



Carved pumpkins sit outside Nectar Restaurant & Wine in downtown Moscow. The pumpkins were carved Wednesday evening by the business' employees. Jackson Flynn | Argonaut

CAMPUS SAFETY



A Moscow Police Department police car sits in front of the Idaho Commons Thursday afternoon. The Office of Public Safety and Security recently released its Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, indicating a decrease in crime. Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Campus crime falls

UI Security and Fire Safety Report indicates lower crime rates on campus in 2013

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Crime statistics on the University of Idaho campus are down across the board, according to the 2014 Security and Fire Safety Report, released this month by the UI Office of Public Safety

and Security. The report is put out annually in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, better known as the Clery Act. The purpose of the Clery Act is to make crime statistics on college campuses readily transparent to students, parents and community members. The report outlines the crime statistics for the Moscow campus in calendar year 2013.

According to the report, only one crime statistic increased in 2013, liquor law arrests, which saw an increase from 41 arrests in 2012 to 46 arrests last year. While liquor law arrests may have increased, liquor law violations referred for disciplinary action at UI were down from 228 in 2012 to 146 in 2013. Drug law arrests were also down, from 33 to 25. Most of the drug violations

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SaVED from assault

SaVE Act expands federally mandated reporting to include gender-based crimes

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

Four cases of stalking were reported on the University of Idaho campus in 2013, but no cases of domestic violence or dating violence were reported, according to the 2014 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report released earlier this month.

In security reports of years past, these gender-based crimes were virtually non-existent to the public.

The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act, an amendment to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, updates the Clery Act to increase reporting transparency by disseminating a more expansive list of campus crimes and to better inform the public about the issue of gender-based harassment on federally financed college campuses nationwide.

While stalking, domestic violence and dating violence were not publicly reported prior to the most recent annual security report, UI still compiles different crimes that occur on

campus for records even if they did not show up on the report.

Lauri Koster is the Clery coordinator and risk specialist for UI, and is in charge of compiling information from the Moscow Police Department, the UI Dean of Students Office and other safety groups in and around UI.

"The Moscow Police Department every morning sends out an incident report of different things that happened under their jurisdiction, and the ones that happen on campus are marked with a code. I put all those in a crime log," Koster said.

The security report must also give an overview of the school's disciplinary process for cases of gender-based harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment and sexual assault. In addition, the SaVE Act requires all incoming students and employees to be informed of gender-based harassment resources,

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CAMPUS SAFETY

UI combats assault, reports increase

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

At least eight reports of sexual assault involving University of Idaho students are currently being investigated at UI according to Women's Center Director Lysa Salsbury, one of three UI staff members certified as Title IX investigators.

But an increase in reports doesn't necessarily point to an increase in sexual assaults among the student body, said UI Associate Dean of Students Craig Chatriand.

"One of the challenges with this work is a lot of people look at the reports of sexual assaults or rapes on campus and they'll see the number potentially going up, and think, well, none of this stuff is working," he said. "That's usually the opposite, the more reports we get is more of an indication that people feel comfortable coming to

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Craig Chatriand,
Associate Dean of Students

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While the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report publishes reports of sexual assault that occur on campus, Chatriand and Moscow police officer Lt. David

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ADMINISTRATION

Staben takes a stance

President Chuck Staben declares himself a feminist

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

It began with a T-shirt — one that University of Idaho President Chuck Staben was given by the Women's Center on campus. Within days, Staben was talking to students in a Women's Studies class about the importance of feminism and gender equality.

Staben said a Friday letter in which he addressed the topic of sexual assault, prompted these events.

"I received the T-shirt and was invited to speak around the time I wrote the letter in which I approached the issue of sexual violence from what was perhaps a different point of view," Staben said. "All of these events were certainly closely associated."

The black shirt with the slogan "This is what a feminist



UI President Chuck Staben sports a T-shirt given to him by the Women's Center in support of feminism. Corrin Bond | Argonaut

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Creepy potions

Claire Whitley
Crumbs

Ghouls, zombies, vampires and even innocent drinks can all be creepy on Halloween. This recipe will give people the willies, and all it takes is a little Sprite.

Ingredients:

- Sprite
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- Nerds candy

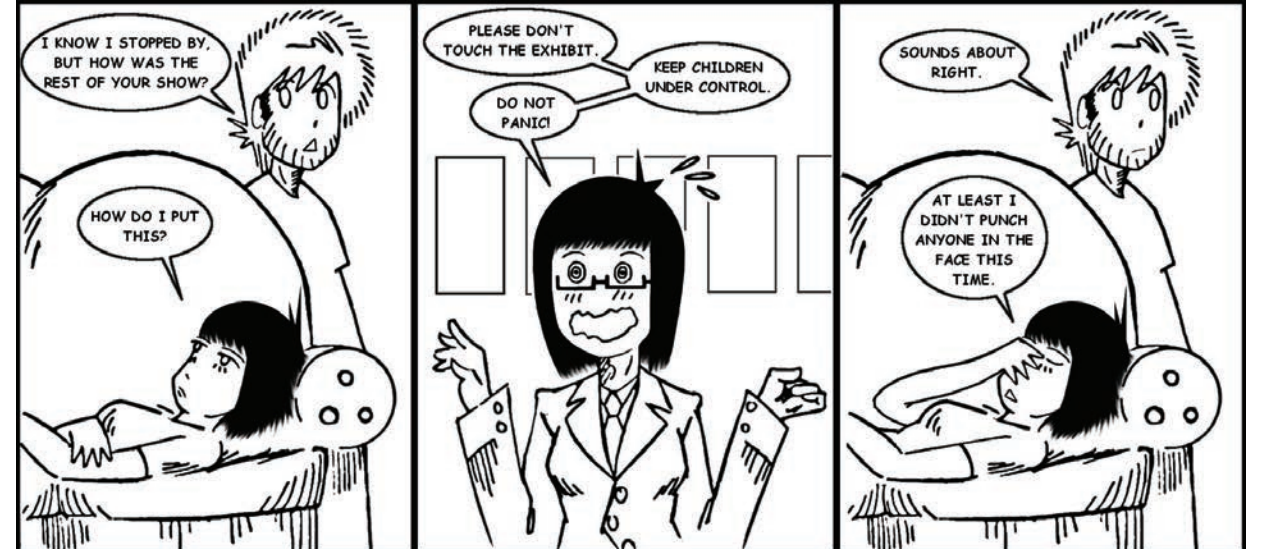
Directions:

1. Skewer the eyeballs so they will face the person drinking, or use ice so it floats naturally.
2. Pour in Sprite, two drops of green food coloring and Nerds candy.
3. That's it. Drink up this creepy brew.

