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Chick-fil-A opened in the Idaho Commons on the first day of fall term, Aug. 24, offering chicken sandwiches, waffle fries and lemonade as part of a limited menu.

Controversy off the menu

Vandal Dining plans donations to LGBTQA community as Chick-fil-A opens on campus

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

After finding out Chick-fil-A would be coming to the Idaho Commons food court, University of Idaho student Samantha Hansen took to Facebook.

"I wanted to let people know my outrage," said Hansen, who serves as the outgoing co-chair of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance at UI.

More than three years after Dan Cathy, Chick-fil-A chairman, president and CEO, made statements discussing his opposition

to same-sex marriage, the Georgia-based fast food company continues to stir strong emotions within the LGBTQA community.

"Chick-fil-A's main office and administration have had a history of advocating for causes that work against the LGBTQA community," said Julia Keleher, director of the UI LGBTQA Office. "So people were upset about them coming."

After discussions with the LGBTQA Office and the office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion this summer, Keleher said Vandal Dining volunteered to provide food for six monthly dinners hosted by the LGBTQA office.

She said Vandal Dining also intends to donate to the LGBTQA Emergency Scholarship. The scholarship fund is a need-based scholarship that helps LGBTQA students

with tuition or living expenses if they have been cut off from their families after coming out, Keleher said.

Keleher said the conversations focused on UI's commitment to supporting all forms of diversity on campus and making sure all students feel safe.

"So they have been very supportive of the LGBTQA office, and really reiterating their commitment to LGBTQA inclusion at the University of Idaho," Keleher said of Vandal Dining, which is run by Sodexo.

In a statement, Patrick Clelland, general manager of Vandal Dining, said Vandal Dining operates the Chick-fil-A unit on campus and works "under a license agreement that includes upholding brand standards and quality assurance."

"Sodexo is a strong supporter of orga-

nizations such as the LGBTQA office and we want to collaborate proactively, not just when an issue pops up," Clelland said in the statement. "That is the true spirit behind our discussions."

As outgoing co-chair of GSA, Hansen said the club decided not to protest Chick-fil-A's presence on campus for a few reasons. She said the group wanted to focus on more important issues and did not want to damage their relationship with Vandal Dining.

"It seemed like a waste of members' time and energy," Hansen said.

She said the donations from Vandal Dining also helped to calm emotions in the LGBTQA community.

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ADMINISTRATION

New face on campus

UI welcomes new VP for finance

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

When Brian Foisy accepted the new position of vice president for finance, he asked whether it would be possible to live on campus.

Foisy, who started at the University of Idaho Aug. 31, said it can be hard to stay connected to the main mission of a

university on a day-to-day basis when working on the back end of the operation.

"It's emails, it's numbers on a piece of paper, it's bond documents, it's board meetings," Foisy said of his administrative position. "But when you live in one of those buildings, the entire experience is very different."

Foisy comes to UI after Ron Smith, former vice president for Finance and



Foisy

Administration, stepped down earlier this year to teach accounting at UI.

Before UI, Foisy served as vice president for Administration and Finance at Minot State University in North Dakota, where he said it was common for faculty and staff to live on campus.

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SEL chair

University of Idaho Professor Brian Johnson was named the first Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Chair in Power Engineering last week.

Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories gave a \$2 million gift last month to fund the chair. Schweitzer is an international electrical power systems company based in Pullman.

The endowed chair is based in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering within UI's College of Engineering.

"I'm honored to be selected as the first Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Chair in Power Engineering," Johnson said in a statement from the university. "I'm excited about the possibilities the new step in our relationship with SEL offers to increase opportunities to excite students about power engineering and strengthen their understanding through courses, design projects and research."

Johnson is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and has received international recognition in the field of power engineering.

The earnings from the endowment will be used to support the faculty member's research project and will be used to fund students, staff, travel and equipment, according to the university statement.

Schweitzer Founder and President Ed Schweitzer said they are delighted to have Johnson as the first chair.

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STUDENT RESOURCES

A different kind of map

Housing uses MAP-Works to improve student retention, success

Nina Rydalch
Argonaut

For over six years, University Housing has been utilizing MAP-Works with the goal of increasing student retention and improving student success rates.

Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek decided to expand MAP-

Works this year by making the program available to all first-year students, regardless of living arrangements.

In past years, MAP-Works was only an option for first-year students who lived in University Housing and was not available to first-year students living off campus or in a Greek house.

The program helps student accomplishment and was created through a partnership between Ball State Univer-

sity and Educational Benchmarking, Inc. It was an evolution of "MAP," the program originally developed by Ball State to address issues that first-year students were having.

Ball State and EBI presented MAP-Works at various conferences throughout the nation, including the National Housing Conference.

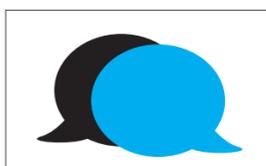
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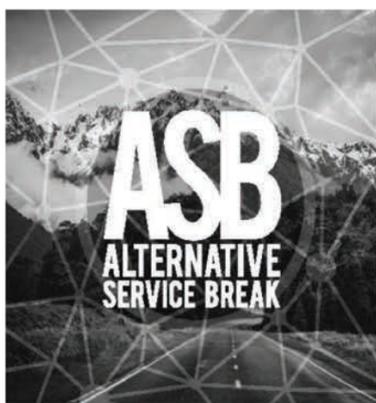
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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Cream cheese-filled carrot cake

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups peeled and grated carrots
- Dry Ingredients**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup pecans, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Wet Ingredients**
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- Cream Cheese Filling**
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- Orange Cream Cheese Glaze**
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon orange extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Butter and flour a 10" Bundt cake pan (or use nonstick-spray with flour in it). Set aside.
3. To make the cream cheese filling, beat the cream cheese and sugar until light and creamy. Beat in remaining filling ingredients until smooth. Set aside.
4. In a large bowl, mix all of the dry ingredients together. In a separate bowl, gently whisk eggs then stir in remaining wet ingredients just until combined. Don't overmix.
5. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients just until moistened, then stir in carrots until evenly combined (I use my clean hands to stir in the carrots).
6. Spoon 3 cups batter into prepared Bundt cake pan. Spoon Cream Cheese filling over batter and gently smooth, but do not touch the sides of the pan. Top with remaining batter.
7. To make the orange cream cheese glaze, using an electric mixer, cream together all of the glaze ingredients, except the powdered sugar, on medium speed for 1-2 minutes or until completely smooth.
8. Add sifted powdered sugar and beat until very smooth, scraping down sides as needed.
9. Place the frosting in the refrigerator for 5 to 10 minutes before using.
10. When cake has cooled, drizzle glaze over cake or individual servings, whisking in additional orange juice or milk if glaze has become too thick upon standing.
11. Store in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.

