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Initiating enrollment

Enrollment initiative has bigger goals than just UI

Hannah Shirley Argonaut

The test scores of graduating high school seniors in Idaho are respectable, said Cezar Mesquita, director of admissions at the University of Idaho. That's why it's especially surprising that Idaho has the lowest rate of students pursuing a higher education in the country, he said.

That's what UI hopes to address with Enroll Idaho, a new statewide initiative focused on increasing the number of Idaho high school students going on to college.

Mesquita said university faculty, alumni and ambassadors will host events at 43 sites across Idaho Nov. 10 to try to send a clear message to Idaho seniors.

"A college education is a great option," Mesquita said. "And the University of Idaho is a great place to get one."

That's why Heather Pekus, a counselor at Salmon High School in Salmon, Idaho, said she was so happy when UI reached out to her about hosting an Enroll Idaho event at her high school.

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Unconscious hostility

Multicultural Affairs plans to work closely with ASUI to address racism at UI

Nishant Mohan

Argonaut

On the behalf of students of color, Black Student Union President Cynthia Ballesteros and student Chelsea Butler requested greater interaction between the Office of Multicultural Affairs and ASUI last week.

The two hope to address what they see as an environment unconsciously hostile toward students of color.

Butler, who revived UI's Black Student Union, said she is not blaming ASUI for anything, but said she has noticed a disconnect between ASUI and students of color.

Butler said that disconnect has not been addressed and she and Ballesteros have decided to be the ones to start the conversation.

"We are asking each one of you to be our allies," she said during an Oct. 28 ASUI Senate meeting.

Butler decided to address ASUI after a specific incident where she was reminded of the discrimination she said she experiences most often, what she calls "unintended micro-aggressions."

Ballesteros said micro-aggressions can have a significant effect on students.

Ballesteros said she is frustrated with people writing off parts of her personality or feelings she expresses as consequences of her ethnicity. She said she has to change how she acts to be taken seriously.

"I carry this mental checklist with me about the way I look and the way I talk," Ballesteros said.

She said the checklist is a combination of mental and physical preparations she has to make — something she said is an unacceptable consequence of the environment Butler described. She said it puts her in a constant state of stress.

When it comes to policy decision, Butler said she is not sure what concrete solutions need to be reached, but knew it was best to come to ASUI when they did.

"What we want from ASUI is for them to start a conversation within their group," Butler said. "We want to help our leaders help us."

ASUI President Max Cowan said he was glad the students immediately came to ASUI.

"We don't expect them to have the plan. That's our job," Cowan said. "This is the begin-

ning of our conversation."

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Gender studies on the menu

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Brown Bag Series acts as a forum for sharing research

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Nina Rydalch Argonaut

People are welcome to bring a lunch and a curious mind to any one of the Brown Bag Series events this year, said Maggie Rehm, a lecturer in University of Idaho's Women's and Gender Studies interdisciplinary studies program.

Rehm said the Women's and Gender Studies program and the Women's Center host three to four Brown Bag events a semester.

"The study of women and the study of gender is kind of pushed aside in so many ways in our society or seen as less as important," Rehm said. "... I think it's important that we are part of a larger conversation."

Rebekah MillerMacPhee, assistant director for programming at the Women's Center, said these talks allow people to share research they have done on topics relating to women or gender. The events usually happen on the last Tuesday of the month, she said.

At the first Brown Bag event of the

school year, Dilshani Sarathchandra, a professor in UI's Sociology and Anthropology Department, led a discussion on how gender affects research, including how much funding a researcher will receive based on their demographics, MillerMacPhee said.

MillerMacPhee said UI History Professor Ellen Kittell gave the second Brown Bag Series lecture Oct. 27.



'Generally, one of the most important things about the Brown Bag is that it exposes the general population at large to the kind of research ... those of us do," Kittell said.

Kittell said many disciplines are interconnected, and many of these can be related to women's

and gender studies.

The Brown Bag series allows professors to share this aspect of their discipline with the broader community, Rehm said.

Kittell said professors do bring personal research into the classroom, but do not focus as fully on that aspect of the topic.

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Election Day doughnuts

Center for Volunteerism and Social Action encourages students to vote

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

Give a vote and get a doughnut — that will be the theme Tuesday during the Donut Forget to Vote event in the Idaho Commons food court. For Election Day, students from the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action will begin handing out free doughnuts to people with an "I voted" sticker starting at 11 a.m.

"It will just go until we run out of doughnuts," said Courtney Stoker, a student outreach coordinator with the center. Vandal Dining will provide doughnuts for the event.

The Election Day event is only one of many programs the center has put on this election season to encourage civic engagement among University of Idaho students.

Stoker said the center partnered with the Idaho Civic Engagement Project to put on a tabling event on National Voter Registration Day and also hosted screenings

of presidential primary debates earlier this school year.

Stoker said the center is also working with TurboVote to register students to vote no matter their home county or state. She said TurboVote makes it easy for students to register to vote and takes into consideration the various voting regulations in different counties and states.

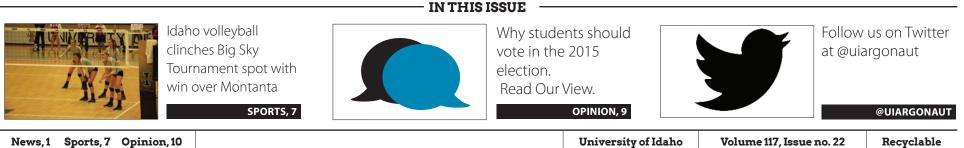
Stoker said the center started using TurboVote last year and has registered about 600 people in total between this year and last year. She said the center has registered more than 200 people this year.

While Moscow residents will head to the polls Tuesday to vote on city council seats, Stoker said the center has been encouraging students to vote no matter where they call home.

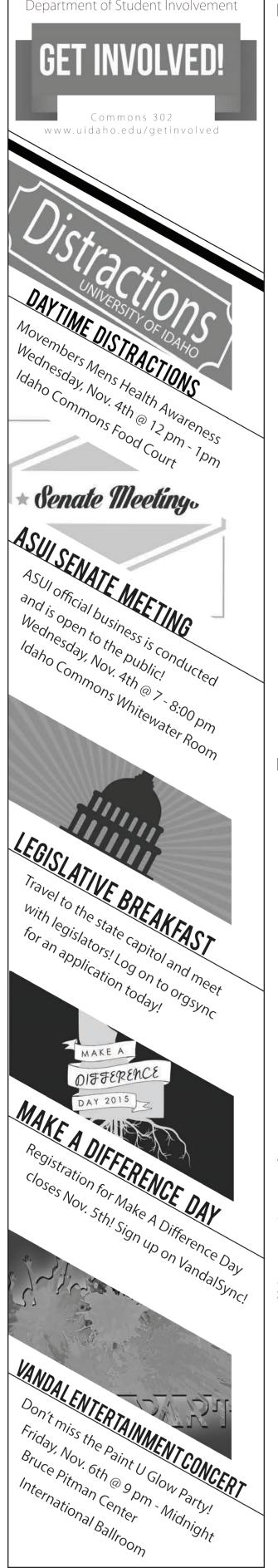
"Where ever you call home, that's where we want you to vote," Stoker said.

