



HOME COMING

What happens in Vegas

Five tight-knit UI alumni return to Moscow for Homecoming after 30 years of Las Vegas

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

There is one word that best sums up 30 years of tradition — loyalty.

“That’s the word I’d use to describe our group of friends,” said Gary Schmidt, one of five University of Idaho alumni whose tradition born from friendship at UI has lasted decades.

Schmidt, Jeff Sutton, Patrick Murphy, Doug Fox and Steve McWhortor took an unassuming trip to Las Vegas during UI’s fall semester of 1985.

“It was a spur-of-the-moment deal,” Sutton said. “It was Labor Day weekend and we had just received our financial aid. We were big on penny poker at the time and decided that it would be a blast to play some actual poker.”

While the trip wasn’t intended to be more than a one-time getaway, it sparked a 30-year tradition of Vegas trips.

Murphy said the trip went so well the first time that he and his buddies decided to go back for a second and third, before making it an annual custom.

“The second year we knew someone who worked in Vegas and ended up in a free room, and the third year we went for Doug’s bachelor party,” Murphy said. “At that point, we thought, ‘It’s been three years, why not keep this going?’”

Every year, the five friends take time out of their chaotic schedules to coordinate another trip to the strip. However, rather than celebrating the third decade of tradition with another Vegas escape, the group is instead returning to Moscow for Homecoming Weekend.

“We love the idea of going back to where it all started,” Sutton said. “We enjoyed the college experience immensely, so we thought, ‘Let’s go back,’ and Homecoming Weekend happened to work perfectly with all of our schedules.”

The group of five first met while living in an old UI residence facility that has since been torn down — Gault Hall. The building once stood in the place of the Living Learning Community and was a precursor to the group’s later Vegas shenanigans.



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Jeff Sutton | Courtesy

Vandal alumni and longtime best friends (from left) Patrick Murphy, Gary Schmidt, Doug Fox, Steve McWhortor and Jeff Sutton, pretend to kidnap Fox for his bachelor party in 1988. The group is returning to Moscow for Homecoming Weekend.

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GREEK

Tearing down the house

UI purchased old PIKE house, plans to demolish abandoned building

Macklin Brown
Argonaut

The blue paint is peeling away, windows are boarded up and graffiti covers the walls. The Pi Kappa Alpha house has sat abandoned on the New Greek Row hill on Nez Pearce Drive for several years, and according to University of Idaho Dean of Students Bruce Pitman, the house won’t be there much longer.

UI plans to demolish the former residence of Pi Kappa Alpha house, commonly known as PIKE Fraternity, to make room for a new space.

“PIKE exists without their house here,” Pitman said.

In 2007, PIKE relinquished its charter because of declining membership, among other things. However, PIKE is an active fraternity today, as it made its triumphant return to UI in 2010. Today, the fraternity has 50 members and does not yet have an official house.

“Since PIKE relinquished the house, several other fraternities have leased the house since 2007,” said Gerard Billington, real estate officer for UI.

The PIKE house essentially served as a rental for other Greek organizations, Billington said. He said many other organizations took up temporary residence in the house for various reasons such as renovations or constructions to their own facilities.

After serving as a temporary residence, the need to use the house was gone and it was left abandoned, Pitman said. The university has been concerned about the house for several years now.

The PIKE house has endured natural depreciation over the years — windows are boarded up or the glass is broken and the house has been vandalized more times than Pitman can count.

The land under which the PIKE house was constructed has always been owned by UI, but the house itself was owned by PIKE’s national office. Billington said UI purchased the house recently to gain control over the area.

“The university has always owned the land and leased it to Sigma Chi in 1959,” Billington said. “PIKE took over the lease in the 1970s.”

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ADMINISTRATION

A party for Pitman

Vandals to celebrate Pitman’s retirement

Amber Emery
Argonaut

In honor of retiring Dean of Students and Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Bruce Pitman, the Idaho State Board of Education voted Thursday to officially rename the University of Idaho Student Union Building “Pitman Center.”

Pitman said he was unaware

of the behind-the-scenes plan to rename the SUB after him, and had little words to describe the emotions running through him late Thursday afternoon.

“I’m very surprised,” he said. “Absolutely a surprise. (My family) and I were very pleased and we exchanged some hugs.”

After serving UI for more than 40 years, Pitman will retire this semester — but not without a bang. Pitman’s Retirement Cel-



Pitman

bration will take place from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Friday on the SprinTurf next to the Kibbie Dome.

“It’s bittersweet,” Pitman said. “I’m very grateful to the university’s President’s Office and Alumni Office for including this retirement activity with Homecoming activities.”

Tim Helmke, associate director

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HOME COMING

Start the weekend right

Karter Krasselt
Argonaut

At the end of a tough week of midterms, University of Idaho students are looking to celebrate. With Homecoming Weekend upon Vandals everywhere, the Homecoming Committee has been hard at work planning the annual Serpentine and Bonfire Rally, both of which will begin at 8 p.m. Friday.

“The Serpentine starts up at the golf course, and it’s led by the band,” said Aaron Hensarling, co-chair of the Serpentine and Bonfire. “We go down through New Greek row, then down to Old Greek row, by the bookstore, then go down Sixth Street, and it pretty much just grows as we go. We pick up students on the way from their houses and dorms, and we end up at the bonfire by

the Kibbie dome.”

The Serpentine, which has been a tradition for just about as long as Homecoming has, will end in the gravel parking lot outside of the Kibbie Dome, Hensarling said. Once there, Serpentine participants are invited to stay for the bonfire, which will include the announcement

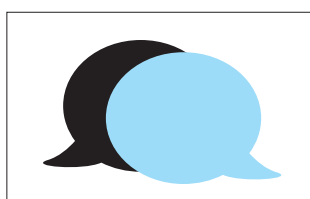
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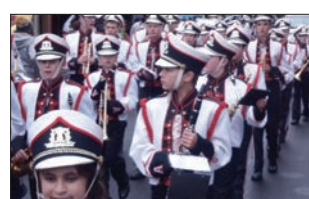
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Vandal alumnus comes marching home with his students in tow.

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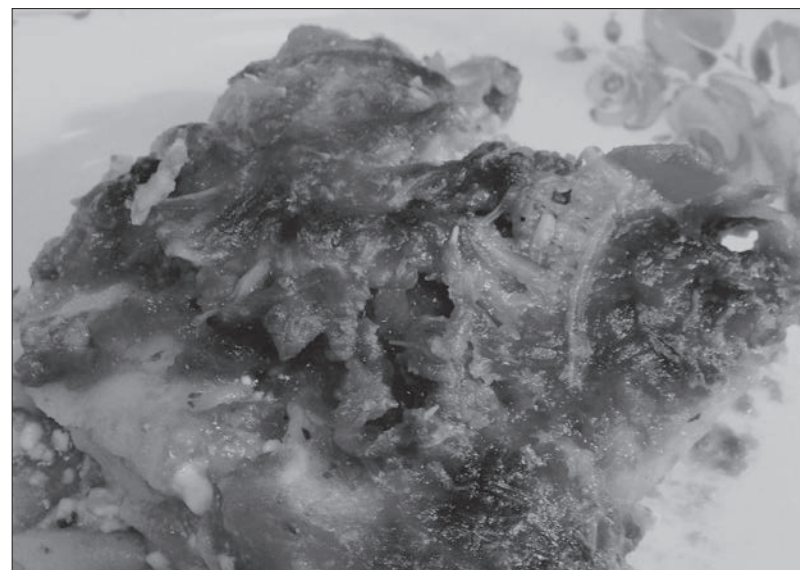
Here's where you need to be open minded and just give it a try. Even if you don't like cottage cheese in any other circumstance, chances are if you follow my mother's recipe you will be pleased.

Ingredients

- 9 lasagna noodles
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- 20 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 18 ounces cottage cheese
- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of ground meat

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.



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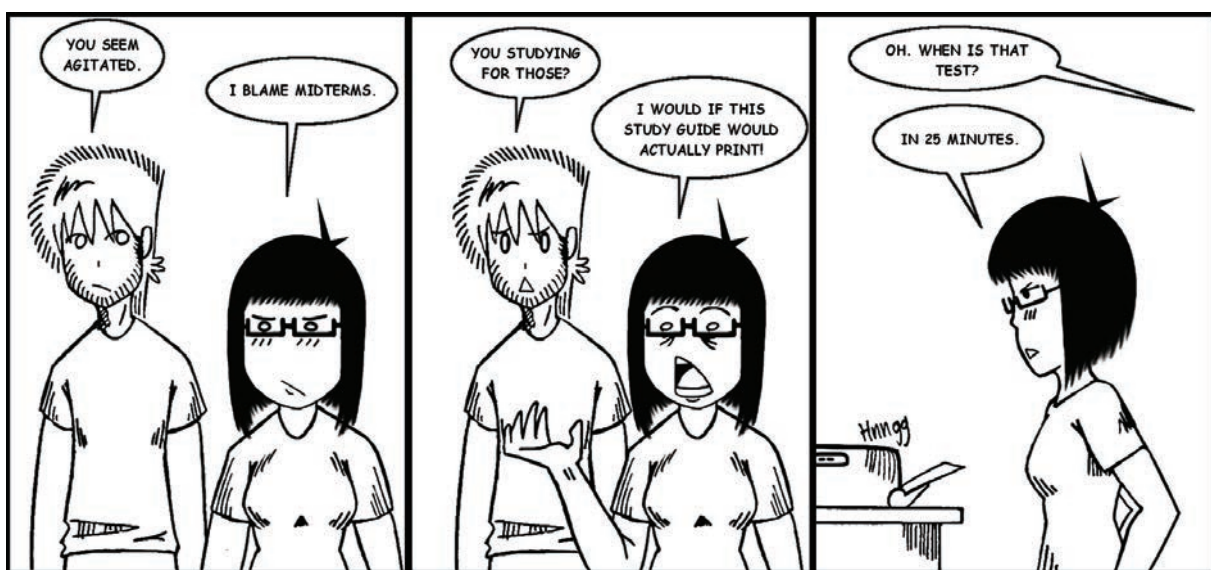
2. Boil lasagna noodles until soft.
3. While you're waiting, brown your meat of choice in a medium sauce pan.
4. Once meat is done, add sauce and let simmer for 5 minutes.
5. Lightly coat the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan with meat mixture.
6. Lay out three noodles, followed by a coating of the meat mixture, 9 ounces of cottage cheese and a layer

of mozzarella and parmesan. Make sure you cover the corners, too.

7. Repeat step six.
8. Repeat step six again, without cottage cheese.
9. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes.
10. Make sure to let your masterpiece cool before cutting it.

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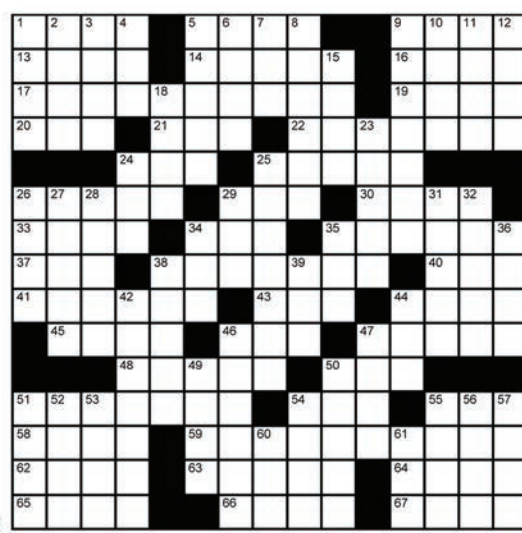
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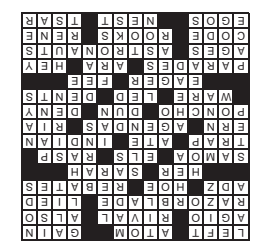
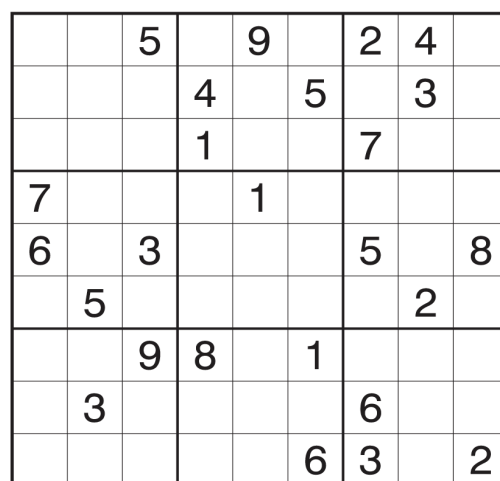
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HOMECOMING



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The Arboretom's own Swan Princess comes to life by the artistic ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta on the windows of Cafe Artista as part of the Homecoming window decorations.

Picassos of the Palouse

Downtown Moscow taken over by unsuspecting student artists

Emily Mosset
Argonaut

Walking along Main Street this weekend, one may wonder if children vandalized the windows of downtown businesses with depictions of their favorite storybook fairy tales — when actually, it was college students competing in a Homecoming competition.

