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## Putting the 'van' in Vandal



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University of Idaho junior Jet Johnstone relaxes in the doorway of his 1984 Econoline van which he has been living in for the last month. Currently located on First Street near Zions Bank, Johnstone moves his van periodically to get a change of scenery. Johnstone said he plans to live in his van at least for the remainder of the semester.

## University of Idaho student on streets due to financial difficulties

David Humphreys  
Argonaut

As a downtown streetlamp shines its beams through the windshield and bathes the van's interior with annoying light, Jet Johnstone shields his eyes with a bandana in hopes of having his first restful night's sleep in three weeks.

With the sound of traffic and stumbling drunks penetrating the thin sheet-metal of his 1984 Econoline van, the University of Idaho student wrestles for sleep on his make-shift mattress. This is the North Idaho College junior transfer's new home.

"I almost want to say that

this was forced upon me," Johnstone said. "I come from a middle-class family, but they're really stingy (parents). They said 'As long as you're going to school, we'll pay for your books.' That's all I get for financial help from my parents, like \$400 dollars a semester."

UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman recognizes student homelessness as a growing problem within Moscow. He said with a dwindling economy, families are coping with the cost of higher education. "I admire what they're trying to do," Pitman said.

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## Squirrel causes power outage

Emily Aizawa  
Argonaut

University of Idaho students on campus Saturday morning may have experienced a power outage, consequences of a squirrel blowing one of the fuses from a main power source, said Director of Facilities, Mark Labolle.

"It is very common for animals to cause electrical outages," he said. "In my last 20 years, there have been three other instances involving a squirrel and a power outage."

There are two feeders that feed all of campus, one in central Moscow and the other in north Moscow, Labolle said. A feeder is a circuit that carries a large block of power from the service equipment to either a sub-feeder panel, branch circuit panel or a point at which the block power is broken into smaller circuits.

There is a three phase power that runs campus. One of these phases shut down, Labolle said, giving half the buildings on campus only

partial power.

"It is a worst case possible scenario to lose only one of the phases," he said. "I have been here 20 years and this is the first time it has ever happened."

A lot of electronic equipment was lost and thousands of dollars of damage has already been identified, Labolle said.

When the power went out, Avista came to help UI facilities with the damage, he said. Since the damage was so severe, neither Avista nor UI had the parts to completely fix the problem, though Avista was able to get power back on.

Labolle said the correct parts had to be ordered, so campus will switch to one feeder when the electrical load is low to completely fix the problem Sunday morning. This procedure of fully switching all of campus to one feeder can be done without turning power off to campus, he said.

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## In brief WSU professor arrested for rape

Washington State University Associate Political Science professor Andrew Appleton, 51, was arrested for the rape of a juvenile female Tuesday.

Moscow police met Appleton, a Moscow resident, at East City Park and arrested him at the police department, Lt. Paul Kwiatkowski said.

"He didn't answer any questions after that point," Kwiatkowski said.

The rape charges stem from 2010, when Appleton had sexual relations with a 16-year-old female, according to the Lewiston Tribune.

Kwiatkowski said the female, who is almost 19, is a Moscow resident.

He said Appleton's bond was set at \$100,000 by the Latah County 2nd District Court.

Appleton paid his bond Thursday, and has been removed from WSU duties.

## Robbery at Pizza Hut

A former Pizza Hut employee

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Jesse Hart | Argonaut

University of Idaho sophomore Clayton Gianopolos takes an alcohol screening survey Thursday at the Commons. Part of UI Safety Week, the screening gave students a chance to evaluate their alcohol use to make safer choices or seek help if needed.

## Sex, alcohol, relationships

University of Idaho Safety Week underway as participation soars

Erin Roetker &  
Katy Sword  
Argonaut

University of Idaho Safety Week has already been a success, according to Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

"We are very pleased with the participation last night at the safety forum," Pitman said. "We thought Tyson (Wooten) did a nice job and students seemed to appreciate his message."

Pitman said there were several students who approached Wooten after the speech to talk with him.

Thursday events included an alcohol screening, the OUT Lunch discussing health and wellness and the Got Sex? talk focused on healthy relationships.

"We had very high participation in the alcohol screening activity today and that program was sponsored by our counseling center," Pitman said. "We are pleased thus far and glad we have a number of days to focus on this important issue and grateful for those who have committed to put these programs on."

The Got Sex? talk was hosted by Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and was expected to have between 30 and 40 people in attendance, according to the Women's Center Program Coordinator Lysa Salsbury.

"(The program) will discuss key elements to a healthy relationship such as respect, personal boundaries and healthy

conflict," Salsbury said. They will also address warning signs of risky relationships and tools for communication, according to a press release.

"Our hope is that all students get involved," Salsbury said. "There is a high amount of women involvement. This week though isn't just for women. Men can raise awareness too."

Julia Keleher, LGBTQA Office coordinator planned the OUT Lunch.

"The goal is for students to start to think about looking out for each other and really being aware," Keleher said.

The week will end with Take Back the Night on Sept. 27, an event held every fall that includes speakers and a candlelit march on campus.

Pitman said he is optimistic there will be continued participation in all of the events, but the program will be evaluated after it ends to determine what changes are necessary for next year.

"We've made a commitment to each other to evaluate how this has gone and undoubtedly will make some adjustments," Pitman said. "Every time we make an effort like this we have to sit down and evaluate. We certainly know Safety Week will continue next fall, but we will make sure to evaluate before deciding the contents."

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# Rolo cookies

Katy Sword  
 Crumbs

These have quickly become my go-to chocolate craving satisfiers. Not only are they delicious — addictively so — they are so easy and impossible to mess up. With only four ingredients and a quick cook time, they satisfy cravings in 10 minutes or less.

**Ingredients:**  
 1 package Devil's Food Cake mix (you could try others, but why mess with a good thing?)  
 Rolos (The amount varies. I use about 2 and a half single packages, but if you can find the unwrapped mini's those work too. It all depends on how much cookie you want sur-

rounding the Rolo.)  
 2 eggs  
 1/3 cup vegetable oil  
 Powdered sugar for dusting

**How to:**  
 Mix the cake mix, eggs and oil together. A mixer is easier, but it can be done with a fork as well. Because this mix doesn't have additional liquids, it can be tough to mix by hand. As long as it is clearly mixed and starts to form one giant ball, you're good.  
 Once mixed, take a small portion (this is where it can vary). I typically only use enough to cover the Rolo completely, but I like caramel throughout.

Take the mix and put a Rolo inside each glob. This means using your hands, but it's worth it.  
 Bake at 350 degrees for about 7 minutes.

Sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Try not to eat too many.

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# Diversity everywhere

New ASUI Director of Diversity to focus on safety, education, celebration

**Kaitlyn Krasselt**  
Argonaut

Sam Hansen, ASUI director of diversity, is easily recognized in the ASUI office as the girl with blue hair. Without it, she doesn't feel like her best self.

"It's like an amplifier for all the best parts of my personality," Hansen said.

Hansen's hair also exemplifies the concept of diversity that she hopes to spread throughout campus this year. "Diversity is everyone. Every single person — even if they think that they are totally hooked into dominant culture — is diverse," Hansen said. "You can't have diversity without a dominant culture, so that in itself is diversity."

Hansen said everyone should be encouraged to participate in diversity.

"You can't have just a homogenous culture, especially not here. Diversity helps people enrich their lives

because everyone comes from a different perspective, Hansen said. "People should embrace multiculturalism because ... we get so tied up in race being the only form of diversity, but we know that's not the case."

Hansen's goal for the year is to increase the visibility of diversity on campus through safety, education and celebration of diversity.

"When we're still developing a multicultural identity I think that it's really important to focus on safety first because when people disagree that's when you end up with issues of safety," Hansen said.

To address the issue of diversity safety, Hansen plans to promote and develop a policy that would require mandatory safety and sensitivity training for all incoming students. Hansen is working with the ASUI Senate Support Task Force and plans to work with university administration to develop this policy.

"It's a pretty big policy push and a big project, but I'm really excited about it," Hansen said.

Diversity education, the second component of Hansen's goal, will likely take place in the spring in the form of an event based on Tunnel of Oppression, an interactive, visual-performance based tour that is focused on increasing education about oppression.

