

GIVE AND TAKE



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Students look through a wide variety of free things during University of Idaho's fourth annual Free-Cycle event "Give-Away Day" Wednesday on the Theophilus Tower lawn. Volunteers collected unwanted items at the end of last year to "free-cycle" this year.

Celebrating women

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The University of Idaho will celebrate the signing of the 19th amendment Friday at FemFest — an event hosted by the UI Women's Center to commemorate the progress women have made in society since the early 1900s.

The amendment gave women the right to vote on August 26, 1920, and Colleen Kulesza, interim program coordinator for the Women's Center, said FemFest is an event that recognizes the struggles that women went through in the early 1900s while trying to attain the right to vote.

"We will have information out at the festival about voting, suffrage and what women went through to get that," Kulesza said. "But we're also celebrating all of the resources that women presently have on campus and in the community."

Kulesza said that what makes FemFest such an important event is the way it joins a serious conversation with having a good time.

"Besides all of the information and the booths, we have raffle prizes, free snow cones, free popcorn, music and we will have a little 15 to 20 minute presentation kind of about what FemFest is for and why we're here," she said.

Julia Keleher, coordinator for the LGBTQA office, said she is proud to connect with the Women's Center for events such as these because both offices stem from a feminist background.

"We have transitioned our relationship with the Women's Center to be a relationship of collaborators and co-offices, doing the same kind of work," Keleher said. "FemFest is just one of the many events we strongly support."

FemFest will take place Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Idaho Commons plaza behind Einstein Bros. Bagels.

While the event may only look like fun and games Keleher said students should remember what feminism stands for.

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Hiring to represent

ASUI offers students work, jobs for fall semester

Andrew Jenson
Argonaut

Students looking for work might not have to look any further than the Associated Students of the University of Idaho, which is offering board-level positions from recreation to web design for qualifying students.

ASUI President Max Cowan said the positions offered encompass tasks that include social, technical and procedural work.

"Specifically, we're looking for an Idaho Commons (and Union Board) Chair and Vice Chair as well as board members," Cowan said. "We're looking for a Communications Board Vice Chair, an Elections Coordinator, a Community Relations Coordinator, and a web designer. And then we're also looking for a Vice Chair of the Student Recreation Board and board members for both the Recreation Board

and the ASUI Funding Board."

Cowan said ASUI is looking for people who possess a strong work ethic and are energetic with a willingness to do something new.

ASUI Chief of Staff Elizabeth Brandon said hired students will be responsible for a variety of tasks.

"Volunteer or paid board members will serve on a specific board under a board chair," Brandon said. "Where the board will collectively make decisions regarding events, policies and other items of interest to the board."

Brandon said the Idaho Commons and Union Board (ICUB) Chair would lead the ICUB Board while serving on the president's cabinet. The ICUB Chair is the only open cabinet position, but there is also an open senate position, Brandon said.

"The senator is responsible for representing a Greek house and a residence hall in the weekly senate meetings," Brandon said. "Senators and cabinet members collaborate with the board chairs to make sure ASUI and

More info

Students interested in working for ASUI can find applications online at uidaho.edu/ASUI or in the ASUI office on the third floor of the Idaho Commons.

all the student organizations recognized by ASUI run smoothly."

Additionally, Brandon said there are differences between volunteer and paid positions in ASUI.

"For the paid executive or board positions, I would recommend these to students who show an interest in getting involved in organizing events and activities on campus, or have an interest in serving as a cabinet member or in the senate in the future," Brandon said. "These positions require five office hours per week."

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See the world

UI study abroad fair first step to adventure

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Studying Abroad can be an intimidating venture for students new to the process, but students interested in studying abroad will have the opportunity to learn more about the experience at the semi-annual study abroad fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 4 in the Idaho Commons plaza.

Holly LaHann, a study abroad advisor, said the purpose of the fair is to educate students and provide information about all of the study abroad opportunities available at the University of Idaho.

LaHann said there are three types of programs students can do.

"Faculty led, third-party organizations and direct partnerships," LaHann said. "Specific universities around the world that we've been working with for in some cases 20 or more years — in some cases those are exchanges so we get international students from those universities coming to UI."

LaHann said representatives from all third-party programs and direct partnerships will be present at the fair, as well as the entire study abroad team from UI.

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Evolutionary biology experts to visit UI

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The science of evolutionary and population genetics will be the topic of conversation at a seminar hosted by Initiative for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies (IBEST) Sept. 5.

The Institute for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies fall IBEST Seminar series features experts discussing their research and interacting with University of Idaho students and faculty. Researcher Graham Coop will lead the seminar.

Larry Forney, IBEST director, said this kind of seminar series is notable for bringing the best and brightest researchers to discuss their work with the university community.

"We have this seminar series and it is all about different aspects of evolutionary biology and we invite people from across the country," Forney said. "It's a pretty elite program in the sense that we only have five speakers but each one is a big name in the field

that we bring in."

Forney said that traditionally faculty and staff have organized the series. But a few years ago the institute decided to pass the responsibility over to Ph.D. candidates in the IBEST program, he said.

"We sort of turn it over to them," Forney said. "And say 'who would you like to invite?' and they go out and get into the literature, invite people they know from their own research, or people they'd like to meet, or people who are big stars in their field, and they can invite them to campus and they host them and organize their visit and basically run the show."

Matt Pennell, a Ph.D. student in bioinformatics and computational

biology organized the upcoming seminar. Pennell said he decided to invite Graham because of his astounding research in population genetics.

"Dr. Graham Coop is a very young researcher, but he is probably the preeminent population geneticist of his generation," Pennell said. "And what population genetics is, is using DNA sequences to make inferences regarding the history of populations."

Pennell took an unexpected approach to invite Coop and used his online networking abilities and social media to connect with Coop.

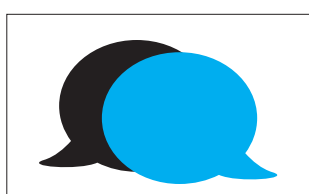
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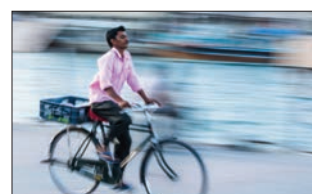
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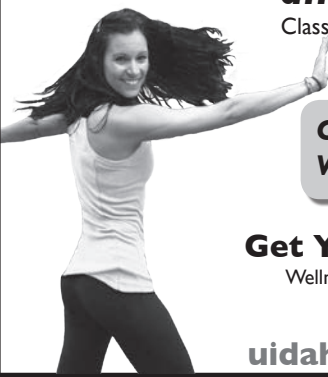
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CRUMBS

Beef mushroom bow ties with Ragu sauce

Nurainy Darono
 Crumbs

Coming to university is a whole new experience for students. In my first year of college, my host mom told me about Ragu pasta sauce. It comes really handy to have this sauce in my pantry. This recipe is good for college students because it is simple and quick.

