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WALKING LINE OF SOBRIETY



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Detective Corp. Rodney Wolverton, regional director for field sobriety tests, instructs a student in the "walk and turn" during Drinking with Cops. The event, which took place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom, was an interactive alcohol education presentation. Six student volunteers of different intoxication levels performed a variety of field sobriety tests to analyze different levels of impairment.

Sustainable reform

Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction speaks to UI about proposed Students Come First legislation

Elisa Eiguren
Argonaut

Idaho suffered a \$1 billion decrease in state revenue for K-12 education in 2011, and legislators had to balance a budget and state needs with 1/3 less funding. The need for a more sustainable public school system would be fulfilled by the proposed Students Come First legislation, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said.

"True education reform has to be comprehensive, not just dealing with collective bargaining issues," Luna said.

Luna spoke to an audience of about 120 University of Idaho students and Moscow community members Wednesday in the Student Union Building Silver/Gold room. He addressed the main concepts

behind the Students Come First laws and answered questions from audience members during his presentation, which was organized by the UI College Republicans.

In 2011, Luna said legislators had three options to cope with the state of education in Idaho. They could deny the financial and academic issues of public education, they could be satisfied with the positive graduation and performance statistics of Idaho high school students or they could initiate a reform of the current system.

"We chose to lead, we chose to act," he said.

The foundation of Students Come First, Luna said, are high academic standards equal to any country in the world and advanced opportunities including the ability



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Tom Luna, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke about Idaho's education system on Wednesday in the Student Union Building Silver/Gold room.

for high school students to have earned up to 36 college credits when they graduate. The legislation would also allocate funding for every high school junior to take the SAT, Luna said.

Students Come First is focused toward preparing high school students for college and finding a job in the 21st century, Luna said. Out of every 100 high school students in Idaho, 92 graduate from high school.

However, Luna said only 46 percent go on to post-secondary education and 40 percent have to take remedial classes in college.

An emphasis on technology in the classroom through individual laptops gives every student in Idaho access to the highest-level learning environment, regardless of whether they live in a rural or urban

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In brief

UI faculty, staff background checks to increase

To stay in line with University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis' goal to keep campus safe, criminal background checks will increase Nov. 1 for potential faculty and staff.

Greg Walters, executive director for human resources, said the current policy only required those with security-sensitive positions to undergo a criminal background check.

"So really the biggest change is having all faculty and staff positions (take background checks)," Walters said.

The changes will include checks for all intended finalists for staff and faculty searches and broadening the definition of "security sensitive." Walters said there wasn't a written definition before the change, only a list of positions that were considered security sensitive. He said in the past hiring managers were given a lot of latitude to decide which positions were security sensitive in their department.

The definition will now include access to restricted facilities, resources, finances, data and confidential research or information as determined by the hiring authority, according to a press release.

Hiring authorities will still have the authority to decide when to conduct background checks for temporary employees, student workers, interns and volunteers. Background checks will still be required of anyone who has significant contact with minors, and the Children's Center and Agricultural and Life Sciences will continue to use their unique requirements.

The cost of background checks, currently \$45, is charged to each department.

Fall enrollment numbers released

University of Idaho

enrollment is at 12,493, according to fall enrollment numbers released Thursday in accordance with new Idaho State Board of Education reporting guidelines.

The numbers show an increase of 181 students in comparison to last year when enrollment was 12,312.

The fall 2012 incoming freshman class totals 1,633 students, with more than 73 percent being Idaho residents. There was a 7 percent increase in international students with 535. The number of dual-enrollment students has increased by 70 percent to 864.

UI President M. Duane Nellis has set an enrollment goal of 16,000 students by 2020.

Gritman purchases Federal Building

The Moscow Federal Building was sold Sunday to Gritman Medical Center.

Gritman bid \$2.38 million in the U.S. General Services Administration's online real estate auction.

Kara Besst, Gritman CEO, said in a press release that to continue offering and expanding patient service, the center needs room to grow.

"This helps us continue our commitment to the community," Besst said. "We have been developing a new facility master plan and the Federal Building will play a strategic role in the plan."

The plan includes additional parking and short-term relocation of non-clinical departments. For the long term, the plan includes permanent development of new hospital or clinic buildings, replacing the Federal Building.

Dave McGraw, Latah County Commissioner, said in a press release that they are pleased to learn a local entity had purchased the Federal building.

"Gritman has a proven track record and is committed and loyal to Latah County," McGraw said. "We look forward to working with Gritman to retain Latah County offices in the building."

Women's Center works to inspire, change lives

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

Tucked away on the first floor of the University of Idaho Memorial Gym, the Women's Center has resources and a helping hand available to any student — regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Whitney Chapman, senior in psychology, said the Women's Center helped her to fully reach her potential in many aspects of her life, including academics.

"The Women's Center is directly responsible for me staying at UI and for finishing my degree," Chapman said. "This is why the Women's Center is so important on our campus — so students like me, proud Vandals, can find the support they need to be successful."

Chapman will receive a Bachelor of Science

degree with minors in women's studies and American Indian studies.

Having been involved with the Feminist Lead Activist Movement to Empower, and her current involvement with UI's Gay Straight Alliance and other student groups, Chapman said the Women's Center has paved the way for other campus resource centers.

"In past years, the Women's Center gave space to groups like GSA to hold meetings when no other safe space on campus existed," Chapman said. "It is because of the Women's Center that we have an LGBTQA Office."

Chapman said it wasn't long before she was learning more about feminism and became an

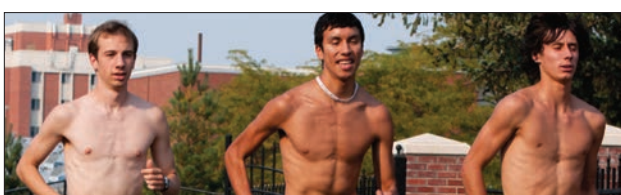
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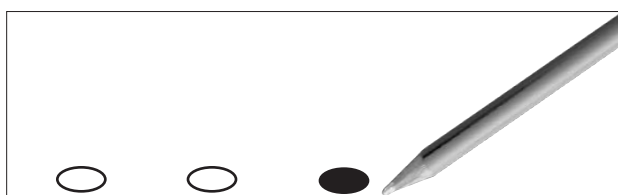
Lysa Salisbury, Women's Center program coordinator, speaks at a Women's Center student staff meeting Thursday in the Women's Center office.

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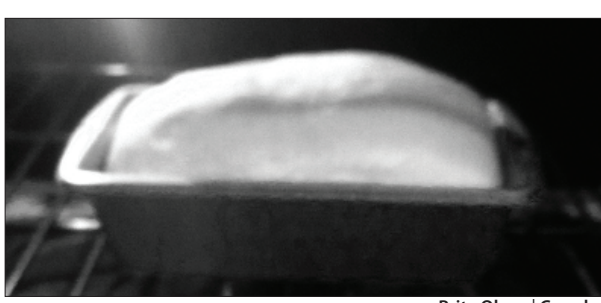
Back to the basics: bread

Brita Olson
Crumbs

How to:

It's a fundamental aspect of my life and a staple of the Western diet. In fact, it is so popular that there is an entire wall of shelving devoted to it in WinCo. It is easy and cheap to grab a loaf off the shelf and toss it in the cart with your other goods. It's easy — this is true — but homemade, fresh-out-of-the-oven bread is one of the greatest things on earth.

Combine water and yeast and let sit until you see the yeast is active. It should form gooey blobs. If it remains separated in particles, this means the yeast is not working and you should try different yeast.



Brita Olson | Crumbs

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon dry yeast
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 6-7 cups flour

Add the shortening, salt and sugar to the yeast mixture.

Then begin adding the flour. You want to do this one cup at a time, mixing as you go. Use between 6 and 7 cups to achieve a doughy texture, balanced between sticky and dry.

Then, on a clean and floured surface, knead the bread. It's a lot like giving it a massage.

Grease the sides of a bowl and set the dough in it to dry. Cover with a towel. Make sure it is warm in the house to ensure the yeast's timely activity.

Let sit for about an hour or until the dough has doubled in size.

Then "punch" the dough, knead again and let sit to rise a second time.

After it has risen, sepa-

rate and form into two loaves and place in two greased bread pans (5 x 9 inches).

Cover with towel and let rise again.

Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for approximately 30 minutes or until golden brown.

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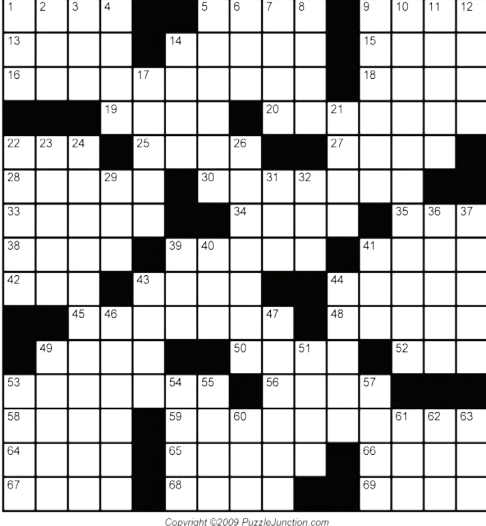


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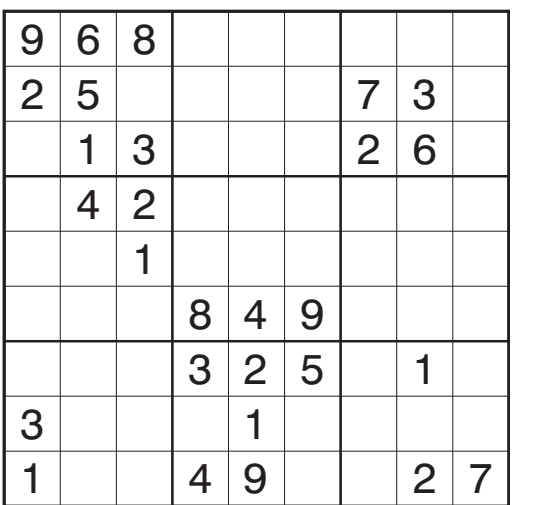

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Bridging budget gap

Britt Kiser
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The University of Idaho Swim Center promotes healthy lifestyles through aquatics and provides a safe environment for campus and community user groups, University Support Services Director Rob Anderson said.