Although there might not be a national election just yet, Stoker said local elections often have the most impact on communities and votes in local elections often carry more weight.

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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Directions

Potato Soup

It is cold season again and there is no home remedy better than soup. This potato soup recipe tastes great and will have you feeling better in no time - or at least happy that you have soup.

Ingredients

- 5 slices bacon, diced
- 3 tablespoons bacon grease
- 1 cup diced white onion
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups milk, warmed
- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1. Heat a large stockpot over medium-high heat 2. Add diced bacon and cook until crispy, stirring occasionally 3. Transfer the bacon to a separate plate and reserve about 3 tablespoons of bacon grease in the stock pot

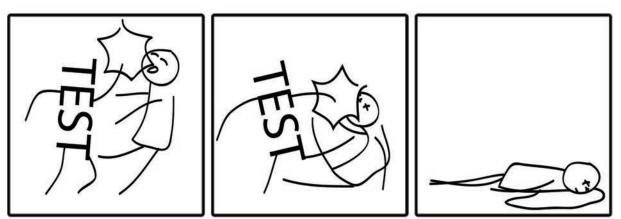
4. Add diced onions and saute for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally until soft and transparent 5. Sprinkle flour on top of onions and stir until combined 6. Saute for an additional minute to

cook the flour, stirring occasionally 7. Add chicken stock until combined

8. Stir in the milk, potatoes and cooked bacon bits until combined 9. Continue cooking until mixture reaches a simmer, but not boiling 10. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are soft 11. Stir every few minutes so bottom doesn't burn 12. Stir in cheddar cheese, Greek yogurt, salt and pepper

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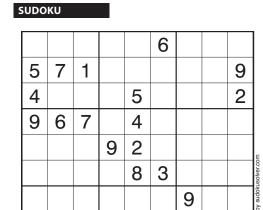
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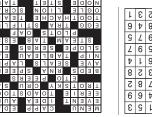
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COMMUNITY

A contest of words

English department opens Hemingway writing contest

Diamond Koloski Argonaut

The University of Idaho Hemingway Festival High School Writing Contest opened last month, allowing regional high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to win cash prizes and pursue their passions in literature.

Local students will also be given the opportunity to interact with UI faculty, staff and students, in order to enhance their writing skills, enthusiasm and goals.

"We want to help Idaho students achieve their goals," said Jennifer Hawk, UI Hemingway festival director. "We want to show them possibilities they may not know about."

Hawk said the English Department wants to help high school teachers improve Idaho's language arts scores.

They are taking steps toward increasing those percentages by creating the contest, which is open to junior and seniors in high school within Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Moscow High School will get the experience of having UI students and faculty coming to visit them and conduct talks and workshops right in the high school.

"We are hoping that the students will



(The workshops) will look at what to expect from UI writing and literature classes, and what's nice is that the faculty will be right there.

Jennifer Hawk, UI Hemingway festival director

see the value and we can bring them back to UI," Hawk said. "They can even get ad-mitted as students."

She said she is looking forward to giving students a good look into what the university has to offer.

"(The workshops) will look at what to expect from UI writing and literature classes, and what's nice is that the faculty will be right there," Hawk said, mentioning she hopes students will see how faculty members can help them succeed.

Moscow High School Principal Erik Perryman said he believes juniors and seniors are at a place where they need to take their academics seriously, and he is excited for students to have an opportunity to showcase their writing.

"The local nature of this (contest) coupled with the workshops and other Hemingway events make it special," Per-

ryman said. "... I hope we get some good contributions and generate a lot of interest for the next year's contest."

This spring, UI will host the 7th annual UI Hemingway Festival, which will be held March 2-5.

Hemingway worked, lived and died in Idaho, Hawk said.

"One of the greatest writers to have ever lived loved our wonderful state, so we celebrate his connection here by bringing the PEN/Hemingway Award Winner," Hawk said. "... And we also celebrate the UI Hemingway Fellow, a prestigious fellowship given to a UI MFA fiction writer each year."

Perryman said UI including Moscow High specifically in this contest will have a positive effect all around.

"The UI is a big presence in Moscow, obviously, and I think the MHS-UI relationship is a positive one," Perryman said.

Quad Cities Nissan has donated the cash award, which will go to the winners and finalists of the contests.

The UI Office of Alumni Relations also donated a total of \$500 awarded to specific local winners.

"So many people want to support us because what they see us doing is really relevant and really important, to not only our small community, but to Idaho overall," Hawk said.

One of Hawk's main hopes is that

the contest and programs will show students how great and helpful a degree in English can For more news be, she said. uiargonaut.com

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Perryman and Hawk are also eager to see where this program ends up in the coming years.

"I'd love to see the Hemingway Festival grow into a major state and regional event in the next few years - maybe it can be like a fall Jazz Fest," Perryman said.

The long-term goal of the festival, however, prioritizes local students' language arts scores.

"If you don't have good communication skills in this world, it's going to be really hard to succeed," said Hawk.

Hawk said the judges will look for interesting stories, good writing and a beginning, middle and end that readers can follow.

Editors from UI's literary magazine "Fugue" will decide the best entries and send them to Ron McFarland, Hemingway scholar and English professor, who will choose the contest-winning entries and finalists.

The winners and finalists from the contest will be recognized during the Hemingway Festival this spring, and the winners will have their pieces published in an online UI publication.

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STUDENT LIFE

From 50 to 25,000 people

UI freshman compares her small-town childhood with current college life

Erin Bamer Argonaut

University of Idaho freshman Audrey Young always has a fun anecdote to give when someone asks about her life.

"My parents were kind of like these hippie people," Young said. "My dad started a business ... and their choice was between buying a shop for it or buying a place to live, so they bought a shop and they lived in the school bus."

Young and her parents lived in that school bus in Leadore, Idaho, for about one year before buying a piece of property in town. Young said the old school bus is still

in Leadore, partially sunk into the ground. Before it was used as a school bus, Young said it used to be a place to play bingo.

"It's kind of deteriorating and sinking into the ground," she said. "There's this giant hole it's in. But the sun has made the paint peel off and it says 'Bingo' underneath in blue letters."

Eventually the family moved to the small town of Hope, Idaho, the setting of the majority of Young's childhood memories.

Though she said the town was made up of about 50 people, she enjoyed growing up there because there were a lot of mountains and opportunities for outdoor activities.

Young and her family spent their entire summers around Lake Pend Oreille, a large lake in the Idaho panhandle that Hope borders.

"We have a sailboat," Young said. "And so, like Fourth of July we always go out on the sailboat and watch the fireworks. It's just kind of what our summer is built around."

