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Horses help out humans

Therapeutic horsemanship program provides rides for disabled people

Allison Griffith
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Palouse Area Therapeutic Horsemanship, the only therapeutic riding program in a 100-mile radius, is in high demand, said PATH Coordinator Sue Jacobson.

Though they have increased their program by 50 percent, Jacobson said there is still a waiting list for riders.

PATH is a program under the People-Pet Partnership of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.

The program provides therapeutic horseback riding for people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities.

It has been serving the Palouse region for 33 years. Dr. Leo K. Bustad, (1920-1998) Dean Emeritus of the college of Veterinary Medicine at WSU and founder of the People-Pet Partnership, conducted multiple research surveys revolving around animals, and discovered in the 1990s that many disabled people did not have access to animals. This discovery led him to start the People-Pet Partnership at WSU, according to a YouTube video on the WSU site.

Jacobson said riders are both children and adults. They are given horseback lessons once a week by certified instructors, with one to three volunteers assisting each rider.

Jacobson said the riders benefit from these lessons in multiple ways. Physically, riding provides exercise to build core

muscles, improve balance and posture and also increases cognitive abilities. Many riders are not able to do other forms of exercise.

"It is gratifying to see that they have the opportunity to do something, and see their abilities greatly enhance," Jacobson said.

The program also benefits the 180 people who volunteer every year.

"They are able to see them as real people, and appreciate what they (the riders and their families) go through," Jacobson said. "It also makes the volunteers more comfortable around people with disabilities, and they get to work with horses."

Volunteers are what help make PATH a success, and there are five five-week sessions per year that give people the opportunity to volunteer, Jacobson said. There are two sessions before Thanksgiving, two from mid-February to April, and one summer session from the middle of May to the middle of June.

Jacobson said no experience is necessary to be a volunteer. Applicants must be 14 years or older, attend the orientation and one training session that is put on by the program and commit to one class a week for a five-week period.

Though it is too late to volunteer for this fall, new volunteers can go to the orientation and training sessions for the spring sessions, which will be around the end of January, Jacobson said.

PATH also has other programs that branch off of it. One of them is PATH to Success — an after school program centered on youth development with equine

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'GYROIC' POETRY



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Jory Mickelson, third year University of Idaho MFA student in poetry, reads multiple poems Tuesday at Mikey's Gyros for the Hemingway Festival Open Mic night.

Restroom reboot

East City Park restroom facility to undergo renovation

Matt Maw
Argonaut

The City of Moscow is working to replace the East City Park portable restrooms with an attractive and vandal-resistant restroom facility as soon as possible.

Parks and Recreation Director Dwight Curtis said the portable restrooms filling in for the restrooms damaged by arson in 2009 are not appropriate for the location, and the new facility is toward the top of the city's agenda.

"It's our flagship park, everything takes place (there), and having Porta-Potties as our restroom facility really looks bad," Curtis said.

The stage attached to the original restrooms also suffered arson damage, but has remained operational.

The city contracted Design West Architects in Pullman to develop a new stage and restroom structure in 2010, but the project proved too expensive, Curtis said. He said the operation was split in two, with the restrooms first in line.

The old restrooms will be removed and the stage repaired once the new restroom structure is completed, he said.

"By separating the project into two phases, we get the restrooms sooner and



Hayden Crosby | Argonaut

Gram Connley, 6 years old, plays on the bars of an old stage attached to the original restrooms at East City Park. The stage suffered arson damage in 2009 and will be repaired once the new restroom structure is completed.

everybody gets what they want without having to wait for funding to continue," Curtis said.

He said the new facility will be "as fire-proof as we can make it," and the design will emphasize protection from vandalism and an aesthetic style that suits the park's environment.

The building will have a split-face block exterior with a three-stall women's room, a men's room with one stall and two urinals and a one-toilet family changing room. Non-combustible materials will comprise

the structure, and the floors and inside walls will be painted for simple removal and repair of graffiti.

Curtis said the city is still waiting on Design West Architects for details.

"(They are) great to work with," he said. "They're local so they know what we're about as the City of Moscow."

The restroom facility is slated for completion next spring.

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UI freshman drowns in Dworshak Reservoir

A University of Idaho freshman drowned Saturday while swimming to an island near the Freeman Creek Boat Launch in Dworshak State Park near Orofino.

Bruce Pitman, UI dean of students, said a small group of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity members went on a camping trip near Dworshak State Park and decided to swim to an island in Dworshak Reservoir.

"It is my understanding that they made it and were returning to shore," Pitman said.

It was while returning to shore that Preston W. Vorhauer experienced distress and couldn't continue swimming.

"A couple of guys swimming nearby tried to come to his aid but were not able to help him," Pitman said. "He went under and drowned."

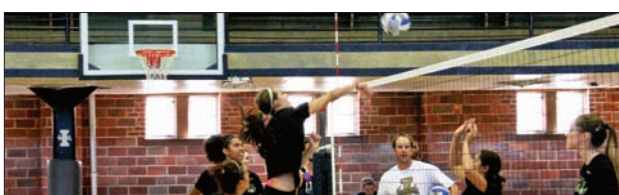
Pitman said the funeral will take place Saturday in Kamiah, where Vorhauer is from.

"There will be a viewing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Life Center Church. The main service will be at 12 p.m.," Pitman said. "Following the main service there will be a dinner at the Valley View Church of the Nazarene."

Pitman said Lambda Chi Alpha will have their own private ceremony.

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'Candied' green beans

Lindsey Treffry
crumbs

"Candied" green beans can make a boring meal classy. This recipe offers a simple and quick way to enjoy a gourmet side dish on a night in. Avoid using this dish as a side to Top Ramen or mac and cheese — that defeats the purpose.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup green beans
- 1/8 cup diced onion
- 2 tsp. brown mustard
- 2 tsp. maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. water
- 1 tbsp. dried cranberries (like Craisins)
- 1 tbsp. slivered almonds

How to:

Rinse green beans. Cut in half and place in lidded microwave-safe bowl with diced onion, mustard, maple syrup, brown sugar and water. Cook for a minimum of 3 minutes to ensure the beans

