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Thrift Shop at the top

Rolling Stone recently recognized the University of Idaho pep band's cover of Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Thrift Shop" as one of the "10 Mind-Blowing College Marching Band Cover Songs" in the nation.

When Rolling Stone published the article featuring the UI pep band online last week, the accompanying video went viral and people affiliated with the university shared the link on multiple social networking sites — the video now has over 30,000 views.

Spencer Martin, director of athletic bands, said last October his brother-in-law showed him "Thrift Shop." Afterward, he almost immediately contacted longtime arranger and alumnus Jeff Chambers to see if he was interested in arranging it. Chambers accepted.

"We debuted it in December when we played Boise State down in Boise, and the song had just, like two days before, hit top ten, and we played it that night," Martin said. "It was awesome, absolute perfect timing."

Trombone player Danny Schneider said the funniest part about the Rolling Stone acknowledgement is that the drummer featured in the video, Jeremy Quinn, was not a UI student at the time.

"He came and auditioned for percussion and kind of got to see how the University of Idaho works and we begged him to stay and check out the pep band," Schneider said. "He did, and we made him sit in, and he just happened to be playing and his dad is the one who took the video, so he wasn't even a student at the time."

Martin said performing a Macklemore & Ryan Lewis song was special because of the close regional association — they are from the Pacific Northwest and Lewis is from Spokane.

The success of "Thrift Shop" spurred Martin's interest in another Macklemore & Ryan Lewis song, "Can't Hold Us," which is featured in a mash-up with Santana and Neil Diamond in the Vandal marching band's current repertoire. Martin said he likes doing mash-ups of modern music because it sets the UI marching band apart from the rest.

"We're trying to be the best at what we do, but more importantly, we're trying to be the only ones that do what we do," Martin said.

Amber Emery
Argonaut

Homecoming is a hectic week for many groups on the University of Idaho campus. The Homecoming Committee is making final preparations, the football team is practicing for the Saturday game and students are buzzing with excitement anticipating the jam-packed weekend ahead.

But it's the Vandal marching band that might be one of the busiest groups on campus this week. All 200 students dedicated to the Sound of Idaho marching band perform at nearly every Homecoming event.

Spencer Martin, director of athletic bands, said although Homecoming is always the busiest time of the year, the 2013 fall season has been extra demanding and the students have stepped up to the challenge.

"It's a rare occurrence when you have more than say, two games on top of each other, and we have four games right in a row," Martin said. "We also have the Homecoming events. We have the Serpentine Parade the night before with the bonfire, the parade on Saturday morning, tailgating and pregame, then the big halftime show during the game."

Martin said the marching band is ready for Homecoming and all of the events that come with it. Fans attending the festivities may notice that the Vandals are sporting a new look — each member of the band will be wearing sunglasses made by Knockaround — a company based in San Diego.

The sunglasses are now officially a part of the uniform. "I sent the CEO, Adam Ace Moyer, an email and said 'we want to add sunglasses to our uniform, black and gold, but I'd really like to have Knockaround, is there a way that we could purchase them at a reduced price?'" Martin said. "Instead of that he said 'how about we do a trade — I will trade you one Idaho sweatshirt for 225 pairs of sunglasses,' which is basically \$5,000 worth of sunglasses."

The outrageous deal became legitimate when Martin received the shipment of sunglasses and the marching band debuted them in Pullman when the Vandals played WSU.

On Friday night, the Vandal marching band will play music as they march throughout the campus and lead a parade of students, faculty, alumni and community members to the Kibbie Dome parking lot for the annual bonfire.

Senior and sousaphone section leader Domingo Gonzalez said the serpentine on Homecoming-eve is a timeless tradition that brings Vandal fans together.

"It's a tradition that started a long time ago and it's almost like a pre-funk to the pre-funk," Gonzalez said. "We just kind of warn everyone that the band is coming and get everyone into the school spirit."

The serpentine begins at 8 p.m. at the president's house where the band will play the Beer Song and the Fight Song, then make a snake-like march down new Greek row, through old Greek row, down Sixth Street and up to the Kibbie Dome, with crowds of people joining them along the way.

Martin said the marching band will also

play at the bonfire and retreat to the tower lawn soon around 9:45 p.m. to play during the TowerLights show — an LED lightshow put on by the UI Association of Computing Machinery.

The marching band will be up bright and early Saturday morning to wake up Moscow residents and visitors by marching through the streets, and through Rosauers per tradition, playing loudly before the 10 a.m. parade.

The band will march the 104th annual Homecoming Parade and the tuba section will unveil their float, a longstanding tradition within the marching band.

Trombone Section Leader Brendan Burns said about 1,000 high school students join the Vandal marching band at the parade and march behind them. He said the tradition is special because it is fun for the students and it shows them what being part of a university band is like.

