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# The dawn of distance education

University of Idaho looks into offering more online degrees

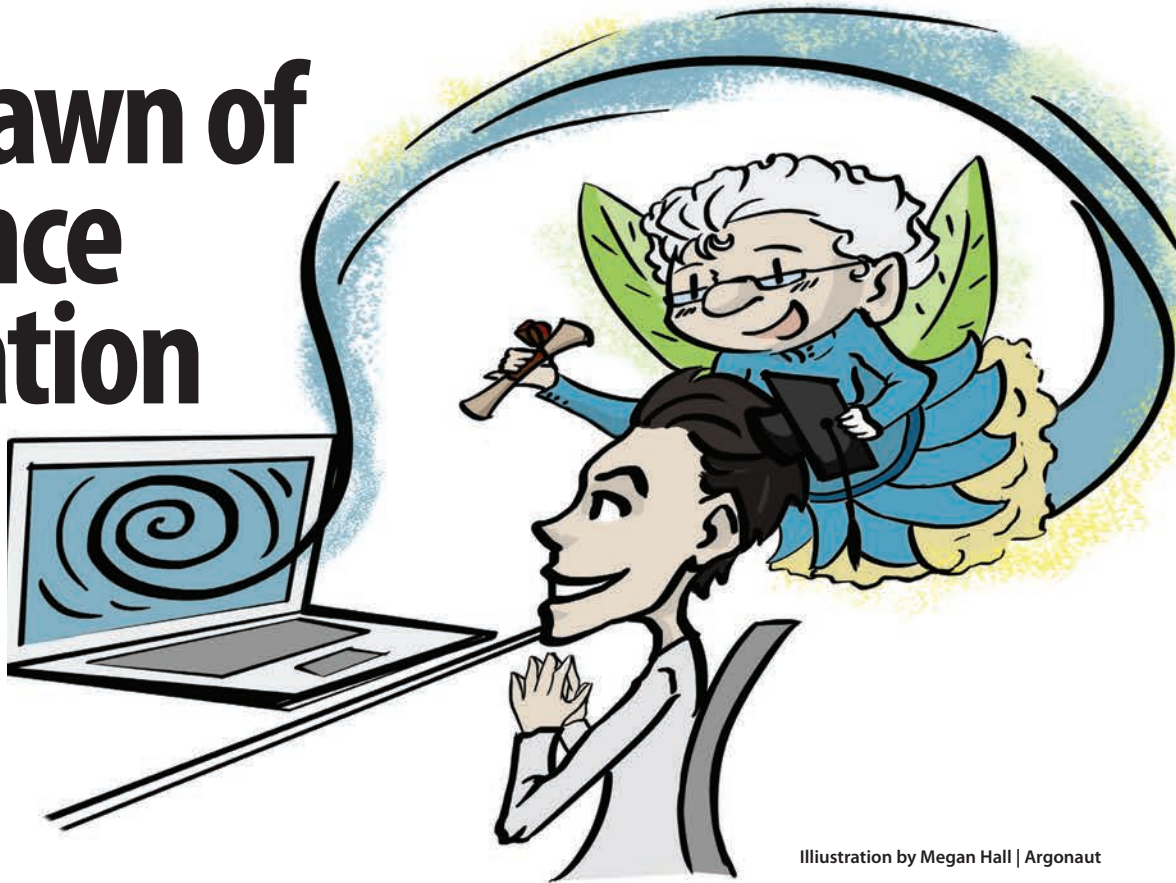


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**Erin Bamer**  
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University of Idaho Senior Edwin Latrell has completed 40 online courses in seven different countries while enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

And while he said he was frustrated that he couldn't get his three degrees earlier, Latrell is glad he had the opportunity to be a part of the university culture by taking some of his classes on campus.

"I like being on campus," Latrell said. "I don't think it's an unreasonable expectation that people do 'X' number of credits on campus."

Latrell is now set to graduate in May with a triple major in philosophy, psychology and international studies.

Terry Ratcliff came to Moscow just over a year ago as the university's first executive director of Distance and Extended Education — a position made to help improve UI's online education system.

"We need a plan," Ratcliff said. "Strategic, action, vision,

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**Terry Ratcliff, executive director of Distance and Extended Education**

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Ratcliff said UI's distance education program is currently decentralized, with different colleges and departments offering different forms of online education fit to their preferred formats.

He said the university must also work to market the current distance education program and

recruit online students to UI. Many different types of students take online courses, but Ratcliff said he is prioritizing remote students who are unable to get to campus.

"It's the students who can't get to Moscow but still want a U of I experience, that still want a U of I degree, that we will bring in that we don't currently bring in," Ratcliff said.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Jeanne Stevenson said the development of distance education at UI is essential to the administration because it gives the university a chance to reach students who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to receive a higher education.

"I think it provides ... the opportunity for access," Stevenson said. "And that's something that you also hear President Staben talk about is accessing education, and especially with a focus on Idaho residents."

UI's distance education

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program also needs to build a better student support system, Ratcliff said.

Stevenson said online courses should provide an equivalent learning environment compared to on-campus courses.

UI offers more than 20 fully online degree programs for graduate students, but offers none for undergraduate students, Ratcliff said. He intends to send multiple proposals for undergraduate degree programs to the State Board of Education in the spring.

Though Latrell relied heavily on UI's online education while he was overseas, he said he doesn't think offering degrees fully through online courses is a good choice for the university.

Instead, Latrell said UI should make more courses available online without offering complete degree programs.

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## PLANNED PARENTHOOD

# A street divided

Opposing crowds protest, show support for Planned Parenthood

**Ryan Tarinelli**  
Argonaut

Though the heated conversations were kept at a minimum, the signs told another story as Planned Parenthood protestors faced off with the organization's supporters in Pullman Saturday morning.

"Babies betrayed," read one sign held by a pro-life supporter. "Killing your baby is bad parenthood," read another. Pro-life demonstrators protested Planned Parenthood's abortion services and called for the defunding of the organization.

Across the street, pro-Planned Parenthood demonstrators lined up with bright pink signs showing their support for the organization, which offers birth control, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and cancer screenings, among other services.

"Stand with Planned Parenthood," read one sign. "Don't take away our care," read another.

Groups of Planned Parenthood supporters and protesters gathered in Pullman Saturday.

With crowds of demonstrators on hand, the sidewalks were filled with people at the intersection of Bishop Boulevard and Highway 270 in Pullman. Demonstrators peacefully protested for about two hours on either side of the sidewalk, with cars honking to show their support.