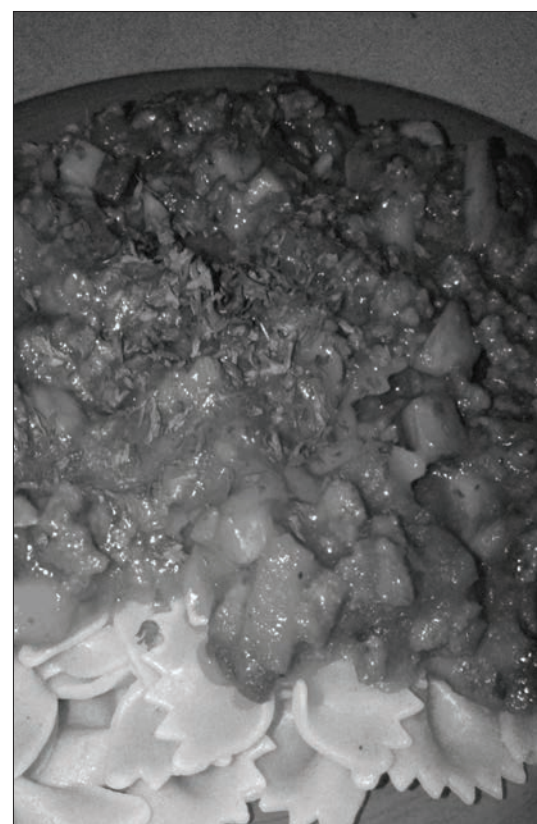
Ingredients

- 16 oz. bow ties pasta
- 1 can of Ragu garden combination
- ½ lb. ground beef
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 fresh white mushroom
- 2 teaspoon parsley
- salt and pepper

Directions

1. Cook bow tie pasta in medium high heat for about 20 minutes or until soft in texture.
2. While waiting, cut mushroom into cubes.
3. In a big pan, fry garlic until brown.
4. Add ground beef and mushroom.
5. Season it with salt and pepper as you like.
6. Add Ragu garden combination.
7. Serve on top of bow ties pasta.

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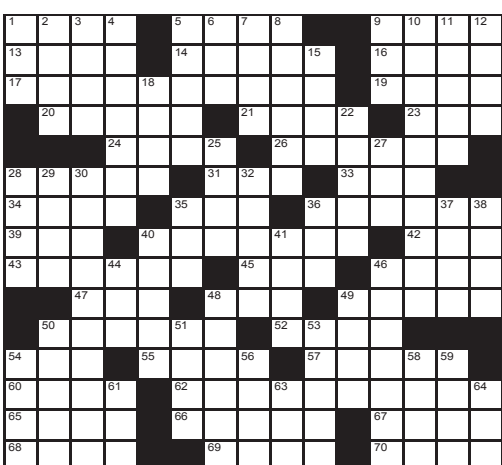


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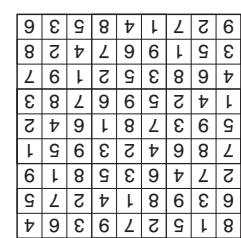
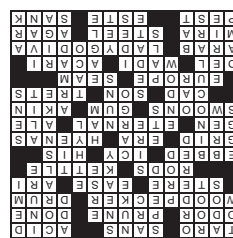
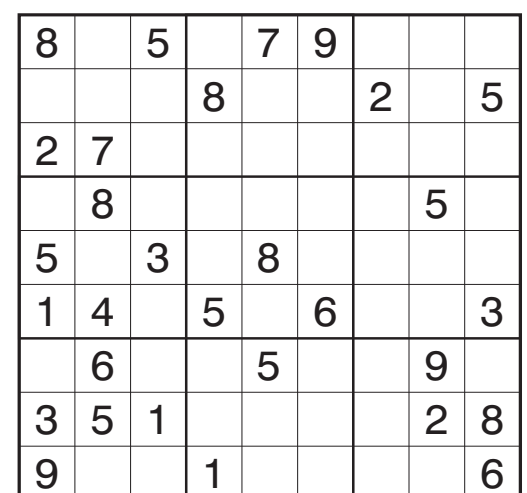
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Ben Frey uses his credit card to pay for parking at one of the 68 new SmartMeters installed by the University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services. The total cost of the new meters was \$35,000.

New meters make life easy

Ari Anchustegui
Argonaut

For visitors to the University of Idaho campus who use metered parking spots, paying to park just got a little easier.

University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services installed 68 new SmartMeters in place of conventional coin meters in order to provide customers with a more convenient payment option.

UI junior Nate Lothrop has used the coin-only meters many times and said keeping change was often a hassle.

"It was a pain to have change on me constantly, and a debit or credit card would have been much easier," Lothrop said.

The new meters accept debit or credit cards or coins. PTS employees installed the new meters using the posts of the old meters and adding new heads. The total project cost was \$35,000 and all meter renovation was completed in one day.

Shawna Bertlin, PTS information

specialist, said the process of choosing the SmartMeters started with a 90-day trial in Jan. 2013.

Surveys were given to meter users to test their satisfaction with the new meters.

"As long as they were able to pay, they seemed satisfied," Bertlin said. "We received a very positive reaction, even though the parking price went up."

Though hourly parking prices have risen, PTS is attempting to fluctuate hourly rates by monitoring usage in order to find a "happy medium." The current price of one hour parking Monday through Friday is \$1.25 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and \$0.75 per hour from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weekend and evening parking remains free of charge.

According to the PTS website, no time limitations will be imposed, but this could change according to demand.

After the meters were installed, PTS worked to perfect the web-based software used to operate the SmartMeters. Each meter uses solar power to replace battery drainage. This means

PTS will no longer have to regularly replace meters.

Although the meters provide convenience, there is some concern about the storage and privacy of credit and debit card information.

"Credit and debit card info is secured so nobody has to worry about their information being stolen," said Stuart Robb, parking services supervisor.

According to the parking website, no credit card data is retained by the new meters.

"Most of all, it's safe," Robb said.

The new system also allows PTS to more easily audit and fine deceitful parkers, but Robb said that customers are pleased with the flexibility of the new meters which makes parking easier.

"From a customer standpoint, it gives drivers flexibility and nobody has to have a permit," Robb said. "You're not limited to the coin anymore, you have options."

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Police log

Tuesday, August 27

12:21 a.m. 500 blk Taylor Ave.

Officer arrested intoxicated male for MIP. Report was taken.

8:52 a.m. 1200 blk East Third St.

Caller received telephone call from supposed grandson, who needed money in a Reno jail.

2:51 p.m. 400 blk Hoeger Ct.

Caller requested a welfare check. Mentioned that son would remove weapons from residence at later date.

5:26 p.m. 1100 blk North Polk St. Ext

Caller said that while in jail, a subject he was staying with pawned his Xbox.

6:34 p.m. West Pullman Rd., Auto Zone

Caller reports two-vehicle accident on the road. Caller's vehicle was damaged.

Wednesday, August 28

12:11 a.m. 800 blk West A. St.

Caller heard three gunshots from small caliber gun. Unaware of where they came from.

9:33 a.m. Ventura St. and Lexington Ave.

Caller complained about a stray pig. No report taken.

9:48 p.m. 300 blk Lauder Ave.

Caller complained about odor of marijuana.

Thursday, August 29

12:07 a.m. Troy Rd., Tesoro

Caller complained about suspicious vehicle.

12:23 a.m. Deakin Ave.

Officer cited three individuals for MIP.

12:37 a.m. 600 blk Elm St.

Officer cited female for MIP.

1:18 a.m. Deakin Ave. and Idaho Ave.

Officer cited male subject for urinating in public.

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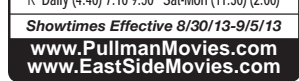
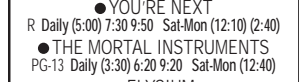
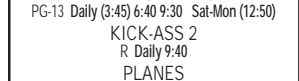
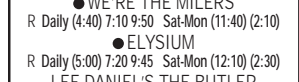
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Staying connected

Alumni association programs accessible for Vandals, no dues required

Alycia Rock
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Alumni Association is an organization no different than any other in the country — except that they do not collect dues from participants.

Steve Johnson, executive director of Alumni Relations, said the goal of the alumni association is to keep alumni connected with the university and each other.

“Alumni are very passionate about, and they love their university,” Johnson said. “They support their university.”

The Alumni Relations office offers these people opportunities to see each other and support the university without paying dues — tailgates, dinners and general gatherings

like picnics are a few examples, Johnson said. In some cases, these events will have a ticket price.

“But also we try to reduce the cost of those a little bit,” Johnson said. “So we sometimes supplement the cost of those in different ways.”

The Office of Alumni Relations uses affinity programs to supplement the cost of alumni events. The entirely voluntary programs are somewhat popular at UI, Johnson said.