"(This event) happens very frequently in the university collegiate sphere," Hansen said. "I'm expanding that to include all different kinds of campus stereotypes."

Hansen said the event will focus on a broad spectrum of issues, but will be heavily focused on the campus community.

"It will be really relevant to what people are experiencing right now at U of I," Hansen said. "Not just in general, but very specific. We'll deal with Greek and non-Greek, athletic vs. non-athletic, body image, disabilities, racial identities, cultural identities and all of that."

Hansen's final goal for the year will be the celebration of diversity.

"I'm going to do a fun event called Festival of Color that is also pretty



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut  
Samantha Hansen, the new director of diversity for ASUI, works with a colleague on Sept. 13 in the ASUI office on the third floor of the Idaho Commons.

prominent in other universities and that is based on an Indian holiday called Holi," Hansen said.

Hansen said the event is slated to take place in April.

"It's really just a fun celebratory day where they throw paint and colored powder at each other and I thought, 'you know, we don't get a lot of representation of Asian cultures on campus and we have a Nepalese student association and an Indian association,'" Hansen

said. "I decided to contact them and see how we could do this because it sounds like the most fun thing to do on a college campus."

Hansen said the event will likely be hosted as a fundraiser for a local charity.

"We'll have living groups buy colors and then we'll also sell colors on the day so people can buy different colors," Hansen said. "Basically the goal is to get as colorful as possible. That'll be the fun side of diversity —

increasing campus climate in a good way."

Hansen said although her goals are large, she enjoys being busy and involved on campus, and is looking forward to being a part of ASUI this year.

"I was appointed in the spring for the fall, so I had all summer to think and plan and that's what I did," Hansen said.

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Amrah Canul | Argonaut  
Michael Crowl, right, senior at the University of Idaho with the Air Force ROTC at Washington State University, waits for an autograph from Senior Airman Joshua Drake of the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team Thursday in the Idaho Commons Plaza. The national Honor Guard performed for the cadets of WSU, UI and LCSC.



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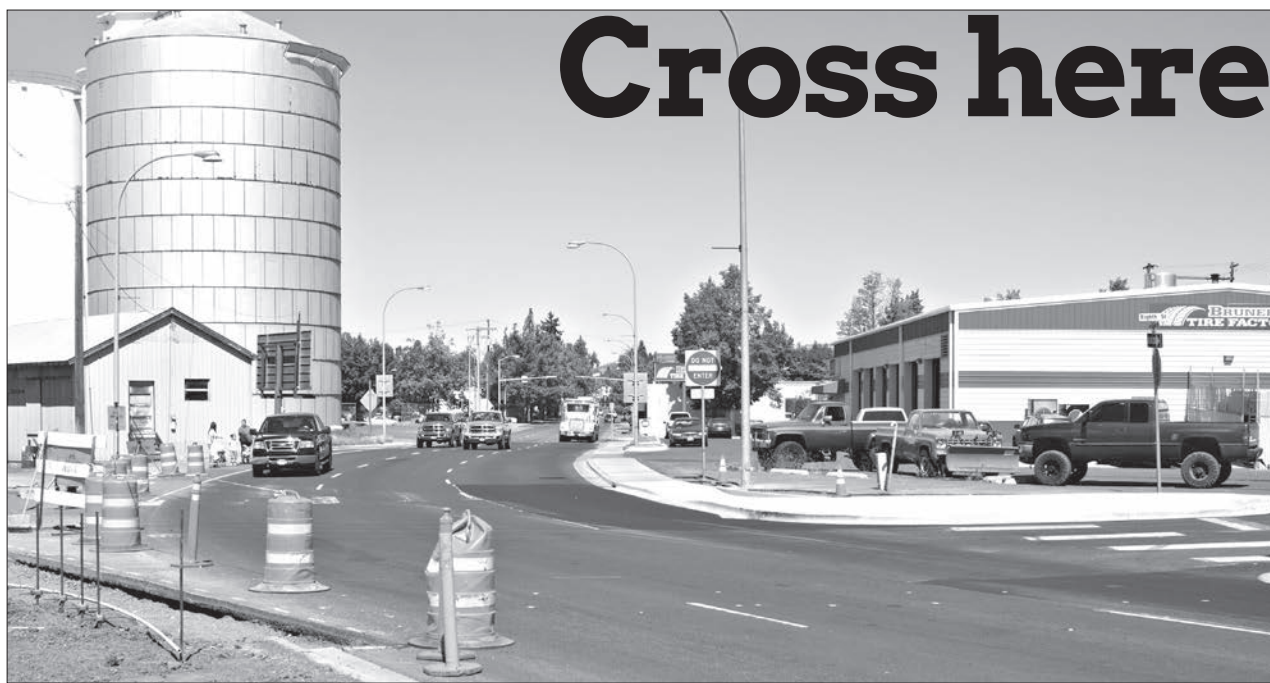
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The intersection of Jackson and College Street, is marked for construction. The intersection is also the future site of a possible pedestrian bridge. Construction is expected to be completed in November.

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The Moscow City Hall basement will under go renovations. Construction is slated following an assessment by Castellaw Kom Architects.

Hayden Crosby | Argonaut

## Old place, new space

Allison Griffith  
Argonaut

Moscow City Hall—the old post office building on the corner of Washington and Third Street—is looking to renovate its basement.

Before plans can be made to renovate, an assessment of the basement has to be conducted, said Parks and Recreation Director Dwight Curtis.

“It will let us know how feasible renovation is,” he said. “The assessment is not to exceed \$8,000.”

Moscow City is looking

at Castellaw Kom Architects, a firm that specializes in older structures, to complete the assessment, Curtis said. It will also help identify issues that will come with renovation before the city commits its resources.

“A thorough study will more clearly identify project parameters, identify costs and allow for more accurate budgeting” he said.

Curtis said the assessment will take three weeks to a month.

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The installation of a new pedestrian bridge connecting Paradise Path across College Street and Paradise Creek could happen as early as November, as long as the City of Moscow is able to acquire adequate funding for the project, said Bill Belknap, Community Development Director for the City of Moscow.

Belknap said the city council has authorized the project contingent upon the identification of funding, but he expects the process to go smoothly in the coming weeks.

“The city had applied for a grant ... to do some sidewalk work that included this pedestrian bridge installation as well as the installation of sidewalks in front of the SAE house on Sweet Ave.,” Belknap said.

Belknap said the city was able to fund the sidewalk installation through savings in the Intermodal Transit Center project and construction should begin

within the next month.

“The pedestrian bridge is something that we were not able to do within that project, so we applied for a grant to try to fund that,” Belknap said. “We were not successful in receiving that grant, but due to some other project savings in the transit center project as well as some of the match funding ... it looks like we are very close to being able to fund the installation of that bridge which we’ve estimated at about \$64,000.”

Belknap said the bridge would benefit the university as well as the community by connecting the Paradise Path and improving the flow of pedestrian traffic in the area.

“It’s a fairly high traffic area and it’s also the crossing for the Paradise Path. It’s fairly heavy utilized by bicyclists or walkers that are using the path system there,” Belknap said. “Right now path users essentially have to cross College Street and use a fairly narrow five-foot-wide sidewalk and make another hard 90 degree turn to get

back onto the path system.”

Carl Root, director for university parking and transportation, said the bridge will tie together the new college street design which currently includes sidewalks that dead end at the creek.

“It was clear that is was very important to have this pedestrian bridge because if you didn’t do it then people are just going to come along that side of the street and have to cross the street ... and that gets to not as nice of a pedestrian circulation,” Root said.

Root said that the bridge, which was originally part of the construction plans for College Street and the ITC will complete the project.

“We’re really excited about the new building, the ITC. We’re on schedule and we’re looking at substantial completion by the end of October, so we can hopefully move in in the early part of November,” Root said. “It’s going to be a real transportation center and it’s going to facilitate better communication and better planning

and I think that’s going to be a real positive thing for the campus and it’s going to be a positive thing for the community of Moscow and the county and the region.”

Belknap said that once funding for the bridge is approved, he anticipates an eight-week timeline for the actual installation of the bridge.