The shift from Hope to Moscow brought about many changes in Young's life. She said Moscow is flatter with fewer mountains, but she appreciates that everything in the town is within walking distance. The different schedules for her college classes have also been an adjustment.

"I expected to have more time in class and have more of a set schedule," she said. "You know, like in high school it's like 8 to 3, but every day is like different ... One day I'll wake up at 7 and the next I'll wake up at 9."

Currently, Young is majoring in anthropology. She said she chose anthropology for her love of history and her interest in learning how the human race has progressed

through time. Yet, she said is considering

switching to a more practical major that will allow her more job opportunities after graduating from UI. She said she is looking into journalism as a potential major.

"I like writing and I've been told I'm good at it," she said. "So I figured I could like join that talent with what I love, which is like history and anthropology."

Ideally, Young would like to merge both of her passions and write for a magazine like National Geographic. But for now, Young has a different goal for the rest of her college career.

"I want to learn more about what I'm interested in," Young said. "And learn skills to help me be a part of that."

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Mamta Kandel | Argonaut Audrey Young grew up in the small town of Hope, Idaho. She is now an anthropology major at UI.

Briefs

New communication director

Jodi Walker will begin as University of Idaho director of communications starting Nov. 9. In the position, Walker will serve as the principal spokesperson for the university and will manage UI's media operations as keting generalist at Gritman Medical Center and as a reporter for The Lewiston Tribune.

"Representing the University of Idaho in this position brings together my professional experience and a lifelong tie to the University of Idaho through my many family members who are Vandal alums," Walker said in a statement announcing the appointment. "It is a fabulous privilege." Ballroom, located in the Bruce Pitman Center. The poetry slam will feature spoken word performances related to feminism. Tickets are \$5 for non-students and free for students.

Iron Chef Student Cooking Competition

tion and a chef competition. The event is put on through Vandal Nutrition, University Housing and Vandal Dining.

Comedy night

The Best Western University Inn will be holding their quarterly event, Comedy Night, at 6 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are \$15 and seats can be reserved. The event, featuring headliner Steve "Mudflap" Megrew and UI alum Ryan Wingfield, is open to everyone over the age of 18. An open bar is also available for audience members over the age of 21.



well as its message development.

Since 2013, Walker has worked as the marketing and communications manager in the College of Natural Resources. Walker has also worked as the public relations and mar-

F-Word Live! Poetry Slam

The University of Idaho Women's Center will host 'F-Word' Live! Poetry Slam at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Vandal Student will compete in the culinary arena during UI's semi-annual Iron Chef Student Cooking Competition from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday at Bob's Place.

The event will include a student competi-



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Month of heritage

November marks month-long celebration of Native American Heritage at UI

Aleya Ericson Argonaut

Marking the beginning of Native American Heritage Month at the University of Idaho, Washington State Senator John McCoy will speak on public engagement with Native American issues at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Vandal Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center.

UI student Effie Hernandez, who helped plan Native American Heritage Month, said events are chosen on the basis of community and Native American student interest. She said the event's celebration of Native American culture is important, since the university is on former Nez Perce land.

November features several Native American Heritage Month events organized and sponsored by a number of departments on campus, including the Native American Student Center, The Office of Tribal Relations, UI Native Law Center, Native American Law Students Association, Native American Student Associations (NASA) and the UI Women's Center.

NASA President Lewonne Teasley said the goal of Native American Heritage Month is



(From left) Effie Hernandez, Leanna Dann and Lewonne Teasley work to organize flyers. November is Native American Heritage Month.



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Lewonne Teasley, **NASA** Presient

to raise awareness of Native American culture.

"So they can understand us a little bit better and ... understand that we're still here and that we're not just an afterthought," Teasley said.

Leanna Dann, Native American Student Center's program specialist, said Native American Heritage Month is one part of raising awareness for UI campus diversity.

"Everyone should have a well-rounded understanding of diversity here on campus, that's just not with Native Americans," Dann said. "Just being more aware is something I feel that more students should have."

The keynote speaker for UI's Native American Heritage Month is Tatanka Means. Means is an award-winning actor, stand-up comedian and motivational speaker. Means will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Vandal Ballroom in the Pitman Center. He has appeared in movies such as "The Host," "A Million Ways to Die in the West," "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" and "Tiger Eyes."

Teasley said he is looking forward to Means' speech since he is a well-known Native American.

The next day, there will be The Native Art Auction that will feature UI alumni artwork and live music in the Kibbie Dome Light-

house Center. Money raised from the auction goes toward Native American scholarships and the Art Taylor Indigenous Culture and Ecology Memo-



rial Fund. Dann said students are creating earrings to donate for the event and have been working

on them at craft nights.

Other events for Native American Heritage Month include a presentation on tribalist economics by Angelique EagleWoman Nov. 13 and a screening of "1000 Voices" Nov. 19.

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Police log

Oct. 29

10:17 a.m. North Howard Street

Caller reported someone broke into his garage. The only thing stolen – his unicycle.

Oct. 30

2:43 a.m. East 3rd Street

Caller reported stolen Halloween decorations

9:46 a.m. Veatch Street

Caller reported a large domesticated bird possibly a turkey or large duck — that she

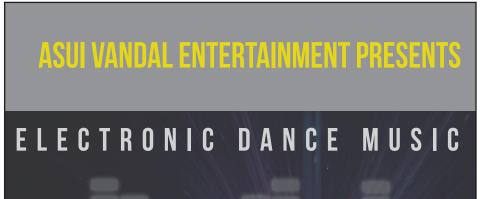
12:03 p.m. College Avenue

A person who had left the hospital fainted. They were returned to the hospital.

Nov. 1

1:15 a.m. North Almon Street

Caller reported someone was trying to get into her house so she escaped to her neighbor's house and called the police. When police arrived, they looked through the window and saw a man asleep in an armchair in the living room. They knocked on the door



was concerned might be hit by a car.

7:27 p.m. South Blaine Street — Taco Bell

Caller reported he was concerned about a girl with bruises on her face. Police responded and determined the bruises were makeup for Halloween.

Oct. 31

1:57 a.m. East 1st Street

Police arrested a man trying to get into a house that wasn't his. When asked how much he had had to drink, he told police, "Way too much."

10:08 a.m. West Pullman Road

Two men facing charges for battery against each other agreed the dispute was mutual to avoid charges.

and the clearly intoxicated man answered and was arrested.

5:23 a.m. Lauder Avenue and Lenter Street

A man tried to break up a fight and got punched.

4:24 p.m. Baker Street

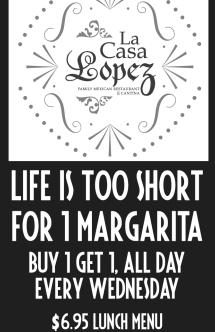
A woman called complaining there was feces on the outer wall of her apartment. Police responded, and after tests, determined the substance on her wall was only mud.