“The university has never had a dues program,” Johnson said. “So we utilize some entrepreneurial programs to offset some of those costs.”

These affinity programs include Vandal Voyagers — a program that allows partici-

pants to take an international tour with fellow alumni and friends, a Vandal Credit Card and Vandal Crest Wines.

In addition to the affinity programs and event ticket prices, home and auto insurance programs generate net revenue as well said Hugh Cooke, associate director of programs in the Alumni Association.

“They’re very useful,” Johnson said. “A lot of times, people have an affinity connection to the university so they are happy to join in.”

The alumni association program reaches about 90,000 former students of the university, Cooke said. Once a student reaches 90 credits or receives a degree, they have access to all graduate resources.

“We are able to bring the services to our alumni with current funding levels,” Cooke said. “And entrepreneurial efforts allow us to bring additional services.”

The University of Idaho is in contact with each of its alumni, and has correspondence with the group in its entirety, Cooke said. Some universities offer special services to those who pay dues only.

If a former Vandal wants to show further support class rings, novelty license plates and Vandal address labels are also available for purchase. The proceeds from these benefit both the University of Idaho and student scholarships.

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‘Fair’ly healthy

Annual Health and Recreation Fair provides resources for students.

Holden Nelson
Argonaut

University of Idaho students new and old will have the opportunity to learn more about available campus health and wellness resources Wednesday at the 25th Annual Health & Recreation Fair.

The event will take place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center.

Shannon Haselhuhn, health education coordinator, said the event will feature a photo booth, door prizes, a free taco bar and local vendors to present students with more information about how to stay healthy and fit as a UI student.

“It gives us the chance to pull together health and rec resources,” Haselhuhn said.

There are 51 vendors scheduled to attend the fair, including the Moscow

Food Co-op and the Inland Northwest Blood Center, as well as university departments such as the Counseling and Testing Center.

“It gives students the chance to see what’s here,” Haselhuhn said.

Haselhuhn said the Outdoor Program is going to set up a photo booth with all of their rafts and equipment.

“They’re going to take the photos and post them online, so the students can get them and keep them,” Haselhuhn said.

Local radio station Z-Fun 106.1 will broadcast live from the event.

Health Education intern Nic Brock said he is excited for the event.

“I went when I was younger, but this year I’m excited to be involved,” Brock said.

Haselhuhn said the fair is intended to be beneficial

for students as well as fun.

“It’s going to be food, prizes and a lot of fun,” Haselhuhn said.

She said she hopes students will leave knowing what help is available on campus when they need it.

Intramural Director Butch Fealy said the fair will be a great opportunity for students to learn about all the resources on campus and in the community.

He also said that there will be a whiffle ball home run contest hosted by the SRC intramural program.

Haselhuhn said meningitis shots will also be available as part of the state of Idaho’s statewide grant to vaccinate students against the bacterial infection.

“As a UI student, I would encourage other students to attend,” Brock said.

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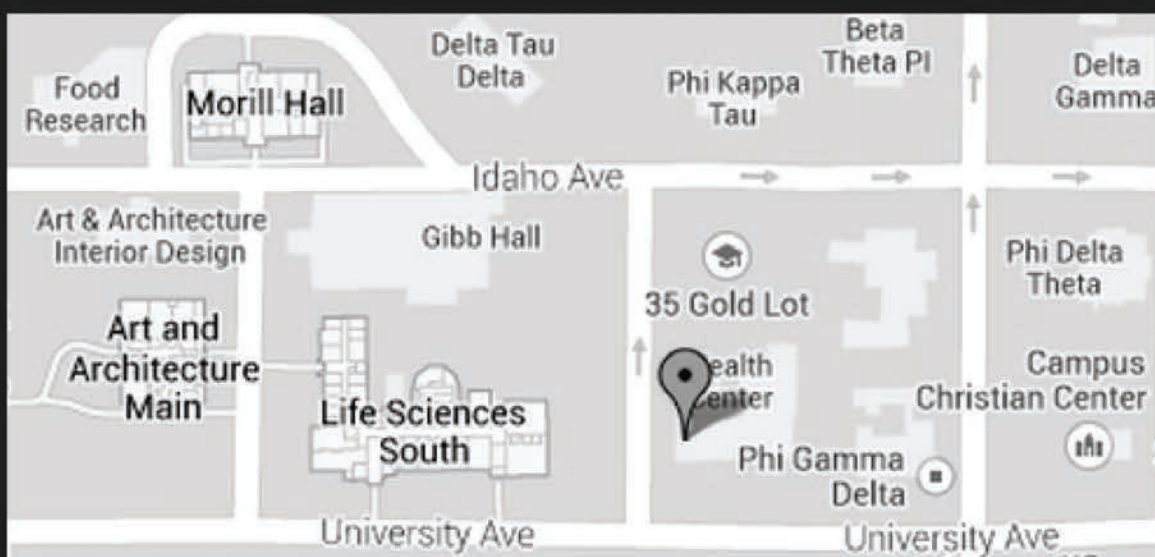
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WOMEN

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"Feminism is all about equity and equality," she said. "It's about providing equal access to equal things. Sometimes in our society, things are set up to favor other folks, and what feminism does is really bring light to those unequal things."

Keleher also said having an event like FemFest on campus should remind students there are still strides that need to be taken to ensure equality among the sexes by letting everyone be heard.

"Feminism is a great tool to empower," Keleher said. "To provide voice and advocacy to those who often times are silenced, or their voices are not heard in our society. And it is a great way to kind of applaud those voices and those stories and let people speak for themselves."

Kulesza said feminism is not only for women, but for men too.

"Men suffer from patriarchy too," she said. "Men are told they are supposed to behave a certain way — to be a manly-man — and feminists fight for the right of men to be sensitive, or stay-at-home dads."

Kulesza said that anyone, any sex, gender identity or orientation can be a feminist without acknowledging it.

"Well if you believe that men and women are made equally and should be treated equally and have the right to access all of these resources equally then you are a feminist," she said.

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BIOLOGY

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"Graham Coop is very active on Twitter, as am I, and so I have corresponded with him quite a bit on Twitter in different ways," Pennell said. "He is just very active in social media and I was able to contact him through that, and I think that is cool."

Forney said one of the most evident advantages of the IBEST seminar series is creating a positive presence for UI on a national level by uniting researchers with common interests who may not have been linked otherwise.

"There's a lot of people who have never been to Idaho and they don't know where Idaho is and they are very pleasantly surprised when they come and they meet the people who are here, the students and the faculty and research staff," Forney said. "And they go back and tell other people so it has helped us build sort of a national reputation as a pretty interesting place with a lot of smart people doing good research."

Pennell said after attending seminars in previous years, he thinks it would be beneficial for students to attend the seminar because they could learn something entirely new, or expand on a topic they are already interested in.

The seminar will take place at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Engineering/Physics building, room 214.

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HIRING

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Even though the volunteer positions do not receive monetary compensation, Brandon said such work is perfect for busy students and a great way to become more involved in ASUI without having to hold office hours.

"This is also a great opportunity for first year or new students to learn about ASUI and begin to get involved with campus events and activities," Brandon said. "So they can have some experience under their belts if they would like to apply for paid positions in the future."

Brandon said any student can apply for a job with ASUI, even if they are freshmen or transfer students. However, students must be undergraduate with either a GPA of 3.0 from the previous semester or 2.75 cumulative to be eligible for participation.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. They can be found online at uidaho.edu/ASUI or at the ASUI office on the third floor of the Commons.

Applicants will be required to attach their resume with the application. Applicants can turn in their applications to the ASUI office or email them to ebrandon@uidaho.edu.

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WORLD

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She said there are many things students should consider when pursuing a study abroad program including cost, courses available and where they would like to study.

"When students study abroad they can get classes that count toward their majors. A lot of students worry that study abroad is going to set them back but that's actually not the case so we really try to work with students to find programs that aren't going to set them behind," LaHann said. "Some students go abroad to study a language, study a culture and that's fine even if it doesn't go with their major."