The protest came days before the opening of Planned Parenthood's temporary Pullman Health Center. Last month, an early morning fire damaged Planned Parenthood's permanent location in Pullman, which Pullman Police are investigating as arson.

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## CAMPUS

# Flu season returns

Students can stay healthy with on-campus resources

**Jessica Gee**  
Argonaut

Fall is the season for cooler temperatures, pumpkin-spiced everything and, of course, the flu.

Flu season is officially here, but there are many on-campus resources for University of Idaho students.

Emily Tuschhoff, health education coordinator at Vandal Health, said she has been working since the start of the month to raise awareness for flu vaccinations.

She said a common misconception is being unaware of the difference between the flu and the stomach flu.

"Usually the flu is more similar to a cold with the symptoms," Tuschhoff said. "Throwing up and upset stomach are usually symptoms of the stomach flu."

Even though the symptoms may be seemingly harmless, Tuschhoff said many Americans die every year from the flu, which is why she urges students to get their shot.

"We definitely see an influx of vaccinations once it reaches national news, but it's better for students to get

it before then," Tuschhoff said.

Students can get a free vaccination at various flu shot clinics that will be open at different times throughout the year.

The next flu shot clinic will be from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Recreation Center. After students get a flu shot, they can stop by the annual Vandal Health and Recreation Fair where they can learn about more resources and enter to win prizes.

There will also be free flu shot clinics from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Teaching Learning Center, and from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 3 in the Kibbie Dome. Tuschhoff said these clinics will offer free meningitis vaccines as well.

Vandal Health will also give presentations upon request about issues ranging from maintaining a healthy diet to how to handle stress. Tuschhoff said anyone can request a presentation on the Vandal Health webpage, where there is also more information on flu season and a Flu IQ quiz.

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Tuschhoff

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## ADMINISTRATION

# High bids, stalled plan

President's residence project stalls as demo bids come in high

**Ryan Locke**  
Argonaut

Plans are underway to replace the nearly half-century old president's residence, but the project has already run into a few difficulties during the planning process.

While the University of Idaho plans to tear down the aging structure and build a new one

in the same location, the project is still in the early stages of planning and no designs for the new house have been drawn up, said Dan Ewart, vice president for Infrastructure.

He said there is not yet any set timeline for planning and construction.

The university allocated \$2 million for the project and the Idaho State Board of Education has authorized the budget.

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## STUDENT LIFE

# Resolving roommate issues

Administrators give advice, share resources to resolve roommate conflicts

**Diamond Koloski**  
Argonaut

Dealing with classes and midterms may be inevitably miserable, but living with a roommate may not have to be.

"It's common to get frustrated or annoyed with someone you see daily," said Jill Powell, assistant director of Student Engagement in University Housing. "Typically around midterms, when stress is a little more prevalent, we will see some roommate concerns."

Almost eight weeks into the school year, room-

mate issues and concerns may just now be revealing themselves — if they haven't already.

"Moving in with someone you hardly know can be a transition, but on the other hand, sometimes the person you think will be your best friend will also frustrate you," Powell said.

She said students should take several steps to help resolve a conflict.

Students should talk to the person while using "I" statements rather than pointing fingers, utilize the roommate or suitemate agreement with the help of your resident assistant and talk to Housing and Residence Life staff, Powell said.

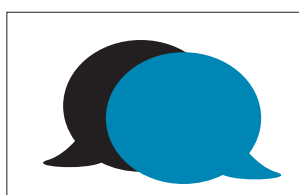
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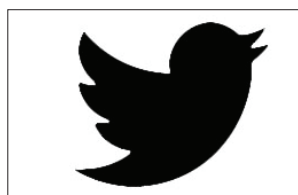
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CRUMBS

# A Crumbs recipe



## Garlic Parmesan bread balls

Sometimes you just want to get the appetizers but you don't want to leave the house to go to a restaurant. Garlic Parmesan bread balls are the perfect recipe to cure those dreaded appetizer cravings.

### Ingredients

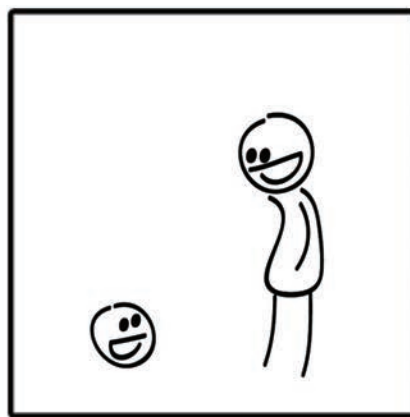
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 can biscuits
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 mozzarella cheese sticks
- 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a baking sheet
2. Cut cheese sticks into fourths and place in the center of each biscuit
3. Close the biscuits around cheese
4. Place biscuits on baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes
5. In a bowl melt butter and stir in garlic powder, Italian seasoning and Parmesan cheese
6. When biscuits are done brush them over with seasoning mixture and serve warm

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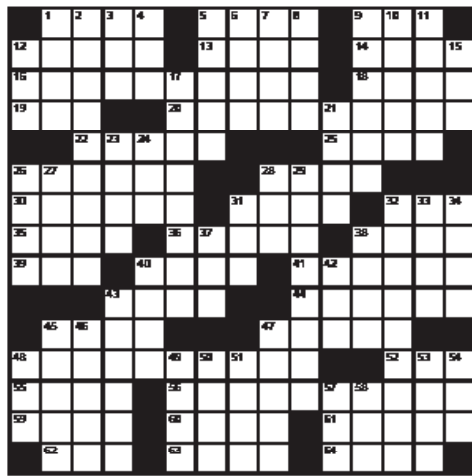


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## STUDENT LIFE

# A slice of Brazilian life

Despite popularity, Brazilian Nite may not happen again next year

**Nina Rydalch**  
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Although it was only the second Brazilian Nite at the University of Idaho, the tickets went quick. And by the time the night arrived, the event was sold out, leaving the many people wanting to get into Brazilian Nite out of luck Saturday.

Cezar Mesquita, staff adviser to the Brazilian Student Club, said the event started last year when the university received over 200 students from Brazil as part of the program *Ciência sem Fronteiras* (Science without borders).

Some of these students were pas-

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It is so inspiring, and then for them to take up their time to put together events like this is nothing short of phenomenal.

**Cezar Mesquita,**  
**Brazilian Club Staff Adviser**

sionate about sharing their culture, Mesquita said, and it was from this passion that Brazilian Nite was born.

“It is so inspiring, and then for them to take up their time to put together events like this is nothing short of phenomenal,” Mesquita said.

