

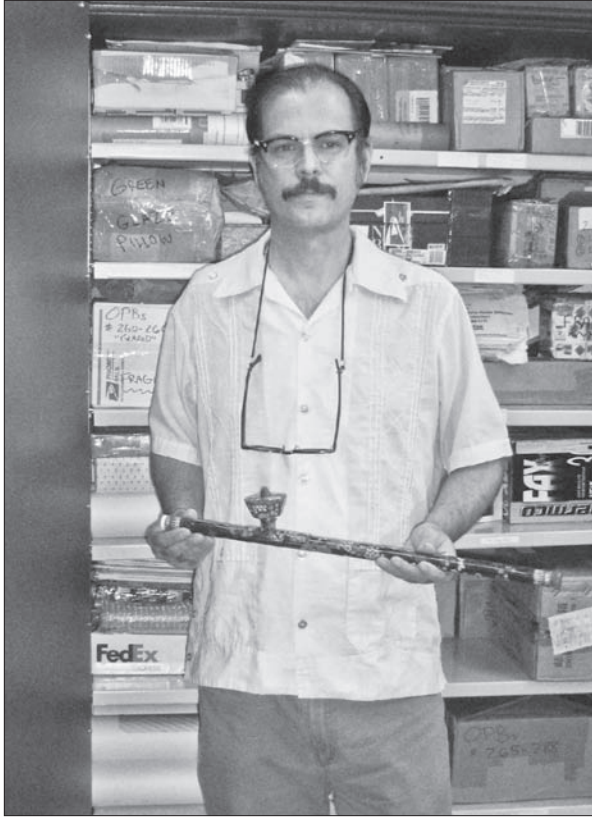
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The last opium addict



Priscilla Wegars | Courtesy

Steven Martin holds an opium pipe that is part of his donation to the Asian American Comparative Collection in the Industrial Technology Education building.

UI collection houses antique pipes of former opium addict

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

Rock bottom for Steven Martin's opium addiction was realizing it was the drug or his collection of pipes.

In order to make sure his collection lives on, even after he dies, Martin donated his collection to the University of Idaho — with the condition that it stays intact.

Opium was once one of the most prevalent drugs in the world. In the middle of the 19th century, China was ravaged by wars with the British over the drug. Most major cities in America had at least one opium den, and often-times had many more.

Anti-opium movements in America and Asia in the first half of the 1900s slowly stamped out the drug. The communists abolished opium smoking in China, and by the end of the Vietnam War, the drug's hold on Asia was almost entirely gone.

In the dying light of the 20th century, Martin was a travel

writer in Asia. He wrote for a few magazines and travel guides throughout the region.

On one trip, Martin was helping a friend report about the vestiges of opium smoking in Laos, which he said was one of the last holdouts of opium smoking in the world.

"I should say in the Chinese manner. That's important," Martin said.

They found an opium den in a small village north of Vientiane. Apparently, the village was a popular spot for backpackers traveling through Southeast Asia.

"You could party there very cheaply," Martin said.

These backpackers created the demand for opium.

On their way back from the village, Martin took his friend to an antique store where they sold opium antiques.

"I had what I like to call a collector's epiphany," Martin said.

From his boyhood in San Diego, Martin collected a variety of items — seashells, stamps, coins and so forth.

"Everywhere I've ever lived, I've always collected something," he said.

He said it's a form of entertainment, similar to the way other people go to movies or watch sports.

More info

The opium pipe collection is housed in the Asian American Comparative Collection in the Industrial Technology Education building, and can be viewed by appointment. Contact pwegars@uidaho.edu for more information.

Collecting opium paraphernalia turned out to be more difficult than Martin said.

"Most of it was destroyed during eradication campaigns," Martin said.

He scoured Asia, looking for pipes, bowls, lamps and other devices used to smoke opium.

"It's not a matter of really bringing it back, but I do think the knowledge of what something was or how it was used ... is important," Martin said.

Priscilla Wegars, research associate and volunteer curator of the Asian American Comparative Collection in the sociology department, said the knowledge is important for American history as well.

She said many Western archaeological sites hold opium devices.

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ASUI bylaw change allows food funding

Katy Sword
Argonaut

A recent bylaw change means student organizations can receive funding from ASUI to pay for food and labor.

Max Cowan, ASUI senator, wrote the bill which allows the activities board to fund food and labor costs, which was previously restricted.

"Essentially, the change (is) so organizations can request funding for food and labor costs for large events held on campus and in the Moscow community as long as purchased from the university," Cowan said.

Cowan said the change

stems from the feedback of student organizations over the past few years. He said student organizations have always struggled to purchase food for events, Movimiento Activista Social being a recent example.



The discussion that was had over my veto and over the bill was a good catalyst for ASUI to review its procedures.

Hannah Davis,
ASUI president

Davis set a precedent this month showing that ASUI doesn't give out funds "willy nilly," which stemmed from MAS' request for additional funding for food. She said although they requested funding for food, that wasn't the largest issue. The issue was they were "double dipping."

Davis said her veto of

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Amy Asanuma | Argonaut

Alex Gordon, Grocery Buyer at the Moscow Food Co-op, stocks organic baked beans. The Latah Economic Development Council is working with the Co-op to explore the idea of creating a food innovation center.

Eating local City looks to create food innovation center, distribute local foods throughout community

Allison Griffith
Argonaut

To increase the amount of people in Moscow who process their own food, the city is looking at creating a food innovation center, said Robin Ohlgren, assistant executive director of the Latah Economic Development Council.

The idea stems from a meeting of 120 different community members in 2010 called Food on the Table, where they discussed ways to have greater access to local food, Ohlgren said.

"Creating a lasting and sustainable food innovation center can be a difficult task to do," she said. "However, we (the council) believe that if a center can work anywhere, it can work in Moscow."

She said Moscow has the community support, and people who want a

sustainable center.

Right now, LEDC is using the \$17,000 in grant money they received to have Manheim Solutions, Inc. conduct a feasibility study in Moscow and assess what the best possibilities for the center are, Ohlgren said.

She said the innovation center might take shape into a variety of things, such as a community kitchen where people can bottle, can and process local food.

Ohlgren said the study, which should be completed by the end of November, is supposed to show the best options for success.

After the study is finished, Ohlgren said they will start looking at the feasibility of creating the center. She said the problem will be with funding, especially since LEDC wants the center

to be fiscally sustainable and not a burden on the city.

Mayor Nancy Chaney said there is a push for more areas to buy local, and a food innovation center would create a regional agriculture production and distribution area.

The city is working with various branches and institutions to create the best option for the center, including the University of Idaho, Chaney said.

Ohlgren said they are also working with the Food Co-op, Gritman Medical Center and Rural Roots, so they can all collaborate and not duplicate ideas.

Manheim Solutions, Inc. is also engaging local consultants to better understand the community of Moscow, she said.

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UI student competes for \$10,000 Cheapster series

Erin Roetker
Argonaut

University of Idaho junior Rachael Ashley has been chosen to compete for a \$10,000 prize for herself and for UI in the second season of Zions Bank's Cheapster reality web series.

"Through an application and selection process, 13 college students from Idaho and Utah

— there are three from Idaho, myself included this year — compete to be the ultimate Cheapster by showing how frugal they can be in college and do, like, these penny pinching activities," Ashley said.

She said Zions' goal is to make money matter a little bit more while adding

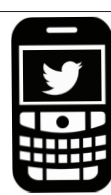
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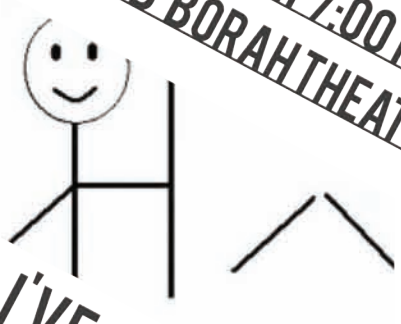
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Pumpkin cinnamon rolls

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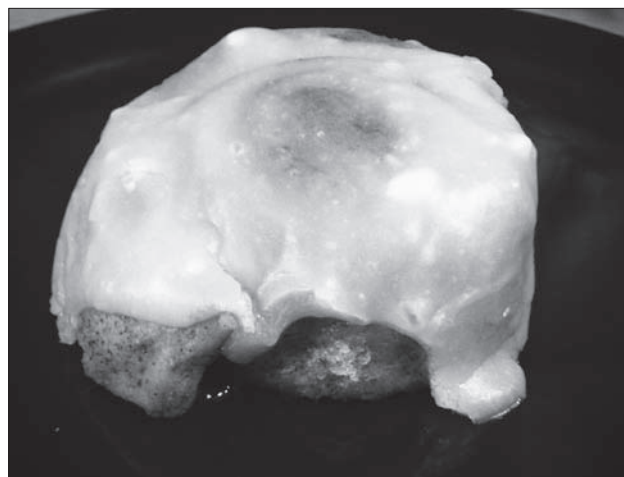
'Tis the season for pumpkin, so why not pumpkin cinnamon rolls? These take a little time and planning, but they are worth the reward. Besides, the recipe yields at least 20, so you can have cinnamon rolls every day.