LaHann said there are summer, semester and full-year programs avail-

able as well as a growing number of winter study abroad options.

"If students felt they couldn't even do a summer abroad maybe they can fit something in between semesters instead," LaHann said.

LaHann said there are also a growing number of faculty-led programs that typically take place during the summer and count for UI credit.

She said she encourages students to consider a study abroad because of the experience and skills students gain during their time abroad.

"It's also the only time in your life you'll ever get financial aid to study abroad because once you get out of college you'll have to pay to go abroad typically," LaHann said.

Beginning Sept. 5 will be first time information sessions for students interested in pursuing a study abroad

program. The sessions happen every day for the rest of the semester, and LaHann said students can sign up for the sessions online at the study abroad website or at the study abroad fair.

"After that session is when we encourage them to set up a one on one meeting with one of our advisors," LaHann said.

She said the fair occurs once at the beginning of each semester to get students acquainted with the requirements and idea of studying abroad.

It gives students a chance to meet all the representatives and meet everyone in the study abroad office and get all that information at one time," LaHann said. "It's just kind of a good start for the whole process."

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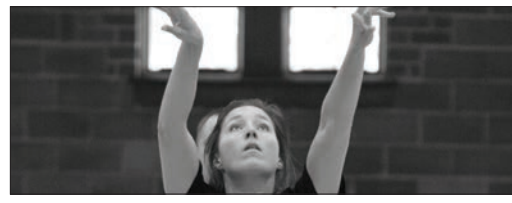


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Volleyball heads to Wyoming Invite for season debut.

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A Denton debut

First-year coach Paul Petrino eager to open up season

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

No more than two years ago, North Texas football coach Dan McCarney was tossed into an overwhelming mess. In many ways, it's the same kind of mess that Idaho coach Paul Petrino



finds himself in a day before his inaugural game as a collegiate head coach.

McCarney's first season as coach of the Mean Green came after four seasons of utter disappointment, when UNT combined to go 8-40. Petrino's situation isn't nearly as desperate, yet the stakes are just as high.

The ex-Arkansas offensive coordinator comes into a program that won three of its last 24 games.

More than anything, Petrino is a firm believer in on-field execution. But don't think that Idaho will claim the victory without the same level of execution coming from the sideline.

Petrino doesn't. "There will be some things during the game where I have to do a good job of understanding and staying focused and doing a great job on one play after another — but it's what I've been training to do since I could walk," Petrino said.

Saturday's opener, which kicks off at 6 p.m. PDT at Denton's Apogee Stadium, will be a curious match-up, especially from the perspective of a North Texas squad

still unsure who the Vandals will start at quarterback.

Petrino, who jokingly threw around the idea of using six quarterbacks after a few reports claimed the Mean Green would utilize three, drew praise from UNT's third-year coach.

"We know very little obviously and that's the advantage a new staff has and I don't blame coach Petrino for keeping it quiet and close to the vest and he's a real quality coach ..." McCarney said.

Simply based on statistics, most assume the Vandals will go with redshirt freshman Chad Chalich, who completed 90 percent (36-of-40) of his passes during the team's two fall scrimmages.

Petrino hasn't ruled out the option of a multi-quarterback system that could see junior college transfer Josh McCain enter the game if called upon. The older McCain possesses more speed than Chalich and showcased his strong arm on multiple occasions during Tuesday's and Wednesday's practices. Senior Taylor Davis would be a third option at the position.

Contrary to the Vandals, the Mean Green have announced a starter at the position and will run with senior gunslinger Derek Thompson. While UNT favors a ground and pound offensive system, the Mean Green offensive line allowed just six sacks last season, leading the nation in that category. In nine separate games, the line didn't allow a single sack.

After telling the media

one week ago that the Vandal defensive line needs to, "Be crazy," defensive end Quinton Bradley rephrased himself Wednesday after initially admitting that the mission was to "hurt their quarterback."

"Not hurt him, but hit him a lot," Bradley said. "Whoever he is, wherever he is, he's going to get hit ... Just cause they gave up only six sacks last year, doesn't mean that he's going to give up seven versus us."

It comes as no surprise that the Vandals are Saturday's underdog. The term has, more or less, summarized Idaho's last couple of years under former coach Robb Akey.

But Petrino comes from a wining background. Just ask the coach who will be opposite him Saturday afternoon.

"He's won wherever he's been," McCarney said. "I'm sure he's already had a major impact in that community and on that campus with that football team."

It doesn't mean that McCarney will be sympathetic toward Idaho when the old Sun Belt mates meet for the first time since 2004.

That's not part of Texan nature.

"I think they play hard, I mean they're a bunch of kids from Texas so they've grown up playing football their whole life, they like football," Petrino said. "If you had to characterize them as something, they're a physical team."

That's not to say that the Vandals don't know a

Game time

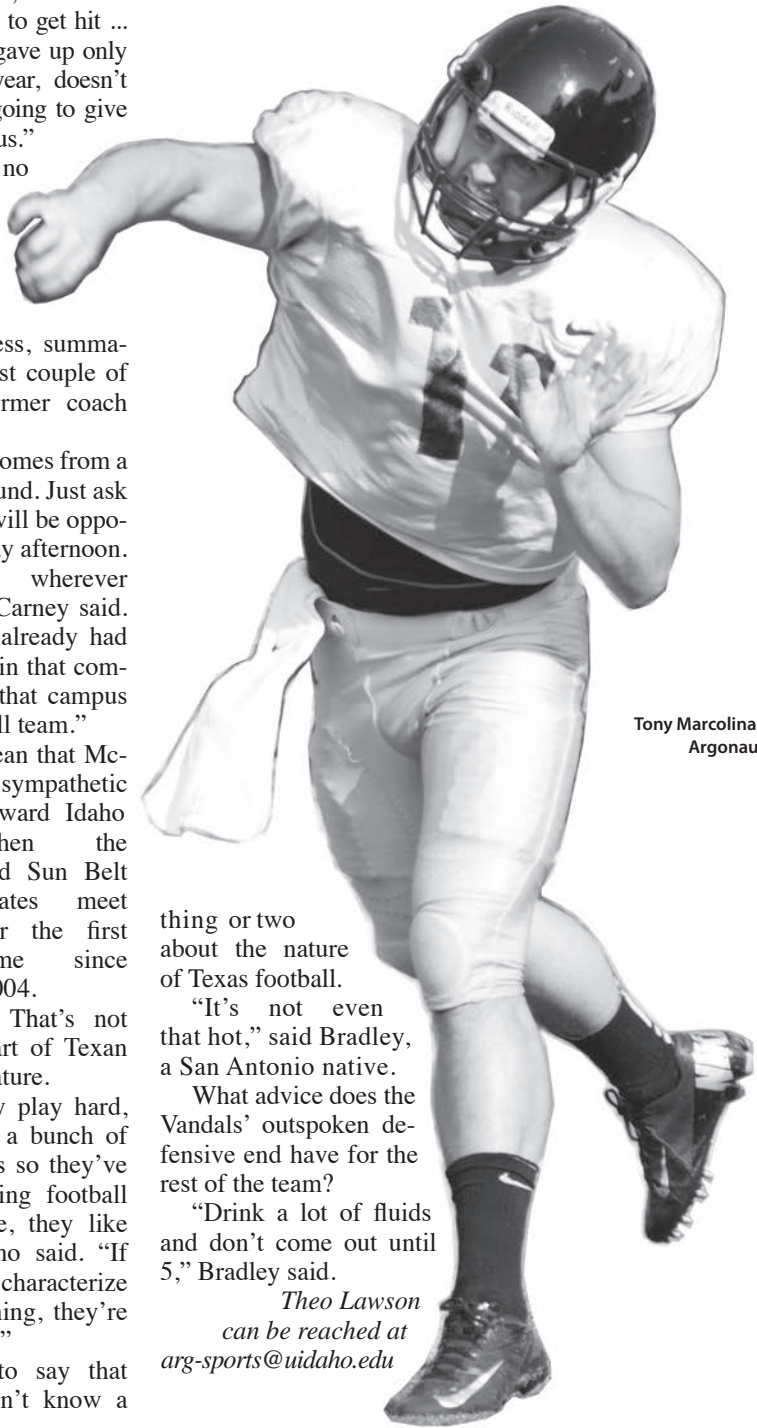
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thing or two about the nature of Texas football.