But that mission might be curtailed by an \$11,000 funding deficit, which is why Anderson and USS Aquatics Manager Dan Lawson are turning to faculty and staff to bridge the budget gap.

The pair sought Faculty Senate support Tuesday for a proposal requesting UI staff and faculty to purchase recreational swim passes beginning in January.

The UI Swim Center is open seven days a week and has two 25-yard pools.

Lawson said community members, UI students, faculty and staff utilize the facilities for open swim, lifeguard training, a water safety instructor course and a kayaking class offered through the UI Outdoor Recreation program. Students also use the swim center for courses such as scuba and deep water con-

ditioning. The UI water polo club, Vandal swim and dive, high school swim, Gold Medal swim and Master swim teams all depend on the aquatic center as well.

The swim center doesn't receive a subsidy from campus. Instead, funding comes from three sources — \$5 a semester from each full-time UI student's fees, the purchase of swim passes by community members and group-use charges.

Last year, student funding totaled \$102,806, while the community contributed \$96,193.

During the spring 2012 semester, 9,466 community members and 7,170 UI students used the swim center. Although an additional 2,160 faculty and staff utilized the facilities, accounting for 11 percent of total attendance, their financial contribution was zero.

The swim center originally received \$11,000 from the Wellness Dollars program, part of a benefit package for UI employees. Anderson said a small portion of each paycheck was put into a common fund and dispersed out to organi-

zations on campus, including the Student Recreation Center wellness program.

"That \$11,000 was an arbitrary amount we received from the budget office," he said. "But it's what they could afford and it really helped offset the cost."

Anderson said the swim center stopped receiving wellness dollar funding around December 2010.

He said \$11,000 is a great start to bridging the budget gap.

"Technically 11 percent of use would total a \$22,000 contribution, but we'll do the best we can," Anderson said.

He said it would be ideal to have everybody work out for free, but it's important that all users pay their fair share.

"Our whole world at University Support Services — I try to explain to people — is we have different budgets," Anderson said. "You know, they're a pie and everybody needs to contribute a slice."

Anderson said he has a similar argument with people who call and ask USS to host events at little to no cost.

"I wish we could, but

it's just not the way we're funded," he said.

An annual pass for faculty and staff would cost \$150, or \$5.76 per two-week pay period, according to the proposal. It would cost \$85 per semester and \$45 for a 10-visit pass. Therefore, only those faculty and staff actually utilizing the swim center would be charged.

"It seems very reasonable," Anderson said. "And we've looked at other universities. The vast majority charge faculty and staff to use their facilities."

Faculty Senator Randall Teal brought up a concern that faculty and staff members might feel double-charged, as they already pay to use the SRC.

"I've heard people say, 'Well, what if we could pay for swimming alone, wellness alone or just pay for the gym and have all that included,'" Teal said.

Anderson said the problem is the SRC and USS are separate organizations.

Lawson and Anderson are giving a series of informational presentations to different campus constituencies — their next stop is



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Jessie Dexter sits at the check-in booth at the UI Swim Center. The University of Idaho faculty and staff are now being charged for recreational use of the center.

the Staff Affairs Committee.

"It's more about information and dialogue and gaining support from different groups, just in case there's something we're missing," Anderson said.

He said this specific proposal was created to ensure

fairness to students.

"I want to be able to look the students in the eye ... and tell them their fees are being matched by other users," he said.

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Texting through crisis

Vandal Alert system utilizes cell phone messaging to protect campus community

Matt Maw
Argonaut

With inclement weather on the horizon, the Vandal Alert system will prove an essential communication tool for power outages and other safety concerns. Campus community members are encouraged to register their cell phones to utilize the system throughout the year.

Patrice McDaniel, assistant director of Emergency Management and Security Services, said campus power outages, delays and closings are at the top of the risk priority list.

"The power lines are not underground, (but) on power poles," McDaniel said. "With weather, there could be an ice storm ... (or an) auto accident could cause a power outage."

Since many people don't spend all day with their email inboxes, it's important for students to register their cell phone numbers to receive important safety and security updates and instructions via text messages, she said. There is no need to worry about message spamming, as she said Vandal Alert works

on a case-by-case basis and only urgent issues will be addressed by phone.

Matt Dorschel, executive director with EMSS, said email isn't the best method of contact in critical situations.

"Through past experience, we know that during many emergency incidents, cell phones are the most reliable way of contacting a University of Idaho student or employee, especially during non-business hours," Dorschel said.

McDaniel said situations such as robberies and shootings may not be likely, but the community must be prepared to handle such events with notifications, such as when to take "shelter in-place" — getting behind locked and barricaded doors and silently awaiting all-clear signal notifications and instructions. She said the Vandal Alert team keeps tabs on police scanner frequencies in order to take quick action in the event of danger.

"We always have on a scanner so we hear about all the different crimes that are taking place ... so we have an awareness of what's going on in the city," she said.

The Vandal Alert system isn't limited to Moscow. McDaniel said the system enables the team to anticipate risks

and assess details for other UI facilities, such as the Coeur d'Alene campus, and to send specific messages to meet the needs of a particular area.

EMSS is taking steps to educate students, staff and faculty about the importance of the Vandal Alert system. McDaniel said the team worked with UI football and soccer athletes to create an advertisement that plays on-screen during pre-game and half-time periods in football games.

She said there was a Homecoming table set up outside the Kibbie Dome, and others have been set up in the Idaho Commons. Another is planned for the Student Recreation Center. She said these are important to connect with the campus community and to increase Vandal Alert visibility. There will also be give-away items that encourage safety, such as flashlights and bags with nighttime reflectors.

"Those are some incentives that we have for people who sign up," she said. "You sign up, you get a free gift."

Cell phone registration can be done through the Vandal Alert link on Vandal Web.

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A moose wanders through South Hill Apartments on Taylor Avenue Tuesday. University of Idaho sent out a Vandal Alert to students providing tips on dealing with a potential encounter.

Moose on loose

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

All University of Idaho students received a vandal alert through email or text Tuesday morning about the moose that has wandered onto campus. Students may have caught a glimpse of the moose while walking to and from class in the last few days.

Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer Chris Gilbertson said the reason moose come so far into town may be because an extra food source is needed and there is still green grass in some yards.

"The moose will be monitored and I will make sure it doesn't cause problems and that people stay

away from it," he said.

Gilbertson said whenever a moose comes into town, Fish and Game is notified. He said they don't normally take any action and the moose will move through town in a couple of days.

"The less people coming to look at it, the less it feels threatened or pressured. When it feels pressured it will run and have that much more of a chance of getting hit by a car and harming others," he said.

Gilbertson said if you see it and want to give dispatch a call, he will come and monitor the moose.

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Moose safety

- Never feed moose.
- Give moose at least 50 feet. If it doesn't yield as you approach, give it the right of way.
- If its ears lay back or its hackles rise, it's angry or afraid and may charge; back off pronto.
- Don't corner moose into fences or houses.
- If a moose charges, get behind a tree. You can run around the trunk faster than the gangly creature.
- Never get between a cow and her calf.

Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium focuses on politicians, press

Courtney Miller
Argonaut

The second annual Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium today in Boise will educate students and professionals about media ethics with a focus on media bias in election coverage.

The symposium's namesakes are UI alumni Douglas and Arthur Oppenheimer, who own a Boise-based food processing, sales and marketing company.

Kelly McBride will give the keynote speech, "Politicians vs. the Press: A Social Media Cage Fight." McBride is a faculty member at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and the lead writer on ESPN's Poynter Review Project.

"The keynote speaker, Kelly McBride, brings a wealth of expertise and a national reputation as an expert on media ethics," Kenton Bird, director of the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media, said. "The reasons that ESPN went to the Poynter Institute to develop an ethics and accountability program (the Poynter Review Project) can be summed up in two words: Kelly McBride."

In her speech, McBride will discuss how election coverage has become a wrestling match between politicians and their handlers and the press trying to do its job, and how issues of bias have crept into the coverage, said Steve Smith, professor of mass media ethics at UI.

"I am particularly excited about hearing Kelly McBride's keynote address at the symposium," said Betsy Russell, moderator of the symposium's panel discussion and Boise bureau chief for The Spokesman-Review. "The media world and the role of social media is very much new and evolving, and there are issues all of us will have to wrestle with as it evolves."

While last fall's symposium focused on the emergence of social media, this year's symposium will capitalize on the election buzz.

"The topic is timely — the symposium comes less than three weeks before the general election, so the public's attention will be focused on the presidential campaign and the media's coverage of it," Bird said.

Bird will start the symposium with his

introduction, which will be followed by McBride's speech. Two political leaders and three area journalists will then discuss "Media Bias in Election Coverage: How to Spot It and What to Do About It," a forum where Smith expects there to be "fireworks."

On the panel are media professionals Todd Dvorak, Jamie Grey and Kevin Richert. Joining them are Brian Cronin, who was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in 2008 and Alex LaBeau, president of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

"The journalists on the panel include one who actively covers government and politics, one who both does that and supervises other reporters in that process and an editorial writer whose whole business is bias — whose job is to write opinion, as opposed to reporting the news like the others," Russell said. "The political activists have been at the center of hotly contested issues in this state and no doubt will have some beefs with how they or their issues have been covered — justified or not. Perhaps they'll even have some positive things to say."

Bird said last fall's symposium was aimed primarily at media professionals. This year's symposium has an additional afternoon session that will address local high school and College of Western Idaho media students on issues of media bias.

Idaho Public Television, one of the symposium's co-sponsors, will stream the symposium live and will archive it on its website, idahopty.org, for those who cannot attend.

Smith said the ultimate goal is to continue education. Smith said he hopes the symposium will attract 200 people, exceeding last year's attendance of 150.

A smaller symposium, like last year, is expected to take place in the spring in Moscow, Smith said, though the topic is undetermined.

"We're still early in this relationship with the Oppenheimer brothers, so we're building this one year at a time," Smith said. "My hope is that eventually we will have a regionally recognized forum for ethical discussion held twice a year."