Dominique Godinho, a pe-

troleum engineering major from Rio de Janeiro and singer at the event, said she thinks Brazilian Nite is amazing. She said she loves to sing, and the event gives her an opportunity to share her voice and her culture with the Moscow community.

“It’s a way to show a little bit of Brazil,” said 21-year-old musician João “JC” Carlos, who performed in most of the musical pieces during the event.

JC, a computer science major currently attending UI on scholarship from Brazil, said he performed in last year’s event as well.

Graduate student Pedro Panzenhagen, who is currently at Washington State University pursuing a doctorate’s degree in veterinary medicine, said his fa-

vorite part of Brazilian Nite was the dancing.

Ehsan Mohandesi, a WSU student from Iran and Panzenhagen’s roommate, said he found Brazilian culture to be intriguing and wonderful. He said he only regretted the night did not provide more information about the culture.

Soraie Vasconcelos, secretary of the Brazilian Club at UI, was in charge of decorations and said this year went better than the last simply because it was more organized.

Vasconcelos said this may have been the last year for Brazilian Nite at the university.

With many Brazilians here from *Ciência sem Fronteiras* returning home in the coming

year, the number of students in Brazilian Club will vastly diminish, making large events such as Brazilian Nite next to impossible to pull off.

As Vasconcelos spoke, three participants wearing women’s undergarments over their regular clothing performed a final song, enticing many in the audience to meet in the center of the International Ballroom and participate.

Singing and dancing together, the group wrapped up the night with the passion that began it in the first place.

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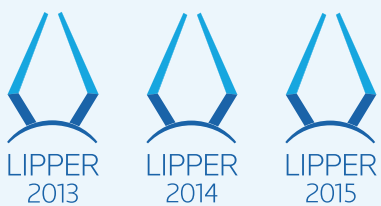
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## LIBRARY

# Librarian of the year

Dean Lynn Baird awarded Librarian of the Year by Idaho Library Association

Austin Maas  
Argonaut

She came to the University of Idaho for a temporary one-year position. Forty-one years later, Lynn Baird, dean of Libraries, continues to serve the university.

The Idaho Library Association acknowledged Baird's devotion to the field this year when they named her Idaho's Librarian of the Year for 2015. Nominated by her peers, Baird said she was honored to receive her letter of acknowledgment.

"I just stared at it for a long time," she said. "It really meant so very much to be recognized by my peers."

Baird said she also appreciates her peers for all the work they have done.

"I really hope that it's aspirational for all of my colleagues," she said. "The award represents the work of many people — it's not just me."

Baird said she has interacted with groups and organizations to explain the necessity of libraries in communities all over the state.

While working with the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Baird said she has tried to promote the development of public and school libraries.

"One of the great things about

working in librarianship is you have the opportunity to work in collaboration with other groups," Baird said. "My strongest collaboration has been with the Idaho Commission for Libraries."

Baird said some libraries face challenges with schools having to cut library employment positions.

"Within schools, there has been a reduction in force in many of those positions," Baird said. "So many schools have gotten rid of their librarian and gone to a teacher aid ... that doesn't serve the students."

Baird said libraries play an integral role in the public school system and are a huge part of making the school's resources accessible for students.

"You have to make materials available before you can have intellectual freedom," Baird said.

Baird also works to understand the reason behind Idaho's low go-on rate, which measures how many high school students pursue a college education.

"So let's follow the whole food chain of events in education," Baird said.

The chain begins with Book Babies, a program that provides books to mothers with newborns in order to influence early literacy, Baird said.

When children reach preschool, story time programs like Read to Me help start good reading habits.

"We're trying to really promote that because then children enter-



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Dean of Libraries Lynn Baird (left) speaks with Administrative Assistant Samantha Green (right).

ing kindergarten have better skills," Baird said, mentioning that only 14 percent of Idaho children entering kindergarten recognize more than three letters of the alphabet.

"I think that those are alarming statistics and I think libraries have a role in that," Baird said.

Issues with students' reading abilities start early in elementary school

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and continue throughout middle school and into high school in some cases, Baird said.

She said students who aren't confident with their reading ability are less likely to find reading fun and pursue it.

"If reading isn't fun when you're a third grader, it's probably going to be even less fun when you're a sixth grader," Baird said.

Baird said books should be a fun opportunity to explore different personas and discover a new point of view.

By advocating for libraries in the state of Idaho, Baird said she hopes to give students more opportunities to fall in love with reading, and in turn, obtain higher literacy skills.

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## LIBRARY

# Cowan responds to comments

Title IX poll garners high response rate from students

Nishant Mohan  
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Following a large number of responses and comments on his poll on Title IX, ASUI President Max Cowan said having a conversation is never offensive.

The poll asked students whether they think transcripts should be marked to include that the student was expelled from the University of Idaho, including if the student was expelled due to sexual assault.

Since Cowan sent it out Oct. 1, the poll has garnered 515 responses — 85 percent in favor — and 139 comments from about 30 different commenters as of Sunday.

"I think the comments brought

up some legitimate concerns about exactly how the expulsion is listed, what kind of language is used around it and how we deal with students as a result of their expulsion," Cowan said.

The comments ranged from strongly in favor of the transcript note to strongly against and everything in between.

Cowan said a range of more specific comments and questions and a drift in the discussion revealed confusion about the university's responsibilities in sexual assault cases and the framing of the transcript discussions so far.

One of the major questions commenters had was why the poll focused on sexual assault when the result of the policy would mark transcripts for expulsions re-

gardless of the reason, Cowan said.

"It's an effort to be genuine," he said. "If we did not mention sexual assault specifically, I don't think we'd be honest about the origin

of this project."

Much like the previous week's poll on medical amnesty, Cowan said the poll made him feel he and ASUI are doing the right thing — despite the results not being nearly as positive as the previous poll.

"We'd been having conversations about noting expulsions on transcripts," Cowan said. "And I think that although we had been talking about this, I don't think I felt as confident about the position ASUI should take until this poll was taken."

Commenters cited other concerns as well. Cowan said a number

of people voiced concerns that the transcript should be for academic records only.

"I believe that expulsion is an academic record," he said. "The fact that your time at the institution has ended and you are no longer welcome to take classes is the academic portion."

Cowan said the comments helped him with how to word the note on transcripts. He said he thinks the language used should be dispassionate and simple.

The results of the poll, Cowan said, have made it clear that not only does the note on the transcript need to be clear, but he also needs to be clearer in how he discusses the issue.

Although the conversation has been about sexual assault, Cowan said he wants to make sure students understand that it is hard to be expelled for reasons other than sexual assault and the note would not state

the reason for expulsion.

"It would not say 'expelled for...,'" he said.