"It's not even that hot," said Bradley, a San Antonio native.

What advice does the Vandals' outspoken defensive end have for the rest of the team?

"Drink a lot of fluids and don't come out until 5," Bradley said.

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A test for the future

Lots will be made of Idaho's result against the Mean Green, a former Sun Belt member

It shouldn't be all that difficult to muster up a few reasons

why Saturday's season-opener is a must win football game for the Idaho Vandals. There's the obvious — a win-deprived fan base that has developed an unquenchable thirst for victory since 2009, the last time that the Kibbie Dome was at full capacity. Then there's the man at the helm.

A win in Paul Petrino's debut has countless implications, one of those being the gargantuan impression he'd leave on a program that was oh so emphatic in landing their guy this past spring.

More than anything, Saturday will serve as an important gauge for the future. The independent Vandals won't be flying solo next season, and Petrino's first test comes against a North Texas program that knows Idaho's future conference all too well.

Of course, it's not to say that slipping away with a victory in Denton is a signal that Idaho should move forward without caution, but it is a gauge, even if the vision is still a little foggy.



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Vandal Nation

Weekly practice report

Argonaut Staff Report

Tuesday, Aug. 27 & Wednesday, Aug. 28

Venue:

SprinTurf outdoor practice field

Practice rundown:

Position drills, team scrimmage vs. scout team, special team drills, 7-on-7 skeleton drill.

Highlights:

Redshirt freshman Chad Chalich continues to impress. Chalich ran the offense very well against the scout team defense and made good reads to march down the field. Josh McCain continues to showcase his arm and speed, and found himself throwing a few deep touchdown passes to Najee Lovett, Tuesday. McCain is getting more reps than Taylor Davis but it's still safe to assume Chalich will be the starter at the position Saturday.

The defensive line also continues to show why they are deepest of the position groups on defense. They came off the line very well both days and worked hard on stopping the scout team's

version of the North Texas run game while getting to the quarterback several times.

The scout team imitated North Texas' jet sweep Tuesday, something that the team hadn't seen until that point.

Four players rotated in and out during kick return drills. True freshman running back Richard Montgomery, junior wide receiver Dezmon Epps, senior wide receiver Najee Lovett, and sophomore cornerback Solomon Dixon all are getting reps at returning both kicks and punts. All four have shown blazing speed at the position, though Montgomery and Epps are clearly the fastest.

Running back Jerrel Brown had a rough go of things at his natural position Tuesday, but made a bone-crushing block that sent Montgomery clear to the end zone.

Freshman kicker Austin Rehkow missed several kicks during Wednesday's practice. At one point, he had missed three field goals in a row before wrapping up with three consecutive makes inside the 25-yard line. Those three still didn't overshadow the duds that preceded them.



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Additional notes/injury update:

Roman Runner, who has seen time at cornerback this fall, seems to be back at his natural position of wide receiver. Runner is also working with the kickoff team.

Safety Trey Williams is still not out on the field. Coach Paul Petrino said that Williams is still questionable, for the game Saturday.

Running back Kristoffer Olugbode is game fit. After missing a good portion of fall camp, Olugbode was back in the fold Tuesday and Wednesday.

After a breakout spring camp, wide receiver Maurice Trotter is still absent from practice with an injury.

Four running backs continue to work in with the first team offense. Expect Jerrel Brown and Montgomery to get the majority of the touches while Olugbode and James Baker will also likely see action.



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Goalkeeper Torell Stewart leaps out to stop an incoming shot during practice Thursday evening at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals will face Pac-12 opponent Washington State University in Pullman today at 3 p.m.

Soccer to face ranked opponent

Vandals try to pick up momentum at WSU

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

It has been a rough start this season for the young Vandals soccer team. During its first week of play on the road, Idaho was shut out in the first two games.

The season started for the Vandals at Weber State where they lost 3-0. The ladies then traveled to Pocatello, to play their cross state rivals — the Idaho State Bengals — where they were again shut out losing 2-0.

Despite the lack of performance from the young offense, Idaho coach Pete Showler has optimism that his team of half newcom-

ers will overcome their transition period and come together to an effective end.

"Sunday's game we showed a lot more, we played a lot more, and they embraced it a lot more," Showler said.

One facet of the Vandal team that has showed constant strength is the defense, which has a majority of the returning players. The two new goalkeepers, Torrell Stewart and Marina Siegl, have integrated well with the returning defenders.

"I think that we are doing really well and clicking," junior defender Emily Ngan said.

The Vandals take on the Pac-12 powerhouse Washington State Cougars on

Friday for the third straight away game of the season. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Showler and his team are not showing any nerves about taking on the highly ranked WSU team. The Cougars are currently ranked No. 32 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

"No pressure ... to me the pressure will be on that team, the players that they (WSU) have and we are so young and just developing," Showler said. "So anything we get from the game is a bonus."

"(WSU) is a very good team, it's going to be a tough game," senior Mary Condon said.

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Running into the season

Cross country set for season opener

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

After training all summer in the grueling heat, the Idaho cross country teams are finally ready to race. The Vandals start the season Saturday, Aug. 31, at Spokane, Wash., for the Northwest Classic — a meet the athletes are very familiar with.

“We’ve ran there a few times,” Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. “It’s pretty much the same course. It gives us the opportunity for the kids to see how they did relative to the year before.”

Phipps said the meet is a low-key meet to start the season but the Vandals will be going up against some stiff competition. The other NCAA Division I teams at the meet include Washington State, Gonzaga and Eastern Washington.

Even with the stiff competition, the main focus for the Vandals will be to shake the rust off and get back into racing form.

“We’ve been training all summer long but racing is completely different,” Phipps said. “It takes a couple races under your belt to get a feel for it again.

That’s really the main purpose of having this meet.”

Heading into the season, the Idaho women’s cross country team is the early favorite to win the WAC for the fourth straight season. Seniors Hannah Kiser, Emily Paradis and Alycia Butterworth haven’t gone a season without winning the WAC title since their freshman year in 2010. Kiser was also the individual WAC Champion in 2012.

“On the women’s side, we’ve won the last three years in a row,” Phipps said. “We joked around about it a little bit after their freshman year that they were going to try to win all four years. Now here we are three years later and they are in a position where they can have an opportunity to win four straight years.”

While the women’s side is full of veterans, the men’s side does not have any players left who were on the team three years ago. The depleted men’s team lists only four athletes on its 2013 roster — juniors Colton Hastings and Cayle Turpen and sophomores Santos Vargas and Tyler Jaszkwiaak. A team needs five runners in order to score as



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Sophomore transfer student Valerie Mitchell, left, and freshman Ally Ginther run on Paradise Creek Path for practice on Thursday. Both women are new this year to the Vandals cross country team. The team will compete in its first race, the Northwest Classic, Saturday in Spokane.

a team in meets. The top returner is Vargas who finished 22nd at the 2012 WAC Championships.

“We’ve had an amazing recruiting class on the (men’s) side,” Phipps said. “Definitely a very talented team but a very young team. We’ll have to take

a very careful approach to the training this season.”

The season starts out slow for the cross country teams but it will gain speed as the Vandals get further into the season.

“This is a perfect meet for the first meet of the year,” Phipps

said “We’ll come off a really hard block of training but it’s just important to get up there and race. Not worry too much about the outcome on this first one.”

