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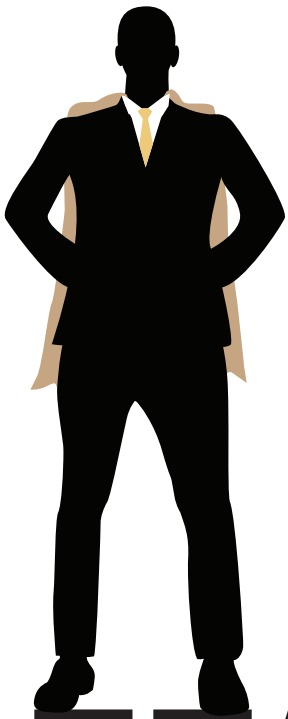
HOMECOMING



Megan Gospe | Argonaut

Members of Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa Lambda perform their skit featuring Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy during the Homecoming Jingles Wednesday night.

Homecoming 2015



Diamond Koloski
Argonaut

This year's homecoming theme started with a giant white board and a Homecoming Committee brainstorming session.

"We just throw out ideas," said Emily Rasch, Homecoming Committee chair. "All ideas are welcome. We don't erase anything from the board, just throw everything out there."

The committee would eventually decide on this year's homecoming theme — A Hero's Homecoming.

Rasch said the theme fits perfectly within the criteria they were looking for.

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A Hero's Homecoming

Bringing the band back together

Alumni marching band members meet to play, relive college days

Jessica Gee
Argonaut

For some, a chance to relive their glory days. For others, a way to rekindle friendships.

For past members of the Vandal Marching Band, they have a band of their own.

Barbara Kirchmeier, the associate director of Composition in the University of Idaho's English Department, came up with the idea for the Vandal Alumni Marching Band in 2004 after she graduated.

"I've been a part of the Homecoming Parade since I was in junior high, because I'm from Lewiston and we would always come up for homecoming," Kirchmeier said. "To think that I would never get to do this again was kind of jarring."

The alumni band plans to continue the tradition this year by marching down Main Street at 10 a.m. Saturday as part of the Homecoming Parade.

Kirchmeier said they will rehearse the songs with the alumni band members Friday and Saturday before

the parade.

For some alumni, the band is much more than picking up an instrument and playing for a couple of hours.

"It makes me feel young and like I'm part of the marching band legacy," said Kris Rollins, who graduated from the university in 1997.

Rollins, 40, played trombone in college and said she has participated in the alumni band nearly every year since it started.

Alumni band member Sally Powers, 76, plans to take part in the parade Saturday, and said she has been to every alumni band homecoming gathering since it began.

While at UI, Powers said she played the flute in band for three years and the orchestra for four.

"One thing that has been fun is during the parade we always go in and out of a lot of restaurants and businesses in downtown to play the Fight Song," Powers said.

But the university means much more to Powers.

Powers, now a retired wheat farmer, said she and her husband still are still "die-hard" Vandals and have season football tickets, football tickets.

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ASUI

Grades almost in grasp

Students show support for posting grades online

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

When it comes to posting grades online, most University of Idaho students would like their instructors to do more.

That's according to an ASUI poll where 94 percent of students said they would find it useful to have more grades posted online. A total of 529 students responded to the poll.

ASUI Senator Rachael Miller has been working with ASUI President Max Cowan and Vice President

Stetson Holman on the project after receiving overwhelmingly positive responses to the poll.

"I think students should be aware of their grades at all times," Miller said. "Come crunch time, you don't know whether you have a D or you have an A. If you don't know what your grade is, you're out of luck."

Miller said she has been working to meet with professors to get their side of the story. So far, she has talked to one who posts grades regularly and is in favor of the policy, and one who does use Blackboard for many purposes but not to post grades.

"The one against (posting grades) said she was 100 percent against. She said it would take her time away from the student," Miller said. "However, she said she would consider it now that she knows how many students care."

She said the instructor thought that if a student were concerned about their grade, it would indicate they need help, and it would be best if they came to her to talk about it.

Miller said these two meetings have been helpful and she would like to have more of them to solicit more feedback from faculty.

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HOMECOMING

Hero's pride

ROTC battalion commanders to be grand marshals in Homecoming Parade

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

The way Lt. Col. Brad Martin sees it, everyone benefits when ROTC is visible in the community — especially the 3 percent of Americans who have served in the military.

"It's a very small percent of the population who have served in the military," said Martin, a professor in the Military Science Department at the University of Idaho. "When you leave that organization, that service never leaves you."

Suzanne Avery, cadet battalion commander for the UI's Army ROTC, will be one of four grand marshals at the UI Homecoming Parade Saturday. The other three grand marshals will be the battalion commanders from the Air Force, Navy and Marine ROTC programs.

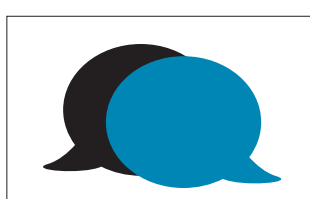
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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Pizza croissant roll-ups

If you've spent any time searching for simple recipes on Pinterest, I guarantee you have come across the recipe that requires no more than some string cheese, pepperoni slices and Pillsbury croissants – and looks like a glorious heart attack on a plate. Here are the official instructions for making this delicious pizza spin-off.

Ingredients

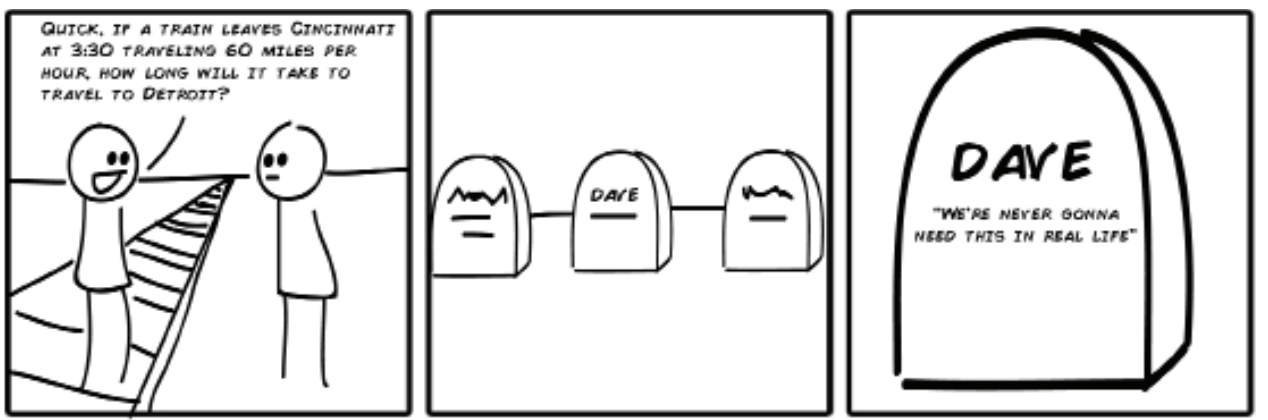
- 1 package mozzarella string cheeses
- 12-ounce package pepperoni slices
- 2 cans Pillsbury croissants (8 in each can)
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 26-ounce jar garlic marinara sauce

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Open croissants and separate, laying one flat
3. Place four or five pepperoni slices on the wide end of the triangular croissant dough, layering as you please
4. Next, cut a cheese stick in half and place on one half across the bed of pepperoni
5. Roll up the croissant, pinching the meat and cheese in your fingers as you roll toward the pointed end of the dough
6. Place in a lightly oiled 9x11 pan
7. Repeat the process until pan is filled and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown
8. Serve as finger food with garlic marinara sauce for dipping

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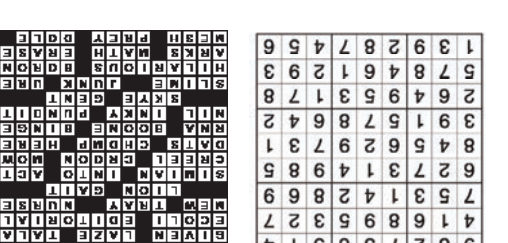
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STUDENT LIFE

Big dreams, small molecules

UI chemistry student talks about challenges, high points of the major

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

Even as a junior, Karissa Jensen is already getting paid to do what she loves. Jensen, a chemistry major at the University of Idaho, works in Lab Services, a research lab and in a carbon compound lab as a teaching assistant.

Her latest goal: get her name published in a scientific journal.

Despite the inherent stress these commitments carry, Jensen said chemistry is where she belongs.

"I really like challenging things, a lot," Jensen said. "And chemistry is everywhere.

Literally everything is made out of atoms and molecules."

As a chemistry major, Jensen gets to create molecules she's never made before in a relatively small class setting and teach other students what she's learned. Yet, Jensen originally chose UI for its music program.

She also had an interest in journalism and enrolled in some English and writing courses in her beginning semesters.

But it wasn't until she enrolled in a chemistry class on a whim from her love of the subject in high school that she decided to make chemistry her major.

Jensen said she remembers she loved that first class, taught by Dan Edwards.

"I thought 'You know what, this is what I want to do with my life,'" she said.

Of course, Jensen said being a chemistry

major comes with its challenges. The major requires hours of homework, classwork and labs. She said physical and biological chemistry classes are tough but she still loves them.

She also finds solace in putting chemistry to creative use by cooking.

"You always feel a sense of accomplishment when you're done," Jensen said. "Like, 'I made this.'"

Jensen's advice to incoming science majors is to ask questions and make time for the simple things.

Jensen said time management is critical to being academically successful. She said she learned to schedule her classes to end by 6 p.m. and schedule time to eat.

Jensen said despite her commitment to

chemistry, she still does not know exactly what she wants to do with her life.

A dream job would be to work as a chemist for NASA, studying organic material in space, she said.

Other long-term goals include plans to earn a doctorate's degree in chemistry, Jensen said. She also said she hopes to stay in the realm of education and become a teacher.

"I love helping people understand things," Jensen said. "I love it when you can see the light go off in someone's head and they're like, 'Oh my gosh, I get it,' and help them get there. That's really cool for me."

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RESEARCH

Accidental discovery leads to grant

Grant awarded to UI professors for electrode development

Aleya Ericson
Argonaut

Jeremy Foutch's accidental discovery of a new form of carbon took place in a garage while he was testing oil shale for precious metals.

Foutch, a University of Idaho chemistry graduate student, was forced to unexpectedly stop the tests on oil shale after the garage filled with a foul smell. When he opened the crucible, a melting pot used for high-temperature chemical processes, he found the insides coated with a metallic substance similar to a mirror.

Testing determined the substance was not a precious metal, but was instead a carbon deposit.

"It was very, very strange," Foutch said. "I hadn't seen any carbon that looked like that before."

The substance conducted electricity, causing Foutch to initially think the sub-

stance was some form of graphene. Upon returning to UI, Foutch contacted Frank Cheng, a UI chemistry professor, to discuss the mystery substance.

Further testing on the substance returned different results from any known chemical substance, Foutch said.

Foutch said the testing did determine that the substance was a new allotrope of carbon, similar to charcoal, graphite or diamonds.

"I expect that that will be getting a bunch of attention in the next few years, because (discovering a new allotrope) is no small claim," Foutch said.

Cheng named the new carbon allotrope Graphene from University of Idaho Thermolyzed Asphalt Reaction, or GUITAR for short.

"I have some regrets," Cheng said. "I wish I'd come up with another acronym, other than a musical instrument."

A benefit of GUITAR is that it can be made out of shale oil, crude oil, roofing tar, peanuts, taco chips and other materials, Cheng said. This makes GUITAR cheaper to produce than other comparable materials, he said.

Cheng said he and UI Physics Professor

David McIlroy along with Professor of Renewable Resources Armando McDonald are collaborating to explore possible commercial uses for GUITAR. Cheng said he sees potential applications for energy storage, water purification and energy conversion.

Cheng and McIlroy recently received \$55,000 from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust to fund the project, as well as efforts to prepare the electrodes for commercial licensing, with additional funding from the university's President's Office.

McIlroy said they would not have applied for the grant if it wasn't for the encouragement of UI President Chuck Staben.

"President Staben initiated the UI foundation to come to us and ask 'Why aren't you putting something in?'" McIlroy said.

Cheng said McDonald's knowledge of natural products, economies of scale and chemistry assist with the project.

McIlroy also invented nanosprings, which are tiny coils of silica 500 times thinner than a human hair, for use in electrodes. Silica is

not conductive, but by coating the nanosprings with GUITAR, Cheng said they can be used for many more things. The high surface area of the nanosprings and the electric conductivity are a natural fit, Cheng said.

Foutch said he thinks this combination could be useful in batteries.

Foutch said that tests comparing a GUITAR battery to a battery of similar construction showed that GUITAR had superior conductivity. The reason for that is its parasitic current, he said.

When energy is generated in similar graphite-felt batteries, Foutch said 20-30 percent of energy is lost to the generation of hydrogen bubbles.