Nov. 2

4:55 a.m. South Main Street - Gritman Hospital

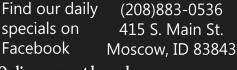
Police asked a woman to leave who was upsetting her friend in the ER.





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"Salmon is relatively isolated," Pekus said. "We take any chance we get to expose (students) to colleges and universities, or any sort of higher education."

She said she's optimistic after watching a majority of the 2014-2015 Salmon senior class go on to college. Pekus said she thinks it depends on the class, but she said her school still does what it can to encourage students, whether through a community scholarship fund or events like Enroll Idaho.

"I think it will be a valuable opportunity for students to pursue their education," Pekus said. Mesquita said there is no single reason why high school students choose not to go onto college. He said economic factors, academic preparation and cultural or social components can all play a role into the decision.

He said he hopes the initiative will address the broader needs of all Idaho high school students.

Mesquita said Enroll Idaho is part of UI President Chuck Staben's goal to increase enrollment by 50 percent by 2025. Since this is the first year UI will hold Enroll Idaho events, this year will be used as a benchmark for years to come.

Mesquita said Staben wanted Enroll Idaho to be less UI-focused than other recruitment events. Instead, he said the goal of the initiative is to educate graduating seniors about the opportunities any higher

education institution offers. The Enroll Idaho events will

line up with the first direct admissions letters sent to Idaho graduating seniors, Mesquita said.

"This could be significant," Mesquita said of the enrollment impact he hopes to see with Enroll Idaho and the direct admissions initiative. "There's no question that by deploying an enrollment plan we hope to achieve certain results."

Direct admissions letters are sent to seniors before they begin the college application process. Using GPA, SAT and ACT scores, the State Board of Education determines which Idaho public school students would be admitted to if they were to apply.



The goal is to show Idaho students they have the opportunity to succeed if they submit applications to Idaho colleges and universities.

Staben pitched the direct admissions initiative to the

State Board of Education last spring and it was approved unanimously earlier this year. This will be the first year students are informed of their direct admissions.

Mesquita said both direct admissions and Enroll Idaho will continue to receive feedback and improve in the coming years.

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But Ballesteros said there are things students of color do need, such as a bigger diversity center.

"It's used as a study area, for meetings, events, all kinds of things," she said.

She said they hope ASUI will include diversity groups' needs in

planning the space in the Idaho Commons that will be left behind by the College of Education. "What we need is to make sure the university

has something to offer students of color who feel they need support," Butler said.

Butler said she would like UI's different diver-

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Stoker said local government deals with topics that affect the regular person on a daily basis, such as road infrastructure or city ordinances.

Jessica McDermott, a student outreach coordinator at the center, said college is a great time to become an active citizen and develop good voting habits — even in off-year elections.

"It's not just the presidential election where we can show our opinion," McDermott said.



sity groups to be part of ASUI pre-session meetings. Cowan said he is ready to work with them and their presence is welcome.

Cowan said he hopes to grow ASUI's efforts through the Office of Multicultural

Affairs to better serve students of color more effectively. He said he has had conversations with other student groups that serve minorities and with staff about potential projects.

"We can use ASUI's power on campus to affect change in university policy coupled with the strength of their voices to share their lived experience," Cowan said.

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While Stoker said it's still difficult to get people to come out for local elections, she hopes the center's efforts help get more people involved in civic engagement.

"Even if 10 more people go out and vote than last year, that's a success," Stoker said.

For those looking to register to vote in Moscow, Stoker said people can register at the polling location, but must have a photo ID and be able to show proof of residence.

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"It offers the rest of the community, the university community, to see what the rest of us are doing, and our particular take on gender," Kittell said.

The Brown Bag Series allows professors and others to delve deeper into what they have explored, she said. She said her focus is on pre-modern history,

and at the event she described women in the Middle Ages.

Rehm said Kittell is only one of the many diverse speakers they have hosted. She said the Brown Bag Series has featured an engineering professor, a master's poetry student and a sociologist.

Rehm said there has also been a speaker from Egypt who discussed political theatre for Arab-American women, a Journalism and Mass Media assistant professor who spoke about Peter Dinklage and masculinity and a creative group known as BASK that discussed difficulties for women in the arts.

"[We] make sure that we invite



speakers in from a variety of disciplines so that each year we have kind of a broad spectrum of people talking," Rehm said.

There are usually three to four speakers every semester, she said. She said next semester Traci Craig,

a professor in the Psychology and Communication Studies Department, will give a talk on tomboy identity and English graduate student Jessica McDermott will be discuss her thesis.

There will be one or two more speakers who are not yet determined, she said

"Bekah and I need to sit down and iron out the dates that are available for that," Rehm said.

Rehm said the last event was well attended compared to most Brown Bag Series events, but is not sure why. She said the larger crowd may be due to better advertising or may have been a fluke. Either way, Rehm said she would love to see more people come to the events.

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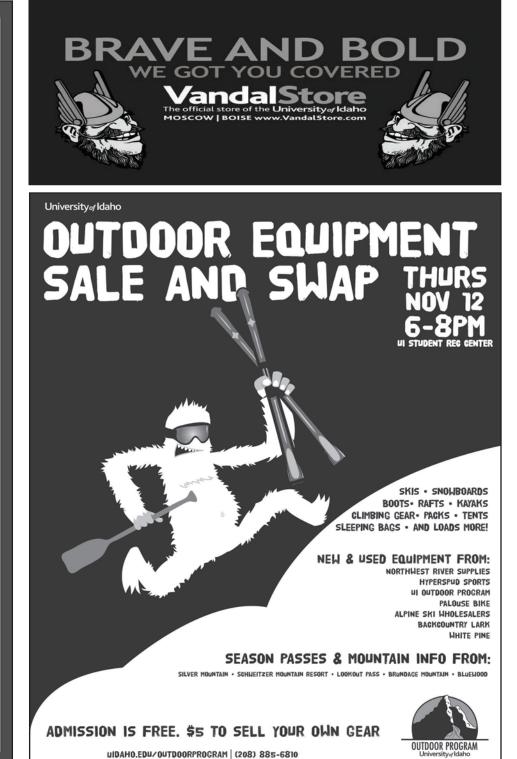
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Idaho routs Saint Martin's

in the Vandals' first exhibition game of the

season



VOLLEYBALL



Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan and assistant coach Brian Lamppa talk to the team Saturday at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals beat Montana 3-1.

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Tournament bound

Idaho defeats Montana 3-1 for season sweep of Grizzlies, punches ticket to **Big Sky Tournament**

Luis Torres Argonaut

An offensive battle between two Big Sky Conference rivals ended with the Idaho volleyball team beating Montana 3-1 (25-21, 20-25, 25-20, 25-18) Saturday night at the Memorial Gym. The win put Idaho at 8-4 in conference play and it clinched a

The Vandals ended the night with a .264 hitting average. Idaho also earned more kills and committed less hitting errors.

