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Fomer ASUI Director of Health and Wellness Nick Wren and current ASUI Director of Health and Wellness Katherin Pope work to promote condom use on campus. Pope is part of the Vandal Health Coalition that hopes to increase access to free condoms.

Normalizing condom use

UI students and staff hope to promote condom use, prevent STIs on campus

Hannah Shirley Argonaut

Like so many others on campus, Vandal Health Education Coordinator Emily Tuschhoff has heard the rumors — sexually transmitted diseases and infections are on the rise at the University of Idaho.

Yet, Tuschhoff said the rumors don't

"(Student Health) is seeing an increase in testing because of what I would assume are the rumors, but not an increase in numbers that would be any more than the normal," Tuschhoff said.

For the university, that's a great step forward from a few years ago, Tuschhoff said.

Trojan Brand Condoms releases a Sexual Health Report Card every year that ranks the sexual health programs at 140 major U.S. universities. Rankings are based on 11 categories, including accessibility of resources such as education programs, availability of condoms, contraceptives and STD screenings and quality of information provided.

In 2006, UI sat at No. 136 of 140 universities. "It's not like a valid and reliable survey," Tuschhoff said. "They glamorize it. They access information off the website and UI scored low on this. So that was the impetus for determining we

definitely need some sexual health education on campus."

Tuschhoff said that her position was created in response to that in 2012. The monthly Got Sex? Programs, held through the Women's Center, began a little before that.

In 2014, the Trojan Sexual Health Report Card listed UI at 70 out of the 140 universities, a far cry from its previous ranking.

Tuschhoff said Got Sex? and similar programs, such as Sex Talks and Blow Pops, are always well-attended and have informed students about sexual health issues.

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FACULTY SENATE

Plan to prioritize

Provost Wiencek reviews Focus for the Future process

Erin Bamer

Learning from last year's Focus For the Future process, Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek intends to improve communication and clarity through a new program prioritization committee composed of faculty, staff and students.

"I think we need a bit of a fresh start in this," Wiencek said, during a presentation at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

As part of a new policy from the State Board of Education (SBOE), all state colleges and universities must incorporate program pri-

oritization into their annual budget and review processes.

The SBOE initially sent this order in 2013 after Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter mandated all state agencies to do so in order for the government to prioritize where to put their funds, Wiencek said. Under a different interim president and provost, UI developed FFF under Katherine Aiken, interim provost and executive vice president, and Don Burnett, interim university president.

"The interim president and interim provost at the time said, 'Well we don't want to call it program prioritization again. Let's change it because this is intended to be a living process," Wiencek said. "So

the president, I believe, President Burnett branded the effort Focus for the Future."

Under FFF, all UI programs were sorted into five individual groups based on their level of priority. Wiencek said the placement of the programs into the five groups was based on self-as-

sessment and quantitative data primarily relying on student headcounts.

"I think we have to move away from self-evaluation," Wiencek said. "I think we should put together teams that do the evaluations. These teams should have some basis to judge, but should provide almost a peer evaluation that's outside the unit."

As a result of FFF, multiple changes were made within UI, including the discontinuation of 19 degree programs. Wiencek said the largest impact in terms of the university's budget came from the closing of the Office of Community Partnerships, which

saved the university about \$460,000. Yet, the SBOE found UI's process for program prioritization to be unsustainable due to the excessive amount of paperwork included for participants of the process, Wiencek said. He said he plans to go about program prioritization differently in the future.

Due to a lack of communication with the SBOE and within the university itself, there were a lot of misunderstandings created throughout the process, Wiencek said. He said communication and clarity is something he will focus on going into a new process for program prioritization.

'We really have to open up this process and not have it being held in secret in central administration," Wiencek said. "It really has to be something that has broad university participation in.'

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Halloween happiness

Local children will come to campus for annual Tower Trick or Treat

Diamond Koloski Argonaut

Trick-or-treaters will navigate a vertical neighborhood this weekend as University of Idaho Housing and Residence Life hosts its 37th annual Tower Trick or Treat event from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Theophilus Tower.

The event serves as an opportunity for local children and their families to trick or treat throughout the building as well as play games in some of the floor lounges.

Morgan Hanson, residence life coordinator for the Tower, said the event allows Vandals to interact with local residents by volunteering. UI has advertised the event at Moscow elementary schools and through the UI Childcare Center, and siblings and friends of those students are welcome as well.

"The best part of the event is that is allows Tower students and staff to connect with young Vandals by decorating their communities, handing out candy and facilitating games," Hanson said.

In addition to students connecting with community families, the event helps serve the community in another way. It is free for participants, but there are collection bins for canned goods, which are donated to the Moscow Food Bank.

"TTT is an excellent service to the community, not only because of the safe and warm trick-or-treating option, but because it brings in donations for the food bank at a time of year when donations are often most needed," Hanson said.

Tower Area Assistant Stephanie Rosen, who also serves as head of the games committee for the event, said she still remembers her experience from last year.

"I brought my prom dress from high school and I was Belle," Rosen said. "I got lots of hugs from kids excited to see a princess."

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Promoting with pink

Gritman celebrates National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Jessica Gee

From NFL football fields to popular food packaging, pink was the color of choice in October as organizations supported National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Debi Dockins, director of Volunteer Services at Gritman Medical Center, said this month holds a lot of importance for the staff at the Gritman Medical Center.

"We all have a cancer story and everyone has been touched by it," Dockins said. "Everyone wants to help because they realize how ugly of a disease it is."

Gritman Medical Center recently hosted the 14th annual Pink Tea event, which consisted of several guest speakers, a raffle and breakfast for those who attended.

Dockins said both the Pink Tea and Pink Cocktail event, which happened later in the evening, are used to fundraise money for Bosom Buddies, Light A Candle and the Gritman Cancer Care Fund.

These three organizations use the donations to fund free mammograms, hospital services and other services that help improve the quality of life for breast cancer patients.

Dockins said she is a co-founder of the Light A Candle program, which raises money to give cancer patients basic necessities, such as gas cards and grocery vouchers.