Ingredients:
Dough:
1/4 cup warm water
1/3 cup warm milk
2 1/2 tsp. yeast
1/3 cup sugar
1 egg
3/4 cup pumpkin puree
2 tbsp. butter
3 1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/8 tsp. nutmeg

Filling:
1 stick butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tbsp. cinnamon

Icing:
1/4 cup butter
4 oz. cream cheese
1 1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

How to:
In a small bowl combine water, milk, yeast and sugar. In a large bowl, cream together the egg, pumpkin puree, and butter. Add the yeast mixture to the large bowl. Mix in the remaining ingredients. The dough will be sticky, but try to knead it as best you can. This isn't a recipe for someone not willing to get their hands dirty. Drizzle a little oil over



Katy Sword | Crumbs

the dough and let it rise for one hour. I used vegetable spray, it's less messy and works just the same.

Divide the dough into two pieces. Roll out each piece until it is about the size of a small cookie sheet. Spread the filling mixture on the dough and roll. To slice, I recommend

using dental floss. It keeps the rolls from squishing.

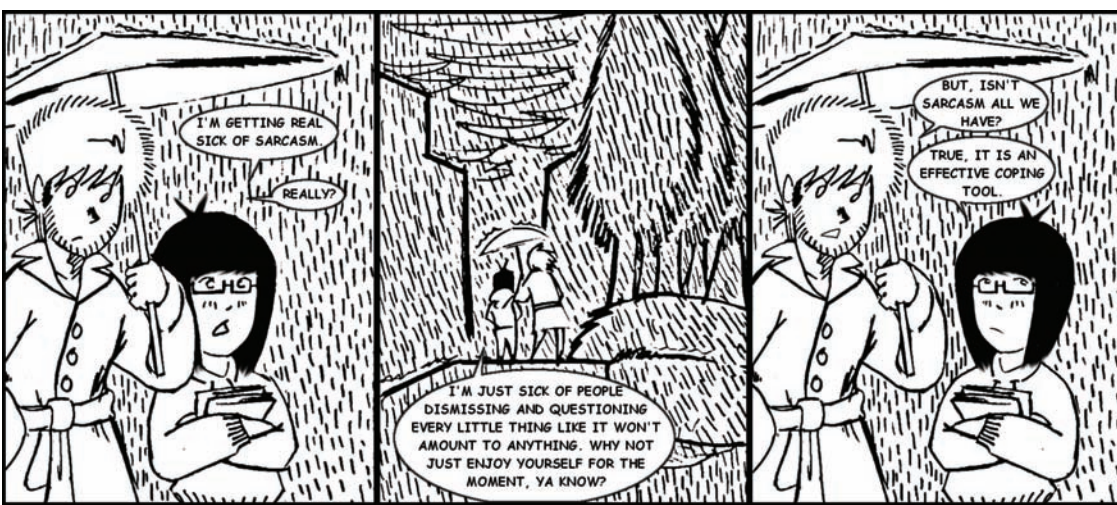
Let the rolls rise for 45 minutes before baking.

Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Once they are cool, ice and enjoy.

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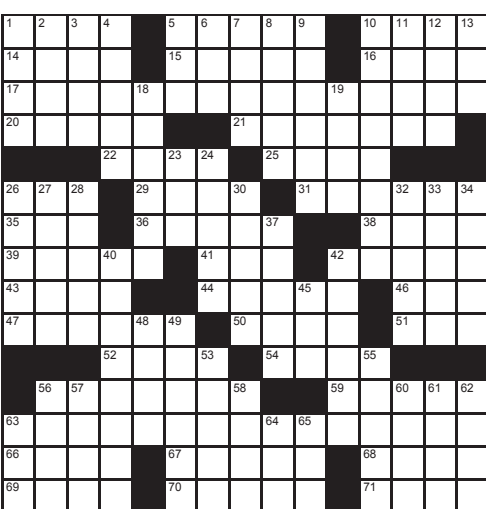
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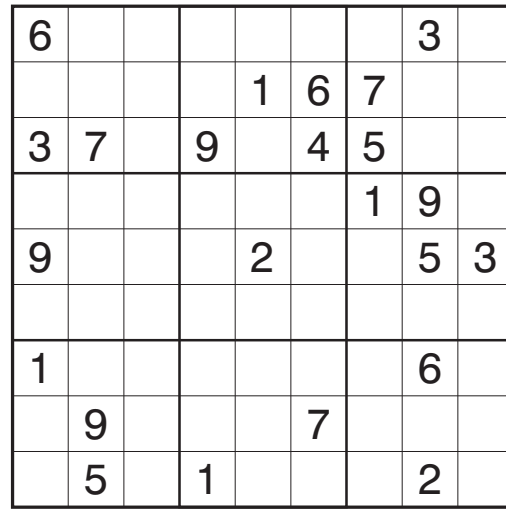
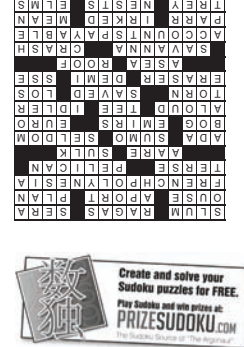
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Hallow holidays celebrate dead

Halloween, Dia de los Muertos remembers souls of dead

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Each year on Oct. 31, scary, skimpy and strange costumes make their way out of the closets, pumpkins are carved and everything gets a little bit spooky. But the holiday, which originated in the Catholic Church, is traditionally the start of four celebrations for the souls of the dead.

Halloween — All Hallows' Eve, All-Saint's Day, All-Soul's Day and Dia de los Muertos, are all holidays that stemmed from Catholic tradition and have been adapted by various cultures over time into the holidays we know today.

Katie Goodson, campus minister at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Moscow, said the holidays began with All-Saint's day and All-Soul's day — two holidays that focus on prayer for the souls of the dead.

"The Catholic Church, we believe in Saints and we call anyone who's in heaven a saint. They go through a process called canonization, and when they go through that process they're Sainted ... basically that means we know for sure they're in heaven," Goodson said. "All-Saints Day ... we celebrate all the saints in heaven that don't have a specific day we celebrate."

All-Saints Day is cel-

ebrated on Nov. 1, in conjunction with All-Souls Day on Nov. 2.

"All-Souls Day, which some people call the Day of the Dead, we remember all those that have died and pray for them that they will quickly enter heaven," Goodson said.

The Catholic holidays made way for the development of the tradition of Halloween, or All-Hallows Eve.

"In our church we can start our celebrations the night before, like Christmas Eve and Christmas and Holy Saturday and Easter," Goodson said. "Halloween was like the beginning celebration but it has since turned into Halloween."

Martin Carrion, a professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, said the difference in the holidays is the way they are celebrated and not what they are celebrating.

"In reality both Halloween and All-Soul's day do stem from the Christian tradition that was there in Europe and then arrived in the new world," Carrion said. "The difference is in the sense that a person that lives in Italy is that their tradition will be very simple in that they will probably go to mass and pray."

Carrion said the easiest way to differentiate between All-Souls Day and Dia de los Muertos is the influence of indigenous peoples, such as the Aztecs on the traditions of those who celebrate Dia de los Muertos.

"(Europeans) won't go to the cemetery and they won't bring food and build altars for the dead — that is tradition that stemmed from the indigenous cultures," Carrion said.

Irina Crookston, chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, said Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of a person's life and their soul moving on rather than a fear of death and evil, which she said is what Halloween is focused on.

"The day of the dead is a Mexican holiday. It is a time to remember and honor loved ones in a festive fun way," Crookston said. "It's not a really scary thing, it's a fun thing. It's more of a party situation — it's kind of laughing at death in its face."

Crookston said that in the cultures she is most familiar with — French and Italian — those who celebrate All-Saints and All-Souls day spend their time visiting cemeteries and praying for the souls of loved ones. She said

the holiday is comparable to Memorial Day in the United States.

"The biggest difference for All-Saints is we're celebrating holiness. We're celebrating people who have lived a holy life and have given everything to the Lord and are now celebrating in heaven," Goodson said.