Sophomore setter Sami Parris led Idaho with 27 assists.

Outside hitters Katelyn Peterson and Sarah Sharp combined for 14 kills in the final two sets with Peterson leading Idaho with 14 kills on the night.

Peterson said Idaho's confidence level helped the Vandals defeat Montana in four sets after their last meeting ended with an Idaho five-set victory.

"This time we had a sense of



We knew that we want it more than (Montana) because they want that tournament bid really bad. So we just tried to fight for every point and take it one at a time.

Katelyn Peterson, player

"We knew that we want it more than (Montana) because they

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bad. So we just tried to fight for every point and take it one at a time."

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said the win is huge as the Vandals push to finish the season strong.

Buchanan said Idaho started well and picked up momentum as the match progressed but said the Vandals didn't play as cleanly as they should have until the fourth set.

"I thought that we did a great job early on of establishing our middles, getting them the ball



chanan said. "But then our passing went down a little bit where we couldn't do that."

Buchanan said Idaho needs to continue to work on its passing game.

Sharp, a redshirt freshman who was second on the team with 13 kills, said Idaho's victory against Montana State Thursday and Montana Saturday helps boost the Vandals' confidence.

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SOCCER

Wind wreaks havoc in draw

After lengthy battle in difficult weather, Idaho manages draw with Eastern Washington

Josh Grissom Argonaut

After 110 minutes of play that included two overtime periods on a wet and windy Friday at Guy Wicks Field, the Idaho soccer team emerged with a 1-1 draw against Eastern Washington in the team's regular-season finale.

"I was really proud of our players for sticking to our game plan," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said. "A tie is probably well-deserved at this point in time and a fair result, and we will take it and get ourselves ready for next week."

The Palouse weather played a key factor in Friday's game, as the constant wind consistently slowed passes and wreaked havoc on the defensive approach of both teams.

The Eagles were aided in the first half by playing with the wind, but were unable to convert any opportunities.

Washington's Eastern best attempt came in the 10th minute, as a shot outside the box slipped through defenders and picked up velocity, but



Going against the wind, we knew that our backs were going to be against the wall

and that they would have the opportunity to shoot from a little further out than they normally would.

Derek Pittman, coach

was blocked by junior goalkeeper Torell Stewart with a diving stop.

"Going against the wind, we knew that our backs were going to be against the wall and that they would have the opportunity to shoot from a little further out than they normally would," Pittman said.

Meanwhile, the Vandals defense struggled to punch the ball across midfield as the wind slowed any downfield passes for Idaho's offense. The two teams entered

the half in a scoreless draw, but not without some physical play. Eastern Washington midfielder Tasha Luu received a yellow card in the 35th minute after she appeared to cleat

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Overtime heartbreaker

New Mexico State overcomes 23-point deficit, beats Idaho in OT

Garrett Cabeza Argonaut

It was a game that got away from the Idaho football team.

New Mexico State overcame a 23-point deficit and won in overtime 55-48 Saturday night in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"Bottom line is we can't lose that game," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "We were ahead by way too much, way too many times to lose that game, so we just got to go back to square one and get working."

New Mexico State sophomore running back Larry Rose III tied the game at 48 with a 1-yard rushing touchdown with 51 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

"You know, we were up by 14 points with five minutes left to go and you shouldn't lose," Petrino said. "When that happens, you just shouldn't lose."

Even though the Aggies forced the game into overtime, the Vandals (3-5 overall, 2-3 Sun Belt Conference) appeared to be in a good position to hold New Mexico State to zero points on the Aggies' first offensive drive in overtime.

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Idaho New State red-Mexico freshman shirt quarterback Nick Jeanty, who replaced the injured Andrew Allen late

in the fourth quarter, delivered a 23-yard strike to senior wide receiver Joshua Bowen for the first down at the Idaho 14.

"That pass shouldn't be completed," Petrino said. "That route should not be completed against two men but it was, so you got to give them credit."

Rose scored a couple plays later on a 2-yard rushing touchdown to give the Aggies their first lead of the game, 55-48.

The touchdown proved to be the game winner as Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan threw an interception into the hands of freshman defensive back Terrill Hanks. The pass was deflected by freshman linebacker Javahn Fergurson and Hanks caught the ball between his ankles.

"You win as a team, you lose as a team, and we lost as a team today," Petrino said.

Idaho led 30-7 in the third quarter after Linehan connected with junior wide receiver Callen Hightower for a 24-yard touchdown.

Still, the Aggies finished the game on a 41-18 scoring run to



force overtime. Both offenses racked up plenty of yards as the Aggies edged out the Vandals 641-569 in total yards.

Linehan finished 25 of 41 for 307 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions, while senior running back Elijhaa Penny almost equaled last week's numbers against Louisiana-Monroe.

Penny rushed for 192 yards on 35 carries and had two rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown against the Aggies. Penny carried the ball 36 times for 184 yards and no touchdowns in Idaho's 27-13 homecoming win against Louisiana-Monroe last Saturday.

The Vandals will play Sun Belt foe South Alabama (3-4, 1-2) at noon Saturday in Mobile, Alabama.

"We got to be men," Petrino said. "We got to stand up, fight and come back and compete and get better. You can't keep looking back. It happened. We blew it. We blew a chance to win three in a row. But we got to step forward and come back next week and fight and find a way to win."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Vandals cruise to victory

Idaho blows out Saint Martin's in first exhibition game

Josh Grissom Argonaut

Idaho opened its season in commanding fashion Friday night, taking down Division II Saint Martin's 86-62 in an exhibition matchup at the Memorial Gym.

The Vandals defense held the Saints to just six points in the final ten minutes of play and put together a dominating offensive performance en route to a 24point victory.

"I thought we had some guys play really hard and some rebound the ball very well," Idaho coach Don Verlin said.

Although Saint Martin's Trey Ingram scored 13 points in the first half, Idaho responded with its own scoring barrage before the break, cruising to a 16-point lead at halftime.

The Vandals were led in part by sophomore guard Victor Sanders, who went 6 for 8 from the field and posted 16 points in Idaho's victory.

"I thought he shot the ball pretty well tonight," Verlin said. "He played with a lot of energy, as he always does.

After a slow offensive start, the Vandals offense began to pick up steam nine minutes into the game, scoring 10 unanswered points to raise the score to 26-19.

Despite the productive night from Ingram, the Saints could not establish a consistent offensive rhythm against the Vandal defense, receiving two shot clock

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violations early in the first half.

After the Saints scored on consecutive possessions to open the second half, Sanders jumpstarted the Vandals offense by responding with back-to-back shots from inside the key. He then nailed a three-pointer on the following possession to put the Vandals up 54-36.

"I just really credit my teammates," Sanders said. "We ran the right plays to make everything happen and I just did my job and made the shots."

