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## ADMINISTRATION

# A man of the people

UI President Chuck Staben has a busy schedule for Homecoming Week

Claire Whitley  
Argonaut

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben has an entire game day routine.

He begins his day with pre-game activities before heading to the Kibbie Dome for the game. He starts in the presidential suite to mingle. He then does the first quarter award ceremony before going over to the visiting section to thank the traveling fans and parents of the opposing team's players for coming.

After that, he goes to talk to the Vandal Marching Band and the student section, before making a loop through all the suites to end up in the club room by halftime. By the fourth quarter, Staben is back in the presidential suite. He said he hardly gets time to actually watch the game.

This year's homecoming game won't be too different, he said.

Staben said he and his wife Mary Beth began their Homecoming Week watching the Olympic Trials scavenger hunt Sunday. The two didn't participate, but Staben said he thinks next year the cabinet should put together a team and compete.

"The human pyramid might not be a good idea, but we know where everything is on campus," Staben said. "We'll be slower than the other teams, but slow and steady might win the race."

Staben said throughout the week he and Mary Beth attended multiple events, includ-

ing a meeting with the alumni board. The pair also intend to participate in the Moscow Block Party, Serpentine and the Bonfire Friday night, as well as pre-game activities and the parade before Saturday's game.

Of all the events, Staben said the Serpentine is his favorite.

"There is a lot of spirit and a lot of fun," Staben said. "It feels like a real college event."

Staben said he and Mary Beth meet the band by the president's house on campus and walk with them, leading the way to the Kibbie Dome parking lot for the Bonfire.

Staben said he has always walked as a part of the Serpentine, even though he had the opportunity to ride in a golf cart.

"I said 'No way, I want to walk. I want to be in with everybody else,'" Staben said. "Maybe if everyone was riding a golf cart, I'd want to ride one, but I don't think that's going to happen. I don't want to ride the damn golf cart."

Staben said during Serpentine some students who know him come up and say "Hi," while more students don't even know he is the president of the university. They walk beside him and ask him what he is doing on campus or if he is an alumnus. He said he just tells them that he is the president.

"Some students are shocked to see the president just walking along," Staben said.

Staben said he believes it is important to participate in events like the Serpentine, and that he is always looking for those kinds of opportunities. He said just this week he attended a floor meeting in the Theophilus Tower and went to lunch at Bob's last Wednesday.



Chuck Staben



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## HOMECOMING

# Swimming in Vandal pride



Kevin Neighbors | Argonaut

Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority wrap up their winning skit at the Homecoming Anthems.

Living groups showcase their Vandal pride at UI Homecoming Anthems

Kevin Neighbors  
Argonaut

Stage fright is real, but when it comes to Vandal pride, students of the University of Idaho will push their fears aside and display their pride loudly.

Wednesday night, UI students showed their pride at the Homecoming Anthems in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center.

Students showed up dressed in costumes made up of silver and gold face paint, swimwear, fake beards, leotards and even ape costumes. The performers of the songs and skits competed against other groups to win points for their teams in the ongoing homecoming competition.

The team of Kappa Delta sorority and Phi Delta Theta fraternity took the gold home at this year's anthems with their, synchronized swimming routine, followed by second place winners Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and in third Gamma Phi Beta sorority

and Sigma Nu fraternity.

Despite the competitive nature of the event, the anthems were more of a communal celebration of Vandal pride.

Gaven Flowers, a sophomore member of Phi Delta Theta, said his team began working on their anthem Sunday, working two hours everyday in their fraternity's informal room.

Even though she hurt her ankle during the routine, Homecoming Chair for Kappa Delta Meredith Breen said the victory was worth the pain.

"I was browsing Facebook, and one of my friends shared a fifth-grade talent show doing synchronized swimming, and I thought, 'How hilarious would it be to get a bunch of college students up there to perform the hell out of it,'" Breen said.

The audience responded well to Kappa Delta and Phi Delta Theta's skit, laughing all throughout, cheering on the team.

"Meredith came to me and said, 'Hey we are partners. We are going to do this idea,' I looked at it and said, 'That's great, we'll put on some hilarious classical music and be all serious,' and we won," Flowers said.

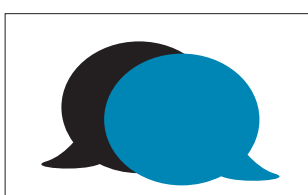
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# A Crumbs recipe

## Frosted pumpkin spice bars

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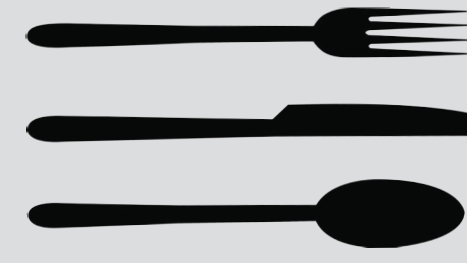
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- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 15 ounces pumpkin puree
- 4 room temperature eggs
- 6 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/3 cup butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

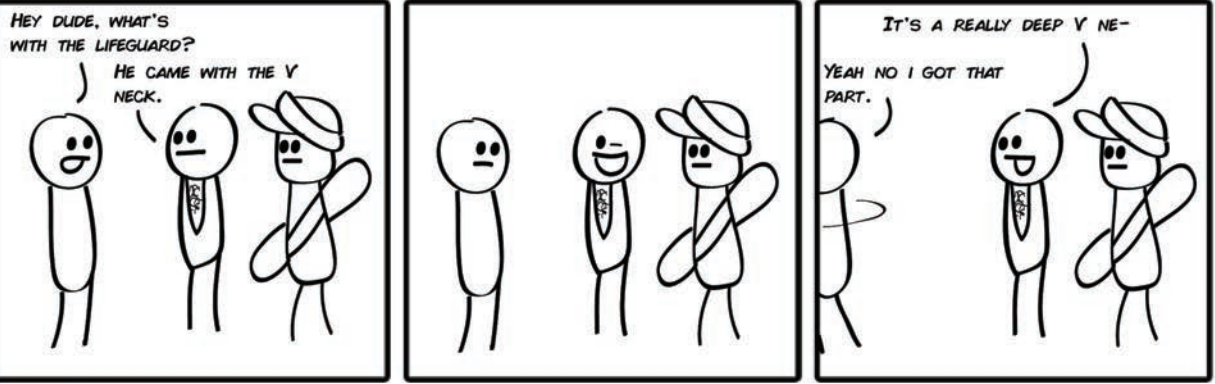
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1. Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and grease the bottom and sides of a pan with shortening or butter
2. Beat eggs, oil, pumpkin and granulated sugar with electric mixer or whisk until smooth
3. Stir in flour, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, ginger, cloves and baking powder
4. Spread the mixture evenly in the pan
5. Bake for 20 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean
6. While the bars cool, mix together cream cheese, butter, vanilla and powdered sugar until creamy
7. Frost the bars and enjoy



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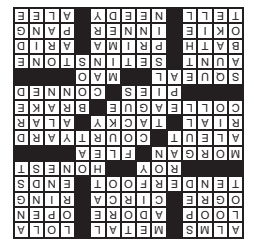
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HOME COMING

# Olympic caliber hype

Students have fun and get pumped for homecoming at the Olympic Village

**Jack Olson**  
Argonaut

It takes a village to raise a child — to raise school spirit for Homecoming Week, the University of Idaho Homecoming Committee created an Olympic Village.

At the Olympic Village during Homecoming Week, students were able to race their friends in an inflatable obstacle course, grab some goofy pictures at a photo booth and ask questions directly to the Homecoming Committee.

Bailey Thomas, fundraising chair on the Homecoming Committee, said everyone she interacted with at the event loved to participate.

“It’s a lot of fun. I think the most important part is just like, keeping the energy up and making sure everyone is getting pumped for homecoming,” Thomas said. “It’s the greatest time of the year.”

Thomas said when she does events like this, she found that people fall into one of three levels of engagement. Some people will walk right up and ask about the event, others will do some talking once they are approached by others and some people will simply not participate, which Thomas said is fine, too.

“There’s a big inflatable maze right here, I’d be curious,” Thomas said. “It kind of advertises itself.”

One student drawn in by the Olympic Village was sophomore Caitlin Klauui.

“I heard there was an obstacle course, so I was like, ‘I’ll come by and check it out and see what’s



Seniors Stephan Jutila and Evan Barton compete to finish the inflatable obstacle course first during the Olympic Village event Tuesday.

Diamond Koloski | Argonaut

going on,” Klauui said. “I actually don’t know about anything that’s here. I just came here for fun.”

Klauui’s racing partner in the obstacle course was freshman, Jennifer McFarland. McFarland predicted Klauui would win, but she ended up on top.

“That was actually faster than I thought it would be. It was fun,” McFarland said. “She was like ‘Hey, wanna come do this?’ and I’m like, ‘OK, why not?’”

McFarland said she looks forward to more homecoming events.

“I’ve already been super excited for it,” McFarland said. “I never went to a normal high school, and so I’ve been excited about all these things, like football games and the hype of this.”