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Vandal setter Meredith Coba sets the ball during practice Wednesday in the Memorial Gym. The Vandals will be playing in the Wyoming Invite today starting at 10 a.m. against Montana State.

Acing Wyoming

Volleyball set for season debut

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

For the last 18 days the Idaho women’s volleyball team has been practicing hard at fall camp, preparing for this moment and it’s finally here.

The Vandals open the season Friday on the road at the UniWyo Wyoming Invite in Laramie, Wyo.

“The transition from last year to this year was actually very smooth. All the newcomers are comfortable here and working hard,” said Idaho junior middle blocker Alyssa Schultz. “The one thing that I notice about what’s different from last year is our defense. I mean the back-row defense were flying around more and touching the ball more.”

Schultz enters a new season with a career hitting percentage superior to any other player in school history at .325 and Pre-

season WAC Player of the Year honors.

Schultz will work with Taylor Wilkinson to secure Idaho’s middle. Wilkinson earned WAC All-Tournament team honors for her late season performance last year to help Idaho reach its first WAC championship match. The two middle blockers will take team leadership responsibilities without two-time second-team all-WAC middle Alex Sele.

“Those are tough shoes to fill but Taylor is more than equipped to fill them,” Schultz said. “She’s working hard every day, she makes me better and I make her better. She’s really smart, makes good decisions and she’s always outworking everyone else.”

Meanwhile, redshirt sophomore setter Meredith Coba will take over the primary setter role after sitting behind Jennifer

Feicht and Ryann Carter for the past two seasons.

“I’ve worked two years to get to this spot, so I’ve been waiting and it feels good that the time is finally here for me to run the offense,” Coba said.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchannan said ball control is a strength of the team but passing is something the team needs to work on. The defensive specialists include sophomore Jenna Ellis and freshman Terra Varney who will work together to fill in the gaps. Ellis put up impressive numbers last season leading the team in ace percentage at .29 per set.

“We’re trying to get Jenna and Terra to take more court so outsides have less court and they can just go and swing but it’s going to be a little bit of a process to get more comfortable with that,” Buchanan said.

In the opening tourna-

ment in Wyoming, the Vandals face four opponents, two of which finished the 2012 season with losing records. The Vandals will face Montana State in the first match followed by Wyoming, Drake and Stetson. Montana State finished 15-14 last season, Wyoming finished at 25-11, Drake at 5-24 and Stetson with just four wins and 31 losses.

“I think that any team in the preseason comes at us as a challenge, because most of the teams we haven’t played before, so whenever we play teams we want to compete our hardest,” Coba said. “We just want to go out there and play our game. That’s what our focus is on during preseason, controlling what we can control on our side of the court.”

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TEST

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In the Sun Belt Conference that it just dashed from, North Texas has been nothing more than mediocre. Three years ago, pre-Dan McCarney, the Mean Green could better be described as dismal. Still, the team had won just seven combined conference games in the two years McCarney has been in charge.

It'd be premature to label this a do-or-die game for the Vandals, but citing it as a "be competitive or fear for the future," game is fairly accurate.

Look no further than the Idaho record books to fully comprehend how crucial games like these are for the Vandals. The Moscow program is in the midst of a four-game skid with the North Texans, dating back to the teams' sparring days in the Sun Belt. Though the pair hasn't clashed since 2004, the Vandals didn't fare well in the conference when they lost to North Texas, winning four games in five years against Sun Belt opposition.

Though the Vandal nation would like to see the team sooner than a Sept. 14 home-opener, road tests like this weekend's are the same ones that have doomed Idaho in recent years. Look no further back than last season, when Idaho gave up at least 40 points on the road on five different occasions.

But don't look for any sympathy from the Sun Belt. Idaho will begin to embrace the trips to Las Cruces, N.M., and New Mexico State, the closest university in proximity to Moscow.

Don't think that a loss Saturday will be a strong indicator of things to come.

But don't dare think that the Vandals can skate through the Independent schedule and coast into the Sun Belt if they can't top a less-than-attractive Mean Green squad.

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SOCCER

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"We need our midfielders to be guile and crafty to penetrate their defense."

The Vandals will be facing off against the Cougars with two of their starters injured.

"One will be out for the season and one is just day-by-day," Showler said. "Anytime you lose two players it's going to have an impact, but we have a lot more depth in quality and we are able to shift things around and run with it."

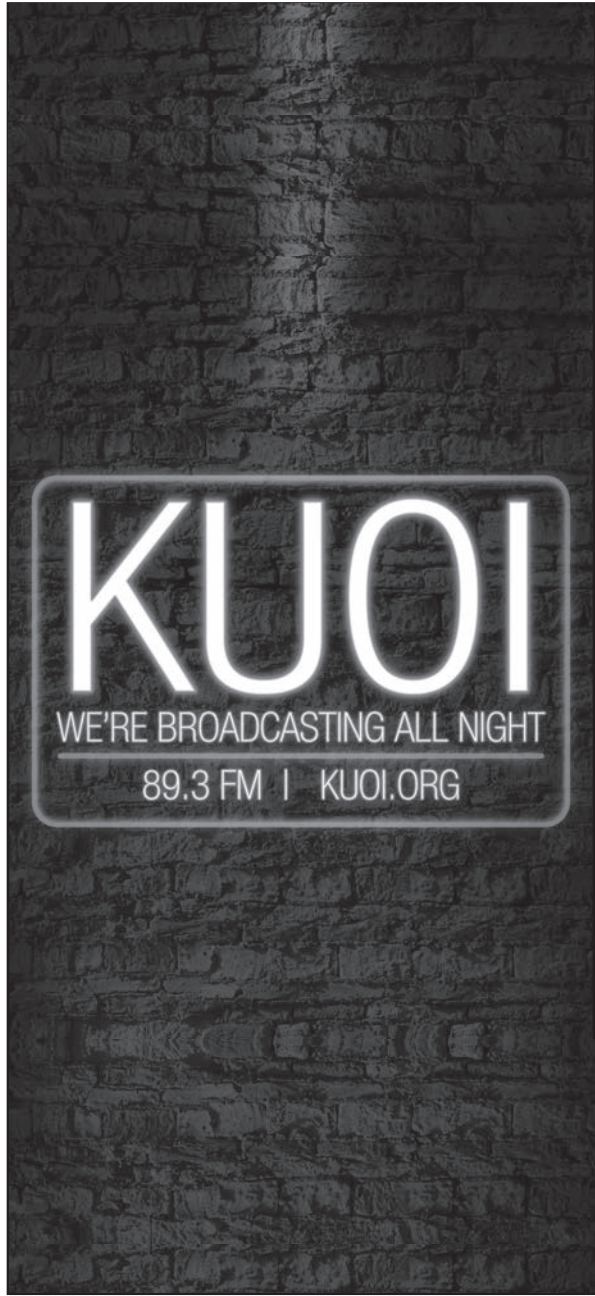
After the Vandals take on the Cougars they will continue their five away-game stretch returning

to Guy Wicks Field on Sep. 13 to take on Eastern Washington for the second-to-last non-conference game.

Conference play starts on Sep. 22 against Grand Canyon University at Guy Wicks Field.

Coach Showler said that WAC play is what the Vandals are striving for and has no doubt that the team will have found its stride by then to take the WAC by force and make it to the WAC Tournament this year.

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READY FOR TEXAS



Tight end Taylor Elmo gets tackled by Bradley Njoku during practice Tuesday on the SprinTurf. The Vandals, who will be playing their first game under coach Paul Petriono, will meet the University of North Texas Saturday at 4 p.m. PDT in Denton.

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OUR VIEW

UI moves past mistakes

Last week, University of Idaho Dean of Students Bruce Pitman made the right decision to admit that alcohol outreach and education programs at UI had a minimal affect on reducing alcohol and drug-related consequences.

UI made a big step forward by admitting that previous attempts to curb drug and alcohol abuse were too passive and no longer effective. Too often, universities try to deny problems instead of admitting there is even a problem to begin with.