Senior forward Nahshon George and junior guard Perrion Callandret each added ten points for the Vandals, and transfer senior guard Chris Sarbaugh dished out eight assists in the win Friday.

Verlin said that he was content with the victory, but said there were a few areas the team could improve before its next matchup.

"I thought we gave them too many looks," Verlin said. "Basically what we did was wear them down tonight. I was happy with the end result, but I wasn't happy with the execution of getting that end result."

Verlin said that although he was disappointed in the overall defensive approach, he felt the Vandals showed

"I thought there were periods more ready to play."

The Vandals play NAIA foe Josh Grissom can be reached at

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Irish Martos | Argonaut Senior forward Nahshon George dunks during Idaho's win against Saint Martin's Friday at the Memorial Gym.

SWIM & DIVE

Vandals win in So Cal

Idaho swim team dominates in victory over California State-Bakersfield

Luis Torres Argonaut

After taking care of business in Moscow two weeks ago, the Idaho swim and dive team continued its winning ways in Bakersfield, California, Saturday, defeating California State-Bakersfield 212-88. The Vandals won 14 out of carried Idaho's momentum.

"To be able to go in and win every event and then finish the first half of the meet with a onetwo-three finish in the 50 freestyle, I feel like it really put Bakersfield back on their heels," Sowa said. "It's really encouraging to see that because this was a team that knew what the challenge was and knew we are gonna get their best shot early and kind of counterpunch. I was really proud of the effort and the focus."

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of the game that we defended really well," Verlin said. "We just need to come out and be a little

Lewis-Clark State College at 8 p.m. Friday at the Memorial Gym.

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Gomez earns bronze

Idaho senior Kinsey Gomez takes third, women fourth, men 11th at Big Sky Championships

Faith Evans Argonaut

The Idaho women's cross country team took fourth at the Big Sky Conference Championships and the Idaho men's team finished 11th Saturday in Cedar City, Utah. Idaho senior Kinsey Gomez took third on the women's side with a time of 18 minutes, 1.1 seconds, which was five seconds behind the second-place finisher. Junior Valerie Mitchell was the next to cross the finish line for the Vandals as Mitchell finished 25th with a time of 19:07.4. "Valerie passed the majority of the field throughout the race," Idaho assistant coach Travis Floeck said. "As a group, we executed the race plan well, going out a bit more conservative and coming on later in the race. There were times when gut checks came up and they all responded well. They ran for each other and dug deep. It's what you want to see as a coach."

The Vandals beat Montana State this time. Idaho previously placed behind the Bobcats in the Montana Invitational Oct. 3. The Idaho women's team also beat Sacramento State, which it had lost to earlier in the season.

For the men, Idaho junior Nathan

flashes of promising play.



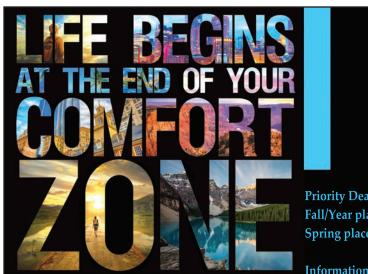
Stark showed improvement from his race last year, leading the men with a time of 26:15.1 and taking 14th.

"On the men's side, we took 11 out of 12, but with the plan to redshirt the majority

of the team this year, it was expected," Floeck said. "I was proud of the efforts despite this fact and I think they represented the university and the program well. We will build on this season and get better."

For those who qualify, the NCAA West Regional Championship will be Nov. 13 in Seattle.

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the 16 events.

Idaho coach Mark Sowa said Idaho was challenged by a good swim and dive program at Cal State-Bakersfield.

"We're not used to swimming outdoors," Sowa said. "We knew that if we came out a little stale or flat, we'll be in trouble. The first relay was a little close but we were able to win that one and moved on from there."

Sowa said Idaho has struggled to stay healthy but was proud of the team's effort.

"It was nice to be able to see that performance and not be at our best physically as well," Sowa said. "We need to con-

tinue to get healthy. We're fighting a little bit of sickness as is everyone at this time of year so we'll get healthy this week."

Idaho started the meet off with a win in the 200 medley relay. Idaho's Victoria Papke, Cara Jernigan, Maryann Kok Cher Ling and Sami Hendricks finished the relay with a time of one minute, 48.45 seconds.

Jernigan won both the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.58) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.13). Sowa said Jernigan's win in the 100 breaststroke was the best performance Jernigan has had this season.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Idaho swept the top three spots with Kok Cher Ling winning with a time of 24.22 seconds. Idaho swimmers Aileen Pannecoucke and Hendricks rounded out the top three positions.

Sowa said the win in the 50 freestyle further

The Vandals finished first and second in the 400 freestyle relay.

Carlee Burks of Cal State-Bakersfield won the one and three-meter diving events.

Sowa said he's excited to see how the Idaho underclassmen have matured and lived up to the challenge each meet.

They're really learning what it's like to be a collegiate swimmer," Sowa said.

He said duel meets bring a different stress because there are so many back-toback events and swimmers don't have a lot of time between events.

> Sowa said it's a learned task to mature in swimming and diving.

"They're doing a great job of maturing with that," Sowa said. "It speaks a heck of a lot about our freshmen and newcomers, but also our veterans that have been here for a while and teaching them well how to be good Vandals."

Idaho will look to continue its momentum Saturday at Seattle University, where Sowa said the team should stay focused and work on its skills.

He said Seattle has improved and Idaho needs to celebrate its win against Cal State-Bakersfield but continue to work on what is ahead.

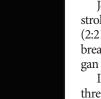
'We take every competition seriously and we're going to get a great effort from Seattle," Sowa said. "We always do. It's a well-coached team so we'll be ready."

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freshman forward Summer Kaneshiro in the face with a high kick.

"We know that it's always going to get a little chippy and a little intense playing Eastern Washington," Pittman said. "But our two programs have mutual respect for one another and essentially have the same mindset of success."

The Vandals opened up the scoring in the 70th minute when junior forward Amanda Pease received a corner kick from junior midfielder Clara Gomez and found the back of the net to put the Vandals up 1-0.

The Eagles countered with a strong offensive attack. The pressure eventually paid off for Eastern Washington when forward Chloe Williams scored the tying goal with just seven minutes left in regulation.

The two teams then entered consecutive overtime periods, engaging in a defensive stalemate in the twenty minutes of extra time. Neither team could produce any scoring opportunities during the extra time, resulting in a 1-1 draw.

As a result of Friday's game, the Eagles dropped to third place in the conference standings, losing the chance for an automatic first-round bye in the Big Sky Tournament, which starts Thursday at Guy Wicks Field.

Eastern Washington will face Sacramento State Thursday for the right to advance to the Big Sky semifinals.

Idaho will play the winner of the Weber State-Montana game Friday.

