process was cumbersome and clunky," Shoop said. "A

student could've made a payment but it wasn't reflected until a month later, so we went internally."

Students can register for the new plan through VandalWeb.

"We are encouraging students to do that by the first day of school so they don't incur charges," Shoop said.

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PALOUSAFEST

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local Moscow area. After Knights of Philly, We the Kings will be the main event starting at 7 p.m. Quinn said that having these two locals coming and interacting with a popular national band would be great for them and the students.

Taylor Williams, Vandal Entertainment Board Chair, is responsible for bringing the entertainment to the Palousafest. She said she did research on different bands and their availability. Once she found a band, it was just a matter of emailing We the Kings agent, sending the band an offer and working out the contract via email.

Also new to this year's Palousafest are inflatables. A mechanical bull and bungee run will all be featured for free. She said it will be cool because we will have the mechanical bull at Palousafest – just up the hill are the real cows.

Summer Student Coordinator of ASUI, Jami

Riener, is in charge of contacting vendors and getting their payments. She hired people such as the local henna tattoo artist Christina Jordan and NY Johnny's. There will be a free Pepsi fountain, free Domino's Pizza and other perks. All these vendors will be lined up on 6th Street and the Tower lawn.

"It will be amazing. There will be tons of information from local businesses and campus offices, along with so many resources for students to learn about. It is a basic, large four hour survival kit for incoming freshman," Riener said. "There is always more to learn from the University of Idaho."

Quinn added that the events are opportunities to connect with other students, get free food and listen to great music.

"It's a great opportunity to be able to be a part of a college campus where it is possible to see great entertainment for free," Quinn said.

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kept me grounded."

Although grades are important, Davis said they shouldn't be a student's only focus. "We should get good grades because the degrees we'll receive are very important but we should also be focusing on these great relationships that we can build."

Take a chance

Davis didn't know anyone when she joined Delta Gamma sorority, but she said the experience has earned her some lifelong friends.

"If you're living in the dorms or if you're living in a Greek house and someone invites you to go rock climbing or go see a movie or just walk around campus ... go along and see what it's like," Davis said.

Hensley said college is different than high school because there are more options available and new things to try.

"Just be yourself. The thing that's cool about college is it's a chance to reinvent yourself or maybe get away from the things that maybe defined you in high school," Hensley said. "I feel like college is a good place to be authentic. High school sometimes is

defined by cliques or different groups of people or who you're associated with and college, at least for me, seemed a lot more individualistic and I didn't feel the need to conform as much."

Jacobsen said she is still experiencing new things even as she enters her senior year, but she wouldn't change anything about her experience so far.

"Really enjoy your freshman year because it does seem really crazy, but it is one of the best years of your life," Jacobsen said.

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CONVOCATION

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father: The Importance of Public Service, The Challenges Facing the Post-9/11 Generation, The Browning of America: Hispanicization in the 21st Century, Election 2012 & the Changing Political Landscape and Education Reform.

While the focus might be on the keynote speaker, Bruce Pitman, dean of students, said convocation is a celebration of the beginning of a new academic year.

"(It's) an opportunity for the president to talk about some challenges and goals for the year and an opportunity to welcome new students and parents into the Vandal family," Pitman said.

Convocation will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the ASUI Kibbie Activity Center. Following the presentations, a BBQ will be held starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Idaho Commons Plaza.

For those unable to attend, the event will be streamed live at uidaho.edu/live.

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SPORTS



Idaho hires Wayne Moses as new running backs coach.

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Ground it out

Running game shines in third scrimmage

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Unlike the first two scrimmages of fall camp, it was the running game that took over the spotlight Thursday afternoon at the Kibbie Dome for the third pre-season scrimmage.

Senior Ryan Bass, who has sat out most of the fall sorting out his academic situation, made his presence felt in the running game with shifty change of direction and big plays, setting up the offense with multiple scoring opportunities.

Bass finished with 68 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns.

"I think we made some big plays in the running game, and I'd like to see some of that continue to grow for us," head coach Robb Akey said. "I might have mentioned 'hey, make sure we don't forget about the running game.' It was a conscious part of what we wanted to get accomplished today."

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Texas Technicality

Sean Kramer
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Most things about this season's Idaho soccer program are looking to be unprecedented — schedule included.

The team will start one of the toughest schedules in program history with a road trip to take on Texas Tech in Lubbock.

"We're going to go play our game. I'm not worried about what Texas Tech does. We're going to play our game," coach Pete Showler said. "We're the traveling team so there's not much in our favor, but that's what we love about this game."

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Miss Independent

State Board of Education to kick-start Idaho toward independence

Sean Kramer
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The Idaho State Board of Education will meet Friday at noon to discuss the University of Idaho's athletic future. The move would allow Idaho to explore football independence as well as move their non-football sports into the Big Sky Conference.

Athletic director Rob Spear quickly put out a statement on Twitter after the Idaho Statesman broke the story to make sure everybody knows nothing is official.

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Finally



Akey announces Blackman as starting quarterback

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The veil of secrecy has been lifted on the Idaho quarterback controversy and junior Dominique Blackman has emerged as the starter for the Vandals' season-opener.

Coach Robb Akey stated during spring camp that he hoped to see separation between Blackman and junior Taylor Davis in the opening weeks of fall practice. Following Idaho's second fall scrimmage, Akey finalized his decision to name his starter, and informed Blackman on Monday.

Blackman announced on Twitter late Monday morning he had been named the starter.

"@vandalsQB3: Called my mom to tell her I was named the starter she broke down crying its been long road nowhere near over #2012ForKenMcRoyal #GoVandals," Blackman tweeted.

Though Davis holds more Division I experience than Blackman, having started three games last season while appearing in seven, Blackman had the statistical edge in Idaho's first two fall scrimmages.

The Carson, Calif., native sat out last season due to NCAA transfer regulations and has yet to take a snap at the Division I level. Blackman began his collegiate career at Washington, where he ultimately transferred after coach Steve Sarkisian requested he play tight end. After racking up more than 3,500 passing yards and 35 touchdowns at Los Angeles Harbor College, Blackman redshirted at Old Dominion before transferring to Idaho in 2011.