In honor of Homecoming Weekend's theme, "Once Upon a Homecoming," college students painted Moscow's business windows with the likes of children's stories to decorate for Saturday's Homecoming Parade.

"It's been a lot of fun and a cool experience since none of us had done window painting before," said a Theta Chi Fraternity member whose window design sports a cherry blossom tree and the spunky self-titled Disney movie character, "Mulan."

Each participating team was assigned a certain character or story to portray in their mural design. Many of the paintings were of classic fables like "Little Red Riding Hood," while some were of more recent Disney additions like "Frozen." Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority members were excited to depict the icy tale of Queen Elsa into their painting.

Other Greek organizations were assigned to paint murals of tales such as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Members from Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity said their design links the Administration Building's clock tower to the Notre Dame Cathedral from

the film.

Down on Main and Third Streets, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority decorated Cafe Artista's windows with the grace and beauty of the "Swan Princess."

"Our theme was 'Swan Princess,' and we decided to incorporate the new Arboretum," one member said. "We wanted to do this nice thing where she's transformed in front of the bridge in the Arboretum, since it is one of the iconic parts of it."

The UI Alumni Association provided the funding for painting supplies, with some supplemental funding from various Greek organizations' residual funds.

Each group had high hopes of receiving the most points for their painting because the points go toward their goal of winning the Homecoming competition for their house.

However, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority said it wasn't about the competition, but about the camaraderie and collaboration within the teams that made the event so fun.

"We wanted to paint this because we all wanted to get together as sisters and do something that we all would enjoy together," she said. "This has really brought us together."

Despite participants' cold, paint covered hands, they put forth their time and energy into decorating windows to make the parade an appealing atmosphere for students, alumni and community members to enjoy.

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STUDENT LIFE

Trivia for tuition

UI departments come together to offer one semester of free tuition

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Argonaut

For those who have attended a Vandal Football game or listened to the radio this fall, "free tuition" has been a term tossed around by the University of Idaho President's Office, among other departments.

A new interactive campaign, the UI Science Brain Game, is a trivia contest created to award one lucky student with free tuition and fees for one semester.

The College of Science, Idaho INBRE, Idaho EPSCoR, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Office of the President are collaborating to bring the Brain Game to Vandal fans everywhere.

Anyone is eligible to win the Brain Game, said Carolyn Bohach, UI professor and director of Idaho NIH INBRE.

According to UI spokeswoman Tara Roberts, the Brain Game's free tuition offer is a tuition waiver sponsored by INBRE and EPSCoR. A tuition waiver, as opposed to a funded scholarship, does not bring any additional revenue to the university.

In addition to its original sponsors, Bohach said the UI Athletic Department is also helping to coordinate the Brain Game by advertising the campaign at Vandal Football games.

Bohach said the Brain Game winner does not have to be a student. She said parents can win and give it to their children or use it themselves — the prize is transferrable and does not expire.

At the beginning of Vandal Football home games, a multiple-choice question is displayed on the reader-board at the Kibbie Dome with the characteristic logo of a football helmet inscribed with a brain. The question is read aloud to the Kibbie Dome audience, as well as on the radio at the same time for those who are not football fans. Participants are able to answer a question every game.

The questions are science related and directly associated to UI research initiatives. For instance, Bohach said the first home game's question was about which gas makes up the majority of the Earth's atmosphere, which relates to the current research being done on climate change at UI.

Students text their answers to the number 90561, and those who get the answer correct are texted back during the third quarter of the game. Those winners are automatically entered into the drawing for the semester of free tuition. The drawing will take place at the end of the football season.

"With the Brain Game we really want to change someone's life by providing them with an opportunity to go to school free of charge," Bohach said.

She said everybody has a chance to win because the questions are broad and there are multiple chances to be entered into the drawing.

However, Bohach said the Brain Game is not a one-time thing, and will return to UI for basketball season.

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Park and pump

Parking and Transportation Services provide students with additional bicycle parking

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A new, expansive bicycle parking space on the University of Idaho campus — dubbed the Academic Mall Bicycle Parking Station — is complete after a summer's worth of construction. The bike rack is located between Renfrew Hall and the Agricultural Science Building and contains 36 new bikes racks, amounting to 72 bike stalls.

"The site was intentionally chosen to provide more parking to the campus core where the most people will get the use out of them," said Shawna Bertlin, parking information specialist for Parking and Transportation Services. "Twelve of the bike racks are covered."

The new parking space is equipped with an air filling station and each of the roofed areas has a light system for easier access at night.

"This is important because it is the first covered bike parking on campus," Bertlin said. "We are hoping that the covering will encourage students to bike more."

The new racks are already being utilized by students.

"It is a really nice central bike spot," said Jordan Sanders, a student who parks his bike at the new station. "Having the air pumps is really nice."

Bertlin said the center of campus, called the campus core, was in most need of additional bicycle racks because of its high foot traffic during the week.

Another reason for creating more

spaces for students to park their bicycles is to cut down on illegal bike parking, she said. Parking on hand rails or parking a bike where it blocks traffic is illegal on campus, and Bertlin said UI has a system for addressing the issue of illegally parked bicycles that includes warning notices and impoundment.

Bertlin said she has noticed a dramatic decrease in the number of illegally parked bikes on campus since the completion of the parking area.

Students who have seen the new parking area may have noticed a similarity to other installations around campus — the style is part of a new standard for all modern renovations and constructions on campus property.

"The shelter is part of the UI campus standard for design," Bertlin said.

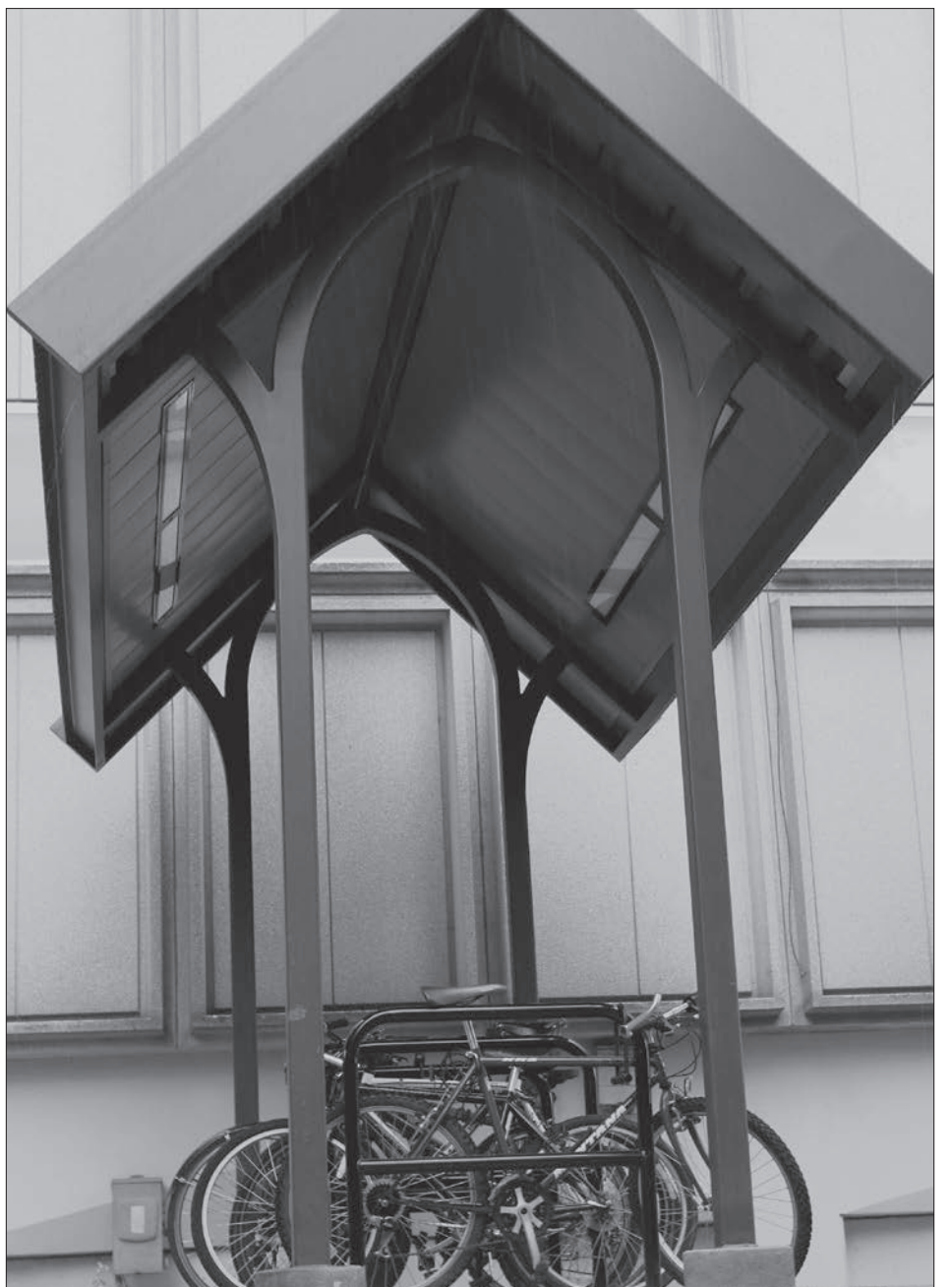
She said the contract amount for constructing the Academic Mall Bicycle Parking Station was \$169,825 and the sum was paid for by internal revenue from PTS. The cost included the base bid, an alternate for extra rocks and an extra shelter.

"Per unit shelter worked out to be about \$30,000 each," she said.

While only 12 of the new racks are sheltered, Bertlin said PTS hopes to increase the number of roofed racks to further encourage students to bike to school. She also said PTS is not finished with bike improvements and there is a lot more in store for students in the future.

"The bike shelters were installed as part of Parking and Transportation Service's long range plan for bicycles on campus," Bertlin said.

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The new Academic Mall Bicycle Parking Station is located between Renfrew Hall and the Agricultural Sciences building and features the first covered bike racks on campus.

ADMINISTRATION

Cuts to education programs

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

It's a struggle to sustain an entire degree program when only one student enrolls every few years, according to Corinne Mantle-Bromley, dean of the University of Idaho College of Education.

"I don't think any of us can create programs for one or two students," Mantle-Bromley said, speaking to UI Faculty Senate Tuesday. "And that's the difficulty we have."

Faculty Senate voted to discontinue 16 major

and minor programs in the College of Education, including teaching degrees in theatre, psychology and Latin, among other programs.

Mantle-Bromley said the college recommended discontinuing the courses for one of two reasons. Either many of Idaho's K-12 schools no longer offered classes associated with the degrees, or the programs had such few students each year that it was a burden on the college's faculty.

The program cuts were not associated with the "Focus for the Future" program prioritization effort by the university, she said.

Mantle-Bromley said many public schools no longer hire full-time teaching positions related to the discontinued degrees. She said if the college continued to offer the programs it would give students false hope in finding a full-time position in their selected area of study after graduation.

"It's not going to be the thing that gets you a full-time position," she said.

Additionally, Mantle-Bromley said the college has not recommended stu-

dents take these majors and minors in past years because of the lack of job opportunities throughout the state.

Mantle-Bromley said cutting the programs is a reaction to a shifting trend in school curriculum throughout Idaho — schools focusing on core subjects at the expense of electives and liberal arts classes.

"Every subject area that is not a part of the national reporting or testing is being squeezed out of the curriculum," she said. "It's a sad statement on what's happening in K-12 schools."

Michael Murphy, a music professor and Faculty Senate member, said he was bothered that the large majority of the discontinued majors and minors were associated with the liberal arts. He said he would like to see UI continue to allow students to major in their chosen area of study and receive teaching degrees associated with their major.

Murphy said UI should be a catalyst for change within Idaho by continuing the programs that support a liberal arts education.

For specific teaching degrees like Theatre Arts,

*Faculty Senate cuts
16 education degrees,
not enough interest*

Mantle-Bromley said faculty were required to gather performance evidence and keep track of a student's progress within their specified field. She said the task of collecting that information and reestablishing the program was difficult and time consuming for the faculty.

"They didn't see it as their job, and certainly didn't feel like they had the time to add this to their responsibilities," she said.

Mantle-Bromley said the college's faculty, along with other UI curriculum committees, approved the discontinuation.

Marty Ytreberg, Faculty Senate chair, said the University Curriculum Committee also approved of the discontinuation.

Mantle-Bromley said other degrees were discontinued because the college felt it did not offer enough courses in the subject to effectively educate enrolled students.

"We just don't think it's deep enough content area to be representative of the teachers we want," she said.

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Report of theft. Juvenile female released to her mother.

A report was taken.

1:07 p.m. 100 block South Blaine St.

Caller reported suspicious male in car parked across the street from Lena Whitmore. He was on a cell phone probably trying to use an Internet signal, according to Lt.

Dave Lehmitz. A report was taken.

5:33 p.m. 200 block Lauder Ave.