“There really are two or three big benefits to the pedestrian bridge,” Belknap said. “The first is improving that paradise path crossing ... the second is that as part of the college street sidewalk we will be installing nice 16-foot wide sidewalks...and that sidewalk is just going to dead end at the creek on the Southside. This pedestrian bridge will provide that crossing for the new sidewalk facilities that we’re putting over on College to connect into the campus core. This provides enhanced access to the transit center as well.”

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**VAN**  
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"I also fear for them and have concerns that they will have so many challenges, that it's unlikely that they will achieve their goal. Going to schools is hard enough without facing the problems that come with living in desperate poverty."

According to Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department, a homeless college student is a rare occurrence. A five-year veteran of the force, Lehmitz said he has been in contact with three students who have found themselves homeless.

"Unfortunately, (homeless students) went hand-in-hand with mental illness," Lehmitz said. "They would try and go to school and after the first semester, they would kind of get off their medication or start partying. After that, things would go south."

Lehmitz said that after getting into trouble legally or academically, the three homeless students were all evicted from campus housing and were forced to search for places to stay. After spending time in various areas of the city, the homeless students eventually dropped out of school and disappeared, he said.

"As a Lieutenant based on the UI campus, I start seeing these things manifest on campus before they hit the city," Lehmitz said. "These individuals may be having issues with harassment and can't live in the dorms anymore because

they've committed a battery. They would then be booted out of the campus living areas at this point."

Johnstone said he has found himself on the street not due to mental illness, but because of financial difficulties. Although he worked two jobs during the summer and paid off his tuition for the academic year, the Coeur d'Alene native said he is down to his last few dollars. Fueled by optimism and self-reliance, Johnstone said he is confident that he will eventually be able to live comfortably in his van.

"It's actually been slightly more pleasant than I had expected," Johnstone said. "If I did fall down in life and had some situation that really knocked me out, I know now that I could still get by. Another nice thing is that if I hate my neighbors, I can always pick up and move."

Johnstone has parked his van in the 24-hour parking section near First and Lincoln Street, allowing him to stay overnight without receiving any fines. Lehmitz said camping in a vehicle within a non-metered area is legal. Johnstone said he still plans to move every week to get a change of scenery.

"The location that I'm at isn't bad, but I don't think I could stay here for more than a week," Johnstone said. "I imagine I'll do a small rotation around the city, as long as it doesn't have a metered spot. Where I'm at now is

kind of a prime location, being so close to school."

Finding a homeless student within city limits, although rare, raised an important issue for Lehmitz. He said he first investigates how the students found themselves in that situation. After starting a conversation with the student, Lehmitz suggests other living accommodations the homeless student could use.

"There's hundreds, if not thousands, of apartments and alternatives to sleeping on the street," Lehmitz said. "I would try to hook them up with an apartment manager or leaseholder. We try to direct them to different resources if we come across them."

As a member of the Moscow Task Force, Pitman is also working to solve the city's homeless issues.

"There's a lot going on right now in Moscow related to taking an inventory of services that are available and needs that should be addressed," Pitman said. "We're also working on a program to help homeless families have temporary shelter."

Living in his van has given Johnstone an opportunity to explore both his limits and himself.

"I've always found that I have a wild heart and being tied down is like having your heart in a cage," Johnstone said. "To be honest, I don't feel like I'm sacrificing much."

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**STONE'S SOULFUL SONGS**



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Allen Stone, R&B/Soul singer from Seattle, performed Tuesday night before a crowd of 375 people in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Stone has reached the No. 2 spot on iTunes for R&B/Soul.



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

The Living Learning Community was one of the areas affected by the power outage that occurred Saturday on campus. The LLCs were the only student housing buildings affected.

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"No utility can guarantee that there won't be a power outage. It is expected that we will have one or two power outages a year," Labolle said. "People should plan for these. Just like at home, it's no different on campus, just at a larger scale."

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been charged with armed robbery for stealing money from the restaurant and forcing employees into the walk-in freezer.

Lt. David Lehmitz said the man entered the restaurant wearing a mask and gloves, and that he had a weapon.

"He didn't say

anything, but it was pretty obvious what he was there for," Lehmitz said.

He said he forced one of the employees to open the safe, and then forced the employees into the freezer.

One of the employees called the police from the freezer, and police apprehended the man in the area, Lehmitz said.

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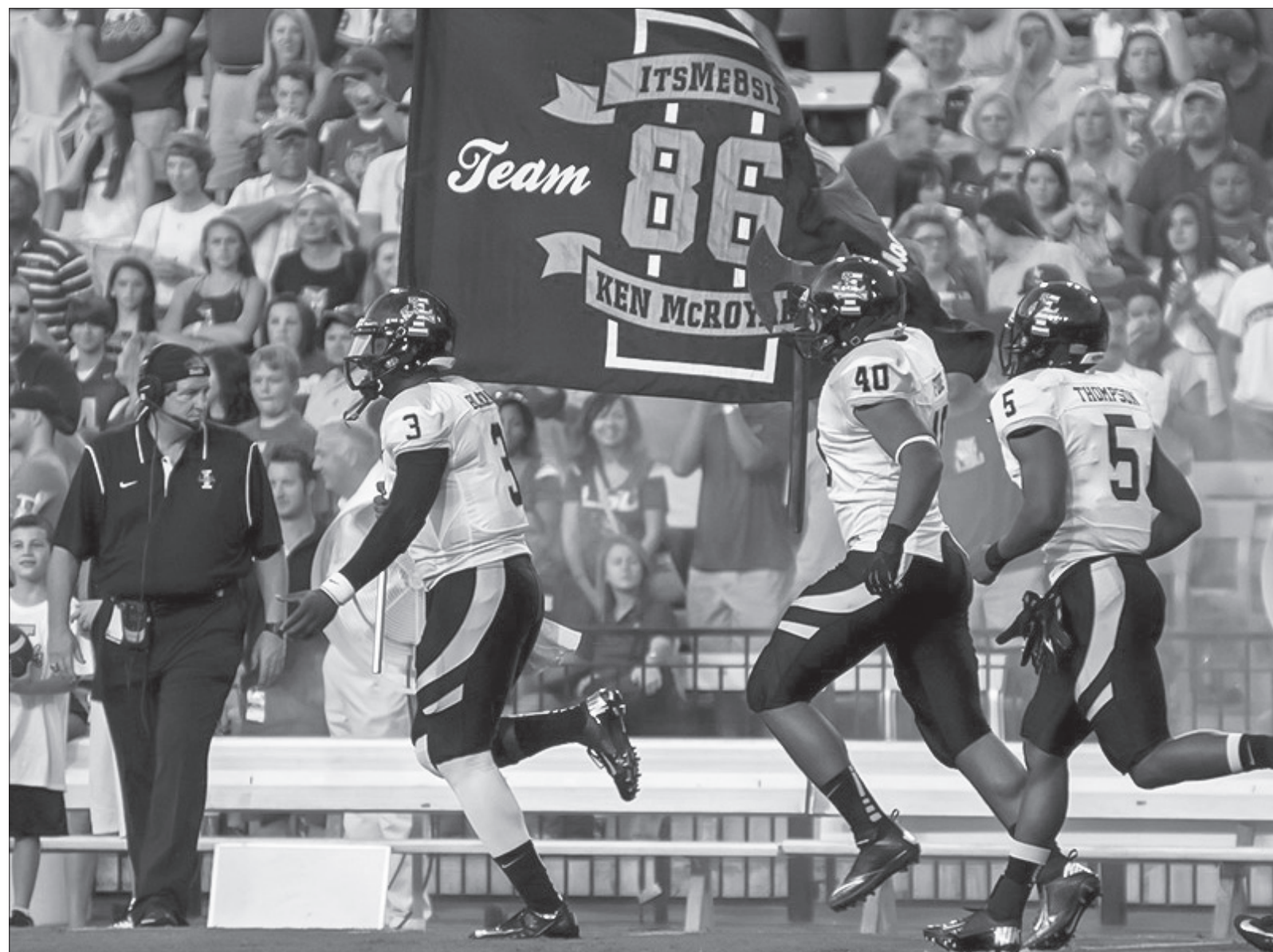


# SPORTS



The Vandal tennis team is splitting forces this weekend and will appear in tournaments at Baylor and Eastern.