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A Crumbs recipe



Butter-roasted cauliflower

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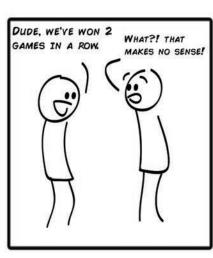
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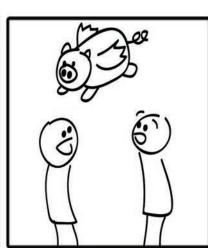
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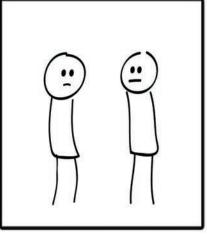
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Lt. Lehmitz leaving MPD

Moscow Police Lt. David Lehmitz plans to retire in December

Nishant Mohan Argonaut

Lt. David Lehmitz has filled a lot of shoes in his career, spending time as a patrol officer, detective, officer trainer and narcotics investigator. But to his colleagues, Lehmitz's shoes as commander of Moscow Police's Campus Division will be the biggest to fill as he plans to retire in December.

"I've always enjoyed this work," Lehmitz said.

Lehmitz commands a team of two campus community policing officers who work with patrol officers and university staff to provide a safe environment for students at the University of Idaho.

"I do it because I enjoy the relationship with the student, faculty, and staff," Lehmitz said.

Lehmitz has been doing police work for nearly 30 years, most of which has been with the Moscow Police Department.

He has been with the campus division since 2007 and said when his time was up in that position he requested to stay and his request was accepted. He said he is ready to retire, and will do so in December.

"Twenty seven years is a long time to do anything, and he certainly did it well," said Patrol Division Commander Paul Kwiatkowski.

Kwiatkowski said he and Lehmtiz have been friends and coworkers for around 20 years, and even earned the ranking of lieutenant together.

Besides his work on campus, Kwiatkowski said Lehmitz has done a lot through security work for visiting dignitaries, traveling with the football team and working directly with students.

Former Campus Officer Sergeant Art Lindquist said that the most important thing Lehmitz has done is establish smooth and effective communication between the university and the police department.

"He opened up a greater communication with the university where we would meet with the Dean of Students to figure out how best to deal with any issues that came up," Lindquist said.

Lindquist said that communication is extremely important to a successful policing effort, and that lack of communication can result in a national tragedy.

"When I joined, I had no idea how our relationship was supposed to work," said Mitch Running, a campus officer who has been with the campus division for nearly a year. "Dave opened up a lot of doors to help us learn about how things work in the university."

Running said Lehmitz has been a great mentor to him. He said Lehmitz's absence will be noticed because of his experience and passion for the job and said Lehmitz is involved with university administration in many ways, even holding a position on a hiring panel.



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Moscow Police Lt. David Lehmitz has been commander of MPD's Campus Division since 2007.

"That's how much respect they have for him," Running said.

Kwiatkowski said Lehmitz was involved with the alcohol task

force, which he said is particularly important because most crimes on campus are alcohol related, such as sexual assault, violence and accidental injuries.

"It is difficult to say how many lives you might be saving when you're doing preventative work," Lindquist said. "Lehmitz and the university share a priority — that salvaging a student is the most important thing." Kwiatkowski said

there is a lot that the public takes for granted and a lot of work goes on behind the scenes, including the work that goes into

the campus division. Kwiatkowski also said that Lehmitz, like the rest of the Moscow Police Department, prefers to educate rather than punish. He said that in some towns, police send people to jail

in a way that can be unhelpful in

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the long-term.

"Instead of the cops going in and yanking a kid out of school, Dave and the risk assessment team would look for different avenues to solve the problem," Kwiatkowski said. "Younger guys see older guys like Dave and learn there's other ways to handle a situation and keep it low key."

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Funding for student orgs of all kinds

Applications, training deadline approaches for student org funds

Nishant Mohan

Student organizations looking to receive funding from ASUI have until Nov. 6 at noon to turn in their applications to the ASUI Funding Board.

But before applying, students must complete a required training.

"I think everyone should be involved," said Funding Board Chair Claire Holcombe.

While Holcombe said the training has been an in-person meeting in past years, this year it is a set of videos on the univer-

Holcombe said the board moved to videos to make the training cheaper and more convenient for staff and students. She said the videos cover the bylaws, rules, requirements and limitations of funding.

She said the switch was ASUI President Max Cowan's idea.

"It's more convenient online than meeting at a specific time and date," he said.

Holcombe said that in part, the training lets students know what they are even eligible for.

"We don't want people to be disappointed if they go through the application process only to find out they are not eligible," she said.

food that is not through Sodexo.

Holcombe said the rest of the training explains how students need to pre-register purchases before they make them, and how they need to keep track of receipts.

Cowan said the new format is not only more convenient, but more effective.

"Student organizations consistently have questions and are quite likely to forget what they've learned," he said.

Cowan said in this way, it acts like an FAQ page, answering questions preemptively.

Holcombe said the online training does not limit students' access to help and information. She said funding board staff members are still available to answer any questions stu-

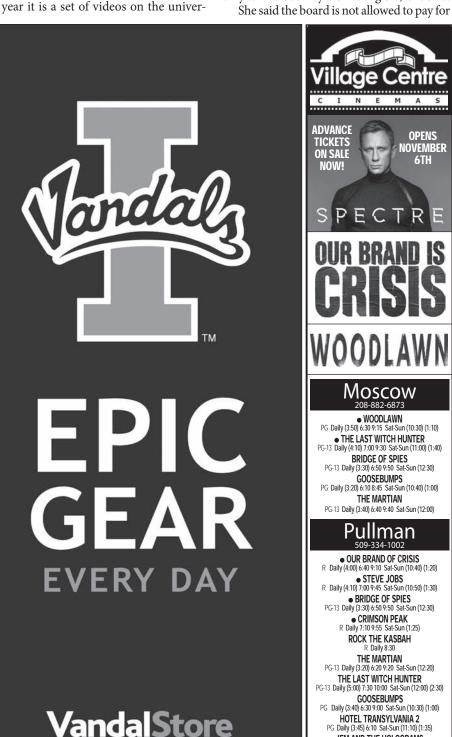
dents might have about any stage of the funding process.