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Learning abroad

Fair allows students to learn about study abroad programs at UI

Ryan Tarinelli
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The Study Abroad Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday outside the Idaho Commons.

The fair allows students to learn about the various study abroad opportunities at the University of Idaho, said Colton Oliphant, study abroad adviser and FSIT coordinator.

He said there will be booths on faculty-led study abroad programs and representatives from third-party study abroad providers working with the university.

"I would challenge (students) to give an honest look into participating," Oliphant said, mentioning the fair will also include programs that are similar in nature to study abroad programs, such as the Peace Corps.

Should there be rain, Oliphant said the event would be moved inside.

Oliphant said study abroad programs expose students

to a wide array of new experiences and provide students with a new outlook on the world. In short, he said these experiences are a great contribution to their education.

"There are a lot of common misconceptions out there about study abroad," Oliphant said.

He said there is a misconception that study abroad programs are expensive and do not allow students to graduate on time.

Oliphant said there are many affordable options for students looking to study abroad and there are a number of scholarships for students in those programs.

With proper planning, he said it is no problem for students to graduate within four years.

If students cannot make it to the fair, Oliphant said they can stop into the Study Abroad Office for more information or attend one of the information sessions that happen three times a week.

More information can be found online at www.uidaho.edu/international/study-abroad.

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New year, new start

Idaho fans gather for first football game

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

A slight chill in the air brought out plenty of Vandal spirit Thursday as new and old Idaho fans gathered in the Kibbie Dome parking lot to prepare for the first football game of the season.

Trevor Kauer, 20, and Cailin Bary, 20, took advantage of the energized atmosphere to take part in what they said was their favorite part of tailgating — cornhole, a game similar to beanbag toss.

"Me and Cailin are cornhole champions," Kauer said.

Bary said she is looking forward to the new school year and the new football season.

"It's a new season, so it's a new start," Bary said. "You know, anything could happen."

Tailgating was a chance for current students and alumni to interact, get excited for the new football season and shout the Vandal Fight Song at the top of their lungs as the Vandal Marching Band rounded through the parking lot and up to the stadium.

Kauer, Bary and their friend Lise Welch, 20, also used the first tailgate of the year to get the University of Idaho community pumped up for Homecoming in October. In particular, they said people should be excited for the

fireworks that will conclude the Homecoming bonfire.

"I always say it's the best fireworks show on the Palouse," Welch said. "And the only fireworks show on the Palouse."

To escape the cool weather, Vandal enthusiasts had a brand new opportunity to gather and celebrate in the Idaho Fan Zone. Joan Gutzwiller, 59, invited her mother Bonita Manlicka, 80, into the Fan Zone because her husband, a UI alumnus, couldn't be there for their annual visit to Moscow for the university's first football game.

Gutzwiller lives in Boise, but said she and her husband love visiting UI. They have both held season ticket passes for the last six years, and her husband attends every game while she makes the trip to Moscow when the weather is the best.

"We've always supported Idaho's academics," Gutzwiller said. "But then we got into football more. And you know, we're from Boise so I just started getting tired of being around so many Broncos."

Manlicka had only been to three other UI football games before Thursday's game.

She said she has never attended a winning game for the Vandals.

"I'd like to see them win," Manlicka said. "But they're really fun, I enjoy going to games."

Many of the Idaho fans at the tailgate shared the same enthusiastic hope for this year's football season.



Erin Bamer | Argonaut

A Vandal Marching Band drummer allows a small boy to practice some drumming before she marched with the band to the Kibbie Dome before Idaho's first football game of the season Thursday.

"I am optimistic that this is going to be the year for the Vandals," said Debbi Dockins, co-founder of the Light a Candle Program, which raises money for cancer patients in Latah and Whitman Counties. "But, you know, true fans don't really care whether we win or lose."

Andrew Kaus, born and raised in Moscow, said he always plans to root for Idaho and has had season tickets

for as long as he can remember.

Kaus' friend Terry Evans, a UI budget specialist, also grew up in Moscow, but now currently lives in Lewiston.

He said the Moscow community has always been important to him.

Evans graduated from UI in 1989 and has worked in various positions at the university since.

Evans said he has enjoyed all

of the jobs he's held at UI and has always enjoyed going straight to a Vandal football game after getting off work.

"Any day you can come to work and end it drinking, still at work, it's a good day," Evans said.

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ADMINISTRATION

From budgets to retirement

Ickes retires from UI after six years

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

He might have operated behind the scenes, but Keith Ickes' work as executive director of the Planning and Budget office was felt around the university.

"He wasn't focused on the money, he was focused on the good work the university could do," said University of Idaho President Chuck Staben, adding that Ickes left UI in a better financial order when he left.

After six years at UI, Ickes officially retired from the university at the end of July, but had not been working on campus since late February.

Ickes said he felt it was the right time to retire. With Staben building a new team of administrators, he said the president needed

a budget administrator who was going to be able to stay for a long period of time.

"His job was to handle the money, but his objective was to ensure that the university was a great place," Staben said.

Ickes arrived at UI in 2009 — a time when the university was cutting budgets and "treading water," Staben said.

"It's hard to say it was a fun time because there were so many difficult issues," Ickes said. "But it was certainly interesting, and challenging and kept my brain engaged."

With a sense of quiet professionalism, Staben said Ickes stabilized the budget and got the university back on even financial footing. He said Ickes had a large role in increasing UI's Composite Financial Index — a number that measures a university's general financial health — to a solid rating.