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Ilya Pinchuk | Courtesy

Junior quarterback Dominique Blackman, the cousin of ex-Vandal wide receiver Ken McRoyal, carries out a flag in memory of McRoyal. Each game, the flag bearer is someone who represents the "Ken McRoyal work ethic" standard.

## Flag flies high for McRoyal

Sean Kramer  
Argonaut

From the day Ken McRoyal lost his life, his cousin, junior quarterback Dominique Blackman, has been doing anything and everything possible to honor his cousin, best friend and teammate. On Sept. 15 in McRoyal's home state of Louisiana, Blackman was given what could be considered the highest of honors.

He ran out onto the field at Tiger Stadium prior to Idaho's clash with LSU, carrying the Ken McRoyal flag Idaho has hoisted in each of its games this season.

"That was a great feeling," Blackman said. "It was great to get the opportunity to earn that flag. I ran all the way from end zone to end zone, I made sure everybody

saw me with that flag. It was fun and just another way for me to represent Ken."

Members of McRoyal's family that were present at the game snapped many pictures of the moment, Blackman said.

"They loved it, they got pictures of me with it, all my family members have shirts now with me holding the flag they're wearing to the game," he said.

The flag made its debut in the season opener against Eastern Washington. Coaches and players decided they wanted to honor McRoyal in this way.

Players had hinted on Twitter in the days leading up to the game that they had something big planned and were able to keep it a secret until

they came out of the tunnel.

"We had a few things in mind. We knew we had to do something to honor him, besides the wristband," senior wide receiver Mike Scott said. "We bring out the American flag as a symbol of somebody who has worked hard the previous week before that. So we thought we should bring a flag in his honor to every game and bring it wherever we go. It's a reminder that he's still here with us."

Scott earned the opportunity to carry the flag out against Eastern Washington. The opportunity to lead the team onto the field with the flag is determined the week before by the "Ken McRoyal work ethic" standard.

"He played with a lot of

passion, he goes hard every play with maximum effort," Blackman said.

Along with the flag, the players wear No. 86 wristbands, many of the receivers have dedications written to McRoyal on their pads and many have dedicated their Twitter accounts to him.

But the flag was significant for bigger reasons.

"We thought, 'What better way than to have a big flag, to have him put up on it and to run out representing us, saying he'll be on the sideline with us,'" offensive coordinator Jason Gesser said. "We can all look at it and always know

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Wide receiver Camryn Harris, from Dublin, Calif., runs the ball down the field during practice Wednesday at the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals will take on University of Wyoming 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

## Desperation time

0-3 Idaho and Wyoming meet in Kibbie Dome Saturday with a lot to prove

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

It couldn't have been scripted more perfectly. The University of Wyoming and the University of Idaho — two schools that have achieved everything it takes to be imperfect this season.

Two mid-level FBS schools from rival conferences will meet in an attempt to erase early season disaster and pick up their first win of the season.

What can be guaranteed? The host Vandals or visiting Cowboys will walk out of the Kibbie Dome Saturday with a 1-3 record. The other will continue down misery road with a less than convincing 0-4 mark.

Even more unique about this specific match-up is that Idaho and Wyoming have fallen to opponents of almost the exact same caliber. For Idaho it was Eastern Washington, Bowling Green and LSU. For Wyoming, 0-3 has come at the expense of Cal Poly, Toledo and Texas.

"It's time now to play the way we're capable of playing, that we put these things together, that we've been working to," coach Robb Akey said. "The time is now for that to be able to happen ... Certainly it's been a little aggravating to be sitting here without a win in the fourth game of the season."

Similar to how Idaho hung with LSU for two quarters last weekend in Death Valley, the Cowboys outscored the Big 12 Longhorns in the first and fourth quarters. The problem — Texas combined for 24 points in the second and third quarters while holding their opponents scoreless.

Slaughter-fests in Baton Rouge and Austin were to be expected. Upsets at the hands of FCS lightweights, scheduled intentionally to guarantee at least one season win, were anything but.

Slated to square off with tougher opponents two weeks from now as Idaho meets North Carolina of the ACC and Wyoming visits Reno and Mountain West foe Nevada, Saturday could be either team's last chance to kick off a bowl run.

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## Sports Briefs

### Vandal men release tentative TV schedule

Idaho men's basketball has released its television schedule for the 2012-2013 season, which includes at least five games that are guaranteed to be broadcasted. A press release from the Western Athletic Conference stated that the ESPN family of networks will broadcast at least two and up to three games. The Vandals' away leg at Louisiana Tech., on Thursday, Jan. 17 along with a home match-up with WAC powerhouse Utah State on Thursday, Jan. 31, are the guaranteed games at the moment. If Idaho reaches the WAC Tournament final, it will have one last chance to appear on ESPN. A Nov. 28 rivalry game at Washington State will air on the Pac-12 Network. ROOT Sports will broadcast Idaho vs. Seattle U. at Key Arena, in addition to Idaho vs. Denver in the Cowan Spectrum.

### Olorunnife makes third international stop

The WAC's all-time leading rebounder will make her third stop on what has seemingly been a tour of international basketball at the professional level. Yinka Olorunnife, a former post player for Idaho women's basketball, will join the Townsville Fire of Queensland, Australia, for the 2012-2013 season. Olorunnife was named an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American following her senior season, and the Windsor, Ontario, native has continued to strut her stuff in three separate countries. Following her graduation in Moscow, Olorunnife signed a professional contract to play with Caja Rural, a top flight Spanish team. Deciding that Spanish basketball wasn't the right fit for her, she opted to play in Finland where she led Forssan Alku to a fourth place league finish while averaging 13 points, 10.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists-per-game. In Australia, Olorunnife will team up with ex-Gonzaga standout Kayla Standish and Shanavia Dowdell of La. Tech, both of whom she played against during her time in Moscow.

### Vandal legends to be honored

Ahead of Idaho's clash with Wyoming in the Kibbie Dome Saturday, five former Vandal athletes and an entire Idaho team will be inducted into the 2012 Hall of Fame class. Long-time Idaho supporter Jim Anderson will be inducted to the lifetime support category for his contributions to the athletic department. Ex-football and baseball standout Dick Mooney is also an inductee into the lifetime support category. Former basketball player Riley Smith, who holds the single-season record for field goal percentage (65.1 percent), free throws made (160), and free throw attempts (230) will be in attendance as will tennis standouts Patty Shanander and Cathy

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Steven Devine | Argonaut

Erica Hart attempts a shot on goal while teammate Lauren Layton steps in front during practice Wednesday. The team will play Utah Valley at 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field.

# Skid stoppers

**Madison McCord**  
Argonaut

The sun was supposed to come out tomorrow. That was three weeks ago.

Still sitting on a long losing streak, which is now up to six matches, the Idaho soccer team hopes to rebound this weekend as they face the Utah Valley Wolverines 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field, followed by a road test against UNLV at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Las Vegas.

Idaho's first opponent of the weekend, Utah Valley, has had a very similar season thus far. The Wolverines (1-6-1) are winless in their last six matches with five losses and one draw. The major difference between the two sides is that three of the Wolverines six losses have come in overtime.

"We'll train for that expectancy so they're prepared for 110 minutes," Showler said. "I know our girls are fully prepared for that, but obviously we want to finish teams off in the first 90."

During the Vandals' current losing streak, not only have they been allowing plenty of goals, but they have not been able to counter with goals of their own. While scoring only three goals in that time, Idaho has allowed 21 — a figure senior right back Lauren Layton said needs to be reduced.

"Anytime you get a lot of goals scored on you, it's tough to take mentally," Layton

said. "But before this next game we're going to walk up to that shield that seems to be behind the goal for our offense and break it down so we can score some goals."

Sophomore left back Emily Ngan said allowing that many goals does put a mental strain on the team, but it's not something they can't bounce out of.

"It's totally mental and it really sucks when you get scored on, but we've got to learn for it not to get to us," Ngan said. "We've just got to come back 10 times harder at that next kickoff."

Following Friday's match, the team will travel to Las Vegas to face a UNLV side that, like the Vegas weather, is scorching hot right now. The Rebels (7-2-1) are currently on a six match winning streak which includes victories over Oklahoma, San Jose State and Montana.