Complaint of a domestic dispute. A report was taken.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

8:20 a.m. 1000 block Paradise Creek St.

A 46-year-old male was arrested for trespassing.

6:30 p.m. 2200 block West Pullman Road

Male subject arrested for possession of marijuana during traffic stop.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

7:20 p.m. 300 block North Almon St.

Female reported her wedding ring missing from residence. A report was taken.

9:35 p.m. 1000 block West Sixth St.

Female arrested for possession of marijuana.

10:46 p.m. 600 block East C St.

A 44-year-old male was arrested for trespassing.

Thursday, Oct. 16

12:13 a.m. 600 block Elm St.

Alpha Phi female reported being followed home. Officers responded but were unable to locate male subject.

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HOMECOMING

Vandals buck the Aggies

UI Students ride mechanical bull

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

Homecoming Week started off buck wild.

A mechanical bull was stabled in the Idaho Commons plaza mid-day Monday for all University of Idaho students to jump onto, after signing a waiver.

Buck the Aggies was the first of many Homecoming Week activities planned by the coalition of committees, led under the direction of Homecoming Committee Chair Jessica Greene.

"We wanted a fun, informational session to kick off Homecoming Week and make people aware that it's happening this week, to start us off on the right foot," Greene said.

Staying saddled for eight seconds during the Homecoming rodeo proved to be a challenge for many Vandals. The combination of a slick plastic saddle and ten levels of difficulty bounced dozens away from the powered animal, but students found the most success in working their hips.

"You gotta tighten your calves, tighten your thighs, and move your hips like

you're dancing to an R. Kelly song," said UI sophomore Carter Brandstetter.

Greene said the event was not the first time a bull charged its way into Vandal Homecoming Week activities. The name Buck the Aggies was a throwback to a similar event called Buck the Broncos, which occurred the last time the Vandals played Boise State University during Homecoming Week, Greene said.

This year's bull was corralled in by Jim the Jump Guy, as he refers to himself. He is a local business owner who deals in mechanical bulls, bouncy castles and photo booths. Greene said the collaboration began as a mutual beneficial partnership.

"He contacted us and asked if we would be interested in promoting his business, and in return we would get the bull for free," Greene said.

Before Vandals would saddle up, Jim the Jump Guy dropped advice to the rider on how best to keep on.

"It's not about strength," he said. "Get close to the rope, slide forward, hand up when you are ready, and then just pretend like you're on the dance floor."

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Parker Bryan, a UI sophomore studying architecture, rides the mechanical bull at the Buck the Aggies event at the Commons Plaza Monday. The event was one of many Homecoming Week events.

ASUI

ASUI recruits student leaders

Students invited to learn about ASUI opportunities, student involvement

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

University of Idaho undergraduate students are invited to learn about ASUI and what student government does at ASUI's Open House from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, in the ASUI office in room 302 located on the third floor of the Idaho Commons.

The open house will showcase ASUI and the Student Involvement Center in its entirety, including ASUI leadership positions and opportunities through the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action.

ASUI Vice President Sarah Vetsmany said the open house is beneficial for the student body in two ways. She said it's an opportunity for students who are interested in joining ASUI to become more familiar with the office, and for students to understand the work and role of ASUI.

"It is an opportunity to see their peers who are the ones bringing them opportunity and events essentially enriching their experience here at the UI," Vetsmany said. "It is an event where vital ASUI board chairs, directors and members are brought together in a casual setting to speak to students one-on-one."

Tanner Beymer, ASUI director of policy, said the open house also serves as a platform for ASUI to receive feedback from students — from their opinions on policy issues to their likes and dislikes of attending UI.

Vetsmany said the interactions at the open house allow ASUI to hear directly from students about how ASUI is doing and what can be improved. As ASUI becomes aware of what students want, Beymer said it enables student government to better serve its constituency.

"I've had students come to me with questions about ASUI, and I'm able to give them even a short list and they're like, 'Wow, there's really a lot we can do,'" he

said.

To encourage students to vote in the upcoming elections, ASUI election coordinators will attend the open house to answer questions. Students interested in running for an ASUI executive position are also able to receive information on the internal ASUI hiring process.



Beymer

Vetsmany said the open house is a valuable opportunity for prospective student leaders.

"It is an opportunity for students who are interested in applying for executive branch or running for senate to receive insight from a student who is currently in that office," she said. "The next round of ASUI elections is just around the corner so it's just the right timing for students to come chat with current senators."

Beyond student leadership within the ASUI executive branch and senate, students are able to discover other avenues of being a student leader. ASUI also promotes programs such as Green Dot, a sexual assault prevention program, and Vandal Health Education.

Beymer said there will be a variety of people within the Department of Student Involvement and ASUI to answer students' questions and he encourages students to take advantage of the opportunity.

"Part of the tuition that students pay goes toward funding student involvement," he said. "In a way, if students are not getting involved or even aware of what ASUI is doing, they aren't taking full advantage of what they pay for."

Beymer said the act of engaging with one's higher education institution is comparable to participating in elections as a voter.

"It's like being an American citizen," he said. "If you pay taxes, you should be aware of how lawmakers are spending your money."

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STUDENT LIFE

Fending off the flu

Vandal Health offers free flu shots to UI students

Danielle Wiley
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With the recent surge of illnesses such as mumps and meningitis on the University of Idaho campus, students are encouraged to practice healthy habits this season. Vandal Health Education wants to do its part and is offering 1,000 free flu shots to UI students.

Flu shots will be administered on a first come, first serve basis at 11 a.m. Oct. 23, and 11 a.m. Nov. 5, in room 143 of the TLC.

Emily Tuschhoff, program coordinator for Vandal Health, said participating students receive the most updated flu vaccine to fight off new strains of the influenza virus.

"We know that the flu shot is the number one way to prevent the flu," Tuschhoff said. "It's more successful than just the other precautionary measures."

She said such measures are staying at home if ill, keeping distance from those who are sick and continuously keeping clean by washing hands and using tissues.

"These are things that we should be doing all year around," Tuschhoff said.

"We don't want to be spreading illness around."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the influenza virus evolves each year. This year's vaccine contains three or four inactive viruses researchers believe are likely to spread among U.S. citizens this year.

The CDC said it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to take effect and benefits can last up to a year.

However, there are some possible side effects of the flu shot. In severe cases, someone could have an allergic reaction, and sometimes the vaccine can cause hoarseness, sore and itchy red eyes, a cough, fevers, aches, headaches, itching and fatigue. Tuschhoff said while vaccine side effects are few and far between, getting the vaccine is a safe bet.

Tuschhoff said UI Student Health Services has provided the flu shot to students for the last two years because it's proven to slow down the spread of the virus.

Morgan Trewin, Vandal Health intern, said the vaccine is strictly meant to prevent influenza — not the common cold. Those who do receive the vaccine may still experience flu-like symptoms during the cold and flu season.

"I think that a lot of people get the

common cold and other minor illnesses mixed up with the flu," Trewin said. "This doesn't protect you from the common cold."

Both Trewin and Tuschhoff said students who live in residence halls and Greek houses should take extra precaution as the virus can spread faster in close living conditions.

Tuschhoff said if a student does get sick with the flu, or another virus, they should stay home from school and steer clear from their peers.

"We all have a role to play to stop spreading the flu," she said. "We understand this is hard with dealing with midterms and finals, but staying home is really the best way to stop the virus."

Tuschhoff said students should regularly look for flu symptoms this time of the year — fever, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache and a runny or stuffy nose. She said people with the flu should see a doctor if they start experiencing troubles breathing, pains in the chest, dizziness, confusion or severe or persistent vomiting.

Trewin said most healthy people should be able to fight the flu without the need of antibiotics or medical assistance.

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ON CAMPUS

Dobson dictates Martin Forum

Foreign policy author talks dictators, oppression leaders in Martin Forum

Michelle Castleton
Argonaut

It's not easy being a dictator these days, according to William Dobson, an author and foreign policy journalist and editor who spoke at Tuesday's Martin Forum.

It is an undeniable statement, Dobson said. A room full of students and a few scattered UI professors and Moscow community members shifted in their seats.

"I don't empathize," he said.

Dobson said it wasn't long ago that it was somewhat easy keep a population under the thumb of a dictator. He attributes a large part of the international political change to the collapse of the Soviet Union, which was the economic lifeline of many regimes only 25 years ago.

Dobson, who released his 2012 book, "The Dictators Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy," brought a journalist's perspective of political regimes to the UI community Tuesday in the UI College of Law courtroom.

The Martin Institute, a UI based outreach program focused on international studies, has held Martin Forums since 1979. The forums bring in external experts on a myriad of topics to speak to students about political issues worldwide Dobson said his UI visit had been in the works for nearly two years.

"The Dictators Learning Curve" looks into the conflict between dictatorship, opposition leaders and democracy. The theme of his forum lecture closely followed the pages in his book.

He said in a world where democracies tripled in only a few decades and numerous dictatorships were overthrown, the smartest regimes found a way to stay afloat by learning and adapting.

"They honed new techniques for preserving power," Dobson said. "And just as dictators have grown more nimble, so have those who challenge them."

Dobson, who is currently the politics and foreign affairs editor for Slate magazine, has been widely published on international politics. He has had bylines in The New York



William J. Dobson, Author of the book "The Dictators Learning Curves," visited UI Tuesday to speak to the UI Community about modern dictatorship and democracy. Dobson is the politics and foreign affairs editor for Slate magazine.

Times, The Wall Street Journal and wrote daily on modern authoritarianism for The Washington Post during the height of the Arab Spring, a revolutionary period of protests and civil wars in the Middle East and North Africa from 2010 to 2012.

When Dobson told the audience of students and academics how he began to travel and seek out people involved not only in dictator regimes but those involved in the opposition movements trying to topple them, he said he was surprised by what he found.

"They were people who were creative, who were exceptionally sharp, who were strategic," Dobson said. "They came from all walks of life."

It was during that time that he met Srđja Popovic, a then 30-something-year-old who had played a large part in overturning Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic's rule in 2000.

After the rebellion and a short-lived career in politics, he said Popovic created a non-profit organization, the Centre for

Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies, to spread knowledge to other countries on nonviolent strategies and how to implement them in pro-democracy opposition groups.

Dobson befriended Popovic and made it a goal to witness one of the non-profit's training sessions. Years later, Dobson was invited to a session after promising not to divulge where the training was or what opposition group was involved.

"I got a call and two days later I was on a Mediterranean island with activists from a Middle Eastern country being trained by Serbians," Dobson said.

The weeklong training taught the opposition group the power of humor and nonviolence, as well as the ability to create alliances.

Dobson said the Serbian opposition group would practice nonviolence by deliberately taking pictures of police brutality on young rebels with the intent of turning the photos into large posters. The posters would then be plastered around the police officer's home and city — com-

plete with the officer's name and telephone number.

"The poster would say, 'Please call him and ask why he beats our children,'" Dobson said.

During training, the non-profit also emphasized the importance of maintaining good relationships with police when possible. When they were successful, Dobson said the rebels would end up sitting down and playing chess with their arresting officers.

Dobson said students studying international politics and related areas of study should look to personal experiences and current events, as he did, for indications of how the international political climate shifts over time.

"It's because of creativity like this," he said. "Because of these people that I think that it's becoming harder to be a dictator."

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HOMECOMING

Vandals fight hunger

Homecoming food drive feeds the community

Shannon Kelly
Argonaut

Each Homecoming Weekend campus erupts into a weeklong flurry of silver and gold as students and alumni converge in Moscow to celebrate the Vandal legacy. However, there is more to Homecoming than football, skits, and parades — UI students are known for their love of volunteering in the community and Homecoming is no exception.

The annual Homecoming food drive is a popular event in the weeklong schedule of spirited activities, and the friendly rivalry

between competing Homecoming teams is a heated and celebrated one. Teams are competing for Homecoming points and to win the living group competition.

Mattie Kleist, Homecoming Committee philanthropy co-chair, said the information distribution session for teams competing in the all-community food drive was Monday, where team representatives stopped by a table in front of the Alumni Relations Office to pick up collection-route information as well as flyers and bags to hang on the doors of local homes.

"We have 30 routes set up throughout the Moscow community and each group has about 60 to 80 houses," she said.

Teams ranging from Greek chapters and residence hall living groups to student clubs came by to lend their hands to help the

Moscow community.

While community members had a few days to collect non-perishable food items, bags were picked up Thursday and brought to the Idaho Commons.

"Once the teams drop off the food in the Commons on Thursday night, the food will be going to the St. Mary's Church here in Moscow as well as to the university food pantry here on campus," said Mackenzie Dire, Homecoming Committee's other philanthropy co-chair. "We're just trying to help out those in need."

Student-Alumni Program Coordinator Lauren Hamilton said she believes the community becomes extra philanthropic during Homecoming because it's well advertised and people are already smiling ear-to-ear.

"We have posters up all week that say what we're doing, which helps keep students informed," she said. "Also, overall everyone throughout campus and the community is hyped up anyway. Everybody is excited and I think that excitement really plays into the involvement. People want to give back and they want to be excited."