Solomon Danger also participated in the event, along with his friends. He put on a pair of beer-themed goggles for pictures in the photo booth.

“Personally, I don’t really like pictures of myself, so I feel like if I’m already putting myself out of my comfort zone, I might as well go for what’s familiar, which in this case is beer,” Danger said.

Thomas said she has worked with the event for three years and learns something new every time.

“We should have ordered more swag, like buttons and stuff, but it’s cool we have this,” Thomas said. “I think this is going well.

We have a lot of committee support, which is good.”

The event had more opportunities than just fun, though. Thomas said the Homecoming Committee answers a lot of questions about homecoming during the event.

“We’re here all day, and you can come talk to us and anything,” Thomas said.

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GREEK LIFE

# Playing close to the heart

Alpha Phi sorority holds soccer tournament to raise money for women’s heart health

**Nicole Etchemendy**  
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Alpha Phi sorority’s philanthropy last weekend was about more than just raising money for a foundation — it was about supporting women within the house who have been impacted by heart disease.

Alpha Phi led a soccer tournament, called “Alpha Phifa.” The proceeds from the event went toward the Alpha Phi Foundation, which strives to advance the technology and awareness of women’s heart health, said Sierra Pontius, president of Alpha Phi.

“I actually love this event, just because I played soccer growing up and into high school, and sports are always a great way

where people can come together and bond over one mutual thing,” Pontius said. “Alpha Phifa is great, because one of the ways you can actually prevent heart disease is to get 60 minutes of exercise every single day.”

This charity’s platform is close to home for some of the women in Alpha Phi, as there are several girls within the house that have suffered from or are currently suffering from a heart disease or defect.

Junior Sarah Medina, a member of Alpha Phi, was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome her freshman year of college. She said she underwent surgery last spring and the illness is currently under control.

“Having the support was the biggest thing,” Medina said. “It was insane, if I wasn’t an aphi I probably wouldn’t have stayed in school.”

Medina said she has undergone two heart

surgeries and received immense amounts of support from her sisters throughout the process.

“It makes me more excited to do (the philanthropy),” Medina said. “It’s always been something that was cool, but now that it has affected me so much, all the girls were willing to help me out.”

Junior Aly Wilson, philanthropy chair for Alpha Phi, planned the entire event, from forming the brackets to passing out information about the charity and organizing the shirts. Wilson said they have been planning for this event since the end of last year’s tournament.

Throughout the day, many teams competed to claim the winning spot for their bracket, each house had a shirt designed for them, and the proceeds from the shirt sales went to the Alpha Phi Foundation,

Wilson said.

A freshman and sophomore were assigned to coach each team while junior and senior members of Alpha Phi refereed the games. Delta Tau Delta fraternity won the men’s bracket for the day and Delta Gamma sorority won the women’s bracket.

Wilson said the start of fall is a great atmosphere for a philanthropy like Alpha Phifa, because more people are excited to give back to something bigger.

“At the beginning of the year, I feel like more people are ready for philanthropies because they aren’t burnt out yet, everyone’s eager to take part in new things that are starting,” Wilson said.

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## HOMECOMING

# Her Vandal family

Emily Rasch brought into the Vandal lifestyle during time at UI

Tess Fox  
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During her first campus visit, senior Emily Rasch chose the University of Idaho because she felt the Vandal spirit.

"I was looking for a school that would give me every opportunity possible," she said. "After stepping foot on campus, I could feel the Vandal family and the Vandal spirit. It's so rich and powerful, and the connections I made even during that visit were so important to me."

A native of Portland, Oregon, Rasch said she grew up thinking she would attend the University of Oregon or Oregon State University.

"It was amazing that I was able to jump right in from the get-go," she said. "I've never felt like I was just a number. Everyone's so helpful and they're always looking out for me. I saw that coming to school for a visit. That's what I wanted. That's what I was looking for."

Assistant Director of Alumni Events Marie Duncan met Rasch during her first campus visit.

"A Vandal friend of mine who was living and working in Portland brought Emily over to check it out," Duncan said.

After Duncan was introduced to Rasch, she saw her drive to get involved on campus take root within her first semester as an official UI student.

"She got super involved with SARb (Student Alumni Relations Board) right off the bat," Duncan said. "I helped out at some of the events over there and got to know her that way."

After four-and-a-half years, Rasch said her experience at UI has lived up to her expectations.

During her freshman year, Rasch planned on earning a degree

in secondary education. After becoming involved with the SARb, Rasch said she was encouraged to join the Homecoming Committee.

"I knew coming into (college) I wanted to apply for SARb," she said. "Right away, they were looking for younger members to join the homecoming team who could dedicate multiple years to the organization."

Rasch spent her first year as the royalty chair of the Homecoming Committee and was the assistant chair her second year. Last year and this year, Rasch served as the chair of the committee.

Being involved with homecoming showed Rasch that her true passion lies in event planning, she said.

Rasch is now an advertising major with an emphasis in history and culture. She said she added a semester to her time at UI to study event management at London Met University.

"It was very last minute," she said. "It's worth it, taking an extra semester and coming back for homecoming, studying abroad — it all came together."

In the summer of 2015, Rasch said she worked as a live events production intern for Nickelodeon.

"I was on the 'Kids Choice Awards' team," she said. "I did all the preproduction for the 'Kids Choice Awards,' which was really cool. I even got to pitch my own show at the end to the executives and gained some really awesome connections."

Rasch said the executives liked her show idea.

"It's not going to debut until 2017 or 2018 possibly, but I had to sign over all legal rights to the idea because I was an intern," she said. "It's cool just to know that my ideas are contributing. I produced



Tess Fox | Argonaut

Homecoming Chair Emily Rasch presents the Registrar's office with a trophy for best office decorations at the Alumni Luncheon Wednesday in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center.

some really awesome material that they can use."

Rasch said she isn't allowed to say what the show will be about due to legal obligations.

This semester, Rasch will complete a semester-long internship on the event planning team at Bollare, a public relations firm in New York City.

"It's a fashion brand," she said. "Most of our clients, they are designers, bloggers and editors. My next event ... is an event for Timberland. Right now we're scouting a location. I'm looking at social

venues and we're working on the graphics for our invites. It's exactly what I want to do."

After graduation, Rasch said she wants to work toward running her own event firm, which focuses on smaller, intimate events.

Duncan said Rasch has matured through college.

"She's always been confident, even when she was a senior in high school," Duncan said. "It's been really cool to watch her grow as a Vandal. She recruits for us, it seems, everywhere she goes."

Rasch has been directing UI

homecoming operations from New York City for much of this semester.

Her favorite part of homecoming is Serpentine and the Bonfire, she said. Rasch said being crowned as royalty during Homecoming Week last year made the experience even more special.

"Standing on the field during the halftime singing the alma mater, it is a very powerful moment, and it's always my favorite," she said.

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# Banned together for banned books

Read Out emphasizes banned literature and First Amendment rights

**Carly Scott**  
Argonaut

In the sunlit entrance to the University of Idaho Education Building, the words of banned books echoed.

This week was Banned Books Week. In recognition of this, the College of Education hosted a Read Out. For four days, participants read aloud from banned books in 15-minute segments.

The Read Out was the first time the event was held at UI. It was organized by Suzie Davis, library technician at the Curriculum Center.

"The director of Student Services, David Schloss, was really excited about it," Davis said. "He really got the ball rolling."

At first, Davis said she was apprehensive about the turnout for the event. She said that initially, she got a little interest from people within the department, but not enough to fill all the slots.

"It's like throwing a party and nobody comes, that's what I was worried about," she said.

After Davis posted it in the Daily Register, she said she got calls from people all over campus who wanted to read. She got so much interest, she said it was hard to figure out how long to allow people to read.

"They wanted to be part of something that demonstrates our unity to ban together in banning books," she said.

At the event, readers were made up of grandmothers, staff, deans and everything in between. One reader, Madison Griffin, an administrative assistant in the College of

Education, read aloud from "Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic."

Griffin's reading was speckled with humor and whispered commentary, as well as occasional profanity. Griffin said she thinks the book she read from was banned because it is a coming of age story and has a lot to do with sexuality.

Griffin said she doesn't believe in the censorship of books because they expose people to new ideas.

"If someone is a good citizen, controversial content shouldn't sway them to the dark side," Griffin said.

James Gregson, associate dean of the College of Education read out from a classic, Upton Sinclair's, "The Jungle."

The excerpt he chose graphically described conditions in a meat factory.

Gregson said he wanted to participate in the Read Out because banned books often let people reflect on important issues.

"There are certain books I am offended by, but if that book represents a certain group, it could be informative about their perspective," he said.

Gregson said that good educators should teach their students to sometimes disagree with authors. Students shouldn't necessarily be swayed by everything they read, he said.

Gregson said that some of the books on the banned books list are some of the best books he is aware of.

"They cover perennial issues that are just as important today as when they were written," Gregson said.

Deanna Gilmore brought her granddaughter to her reading. Gilmore chose to read a children's book, "Heather Has Two Mommies." Outside of this event, Gilmore said she attends conferences for



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James Gregson, associate dean of College of Education, reads from "The Jungle" at the Read Out for Banned Books Week in the College of Education Building.

the children of LGBT parents.