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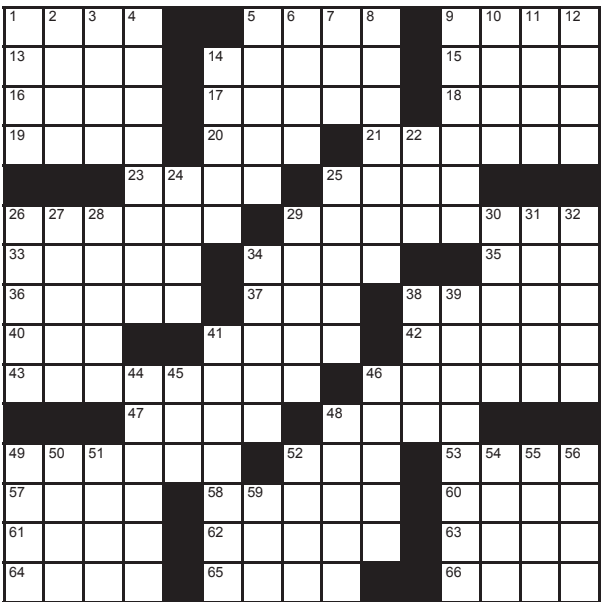
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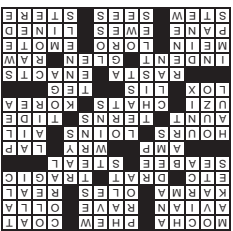


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Starting tradition

Stabens to host students for Halloween open house

Shannon Kelly
Argonaut

To most University of Idaho students, the President's House perched on the top of the hill on Nez Perce Drive is a mystery. But, UI President Chuck Staben said he wants to change that and is inviting the university student body to celebrate Halloween with him and his wife at an open house Halloween celebration from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

"Halloween is a fun holiday," Staben said. "A lot of students enjoy it and my wife Mary Beth and I have always enjoyed it. The university is our community and we would like to invite our community to come enjoy the holiday with us."

Among the festivities will be a drawing for a \$100 Vandal Store gift certificate, President's Suite seating for the Nov. 15 Vandal football game and a dinner for eight with

the Stabens.

Staben said guests are welcome to wear costumes and enjoy the candy and food with other Vandals in the community in a safe environment. Staben said, jokingly, students may be disappointed by how plainly decorated the president's house is. He and his wife are not currently living in it due to plans to replace the house. However, he said the Halloween decorations and food would certainly make up for it. The living room area will be where guests can eat candy, cookies, cider and other treats provided by the Stabens.

“The place will be decorated a bit and my wife and I will be there to welcome students and say ‘Happy Halloween,’” Staben said.

Staben said he's been asked by many what he and his wife will dress up as for Halloween, but has yet to reveal that information to anyone.

"You will just have to show up to find out. I'm not letting that one out of the bag," Mary Beth Staben said. "It's a surprise, but

it will be a good one. It's not Halloween without costumes."

Tradition and community were major influences in the Stabens' decision to host students at a Halloween gathering. He hopes to make the event a tradition and to host students for various other events and holidays in the years to come.

“When I was a child I loved to put on a costume and go trick-or-treat,” he said. “My wife and I loved going with our children on Halloween as well as welcoming trick-or-treaters. It just seems like a natural extension that the university is our home and our community — the students are part of our community, so let’s host them.”

Staben, experiencing his first fall season in Moscow, said he's excited to see some of the Halloween traditions at UI. He encourages students to participate in campus events such as the Vandal Women's Basketball game on Halloween night, various campus haunted house fundraisers and the Lionel Hampton School of Music's Tubaween.

Staben said his personal hope is that some of the tuba players can take a break from their event to run up and play a few songs at the open house.

Among the decorations at the president's house will be props and creations by Rayce Bird, a UI alumnus who won the SyFy Channel's "FaceOff" competition. The Stabens, along with UI spokesman Brian Keenan, said they're enthusiastic about including samples of UI student success in the event.

"It will be a lot of fun for students to come look at items made by a man who went to UI and now works part-time in Hollywood," Keenan said.

Staben encourages students to show up in costume or informal attire.

"I really love costumes and the creativity that goes into them," he said. "Students can come over however they like ... as long as it's decent."

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Commemorating the deceased

UI community celebrates
Day of the Dead Nov. 1

Emily Mosset
Argonaut

Halloween is a time for tradition. Trick-or-treating, costume parties and scary movie marathons all come with the change of the leaves.

For those with Hispanic heritage though, this time of year represents a different meaning.

The Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, takes place Nov. 1 and 2, and honors deceased loved ones. Traditions of the celebration include cleaning and decorating the grave-stones of the deceased with home-made altars. The decorations are often bright, colorful and covered in the deceased's favorite foods, flowers, candles, pan de muertos, pictures and of some more personal

items like their favorite type of gum or their personal Bible.

University of Idaho students and community members will celebrate the holiday at this year's El Color de Nuestra Tierra from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 1 in the SUB Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

The student activist group Movimiento Activista Social (MAS), the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Department of Modern Languages and Culture and ASUI will host the event.

"I think is really great with the event that we're doing with the Dia de los Muertos is that it's a way to tie together with the community around here," said Ashley

Kerr, a UI Spanish professor. "We invite community members from Moscow and the surrounding areas to come ... so it's a chance for us in the Spanish department and as a university to connect with the outside world."

Interim Director at the Office of Multicultural Affairs Jesse Martinez said celebrations like Dia de los Muertos highlight the entire Hispanic population.

"A lot of times, when people hear the word 'Latino' they usually think Mexican because that's usually the most experience they've had with Latinos," Martinez said. "This is really to show the diversity of Latin America and South America as well. There will

be performances, poems, there's going to be a lot of artistic showcases to illustrate the diversity within the Latino community."

Día de los Muertos is split into two separate celebrations. Nov. 1 is the day to remember the souls of children, or Día de los Inocentes. They are honored with special designs in the altars, using the color white on flowers and candles. The day to remember deceased adults takes place Nov. 2.


MA has held many outreach programs for the community to cover issues such as how women are treated at the U.S.-Mexico border, farmworker awareness and equality for the Hispanic community. Its annual El Color

de Nuestra Tierra was made to promote and bring awareness to the equality issues still in the U.S., and Martinez said the focus on combining the importance of the rare indigenous cultures of Latin America with the tradition of Día de los Muertos is a smart way to do it.

“(MAS) looks at the issues that are really affecting our community and issues that aren’t being raised,” Martinez said. “One of the big things I love about the organization is that everybody shows respect. They don’t just talk about the issues, they do something about it.”

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A library facelift

Library renovation gaining momentum

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Library is an academic staple on the Moscow campus and it's in line for an aesthetic upgrade.

UI Library Dean Lynn Baird said the renovation of the library became a priority this year and will include changing the current front desk and office area into an open study space with access to natural light. Additionally, the renovation will include the construction of a coffee shop with possibilities of added instructional space. Baird said the renovation would tentatively begin in May 2015.

As the largest library in the state, the UI Library holds over a million books, subscribes to almost 10,000 periodicals and serves as an official government regional depository storing over 2 million government documents. The UI Library welcomes approximately 500,000 visitors per year, both students and public citizens.

Baird said the goal of the library facelift is to make the atmosphere of the library more welcoming and productive for visitors. Baird said a National Association of College and University Business Officers report revealed libraries are one of the most important facilities on college campuses.

"Out of all the different facilities on campus, the library is one of the important ones when you're making a college decision," she said. "Our goal as librarians is to make this a welcoming space."