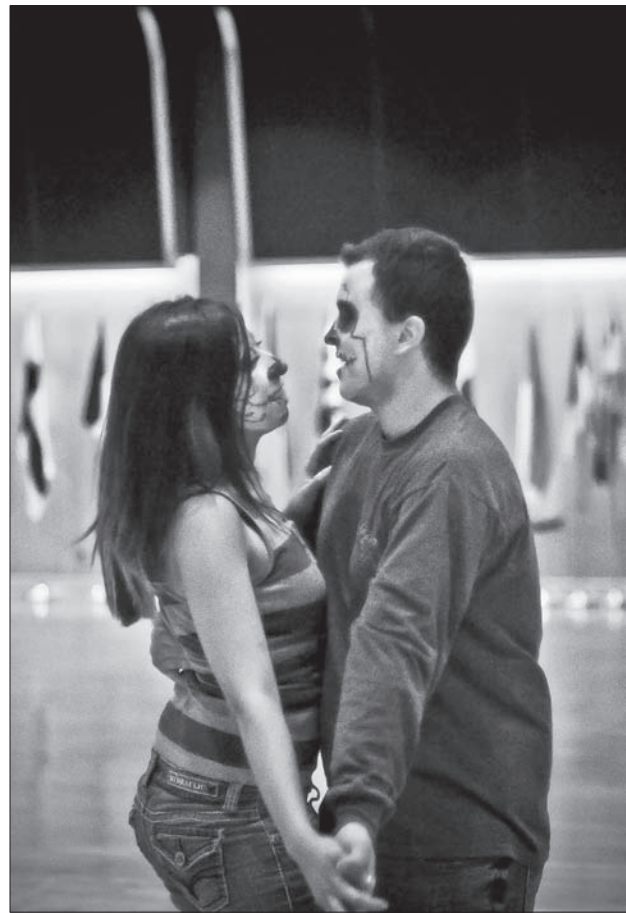
Goodson said Halloween tends to celebrate the opposite.

"Halloween celebrates being scared of evil and so people dress up to hide or to scare it away. I think the biggest difference is that All-Saints is really about hope. Hope of the life we can have, hope of heaven and I would say Halloween at its root is about fear — our fear of death, our fear of evil and our inability to fight it."

Carrion said it is easy to see how Dia de los Muertos and All-Souls Day are related because they developed from the same Catholic traditions.

"You can see how both are related in the sense that in the Christian tradition there is this memory to the dead. But definitely where it differs is in the whole ritual of building an altar for the deceased where you would have objects of the deceased and candles and food offerings," Carrion said. "It is no accident that certain holidays also were at the same time as the Pagan holidays."

Carrion said that although the modern Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of the life of the dead, in the traditional Roman Catholic ceremony this is not the case.



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Sheila Soto, left, and Juan Mendez dance in celebration of Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday that pays tribute to ancestors, Nov. 2011 in the Student Union Building ballroom. The holiday provides friends and family with the opportunity to remember those who have died.

"We are talking about not really a celebration but a day where you join in penance," Carrion said. "That's the very origin of that day — a day where you pray for the souls of friends and family because they may be in peril of eternal fire. So really the root of that tradition is a day to pray for eternal rest and salvation, not so much a celebration of their lives."

Carrion said it is important and interesting to know the differences in the holidays as well as the way

More info

St. Augustine's will host a dinner from 5-7 p.m. in their dining hall. On Nov. 1 in the SUB ballroom altars can be viewed from 5-7 p.m. and the Dia de los Muertos Dance is from 8-11 p.m.

they are celebrated.

"It's a difference of culture and tradition," Carrion said.

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"We need to know what they were for," Wegars said.

In order to find out what these devices were used for, Martin visited opium dens in Laos three or four times a year.

"I started experimenting with the drug," he said.

He said he justified experimentation by saying he was doing research. Eventually, he became addicted to the drug.

"It took years for that to happen. Opium smoking can be like that," Martin said. "Once the drug puts its hooks in you, it's very difficult to stop."

Very little had been written about the actual use of opium paraphernalia. Martin said French writers liked to take the drug, but described it lovingly. Christian missionaries in Asia, on the other hand, wrote about the evils of the drug.

"I found it difficult to take either of them seriously," Martin said.

He said it is also difficult to even smoke the drug. In the 19th century — the height of opium's power — most smokers didn't know how to prepare the pipes.

Opium dens would have attendants do it for them, and wealthy users often employed their own servants to help them with the drug.

Martin's experimentation with the drug came to a head in 2007.

"I knew I had to stop or else I'd sell off my collection," he said.

The low demand for opium, and the high demand for other opiates, made the habit expensive.

He checked himself into a Buddhist monastery that specializes in drug rehabilitation.

He said the withdrawals of opium are horrifying. It starts off like a bad cold and gets more severe,

with vomiting, diarrhea, fever and cramps.

"You literally feel like you are dying," Martin said. "If books can be believed, it was common for people to die."

After detox, Martin said he started looking to donate his collection because the knowledge of opium paraphernalia would die with the collection.

"I wanted to find an institution that was as passionate about it as I am," Martin said.

He found UI, and Wegars, and started the process of donating the antiques.

Because they are considered drug paraphernalia, Idaho's attorney general had to sign off on the donation. With

a promise that the items would be kept in a safe, the attorney general gave the OK.

Martin said the precaution isn't necessary.

"If they could get the stuff, they wouldn't know how to use them," Martin said.

The agreement with UI was signed in 2006, and he started sending items in 2007. The bulk of them arrived in April of this year.

Martin said UI would have about 1,000 items when the sending is done.

Right now, Wegars is working on cataloging the items. Martin spent a few weeks on campus helping, especially with the small items.

He said most of the items are incredibly artistic. Opium heightens the senses, particularly vision and touch, so colors and textures were particularly important in paraphernalia design.

The collection is held in the Asian American Comparative Collection in the Industrial Technology Education building, and can be viewed by appointment.

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Steven Martin

CHEAPSTER

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a really fun element to it.

All episodes air on Wednesdays. Three have been filmed and the fourth episode will be a finale.

The application process started when applicants submitted a short profile and an essay. Through that, people were selected to submit a video on why they should be the ultimate Cheapster. Those videos determined which 13 students joined the competition.

There is no one doubled up from any university.

"Zions Bank tried to have representatives from every college in the area. I think initially there were about 400 people that applied," Ashley said.

She said her family owns a small business and as a result was always taught the value of the dollar and how to be frugal with her money.

"I have never been worried about her when it comes to money," Ashley's mom, Karen said.

Karen Ashley said her daughter has had a job since she was 15 years old. Rachael was



Zions Bank Public Relations | Courtesy

University of Idaho student Rachael Ashley competed at Salt Lake City in the Cheapster competition hosted by Zions Bank. The first episode aired Oct. 24 and the second episode is set to air Oct. 31 at www.youtube.com/CheapsterTV.

always doing something to make money, from showing a dog, selling hamster furniture when she was young or working a part time job.

Karen said Rachael lives by the quote, "Everyone can make money but not everyone can save money."

"It is cool to be a cheerleader for your university, but it is really the benefit is for them to start

thinking about where their money goes, even if we give our self a cash budget every two weeks or every pay day. It seems to disappear really fast," Ashley said. "As college students, we aren't rolling in the money. A lot of us have part time jobs, very few of us have full time jobs, so there isn't a lot of income. That is why we need to make our outcome count."

She said there are tips in the show to save money when it comes to food, clothes, movie tickets or just every day life.

"I plan on going into the agriculture industry and agri-

More info

For more information on the competition and how Ashley is doing go to www.facebook.com/CheapsterRachael.

business, so I will be working with people and their finances and their business and how to make what they do better and make them more successful," Ashley said. "I hope to help other people someday do better, but also do well myself."

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bill F12-42 sparked discussion where she decided that food should be able to be funded by ASUI, as long as it is for a large event where all students are welcome.

Cowan said they wanted to fund food because they can make sure groups comply with UI regulations and ensure the funds were used responsibly.

"We also want to make sure they comply with university regulations and ensure the funds are used responsibly," he said.

Davis said she is glad the changes were made.

"The discussion that was had over my veto and over the bill was a good catalyst for ASUI to review its procedures," Davis said. "This change in bylaws doesn't go against the precedent I set, but enforces our views and shows that ASUI is ready to change and move forward to help students in a way that is most beneficial."

Cowan said the bylaw change will also allow funding for labor, something that previously was not allowed.

He said it is specifically designed

to pay for sound production and lighting because the university separates the cost for equipment and labor, which has been an issue for student organizations.

He said there was some concern that clubs would use the funds for meetings, but said it was remedied by only allowing food funding for large events.

"The biggest thing is it should help student organizations in promoting a lively campus," Cowan said. "That's really the goal."

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LOCAL

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"They strongly believe in and feel we have a good chance in succeeding," Ohlgren said.

She said the idea for buying local foods is not going away, and with different institutions looking at using local foods there is a better chance for success.

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Ringo for Idaho Legislature



For the first time, the California State Student Association named an out-of-state lawmaker as their choice for **Legislator of the Year**. Idaho Representative **Shirley Ringo** received this honor for 2011-2012. Representative Ringo's noteworthy support of education in the Idaho Legislature captured the attention of students and led to her receiving this award.