"Sometimes coming from a middle school or high school where your band has 20 people, coming to a band of 200 is awesome, over 1,000 for Homecoming," Burns said. "The sound difference is ridiculous, they don't expect it, so it's a lot of fun."

The marching band will then march back to campus and meet with the alumni band.

Organized by English lecturer Barbara Kirchmeier, the alumni band is a group of alumni who return to UI and perform with the marching band during Homecoming.

After rehearsing with the alumni band, the marching band will split up and go to tailgating. Some of the band will go to the president's tent and perform while others will march around the Kibbie Dome parking lot to entertain the Vandal tailgaters.

Martin said the band is warmed up at this point in the day and is ready to go into the Kibbie Dome and start the pregame show, which usually includes traditional songs such as the fight song and the alma mater. He also said the band will be introduced by a new video that will play on the big screen in the dome.

Danny Schneider, a trumpet player in the marching band said the next item on the agenda is halftime, and the Homecoming halftime show is the culmination of the marching band's preparation weeks prior.

"We know it is a very high-attended game," Schneider said. "We're excited, it's a very high-energy show that we're stoked about premiering then and there will be tunes that even brand new students, as freshmen this year, will definitely recognize."

While none of the band members or leaders would comment on any of the rumors circulating about the halftime show — one member promised it would be "one hell of a show."

"One of the most unique and special things about the University of Idaho is that the students and the fans stay for halftime and watch halftime," Martin said. "I can't tell you, other places I've been, they clear out and it becomes a ghost town at halftime, but UI is packed."

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Knockaround sunglasses have been worn by Snoop Dogg, Jessica Alba, Natalie Portman and Selena Gomez.

Homecoming 2013

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Argonaut

The process of picking the University of Idaho's Homecoming theme started in the fall of 2013 with a brainstorming session.

"They had to be themes that related to not only students, but also the university as a whole, alumni, and also the community," said Jim Martinez, chair of the UI Homecoming Committee.

After approval by UI administration, the committee decided on the theme "Vandal Pride, Planet Wide."

"The meaning behind the theme is really, the University of Idaho attracts students from all over the world, and once students

graduate they're able to take their education that they received here, across the globe," Martinez said.

The Homecoming theme is not just used in the promotional material for Homecoming, but also effects the Homecoming competitions that students participate in throughout the week.

"It's a theme that can relate to a lot of people... especially for the teams that are participating in the different events we put on," Martinez said.

Vandal Jingles skits and Homecoming Parade floats were related to the international theme along with the living communications decorations.

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Sam Koester

This year's homecoming theme is very special. It showcases that the

University of Idaho is not only just a University with students, but a University with traditions and research that have spread around the world. To me, it means that being a Vandal is not just a regional thing, but a global factor of our lives. We are Vandals!



Shannon Kelly

To me, it means being a part of a Vandal family whose members

find success and opportunity around the world. This week I'll be showcasing my Vandal pride by busting my neck learning the marching band halftime show for Saturday and introducing the awesome new (Vandal Marching Band) members to the traditions of homecoming.

Vandals on what this year's Homecoming theme means to them



Erin Singer

To be honest, I never pay attention to or participate in any sort of Homecoming things, so to me, it doesn't matter.



Phillip Vukelich | Argonaut

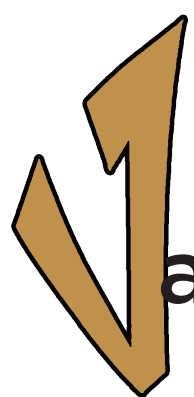
The Vandal marching band gets into formation at Idaho's game against WSU Sept. 21 at Martin Stadium. The marching band will be performing at the Homecoming game against Temple this Saturday.



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October 18-20 This is The End

October 23 Only God Forgives

October 25-27 The Conjuring

October 30 Hocus Pocus

November 1-3 The To Do List

November 6 Blackfish

November 8-10 The World’s End

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Costs of homecoming

Majority of \$20,000 Homecoming budget raised by alumni relations board

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Nearly 12 months of hard work and planning led to the 2013 Homecoming celebrations, this week. The week of events — sponsored by the University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations and organized by a student-led Homecoming Committee — celebrates Vandal pride and tradition with events such as “Yell Like Hell,” the annual bonfire, fireworks extravaganza and the Homecoming Parade.

But these events don’t come without a cost. Tim Helmke, associate director of Alumni Relations and adviser for the Homecoming Committee, said the week is planned based on a \$20,000 budget comprised of money raised by the Office of Alumni Relations.

“Through our entrepreneurial programs, we have money that funds different programs throughout the year and Homecoming is one of those,” Helmke said. “Nothing comes from student fees.”