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Quarterback Dominique Blackman passes to a teammate during Thursday's scrimmage in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals are gearing up to host Eastern Washington University at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 in the Kibbie Dome.



Playing with the pros

Lozano gains world ranking in doubles

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Vicky Lozano practices on the Memorial Gym tennis courts in Spring 2012. Lozano competed in summer pro events in Bolivia this summer, picking up a doubles title in the process.

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

This summer, Idaho women's tennis player Vicky Lozano had a chance to impress on the world stage, and she didn't disappoint.

Lozano decided to use her summer break as a chance to earn a world ranking, which meant she needed to earn ranking points at three professional events in one year. Bolivia hosted three pro tournaments in three weeks, in which Lozano qualified for three straight finals.

The first of the three was the Cochabamba \$10,000, where Lozano

won her first four singles matches in straight sets before dropping the final to Peruvian qualifier Patricia Ku Flores. In doubles, she paired up with Camila Silva of Chile and they came out on top of three consecutive matches, also making it to the final where they picked up the first set but fell just short in the second set and ensuing tiebreak.

"It's a big achievement for her to make the finals in such a big event even though she is competing as an amateur," Idaho coach Daniel Pollock said.

The achievements had just begun for Lozano. The very next week she

entered the La Paz \$10,000 and, with Silva, won four straight doubles matches to claim the title. Lozano entered the singles draw as well but lost a tight three-setter in the opening round.

With two pro tournaments down, Lozano needed one more to earn a world ranking in doubles. She got her chance the very next week at the \$10,000 Santa Cruz de La Sierra in Bolivia.

Lozano teamed up with Flores and won 7-5, 6-4 in the first round, 6-4, 4-6, (10-7) in the quarterfinal and 6-3, 6-4 over the top-seeded doubles pairing in the semifinal. They lost

the championship match 7-6, 6-4, but Lozano had acquired the ranking points she needed.

Pollock said it's excellent to see one of his players perform so well in a professional competition.

"We all know Vicky is a very talented girl, she has a lot of skills that a lot of people aren't used to seeing," Pollock said. "It says a lot about her work ethic and her practice throughout the year and we are looking forward to having her back playing well and getting even better."

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said Lozano's

success also says a lot about Idaho's tennis program.

"For (Lozano) to take advantage of the schedule we have and the girls on the team and Daniel's coaching and be able to do that well, it shows that people can get a first class, basically a world class tennis experience here at Idaho," Beaman said.

In the past, Idaho players have tried their luck with acquiring a world ranking, but most of them opt to do it before or after they come to school.

"She will definitely be the highest ranked player since I have been in Idaho and as far as I can remem-

ber going back that played actually in the off-season while still in college," Beaman said.

Lozano entered all of these tournaments as an amateur so that she could maintain her collegiate eligibility. Since she was entered as an amateur, she was not eligible for any of the prize money at the tournaments.

"It's got to be a confidence boost for the team and especially for Vicky. It should give her a lot of confidence coming into the year," Pollock said.

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Summer quick hits

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Marshall places 17th in NCAA meet

After helping lead his team to the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championship in the spring, Idaho junior Mike Marshall made the most of his opportunity to compete on the national stage. Marshall, a javelin thrower from Yakima, Wash., finished 17th at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. His throw of 224-9 (68.52m) was the sixth best in the first flight. Marshall was also named a U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association outdoor All-American honoree.

Track and Field/Cross Country signs two

Idaho Track and Field coach Wayne Phipps continues to build upon the legacy that has become the Vandal track and field/cross-country program, signing two distance runners this summer. Santos Vargas and William Austin-Cray will join the Vandal men this fall and replace a group of graduating seniors in both track and field and cross-country.

Geiger, Mortellaro pick up Stan Bates Award

For the second time in three years, Idaho athletes have swept the WAC's Stan Bates Award, annually given to the conference's most elite male and female scholar-athletes. Named after former WAC commissioner Stan Bates, the award takes into account a student-athlete's athletic, academic and community accomplishments. Idaho athletes have won the award a total of eight

times — more than any other WAC participant since the award came about in 1981.

Women's tennis ranked No. 6 in Mountain Region

As a result of one of their best seasons in program history, the Idaho women's tennis team was ranked No. 6 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Mountain Region. Last season the Vandals were 19-8 and reached the WAC Tournament semifinals, before falling to Hawaii. The ranking is the highest in Idaho history. In addition to the team ranking, Victoria Lozano and Almudena Sanz were ranked as individuals in both singles and doubles.

Mortellaro is WAC honoree for national award

After being named the top female student-athlete in the WAC last year, Idaho women's golfer Kayla Mortellaro, who graduated last spring, was recognized as the WAC's honoree for the 2012 NCAA Woman of the Year award. Mortellaro was one of 429 female student-athletes across three NCAA divisions to earn the nomination and will learn in September if she is one of the top 30 nominees.

Ayesu-Attah's summer complete with Olympic Trials, World Juniors

After helping the Idaho men's track and field team to consecutive conference titles at the winter indoor and spring outdoor WAC Championships, freshman Benjamin Ayesu-Attah competed in his home nation of Canada's Olympic Trials, in addition to the World Junior Track and Field Championships hosted in Barcelona, Spain.

Moses brings his hat to Idaho

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

When Jason Gesser took the role of quarterbacks coach, and then offensive coordinator at Idaho, it left the role of running backs coach vacant, which brought him to Moscow in the first place.

Up until the first day of fall pre-season practice it remained vacant, until coach Robb Akey was able to find one of the most experienced names on the West Coast to take the job.

Wayne Moses joined the Idaho staff this fall after coaching at UCLA last year on a staff that was disassembled when Rick Neuheisel got fired.

Before UCLA, Moses made stops in St. Louis with the Rams, Stanford, Pittsburgh, USC, Washington and California, dating back to 1996.

"Wayne brings a great deal of experience to this staff. He's been in the Pac-10 and NFL his entire career. We've recruited against each other and competed against each other," Akey said. "We were in need of a running backs coach and we were able to get it put together and I feel very fortunate to get a guy of his experience, both with his ability to tutor our running backs and his recruiting his ability. He's got a name that's known big time across the West Coast. Very happy to have him."