Holcombe said she is passionate about making this process easier because student organizations are so important and help people accomplish personal goals.

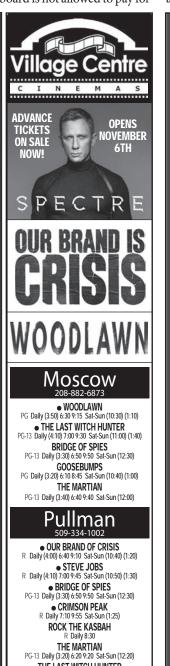
"I think it's good to get out of your routine," she said. "Having something you enjoy outside of school is really important."

She said the board has a total of \$64,000 available to students and that each organization can apply for up to \$2,000.

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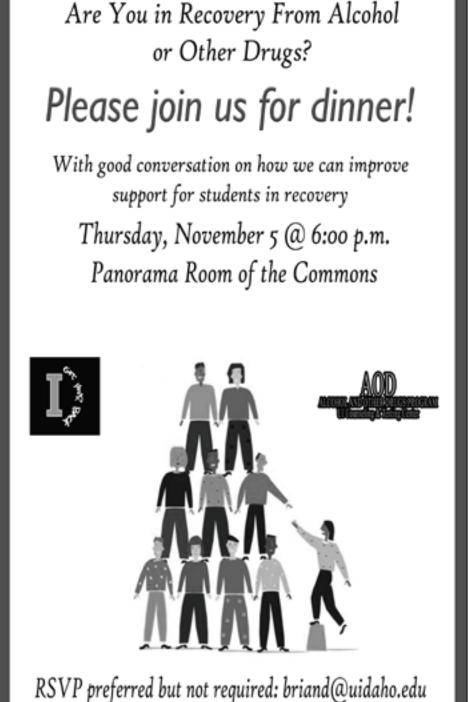
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Nuclear education

UI one of 15 universities receiving grant to aid young nuclear engineering program

Ryan Locke Argonaut

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently awarded the University of Idaho with a grant totaling \$434,048 to encourage the growth of nuclear engineering and community education.

College of Engineering Professor Vivek Utgikar said the NRC grant also aims to help younger faculty by providing support for their research and teaching activities so that they can better serve their schools and community.

Utgikar said UI's Nuclear Engineering program is a graduate program that accepts students with degrees in nuclear engineering and related fields, such as mechanical engineering, chemical engineering and materials science. The program offers several specialty tracks, including thermal hydraulics, safeguarding of materials and the study of the nuclear fuel cycle.

The program is based in Idaho Falls because of its close proximity to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), a nuclear engineering research and development laboratory run by the Department of Energy, Utgikar said.

Utgikar said the NRC sent a solicitation to numerous universities this spring, and the UI submitted a proposal in response to the solicitation. Utgikar said practically every university in the U.S. with a nuclear engineering program



David Betts | Argonaut

University of Idaho College of Engineering Professor Vivek Utgikar said a NRC grant will provide support to younger faculty.

applied for the grant and UI was one of only 15 universities that were selected to receive NRC grant money, putting it alongside universities such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"It's a competitive proposal. A lot of universities apply for it, so we happened to be selected — our proposal was strong enough for them to award us this grant," Utgikar said.

Utgikar said two faculty members are already planning to use the grant to upgrade their lab facilities. He said one plans to use the funding for equipment related to materials

characterization and the other for new computers that will be used to better model and simulate nuclear reactors to increase safety.

Faculty members are going to use the funding to create new courses and to travel to conferences and present their research. The university's nuclear research program has already begun hiring new faculty members, including a new director, Richard Christensen, whom Utgikar describes as one of the foremost experts in the field.

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"We are looking to then increase our course offerings, increase our research and be recognized as one of the leading schools,"

Utgikar said. "Where not only students will come from around the country, but we'll be able to attract researchers and students from around the world."

As the world's population grows, Utgikar said the development of nuclear energy is important to maintain a high standard of living and fulfill the heightening

demand for energy.

Utgikar said nuclear is one of the most promising primary energy sources because it can both provide for the energy needs of growing populations as well as do it in a in a carbon-neutral way.

"In order for nuclear to grow, obviously there are a lot of development activities that must take place, and our university is in a better position to play an increasing role because of this faculty development grant," Utgikar said.

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STUDENTLIEF

'Work hard, play hard'

Marisa Casella Argonaut

Alena Hattaway, who goes by her middle name Katreece, hasn't had the typical academic experience.

Once a high school dropout, Hattaway, 26, is set to graduate from the University of Idaho this winter and is already looking forward to her future in business.

"I interned at Gore this past summer," Hattaway said, mentioning she hopes to work for the multi-national manufacturing company in the future.

If that doesn't work out, Hattaway said she hopes to pursue a business career that works with health, nutrition or medical studies.

It has to be something that she

actually likes, Hattaway said — something that allows her to work with a lot of people and make an impact. Eventually, she said she would like to start her own nonprofit business that works to empower women.

Hattaway said she enjoys being outdoors and likes to go hiking, kayaking and swimming. She also wouldn't hesitate to go skydiving, rock climbing or cliff diving, she said.

"I like to have fun," Hattaway said. "Work hard, play hard. That's my motto."

Hattaway said she wants to start a camp for female preadolescents and adolescents that tests their strength and helps build strong leadership skills and confidence while keeping them active outdoors.

"I think a lot of weakness comes around that time period," Hattaway said.

Early in high school, Hattaway said she participated in several sports until a car accident left her with a broken jaw and back.
Unable to play sports, Hattaway

Unable to play sports, Hattaway said she lost motivation in school and dropped out at the age of 16. She earned her GED and went on to take several jobs, such as at a call center and a bar, until she was 20 and decided she wanted a better career.

"I didn't know what I was



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pretty quick."

Hattaway began college at the College

go to college," Hattaway

said. "I figured it out

of Western Idaho as a double major with a minor in statistics, but decided to major in business with a minor in operations management. During her time at CWI, Hattaway said she was a full-time student working a

full-time job.