"It's a matter of getting that text out there for children in this situation," Gilmore said.

She said children need to have content that they can relate to. She said the book she read is banned in many elementary schools, and when it first came out, its opponents checked it out of every library and tried to clear it from the shelves to limit access.

Davis said book banning usually starts in

public schools and libraries.

"It's our First Amendment right to read these," Davis said. "As librarians, we need to provide access to all types of books for everybody. It's up to parents to monitor their children. They shouldn't make it so everybody else can't read the book."

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CAMPUS

# The questionable candidates

Student Success Program hosts live debate viewing in Wallace

**Nishant Mohan**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Student Success Program hosted a live viewing of the first 2016 presidential debate Monday.

The program, located in the basement of the Wallace Residence Center, will also host viewings of the remaining two debates Oct. 9 and Oct. 19 and a presidential announcement viewing party Nov. 8.

Sophomore Nick Blackburn attended the event and said he was excited about following the politics at first because this year is the first election in which he is eligible to vote. After the election season moved forward, however, he said his mind changed.

"Pretty early on the Trump stuff was hard to follow, so I got turned off and stopped following it as much," Blackburn said.

Despite this, he said he wants to vote because there are issues he believes that need to be prioritized.

Blackburn said he is leaning toward Gary Johnson, the nominee for the Libertarian Party. Though he said he is concerned about letting Donald Trump — his least favorite candidate — win he still intends to vote for Johnson.

"I want to vote morally for who I think is the best candidate to run the country," Blackburn said.

Freshman Riley McNamara attended the viewing and said she watches every debate she can. She said she supports the platforms of the Democratic Party and plans to vote for Hillary Clinton.

"Hillary Clinton slayed Donald Trump," McNamara said. "She resisted Trump's taunts really well."

She said she found Trump's performance underwhelming.

"I figured he'd put up a better fight," McNamara said.

Sophomore Kirsie Lundholm, who

watched the stream live on YouTube from her home, said she also thought Clinton resisted Trump's taunts well, but that doesn't mean she was totally satisfied with the Democratic nominee's performance.

"Both could have done better," Lundholm said. "I thought they would be more civil. I think they were both losers in the debate."

Lundholm said she is a registered Democrat and was excited for Bernie Sanders, but is now leaning toward Johnson.

"With Hillary, it would keep the status quo," Lundholm said. "Trump is change for the worse and I don't think (Jill) Stein knows what she's talking about, which is unfortunate because I agree with what she's saying."

Lundholm said she is not worried about the spoiler effect, because she expects Idaho's vote to go to Trump anyway.

"I like to stay involved in politics. I think it affects us a lot more than people say," Lundholm said. "And it's also a great con-

versation starter."

Junior Celine Sottovia, an exchange student from France, said that even though she can't vote, she thought it was important she watch the debate.

"It's really important when I was in France," Sottovia said. "We spoke a lot about Trump and his provocative language."

Sottovia said the most important issue to her is how the candidates would handle the terrorist group ISIS. She said she was disappointed by how little both candidates talked about the issue and she thought neither expressed a concrete plan for dealing with the group.

Overall, she said Clinton appeared more informed and was the clear winner.

"Clinton was really leading the debate," Sottovia said. "She was aggressive sometimes and Trump was always on the defensive."

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## FACULTY

# Three decades down the road

*Creative Services Director  
Cindy Johnson retires after  
30 years with UI*

**Corrin Bond**  
Argonaut

The first piece of large printing equipment Cindy Johnson bought was a collator stitcher, a machine which gathered printed items in sections and stapled them together.

When she first entered the design and printing industry, she said the World Wide Web was a recent development and email existed in its most archaic form. Three years ago, her son purchased Johnson's collator stitcher and repurposed it as a goat feeder.

"I think it's the funniest thing," Johnson said. "You know, now all our press equipment is digital. When I first came here, we had a lot of conventional printing presses, and we've moved away from that."

Johnson began her career with the University of Idaho as the associate director of Information Technology Services (ITS) in 1987.

Her position involved Printing and Design Services, which was then a subset

of ITS, she said. When Printing and Design became a part of UI Marketing and Communications in 2005, Johnson came with it. After 30 years with the university, Johnson will retire from her position as director of Creative Services Friday.

UI Graphic Design Specialist Beth Case was hired by Johnson shortly after Johnson began at the university. Over the years, she said she saw Johnson's department experience less turnover than most.

"People talk about high turnover rates at the university, but her department has always been pretty solid," Case said. "Some people have left obviously, for different reasons, but her percentage was much lower than other departments."

Case said she attributes the low turnover rate of Johnson's department to how well the director of Creative Services encouraged her employees to experience life outside of work.

"Gosh, back when I first started working here, in the first four years I did three Grand Canyon trips, each 21 days long, and she encouraged me to do that," Case said. "She said, 'You know, you've got to experience life, you should go.' She's been that way with all of us."

Throughout her career, Johnson said she's always believed in the importance of maintaining a balance between life and work.

"I think it is good always, whatever career you choose, to keep that work-life balance and to always take care of yourself and the people you care about, as well as your job," Johnson said.

Case said Johnson has also navigated changes within the printing and design industry while supporting her staff.

"She really tries to help people be the best they can be," Case said. "She's a good leader and very adaptable. She's managed a lot of changes over the years. She's worked here through 10 different presidents and, you know, brand changes and logo changes."

Technology underwent tremendous changes from the late 1980s to the early 2000s, and Johnson said the largest part of her job was adapting to change.

"My biggest career ... path is just seeing those changes in technology and what they brought to communications and marketing and connecting people in new ways," Johnson said. "Every job changes throughout a period of time, this

one in particular, mostly due to technology. It has been a life-long learning experience."

Although she's retiring, Johnson said she's not worried about filling her free time. She has served as a mentor for students in the Moscow School District for 19 years, and it's a role that she's not quite ready to give up yet.

"I've had kids in elementary and middle school. I've enjoyed it, I plan on continuing that," Johnson said. "I also have a six-month-old Golden Retriever puppy at home and a three-month-old granddaughter, so I'll be able to fill my time easily."

After a 30-year-long career at UI, Johnson said she's learned that above all else, it's important to be open to new challenges.

"Don't be afraid to try something new and sometimes, what looks like it might be a little intimidating, to take it on and just learn as much as you can about it," Johnson said. "Don't be afraid to move into a new realm."

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## MAN

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"Informal meetings are important," Staben said. "I have to be careful not to act on anecdote, and so if I hear something from one or two students, I want to ask a few others as well."

Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert told The Argonaut Editorial Board in a meeting Sept. 23 that he believes Staben is going to bring a much-needed light to UI. Lambert said both Staben and Mary Beth are terrific people. He handed out T-shirts with Staben at the beginning of the year during Serving

Your New Community (SYNC) and worked alongside Mary Beth at another event.

"She was just a hoot," Lambert said. "She was an engineer at IBM, has midlife crisis, gets a M.D. degree. That's the most down-to-earth person I've met in my life who is extremely bright. She and Chuck both are very bright people."

While attending the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) game Sept. 24, Staben said Mary Beth, who doesn't have extensive football knowledge, was excited to see the game go into overtime.

She knew that each team got the chance to score and all the rules for overtime, which Staben said impressed UI Athletic Director Rob Spear.

"Rob Spear said to her, 'Wow Mary Beth, you've learned a lot about football in the last year,'" Staben said. "She was very cute."

During the UNLV game, Staben said they also invited their niece and her sons to watch the game. Apparently, the boys knew nothing about football, which Staben admitted could be confusing while watching the sport. One of the boys, a 10-year-old, was

all wonderment and asked many questions about what was going on, Staben said.

"The 12-year-old was too cool to ask questions, but you could tell he was listening to all the answers," Staben said.

The UI president said some people don't watch football, or aren't fans of the game. However, during Homecoming Week, there is something for everyone, he said.

"That is an ambition," Lambert said. "When you want to surround yourself with people who have positive attitudes, that can get things done that are action

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I don't want to ride the damn golf cart.

**Chuck Staben,  
UI President**

oriented that by-God there's not a raincloud sticking over their head over wherever they walk."

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## SWIMMING

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Kappa Sigma fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, although they did not place, received positive reactions to their skit as well.

"I liked K-Sig and Theta's," said Laura Chapin, a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. "I liked the surprise element."

The team performed a choreographed group dance number and surprised the audience by throwing green paper, representing money, into the audience. The audience roared with laughter and applause as the pair made it rain in the International Ballroom.

The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity prepared their skit shortly before the event, said Adam Blender, a member of the fraternity.

"It was a group effort to come up with something fast, and it was better than

we expected," Blender said.

The fraternity skit showcased Joe Vandal in an Olympic boxing match with a man wearing a horse mask, representing the mascot for Boise State University. The crowd cheered as Joe Vandal dominated the Bronco in their skit.

The anthems are one of the most energized events of Homecoming Week, said Lise Welch, assistant chair of the Homecoming Committee. Everyone cheers — they are loud and supportive of their own team and others, she said.