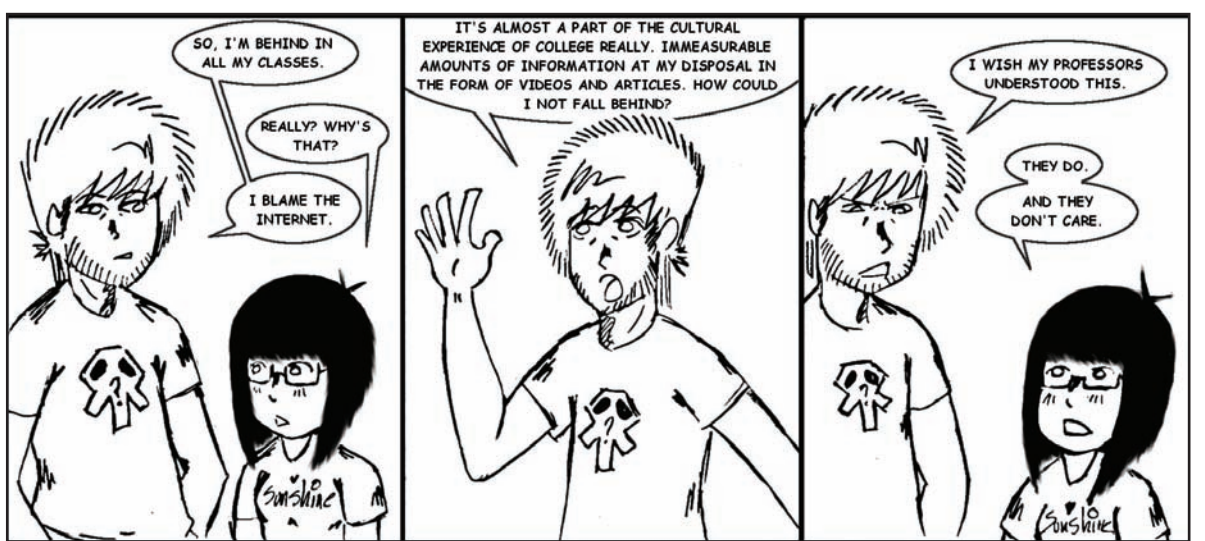


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are cooked thoroughly. Let cool for one minute and top with dried cranberries and almonds.

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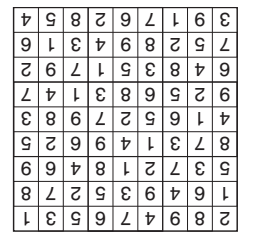
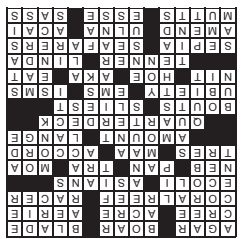
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Airport runway awaits environmental study

Kasen Christensen
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The Federal Aviation Administration has \$60 million to rebuild the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport runway, according to Executive Director Tony Bean.

The only thing standing in the way now is a \$3.2 million environmental study.

The current runway lines up almost directly with Moscow Mountain. This means planes have to approach the airport much higher and farther away — a tricky thing to do during a Palouse winter, Bean said.

In order to meet FAA standards, the runway must move farther from the terminal and rotate so it lines up with the valley next to Moscow Mountain.

Bean said the FAA will pay for moving the runway.

“The FAA doesn’t build runways, at least not very often,” he said. “They are here.”

Bean said the airport has the staff to accommodate more, larger planes, but the runway doesn’t meet the standards.

“It’s a \$60 million elephant,” Bean said.

In order to put the runway in, the hills around the airport would be demolished and some of the depressions would be filled in, he said.

Bean said the dirt moved would be about enough to fill an empty Martin Stadium 16

times.

He said this would create a big impact on the environment, including the wetlands, around the airport.

The environmental study will report the impacts moving the runway will have on about 1200 acres surrounding the airport. Bean said it costs money to do such studies correctly.

“It’s \$3.2 million (to do the study) correctly,” Bean said.

The City of Moscow recently accepted a grant in advance of up to \$2.9 million. Passenger fees will cover the remaining amount required for the study.

Bean said \$4.50 from every ticket goes to facility fees to pay for things like the study and, later, the runway construction.

He said the airport is owned by the region, so the whole region has to agree before decisions can be made. This includes the cities of Moscow and Pullman, Idaho and Washington states and both universities. The federal government also has a stake in the airport, Bean said.

Moving the runway means changing flight patterns over Moscow, Pullman, Troy and other areas.

Another factor in the runway moving is the state-owned land for a planned bypass around Pullman. Bean said the land is right in the approach for incoming aircraft.



A Cessna 172 takes off fall 2011 from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport runway. The runway is being rebuilt to accommodate larger planes pending an environmental study.

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Some of the other options include moving the bypass and building a tunnel.

As the bypass isn’t built yet, Bean said it wouldn’t make sense to build a tunnel to nowhere.

He said the airport is unique in regional matters — generally, everybody agrees.

A better runway would mean more flights — creating cheaper, more frequent flights as well as helping area com-

merce, Bean said.

He said the airport has refused contracts with Fed-Ex and UPS because the runway doesn’t meet FAA standards.

When planes can’t land at Pullman-Moscow because of winter weather, they are diverted to Lewiston or Spokane.

Bean said this means lodging and meals happen in Spokane or Lewiston, not Moscow and Pullman,

pulling revenues away from Palouse businesses.

The airport also affects football — teams travelling to WSU and Idaho don’t fly into Pullman-Moscow, and fans often don’t either, according to Bean.

Bean said the push to move the runway has been going on for about 20 years. He said planes are getting bigger.

“Nobody’s flying smaller stuff,” he said.

He said airplanes flying into Pullman-Moscow have gone from 19 to 32 seats, and even up to 72 seats.

He said it’s obvious change is needed when one sees these large planes landing on a runway built for smaller planes.

“Should the airport not be allowed to grow?” Bean said.

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Make an insanewich

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

Moscow’s newest sandwich shop combines sandwiches with a cereal bar and local ingredients with modern technology.

“We don’t see cereal as a breakfast item,” said co-owner, Juliette Do. “There’s also a lot of cereal boutiques in New York City and cereal box chains in several locations.”

The two owners, Do and Doug Hall, have always been passionate about food combined with strong business backgrounds — Do studied finance and analytics and has noticed a large emergence of casual dining across the country.

Do did quite a bit of market research before she and Hall began the investment. Do said she personally weighed out the ingredients at other sandwich shops.

“We have a quarter-pound of higher-end ingredients per sandwich. We’re not skimping on quality and we’re not skimping on quantity,” Do said.

Insanewich uses local ingredients for entrees. The sandwich shop gets bread from Roseaurs, the oatmeal cereal is made in Union Town, Wash., the granola is specially made in Spokane and the coffee is micro-roasted by Avion in Hayden.

Do said for those who don’t care about eating local cereal there is a wide selec-



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Melissa Traver restocks sandwich supplies Tuesday at Insanewich. The new eatery opened Saturday and is located across the street from the Student Recreation Center.

tion of generic cereals like Frosted Flakes, Cheerios, Apple Jacks, Fruit Loops and many others.