In order to accomplish that goal, Baird said the library tries to remove barriers to student learning whenever possible. In the past, this has included adding more technology, allowing food and beverages in the library and assigning varied quiet study areas.

Baird has worked with the UI Library since 1974. In that time, the library has undergone only one renovation in 1992, which re-carpeted the first floor and incorporated additional technology capabilities, Baird said.

When she assumed the role of dean, Baird said the library created a concept plan to improve the versatility of the library space. She said the current modification plans came from this concept.

Though Baird said her ideal plans would include connecting the second floor of the library to the Teaching Learning Center with a direct pathway, and adding an area for special collections, the first floor renovation is the most realistic improvement to make at this time.

Spaces for multimedia and collaborative learning, as well as a gallery to display student work were maintained from the original plan, she said. The renovation will include instruction rooms to teach library instruction programs, information literacy courses and tiered instruction programs that teach anything, including how to conduct intensive research.

"Primarily, at the end of the day, what we want you to do is be

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Lynn Baird, Library Dean

really savvy consumers of information," Baird said. "We know that the content you get now is not the same content that you're going to need in 40 years."

Baird said this can be accomplished by teaching students process, and to have an adequate space for students to engage in processes.

Nick Wren, a senior studying biochemistry and serving as ASUI director of health and wellness, said he thinks the library is an important place for students to get to know and use appropriately. Wren said while the time to get to and from the library may deter him from utilizing it occasionally, it is a great place to study and he would like to see more students use it.

"How much time I spend in the library kind of varies on what my classes are this semester," Wren said. "If I have a bunch of hard classes, I think I study more in the library just because it is a nice place to study

and it's quieter ... I'm definitely way more productive than I am at home."

While Wren said he doesn't think the current setup of the library isn't welcoming or satisfactory, the proposed changes would be an improvement. He said he has heard a lot of support for a coffee shop in the library and feels the other changes would benefit students overall.

As the project didn't immediately attract funds, the renovation of the first floor is reliant on a working budget of \$800,000 to be approved by the State Board of Education and a \$200,000 Challenge Grant given by UI President Chuck Staben. Baird said the funding of the first floor renovation is secured, but she hopes to continue to raise funds for improvements. The SBOE will have to approve the design phase, and subsequently approve the construction phase.

Working with the Miller Hull Partnership, LLP on the pre-design phase, along with the UI facilities staff, Baird said the library has been inclusive in their planning. Initial meetings with the architect were held and sat in on by several people, including ASUI President Nate Fisher and student employees from the library, to give their insights and concerns as students. Chair of the Library Affairs Committee and UI Assistant Professor of History Rebecca Jager also sat in on the initial meetings and said she has seen much of support from both UI faculty and students.

"I very quickly discovered that

a lot of faculty feel a special affinity towards the library," Jager said. "We all depend on the library and the people in it to inspire our students and to help our students and to help them progress in their scholarly pursuits, as well as getting everything we need as faculty to produce our own scholarship."

Jager said it became apparent the library renovation could be a push on campus that would involve faculty and students, giving everyone an opportunity to become engaged and contribute in a tangible way.

Jager said she has received a lot of positive feedback from faculty members, all of whom are engaged and want to help and make the project a reality.

Jager said she has not received any negative feedback and thinks most people recognize the library is an important part of the institution for recruiting, retaining and inspiring students. Since faculty members are required to produce scholarship, Jager said they are dependent on the library as well.

"There are a lot of worthy causes and worthy projects at the University of Idaho currently, but I think the library is that one place, you know, that one special place, that all of us have a stake in," Jager said. "We have a stake in ensuring that is an inspiring and productive place for students to go and follow their academic leads."

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Police log

Monday October 27

5:55 p.m. 2000 block White Ave.
Caller reported stray horses wandering around the neighborhood. A report was taken.

6:43 p.m. 100 block Peterson Drive
Report of a vehicle break-in. A small amount of change had been removed from the

vehicle. A report was taken.

Tuesday October 28

1:38 a.m. 1100 block East F St.
A male was cited and released for possession of drug paraphernalia. A report was taken.

8:13 a.m. 1800 block White Ave.
Officers cited a horse owner after reports had been filed regarding their horses running

loose in the area Monday. A report was taken.

Wednesday October 29

1:20 a.m. 400 block Spotswood St.
Caller reported fireworks in the area. No report was filed.

4:04 p.m. 700 block Rayburn St.
A camera was removed from an unlocked vehicle. No report was filed.

4:09 p.m. 700 block Deakin Ave.

Caller reported a male yelling obscenities on the sidewalk. When contacted by officers, he said he was rapping with a friend. No report was filed.

4:19 p.m. 500 block Queen Rd.
A female was cited and released for slapping someone in the face. A report was taken.

4:24 p.m. 700 block Deakin Ave.
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ASSAULT

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correct reporting protocols, bystander intervention techniques and rights available to victims and the accused.

During investigations of gender-based harassment, UI Women's Center Director Lysa Salsbury said UI's first and primary concerns are the health, safety and well being of students. She said such measures can include issuing no-contact orders, working with faculty and staff to switch housing or class schedules and informing a victim of resources such as the Counseling and Testing Center and Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

"Students still have the choice to cooperate or not with an investigation, and obviously we do our best to help the student understand it is ultimately within their best interests so they can receive assistance and service from the institution," Salsbury said. "But, if a student decides 'I am not going to talk to you,' it's their prerogative, and we can't force them to."

UI offers several gender-based harassment prevention and education programs. Salsbury said these programs include the bystander-intervention coalition Green Dot, the online safety module for incoming students called "Think About It," as well as the harassment support groups Speaker's Bureau and Safe Zone.

UI employees are also federally mandated under Title IX to be educated in their responsibilities as a mandated reporter of gender-based harassment. Chatriand said the university is working to inform employees of this obligation.

"A lot of what we talk to our faculty and staff about is what to do if a student discloses to you, if they've been sexually harassed or been a victim of sexual violence ... and that is something done during new employee orientation," Chatriand said.

Over the past couple years, Chatriand said a group consisting of himself, Salsbury, and a swath of other UI employees held informational sessions with UI departments to expand on subjects mentioned in new employee orientation related to gender-based harassment reporting.

According to Salsbury, this effort proved to be too colossal of an undertaking to accomplish due to the amount of employees at the university, so in order to more efficiently inform all employees of their federally mandated reporting obligations, an educational online module about Title IX responsibilities is in the works.

Salsbury said while the university is in compliance with Title IX regulations, the online module would be a supplementary training exercise for UI employees.

"There are over 5,000 employees at this university, and we have trained hundreds but we still have thousands left to go, and it's not within our capacity to be able to get to every single employee in person," she said. "Currently, (the module) is the most effective way of delivering the training and mandating it so it's required."

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STANCE

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looks like" sprawled across the front in pink letters is what first sparked public speculation about Staben's stance on feminism.

"When the women's studies instructor invited me to speak to their students, I thought it would be a great opportunity to wear the shirt the Women's Center had given me," Staben said. "I ended up wearing it while walking all across campus that day — after speaking to the class, I had a Staff Appreciation Day event to attend and I thought it would be quite an appropriate shirt to wear for it."