"My favorite thing is seeing the people on stage, everyone is having a good time," Welch said. "Even if your skit goes completely wrong, everyone comes off the stage laughing, having a great time, and at the end of the day that's what matters."

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## News briefs

### Bonfire away

Before the Homecoming Parade Saturday, the University of Idaho community can partake in an informal parade of sorts.

The Homecoming Serpentine will be held at 8 p.m. Friday through the university campus.

The casual parade will be led by the Vandal Marching Band, the Idaho cheer squad and the Homecoming Committee. It will snake through old and new Greek Row and along 6th Street by the residence

halls up to the Kibbie Dome parking lot with a bonfire and medal ceremony at approximately 8:30 p.m. Homecoming royalty will be announced at the Bonfire.

Homecoming Committee Chair Emily Rasch said students can expect the event to be similar to last year.

"It's such a well-kept tradition," Rasch said. "We try to keep it as uniform as possible. We're going to be crowning royalty, we're going to be doing some announcements, burning the opponent's flag."

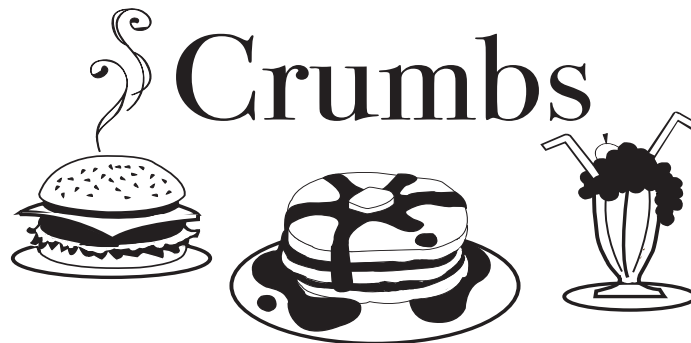
A fireworks show will start at 9:15

p.m. and an LED light show on the Theophilus Tower lawn will begin at 9:45 p.m. The light show is created by students in the Association of Computing Machinery.

Rasch said the community support at Serpentine takes her breath away.

"On campus, you can feel the Vandal spirit, but I think Serpentine is the first time that you really get to see it," she said. "There's a couple thousand students and community members and alumni and friends of the university all walking the streets of Moscow, and it's so cool to see."

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**HOMECOMING**


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Sorority group Pi Beta Phi and fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha paint Joe Vandal onto a local business in celebration of Homecoming Week and Vandal pride.

# Vandalizing Moscow

*Moscow showcases the world's countries through window decorations*

**Destiny Alvarez**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's Homecoming Week brings both the Moscow community and the school together through Vandalizing Moscow. It is a community and university collaborative event. Fraternities, sororities, residence halls and other living groups can paint and deco-

rate the windows of downtown Moscow businesses.

This year, the businesses are showcasing the world alongside UI's Olympic homecoming theme "Joe for the Gold." Each business is assigned to a student from a living group to create the artwork that will be on display for the week.

The winners for this year's Vandalizing Moscow sororities, Kappa Delta in first place, Delta Zeta in second and Alpha Gamma Delta in third.

For fraternities, Kappa Sigma took first, Alpha Kappa Lambda took second and Alpha Gamma

Rho in third.

The window decorations bring a lot of revenue for downtown Moscow businesses. Vandalizing Moscow is one of the main community events for the university, other than the annual Homecoming Parade. It gives UI alumni a chance to return to their alma mater's city and participate in the week's events and support local business.

Executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, Gina Taruscio said homecoming is a time to celebrate the Vandals.

"We all celebrate homecoming," Taruscio said. "It's a way to

show how cool Moscow is as a community in general. We love our students, we love our Vandals and we love our community."

Winning team Kappa Delta's homecoming chairman Meredith Breen said she feels homecoming is important because local businesses get the chance to show their support for the university.

"Homecoming is important because we can meet so many new people and rally around our school," Breen said. "It's really cool to drive up this street and see the paintings and Vandal pride."

Many business owners and employees shared stories with the

students and took photos with the paintings to celebrate their Vandal pride. UI senior Evan Barton, a two-year member of the Homecoming Committee, said Vandalizing Moscow is a fun and important part of Homecoming Week.

"It brings local business owners, community members and the University together," Barton said.

Barton said it's a rewarding experience to be a part of the committee.

"We get to help plan the university's oldest tradition," Barton said.

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**HOMECOMING**

# Blues and booze

*This year's Moscow Block Party will feature music from three different bands*

**Sam Balas**  
Argonaut

Suburban America gave birth to the concept of the block party, food, drinks, music neighbors family and friends all gathered in a culdesac, the University of Idaho has begun a new tradition using this American concept.

UI has many traditions that make it unique and the Homecoming Committee has taken steps to introduce the school, and the Moscow community, to a new one in the past few years, The Moscow Block Party.

"It was a partnership between the University of Idaho and the Moscow Chamber of Commerce," said Emily Rasch, UI Homecoming Chair. "We wanted

to encourage the inclusion of the Moscow community in homecoming events."

The Block Party will be the third free event and is open to both students and members of the Moscow community. "We decided that we should block off the streets.

We wanted to get the students downtown with our shops and our restaurants, get them involved with the city," said Gina Taruscio, Executive Director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce. "It's a lot easier to get something done if we do it together."

Both Rasch and Taruscio are excited for this year's Block Party. They said it will be larger,

more inclusive and feature a wider range of entertainment and attractions.

"It's bigger, but better organized. More music, more food vendors," Taruscio said. "Instead of one or two bands playing, we have three."

One of the bands performing is local band, Blue Funk Jail Break. The band is made of UI and WSU faculty as well as the local Moscow School District.

"The music is dance music," said guitarist and computer science professor Axel Krings.

He describes the band as playing mostly blues and funk music intended to get people up and out, Blue Funk Jail Break refers to the mood of depres-

sion one may experience in life, where as Jail Break refers to encouraging listeners to break out depression. Krings said that Blue Funk Jail Break would provide a musical experience no one else in the Palouse could provide.

"We are probably the hottest band in town," he said. "I think we are the best musicians you can find in the area. I think our music will reflect that."

Blue Funk and two other bands slated to perform, Ease Up and Tunnel Vision, were discovered by Taruscio at local bar and stage, John's Alley.

"We knew we needed music," she said. "John's Alley has great, live music."

By spreading three separate

bands throughout Main Street, both Taruscio and Rasch hope that the Moscow Block Party will be an exciting event for students to experience a variety of music while also exploring what the City of Moscow has to offer.

Rasch especially hopes the event will become something of a tradition for the university, and envisions the music and beer filled event as something that happens years into the future.

"We're excited to start a new tradition within the school and the community," she said. "We are excited to see where this goes in the coming years."

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**HOMECOMING**

# Feeding Vandal pride

*Gritman Medical Center kicks off UI's Block Party with a chili feed*

**Nina Rydalch**  
Argonaut

Kicking off the University of Idaho's Homecoming Block Party this year is the Gritman Medical Center, with the Vandal Spirit Chili Feed.

The Block Party is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Friday in downtown Moscow.

Adina Bielenger, one of the event coordinators, said Gritman Medical Center will have tents, tables, and chairs up by 4 p.m. and the event will go until the Block Party commences.

"Chili feed's kind of going to be the kickoff for our Block Party," said Lise Welch, the homecoming assistant chair.

Welch said the Block Party is designed to excite students and inspire them to show their school spirit at the football game. She said it also provides local businesses the opportunity to give back to their community as well as support Vandal pride. The chili feed is Gritman's staff's way of participating.

"We're big supporters of the University of Idaho," Bielenger said. "We just like to be part of the homecoming festivities."

Bielenger said they held the same event last year during homecoming with great success.

Bielenger said Gritman Medical Center will provide the community with beverages, cookies, cornbread and chili. She said there will be three different varieties of chili, including traditional beef, turkey and vegetarian. The meal will be entirely free, she said.

However, the Chili Feed is more than the food.

"It's not just chili," said Gina Taruscio, director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Taruscio said she is personally

looking forward to watching the Vandal Marching Band, which will perform during the chili feed.

Bielenger said Joe Vandal and the Spirit Squad will also join. She said there will be opportunities to take Vandal spirit themed photos and to take photos with Joe.

"The only thing we're adding is the obstacle course," she said.

She said this addition, a blow-up obstacle course, is an interactive feature that caters both to children and children-at-heart. Bielenger said she thinks 4 p.m. is a prime time for kids and adults alike to enjoy working their way

through the course.

"It's definitely worth being there," Taruscio said.

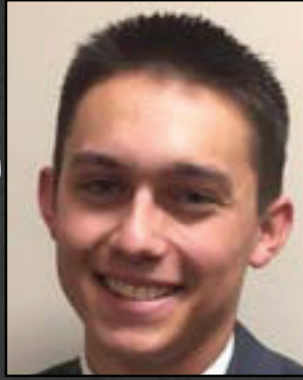
Taruscio said the Block Party has grown this year, with more businesses and other groups welcoming students back. She said this expansion correlates with that of the chili feed and other homecoming events.