“One of our goals is to be community focused, we want to give back to important charity organizations,” Do said.

Insanewich delivers, too. She said the cereal is bottomless.

Do said customers come into the shop and check off their favorite ingredients on a piece of paper with their favorite color pen before they hand it over to the sandwich artist for the preparation process.

“The sandwiches are 6-12 inches and everything is completely customizable. You can put onions, popcorn or cornflakes on your sandwich. It’s all up to you,” Do said.

Do said the computer tablets in the front of the store and a monitor keep the customer busy while waiting for their order.

She said they use sustainable receipts in the form of text messages and emails because they wanted to minimize the use of paper.

Hall and Do opened the doors of Insanewich Saturday at 10 a.m. after a few

weeks of anticipation.

“The turnout’s been pretty good so far,” Do said. “Business should pick up when everyone gets back to school after going home for Labor Day weekend.”

Do and Hall also hope to franchise Insanewich so this unique shop will be seen across the country one day.

Insanewich is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is located near Jamm’s Frozen Yogurt on Pullman Road.

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In Brief

Illia Dunes re-opens

The Illia Dunes recreation area, near the Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River, re-opened Sunday after closing Aug. 27 for public health and safety reasons, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A massive party of more than 3,000 people at the dunes Aug. 25 and 26 resulted in excessive litter including beer bottles, cans and hundreds of styrofoam containers. More than 3,000 pounds of trash was cleared out of the dunes during the past week.

The Corps worked with 64 student volunteers from Washington State Univer-

sity’s Center for Civic Engagement during a cleanup event Saturday.

“We’re very grateful for all the volunteers that stepped forward and offered to help with cleanup. It was a pleasant surprise. We simply couldn’t use all of them,” Bruce Henrickson, Corps public affairs specialist, said in a press release. “For safety and operational efficiency reasons, we worked with a single organized group of students from Washington State University.”

The Corps intends to reevaluate recreation policies at the dunes including a potential alcohol ban. The Corps provides free plastic bags for trash removal and prohibits glass on the beach, and they will monitor how well visitors adhere to these policies.

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Bolting for bucks

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Dash for Cash, a 5k fundraiser run, assists local agencies supported by United Way of Moscow.

Whitney Mueller, director of research and development for United Way, said United Way already had a fundraiser for the agencies in the spring. She said they wanted to find a fundraiser for the fall as well. When thinking about possible fundraisers, she said they wanted something that was easy, fun and had a low-cost set up.

"During this time, 5K's seemed to be more popular, and looking at the fact that we had an active community, it would be easy to get people involved," Mueller said.

Cretia Bunney, executive director of United Way of Moscow, said they wanted a healthy way for people to give back to the community.

Bunney said it would be another way to promote United Way agencies. These agencies promote healthy lifestyles, such as the Sojourner's Alliance helping the homeless get back on their feet, she said. Dash for Cash supports not only the Sojourner's Alliance, but other organizations as well. These include Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Boy Scouts of America, Gritman Adult Day

Health, Moscow Mentor Program, Palouse Area Therapeutic Horsemanship and Success by 6 of the Palouse.

Mueller said she is confident that everyone in Latah County knows or has been helped by one of these agencies. Mueller said she is most excited about the sponsorship packet, which she is in charge of. This packet shows sponsors what they are a part of and how much the community hears or sees their Dash for Cash advertisements.

"They are what make Dash for Cash possible," Mueller said. "If it weren't for all their generous donations, Dash for Cash wouldn't be possible, especially because every cent made from Dash for Cash goes toward the different agencies supported. Sponsors put Dash for Cash over the edge."

Sponsors for Dash for Cash include Sterling Bank and Frontier Communications.

Martin Erkela, general manager of Frontier Communications, said the event stimulates United Way contributions from the community.

He said Frontier Communications encourages its employees to be involved in the community.

"There will always be a need for people to get involved and support charitable organizations."

More info

The United Way of Moscow/Latah County third annual Dash for Cash is at 9 a.m. Sept. 22 up the Chipman Trail from Toyota of Pullman/Moscow.

There is a \$15 donation fee for adults, \$10 donation fee for ages 6-15 and the event is free for children 5 years or younger. Register by contacting the United Way of Moscow/Latah at County P.O. Box 8211 or register at www.moscowlatahuw.org.

Both Bunney and Mueller said they are looking forward to hopefully reaching their goal of 100 participants.

"It is the 3rd year and we have really good sponsors and volunteers and reaching the goal of 100 would be great," Bunney said.

Participants receive a t-shirt and awards for first through third places for male, female, youth and adult categories.

"(But) if you don't want it to be competitive you don't have to," Mueller said. "This is an event where you can do what you want, run and be competitive, run to enjoy or walk and hang out."

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Police log

Tuesday, Aug. 28

8:10 a.m. 300 Blk East Fifth Street: Caller's daughter lives in Moscow and has been having problems with her ex-boyfriend.

8:16 a.m. 200 Blk East Fifth Street: Officers responded to an alarm activation. It was determined that it was an employee error.

9:16 a.m. 100 Blk East Palouse River Drive: Caller said they had parked a snowmobile at Palouse Country Sports last year. The store is now closed and the snowmobile is missing.

2:12 p.m. West Pullman Road, Winco: Caller said an elderly woman left an infant in a locked car. Officers responded and found it was two dogs locked in the vehicle.

3:23 p.m. Elm Street, Alpha Phi: Caller said the sorority was running their sprinklers. They were advised that they are not regulated because they are not on city water.

5:37 p.m. 700 Blk Railroad Street: Caller said her vehicle has large scratch.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

2:35 a.m. West A Street, Water department: Law and fire responded to a fire alarm. No fire located.

5:57 a.m. 700 Blk South Jackson Street: Caller said there is a road closed sign in the middle of the road.

11:54 a.m. 100 Blk South Hayes Street: Caller reported a loud rooster.

2:45 p.m. Deakin Avenue, Alpha Tau Omega: Caller reported hazing. Report filed.

6:50 p.m. 1900 Blk White Avenue: Caller reported a stray cow.

Thursday, Aug. 30

12:22 p.m. East Fifth Street, Moscow High School: Caller said a vehicle was parked unlawfully.

Friday, Aug. 31

7:13 p.m. 800 Blk. Troy Road, McDonalds: Welfare check requested for a person.

Saturday, Sept. 1

10:04 p.m. West Sixth Street, Gooding Wing: Caller reported the odor of marijuana.

Sunday, Sept. 2

12:30 a.m. to 11:52 p.m. Moscow: Seven noise complaints.

Monday, Sept. 3

3:15 a.m. 600 Blk Ash Street: Caller reported fireworks.