Cowan said the goal of the note is to start a conversation with the receiving institution. He said he thinks a university should be able to make an informed decision when admitting a student to their institution.

"If a student were transferring to the University of Idaho, and they had been expelled from their previous institution, I think we would want to know that before admitting that student," Cowan said.

Cowan said his personal goal is for UI to take a leadership role around the country to promote similar policies that make notes of expulsion on transcripts the nationwide standard.

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**STREET**

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The organization has received national criticism recently over multiple undercover videos that show Planned Parenthood officials discussing fetal tissue donation.

Moscow resident Anna Callihan came out Saturday to protest Planned Parenthood's abortion services.

"(Babies) should have rights, just like any of us should," Callihan said, holding her 10-month-old son as she stood in a line of pro-life demonstrators. She said if Planned Parenthood supporters did more research on abortion they would change their mind on the topic.

"This is about the baby's rights," she said.

Across the street, Pullman resi-

dent Elijah Wender came out in support of the organization.

"Planned Parenthood saves lives in my community, and that's why I'm out here," Wender said.

Wender, who has volunteered at Planned Parenthood in the past, said the organization provides critical reproductive healthcare services to the Palouse through cancer screenings and birth control.

Like Wender, Lindsay Welfelt, a Washington State graduate student, said she came out in support because Planned Parenthood is much more than just its abortion services. She said the Planned Parenthood protesters seemed to be only focused on abortion, when the organization offers a wide array of reproductive healthcare services.

Growing up in rural Washingt-

ood was supportive of teenage girls and offered them a place to talk.

"Planned Parenthood was really there for so many teenage girls," she said.

Although she doubted any demonstrators would change their mind on the topic, Welfelt said standing in support of Planned Parenthood was a sign to the cars passing by and the community that people care about the organization.

"I think it's really a good thing to come out and support what they do," Welfelt said of Planned Parenthood.

Pro-life demonstrators Deacon and Amy James brought their four children to the protest Saturday.

Amy, a member of Christ

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Church in Moscow, said she was protesting Planned Parenthood's abortion services and not reproductive healthcare in general.

"We are totally pro-women's health," Amy said.

Even so, Amy said Planned Parenthood should be defunded, as there are many other healthcare providers that offer the similar reproductive health services.

Amy said she strongly supports the push in Congress to defund the organization and has written to her representative on the topic.

"We will be one-issue voters in this next election," Amy said.

With so many protesters against Planned Parenthood, Amy said she thinks this gen-

eration is starting to rise up against abortion.

"We are training them to carry this on," Amy said of having her four children at the protest.

Carrying a sign that read "Ignorance hurts women," University of Idaho student Chelsea Butler showed up Saturday to support Planned Parenthood.

She said the organization has been a place of respect and support for her and other women.

"It was affordable and they cared about me," Butler said.

Planned Parenthood opened a temporary health clinic Monday at 745 N. Grand Ave. in Pullman.

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**DAWN**

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UI Boise law professor Wendy Couture proposed a different perspective toward distance education at a Faculty Senate meeting last month.

"Distance education not only brings Moscow out to the world," Couture said during the meeting. "But it also brings the world to Moscow."

Couture said online courses can take on various forms, such as classes completed fully through Blackboard Learn or video-streamed lectures. She said the university should address these types of courses differently in the distance education system, since the courses affect students and faculty in different ways.

While Faculty Senate Chair Randall Teal has not taught any online courses himself, he said faculty have had varying degrees of success teaching online courses through these different means. He said some instructors have experienced chal-

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Distance education not only brings Moscow out to the world, but it also brings the world to Moscow.

Wendy Couture,  
UI Boise law professor

lenges when attempting to connect with their students through video.

Teal said he has not taught any online courses because the majority of his classes deal with design and are not ideal for an online platform.

Ratcliff said he intends to use the upcoming academic year to figure out a plan with other university administrators. He also said he wants to discuss online education with UI faculty, students and staff.

"We'll need to have a conversation on

campus about what is it that we want to be when it comes to an online education provider," Ratcliff said.

An improved distance education system will bring multiple benefits to UI, Ratcliff said. It would increase enrollment, which Ratcliff said would add to the university's revenue and lead to further developments at UI.

Online education expands the university's visibility and contributes to the number of alumni. Ratcliff said online education also helps spread education across Idaho and serves the needs of the entire state, rather than just the needs of UI.

Latrell said he certainly benefited from UI's online education during his time overseas.

"From the student side, I can tell you it's an invaluable resource," Latrell said. "I've taken courses in seven different countries, in three different oceans — and it's fabulous."

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**ROOMMATE**

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Jesus Vargas, a resident assistant in Wallace, suggests the same points.

"Usually when saying 'you' to the roommate, they might get defensive and build more issues," Vargas said. "Using 'I' statements is helpful to get an opinion out, and possibly help resolve issues."

Issues can sometimes arise between roommates who are just meeting each other, but roommate issues between best friends can be just as common.

Jennifer Skinner, customer relations manager for University Housing, said one of the biggest pieces of advice she offers students is to not choose to live with their best friend.

"It is really hard to maintain a best friend when you're suddenly living together and sharing the same space," Skinner said. "You need your best friend to have your back."

As an alternative to possibly breaking up a friendship because of roommate issues, Skinner suggests living in a room with

someone you don't know well, and having your best friend live close by.

"Then you can get away from your roommate and go talk to your best friend," Skinner said.

Powell said it is always a good idea to talk to the person directly, and to ask direct questions such as "I seem to be missing my shampoo, do you know where it went?" or "Did you have someone over recently that may have taken my shampoo?" if you suspect your roommate or one of their guests may have taken your belongings.

If students aren't comfortable approaching their roommate about any issue, or the conversation turns out to be counterproductive, there are resources to help resolve issues.

In these cases, Skinner said University Housing has a resident assistant mediate a meeting between the two roommates. She said a resident assistant often uses the roommate agreement as a tool to resolve the issue.

"Some students aren't quite comfortable speaking with their roommate about

issues," Skinner said.

Skinner said it's important that students share what is happening with someone, even if that person is not a roommate or resident assistant.

With such a wide variety of potential problems arising between roommates, it may seem like a giving up or getting a single room is the way to go. Yet, Vargas said the dorms are well worth it.

"Living in the dorms can be awesome. Sometimes roommates will or won't get along," Vargas said. "It is best for roommates to communicate to have less issues, rather than not communicate and have issues build up over the entire school year."

Powell said sometimes just simply informing or confronting someone can go a long way to resolving a roommate issue.