"It's just a really good example of the collaboration within the community," Taruscio said.

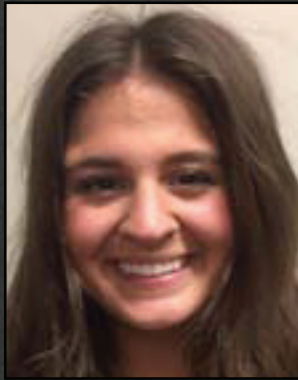
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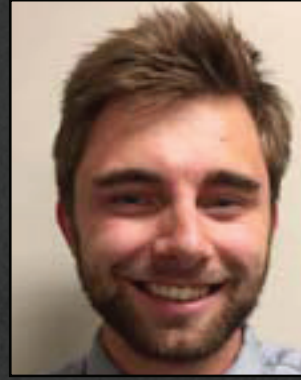
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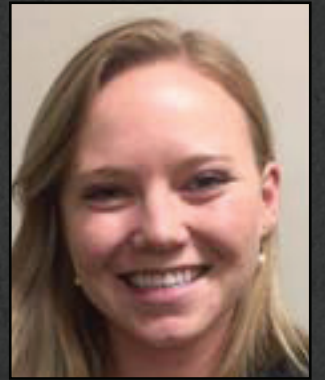
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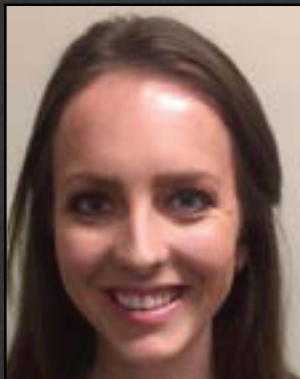
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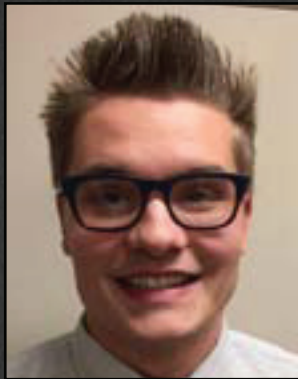
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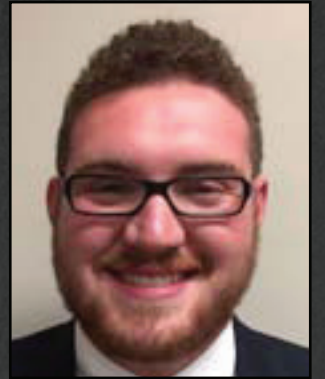
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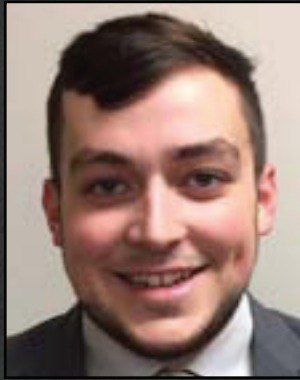
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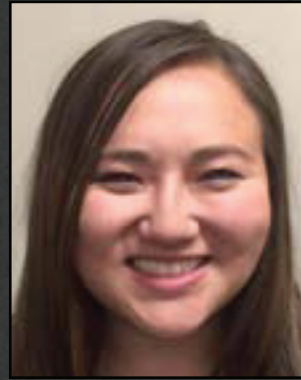
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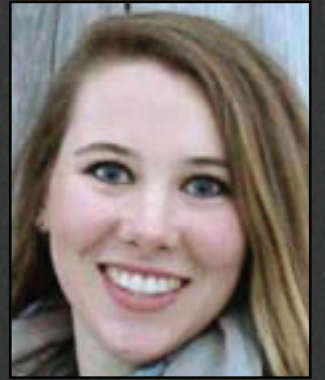
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# *University of Idaho* *Homecoming 2016* *“Joe for the Gold”*

## Schedule of Events

### *Friday, September 30, 2016*

**2 p.m. Living Group Decorations Display**

**4 p.m. Vandal Soccer vs. Northern Colorado**

Guy Wicks Field

**5 p.m. Chili Feed- FREE**

Gritman Medical Center-Downtown Moscow

**6 p.m. Block Party**

Downtown Moscow

**8 p.m. Serpentine**

**8:30 p.m. Medal Ceremony/Bonfire**

Kibbie Dome Parking Lot

**9:15 p.m. Latah Credit Union Fireworks Extravaganza!**

Kibbie Dome Parking Lot

**9:45 p.m. TowerLights presented by the Association of  
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### *Saturday, October 1, 2016*

**7-10 a.m. Moscow Firefighters Annual Pancake Feed and Safety Fair**

**Moscow Fire Station – 603 South Main Street**

**8-9:30 a.m. Parade Check-In**

H&R Block Parking Lot – North Moscow

**8 a.m. -1 p.m. Moscow Farmer’s Market**

Downtown Moscow

**10 a.m. 108th Annual Best Western Plus University Inn Homecoming Parade**

Main Street/Downtown Moscow

**Post Parade Living Group Open Houses – Alumni Welcome!**

Various campus locations

**2 p.m. Vandal Football**

Kibbie Dome

**7 p.m. Vandal Volleyball vs. Northern Colorado**

Memorial Gym

### *Sunday, October 2, 2016*

**1 p.m. Vandal Soccer vs. North Dakota**

Guy Wicks Field



HOME COMING

# Dec'd out like Joe Vandal

*UI departments dec out in the spirit of homecoming*

**Destiny Alvarez**  
Argonaut

This week, UI departments showcased their creative side by decorating their offices with the "Joe for the Gold" homecoming theme.

Homecoming Committee Chairman Emily Rasch said the departments participating in this year's decorations were all over campus. She said the judges visit each site looking for key aspects in each presentation.

"They are looking for creativity, Vandal pride and adherence to the theme 'Joe for the Gold,'" Rasch said.

Department decorations have been part of UI's homecoming festivities for 10 years. Each of the participating departments had their offices decorated Tuesday and judged that

morning. The winners were announced at the 13th annual Faculty Staff Alumni Luncheon.

Assistant Chairman for the Homecoming Committee, Lise Welch, was the committee representative judge for this year's decoration contest. Welch said with the Olympic homecoming theme this year, she favored departments that showed just as much Vandal spirit as they did Olympic spirit.

Welch said as a Vandal she bleeds silver and gold and she is proud to be a Vandal.

"I love homecoming because it brings everyone together," Welch said. "It's a time for everyone here at the university and in the community to come out and show their love for this school and for this town."

The honors program brought home gold for the small office category with their streamer filled office. The look was complete with a large cardboard cutout of Joe Vandal

himself and the office lamps doubled as Olympic torches.

The Registrar's office took first for the large office category. The department had Olympic rings, winner podiums and window decorations. The staff was also part of the exhibit by dressing up in togas and one of their own dressed as Joe Vandal carrying a torch.

Welch said it is important for departments to get involved because it gives them a chance to express their love for the school and their Vandal pride.

"Homecoming is not just a week for the students," Welch said. "It's for everyone who loves the University of Idaho."

The decorations will be up throughout the week of homecoming. The departments encourage students and alumni to take a tour of campus and see all of the creative depictions.

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UI Honors Program | Courtesy Photo  
Faculty at UI Honors Program office dress up like Joe Vandal and exhibit Vandal pride.

HOME COMING

# Campus Serpentine

*UI band members keep Serpentine tradition alive*

**Sam Balas**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho buzzes during homecoming, especially when the entire student body marches through the campus streets in the Serpentine to the annual bonfire.

As they have every year, leading the students will be the Vandal Marching Band.

The night is an exhausting one for members of the band, who must march to the UI's president's residence, through Greek Row, down past residence halls and finally to the Kibbie Dome parking lot.

Once the Friday night festivities are over, band members still have a tiring weekend ahead, as they must perform for the Homecoming Parade, the football game and later a volleyball game that same day.

"People may not realize it until they actually perform, but marching band is an actual sport," said Spencer Martin, director of the UI Marching Band. "The band will be marching anywhere from 20 to 25 miles this weekend. We are making sure that they stay healthy."

Although the Serpentine is the first night of a long weekend for the band, they are excited to stay involved in the UI tradition.

"I think Serpentine, much like our other traditions such as the Homecoming Parade or the Vandal Walk are all important for our school. I think it's important to keep these traditions we've had for years," Martin said. "It's an important tradition that spans seven or eight decades. When else will you be able to march with thousands of other people like that?"

Vince DiFatta, the band drum line leader will be one of the band members that leads the Serpentine march. After four years at the university, DiFatta has seen his fair share of Serpentine parades.

"It's going to be memorable because it's my last one," he said. "For me, it's about making the most of it one last time."

DiFatta said Serpentine is a chance to have a more relaxed sense of fun before the homecoming festivities begin in earnest.

"It's not as strict as being on the field or being in the Homecoming Parade," he said. "We have a chance to try some new cadences and maybe new songs."

This sense of a more relaxed spirit was echoed by Martin.

"Serpentine is significantly looser," he said. "When we get to the bonfire it's honestly a mess. But it's OK because it's so fun and exciting."