7:19 p.m. East Palouse River Drive and South Main Street: Caller reported people living on the property without permission. Report filed.

9:26 p.m. West Sixth Street, Royal Motor Inn: Caller reported a suicidal female. Report filed.

TAILGATE TOSSIN'



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

University of Idaho sophomore Spencer Bruhn tosses oversize washers in a game of Portuguese Corn Hole while tailgating Aug. 30 in the west parking lot of the Kibbie Dome.

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assistance.

Another program allows parent and children to work together.

For more information about volunteering or riding, contact Jacobson at 509-335-7347, sjacobson@vetmed.wsu.edu or visit www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-pppp/PATH.asp.

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FRESHMAN

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"We are deeply concerned for the students who were actually present at the time of the accident," Pitman said. "We have offered counseling

and support services and will continue to do so. We also connected with Preston's family and offer support to them."

Students who are in need of counseling can visit the UI Counseling and Testing Center or call 208-885-6716.



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Dominique Blackman set to make first Division 1 start.

Friends like these

Idaho setters battle for time on the court, maintain friendship

Kevin Bingaman
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Sitting on the bench for the majority of a career is never easy for an athlete. Competitors always want to be where the action is, but sometimes playing time can be hard to come by. That's a story Idaho volleyball's senior setter Ryann Carter knows a lot about. Now the waiting has paid off — Carter is the Vandals' starting setter.

Every year, teammates battle each other for playing time. For setters Carter and Jenny Feicht, that battle has been going on for three years and still continues. The two are so close in skill level that either could start on any given night.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said while the two may be always battling for time, it's good to have that kind of depth.

"It's uncommon to have two

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TWEETS OF THE WEEK



Dominique Blackman — On being out against EWU —

@VandalsQB3: I let the whole vandal nation down being out the first game #never-again

Alex Sele — Volleyball dropping four straight in California —

@alexsele09: Get me home. Wanting to leave the bad memories in California.

Pete Showler — Soccer dropping two in Boise —

@PeterShowler: It's a cruel game sometimes! 3-2 loss in double overtime....great performance....so proud of the girls!

Mike Marboe — Football — Down but not out —

@Mike_Marboe74: Don't worry #vandalnation we'll turn this thing around. That game will not define who this team will be this season. #VandalPride

"Stringer," fan — BSU is overrated —

@SeattleVandal: Wait a tick, BSU was #22, lost in convincing fashion and is now only #25? The USA Today CFB poll is a sham.

Nick Groff, fan — Idaho is screwed —

@N_Groff: BGSU got a TD on Florida in the first. Idaho got a FG on FCS E. Wash in the entire game. So the outlook is great.



Ashley Christman, junior outside hitter, jumps for a spike Aug. 23 at practice in Memorial Gym. The Vandals lost four straight matches in California.

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Disconnect four

Volleyball struggles, drops four straight in California

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Junior Allison (Walker) Baker's seventh straight double-double wasn't enough to propel the Vandal volleyball team to victory, when Idaho fell 3-1 to Cal State Northridge Monday afternoon.

Baker has had a double-double in every match so far this season and once again led the Vandals with 20 kills, but it wasn't enough to snap Idaho's losing streak that now stands at four games. The Vandals will have the opportunity to get back on the winning side of things this week when they travel to the islands for the Verizon Volleyball Challenge in Honolulu.

Part of the reason for the Vandals' four-

match skid is the quality of opponents they've faced. All four teams Idaho played on the California road trip were solid programs.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said it may be difficult to lose, but playing these teams will help her squad in the end.

"It's not going to hurt us," Buchanan said. "Our morale might be a little bit low right now, but we've seen where our weaknesses are. We need to get better when we get to conference. We were hoping to get a few wins out of this trip, but we're close. We've just got to get a little better."

The Vandals fell into an early hole when the Matadors came out strong and took a quick 2-0 lead. The Vandals fought back in

the third and forced a fourth set, but the Matadors quickly regained control of the match and put Idaho away 25-20 to win the set and the match.

Buchanan said her team had its moments, but allowed Northridge to seize the momentum and rack up too many unanswered points.

"We had moments of doing really great things," Buchanan said. "Our defense at times was outstanding. We just gave up too many runs. You just can't do that."

Despite suffering four straight losses, Buchanan said she's still pleased with her team on the road trip. She said she was happy

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Vandals stumble

Early season troubles continue in Boise

Madison McCord
Argonaut

After a promising home stretch one week ago, the Idaho Vandals soccer team found themselves on the losing end of two tough matches in the Boise Invitational.

Idaho (2-4) fell to in-state rival Idaho State 2-0 Friday and then followed that up with a 3-2 double overtime loss to Montana on Sunday.

For the first time this season, the inconsistent Vandals lost two straight games and now will prepare for a cross-country trip to Miami for another road weekend.

In Idaho's first match of the tournament, both them and Idaho State (4-0) had no trouble finding their shots with both teams tallying 13 and 14 respectively. Both teams were also able to place six of their shots on frame, but two Bengal first-half goals were the difference against an Idaho side that has struggled to find its early goal-scoring prowess.

Senior forward Chelsea Small led the team with three shots on the day, one being a shot on goal. No Vandal had more than one shot on goal during the game.

Idaho coach Pete Showler said that despite the chances, his team lacked the hunger needed inside the box.

"We just didn't have the spark needed to get that finishing touch in the box," Showler said. "They were a bit more hungry and wanted it more than we did on the pitch."

On the defensive side, senior goalkeeper Liz Boyden stopped four shots during the match. The Idaho State goals came courtesy of Rachel Strawn in the 16th minute and Anna Pingree in the 19th minute.

One consistent theme this season has been the changing at left and right back for the Vandals, a theme that held true again this weekend with two different pairings playing those positions.

"It's a process at those two positions, and the difference between Friday and Sunday was night and day," Showler said. "When players get their opportunities they need to take advantage."

In the second game of the weekend, Idaho looked like a different team, but defensively the gaps were still there.

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Defender Emma Caringello practices with teammates Tuesday at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals will take on Miami Friday in Coral Gables, Fla.

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New Blackman era begins



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Vandal quarterback Dominique Blackman completes a pass Tuesday at practice on the SprinTurf.

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Not much of Dominique Blackman's football career has been straightforward, the last week included. Idaho's starting quarterback wasn't present on the field for the Vandals' opener against Eastern Washington, a 20-3 loss.

"I let the whole Vandal nation down being out the first game #neveragain," Blackman wrote on his Twitter.

Now, on his fourth school in four years, Blackman is finally preparing to make the first start of his Division-I FBS collegiate career at Bowling Green Saturday.