Staben said the combination of walking through campus while wearing the T-shirt and attending a public event with a large guest list is likely what caught people's attention.

"I think people interpreted my shirt as a public endorsement of feminism, which is perfectly appropriate," he said. "Why would one not want to uphold the rights and values of women?"

The president's public motion in support of feminism has garnered

the attention of students like Adam Alvarez as well, who said he sees a lot of value in Staben's public stance.

"I'm happy he supports feminism," Alvarez said. "The president is the face of our university and when people think of Staben it's good for them to know that he is someone who cares about all of the students on campus and that he is also taking the steps to create a safe environment for everybody."

Staben said while he isn't completely sure as to what the formal definition of feminism is, he believes in its significance.

"In my opinion, a feminist is someone who values and respects women as individuals and in that regard, I have been a feminist for some time," he said. "Women have a right to not be assaulted, to earn the same salaries as men, to resume a place of equality in society."

While the meaning of feminism is subjective to the individual, UI student Jessie Giguere provides a definition similar to Staben's that reflects a principle tenet of the feminist philosophy.

"I define feminism as equity among men and

women," she said.

Despite a prevalence of feminism on campus, some, like Giguere, feel the university still has aspects of gender inequality upon which it should strive to improve.

"I think the Women's Center does an excellent job serving as a proponent of women's rights on campus," Giguere said. "But I think we are lacking in representation within the community as a whole."

When it comes to endorsing the advocacy of feminism on campus, Staben said not only has he supported the Women's Center in the past, but will continue to do so in the future.

"When I think of the attitude I want to see on campus, I think of a bumper sticker that my daughter gave me," Staben said. "It says 'Of course I'm a feminist,' and that sums up my own attitude about it. Of course you should respect women and women's rights — it's just a given, and it seems to me that more people should be saying, 'Of course I'm a feminist, aren't you?'"

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CRIME

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were in the residence halls, said Lt. David Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department.

Also reported were incidents of dating violence, domestic violence and stalking — a new addition to the report in 2013 so data from previous years is unavailable. According to the report, there were no reported incidents of dating or domestic violence and four incidents of reported stalking.

Lehmitz said the decreased crime in 2013 didn't surprise him and seemed in line with his observations around campus last year.

"(Crime) does seem like it's been down," he said. "We haven't written as many alcohol violations, we've seen none of the fights or incidents of vandalism we've seen in the past."

Lehmitz said UI has put a lot of work into safety programs over the past few years, including the Katy Benoit Safety Week, Green Dot, I've Got Your Back Campaign and many other programs centered on safe alcohol consumption, dating violence and stalking awareness.

Lehmitz said he suspects these awareness and encouragement efforts are responsible for the lower crime rates.

"It's easier to get information to those individuals," he said. "We encourage people to come forward and use the resources that the university offers. This year, we did have a lot of people come forward to report crimes as opposed to any other years."

According to Matt Dorschel, ex-

ecutive director of the Office of Public Safety and Security, his office is happy to see lower crime statistics, but the numbers don't necessarily indicate local crime has decreased.

"I don't like to draw too many conclusions (from the numbers) — it kind of depends on the category," he said.

For example, Dorschel said, in the case of alcohol and drug abuse violations, higher numbers may mean law enforcement is simply doing a better job. In the case of some violent crimes, especially those involving sexual abuse, Dorschel said the lower numbers may indicate fewer people came forward to report the crimes.

Dorschel said the numbers in 2013's report reaffirmed what many community members already know: Moscow is a relatively safe place to be.

"It's a small town, people know one another and it's somewhat isolated from big cities and the problems that happen there," Dorschel said. "That's what it is about Moscow and UI that people are drawn to — people are engaged in everything, and parents in the community are engaged in ensuring their children and other children are safe, and there's a lot of interest in making sure Moscow stays that way."

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REPORTING

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Lehmitz both said the statistics reported by the Clery Act are not necessarily representative of all the sexual assaults that occur in a year. Chatriand said with his experience, it's a pretty even split between sexual assaults happening on and off campus.

"The Clery Report is one tool, it does not give an accurate representation of our student's experience because it is only for things that happen on campus," Chatriand said. "Camping, back home, off-campus houses, these type of situations don't make it into the security report ... that's still impacting our students experience so we're going to try and provide resources to those students and try to investigate those types of things."

Chatriand said students are becoming more inclined to report incidents of sexual assault because of a change in how sexual assault education is taught at UI. He said a larger focus on bystander intervention, versus methods of the past that perpetuated victim blaming or telling all men to quit assaulting women, is key to the change he's seeing.

Despite the change, rape still remains underreported, Salsbury said. The nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization Rape, Assault, and Incest National Network (RAINN) reports sexual assault is the most underreported crime in the U.S. and 60 percent of assaults are not reported to the police.

Salsbury said one of the main deterrents for students not to report an assault is the existence of a victim blaming culture. This culture deems victims responsible for an assault by blaming

factors like things they did, said, wore or where they were at any given time.

Salsbury also said the trauma that can develop from retelling the events leading up to an assault and recounting the assault can deter a student from reporting. She said UI investigators strive to have all investigators in the same room at once so a victim only has to tell their story once.

"It can be particularly traumatizing if, as in (most) cases, the survivor knows their assailant and fears that person having negative repercussions that could affect their life and their college career, ranging from academic sanctions to being kicked out of college to being arrested," she said.

Associate Director of University Housing Corey Ray and Associate Director of Human Rights Access and Inclusion Erin Agidius are the other two UI employees certified to investigate sexual assault cases at UI.

The number of certified investigators has declined since last year, as two have left UI. Chatriand is available only to serve as a conduct officer to deliver cases to the Student Disciplinary Review Board.

Salsbury said five UI staff members are on standby to take courses to certify them as Title IX investigators, and Chatriand said the Dean of Students Office is currently searching for another student conduct officer.

"We have a number of people in the pipeline to be trained right now," Chatriand said.

The loss of investigation personnel comes at a tough time for UI, as the university is still under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for Title IX violations, along with 75 other uni-

versities across the nation. The violation under investigation is related to not investigating a report of sexual assault within the given time frame, according to reports from last spring.

"We're doing our best, but time has definitely been an issue," Salsbury said.


She said the federal department suggests sexual assault investigations should be finalized within a 60-day time frame, though investigations often go on for longer. This is frequently the case when investigations involve a police report because it takes additional time for police to conduct an investigation. The Moscow Police Department and the Dean of Students Office frequently work together, Lehmitz said.

"Obviously, they can't interfere with a police investigation, but what we have found is that it saves a lot of time, and it saves a lot of repetition for the victim if we can work in conjunction with the university," Lehmitz said.

Juggling Title IX investigator responsibilities with the responsibilities of their full-time positions at UI can be challenging, and a large chunk of time is often needed to interview every person affiliated with a report of sexual assault, Chatriand said.

"We try to corroborate the stories if possible, it's like a really big jigsaw puzzle we're trying to put together in a way that makes a reasonably cohesive story," he said. "Sometimes the stories are pretty close, and it's pretty easy. Other times, they're like night and day difference ... we're trying to do the best we can."