"Try and work through conflict and do not give up," Powell said. "... conflict will happen, and that is OK."

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**FLU**

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Tuschhoff said they also plan to set up the Health Hut in the Idaho Commons on Oct. 21 and Nov. 10 so students can stop by and learn more about Vandal Health resources.

Besides getting the flu shot, Tuschhoff said students should stop by the Student Health

Clinic every year for a check-up.

"Even the Counseling and Testing Center can be helpful in reducing stress levels in students, which can make you less likely to get sick," Tuschhoff said.

Tuschhoff said eating healthy, staying active and taking a good amount of vitamin C can be beneficial during flu season. Yet, she still urges student on

campus to get vaccinated at the flu shot clinic.

"Those things are all great for keeping you healthy, but if someone is sitting next to you coughing, your best bet will be to get the flu shot," Tuschhoff said.

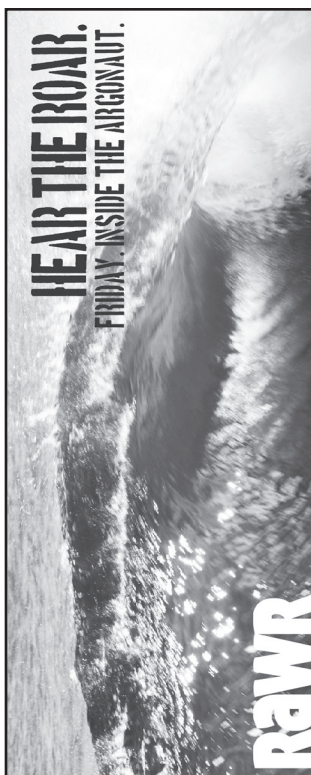
Tuschhoff said students who already have the flu can stop by the health and resource room at the SRC to get a flu quick kit which contains flu necessities

such as tissues.

"I definitely recommend staying home and getting rest," Tuschhoff said. "I know it's hard for students to skip classes, but it's really the best way to prevent the spread of illness."

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# SPORTS



Idaho soccer wins its fifth straight after Sunday's home victory against Montana

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## VOLLEYBALL

## Five-set showdown



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Idaho redshirt freshman outside hitter Sarah Sharp goes for the kill against Sacramento State Saturday night at Memorial Gym. The Vandals beat the Hornets 3-2.

*Vandals overcome rough opening-set loss, win another five-set match*

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

A rough start didn't stop the Idaho volleyball team. The team survived its second straight five-set match with another victory, defeating Sacramento State 3-2 (14-25, 26-24, 25-20, 27-29, 15-9) Saturday at the Memorial Gym.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said the win was a reminder that the team has unfinished business.

"We had great numbers tonight," Buchanan said. "As we got to the middle of game one, we started passing the ball and doing some things. The challenge is can you carry that over into the next set and

we did that."

Idaho senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson, who had 18 kills, was among four Vandal players to earn 10 or more kills.

Peterson said the team's character, resiliency and fighting for each point helped the team win in five sets.

"Five sets are always pretty tough," Peterson said. "We took a team in five on Thursday (Portland State) ... that definitely gave us some confidence going into that fifth game that we can take care of business and get it done."

After a kill by Sacramento State's Kennedy Kurtz in the second set, the Hornets were at set point with a 24-16 lead. The next play was a kill by Peterson, which started a 10-0 run for Idaho, and earned the Vandals a set win.

Idaho ended the night with a .325 attack percentage, including a match-high .643 attack percentage without committing an error in set five.

"We kept learning, we kept pushing and our blocking got us going in the end of that second game," Buchanan said. "(It) gave us some momentum and that was huge for us to pull that out."

Idaho redshirt freshman outside hitter Sarah Sharp didn't play until the third set, but she ended the night with a career-high 15 kills and a .560 attack percentage.

Sharp said the team came out too tense and tight in the beginning but once the players were relaxed, their performance improved.

"We had each other's back the whole time," Sharp said. "Not once did we give up on each other or

hang our heads. Even when things were tough, we were always there coming to the middle and being there for each other."

Buchanan said the addition of Sharp to the match changed the complexity of Idaho's offense.

"Offensively, we made some adjustments and the girls adjusted to it really well," Buchanan said. "We took Becca (Mau) out. Becca was struggling and moved Katelyn to that (hitting) spot and moved Sarah in the opposite and we were able to create more offense. That's part being a team. You got to be able to have moving parts and call people from the bench."

With two straight five-set wins,



the Vandals are back at .500 with a 3-3 Big Sky Conference record and are 6-12 overall.

The Vandals will play their next four games on the road, starting with the Montana Grizzlies 6 p.m. Thursday at the West Auxiliary Gym in Missoula, Montana. Idaho swept Montana last season in Missoula.

Peterson said she and her teammates are hungry for more wins as the season moves forward.

"It's anyone's game on any given night and we're gonna have to come out a lot harder on the road," Peterson said. "We love playing at home, but on the road, we can't come out on a slow start."

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## SWIM AND DIVE

## Vandals fall to Broncos

*Idaho swim and dive loses season opener to Boise State*

**Mitch Cline**  
Argonaut

The Vandal swim and dive team made its way down to Boise last week to face the Boise State Broncos for the Vandals' first duel of the season.

The Vandals fell to the Broncos 185-148.

Twenty-one of the 30 Idaho swim and dive athletes are underclassmen — eight sophomores and 13 freshmen. For many of the Idaho athletes, this was their first collegiate meet.

More than half of the Vandal team is returning from the previous season.

Idaho coach Mark Sowa has faced Boise

“We've only just begun to figure out who we are as a team but be excited for the journey.”

**Mark Sowa, Idaho coach**

State every year since he has been in charge of the Vandal program. Although each effort against the Broncos has been winless, Sowa believes that the end result does not dictate the team's overall performance.

"Overall I think we performed well under the circumstances," Sowa said. "Travel, nerves and a really good opponent took its toll but we got better throughout the weekend and saw some really promising things."

With only two seniors on the team this season, Sowa still believes this team is the deepest team he has coached at Idaho.

Sowa's message to the team after the

duel was simple.

"It's the first chance to race and the second week of October," he said. "We've only just begun to figure out who we are as a team but be excited for the journey."

Now that the season is underway, Sowa said the team is focusing on competing more than practicing their craft.

"Our skills need to improve as well as our attention to detail," Sowa said. "We are only six weeks into our training so now it is time to improve our overall focus and continue to build on the initial preparation phase of the season."

Idaho has six Western Athletic Conference regular-season matchups in the next four months with a couple invites mixed in between.