Now, Staben said, the university is able to afford modest

investments in projects on campus, something that is an incredible benefit.

Ickes said the university now has enough money to spend about \$200,000 a year fixing up various classrooms on campus. He said this past year the university also put aside another permanent \$200,000 to upgrade classroom laboratories.

"The campus is going to see a big change over the next five years," Ickes said of the permanent and one-time upgrade funds. "That'll be \$1 million of upgrades, and I think people will notice."

Staben said Ickes had a large part in setting up the Vandal Strategic Loan Fund, an internal loan service that allows departments or colleges to borrow money for projects. He said it was Ickes who found an innovative way for departments to borrow against the principle of extra funds UI departments have on reserve, but UI

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central administration didn't have direct access to.

The program allowed Student Affairs to go forward with improvements to the second floor of the Bruce Pitman Center and allowed the department of Journalism and Mass Media to update equipment used by digital media and broadcast students.

Besides the effects the recession had on the university budget, Ickes said he also worked hard to make sure internal funds were spent more effectively at UI.

Staben said Ickes provided good structure to the budget setting process and had a strong rapport with the State Board of Education and UI student leadership.

While the topic can be a little dry,

ASUI President Max Cowan said Ickes was great at answering questions and explaining the budget.

As a student representative, Cowan said Ickes always made sure he had enough information going into the budget decision-making process.

"I really valued that Keith never rushed me, he was never demanding," Cowan said.

Instead of worrying about UI budgets, Ickes said he now spends his time woodworking and fixing his old British sports cars. He now lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, and said the extra free time will allow him to visit his children more often.

Ickes is cautiously optimistic about UI's future and said it will be up to the new team of administrators to make sound financial decisions for the university.

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Vandal game day



Erin Bamer | Argonaut

Joe Vandal poses with a couple of UI supporters as the Vandal Marching Band walks toward the Kibbie Dome for Idaho's first football game of the season Thursday.

CHICKEN

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While the group has decided not to protest, Hansen said she is still not OK with Chick-fil-A's presence on campus and has decided to personally boycott the company. She said seeing Chick-fil-A on campus acts as a constant microaggression for members of the LGBTQA community and its presence will likely not resonate well

with new LGBTQA students. "I don't think it's good for recruitment and retention," Hansen said.

Hansen encouraged other students to be mindful of where they spend their money and said she would not like to see Chick-fil-A on campus after their contract runs out.

Erin Agidius, interim director of the office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion, said she thinks the conversations demonstrated the university's commitment to progress

and diversity.

Agidius said all contractors must comply with UI policy that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

"Anybody that we contract with is upheld to those same standards," Agidius said.

While Keleher's not sure if a Chick-fil-A on campus will be OK with students, she said the support from Vandal Dining sends a message that the restaurant's presence on campus

should not be a problem for LGBTQA inclusivity.

She said because of the large national conversation that happened a few years ago, the university needed to address Chick-fil-A's spot on campus.

"When it comes to social issues and inclusion issues, a lot of this stuff, the memory sometimes doesn't go away very fast," Keleher said.

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MAP

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Corey Ray, associate director of University Housing, said it was at this conference that University Housing caught wind of the program and decided to incorporate it into the University of Idaho.

"This was another way that we could work with our students that lived within the Resident Halls to help them succeed towards their goals and help the overall retention at the university," Ray said.

So far, Ray said the program has proved a successful tool.

Sometime in September, UI students will receive an email invitation to take a survey. This survey, along with information already known by housing such as GPA and SAT

scores, will be taken and used to generate a report that shows how students are doing, Ray said.

"It is just another way the institution is committed to making sure (students) succeed academically," Ray said.

These reports are done on a color system. Green indicates the student has no substantial need for outside help, yellow means that intercommunication would be beneficial and red indicates that a conversation between the student and an adviser is highly recommended, Ray said.

If a conversation with a student is highly recommended, Ray said it could indicate they plan to transfer or not return to the university.

This could be because the university does not have a certain major, but it could also signify that the student is experiencing fi-

nancial or academic troubles, Ray said. In the latter case, he said students are connected with faculty members, tutoring or financial aid as needed.

All students who take the survey will be emailed results within two weeks, often sooner.

Ray said this email will include information about social norms as determined by the surveys as well as recommendations on what the student can do to enhance their academic experience.

In spring, all students who participated in the fall will be invited to take a voluntary follow-up survey to indicate their progression or newly developed problems, he said.

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BRIEFS

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"He's already made such a big impact on so many students, and we hope this growing partnership between SEL and the University of Idaho

will further amplify and expand his influence and work," Schweitzer said in a statement from the university.

Ombuds retires

After 30 years at the University of Idaho, University Ombuds Roxanne "Ellen"

Schreiber will retire from the university Oct. 30.

She has served as full-time ombuds for 17 years.

"Throughout my more than 30 years of service to the university, I found great satisfaction in each of my roles," Schreiber said in a university statement.

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He said since living on campus at Minot State was such a good experience, he thought he should also live on campus at UI too.

"When you work in accounting, budgeting or payroll, it might be more difficult to connect your part of the process to goal of the institution, which is to educate students," Foisy said. He now lives in the Scholars building Living Learning Community with honors residents.

Foisy said he can watch a new building go up on paper, but never leave his office to actually see it being built.

"Those backend functions are critical to everything," he said.

But according to Foisy, living in university facilities, eating university food and being around students who rely on the same services helps him realize how important his work is. Foisy said he came to UI because he felt President Chuck Staben was a leader he could get behind.

Some leaders, Foisy said, are effective at getting things done, but change the system all at once and upset longtime workers along the way. Foisy said he liked that Staben is ambitious and aggressive, but focuses on streamlining day-to-day processes in order to make long-term changes.

Foisy said Staben's goal to increase enrollment by 50 percent in the next decade will be something his department addresses in the next few years.

"We have 12,000 students, and we want to get up to 15 or 16,000 students," Foisy said. "That raises logical questions about where they'll go, whether we have adequate space on campus or whether we need to build additional space."

For now though, Foisy is focusing on the learning curve that comes with a transition into any new position.