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Moscow adopts safe-driving program

'Alive at 25' course encourages responsibility in young drivers

Allison Griffith
Argonaut

To help bring awareness of risk-taking behaviors common among young drivers, the Idaho Transportation Department Office of Highway Safety is adopting the program "Alive at 25" in Moscow, Moscow Chief of Police David Duke said.

Duke said "Alive at 25" is a course that brings in individuals ages 15 to 24 to teach them defensive driving techniques, discuss driving issues and have roleplaying exercises and discussions.

It is a program designed to lower the amount of young and new drivers involved in risky driving, he said.

Vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for people between the ages

of 16 and 24, according to the "Alive at 25" website.

Duke said this is why a program is needed to show people the dangers of being over-confident and reckless while driving.



It's a free course, we would love students to attend. It doesn't cost anything but time.

David Duke, Moscow Chief of Police

To establish the program, they trained instructors and set up a curriculum last week, Duke said.

He said now they just have to wait for the instructors to become certified and process all of the paperwork. After that, people will be able to register for the courses online on the "Alive at 25" website.

Duke said they plan on having courses available by the end of November or beginning of December.

This is the first program of its kind in Moscow,

More info

For more information about "Alive at 25" or to sign up, visit aliveat25.us

besides driver's education, and they are looking at various ways to inform.

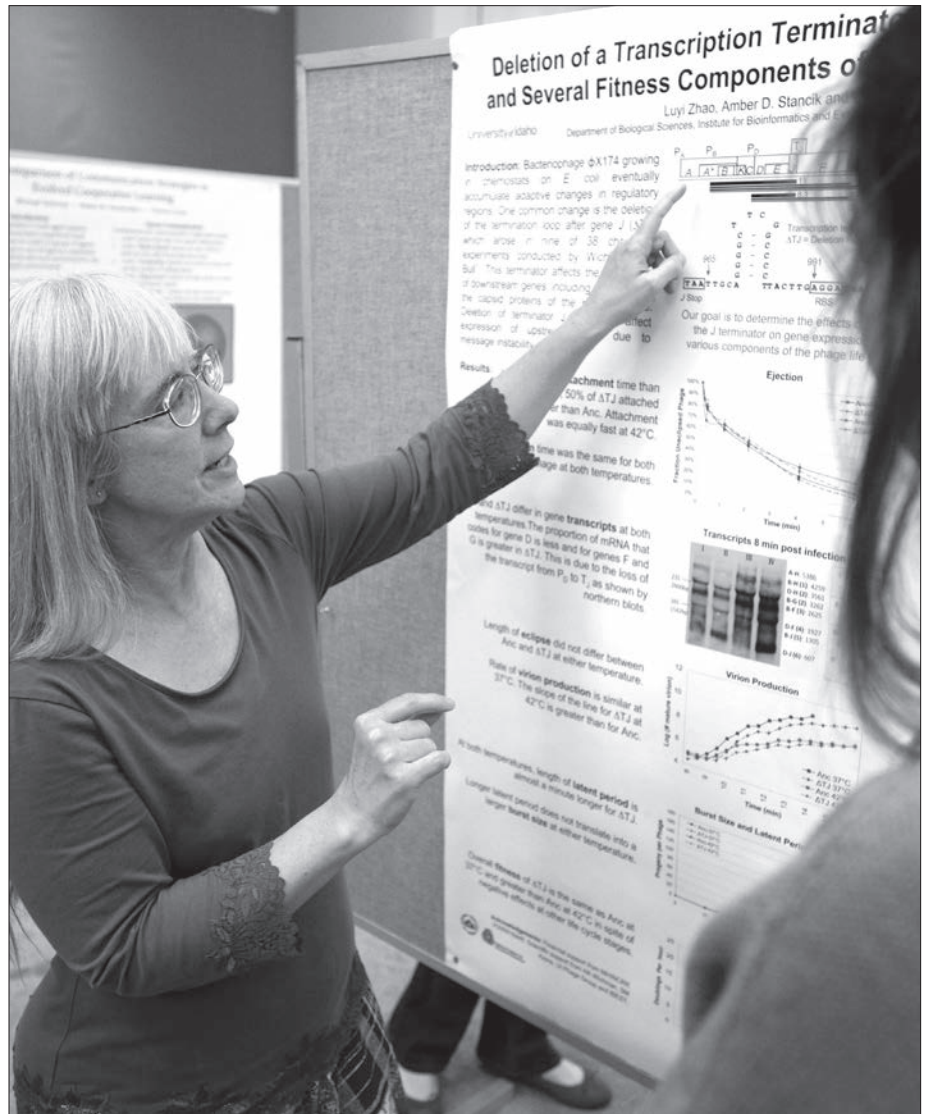
He said MPD's liaison office is working with the Dean of Students at the University of Idaho to incorporate the course through campus.

Some insurance companies might reduce premiums if the driver has taken this course, Duke said, while the state decreases the points on a person's driving record if they take "Alive at 25." They give credits, too, so that if a person receives a citation the credit can cover that point.

"It's a free course," he said. "We would love for students to attend. It doesn't cost anything but time."

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EVOLUTIONARY EXPOSITION



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Celeste Brown, research faculty in biology, speaks to a student about her research on the evolution of gene regulation using bacteriophages during the Institute for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies research exposition Thursday in the Idaho Commons Aurora room. The event showcased the work of IBEST researchers at the university.

Costumes for a cure

Team Partylite hosts Halloween masquerade ball to raise funds for fight against cancer

Allison Griffith
Argonaut

As a fundraiser for the University of Idaho's Relay for Life, there will be a masquerade ball from 6 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 27, said Heather Stevenson, co-chair for the event.

It will take place at the Best Western Plus University Inn and there will be prime rib for dinner, she said, along with a choice of three different desserts — chocolate mousse, chocolate layer cake and carrot cake.

She said right now they have seven people confirmed, but they need 35 for the event to happen.

It is a Halloween masquerade ball, and people have to be at least 21, she said.

More info

Halloween Masquerade Ball 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 27 at the Best Western Plus University Inn. Tickets are \$45 a person, \$85 a couple, or \$340 for a table of 8. Contact Heather Stevenson at uirelay2013@gmail.com

It is being put on by Team Partylite, and tickets can be purchased until Oct. 22.

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REFORM

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school district, Luna said. Online distance learning classes give all school districts access to teachers throughout the state.

"Previously, where a child lived in Idaho determined their opportunities for learning, not their ability," he said. "We cannot allow students to have opportunities that others don't."

Luna's proposed legislation would also phase out tenure in favor of two-year teaching contracts. Luna said this would eliminate "last hired, first fired" scenarios and give schools the ability to compensate great teachers.

"The most important factor in the classroom is the teacher," he said. "We had an education system that made it impossible to financially reward teachers or remove ineffective teachers."

The pay-for-performance component of Students Come First allows teachers to earn financial bonuses in three ways, Luna said. The first is through demonstrating leadership such as writing curriculum. Teaching in a "hard to fill" position as determined by each individual school district is also a way to earn a bonus. The final way is through student achievement demonstrated by academic growth, not the number of students who pass a standardized test.

Luna acknowledged the concern that the pay-for-performance method of providing bonuses might incite some teachers to put their own interests above

students. However, Luna said he believed most teachers would not manipulate the system to benefit themselves. He cited the New Plymouth school district, which has been using pay-for-performance bonuses for 10 years, as a successful example.

Luna also discussed the need for transparent accountability in public education. Fifty percent of revenue from state taxes goes toward K-12 education, and Students Come First would require every school district to submit an annual fiscal report card. Teacher contracts and other negotiations would be discussed in public meetings so parents, patrons and teachers could attend.

Although Luna's legislation is controversial, he said time is helping people realize concerns such as laptops replacing teachers in the classroom aren't true. Proposition 1, 2 and 3 are on the ballot in November for voters to decide if the Students Come First laws should be repealed.

Students Come First will most directly impact K-12 students, but Luna said it is important for college students to be informed because as taxpayers, education majors and parents, the legislation will affect them as well.

"The future of education should matter to everyone, especially young people because the changes could affect us for years to come," said Alexander Rowson, UI College Republicans vice president.

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CENTER

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active volunteer with the Women's Center. Three years later, her volunteerism and dedication to the work done at the Women's Center gave Chapman the opportunity to introduce Gloria Steinem to the podium for the Women's Center 40th anniversary keynote speech Oct. 4.

"I came into feminism through the Women's Center," Chapman said. "Which is a big deal — when a person takes on the mantle of 'feminist,' you begin to see things and understand things differently."

Director of the Women's Center Heather Shea Gasser said the Women's Center is an essential campus hub for women who may be oppressed, feel abandoned or are simply looking to join a loving community.

"Women's centers and feminist organizations in general bring together women who in previous parts of their lives have felt very isolated in their experiences as women," Gasser said. "It gives them an opportunity to collaborate, share together and realize their common experience — whether (they are) positive or negative (experiences), sources of joy or sources of pain."

Gasser said working at the Women's Center is the perfect job because it is the opportunity blend the personal, political and professional.

"Feminism is a highly personal topic for me — I've considered myself to be a feminist for 20 or 25-plus years," Gasser said.

She said her job with the Women's Center has allowed and encouraged her to carry some of her personal pro-feminist beliefs into the workplace — a practice that

may not be encouraged within other academic jobs, especially at a university.

"This is a place where I can work to better the lives of all students, not just women, but all students," Gasser said. "And it's my job to do that ... I'm expected to go to meetings and speak up on behalf of women (and) the Women's Center."

This is Gasser's first job at a university women's center, she said, and she has witnessed the revolutionizing of the way many decisions are made within the office. Instead of a "hierarchical" system of giving decision-making power to an individual in charge, the Women's Center emphasizes power to the group as a whole.

This is why the Women's Center is so important on our campus so students like me, proud Vandals, can find the support they need to be successful.

*Whitney Chapman,
UI student*

FEMfest feminist fair on campus, bringing activist and journalist Gloria Steinem to UI and concluding with the Women's Center Fundraising Gala Nov. 9.

Beth Ropski, editor of the Women's Center blog, said the events have brought awareness to the center and will hopefully spark interest in others to volunteer and check out the Women's Center.