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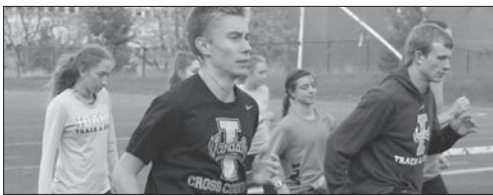
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SPORTS



Vandal cross country prepares for Big Sky Championships Nov. 1 in North Dakota

MEN'S BASKETBALL

New conference, new era

Connor Hill taking on a new role with Idaho basketball

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

With 10 freshmen and sophomores on the 2014 men's basketball roster, an opening exhibition game offers an opportunity for young players to get playing time and vie for spots in the starting lineup.

The Idaho men's basketball team takes the court for the first time this season against NCAA Division II opponent Simon Fraser at 7 p.m. Friday in Memorial Gym for the first of two preseason exhibition games.

“

I know the system and I have to embrace a bigger role like Steve did last year. He did a great job of it as a senior ... I am just trying to follow his example.

Connor Hill, guard

“It's a chance to put on our uniforms, turn on the lights and see how the guys act underneath the lights,” said Idaho coach Don Verlin. “I am going to get a good read on my guys in game-like situations during these two exhibition games.”

The beginning of the season allows Vandals to step into leadership roles on a team that only has three seniors.

One of those seniors is guard Connor Hill. The three-point wizard was second on the team in scoring last season, averaging 14.2 points per game, and has taken on a more vocal leadership role this season, Hill said.

Along with becoming a more vocal player, Hill has also taken on more of a leadership role, much like former-Vandal Stephen Madison did a year ago.

“I am embracing the role, I am a senior and a four-year player and have been here



Jose Bendeck | Argonaut

Idaho guard Connor Hill attempts a 3-point shot during practice Tuesday in the PEB Gym. Hill averaged 14.2 points per game last season, and is expected to step into a leadership role on the team this season. Idaho plays Simon Fraser at 7 p.m. Friday in Memorial Gym.

longer than anyone by far,” Hill said. “I know the system and I have to embrace a bigger role like Steve did last year. He did a great job of it as a senior ... I am just trying to follow his example.”

Although the Post Falls native has shown his scoring ability by averaging double figures in each of the last two seasons as a Vandal, he

won't be asked to shoulder the load alone.

“We are going to be a team that has maybe four or five guys in double figures and that is going to be a lot of fun and we will be harder to guard,” Verlin said.

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Replacing Stephen Madison

With Stephen Madison gone, Verlin has unknowns heading into season

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

This season, Idaho coach Don Verlin will face the difficult task of replacing Stephen Madison.

At times last season, the 6-foot-6, 205-pound forward willed Idaho to victory, but sometimes his efforts fell short as well. In a game against Utah Valley, Madison scored a career-high, 42 points in an 89-88 loss.



Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Madison led the team in nearly every major statistical category — points, steals, blocks and rebounds, among others. He was the do-everything player for the Vandals, and replacing him will take a group effort.

The object in basketball is to have more points than the other team when the final buzzer sounds — just in case you didn't know. Madison averaged 20.1 points per game last year and senior shooting guard Connor Hill will be looked upon to replace his production.

Hill, known for his three-point shooting ability, averaged 14.2 points per game last season. He will need to take a step forward in order for Idaho to win games this season.

It won't be all Hill, though. Guys like sophomore guard Sekou Wiggs and senior point guard Mike Scott

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Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Sophomore wide receiver Deon Watson is tackled during team drills at practice Wednesday. The Vandals will try for their second win of the season when they play Arkansas State at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Saturday is also Military Appreciation day.

FOOTBALL

Running game flowing

Idaho's offensive line opening up holes for running backs

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The Idaho football team will go for two at 2 p.m. Saturday when it takes on Arkansas State in the Kibbie Dome. Two wins, that is.

The team picked up its first win of the season Oct. 18 against New Mexico State when it allowed the Aggies to score just 17 points, the fewest Idaho has given up all season. Another key to the win was the team's 310 rushing yards, led by senior running back Jerrel Brown, who had 151 yards on the ground.

“We're starting to run the ball,” senior center Mike Marboe said. “The last three games we've ran the ball well.”

In their last three games against New Mexico State, Georgia Southern and Texas State, the Vandals have rushed for a total of 580 yards.

“We got to be able to run the ball,” Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. “We don't want to drop back and throw it every down against these guys (Arkansas State). They rush the quarterback too well. So we got to make them defend the run and the pass.”

While Brown had a big day against New Mexico State, sometimes it's hard to

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CROSS COUNTRY

Championship racing time

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the first time in four years, Idaho heads into a cross country conference championship without being the favorites to win on the women's side.

The Idaho cross country teams will race in the Big Sky Conference Championships — for the first time since 1996 — Saturday at the Ray Richards Golf Course in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

"I think we're in a great position, I think we feel really good about where we're at," Idaho coach Travis Floeck said. "I think we're excited, our energy is up, fitness is exactly where we want it to be and what you envision at the beginning of the season, I think that's where we're at."

The Vandals head into the meet against some stiff competition. On the men's side, conference favorite Northern Arizona is ranked No. 10 in the nation while Southern Utah comes into the meet ranked No. 24. On the women's side, NAU is

ranked No. 36.

Aside from NAU, Floeck said the teams on the women's side are really close in talent level. He said Idaho could finish anywhere from second to 10th depending on how the race pans out. On the men's side, he said the team could realistically land anywhere from third to eighth depending on how everyone runs that day.

"I'm going to be real happy if we walk away and we compete well," Floeck said. "Wherever that plays out, I'll be happy with that and we'll keep moving forward to the regional meet and then beyond the season."

Idaho goes into the meet mostly healthy, but there are a couple of question marks on both sides. On the women's side, sophomore Alex Siemens took some time off the past week to rest and recover from some nagging injury problems but is expected to compete.

For the Vandals not competing is junior Halie Raudenbush. After not training much over the summer,

Raudenbush would have been the second-best Vandal at the Inland Empire Challenge Oct. 18, as she competed in the meet unaffiliated to keep her redshirt. Even so, Floeck said it is best for her and the future of the team to have Raudenbush keep her redshirt this season and not have her run in a Vandal uniform at the conference meet.

"I'm confident in the team I have right now and making that decision with the big picture in mind as far as the seasons to come and what's in her best interest and the best interest of the team," he said.

On the men's side, sophomores Mickey Day and Tim Delcourt will be back in the lineup after missing the last meet for Idaho.

Going into the meet, the plan for the Vandals is the same as it always is — not start out too fast and then take advantage of the racers who do, Floeck said.

"It's not as exciting as far as Xs and Os go even though I think sometimes

people try to make it that way," he said. "It is really a simple sport when you think about it — you're going out and you're running hard and you're racing people and trying to get to the line."

Floeck said sophomore Nathan Stark brought up a good point in practice last week. Stark said the Vandals should focus on passing teams at the end of the season just like they focus on passing racers at the end of a race. That mindset of finishing the race and the season better than they started is the goal going into the meet, Floeck said.