The trip to UNLV will also mark the seventh road match the Vandals will play this preseason compared to five home matches, a figure Layton said doesn't bother the team at all.

"Traveling with our team is actually really fun, I don't think it affects us too much," Layton said. "We have really great chemistry and everyone just gets along awesome."

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# NHL lockout spells disaster

In the past 14 months, sports fans have seen lockouts in the NFL, the NBA and now the NHL. Like the other lockouts, the NHL's is centered on cash. The collective bargaining agreement expired and now owners and players are fighting over who gets what.



Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

The two sides need to come to an agreement quickly because the NHL can't afford to go down this road again.

In 2004, the NHL became the first professional sports league to lose an entire season because of a lockout, and it regarded the same thing they're fighting about now. The NHL saw a steady rise of viewership and television time in the early 2000s, but that came to a halt after the non-existent 2004 season. When hockey returned in 2005 it saw lower ratings and less TV slots.

The NHL has just gotten back to where

it should be and it's being threatened again. With the regular season scheduled to start in less than a month, the owners and players need to get this worked out now. The NHL can't afford to go through this again, and the fans deserve better.

Despite a rise in league revenue, the owners want to cut the player's portion of hockey-related revenue from 57 percent to 43 percent. That's millions of dollars of pay-cuts for the players. The NHL Player's Association is obviously opposed to the idea and has actually stated it wants to increase revenue sharing. It's easy to see these groups are on totally different sides here, which means trouble for the upcoming season.

One of the reasons the owners are pushing so hard for more is some NHL teams are struggling financially, and more money would give them more financial stability, although no team is in real danger of going under.

The bottom line here is both sides are being greedy and forgetting about what

is important — playing hockey. Players seem to forget that they get to play a game for a living and owners seem to forget that it's the fans that bring in the money. If this lockout continues the league can expect a backlash like it saw in 2004.

The owners and players know this needs to get resolved, but given the reports that the sides are not close to agreement, it's not likely the season will start on time. In all likelihood it'll be a shortened NHL season, which is better than none. For the sake of the league, the fans and the stadium workers, this cannot be allowed to continue. Losing an entire regular season for the second time in a decade would be disastrous for the future of the NHL. Some players have already stated they'll go play in Europe.

Both sides need to grow up and realize this could affect the future of the league for generations. They need to do what's best for the league, even if it means losing a few bucks.

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Marius Cirstea, senior, strokes a forehand at practice Tuesday. Cirstea and Abid Akbar will play in the Baylor-HEB Invitational this weekend.

## Tennis splits forces

Akbar, Cirstea to play in prestigious Baylor Invitational

**Charles Crowley**  
Argonaut

The Baylor-HEB Invitational and Eastern Washington Invitational will both be held this weekend, and the Vandal men's tennis team will be represented at both in their first competitions of the season.

"Baylor, it's a chance to see how we do against the best competition in the country," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "Eastern, its good level regional competition for our guys that aren't coming back as our top players."

With Baylor being such a high-level tournament, Beaman will only take two players, seniors Marius Cirstea and Abid Akbar, the Vandals' No. 1 and No. 2 players from last year.

"They are both seniors, they played one-two last year, it gives them their shot to start the year off seeing how they do against the very best players in the country," Beaman said.

Cirstea has been to Baylor before and upset the No. 15 ranked singles player in the country.

"Every time, I play really well there. I don't know why exactly, I feel just really well there and play really good," Cirstea said.

Several Vandals had big wins that weekend and Cirstea has had two more years of college experience since then, saying he's curious to see how he fares this year.

This tournament is packed full of top teams such as Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, TCU and others. Not to mention the Baylor Bears, who have been to 14 straight NCAA Championships.

Akbar is aware of the high level of competition.

"It's going to be a tough tournament, not going to have any easy matches, there is going to be tough conditions, pretty hot," Akbar said. "It's going to be challenging and it's going to be fun playing against some good competition at the start of the year."

Cirstea and Akbar will play singles and as a doubles pair at the tournament. Cirstea and Andrew Dobbs won regionals as a pairing last season and advanced to nationals. Akbar has also paired with Dobbs over the course of two years and had a great record.

"I think they are a team that if they click, they can be a top nationally ranked team," Beaman said.

Cirstea thinks they have a good chance of at least winning regionals this year, and they are definitely shooting for it. He said Akbar had some great results last year and looks even better this year.

"His serve is really good this year, like I was actually shocked when I saw him, and his volleys are really good and he moves good at the net," Cirstea said.

Akbar appreciates Cirstea's talent as well, and knows he has big shoes to fill following the impressive results Dobbs and Cirstea had last season.

While Akbar and Cirstea are playing in the hot Texas sun, the rest of the Vandals will be at the Eastern Washington Invitational in Cheney, Wash. This tournament may not have the nationally ranked teams that Baylor will have, but Beaman says they will still see a lot of great players there. He is expecting good results.

"I think we should have guys in the semis, guys in the finals and guys winning flights, but it's also the first competition of the year so it'll be a good barometer," Beaman said.

He said they have the talent to have players in both doubles' finals. Akbar likes the Vandals chances as well.

"I think they will do pretty well — most of them are pretty experienced now — and we have done pretty good in the last few years against other teams that are going to be there," Akbar said.

Both men's tournaments start Friday and end Sunday.

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## On-course consistency paying off

Women's golf finishes in 6<sup>th</sup> place in Corvallis

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

Women's golf traveled to Corvallis, Ore., this week and came away with a sixth place finish resulting from consistent play.

The Vandals competed at the Trysting Tree Golf Club in the 2012 Oregon State Invitational that ran Sept. 17-18. After finishing in a tie for ninth place last week in Colorado, the Vandals' scores improved on a course that was statistically similar.

"From ability to score perspective, they are fairly similar. Twisting Tree provided very good opportunities to birdie the par 5's," Idaho women's golf coach Lisa Johnson said.

After shooting 49 over par in Fort Collins, the Vandals improved 11 strokes to 38 over par in Oregon. "We were much more confident on the golf course as a team this week," Johnson said.

The Vandals' sixth place finish left them in the mix of the tournament as they were only four strokes back from the University of San Francisco's sole possession of fifth place.

From an individual standpoint, the Vandals showed much consistency, as there was no great discrepancy between the one spot and the five spot.

The two spot for the Vandals was sophomore Kaitlyn Oster, who at 7 over par finished in a tie for 17th place. Number one

and sophomore Leilanie Kim at nine over par finished in a tie for 21st. Rounding it out for the Vandals was junior Rachel Choi at 12 over par in a tie for 29th, freshman Kristin Strankman at 15 over par in a tie for 41st and freshman Cassie McKinley at 16 over par in a tie for 48th.

The winning team, Washington, shot a combined 11 under par and there were two teams who shot in the 100's, but this closeness of scores for the Vandals points Johnson toward an element that has been missing from her team for a long time.

"We have much more depth and three more players who could be on the lineup. That's a new opportunity for us," Johnson said. "That competitiveness will only help us improve."

According to Johnson, not only will everyone on this team be looking for playing time, but they also have the drive to be the best player on the team.

One of the best players on the team so far in this early season is Oster, who after being the second best place finisher for the Vandals last week, was their top performer this week.

"She is a phenomenal competitor," Johnson said. "One of the most competitive players I have ever coached."

After spending the first two weeks of the season on the road the Vandals will keep their traveling gear at home as they participate in the WSU Inland Cup on Sept. 24-25 in Pullman.

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## Young team not short on talent

**Stephan Wiebe**  
Argonaut

Two. That's how many scorers the Idaho cross country men return from their 2011 WAC Championship third place team.

Seniors Barry Britt and Jeff Osborn lead a team composed of five underclassmen in addition to the two seniors. The 2012 team is small and young, but if the first two meets of the season are any indication, the team is not short on talent.

The Vandals placed third in their first two meets of the season, the Clash of the Inland Northwest in Spokane and the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle. Washington and Washington State, two of the teams that beat them, are also two of the West Region's top 10 teams.