In order to keep as much stability as possible during the crazed night filled with rowdy students and an explosive fireworks display, Martin leans on older students like DiFatta to ensure the band stays disciplined.

"Vince is great, he is what I think of to be a role model for the younger students," Martin said. "He is part of the reason why our drum line is so big this year."

DiFatta said as an older player he has a duty to be a leader to the younger members.

"I looked up to people before me when they were in charge," he said. "Whether they realize it or not they look up to us because we are the leaders and we know the traditions. And some day, they will be the leaders."

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# SPORTS



Big Sky application flops in disappointing debut earlier this week

FOOTBALL



Left: Senior kicker Austin Rehkow poses for a photo during a jersey reveal party July 18 at Martin Square in Moscow. Right: Rehkow poses for a photo Thursday in Hello Walk.

Tess Fox | Argonaut

## Rehkow's golden leg

Idaho senior discusses record-breaking kick during his journey to Moscow

**Josh Grissom**  
Argonaut

Life-changing moments often come when least expected, and senior Austin Rehkow's defining moment came on a chilly October night nearly four years ago.

As a former member of the Central Valley High School football team in Spokane, Austin spent time as the program's kicker and punter. On this particular night, his team was locked in a seesaw battle with Shadle Park, trailing 55-52 in the final minute of play.

With three seconds on the clock, Central Valley coach Rick Giampetri elected to kick a field goal to tie the game. But this was no ordinary field goal. This was a 67-yard attempt, 4 yards further than the National Football League record.

Austin's parents, Freddie and Kim Rehkow, remember the moment vividly. "As he walked out there, my wife turned to

me and said, "There's no way they're going to make him kick that, are they?" Freddie said. "I told her they couldn't throw it that far, so they might as well try it."

Austin said he had a different mindset when Giampetri called his number.

"A selfish part of me wanted to try it, so I told my coach I would make it," he said. "When I went out there, it didn't seem as long as it had before. It was one of those moments where you know it's a long kick, but it didn't seem too outrageous."

The crowd watched in disbelief as Austin lined up and delivered a booming kick as time expired.

"It seemed like it was in slow motion with just how long of a kick it was," Kim said. "We were all waiting on the referee for a few moments. The entire time we couldn't tell if it went over the bar or under."

When the official finally raised his arms, members of the Central Valley team broke out

in celebration, but Austin did not have time to enjoy his accomplishment.

"None of that really processed because we still had to go to overtime," he said. "I was playing receiver and safety at the time, so I was thinking about how we need to go back out there and win this game."

Central Valley eventually stole a 62-55 overtime victory from Shadle Park. Later that night, calls began to pour in.

"It started with a phone call at 2 a.m. from Good Morning America, they wanted to put him on to start the day," Freddie said. "The Ellen DeGeneres Show called him, along with all of these newspapers and television stations."

Austin said he was surprised by the flood of interest he received after video of his kick was posted on YouTube.

"I don't think I was even able to go to class for more than five minutes before I was pulled out for another interview," Austin said.

Despite the positive exposure from media outlets, Freddie said the experience proved to be surprisingly difficult for his son.

"The crazy part is that he is not the kind of person who wants attention, so it was a little overwhelming in a sense," he said. "As much as he appreciated it, he didn't want to just be remembered as the kid who kicked a 67-yard field goal. And that's kind of what drove him to Idaho."

### The path to Moscow

Austin's journey to the college field began on the soccer pitch. His skill set had an immediate impact on peers when he joined the local youth soccer league.

"I kind of had a big leg in soccer," Austin said. "Kids would run out of the way when I shot it at them."

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FOOTBALL

## WAC takes interest

Big Sky move heavily influenced by Staben

**Tess Fox**  
Argonaut

A report from the Lewiston Tribune Thursday suggests Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear did not favor moving Idaho football to the Big Sky Conference in 2018.

A week before the decision was announced, Spear penned an email draft to Idaho President Chuck Staben asking to delay the decision.

"President Staben, The more I reflect on this decision, the more I think it is important that you delay the Big Sky decision for the

following reasons," Spear wrote. "1. We have a number of spring sport championships that will be completely overshadowed with an announcement in May. This would be unfortunate for those student-athletes. 2. Football has endured an investigation and getting removed from the Sun Belt. I don't think it is fair for the student-athletes and coaches to endure another setback. There are a lot of positives heading into next season. 3. An announcement now will tremendously impact fundraising."

On April 28, Staben, Spear and Idaho head coach Paul

Petrino met with the media to announce the drop from the Football Bowl Subdivision to Football Championship Subdivision.

The decision was controversial, coming just 58 days after the Sun Belt Conference dropped Idaho.

Many Idaho fans are still bitter about the outcome. A Facebook page titled Fire Staben has reached 142 likes since its creation April 28.

Idaho charged the Lewiston Tribune \$911.14 to collect the 645 emails sent and received by Spear and Staben.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

## Nationally ranked

The Idaho women's golf team took on tough competition in Colorado

**Mihaela Karst**  
Argonaut

On Monday, the NCAA women's golf rankings were announced, and sitting in the 22nd spot were the 2016 Big Sky Conference Champions — the Idaho Vandals.

"It is an honor and a tribute to our team and university to be ranked this high early in the year," Idaho head coach Lisa Johnson said in a press release. "We will use this as a springboard for the rest of the season."

Shortly after hearing the good news, the Vandals competed at the Golfweek Conference Challenge

### Scoreboard:

- Amy Hasenoehrl: +7 223
- Sophie Hausmann: +9 225
- Michelle Kim: +9 225
- Clara Moyano: +12 228
- Kendall Gray: +12 228

Monday through Wednesday in Wolcott, Colorado.

Sophomore Sophie Hausmann sat in fourth place after the first round, firing a 1-under-par 71.

In ninth was senior Amy Hasenoehrl, who shot a 1-over-par 73.

The Vandals totaled 304 after the first round.

On Day Two, Hasenoehrl fired a 2-over-par 74 to finish tied for 22nd. Hausmann finished the second day with a 5-over-par 77.

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## Sports briefs

### To the west

The Idaho cross-country team competes in the Washington Invitational Saturday in Seattle. The women enter the meet after a win against Gonzaga Sept. 17. The men came in second against the Bulldogs.

### Volleyball falls

The Idaho volleyball team lost 3-1 (22-25, 18-25, 25-19, 18-25) against North Dakota Thursday in the Memorial Gym.

Junior outside hitter Becca Mau led Idaho with her first double-double of 17 kills and 11 digs.

The Vandals take on Northern Colorado 7 p.m. Saturday in the Memorial Gym.

### Meet and eat

The third annual women's basketball tipoff dinner is 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$30 for members of the Fast Break Club. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a live silent auction and an opportunity to meet players and coaches. Dress is casual wear.

### Soccer returns

The Idaho women's soccer team returns to Moscow 4 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals take on Northern Colorado in the first home soccer game since August.

Idaho plays again 1 p.m. Sunday at Guy Wicks against North Dakota.

### Competing for the Palouse

The Palouse Tennis Club will be conducting the Fifth Annual Tennis Championship of the Palouse Oct. 8-9 at Washington State. The event is open to adult tennis players of all levels. Competition includes singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Entry deadline is Oct. 3.

Enter Tournament ID 600028416 at [www.tennislink.usta.com](http://www.tennislink.usta.com).

This is a USTA-sanctioned event. Information provided by Dean Funabiki.

## FOOTBALL

# Protect the Dome

Idaho looks to defend the Kibbie Dome against Troy

### Brandon Hill Argonaut

After three weeks of away games, the Idaho football team returns home to begin Sun Belt Conference play.

"Our leaders did a great job coming back after two tough games and getting ready to play," Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said. "They're just different right now because they have been winning. Winning inspires everyone to play harder."

The Vandals take on Troy Saturday for the Homecoming Game.

On Sept. 24, Troy (3-1) used a balanced attack to win 52-6 over New Mexico State. Quarterback Brandon Silvers threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns. In the run game, Troy used multiple

players to gain 207 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Jordan Chunn led the rushing attack with 64 yards.

Troy's deadliest factor was its run defense. The Trojans gave up 94 yards on the ground, forcing the Aggies to give up 43 rushing yards. Troy had 13 players with tackles for a loss.

However, the Trojans' secondary defended against long passes from New Mexico State's quarterback Tyler Rogers. He threw for 445 yards and hit six different receivers. The Trojan defense recorded five interceptions.

Idaho sophomore linebacker Kaden Elliss made two interceptions and one pass breakup

against UNLV Sept. 24.

Junior quarterback Matt Linehan applied several methods to control Saturday's offensive game. He used carries and short throws, like the slant

route to senior wide receiver Callen Hightower, which gave Idaho the winning touchdown. However, Linehan struggled with deep passes. On multiple occasions, Linehan threw long and missed his receiver. According to Petrino, the long passes were part of the game plan.

"Even all the way back in the summer, we knew we were going to throw the ball deep on them," Petrino said. "We hit some and got some (pass interference calls)

and could've hit a couple more."