At practices, Moses is noticeable as the non-verbally animated coach in the 'boonie' hat.

The fashion choice is an interesting one for a



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Wayne Moses gives Justin Veltung direction during a practice on the SprinTurf. Moses, who last coached at UCLA, was recently hired as Idaho's new running backs coach.

coach that comes off as soft spoken and one that tends to let actions speak louder than words. He's not letting a smaller stage than he's used to change how he does business as a coach.

"It's football, the field is 100 yards long. We run the power play here the same we ran it in the Pac-12. It's football," he said.

Moses' soft-spoken nature gives Idaho an interesting mix of coaches and experience on the offensive side of the ball. Gesser, the relatively inexperienced offensive coordinator, is as energetic as they come on the field.

Moses, on the other hand, is rarely overheard from the sideline, but is constantly seen giving one-on-one instruction to his running backs.

"I think we've got a real good blend on that offensive side of the ball," Akey said. "We've got youth, we've got

experience. We've all got great personalities about the way we go about it."

Moses inherits a group of running backs that will be a bit of a question mark for the offense as the season opens, with the most experience coming from senior Ryan Bass. Bass only ran for 175 yards on 44 attempts last season. Junior college transfer James Baker looks physically imposing and should be in the equation, with redshirt freshman Todd Handley and Justin Parkins also getting work with the second team offense.

The exact rotation of ball carriers is still to be determined.

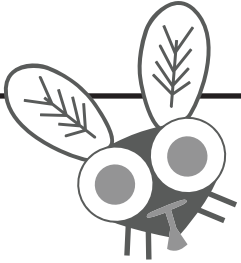
"Every day is a situation where one guy can shine, and the next day the next guy comes back," Moses said. "Right now we're going to let that play out a little bit."

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Sounders lose to MLS leaders and in Open Cup Final

Participating in a long league season is tough enough for most MLS teams, but Seattle Sounders FC are not content playing one match a week.

Adding to the physical and emotional toll week-in-and-out competition puts on players, the Sounders, for a third straight season, were in competition for three trophies while participating in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup and the CONCACAF Champions League.

Over the past month the Sounders have taken the pitch two times a week on average, and at the end of the month will start their international travel when they continue Champions League group play in Trinidad and Tobago.

Depth was added in the transfer window for the extra matches when the club signed German midfielder Chrisitan Tiffert and Honduran Mario Martinez, joining leading assist man Mauro Rosales and leading scorers Eddie Johnson and Fredy Montero.

With that many matches scheduled, it's inevitable that one or two wins will slip through the cracks — but did they have to be the two biggest of the season?

After coming off a 4-0 win over a superstar studded LA Galaxy side two weeks ago, the Sounders hit the road to face Sporting Kansas City in the Open Cup final. This was Seattle's cup — a guaranteed win. The Sounders haven't lost an Open Cup match in over four years and were going for their fourth straight title.

The match ended 1-1 after 90 minutes. 30 more minutes of extra time did nothing to separate the two, so it was off to penalty kicks. Two makes, two misses from Tiffert and the ever-reliable Ozzie Alonso and a controversial Kansas City retake led

to Johnson taking the final kick for the chance to extend the match — he skied it, giving the cup to the home team.

The players, coaches, organization and fans were vocally upset and exhausted. Cries of foul play rang through forums and Twitter accounts, but everyone knew that you can't win a match when penalties are missed.

If the Kansas City result wasn't bad enough, a match against the best team in MLS came three days later.

Already seven points clear of Seattle, the San Jose Earthquakes hadn't played a competitive match in 15 days. The Sounders had played five. San Jose fielded a full-strength side compared to a mishmash of starters and reserves for the Rave Green.

Just like in Kansas City, there was no quit in Seattle. The visibly tired Sounders had the better possession and opportunities in the first half with two shots firing off the crossbar. Then in the 71st minute San Jose winger Simon Dawkins put a ball through traffic and past Sounders goalkeeper Michael Gspurning. That led to Seattle coach Sigi Schmid putting Montero, Rosales and Johnson on the pitch for the final 15 minutes. That move led to a 92nd minute Montero equalizer and what looked like a well-deserved point on the road — until one minute later.

On the final set piece of the match, San Jose forward Steven Lenhart rose over defender Jeff Parke and sent a header past Gspurning, giving San Jose the 2-1 win.

In a week that started out positive, the Sounders now must rebuild tactically, physically and emotionally before a Saturday match against Cascadia Cup rival Vancouver in front of over 60,000 fans in Seattle.

If there's one thing that can take everyone's mind off the events of the last week, it's a win over a rival side. It's Cascadia Week, so get ready Sounders fans.

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Serving up new season

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Memorial Gym is once again filled with the sound of Vandal volleyball as practice gets underway and the team prepares for the new season.

Last fall, the Vandals put together a solid season, taking the No. 2 seed into the WAC tournament where they lost to New Mexico State in the semifinals.

While last year ended in disappointment, the team is optimistic about the new season. Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said she's been pleased with how the team has started practice.

"All the kids came in ready to go," Buchanan said. "We're competing and holding each other accountable, which has been good."