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SPORTS



In its season-opening exhibition, Idaho outlasted Seattle Pacific thanks to 28 points from Stephen Madison.

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Western Athletic Conference | Courtesy

The WAC champion Idaho women's cross country team hoists the championship trophy after beating Texas-San Antonio at the conference meet in Ruston, La., Saturday. The team has won three consecutive conference championships and junior Hannah Kiser won her first individual WAC crown.

It's a three-peat

Women's cross country comes out on top of WAC for third consecutive year

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the third straight season, the Idaho women's cross country team is the best in the WAC. The Vandals won their third consecutive title in the closest win in WAC history, and Idaho junior Hannah Kiser secured her first individual conference title.

"It feels really good," Kiser said. "It's nice to be an individual champion and a team champion. I tried for it last year and it didn't happen, so it's nice to come back and be able

to do it."

In a race where the Vandals combined to run 1:29:28.17 between seven runners over five-kilometers, the race came down to tenths of a second as Idaho beat Texas-San Antonio 48-51. In the final straightaway, junior Holly Stanton passed a runner to move from 15th to 14th and freshman Halie Raudenbush moved up two spots from 18th to 16th to secure the win for the Vandals. Without these two moves, Idaho would have lost by one point to UTSA.

"This was the toughest victory of the three (championships) by far," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "We overcame a lot of adversity throughout the year. We overcame some injuries, some illnesses. We felt confident coming in but we knew it was going to be a tough battle and it ended up being even tougher than what we expected."

After not feeling 100 percent in last year's WAC Championship, Kiser dominated the 2012 field, finishing in 17:15.03 minutes, more than 10 seconds

ahead of the second place finisher. She was also honored as the WAC Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Year and was selected as an all-WAC first team runner.

"She's been a crucial part of our team from freshman year," Phipps said of Kiser. "Last year she got very close to winning and she was very motivated this year to try to win ... all the hard work she put in during the summer really paid off."

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Blackman, Scheidt dismissed from team

Quarterback, linebacker removed from team for policy violation

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

One week after the termination of head coach Robb Akey's contract, Idaho starting quarterback Dominique Blackman and linebacker Conrad Scheidt have been dismissed from the football team for violating team rules, the athletic department announced Sunday.

"It was something that came across on Thursday and he violated team policy rules," interim coach Jason Gesser said of Blackman. "It was something that has occurred before and it was our decision to let

multiple things leading up to the tweet, Gesser said.

"Not just of that, it was a handful of things that started leading up to that point and that was one of the things that kind of tipped our hand to say, 'you know what you have to get your stuff together,'" Gesser said.

Elmo may return to the team prior to the season's end, according to Spear. Gesser added that he would spend this week practicing with the scout team and helping prepare the defense for San Jose State.

Blackman was suspended for Idaho's season-opener against Eastern Washington for undisclosed reasons and has since started every game for the Vandals. The junior made his fourth collegiate stop two years ago when he arrived in Moscow after attending Washington, Los Angeles Harbor College and Old Dominion.

Gesser expects senior quarterback Logan Bushnell to start for Idaho on Saturday, but junior Taylor Davis will also get repetitions throughout the game.

"Logan's going to start out the game, he's our No. 2 guy, he'll start the game off," Gesser said. "Both him and Taylor will both take reps during this week of practice and Taylor will see reps in the game, probably some-

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Dominique Blackman



Conrad Scheidt

Seniors end saga with win

Madison McCord
Argonaut

In Erica Hart's first start as a Vandal, she scored twice to help Idaho defeat Eastern Washington. Four years and 54 starts later, Hart — one of 10 Idaho seniors — scored a brace to lead the Vandals past New Mexico State 3-1 in her last match on Guy Wicks Field.

More important than a senior day victory, though, is a berth in the WAC Tournament, which the Vandals clinched on a dramatic final day of conference play. The tournament takes place Nov. 1-4 and will showcase the WAC's top six teams in Logan, Utah.

Idaho will open the tournament as the sixth seed and will play a rematch against No. 3 Texas State, who defeated the Vandals 2-1 Sept. 28.

Idaho (6-13-1, 3-4-1 WAC) opened on the attack against last-place New Mexico State (2-14-3, 0-7-1 WAC), culminating in a 6th minute goal courtesy of junior defender Nitalia Zuniga, who tapped in a Chelsie Breen header off a Katie Baran corner kick — all three underclassmen.

"We had some good practices this week, and we just had it in our heads that we had to come out strong," Zuniga said. "We didn't want this to be our last game with the seniors, so we just put everything we had out there."

Idaho's defense stood stout for the remainder of the first half, allowing the Aggies only four



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Senior forward Chelsea Small attempts to work the ball past a New Mexico State player during the second half of Sunday's game at Guy Wicks Field. Small is Idaho's all-time leading scorer and has started all 82 games since she's been at Idaho.

shots, one of which was on goal. The Vandals on the other hand, mustered nine shots and four on goal in the opening 45 minutes.

Idaho coach Pete Showler said Idaho imposed its style on the Aggies, which led to the Vandals dominating New Mexico State in all statistical categories — the scoreboard included.

"They took the game to them early, up two-nil at halftime, and we know that's the most dangerous lead to have, but that third one kind of gave us that extra cushion," Showler said. "They got that one, but then we came back and put the pressure right back on them. It was fantastic and I'm so proud."

Both sides exchanged possession for the majority of the first half before a trio of seniors gave the home side the two-score advantage.

In the 40th minute, midfielder Megan Lopez took a through ball up the right wing, and after some cheeky dribbling around a couple Aggie defenders, she found midfielder Jill Flockhart, who struck a perfect cross into the box and onto the head of Hart, who finished for her third goal of the season.

"It was perfect. Megan's got foot moves for days, and Jill always plays a perfect ball," Hart said. "I had the easy part in it. It was awesome though."

Hart tacked on the Vandals' third score in the 60th minute after finishing a rebound in the box. Hart said she couldn't have asked for a better way to end her Idaho home career than getting a win while playing with her teammates.

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Vandals double up in El Paso

Men's golf leaves UTEP Miner Invite with team title

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

It took four fall tournaments, but the Idaho men's golf team finally came away with a team title, finishing ahead of all opposition at the UTEP Miner Invite last weekend in El Paso, Texas.

Additionally, senior Gordon Webb shot a tournament-best 208 to run away with an individual title, the first of his Vandal career.

Coach John Means said the team had cancelled out of a tournament the previous week to tune up a few things ahead of the Invite.

"It was something special ... The guys worked really hard for the additional week and we went down there and all the work paid off, especially Gordon," Means said.

Webb began the tournament with a double bogey on the first hole, responded with a few birdies and found himself in contention for the individual crown following the first round, when he trailed Northern Colorado's Charlie Mroz by just two strokes.

Webb improved on his first round 70 in the second round by shooting a 68, which would move him into the lead. The Western New Mexico transfer was one of three players to shoot a final round 70, which was easily good enough to remain atop the leaderboard.

The second-best competitors were New Mexico State's Justin Shin and Utah State's Justin Bankhead, who fired 212, four strokes shy of Webb.

Means is pleased to know his senior's "pedigree" may finally be synonymous with his match play.

"Everything says that he's going to be a great college player ... But he never did it at this level," Means said. "It was always back there in the pedigree, and he showed that he can do it and I think you'll see more of the same performance from Gordon in the spring."

Webb's championship performance was certainly key to the team title, but two of his teammates, both underclassmen, turned in top-11 scores to propel Idaho past Texas-Arlington, who finished nine strokes behind the Vandals.

Sophomore Aaron Cockerill was seventh with a two-under 214 Sean McMullen, another sophomore, shot a 216 to tie for 11th place. Freshman Dylan Baker and senior Mark Giorgi rounded out the Vandals' efforts with 33rd- and 54th-place finishes, respectively.

Means noticed an improvement in the team's short game, and while he complimented Webb's calmness throughout the tournament, this was a theme that he noticed from the team as a whole.

"We putted better, we worked really hard on that from our last tournament to this one," Means said. "The overall calmness of the guys, which is something we talk about all the time — but it's one thing to talk about it and it's another thing to go out and make a

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Gordon Webb



Ilya Pinchuk | Courtesy

Vandal forward Stephen Madison drives for a basket Saturday in Memorial Gym during Idaho's 77-71 exhibition win over Seattle Pacific. Madison scored 28 points, a career-high for the Portland native.

Barone-less Vandals win season opener

In its exhibition opener, Idaho men's basketball shows promise, inexperience

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Without its all-WAC, do-everything center, Idaho men's basketball coped with adversity and came out of its season-opening exhibition match-up with a victory, downing NCAA Division II opponent Seattle Pacific 77-71 Saturday in Memorial Gym.