"I really don't believe anyone has any kind of monopoly on the truth or the answers, and if you're willing to share, I'm willing to listen," Foisy said. "If I can champion some change, I'm willing to do that."

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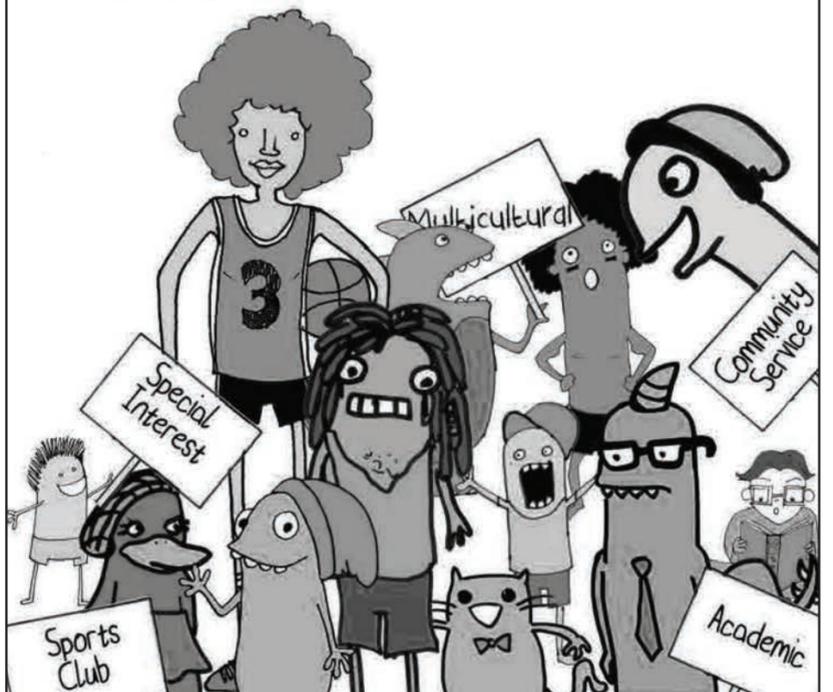
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SPORTS



New Idaho assistant women's golf coach Chessey Thomas returns to Northwest

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FOOTBALL



Alex Brizee | Argonaut

Senior defensive end Quinton Bradley lines up against the Ohio offensive line Thursday at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho lost 45-28 in the opening game of the season.

'We missed too many tackles'

With USC next, Vandals need quick improvements from defensive front

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

An 11-point deficit was within reach for the Vandals early in the fourth quarter of Thursday's game.

However, the Ohio offense had other plans and senior running back Daz'mond Patterson led the charge on a drive that lasted just over six minutes.

The first play was a handoff to Patterson — good for seven yards.

A quarterback draw up the middle and a three-yard pass to the left later, Patterson was at it again with a short, two-yard gain.

After a pass for a first down

near midfield, Patterson took over.

A handoff up the middle appeared to be contained, but the shifty 5-foot-7, 177-pound back cut to his left and scampered 15 more yards.

"You win games when you have the lead and can run the football," ESPN announcer Darius Walker said.

On the next play, Idaho's defense appeared to snuff out a stretch run to the left, but Patterson kept his legs turning and moved a pile of players eight yards.

Then Patterson went up the middle for seven, which was quickly followed by an option play that sprung him for another 15.

A four-yard rush up the middle was followed by a one-yard touchdown run — Patterson

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I really felt that going into the game, that's where we would take over and it didn't happen.

Paul Petrino, coach

wasn't even touched.

Of the 11 plays on the drive, Patterson ran the ball eight times for 59 yards and capped off the drive with a touchdown, which crushed any chance of a Vandal comeback.

Ohio won the game 45-28.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino said it looked like his defense was a little fatigued during Ohio's first drive of the fourth quarter.

"We can't let that happen," Petrino said of the long fourth quarter drive. "We were rotating some guys in and out, which was not good. We need to stop the run, that's for sure."

When it was all said and done, Ohio's ground attack racked up 205 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns.

All while the Bobcat offensive line protected two Ohio quarterbacks — senior Derrius Vick and junior JD Sprague — allowing them to combine for 284 passing yards, three touchdown passes and were only sacked twice.

Petrino thought the battle in the trenches would play out differently against Ohio.

"I really felt that going into the game, that's where we would take over and it didn't happen," Petrino said. "I didn't think they would be able to handle

us upfront the way that they did. I thought our D-Line was going to be an advantage versus (Ohio's) O-Line and that was not the case.

"They just didn't play good enough," Petrino said. "You can analyze it anyway you want, the guy across from them just beat them."

Despite the poor performance, Petrino did praise his senior defensive end Quinton Bradley, who finished with six tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble.

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VOLLEYBALL

One 'classic' win

Idaho volleyball goes 1-2 at Idaho Volleyball Classic

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team looked to gain some momentum after losing its first three games last week in Hawaii.

However, this time around, the Vandals fought in each match with different outcomes at the Idaho Volleyball Classic Friday and Saturday at Memorial Gym.

After three games, the Vandals managed to earn one victory against Seattle University in a 3-0 sweep (25-23, 25-23, 25-22).

Katelyn Peterson made her presence known in the second half of each set and led the team with 12 kills. Peterson, along with Seattle U's Martina Samadan, who earned 13 kills, contributed to its team's offense and kept the competition close with the final set being Idaho's biggest margin of victory.

Peterson said the team's steadiness and communication helped it pull off its first win of the season.

She said Samadan brought her game Friday, but Idaho set a priority to stop her from defeating the Vandals.

"We knew she was a huge hitter," Peterson said. "We tried our best to just commit to (Samadan) and get our hands over and get some touches on the ball ... Our blocks were up and the defenders really were solid in the back row, so they were able to dig her up and keep her up a little under control."



Molly Spencer | Argonaut

Outside hitters Becca Mau (17) and DeVonne Ryter (14) worked together to block a spike made by Washington State's McKenna Woodford (5), as Meredith Coba (4) watches.

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SOCCER

Winless weekend

Idaho soccer loses to Boise State, EWU over weekend to fall to 2-3

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

After a win over New Mexico State last week, the Idaho women's soccer team was feeling pretty good with a 2-1 record heading into its road trip. However, that winning record turned into a losing record when it was all said and done.