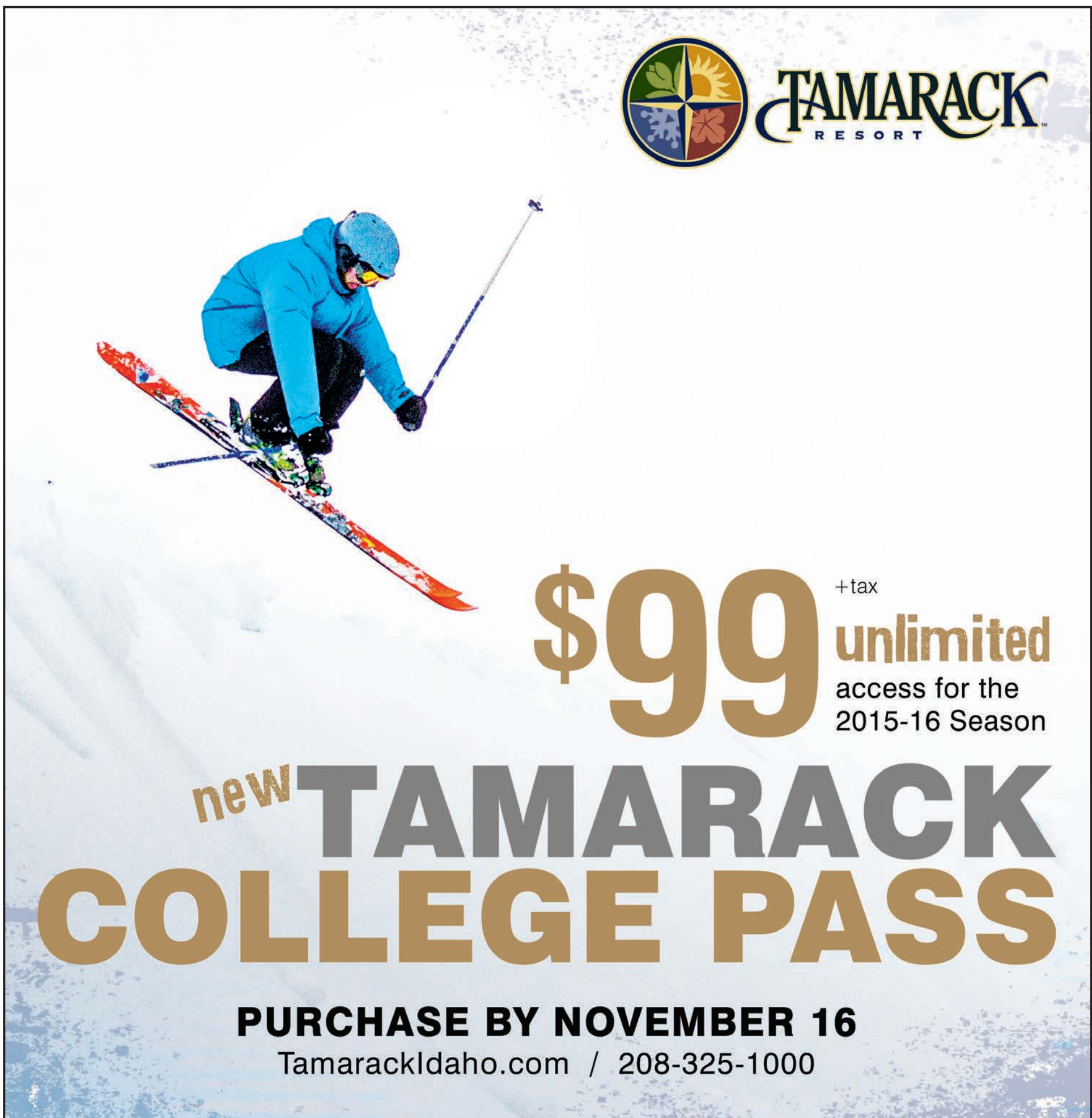
GUITAR batteries minimize hydrogen bubbling to about 5 percent, making them more efficient, he said.

Foutch said they are still exploring potential commercial applications.

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HOMECOMING

Bouncing through obstacles

Students take part in event to get into HC spirit

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

An inflatable obstacle course, lots of Vandal swag and a photo booth full of accessories, drew students, staff and community members to the plaza outside the Idaho Commons Tuesday to participate in the Homecoming Promotional Event.

Last year's event featured a mechanical bull, but this year, Homecoming Committee Chair Emily Rasch said they decided a photo booth and obstacle course could get more students involved. She said their goal this year was to encourage students to be engaged, take pride in the university and get in the homecoming spirit.

Students ran through the obstacle course, put on entertaining accessories and posed for the photo booth. Sometimes it was groups of friends, but sometimes it was strangers who joined together in the homecoming spirit.

"I like that it's very welcoming to everyone," said Lupita Perez, who is majoring in Spanish and Latin American Studies.

The involvement of students is what really makes homecoming special, Perez said. She said Serpentine is her favorite homecoming event.

"It's involved with the first-year students who sometimes get put out a little bit," Perez said. "It involves them and makes everyone come together."



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

The University of Idaho Homecoming Committee put on a promotional event outside the Idaho Commons Tuesday.

Josh Marquez, a Moscow resident, attended the promotional event after he saw the window paintings done by UI students on the windows of local businesses in downtown Moscow.

"It means a lot to see the school involved in the community," Marquez said.

Marquez got to challenge a UI student on the obstacle course and said meeting students and seeing the opportunities at UI make him

want to attend school here.

The students running the event passed out Vandal swag, including buttons and can koozies, and encouraged people passing to participate in either the obstacle course or photo booth.

Wil Everly, a Homecoming Committee member, was especially enthusiastic about getting students involved. Everly said while Homecoming Kickoff is

fun, he thinks events like this are what really bring the homecoming spirit.

He said being part of the planning process around these events has been a great experience as well.

"It's a great opportunity to get involved with campus," Everly said. "I think the best way to understand how the university works is to be part of actually planning some of the big things

that go on with it."

Involvement is key for these events and encourages a sense of community, he said.

"It brings alumni and the student body together to celebrate the same thing together," Everly said. "It's a good time to be had by all."

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UNIVERSITY

Funding high-potential companies

Vandal Ventures aims to promote economic growth in Idaho

Ryan Locke
Argonaut

The recently-announced start-up fund Vandal Ventures aims to provide funds to entrepreneurs and companies with a high potential for growth.

The University of Idaho College of Business and Economics and the Laboratory for Applied Science Research (LASR) announced the start-up fund earlier this month.

"The idea is to fill a gap in the entrepreneurial ecosystem that currently exists, where that kind of funding is not readily available," said Charles Buck, who sits on the LASR Board of Directors and is the associate vice president and center executive officer of Northern Idaho.

Providing local funding to these start-ups will keep them in Idaho, so that the region can benefit economically from these companies rather than losing them to other states where opportunities are

perceived to be greater, Buck said.

Buck said the idea for the fund stemmed from UI's entrepreneurship program.

The college's alumni felt it would be helpful to set up a fund like this so some of the best ideas could also get early-stage funding, he said.

Buck said that program brings in experienced and successful entrepreneurs to judge student-created business plans and models.

Buck said the fund will evaluate companies that request funding, but will also actively seek out business ideas that might benefit from this kind of funding.

It will also specifically look at technologies and innovations that are coming out of the research labs at the university and the ideas in companies that are started by UI students and alumni, he said.

Buck said the fund will undertake a process of due diligence to determine which ideas would be wise investments.

He said he the process will include ample research into the market and require a large amount of data-gathering. The research will aim to predict what

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Charles Buck, associate vice president and center executive officer of Northern Idaho

share of that market a particular company might be able to capture, and the likelihood the founders will be able to take the company in the right direction, Buck said.

Buck said the research also aims to determine how large of an investment would be needed for the company to be successful and expand.

The fund's investment committee will make the final determination on which companies they will fund.

The fund, Buck said, will focus on companies and entrepreneurs in the area

of technology and engineering that have great potential for rapid growth, including information technologies, agricultural technologies and robotics.

"Some hot areas now include wearable technologies, for example, and there's still quite a bit of growth upside in the social media platforms," Buck said.

Buck said the amount of money allocated to each project will vary depending on the needs of the project and the level of development of the idea. The amount of funding distributed to any given company will likely range from \$50,000 to \$400,000, he said.

In order to ensure that the investment is not squandered, a company will likely receive the money over time rather than all at once.

Buck said the fund will require the company to meet specific milestones in order to get further investments. Vandal Ventures' goal will be to eventually have \$10 million in the fund, but they plan to start making investments as soon as they reach a minimum of \$3.5 million.

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STUDENT LIFE

Wild world of a future forester

UI forestry senior never strays too far from the great outdoors

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

It was the hands-on classes that drew Alejandra Rauch into the world of forestry.

Starting her college career at Spokane Community College, Rauch participated in a technical program for natural resources and found her passion for forestry.

Spending on average four to five hours a week in the experimental forest on the University of Idaho campus, Rauch said it's the challenge of forestry that is her favorite.

"It's not just challenging physically," Rauch said. "But it's also mentally challenging. There's a lot you have to think about."

Rauch transferred to UI in order to take the upper level forestry classes for her major in Forest Resources. This is only her second semester on this campus, but she has already found her favorite spot to hang out — the College of Natural Resources building with its big tree in the middle of the building.

The move from Spokane to Moscow was relatively easy, Rauch said, considering the two cities are fairly close to one another. Rauch wanted to attend a campus that was pretty close to her hometown and still offered the upper level forestry classes she needed.

While Moscow is mostly field, Rauch said one doesn't have to drive too far in order to find themselves some woods, which is not much different from her home.

"I'm very independent," Rauch said.

From Spokane, Rauch's single mother raised her and her two siblings.

Raising three kids alone could be difficult, Rauch said, especially since she said she wasn't always the best-behaved child. But regardless, Rauch said it was her mother's strength that inspired Rauch.

"My mom would be my biggest role model," said Rauch.

While Rauch had a smooth transfer to UI and has excelled in her classes, it hasn't always been easy, especially in terms of finding a job in the field. Initially getting a job without experience outside of school was challenging, said Rauch.



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Senior Alejandra Rauch talks about her experience moving from Spokane to University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources.

"I don't know how many letters I got saying I didn't get the job," Rauch said. "That was the most disheartening thing."

Rauch pushed on and ended up getting to work for a consulting agency out of Moscow, which allowed her to gain experience with timber marking for private landowners and the forest service.

The experience helped her get to work for the Idaho Department of Lands last summer, which was her favorite experience, she said. Rauch got a first-hand account of what it is like to manage land, grow trees and produce

timber. She was able to oversee her own timber sale, which included her writing up her own contract and performing all the administration of the sale.

"I hope once I graduate to be a forester for the state of Idaho," Rauch said.

Even when Rauch is out of class, she certainly does not stray far from nature. In her free time, Rauch enjoys hiking, camping and floating the river. Rauch said she is the cliché outdoors type, so having a career in

forestry comes natural for her.

Rauch can also be found actively participating in the Student Society of American Foresters Club, which holds fundraisers to pay for trips as well as talks to people in the field about the

work they are doing.

Rauch intends to graduate in May and plans to quickly begin her career as a forester.

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ADMINISTRATION

Bridging the spread pay gap

Faculty, administrators consider spread pay options

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University of Idaho faculty members and administrators took their first steps into a discussion on spread pay at the first meeting of the issue's task force earlier this month.

At the meeting, Becky Tallent, task force chair, began the process of divvying up projects and defining the problems — Is there an exception for education? What do the other schools do? What are the alternatives?

"And this one is really important to me," Tallent said. "What do faculty and staff really think?"

Tallent said she wanted to encourage the task force to deliver a survey and set up some sort of open forum or discussion to allow any member of university faculty or staff to voice their opinions.

Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek lead the discussion for the first half of the meeting. Wiencek explained the spread pay issue as he understood it, offered suggestions for possible solutions and stated

his goals for the task force.

"I am not invested in a particular outcome," he said. "I just want the group to come together and come up with a solution that is objective."

He said payroll issues like this get complicated quickly, because of the many concurrent processes, such as faculty work on the academic year, are paid on the fiscal year and receive benefits on the calendar year.

During the meeting, Wiencek said spread pay exists to make financing easier on employees and often provides a sense of stability. He said there are also the less tangible benefits of spread pay.

"It really does make them feel like they're still connected with the university and like the university is recognizing their contribution," Wiencek said. "In reality, that is something that makes them feel good, but the university is not actually paying them anything more."

The possible legal concerns lie in the misalignment of the academic year with the fiscal year. The fiscal year begins with July.

Wiencek proposed a possible solution to this in which payment does not start until a faculty member begins work. In this system, payment would only be deferred and never advanced.

Although there was a large amount of backlash to the spring announcement that spread pay would be discontinued, some faculty and staff support its elimination because of the strain it causes to payroll staff.

"One thing I think has gotten lost is that I think I actually received more emails from people happy to see this go," Wiencek said.

Task force member and Payroll Manager Cretia Bunney said Wiencek's plan would likely lift some of their burden. She said in a deferment-only system, her office would only have to calculate money the university owes and not money owed to the university.

Wiencek also brought up a financial reason why employees might want to opt out of spread pay: Interest.

In theory, Wiencek said an employee

is paid the same amount in the end whether or not they choose spread pay. Yet, this is not the case when interest is factored in. If paid sooner rather than later, the money saved to live off during the summer could accrue interest, he said.

Wiencek said he does not yet know if spread pay needs to be eliminated or changed at all. But he said there are changes to how employees are paid and he wants the task force to minimize the negative effects of the changes.

"If we ever make this transition, there is that gap we need to help our employees with," he said.

To bridge the gap, he proposed a system that saves 5 percent of a person's pay over a transition of five years.

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HOMECOMING

A tradition that keeps giving

Student groups collect food as part of Homecoming Week

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Beyond the spirit events and homecoming competitions, Homecoming Week presents a simpler opportunity to University of Idaho students — an opportunity to collect food for those in need.

As part of Homecoming Week's many traditions, UI students collected food donations for the Moscow Food Bank this week for the Homecoming Food Drive.

Homecoming Committee Chair Emily Rasch said teams of students compete in order to get points for participating in the food drive.