"This fall is going to be a fantastic time for the Women's Center and I think that everyone should get involved," Ropski said.

As editor, Ropski is in charge of collecting material from other

Did you see Gloria Steinem?

To better analyze how Gloria Steinem's speech impacted students, the Women's Center is currently employing a survey to collect audience responses. To take the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/GloriaSteinem. The information from the survey will be analyzed and sent to the colleges and departments that donated funds to show how the donations impacted students.

writers and writing pieces for the blog.

"I'd really like my staff to brainstorm and write about what they're interested in," Ropski said. "Hopefully we get a wide range of perspectives."

As a senior in English with an emphasis on creative writing, Ropski said she is comfortable expressing some of the tough problems that can affect university students today, especially problems that deal with the many, and sometimes difficult, transitions students go through during their years in college.

"I enjoy writing about controversial issues and issues that I've personally dealt with," Ropski said. "I feel that personal experience adds a great depth to writing of any kind."

Just like the Women's Center, the doors to understanding feminism are always open, Chapman said. Utilizing the resources available in the Women's Center can truly make a difference, whether it is personal or academic.

"The Women's Center has allowed me the space and given me the resources and tools to explore personally what feminism means to me," Chapman said. "(It) offers a network of mentors and support for anybody who is interested in engaging with feminism."

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US presidential campaign nightmare

Nightmare election scenarios worry both parties

Charles Babington
Associated Press

Here in a county that knows a thing or two about Election Day meltdowns, both parties are fretting over what might go seriously wrong before, during or just after the Nov. 6 presidential election.

"More than 50 percent of the provisional ballots are thrown in the trash in this state," Florida state Rep. Mark Pafford told about 80 retirees who gathered for last week's meeting of the Golden Lakes Democratic Club.

That's only a slight exaggeration — 48 percent of the provisional ballots cast in Florida in 2008 were rejected. And Pafford's warning underscores anxiety in Florida and other states about legal challenges, ballot problems or bizarre outcomes that could bedevil a race that seems likely to be close — conceivably as close as the 2000 contest that people still quarrel about.

Merely the mention of that election unsettles people in Palm Beach County. The county's poorly designed "butterfly ballot" confused thousands of voters, arguably costing Democrat Al Gore the state, and thereby the presidency.

Gore won the national popular vote by more than a half-million ballots. But George W. Bush became president after the Supreme Court decided, 5-4, to halt further Florida recounts, more than a month after Election Day. Bush carried the state by 537 votes, enough for an Electoral College edge.

"Pregnant chad" entered the political lexicon. And Americans got a jolting reminder of the Founding Fathers' complex recipe for indirectly electing presidents.

Even if everything goes smoothly, it's conceivable the nation will awaken to a major shock in three weeks: an Electoral College tie between President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. That would throw the decision to the House of Representatives, currently controlled by Republicans but up for grabs in this election.

A 269-269 Electoral College tie is unlikely but far from impossible. It could result, for instance, if Romney wins all the competitive states except Ohio, Wisconsin and New Hampshire.

Four U.S. elections, including 2000, saw the presidency go to the person who finished second in the popular vote. There

has never been an Electoral College tie. However, the U.S. House handed the 1824 election to John Quincy Adams after he finished second — in both the popular vote and the Electoral College vote — in a four-man race in which no one won a majority in either count.

An Electoral College tie isn't the only nightmare scenario that could raise doubts about the election's fairness and worsen partisan bitterness, which already divides Americans and makes compromise in Congress so difficult.

Campaign activists in many states are bracing for possible confusion, delays and even confrontations in polling places on Nov. 6. They are particularly watching Democratic-leaning precincts where Republicans may challenge some people's eligibility to vote.

In recent years, Republican officials in several states have pushed for tighter voter restrictions, including requirements for photo identifications and reductions in the amount of time allowed for early voting. Republicans say they are trying to prevent voter fraud. Democrats, however, note the absence of proven cases of serious election fraud. They say the GOP actions are meant to suppress voting by Democratic-leaning groups such as blacks, Hispanics, low-income people and college students.

Democrats have won court rulings in several states curtailing GOP efforts to shorten early voting periods and require new forms of identification. One Republican initiative that survived, however, is the end to a Florida tradition of allowing voting on the Sunday before Election Day, the "Souls to Polls" day when some black churches would urge congregants to vote upon leaving services.

The Obama campaign has amassed an army of lawyers and non-lawyer volunteers to watch voting places and quickly appeal to state and local election officials if they think legitimate voting is being impeded.

Since 2000, "we've had an amazing group of dedicated lawyers that have been on the ground for 12 years," said Charles Lichtman, a Fort Lauderdale-based attorney helping oversee the Democrats' effort. "So there's nothing they can throw at us that we haven't seen or that we're not ready for."

Other states are doing the same. A single memo seeking lawyers and law students to help safeguard Obama's voter turnout efforts netted nearly 4,000 responses, said Robert Bauer, the cam-

campaign's chief lawyer and a former White House counsel.

"The primary issue is making sure the voter experience is secure, fair and reliable," Bauer said.

Romney's campaign also has assembled huge teams of lawyers and volunteers who have spent months getting to know campaign laws and practices in key states, and the election officials who enforce them.

"We have volunteers who will observe the election process at polling places and report potential problems back to our state leadership teams," who in turn will immediately contact election officials, said Romney campaign spokesman Ryan Williams. The campaign "is committed to ensuring a fair and open election," he said.

Some Democrats, however, say they are concerned that GOP voter challenges and procedures at heavily Democratic precincts could create delays, intimidation and lower turnout.

If voters see "a line that's an hour long," they may give up, said Patrick Murphy, the Democrat waging an expensive, high-profile challenge to Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., a tea party favorite. Murphy said a young man said he received a phone call in which someone told him police officers with metal detectors would guard polling places.

Murphy said the man asked him, "Am I going to be arrested?"

Republicans say eligible voters have nothing to fear. But they plan to aggressively watch many Democratic-leaning polling sites.

"I'm almost obsessed" with getting Romney elected, said Kim Bachman, who joined other Republicans to watch last week's vice presidential debate at a West Palm Beach sports bar. The mother of three young sons said she would take a Republican "mini-course" on poll-watching, and spend Nov. 6 wherever the Romney campaign needs her.

One post-election controversy that could inflame tensions and delay an outcome involves provisional ballots, a subject of revised laws in Florida, Virginia and other key states.

Voters cast provisional ballots for numerous reasons: They don't bring proper ID to the polls; they fail to update their

voter registration after moving; they try to vote at the wrong precinct, or their right to vote is challenged by someone.

The ballots might eventually be counted, but only if election officials can verify the voters were eligible, which can take days or weeks. Voters cast nearly 2.1 million provisional ballots in the 2008 presidential election. About 69 percent were eventually counted, according to election results compiled by The Associated Press.

In a razor-thin contest, "it's a possibility of a complete meltdown for the election," University of Florida political scientist Daniel Smith said.

The most nightmarish outcomes of all might cause millions of Americans and foreigners to question the fairness of presidential elections. Suppose, for instance, Obama wins more popular votes than Romney, but the two men are tied in the Electoral College. The Constitution gives each state delegation to the U.S. House one vote, meaning a small state such as Idaho has vastly more proportional clout than a big state like California. If the post-2012 House looks like the current one, the Republicans in control would almost surely name Romney president.

It's one thing to have the Supreme Court rule on one state's recount practices, resulting in an Electoral College win for the person who finished second in nationwide ballots. It's another thing to have the sharply partisan House of Representatives break an Electoral College tie in the runner up's favor.

Under another possible scenario, however, it would be Republicans howling in anger. Opinion polls show rising enthusiasm for Romney among GOP voters. That suggests he might run up bigger margins in reliably Republican states, such as Texas and Georgia, than Obama obtains in solidly Democratic states such as California and New York.

Obama might lose the national popular vote but win the Electoral College vote — and thus a second term — by squeaking past Romney in Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa, while losing Florida and all the other competitive states.

In essence, it would be a partisan reversal of 2000, the year that prompted countless Americans to wish for clean, clear, no-questions-asked election outcomes.

SPORTS



As the season nears its conclusion, Vandal soccer is desperate for points.

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Getting 'Tech'nical



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Wide receiver Quinton Patton absorbs a tackle from Texas A&M defensive back Tramain Jacobs in the Aggies' 59-57 win Oct. 13. Patton ranks second in the nation with nine touchdowns and has been Colby Cameron's go-to receiver this season.

Putting 'W' in WAC

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The final season of Western Athletic Conference football was supposed to be anti-climatic. The 2012 edition of the WAC is a far cry from the conference that at one time boasted a national champion, BCS busters and nationally relevant programs.

The current football make-up of the conference is as competitively and geographi-

cally unbalanced as it's ever been — only two of the seven are in the Pacific time zone and two schools aren't even eligible for the postseason as FBS transitional programs.

Still, the conference isn't going out without a proper swan song worthy of the 50-year old entity, thanks to Sonny Dykes and his Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

Last Saturday night the national spotlight turned to Shreveport, La., where the Bulldogs

took on SEC opponent Texas A&M. Then ranked No. 23 La. Tech fell behind 27-0 in the first half, leading the nation to believe the WAC school was just another pretender. By the final seconds of the fourth quarter, it was a failed two-point conversion attempt that prevented La. Tech from legitimately putting itself in a position to think about BCS busting.

While the 59-57 loss may have prevented a BCS bowl berth, it won't prevent La.

Tech from at least staying in the national conversation. After all, the Bulldogs still have a winning record against BCS conference opponents with road wins against Illinois and Virginia.

The first loss of the season for La. Tech does little to dampen the overall accomplishment of third-year coach Sonny Dykes.

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La. Tech's 2012 success gives WAC proper swan song

Unlucky in 5

Vandals waste opportunity to take first place

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team had an opportunity to move into first place in the WAC Thursday night, but Utah State successfully defended its No. 1 spot with a 3-2 win over Idaho in Memorial Gym.

Idaho came into the night riding the momentum of six straight wins that started the last time the Vandals played Utah State, but it was the Aggies who emerged victorious this time to stay atop the conference standings.