The money raised by Alumni Relations comes from things such as cap and gown sales, insurance and credit cards sponsored by the department.

The \$20,000 budget covers everything from “I” cookies and punch at the smaller events, to the Faculty and Staff Alumni Luncheon, to promotional items such as buttons, posters and advertisements. Homecoming Committee adviser Lauren Hamilton said the biggest costs associated with Homecoming are the simple operating costs of hosting events.

“The longstanding tradition of Homecoming helps us out a lot with advertising and promotion,” Hamilton said. “We don’t have to build up a lot of excitement, people just are excited.”

The Latah Federal Credit Union Fireworks Extravaganza is the one

Homecoming event that is not paid for by the Office of Alumni Relations. Funding for the fireworks show comes from local donors and a small portion comes from ASUI.

“The Moscow community supports it because it is the only fireworks show in Moscow in the calendar year,” Helmke said. “It’s the same with the parade. It’s the only big parade that Moscow has.”

The total cost of the fireworks show is \$8,500. The largest portion of the fireworks budget comes from a \$3,500 donation from Latah Federal Credit Union. ASUI contributes \$1,000 to the fireworks budget via a student-sponsored bill that was voted on and passed by the ASUI senate. Smaller donations from the Alumni Association, the Corner Club, Palouse Properties and University Inn and Best Western make up the remainder of the fireworks budget.

Jim Martinez, Homecoming Committee chair, said ASUI’s contribution is a relatively small portion of the budget that is largely supported by the student body.

“That is an ASUI decision that we write a bill and they consider, so it’s not automatic,” Martinez said. “We have about 1500 students, about 1500 alumni and community members that go to the bonfire and fireworks show ... but it’s kind of like students paying it forward to those alumni that have already graduated.”

Helmke said the fireworks show was first introduced in 2007 and has since become a tradition. In previous years, fundraising has not gone as well and the committee has had to dip into the \$20,000 budget for other expenditures to pay for the fireworks. This year, that was not the case, as the committee met its \$8,500 fundraising goal.

Helmke said this year there will be a special feature in the show sponsored by Palouse Properties and Carl Johnson. The company that puts on the show is Entertainment Fireworks.

“We don’t want to go into great detail but people are going to want to be in the Kibbie Dome parking lot during the show towards the end,” Helmke said. “It’s going to be pretty amazing.”

Helmke said it is with careful planning that many of the Homecoming events are high quality with relatively low cost. He said Martinez and the Homecoming Committee worked hard to determine which costs were necessary and which were extraneous. He said there are some items such as buttons that may seem like a expensive item that a budget could cut, but those are things that mean a lot to people and are expenses the committee is willing to take on.









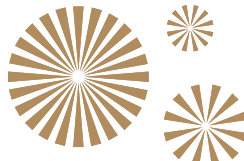







“A lot of people when they’re planning an event try to do as much as possible,” Martinez said. “But the way I look at it is how can we make what we already have better rather than add more stuff and that tends to use less money.”

Helmke said the way the committee would cut costs in the event of a budget cut or unexpected expenditures would be to cut costs on simple things such as cookies. Rather than “I” cookies, the committee would substitute regular cookies because they are cheaper.

Despite their money saving techniques and careful consideration Helmke, Hamilton and Martinez agreed there is always more they could do with a larger budget.

“We always wish we had a little more money to make things bigger. Not necessarily better ... I think we do a great job with what we have. But it’s always nice to have a little more,” Hamilton said.

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Source: Tim Helmke, associate director of alumni relations

Mark your calendar

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Homecoming Week is packed with exciting and traditional affairs to appeal to students. There is so much going on, that Shannon Kelly, junior trombone player for the Vandal marching band, said you have to go out of your way to be bored during the week of Homecoming.

“Totally go for it,” Kelly said. “It’s so much fun. Homecoming is what you make of it. And if you just sit by yourself, you’re not going to have a lot of fun.”

Homecoming Serpentine

Starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, the Vandal marching band leads a walk around campus, beginning near New Greek Row. During this yearly Homecoming tradition, any student who wishes to join can walk with the band and other UI students. The serpentine ends in the Kibbie Dome parking lot where the bonfire is located.

“We’re (the marching band) playing music, people are walking, essentially it’s a traveling party,” Kelly said. “Serpentine is always a lot of fun, there’s so many memories that can be made.”

Bonfire rally

At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, just after the Serpentine finishes, students and faculty gather in the Kibbie Dome parking lot for the annual bonfire. Along with the warmth of the fire, students will listen to speeches given by staff members, meet the football coaches and players, and get pumped up for Saturday’s game. There are also several student contests.

“There’s the most vandalized fan contest,” Kelly said. “Different living groups nominate somebody who is covered in Vandal gear as much as possible. Gold and silver everywhere.”