The food drive was one of many

competitive events that are part of Homecoming Week, including Yell Like Hell, Most Vandalized Fan and the blood drive. This year, there are teams from fraternities and sororities, as well as student organizations participating in the food drive.

"The food drive is very important to the local community. It's come to be a tradition now so they expect us to go out and ask them for food," Rasch said. "I think we have a pretty good system down."

Each team is assigned a particular neighborhood and on Sunday, the start of the homecoming festivities, they attached a bag and a door hanger with directions on it to front doors in that neighborhood.

The door hanger explains what food and supplies they are looking

for and when they will be picked up.

Those who choose to participate left the requested items on their front porch to be picked up when the volunteers returned.

The Homecoming Food Drive rents two "Vandal Vans" from the university each year with the goal of completely filling these vans with food.

The food will be donated to the Moscow Food Bank, which is hosted by St. Mary's Parish.

"We have a great partnership with them, so we're able to help a lot of people," Rasch said.

Rasch also said this is the first time they are also doing a supply drive in partnership with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse (ATVP), an organization that

provides support and shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

The supply drive will be carried out much like food drive except that they will be collecting items such as pillows, shampoos, conditioners and other toiletries. These supplies were dropped off outside the VandalStore Thursday.

Rasch said ATVP reached out to the Homecoming Committee because of their success with the Moscow Food Bank. She said they felt that partnering with the Homecoming Food Drive would be a good opportunity to spread the word about their organization's needs and mission.

Linda Nickels, who manages the Moscow Food Bank, said she greatly appreciates all the effort the volunteers put into collecting food for the food bank.

Nickels said the Homecoming Food Drive is important to the food bank because most of their food drives are in the fall. She said the homecoming drive is the first of the fall food drives and comes at a time of year when their stock typically starts to run low.

"It's kind of a good boost for our shelves," Nickels said.

The Moscow Food Bank serves all of Latah County and anyone from the county who is in need of food can come there and request food.

Nickels said the Homecoming Food Drive has been partnering with the Moscow Food Bank for more than 20 years, and they are grateful for the support.

"It's a real benefit to us," Nickels said. "We appreciate the work they put into it."

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CITY

Cowan invites Moscow city council

ASUI to host Town and Gown Soiree next month

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ASUI President Max Cowan invited members of Moscow City Council to the ASUI Town and Gown Soiree during a city council meeting Monday evening. The ASUI event will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Bruce Pitman Center.

"The goal of it is to provide student leaders an opportunity to engage with members of our community and leaders of our community so we can work together

this coming year," Cowan said, addressing the council at a city council meeting Monday.

The event will host university administrators, student organizations, city council members and other city officials.

ASUI Communications Board Vice Chair Austin Karstetter is organizing the event. He said he's only gotten good feedback.

Karstetter, who was an ASUI senator last year, said the event was originally two events — a senate reception and a meet-and-greet with the mayor and city council. Last year was the first year they combined the events into the Town and Gown Soiree.

In years past, ASUI Director of Policy Nick Wren said about 20 people showed.

Karstetter has been working to grow the event by involving more people and said about 65 people came to last year's soiree. But this year, he is expecting 300 to 400 this year due to some of their changes.

This year, Wren said representatives from student organizations will make an appearance and they are inviting more members of the community. Additionally, he said the soiree is more formal than the original events, and their reservation in the ballroom is allowing them space for more people.

"It was very brief and simple," Cowan said. "Now we've changed the tone of the event."

Members of Moscow City Council responded positively to Cowan's invitation, and Cowan said he is excited to see that the council is so engaged.

Karstetter said he has been having additional conversations with the council about a reciprocal event.

"We want to reciprocate that by next spring, inviting the leadership of ASUI up here," said Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert. "We can have a two-way street."

Wren said in years past, he has

found the event beneficial to himself, and said talking to so many people in local government helps to make the experience less daunting.

"When I know more people, I feel like I can be more effective," he said.

Wren said the event not only lets students further their involvement in government and the community, but it helps them prepare them for their own work.

"You never know who you're going to talk to," he said. "You never know what conversation might give you your next bright idea."

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HOMECOMING

Living groups decorate with the Vandal spirit

UI living groups decorate space, compete in homecoming competition

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

This time of year, living groups across campus are getting in the spirit of decoration — and it is not for Halloween.

As part of Homecoming Week, living groups will decorate their living spaces to this year's theme, A Hero's Homecoming.

Emily Rasch, Homecoming Committee chair, said she thinks this year's theme will allow residents of living groups to use their imagination.

"We're really excited," Rasch said. "We think it's going to allow

for a lot of creativity this year and for teams to get really into the theme and show their interpretation of the theme."

Interpretation, Rasch said, has already gone a couple different directions, with some living groups choosing to focus on superheroes and others using more realistic heroes like doctors or soldiers as their muse.

Residents have until Friday to decorate their living spaces to the theme. Many began decorating on Wednesday, including sorority members of Gamma Phi Beta.

Taylor Howell, activities chair of Gamma Phi Beta, said the sorority will partner with fraternity members from Alpha Kappa Lambda this year to

come up with ideas for their houses.

After a meeting and a vote, Howell said the members decided to go with the idea of Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy from the cartoon series "Spongebob Squarepants."

Howell said the suggestion was originally made as a joke, but it caught on among members from each house.

She said the sorority has made plans to decorate their house to look like a pineapple, in reference to Spongebob's pineapple house in the series.

Gamma Phi Beta and other living groups will showcase floats — themed with their house decorations — at the Homecom-

ing Parade Saturday. Residents may dress up in costumes.

"Usually the house gets pretty into it," Howell said. Each house has a \$150 budget to participate in the contest.

"It's really impressive sometimes the decorations that they come up with," Rasch said.

Last year was no exception. Rasch said many Greek houses got into the theme, "Once Upon A Homecoming," by decorating floats based on fairytales. Themes ranged everywhere from "Mulan" to "Frozen."

Rasch said thousands of people, students and alumni, see the decorations every year as they gather in Moscow for

Homecoming Week.

She said judges will look for creativity, living group pride and originality when awarding homecoming points.

Living space judging will begin at 2 p.m. Friday.

Residents are also allowed to enter a festive banner into the contest for their living group.

Winners in the three categories — fraternities, sororities and residence halls — will be announced at the Idaho Vandals football game Saturday.

"We're really excited to see the superheroes that come out this year," Rasch said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Counting distance credits

Chair of UCC explains how to report on distance education credits at UI

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Argonaut

As the University of Idaho continues to progress its distance education program, Daniel Eveleth, chair of the University Curriculum Committee, showed the members of Faculty Senate how to document distance education in their respective departments.

Due to requirements by the Idaho State Board of Education and the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, UI must report whether 50 percent or more of the credits available in a degree offered can be provided through distance education.

Eveleth said it is still unclear why the SBOE and the commission want the data or what they will do with the information.

"We would like to use this kind of data to inform students," Eveleth said. "Currently, what they've asked of us is just recording."

A lot of confusion exists over portions of the requirement, however, so Eveleth attended the last meeting of Faculty Senate Tuesday in order to clear up the gray areas and better spread the information throughout the university.

One of the biggest questions was how the 50 percent rate should be calculated.

Eveleth said it is measured by the number of credits needed to receive a major or a minor. Because of how the credits are counted, many departments may not realize that some of its majors exceed the 50 percent mark due to the amount of general education requirements that can be completed through distance education.

This method of calculation was met with some skepticism from members of Faculty Senate. James Foster from the College of Science said all college courses can be taught through distance education systems, and the question ought to be which courses should be offered through distance education.



Megan Gospe | Argonaut

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Liz Brant asks about the ways to fund a part-time Ph. D program at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

Eveleth agreed and said what is being asked of the university faculty is a bit vague. He said the people who understand the process should do their part to make it clearer to their colleagues.

"The more people that verbalize what it means to their best understanding would bring less frustration," Eveleth said.

Other questions were raised about which teaching methods fell into the category of distance education. Sharon Stoll from the College of Education, who teaches a class on campus that is supported through sources like Blackboard, asked if those classes would qualify as a distance

education course.

Vice Chair of Faculty Senate Liz Brandt also raised concerns about the definition of distance education. She said the question itself is too vague because the definition of distance education is vague as well.

Eveleth and the curriculum committee goes off of the distance education definition given by the U.S. Department of Education. The department defines distance education as instruction to students who do not have face-to-face access to their instructor and supports the interaction

between student and professor.

This interaction can be provided through the Internet, audio conferencing, video cassettes, DVDs, CD-ROMs or one-way and two-way transmissions through communication devices.

"I think it all stands in whether you're separate through distance from the instructor," Eveleth said.

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FACULTY

Ed dean announces exit

College of Ed Dean Mantle-Bromley set to retire during summer 2016

Marisa Casella
Argonaut

As the University of Idaho College of Education finds a new beginning in a new building, Dean Corinne Mantle-Bromley said she thinks it's a good time for a new beginning for herself as well.

"It's a good transition point," Mantle-Bromley said.

Mantle-Bromley announced earlier this month that she intends to retire during the summer of 2016.

"We're very sad to lose her," said Marta

McClintock, the director of development in the College of Education. "She's laid such a foundation here."

McClintock has been working alongside Dean Mantle-Bromley for the last year on the renovation of the Education Building.

Mantle-Bromley has been a strong leader, and has secured over four million dollars in private support for these renovations.

McClintock said Mantle-Bromley is a visionary, leading UI into the 21st century.

Dean Mantle-Bromley said she believes the renovation and construction of the education building is one of her greatest accomplishments here on campus. The building will provide campus with state of the art technology.

Mantle-Bromley said it's important to have a good place for students and faculty to work together, and noted the building will

have several high-tech classrooms.

The College of Education is now beginning the process of finding a new dean to replace her.

Still, Mantle-Bromley has advice for whomever it is that will replace her. She said she hopes her successor will recognize the excellent faculty and excellent students here on campus.

"Take advantage of their expertise," she said.

After she retires, Mantle-Bromley hopes to indulge in art and practice her weaving. Most of all, she is looking forward to hiking, and not just up and around Moscow Mountain.

Mantle-Bromley spent late May to early June hiking the trails of Croatia and before that she hiked the South Coast of

Wales. She said she now wants to explore the Alps region and get a taste of the local cuisine.

Despite her hiking plans, Mantle-Bromley said she is still going to miss getting to know the students — both of the past and

the present.

McClintock said Mantle-Bromley is especially engaging with the alumni and passionate about getting to know them and their stories.

Mantle-Bromley said she is excited to continue her work with the building until her final days on campus and looks back at her work at the university fondly.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity," she said.

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CITY

A new center for recovery, support

Latah Recovery Center opens in downtown Moscow, available to entire community

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Downtown Moscow has seen many new storefronts open up in the past year, but the Latah Recovery Center aims to have a unique impact on local citizens.

The Latah Recovery Center opened Sept. 1, but Program Director Darrell Keim said the creation of the center was about a year in the making.

The center is funded for the year by a state grant that also funds three other recovery

centers throughout Idaho. Keim, who has been involved from day one, credits former County Commissioner Tom Stroschein as a big reason why Moscow was chosen for a recovery center.

"He had such a passion for it," Keim said. "And that was a huge factor."

The center opened as a resource for locals who struggle with mental disabilities or addiction, he said.

This, opposed to the alternative of potentially ending up in jail or the emergency room, offers people a chance to recover in a safer and cheaper way.

"Going into the ER is going to cost you like \$2,000 just to walk into the ER," Keim said. "Doesn't cost very much at all to walk in here."

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The center also offers a list of resources in Moscow and Pullman — something Keim said is helpful to people in the center.

Among the services the center offers are over-the-phone or face-to-face mentorship and classes that teach life skills such as positive affirmation, budgeting and crocheting.

The center also offers people in recovery volunteer opportunities, as oftentimes they feel the need to give back in some way, Keim said.

In their first month of operation, the center counted 179 total volunteer hours, and so far this month they've accrued 170.

"My volunteers will tell you that they are furthering their own recovery by volunteering

here," Keim said.

Despite their positive impact, the future of the Latah Recovery Center remains unclear. Keim said if the center does accumulate about \$100,000 in funding by next year they will not be able to continue their work.

Yet, he said the reason he took the job of program director was because of the opportunities it allowed him to help other people.

"I found it exciting to try and start something from scratch and build it," Keim said. "And I've always tried to take jobs that make a difference in people's lives."

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FACULTY SENATE

Foisy recommends employee training programs

Faculty Senate discusses training programs for UI employees

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University of Idaho Vice President of Finance Brian Foisy presented recommendations that outlined new training programs for university employees and supervisors at a Faculty Senate meeting earlier this month.

Foisy said the proposed initiatives would improve the university's hiring process, which would address flaws he has seen from the information he received from Greg Walters, executive director of Human Resources.

"It's beginning to collapse under its own weight," Foisy said. "And if we don't do something eventually we're going to be under a pile of rubble."

The recommendation form handed out to the members of Faculty Senate listed two new training programs.

University of Idaho employees were required to complete an online training program last year called "Our Inclusive Workplace" addressing discrimination and sexual harassment prevention.

One of the recommended programs — entitled "Stewardship of Resources" — would

cover topics ranging from conflicts of interest to ethics and resource stewardship.

There are two other training programs that are currently in development and were recommended to be completed by university employees by the next academic year.

Under the recommendation, Foisy said current employees would have the entire academic year to complete the required courses, which he calculated to be about an hour and 45 minutes overall. New employees would have less time, 90 days, to complete the training as they need to be familiar of the specific and essential aspects of the university, he said.

The recommendation form also listed multiple other training programs that would apply to supervisors and managers at UI.