The Vandals take on Simon Fraser 4 p.m. Friday and Northern Colorado at 11 a.m. Saturday at the UI Swim Center.

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### Sports brief

#### Idaho women's golf leaps to second place with one round to go

The Idaho women's golf team sat in fourth place Monday after the first round of the Pat Lesser Harbottle Invitational in Lakewood, Washington. But the improvement of scores in the second round pushed Idaho to second place heading into Tuesday's final round.

The Vandals shot 28-over-par 604.

Idaho freshman Michelle Kim finished the day tied for seventh with a 6-over-par 150 and freshman Sophie Hausmann is tied for 16th with an 8-over-par 152.

Idaho senior Cassie McKinley and sophomore Kendall Gray are both tied for 19th place, finishing with a 9-over-par 153, and senior Kristin Strankman is tied for 41st, shooting a 14-over-par 158.

Junior Amy Hasenoehrl, who played as an individual, is tied for 50th with a 15-over-par 159.

The Washington Huskies hold the lead with a 4-over-par 580. Washington freshman Julianne Alvarez is in the lead individually, finishing the day with a 1-under-par 143.



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Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Idaho forward Olivia Baggerly moves the ball against Montana Sunday at Guy Wicks Field. Idaho beat Montana 3-1.

Idaho soccer beats Montana for fifth consecutive win

**Garrett Cabeza**  
Argonaut

The Idaho soccer team couldn't have gotten off to a better start in Big Sky Conference play. After five conference games, the Vandals have won all five, including a 3-1 win against Montana Sunday at Guy Wicks Field.

Idaho (9-4-1 overall, 5-0 Big Sky) will look to continue its winning streak against Southern Utah (6-6-1, 1-3-1) at 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks. The Vandals then play Northern Arizona at 1 p.m. Sunday in Flagstaff, Arizona.

All of the goals came in the second half of the Idaho-Montana game, starting with Idaho junior midfielder Alyssa Lloyd's header, which found the net in the 51st minute to put the Vandals up 1-0. It was Lloyd's fourth goal of the season.

About six minutes later, junior midfielder Clara Gomez

extended the Vandal lead to 2-0.

"A great set-piece goal from Josie and Alyssa got us off to the right start in the second half," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said. "We knew that we were going to have chances in transition. We told Clara when she picks up a ball like that to not be afraid to shoot. She picked her head up and had an excellent finish."

The Grizzlies got on the scoreboard in the 69th minute to cut Idaho's lead to 2-1. About 10 minutes later, Idaho junior forward Kavita Battan put the ball in the net for her seventh goal of the season to put the Vandals back up by two.

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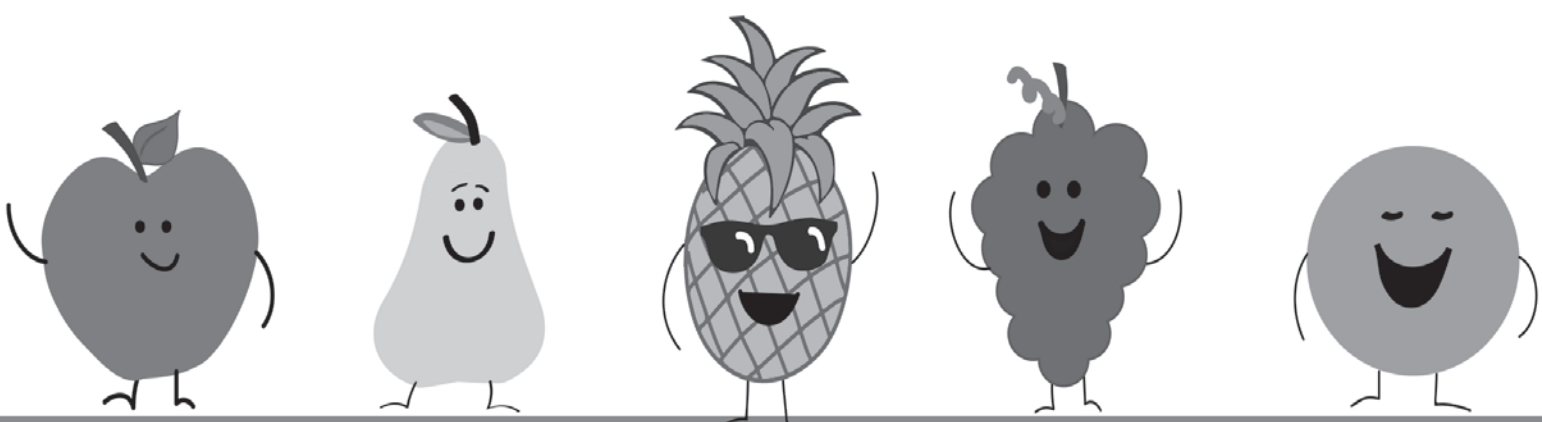
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## PUTTING ON THE PALOUSE



Alex Brizee | Argonaut  
Idaho freshman Michelle Kim putts at the Washington State Cougar Cup Sept. 22 at Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman. Kim is tied for seventh with a 6-over-par 150.

## Athletes of the week

### Katelyn Peterson – volleyball



Idaho senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson racked up a season-high 18 kills in the win against Sacramento State Saturday night at Memorial Gym. In the over 68 sets played, Peterson has 185 kills. The Vandals play the Montana Grizzlies 6 p.m. Thursday in Missoula, Montana, and then play Montana State 6 p.m. Saturday in Bozeman, Montana.

### Kaela Straw – volleyball



Idaho redshirt freshman outside hitter Kaela Straw matched her personal best of 13 kills against Portland State Thursday night at Memorial Gym. The Spokane native has 71 kills over 37 sets played.

### Josilyn Daggs – soccer



Idaho sophomore forward Josilyn Daggs scored a goal off a throw in Sunday against Montana at Guy Wicks Field. The Carson City, Nevada, native has four goals this season. The Vandals are 9-4-1 overall and 5-0 in Big Sky Conference play. They play Southern Utah 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field.

### Rylee Iacolucci – golf



Idaho senior Rylee Iacolucci shot a 4-under-par 212 and tied for second at the University of Wyoming Southern Oct. 3-4 in Maricopa, Arizona. The Vandals won the tournament with a 4-under-par 860, which beat second-place Wyoming by five strokes. Idaho will travel to El Paso, Texas, for the Price's Give 'Em Five Intercollegiate Oct. 23-25.