Doing both made getting through the year more difficult, Hattaway said. So when she transferred to UI, she decided she was not going to work and instead was going to rely on loans.

discusses her life as a nontraditional business student

doing, so I decided I'd "I'm in a lot of debt, which

Alena 'Katreece' Hattaway

my college."

While Hattaway hasn't had the conventional academic experience, she said she holds no regrets to the

sucks," Hattaway said. "But my

family isn't in a place to pay for

way everything has played out.

Dropping out of high school at 16, living on her own and working from the age of 15 has only made her more indepen-

dent, Hattaway said.

"It's been really good for me,"
Hattaway said. "It's really opened
my eyes to the world."

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CONDOM

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"I don't know if they're more open, but they're more open to talking about it," Tuschhoff said.

Tuschhoff said when it comes to knowing exactly how many students seek STD and STI treatment and testing, UI doesn't have great data simply because many students visit clinics other than Student Health.

Nick Wren, who was the ASUI director of health and wellness last year, said data from the National College Health Assessment supports the idea that UI has some work to do to catch up with the national standard for sexual health education.

Last spring, Wren and the Vandal Health Coalition, which is comprised of health experts from across campus, voted on five student health issues they wanted to address and improve upon in the next seven years.

While Wren said there were dozens of issues that were discussed, when it came time to vote, there were five issues that were

clearly the favorites to win. One of those issues was condom use to prevent pregnancy and STDs and STIs.

"I think there's somewhat the perception that (condom use) isn't normal," Wren said. "The fact of the matter is studies and data and years of research have shown it's not only good at preventing pregnancy, but STDs and STIs, and it's one of the easiest ways to do so."

The Vandal Health Coalition found that 51.7 percent of sexually active students reported using a condom during vaginal intercourse during the past 30 days in 2013. Their goal is to increase that number to 60 percent by 2021.

To do this, they hope to install condom dispensers on campus and implement Free Condom Hump Days and condom pickup programs by fall 2016. They also plan to create a sexual health coordinator position and increase the number of peer health educators by fall 2017.

Katherin Pope, the current ASUI director of health and wellness, said the coalition is working to design promotional materi-

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als to encourage the message of condom use.

"Hookups happen," Pope said. "It needs to be more on the minds of students that pregnancy and STI prevention could be better on this campus."

She said ASUI Senators Taylor Willey and Cruz Botello have applied to take part in the Great American Condom Campaign, which will send each senator 500 free condoms to distribute on campus.

As the initiative advances, Pope said she and the coalition has discussed installing condom dispensers in bathrooms around campus — an idea that is still in the brainstorming stages.

Tuschhoff said after the Trojan Sexual Health Report Card was released, it was helpful to see which universities made the top of the list. She said she has researched what those universities do to be so successful.

She said the Vandal Health Education office has placed an emphasis in recent years on organizing more health and wellness fairs that focus on sexual health - something that is more common at other universities.

Tuschhoff also said other universities have connected with sex education apps to inform students. She said opportunities like

these are exciting for students and university health officials alike. Tuschhoff said the Student Health Center

seeing an increase in students seeking STD and STI testing is indicative of a slow but certain success on the sexual health educa-

To Tuschhoff, the rise in testing indicates that students are more aware and concerned about their safety. Pope said UI's rank on the Trojan Sexual

Health Report Card will only get better with continued effort.

'Be on the lookout for free condoms," Pope said. "They're coming. They're going to be everywhere."

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HALLOWEEN

Hanson said its special to get their parents.

"Last year, one of my staff was dressed as Belle from Beauty and the Beast and a little girl was convinced that she had seen a real princess and ran directly into my staff member's

She stations herself in the lobby so she can see the kids' faces as they enter and leave, and said kids are often extremely excited for the event. She also receives lots of positive com-

For the sake of clarity, Wiencek

finished his review by asking a ques-

tion to the members of Faculty

Senate. He said the programs that

were sorted into the fifth, and lowest,

quintile were informed about their

rank, but he wanted to know if the

members of Faculty Senate thought

it was a good idea to let all the pro-

grams know where they stood in the

feelings, the majority of Faculty

Senate members agreed with the

argument to not publish the data,

which was posed by Vice Chair of

"I think that publishing the quin-

Faculty Senate Liz Brandt.

Though there were some mixed

data collected for FFF.

who also enjoy the event.

Hanson said she began a tradition last year where every floor in the Tower picks a theme and decorates around that theme. Last year, some of the

themes included Legos, Star Wars, Neverland and Candy Land.

Hanson said the trick or treat event takes up to six weeks to plan, and funds must be requested and voted on by the RHA and Community Council members.

decorations committee The created a list of supplies that the floors have requested to have so they can decorate their floors according to

their themes.

"It's a big endeavor, and the students and staff work really hard to make it happen," Hanson said.

While the event is great for several reasons,

Hanson said the excitement that Vandal students bring to the event is what makes it special.

"I had students talking with me about TTT as they were moving into the building in August," Hanson said. "It has a great reputation and they truly look forward to it."

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Barbara Chatburn, an employee at Gritman, said Breast Cancer Awareness Month holds a lot of sentimental value for her. Chatburn won her battle with breast cancer

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"It's a month to promote wellness in women and not be shy about talking about womens' health issues," Chatburn said.

said every Chatburn dollar counts when it comes to funding the organizations involved in the Pink Tea, but this is not the only reason for the event.

"It's not an event where we put pressure on our friends to donate," Chatburn said. "You can give from your heart or your pocketbook, but only what you're able to."

Although every donation is appreciated, Chatburn said simple actions, such as talking to someone going through treatment or driving them to the grocery store, can go a long wav.

Teresa Thorsten, who also works at Gritman Medical Center, said all of the proceeds raised during this event go directly to the three main organizations.

"I think that's amazing because a lot charities will

raise money and it will go directly to someone else's wage instead of to the people who really need it," Thorsten said.

Breast cancer survivor Gillian Sharma said she is all too familiar with organizations that falsely claim to support breast cancer.