Foisy said the information in the training modules would likely be getting updated regularly, so the form recommended supervisors and managers refresh their knowledge and retake the same core training courses every three years.

Although all UI employees have the option of taking the training courses meant for supervisors, Foisy said it was prudent to set a definition for supervisors and managers since they would be required to complete the new trainings if the recommendations are passed.

"We're proposing to define supervisor

pretty widely," he said. "If you supervise any employee, even including student employees, we want to make sure you're appropriately trained."

Many members of Faculty Senate were pleased with the presentation and James Foster from the College of Science said it was refreshing to see an administrator acknowledge the flaws in UI's hiring process.

Vice Chair of Faculty Senate Liz Brandt was also pleased with the presentation.

"It's just really great to see this back on the table and with some momentum behind it," Brandt said.

Yet, some members raised concerns with what they saw as a few gray areas in the proposed modules.

Wendy Couture from UI's Boise campus asked if student employees were also required to take the training programs.

Brian Mahoney from the Student Recreation Center works with about 40 student employees, and asked if it was possible to do the training in a group environment all at once instead of keeping track of all of their progress individually.

Foisy said students would be treated like other employees and would be required to complete the training modules that are man-

datory for other employees.

"Our intention was to define employee as anyone receiving compensation," he said. "So that would include temporary help, that would include student workers, and so again it is a pretty broad brush."

Mahoney proposed a different strategy for the training — instead of supervisors retaking the courses every three years they would take a regular test on the appropriate knowledge and would only need to retake the course if they failed the test.

Sharon Stoll from the College of Education brought up the point of grading and asked if the employees would be graded.

Elissa Keim, director of Professional Development and Learning, said the training programs would not be graded.

Stoll said without a system for grading the employees on their performance, there is not a way to know if the employee learned anything.

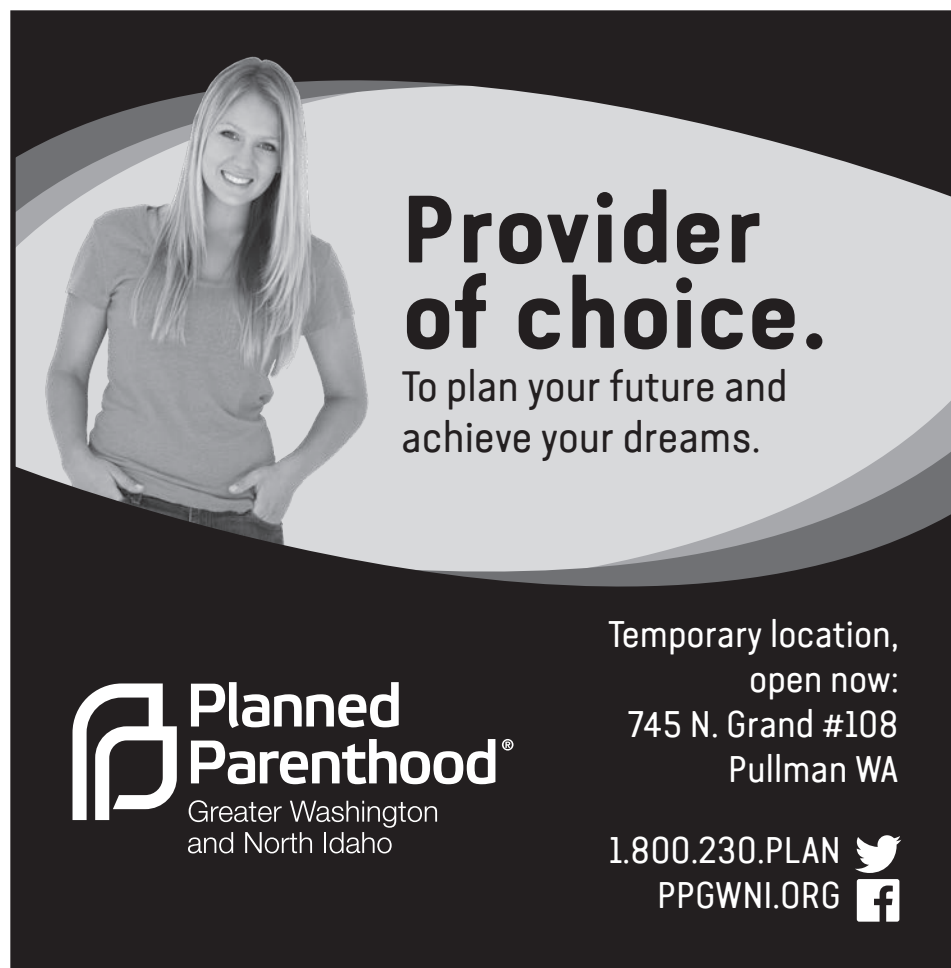
Foisy said every employee learns differently — some people will already know everything going into the program while others maybe won't know anything at all.

"It's going to grow as we grow," Foisy said.

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CROWNING ROYALTY



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Homecoming Royalty candidates during Homecoming Kickoff, Sunday in the Idaho Fan Zone. Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at the Bonfire Rally at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

BAND

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She said UI is where she met her husband and where three of her children and her mother attended college — making them a three-generation Vandal family.

Powers said she is probably the oldest member of the alumni band.

For other band members, the best event during homecoming is playing for the tailgaters before the game.

"They are very happy to see us out there because it brings the spirit of the game into the parking lot," said 68-year-old alumnus Mike Jessup.

While Jessup can't make it this year, he said he has come back to play with the alumni band every year since it started.

"The change as I have gotten older is that Main Street now feels like it's uphill in both directions," Jessup said of the Homecoming Parade.

Kirchmeier said the tailgaters are always excited when alumni band members arrive and usually ask them to play the Fight Song for their friends and family.

"That intimate ability to perform has been really cool," Kirchmeier said of tailgating.

She said alumni band members are often compensated with alcohol and food.

"There is one RV that always has Jello shots set aside for the alumni band," Kirchmeier said.

In the tailgating atmosphere, where there are already plenty of fun activities going on, Kirchmeier said there's no shortage of shenanigans.

"Sometimes the alumni sousa-phone players wait until someone goes into the porta-potty and they will all gather around and play really loudly to freak out the poor person inside," Kirchmeier said.

Although alumni band member Ed Littlefield can't make it to play in the drum line this year, he said he has had some wild and even heart-warming experiences with his fellow marching band members.

"One of the best parts is sharing experiences with everyone because we all went to school at different times," Littlefield said. "It was such a big part of our lives being in that marching band."

When he was a student, Littlefield said he recalls fellow band member Jim Windisch



field said.

Kirchmeier said being able to have a relationship with other alumni and hear their humorous or endearing stories has been a wonderful experience.

"If you come to the alumni band alone, you will not be alone by the end of the experience," Kirchmeier said. "We're all part of this really big ever-changing tradition."

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HOMECOMING

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"We have to find a fun theme that works with the university and the local community," Rasch said. "One that can be incorporated into our events and within the competing teams, and is appropriate."

Ayla Neumeyer, Homecoming Kickoff chair, said this year's theme incorporates everybody and follows a tradition of positive themes at the University of Idaho.

"We all have a different definition of what a hero is," Neumeyer said. "... It's some-

thing we can all identify with because we all have heroes in our lives, and heroes that have impacted us during our involvement at U of I."

Neumeyer said everyone should get out and enjoy the festivities at some point during Homecoming Week.

"This theme is really all-encompassing in that way ... We can all kind of find people that we think of who are our heroes, but also involved in the Vandal community," Neumeyer said.

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GRADES

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The project, Miller said, was part of Cowan and Holman's campaign platform last spring and was one of the reasons they were elected.

"I had a bunch of teachers who didn't post grades," Holman said. "I looked into it, and it turned out it was a common experience."

Cowan said students told them they had never heard from ASUI about this kind of change. While creating the platform, he said they also heard back from student leaders they knew who all thought a project on posting grades online

would benefit students.

"We want to better improve communication," Cowan said. "Grades are the simplest way of communication between faculty and students."

Holman said instructors who do not use Blackboard much or at all are more prevalent in certain majors and in upper division courses. But, he said, it affects enough people that he thinks it is important.

Holman said that UI President Chuck Staben has been in favor of early and consistent feedback.

"As digital natives, we like and use this information,"



Holman said. "I think it enriches our learning experience."

Moving forward, Miller will be working with Lindsey LaPrath,

an ASUI representative on Faculty Senate, to push for a requirement of all instructors to post grades online. Cowan plans to work with administration to get training for faculty who do not know how to use some or all of the required software.

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HERO'S

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Avery said she's sure alumni of UI's ROTC program will be happy to see the cadets marching in Saturday's Homecoming Parade.

"It's like going back to see your old high school football team," Avery said. "It's good to see them win and see the tradition is still going strong."

Martin said this is the first time ROTC cadets have been invited to be the grand marshals of the parade.

"It's really an honor," he said of the decision. "It's really an amazing feeling."

The Homecoming Committee approached the Military Science Department

with the idea, saying it would be appropriate with this year's homecoming theme of "A Hero's Homecoming," Martin said.

Avery said when the cadets march in the parade she hopes it will instill a sense of pride. "Pride makes people want to be a part of the unit and want to participate — pride creates a sense of purpose and achievement," Avery said. "Our unit has a really good history, and it's always good to have a sense of pride in that."

The Army ROTC program has deep roots at the university.

Founded in 1916, E. R. Chrisman served as the first director and was a second lieutenant — the first rank after receiving officer status.

Chrisman was a professor of military science at UI from 1894 to 1898, when he left to lead a company from the university in the Spanish-American War. He returned to campus from 1902 to 1905 and returned again in 1916 as a brigadier general — the highest rank for an officer.

"It's incredible we had a brigadier general here," Avery said.

Avery said the UI Army ROTC program is something to be proud of. Yet, she said the hardest thing she's had to learn since joining ROTC is humility. She said being around student veterans has helped because they remind her she still doesn't know anything



about the real Army.


Avery also said Martin has been an excellent role model.

"Most people are prideful," Martin said. "But they're not sure what to take pride in."


Martin said the military is an organization that is bigger than any one individual, so learning a balance between humility and pride is important.

But besides that, he said the fact that the organization is so big can be incredibly impactful to an individual as well.

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A person showed up to work and fainted. When she woke up, she refused to go to the hospital.

3:07 p.m. East 4th Street
Caller reported an Omaha, Nebraska, resident was harassing her on social media. Police advised her to block the person.

3:36 p.m. South Main Street — Moscow Family Medicine
A man took a nap in some bushes.

Oct. 20

9:22 a.m. South Jefferson Street — Moscow Public Library
Caller reported a suspicious person looking in windows. Police arrived and it turned out he was a city worker doing inspections.

12:36 p.m. Moscow
Caller asked if it would be legal to use an air cannon to fire confetti during the Homecoming Parade. Police advised that though there would be no issue with the cannon itself, there would be littering concerns regarding the confetti.

5:20 p.m. West 3rd Street

Caller reported someone wrote the words "no parking" in paint marker on their car, which they had parked in a car dealership parking lot — not for the first time.

10:46 p.m. South Main Street

Police found a woman in Pullman with a gunshot wound. She said two men attacked her.

Oct. 21

12:12 a.m. South Jackson Street
A janitor accidentally tripped a burglary alarm.

8:51 a.m. North Main Street and East McKinley Street
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SPORTS



Idaho soccer looks to stay undefeated on the road Friday, Sunday

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FOOTBALL

There's no place like home



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Junior tight end Trent "Buck" Cowan turns upfield during practice Wednesday. The Vandals play their homecoming game at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Senior running back Elijah Penny holds the ball during practice Tuesday. Penny played two seasons of community college football before transferring to Idaho for his junior season.

Elijah Penny transferred from a California school to Idaho, but he brought all his skills with him

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

There are a lot of Idaho football players who come from big cities and from another part of the United States.

Idaho senior Elijah Penny is one of those guys.

Penny, who is in his second year with the Vandals, is a 6-foot-2-inch, 234-pound running back from Lakewood, California. Lakewood is about 21 miles south of Los Angeles with a population of approximately 80,000.

After graduating from Norwalk High School, Penny played one season at College of the Sequoias, a community college in Visalia, California. He then played his sophomore season at Cerritos College in Norwalk, Cali-

fornia, which is just a 6.5-mile drive from his hometown of Lakewood.

Then it was on to Moscow, a completely different place for Penny.

"People just live a slower type of lifestyle. It's different," Penny said. "From everything, from fashion to the music people listen to everything. Everything was just different. But I adapted well and I like it here in Moscow a lot."

Penny also had to adapt to Division I football after playing two seasons in the community college ranks.

"It's definitely faster-paced," Penny said. "Guys are bigger, stronger and faster but I feel like I've adapted well with my time here at Idaho and I've been productive here for the Vandals."

Penny is Idaho's leading rusher this season with 438 rushing yards on 97 carries (4.5 yards per carry).

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After stellar defensive performance at Troy, Idaho returns home

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Homecoming might be coming at the right time for the Idaho Vandal football team. Or at least it's probably a good time for a home game in general.

The Vandals (2-4 overall, 1-2 Sun Belt Conference) play their homecoming game against Louisiana-Monroe (1-5, 0-2) at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

It will be Idaho's first home game since the team fell to Georgia Southern Sept. 26.

After Idaho's plane problems last week, the Vandals probably wouldn't be too excited to try to jump on a plane and head across the country to play Saturday. The players and coaches can sleep in their own beds Friday night instead of on uncomfortable plane seats.