The Vandals took on rival Boise State Friday in Boise. The Broncos were 0-3 and looking for their first win. BSU scored in the 60th minute on a goal by Michelle Reed, which was the first goal Idaho had allowed in the second half all season.

That was the only goal of the match for either team, as BSU won its first match of the season, 1-0, against its rivals.

Boise State outshot Idaho 16-11 but the Vandals still had an edge in shots on goal with a 6-5 advantage over the Broncos. Idaho goalkeeper Amanda Poertner had four saves.

Moving ahead to Sunday,

the Vandals went north to Cheney, Washington, to play Eastern Washington. Though EWU is in the Big Sky Conference with Idaho, the match was previously scheduled and does not count as a conference match, thus not affecting the Big Sky standings.

Idaho will get its chance at revenge in the season finale on Oct. 30 at home against Eastern Washington. That's when the game will count in the conference standings for both schools.

Just over a minute later, EWU found the net again and went up 2-0.

Idaho's Kavita Battan scored her first goal of the

season in the 61st minute to cut the lead to one. The junior got the ball in the 18-yard box before scoring.

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The Vandals now find themselves at 2-3 as they head to Memphis, Tennessee, this weekend. They will take on Arkansas State Friday and Memphis Sunday before returning to Moscow for a game on Sept. 18th against South Dakota.

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GOLF

Back in the Northwest

Idaho assistant women's golf coach Chessey Thomas returns to the Northwest, seeks to learn under Johnson

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Assistant coaches not only want to help coach a talented team, they want to work alongside a head coach they respect and want to learn from.

For new Idaho women's golf assistant coach Chessey Thomas, she came to Idaho because she respected and wanted to learn from Idaho coach Lisa Johnson.

It also helps that Thomas grew up in the Pacific Northwest, specifically Spokane.

"She's a great coach and to have the opportunity to learn as a first-year assistant and work for someone who's as experienced and well-respected as her, that was the driving force," Thomas said.

She said her head coach at another school gave her coaching advice.

"If you find a head coach you kind of want to be like, do whatever you can to go work for them," Thomas said.

Thomas was a four-year starter on the Lewis and Clark High School golf team before she decided to play golf at Tennessee. She said she loves the Pacific Northwest and her dad is from Pullman.

Johnson recruited Thomas out of high school.

"Lisa recruited me and probably besides Tennessee, where I ultimately ended up

going, she was the coach who impressed my family and I the most," Thomas said.

Thomas said she has kept track of the Idaho women's golf program since she has been away from the area.

She said she ran into Johnson in May just by chance. Thomas didn't think anything was going to come out of the conversations. But she said the initial meeting in May led to a couple more conversations with Johnson and, ultimately, Thomas joining the Idaho coaching staff.

Thomas graduated from Tennessee in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Because she is not too far removed from being a college golfer, she thinks she will be able to relate to the players she is coaching.

As a student-athlete, Thomas said there are a lot of things to juggle between golf, school and a social life.

"I can empathize and kind of realize that it's tough being a college athlete," Thomas said.

She said she has always thrown the idea around about coaching.

After graduating from Tennessee in December, Thomas coached middle school and high school basketball, she's worked for the American Junior Golf Association and she's worked at a country club. She said she could see herself coaching on a consistent basis.

"That was the most, even in the times when it was tough I still found (coaching) to be the most enjoyable and the most rewarding," Thomas said. "So then kind of having felt like I tried everything I knew that ultimately (coaching) would be kind of where I would find the most happiness, being the



Jackson Flynn | Argonaut

New assistant women's golf coach Chessey Thomas instructs a player Sept. 2.

most rewarding and also hopefully what I end up being the most successful at."

Thomas said it will be cool to be a part of watching student-athletes grow on and off the golf course.

"This is a really special four years for the girls," Thomas said. "You only get to be a college golfer once and just kind of being

there to remind them of the things sometimes you lose perspective on. And again that kind of comes back to being so closely removed from it."

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Athletes of the Week

Dezmon Epps - football

The season kicked off with a disastrous first quarter for Idaho Thursday against Ohio, but while the Vandals weren't able to come back and win, Idaho wide receiver Dezmon Epps went off on the Bobcats. Playing in his first game since the 2012-13 season, Epps had a whopping 15 receptions for 160



yards and no touchdowns. Though no schools have played more than one game yet, Epps is leading the nation in receptions after week one and is seventh in receiving yards. The Sacramento, California, native was named to the Biletnikoff watch list for the nation's best receiver going into last year before he was dismissed from the team for off-field issues. In just his first game back he managed a career high in receptions.

Matt Linehan - football

Despite not getting the win, Idaho quarterback Matt Linehan was still slinging passes around the Kibbie Dome with ease Thursday

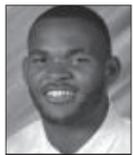
night. Linehan threw for 297 yards on 36 completions out of 48 attempts with a touchdown and two interceptions. The sophomore's 36 completions against Ohio set a career best and also leads the nation in completions. Nationally, Linehan's 297 yards



ranks 23rd. Idaho will take on USC Saturday in Los Angeles in what may be the toughest game on the Vandals' schedule. Linehan will look to stay at the top nationally against the Trojans with his passing attack.

Elijhaa Penny - football

While the Vandals primarily moved the ball through the air against Ohio, the scoring mostly came on the ground. They did pick up 100 rushing yards though,



and 69 of those yards came from running back Elijhaa Penny, who takes over as Idaho's starting tailback this year. On just 17 carries, Penny reached 69

yards with a 4.1 yards per carry average. But most importantly Penny punched the ball into the end zone twice

to give Idaho two touchdowns. He also had 5 receptions for 32 yards in the loss. Penny now leads the Sun Belt Conference in scoring with his two touchdowns and is second in all-purpose yards (29th nationally).