The Vandals' only returning starter, junior Stephen Madison, stepped up in a big way in the absence of Kyle Barone, who is sitting out due to a suspension. Barone could return to the court in Friday's exhibition against Central Washington.

Madison eclipsed his career-high point mark Saturday, tallying 22 points in the first half, two more than his 20-point game against UC Santa Barbara during last season's CIT Tournament.

The junior's aggressiveness was a factor in his career night.

"Just attacking on the transition, I think our transition game in the first half was really what got us going," Madison said. "Just getting out and out-

running them on the break was really big I think."

The opposing Falcons had beaten three consecutive Division I opponents, most recently the University of Arizona last season.

"I thought we showed a lot of energy tonight, I thought we played hard for a good part of the game and I liked our enthusiasm," coach Don Verlin said.

Idaho's largest lead came early in the second half, when Wendell Faines put the Vandals up 20 after sinking a free throw that would complete a three-point play.

When the shooters settled in and Idaho's big men created a sizeable gap in the rebounding margin, the Vandals were dominant.

When turnovers were at a maximum and the Falcons found open space from the three-point line, they began to cut the deficit. Verlin became nervy late in the second half when Mansa Habeeb's third turnover led to a transition lay-up on the other end.

SPU came within five points of Idaho following the bucket, but that was as close as the Falcons would get to

upsetting their fourth consecutive Division I opponent.

"We had a couple of loose possessions, missed a few wide open shots and maybe lost our concentration a bit," Verlin said. "I think as a whole we played pretty solid."

Idaho's inexperience was evident as five newcomers donned the Vandals' white home uniforms for the first time. The hosts committed 14 turnovers, compared to just seven from the Falcons.

Still, much was promising and Verlin's shooters came out firing from the perimeter. Junior college transfer Antwan Scott was Idaho's only newcomer to start Saturday evening, and the Wylie, Texas, native made a case that he could be worthy of the spot come regular season play.

Scott buried 4 of 5 shots from downtown, and was 4 of 7 shooting with 14 points.

While Scott set up shop from the perimeter, another JC transfer, junior Marcus Bell, was busy on the boards.

Maybe the best "pure rebounder" Verlin has recruited in his time at Idaho, Bell grabbed a game-high

10 rebounds.

Idaho's fifth-year head coach was pleased with the way his transfers responded.

"We've got five or six new guys, and the only way to get them experience is to get them out there, and I thought some of those guys played very well," Verlin said.

Verlin was able to utilize 12 players, and he will continue to evaluate three point guards who will endure a position battle for the starting role.

With three Division I transfers, two of those being ex-Washington State forward Patrick Simon and ex-Gonzaga center Andy Poling, the Falcons proved why they have consistently been one of the premier Division II programs on the west coast.

David Downs was 4 of 7 from three-point range and led the Falcons with 22 points. Jobi Wall added another 19 for SPU.

Idaho's last exhibition before regular season play begins is Friday at 8:00 p.m. against Central Washington in Memorial Gym.

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Athletes of the week



Hannah Kiser

Hannah Kiser- Cross Country

Kiser has been a part of two WAC champion Vandal cross country teams, but the junior had never won an individual crown at the conference championship meet before Saturday morning. The Wenatchee, Wash., native finished sixth and second in the 2010 and 2011 WAC Championship meets. Saturday in Ruston, La., Kiser beat out New Mexico State's Courtney Schultz by 10 seconds, completing the 5-kilometer course in 17:05.3. Kiser's first-place finish was also key to Idaho's third consecutive title. The Vandals managed 48 points and edged Texas-San Antonio by three points. Kiser was a unanimous first team all-WAC selection.



Barry Britt

Barry Britt- Cross Country

Although the young Vandal team failed to claim a team title in Britt's final WAC race, the senior finished third individually and earned all-WAC first team honors. Britt has never finished lower than sixth at a WAC Championship meet and has finished within the top three twice. Seattle University's Erik Barkhaus and Utah State's Kyle McKenna finished ahead of Britt, who ran the course in 24:10.48, 36 seconds faster than the fourth-place finisher.



Erica Hart

Erica Hart- Soccer

One of ten Vandal seniors who played their final home match at Guy Wicks Field Sunday afternoon, Hart made the most of the opportunities given to her in a 3-1 win over New Mexico State. Idaho needed a victory to clinch a WAC Tournament berth and Hart netted twice for the desperate Vandal squad. Hart's first goal, which would prove to be the game-winner, came in the 40th minute, when Jill Flockhart's cross found Hart, who headed it into the corner of the goal. For insurance, Hart scored again in the 60th and it was Katie Baran on the assist this time, sending a cross into the wide-open Hart, who passed it into the net from a few yards out. Hart, originally from Spokane, scored twice in her first-ever home match as a freshman and accomplished the same feat in her final home match Sunday.



Gordon Webb

Gordon Webb- Golf

It was a weekend of excellence for Webb and the Vandal men's golf team, who both finished atop the leaderboard at the UTEP Miner Invite in El Paso, Texas. Webb, who redshirted the 2010 season and had a season-best eighth place finish at the Boise Invitational last year, shot rounds of 70-68-70 for a tournament-best 208. The second-place finishers, Justin Shin of New Mexico State and Benjamin Bankhead of Utah State, each scored a 212. In three rounds of play, Webb had two double bogeys, five bogeys and 19 birdies. As a team, Idaho shot a 13-under 851 to walk away with its first title of the fall. Texas-Arlington came in second with an 860.



Stephen Madison

Stephen Madison- Basketball

Madison scored 22 points in the first half of Idaho's exhibition victory against Seattle Pacific University Saturday in Memorial Gym, two more than his previous career-high from a CIT Tournament game against UC Santa Barbara last season. Madison's 28 points helped Idaho in a big way, especially with the absence of the Vandals' leading point scorer from last season, senior Kyle Barone. Madison showed his ability to drive the lane and penetrate the post, two aspects that he added to his game last season. Madison's 28 led all players Saturday and the Portland native connected on 10 of 12 free throws.

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Ashley Christman hits between two defenders Sept. 22 against Utah State in Memorial Gym. The Vandals ousted Texas State 3-1 Saturday in San Marcos, Texas.

Volleyball tops Texas State

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team got back to its winning ways on Saturday night when the Vandals completed a season sweep of Texas State with a 3-0 win and scores of 25-23, 25-15 and 25-18.

The Vandals were coming off of a loss to Texas-San Antonio, but were able to find their feet again with a dominating win over the Bobcats. The win keeps the Vandals in the No. 3 spot in the conference standings, just a half-game behind New Mexico State. Utah State is still sitting comfortably in first with a 12-2 conference record.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said she was happy with the way her team performed during the match.

"The kids took care of business today and are ready to head to Denver," Buchanan said. "The one

good thing is we played earlier in the day so we have a little extra revering time."

The match wasn't a total slaughter, but it was a convincing win for Idaho. The Vandals dominated the stat sheet in almost every category, which included out-blocking the Bobcats 15-3. Idaho out-hit Texas State .242 to .88, as the Bobcats struggled to get anything going offensively.

Even though the Vandals have gone 2-2 in their last four matches, Buchanan said she's happy with the consistent play she's seen out of her squad.

"We're playing pretty steady, even if you go back to our match at San Antonio, even though we didn't get that win," Buchanan said. "Today we had five blocks per set, which is huge, and only three errors per set. For seven sets in a row we've kind of kept our stats in line."

Junior Allison (Walker) Baker continued to lead the

Vandals with a team-high 12 digs. With that performance Baker extended her double-digit kill streak to 39 consecutive matches. Senior Alex Sele had the next highest number of kills with eight and freshman Katelyn Peterson and sophomore Alyssa Schultz both added four. On the defensive side of the ball, libero Janelle Chow had 14 digs while freshman Jenna Ellis added nine.

The Vandals will close out their home schedule starting this week when they return to Moscow for three matches. Idaho will face Seattle University this Saturday, followed by Louisiana Tech Nov. 8 and Texas-Arlington Nov. 10. The Vandals will then hit the road for New Mexico State to end the regular season. The WAC Tournament will begin Nov. 18 in San Antonio.

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Report Card: Robb Akey

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Former Idaho coach Robb Akey introduced Idaho fans to the program's FBS pinnacle with four words: "You're gonna love it."

He uttered those words to the ESPN sideline reporter during halftime of the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl to urge the fans at home to watch the second half. The Vandals won that game in the final seconds thanks to the famous two-point conversion attempt.

Unfortunately for Akey, the fact that 2009 was his only winning season out of six in Moscow sealed his fate when he was dismissed as coach last week.

Here, we break down Akey's career at the University of Idaho. An important thing to remember as we get in to these grades is that, even though a coach is ultimately judged on what happens on the football field (which they should be), that is not the only thing head coaches of FBS football programs are responsible for. They must uphold the image of the institution in the community and among the alumni, in addition to the mentorship and wellbeing of the 85-plus players who are a part the football program.