She said the food drive has been successful because of the community's willingness to get involved in a great cause.

"A food drive of this scale could not be done without the students on our campus," Hamilton said. "Their energy makes it a major success."

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IDAHO

Geologic Map Day

Idaho Geologic Survey maps more than rocks

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

They direct, explain and quantify — although most people don't use them every day, maps are an integral tool in navigating the world.

National Geologic Map Day is a day set aside by the U.S. Geologic Survey to bring attention to geologic mapping and to showcase some of the work done by state Geological Surveys.

Ed Ratchford, director of the Idaho Geologic Survey, said each state has the discretion to choose a map for Map Day and Idaho likes to diversify the map each year.

"It's very arbitrary, but we like to show a mix of the different types of provinces and geologic terrains that occur throughout the state," he said. "We don't want to continue to show you geologic maps from the same area all the time."

Ratchford said the IGS choice this year is the wilderness area around the University of Idaho's Taylor Ranch.

Reed Lewis, one of two geologists who authored the map, said the remoteness of the area made it difficult to chart. He said he and Dave Stewart, his co-author, spent more than half of the summers between 1995 and 2010 intermittently mapping the geologic features of the area.

"(Stewart) comes up in the summers and does geologic mapping for us," Lewis said. "Over this period, then, he basically stitched together this geologic story of old rocks, faulting, young rocks, so on and so forth."

Lewis said the map itself has the same type of features as nearly all geologic maps. It shows the distribution of different types of rock found in the area, fault lines running through the rock formations

and a correlation chart, which is a time chart showing the various ages of the rocks.

He said the time charts are often easier for non-geologists to understand than the map itself.

"Basically, if you were to drill to depth in those areas, this is what we speculate you would find," Lewis said. "Obviously, there's a certain amount of guess work that goes into that, but that's basically gives you an idea of what we think is going on."

Lewis said there are several groups that use the maps, including mining companies that are interested in locating mineralized faults for potential mine sites, engineers that use the maps as a resource to plan structures and geology enthusiasts who are interested in Idaho's geologic history.

Ratchford said the survey also collects information of mineral resources, oil and gas

potential and geologic hazards like seismicity and landslides.

"As the state geologist, my job is to oversee the agency, to make sure that we are following our mission statement and we're providing high-quality geologic mapping service to citizens, because we are a state agency," he said.

Ratchford said the public is welcome to come visit the IGS office, although it is only open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

"We have a lot of geologic resources here, we've got a trained staff here to answer people's questions about the geology within the state, or specific questions about an area that they're interested in," he said.

He said people can buy maps from the survey in their office, or view them on the survey's website.

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ON CAMPUS

Hispanic history of Idaho

Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt addresses Hispanic heritage in Idaho

Mary Malone
Argonaut

The U.S. Census Bureau counted 60 people as the first official Hispanic residents of Idaho in 1870. Now, over 140 years later, nearly twice the number of Hispanic students and faculty from the University of

Idaho community gathered in the Student Union Building Ballroom Monday for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month keynote address.

The keynote, titled "Latinos: A Legacy of History, a Present of Action and a Future of Success," was presented by Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt, a follow-up career counselor and class instructor for the College Assistance Migratory Program (CAMP) at Boise State University.

Mabbutt was selected by the UI Office of Multicultural Affairs to speak to the students about her work in Idaho, which includes addressing Latino education, political empowerment and migrant farmworker issues such as workers compensation, minimum wage, contractor licensing and bonding and pesticide education.

"My brother and I were able to finance part of our education thanks to Maria's passion and entrepreneurship in assisting migrant seasonal farm working families in pursuing education by creating the Campesinos Unidos scholarship," said Jesse Martinez, interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Following the theme of the keynote, Mabbutt spoke about a "legacy of history," beginning in 1860

when Latinos began to work in Idaho as miners, mule packers, ranchers and laborers. But, there were also struggles. In the 1920s, there was an abundance of Hispanic laborers working on Idaho railroads and sugar fields, and by 1935 many workers went on strike due to mis-

treatment in the fields.

"Idaho is the only state where Mexican workers were pulled out of Idaho by the Mexican government because of the mistreatment or the abuse of workers," Mabbutt said.

She said it was not until the 1950s that Hispanic workers began to settle in the state, more so after the civil rights movement in the 1960s when an anti-discrimination bill was passed in Idaho.

Mabbutt said in the 1970s, federally funded programs began to emerge to help educate the Hispanic community in Idaho including HEP — High School Equivalency Program — and CAMP.

CAMP was established at BSU in 1984 and at UI in 1999. Mabbutt said the program is designed to help students from a migrant and seasonal farm work background to succeed in college through educational support and scholarships.

She said the dropout rate for Hispanic students in Idaho has decreased over the years — while it was 60 percent at one point, it's at a steady 30 percent now.

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To make a point of how important education is to Hispanic students, Mabbutt said Latinos represent 11.8 percent of the Idaho population and 17 percent nationally. Only 7 percent of Idaho Latinos, aged 25 to 29 years old, have a bachelor's degree. She said while Latinos are faring better at the national level compared to Idaho, the numbers are still low.

"It is so critical that you be here," she said to Hispanic students in the audience. "It is so critical that you achieve your greatness."

She told them to graduate, succeed academically and move on to graduate school to receive their doctorates and become the professionals of today and tomorrow.

"I cannot stress to you how important that is," she said. "Our future can be the greatest future for you and for our communities and for all of Idaho."

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VEGAS

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"Gault Hall was full of crazy traditions," Sutton said. "Every year, there would be massive snowball fights between the residence halls and the Greek houses — hundreds of people would partake in these campus-wide snowball fights."

Their knack for adventure resonated within Gault Hall long before Vegas too, as the group participated in all kinds of festivities, from hall-wide organized streaking endeavors across campus to creating their own hot tub in the dorms, Sutton said.

"There was a tiled common shower area on the third floor," Murphy said. "We had this bright idea to make a hot tub. We plugged the drains, blocked the doorway, and turned all of the showers on hot at full blast."

He said they were able to fill the showers with nearly three feet of water before a friend called them down to the second floor of the building.

"We go down there and the ceiling is just bowing, almost two feet down," Murphy said. "We almost flooded the hall and destroyed the place ... we learned our physics lesson for the day."

The group said the adventures did not stop at the dorms, but transferred over to their Vegas travels down the road.

"I would say that the first trip was record-setting in terms of some unique memories," said Fox, who attended UI until 1987 before finishing his education in Washington.

Sutton said every Vegas trip has been different and each one of his friends harbors their personal favorite.

"During one trip, we walked to this bar that had exotic dancers and they were taking bids from the crowd to see who was willing to oil wrestle one of these girls," Sutton said. "So we pulled our money together for Steve to do it ... they put giant boxing gloves on his hands and tied his knees together so he couldn't do any real wrestling and it was just a crack up."

The spontaneity of the trips was another exciting element, Fox said.

"It was harmless, but one time we dared each other to drive out to Mustang Ranch, which is basically a bordello, to take a selfie in front of it... and then we all ran back to the car and peeled away," Fox said laughing.

The trips were not limited to wild excursions, Murphy said, who found the more laid-back expeditions to be just as enjoyable.

"One of my favorites was our 20th annual ... We also went skiing in Tahoe before heading to Vegas and it was a beautiful day," Murphy

said. "We were able to ski over this incredible lake, and then we had good luck with some blackjack tournaments in Vegas later on."

Schmidt said his favorite parts of Vegas ranged from going jet skiing to exploring the various clubs and casinos around the city.

Even though Fox said each time was uniquely fun, the group did not always experience the smoothest of journeys. He said the 14-hour travels to and from Vegas would sometimes cause the group trouble as the car would break down or the driver would become tired behind the wheel.

"One time, we were driving back to Moscow at night," Fox said. "It was pouring down sheets of rain and barely stopped in time to see an entire herd of cattle blocking the road."

Despite any potential setbacks, the group has never missed a Vegas trip — until this year.

Although their Vegas trips have provided a plethora of eccentric stories, Sutton said he's looking forward to reminiscing about life in Moscow over the Homecoming Weekend.

"We love its size, its flavor, its attitude," he said. "This weekend, we're going to try going golfing, but we'll probably spend a fair amount of time driving around and walking through campus to see what's still standing and what's changed."

The event they look forward to the most over the weekend is the Homecoming game, which was the group's favorite Homecoming tradition as students.

"There was something about the camaraderie that comes with being as loud and rowdy as possible that was really great," Schmidt said.

The most impressive part of their 30-year tradition, Murphy said, is that they've managed to stay in contact after college, a luxury they realize not everyone gets.

"Staying connected is the driving force behind our Vegas trips," he said. "It's easy to concentrate so much on the day to day — the next thing you have to do, the next job or chore — that you forget that these other people who are so important to you, their lives are going on at the same time as yours."

In addition to staying in touch, Fox said it's important to appreciate the college experience.

"Seize the moment," Fox said. "Don't worry so much about what's going to be happening 10 or 15 or 20 years from now ... It's good to plan, but don't miss the moment to recognize the friends that you have ... that you're at a great place to go to school and spend time with the friends you make."

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PITMAN

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of Alumni Relations, said he wanted to help plan for the retirement celebration because he has looked to Pitman for advice and friendship for more than a decade.

"There were a couple times we were put in some situations in dealing with repercussions of student activities, that let's say were a little graphic," Helmke said about his time as chapter advisor for Alpha Kappa Lambda. "The experience, even though at the moment might have been uncomfortable ... we helped each other get through what would have otherwise been a really difficult situation and I think with any other dean of students it wouldn't have been as easy for me."

Helmke's tall tale of Pitman is one of hundreds among UI students, alumni, staff, faculty, community members and friends.

Helmke, a member of the committee charged with planning the party, said he and Kevin Ketchie of President's Office and Jeanne Stevenson from Academic Affairs teamed up to deliver a farewell celebration for Pitman that already has more than 400 confirmed attendees.

"We knew it was going to be as big as it's turning into," Helmke said. "It's definitely paying honor

to all Bruce and Kathy have done for the university and this is our chance to sort of highlight them and thank them for what they've done."

In keeping with "the Bruce Pitman way of doing things," he said the celebration will be festive and give Pitman the chance to reunite with the former students, colleagues and friends he has worked with over the years.

"Alumni and students from each of the former decades he was here will speak," Helmke said. "We've identified somebody who's going to talk about the 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s and the 2010s."

Pitman said while he's overwhelmed at the thought of being the center of attention, he's excited to reconnect with old friends.

In addition to professional guests, Pitman's family will accompany him. Helmke said Pitman's daughter will speak about her father's dedication to his university and family. There will be appearances by multiple spirit groups on campus, including the Vandaleers, Vandal Marching Band and Vandal Spirit Squad.

While not exclusively tied to Homecoming Weekend, Helmke said the committee decided this weekend would work best because of the influx of Vandal alumni and friends

to the Palouse.

"We were looking at good time where we'd have a good number of alumni and friends back on campus and in looking at Homecoming," he said. "It was the time that a lot of people would be back in town and we knew a lot of alumni would want to be at the celebration."

Pitman's Homecoming Weekend won't stop there. Helmke said Pitman was chosen as this year's Grand Marshal for the Homecoming Parade.

"It's my understanding that Tim Helmke and others who are organizing Homecoming are inviting my entire family to be on the little float," Pitman said. "My kids who are all Vandals, each have graduated from here, will be on the float as well so it will be a family event."

Over the last few weeks, UI welcomed four candidates vying for Pitman's position to campus. Although his successor has not yet been chosen, Helmke said Pitman's legacy at UI is irreplaceable.

"He's leaving big shoes to fill," he said. "It's highly respected that he's staying on to train the new person and that's unheard of in this world — usually people just move on — but he's moving on in style."

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Pitman said he's happy UI finally has control of the house so it can repurpose the area for another use.

"We are pleased that we now have control," Pitman said. "Since the house has become abandoned it has become an unattractive nuisance and an unsightly hazard."

Pitman said UI officials met last week to decide the fate of the house and the property beneath it.

"The university plans to demolish the house and open the space," Billington said. "The University of Idaho is open to ground-leasing the land again."

Billington said repairing the current structure was quickly ruled out because the costs were high due its degrading condition. He said the significant physical damage, vandalism and mold damage made repairing the house economically unviable.

Billington said UI prides itself on being a

university where a large number of students live on campus and the university wants to continue with efforts to keep students onsite.

"The university is a residential campus," Billington said. "We expect and count on students living on campus, so if a fraternity or sorority would like to build a nice new facility on the open space that would be an excellent use for the property."

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SERPENTINE

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of Homecoming royalty, the burning of New Mexico State's flag and speeches from Vandal Football Coach Paul Petrino, Athletic Director Rob Spear and President Chuck Staben.

"It's pretty much a chance for you to be as rowdy and as Vandalized as you can," said Skylar Penberthy, other co-chair for the Serpentine and Bonfire. "We follow the marching band all the way up to the Kibbie Dome singing the fight song and

you're with your friends having a good time."