"On the plane, I'm a taller guy so I woke up with the knees aching but I probably got about five hours of sleep," Idaho junior

tight end and wide receiver Deon Watson said. "I didn't really feel it until Sunday though."

The Vandals are coming off a 19-16 win Saturday against Troy, ruining the Trojans' homecoming. Louisiana-Monroe will look to spoil Idaho's homecoming Saturday.

Idaho held Troy scoreless in the first half and caused four turnovers throughout the game.

"We wanted to win the turnover margin and getting four was extra big for us," junior safety Russell Siavii said. "I was happy to get one. But it was a team effort and with pressure, you're going to get a lot of turnovers."

Siavii said the Idaho defensive line and linebackers did well stopping Troy's running game in the first half.

"Our front seven was actually stopping the run pretty good, so when it came down to passing downs it was actually a lot easy to cover," Siavii said. "You didn't have to think if it was a run or a pass. You knew a pass was coming so you were ready for it."

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Staff predictions



Mitch Cline
Argonaut

Idaho 35, Louisiana-Monroe 24

The Vandal defense has started to find an identity after the win against Troy Saturday. Idaho running back Aaron Duckworth will go for 100 total yards and two touchdowns. With a full Kibbie Dome for Homecoming Weekend, the crowd will help Idaho grab its third win this season.



Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Idaho 34, Louisiana-Monroe 27

After beating Troy Saturday on the road under extremely tough circumstances, I don't see why Idaho can't beat Louisiana-Monroe at home with a good night's sleep. The Vandal defense played the best it has played all season. Plus, Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan should be healthier and redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Luton keeps gaining experience. The homecoming crowd should be pumped up, especially after last week's victory.



Luis Torres
Argonaut

Idaho 45, Louisiana-Monroe 21

Louisiana-Monroe has had its share of losses, including Appalachian State, Alabama and Georgia, but I would keep an eye on its offense. Idaho will have a solid game on both sides of the ball to capture another homecoming win. Idaho senior wide receiver Dezmon Epps will continue to put up good numbers as long as sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan and redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Luton stay consistent.



Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Idaho 27, Louisiana-Monroe 24

The Vandals are 9-2 during Homecoming Week the past 11 seasons, while Louisiana-Monroe is still seeking its first FBS victory of the season. The Warhawks have yet to put together a solid rushing approach and will be forced to attack the Vandals' secondary through the air. Fans should expect the Vandals to incorporate some homecoming mojo into Saturday's matchup and emerge with another Sun Belt Conference victory.



Mihaela Karst
Argonaut

Idaho 26, Louisiana-Monroe 20

The Vandals are going to feed off the energy in the Kibbie Dome this weekend and play a phenomenal homecoming game. Coming off a win on the road against Troy, The Vandals are going to seal the home victory and make Idaho proud. Major plays from the Idaho offense will keep the spectators on the edge of their seats from kickoff to the final play.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Tough sport, valuable lessons

Idaho women's rugby team continues to have fun, learn lessons after 26 years

Luis Torres
Argonaut

In the United States, rugby isn't among the most popular sports in the country. But around the world, it's a popular sport that is comprised of aggression and teamwork. The Idaho women's rugby club has been around for 26 years.

This year's team has been practicing since September and has played several games around the Northwest despite not playing in a league this season. Women's rugby also plays in the spring.

"It's hard to get a lot of girls to get out and play rugby," Idaho freshman Meghan O'Berry said.

Darian Blair, who has played rugby for five years and is playing her second semester at Idaho, said time management has been an issue in getting girls to come out to play.

"It's really difficult to get everybody out," Blair said. "The hardest part with time management is school, but (practice) is only three days a week so it's not bad."

Third-year player and co-captain Jahna Jo Fischer said rugby is a sport, but it's also like a lifestyle.

"Rugby is an awesome sport ... you'll find people that enjoy it everywhere," Fischer said. "It's a passion and like a lifestyle rather than just a game that you go out and play."

Fischer said she joined rugby as a fun way to exercise after playing other sports for years. Fischer said her responsibility as co-captain is to keep the team encouraged during difficult moments in the game.

"I've learned a lot of perseverance and not giving up even when I really want to," Fischer said.

Also a third-year player and co-captain of the rugby team, Monique



Avalon Robinson | Courtesy

The Idaho women's rugby club is in its 26th year of existence and it is looking for new players.

Munoz agreed with Fischer that she helps encourage her teammates. Munoz said she tries to steer the team in the right direction.

In her first year on the team, senior Samantha Wright said her challenge is continuing to play after being tackled.

"As soon as you get tackled or get hit really hard, you have to get back up and go for it," Wright said. "Normally, when you get hurt in another sport, you'll sit out."

Despite playing for five years, Blair said there's still room for learning the basics of rugby.

"We start over on the basics, so you can learn new things as much as you want, but it's still the basics

that you need to know and we go over it a lot," Blair said.

Despite the challenges, the team has bonded and has always enjoyed a few laughs during practice in order to maintain composure during games.

Idaho coach Aaron Ribble said the team has done a great job of playing together.

"When times get tough, they know how to buckle down and play as a team instead of playing as 15 other individuals out there on the field," Ribble said.

Fischer said there's a misconception in rugby that size matters. Fischer disagrees with the notion and said rugby is all

about having fun.

"A lot of people think that you have to be really strong but we have a lot of small girls on the team, especially for a normal rugby team,"

Fischer said. "But I think it really has to do with the size of your heart. If you have a passion for the game and you want to get out there and meet new people and have a good time, I think rugby is the sport for everybody."

Ribble said there isn't any other sport that competes with rugby from a body type perspective.

"There's individual and team aspects, and like Jo said, there's a po-

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sition for every single body type," Ribble said. "Whether you're tall or skinny, short or stinky, there's a position for everybody. It can be really intimidating to watch

and can be awkward at first ... once you get past that first initial awkwardness, the camaraderie, friends, family and what you developed from rugby is second to none."

Idaho will compete in a tournament at Western Oregon Nov. 7 and will play Boise State Nov. 14 in Boise.

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Vandals earn recognition

After clinching Big Sky Tournament berth, Idaho soccer continues tough road tests Friday, Sunday

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

As the Idaho women's soccer team boarded the bus following its win against Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, the team received the news that it was the first school this season to clinch a Big Sky Conference Tournament berth.

Idaho coach Derek Pittman and the team celebrated the announcement on the journey back to Moscow, but Pittman also made sure that the team remained focused on this week's upcoming Big Sky matchups.

"We know we have a really tough road trip coming up," Pittman said. "Our team is going to have to be really focused heading into the games this week."

Following last week's results, the Vandals (11-4-1 overall, 7-0-0 Big Sky) vaulted into the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) rankings, claiming the No. 10 spot in the Pacific Region. This ranking represents the first time the Vandals have been included in a list with elite programs of the Pacific Region, which include the Pac-12 and Mountain West conferences.

In addition to the team ranking, two Vandal standouts earned Big Sky Player of the Week honors after last week's games. Freshman defender Kelly Dopke earned Defensive Player of the Week, while sophomore forward Olivia Baggerly shared Offensive Player of the Week



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Idaho junior midfielder Hayley Gonzales (left) and junior defender Amanda Pease (right) practice Wednesday at Guy Wicks Field. The drill was one-touch passing and required every player to get open, which meant moving between defenders to create an open passing lane.

honors with Northern Colorado's Mariel Gutierrez.

Following the success on the pitch in last week's victories, Idaho will be putting its undefeated conference record on the line when it visits North Dakota Friday afternoon in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

On Sunday, the Vandals will face Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. The Bears sit in second place at 6-1 in conference play.

"We know in the back of our minds that Sunday's game is going to be huge, but we don't even get to think about Northern Colorado until after we face North Dakota," Pittman said. "Our attention right

now has purely been on studying North Dakota."

The Fighting Sioux (4-9-2, 2-4-1) are in the midst of a three-game losing streak, but Pittman warned that the Vandals should be wary of Friday's opponent.

"Their two conference wins have come at home, so we know it's going to be a very difficult place to play," Pittman said.

Northern Colorado (11-6-0, 6-1-0) will be looking to gain ground on the Vandals in the Big Sky standings as it trails Idaho by only three points with three games remaining on the season.

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If the Vandals are able to earn a victory in Sunday's game, they will likely secure the right to host the Big Sky Tournament in November.

The Vandals offense the past two games impressed Pittman, who credits the success to the selfless play of his team. He said junior midfielder Clara Gomez, who tied the Idaho single-season record of 10 assists last week, is a model of team dedication.

"Clara is just one example of how our players are willing to share the ball," Pittman said. "It has a lot to do with trusting that everybody is going

to put themselves in the best position to make their teammates successful, which ultimately allows our entire team to succeed."

Pittman said he hopes the selfless offensive approach and the dominating defensive performance in recent games will carry over to the Vandals' games this week.

"We know this road trip is important in a number of different ways," Pittman said. "We hope to come back home with a few more points and some wins on the road and to make our Vandal fans very proud."

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VOLLEYBALL

Magnificent Mau

Idaho volleyball wins fifth match in a row with victory over Weber State

Luis Torres
Argonaut

With momentum on the Idaho volleyball team's side, the Vandals earned their fifth straight win by defeating the Weber State Wildcats 3-1 (25-21, 22-25, 25-18, 25-21) Thursday at Swenson Gymnasium in Ogden, Utah. The win puts Idaho's Big Sky Conference record at 6-3 and 9-12 overall.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said the team fought hard against a tough Weber State team.

"We played really well and we were able to pull it off at the end," Buchanan said. "Our middles got going in game three ... that really opened our outside and allowed us to score some points and I thought we did a great job in our serving."

Sophomore outside hitter Becca Mau led Idaho in kills with 19, equaling her career best. Mau also earned 19 against Western Carolina Sept. 18.

Freshman middle and outside hitter DeVonne Ryter surpassed her best hitting percentage of .692 at Montana State Saturday by ending the night against Weber

State with a perfect 1.000, the highest for the Vandals among players who earned a minimum of 10 kills.

Ryter accomplished this feat by earning 10 kills in ten attack attempts without committing an error.

Other Vandal leaders included senior defensive specialist Jenna Ellis with 14 digs and senior setter Meredith Coba earned 30 assists.

Buchanan said the team still has some adjustments to be made before playing Idaho State Saturday.

"(We need to) just execute our passing game and stay more balanced," Buchanan said. "If we can pass the ball and run our middles, it will put us in a good position and will help open up some things from the outside."

Idaho plays conference rival Idaho State 6 p.m. Saturday at Reed Gym in Pocatello to wrap up its four-game road trip. The Vandals lost to the Bengals in a 3-0 sweep last Oct. 25 at the Memorial Gym.

Buchanan said Idaho will continue to battle and work as a team without major concerns as the Vandals have seven regular season matches remaining.

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Kaela Straw (left), Katelyn Peterson (middle) and Sarah Sharp (right) practice earlier this month at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals beat the Wildcats 3-1 Thursday.

"The kids are in great spirits, they're working hard, we're doing some great things," Buchanan said. "It hasn't really been like we've been on the road, it's just one game at a time. We have to work and execute. We're gonna

have a chance to practice and work on some things and get ready for Saturday."

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OPINION

Homecoming magic

Idaho's previous success in homecoming matchups could propel the team to its third win this season

Homecoming represents a time in the fall semester when the entire campus gathers together to celebrate a number of festivities and events, including a pivotal football game that concludes the week's activities.

The annual game highlights the return of the Idaho football team from a lengthy road trip. The students should pack the Kibbie Dome to support the team as the Vandals play their first home game since they lost to Georgia Southern Sept. 26.

While the Vandals have struggled to produce wins in recent seasons, they have developed a surprising pattern of success on Homecoming Week, winning each of their homecoming matchups the past three years.

In fact, the Vandals have gone 9-2 on Homecoming Week in the past 11 seasons at the Kibbie Dome, dating back to 2004.

The Vandals (2-4) will look to continue that homecoming magic this weekend against Sun Belt Conference foe Louisiana-Monroe.

Idaho recently re-

turned from a road game at Troy, where they pulled off a nail-biting 19-16 victory over the Trojans. The

victory secured the first multi-win season for the Vandals since 2011 and has many analysts predicting that this weekend's matchup against Louisiana-Monroe could result in Idaho's third win this year.

Idaho should be riding high after the victory in Alabama last week. The Vandals fought through jet lag and a lengthy flight delay, arriving about five and a half hours before kickoff to beat the Trojans on the road Saturday.

Meanwhile, Louisiana-Monroe (1-5) comes to Moscow hoping to flip the script on the second half of its season. The Warhawks' lone victory this year came at home against FCS opponent Nicholls State, who the Warhawks defeated by 47 points.

In this weekend's matchup, the Vandals will look to build on the confidence from the win over Troy, as well as rely on the homecoming mojo that has embodied the program in the past decade.

Idaho will also be motivated this weekend by the opportunity to develop its first winning streak since 2009, when the Vandals won five straight en route to

a Humanitarian Bowl victory over Bowling Green.

If the Vandals are able to come away with a win Saturday, they would extend their win streak to two and improve their position in the Sun Belt standings.

A key factor in this weekend's homecoming matchup is the crowd noise. If last year's numbers are any indication, the homecoming crowd for the Vandals will likely exceed 15,000 fans, closing in on the dome's capacity of 16,000 spectators.

Earlier this week, USA Today released its list of the top 10 stadiums in college football, with the Kibbie Dome making the list at No. 10. The authors mentioned crowd noise as a main factor in the ranking, highlighting how Vandal fans can influence key games such as the homecoming matchup against Louisiana-Monroe this weekend.

ESPN has the Warhawks listed as two-point favorites coming into Saturday's matchup, but don't count the Vandals out just yet.