Recruiting and player development: C+

Idaho has actually turned out some decent NFL talent in Akey's tenure as head coach. Corey Toomer, Tyrone Novikoff, JoJo Dickson, Matt Cleveland, Michael Cosgrove, Eric Greenwood and Princeton McCarty were good Akey recruits who have left the program with opportunities in NFL training camps. Rob Siavii, Trey Farquhar, Bobby Cowan, Gary Walker and Mike Scott are other Akey recruits that should get legitimate shots in NFL camps.

On the other hand, program changers that helped Idaho win the 2009 H-Bowl weren't Akey recruits. Mike Iupati came into the program with Nick Holt, but debuted under Dennis Erickson. Nathan Enderle, Shiloh Keo and Max Komar were also brought in under Holt. Still, Akey deserves credit for developing them into that 8-5 team.

The cupboard isn't dry for the next coach either. Players like S Ma'ne Manaea, QB Chad Chalich, RB Todd Handley, C Mike Marboe, CB Jayshawn Jordan and WR Camryn Harris prove to be exciting young talent, but it remains to be seen if that

group of players could turn in to the group that Keo, Enderle and Iupati were part of.

It's hard to argue against the results, and the results were that once Holt and Erickson's players started to phase out of the program, the team struggled, though the team struggled earlier in those players' careers as well. Robb Akey only had one winning season in Moscow and only one other season out of six in which he had more than two wins. Still, he gets credit for spending two years molding that 2009 team.

Can the next guy come in and get more out of the players already on campus? That also remains to be seen.

Close games: D+

Akey's tenure at Idaho could have been drastically different if the outcome of so many one-possession games would have just flipped the other direction. In 2011, Idaho lost four games by one possession or less, finishing 2-10. In 2010, the Vandals lost two such games, finishing 6-7. That's the difference between Robb Akey finishing his career 20-50 and three consecutive bowl appearances. Akey finished 9-12 in his career in one-possession games, five of those wins coming in 2009 and one of those wins coming against an FCS school. Idaho is 3-8 in such games since 2009. Idaho could be 3-4 this season if games against Bowling Green and Wyoming swung the other way.

There are numerous reasons for Idaho struggling in these games such as lack of physical preparedness, the team not having the right mental mindset, or simply being out-coached. It could also be a lack of talent. In even match-ups, the more talented team tends to break out in the fourth quarter. Idaho was rarely that team.

Community: A

Idaho put a lot on Nick Holt's shoulders when he was named head coach in 2004. Holt was supposed to lead this program forward

WAC Round-up



Sean Kramer
Argonaut

San Jose State 31 Texas State 20

San Jose State is one win away from bowl eligibility after taking care of business at home against Texas State, not that it was easy. Texas State led by as much as a touchdown in the first half and went into half-time ahead 20-17. San Jose State responded in the third quarter, scoring two touchdowns within a five-minute period and clamping down defensively to put the game away. San Jose State becomes bowl eligible with a win at Idaho next weekend. The Vandals have beat the Spartans three consecutive years.



La. Tech 28 New Mexico State 14

Upset alerts were on code red Saturday in Las Cruces when the Aggies went into the locker room at halftime only trailing the Bulldogs of La. Tech 7-0. But La. Tech asserted its second half dominance that the team has displayed all season, extending the lead to 28-0 by the fourth quarter. Two 'garbage time' touchdowns for New Mexico State with less than six minutes remaining in the game made the contest seem closer than it was. Still, this is a shocking result for a La. Tech team that rolled 70 points on Idaho the week before. La. Tech has three weeks until its mega-WAC showdown against Utah State, with Texas-San Antonio and Texas State to take care of before then.



Utah State 48 Texas-San Antonio 17

It was expected that Texas-San Antonio would come down to earth in the heart of WAC play, but the last two games have proven UTSA has a long way to go to compete with the bigger teams in the conference. A week after getting rolled by San Jose State, the Roadrunners were given similar treatment while hosting Utah State Saturday. Utah State took a 7-0 lead three minutes into the game and never looked back, leading 27-3 at half-time. Utah State, now at 7-2, hosts Texas State next weekend before getting a bye to prepare for that huge match-up at La. Tech.

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Akey's Report Card

Recruiting and player development:

C+

Close games:

D+

Community:

A

when it was invited into the Western Athletic Conference, but he bolted after Idaho's first season in the WAC. Idaho's next coach was on campus for 10 months before he left for what he thought was greener pastures. Idaho and its fan base was figuratively stabbed in the back twice within the course of a calendar year.

When Robb Akey took this job, he took it because he wanted the job. Akey had already been on the Palouse for eight years before coming to Idaho, and he chose to relocate his family to Moscow from Pullman after taking this job because

he wanted to be a part of the Moscow and Idaho Vandal community. That kind of loyalty and enthusiasm for a school deserves to be appreciated by a student body and a fan base, and it has been in the wake of his dismissal. Akey gave six years to this program and had no intentions to leave.

Even among bigger programs in bigger markets it's difficult to find a coach who wants to stay in one place and represent the school. It's even harder to find a coach

who does all of that and wins football games. Unfortunately for Akey, he wasn't able to accomplish the latter part of that, which is every bit as important.

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Freshman Dylan Baker, left, and sophomore Aaron Cockerill practice at the University of Idaho golf course. The men's golf team won the UTEP Miner Invite this past weekend.

DOUBLE

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seven or an eight on a hole and forget it and let it go and do what you're trained to do."

In almost four months, Idaho hits the course to begin its spring season, when Means expects the competition to heat up.

With a number of players capable of earning travel spots, he expects more individual and team titles come February. Idaho will partake in six team tournaments, two in Arizona, two in California and two in Nevada.

"This is a very strong team. I've got a couple players back here that are strong that want to get back out there and play and it's the competition between those players that makes this team strong," Means said.

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VICTORY

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Two other Vandals also crossed the finish line in the top 10. Junior Alycia Butterworth crossed in eighth at 17:53.91, right ahead of fellow junior Emily Paradis who was ninth with a 17:57.03. Butterworth and Paradis secured second team all-conference spots with their performances.

Stanton (18:05.93) and Raudenbush (18:16.27) rounded out the scoring for the Vandals.

Kiser, Butterworth, Paradis and Stanton have been contributors to each of the three consecutive conference titles and with no seniors on this year's team, there's no reason they can't make it four straight next year.

Still, this year's win shows that nothing is a given. One misstep and the Vandals could have finished second. Butterworth said the team had a long wait after the race before the results were announced.

"It was the most nerve-wracking thing ever," she said. "Seeing Phipps worried and having no idea how it turned out, we were just on our toes the whole time waiting for it. We were all standing there holding hands and when they announced the second-place team, it seem like a never-ending pause before they said, 'UTSA' and we just went crazy."

On the men's side, senior Barry Britt finished third overall in the men's eight-kilometer race, crossing the finish line in 24:10.48, 36 seconds ahead of the next runner. Idaho finished fifth overall with 113 points, fielding one of the youngest teams in the meet. The only other upperclassmen for the Vandals — senior Jeff Osborn — finished 12th in 25:02.49, almost three minutes better than he did at last year's conference championship.

"It was absolutely perfect and he stuck exactly to his race strategy," Phipps said of Osborn. "He was about 25th or 26th at the halfway point and just kept closing in on guys. To finish the way he did and run the way he did was phenomenal, and I am so proud of him."

Britt earned first team all-conference honors and Osborn was named to the second team with his WAC Championship performance.

Freshman Santos Vargas was the third-best runner for Idaho with his 22nd place finish in 27:43.09.

Fellow freshmen Will Austin-Cray (38th, 25:46.28) and Colton Hastings (43rd, 26:10.88) rounded out the scoring for the Vandal men.

Texas-Arlington won the WAC title on the men's side with 48 points.

The WAC Championships have concluded but the season is not over for the Vandals as they prepare to race in the NCAA West Region Championships November 9 in Seattle.

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where in the second quarter he'll get a series or two."

Blackman's absence against the Eagles vacated the starting spot, which was given to Bushnell. Blackman and junior Taylor Davis fought for Idaho's starting role throughout spring and fall camp before Akey named Blackman his starter 17 days ahead of the season-opener.

Against EWU, Bushnell was 10 of 24 with 123 yards and one interception. Davis came in late in the fourth quarter to complete 6 of 8 passes for 41 yards.

Davis started for the Vandals at SJSU a year ago, when Idaho picked up its only win against a Division 1 opposition during the 2011 campaign.

Scheidt was a mainstay on the line backing corps but the senior suffered a face fracture injury earlier in the season and it was likely he would sit out the remainder of the year.

Both Scheidt and Blackman have the opportunity to transfer, but because of NCAA regulations, they are no longer eligible to play Division 1 football.