"It's been something I've been spending my whole life trying to work for, having an opportunity to lead this team, to me it's a blessing to be in this opportunity," Blackman said when he was told he won the starting job late in the fall.

Blackman's journey toward stepping in between the white lines at Bowling Green started in the winter of 2008 when he gave a verbal commitment to then Washington coach Tyrone Willingham. Unfortunately

for Blackman at the time, Willingham was in the midst of a 0-12 season that would see him lose his job. Willingham's successor, Steve Sarkisian, didn't think much of Blackman's ability to run his offense and rescinded the scholarship offer.

Sarkisian isn't the only one who's ever told Blackman he wasn't good enough.

"I'm a prodigy of nothing. Nothing has ever been handed to me, I have had to work for everything I've gotten," Blackman said. "I've been told I was too big, too slow, whatever. I just use that stuff as fuel."

He moved on to Los Angeles Harbor Junior College, becoming one of the top junior college quarterbacks in the country before transferring to Old Dominion, where he wasn't granted the starting job he thought he was promised. Now, after redshirting one year at Idaho due to NCAA eligibility rules, Blackman will take on the Falcons of Bowling Green.

"He's a very eager player. He's always wanting to learn, he's always trying to find a different way or better way

to accomplish stuff," Jason Gesser, Idaho's first year offensive coordinator, said.

Gesser went through adversities of his own as a collegiate player. He wasn't highly recruited due to his size and had a number of people in his ear telling him what he wasn't capable of. So Gesser went out and led Washington State to a Rose Bowl in 2002.

"With the situations that I've gone through playing wise, he's kind of wondering how I handled certain situations, whatever it may be, he's just an eager person to learn," Gesser said.

The week after Bowling Green, the Vandals will visit Baton Rouge for a clash with SEC power LSU. In attendance will probably be members of former wide receiver Ken McRoyal's family, who is originally from New Orleans.

A cousin of Blackman, McRoyal was fatally shot this summer in Southern California.

"It's great for me because I have an opportunity to play for my family and my cousin, I get see all my aunts out there in New Orleans," Blackman said. "(But) that's

a business trip for us, when that opportunity comes to play those guys we're going to treat it like a business trip."

Without Blackman last Thursday, the offense stalled for only three points, 10 first downs and 164 yards through the air. The new offensive system of Gesser more resembled the offense from last year, as Idaho was unable to set up manageable third downs and convert against Eastern Washington.

With Blackman, who can quickly and accurately deliver the ball intermediately to receivers in space so they can make plays, Idaho's offense will have the quarterback the team envisioned.

"(It's) just being consistent. Now it's just building our packages. Now that's on us as quarterbacks to make checks, coach Gesser's offense is so complex that the freedom is in our hands," Blackman said. "Just doing the little things, because that's what we missed last year. We just try to focus on the little things, that's what it's going to take to win."

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Young runners impress: Cross country freshman successful at their first meet

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

The 2012 cross country season is officially underway after both UI teams placed third Saturday in Spokane at the Clash of the Inland Northwest. The women's team, composed entirely of freshmen, scored 69 while the men's team scored 87 with it's mostly freshmen group.

The Vandals focused on running freshmen and newcomers for the first meet of the season, while most of the veteran runners did not compete. Coach Wayne Phipps said the young runners impressed but there is always room for improvement, especially after the first meet.

"That first meet is always going to be difficult from a

number of aspects, but I think they responded well and handled themselves well," Phipps said. "There was definitely some excitement and a lot of nerves leading up to the race, which can lead to some inconsistencies. A couple of them went out too quick and a couple went out a little too easy, but that's why we run this first race."

Freshman Halie Raudenbush led the way for the Vandals in the women's 4-kilometer race with her time of 15:08.1 minutes. She finished ninth overall.

"It was really good to finally race and see where we're at and get a race under our belts," Raudenbush said. "Overall, I think we did a very good job of compet-

ing against people who have been doing this for a few years."

Abby Larson finished No. 15 in 15:22.1 and Stephanie Rexus crossed in 15:26.1 to finish second for the Vandals. Alex Sciocchetti and Marquita Palmer rounded out the Vandal scoring, finishing No. 20 and No. 21 respectively.

"It was great for our fresh-

men to see that kind of competition early on this season without any real pressure," Phipps said. "No matter what we do in practice, it can never replace the experience of learning how to race."

On the men's side, senior Jeff Osborn finished first for the Vandals and No. 26 overall

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Najee Lovett- Football

Idaho fell hard to FCS opponent Eastern Washington in their Aug. 30 season-opener but Lovett proved he could be one of the Vandals' most reliable targets this season. The junior college transfer from Berkeley, Calif., made his first appearance in the Idaho black and gold and caught eight passes for 105 total yards. Lovett's long reception came midway through the first quarter when senior quarterback Logan Bushnell caught him streaking down the right sideline and found him for 66 yards.

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Halie Raudenbush- Cross Country

In their first meet of the season and her first meet as a Vandal, Raudenbush, a walk-on, finished ninth at the Clash of the Inland Northwest in Spokane. The Boise native clocked in at 15:08.1, fourteen seconds better than the next best Idaho finisher. The Vandal women, who travelled a team of five freshmen, scored 69 points and finished third. "It was really good to finally race and see where we're at and get a race under our belts," Raudenbush said. "Overall, I think we did a very good job of competing against people who have been doing this for a few years."

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Allison (Walker) Baker- Volleyball

Despite dropping three matches in California, Baker was sensational throughout the weekend, tallying her fourth, fifth and sixth double-doubles of the season in as many matches. Against Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Baker led all players with 18 kills while adding 12 digs. She hit .192 against the Mustangs. In a five-set heart-breaking loss to UC Santa Barbara, Baker managed 26 kills, two short of her career-high. The junior hit .128 and tallied six blocks. Baker wasn't as impressive in the Vandals' four-set loss to Northeastern, but the 2011 All-WAC first teamer was still able to post her sixth double-double, a 17-kill, 10-dig showing.

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Get back to work already

This Wednesday marks the return of the NFL after a long seven months of deprivation, unless you were planning on wearing stripes.

After failing to come to an agreement this past weekend, the NFL referee strike is official heading into the regular season. The quality of their replacements will be on display in primetime and should go a long way in indicating how long this strike will hold.

If the replacements go out and do a stellar job, the real referees are in trouble. If the preseason has been any indication, it's that a replacement referee cannot easily adapt to the speed of the NFL.

Once the regular season begins, that speed is only going to pick up.

It's really a no win proposition for the replacement referees, as every mistake they make, big or small, is going to be put under the microscope. When you consider that penalties like holding could be called on every play, there should be a multitude of opportunities for Chris Collinsworth and Al Michaels to start the year out with a real lashing of the replacement referees.