Sharma said companies have been known to put a pink ribbon on their product to gain more sales - a marketing strategy known as ʻpinkwashing."

"The general public thinks that they are being supportive when they buy something with a pink ribbon on it and don't realize that there are no requirements to donate a percentage of that money," Sharma said.

Learning more about these organizations to ensure they actually support breast cancer research is vital before purchasing their product, Sharma said.

"Instead of buying pink stuff, which only makes the person buying the pink stuff feel better, I suggest that you do something for somebody," Sharma said. "There so many things that people can do that are practical and helpful."

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PLAN

feedback from participants and

arms — it was priceless," Hanson said.

ments and thank-yous from parents,

tile information ends up labeling programs based on data and analysis that we suspect its integrity, and I think that that's a potentially destructive thing

to do," Brandt said. Multiple Faculty Senate members raised concerns of how UI would deal with programs ranked in the lowest fifth.

Jodi Nicotra from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences said programs in the lower fifth might feel a lack of motivation to improve upon hearing the news.

Wendy Couture from UI's Boise campus was worried about the allocation of resources, as many of the programs were ranked into the fifth quintile based on their access



what Wiencek thought working lower fifth programs. "It could result in the

to resources. She asked

poorer get poorer and the rich get richer result,"

Couture said.

As part of his plan going forward, Wiencek said he wants to put time into lower fifth programs to improve them instead of hurt them further.

"That's part of what the committee needs to do," Wiencek said. "They'll have an evolution in the four or five years that are to come of 'How do we deal with people in the fifth quintile?"

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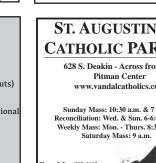
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SPORTS



Idaho sweeps Montana State Thursday night at home.

Vandals return to the court

Men's basketball opens season with exhibition Friday night

> Josh Grissom Argonaut

Students and fans will make their way to the Memorial Gym Friday night to watch the men's basketball team as Idaho begins its season with an exhibition game against Saint Martin's at 6 p.m.

Idaho coach Don Verlin said he is excited about the potential of the program this year after witnessing a strong work ethic from his players in the first few weeks of practice.

"I'm really optimistic about this year's team," Verlin said. "Up to this point, we haven't played any games yet or faced any adversity, but I like where we are at as far as our work capacity."

The Vandals were chosen to finish eighth in the Big Sky Conference preseason coaches' poll. In the subsequent media poll, the team was picked to finish seventh in the conference.

Idaho will rely on key members of last year's team, including sophomore forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan and junior guard Perrion Callandret.

"Perrion is a combo guard who can play both the one-spot and the two-spot," Verlin said. "I've challenged him this year to step up and try to become the best guard in the Big Sky Conference."

Callandret averaged 6.7 points and 2.5 rebounds for the Vandals last season, while Mkrtychyan contributed 8.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

Idaho also nabbed senior guard Chris Sarbaugh, who transferred to Idaho after two years at San Diego. Sarbaugh averaged 15.3 minutes per game for the Toreros, finishing last season with a 41.7 three-point shooting percentage.

"Chris brings both leadership and experience to the program," Verlin said. "He is a fiery competitor who is doing everything that he can to make sure that we are successful."

Idaho will look to fill the roles left behind by graduates Connor Hill and Mike Scott, who led the team last year with an average of 16.4 and 14 points per game respectively.

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Irish Martos | Argonaut

Idaho senior forward Paulin Mpawe elevates for a shot during practice Tuesday at the Physical Education Building.

SOCCER

Regular-season finale

Idaho will look to finish Big Sky play undefeated

Josh Grissom

the Idaho When soccer women's team walked off the field following last month's loss to Eastern Washington, the team possessed a 2-3 record and was struggling to find its rhythm.

Seven weeks later, Idaho sits atop the Big Sky standings, boasting an undefeated record in conference play.

The Vandals have also clinched the Big Sky regular-season championship and the right to host the Big Sky Tournament next week at Guy Wicks Field.

Meanwhile, the Eagles have also enjoyed a productive season. Eastern Washington is tied with Northern Colorado for second place in the Big Sky standings, and will look to cement a first-round bye in the playoffs with a win Friday against the Vandals.

Idaho will play Eastern Washington at 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field to conclude the regular season.

Washing-"Eastern

ton is very good on the attack," Idaho coach Derek Pittman "Their movement up top is very great and they are good at interchanging and attacking defenders."

Pittman said although his team has already clinched the top seed for the playoffs, the Vandals would treat Friday's game against the Eagles as any other regular-season game.

"We want to stick to the process and keep the routine and mentality that we have had the past few weeks," Pittman said. "As far as the game is concerned, we want to go out and win it and play well in front of our home fans."

Idaho freshman goalkeeper Amanda Poertner has played an instrumental role in the defensive success of the Vandals, recording a single-season record nine shutouts for Idaho.

The Vandals have also been aided by selfless offensive play, highlighted by junior midfielder Clara Gomez's 11 assists this season.

Idaho will look to continue this offensive success as it attempts to avenge the September loss to the Eagles in Cheney, Washington.

"We know the mistakes that led to their goals that day, and we've cleaned up those errors," Pittman said. "I have no doubt that they will throw a few wrinkles at us that we haven't seen yet and we need to be prepared for that."

Friday's game is Senior Day for Idaho and the Vandals will honor senior forward Reagan Quigley in her final regular-season appearance for the Vandals.

Idaho's lone senior has played in 16 games this season, recording a 57.1 shots-on-goal percentage.

"Quigley has given so much to this program and has been a tremendous example to our younger Pittman said. players," 'The team is excited for the chance to honor her efforts and contributions to the program during the past four years."

Idaho plans to honor Quigley during a pregame ceremony that will take place just before kickoff.

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OPINION

Idaho soccer stuns doubters

Vandal soccer goes from four-win team to conference champs

Following last year's difficult season in which the Vandals only managed

four wins, Idaho coach Derek Pittman gathered the soccer team for a meeting to discuss how it could improve going into the next year.