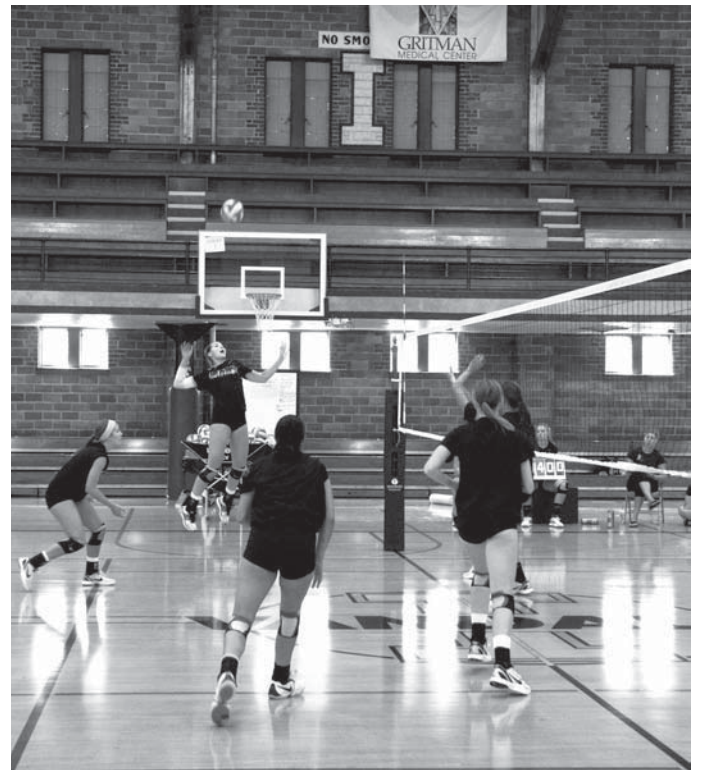
The Vandals return an experienced squad with five seniors on their roster. Idaho was picked to finish second in the WAC preseason poll, just behind New Mexico State. Idaho junior Allison (Walker) Baker and senior Alex Sele were selected as preseason first-team all-WAC honorees.

Baker said the team has come out determined to make an impact in the conference.

"Really, we're pretty good all around," Baker said. "This is probably our best double-days I've ever seen. I'm really excited about it. We're all hitting pretty good. It's being smart and making smart plays."

A majority of the time, the first couple weeks of fall practice focuses on working out the kinks and learning to play together. For Idaho, these first few weeks have been about perfecting their game. Buchanan said the team is already playing at a high level of intensity.

"Right now we're playing better than we did at the end of



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Sophomore Jessica Hastriter had a very strong season last year hitting .113 with a career high of 13 kills.

last year, so that says a lot for the training that we're doing," Buchanan said. "The kids are picking things up. We're strong right now and the kids have been battling through double-days."

Freshmen always have a big learning curve when stepping onto a Division I court for the first time, but Buchanan said this year's three newcomers have adjusted well and are making an impact.

"The freshmen have been great," Buchanan said. "They've been really mature. They've been a great addition to the team. Their personalities, they fit right in. They've been competing and they're not afraid to step in front of someone and take a ball. I think as a whole, it's a really talented

group of kids with good volleyball IQ."

While the team is already looking solid, competition for starting roles continues. Seniors Ryann Carter and Jennifer Feicht are fighting for the setter spot. The two have been battling it out since their sophomore season and both have seen significant playing time. Buchanan said both setters will see time this year and that this type of competition only makes the team better.

The Vandals will see their first action next weekend when Idaho hosts the first tournament of the year. Matches will run both Friday and Saturday in Memorial Gym.

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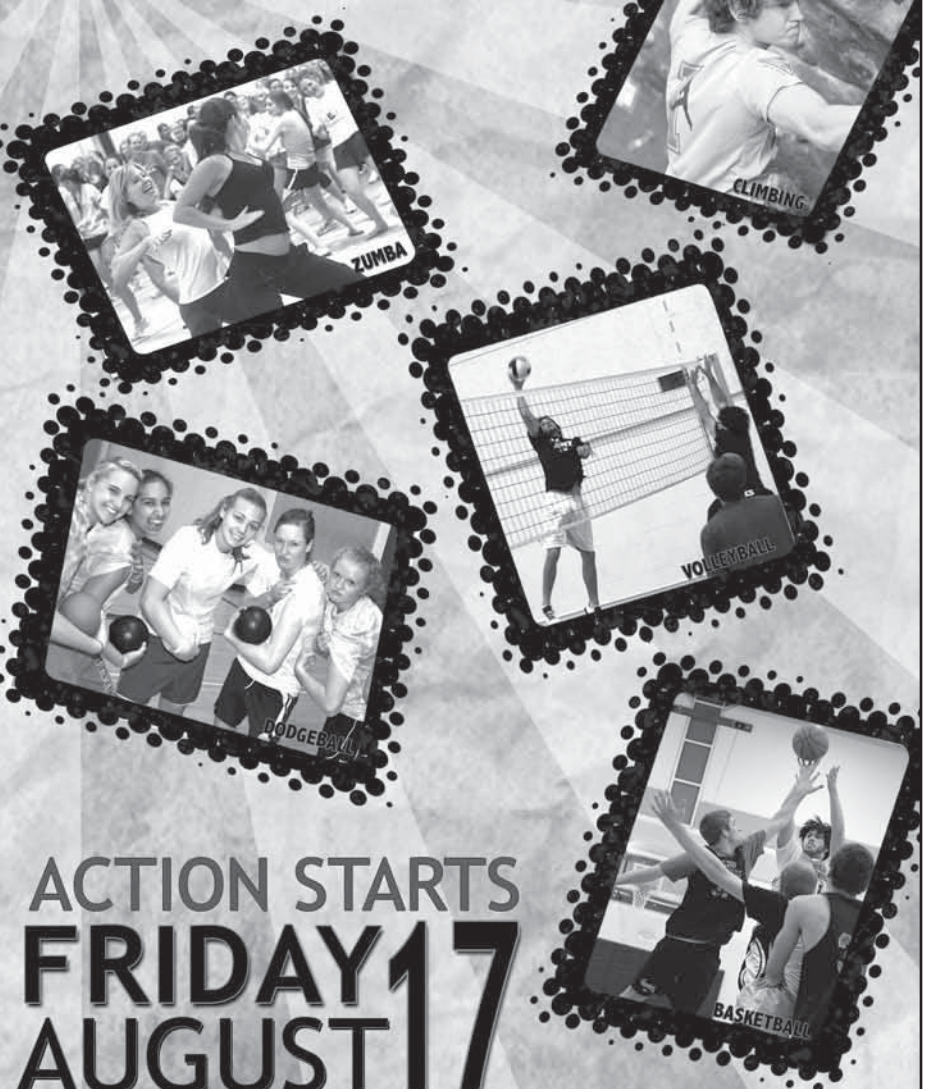
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During the second scrimmage, in which Bass sat out, four different Idaho backs rushed for just 33 combined yards.