It's an unfair scenario when you consider every year a few referees make errors that earn them disdain from the media and fans.

Disdain may come early this year for referees as the NFL has gone looking far and wide for replacements. While some may tune in when they hear members of the Lingerie Football League will be on the field on Sundays, discovering replacement officials won't likely ease angst against blown calls and game-changing decisions.

It has become a real headache said scenario as the NFL and NFL Referee Association left their talks this past weekend with an apparent considerable distance in their demands. Whatever economic concessions separate the two groups, be it wages or retirement benefits, these part-time employees need to get back

to their part-time jobs.

While the replacement referees may do a good job, not having the real referees overseeing the regular season is a lot like a carnival deciding to replace the guy running the "Tilt-a-Whirl" because another guy would work for less — player health could be in jeopardy.

A lot can happen in 60 minutes, and a referee's job far exceeds the responsibility of calling penalties on the field and moving the markers. They are in charge of making sure things don't get out of hand and jumping in between 300-pound men who want to rip each other's heads off.

More importantly, they have been there and when it's their voice telling a linebacker to jump

off a quarterback, it's going to hold a little more weight than if a replacement referee says the same thing.

Furthermore, if you can't turn on football this fall and see Ed Hochuli trying to fit into a standard referee jersey and protruding through it with his giant canons, is it really football season?

Sooner or later this strike will come to an end because everyone involved realizes this is the best sporting league in the world and referees, like punters, are an essential part of this league.

Without them it just doesn't look right.

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FRIENDS

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setters who are the same year, that are the same age," Buchanan said. "We just happen to be in that position. It's awesome to know that we have two kids we can go to. The sad part is only one of them is going to play."

Carter, an Edgewood, Wash., native, originally walked on at the University of Washington. However, she was second on the depth chart, behind All-American setter Jenna Hagglund. Carter had a redshirt until the end of the season, when Washington took it away, playing her in a total of two sets, costing her a year of eligibility.

Carter said it was in that moment she first thought about transferring.

"I realized that I probably wasn't going to be playing," Carter said. "What I wanted to be doing was playing volleyball, not sitting on the bench."

When Carter made the decision to transfer in the off-season, she decided to check out Idaho and instantly felt at home when she came to visit.

"It felt right and I walked up to Debbie and I committed in the bookstore," Carter said.

The former walk-on now has a new home and a scholarship, but that didn't translate into playing time immediately. Feicht was already the starting setter at Idaho, a position she had been familiar with since her freshman year. Carter put up a strong battle, but it was Feicht who ended up starting the majority of their sophomore and junior seasons.

Despite the two setters fighting each other for the same spot, they developed a strong friendship that made whatever happened easier.

"We have a good relation-

ship off the court, but on the court we know it's a battle and we're both competing for the same spot. No matter who's playing we're able to cheer on our team and cheer on that person who's in," Feicht said.

While Carter did see some playing time, she admits that sitting behind Feicht wasn't an easy thing to do.

"It was extremely hard, but what made it better was that she's one of my best friends here," Carter said. "No matter what, having her play was like having one of my really close friends play."

Carter said it wasn't always easy to keep her attitude in check, but said heading into her senior season she decided she was going to give it her all and make the best out of whatever happened.

"This year, even before summer started, I told myself to just forget about it and just go out there and play volleyball," Carter said. "I've been doing this since I was nine and I only have four months left. This is it. I have to use up every moment I have."

The setters went into fall practice competing like they always have, but this year Carter emerged as the No. 1 setter and was the opening night starter for the first time in her career.

Feicht said she's not fond of sitting and will do everything she can to reclaim the starting spot, but also said she enjoys the competition and is happy for Carter.

"It's pretty fun, because it's intense," Feicht said. "We make each other better, which makes the team better. Literally it's a fight every day, every week for who's going to play. I think that's really cool."

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with his time of 19:29.9 in the 6-kilometer race. Freshman Santos Vargas finished next in 19:39.9. He was 27th overall.

Freshman Colton Hastings (20:06.3) crossed the finish line No. 36 overall ahead of his sophomore teammate Cayle Turpen (20:17.2) who finished No. 39. Freshman

Kasey Hattrup was No. 40 (20:20.2) to round out the scoring for the Vandals.

"I think they probably were less consistent throughout the race than the women were," Phipps said. "I think it took them a little while to figure things out, and they were probably a little too conservative early on, but that's not really a bad thing in your first race of the year. I think this was a good learning experience for them."

The Vandals don't compete this weekend, but will head to Seattle for the Sundodger Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 15.

"With guys like Santos coming in, and Cayle and Colton coming on this year, we know we need those guys to be right with me as we look forward to WAC," Osborn said of his teammates. "I think we had a good effort today."

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with the mentality her team showed, regardless of what was happening.

"We played some great teams. We definitely had that attitude where we never gave up," Buchanan said. "We'll just continue to work on things. We need to be blocking more balls, reducing errors, those are our biggest things. We get really tight at times and give up a sting of three or four points, so we need to work on that."

While the team wants to win every match they play, the ultimate goal is still to win the Western Athletic Conference and that's why the Vandals are playing in the difficult tournaments they are right now.

For now, Buchanan said she wants the team to learn from their mistakes and prepare for the conference schedule that starts later this month.

"We'll go back and look at film and see how our offense is and what's clicking the most," Buchanan said. "We got beat a lot for being out of position."

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STUMBLE

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Montana (3-3) fired off 25 shots against the Vandals with 11 of them on frame. Meanwhile, Idaho was able to get off 17 shots with six on target.

After a goalless first 45 minutes, Idaho freshman Meli Cortez netted her second goal of the season in the 50th minute after chasing down a loose ball outside the box. The teams then exchanged the next three scores, with Montana's Lauren McCreath tying the match up in the 58th minute.

The next goal came off the foot of Idaho's all-time leading scorer Small, who converted a 60th minute penalty kick into the bottom right corner.

The Griz were able to equalize in the 75 minute

through Erin Craig, tying the match once again at 2-2. The score would remain that way until the 107th minute of double overtime, when Montana's Mackenzie Akins took a rebounded shot inside the six yard box and shot it home for the match winner.

"That was a match I really think we deserved to win, we played well and we should be proud of our effort," Showler said. "What adversity builds is great character for these girls. It's a great experience for the team to be in these types of matches."

Idaho continues its road trip at 4 p.m. Friday when they take on Miami in Coral Gables, Fl. They then face Florida International at 2 p.m. Sunday in Miami.