Kinsey Gomez - cross country

Senior cross country athlete Kinsey Gomez won her first race as a Vandal, with an individual title at the Washington State hosted Clash of the Inland Northwest



Sept. 1 in Colfax, Washington. Gomez finished with a time of 13 minutes, 40.33 seconds against runners from nationally-ranked teams like Gonzaga and Washington State. Gomez is a Coeur d'Alene native and transferred to Idaho from Oregon State. The Vandals will head to the Erik Anderson Invitational in Spokane Sept. 19. That will be it for competi-

tions in September for the Vandals as they compete in Missoula, Montana, Lewiston and Santa Clara, California,

in October.

Sarah Sharp - volleyball

The Idaho volleyball season has gotten off to a rough start as the Vandals sit at 1-5. While hosting Washington State, UC-Irvine, and Seattle U over the weekend at Memorial Gym, Idaho was only able to beat Seattle. The Vandals fell 3-0 to WSU and 3-2 to UC-Irvine. Outside hitter Sarah Sharp was a bright spot throughout the weekend for the Vandals. The red-shirt freshman had seven kills against the Redhawks of Seattle U while doing the exact same against UC-Irvine. Against the Cougars, Sharp went off with a team-high 11 kills in the loss to the border rivals. Sharp and the Vandals will head to Portland this weekend to take on Cal Poly, Portland and St. Francis in a tournament hosted by the Portland Pilots.



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OPINION

Comfortable in the pocket

Idaho quarterback Matt Linehan completed 75 percent of his passes in Week One against Ohio

It wasn't the start to the season that the Idaho Vandal football team wanted when it lost 45-28 to Ohio Thursday night at the Kibbie Dome.

But, as with all losses, there are always good performances from players who are on the losing side.

One of the bright spots for the Vandals that came out of the loss was the excellent performance by sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan. That's right, excellent.

He looked very comfortable in the pocket and stepped into most

of his throws which showed he was confident and not worried about the rush.

Despite being sacked four times, Linehan never seemed rattled. He planted his right foot in the ground and threw the ball with purpose almost every throw.

Linehan completed 36 out of 48 of his passes for 297 yards.

That's a 75 percent completion percentage, which is outstanding.

He threw one touchdown and two interceptions, but those interceptions shouldn't concern Linehan and the coaching staff.

The first one came after it bounced off a receiver's hands and was returned for an Ohio touchdown. The second interception happened on the

last play of the game in a Hail-Mary attempt.

One of the most important skills a quarterback can have is the ability to not turn the ball over. Besides the two interceptions, which, again, the first one wasn't Linehan's fault and the other one was just out of desperation, Linehan secured the ball well.

Linehan also showed he can use his legs to pick up yards. He rushed for 29 yards, including a 17-yard gain. If defenses have to respect the fact that he can run when the pocket collapses, then that will only help the Idaho offense down the road.

Another positive that came out of the game for Linehan is he found his favorite target in senior wide receiver Dezmon Epps. The Sacramento, California, native caught 15 passes for 160 yards.

Those numbers would have made fantasy football owners very happy.

I predict Linehan will lead the Sun Belt Conference in passing yards this season and Epps will top the receivers in the conference with receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.

Idaho throws the ball a lot and Linehan proved against Ohio that he can put up big numbers in the passing game.

As for Epps, the conference will take notice of his talent but even if opposing defenses start paying more attention to him, he is still quick enough to get open and find those empty areas in zone defenses to settle down in and make receptions.

Linehan and Epps will continue to progress and mesh together

so they should be able to rack up plenty of more yards as the season moves forward.

Linehan also found a rhythm toward the end of the game with junior receiver-turned-tight end Deon Watson. Watson had five catches for 48 yards and one touchdown. He also caught the two-point conversion from Linehan.

Linehan looked impressive in his first start of the season and he is still an underclassman. He set the standard high for his next start, which will be against eighth-ranked Southern California Saturday in Los Angeles.

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Petrino said Saturday's game against Southern California has the potential to be a big opportunity for Bradley to showcase his talents on a big stage.

"I think Quinton has a chance to play on Sundays, and this is the game people are going to want to see him play and see how he does against (USC)," Petrino said.

Bradley will have a tough test ahead of him as USC possesses arguably one of the best offensive lines in the country. Athlon Sports ranked the Trojans as the No. 9 best offensive line in a pre-season poll.

In the middle of the line is Max Tuerk, who Petrino called one of the best centers he's ever watched on tape.

"Boy is he a football player," Petrino said of Tuerk. "We had

a kid at Louisville that was a first-round draft pick that plays for the Bills (Eric Wood) that I thought was the best I've been around. But this kid (Tuerk), he's special."

Bottom line, Petrino said, is the Vandals need to do a better job tackling.

"We missed too many tackles," Petrino said of the defensive effort against Ohio. "If we can tackle these guys, then we should have a good chance to tackle anyone the rest of the year because (USC) has got some good skill players."

"So if we can go out this game and tackle really well, then I think that will give those players confidence for the rest of the year."

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ROOM

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The Vandals went from being down 14-8 to winning the second set 25-23.

"We started a little rocky," said senior setter Meredith Coba, who had 19 assists in the match. "But we came back and we proved that we can get them and handled them in three which was awesome."

"We dug a lot of balls and took them out of system," Buchanan said. "Our defense made good adjustments that we asked them to make."

The next day was a different story as Idaho faced similar struggles and lost to UC Irvine and Washington State.

After winning the first two sets, the Vandals dropped the final three and lost to the Anteaters 3-2 (25-19, 25-19, 18-25, 18-25, 5-15).

"We played great for two games," Buchanan said. "We take a step back and (UC Irvine) started

to get hot. We got to be able to fight, reduce errors and compete a lit bit. We let our mind take over the match."

Buchanan said the loss is a reminder of how each team is competitive and how Idaho must fight for each match to earn wins because they won't be handed to them.

"Each game got a little bit worse," Buchanan said. "We didn't take control of it ... We made (Seattle U) look good and that's something we're definitely gonna have to get better (at)."

After the loss, the Vandals moved on to their final game of the weekend against their border rival Washington State.

The Vandals fell short in a 3-0 sweep to the Cougars (21-25, 21-25, 23-25).

"We were right there digging them, we were out blocking them, we had more aces, less service



errors," Buchanan said. "Just a matter of creating a little bit more offense and that's something that were going to have to go back and keep doing."