"I think after losing the number of seniors that we did, maybe the expectation from some other teams would be that we'd be down," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "I think for the start of the year we're where we would anticipate being with new people."

Out of the runners the Vandals lost from last year, Markus Geiger was a top-five runner in the WAC and Jeremiah Dubie was a top-10 runner. The Vandals also lost Stephane Colle, Alex

Brekke and James Clark.

"We lost a great group of guys ... running without them for the first time you realize how much you do miss them," Phipps said. "But the new people that we've brought in and the returners have done a great job in the summertime working really hard, and I think by the end of the year that we're going to be as good of a team this year as we were last year."

Britt is Idaho's key returner from a year ago, when he finished second in the WAC Championships. He is the top returning runner in the WAC and a leader of the team this year.

"I think being (at the WAC Championships) and having done it before, there's not that question mark of what it's like," Britt said. "It gives me confidence. I think I'm a lot more prepared (for this year)."

Britt is not always a vocal leader, but instead leads by example and hopes the younger runners are encouraged by his success and work ethic.

"I try to make all my little habits visible to the guys," he said. "Hopefully they see that and they think 'oh man, I want to get there.'"

The new runners on the men's side are not only racing faster runners at the

collegiate level but also have to adjust to the longer race distance.

"The biggest (challenge) on the men's side is the bump up in racing distance," Phipps said. "You're used to 3 miles or 5k and all of a sudden ... you're expected to run the same speed for 5k all the way through 8k."

The increase in racing distance hasn't been a problem for Idaho's top newcomer, freshman Santos Vargas from Yakima, Wash. Vargas was the No. 2 runner for the Vandals at the Sundodger Invitational, finishing 17th in 24:53.39.

"I was prepared pretty well (in high school)," Vargas said. "Running in high school, I did a lot of mileage, so coming to college I had a bit of a background set for me already. I feel like I've adjusted pretty well."

The Vandals' next test is Sept. 29 at Oregon, where the young team will compete in the prestigious Dellinger Invitational.

"I like where we're at, I like the way we're progressing and I expect to see huge improvements from Sundodger to our conference (championship) meet," Phipps said.

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That opportunity looks continually promising for the Vandals, who may be fortunate enough to avoid Cowboy quarterback Brett Smith, who suffered a head injury two weeks ago against Toledo.

Wyoming coach Dave Christensen is assessing Smith on a day-to-day basis and said he would make a decision prior to kickoff on whether the sophomore will start. If the script plays out in Idaho's favor, junior Colby Kirkegaard will once again step into the limelight.

Concerns about his own quarterback aside, Christensen may have spent more time this week preparing for the play-caller wearing black and gold.

Dominique Blackman's Kibbie Dome debut was initially intended for the home-opener against Eastern Washington. Unrevealed issues put that on hold.

"Going to be about 40 Blackmans, with all my family members here," Blackman said. "It's just going to be great out here in front of all my friends... Finally get this first victory at home."

With two games under his belt,

Blackman's grasp on Jason Gesser's offense looks solid, yet nowhere near perfect. The Carson, Calif., native has combined for nearly 530 passing yards in losses to Bowling Green and LSU with a completion percentage of 72 percent.

However, five interceptions are a factor and Blackman remains unsatisfied with his play.

"Our team played great but I played terrible," Blackman said. "I mean I probably played the worst game of my life."

Still, the 55 times Blackman has been able to find his own teammates, a plethora of sure-

handed wide receivers and tight ends stand alongside him. Eleven Vandals have been on the receiving end of passes this season, and five of those have caught for more than 70 yards thus far.

In Baton Rouge, Jahrie Level and Michael LaGrone led the pack with five catches each, going for more than 80 combined yards. The two reeled in one touchdown a piece.

"The spread offense that we have and the offense that coach Gesser brought, I mean anybody can get the ball. You have to be ready, when your name's called,

when your number is called you've got to do what you've got to do," LaGrone said.

Desperation will be the key term Saturday, but Idaho has another motive — proving that a week one loss to its Big Sky opponent was a fluke and strengthen the argument Idaho can compete with teams in the very Mountain West Conference it has expressed interest in.

With a traditional 2:00 P.M. PT Kibbie Dome kickoff, fans will have an opportunity to stream the game online via ESPN3.

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that he's there, to know that we're doing this for bigger reasons."

The idea, Gesser said, stemmed mainly from coach Robb Akey who worked back and forth with players to decide the best way to honor McRoyal.

"Coach said that it could go with us wherever, can't be destroyed, something

that we can take care of and it can really show his presence in a stadium. You know, who wouldn't see that flag?" Blackman said. "It's something that we all thought about and it was a great decision by coach."

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Shanander-Law. The sisters went 16-0 as doubles partners during the 1988 spring tennis season. Finally, the 1966 Big Sky champion Vandal baseball team will be inducted for a phenomenal season that saw Idaho fall just short of a College World Series appearance.

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OUR VIEW

## Petty inconvenience

Smoke, haze no comparison to devastating wildfire impact

University of Idaho students are wheezing, sneezing and coughing — thanks to the haze of smoke that has engulfed campus and the Moscow community for the past week.

A State Disaster Declaration has been issued in Idaho due to the 10 uncontrolled wildfires that have burned approximately 794,000 acres. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issued an air quality advisory Sept. 13 because of the health risks posed by the heavy smoke.

Although the advisory has been lifted from Latah County, the air is still not clear and walking to class can result in tear-filled eyes and a coughing fit.

Breathing in the smoky air is uncomfortable and annoying, but this inconvenience is a petty concern in comparison to the impact wildfires have had on the rest of the state.

In Idaho, 80 residents have been issued a voluntary evacuation order because of the Karney Fire in Boise County. The county, along with the Idaho Bureau of

Homeland Security, requested federal funding to help fight the Karney fire. The Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized the funding, which is intended to pay 75 percent of suppression costs for fighting fires that are likely to cause damage to residences.

There are also five active wildfires in Washington, according to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Although the Wenatchee fire in central Washington isn't as large as those in Idaho, it's culminating enough smoke to reach the greater Boise area.

Residents of about 150 to 200 Washington homes southwest of Wenatchee were urged by officials to evacuate Wednesday due to the rapid growth of the Table Mountain Fire Complex.

Of the 10 wildfires in Idaho, five are severe enough to require type one fire fighting teams, meaning large numbers of personnel and equipment are necessary to safely manage the fires.

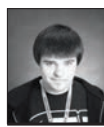
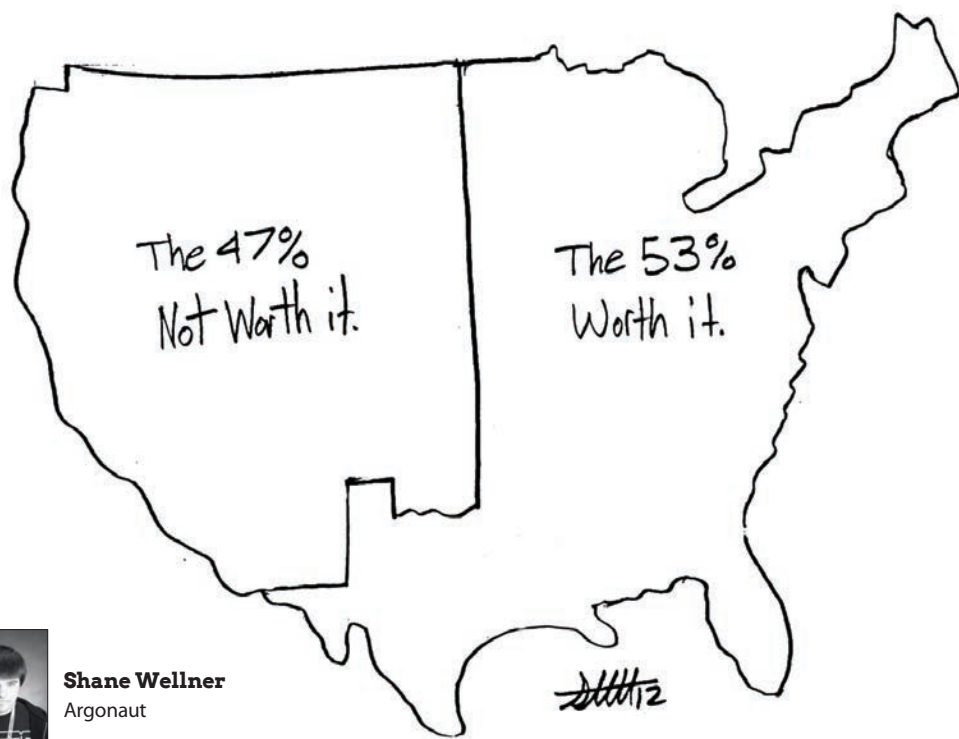
It's easy — and all too com-

mon — to complain about having to walk to class in Moscow surrounded by an uncomfortable haze. But the reality is that people are risking their lives to put out these fires, or being forced from their homes.