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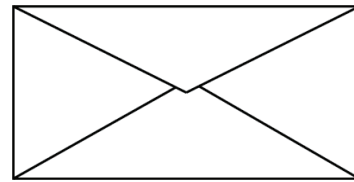
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# OPINION



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OUR VIEW

## Accessing online education

*An online education provides many benefits, but it's not for everyone*

Technology is a defining characteristic of the 21st century. It is now so intertwined with every day life, it's no surprise that educational institutions are trying to integrate increasing amounts of technology into education.

The University of Idaho has stressed the importance of this combination by working on a distance education plan in hopes of being able to provide more students, both undergraduate and graduate, with the opportunity to receive online degrees.

It's an opportunity for expansion that the UI simply can't miss.

This could be a tremendous opportunity for individuals who are interested in earning a degree

but are unable to relocate to a university campus. The university offers more than 20 online degree options for graduate students, but undergraduates are currently unable to acquire a degree online.

Expanding the university's online degree program would not only help students who are unable to get to campus, but also increase UI's educational outreach and influence.

The construction of UI's College of Education building exemplifies an added focus on technology for the university.

While UI has satellite campuses in other parts of Idaho, like Coeur d'Alene, these campuses are only located in select places and provide students and faculty with unique challenges.

In addition to being able to remotely seek out a degree through online education, online classes can be beneficial to students

located in Moscow.

Courses taken online can reduce the stress of students who have multiple other obligations that take up their time, such as a full-time job.

Online courses can also benefit students with families, those who choose to take off-campus internships and those who are traveling or have other obligations that prevent them from regularly being on campus.

Although there are undergraduate courses offered online, having more courses available would provide students with more flexibility in planning their schedules.

However, online education is not for everyone.

Some students prefer learning in a classroom environment, where there is a professor immediately at their disposal.

An on-campus education also provides students with a place to socialize, meet new people, get involved in extracurricular activities and make connections that may not have been afforded to them otherwise.

When it comes to online classes and the growing integration of technology and education, it's important to remember that there are benefits to both sides.

Whether you love online classes and remote learning or hate anything that deviates from classroom learning, the most important thing is to make sure whichever educational route you choose, it's the right one for you.



-CB

### OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

#### Haus scare Olympics ...

have begun. Nowhere is safe in my apartment now. Nowhere.

- Corrin

#### Positive vibes for my Subaru

Let's all send healing thoughts back home to my precious Outback. I guess 270,000 miles eventually caught up to the ol' gal. We made it 3/4 of the way home before honking the horn prompted electrical system failure. Curse my road rage.

- Lyndsie

#### Go Hawks

Tough pill to swallow after Sunday's loss to the Bengals, but I'm still confident in Seattle. 13-3 here we come.

- Garrett

#### Wrist management

No one ever really realizes how much they need their wrists until they don't have the ability to use them anymore. #thestrugglesreal

- Claire

#### Hello Walk

The biggest misnomer on campus. President Alfred Upham, your required formality has fallen on deaf ears in the digital age.

- Jake

#### 'That was easy'

I feel like I'm what is wrong with the world when I give into consumerism and buy the big red Staples button.

- Jessica

#### Dating apps

Damn, there are a lot of lonely people out there.

- Ryan

#### Story to come

It's always kind of a bummer when a fun project comes to an end, but in this case, it'll be nice to delete my Grindr.

- Hannah

#### No, it's not eyeliner

I'm just wiping bits of gnat out of my eyeball.

- Jack

#### Go Cubs

Having the Cubs play during midterms makes it so hard to study for tests.

- Jordan

#### Football

5-0. Go Packers!

- Tea

#### Blot

It's my turn to shamelessly plug for Blot Magazine through The Argonaut as our fearless leader Claire is battling a maybe fatal injury. #whatchyagonnado-aboutitclaire

- Erin

#### MIA

Can't even get mad for Korbin not doing his OTC as he is enduring a very real struggle with migraines. Feel better Korbin.

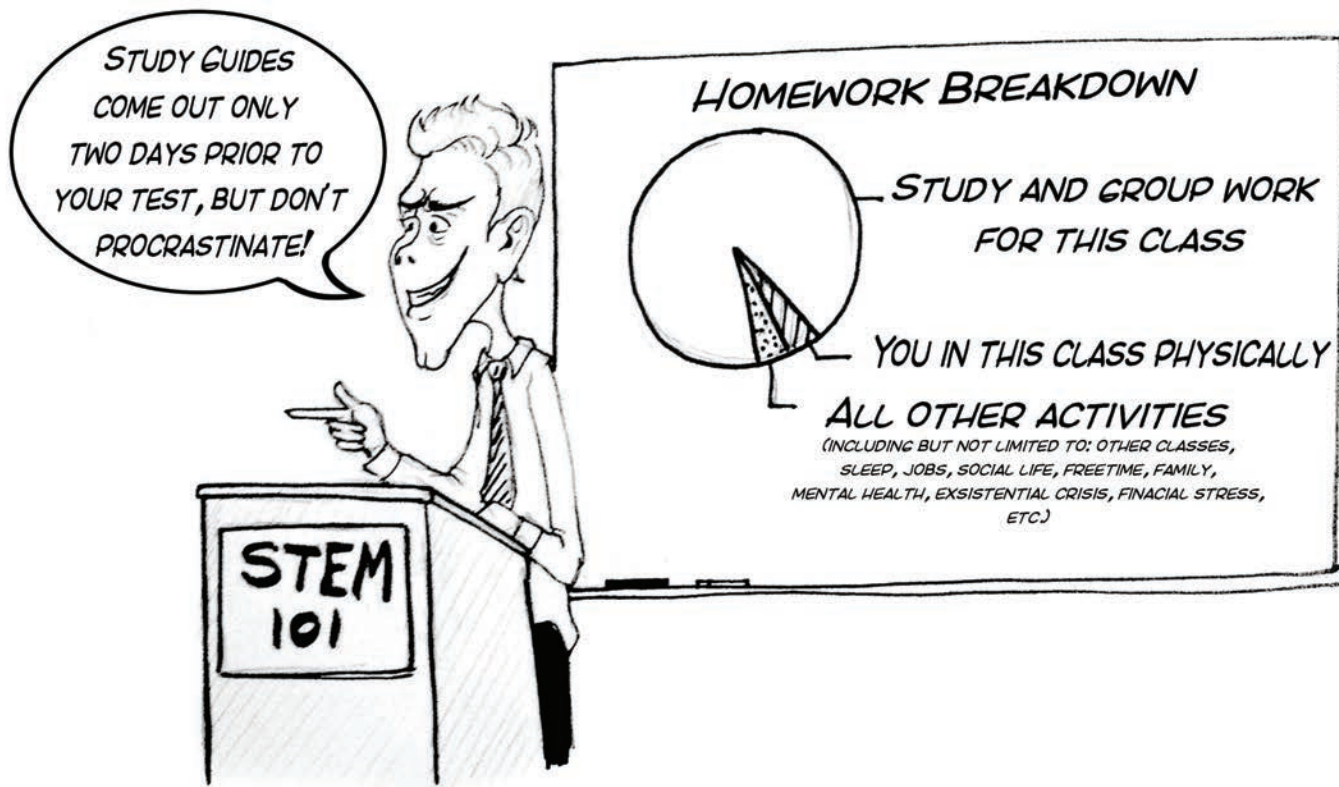
- Korb

#### Libel

Learning about the First Amendment, speech rights, libel and privacy was my weekend. The test is today. Wish me luck.