Junior Allison (Walker) Baker said the Aggies were better than the last time they saw them.

"They've definitely gotten better, but we didn't play as well as we can," Baker said. "We had an off-night — not to give any excuse."

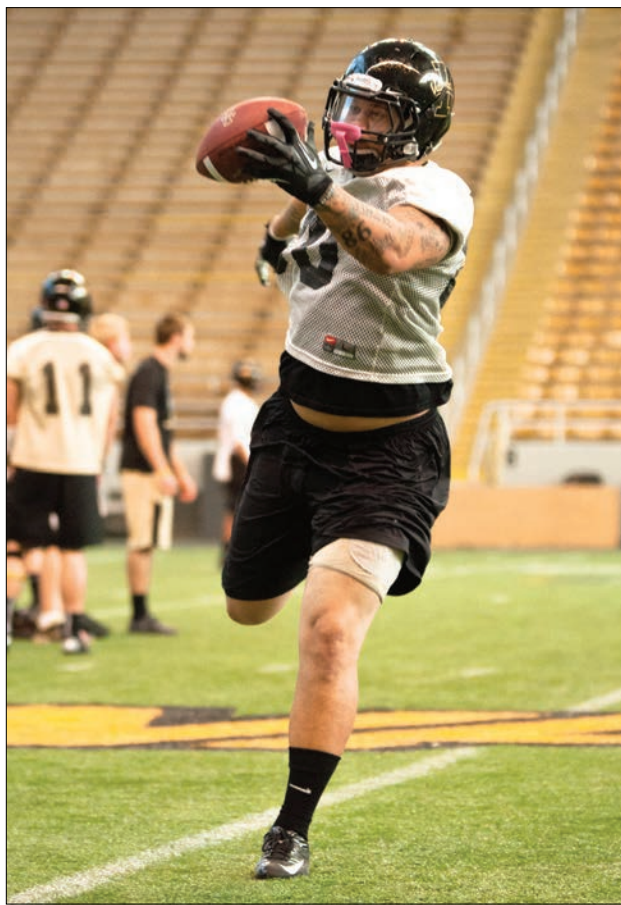
Idaho will try to get back on track Saturday night when they return to Memorial Gym where the Vandals will attempt to in San Jose.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said it was a match her team should have been able to pull out.

"The bottom line is now we just have to win," Buchanan said. "Every match you lose is a missed opportunity. It doesn't matter if it's for first place, it's every time. I think we definitely had the opportunity in game four."

After giving up the first two points of the first set, the Vandals went on a 6-0 run, built a lead and never trailed the rest of the match, winning 25-19. The Vandals used

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Junior Michael LaGrone pulls in a one-handed catch Wednesday during practice in the Kibbie Dome. LaGrone has 10 receptions for 89 yards and one touchdown.

Vandals have chance to interrupt 'Sonny' season

Efficient Bulldogs lead nation in points-per-game, QB Cameron among nation's best

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

When athletic director Rob Spear put the final touches on Idaho's 2012 fall schedule, he was well aware that the Vandals would visit Louisiana twice to meet the state's top two contenders.

LSU, the perennial powerhouse of the two, has had a permanent seat reserved in the AP Top 25 rankings. La. Tech, on the other hand, struggled to win three games in the WAC three years ago — the same year Idaho triumphed in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Since then, the Bulldogs have employed a Robert Frost state of mind, taking "the road less travelled" and rising to national prominence under third-year head coach Sonny Dykes.

Dykes and the Bulldogs, ranked No. 23 in the nation a week ago, were a two-point conversion away from upsetting now No. 18 Texas A&M and becoming a potential BCS buster.

Idaho coach Robb Akey is conscious of the stress La. Tech placed on an Aggie team that downed the Vandals 37-7 last season in College Station.

"I know Texas A&M's a good football team..." Akey said. "There were 250 plays, I think, in this ball game. It was unreal and obviously you have a great deal of respect for Louisiana Tech." Now, the Vandals prepare for what will undoubtedly be the cream of the crop in terms of offenses they have

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Sports briefs

Former Idaho golfer qualifies for open event

Damian Telles, a former University of Idaho golfer, qualified for the Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open. The tournament tees off at 2:10

p.m. ET Thursday at Dye's Valley Course at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Telles is one of 144 players in the 72-hole tournament. He last played for the Vandals in 2011.

Women's basketball receives three preseason honors

Three Vandal women's

basketball players were honored by College Sports Madness in its 2012-2013 preseason all-WAC women's basketball predictions.

Junior Alyssa Charlston made the first team while sophomores Krissy Karr and Stacey Barr were second team selections.

Charlston was a first-team all-WAC player last year, averaging 14.5 points

and 8.8 rebounds-per-game. She also had 1.03 blocks-per-game and 11 double-doubles during the 2011-2012 season.

Karr was a WAC all-freshman team pick last year and averaged 6.9 points, 4.0 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 1.1 steals-per-game.

Barr ranked second on the team in scoring last season with 10.3 points-per-game and fourth in re-

bounding, with 4.0 boards-per-game.

Men's basketball underway

The Vandal men's basketball team had its first practice Friday, Oct. 12, as it prepares for the 2012-2013 season.

"It was a good first day," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I thought we played extremely hard, I thought

our concentration was pretty good. The guys carried over what we did in our preseason individual workouts onto the floor, and I thought the pace of practice was good. I was happy with the first practice — but it is just the first day."

The players are battling for the five starting positions before the team's first exhibition game Oct. 27 against Seattle Pacific.

Do or die time

Vandal soccer heads to Ruston, La., needing win or draw with only three matches remaining before WAC Tournament

Madison McCord
Argonaut

A season that started with such high hopes and optimism for the Vandal soccer team now comes down to a three-match stretch which will determine the team's postseason fate.

The Vandals (4-12-1, 1-3-1) start the season's final stretch with a matchup against second-place La. Tech (12-1-3, 3-0-1) at 11 a.m. Sunday in Ruston, La.

This is the fourth straight season Idaho has traveled to play La. Tech on their home pitch, a field that Idaho coach Pete Showler said is one of the smallest the team will likely ever play on.

"The ironic thing for this senior group is this is the fourth year in a row they've been to La. Tech, so they're very familiar with the surroundings, they know what to expect and we're pre-

paring as well as we can to go there," Showler said. "We've just got to control what we can control, and with the way we performed against San Jose State and the way they played at Seattle — who knows."

The tighter pitch will change some of the formation and tactics, Showler said, with the Vandals offense living on strong wing play. With a more direct attack needed, more pressure will be put on senior forward Chelsea Small, who has notched six goals this season for Idaho.

Small said better communication and tighter play will be necessary to leave Ruston with a victory.

"We've just got to move the ball quickly because it's going to be tight with so many people in the small area," Small said. "So our strategy is just playing

quick, moving off the ball and getting it up front."

On the defensive side, Idaho has tightened up since WAC play has started, allowing 11 goals in five matches for a 2.2 goals allowed per match average, compared to the 2.25 goals against average they had in non-conference play — a lot having to due with the strong play of junior center back Chelsie Breen. Paired with Nitalia Zuniga for most of the WAC matches, the Vandals have only allowed three goals twice in the five matches — a number they hope to see extend to six matches.

Breen said that although they've played La. Tech the past few years, no two matches are really alike.

"We've had a few tough games against them. Last year we had an interesting game playing with a



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Megan Lopez, middle left, weaves through teammates during practice Wednesday afternoon on the SprinTurf. The Vandals will face La. Tech at 11 a.m. Sunday in Ruston.

non-keeper," Breen said. "We're ready to go. We're playing in a different formation and getting lots into the attack and we'll still be solid defensively covering for each other."

With the WAC Tournament only two weeks away, an Idaho victory would put them at seven points in the conference table with two matches remaining. Idaho is currently sitting at four points, two points behind

sixth place San Jose State and one behind seventh place Texas-San Antonio. The Vandals' final two matches will be against third place Denver and last place New Mexico State. The WAC's top six teams make the tournament.

Showler said that both he and the team know what needs to happen to make the tournament, and they will do everything in their power to get there.

"Realistically we're preparing to go out and win all three, but you've got to look at where La. Tech is and how they've handled a team like Denver, and they're at home," Showler said. "We know what we've got to do, and the girls are responding very, very well. The energy in their practices and studies have been fantastic."

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Building up, winding down: Getting into peak shape is process for cross country runners

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

As the WAC Championships near, the Vandal cross country teams begin to focus more on speed in their training and cut back on mileage as they get to the "easy" part of their never-ending training cycle.

They've run thousands of miles so far this season, and it's about to culminate into the most important race of the season so far.

But for the Vandals, one of the most important parts of cross country training is the summer running before the season begins.

"Cross country is a long build up," Idaho senior Jeff Osborn said. "Most of us come off of track and take about a two-week break, and then start back up in June."

Osborn started his summer running 50 kilometers (more than 31 miles) per week

and built up to 120 kilometers (more than 74 miles) per week, in addition to cross training (biking, swimming, etc.). He said some runners — such as top men's runner Barry Britt — can get up to 160 kilometers (more than 99 miles) in a week during the summer.

"The work that they put in the summer on their own is essential," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "That really kind of forms the big base for what I like to say is 'the training that allows you to train,' so when they get here, they've got all that running behind them and we can do a little bit more specific work."

Phipps' training philosophy involves breaking the training up into four six-week cycles. The athletes continue to build up running volume when they reach campus, but as soon as school starts, the training gets tough with both high volume and high intensity training for the first six weeks of the season.

This year, Phipps added more mileage than usual for his runners.

"This season was different than last season because (Phipps) was really hard on us for the first six weeks ... even when we were racing he wasn't teasing up on our training very much before the (meets), just to really get a good solid base in ... The training that we did six weeks ago is going to fuel us now," junior Alycia Butterworth said.

She said last season, the Vandals started to "plateau" a little too early in the season. They weren't getting worse, but they may have stopped improving too soon.

This year, Phipps made sure that wouldn't happen again with even harder training in those first six weeks. Unfortunately, that also meant early season results may seem disappointing since the focus is on training hard rather than being completely recovered for the early meets.