Not to mention the farmers and ranchers in southern Idaho whose livelihoods have been devastated by the wildfires. The man and lightning-caused fires have burned several hundred thousand acres of public and private rangeland, which will take years to grow back. The smoke-filled air is a short-term nuisance for us, but the wildfires have damaging long-term consequences for the environment.

It's cliché to say that there's always someone worse off than you. In instances such as this, however, it's also true. The next time you find yourself complaining about the smoke, remember to have compassion toward those in more compromising situations.

— BK



Shane Wellner  
Argonaut

## One faith, two faith, red faith, blind faith

Editors note: This column is in response to Andrew Jenson's 9-11 column on religion.

The creator of the universe, in all its expanse and infinite size, came to the earth and wrote a book. Which book that happens to be, humans can't agree. Nor is it understood why a creator would make William Shakespeare a more elegant and proficient writer than himself.

The Bible, Quran, Book of Mormon, Bhagavad Gita and more are held by their followers to be the word of their god. Not only may followers justify their actions by reference to their scripture, followers of these books cannot even agree on what they mean.

Countless amounts of blood have been spilt over these scripture-related disagreements, recently as well as throughout the development of civilization.

Yes, there are many beliefs that go unchecked in daily life, such as why bacon is usually served at breakfast, whether tofu is an acceptable dessert or whether Pluto is really a planet. However, no other belief systems come close to how those that are creator-centric affect civilization.

Beliefs of divine books and a creator brought many religions into bloom with alternate explanations for nearly everything. These religions are monstrously intertwined with supernatural occurrences such as virgin births (Christianity), talking snakes (Christianity), Universal overlords named Xenu (Scientology) and

magical undergarments (Mormonism).

Skepticism, logic, and scientific explanations have challenged human faith in the supernatural. If humans abandoned

the ability for critical thought and unhinged the indulgence of forbidden fruit, then faith and beliefs in a creator may go on in an uncontaminated existence. But these beliefs are unparalleled in how they divide us, cloud our scientific observations and initiate many violent conflicts.

The recent violent conflicts in Palestine (Jews v. Muslims), the Balkans (Orthodox Serbians v. Catholic Croatsians), Ethiopia (Muslims v. Christians), Sri Lanka (Sinhalese Buddhists v. Tamil Hindus) and Indonesia (Muslims v. Timorese Christians) are a few examples among many. Beliefs of such caliber require meticulous scrutiny.

Richard Dawkins, whom Andrew Jenson surely referred to in his opinion piece, is an evolutionary biologist and skeptic. Dawkins has backed up his biology related claims with observational evidence, data and peer-reviewed publications. Needless to say, he does not accept evolution on blind faith.

He has encouraged believers of scripture and higher beings to provide similar evidence for their claims of biological creationism as well. His encouragements remain

unanswered. Dawkins is a strong proponent of questioning religious doctrine and has defined the dichotomy between blind religious faith and faith based on observational occurrences. For more info see his book, "The God Delusion."

In times of need, loved ones may console each other or find strength within their own selves. Alternatively, some may seek beings from their books of scripture. Whether you admire how, as primate-like organisms, we have evolved empathy for one-another, or you believe in a book that tells you to love god (Matthew 22:37), fear god (Matthew 10:28) or in fact that there is no fear in love (1 John 4:18), surely there is agreement that love and compassion are ample remedies for fear and anxiety.

When it is said that god is in our hearts and everywhere around us, ask why not Allah, Yahweh, Zeus, Krishna, Xenu, Baal, El or any of the other deities dreamed-up by humans. It may be contended that we are all skeptics of most deities. Some just take it one step further.

If you are a fellow skeptic, feel free to checkout Freethought Moscow here on campus. We have meetings Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Horizon room on the fourth floor of the Commons.

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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Insert HvZ post here

If I had the time to worry about getting shot with a Nerf gun or shooting others while on campus, I would be a very happy person.

—Theo

### Making connections

This week's Washington connection to Idaho's game: Wyoming coach Dave Christensen played at Washington under Don James.

—Sean

### Honey Boo Boo

I hate watching it, yet I can't take my eyes off.

—Lindsey

### New perspective

It's amazing the difference a clean room can make.

—Kaitlyn

### Senioritis

I'm willing to bet that the person who coined the phrase "you can sleep when you're dead" didn't mean we should all stay up studying instead.

—Britt

### Roller derby time

Seriously, if you haven't made plans to go to the Beasley Coliseum tonight at 7 p.m. to see the Rolling Hills Derby Dames, you need to. Pronto.

—Chloe

### Kiddies

Pickle Chiffon Pie could be the greatest childrens' book of all time. —Kasen

### Moo

I have a feeling I'm the only vegetarian who feels horrible killing a cow in Minecraft. —Molly

### Fingers crossed

Hope I can get all my chores done so I can make it to tailgate Saturday. —Amrah

### Down to derby

Watch Chloe Rambo and the rest of the Rolling Hills Derby Dames tonight over in Pullman. I know for a fact that you have nothing better to do, because nothing will be better. —Madison

### Coffee = Heart

I don't know what I would do without this magic elixir. —Elisa

### Sassy Sally Continued

You don't know me. You don't know my life! —Katy

### Rock climbing

It's a great way to relieve stress and give yourself a break from school and work. Try it sometime. —Philip

### ITLPD

International Talk Like a Pirate Day was a success, even I was the only lubber at UI to participate. —Joseph

# Mainstream protesting

Motives for 9/11 protests are in the Quran

Beliefs have consequences. This year's Sept 11 protests in Libya, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Sudan, Morocco, Tunisia, Israel, India, Pakistan, Iran, Nigeria, Turkey, Bahrain, Qatar, Syria, Lebanon, Bangladesh, and Indonesia make this much clear. Whether planned like Libya or organic like Pakistan, the offended religious abstain from murder and property destruction in any country you'd want to live in. We owe this luxury to secularism.

Secularism tamed Western faith, a trend we hoped the Arab Spring would spread. As of today, the Arab Spring has born little fruit.

September 11 was not the first time Middle Eastern Muslims killed in the name of offense. It was April 2011 when nobody pastor Terry Jones burned a few Qurans. Offended Afghanis responded with reason, killing only twelve in protests an ocean apart from Jones. None of the dead had anything to do with the carbonized Qurans, just as Chris Stevens and others killed in Libya had nothing to do with "The Innocence of Muslims." To anyone familiar with Islam across the Atlantic, murdering unassociated infidels is the response we expect.

Where were the Islamic protests in America? Like their response to Terry Jones, American Muslims gave this film the attention it deserved: none. Just as Mormons ignored, or even applauded, "The Book of

Mormon on Broadway." Just as Christians gave the urine soaked crucifix of "Piss Christ" neither time nor attention.

Domesticated Western faith proves the impracticality of literal theology in a developed world. Christians in America disregard Old Testament justice, the moral failure of Jesus to condemn slavery, and are learning to reject biblical non-

sense toward homosexuality. American Islam shows similar moderation. American Muslims reject Quranic passages like:

"Slay them [unbelievers] wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from which they drove you. Idolatry is worse than carnage...If they attack you put them to the sword. Thus shall the unbelievers be rewarded: but if they desist God is forgiving and merciful. Fight against them until idolatry is no more and God's religion reigns supreme" (2:190-93).

The September 11 protests illustrate the immeasurable distance between Western and Middle Eastern Islam. These gatherings are not the sole work of extremists, but the product of mainstream Middle Eastern Islam. Until these people evolve past their theological infancy, murderous protests cannot be dismissed as "senseless," the words of President Barack Obama. These people have reasons for their actions. Literally, they lie in the Quran.