"What I want to try to do is mitigate the pressure a little bit and just know that it's a race just like anything else," he said. "You go out, you run hard and run to your fitness level and that's all we're trying to do. If they are able to do that, we'll get good results for sure."

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Morgan Choate works out during practice Wednesday. Idaho will compete in the Big Sky Conference Championship Saturday in North Dakota.



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WOMEN'S GOLF

Better each day

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The Idaho women's golf team shot its best round of the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Tuesday to wrap up a sixth place finish in Boulder City, Nevada.

The Vandals entered Tuesday in sixth place and their third-round 290 helped them keep that position out of the 18 teams competing. The Vandals shot an 18-over-par 882 for the tournament with round scores of 301, 291 and 290.

"It was a really strong performance," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said. "We beat several teams ranked ahead of us."

The tournament was Idaho's last tournament of the fall season. It will tee off again at the Texas State Delta Gamma Challenge Feb. 15 and 16

in San Marcos, Texas.

Senior Kaitlyn Oster shot the best score for Idaho with a 3-over-par 219 to tie for 15th. Oster shot a 1-under-par 71 in the second and third rounds — the only Vandal to shoot under par in those rounds.

"This golf course sets up very well for her game," Johnson said of Oster.

Junior Kristin Strankman finished tied for 22nd by shooting a 4-over-par 220. She finished the first round with a 2-under-par 70.

Sophomore Amy Hasenoehrl finished one stroke behind Strankman with a 5-over-par 221 to tie for 25th. She shot a 1-over-par 73 in the second and third rounds.

Senior Leilanie Kim shot a 7-over-par 79 in the first round but responded with even-par 72 scores in the second and third rounds.

“
This golf course sets up very well for her game,
”

Lisa Johnson,
coach

Idaho shoots better score each round to take sixth at Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown

the greens the first day relative to the last two days.”

Minnesota and San Diego State tied for the title. Each shot a 1-under-par 863 for the tournament. Minnesota finished strong by firing the low-round scores in the second and third round.

Host UNLV finished third by shooting a 4-over-par 868.

UNLV's Dana Finkelshtein took home individual honors firing a 9-under-par 207. She shot a 7-under-par 65 in the third round, the lowest score for that round.

San Diego State's Haleigh Krause shot a 6-under-par 210 for second place and Minnesota's Celia Kuenster shot a 4-under-par 212, including 4-under-par 68 in the last two rounds, to finish third.

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Back to its sweeping ways

Idaho sweeps Montana State

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team returned to its winning ways Thursday night in Bozeman, Montana. The Vandals swept Big Sky Conference opponent Montana State 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-21) for the second time this season.

Idaho has won five of its last six matches, with all of its wins during that stretch coming as sweeps.

“For the most part, we did some really good things,” Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. “Our passing was a little off tonight so we weren’t always as crisp as we wanted to

be, but we did some things that were decent offensively and defensively.”

The Vandals (12-11 overall, 8-3 Big Sky) continue Big Sky play against Montana (6-17, 6-5) at 6 p.m. Saturday in Missoula. Idaho beat Montana 3-0 Oct. 16 in Memorial Gym. Montana has won its last three matches.

“I think we need to play better than we did tonight going into Saturday’s match,” Buchanan said. “Montana’s playing well. So I think we need to have a good day at practice tomorrow and be ready for a tougher match on Saturday.”

Senior middle blocker Alyssa Schultz and sophomore outside hitter Ali Forde led Idaho in Thursday’s match with 10 kills apiece. Schultz hit .667 and Forde hit .526.

“Both of those guys (Schultz and Forde)

did a nice job of keeping the ball in play or going for the kill,” Buchanan said.

Junior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson added nine kills and junior setter Meredith Coba had 41 assists.

In the first set, neither team was able to gather a lot of momentum early. Idaho finally did late in the set. The Vandals led 15-13 and extended the lead to 20-13.

Idaho trailed 18-16 in the second set, but ended the set on a 9-3 run to win 25-21.

Montana State (4-19, 1-10) tried to avoid the sweep in the third set, as the two teams were tied at 19. The Vandals made another run to take the set 25-21.

Idaho hit .324 compared to Montana State’s .174. The Vandals also had eight more blocks than the Bobcats, winning that cat-

egory 12-4.

“I thought we were able to serve and get them out of their comfort zone a little bit, which helped us to be able to get some blocks,” Buchanan said.

Idaho also committed fewer attack errors than Montana State. The Bobcats had 20 and the Vandals committed 11.

“That’s (errors) kind of the difference in some of these tight matches,” Buchanan said. “As we get further into the season and we get some of those other teams coming in that are right behind us, it’s going to be really about the team that makes the least amount of errors.”

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RUNNING

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predict who will receive the majority of the carries each game.

“Everyone has to play a role,” Brown said. “I’m not the only guy on this field that can make plays. (Elijhaa) Penny again is humongous. He’s going to run guys over. Kris (Olugbode) is a strong back. Duck (Aaron Duckworth) is fast, and we all have attributes that contribute to this team.”

When the running game is working, it usually means the offensive line is opening up holes for the backs.

“Guys are getting a little more experience,” Marboe said of the offensive line. “We’re coming together. We’re communicating better at the line of scrimmage. On the sidelines we’re making adjustments. It’s good. It makes the game a lot more fun when things are flowing better.”

Idaho (1-6 overall, 1-4 Sun Belt) is coming off its bye week, but Arkansas State (4-3, 2-1) will play the Vandals with a little more rest than usual as well. The Red Wolves last played Oct. 21 at Louisiana-Lafayette and lost 55-40.

Arkansas State is led by junior quarterback Fredi Knighten and junior wide receiver J.D. McKissic.

“Offensively, 23’s (McKissic) as good a playmaker as there is,” Petrino said. “Thirty four’s (Michael Gordon) been running the ball really well and their quarterback’s athletic.”

The Red Wolves rank 27th in the FBS in rushing yards, with 224 yards a game. Knighten leads the team in carries with 112 carries. The next closest is sophomore running back Johnston White with 64 yards. McKissic leads the team in receptions and receiving yards.

As for the Vandals, Petrino said redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan appeared to be fine at Monday’s practice. Linehan sustained a concussion in the first half of the New Mexico State game after being hit on a play while sliding. Sophomore quarterback Chad Chalich replaced him during the game. Petrino said they will have an offensive package for Chalich against Arkansas State.

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Junior runningback Elijhaa Penny carries the ball during positional drills at practice Wednesday. The Vandals will try for their second win of the season when they play Arkansas State at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

REPLACING

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will also need to increase their scoring output — both averaged fewer than 10 points last year.

Scoring is the main issue, but don’t overlook rebounding. Most of Idaho’s troubles last year came from the lack of a low post presence. Madison did his part, but playing multiple roles made it so he wasn’t always underneath the glass to get boards.

Sophomore center Ty Egbert showed glimpses of his potential last year, but also

had mental lapses. Look for him to take a big step forward this season and be the low post presence Idaho lacked last year.

While on the shorter side for a post player, the 6-foot-6 Bira Seck was impressive last year in his first season playing Division-I basketball. He showed in the Silver and Gold Scrimmage he has the ability to score and had the look of an improved player.