If Idaho is able to channel the homecoming success of recent years, it will emerge from the Dome with a huge Sun Belt victory and its first win streak in over five years.

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FALL SEASON ENDS IN LAS VEGAS



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Idaho senior Kristin Strankman putts at the University of Idaho Golf Course. The Idaho women's golf team competes in its final fall invitational at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Sunday to Tuesday in Boulder City, Nevada.

@VANDALNATION TWEETS OF THE WEEK



Ethan McIlhargey —



@EthanMcIlhargey

Vandals killed it this weekend! Congrats @VandalFootball @VandalsSoccer @IdahoVolleyball #GoVandals #Proud

— Idaho women's basketball manager Ethan McIlhargey tweets about the success of Idaho athletics over the weekend, as the Vandals secured pivotal wins in football, soccer and volleyball.

Matt Linehan —



@MattLinehan_10

I don't know what constitutes as a long day, but I think I have an idea...

— Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan tweets about the status of the Idaho football team following a delay of its flight until 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The Vandals eventually arrived in Alabama about five and a half hours before kickoff and returned to Lewiston at about 11:30 p.m. that night.



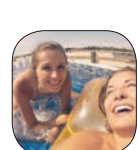
Idaho Vandals Soccer — @Vandals Soccer

FINAL: Idaho 4, Northern Arizona 1. Vandals move to 7-0 in @BigSky_Soccer

play, clinch playoff spot #GoVandals

— Idaho soccer tweets the result of Sunday's match in Flagstaff, Arizona. With the victory over the Lumberjacks, the Vandals extended their win streak to seven games and secured a Big Sky Conference Tournament berth next month.

Torrin Crawford —

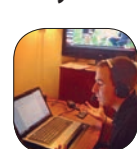


@torrin11

It's a great day to be a Vandal!

— Idaho sophomore middle blocker Torrin Crawford tweets her excitement as the Vandal volleyball team beat Montana State, improving to 5-3 in conference play.

Joey Jenkins —



@JoeyESPnPalouse

If the #Vandals win, I vote they always show up to visiting cities 4-hours before kickoff.

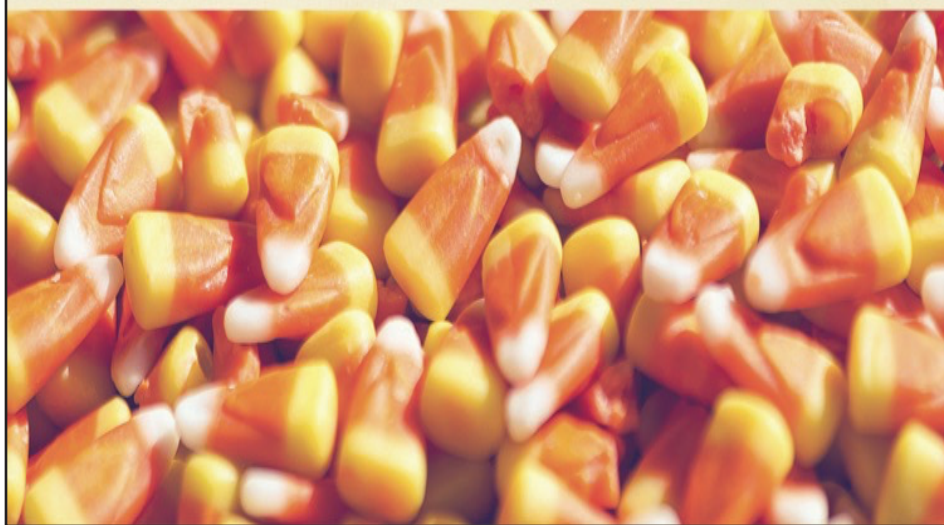
— ESPN host Joey Jenkins tweets his support of Idaho football after the Vandals' flight was delayed until 3:30 a.m. Saturday. The Vandals emerged from Troy with their second victory of the season in a tight 19-16 game.

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PENNY
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Idaho running backs coach Jason Shumaker, who is also the recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator, said he and the coaching staff liked Penny's size and athleticism coming out of Cerritos.

"He's very athletic on his highlight tape," Shumaker said. "He had a play where he jumped over a guy so we knew he was very athletic. He had scored a lot of touchdowns that year for his team and so then getting to know him and everything we realized he'd be a good fit for the program."

Penny can also catch the ball out of the backfield. He has hauled in 17 passes for 109 yards this season.

"That's definitely one of the things that we liked about him was he was a well-rounded player," Shumaker said.

He said Penny's ability to catch, run, block and the fact that he's big appealed to the Idaho coaching staff in the recruiting process.

At 234 pounds, Penny is a bigger running back than most at the college level, but he was bigger last season at 254 pounds.

"(Losing weight) was something we definitely encouraged him to do and be able to help him become what he's become for us this year, which is carrying the ball 15 times, 20 times a game," Shumaker said. "I think being heavier he probably wouldn't have been able to do that as effectively and so he's been able to be more of an every down guy for us instead of just a third down guy this year."

Penny said he chose Idaho because coach Paul Petrino was loyal to him from when he first started recruiting Penny and because he said Petrino coached a lot of good running backs that he watched when he was growing up.

Penny also said he came to Idaho because he wanted to turn the program around.

"I always liked being someone who starts trends and stuff like that," Penny said. "I thought it would be awesome for us to do (it) with the recruits I came here with. With that 'W' (against Troy Saturday), I feel like that win is going to start something special."

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Freshman running back Denzal Brantley carries the ball during practice Tuesday. The Vandals will play their homecoming game against Louisiana-Monroe at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Idaho is looking for its second straight win.

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HOMECOMING
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Idaho's 16 points allowed against Troy are the fewest points the Vandals have allowed this season, beating their previous best of 38 points allowed in their win against Wofford Sept. 19 at the Kibbie Dome.

"I think it's the most consistent we've played," Idaho defensive coordinator Mike Breske said.

Breske said Idaho's defense

played as a team in the first half.

"I just saw guys really playing 11 together, just playing well together as a unit, having fun out there," Breske said.

Idaho sophomore cornerback Dorian Clark was disqualified in the fourth quarter for a targeting penalty. He will miss the first half of Saturday's game because of the penalty.

Idaho junior defensive back D.J. Hampton replaced Clark Saturday. Senior wide receiver Dezmon Epps, who caught 10

passes for 131 yards, also played cornerback toward the end of the game for the Vandals.

"Dez played some man to man for us in our nickel package and did a great job," Breske said. "We put him on a tough guy, number 15, who had two catches and that type of deal but Dez did a real good job and competes and takes pride in it and I'm glad Coach P. (Idaho coach Paul Petrino) let us use him."

Breske said Idaho plans on using Epps more on defense and

he said he takes advantage of the reps Epps receives on the defensive side of the ball in practice because most of his reps come at the receiver position.

Breske said Epps has quick feet, good anticipation and is strong for his size. He also said Epps is a good one-on-one tackler and has good ball awareness.

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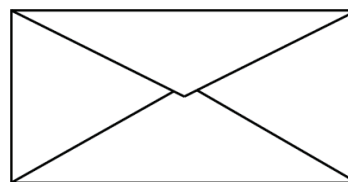
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Celebrating a legacy

Homecoming Week is about celebration, but also representation

Homecoming is a time of nostalgia. For 126 years, the University of Idaho has provided a place for students to receive an education, but it also serves as a campus where a lot of great memories are made.

UI is about more than what happens in the classroom. This university has a rich history, and that shows in places like the stairs of the Administration Building, which are worn with the footprints of students who climbed them years before.

The hallways of academic buildings, Greek houses and residence halls are all places where many generations of students have made lasting memories and lifelong friends — memories similar

to what students are creating now.

While a lot of things have changed over the past 126 years, a lot has also stayed the same.

Homecoming Week is the perfect time for students — both past and present — to reminisce about their time at UI.

Alumni's memories of their schooling may reach back further than current students, but today's seniors have also built many memories from homecoming festivities since their freshman year.

This weekend, the campus will be populated by community members, alumni, faculty and staff. While homecoming may feel like a celebration for students, it's important to remember it is for the visitors as much as it is for us.

The streets will be full of cars and pedestrians. Families will crowd restaurants and grocery store lines will be much longer than usual.

Even though lines at almost all of the local businesses may

extend far past their usual points, students should not let the crowds ruin their homecoming experience. Homecoming is a great opportunity to relax after a week of midterms and learn more about UI from visiting alumni.

Current students represent UI today. It's important to showcase the quality of UI to our homecoming guests. It's our chance to show how our university has grown since they've left.

When alumni visit campus they should be able to remember fond memories as they walk around the campus, and they should feel welcomed by the place they left behind after graduation. It's the obligation of the students to help uphold their memories by representing the university well.

While some things may have changed, help show returning alumni that the character and

culture of the university they used to call home is still something to be proud of.

Homecoming is about more than the university in the present. It is about students, faculty and staff from today and back in the day coming together again. It's about celebrating the legacy of UI.

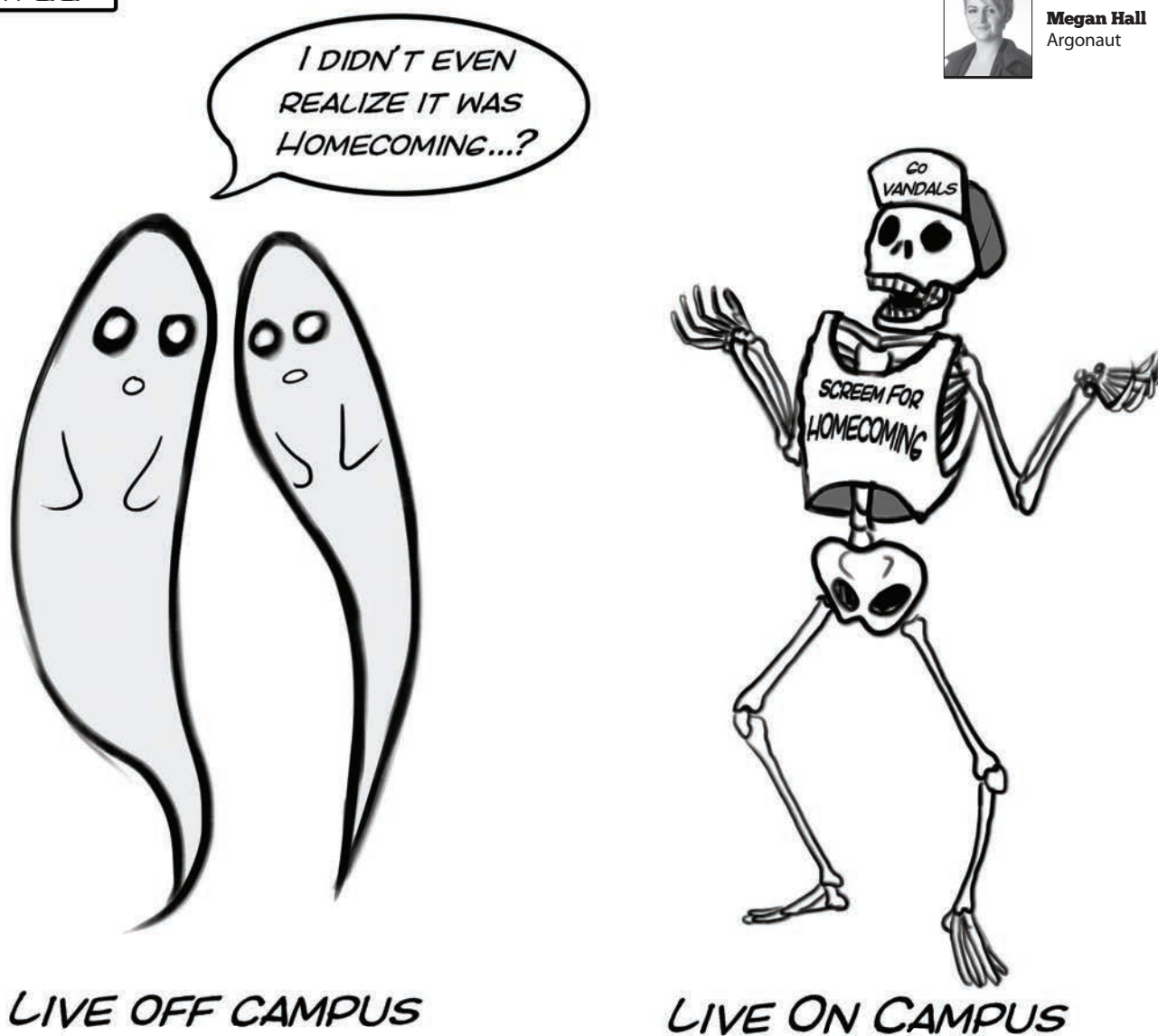
Embrace the entire community this weekend. Know that homecoming isn't about the parties or even the scheduled activities. It's a chance to hear stories about what UI means to everyone who participates. Sometimes current students find that they share similar connections with the university that alumni do who graduated years before these students ever came to UI.

Homecoming is much more than meets the eye, and students can't see that unless the embrace the community.

— KH

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Ode to ... Alumni *Football isn't what makes Homecoming Week so great*

This weekend the population of Moscow will spike as hundreds, maybe even thousands, of people will travel to the University of Idaho for the 2015 Homecoming Week celebrations.

Many of these visitors are alumni, eager to return to their beloved college town to reminisce with old friends, hang out with the current students and, of course, take part in traditional homecoming activities.

There are plenty of events scheduled during the Friday and Saturday of Homecoming Week that are well attended and have become yearly homecoming staples. One of these staples is the Saturday football game.