To cap off the night, the Homecoming Committee arranged a fireworks show sponsored by Latah Federal Credit Union, the University of Idaho 125th Anniversary Committee, Best Western and other small businesses.

"Birch and Barley let us do 'Kegs for a Cause' this year, where they donated a dollar per beer that was served for a night," said Jessica Gillespie Homecoming Fundraising Chair.

The fireworks will be

lit off from Guy Wicks field, which allows for easy viewing from the bonfire, Hensarling said.

He said he encourages all students to attend the event, which he described as a big outdoor pep rally. The fireworks generally last for about 15 minutes and Homecoming boasts the only fireworks show of the year in Moscow.

"The more people that come out, the bigger it is, and the more exciting it will be," Hensarling said.

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Left: Coach Paul Petrino jokes with a kick returner during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. Although Idaho is rebuilding under Petrino’s guidance, they have won only one game since the 2012-2013 season. **Right:** Junior corner Jayshawn Jordan walks to the sideline during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals play their Homecoming Week matchup against the New Mexico State Aggies at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho is 14-6 all-time against New Mexico State.

FOOTBALL

Facing rivals

Patience is key with rebuild

Idaho welcomes New Mexico State for Homecoming

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

With the last 13 games ending in defeat, the Vandals are the sole owner of the nation’s longest active losing streak. A game against rival New Mexico State 2 p.m. Saturday in front of a Homecoming crowd could be the cure Idaho needs to end its current skid.

Homecoming Weekend has been good to the Vandals in recent years. In the past six seasons, Idaho is 5-1 with

three of the wins coming against New Mexico State.

Last season, not only did the 26-24 victory over Temple occur on Homecoming, but the win ended a 10-game losing streak, as well.

“It’s a little bit of a different vibe around here,” said senior offensive lineman Mike Marboe about Homecoming Weekend. “There’s going to be more people here and you’re playing for something special. Every game is important, but with Homecoming the level of importance goes up just a little bit I would say.”

After playing four of its first six games on the road, this weekend will be the first of two-straight home

games for Idaho.

Idaho enters Saturday’s contest after a loss last week at Georgia Southern. The defeat came in familiar fashion as the Vandals dug themselves into a hole early, and trailed by 23 points at halftime. The team made a comeback, but it was too little too late and the Vandals lost 47-24.

“We put ourselves in a position to be right there in the game and then we just didn’t finish it,” Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. “It’s just still a process of getting there. You got to get more stops and got to get touchdowns when we get down there (to the red zone).”

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Vandal struggles are part of rebuild process

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

In the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl, former Idaho head coach Robb Akey opted out of a game-tying extra point that would have sent the game to overtime. Instead, he went for two and the win.

Many thought he was crazy, but when the gamble paid off, Akey was praised for his gutsy call.

In six seasons at Idaho,

Akey ran the football program in similar fashion — a gamble. He was charismatic and fans loved him, but the team was in disarray.

With myriad problems including, among other things, disciplinary issues, poor grades and a 3-17 record in his last 20 games, Akey was fired during the 2012 season.

“Unfortunately we didn’t build a sustainable program in the past,” Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear said.

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GOLF

Young and talented du Toit

Idaho sophomore golfer Jared du Toit has a bright present, future

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Some college golfers go their entire college career without an individual win at an invitational. Idaho’s Jared du Toit recently earned his first collegiate win as a sophomore.

He won the University of Wyoming Southern Invitational Oct. 5 in Maricopa, Arizona, shooting a 69-68-69 for a 10-under-par 206.

Du Toit’s performance led the Vandals to their first win of the fall season.

“It feels pretty good,” du Toit said. “Kind of get the first one out of the way. I kind of get some experience out of that and try and keep them coming.”

His previous best finish was second last season in Phoenix.

In his freshman campaign, du Toit earned first-team All-WAC honors and Freshman of the Year honors. He also led Idaho in scoring average with a 72.33.

“He’s in the top five of the players that I’ve had in my career and I’ve had a bunch of players that played on the (PGA) Tour,” Idaho coach John Means said.

Means said he liked du Toit’s

competitive nature when he first saw him play at an event before du Toit came to Idaho.

“He was a competitor,” Means said. “He strove to win, to hit the best shot. His energy level was unbelievably high and he wasn’t playing very well.”

Means said he was lucky to see him not play well, but noticed how he continued to compete hard even though he was struggling.

“I could see something in his eyes in the way he handled himself that he was going to be a special player,” Means said.

Du Toit is from Kimberley, British Columbia, which is

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Left: Sophomore Jared du Toit waits to drive during practice Tuesday at the University of Idaho Golf Course. **Right:** Du Toit chips onto the green during practice. Du Toit won the University of Wyoming Southern Invitational and helped Idaho take first overall. Du Toit earned first-team All-WAC honors last year.

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FOOTBALL

Fans have gone too far



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Last year, Alabama kicker Cade Foster received death threats after he missed three field goals in the Iron Bowl rivalry game against Auburn.

Yes, death threats — as in “I’m going to kill you because you cost us the game.”

Kind of ridiculous, isn’t it?

Hate mail is nothing new. People have been taking their fandom too far since the creation of professional and collegiate sports.

While the concept is still the same, the process has evolved. The hand-written letter is a thing of the past. Now all fans need is an Internet connection.

With social media, and more specifically Twitter, fans have direct access to athletes. Everyday fans hide behind the protective wall of social media to voice their opinion. It really is amazing what kind of hurtful things can be said in 140 characters or less.

With the struggles the Idaho football program has endured in recent years, fans have gone to social media to voice their frustrations.

It’s understandable, losing sucks, but that doesn’t give a fan the right to threaten an athlete. It’s OK to be critical to some extent, but you don’t have to be a jerk — just be educated about it and don’t be mean just to be mean.

If you don’t think players see it, you’re wrong. Many players get on Twitter right after a game and search their name, and in most cases they have notifications from all the direct tweets.

As if getting yelled at by their coach wasn’t enough, players who have any sort of social media account are subject to ridicule by fans, which can be a lot harsher at times. I don’t think any sane coach is going to threaten a player’s life.

With the rigors of both academics and sport, it’s already tough enough for college athletes. I can promise they’re trying their hardest and certainly not trying to perform badly.

Although it might feel like it at times, don’t think a player or team has a personal vendetta for you and wants to make your life miserable.

Be a passionate, diehard fan, but just as coaches say, leave it all on the field — don’t take it to social media.

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SOCCER

Started from the bottom

Vandals roaring toward Big Sky Tournament

Joshua Gamez
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Through nine nonconference games, the Idaho soccer team had been outscored 24-2 and appeared to be in for another long season.

This was before the Vandals finally got their first win of the season on Sept. 26 by way of a thrilling 3-2 victory over Northern Colorado.

The victory was the first of Derek Pittman’s career at Idaho.

Little did they know, that win would lead to three more in the first six games of Big Sky play. The Vandals currently sit at 4-1-1 in the Big Sky (4-10-1 overall), and find themselves right in the thick of the race for the regular season conference title.

The difficult schedule and “feeling out” process by the players and coaching staff in regard to who works well in what roll may have played a small role in the early struggles, Pittman said. Yet, the team was able to get it all figured out right in time for Big Sky play, he said.

The Vandals never got discouraged during the rough start and they always had each other’s backs, sophomore midfielder Elexis Schlossarek said. She said they were going to play for each other and love the game — nothing else mattered.

The recent success has not only lifted the team’s spirit on the field but off as well. The team hangs out on a daily basis and they are closer now than they ever have been, Schlossarek said.

“We never really thought that this would happen and I think that makes us even more confident,” she said. “We are very lighthearted now and for as much as we are competitive in practice, outside of practice we have become so much closer.”

Rough patches like the Vandals endured are very common in

sports, although not everyone endures a nine-game losing streak to open a season, Pittman said.

“Every team goes through their ups and downs, whether you start off struggling or whether you have a lull in the middle of the season,” he said. “The important thing is to stick to what we do well, that is something that is a testament to our players and staff — we never really wavered from who we wanted to be.”

Much like many women’s basketball games over the last few years, the atmosphere at Guy Wicks Field has become dynamic, which makes for a fun atmosphere to play in, Schlossarek said.

With the continued improvement and success of the soccer team going forward, that could become an even bigger part of the Vandals’ home field advantage.

But even with the recent success, the team hasn’t begun planning its travel plans for the Big Sky Tournament just yet. They are still just looking at one game at a time starting with Weber State on Friday afternoon, Schlossarek said.

This quick turnaround wasn’t the first one Schlossarek has been involved in either.

During her time at Burnsvie Secondary in Delta, British Columbia, she helped rebuild the varsity soccer program. It helped build support and spirit, just like she helped do with this Idaho team, she said.

The recent success has made Idaho look like a much more attractive landing spot for potential recruits than it did a few short weeks ago.

“From what I have heard, a lot of recruits want to come here which is good,” Schlossarek said. “I think it helps build the program to get even better over the next few years while we are all still here.”

The added recognition from not only potential recruits and fans is nice, but the team is just focused on what they can control, Pittman said. If they do that then



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Idaho coach Derek Pittman talks to members of the team during practice Wednesday at Guy Wicks Field. Since taking over as coach, Pittman has gone 4-10-1 and 4-1-1 in Big Sky Conference play.

the rest will figure itself out, he said. The program is already well known throughout the Northwest and Pittman and his staff hope to continue that moving forward.

“That is one of the things we talked about in the beginning was leaving a legacy and I think we are helping create that this season

which is amazing,” Schlossarek said. “I know I definitely want to leave a legacy for the players coming in and that creates such a better program for the University of Idaho.”

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Welcoming Weber *Vandals preparing for Homecoming showdown*

Joshua Gamez
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Along with home volleyball and football games, Homecoming also encompasses the Vandal soccer team as it prepares to host Weber State to kickoff the final home weekend of the season at Guy Wicks Field.

The Wildcats currently sit at 4-11 overall (1-5 Big Sky), but that doesn’t mean the Vandals are taking them lightly.

“We don’t want to become complacent because there is no time for that,” sophomore midfielder Elexis Schlossarek said. “We are still an underdog in this league no matter what anyone says. We could lose the next four games and be out of conference. We need to keep our heads focused on one game at a time.”

Playing during Homecoming Weekend is always special and Idaho coach Derek Pittman said he hopes that means additional fan support on top of the already rowdy Vandal soccer faithful.

“We are able to be home for Homecoming which is exciting for our fans and players to be able to protect our home field in front of hopefully a good crowd,”

Pittman said. “We have had great crowds up to this point and we hope that people will turn out again on Friday and Sunday to support the Vandal soccer program.”

Weber State is a perennial Big Sky power and despite them having a down year this year in the Big Sky, the game still affect the Big Sky standings and potential tournament seeding. The Big Sky Tournament is still the team’s main goal and focus on the year.

“That is our number one goal, it has been the whole season,” Pittman said. “After that the chips will fall where they fall and we will see where we land in the standings and go from there.”

Along with the game Friday afternoon against the Wildcats, the Vandals are preparing for their annual “Pink Game” and Senior Night on Sunday afternoon against the Idaho State Bengals.

The Vandals only have one senior on the active roster this season in defender Emily Ngan. Senior forward Kat Comesana is sidelined with an ACL injury, but that doesn’t mean they will be any less missed by Pittman and the team next year.



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Junior forward Reagan Quigley drives down the field against Sophomore midfielder Elexis Schlossarek during practice Wednesday.

“Both Kat and Emily have brought so much to the team, even though Kat has been out with an ACL injury, off the field she is the most positive attitude on the entire team,” Schlossarek said of her teammate.

Along with the two players, the Vandals are also losing manager Terren Phillips who is also a senior.

“Our seniors have been tremendous — Emily, Kat even

Terren Phillips our manager,” Pittman said. “All three of them have contributed to this program in very positive manners. As a program and as a staff we are very thankful for the hard work and dedication that they have put in to turning this program around and doing everything they can to bleed for the Vandals.”

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MEN'S TENNIS

The ITA Regionals roll on as the Vandals try to keep up

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

The ITA Regionals always bring the best of the best in collegiate tennis together to compete, and this year is no different. The Idaho men's tennis team wrapped up the first two days of competition Wednesday and Thursday in Las Vegas.

"Going good, still really early, but good competition," Idaho coach Art Hoomiratana said. "We're doing OK. It's hard to tell, it's right in the middle. We've had some good matches, so far guys are competing really well. We've also lost some tough matches. It's hard to be too disappointed."

But Idaho was only able to advance two players past the first two rounds. Juniors Jackson Varney and Odon Barta have had the best performances for Idaho thus far.

Barta also took on a Big Sky foe Alex Locci from Northern Arizona for his opening round match, whom he out-matched 6-3, 6-4. The win advanced Barta to the Round of 64 to take on David Fox, the No. 11 seed in the tournament from Denver. Both matches came down to the end, and Barta won 7-5, 7-6.