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Idaho redshirt freshman forward Kaitlyn Joy (4) looks back for the ball Friday at Guy Wicks Field. Idaho tied Eastern Washington 1-1 in double overtime on the Vandals' Senior Day. Idaho plays the winner of the Weber State-Montana game Friday.

Athletes of the week

Sarah Sharp – volleyball



Idaho redshirt freshman outside hitter Sarah Sharp had a lot to do with Idaho's 3-1 win over Montana Saturday night at the Memorial Gym. The Filer, Idaho, native had 13 kills in the last two sets of the match.

The Vandals clinched a berth to the Big Sky Conference Tournament Nov. 19-21. Idaho has two more home matches left on the schedule before it closes the season with two road matches. Idaho plays Southern Utah at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Memorial Gym and then the Vandals take on Eastern Washington on Senior Night at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Memorial Gym.

Callen Hightower – football



Idaho junior wide receiver Callen Hightower hauled in 10 catches for 115 yards and one touchdown in Idaho's 55-48 overtime loss to New Mexico State Saturday

night in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Vandals play South Alabama at noon Saturday in Mobile, Alabama.

Erica King – swim

Idaho freshman Erica King won the 1,000yard freestyle with a time of 10 minutes, 22.34 seconds in Idaho's 212-88 win over California State-Bakersfield Saturday in Bakersfield,

California. King also took second in the 200-yard backstroke. The Vandals won all but two events. The Vandals will face Seattle University Saturday in Seattle.

Sarah Hall – swim

Idaho freshman Sarah Hall won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.47 and she won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:05.81.

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been kind of struggling a little bit at practice with having some urgency and these two games really show that we did a lot better at that. This needs to continue ... the more that we celebrate and talk, the better we play."

Yishan Chen | Argonaut

of the season this week at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals play Southern Utah at 7 p.m. Thursday.

birds in five sets Nov. 6 last season.

p.m. Saturday for the Vandals' Senior Night.

The Vandals remain in second place in the Big Sky North, just one match behind the Eagles.

With the regular season drawing to a close, Peterson, a senior, said it has begun to hit her that her Vandal volleyball career is nearly over. But she said the team must continue to stay focused over the next few weeks.

"It's going really fast and we're just realizing that it's our final push, so we're really trying to grind it out," Peterson said. "We have to keep putting in the effort and attitude in the gym and just stay focused on our goal of one game at a time and I think we'll be in good position."

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"It's really good for us," Sharp said. "We've

Idaho plays its final two home matches

The Vandals defeated the Thunder-

Idaho then plays Eastern Washington at 7



Sports brief

The Idaho men's tennis team took a short trip to Spokane last weekend to compete in the Bulldog Classic at Gonzaga.

Senior Jackson Varney and freshman Lucas Coutinho were the Vandals' best performers in Idaho's last tournament of the fall season.

Both Varney and Coutinho were placed in the Red Singles bracket. Varney dropped to the consolation bracket, but managed to win the Consolation Championship over

opponent Jared Madison of Portland 6-7, 6-3, 1-0(9).

Coutinho advanced to the semifinals Sunday. He lost in three sets to Portland's Alex Wallace (6-4, 6-7, 6-2).

The Idaho doubles teams of senior Odon Barta and sophomore Felipe Fonseca along with Varney and sophomore Mark Kovacs started the tournament with first-round byes. Both doubles teams advanced to the quarterfinals, but Barta and Fonseca fell to an Eastern Washington pair 8-7. Kovacs and Varney fell to a Portland pair 8-6.

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OUR VIEW

Get out and vote

Why it's worth students' time to vote in smaller elections

The kids these days are always finding reasons not to vote. The problem is that these "kids" are actually college students, and college students aren't kids, they're adults. As adults, they have the right to vote, but unfortunately many students

don't utilize that right. The excuses students find to

not vote are more over-used every year, and few of them are actually legitimate excuses. One of the most commonly heard excuses is that someone believes their vote won't ultimately make a difference in the election.

This might have a bit more truth to it for larger elections, like the 2016 presidential election, but when it comes to local government elections, every vote counts.

In a city council election, a single vote from a University of Idaho student could be the difference between candidates being elected into office or losing the race.

While voting in and of itself is important, it's more important to know what these candidates stand for. A vote shouldn't be from someone who is simply voting for a Democrat to go against the status quo in Idaho or someone who votes Republican because their parents always have.

The fact remains that college students are adults, and we should act like them in this scenario.

Voting isn't just a right, it's a privilege. Voters should be willing to take a little time out of their day to do research on the people they're

casting their vote for.

However, the most important thing is that UI students go out and vote in the first place, no matter where they're from or how much thought they've put into the election. In the past couple of elections, the percent-

age of votes cast from younger members of the population has been low.

According to the Center for Information and Research on Civil Learning and Engagement, less than 20 percent of 18 to 29-year-old voters cast ballots for the 2014 election, which is the lowest voter turnout rate for youth ever recorded for a federal election.

If students say they want their vote to make a difference, then they need to get out and vote. If our age demographic makes voting a habit more than once every four years, perhaps more votes on topics such as education will go



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in our favor.

Although there are no large-scale elections currently taking place, election season has begun. Whether a student is an out-of-state resident or a Moscow native, it's important they be mindful of when elections are taking place wherever they are registered to vote.

City council elections will be taking place in Moscow Tuesday, and other small-scale elections take place throughout the country around this time of year.

If students are registered to vote, they should utilize the privilege they have. If not, they should make registering a top priority. Voters can register at the polls if they bring a form of identification and proof of residence with them.

Though the 2015 election is more low-key than the upcoming presidential race, it is arguably more important for students to vote today, as the results could have a direct impact on them and the communities they live in.

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Real talk

Long week? Snag a "sample" massage chair at Bed, Bath and Beyond. College students don't need to schedule expensive massage appointments.

- Jake

Goals and mustardy goodness

I've made goals to be more mindful and eat less mustard pretzels. The first is going well. The second — not so much.

– Lyndsie

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It's now too cold to leave my apartment without blow drying my hair, and I'm not ready for that kind of time commitment.

- Corrin

– Jack

– Hannah

Yar har

Prepare yerselves, mateys. Cap'n Jack and his scrurvy dogs will be storming the

OTCs before the week is done.

Learned that this weekend when my car was stolen. Damn.

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SO HERE'S ALL THE CLASSES YOU

NEED TO TAKE NEXT SEMESTER, UNLESS

A MINOR OR SECOND MAJOR IS STATED.

IF DURING THIS YEAR YOU WERE A FRESHMAN

FOLLOW THIS LIST, BUT IF A TRANSFER

CARRY THE ONE AND SPIN THE WHEEL

ON WHICH CLASSES CARRIED OVER. ADD THE

TWO AND SUBTRACT ANY KNOWN MENTAL

STABILITY. AT LEAST ONE EXISTENTIAL CRISIS

IS GUARANTEED PER SEMESTER BUT SINCE WE

WANT YOU TO TAKE SEVERAL CORE CLASSES

AT ONCE WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR



Megan Hall Argonaut

A lot of people drink coffee every day to help themselves wake up. But when we get older it will catch up with us. Think about it. It can't be good to jumpstart your heart on a consistent basis. Get sleep everyone.