Also included at the bonfire is the announcement of Homecoming royalty.

Tower Lights

On Friday, at 9:45 p.m., the UI Association of Computing Machinery will put on an LED light show, complete with music in front of the Theophilus Tower. Students are encouraged to come and enjoy the show on the Tower lawn, and can bring chairs and blankets. The show runs for about 10-15 minutes.

“It’s awesome to see the computer science and computer engineering department get involved with Homecoming,” Kelly said. “It shows that it’s something that everyone can be a part of.”

Homecoming Parade

At 10 a.m. on Saturday one of Homecoming’s biggest traditions begins — the 104th annual Homecoming parade. The parade will start in downtown Moscow and go down Main Street. This year the parade Grand Marshals are alumni Rich and Sharon Allen, as well as Jeff and Kris Stoddard. They will lead the marching band as well as various other floats made by Greek houses, living groups and other organizations. The Vandal marching band will also make a couple other appearances in downtown Moscow.

“We make an appearance or two at the farmers market,” Kelly said. “And a big tradition is that we go over to Rosauers and play “Go Vandals” in the store. The trombone and tuba players have this long standing feud on who gets to play in the beer section.”

Idaho vs. Temple

The Vandals are scheduled to play the Owls from Temple University at 2 p.m. on Saturday. What is sure to be a chaotic event due to the momentum that the rest of the events of Homecoming Week create, will ultimately lead to the football game. Kelly said the atmosphere is the best part for her. She said the Homecoming game is the time where the biggest audience of UI students and alumni band together to cheer on the players.

“Even if you’re not a sports fan you can enjoy Homecoming,” Kelly said. “There will be music, so go out there with some friends. If you’re unsure or scared, just go and give it a chance. And try to get your picture taken with a tuba player.”



All out competition

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

A group of students gather outside the VandalStore last Sunday afternoon with cameras in hand. An announcer shouts “go” and groups sprint off in multiple directions racing to catch a photo of famous landmarks on the University of Idaho campus.

The photo scavenger hunt was the first of many competitions that UI students could take part in throughout Homecoming Week.

Many of the students at the photo scavenger hunt were participating with their Greek houses. The Greek community has been a large force in the Homecoming competitions throughout the week with involvement in Vandal Jingles and house decorations.

“Every house I’ve seen, really, they go pretty all out for this kind of event, just because they really want to support what’s going on,” said Chris Masciotra, member of the UI Interfraternity council.

Masciotra said one of the main competitions the Greek community takes part in is the living community decoration,

where Greek houses and residence halls decorate their living space for Homecoming points.

“Houses will do all sorts of things, I know a lot of them will take banners from the roof going all the way to the grass,” Masciotra said. “It’s crazy, people will go all out for this one.”

Another anticipated tradition is the Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning, which includes a float competition where both residence halls and Greek houses compete.

“We do the floats down Main Street, it’s so much fun for us too because we get to throw candy, and the kids love it,” said Sarah Jacobson, a member of the UI Panhellenic Council.

“That’s probably one of my favorite parts is the floats, just because we go out in the community.”

The Most Vandalized Vandal competition takes place at the end of the Homecoming Serpentine, where one person representing a competition team is decorated in full Vandal gear and sings a chant for the crowd, Masciotra said.

“Last year I got painted up with gold and silver with a Viking hat on ... it

Greek houses decorate, show support for UI Homecoming

was ridiculous, but it was really fun,” Masciotra said.

Another Homecoming tradition the Greek system takes part in is Vandal Jiggles, which is a skit competition based on the Homecoming theme.

This year’s theme is “Vandal Pride, Planet Wide,” and Masciotra said the skits usually involve dancing and a few jokes.

Jacobson said the Greek community also takes part in a food drive where they collect donated food throughout the Moscow community. She said Greek members will post notes on Moscow resident’s doors asking for food donations, which they will pick up at a later time.

Masciotra said many Greek alumni return to Moscow for Homecoming.

“It’s a cool time to be with people who have been here in the past, the people who are here now, and a lot of times they will bring people who are probably going to come in the future,” Masciotra said.

Jacobson said Homecoming traditions and competitions are a great opportunity to unite the community and show Greek support for UI.

Masciotra agreed and said Homecoming is a time where students can celebrate UI and the opportunity it gives so many people.

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Homecoming Week involves a variety of competitions, including an interdepartmental competition for the most Vandalized office space. Top and middle left: Dean of Students office. Bottom left: Hannah Barnes holds the trophy for best Homecoming decorations in the ASUI office. Middle: The Office of Multicultural Affairs painted its window and pictures of different nation’s flags. Bottom right: The LGBTQA office shows off its Vandal pride.

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