The newly-introduced task forces have

made several promising recommendations and policy proposals.

One policy proposal includes an academic standard that disqualifies first year students who receive a 1.0 GPA or lower after their first semester. To say it is hard to get a 1.0 GPA at UI is an understatement. Inadequate classroom performance often indicates a problem with substance abuse, and will encourage students to seek help.

Another recommendation by the drugs and alcohol task force is the code of conduct,

which should be updated to include off-campus activities. By not holding students accountable for off-campus infractions, UI allows instances of drug and alcohol abuse to multiply. By implementing the task forces recommendation, UI would hold students accountable for their actions and discourage further abuse. It takes courage to admit past policies have been ineffective and with that recognition, the university has been able to move forward and reevaluate campus and student safety.

—AE

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Mad Mind

I feel like I'm going mad. It's still only the first week. The guiding light that is going to get me through this semester is that I am in a fencing class. En garde!

—Andrew

Book bummer

I wish the rec center would quit buying new equipment that doesn't have anywhere built-in to hold a book while you exercise. Reading is the only thing I enjoy about cardio workouts. I look silly trying to hold a book up on machines that don't have ready made book holders.

—Aleya

Just bought tickets

For a Halloween show in Seattle for two of the dopest MCs. Already excited!

—Sean

A thought about life

"Everyone has a plan 'till they get punched in the mouth" -Mike Tyson.

—Ryan

Loving my schedule

With Wednesdays and Fridays off, what's not to love?

—Ricky

Brain break

While everyone is planning to go somewhere for the long weekend, I plan on staying in Moscow to reorganize my brain with this fall madness.

—Rainy

Modern warfare

That the New York Times website was hacked by what officials believe was the Syrian Electronic Army should be a wake up call to everyone. The attack was in response to White House debates about how to respond to clear indications the Syrian government launched a chemical attack on its civilians. This is the world we now live in.

—Kaitlyn

Muppet on speed dial

I often wish I was tight with all the Muppets. Every once in a while I feel like breaking out in song and cheesy dance moves, but you can't do that without them. Is it too much to ask for Kermit's number?

—Emily

#notthatintimidating

People are afraid of reporters.

—Kaitlin

College football

It's finally that time again and I couldn't be happier.

—Stephan

High hopes

Alright coach Petrino, all eyes are watching, let's go to the Natty.

—Theo

Annoying

Those religious people outside library need to go.

—Phillip

Busy

After the busiest three days of my college career it will be nice to get back to Boise for the long weekend.

—Tony

YOU HEAR ABOUT MILEY CYRUS' TWERKING? THAT WAS SO WRONG!

I KNOW, RIGHT?



Andrew Jenson
Argonaut

The F-word

A weekly column on feminism, gender and sexuality

Property of no one

You know about it, I know about it, everyone who isn't living in a cave in Antarctica knows the kerfuffle surrounding the Miley Cyrus/Robin Thicke performance at the MTV Video Music Awards this week.

While there are an almost endless number of issues I could address, from the slut-shaming, to the lyrical content of Thicke's "Blurred Lines," to the cultural appropriation and objectification of women of color, it's time an equally important but less-talked-about aspect of this was addressed.

Billy Ray Cyrus. In the days following his daughter's performance, entertainment news organizations posted article after article, speculating about how Billy Ray would respond. There were several memes circulating Facebook of a sad-looking Billy Ray superimposed above the image of Miley twerking on Thicke. There was a meme on the front page of Reddit Monday joking that Billy Ray wished Miley had never been born because of her VMA performance.

Everyone wanted to know what Billy Ray thought of his daughter's provocative display of sexuality on stage Sunday night, and everyone thought

he should be horribly disappointed in his daughter.

News flash: Miley isn't a Disney kid. She never will be and she probably never was in the first place. She's 20-years-old, learning who she is and part of that is embracing her sexuality. Miley spent so many years as an impossibly shiny, scrubbed-clean, invented persona, that America can't seem to understand a simple fact – everyone grows up. We all do.

Understandably, Miley is going to run headlong into the newfound freedom, trying desperately to shake off the shadow of Hannah Montana. She's going to make silly decisions for a while, she's going to express herself – including her sexuality – in ways that are the polar opposite to the image she undertook as a teenager. And there is nothing wrong with that. She's just doing it on the public stage.

What is wrong is as-

suming that she wants, needs or should have the approval of her father as she figures out who she is. She doesn't need to be protected, controlled or sheltered by her father. She's an autonomous adult, not someone's property. In light of things like this and the hundreds of "10 Rules for Dating my Daughter" memes that float around the internet, it would seem that women are still viewed, to even a small extent, as "under the charge" of the men in their lives.

When Billy Ray finally did do an interview and express his unconditional love and support for his daughter, there was a certain amount of shock and awe. As if his daughter's behavior warranted some kind of public reprimand or disowning. But no. Instead, he did what any good father should. He offered words of support for his child who he probably recognizes is her own person, who makes her own decisions.

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Electronics, education

Technology serves as hidden gem in classroom discussions across campus

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Argonaut

Twenty-six percent of Americans get news on their cell phones, according to "Writing and Reporting the News" by Carole Rich.

Considering that convenient Internet technology on mobile devices such as tablets, laptops and smart phones is a young creation, this statistic is amazing. The way people receive information

has been changing for a long time. It is blatant that mobile Internet technology is one of the supreme contributors to this change as well as one of the greatest pieces of technology ever created.

Personally I read all my news on the Internet, either on my phone or laptop, and it's not that I don't enjoy reading the paper or a book. It is just that reading news or finding information on the Internet is more engaging. You can research the topic

more conveniently as the tools to do so are in your hand. It makes discussing the topic much easier as well as more dynamic. So why do teachers oppose mobile

electronic use in the classroom? Students should be allowed near open electronics use in the classroom, albeit under certain circumstances. Obviously off topic electronic use should be prohibited and

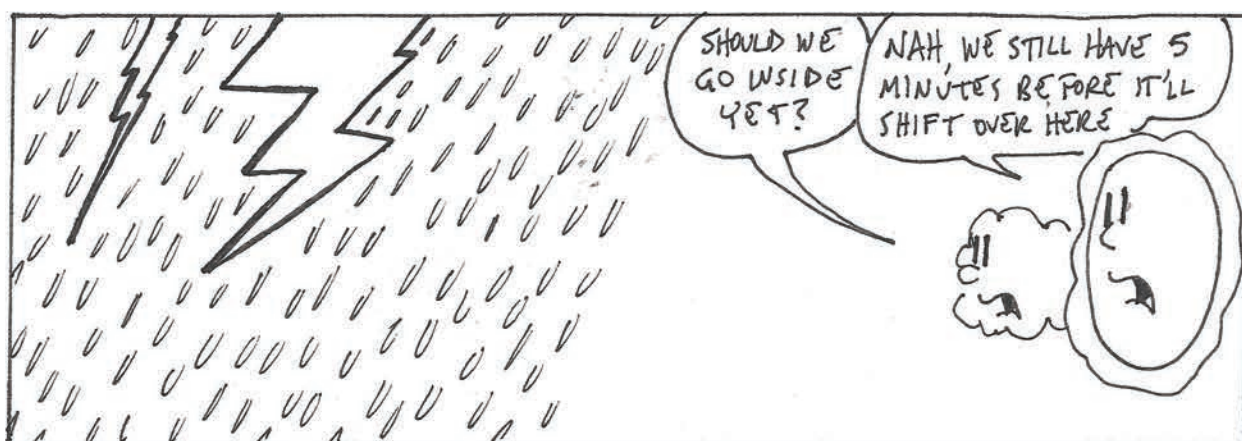
during exams electronics should be put away, but is it so ridiculous to think that using a mobile device in class during a lecture could be a great thing?

Most classes and lectures include a discussion. These open talks and debates are my favorite part of every class. It pushes students to express how they feel on the subject, as well as get different perspectives for a broader understanding.