- Garrett

Shopping list

Bought dinner for the next five nights while only spending \$1.13 at the store. Thank you ramen noodles for being so affordable on a college budget.

– Josh

Worth it

I will never be too sick to enjoy free pizza. #collegelyfe

– Jordan

Dancing

I'm missing my past and the weekends spent dancing at conventions in hotel ballrooms all across the country.

- Katelyn

I have this friend

She got hit in the head with an acorn, thrown by a squirrel, again.

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- Jessica
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SATIRE arcasm

Last week, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that processed meats as well as some unprocessed red meats are carcinogenic. That's right, anyone who eats bacon, hot dogs, ham,

sausage or anything besides poultry and fish will definitely probably die of cancer ... eventually.

Let's just add that to the long list of everything else in our lives that is going to give us cancer, like cigarettes, microwaves, genetics, the sun, moon, LCD

TVs, smartphones and asbestos. The WHO even listed processed meat in the same category as cigarettes and asbestos based on how likely they are to cause cancer.

Obviously, processed meat is the most important cancercausing substance to focus on this

Cancer over easy

Carcinogens are everywhere, not just processed meats

year. Radiation from the sun and moon is penetrating our atmosphere and is giving people cancer, but the WHO has launched a campaign against bacon.

What is going to be substi-

tuted for the most important meal of the day? Eggs and oatmeal?

No one knows what a suitable replacement would be. What happens to chicken before it produces eggs and those eggs make it to our table? The oats aren't meat, so they

can't possibly hurt us. Or could they? The world may never know.

Since unprocessed red meat is "probably carcinogenic," humans might have to stop eating beef. Cows will live forever in some strange cow utopia. Then the ozone layer will disappear, and

we'll all be burned alive because methane levels will skyrocket.

People who plan to survive on water and air are also going to be disappointed. For those who

didn't know, 100 percent of people who ingest dihydrogen monoxide die - most likely after living for about 75-80 happy years.

Did you know water also causes cancer? I mean, everyone who gets cancer drank water at least once. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but death is inevitable, people. Everybody dies.

The easy solution to all of this is to just stop doing anything. Don't eat, don't breathe and definitely don't go outside because the sun causes skin cancer. Basically, everyone must figure out a way to survive without needing anything



that is necessary to live. Stay inside and don't live life to its fullest, because no one is willing to die young. Surviving isn't the

same thing as living,

so take that into consideration before giving up processed meats and switching to beans as the primary source of protein. Besides, in a year the WHO will probably announce that beans cause cancer anyway.

On a more serious note, I realize cancer is a serious issue and I may have blown this a bit out of proportion. But, people shouldn't focus on the negatives live life, don't just exist.

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Rethink long distance

When my mom brought me to the University of Idaho my senior year of high school for Vandal Friday, she attended a few workshops geared toward parents.

One lecture she attended told parents what items they should urge their children to leave at home before they head off to college. My mother relayed the details of this lecture to me and two particular items stood out — letterman jackets and high school sweethearts.

It was March then, and all I had to worry about was my letterman jacket, which I would have left behind anyway. But come May, the latter would become an issue.

I got to know my current boyfriend right before my high school graduation. We went to different high schools but had mutual friends, and one night we started talking on a whim only to find that we had a lot in common.

It was one of those whirlwind romances where one week we were hiking as friends and a few weeks later we were inseparable - labels and all. Still, it never felt rushed



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and I never second guessed it.

He accepted a job traveling right after graduation, so he was gone often — away for a couple weeks, home for one. Yet, whenever he came home, we would pick up right where we left off, a new couple completely infatuated with each other.

But then August came, and suddenly we had to make a decision. Could we stay together as I started my new life in college,

or would it be best to call it quits? We both agreed to try long distance. How hard could it really be? We'd technically done it all summer.

I left for Moscow more than a year ago as a not-so-single lady, and have since learned that long distance is no cakewalk, but it is incredibly rewarding.

Despite some tough times we've worked through, I have a serious beef with those that say, "Leave your high school relationships behind," as if those relationships are disposable and childish.

I understand the reasoning, I guess. Go-

socializing and dating are all on a totally different spectrum. As a college freshman, people expected me to "find myself" and "try new things," and the constant stigma around my committed relationship suggested it would hinder my experience in some way.

But here's the thing — I felt like I already had a fairly firm grip on who I was, and as far as boys went, I was content with not trying anything new. I already had a keeper.

People often argue that having a longdistance love while transitioning into higher education is a distraction, but I don't see it that way. A long-distance partner is a totally objective sounding board - someone to rant to about your roommates or your classes to, someone who knows you and is there for you if only through a phone call.

If anything, dating on a college campus could be argued as an equal or bigger distraction. I had a good thing going with someone 1,000 miles away — why drop it just because it might be a "distraction?" If it's a healthy relationship, the trials that come with being separated from someone are not distractions Long distance relationships can be done — and they're rewarding

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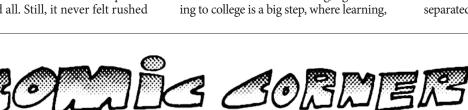
— they are part of the learning and growing process and will ultimately bring the couple closer together, as cheesy as that sounds. Having a support system,

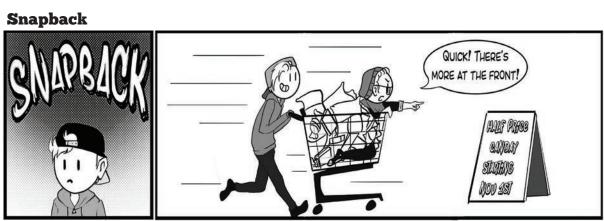
whether it's just down the street or a nine-hour drive away, is the real goal. To have someone to make plans with and to understand my every quirk and

flaw and love me anyway — that's what I value in my relationship, not the proximity. Besides, nothing matches the feeling of anticipation when the number of days until I see John hits single digits, and nothing makes me value my moments with him

more than knowing that we worked hard to make our relationship possible. The popular idea that long-distance relationships are unrealistic and unhealthy is incredibly closed-minded. While I don't regret leaving behind my gaudy letterman jacket, I am grateful I chose to hang onto my relationship.

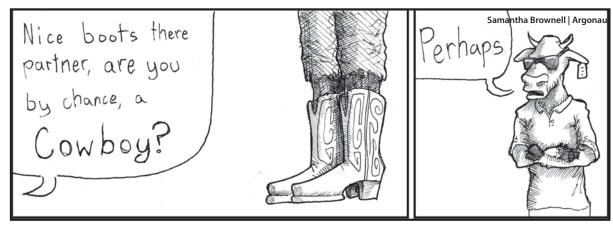
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