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Katie Baran attempts to swing in a cross as a New Mexico State defender tackles.

SAGA

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"It's easy to play with my best friends. It's something you don't have to work at," Hart said. "They're always there for me and that's more than I can ask for."

Showler said that he was emotional throughout the day, from walking on the pitch for warm-ups to getting a Gatorade bath after the ceremonies, and even though the team will be losing 10 seniors, they'll be gaining new leaders.

"The foundations are being set and the standards are being set with this senior group, and everybody coming through beyond then has known what the standards are and they've picked up and will continue to pick up to strive and achieve what this group has," Showler said.

The Vandals will play at noon Thursday in their WAC Tournament quarterfinal match against the Bobcats, and Showler said they'll be looking for some revenge.

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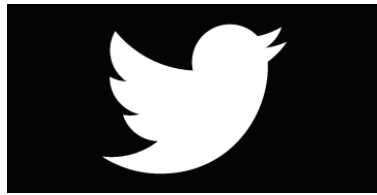
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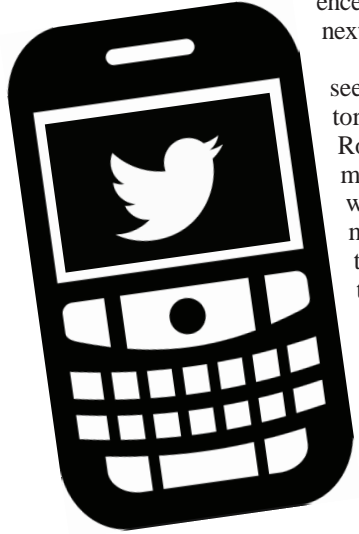
Should student athletes' social media be censored? Tweet us. @ArgOpinion

OUR VIEW

Bigger issues loom

The University of Idaho athletic department and Vandal football team has experienced its fair share of woes this season.

Within the last week, Idaho terminated head coach Robb Akey's contract and quarterback Dominique Blackman and linebacker Conrad Scheidt were dismissed for violating team rules. The Vandals' record is a dismal 1-7 with four games remaining, and Idaho has no conference to play in next season.



It would seem UI Director of Athletics Rob Spear has more pressing worries than monitoring the lackluster football team's adherence to the athletic department's social media policy

guidelines. However, tight end Taylor Elmo has been suspended from the team for "violating athletic department policy," including criticizing Spear's decision to fire Akey in a tweet which has since been deleted.

"U of idaho is stupid as hell for what they did," he tweeted. "Fire a man to keep your own job???"

Interim head coach Jason Gesser said in Monday's weekly news conference that Elmo's suspension was the result of "a handful of things that started leading up to that point" and his tweet "was one of the things that kind of tipped our hand to say 'you know what, you have to get your stuff together.'" Gesser did not expand on what the other "things" were.

Every UI student athlete signs a contract promising to follow the athletic department's social media guidelines. If an athlete's profile is considered inappropriate, the athletic department can punish them. Punishment can include suspension and dismissal from their respective team.

The policy includes guidelines such as posting photos, videos and comments that are of a sexual nature or posting comments, videos or posters degrading coaches or other

athletic department personnel.

Elmo's suspension is validated according to the athletic department's social media policy, which he signed a contract to obey, regardless of the fact that it is a violation of his First Amendment right to dissent. The problem lies in the inconsistency with which the policy has been enforced.

Football players who tweet derogatory sexual remarks or photos of alcoholic beverages are also violating the athletic department's social media policy. Tweets like that are far more offensive than Elmo's remark, which is lost in the mass of hundreds of people criticizing Spear in the last week.

As a public figure, Spear should recognize he is subject to a higher level of scrutiny and criticism. One player's tweet expressing his personal belief about the firing of his coach should not even register on Spear's radar, especially when hundreds of fans are expressing the same opinion in less subtle terms.

And censoring players' social media accounts is a petty concern in the midst of the mess that is Idaho's football team.

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

25 men, one common goal

The Giants are World Series champions. Bet all those ESPN "analysts" who picked Detroit are eating their words right now.

—Theo

Rainy days

When it rains I want to dance around in it, and then curl up with a cup of hot cocoa and watch a movie. Not work on the mile-long to-do list I've accumulated.

—Kaitlyn

Chicago

Counting down the days until the plane takes off for Chicago, Associated Collegiate Press conference and Pacemaker award ceremony. Oh yeah, and Halloween in Chicago is a plus too.

—Lindsey

Goodbye too soon

"A life without love is like a year without fall." — Anonymous. It seems like my favorite season is quickly slipping by.

—Chloe

Recharged

Rain on the bedroom window is the single best thing to fall asleep to.

—Amrah

Mourning

With the events of the last two weeks, it's fitting that Saturday is Black Out the Dome.

—Kasen

Free speech

I wish college students were more aware of the rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution. I also wish they would be a little angrier when those rights are violated.

—Elisa

Chicago²

What could be better than a journalism conference and Halloween in a city where I get to ride a camel? Probably not most things.

—Katy

My favorite kind of weekend

The ones where I make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Thanks to all who spent time with me last weekend.

—Britt

From the North Pole

My favorite Halloween costume from this year (besides my own, a NES controller), was Buddy the Elf from "Elf."

—Molly

Hmm...

If Tim Tebow has a thought, is it a Christian Ponder?

—Sean

Back on the hard court

Stephen Madison's 28 points were huge for the Vandals in their season-opening victory against Seattle Pacific. I love seeing the Vandals back in basketball action. Now time for the women to take on Western Oregon Friday.

—Madison

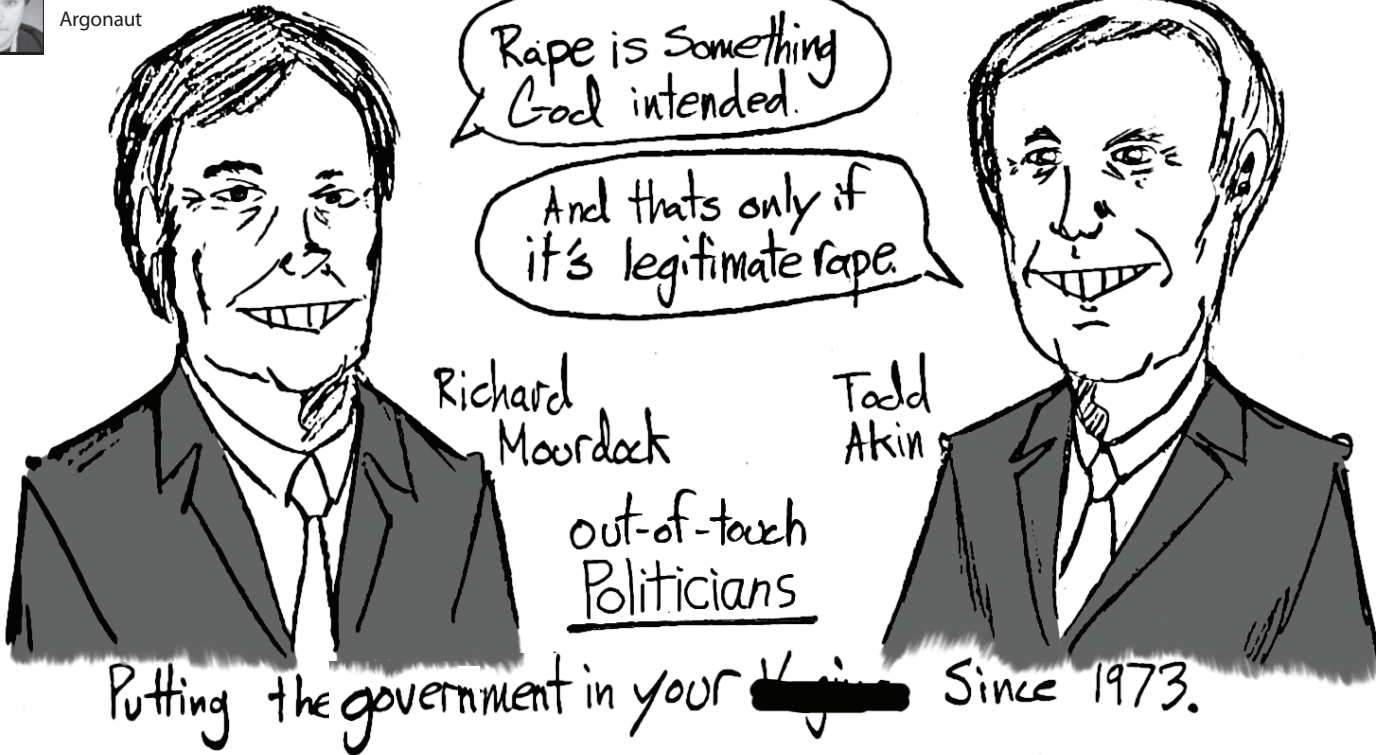
Britt Kiser

Is really smart and pretty. And funny.