- Katelyn

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## WELCOME CHRISTMAS

### Holiday vomit

*Why Christmas celebrations don't need to start in October*

Everything is red and green, silver and gold and there is a rounded, jolly individual dressed in a red suit.

Stores have aisles devoted to the garish holidays, and it's only October. It reminds me of glittery silver, green and red holiday vomit.

It isn't even Halloween. Seriously, what is the point of having holiday decorations up before All Hallows Eve is even here? It can't be so people can decorate their homes, because right now they are all orange and black with cobwebs and fake blood splatters.

On Nov. 1, everything will be the colors of fall. Orange will stay, but black will give way to brown and red. Colors and decorations are fickle things and those

who don't change with the seasons are chastised for having Halloween decorations up after the beginning of November or not having Christmas decorations up right after Black Friday sales are over.

I love the holiday season, don't get me wrong, but I hate the sales pitch for a season that starts two months in advance. The only reason it is a good thing is when someone plans to make all their own decorations and not just buy the cheap ones available in the store aisles.

For example, I enjoy making the wreath I hang on my door every other year or two. All I need to do that is a Michaels and a Jo-Ann Fabrics, which have the makings for wreaths all year round, so having a season sale for them doesn't actually matter. Those are the only stores that I am



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## Holly jolly holidays

*Early holiday celebrations don't miss the point*

Every year the U.S. seems to start its celebration of the end-of-the-year holidays a little bit sooner than the previous year, and I'm not complaining.

Before the summer season was even officially over, autumn themed decor and other products have been advertised across the Palouse. Why people have the need to drink hot pumpkin spice lattes in 80-degree August weather, I'll never know.

While fall merchandise is not the same thing as holiday merchandise, shortly after the infamous pumpkin spice lattes became available at coffee shops, Halloween

costumes were suddenly on the racks at department stores. Wal-Mart began filling its candy aisle to the point where it looks like it will burst any second.

It's only a matter of time before the candy bags and plastic pumpkins are replaced with frozen turkeys and pilgrim streamers, and we all know that before Thanksgiving is even over many Americans will already be halfway through their preparation for Christmas.

The growing hype before Halloween and Thanksgiving are really just warm ups when considering how insane



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# What the health?

*Why students should attend the annual Health and Rec Fair*

We have reached that point in the semester where many students, faculty and staff begin to feel the effects of a busy and stressful fall, meaning that there is no better time to focus on health and wellness.

As the annual event that highlights health and recreation on campus, the 27th Health and Rec Fair is gearing up to be bigger and better than ever.

With more than 60 campus, community and regional health exhibitors, there will be an array of topics, resources and free giveaways. From wellness demonstrations to health screenings, a bubble ball tournament, door prizes and free food, the Health and Rec Fair is your health destination on campus. The Fair is from 1-5 p.m. this Wednesday.

With flu season often starting in October, the Health and Rec fair will be providing free flu shots to students, faculty and staff. As your best protec-

tion against the flu virus, this is your opportunity to access this free service. Students will need to bring their Vandal Cards for a free flu shot. Faculty and staff also have a unique opportunity to access free biometric screen-

ings the morning of the Fair, from 7-11 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center classroom. Employees that bring their Blue Cross of Idaho card will be able to have their glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, full lipid profile and body mass index screened, as well as an optional bone density

screening for \$15.

The Health and Rec fair is a free event that focuses on total health and well-being. There is no better time than the present to prioritize your health. Join us for an afternoon of health resources, prizes and food. On behalf of Vandal Health Education, Campus Recreation and Human Resources, we look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

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## HOLLY

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people and businesses go before Christmas. Some companies can't even wait until November to start pulling out their December deals. I'm looking at you, Wal-Mart, and your entire aisle devoted to colorful tree ornaments.

Although I can admit that our country's craze and commercialization toward Christmas and the other holidays is a bit silly, it stopped bothering me a long time ago.

The biggest argument against the over-commercialization of the holiday season is that it misses the point of the actual holidays' purpose — but I'm not so sure that's true.

I love the holiday season. I get excited when I see black and orange decorations available for purchase, because I know it means that

I've survived the three-month dry spell between Independence Day and the next big annual holiday, Halloween. Holidays give people something to look forward to.

I don't think all of the early holiday merchandise misses the point at all, really. To me, the point of these holidays, especially Christmas, is to bring happiness to others. I don't know about the rest of the world, but all the beautiful decorations and yes, the sales, certainly make me happy.

And honestly, it helps that all the advertisements are so hard to miss that it's impossible for me or anyone else to forget about the presents we have to buy for our loved ones.

I can be optimistic about the over-commercialization of most holidays, but there is one event during the season that I will admit rubs me the wrong way. Black Friday is the worst.

Until recently, I could at least stand the existence of this retail event. However, like the other actual holidays of the season, America has begun its celebration of

Black Friday earlier each year. At this point, multiple businesses will open their stores for Black Friday sales during Thanksgiving, which is repulsive and actually does miss the point of the holiday.

I can't do much about Black Friday though, except refrain from participating and stay positive about the other holidays, because this really is a wonderful time of year.

The holiday season is a great time for everyone. Students get a break from school and can reconnect with family and friends we haven't seen since the summer. A little extra decoration around town shouldn't mar the experience for anyone.

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## VOMIT

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OK with having pre-December Christmas decorations and items.

To me, the whole thing is just pointless. It isn't even Thanksgiving and people are already marketing for Christmas. Thankfully, we haven't started to hear carols or pop idols attempting to make a new holiday song yet. But they are coming. So be prepared for Ariana Grande, One

Direction or Taylor Swift covering Nat King Cole or anything from a classic holiday film.

There is no point in being invested in any sort of holiday decorations now or ever in your adult life. Once you decorate for one holiday, you will be decorating for all of them, otherwise feel the shame of your neighbors and peers who judge your late Halloween decor.

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