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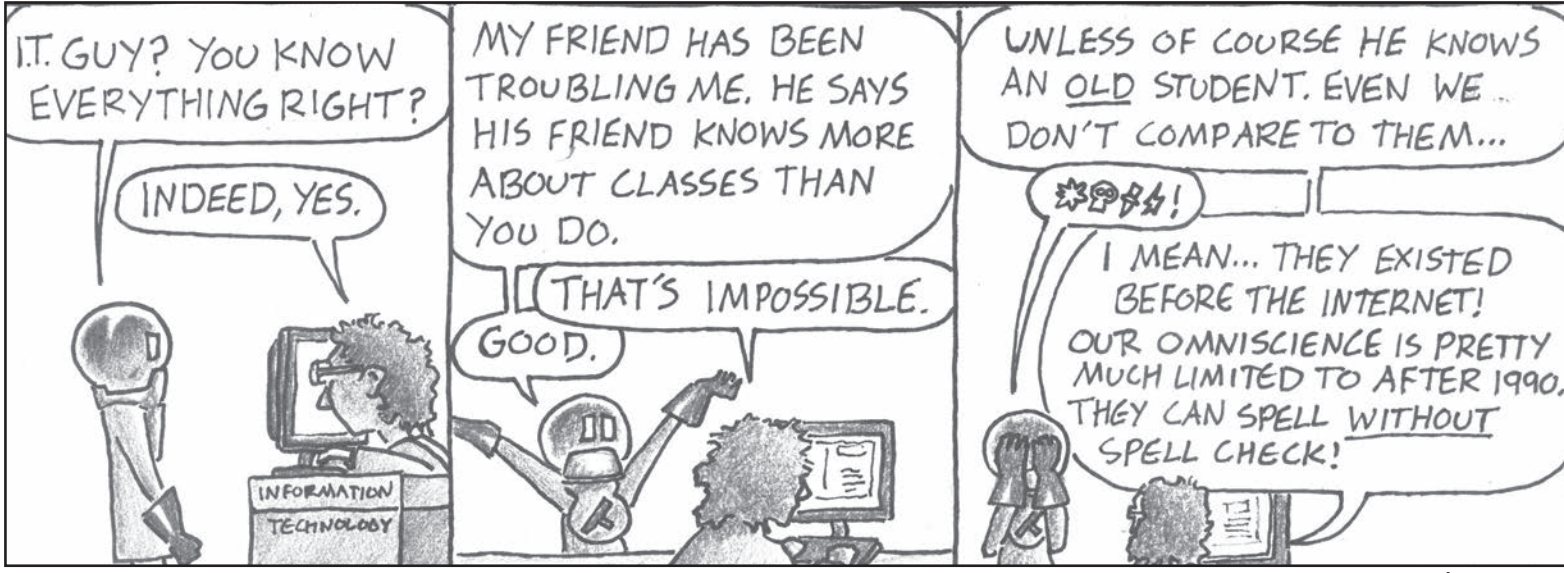
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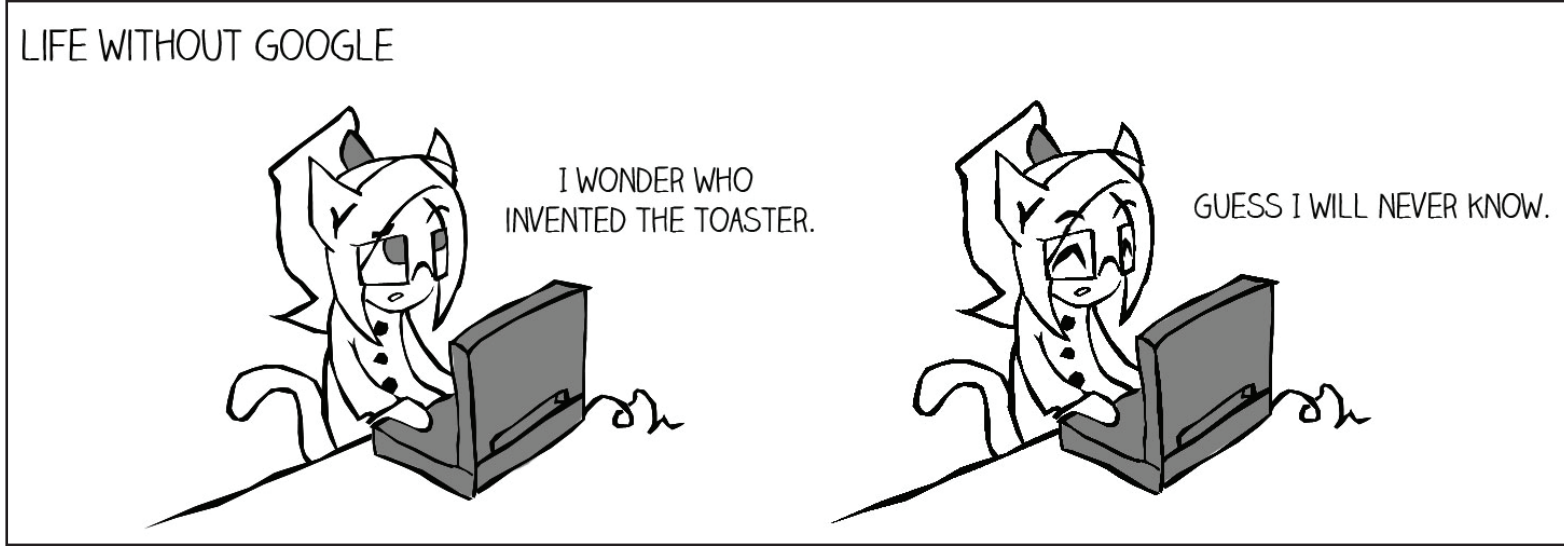
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**Mail Box**

**LSU alumnus compliments Vandals on exceptional sportsmanship in Baton Rouge**

On behalf of Louisiana State University and the Fighting Tigers, I would like to congratulate the Idaho Vandals for playing a good game, thank y'all for coming to Baton Rouge and wish everyone a safe trip home.

I would especially like to single out Mr. Dominique Blackman for his display of sportsmanship at the end of the first half when he shared a moment of handshakes and back-slaps with the LSU defense before heading into the locker room. Such sportsmanlike behavior is a great credit to his team and his school and I was very proud to see my Tigers reciprocate.

With more young men of such character playing the game, perhaps this sort of respect on the field will become the rule rather than the exception.

Kudos to Mr. Blackman and the University of Idaho and best of luck to the Vandals for the rest of the season.

Adam Randall - LSU '04  
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Face it, we've all heard these environmental say-

ings countless times. And while some of us bob along to the rhythm of these mantras, most of us simply do not. Let's face it — when we're biking, it's not like we suddenly see part of our carbon footprint disappear right before our eyes. In fact, "being green" can be a very disheartening process and we're often left wondering, "Does this even make a difference in the grand scheme of things?" Let me

assure you, it does.

I was a freshman at the University of Idaho two years ago. I distinctly remember walking into Bob's Place for the first time and wandering around, completely overwhelmed by how much food there was.

As an environmental science student, a torrent of questions ran through my mind: Where did all of this food come from? How was it grown? And

what's that fluorescent orange stuff in the cream of corn soup?

Little did I know that those burning questions would be the first step to writing a winning student grant funded through the University of Idaho Sustainability Center.

To be completely honest, I had never written a grant before. When I went to the UISC Grant Info Forum, I was a bit apprehensive because I never

thought anyone would listen to the bold ideas of a puny, naive freshman.

However, after meeting with Jeannie Matheison and other extremely helpful and inspiring staff at the UISC, I soon found myself writing a \$3,000 grant in conjunction with the Soil Stewards to build a hoop house, a type of greenhouse, for their organic farm. And guess what — I did it. I actually got the grant and built

something with it. I made a real, permanent and sustainable change. Do you know what's even crazier? You can do it, too.

So the next time you're at Bob's, those carrots or potatoes you're eating could have come from my hoop house. And maybe someday they'll come from yours.

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