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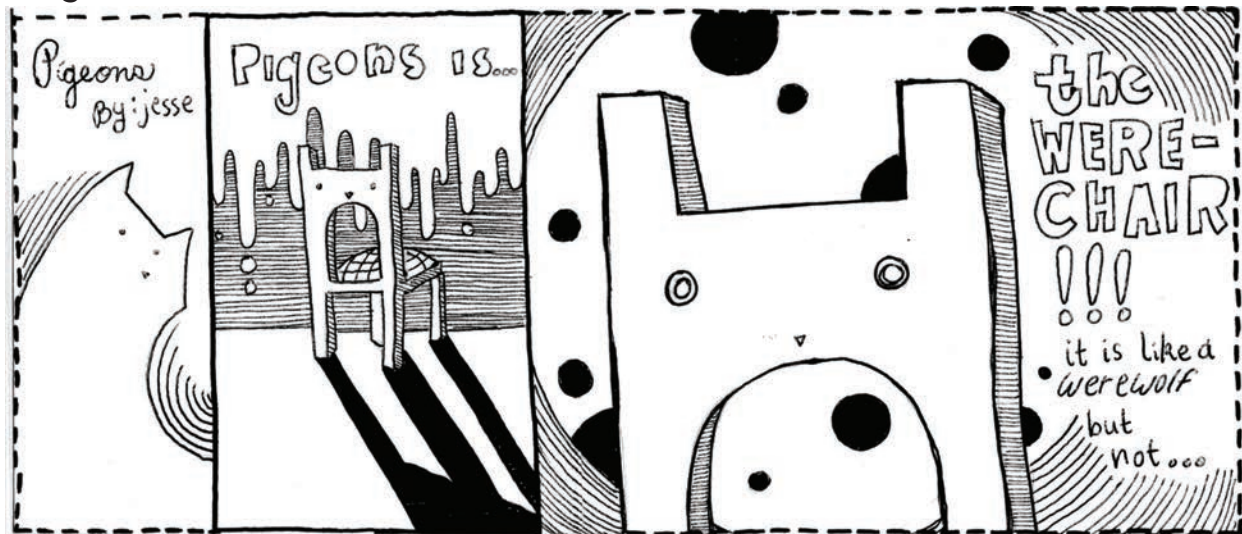
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ELECTRONICS

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I have been lucky enough to take multiple classes in my college career that have included lots of open discussion, but by far my favorite was a JAMM class I took my sophomore year. The teacher was open to us using computers to gather information when we would have discussions.

It created a world of opportunities. Fellow students could easily pull up statistics they needed, find articles supporting their ideas and find citations to make their conversation more credible. It wasn't some crutch we used when we couldn't think of ideas, instead it was a learning tool just like having a textbook on hand. The only difference is that you have endless sources to choose from.

I am not saying that all teachers oppose the use of electronics, because some do embrace it and I commend them for it. I am merely bringing light to the idea that access to these widespread electronic resources helps in the educational system.

I acknowledge the

argument can be made that there is nothing to stop numerous students from abusing these privileges.

However if the class properly engages students enough, thoughtful discussion will take the place of petty entertainment.

Allowing students to use these mobile tools during discussion will help students get more involved as the information they are finding will help provide and build confidence to speak up. I have experienced this in classes where I lack the confidence to voice my thoughts, because I felt I did not have enough evidence to support my argument. However, after class I realized that all the information I needed was a couple clicks away, sitting on the desk behind me, turned off.

Students are paying a lot of money to learn and – hopefully – most of us realize we are lucky enough to get this opportunity to receive a post-secondary education. We should not exclude a learning tool that will benefit the vast majority of students due to the poor decisions of a few.

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Trim the fat

If the government can survive a 5 percent budget cut then so can the University of Idaho

The media and many politicians thought the sky was falling when the federal sequester loomed in legislation. The federal sequester — for those of you that had your head under a rock — was a result of the Budget Control Act that set a series of automatic spending cuts evenly spread between various federal agencies to take place in 2013 and 2021.

In March, due to the federal sequester, many operating budgets of federal agencies were cut by \$55 billion dollars or approximately five percent, according to the Congressional Budget Office. And yet the sky has yet to hit the ground.

In fact, government has even benefitted from the budget cuts. According to Forbes, so far in 2013 the U.S. has seen .3 percent of economic growth and 800,000 jobs created, which is a faster job creation rate than was seen in 2012.

Blindly cutting the budget across the board for the government may have seemed silly, but oddly enough it appears to

be working. When departments are forced to make budget cuts, they get rid of unnecessary spending. This approach would work wonders for the University of Idaho.

UI works surprisingly similar to the federal government. In order to raise the cost of tuition by six percent last year the university had to ask permission from the State Board of Education — much like the executive branch asking Congress to raise the debt ceiling limit.

And much like the government, UI would benefit from a five percent universal budget cut. Student tuition and costs have been increasing at an exponential rate for colleges across the U.S. According to a College Board survey, tuition and costs for public four-year colleges have risen 27 percent more than the rate of monetary inflation over the past five years.

This stems from the general culture at a university that often seems unable and unwilling to cut the fat. Instead of trimming expenses — like many other universities —

UI simply keeps raising students costs.

Part of the cause of this is how universities operate. Only at universities is a person granted tenure and guaranteed a job that prohibits them from being fired without great cause. Only at universities does one not know if the university's product — an education — been successfully given to students. No college tests students to measure if they learned anything. Thus ensuring that the college is not held responsible which is found only at universities.

At a business, not being able to easily fire employees, not being able to monitor success of sales and not being able to hold the business accountable for its product would be a pretty poor business model.

A universal budget cut would change this culture. A universal budget cut would affect all departments equally and departments would have to finally consider what they are spending money on.

The poster child for this is Matthew Sowder, a former instructor for the College of Education and

Project Director of Northwest Nations Upward Bound. Just last year at UI, Sowder was charged with spending over \$1,000 on a university credit card for personal purposes. Some of the things he bought with UI funds included: food, pornographic magazines, a painting of Lady Liberty and a tattoo of Lady Liberty.

Sowder got away with spending this money by filing reports claiming he lost receipts for purchases, and claiming the purchases were being used for NNUB, when they were not. One has to suspect if UI was more careful with funds they would monitor credit card purchases more carefully. After all, since UI banks with U.S. Bank, all credit card purchases can be seen online, why wasn't the Accounting Department able to catch him sooner since Sowder claimed to have lost the paper receipts?

Tighter budgets means smarter decisions when it comes to university spending. If the government can survive with five percent less, UI can as well.

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Write a grant, save the world

GUEST VOICE

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

Three years ago, I was a freshman at the University of Idaho. I distinctly remember walking into Bob's for the first time and wandering around, completely overwhelmed by how much food there was. As an environmental science student a torrent of questions ran through my mind: Where did all of this food come from? How was it grown? And what's that fluorescent orange stuff in the cream of corn soup? Little did I know that those burning questions would be the first step to writing a winning student grant funded through the UI Sustainability Center.

To be completely honest, I had never written a grant before. So when I went to the UISC grant

info forum, I was a bit apprehensive because I never thought anyone would listen to the bold ideas of a puny, naive freshman.

However, after meeting with Jeannie Matheison and other extremely helpful and inspiring staff at the UISC, I soon found myself writing a \$3,000 grant in conjunction with the Soil Stewards to build a hoop house — a sort of greenhouse — for their organic farm. And guess what? I did it. I actually got the grant and built the hoop house. I made a real, permanent and sustainable change. Know what's even crazier? You can do it, too.

I know writing a grant sounds like something technical and stressful, but just know, as long as you have the passion and drive to do something, nothing will stop you. If you have an idea or even the slightest interest in making a change in the world around you, come to the UISC to learn how to write and apply to receive grant money. This is your chance to do something — to make real, permanent and visible change in your world.

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

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