"It's a little bit de-motivational, but being coached by Phipps for the past two years, I trust his training scheme completely because he has never done us wrong," Butterworth said. "I've improved every single month, every single season since I've been here."

When the Vandals compete in the WAC Championships on Oct. 27 in Ruston, La., they'll finally be able to show how their hard work has paid off, and they'll be doing it on the most important stage.

"I feel really good with the way we are performing in practice and our fitness level," Phipps said. "We haven't shown exactly how good we are yet. I think we've shown glimpses of it along the way ... but I feel really good and really confident going into conference on both sides."

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another 6-0 run to build a lead in the second, but this time the Aggies responded and out-hit Idaho down the stretch to take the second 25-21 to go into the break tied.

The Vandals came out of the break on fire and, with the help of two service aces in a row from senior Ryann Carter, went on an 8-0 run. The Aggies once again hung tough and brought the score close again. The Vandals' effort was helped along when

Utah State coach Grayson Dubose was red-carded for arguing a call, which resulted in one point for Idaho. The Vandals were able to finish off the set 25-21 to take a 2-1 lead.

The Aggies responded in the third, winning the back-and-forth set to setup a fifth and final set.

Buchanan gave Utah State credit for fighting to the very end.

"They hung in there and they finished till the end," Buchanan said. "For game five that's a poor performance for us to give up that many errors."

Unfortunately for Idaho, the fifth set was all Utah State. The Aggies seized momentum early and built an insurmountable lead to win the set 15-8.

Allison (Walker) Baker once again led the Vandals with 15 kills for her 36th straight

double-digit kill match. Freshman Katelyn Peterson also had a solid night, contributing 13 kills while junior Ashley Christman had 11.

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WAC

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Dykes is 17-10 overall in Ruston, but 13-6 since the start of the 2011 season.

The focus now turns towards the WAC conference championship, which La. Tech is overwhelmingly favored to win.

"It is good to always have a new cause in some ways. I think it is good to be starting conference play. It will get us focused," Dykes said. "Our guys know there are some really good teams in this conference and we cannot afford any slippups. They also know that we are going to have to play incredibly well to have a chance to win."

Dykes would be the first coach to lead La. Tech to back-to-back conference championships since the program transitioned to Division I FBS in 1988.

Previously coached by current Tennessee coach Derek Dooley, the Bulldogs have only enjoyed on-and-off success in the past decade in the WAC, with the 2008 Independence Bowl triumph sticking out from the Dooley era. La. Tech joined the WAC in 2001, though with the successes of Fresno State,

Hawaii, Nevada and Boise State it was hard for the program to find a consistent breakthrough.

In Dooley's final season, La. Tech went 4-8, a clear regression from winning a bowl the year prior, the same season Idaho defeated La. Tech 35-34 at the Kibbie Dome en route to its Humanitarian Bowl run that year. When Dooley jumped to Tennessee, it was Dykes — then the offensive coordinator at Arizona — who got the call.

"My advice to him was 'take the job.' Head coaching jobs are hard to come by," Bill Bedenbaugh, a former Arizona assistant, said. "I knew they had some history (at La. Tech). I thought he'd be crazy not to take it."

Bedenbaugh was an offensive assistant with Dykes at Arizona and Texas Tech, and said he isn't surprised with the success Dykes is having.

"If you're confident, then you can win anywhere," he said. "Sonny's got a great personality, he's extremely positive. I knew he'd be successful."

Under Sonny Dykes, La. Tech couldn't have better timing finding its stride as a

program. The Bulldogs will enter a wide-open Conference-USA race next season with an opportunity to build on its success in recruiting, fan base and facilities.

In the fall of 2010, Dykes' first season on campus, the school announced a \$20 million fundraising campaign to contribute toward a football operations facility and minor upgrades to Joe Alliet Stadium.

With success comes attention. A mid-major coaching job like La. Tech is commonly seen as a stepping-stone toward bigger jobs in BCS conferences, and Dykes is likely to be a hot name this winter.

Bedenbaugh said Dykes is the kind of coach who is just going to focus on what he's got going on at the moment and time.

"If you're not worried about the job you have, you can't expect to do well," he said. "All you care about is the game you have that week. That's the most important thing."

It might be that attitude that has Dykes succeeding where few have expected it.

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SONNY

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seen or will see this season. Including LSU.

On the flip side, the Bulldog defense is one of the worst in the nation, ranked No. 117 among FBS teams. Thankfully, Manning Award hopeful Colby Cameron and the La. Tech offense compensates for that.

The unrelenting offense, which leads the nation in points-per-game, averaging almost 54 — have scored less than 50 points only once this season.

Cameron, who was named to the Manning Award watch list Wednesday, has the nation's 13th-best passer rating. His touchdown-to-interception ratio stands at 18:0 and he's completed at least 65 percent of his passes in all six of La. Tech's games.

Senior cornerback Aaron Grymes and the Vandal defense spent a week preparing for the spread option offense Texas State ran last week, but have transitioned back to the pro style scheme they've been accustomed to.

However, none of those offenses have been under the command of a quarterback as efficient as Cameron.

"He's a really good quarterback, he makes his reads, he finds the guy he wants to throw the ball to ... I think he has a 70 percent completion percentage. He's no layover," Grymes said.

If Idaho's defensive front can pressure Cameron, containing one of the nation's best playmaking receivers off will be more viable.

Patten is the nation's fifth-ranked receiver in terms of receiving yards (765) and his nine touchdown receptions rank second, behind only West Virginia's Stedman Bailey.

"He brings a lot of skill to the game, we know he's a good receiver, we know he's their go-to guy," Grymes said. "Every great player has a weakness, we have to find it and then exploit it."

To Idaho's dismay, the Bulldog offense isn't one-dimensional. In fact, while Cameron's 18 touchdown passes have accounted for 106 points this season, another 132 have come on the ground.

Leading rusher Kenneth Dixon heads a running back corps that has compiled more than 1,300 rushing yards this season.

Although the Bulldogs may run out with the nation's most high-powered offense, their defense, has allowed at least 30 points on six occasions.

La. Tech has allowed one more passing touchdown than it's recorded, something Idaho receiver Mike Scott and the Vandal offense hope they can take advantage of.

"We definitely like the idea of them giving up 59 points last week. That kind of just let us know that there's holes in the defense

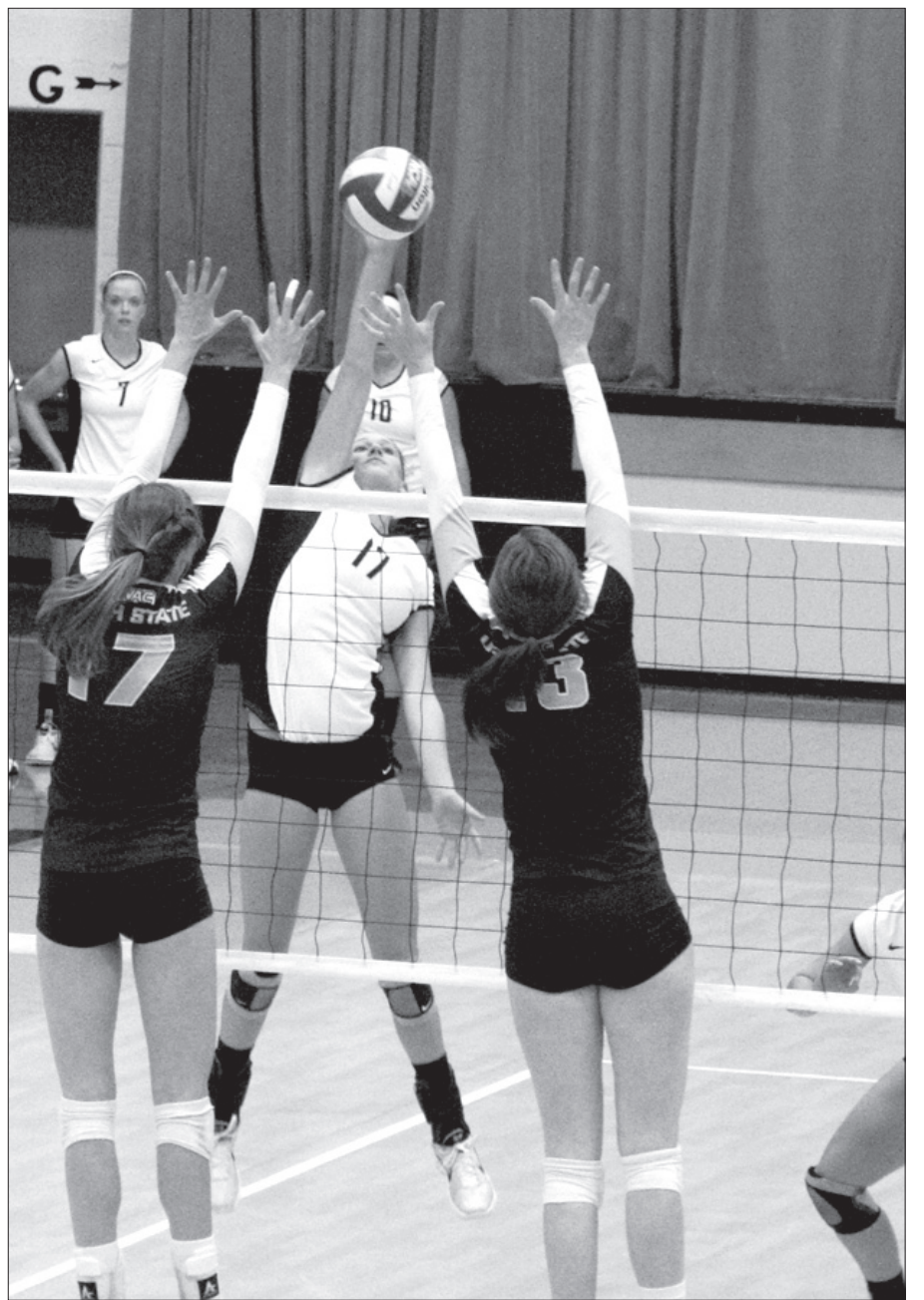
that we can attack," Scott said.