To start Thursday, Barta played Ryan Andrada from Nevada. Andrada was the No. 22 seed in the tournament, but was no match for Barta as he won 7-5, 4-0. At press time, Barta was playing No. 6 seed Hayden Sabatka from New Mexico.

Varney, who is in his third tournament after transferring to Idaho, defeated Sean Baklini from New Mexico in the opening round on Wednesday in tough match. After Varney lost the opening set 6-1, the transfer from Prairie View A&M won a close second set 7-6 over Baklini. Varney was able take out Baklini in the third set 6-2 and advanced to the Round of 64. Varney had an easier time in his next match, beating Mitchel Knight from Big Sky-foe Northern Colorado 6-4, 6-4.

To start Thursday, Varney took on the No. 1 seed Henry Craig from Denver, where Varney's run ended with a 2-6, 3-6 loss.

For the rest of the Vandals, the tournament has not gone quite as well.

Freshman Felipe Fonseca won his



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Junior Jackson Varney returns a volley during practice in early October at the Memorial Gym Tennis Courts. Varney and the Vandals compete through Sunday at the ITA Regionals in Las Vegas. The tournament began Wednesday.

opening match against Dillon Launius from Air Force 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. The freshman then put up an impressive fight against the No. 12 seed, Brendan McClain of Boise State, in the second round. After splitting the first two sets by scores of 1-6, 6-3, Fonseca lost a close final set to McClain 5-7. Hoomiratana said he was still pleased with Fonseca's performance.

"Felipe lost to a guy from Boise in three sets," he said. "It was very competitive. Felipe is playing great."

At press time, Fonseca continued in the consolation tournament, going against Tom Douglas of New Mexico State.

Senior Cristobal Ramos Salazar has had an up-and-down season so far, mostly due to a nagging elbow injury, which unfortunately flared up again Wednesday. Ramos Salazar came into the tournament seeded at No. 25, but was upset by Jacob Sullivan of BYU in the opening round 6-2, 4-6, 2-6.

"Chris (Ramos Salazar) had a tough match and lost the opening round," Hoomiratana said. "He had a good consolation. It's hard to say, the players tend to be really good (at ITA Regionals). His arm's not doing so great."

Hoomiratana confirmed it was the same injury that flared up at the Eastern Washington Fall Classic earlier this fall.

"It's that thing, the elbow," he said. "It's just acting up again, but he said he's going to finish the tournament."

Ramos Salazar took on Robert Allan from Nevada in the consolation bracket to start Thursday, winning 6-4, 6-4. At press time, Ramos Salazar was playing Air Force's Jack McCullers.

The tournament continues through the weekend in Las Vegas, ending on Sunday.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis competing in ITA Regionals in New Mexico

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The ITA Regionals meet is arguably the toughest and most important meet of the fall season. The Idaho women's tennis team is competing in the Mountain Region of the meet, which started Wednesday and ends Sunday in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Three Vandals were able to get past the first round in the singles matches, while only one fell in the opening round.

Sophomore Galina Bykova had a successful opening round, beating Dominique Beauvais of Weber State, a new conference foe for Idaho, 6-0, 6-0. Bykova, a sophomore from St. Petersburg, Russia, advanced to second round of play the No. 5 seed Maureen Slattery of Denver.

Senior Emmie Marx also started the tournament on the right foot. Marx defeated Jocelle Rudico from Air Force, beating her 6-0, 6-1. She advanced to the second round where she will play the No. 3 seed Mayci Jones from BYU.

The third Vandal to advance past the first round was freshman Lucia Badillos. Taking on Arianna Paules Aldrey from rival Boise State, Badillos was able to win the first set 6-3, before falling in the second set 1-6. In the third set, it came down to the wire as Badillos narrowly escaped with a 7-6 win and a 2-1 match win. She advances to play Colorado's Kyra Wojcik in the second round. Wojcik is just a freshman but she is also the No. 17 seed.

The one Vandal to not make it out of the first round was senior Sophie Vickers. Going up against Sharon Coone from New Mexico, Vickers played a competitive first set losing by a narrow 7-6 final. In the second set however, Vickers failed to keep it close and lost 6-2.

Idaho fared well in doubles play on day one. Idaho's pair of Badillos and Marx beat a Wyoming duo of Cecilia Mercier and Silviya Zhelyazkova 8-2 in the opening round. Idaho's other doubles pair of Bykova and Vickers also bested their opponents winning 8-3 over Weber State's Beauvais and Agata Bachanek.

The Vandals were still competing Thursday at press time.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Washington dominates



Idaho women's golf ties for sixth in Washington, Las Vegas last stop of fall

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The Idaho women's golf team finished in the middle of the pack Tuesday at the Pat Lesser Harbottle Invitational in Lake-wood, Washington. The Vandals tied for sixth with Cal Poly after shooting a 64-over-par 928. Idaho finished one stroke behind fifth-place Seattle.

"Well, the greens were rolling 12.5 or 13 on the Stimpmeter, which is extremely fast," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said. "We haven't putted that fast of green this year and we quite honestly don't have the ability to practice for that here at U of I or WSU, so we didn't adjust."

Idaho plays its last invitational of the fall season at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Oct. 26 in Las Vegas.

Johnson said Las Vegas is a desert course and the New Mexico State Aggie Invitational, which Idaho won a little over a week ago in Las Cruces, New Mexico, proved Idaho can play better on a desert course than a

Northwest course. So, she said her and her team are confident they can play better.

Washington won the Pat Lesser Harbottle Invitational by 34 strokes over second-place and Pac-12 rival Washington State. The Huskies shot 1-under-par 863 and the Cougars shot 33-over-par 897.

All six Washington golfers finished in the top seven. Washington's Ying Luo finished tied for seventh, the worst finish for the Huskies.

Grand Canyon finished third after firing a 39-over-par 903 and Montana took fourth after a 55-over-par 919 performance.

Grand Canyon's Charlotte Jaengkit and Washington's Jing Yan tied for first after three rounds of play. Each shot 1-under-par 215 scores. Jing Yan won the subsequent playoff on the first hole with a par on the 10th hole.

Senior Leilanie Kim shot the best three-round score for the Vandals, posting a 12-over-par 228 to tie for 17th.

"Leilanie's game translates well to any style of golf course," Johnson said. "She's a great ball striker. She plays within herself."

Johnson said Kim did struggle

on a couple aspects of her game, but she said Kim is the most familiar on the team with this style of golf course because it's the same type she grew up with in Canada. Kim is from Surrey, British Columbia, about a three-hour drive north of Lakewood.

Idaho sophomore Amy Hasenoehrl tied for 25th, shooting a 16-over-par 232, junior Kristin Strankman posted a 19-over-par 235 to tie for 29th and freshman Kendall Gray tied for 32nd, shooting a 20-over-par 236. Seniors Kaitlyn Oster and Mary Sweeney tied for 43rd after carding 23-over-par 239 scores. Sweeney competed as an individual.

Juniors Cassie McKinley and Cassidy Long-Goheen also competed as individuals for the Vandals.

"This golf course just doesn't fit our style of play and we just chalked it up to that," Johnson said.

Johnson said the course had been redesigned since the last time she visited it.

"I wasn't that familiar with the changes and we didn't practice the appropriate things leading up to the tournament," Johnson said.

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File Photo by Nathan Romans | Argonaut
Junior Kristin Strankman watches a drive Sept. 22 during the WSU Cougar Cup at Palouse Ridge Golf Club. Strankman and the Idaho women's golf team finished sixth Tuesday at the Pat Lesser Harbottle Invitational.

CROSS COUNTRY

Finish line approaching

Idaho cross country to compete in local meet to round out regular season

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

To conclude regular season racing, the Idaho cross country teams take the short drive Saturday down to Lewiston to compete at the Inland Empire Challenge hosted by Lewis-Clark State College.

Normally, the meet features a couple of local teams, but this year the competition is more stacked than usual.

"It's actually turned into a lot better meet than the level of competition that I anticipated," Idaho coach Travis Floeck said. "Definitely with the level of competition coming now, I think it's going to be somewhat comparable to the level of competition we'll see at the conference meet."

Teams competing in Lewiston this week include Washington State, Gonzaga, Montana, Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Great Falls, College of Idaho, Spokane Community College and the University of Calgary making the trek down from Canada.

Floeck said making the short trip to Lewiston allows his team more time to rest as he wants the team be at full strength come the Big Sky Championships in two weeks. Many teams across the country use this weekend to compete at the pre-nationals meet in Indiana.

The close meet also allows the opportunity for the Vandals to race in front of friends

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This is one more stepping stone to conference,

Valerie Mitchell

and family.

"It's definitely nice not having to travel," sophomore Nathan Stark said. "The less energy you have to expend getting from one place to another, the more energy you'll have for your race. Plus being super close, we might have some more supporters at the meet. The track team might come down and support us, friends, family — it will be good."

Idaho has a new face competing this weekend, but she won't be wearing an Idaho uniform this weekend. Sophomore Halie Raudenbush, who would be Idaho's top returner from last season, is competing unattached since Floeck is still considering redshirting her this year. After the meet, he will make the decision on whether or not to race her in the conference championship meet.

"A sport like football, basketball, whatever it may be, those types of competitions you can't compete when you're redshirting," he said. "In our sport they can compete. They have to go do everything themselves, entry fee, travel and everything but they are able to go race unattached."

Floeck said former Vandal Alycia Butterworth is also racing unattached this weekend. Butterworth is out of cross country

eligibility, but still has track and field eligibility remaining.

On the men's side, Floeck is choosing to sit out Tim Delcourt and Mickey Day due to nagging injuries.

Floeck said his race plan going into the meet is the same as it normally is — start out a little slower. It sounds simple, but when racers factor in adrenaline, 100 other racers and trying to manage one's perceived effort, it is more of a challenge, he said.

"I'm a big believer in not going out too hard," Floeck said. "It seems like common sense to kind of run even, but a lot of people get caught up in going out really hard. I'd like to see my team be the team at the end of a race passing people as opposed to having people fly by them."

The Lewiston course is mostly flat terrain, similar to the course at their last meet at the UW Invitational and like they will experience in two weeks at the Big Sky Championships at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Now, the Vandals need to get one more race behind them before the most important race of the season.

"This is one more stepping stone to conference," sophomore Valerie Mitchell said. "Try to get everyone feeling good ... because I think we've been pretty nervous all season trying to figure out what we're capable of and I think this is another step on the way to realize how great we can be at conference."

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-Vandal soccer with good news that seems to be coming more and more regularly for the once struggling team. The win puts the Vandals at four wins already this season.

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PATIENCE

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"We've moved beyond that. If there's something that I could have changed, it would have been to influence the transition earlier than it happened, because then I don't think we'd be in such a significant rebuilding process."

Paul Petrino was the man Spear hired to bring glory back to the Idaho football program. He compared the rebuilding process to renovating a house.

"I've always said that this project coach Petrino undertook is not simply renovating a few rooms in a house, it's tearing it down to the foundation and rebuilding it from the ground up," he said.

Building a house doesn't happen over night, and neither does rebuilding a college football program.

Spear said Petrino has had obstacles other coaches usually don't have.

He said Petrino established brand new core values and worked through the conference uncertainty in his first year. Then, this year, he dealt with the APR penalties that cost the team four hours of practice time.

With all the obstacles, Spear said the rebuilding process was delayed and patients will be key moving forward. He added Petrino has laid a great foundation of discipline and accountability.

"A wise man once told me that what comes easy won't last, and what lasts won't come easy," Spear said. "My role is to hire the right person to embrace that challenge and I think we have done that, no question about it."

When it comes to rebuilding a college football program, the level of difficulty and time it will take depends on what the coach inherits from the previous regime.

Idaho wide receiver coach Charley Molnar said it's important for coaches to avoid the quick fix, which all starts with recruiting.

He said when coaches take over a poor team, they will often try to recruit talented players who might have academic or personality issues and will often leave before playing.

"Go recruit your brand of player that fits your mold, fits your philosophy and fits into your culture," he said. "It's not easy to go get 25 of those guys a year. You have to take your time, go get them and train them the way you want. Then after four to five years the proof will be in the pudding."

Petrino said the majority of skilled players on offense are guys he and his staff recruited. He added it's always

been easy to recruit offensive players because of their offensive style.

"I think if you can get them on campus here, especially with the parents, it's a great safe community that you would want to send your kids to go play at," he said.

Petrino wants to recruit more players from the northwest, but said right now the goal is to get the best players for their program, wherever they might be from.

"It seems to me that at the time when coach (Petrino) was hired, the program was trending downwards," Molnar said. "The first thing he had to do was stop the bleeding, which obviously he's done. Now we need to start building and moving forward."

While the team has yet to win a game this season, there is evidence the program is moving in the right direction.

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Charley Molnar, WR coach

Matt Linehan is one of the reasons people are optimistic about the future.

The 6-foot-3-freshman quarterback from Orchard Lake, Michigan, currently leads the Sun Belt Conference in passing yards (1,874), passing yards per game (312.2) and completions per game (27.33).