"We felt like we had let the opportunity of reaching the playoffs slip through our fingers," Pittman said. "We challenged one another in the offseason to contribute more to our program, and as a team we decided that we weren't going to be satisfied just being a program in the middle of the pack."

The offseason discussion ignited a spark in his players, who took the Big Sky Conference by storm this year, going undefeated through the first nine games of conference play.

Idaho also clinched the top seed in the Big Sky Tournament and the right to host the tournament next week at Guy Wicks Field.

It was the first time in school history the soccer team won the Big Sky regular-

season title. In fact, Idaho's title

is the first conference title of any kind for the soccer program in the 17 years of its existence.

The Vandals were picked in early August to finish ninth among the 11 conference teams in the Big Sky preseason poll.

In the months since that poll was released, the Vandals have posted 13 total victories, including a current nine-game winning streak.

Hosting the Big Sky Tournament next week could prove to be a pivotal playoff advantage for the Vandals.

The program boasts a 6-0-1 record this season at Guy Wicks Field, providing an intimidating environment for rival Big Sky programs that will travel to Moscow next week.

"For us, the opportunity to host is huge," Pittman said. "We are very used to our field and it provides us with a certain level of comfort to know that we get to play at that level in front of our fans."



tion for the Big Sky Tournament, Idaho will be adding extended thevandalnation.com bleachers to the field, along with large banners bearing the Big

In prepara-

Sky Conference logo. "There's only so much that we can do on such short notice," Pittman said. "But we are going to make it the most professional environment that we possibly can because we take a lot of pride in our program and how we

run our organization." Pittman said the additions would allow for a larger-than-average crowd at Guy Wicks Field and the university is prepared to receive anywhere from 600-900 fans during

the tournament. We would love to see a thousand people out at the game," Pittman said. "That would be fantastic for our team. We love the support that we have gotten so far and we just hope that Vandal fans continue to come out for the remaining games and hopefully cheer us on to the championship."

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VOLLEYBALL

Good to be home Idaho bounces back from loss with sweep of Montana State in Idaho's first of four straight home games

Luis Torres Argonaut

After a frustrating loss in Pocatello Saturday to wrap up its four-game road trip, the Idaho volleyball team returned home and defeated the Montana State Bobcats in a 3-0 sweep (25-19, 25-18, 25-12) Thursday night at Memorial Gym.

The Vandals extended their winning streak over the Bobcats to 17 making Idaho 7-4 in the Big Sky Conference.

Idaho senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson said the team progressively got better in each set, especially on the service line.

"We all came out and served real aggressive and got (Montana State) out of system," Peterson said. "We could just focus on shutting out their outside and it was part of our game plan from the beginning, so I thought we executed that really well."

Sophomore outside hitter Becca Mau earned nine kills.

Mau said this month has been challenging for the Vandals. But after Thursday's victory, she said it's a reminder of how the team continues to play tough.

"These past few matches, we've really been able to just get into rhythm, just taking care of business and do work," Mau said.

Idaho head coach Debbie Buchanan said the offense played better in each set after a slow start.

'We didn't have much urgency that I thought we should have in our first match back at home," Buchanan said. "But we definitely finished strong and that's what I asked them. In the locker room after two games, can we go out and make this our best set, and I thought that we did."

Peterson led Idaho with 12 kills, including the match-winning point.

The Vandals trailed in the early stages of the first set, but rallied back and ended the set with a 6-0 run.



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Idaho senior outside hitter Tineke Bierma spikes the ball against Montana State Thurs- day night at the Memorial Gym.

Idaho's hitting percentage was above .400 in two sets, with its highest at .452 in the opening set. The Vandals ended the night with a .369.

Buchanan said the service line further helped Idaho's offense to pull ahead of

"We got (Montana State) out of system,"

Buchanan said. "Our servers did a great job of getting them out of system."

Idaho plays Montana at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals defeated the Grizzlies in five sets Oct. 15 in Missoula.

Mau said the win over Montana State boosts the team's morale going into Saturday's game.

"Montana is a little more difficult," Mau said. "It's good to get a three-set win under our belts going into Saturday and (we) just got to refocus now and just take care of our side of the court."

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FOOTBALL

Among nation's elite

Idaho's Quinton Bradley makes list that recognizes top defensive ends

Garrett Cabeza

Idaho senior defensive end Quinton Bradley had a puzzled look on his face when asked about being on the Ted Hendricks Award Midseason Watch List. Bradley is one of 32 members on the list which recognizes the best defensive ends in the country — but Bradley didn't know he was on the list.

"I work hard trying to be the best I can be and if people are noticing that then I'm happy," Bradley said.

The San Antonio, Texas, native leads the Sun Belt Conference in tackles for loss and sacks.

Bradley said he only pays attention to stats when Idaho wins.

"When we lose I don't pay attention to it, but when we win I want to see the stat sheet," he said.

Bradley said his goals before the season started were to get 10 sacks this year and be a first-team Sun Belt selection.

"As far as being a leader, it's something that we need up front as a defensive line and we need as a defense and as a team,"

said Kenny Holmes, Idaho defensive line coach. "And I think in all three of those fields, he plays some part in being a leader and (it's) not just lip service."

Holmes said Bradley leads by example with his play on the field.

Hendricks played defensive end for Miami (Florida) in the 1960s while Holmes played for the Hurricanes in the 1990s.

"I actually was almost on the board to take the Ted Hendricks award," Holmes said. "It's funny to see that. I saw that on the email that he was on the watch list. I was like 'Wow, that's kind of crazy.' Ted Hendricks is from Miami. I was almost on the board and I'm coaching a player on the list so that was pretty cool."

Bradley has six sacks entering the New Mexico State game at 5 p.m. Saturday in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Aggies are winless this season (0-7) and are coming off a 52-7 loss to Troy Saturday in Las Cruces. The Vandals beat the Trojans 19-16 Oct. 17 in Troy, Alabama.

Idaho (3-4 overall, 2-2 Sun Belt) is looking for its third straight win, which would put the Vandals at .500 overall.