Newcomers Nate Sherwood, Arkadiy Mkrtychyan and Nahshon George are all 6-foot-7 or taller. George led the team in rebounding dur-

ing the scrimmage, which is a promising development moving forward.

The Vandals play in two exhibition games before they start the regular season play. It will be interesting to see Verlin’s game plan for them. Does he sit players like Hill — who he already knows well — and play some of the newer guys? We shall see.

The team has a lot of unknowns, but the Vandals also have a lot of potential this season.

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ERA

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Although the exhibition games will not count on the record books, Verlin and the team are preparing for the game like any other the regular season game, he said. Simon Fraser only returns three players from last year’s team so Verlin said preparing a scouting report is more difficult.

Hill said the two exhibition games would allow the Vandals to see how they stack up against

an opponent before the regular season begins.

“Any time you can play against an opponent it helps because they don’t know your plays as well as your teammates,” he said. “It’s been a grind but it is every year playing against each other for so long ... So it’s nice to get out and play an opponent who isn’t as familiar with our plays. I am really excited for Friday night.”

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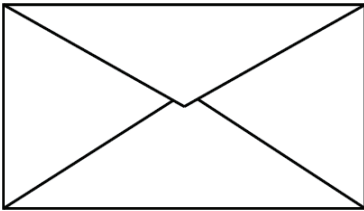
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Staben’s feminist side

Staben’s support for women’s rights sets good standard for UI

In a red state like Idaho, University of Idaho President Chuck Staben’s recent public endorsement of feminism is both refreshing and welcomed. Donning a black T-shirt with pink lettering that read, “This is what a feminist looks like,” Staben spoke at a Women’s Studies class before attending a staff event. As a state leader, it is a political and social statement, one that should be noticed by many on campus and throughout the state. Public support like Staben displayed is unusual for university presidents and is just the message both UI and the state need to move forward in reducing the gender gap and promoting equal-

ity among the sexes. Staben was given the shirt after he addressed issues of sexual assault in his weekly Friday Letter Sept. 12. “This is a topic of particular importance to me,” Staben wrote. “Last year, I was challenged and inspired by educator Jackson Katz’ TED Talk, which frames violence against women, children and other men as a men’s issue — something all men must address, but particularly those in leadership positions. Katz specifically called out university presidents as people who can set priorities at their institutions and educate the young people they influence.” Staben’s outward expression and support for feminism is rare in people of his professional standing — particularly males. To do so is to risk alienating a portion of the population that is vocally opposed to the feminist movement. But Staben did it

without a second thought. The average female worker in Idaho makes 75.2 cents to every dollar earned by their male counterparts, according to a 2013 study by the National Women’s Law Center. Women also make up a mere 26.7 percent of the Idaho Legislature. UI has its own problems with closing its gender gap. Women are underrepresented in STEM fields, there is a wage gap among employees and there are few female officials in the upper ranks of UI administration. Although Staben’s outward support is welcomed, his real support will be shown through his actions. Using the power of his office, it will be up to him to step up when the opportunity to close the gender gap presents itself. Hopefully, his support will be a sign to others on campus to move forward on this issue and remove much of the stigma that has come

to be associated with the word. Many were surprised by Staben’s outward support of feminism, but it’s clear he doesn’t view it as anything out of the ordinary — a sign his position on the issue is authentic, rather than a public relations move or an effort to please. The real Chuck Staben is a feminist and the University of Idaho president. In an era where feminists are categorized as bitter man-haters, it’s refreshing to see a prominent white male express his support for the movement. “Of course I’m a feminist,” and that sums up my own attitude about it,” Staben said. “Of course you should respect women and women’s rights — it’s just a given, and it seems to me that more people should be saying, ‘Of course I’m a feminist, aren’t you?’”

—RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Mein Bowl

Easy on the onions, please. I’d prefer not to be crying by the end of my meal. But seriously, I think there is the equivalent of about one onion in every serving.

—Ryan

In love all over again

It has been one night and I’m in love with Philly. I think I might look for jobs here.

—Danielle

Conferences

Today will be a day full of work and learning, and running away from people trying to drag me to a haunted penitentiary. Tomorrow, I get to traipse around Philly.

—Claire

Living it up

I am so thankful to have made it to Philadelphia in one piece. I’m looking forward to a day of learning more about journalism and hopefully some fun as well.

—Aleya

World Series

Congratulations Giants on winning the World Series, but I’m getting tired of watching you hoist the trophy every couple years. I think it’s time for the Mariners to win one ... please.

—Korbin

Happy Halloween!

“Thackery Binx, what took thee so long?” “I’m sorry, Emily. I had to wait 300 years for a virgin to light a candle.”

—Amber

Reformation Day

Four-hundred and ninety-seven years ago today, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenburg, the Reformation began and the truth of Scripture was rediscovered. Truly, our God is a mighty fortress.

—Andrew

Hoops time

Basketball season is finally here as NBA and college basketball start this week. Anyone want to get out the ole ball and play a game of horse?

—Stephan

Timing

It’s amazing — and slightly frightening — how much a situation’s outcome can depend on a few minutes.

—Daphne

Looking forward

Spring term and the terms following it are a distant blur in my mind. Summer internship? A work in progress.