Senior kicker Austin Rehkow continues to anchor special teams. Rehkow landed five punts inside the opponents 20-yard line and made both field goals from 33 and 40 yards out.

The Vandals (2-2) fumbled on returns against Washington and Washington State. Idaho did not give up the ball once against UNLV.

"I thought (Troy would) probably be our hardest home game," Petrino said. "It looks like that will be the case."

Idaho kicks off against Troy 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

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REVIEW

# Big Sky bummer

*New conference app offers little appeal to fans*

On Sept. 22, the Big Sky Conference debuted a new mobile application with social media company TopFan, Inc.

Assistant Commissioner Jon Kasper praised the release of the software, stating it “not only will provide access to our live streaming events, but will also allow us ways to engage with our fans.”

The application meant to provide a stronger platform for fans across the league. However, the program underwhelmed due to a lack of content.

The app’s launch started on a bad foot and was met with confusion and controversy.

The night before the release, the official Big Sky Twitter account tweeted a

statement advising followers to “be on the lookout for a big announcement coming tomorrow!”



Josh Grissom  
Argonaut

The tweet generated buzz among football fans, who incorrectly assumed the conference would move to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

The Big Sky communications department was forced to dispel the rumors several hours before the reveal, setting up a disappointing atmosphere for the program’s release.

The initial launch of the application fell flat and the software itself did little to excite conference fans.

The layout of the program is user-friendly and easy to understand, but many

users have reported the app unexpectedly shuts down.

In addition, components of the application can be very misleading. The large banner at the bottom of the home page, with the words “Watch Live” doesn’t link viewers to live video feed.

Rather, the software sends users out of the application to the BSC website.

This has disappointed a number of fans, including myself, who hoped to use the app to stream live athletic events.

However, the app provides several positives.

Video highlights from recent events continually run across the screen, allowing users to catch updates from different teams.



The application also provides opportunities for fans to connect to the conference through Facebook and Instagram.

While the application is free, it does not provide the substance Big Sky fans were hoping for.

Users would be better served by visiting the conference’s website for updates and live video, rather than wasting storage space on mobile devices.

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OPINION

# The Northwest’s gem

*Gonzaga basketball continues legacy in 2016-2017 season*

Gonzaga basketball is a wintertime staple in living rooms across the Pacific Northwest — my family’s included.

Matt Bouldin was my first crush. Mike Hart taught me a jump ball is just as important as a perfect jumper. My little sister met Rob Sacre at a Subway in Kellogg, Idaho. The story is immortalized among my extended family, told and retold every year.



Lyndsie Kiebert  
Argonaut

It seems silly — immortalizing college kids for being good at a game — but my childhood idols were Courtney Vandersloot and Josh Heytvelt for good reason. The romanticizing of Gonzaga basketball is totally justified, nostalgic snappiness aside.

Gonzaga’s most recent tally of enrolled students just misses the 7,500 mark. It’s a tiny, Catholic school with a weird name, tucked into the busy streets of Spokane.

Yet, the name has gained national recognition, thanks to 18 consecutive appearanc-

es in the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. Coach Mark Few is the winningest active head coach, leading all others with a .80 winning percentage.

The team has been a fixture in the national rankings over the last few years and proven itself against the likes of UCLA in recent national tournaments.

Gonzaga is a Cinderella story, an underdog to get behind, and this is all said without mentioning the women’s basketball program, which has its own need for notoriety.

There are many reasons Spike the Bulldog graces the television screens of young and old basketball enthusiasts all winter long. If I’m not careful this column will become a love letter to few, and no one wants that.

The Zags’ first tip-off of the 2016-2017 season is just over a month away. Now is a time for predictions, analysis and statistic nitpicking. That said, there are several rea-

sons to keep an eye on Gonzaga’s men this coming season.

Perhaps the biggest reason — both physically and metaphorically — is center Przemek Karnowski. The Polish giant was sidelined during the 2015-16 season, his senior season, due to back issues. He took a medical redshirt year and had surgery in December.

There was speculation Karnowski would move on to the NBA, instead of staying at Gonzaga. Lucky for diehard fans, Karnowski is sticking around. There is a lot of innate value in a 7’1” 300-pound presence under the basket.

But Karnowski’s worth doesn’t stop at his own ability to score or defend — his presence draws defenders away from the arc, expanding the team’s in-and-out scoring opportunities. Open threes lead to open post-ups and vice versa. The cycle never stops.

In short, it will be good to have Karnowski’s always-improving presence on the court where the effects won’t go unnoticed.

It was also announced in May the West

Coast Conference tournament will remain in Paradise, Nevada, at the Orleans Arena, for the next three seasons.

In the last eight years the tournament has been held there, Gonzaga has been in every tournament championship game and won six of those appearances. I’m not calling superstition here, but why ruin a good thing?

A total of 15 Zag games are guaranteed to be broadcast on ESPN networks during the upcoming season, so it’s the perfect time to hop on the bandwagon. Before long, people won’t be calling Gonzaga a Cinderella story or an underdog. The program has simply proven itself for too long as a national contender to be Cinderella anymore.

With a centerpiece like Karnowski and a legacy of excellence behind it, the 2016-2017 Gonzaga men’s basketball team will be one to watch.

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OPINION

# A loss in the golf world

*The world of golf mourns the loss of a well-rounded legend*

As a young golfer, I looked up to a many faces I saw on TV, from Phil Mickelson to Rory McIlroy. No one stood out like Arnold Palmer.



Mihaela Karst  
Argonaut

Palmer was the one of the first names in golf I ever heard. From his game to his clothing brand, Palmer’s name is everywhere in the world of golf.

Before Palmer came to the scene, the golf was seen as a game for the elite. The country club membership requirement ostracized most that didn’t fit the bill.

Palmer came from a middle-class family and got his clubs from his father, who worked at their local country club.

“Arnold Palmer democratized golf, made us think that we, too, could go out and play,” said House Speaker John Boehner in a USA Today press release.

After working every job available at his local country club, Palmer went on to play golf at Wake Forest College. He toured professionally in 1954.

I think Palmer transformed golf into a working man’s sport. Suddenly it was possible for a middle-class individual to enjoy the relaxing sport, without a country club

membership. He brought golf to the main stage of sports.

Throughout his career, Palmer earned 95 professional wins, including 62 PGA Tour wins — the fifth most of all time.

Palmer was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009 — the highest civilian awards given in the United States.

Palmer was known for his kindness and willingness to teach. On multiple occasions he was seen giving lessons to presidents — starting with President Dwight Eisenhower and ending with President Barack Obama. Palmer has been putting in the White House since the 60s.

After lessons, he could often be found giving hundreds of autographs to fans waiting outside of the White House.

Arnold Palmer, 87, died Sunday in Pittsburg from heart complications. “The game has given so much to Arnold Palmer,” Jack Nicklaus said in a press release, “but he has given back so much more.”

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Competing for success

*Sarah Sharp brings loud, competitive spirit*

**Luis Torres**  
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On the court, Idaho volleyball coach Debbie Buchanan describes sophomore outside hitter Sarah Sharp as self-motivated.

"The biggest thing is she has a competitive spirit," Buchanan said. "She's got fire, she wants to win and she's going to be locked in. Those are all things you can't find always in kids."

Off the court, Sharp said she enjoys reading and spending time with family and teammates.

"I talk or text to my parents like all day, every day and we're all super close in my family," Sharp said. "The team, even outside of volleyball, we all hang out together and super close and that really helps too."

Sharp is working on a degree in childhood development and family relations.

"I really want to work with children, maybe child care or be a child advocate," Sharp said. "That's really what I'm searching for right now, like what exactly I want to do. I know it has to do with helping kids and even helping families."

Sharp's family helped her choose the career path.

"I grew up in a tight-knit, big family," Sharp said. "That's part of the reason why I'm choosing this career because there's always babies running around with grandkids, nieces and nephews. I think that had a lot to do with my choice and my major."

Sharp was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, but calls Filer, Idaho, home.

She played volleyball and bas-

ketball in Filer. Sharp earned All-Conference volleyball honors in 2013 and collected 375 kills and 266 digs.

She also helped her high school basketball team win the 2014 Idaho 3A Girls State Basketball Championship.

After redshirting her first year, Sharp played 29 games for the Vandals in 2015.

She finished fourth on the team with 2.57 points per set and third with 66 blocks.

Sharp said she's been working on her comfort level on the court.

"As a freshman, I was unsure of myself quite a bit," Sharp said. "This year I'm really trying to just be really loud and active with my teammates, lots of talking and celebrating. There's just a difference in maturity from freshman to sophomore year."

Sharp said being loud helps the team stay positive.