"Running backs probably had the best day out of the offense today. The O line did a great job of blocking, they did all of their assignments right," Bass said. "I think so far I've had a pretty good camp. I had to get some school stuff worked out first, I had a good week all week in practice and had a good day today so I'm ready to get going this season."

Idaho will kick off the season Aug. 30 against Eastern Washington in the Dome, with the offensive depth chart mostly set. Bass' performance probably establishes his place, with James Baker set to alternate carries, especially at the goal line.

Dominique Blackman, who was named starting quarterback earlier this week, was pleased with the performance of the running game.

"It feels great... it can open up so many different opportunities," Blackman said.

"First two scrimmages what did we do? Five wide, let's chuck it around let's have fun. This scrimmage we went back to the chalkboard since it's getting closer and closer to Eastern Washington, so we want to be able to come out and establish

the run."

Blackman was 9-14 passing on the day for 114 yards and two touchdowns. This scrimmage was the first time he had the opportunity to work exclusively with the first team.

"This is my first opportunity actually getting to lead a team, and we're all just trying to grow together," he said.

There were a few scary injury situations near the end of the scrimmage when offensive linemen Ben Westrum had to be carted off the field after what Akey called an apparent ankle injury. Wide receiver Ian Silbernagel took a hard hit on a high thrown ball but was able to walk off the field with help.

Offensively, receiver Mike Scott had another impressive day, catching five balls for 44 yards. Running back Todd Handley had 68 yards on seven carries.

Defensively the Vandals were up and down, ending the day with five sacks, an interception, two forced fumbles and four pass breakups. They also gave up five rushing touchdowns.

"There were a lot of things that were done cleanly today, really, other than one stupid penalty, it wasn't too bad in that respect today," Akey said. "There's a lot of positives. We've still got a lot of work to do with this football team but we're close."

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Tony Marcolina |

Argonaut Ryan Bass

takes the ball down the field during Thursday's scrimmage in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals are gearing up to face Eastern Washington University in the season opener. During the scrimmage, the rushing game stole the show, combining for 174 total yards.

Idaho Olympian sends golden message

Once again, the University of Idaho made an impact in the world of sports when Vandal alum Kristin Armstrong struck gold at the London Olympics, winning the women's cycling time trial for the second time.

While winning an Olympic gold medal is inspiring in any case, Armstrong's win is especially inspiring considering her age and life story.

Mike Lupati, Jerry Kramer and Dan O'Brien are just a few Vandals who have become household names in their respective sports, and Armstrong certainly belongs on that list af-

ter winning two time trial world championships and two Olympic gold medals. Unlike the others,

Armstrong had to deal with a number of obstacles to achieve her dreams.

After winning a gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Armstrong decided to retire with hopes of starting a family, but after giving birth to her son she decided to make a comeback and take one last shot at Olympic glory. She had to retrain her body after childbirth and adjust her workout schedule. After months

of work, she found her way back to the Olympics at age 39.

Thirty-nine years old seems like an impossible age to be an Olympian, especially in a sport as physically demanding as cycling. It's amazing when it's put into perspective with the ages of other Olympians. The youngest U.S. Olympian in London was 15-year-old swimmer Katie Ledecky. The oldest member of the US gymnastics team is 18. Armstrong definitely stands out on an Olympic roster filled with participants who are still in high school.

Just 22 months after giving birth, Armstrong was standing on the podium in London, watching the U.S. flag hoisted above

her head while the Star Spangled Banner played. While it's a great story on its own, Armstrong's journey holds a lesson that everyone should grab on to.

Armstrong proved that despite age, odds or circumstances, dreams can come true. Most people wouldn't have thought that a 39-year-old mother would be able to make a comeback and capture Olympic gold for the second time. She was able to turn back the clock for one race and achieve a dream.

Armstrong should serve as an inspiration to us all in that whatever dreams we're chasing, we have the power to make them come true if we're willing to put

in the work and make sacrifices. Dreams are never fulfilled by staying idle, but by making a decision and sticking to it. Olympic gold may not be the dream, or maybe so, but whatever it is, it's possible.

Armstrong's victory in London not only impacts her own life but others' as well. Her son will always be able to look at his mother and see the embodiment of a fulfilled dream. So keep dreaming and keep working. If a 39-year-old can win an Olympic gold, nothing is out of the question.

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"Everyone knows it's been a long road for me," Blackman said. "I feel like I can just take that chip off my shoulder and now just start to focus on leading the team, being that guy to help us lead the team."

Blackman strengthened his case during the Vandals' second scrimmage on Saturday, completing 9 of 14 passes while throwing two touchdown passes and 167 yards. Davis was 3 for 6 with 80 yards and one touchdown.

The separation that Akey recognized came within the first week of fall camp.

"As we went through those first five practices we had that first scrimmage, they were able to play some things out... I'm looking for separation, being able to master what we're doing, knowing what it is they're getting from the defense and making plays and some leadership," Akey said. "Dominique's been displaying that, he's worked hard at it."

Much of Blackman's motivation this fall has derived from the death of his cousin and former Vandal slot receiver Ken McRoy. Blackman was responsible for the recruitment of McRoy, who had received a full scholarship in the days leading up to his death.

"He's motivated me even before the tragedy happened, he was the guy who helped me stay after practice and catch extra balls, watching extra film. I pushed the coaches to bring him here," Blackman said.

Blackman and Davis had been sharing time with the first string offense leading up to Monday's practice, but Akey was adamant his starter would lead the ones for the remainder of fall camp.

"He won't be sharing that time, essentially that's it," Akey said. "It's our offense and that's what all of our guys will be able to execute when they're in,"

Akey and offensive coordinator Jason Gesser will now look for separation between Davis and senior Logan Bushnell. Gesser will evaluate the two, similar to how he evaluated Blackman and Davis.

"Logan had pretty good camp and we're going to see how that's going to roll, we've been splitting reps with them for the last two practices, I'm grading things out between those two now," Gesser said.

Bushnell, who appeared in four games last season, was just 6-17 in Saturday's scrimmage, throwing for two interceptions.

With regards to his starting quarterback, Gesser appreciates Blackman's eagerness and willingness to learn.

"I think that because he's so open, he has such an open personality, so we kind of just bounce stuff off each other's brains. He's playing a couple of offenses and he's a smart kid," Gesser said.