His go to receiver, senior Joshua McCain, also leads the conference in receiving yards per game and is tied for 11th in the nation for touchdown catches with six.

"This football team could have easily won three games so far this year and it's a credit to them — they've competed to the very end," said Spear of the close losses Idaho's suffered this season. "It's been very frustrating to see because of the great effort that our players and coaches have put forth. As long as they continue with that effort the wins will come."

Molnar said it would be easy to blame the losses on the team's youth, but added it's sometimes the upperclassmen, too. He said the team is still learning how to win and finish games.

"It's not going to happen overnight," Petrino said. "I'm working with every fiber of my body to get this program to where it needs to be and I'm going to get it there. Sorry it's not there yet, but we're going to get there."

Petrino said he's received all kinds of advice from coaches, but said the best so far has been to stick to what you believe and try to stay positive.

"A couple of my biggest mentors always talk about with the kids you got to keep building on the private victories," he said. "If we can keep building on the private victories, then the public victories will come."

While wins on the field are important, Petrino takes pride in coaching players off the field, too.

"Wins are great, but coach is always preaching that he wants those and a great young man," senior tight end Justin Podrabsky said. "That's a big goal for us, too — leave here with a degree."

Petrino said half of being a college coach is to teach players how to be winners when they're done playing.

He put together a book called "Operation XL" which teaches players how to be on time, how to dress, how to act and how to be successful in life — among other things.

In his time as Idaho's athletic director, Spear hasn't had too much success in football. Including Petrino, he's hired four coaches who combine for a 30-97 record.

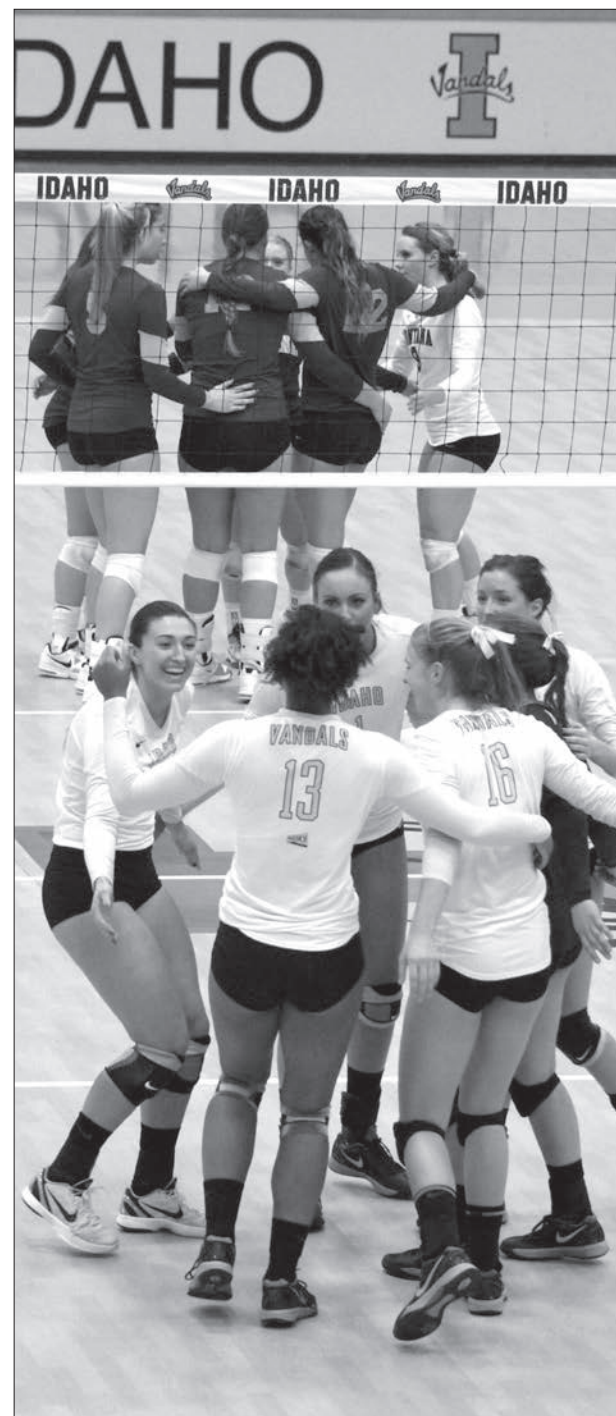
"It's key," said Spear of having success in football. "Lets not kid ourselves, we won eight championships last year, we won the WAC Commissioners Cup, we just received an excellence in management award as the most efficient and effective program in the nation, but at the end of the day it doesn't mean a lot because we're not winning in the sport that counts — football."

Spear said he's learned over the years to never sacrifice having a coach that requires discipline and accountability of his players. He said he has that with Petrino.

"The one thing I don't have to worry about anymore is I hardly have any disciplinary issues in that program," he said. "The academics have improved greatly and I know every time we take that football field we are as prepared as we could possibly be. It is refreshing because I don't have to worry about discipline issues anymore — and that wasn't true in the past."

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CHEERING FOR VICTORY



Brandon Miller | Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team cheers after another victory against the University of Montana Thursday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals will next play Montana State Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

Sports briefs

Argonaut intramural team makes softball championship

For the Argonaut intramural teams, the players compete for fun and to get closer with friends. Actually winning games is an afterthought as the players are better at writing about sports than actually competing in them. That all changed last weekend as the Argonaut coed intramural softball team swept its competition off a solid hitting effort led by sports writer Garrett Cabeza. A Cabeza RBI triple late in Idaho's second game highlighted the Argonaut's intramural tournament run. The team competes in the championship 11 a.m. Sunday at the baseball fields across from the Student Recreation Center.

Barr grabs preseason honor

Idaho guard Stacey Barr was named the Big Sky Conference's Preseason Player of the Year for women's basketball Monday by College Sports Madness. She earns the honor having never taken a shot in the new conference. Last year, Barr was the 2014 WAC Player of the Year and WAC Tournament MVP. The senior from Melbourne, Australia, finished last season with a team-high 18.2 points per game while adding 7.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 34 games for Idaho, helping lead the Vandals to their second consecutive NCAA Tournament.

Idaho soccer to host fall camp

High school girls in ninth through 12th grade are invited to participate in the Vandal High School ID Camp hosted by the Idaho soccer team Nov. 2. The camp will be run by Idaho coaches Derek Pittman, Josh Davis and Laura Jackson and will feature a morning technical session followed by an afternoon session where participants can play in small competitive games. The participants will also have the opportunity to watch a live Vandal Soccer training session. Sign up is available at idahoelitesocceracademy.com for \$75.

YOUNG

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about a five-hour drive north from Moscow.

So, it's only natural that his favorite professional golfer is Canadian Graham DeLaet. DeLaet is ranked 39th in the world as of Oct. 12 according to pgatour.com. DeLaet was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and attended Boise State.

Du Toit said he loves DeLaet's golf game and thinks he is one of the best ball strikers on the PGA Tour.

Beside the fact that du Toit and DeLaet are both Canadians who played golf at colleges in Idaho, du Toit said they are both fans of the NHL's Calgary Flames. Du Toit said he has not yet met his golf icon but hopes to in the future.

Du Toit played hockey himself in Kimberley. He was team captain of the Kimberley Nitros, his club hockey team.

"I think the reason that he's a competitor and the reason that he's got that confidence was because of playing hockey," Means said. "He's a big kid, he was a good hockey player, didn't mind mixing it up. He got confidence because of the level of success he had playing hockey and he just carried that over."

Means said du Toit is not a verbal leader, but leads by example on the course.

"He leads by how hard he works and by the scores that he shoots," Means said. "The freshmen especially love to hang around him because he's like the gentle giant. He's soft, he's quiet but his golf clubs do all his talking."

Even though it's early in du Toit's career, Means said he has the ability to qualify for the PGA Tour.

"His confidence in his putting from last year to this year has already increased five-fold," Means said. "He's as good as he wants to be."

As for now, du Toit thinks Idaho has a chance to do good things this year.

"Like I said, we have a ton of potential and I think if we get all the cylinders firing, I think the possibilities are endless for us," he said.

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RIVALS

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A weapon who has emerged this season is junior running back Elijah Penny. The 6-foot-2,254-pound junior college transfer from Cerritos College in Norwalk, California, rushed for three touchdowns against Georgia Southern.

"It would have been nice to get him four, then he would have tied the school record," Petrino said. "He's really improved, he's been playing hard and doing a good job for us."

Chris Edwards, another junior college transfer that made an immediate impact, has left the team, Petrino said. The junior safety led the defense with two interceptions.

Along with senior Tom Hennessey, Petrino said junior Doyin Sule would fill the void Edwards left at safety.

Despite the loss of Edwards, the Vandal secondary could have opportunities to gain confidence this weekend as Aggie quarterback, sophomore Tyler Rogers, has struggled this season.

It's unclear if Rogers will start against the Vandals. In his team's first seven games, Rogers had 13 interceptions, the worst in the nation.

Therefore, the NMSU coaching staff could let freshman Andrew Allen have his shot at running the offense.

"They've shown both guys on film," Idaho senior defensive end Maxx Forde said. "They change maybe a little bit tendency-wise depending on who's in. But just the fact that we've seen both of them on film, it doesn't make it difficult."

Petrino said the Aggies will the spread offense and like to throw a lot of screens, as well as the zone-read options. He highlighted wide receiver Teldrick Morgan as a player to watch.

The 6-foot-1 sophomore has

been battling Vandal wide receiver Josh McCain for the conference lead in most receiving statistical categories.

New Mexico State enters the game on a five-game losing streak. Idaho defensive line coach Bam Hardmon said the Aggies have a lot of talent, but have ran into some bad luck the past few games.

"They played some teams really well, but its just one of those things where the scoreboard didn't show how well they really played," he said.

The two programs have gotten very familiar with each other in recent years. Saturday's game will be the 10th straight meeting between the schools — Idaho leads the all-time series at 14-6.

With all of the movement that has occurred throughout the college football landscape, somehow the two schools had the same exact path since 2005, when both joined the Western Athletic Conference.

Like Idaho, the New Mexico State football program was without a conference last season and played as FBS Independent teams before joining the Sun Belt Conference this year.

With all of the similarities and games played in recent years, the two teams have developed a little bit of a rivalry.

"I wish we still played Boise (State), but I'll take New Mexico State as our rival for now," Forde said.

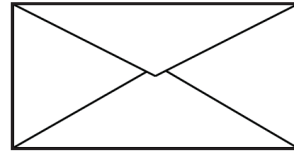
After a 24-16 defeat at New Mexico last season, Marboe said everyone has a chip on their shoulder.

"It's one of those games you got circled," he said. "We should have beat them last year, we feel like we should have won that game and it's frustrating."

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OUR VIEW

A students' dean

For 42 years, Pitman has served UI and its students

Homecoming Weekend is one of the most anticipated social weekends of the year — from the fireworks to the football game, Vandals near and far come to show their pride.

This year though, Homecoming means just a little bit more, and people are coming from all over for another festivity. This weekend marks the retirement celebration of long-time Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

With nearly 42 years of service to the University of Idaho under his belt, it's safe to say he has touched countless lives. This is made clear by the more than 400 people who plan to attend his retirement party and take this Homecoming Weekend as an opportunity to say "thank you."

And though the gratitude will be overwhelming, Pitman should enjoy the spotlight and this appreciation of his service.

Pitman was a stabilizing force in a university that has experienced constant turnover and gained a reputation as an institution known as a stepping-stone to better options. It's always been clear Pitman never thought of UI that way.

Pitman stuck with the university through thick and thin, tragedy and triumph, president after president. He's always been in it for the long hall, and even when given the opportunity to retire several years ago, he waited until the time felt right.

When Pitman announced his plans to retire last spring, it didn't quite seem real. In August, he welcomed the new school year and fresh-faced first-year students, just as he had the previous four decades. He still comes into work every day and remains the guiding voice in Student Affairs.

Never did Pitman's impending retirement feel more real than it did Thursday, when the Idaho State Board of Education approved UI's request to

rename the Student Union Building. As of Jan. 4, the building will be known as the Pitman Center — the university's retirement gift to a man who has become a part of the school's identity. It wouldn't be right to let him go quietly or entirely.

He has worked in a division of university administration that is neither glorious nor highly paid. Yet he did it without complaint, and with enough love and dedication for the student body that few would argue he deserves anything less than a building and a well-deserved retirement vacation.

Pitman embodies what it means to be a university administrator. He never once believed the students came to school for him, but every day he came to work for them.

If there was ever a time Pitman didn't feel like going to work, or would have rather been doing something else, he never once showed it, and his dedication was felt by everyone. Through student deaths, angry

parents, student disciplinary issues and countless other unsavory situations, Pitman went above and beyond to protect student rights and show he truly put them first.

Even without a building, Pitman would be remembered for decades to come as an advocate for students, a thoughtful and calming voice in times of student tragedy, a careful mediator and a friend to many.

So, as we congratulate Pitman on his retirement and remember his decades of service, we recognize that UI would not be the place it is today without him.