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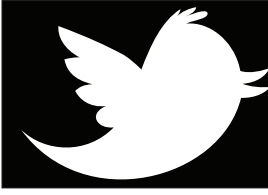
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OUR VIEW



Unfair choice

UI employees shouldn't have to choose between incentives and students' hard-earned scholarships

The expectation at the University of Idaho is that students will learn from professors who have academic and real world knowledge of their field. It is the responsibility of university faculty and staff to provide students with the best education possible — and it is UI's responsibility to provide its employees with incentives and benefits to ensure the retention of that quality.

UI recently approved a benefit for dependents of university employees that waived 50 percent of the student's tuition. But by accepting the tuition waiver, dependents forfeit thousands of dollars they earned in institutional aid.

In-state tuition at UI is about \$4,230 per year without additional fees. The tuition waiver saves UI employee dependents \$2,115. Dependents could also be eligible for anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,500 in institutional scholarships, not including other

university scholarships.

Between scholarships and the tuition waiver, dependents' tuition would be entirely, or almost, paid for. However, they would still have to pay for other university expenditures such as textbooks and housing. But university officials say dependents cannot have institutional aid and the tuition waiver because it would result in a decrease of revenue for UI.

Keith Ickes, UI executive director of planning and budget, estimates that about 93 students were eligible for institutional aid and the tuition waiver, which he expects to result in a loss of about \$150,000 to the university — a miniscule amount in comparison to the more than \$400 million annual university budget.

UI's concerns are based on the financial implications of the policy, but the greater issue is the impact on faculty, staff and students.

The tuition waiver was prop-

osed to be an incentive for UI employees, to recruit and maintain valuable staff — who received a 2 percent Change in Employee Compensation in March. While the 2 percent raise and 50 percent tuition reduction are a step in the right direction, it doesn't compensate for the six years university employees went without pay raises.

Not only that, but UI employees and dependents were not made aware of the new stipulation until an email was sent out on Aug. 12, the week before classes started.

UI uses scholarship programs such as Go Idaho to keep the "best and brightest" students in Idaho. It is based on students' GPAs and test scores, a testament to their hard work in high school. The tuition waiver is based on providing an incentive for UI employees who haven't received a raise in years to make the university competitive with other employers.

Forcing UI employees to choose

between their incentive and their student's hard-earned scholarships is unfair. It could deter students and employees from UI when they could move to other higher education institutions that provide a greater employee incentive for dependents and don't require students to forfeit their scholarships — Boise State University is one of those institutions.

The struggle to fund higher education across the country especially affects those who make higher education possible. Without the faculty and staff who run every aspect of UI — from janitors to Ph.D. professors — the university would not exist.

The high quality of UI faculty and staff who have a genuine desire to educate is an incentive for many students to choose UI over its peer institutions, but university employees need incentives too.

—EE and KK



Shane Wellner
Argonaut

How did you spend your Labor Day weekend?



"I spent my weekend, learning how to ride a bike. That's right, I'm 19 years old and I never learned how to ride a bike. Luckily, I've got some stubborn cousins who wanted me to learn. I still can't ride a bike, but I'm better than I was three days ago."

Rachael Guenther

"Spent the weekend enjoying that sun and warmth before the harsh, wet coldness."

Sam Koester



"I went up to St. Maries for Paul Bunyon Days and had a great time between the river lot, fair, fireworks show and great friends. I even taught someone older than me to skip rocks on the river."

Tyler S. M. Andersen

"Helping my family make a load of wood so they wouldn't freeze this winter."

Jenifer Von Bargaen



"Rode my bike to Troy and back. Then had a wonderful dinner at the neighbor's house with my family."

William Kerr

Mail Box

Schizophrenic society

Dear Editor,
In response to Brian Marceau's column on patterns in American gun violence:

I like how you addressed the issue of America's gun violence. Your citing of the U.S. Secret Service study was educational. This is a very complex issue and this study is only a single aspect — the intrapersonal and psychological aspect.

It does not explain why folks with similar psychological profiles in other cultures do not choose to shoot others. The "discomfit" with politicians that you reference is also a major aspect — in so far as American culture places a high value on appearing nice and clean, throwing a tarp over what is ugly and messy, and moving on. The culture itself could be characterized as schizophrenic. When the CNN reporter goes out to interview the neighbor of the shooter, what does the neighbor invariably say? "Oh, he was so ordinary, quiet, nice."

Keep tackling this kind of subject matter. Make folks uncomfortable. Thanks.

—Todd Broadman
Office Manager, Parking and Transportation Services

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

You've started something

Oh Dusty Springfield, you sure do know how to brighten up a cloudy day.

—Kasen

Won the weekend

Oregon relieved my Idaho depression by scoring 50 points in the first half of Saturday's game. De'Anthony Thomas and Marcus Mariota (MAWR-e-oh-ta) could make a special trip to New York this season.

—Theo

Life is good

Really, really good. That's all.

—Chloe

Sweet basil

Thin crust, melty-cheese deliciousness in Walla Walla, Wash. I recommend the pesto pizza.

#nom

—Lindsey

For real

We're takin' over the Bayou this weekend! LSU is #HuskyBait

—Sean

Boil them in oil

Got a deep fryer for my birthday. Aside from making tasty eats, it will also double as a home-defense measure should Viking longships be sailing up the fjord.

—Joseph

To the workin' man

Thank you to everyone who is employed in one fashion or another. Because of you I enjoyed a beautiful three day weekend on the lake with some absolutely wonderful people. Feeling rejuvenated and ready to take on the world.

—Kaitlyn

Take my hands, Boss

Rest in peace Michael Clarke Duncan. Your performance in "The Green Mile" still ranks as one of the all-time best movies, followed of course by your performance in "Talladega Nights."

—Madison

Rainbows, too

Always be yourself, unless you can be a unicorn. Then always be a unicorn.

—Molly

Someday

I hope to be wise enough to create my own profound quotes based on my observations about life. Until then, I will live by others' words who know more than I do. "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible.'" — Audrey Hepburn

—Elisa

It's getting real

Don't forget to have fun, people.

—Katy

A short work week

Is like trying to fit into your little sister's jeans. Ouch.

—Amrah

Senior year

No rules.

—Britt

Fitting in fitness at UI

Celebrate “America on the Move” month by getting sweaty

The first couple weeks of the semester are in the books, and routines are beginning to settle into place. Creating good healthy habits, setting priorities and figuring out how it all fits together is a balancing act that is not always easy to manage, but if I can offer one piece of advice, make sure there’s time left in the day to get sweaty.