Blackman will have an opportunity to showcase his abilities for the first time in Idaho's home opener against Eastern Washington on Aug. 30.

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After taking on the Red Raiders in Palouse-esque west Texas, the Vandals will come back home for a three-game home stand that includes a visit from Gonzaga.

In September they will spend a weekend in Florida taking on Miami and Florida International. The next week they will host Washington State before jumping in to the team's final WAC season before joining the Big Sky.

"We've got the toughest schedule I think this program has ever had," Showler said. "It's all set to preparing us for playing the likes of Utah State, Denver and the Texas schools. That's the whole purpose of playing such a strong schedule."

If there were going to be any season to take advantage of such a schedule, this would be the

year. Idaho essentially returns every starter from last season's WAC tournament semi-finalist team.

"It's unusual, but it gives you a sense of where this program is at," Showler said. "The girls who have turned this program around have been instrumental in setting new standards."

It would be surprising if Idaho has less than seven seniors on the pitch at any time, including fifth year senior Liz Boyden at goalkeeper.

Needless to say, this has increased the expectations of a program that had its best year in program history last season.

"I think you'll find that the upperclassmen set a standard and we're wanting to follow that," senior Megan Lopez said. "I think we've relayed that to the underclassmen coming in. The team is raising the bar this year, we're setting the standard."

In order to raise that bar, a run to the WAC championship game needs to be made. It explains the "This is it" motto on the back of the team's training t-shirts.

"I am expecting our team to go all the way. At least further than last year and there's only one more game than that," Boyden said. "I've never seen a team click in pre-season more than this team, and I've been here for five years."

The Red Raiders were slated to finish fifth in the Big 12 conference by coaches, and even received one first-place vote. They were 7-4-1 in Lubbock last season. The game will be streamed live at 5 p.m. PST at TexasTech.com. You can also follow on twitter via the official athletic department account: @Idaho_Vandals

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INDEPENDENT
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"@Rob_Spear: SBOE will vote tomorrow on our request to only EXPLORE independent football and Big Sky membership ... nothing official," the tweet read.

Approval from the SBOE tomorrow would only be the first hurdle toward finalizing football independence for Idaho. Spear would still need to find five home games and schedule enough guaranteed money games to supplement revenue that Idaho would lose by being conference-less.

If independence is the course Idaho goes, it's one that Spear doesn't think Idaho will be on for more than two years.

Independence would allow Idaho to retain Division I Football Sub Division status while continuing to hold out for a conference solution. Spear believes that

future re-alignment will allow Idaho to join a conference.

In the mean time, retaining FBS status will allow Idaho to acquire \$1.5 million more in game payments than they would if they went down to the Big Sky, according to SBOE documents.

"By scheduling football as an unaffiliated and independent FBS institution, the university retains the ability to react to conference changes should an opportunity appear with an FBS football conference in the future," the document said.

Currently, Idaho's 2013 schedule consists of road games at Mississippi, Wyoming and Washington State, with Northern Illinois slated to visit the Kibbie Dome.

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OUR VIEW

Start strong, finish stronger

Begin and end the semester with a commitment to positivity

Though our excitement may only be a twinge of what we felt as kindergartners on our first day of school, there is still an air of anticipation and positive energy surrounding campus as classes draw near.

The first week is a chance to reunite with friends and leave the mishaps of last semester far behind. New classes are refreshing, and for the most part everyone arrives on time. It's during the first few weeks that faculty, staff and students show a true commitment to higher education.

So far, no one has failed a test. No one has been stuck with

the brunt of the work in a group project. No one has pulled an all-nighter or slept through an alarm.

As the weeks go on students start arriving to class late wearing sweatpants. Parties take precedence over homework, and students' enthusiasm for learning drops to the bare minimum level it takes to get a C.

Being enrolled at the University of Idaho in pursuit of your chosen career is a privilege that we sometimes take for granted. Higher education is an opportunity many people will never experience simply because they can't afford it or because college is not an option

in their society.

For most Americans, higher education in general is not the question — it's choosing from the plethora of colleges and universities. Your search led you to UI, so now that you're here it's time to take advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you.

It's a given that some people are better students than others, but remember the grades you earn may not reflect the knowledge you gain. Build strong relationships with your professors because their mentoring is invaluable. And know that what you

learn outside of the classroom is important too.

Don't let the excitement of the first few weeks slip away so easily. Respect your classmates and professors and show up on time. Participate in intelligent discussions and be thoughtful in completing your classwork.

College is a pathway to achieve your dreams, not a four-year prison term your parents sentenced you to.

Treat each day like it's the start of a new semester. After all, college is about your future, not your past.

—EE

Best of both worlds

How I Was a Vandal from the start, whether I knew it or not

After spending a good part of my life planning to attend the University of Idaho, I spent my entire senior year of high school looking for ways not to. I've spent my whole life in Moscow and don't get me wrong — I'm convinced it's a great place to grow up. But after 18 years in one place, curiosity got the best of me and I wanted to experience something new.

However, realizing my financial inability to attend another school without taking out thousands of dollars in student loans is the best thing that has ever happened to me. It forced me to become a Vandal and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world.

I've fallen completely and utterly in love with every aspect of UI including the people, the opportunities available, the breathtaking campus and the overall feeling of Vandal pride.

As corny as it may sound, I've made lifelong friends, stayed up late cramming for tests in classes I have loved, learned the value of a dual morning alarm system, and gained first-hand experience in a field I want to commit the rest of my life to. I've sincerely loved every second of my time at the University of Idaho, despite the fact that the location of the school happens to be in my hometown.

The effort I put into finding a way to attend another school had nothing to do with UI itself. It had everything to do with the fact that I'd grown up in Moscow and felt the need for a change.

The 50-pound bag of letters and hundreds of emails I received from other schools across

the nation brought to my attention the overwhelming number of options available, and deglamorized a university of equivalent — and often higher — accreditation that was literally in my own backyard.

Similar letters came from UI, but I was so tired of high school. I didn't want to repeat it by spending another four years attending school in the same place I'd always lived.