The football game is what the entire Homecoming Week is centered around. This may be because the sport itself is so ingrained in American culture, but I think a big factor is that the homecoming game is one the Vandals have historically won. In recent years, it's been the only game of the season we've won.

But just because UI has won a lot of its homecoming games in the past doesn't guarantee we'll win this year's. Based on our team's track record, most Vandal fans likely go into each game hoping for the best but expecting the worst.

Despite this, alumni still fill Moscow to

the brim year after year. They tailgate with fellow Vandals and file into the Kibbie Dome to cheer on their team, knowing full well there is a definite possibility we'll be utterly destroyed. Alumni don the gold and silver war paint regardless, because alumni don't attend UI homecomings for the football.

Football is not what Homecoming Week is really about, even if the university centers the entire week on it. Alumni don't come to homecoming for the football because they didn't come to UI for the football when they were students. No student ever comes to UI for the football program unless they're literally on the team.

Alumni came and stayed at UI when they were students because of the community, because of Moscow, because of the campus culture, because of the people they formed bonds with. These are the exact same reasons why so many alumni return during Homecoming Week, and it's really what the whole week is about in the end.

Yes, most of the events planned during Homecoming Week, and especially the ones scheduled on the weekend, are geared toward the football game. However, each event gives

attendees the chance to socialize with fellow Vandals, and gives alumni the chance to relive and participate in traditions they did when they were students. Alumni come for this reason, and that's a pretty beautiful thing if you ask me.

I still have another year to complete after this one before I leave UI and enter the real world, but I am already appreciating as many details of this university as I can. I've loved Homecoming Week from my freshman year, and I know I am going to miss it after I graduate. It's comforting to know that I can return to take part in the same great traditions every year and know so many of my former classmates will be there as well.

Alumni do great things after they graduate from UI. This year's theme is "A Hero's Homecoming," and these alumni really are the heroes coming home to their university.

It's a pretty big honor when you think about it. All of these people who have done wonderful things with their lives take time out of their schedules to visit their old Vandal home, and they do it eagerly.

Welcome home, Vandal alumni.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

I-D-A-H-O

Idaho! Idaho! Go! Go! Go!
— Erin

Oh joy

I plan on spending my homecoming weekend relaxing instead of writing my OTC. Too much work.
— Hannah

Inner turmoil

That moment when your sock slips in your shoe, but you keep going like nothing is wrong.
— Jessica

The future

What do you mean I have to have my life figured out soon? I can't even figure out what I'm going to have for dinner.
— Claire

It's a Florida Georgia Line day

Sometimes you just need the music that reminds you of home.
— Lyndsie

College

I still don't know how taxes work, but I can deconstruct 16th century literature like nobody's business.
— Corrin

Fall is here

I am starting to feel that familiar cold creeping in. Leaves are lining the streets, and I couldn't be happier.
— Jake

The human heart ...

is a fragile thing. And though it is easy to make the mistake, I shall not toy with it.
— Jack

The leaves

Anyone else see all the leaves and instantly want to make leaf angels?
— Jordan

Good weather

Sunny and in the 50s, I can deal with that.
— Garrett

Thankful

For a fiance who takes time off work to spend time with me.
— Katelyn

Reading

I think I am going to take time this weekend and pick up a book and not stop until it's finished — it's been too long.
— Tea

Good advice

Always be in the marketplace for a friend. I got that advice from a friend.
— Ryan

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You can't sit with us

Tailoring to Greeks leaves out others during Homecoming Week

It is that time of the year again, unfortunately. Greek Row goes all out with their Vandal pride and compete against each other to see which house will have the most Vandal spirit in the end. But there are several things wrong with this tradition, the most prominent of which for me is how geared the week is toward Greek life compared to other student living groups. How many people who are not in a fraternity or sorority even knew this week was Homecoming Week? Probably not many. As a student who lives off campus, the only reason I knew about this week's events is because I work for Student Media.



Claire Whitley
Argonaut

This is partly the fault of non-Greek students who don't stay informed, but it's on the University of Idaho's back too. Individual students had every opportunity to get information about the events that were coming up for homecoming by going onto the UI website, but the university could have advertised the week a little bit better. A practical solution to this problem is improving communication. The bulletin boards that showcase announcements for homecoming events in the residence halls just aren't sufficient. Emails just get deleted because students get them every week. There is little to no communication with off-campus students except those emails, so there are few options for off-campus students to get information about homecoming events.

To most people, it is intimidating to go to many homecoming events because they are so full of Greeks. Fraternity and sorority houses get points based on how well they do or how many events they take part in. Many chapters require their members to participate in a certain number of activities, so most homecoming events are very well attended by the Greek community. Any other student isn't there for points, but instead is there for their love of the Vandals. Unfortunately, these students are often vastly outnumbered. The main thing wrong with the system is the lack of inclusivity for all student groups. Greeks are doing a great job of showing off their Vandal pride for a week, but that is because they are given some sort of reward for those attempts. I'm sure many Greek members have true pride for the university,

but it appears disingenuous when showing that pride gets their house a shout out at the end of the week. Why should we decorate our apartments to show our Vandal spirit? No one who sees it cares and we don't get anything for it — and that applies to Greeks as well. Fraternities and sororities don't really get anything at the end of the week. It just doesn't make sense that these Greek students put so much time and energy into homecoming events when all they would win is bragging rights anyway. As someone who hasn't participated in homecoming events beyond the Homecoming Parade and Serpentine, some might think I don't have room to talk. But I would argue the opposite, because I know for a fact that these events don't promote friendly competi-

tion. They don't promote anything. In fact, they miss the entire point of Homecoming. Homecoming celebrates what it means to be a Vandal. A Vandal is someone who believes in their education and their university, whether they're a part of Greek life or not. I haven't attended many homecoming events at all in past years and I'm in the same place as any student who has participated in every event each year. Props to people who do, but I would rather not spend my days coming up with jingles or decorating my apartment in tacky metallic gold streamers. It's just not my scene. Claire Whitley can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @Cewhitley24



GRΣΣK Is winning worth it?

A look at Greek competitiveness during Homecoming Week

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Homecoming Week is a huge University of Idaho tradition during the fall semester where alumni visit their alma mater, memories are made and students compete in a week-long competition that can get extremely competitive — at least in the Greek system it does. It would be a lie to say that not all Greek houses want to win the homecoming competition, or at least do well in it. So much time is put into every event, from Yell Like Hell to creating the best float for the Homecoming Parade, and it's only human to crave success. Winning for a Greek house means recognition throughout the university, bragging rights on Greek Row and a great

talking point during recruitment. Everybody wants to win. The point of homecoming, however, is not to be focused entirely on winning challenges, but enjoying the homecoming experience that UI has to offer. This is something everyone should be mindful of regardless of if they're Greek or not. Homecoming can be a time filled with university tradition and fun, but it often is filled with stress instead. It's up to individuals to decide. Being Greek forges a connection between students and the history on campus and in the Greek system. From the first national fraternity established on campus, Kappa Sigma, to age-old philanthropy events like Turtle Derby, new Greek members become a part of these traditions. Some of the sacred ritual traditions for a sorority or fraternity stay exclusive to each

house, but during Homecoming Week, everyone can participate in iconic traditions and make memories that will last forever. One of my favorite memories will always be participating in Serpentine. A non-competitive event, the Vandal Marching Band guides students, both Greek and non-Greek, into a "serpentine" from New Greek Row to Wallace and all the way up to the Homecoming Bonfire. It is a homecoming favorite and is something I never want to miss. During the bonfire we announce the UI Homecoming royalty for the year, celebrate being Vandals and end the night with a fireworks show. Homecoming and the bonfire is one of the longest running traditions at UI, with the first one taking place all the way back in 1909. Being a part of these homecoming traditions can make someone truly cherish UI's rich history.

Homecoming is about walking in the same Serpentine as UI alumni did 100 years ago. It's about learning what it is to be a Vandal, singing the Fight Song and it's about welcoming our alumni home again. It is about every person trying their best to participate, while remembering the importance of enjoying it all. That's what it means to be a Vandal, and that is what all students should take out of their homecoming experience this year, whether they're Greek or not. To Greek students — try not to get so caught up in the competition of homecoming that you forget to appreciate what the week really represents. Homecoming Week is about a lot more than being the best on Greek Row. Alexander Milles can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @AlexanderKCFMil



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In response to 'Cellphone controversy'

As a student, I find myself not very sympathetic to Ms. Michael's position on the issue of cellphone use in class, as mentioned in a story titled "Cellphone controversy" included in the last issue of The Argonaut Oct. 20. It is not at all unusual when someone enters a public gathering indoors to be asked to turn off their cellphone. It seems to me to be reasonable to expect that people will act like adults and turn off their cellphones. Why is a classroom any different? I pay money to be here, too. What I don't pay for is the privilege of hearing

Ms. Michael's cellphone ring in the middle of class, or her chatting away when I want to hear what the instructor has to say. Cellphones are, for me, an unwelcome distraction in the classroom. I think instructors need to make clear what their expectations are in reference to cellphone usage in the classroom in their opening remarks at the beginning of a semester and in their class syllabus. I think that the penalty for using cellphones in class by anyone other than on-call medical workers and first responders needs to be tied directly to class performance. Perhaps 5

percent deducted from their final semester score for the first offense, plus a written apology to his or her classmates for causing the distraction, an additional 10 percent deducted for the second offense and failing the course for misbehavior for the third offense, or something of that ilk. If the instructor makes it known from the get-go what will happen and Ms. Michael makes the adult decision to flaunt the rules, it's her responsibility to live with the consequences. John Pool is a University of Idaho alumnus and is currently taking classes.

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WHAT HOMECOMING MEANS TO ME

Highlighting heroics What makes a hero a hero

Exploring what it really means to be a hero this homecoming

Why Homecoming Week honors the real heroes of UI

Heroes are hard to describe. Whether people hear about them in a lecture on "Beowulf," the new Avengers movie or a news headline about local firefighters, stories about heroes can be found almost everywhere.

The idea of heroes does not only play a strong role in contemporary pop culture, but the hero archetype has also helped form a number of societies over the course of many centuries.



Corrin Bond
Argonaut

The fascination with heroes of all kinds is so ingrained in our society that it's no surprise the 2015 homecoming theme for the University of Idaho is "A Hero's Homecoming."

This incredibly broad theme begs the question — what does it really mean to be a hero?

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a hero as, "A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities."

The trouble with this definition is that abstract identifiers like "courage" and "noble" are broad in meaning and relative to the context in which they're used.

What is considered an outstanding achievement? How exactly should courage be defined? For someone with selective mutism, speaking to a room full of strangers is an outstanding achievement. For a young child, courage can be as simple as sleeping without a nightlight or standing up to the class bully. Are these people heroes?

Although the warrior imagery is strong when UI's mascot Joe Vandal is paired with this year's homecoming theme, it's important to remember that being a hero means more than fighting battles or performing some great super-human feat.

Anyone can be a hero. A hero can be someone like a firefighter, who risks their life to save others. But a hero can

also be someone who faces their fears, like a graduating college senior going out into the real world for the first time.

A hero can be a fictional character or the elderly couple down the street who volunteers to watch a single mother's child when she's having a hard day.

It's also possible to be a hero without even knowing it — parents and teachers are often heroes to the children in their lives. An act as simple as returning someone's lost cat can make that person a hero to a complete stranger.

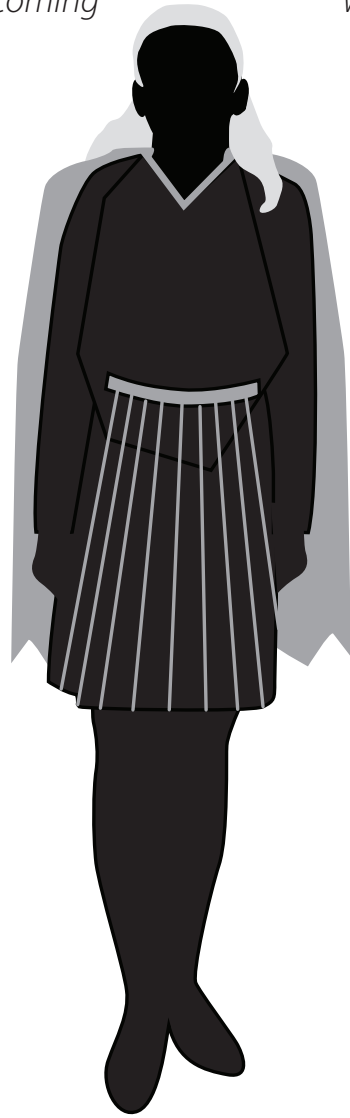
It's also important to remember that heroes make mistakes. Being a hero doesn't equate to being perfect, it means living with integrity and taking accountability for your actions if you make a mistake.

When it comes to being a hero, there is no competition either. Since it's such a relative concept, no single act of courage or bravery is more heroic than another.

Whether someone is a current student or graduated two or 10 or 40 years ago, if they've made the choice to face the day and take on the world it inherently makes them a hero.

None of us are perfect, but we can all be heroes in our own unique ways.

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Homecoming Week has officially arrived at University of Idaho. The theme? "A Hero's Homecoming."

To be honest, I was initially disappointed when the theme was announced. It seemed overused. My high school had done the same thing one year for a previous homecoming.

But unlike my high school homecoming, where the theme was based on super heroes such as Superman, Batman and Captain America, the focus for the university's theme is to honor real heroes like students and alumni. This theme is about more than just comic book characters.