—Philip



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By faith alone

Halloween is about more than tricks, treats

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, they just shall live by faith," Romans 1:17.

These words, recorded in the Bible, ultimately led to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. They were especially illuminating to a man named Martin Luther — a man who took a risk and brought sacred scriptures to light, making them available for the common person instead of just priests and royalty.

While you're trick-or-treating or eating candy corn tomorrow, take time to think about a man who brought about change — a Reformation — because things were unjust.

Luther, born in Eisleben, Germany in 1483, was troubled by Christianity and constantly fell into depressive spells during his time as a monk in the Roman Catholic Church. Luther even went so far as to express a hatred of God at this time.

According to Roland Bainton's biography, Luther once exclaimed, "I was myself more than once driven to the abyss of despair so that I wished I had never been created. Love God? I hated him!"

This statement reflects how Christians were misled in the

Middle Ages. Works-righteousness — one of the most hypocritical teachings — was pounded into the church and the general population. It taught that one could not get to heaven unless one performed good deeds (i.e. praying to the saints, fasting, pilgrimages, etc.).

The Roman Catholic Church went so far as to sell "indulgences" to the public. In general, these indulgences would grant salvation and forgiveness of sins, but required monetary payments. The hypocrisy of these indulgences is absolutely astounding — the Catholic Church had lost focus, and Luther was in the thick of it.

The pope and priests abounded in the law of God and did not teach the Gospel in its truth and purity. It makes me wonder, how many souls must have despaired like Luther?

Additionally, Bibles were printed in Latin instead of the language of the people, hence, only priests could interpret the scriptures. Who could question the priests if no one had access to the Bible themselves?

This is where we can thank God for Luther. Luther did study the Scriptures, and he brought back the message of the Gospel to the world.



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Just remember that there's more to Halloween than candy and costumes. Our civilization was permanently affected by the Reformation, and in ways even Luther could never imagine.

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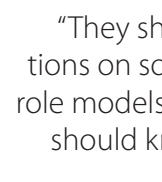
ANDAL VOICES

Q: Do you think there should be social media guidelines for student athletes?



"As representatives of the universities they're affiliated with, I feel that student athletes should be held to a higher standard. I think that if athletes post inflammatory remarks, elements of hate speech, evidence of illicit actions and other behavior that might not fit with the views of the university, they should be held responsible."

—Adam Railsback



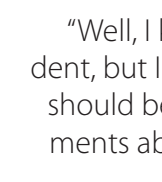
"They shouldn't have to have restrictions on social media to know they are role models in the community. Athletes should know better in the first place."

—Cayden Joshua Dimmick



"They should also know better than to smoke weed since they'll be doing drug tests and most likely get caught. Restricting their public social media behavior seems necessary since they can't seem to control their private behavior either."

—Ameilia Hall



"Well, I know I am not a college student, but I don't think student athletes should be posting pictures and comments about how hardy they partied over the weekend."

—Michele Wright



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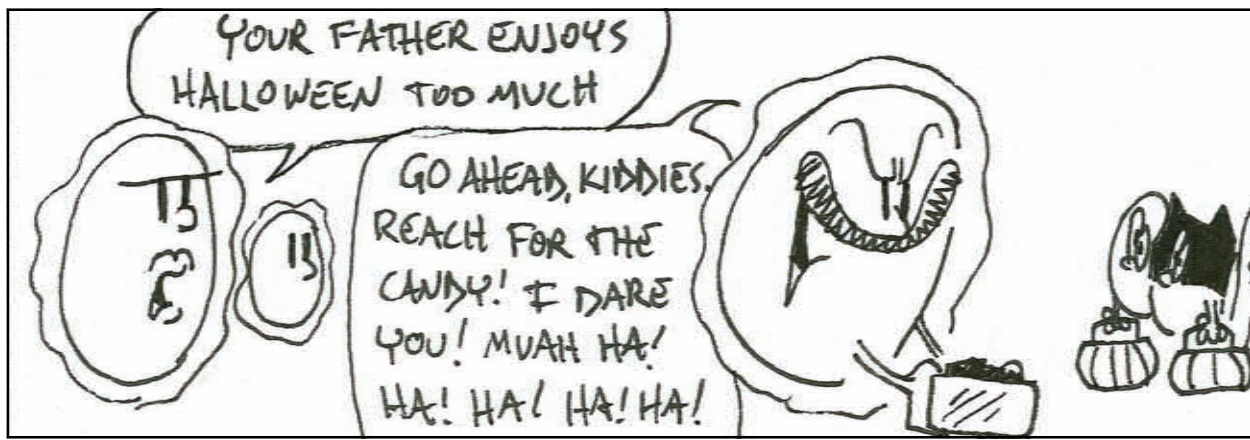
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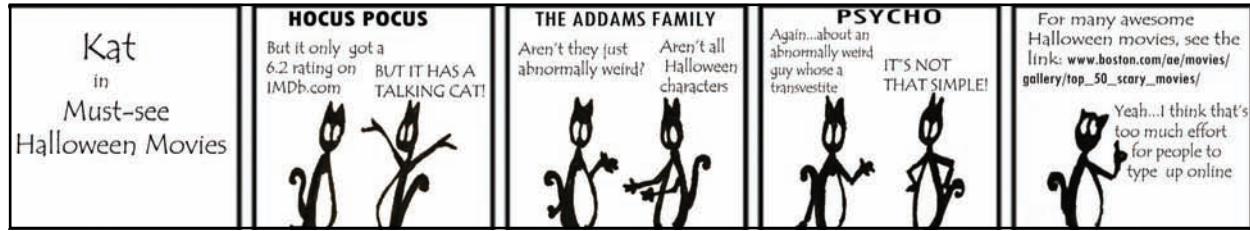
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On October 31, 1517, Luther nailed the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church (where many announcements were posted) and the Reformation began. Luther finally understood the meaning of the verse Romans 1:17.

Luther brought back the true ideals of scripture – noting that humanity is saved by grace through faith alone. He taught that good works were a necessary part of Christian life, but did not save souls – only faith could save.

Thanks to Luther, we can now see the truth in the scriptures. We can live in the peace, freedom and love of Jesus Christ. Albeit, all Christians will have some disagreements about the Biblical text, we can unite in the glorious victory of Christ over death and the devil.

Just remember there's more to Halloween than candy and costumes. Our civilization was permanently affected by the Reformation, and in ways even Luther could never imagine.

"[Luther's] is the story of the birth of the modern age, of the collapse of medieval feudalism, and the first shaping of ideals of freedom and liberty that lie at the heart of the 21st century," states pbs.org.

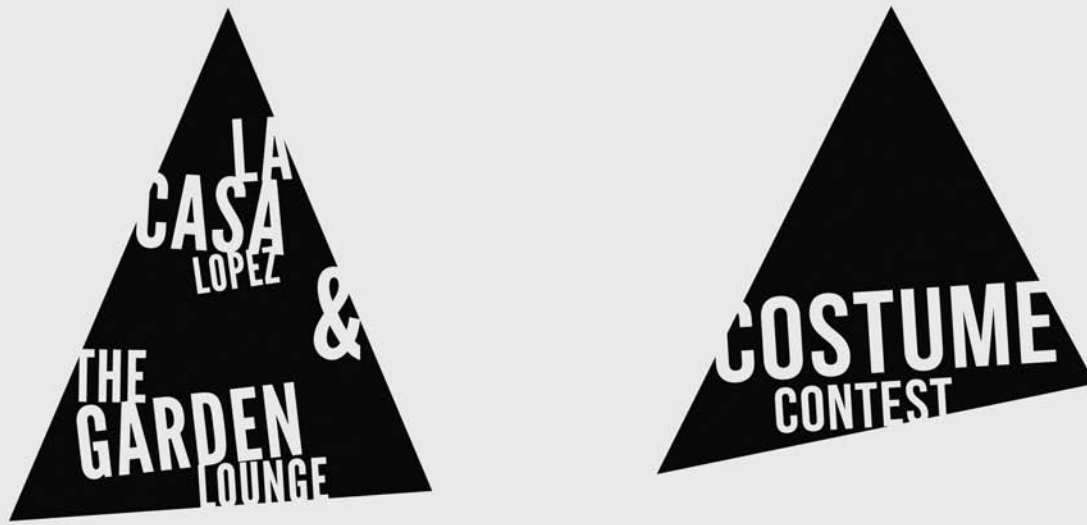
This is the freedom that lies in the heart of the Gospel. And this does not refer merely to secular freedoms, but first and foremost spiritual freedom. This freedom leads us to Christ and away from Satan and despair, just as it did Luther. What a beautiful message. Truly, the righteousness of God is revealed to us.

Happy Reformation Day to all.

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