While life is busy, a workout

should rank up there someplace between taking a shower and brushing your teeth — taking care of yourself should never be sacrificed for finishing a to-do list. Physical activity will help to reduce stress, improve your mood, improve sleep quality, manage weight, prevent (or manage) diseases, improve self-esteem, strengthen the immune system and boost energy. You might say that it’s good for whatever ails you. With the workload, energy

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demands and schedule of the average college student, exercise is just too valuable to skip.

Finding time is the hard part, but finding something to do on this campus is easy. Mountain bike Mondays, Gravity class at lunch time, using the treadmill while watching your favorite TV show, intramurals in the evening, spinning, yoga, Zumba, club sports, hiking, running, swimming, lifting, climbing, rafting, and the list goes on. Between the

University of Idaho Swim Center, the great outdoors, and the Student Recreation Center with their slogan “Find What Moves You,” there are endless options for any fitness level. Whether you enjoy organized sports, fitness classes, outdoor recreation, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, or a little bit of everything, there’s literally something here for everyone.

Aside from the opportunities to be active at UI, fitness is celebrated nationally in September as it is “America on the Move” month, and a reminder for everyone to make physical activity

a staple in their daily or at least weekly plans. If you’re looking for some guidelines, the American College of Sports Medicine recommends that everyone get a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise five days a week, but the activity that you spend those two and a half hours on each week is completely up to you.

To keep your mojo and motivation pumping, find a workout buddy, schedule your exercise time, find activities that you enjoy and mix it up. Have fun, be creative, and remember to get sweaty.

Apple versus Samsung: Recent legal decision limits marketplace competition and hurts consumers

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The Apple v. Samsung verdict was a big win for Apple, but it was a loss for consumers.

During the trial, Apple argued that Samsung had violated several of its patents, including those covering the iPhone’s design, rounded-square icons and “pinch to zoom” technology.

In his closing arguments, Apple attorney Harold McElhinny pointed to documents he said showed Samsung’s panic after the iPhone came out, according to The Verge. McElhinny said Samsung officials met with Google officials, who said Samsung phones were too similar in design to Apple’s, but Samsung officials did not change the design.

Lawyers for Samsung disagreed and said design for Samsung phones

predated the release of the iPhone.

Samsung attorney Charles Viehman said: “Your (the judge’s) decision, if you go Apple’s way, could change the way competition works in this country ... Rather than competing in the marketplace, Apple is seeking a competitive edge in the courtroom,” according to CNET.

The jury agreed with Apple and said Samsung violated six patents. Samsung said it would appeal and criticized the decision, saying it would decrease competition in the market and be worse for the average consumer.

According to Businessweek, Apple on Monday listed eight Samsung smartphones it wants banned in the United States: Galaxy S 4G, Galaxy S2 AT&T, Galaxy S2, Galaxy S2 T-Mobile, Galaxy S2 Epic 4G, Galaxy S

Showcase, Droid Charge and Galaxy Prevail. U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh had already banned the Galaxy Tab 10.1 and said it violated a design patent.

The patents violated by Samsung, according to the jury from the case, ranged from software, to aesthetics, to outer shell design. Apple’s double-tap-to-zoom function when viewing documents worked similarly to Samsung models. Additionally, the “bounce-back” feature that happens when users scroll beyond the edge of a page was mimicked. The third feature copied from Apple by Samsung, was the ability of Apple products to read multi-finger touches previously devices could only read single-touch commands.

The icons on several Samsung phones, most notably the phone

and clock buttons, were both similar in shape and design.

Apple had patented the overall shape of earlier generations of the iPhone, most notably the rounded back of the white iPhone. Lastly, the iPhone’s black colored, rounded-edged, square design had protection under Apple’s patents.

The consequences of this landmark verdict are numerous and many future innovations in the way of smart phones, not to mention consumer choices, are sure to be affected by this decision.

Though not the explicit point, the most immediate and literal translation of the trial will mean that smart phones and tablet computers will need to start looking different to avoid backlash from Apple. But thinking honestly and practically, how many ways can a phone look? A rectangular phone with

rounded edges is ergonomic and utilitarian. It fits into hands and slips into pockets. Any other shape would be senseless and any other edge seems to be going backward. True, as simple as the design protected may be, it is the property of Apple. But because Apple was able to win out as it did, consumers will probably see less product design crossover, meaning fewer cheaper models of products.

The other five patent violations, which are slightly more understandable, still point to a regression in smartphone technology.

Although we don’t understand several of the intricacies of patent law involved in the case, we do know it’s bad news for consumers. When Apple has a legal monopoly over intrinsic aspects of smartphone design and technology, consumers lose.



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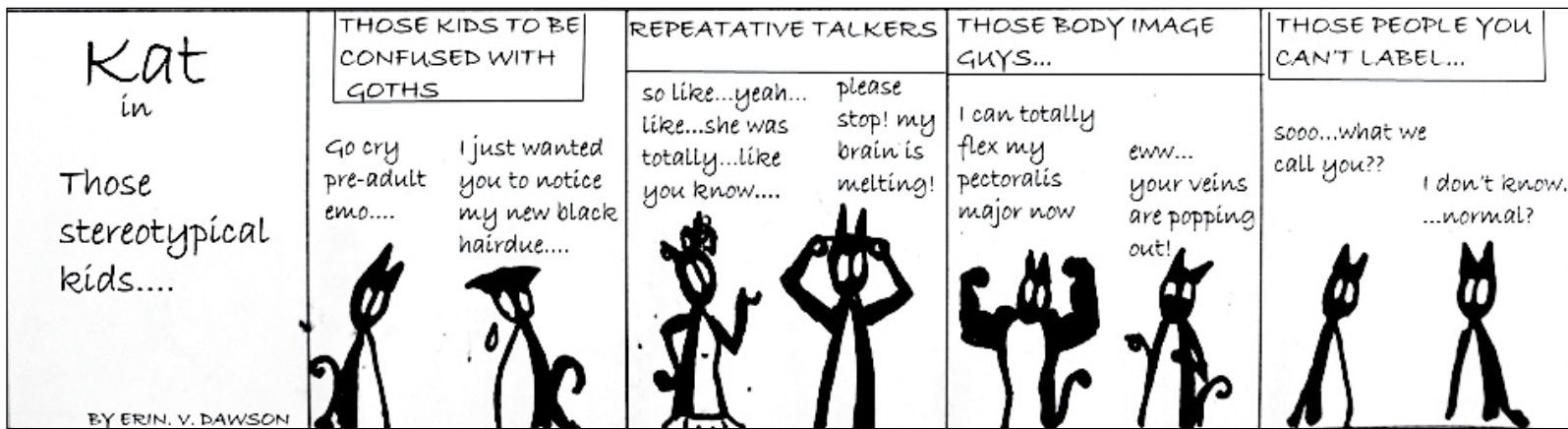
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