Dykes has also said that Idaho has outworked the Bulldogs physically in recent years, even during the Bulldogs' 24-11 defeat of Idaho last season in the Kibbie Dome.

"They are a team that, physically they just whipped us last year. I mean we won the game. We were very fortunate to win it," Dykes said. "Their defense just manhandled our offense really. They are big up front, big on the back end. They are always physical. That is kind of their deal. They are going to hit you."

Kickoff in Ruston is set for 4 p.m. PT as Idaho seeks to move one game above .500 in the WAC and the Bulldogs attempt to make the case that they are in fact BCS-worthy.

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Ashley Christman splits Utah State blockers during Thursday's match against the Aggies. The Vandals fell in five sets with scores of 19-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-20 and 15-8. With the loss, Idaho is 7-3 in the WAC.

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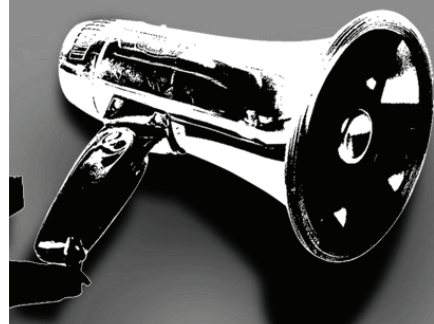
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OUR VIEW

Right idea, wrong reform

Proposition 1

Proposition 1 includes legislation that ends renewable contracts for teachers and limits the negotiations they're allowed to make with local school boards. By "phasing out" tenure, it requires teachers to work under one- or two-year contracts. The proposition also makes it illegal for teachers to negotiate anything but wages and benefits with their school administrators, including issues such as overcrowded classrooms or a lack of funding for basic school supplies and up-to-date textbooks.

Supporters of the proposition claim it returns the power to locally-elected school board officials and parents.

This complicated, top-down mandate has already been in effect for a year. Since then, the Idaho State Board of Education has reported an increase in class sizes and nearly twice as many teachers quitting than in previous years, according to a Feb. 15 Associated Press report.

Proposition 1 is unfair and disrespectful. It misappropriates authority and control from those who deserve it most — teachers who are in the classroom day-in and day-out — and silences those advocating to improve Idaho's future.

Vote YES Prop 1



Vote NO Prop 1



Proposition 2

Proposition 2 is a pay-for-performance plan — it financially rewards teachers for student achievement, good standardized test scores, hard-to-fill positions and leadership.

Teachers' salaries would still depend on years of experience, with the additional opportunity to earn bonuses.

Proponents say the system in place makes it impossible to deal with inadequate teaching or reward quality teachers, and that Proposition 2 is the solution.

The problem is the emphasis Proposition 2 places on state-mandated testing. There's so much more to education than standardized test scores — this proposition deters teachers from encouraging creativity and critical thinking.

Furthermore, it links teacher salaries with test scores, meaning those who work with special-needs or low-income students are less likely to earn a bonus.

No two children have the same learning styles, which is why we cannot apply a set formula to education or measuring student performance.

Vote YES Prop 2



Vote NO Prop 2



Proposition 3

Proposition 3 is a provision of the "Students Come First" reform that pays for every high school student and teacher to have a laptop with wireless capabilities, and for every Idaho high school to be equipped with wireless Internet accessibility. It also requires high school students to complete two credits of online courses prior to graduation.

Supporters of the proposition claim it properly equips Idaho students with the skills needed to be successful in the modern world.

Proposition 3 puts precedence on the needs of out-of-state computer and online education corporations, opposed to those of Idaho students and teachers.

Technological education is crucial in today's classrooms, but there are better, less-expensive ways to incorporate it, such as providing each student with an e-reader or tablet.

Proposition 3 swaps out teachers for laptops, but computers can't motivate students, help them cope with learning problems or foster critical thinking skills like a teacher can.

—BK

Vote YES Prop 3



Vote NO Prop 3



OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Macklemore...

... is quickly becoming a national sensation. Number one on iTunes, if you didn't know. You're welcome. Signed, Seattle.

—Sean

Oh, Mittens

During Tuesday's debate, Gov. Romney basically suggested that I'm more likely to engage in gun violence because I was raised by a single mother. But what do I know? I'm just a page in his binder full of women.

—Britt

Train time

Ticket to Ride, the board game, is freakin' sweet.

—Kasen

Casey and Emerald

I miss Lisa Frank characters.

—Lindsey

Intuitive Compass

Petticoats, dreadlocks, banjos and hats. I'll be tapping my toes all day.

—Chloe

Shakespeare on the Vandal football team

"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em."

—Theo

Longest two days ever

After the week I've had, time with family, friends and Halloween festivities is exactly what the doctor ordered.

—Katy

One week 'til

Candy. Candy everywhere.

—Amrah

This week was crazier than midterm week

But it's all good because Halloween festivities begin this weekend. Not to mention the fact that I'm about to lose my Rocky Horror virginity. Let the fun commence.

—Molly

Laughter is the best medicine

And so is mom. Thanks for taking care of me mama.

—Kaitlyn

Scoreboard

My CNN feed of Tuesday's town hall debate didn't have a scoreboard on it. Therefore when every media outlet asks on Facebook, "Who won the debate?" I have no answer.

—Madison

Redemption

I was almost over Kenny Chesney until I heard "Come Over." He redeemed himself.

—Elisa

Debate rebound

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Conservatives scared after Obama's performance

Popular belief says the second presidential debate mattered more for Democrats than Republicans. Nonsense. President Barack Obama's campaign required resurrection after a two-week public relations nightmare,



Brian Marceau
Argonaut

known in most circles as the first debate, but if Gov. Mitt Romney was to land any knockout, the ordained date was Oct. 16. Today, Obama is still standing.

In what was both the most confrontational and substantive debate of the 2012 elections, the Obama Democrats fantasize about finally arrived. Smart, quick and aggressive, the president overcame what some call his best impulses toward compromise and stood as the strong partisan half our polarized nation yearns for.

He hit Romney on his numerous vulnerabilities — a tax plan conservative columnist David Brooks says, "doesn't pass the laugh test," belief in self-deportation as immigration policy, support of the Blunt Amendment—a law allowing employers to dictate employee contraception coverage and the infinite opposing stances of "candidate Romney" and Governor Romney.

For his part, Mitt Romney did not look bad, though he regressed compared to the Oct. 3 debate. He remained combative on the economy and regulations, but misused the Libya attack in a way he will regret for the next three weeks.

Most polls showed the president winning the debate, though more instructive of the outcome is the conservative media response. In football, losers bemoan the officials — in politics, they blame bias and the moderator. Oct. 17 saw Theblaze.com, Breitbart.com and Foxnews.com focusing not on the performance of their candidate, but on moderator Candy Crowley as the story of the debate. They claimed Crowley showed bias when Gov. Romney accused the president of taking two weeks



Shane Wellner
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On earth as it is in heaven

Don't forget family, relationships in this life

Hi, my name is Kaitlin and someday I'm going to die.

When I do, I want to leave behind a world where I've been the best person I can be. I want to have more family and friends around me than I can count. I want people to remember me as loving, caring and accepting.

I don't want to be remembered as a Christian.

I was raised as a Christian my entire young life. And not in the "go to church on major holidays and for an occasional funeral" kind of way. I went to church at least twice a week and my entire family was actively involved in every aspect of church function. I've been involved with and attended many churches across the U.S. as my family moved around. I've seen it all, and quite frankly I can't stand the thought of seeing anymore.

The Christian church is so concerned with getting themselves and everyone else they see into heaven, they often do so at the cost of relationships. They are so concerned with eternal life they forget they have an equally, if not more, important life to live here on earth.

A recent Pew Research study found that for the first time in recorded history, Protestants are the minority in this country.

At the same time, the number of those who consider themselves religiously unaffiliated is at an all-time high. Why is this?

The Barna Group conducted a research project comprised of eight national studies that assessed the reasons young people such as myself leave the church. One-fifth said, "the church is like a country club, only for insiders," while another 25 percent said, "Christians demonize everything outside of the church."

I've lost countless friendships and family relationships because I decided I didn't agree with one or more aspect of Christian theology. I'm the worst kind of non-Christian ... a former one. I know the intricacies of Christian theology and I choose to reject it. And I have friends and family who have in turn rejected me because of that.

Which is to say, every single one of those people put their doctrine and dogma before their relationships, and they don't seem to care one bit. Their treasures are "in heaven," and so the fact that they might miss out on a few relationships here and there doesn't seem to bother them.

Let's do a reverse Pascal's Wager, a philosophic test that said there is more to be gained from a Christian lifestyle than from an atheistic lifestyle. Let's say you are a Christian who alienates yourself from people who don't view the world the same way you do. They might have different religious views, or maybe they just like



Kaitlin Moroney
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Growth through consequence

Sexual immorality should not be encouraged in society

Martin Luther, Christian reformer of the 16th Century, once stated, "(Godless people) pay attention to the punishment and are afraid of it, but they aren't concerned about their sin." In essence, fear of punishment or consequences imposes fear of sin.



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This is especially true for those in unwed relationships. People in such relationships already prove they are sexually irresponsible by giving in to their lusts before marriage.

Even if they are using contraception like condoms or birth control, are we going to let them continue to avoid responsibility at another level through abortions?

If an unwed couple wishes to be sexually active, then let them also bear the responsibility for such a decision — the men and women in relationships should be ready to become parents. The life of an unborn child is much more important than one's lusty feelings or emotions.

Couples in such relationships should also prepare for possible STDs. Naturally, I don't wish to see the spreading of STDs and hope that we can help those who become infected. However, it is better for couples to contract STDs and discontinue any pre-marital sexual relations than it is for them to prevent STDs and continue in such sinful relationships.

There are treatments for such cases after contraction, but we should not be handing couples condoms, vaccines and the like to prevent it. Offering scapegoats removes consequences and fear of sin, and thereby encourages sexual immorality.

According to safelab-centre.com and abstinence.net, there are approximately 12-15 million new cases of STDs annually in America,

more than 60 percent of which occur among people 25 years old and younger — this should be a wakeup call for those who wish to engage in pre-marital sex.

These figures show us that pre-marital sex has consequences, even if "protected."