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Owning the Big Sky



Idaho junior midfielder Clara Gomez defends during practice Wednesday at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals are 9-0 in Big Sky Conference play and will seek their 10th conference win against Eastern Washington at 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Finishing under par

Vandals finish 16th at Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown,

Mihaela Karst Argonaut

Playing with some of the top teams in college golf can seem intimidating, but it didn't phase the Vandals as they finished 16th at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Tuesday in Boulder City, Nevada, with a 5-under-par 859.

"We played pretty consistently," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said. "The big difference was shooting under par."

Idaho freshman Sophie Hausmann tied for 45th with a 2-under-par 214.

Hausmann won Big Sky Golfer of the Week for her performance.

"Our ball striking was excellent and we managed the

golf course really well," Johnson said. "We drove the ball the best we have all fall."

After playing a few rounds on the course that will host the Big Sky Confer-Championship April 18-21, Johnson said the Idaho players are confident.

"They know they can score well and shoot under par," Johnson said. "It's a very fun golf course to play and it was great to play this week and finish the fall season with low scores." Johnson said she

is happy with how the team performed this fall. She said the team played

> extremely well and improved every week.

"We have great team chemistry and we had a lot of fun on the road," Johnson said. "Everyone is extremely coachable

Johnson said the Idaho players need to post more birdies in the future.

and focused on improving

specific parts of their individ-

"Leading up to the conference championship we need to



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work on making birdies," Johnson said. "We need to get closer to the flags and give ourselves more birdie opportunities."

During the fall season, the Vandals had two secondplace finishes and one thirdplace finish.

"We played extremely well on this golf course and that gives us a ton of confidence," Johnson said.

Idaho will play at the Texas State Delta Gamma Challenge Feb. 14-15 in New Braunfels, Texas.

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@MikeDugar



#IdahoVandals RB Elijhaa Penny said he was "in the zone" on Saturday. Sure looked like it.

—Moscow-Pullman Daily News sports editor Michael-Shawn Dugar tweets about the success of senior running back Elijhaa Penny, who rushed for 184 yards on 36 carries in Idaho's 27-13 win over Louisiana-Monroe Saturday.

@VandalHoops



Congratulations to @VandalsSoccer for winning the Big Sky Regular Season Championship! #GoVandals

-The Idaho men's basketball Twitter account tweets its congratulations to the women's soccer program, which clinched the Big Sky regular-season championship Sunday with a 2-0 victory over Northern Colorado.

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Final @ULM_FB 13 @VandalFootball 27 #Fun Belt #ULMvsIDHO

—The Sun Belt Conference Twitter account tweets the final score of Idaho's homecoming football game Saturday. The Vandals beat Louisiana-Monroe 27-13 at the Kibbie Dome to establish their first winning streak since 2009.

@<u>BiaSky_</u>Soccer



@VandalsSoccer will host the #BigSkySoccer tournament as they win their first Big

Sky regular season title! Congrats! #GoVandals

—The Big Sky soccer Twitter account tweets that the Idaho women's soccer program has earned the right to host the conference's postseason tournament in November, following its 2-0 victory over Northern Colorado Sunday.

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"I think that this year's eam is going to be a little different," Verlin said. "I think fans will see a more balanced attack than in previous years. I wouldn't be surprised on some game nights if we have five players in double figures."

The Vandals begin the season with two exhibition games at home against Division II St. Martin's and local NAIA Lewis-Clark State College.

Idaho then plays five of its first six regular-season games on the road, something Verlin and the coaching staff have attempted to prepare the team for.

"We have a tough early

season schedule," Verlin said. "Fighting through those first six games is going to be really important for us."

Idaho then faces two Pac-12 programs in Washington State and USC for key December matchups.

"If you asked our players what game they are looking forward to the most, it would be the matchup with Washington State," Verlin said. "We face them at home after beating them on the road last season. I think that rivalry is always a significant game for us."

Idaho is scheduled to play 33 games this season, including 18 Big Sky Conference matchups.

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IDAHO

Hosting the Big Sky playoffs also allows Idaho the chance to showcase its program to potential recruits, as well as highlight the campus for spectators who arrive in town next week.

The Vandals will enter the tournament Thursday with a first-round bye and an automatic bid to the semifinals Nov. 6. Should the Vandals win their semifinal match, they will take part in the championship game Nov. 8.

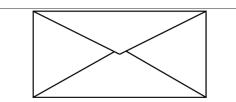
The winner of the tournament will receive the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA College Cup, with the opportunity to advance to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship Dec. 4-6 in North Carolina.

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OPINION



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Teched out learning

UI has taken steps toward tech incorporation, but more can be done

The world is in the digital age, which means a new generation of digital learners are starting their college education. Right now, the University of Idaho is a little behind.

Online education as a supplement to actual in-class schooling has the ability to enhance students' learning process drastically.

UI should be doing everything it can to embrace modernization to enhance the role online education at the university. As newer generations begin to fill classrooms, technology will become more necessary for their learning environment.

At a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek proposed two new additions to classroom technology.

Both systems are meant to aid students in participation and discussions both inside and outside of the classroom. Not only would these additions help integrate more technology into university courses, but they would also serve as a means for students who are shy or uncomfortable with active participation to ask

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questions and engage with the course material on a digital platform.

However, these systems should be integrated carefully. They have the potential to distract students from what's happening in class and detract from traditional class participation and discussion — a valuable part of education.

While Wiencek's proposition shows that the UI faculty and administration are taking steps toward bringing the university into the modern world, there are a few things that should be more of a priority.

The Blackboard Learn system is a concern for both students and faculty, according to a poll conducted by ASUI President Max Cowan. It is not a very user-friendly interface and it isn't transferable to mobile devices, meaning that most people use it minimally, if at all.

For faculty, the online supplements to their classes should be a basic function that is easily understood and utilized. Posting grades should be simple and intuitive.

Students have grievances with Blackboard because the mobile app is ineffective, grades are sometimes hidden, adding more than plain text to a discussion board isn't simple and professors

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often leave out grades entirely. Just because Blackboard is how has been done in previous years, that

doesn't mean it should be. Blackboard is a large, prominent corporation, but that doesn't mean it is the best option available for UI.