And from The Argonaut, thank you, Bruce Pitman. Thank you for your advocacy for the student voice, for answering our endless questions and letting us write feature after feature about you and your time here. There truly are no two better words to express our gratitude for everything you've done for us and for this university.

Thank you. You will be missed.

—KK

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Making history

The Argonaut intramural softball team plays in the tournament championship Sunday. This is quite astounding for a team that usually gets destroyed in any intramural competition.

—Stephan

Typos are fun

According to my magnificent fingers, I will be seeing "Gone Grill" soon. "Gone Grill" is a truly encapsulating mystery where one man tries to figure out what happened to his George Foreman grill. Spoiler alert, some people end up getting charred.

—Aleya

You've been warned

Go get your flu shots before it's too late or you'll end up like me ... Dead on the couch.

—Danielle

Tracking our every move

As Apple announces its intent to add an indoor feature to its maps program, I'm wondering if we really need technology to let us know there is a parking spot on the third floor of a garage. How technology dependent will we become?

—Katelyn

Statistics

My brain does not work in such a way. Luckily, I stayed up late and studied to death my study guide and ended up leaving class feeling pretty confident yesterday morning. Whew!

—Amber

Homecoming 101

Don't get your hopes up. This is the team we're supposed to beat, but that doesn't mean anything to the Vandals.

—Claire

Homecoming

Vandals are 5-1 in their last six Homecoming games. I like their chances.

—Korbin

Petrushka

Some Stravinsky always makes my day better. On a related note, I'm renewing my passion for Debussy, Gershwin, Ravel and Shostakovich. I'm starting to dig this music history class.

—Ryan

Martin Flynn

I'm glad to see the representative from Pennsylvania was able to defend himself and fellow Rep. Ryan Bizzarro from potential robbers. Even if he is a Democrat, he has my respect.

—Andrew

Dreams crushed.

I had high hopes of living in Bali at some point after graduation. Now I see on the news that one man had a spider that burrowed in him during his Bali vacation. Tapping out of that dream.

—Hannah

Flu season

Everyone around me is dying, and I'm just running around squirting anti-bacterial spray all over the place. This is not how Homecoming is supposed to go!

—Erin

Hit me in the feels

I can't think of a more deserving person to have a building on the University of Idaho campus named after them. Bruce Pitman, you have touched the lives of so many students. While I hope you enjoy retirement to the fullest, know that you will be so greatly missed by everyone. Also it's pretty badass that The Argonaut office will now be located at 301 Pitman Center.

—Kaitlyn

Homecoming

Have fun, make smart decisions and don't worry too much about whether we win the football game. There are plenty of other things to enjoy this weekend.

—Daphne



Get involved in Homecoming

Homecoming should be exciting for underclassmen

Homecoming Week is an exciting time for students, since it's a week-long celebration of being a Vandal and taking pride in the University of Idaho. However, all this celebrating mostly focuses on seniors. They may be the ones nominated for Homecoming Court, but it isn't only a time for seniors to celebrate.

As a freshman living through college Homecoming for the first time, I have come to understand why the event is important for all Vandals — especially underclassmen.

I have never been in a place where I have known so few people, but Homecoming activities offer the perfect opportunity to get out and meet new

people. There are numerous events and not one encourages solo participation.

A typical Homecoming scene is teams of people working together to create a cheer for the Yell like Hell competition, which took place Sunday as the kickoff to Homecoming Week. During the week, people celebrated together by painting various businesses' walls, performing Homecoming Jingles and creating awesome floats for the parade on Saturday.

Underclassmen can do all of those things equally as well as upperclassmen, and maybe even better.

It's mostly about not being afraid to try.

Homecoming should be one of the most fun weeks for any freshman, but that can only happen if you get out there and participate. I hear countless up-

perclassmen discussing taking part in Homecoming events and a scant amount of my fellow freshman seem as enthusiastic about participating. We, as a group, may be unfamiliar with the traditions at UI, but that should not stop us from having a good time and getting involved this weekend. I know many of us freshman know how to make anything into a good time. It's something young people are good at, especially the folks at UI. No one knows what fun they are missing out on if they don't participate.

With so many festivities that week place this week, it was hard to be motivated for the midterms that were also happening. This difficult scheduling taught students to plan our time wisely so we can still have fun. The weekend festivities offer students a treat for studying hard and hopefully acing midterms.



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Tight race for Idaho governor

Balukoff fights relentlessly against Otter in final weeks until election

Idaho hasn't seen a democratic governor since Cecil Andrus' election in 1987. However, it appears this year's Nov. 4 general election could put an end to the red-streak that's gripped the state for the past 27 years.

Running on the republican side is incumbent Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who has been in office since 2007 — followed by a short term by current U.S. Senator Jim Risch. On the other end of the race is governor hopeful A.J. Balukoff, who is waging a fierce war against the incumbent governor.

Despite Idaho's rock-hard right wing voting record, Otter is in a position where he could easily be ousted. The far right side of the Republican Party is upset because they believe Otter didn't fight enough against Obamacare expansion in Idaho — although he's still unlikely to lose that vote due to a lack of other viable Republican candidates. Where he really has the potential to lose is with the votes of informed, moderate Republicans.

One large reason Otter could lose the moderate republican vote is because of his recent moves on the legalization of same-sex marriage in Idaho. He's fought tooth-and-nail to prevent this from becoming a reality, and he's put forth taxpayer money to do so. In February, Otter requested \$1 million of government funding to fight against same-sex marriage legalization, a request that was approved by the Joint Finance

Appropriations Committee. The move struck a nerve with fiscally conservative republicans and libertarians across the state.

Many republicans are also perplexed and frustrated by his inability to take action on many issues other than this one, which quickly rose to be a top priority.

Education is another hot issue working against Otter. In contrast, Balukoff has made that his top priority. Many schools across Idaho, particularly in rural areas have switched to four-day school weeks due to a lack of educational funds and resources.

Balukoff's website states that one of his top priorities is "investing in our future by restoring education investment and implementing recommendations of the Task Force for Improving Education." According to Education Week's Quality Counts 2013 report card, Idaho's educational system ranks at a C- and placed near the bottom of the 50 states. Schools in Idaho certainly need a push and many Idahoans are coming to recognize this.

The economy is another driving factor in this close race. According to NPR, Idaho currently leads the nation in minimum wage jobs, and most job growth is happening in lower-paid sectors. Balukoff has stated that he wants to push the economy by investing in education and helping Idaho businesses grow. According to his website, Otter is committed to "maintaining a jobs-friendly tax climate for



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small companies exporting to Idaho”.

What really makes this race difficult for Balukoff is the fact he's running as a democrat, which ensures an uphill battle in Idaho no matter what. The primary thing to consider regardless of political affiliation is the fact that Balukoff is incredibly moderate by all measures of the world. He's one of the most conservative democrats in the political arena today, and he's openly critical of things like the Affordable Care Act, legalization of recreational marijuana and other issues that more liberal democrats hold close to their hearts.

This race for Idaho governorship will be incredibly close no matter what, but this could be the first time that the political scene in Idaho has shifted in decades. Otter may stay safe because of his party affiliation, but all eyes are on this election and the outcome could be surprising.

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Chronicles of a non binge-watcher

Cultural phenomenon doesn't click for all

of it.

Every time I've attempted to binge-watch, I crash and burn. Even if it's my favorite show of all time, I can only go through one or two episodes at a time. I need to process the information, buildup anticipation for next week and really analyze the episode I just saw.



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No one can do everything. Some people can't sing. Some people can't dance. I can't binge-watch. I really don't get the deal with binge-watching. I guess it's appealing in an age where an entire season of a television show is available on Netflix for streaming. But I simply am not programmed to devote hours upon hours to a show, no matter how good it is.

It makes sense to sit down and blast out a film in one sitting, seeing as the entire story is there for you — but even that has its limits. Ever tried to watch an extended cut of a "Lord of the Rings" movie? Those things are commitments.

Television is a medium that requires anticipation and buildup for the next episode. When your favorite show ends on a cliff-hanger, you get excited for what is to come and spend the next week wondering what will happen. Sure, you have the option to find that out right away with binge-watching. But at a certain point you have to ask, is that what the show's producers wanted?

I'm sure some shows are meant to be enjoyed back-to-back. I've heard that most shows are appreciated more when you can see the plot threads carry over and collide. But the more you think about the episode you just saw, the more you appreciate it and think through the show — and that enhances your enjoyment

The only time I've ever blasted through several episodes in a row is when I had to catch up on season 4 of "Fringe." But even then, it was spread over a few days and I had incentive, since the final season was premiering that Friday.

In theory, I should be able to binge-watch. I've watched marathons of shows on television. I just didn't get the binge-watching gene.

I still have a bunch of shows on DVD that I have yet to go through. My inability to do what so many others can leaves me at a disadvantage. On the plus side, I do own these shows, so there's no time limit on them. Yet even when watching them, I have to take breaks. The longest binge-watch I've ever done is four or five episodes in a row. But the question becomes, is this a bad thing?

Does binge-watching help or hinder the American viewing public? Yes, it's a common practice, but for all we know, it could be distracting us from that which really matters. All I know is that it's not for me and if you can do it, more power to you. For me, I'll settle for "See you next week."

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21 Run fun

Tips to birthday bar hopping like a boss

Birthday cards sent from family and the rain of Facebook well wishes on a 21st birthday are all nice, but the federal government always goes full rich grandparent with gift giving and eclipses those other trifle sentiments.



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Among the glorious bestowed presents is the right to enter gambling facilities that serve alcohol, the right to become a foster parent and the right to apply for a concealed carry permit of a firearm. However, the most anticipated gift by minors everywhere and arguably the right most flaunted by University of Idaho upperclassmen is the ability to purchase booze and hop into the bar scene.

I've never been a foster parent or applied for concealed carry, but I most certainly have hit the Moscow bar scene like U.S. soldiers hit Normandy in 1944. With those credentials established, I drop my endorsement: The bar crawl is one of the best ways to celebrate 21 years breathing and flex on all those bouncers who can no longer deny entry into bars. However, I think some consideration should be taken in order to create the merriest of drunken affairs.

Famous military strategist Napoleon Bonaparte once said "an army marches on its stomach." Be there no mistake, the bar crawl is a battle. Eating a hearty breakfast and an adequate lunch on the day of the trek is critical to maintaining momentum. On a similar note, keeping hydrated with water should be a habit for every other drink, because the avoidance of waking up with a wicked hangover is worth a little bit of shade thrown at you by other patrons

or the bartender. The best experiences are shared with friends and the bar crawl is no exception. Wrangle up a tight squad of solid drinking partners for the trail. If so inclined, host a lunch or dinner and invite a larger party of friends and acquaintances to interact with while wearing the lenses of inebriation.

A pro tip is to designate someone to remain sober enough to keep the recklessness responsible, mitigate adverse situations and get the team across the finish line victoriously.

In the bars, I suggest keeping a closed tab. An open tab keeps the drinks coming, but most bars have a fat stack of debit and credit cards by last call because of people who unwittingly kept a tab open even after they left. One to two drinks, maybe a special 21st-birthday shot here and there, and nomad over to the next watering hole. The bar crawl is all about experiencing different parts of a culture newly discovered — so don't be afraid to wander.

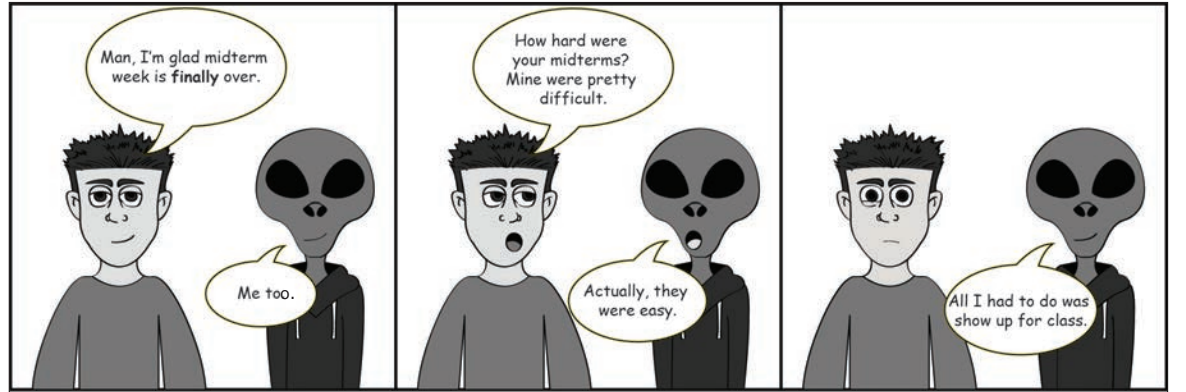
Finally, drink pacing is key. Most likely, the night will end at a sobriety level of zero. However, there is a difference between stumbling along, and ending up snowshoed out of a bar's front door onto the pavement.

Throwing up, losing control and belligerence can take a good night in an embarrassing direction. Have fun celebrating turning 21, try to avoid the hangover and drink up.

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