Other than that, we were doing the right things, were competing, were siding out, it was just that one portion."

With the Idaho Volleyball Classic now over, the Vandals will prepare for their third tournament of the season in Portland, Oregon. Idaho plays its first match at 7 p.m. Friday against Cal Poly at the Chiles Center. It then plays Portland at 10 a.m. Saturday and St. Francis at 4 p.m.

"We got to fix some things before we play again," Buchanan said. "We got to work in our offense. We got to work on shot selection and do some off-speed defensive plays so we can get better."

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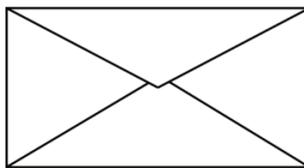
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Focusing on the positive

Vandal Dining chooses to make the best out of a controversial situation

For many college students, fast food chains provide a quick and inexpensive way to get a tasty meal on the go. Regardless of how convenient it is to grab food on the fly, when big food chains mix with politics, it only ends up leaving a bad taste in everyone's mouth.

This is particularly true for the Chick-fil-A controversy that occurred after the company's CEO declared his opposition to same-sex marriage in 2012 — a controversy which incited such a tremendous upset that it is still impacting people around the nation, including those at the University of Idaho, today.

The chicken magnate, located in the food court of the Idaho Commons, is the newest dining option available on campus, but its arrival has not been well received by many students, faculty and staff.

There have been no formal protests or much public uproar regarding the issue. However, that does not mean there aren't

a great number of people upset at its arrival. There are some important things to remember about Vandal Dining's decision to host a Chick-fil-A location.

Despite the CEO of Chick-fil-A's controversial stance against gay marriage, Vandal Dining is choosing to make the best of a complicated situation by openly supporting the LGBTQA community as well as donating their services to the LGBTQA Office on campus.

The university's food vendor, run by Sodexo, has committed to catering six monthly dinners hosted by the LGBTQA Office in addition to donating funds to the LGBTQA Emergency Scholarship, a need-based scholarship that aids LGBTQA students who have been financially cut off by their families after coming out.

By agreeing to support UI's LGBTQA community, Vandal Dining is taking proactive steps to reduce concerns about discrimination by Chick-fil-A.

In addition to understanding that Vandal Dining itself does not endorse the statements made by the company's CEO and openly supports the LGBTQA

community, it's good to keep in mind that every dining company on campus is held to the same standards of conduct.

While the CEO of the company might embody a controversial opinion, the individuals who staff the restaurant on campus aren't likely to share that view. University conduct policies would prevent anyone, regardless of which company they work for, from discriminating against students and customers.

Regardless of which stance you take on the issue, the immediate success of the chain on campus has made it clear that Chick-fil-A is here to stay.

Although Vandal Dining is making an effort to keep students on campus as comfortable as possible, it's OK to still stand in opposition of the chain. At the end of the day, the most important thing is to be mindful of where you spend your money, and to understand that even though the chain now exists on campus, you can choose not to endorse the company.

When it comes to eating more chicken or not, the choice is yours.

—CB

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Labor Day weekend

I may or may not have driven all the way home just to eat Costa Vida. And to see my family too I guess.

—Tea

Clothes shopping

J. Crew 484 fit chinos and Italian oiled leather boots inspired by WWII British officers. Be still, my heart. My wallet can't handle this yet.

—Jake

Hiking

It was a moose. I definitely got stopped by a moose on Moscow Mountain.

—Jessica

Keep hope alive

The Mariners probably won't make the playoffs this season but I am still keeping faith until they are mathematically out of it.

—Garrett

Pro tip

Waiting until 2 a.m. to wash your sheets so that you eliminate the temptation of crawling into bed and are forced to do your homework is a terrible idea.

—Corrin

Road trips

For maximum efficiency you need a full water bottle, and an empty one.

—Jack

Clothes shopping

Faded Glory women's open front jaquard cardigan. One hundred percent rayon, machine wash, \$14.96 at Walmart. Soon, my wallet. Soon.

—Hannah

Long weekend

Nothing like having the long weekend to clean the apartment and get the mountain of clothes washed.

—Jordan

What did you do?

This weekend? Well I did something new. I picked hops. The stuff they make beer out of. Did you know the vines stick to you and tear at your skin after a while? Me neither.

—Claire

A hot mess

Before this semester, I've managed to catalogue my weekly responsibilities in my brain efficiently enough. Now, however, I am going to rely heavily on my brand new, over-priced planner to do my organizing for me.

—Erin

#Sweatingforthewedding

When the things I'm most looking forward to are in the future, my life consists of many countdowns. My dress fitting, my wedding ... and don't forget about graduation.

—Katelyn

Fall

Seriously, my favorite time of year. And not to mention it's the best golfing weather. Not too hot, not too cold — heck, even a little rain is welcomed.

—Korb

Aunt Laurie

I do enjoy our conversations together. But I enjoy them much less at 6:30 a.m. in the morning on a weekend.

—Ryan

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Revising student records

Students should have offenses listed on transcript when applying to other schools

Conversations about sexual assault are never easy to have.

Though everyone agrees that we should be doing something to try and end sexual assault, we struggle to move the dialogue much further than that. It is not a problem that only the University of Idaho is facing. It's a national problem. Every university should be having these same conversations.

As ASUI President, I've spent a lot of my time talking about this issue. With schools receiving growing attention, and sometimes criticism, for how they handle sexual assault, Title IX compliance has become one of the biggest concerns in higher education administration.

Not only have I worked with many administrators on trying to create programs to address the culture on college campuses that make sexual assault such an issue, but I've also sat on the Student Disciplinary Review Board (SDRB) that hears these cases when they come before the university.

Before going further, I'd like to make one

thing clear. When I'm talking about sexual assault, I'm not talking about the "he-said-she-said" cases that everyone believes to be so common. I am talking about the overwhelming majority of cases where there is strong evidence.

Last week I proposed that in some cases of sexual assault, when students are found responsible and expelled, the SDRB should have the authority to note the expulsion on or with the student's transcript. I believe strongly that if a student's actions rise to the level of expulsion from our community, it should be worth noting on their record.