UI's homecoming unites years of alumni and brings our current generation of students together with past generations. Homecoming Week is about more than who will be nominated for homecoming royalty. The week includes activities that bring students together, which is especially appreciated after the stressful week of midterms.

Not only did this week bring current UI students together, but on Wednesday alumni who graduated in 1955 reunited after 60 years. Homecoming is about coming together and spending time with one another, whether you are a current student or not.

I appreciate that the university's homecoming is about more than what dresses the girls will be wearing and where the dance will be held, as opposed to high school. Its focus is on

the students and the community.

Yesterday, the school's annual food drive came to a close and the food was taken to St. Mary's Food Bank, the Vandal Food Pantry and the supplies were given to Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

Later today, the Vandal Marching Band will lead the UI population in the annual Serpentine through campus.

The Serpentine is a homecoming highlight, as it unites all of the university community together as it makes its way through Greek Row, past the residence halls and ends outside of the Kibbie Dome. Serpentine brings everyone together for a rally by a huge bonfire and a spectacular fireworks show. Vandal pride rings strong at this event, and it's great because every single person who is there is a part of the action.

The great thing about Homecoming Week is that no part of it is about superficial themes like popularity, and the celebrations give everyone a break from the stress we are all definitely feeling at this midpoint of the semester. Students come together and relax after a few hectic weeks of cramming for their midterms and enjoy this time to hang out with friends, enjoy the bonfire and revel in the fireworks show.

A Hero's Homecoming, which I previously thought to be a mundane theme, is really a unique theme that honors the lifeblood of UI. Students should think about more than comic book characters when they hear the term "hero" and consider themselves lucky to be a part of a university that cares so much about its students.

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When labeling does some good

Why emotional awareness is essential to mindful living

One sunny morning as I turned a corner onto campus, a young man on a skateboard jumped off the curb directly in front of my car.

I honked my horn as a warning and hit my brakes to slow the car. My heart was beating wildly, and when our eyes met I expected to see relief. Instead, this man offered me a scowl and his middle finger.

Anger boiled inside of me. I couldn't quite believe someone could be so thoughtless. Hadn't I just done my part to prevent serious injury? Was it me who rode in front of on-coming traffic?

My self-righteousness brewed. I was

imagining launching a whole campus-wide campaign on civility.

Then I did something I've learned from practicing mindfulness meditation. I caught myself, and I put a label on my experience. "I feel angry as a thunderstorm." It wasn't long before noticed myself simmering down.

Mindfulness involves intentional focus on our immediate experiences without judging or attempting to alter it. It is practiced during meditation to develop tools for everyday living. In the same way an athlete practices to prepare for the big game, people practice mindfulness awareness in meditation to prepare for life's challenges.

By mindfully noticing my anger and labeling it without judging myself, I calmed my emotion in two important

ways. I interrupted a chain of thoughts about rudeness that were really upsetting me and I calmed down the limbic region in my brain, which is responsible for emotional reactivity.

Brain research using MRI shows that the simple act of labeling an emotion calms the amygdala. This can be done with any negative emotion.

Labeling emotions can actually help others calm down too. It has been used effectively in extreme situations by Chris Voss, former head of FBI hostage negotiation, to try de-escalate potentially deadly situations involving hostages.

Once I had calmed down a bit, it occurred to me that the guy on the skateboard was probably scared. He overreacted and I was glad he was OK. He wasn't right to be rude to me, but I didn't want to spend any more of my

energy on it.

Mindful awareness is like pattern recognition software. With some patience and attention, we start to recognize patterns in ourselves. There is a tremendous freedom in knowing that we don't have to overreact for every thought and feeling that surfaces during our inevitable moments of frustration, anger, anxiety or fear.

These mindfulness practices invite us to notice our emotional experiences, rather than judge, ignore or suppress them. Give this a try and see what happens, and don't give up if you forget sometimes. Like an athlete, you have to keep up the practice.

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Size doesn't matter here

The size of a homecoming celebration does not determine its quality

I've heard it more than once, and it makes me laugh every time. "Moscow is such a small town," people say. "So homecoming isn't really that impressive." Call it a side effect of my small-town roots, but I can't take these people seriously. But instead of trying to convince them otherwise — because yes, to someone from a big city, Moscow is considered small — I will explain what a good homecoming celebration means to me.

I come from a community of approximately 500 people. My high school had about 100 students overall when I graduated and I knew everyone's names. Like many small high schools, our Homecoming Week was a big deal — even if only to us, the little dot along the highway in the Idaho panhandle.

I played sports year-round, but I know homecoming brought something special to the town in the eyes of many people who lived there. It involved student athletes, non-athletes, teachers, community members and alumni, all in varying amounts — everyone rallied around a tiny school they once called home.

Homecoming wasn't necessarily all about the athletes and the sporting events of the week either. Sure, I looked forward to the volleyball and football games, but I looked forward to the hallway decorating contest too, and the pep rallies centered on the coveted spirit stick and the ridiculous dress-up days.

The ever-present lowerclassmen versus upperclassmen mentality peaked during that one week out of the year, and anything was fair game in the competition for the title of most spirited class. I am both proud and ashamed of the things I did to obtain that spirit stick for my class of 2014, and I made memories during my high school homecoming years that I know I'll never forget.

In the end, it wasn't about how big my high school was or the scale of the Friday football game. It was about the genuine support everyone showed during the week. Just see-

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ing everyone participate proved the worth of a small-town homecoming.

Becoming a Vandal and participating in the University of Idaho's Homecoming Week for the first time last year, I saw a lot of similarities between my own down-home homecoming and the homecoming celebrations held at UI.

Various events make up the bulk of the week, and the Vandal football game serves as a sort of cap to the whole thing — but it's not necessarily the basis for the entire celebration. The Saturday morning Homecoming Parade is rich in community participation and represents the best of this "small town." Prideful silver and gold can be seen across all

ages and through the spectrum of university involvement, which is something I admire.

Homecoming means something different to everyone, but I believe the same message resonates in both my hometown and in Moscow.

It's not the size that makes homecoming so wonderful. It's the morale around one institution, one community, and the idea that this place is worth celebrating.

Maybe it's just not in my nature to need a massive, glorified Homecoming Week. I don't need to experience the homecomings of bigger institutions like at the University of Alabama or Kentucky to enjoy myself and the place where I attend college.

I am a Vandal, and the value of our truly genuine homecoming overrides any argument that Moscow is too small to have an impressive celebration.

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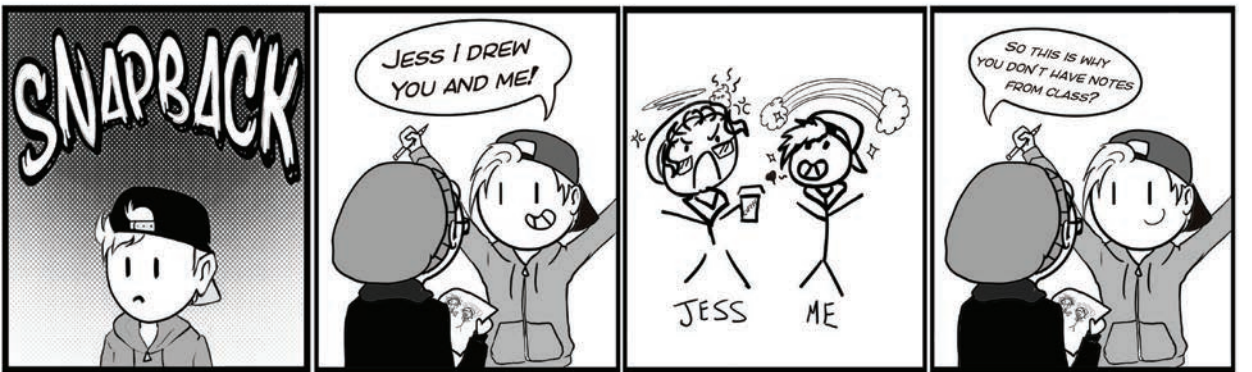


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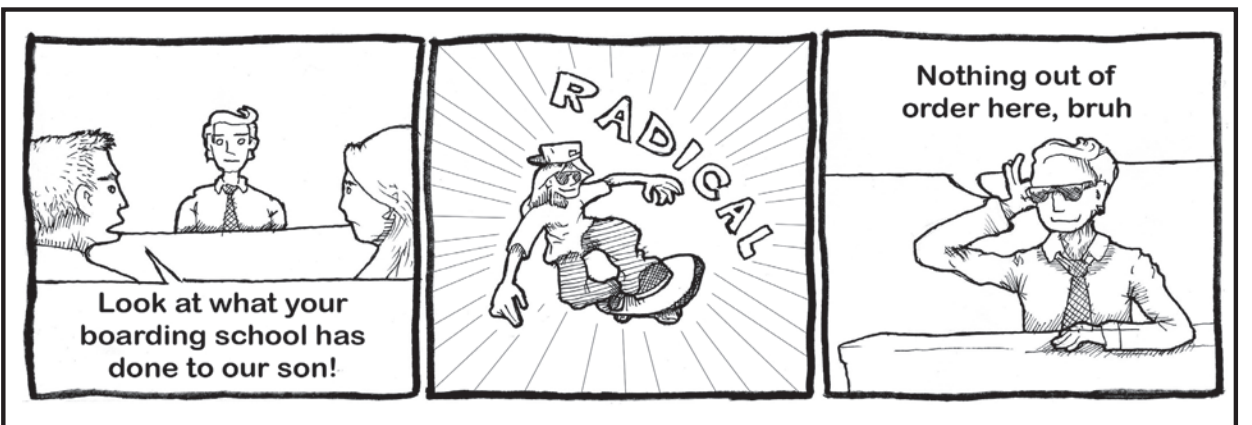
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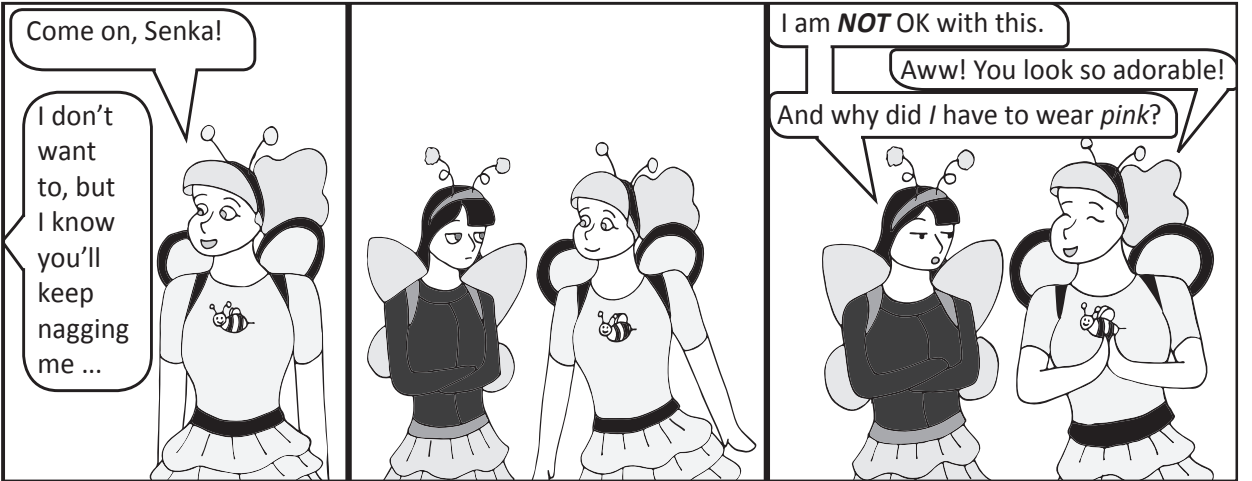
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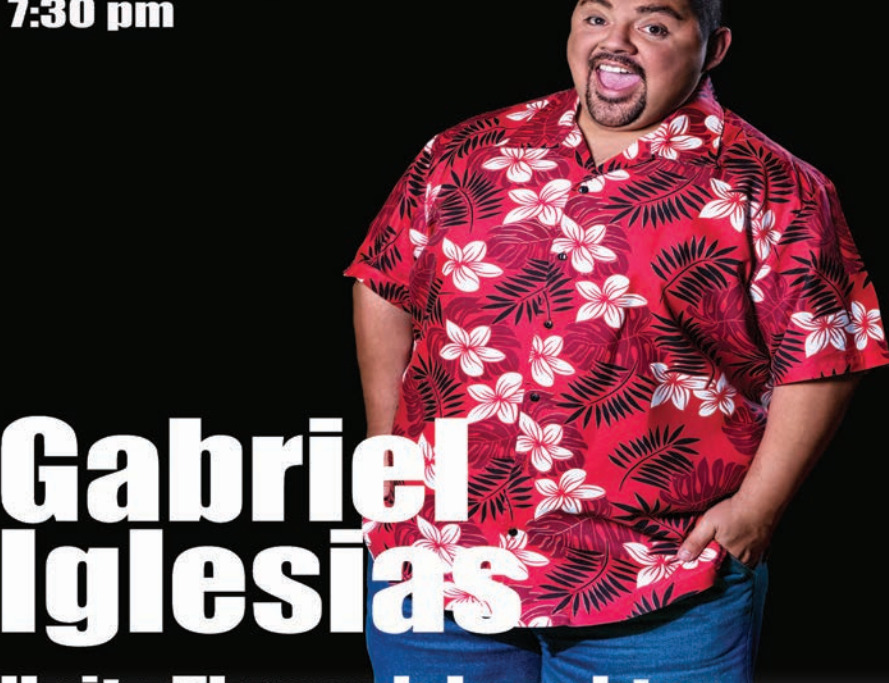
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