One of the proposed websites Yellowdig would be integrated through Blackboard to enhance the learning experience for students. It's a good start, but UI should also explore other options.

Other universities use separate software altogether for online learning. Instead of investing in other supplemental software to Band-Aid Blackboard's problems, UI should consider investigating other online learning platforms.

If UI stays with Blackboard, which it likely will, and the two programs Wiencek proposed work out, the university should continue exploring new ways to incorporate various technologies into the classroom.

University administrators should be commended for their strong attempts at making campus more online friendly, but there is still a long way to go to modernize the educational environment for this new generation of students.

- CW

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS**

Food humor A steak pun is a rare

medium well done. - Jake

My Spotify is on crack

Today was a Mike Stud, Joyce Manor and London Grammar kind of day, and somehow that is a direct reflection of my emotions.

- Lyndsie

Lt. Lehmitz

Truly bittersweet to hear you're retiring. Thank you so much for your service to the university and city.

– Hannah

Perception When it comes to money, I think most millennials rely on their parents more than they would like.

– Ryan

When it comes to money

Sometimes parents actually like to help college students with money matters. They take comfort in the fact that we aren't starving, at least.

– Claire

Life

There is no life outside of Halo 5 at this moment in time.

-Tordan

Life

Being a human is hard. Just remember to surround yourself with lots of love, things will be OK.

Be grateful

Sometimes it's easy to complain about tough times in life. But just remember there are always people suffering more than you.

- Garrett

Corrin and Garrett

You need to stop being so damn nice in these OTCs. You're making the rest of us look like terrible idiots.

– Erin

Pay it forward

A stranger paid for my breakfast yesterday, passing on the kindness.

– Jessica

Entry level jobs

Shouldn't require three or more years of experience. It defeats the point.

- Katelyn

Cisa

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act. It just passed the Senate, and it's bad. Look it up. Thankfully none of my senators voted for it. – Tack

BRB

Just busy actually working instead of writing my OTC. Sorry

The workload from midterms and Homecoming Week are over and most students are feeling the need to relieve some stress. While I do believe a bit of de-stressing after these past months is long overdue, this does not mean that students need to go completely

The dangers for party-goers

The preparation and anticipation

of Halloween are almost more excit-

ing than the actual day, as people

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fake spider webs to string across

Yet, there is one draw-

week — the overwhelming

many students exhibit while

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their doorways.

on the week of Halloween

insane for Halloween.

For some reason, every Halloween I see people making the same bad decisions. Some people think as soon as they put on some fake cat ears or a superhero cape, they are literally invincible. As binge drinking is common at college parties and during holidays like Halloween, the risks can become even greater.

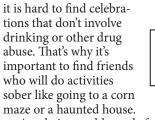
Halloween parties have already begun, and there will be many more to come this weekend.

Just because there is a party every night, that doesn't mean students have to go to every single one.

Not only is excessive partying and drinking harsh on the liver, but it

can also lead to more dangerous situations like alcohol poisoning. It's easy to think it will never affect you, but it's terrifyingly easy to overdrink.

During holidays like Halloween



INVISIBLE CONDITIONS

The real scares of Halloween

An obvious golden rule for any night of partying, whether it be on Halloween or not, is to never drink and drive.

According to Edgar Snyder and Associates law firm, 38 percent of fatal crashes on Halloween involved a drunk driver and 23 percent of pedestrian deaths on Halloween included a drunk driver. These scary statistics may not be the first thing that comes to mind when people are searching their bags for their car keys Saturday evening, but precautionary measures are crucial to keeping everyone safe, not just

There is no excuse to be drinking and driving in a city like Moscow



anyway, where practically any Halloween celebration is within a walking distance. No one should ever make such a stupid decision that risks their own life as well as the

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lives of other innocent people. Halloween certainly doesn't give anyone an excuse to ignore that.

I am not against drinking and I certainly do not judge people who choose to drink. Halloween should be a day to have fun with friends and have a good time dressing up and attempting to scare everyone in sight.

However, ending up blacked out on the side of the road just because it's an annual holiday is never fun for anyone. So count your drinks, please be safe and have a happy Halloween.

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not sorry.

- Tea

Piles of pink

Why there are more important causes to spend money on than breast cancer

Everyone is aware of breast cancer. Everyone.

But how many people know what the red ribbon symbolizes? What about the pearl ribbon?

The answer, for those who don't know, are heart disease and lung cancer. Both kill more women every year than breast cancer.

But people seem to care much more about breast cancer, because breast cancer doesn't have the stigmatic attachment that lung cancer has to smoking or that heart attacks have to obesity. Breast cancer only seems to hurt innocent people, which makes it easier to fuel passion and empathy from the public.

Breast cancer diagnosis rates and death rates have remained almost static for the last 20 years.

And yet, October is a month filled with pink items for breast content, visit cancer awareness — pink dog leashes, pink coffee mugs, the omnipresent pink ribbon symbol on stickers and T-shirts.

Vandal cheerleaders had pink pom-poms at last week's homecoming football game, and recent NFL games show pink shoes or pink stripes on nearly every uniform in the league.

Today, there are more important things for Americans to pay attention to and spend their money on. Most of the public, including people at the University of Idaho, miss these things when we are distracted by the pink pom-poms waving in the Kibbie Dome.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S. — responsible for about one in four deaths on average.

To compare, the CDC

reports that lung cancer is the leading cause of death by cancer for most women at 36.4 deaths per 100,000 deaths. Second for most women is breast cancer, which accounts for 21.3 deaths per 100,000.

Part of why these numbers are so small is because of the great work awareness and research organizations have done. When more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer now, why is it that

people still focus so much on wearing and buying pink?

Buying pink sunglasses or wrist bands isn't going to cure breast cancer anyway. There are

more important things to raise awareness of.

Dieting and exercise massively decreases people's chances of developing heart disease. The World Health Organization just declared ever-popular processed meats as potentially carcinogenic, which puts them alongside cigarettes and alcohol.

These are the sorts of things Americans should be aware of now. Everyone is aware of breast cancer. We won. Now let's move on to where the real problems are.

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