While some are surprised that this already isn't common practice, I've talked with students who are opposed to the idea. If you are someone opposed to the idea, I'd like to clear up two common misconceptions.

First, this doesn't mean allegations of sexual assault will be noted on a student's record. The only time a record would be created is if the student were found responsible.

Second, this doesn't mean the student will never be able to continue their education or get a job. No university official will follow the student for the rest of their life to tell every future employer that the student was

found responsible.

It is only when the student requests a transcript that the record would be sent. Asking for a transcript is a lot like asking the university to be listed as a reference for the student.

Just as you would expect an employer who fired you to say as much if listed as a reference, the university should do its best to provide an accurate record of the student's time at this institution. The student is always free to walk away from the university and never ask for a transcript.

With these two misconceptions cleared up, I welcome a healthy conversation about what we can do to prevent sexual assault. I believe that we should play our part on the national stage and agree that we won't allow students found responsible to slip under the radar if they choose to transfer our credits.

This is an important conversation I want our campus to have. Without a doubt, it will be an uncomfortable discussion at times. Hopefully we will be able to support each other, and have a healthy and productive conversation to help make our campus and our country an even safer place.

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Wasted WSU controversy

WSU professors' word bans were understandable

Syllabus Week brought more than the typical boredom pandemic to Washington State University.

When some Critical Culture, Gender and Race Studies classes' syllabi discouraged the use of offensive terms, including "illegal aliens," "female," "male" and "tranny," Internet mobs shrieked that WSU's quality of education had suffered a dramatic decline.

The uproar caused WSU administration to release a statement reaffirming a commitment to free speech rights and promising to work with faculty members to revise the syllabi in question.

However, before blustering in outrage at the punishment, it's important to examine the context the syllabi were presented in.

Students in classes discussing race, class, gender and sexuality should expect an examination of vocabulary and our society at large. The instructors at WSU forced students to change their vocabulary in an effort to make students learn the impact that language has on others.

Granted, the penalties for using banned words seemed unduly harsh at first glance. For some of the classes in question, students could face grade penalties or even fail the course entirely for repeated use of offensive terms.

For WSU professor Selena Lester Breikss' class, students who used the terms in class would be corrected so they could learn from it. Allowing students to learn from their mistakes is the foundation of education, so this did not seem unreasonable.

The language requirement within the WSU syllabi is more akin to common practices within teaching foreign languages than the freedom of speech crackdown many saw it as. Within some foreign language classes, a common practice is to force students to use whatever language they are learning for the entire period in order to practice words or phrases that may not have been practiced otherwise. Students choosing to study a foreign language should have some expectation of real-world application, after all.

The same principle holds true for students of critical culture, gender and race studies. College students studying cultural differences should expect to gain a vocabulary that is appropriate

to use at a job within the field.

The benefits of using the correct vocabulary to refer to people of different genders, races and cultures are seen regularly in the news. Comedian Damon Wayans calling the women who accused Bill Cosby "un-rapeable" is just one example of why there will always be a need to study and teach the importance of language.

Some of the language forbidden by the classes has even fallen out of favor by the general public. The Associated Press stopped using the term "illegal alien" in the AP Stylebook in 2013, as part of a larger effort to label people instead of behaviors.

So by forcing students to learn inoffensive terms, the WSU instructors were also striving to teach them to use proper terminology as well.

It's disappointing that the WSU administration felt the need to cave to public pressure on the fears of abridging freedom of speech and to force the professors to mend their syllabi. The professor's goals were understandable and would have helped students better understand the class curriculum as well as the new world they are about to enter into.

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A different kind of crisis

NYC exemplifies how not to handle homelessness

Last week's New York Times featured New York City on the front page. Its newsworthiness: a homelessness crisis.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has retraced his steps from mid-July. Many New Yorkers were sending up an outcry that street homelessness had risen. His response at that time was, "Homelessness isn't going up, thank God."



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Now, as of Sept. 2, de Blasio seems to have rethought his stance on things. Or maybe it was the poll numbers coming in showing dissatisfaction with his handling of the matter. It is an election year, after all.

There are approximately 610,042 people experiencing homelessness in the United States. About 9 percent of homeless adults — 57,849 — are veterans. These numbers come from point-in-time counts, which are conducted, community by community, on a single night in January every other year by the National Alliance of Homelessness.

In New York, the number of homeless people living in shelters has decreased slightly from last year. The shelters went from 60,939 people in December 2014 to 58,761 in June 2015, and as of Monday, the Times said it has dropped to 56,731. That means that nearly 9 percent of homeless adults are living in New York on their own.

The number of homeless people living in the streets has also decreased from last year, but only just. In New York, those people living in the streets or subways was counted at 3,100 people in February.

Why does what happen in NYC matter here in Moscow? Simple. Despite the common perception of a peaceful, beautiful town that is all happy-go-lucky, there are plenty of homeless in Idaho too.

As of the end of 2014, Idaho had 2,104 homeless people living in it. Here in Latah County, there were 112 homeless people in 2012. This report also didn't include the number of people who were "couch-surfing" at a friend's house, even though they should have been included.

Family Promise of the Palouse, a nonprofit organization in Moscow, alone has hosted 27 families, 79 individuals and 42 children in the last year.

These numbers are dramatically less than the numbers of New York. However, our population is also dramatically less.

In an interview in 2013, the director of Sojourners' Alliance, another nonprofit on the Palouse, said about 23 percent of Latah County lives in poverty. That doesn't mean those people are homeless, per say, but it is still a significant amount of people struggling to stay afloat.

Homelessness isn't just a problem in the big cities. Moscow doesn't have the money to reconstruct the New York solution, but average normal people can help too.

Direct people in need to Sojourners' Alliance or Family Promise of the Palouse. These local nonprofits provide affordable housing to low income persons. They also provide basic services, education in life and interpersonal skills, counseling and opportunities for integration into the Moscow community.

Buy someone food, blankets or coats. Sit down and listen to his or her story over a warm cup of tea or coffee. Eat lunch with him or her.

Little things may seem pointless in the grand scheme of things, but all anyone really wants is a little bit of kindness.

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