Contraception and condoms do not work half as well as abstinence or marriage.

I am not saying we should ban contraceptives or condoms, but hope that we might discourage others from using them — and in doing so show them the path to responsibility and sexual purity. Here's a hint: the Bible is an excellent source of help in such situations.

Consequences help us to grow and steer away from bad decision-making. We all make bad decisions in our lives, of course, but was it not the consequences for such decisions that helped us avoid repeating those same mistakes?

Naturally, none of us can make decisions for others — nor should we — but let's refrain from supporting immoral decisions. No one can learn to grow in a consequence-free environment.

Push yourself, and support your friends to take that hand out of the cookie jar. We should encourage abstinence or marriage instead of abortion, condoms or contraception, responsibility instead of scapegoats, and godliness instead of godlessness.

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Depressed is not deranged

In regards to Brian Marceau's article "Not Deranged, Depressed" I fully support his idea that our country is in a state of mental illness, but I do not support his claim that there is enough of a difference between a state of depression that brings the victim to commit mass murder and just being simply deranged.

When Marceau mentioned that the ones who commit these crimes think to themselves, "I hate myself and it's your fault," it just shows how deranged these people are.

People who are so depressed to the point that they are socially unac-

ceptable and violent must be considered mentally unstable and in such case are deranged.

This type of reasoning is a roundabout way of blaming others for things one needs to work out for themselves, in any case, flawed logic. Once they start to blame others they not only leave their self-responsibility behind, but also their clear thought process. If people truly think like this, they have lost what society calls rational thought. If one is to hate himself it is their choice and their choice alone. No one can truly force you to hate yourself; you make that decision on

your own. Others do not make it for you.

Although I disagree with Mr. Marceau in that aspect I believe he has a valid point that shootings are usually brought about by depression. When society pushes people into a corner they act violently, but if we were to take it onto ourselves to pull these suffering people out of the corner and actually give them self-confidence we could possibly even be able to prevent them from losing their sanity and killing those who threw them out of society.

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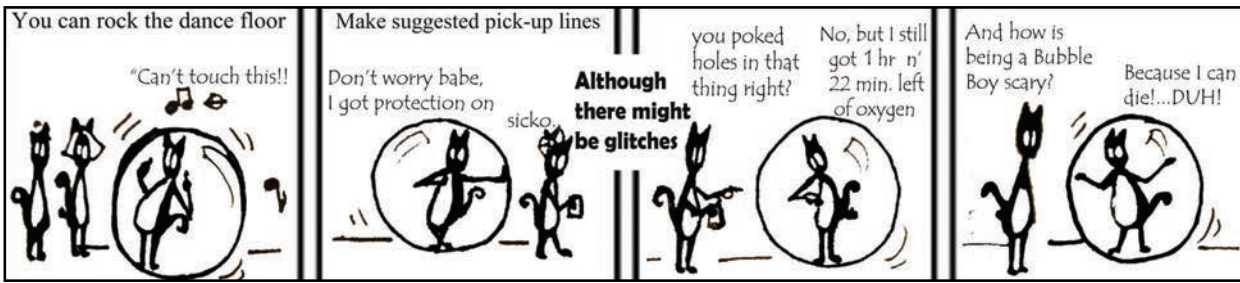
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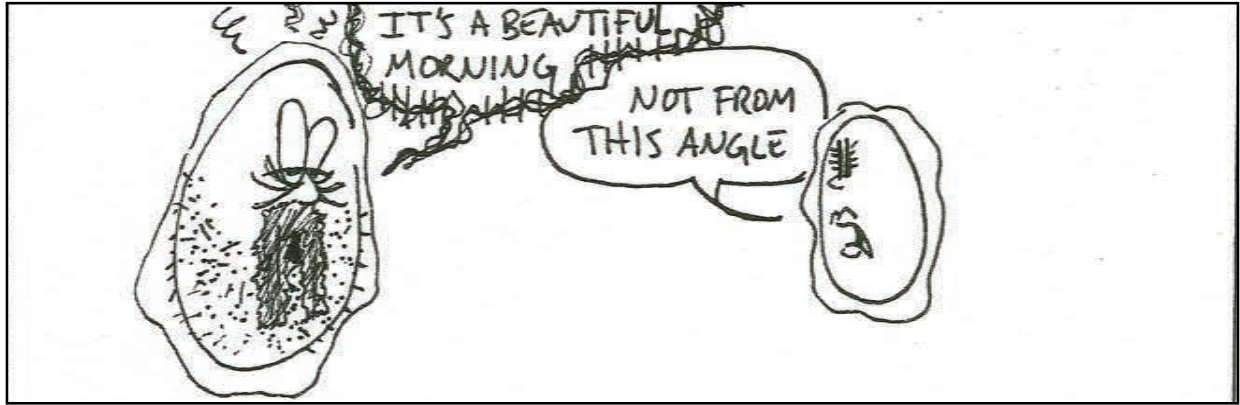
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DEBATE

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to call the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya "terrorism." Romney's attack was mostly correct, but unlettered. The White House did take two weeks to eliminate "The Innocence of Muslims" video myth from their Benghazi narrative, but Obama literally described the Sept. 11 attack as an "act of terror" on Sept. 12. Crowley acknowledged this discrepancy, and for a moment before millions, Romney appeared an overambitious fool.

In addition to his Libya attack missing, the governor gave Obama a chance to take responsibility for the issue, which the president seized. It was here the contrast between president and challenger was starkest. At the risk of tautology, it let the president look presidential on what should have been his weakest issue.

Unwilling to accept defeat, attacks on Crowley show the conservative's fear that this election is slipping away. The two weeks following the first debate were both Romney's peak and Obama's valley. The sun has now set on the governor's high point, and all he has to show for it is a narrow lead in national polls.

Within the context of our electoral college, national polls hold no practical value. In spite of the gains Oct. 3 gave the governor, he has not overtaken the president in most battleground state polls and is losing in almost all electoral college projections. Obama can expect to make up some of his lost ground over the next week, and he's already winning by slim margins in the states that will decide our election. The governor peaked too soon and too low.

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Friday 6:30 p.m. - every 2nd and 4th Friday
U-Night worships and fellowship at The CROSSing
715 Travois Way
(208) 882-2627
email:office@thecrossingmoscow.com
www.thecrossingmoscow.com
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ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CENTER
628 S. Deakin - Across from the SUB
www.vandalcatholics.com
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: Wed. & Sun. 6-6:45 p.m.
Weekly Mass: Tues. - Fri. 12:30 p.m.
Tues. 5:20 p.m. (Latin)
Wed. 5:20 p.m.
Spanish Mass: Every 4th Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.
Phone & Fax: 882-4613
Email: stauggies@gmail.com

BRIDGE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastors:
Mr. Kim Kirkland Senior Pastor
Mr. Luke Taklo Assistant Pastor
Mr. Loren Euhus Assistant Pastor
960 W. Palouse River Drive, Moscow
882-0674
www.bridgebible.org

Evangelical Free Church of the Palouse
Sunday Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service & Children's Church - 10:15 a.m.
College Ministry (SOMA) - Tuesdays - 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry - Sundays - 6 p.m.
4812 Airport Road, Pullman
509-872-3390
www.efreepalouse.org
church@freepalouse.org

PULLMAN emmanuel
Sunday Morning Schedule
Bible Study for All Ages - 9:00 am
Fellowship (coffee and donuts) - 10:10 am
Worship Service - 10:30 am
* Great Bible Teaching *
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* University Ministry - U-Community *
* AWANA with 175+ Kids *
* International Student Ministries *
* Real connections with Small Groups *
www.ebcpullman.org
1300 SE Sunnyread Way - Pullman

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse
We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates the inherent worth & dignity of every person.
Sunday Services: 10:00 am
Coffee: After Service
Nursery & Religious Education
Minister: Rev. Elizabeth Stevens
420 E. 2nd St., Moscow
208-882-4328
For more info: www.palouseuu.org

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
A welcoming and inclusive congregation
111 S. Jefferson, Moscow
(across from the Moscow Public Library)
208-882-2022, stmark@moscow.com
www.stmarkmoscowid.org
Sunday Schedule
9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with music
5:30 p.m. - Taize service (begins Sept. 9)
(All are welcome)

First Presbyterian Church
405 S. Van Buren - Moscow, Idaho
882-4122 office@fpcmoscow.org
www.fpc-moscow.org
Facebook: MoscowFPC
Norman Fowler, Pastor
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9:30
Traditional Worship 11:00
Wednesday Taize Worship 5:45 pm
Thursday College Group 5:30 pm
Join us for supper and conversation
We'd love to meet you!

RESONATE CHURCH
Exploring God is Better in Community
Sunday Worship Gathering
Sunday Evenings: 7:15pm
Nuart Theatre
516 South Main Street
Moscow, ID
For More Information:
509-330-6741
experienceresonate.com
facebook.com/resonatechurch

Jewish Community of the Palouse
FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES.
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
SUNDAY SCHOOL.
For more information
Call 208 882 0971
Or email schreck2020@msn.com
Or see our webpages at...
http://personal.palouse.net/jewish

HILLS CHURCH
A new BIBLE-BASED CHRISTIAN church in Pullman, WA.
SUNDAYS @ 11:00 A.M.
at BELL TOWER.

Living Faith Fellowship
1035 S. Grand, Pullman, 334-1035
www.LivingFaithFellowship.com
Worship Services
Sundays - 10:30 am
Wednesdays - 7 pm
Youth Group - Wednesdays, 7 pm
4-6th Grades & 7-12th Grades
Campus Christian Fellowship
Friday Nights - 7:30 pm
www.CampusChristianFellowship.com
CUB Auditorium at WSU
View our website for transportation schedule
Or call for a ride to any of our services!

Moscow First United Methodist Church
Worshipping, Supporting, Renewing
9:00 AM: Sunday School classes for all ages, Sept. 9 - May 19
10:30 AM: Worship (Children's activities available)
The people of the United Methodist Church: open hearts, open minds, open doors.
Pastor: Susan E. Ostrom
Campus Pastor: John Morse
322 East Third (corner 3rd and Adams)
Moscow, ID 83843 208-882-3715