—Katelyn

Friendly advice

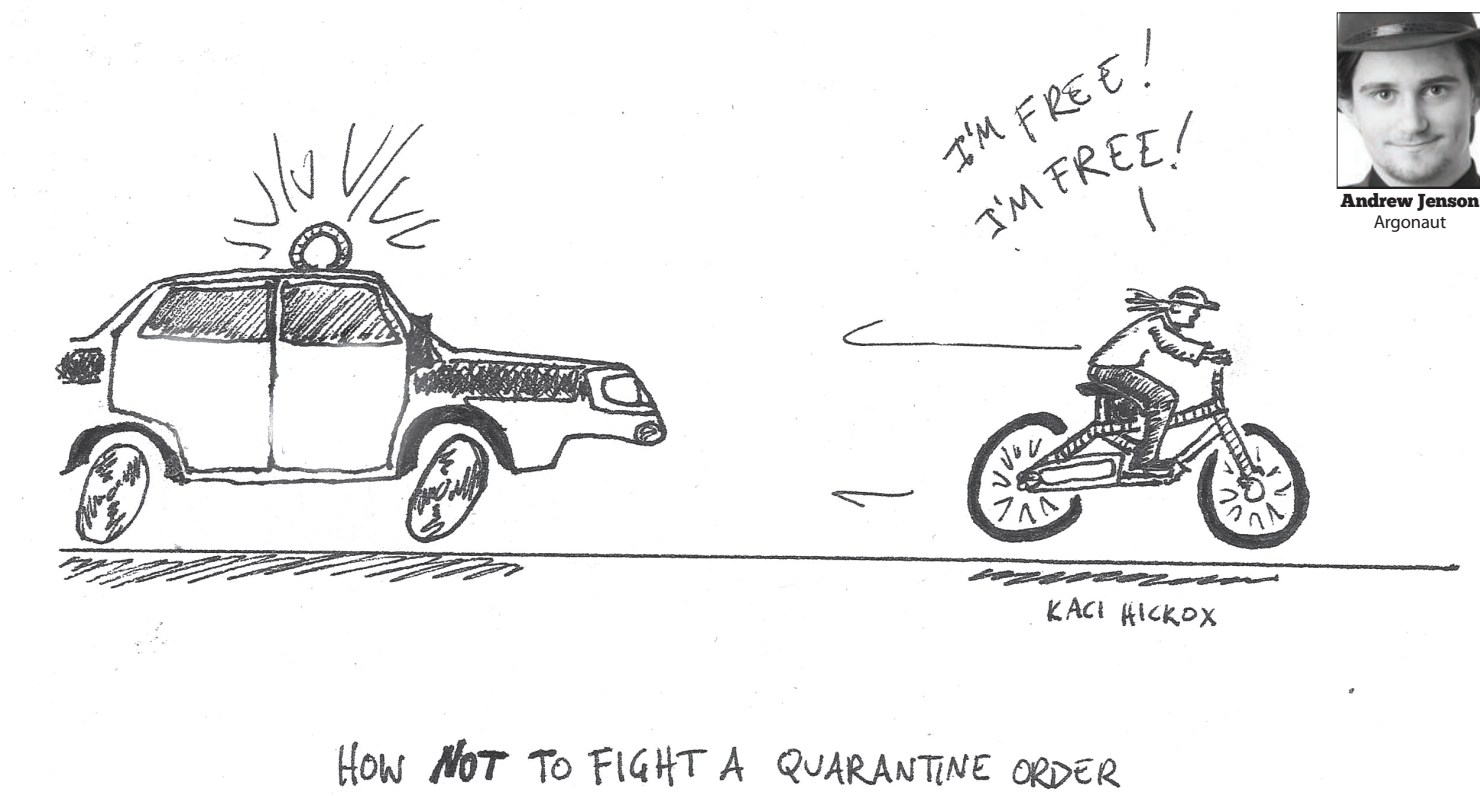
If you’re going to teach at the university level it’s probably not appropriate to make a KKK joke and then refer to your students as a “tough crowd” when they don’t laugh. It’s also probably in your best interest to learn the correct, non-offensive terms for different groups of people before you try to tell an irrelevant story involving a minority and refer to them using derogatory labels because you “don’t know what the correct terminology is.”

—Kaitlyn

Watch out Moscow

If you see a person-sized ladybug around Moscow on Friday night don’t be alarmed, it’s just me doin’ my thing on Halloween. I might even wear my costume on Saturday and Sunday, too.

—Erin



Andrew Jensen
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Vote and be heard

Voter turnout is already low, and now women are discouraged from voting

Constant complaints can be heard surrounding national politics, yet many of these complaints come from people who didn’t even use the opportunity to vote. It’s as simple as this — don’t complain if you aren’t going to vote. With all this complaining, one would think many more people would go out to vote in the upcoming midterm elections — but that is far from true. According to a poll taken by the Harvard University Institute of Politics, only 1 in 4 millennials under the age of 30 plan to vote in the midterm elections this year. Millennials could have a large influence over the future of



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America by voting on Nov. 4. But time and time again, many millennials refuse to take part in the political process. Knowing this, one would assume all millennials should be encouraged to vote. Sadly, people are further discouraging millennials from making an appearance at the polls — in particular — young women. A recent example comes from Fox News’ “The Five.” A co-host of “The Five,” Kimberly Guilfoyle, said young women are uninformed voters because they don’t have the right “life experiences” to make fact-based assumptions on the world. Guilfoyle even said to “excuse them so they can go back on Tinder and Match.com.” Because, apparently, voting is too complicated for young women, and their time would be better served hunting for a man instead. If you are a woman, make

sure to present your wedding band when you walk into the polls this year to prove you are a responsible voter. To realize how disgraceful it is to discourage anyone from voting, one must first realize what a privilege voting is in the first place. It was only 43 years ago with the approval of the 26th Amendment that 18 year olds were finally permitted to vote. And before that, the approval of the 19th Amendment in 1920 allowed women to vote. The expansion of the right to vote throughout U.S. history has moved America forward and created a more equal and fair society — both cornerstone ideals of U.S. society. Students at the University of Idaho and across the nation should be informed about the issues and take advantage of their right to vote — a right denied to so many for so long. Millennials are one of the most influential groups in the U.S. They

impact economic trends, style trends and express their opinions on every form of social media. But, when it comes to changing politics, they are essentially mute compared to the loud speaker carried around by Baby Boomers. Finally, not taking part in voting stops one from getting involved, which is one of the most important things to do in college. If students don’t vote now, there is a small chance they will in the future, which creates an even smaller chance of significant political change. Men and women both have the power to make their votes count. It’s time for Americans and young people to make a stand and show up to vote on Nov. 4. Now is the time to make a difference, and it begins with your vote.

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Protect yourself from STIs

Discussing sexual health issues is important

Sex can be a tricky subject to talk about. An even trickier topic is discussing the possible risks associated with sex, such as sexually transmitted infections (STIs). No one wants an STI, so it’s important for students to be aware of what types of protection they need for a healthy sex life. Not all contraceptives reduce the risk



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of contracting STIs. Depending on the type of sexual activities someone may partake in, there are different methods to ensure safer sex. Why does this matter so much? If students are not aware and protected, the consequences can be severe and the repercussions can have a lifelong impact. Many know about different types of contraceptives but not one option protects from all sexual risks out there. Condoms are wondrous

things that reduce the risk of contracting most STIs and pregnancy. They’re even available for free on campus at the Vandal Health Ed Resource Room, The Women’s Center and the Student Health Clinic. That being said, there are a few types of STIs that condoms may not protect against. Some STIs such as Genital Herpes, Virus genital Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Syphilis can be spread through contact with infected areas that may not be covered by a condom. Students may also think that STIs cannot be contracted through oral sex, but this is

not true. It is recommended to still use a barrier contraceptive, such as a condom or dental dam when engaging in oral sex. It is critical students protect themselves from STIs. Some STIs are curable, whereas others are not. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), STIs such as Gonorrhea and Syphilis are curable but if not treated immediately can leave permanent damage.

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Other STIs such as Herpes, although treatable, are incurable. When a STI is treatable, it means there is medication to make the symptoms manageable. Incurable STIs do not leave a person's system completely and they will continue to be at risk of spreading it to others, even if symptoms have subsided. STIs, if left untreated, can lead to further health complications including pregnancy complications, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, infertility, Genital Warts and different types of cancer.

I bring up these facts not to scare students, but to emphasize the importance of reducing their risks and encouraging them to find a method that is right for them. Re-

ducing your risk of contracting an STI can be easy. Most barrier contraceptives such as condoms and dental dams are capable of protecting from most STIs. Some STIs, such as HPV and Hepatitis A, have vaccinations that help prevent the spread of the infection as well. Sexual partners should talk about past sexual activity, STI testing and what they need in terms of protection. The best way to prevent contracting an STI is by abstaining from sexual activity altogether.

Students can get their questions answered by stopping by the Vandal Health Ed Resource Room in the Student Rec Center to talk about sexual health options, grab condoms and lube or check out other contraceptive methods.

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