A year later I've realized that the ten minutes I moved across town were all I needed to experience something new. UI brings its own culture and thousands of new people to an already colorful small town.

Events such as Vandal football games, the Moscow Renaissance Fair and even the small coffee-shop performances that have been a staple in my life for as long as I can remember suddenly became fresh and exciting again as I attended them with new friends and new perspectives.

Even after growing up a Vandal fan, I had no idea just how many opportunities were available to me. Alternative Spring Break trips and more than 200 clubs and intramural sports are just a few of the things that opened my eyes to what it truly meant to become part of the Vandal family.

By attending UI, I was able to get the "true college experience" I was convinced I needed, and also stay close to the large (and wonderful) family I'm not quite sure I'm ready to leave yet. I want to spend the rest of my life exploring the world, but for the remaining three years in my college career, I'm perfectly content to spend my time rediscovering my own corner of the universe.

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Nation for everyone

The "American Dream," every politician's favorite sympathy generator, has been used ad nauseam in the most recent immigration debate.

While the number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. has declined slightly since 2007 according to the 2011 census, the tangible American Dreams of the 11.5 million illegals currently living in the U.S. remain on the razor's edge.

But for some 800,000 young illegal immigrants, President Obama's recent executive order forwent the inevitable Republican filibuster and halted their potential deportations, bringing their dreams one step closer to realization.

I got a first-hand experience with the issue of immigration in the fields near my Southern Idaho hometown. However, it is difficult to consider issues of national importance at 4:30 a.m.

I bit the far-too early bullet for precious summer employment, filling in for a field-crew boss at a seed company. After falling asleep my first day, I arrived exhausted the following day to drive my crew of seven Latino ladies out to walk fields. Only one spoke English, so communication was



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Paying for it: Getting a college education is a worthy, world investment

At the end of July, a Senate committee released a report showing that for-profit colleges are hurting American students.

For-profit schools, including the University of Phoenix and DeVry University, aggressively target potential students, promising them a degree and employment prospects they cannot provide. They charge high tuition and offer little to no financial support.

On average, 54 percent of students at these for-profit schools drop out. Some schools have dropout rates as high as two-thirds. Yet 96 percent of students at these schools take out thousands of dollars in student loans to pay for them. Students at for-profit universities account for only 13 percent of American college enrollment, but half the nation's student debt load. These for-profit colleges

receive \$32 billion in taxpayer money annually.

The obvious story here is that, at a time when America's non-profit public schools are strapped for cash, cutting programs, increasing class sizes and raising tuition, federal funds are wrongly going to for-profit private institutions. We should demand that Congress stop funding these for-profit schools,

particularly in light of a report showing that they have no interest in educating American students.

But there is another, larger issue at work here — one that reaches to the heart of American academic culture. Can private universities be part of our education goals? Are universities simply meant to provide a degree in exchange for money, like some sort of academic transaction? For these for-profit schools, that seems

to be their sole purpose. Increasingly, it seems to be the purpose of our public schools as well.

Government funding at the state and federal level for public colleges continues to decrease. Universities must rely more heavily on private donations, fundraising, and student tuition and fees. Student enrollment has stopped being a goal in itself and instead has become a university's best source of money.

This is not just hurting students, it's hurting education in America. Students spend more and more money for degrees that continue to become less valuable. Many cannot afford to complete their degrees, and even more potential students don't consider college a good investment.

We need to treat education as a public good in this country. An educated workforce is better trained, more innovative and better able to compete with the rest of the

world. Education can't simply be reserved for those who can afford it, and it certainly can't become a for-profit enterprise.

The abuses of these for-profit private universities did not happen in a vacuum. They are a symptom of a society that has devalued public education, and education as an idea. Higher education should be a goal for all Americans to work toward, not another means for a company to turn a profit.

We need to stop funding private colleges and get back to making our public universities some of the best in the world. We need to stop treating a degree as a product, and students as a commodity. We need to make a college education a worthwhile investment again, rather than a source of debt and frustration for students across the country.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE
FROM OUR EDITORS

21 is halfway to 42

What's better than spending my 21st birthday in Vegas? Spending my 21st birthday in Vegas with my best friend and family.

—Lindsey

Arizona

If there's one thing I've learned in Phoenix, it is that learning never stops.

—Amrah

Phoning it in

[Insert thoughtful summer reflection here]

—Kasen

Getting real

It's been a great summer living in the real world, but I'm happy to get back to the comforts of Moscow and put off the real world as long as I can.

—Katy

Smiles for miles

The best room mates are no room mates.

—Molly

Getting the boot

Honey Badger getting kicked off LSU is huge news. Means that Idaho will only lose that game by 63 points now.

—Sean

Whoa

I'm so not ready for this year to start.

—Chloe

Moving in

The last two weeks have been a wonderful new experience. I've met a lot of people, made some great memories and now I'm excited to welcome the new kids to my large empty building. Seriously — 11 floors for 15 people is a bit excessive.

—Kaitlyn

Taco Tuesday

The best part of being back in Moscow. There's nothing better than eating tacos ... on Tuesdays.

—Madison

Take it in

Life is too unpredictable. Enjoy every moment you can.

—Theo

The places you'll go

From Washington D.C., to NYC, my east coast summer was unforgettable.

—Britt

Vandal family

Welcome to all the new freshmen on campus. I hope your first year as a Vandal is fabulous. And to the returning upperclassmen, be nice and say hello.

—Elisa

Thanks Euell

I have never eaten a pine tree, but I am well aware that many parts are indeed edible.

—Joseph

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BLACKOUT

IN A CAN

Four Loko still surfacing at college campuses nation-wide, awareness still not where it needs to be

In fall of 2010, police were called to a house party near Central Washington University in Ellensburg. First responders to the party found dozens of students critically ill, while nine were rushed to a hospital and one received CPR. Students at the party had passed out throughout the house, some fighting to stay conscious as their eyes rolled back in their heads. Police and medical professionals assumed a “date rape drug” was administered. As they dug a little deeper, they found that the culprit was actually Four Loko, an alcoholic energy drink that could then be purchased at most convenience stores. At the time, Four Loko, nicknamed “blackout in a can,” was a 24 oz can containing the alcohol equivalent of six light beers, and the caffeine of nearly two cups of coffee. The masking effects that caffeine has on the effects of alcohol caused many of these students to nearly drink themselves to death.

This and similar instances at colleges across the country created a buzz around the topic of caffeinated alcoholic drinks, causing the FDA to get involved. The manufacturers of these products have complied with

their warnings and either ceased production or at least removed the caffeine.

Problem solved? Not really. While you might not be able to purchase these bright, sugary, ready-made drinks at the gas station anymore, the alcohol-plus-caffeine concoction is still the drink of choice for many college students. Drinks like Red Bull and vodka or “jager bombs” rank among the best-selling mixed drinks in bars and clubs serving the college population. Somehow the warnings of increased incidents of unwanted sex, alcohol poisoning and heart attack seem to be dismissed.

There are many factors involved in the overwhelming danger of these drinks. Caffeine, as a stimulant, can make you feel less intoxicated than you actually are, which leads to overconsumption. The mixture of alcohol and caffeine can also mask your body’s natural warning signs of sleepiness and sedation that would normally indicate it’s time to call it a night.

So, as you start this school year and celebrate the excitement of what a new year brings, make decisions that support why you are actually here – you know, a

college degree. Alcohol use in any form comes with great responsibility, and if you choose to partake, consider putting some “rules in place” to help keep you and your friends safe.

Know your limit. Set a limit before you go out, and keep track of that limit.

Eat — don’t drink on an empty stomach. Alternate between alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Designate a driver (and treat them like gold!).

Go out with people you trust and stay with them.

Keep an eye on your drink and don’t accept drinks from others.

Avoid overly sugary or caffeinated mixed drinks that can mask the amount of alcohol you are consuming.

Avoid drinking games.

Know the signs of alcohol poisoning and call for help when someone needs it.

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Nation's political future shaped by conservatives, not liberals

Amidst encroaching elections, the cliché of our republic as polarized is wrong. Wrong if “polarized” infers opposed forces on a liberal-conservative spectrum.

Our nation's future exists in conservative shades, the choices being moderation or fundamentalism.

Caricatured as overfed and undereducated, the Tea Party's guile shaped this reality, leaving America an ample irony.

The party of God and country embraced Charles Darwin amidst Democratic embrace of faith. Republicans ditched compassionate conservatism for Tea Party dogma post-2008. Democrats stood motionless, with faith in the presidency and congressional majority as strategy itself.

Evolution teaches that those who adapt survive. Espousing tax cuts as tonic, American health care as archetypal, and bad war as an oxymoron, conservatives demanded Democrats

compromise toward them. That's what they got.

2008's progressive potential was squandered on a too-small stimulus and health care in bedrock with the Heritage Foundation in 1989, Bob Dole in 1993, and Mitt Romney in 2006.

Health care is not the first or last issue Democrats will support in conservative incarnations. Democrats expend energy refuting Republican dogma without advocating any liberal agenda, leaving solely conservative outcomes for the issues.

Our ongoing budget talks provide this premise in practice. Which party advocates pro-growth measures? America's options are to what degree we will follow the conservative myth regarding a positive correlation between budget cuts and GDP growth, never mind the sadistic premise of cutting services to the old and the poor sans sacrifice

from the wealthy. If his words hold meaning, Mitt Romney does not believe this myth, but straying from party line is off the table.

This was of course evolution's point. Republicans abandoned the search for the electoral messiah in favor of ideological conformity as a vehicle to congressional and state level dominance, the reason each red state shares the agenda of eliminating unions, legislating away Roe vs. Wade and preventing non-existent voter fraud (all of which were enacted or proposed in Idaho as of 2012) while the alleged liberal agenda provides little in the way of progress.

The call for fundamentalism and its corollary demand for compromise was a plot Democrats complied with. Their lame response weakened the liberal brand while ensuring conservative grounds for America's future. While Democrats were busy losing battles, Republicans won the war.

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EVERYONE

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mostly gestures. The topic to breach the language barrier was utterly surprising.

Prompted by a local Ron Paul supporter's banner clinging to the “Obama's-not-actually-American” argument, we talked politics. Their insights proved to be simple, poignant reminders that somewhere beneath the political posturing of elected officials, lie people and real problems.

The unavoidable issue — immigration — was summed up simply in broken English. “We want to work.”

‘My’ crew—I had about the authority of Prince Harry in Parliament—were all legal immigrants, but legal or not, they said it is about a better life.

They come to do back-breaking, minimum-wage work in agriculture and other base-level industries just for the supposed opportunity of America. These seven ladies are the cheap labor keeping food prices low—cheap labor that consists, overwhelmingly, of immigrants, many illegal. It is a mind-numbing job anyone can do, but no one can do forever. It breaks your back, leathers your skin and leaves you without much time or energy.

Now, liberal defenders say

white Americans would not take these jobs. I am proof otherwise. White Americans can do this work.

For about a week.

My week in the fields was push too the ladies told me. I got more than minimum wage, a nine-hour work day, and ample breaks, a far cry from many of the other jobs some of the ladies had previously.

Immigrants like these, legal or not, should epitomize the American Dream.

Instead, the “American Dream,” is being jealously guarded by white America who refuses to acknowledge the value of immigrants to our economy,

instead relegating them all as illegals—criminals come to steal their jobs.

Changes to quiet agricultural communities have created problems, but mostly they have created fear over the loss of control. And fear breeds generalized statements, which are mistakes.

Not all Mexicans coming to town are gang bangers.

“There are bad people everywhere,” the youngest of my crew, who is off to community college this year, told me.

Bad eggs are a product of the human element, not the Mexican or immigrant one. For every gang member there are hard-working Latinos like my crew.

Illegal immigration is undoubtedly a crime and a problem to be addressed, but that really isn't the issue. Immigrating legally could be streamlined and deportations of hard-working Americans could stop, but instead people are lost amongst political rhetoric. America cannot call itself the melting pot while the racist fears of so many, especially here in Idaho, persist.

This is not a white nation, it's everyone's. The problem is that the people actively seeking a real American Dream—not a partisan abstraction—are the wrong color.

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