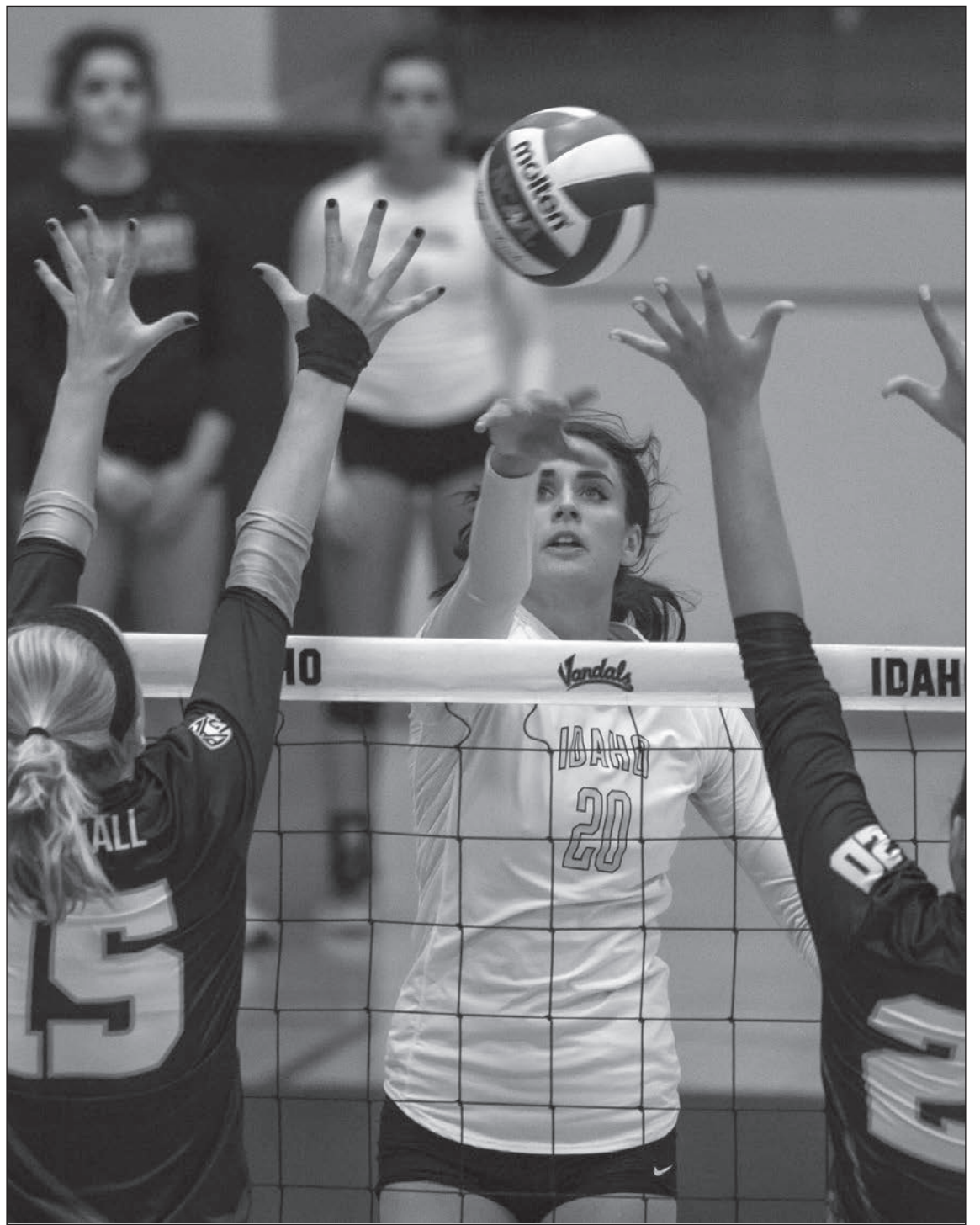
"One thing that I know helps our team is when we're all celebrating really loud when we do get points and get good kills," Sharp said. "Even just celebrating the little stuff helps boost a person's morale and starting gaining momentum."

She led Idaho with a career-best 20 kills Sept. 22 against Montana State.

Buchanan said Sharp continues to make progress as a player.

"From last year to this year, she's made a ton a growth," Buchanan said. "She's getting better from a defensive position and getting a lot stronger which is allowing her to stay in plays a little longer, and offensively she's continuing to grow as a player."

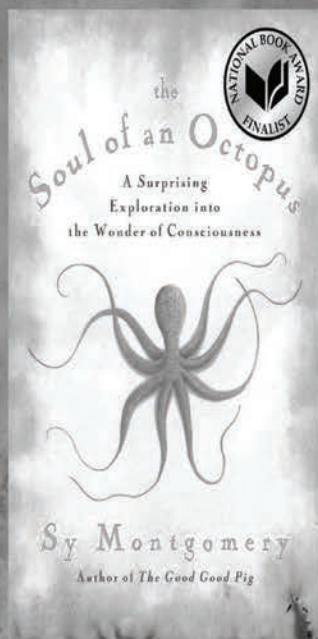
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Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Sharp spikes the ball against Oregon State Sept. 16 in the Memorial Gym. Spencer Farrin | Courtesy

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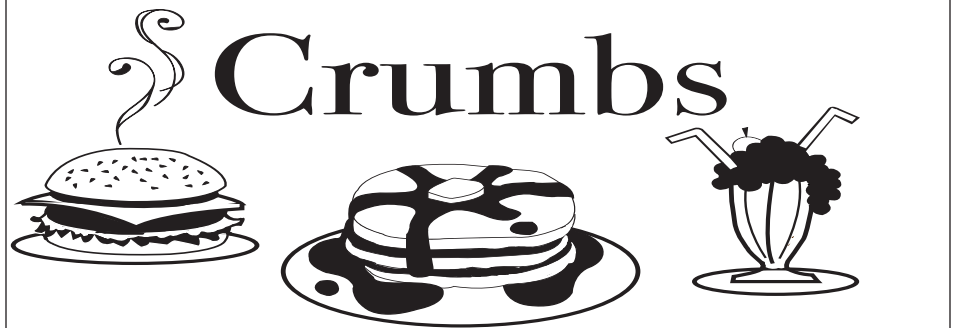
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# Forde in Germany



Idaho alumna Ali Forde (left) pictured with the Bad Aibling Fireballs, her professional team in Bad Aibling, Germany. The Fireballs play Saturday at home. Bad Aibling Basketball | Courtesy

**SOCCER**



Senior midfielder Clara Gomez runs the ball against Gonzaga Aug. 26 at Guy Wicks Spencer Farrin | Courtesy

## Not a daisy-picker

*Senior soccer player escapes the bustle of California*

**Tess Fox**  
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Senior Clara Gomez doesn't remember much about when she started playing soccer, but she does remember her father, Jorge Gomez, who is her biggest inspiration.

"I mostly remember my dad being my coach and staying with me after practice and working on things even as a kid," she said. "He was so passionate about soccer with me."

Jorge's love for soccer, however, was not passed on to Clara's sister, Daniela.

"She tried (to play soccer)," Clara said. "She was one of those ones that picked daisies in the field. We're completely opposite people. She was (into) makeup and hair, clothes and fashion. It's weird how you grow up in the same house and are so different."

Clara played three years of varsity soccer in high school with a group of girls she characterized as "tough."

"They were a really hardcore group of girls," she said. "They wouldn't back down from a fight. You got some backup on the field and you definitely want them on your side."

Clara played for two years at Cerritos College in Norwalk, California.

The Falcons won state championships both years Clara played at Cerritos.

However, the Orange, California, native decided she wanted to leave California to

finish her degree. Clara arrived at Idaho for the spring offseason before her junior year.

"I came out here and I definitely wanted to get out of busy California," she said. "I came out here and just connected with all these girls. These girls really make you feel part of the family."

Idaho head coach Derek Pittman said Clara had to transition to a new type of play at Idaho.

"I was concerned a little bit about how she would adjust to the speed of play, the physicality of the game at the Division 1 level," he said. "It was very important for her to be here during that spring semester when she transferred in, to get acclimated."

After an adjustment period, Pittman said Clara meshed well with the team.

"She continues to be an integral piece in our defense and our offense," he said. "I think that's what I love about her the most is she can play on both sides of the ball. She defends very well... she's a big threat for us on the attack. I think she's had a really positive story here."

Clara graduates next spring with a degree in exercise science. She plans to become an occupational therapist after completing a graduate program.

"I've worked with elderly people, younger people," Clara said. "I really like the younger crowd. They're a lot of fun to work with."

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**REHKOW**

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After noticing his son's kicking abilities, Freddie decided to experiment one night while the two waited outside the school gym for basketball practice.

"We had a football and one of those plastic tees," Freddie said. "I told him he had been kicking a soccer ball for so long, why not try a football?"

The results surprised the pair, as 13-year-old Austin began booting field goals from 40 yards out. Freddie reached out to Spokane Shock kicker Taylor Rowan to teach Austin the specific aspects of kicking.

"You kind of pick and choose the things that work well for you," Austin said. "There are so many people that tell you there's only one way to do certain things, when that's not the case."

Despite a powerful leg, Austin earned very little attention from college scouts. He received only one offer before his record-breaking kick: a partial scholarship from Eastern Washington.

After video of the 67-yard field goal went viral online, he heard from coaches throughout the Northwest.

"Oregon offered him a walk-on spot, but we knew at the time that the team hardly ever punted or kicked," Freddie said.

After several weeks of consideration, Austin turned down the original offer from Eastern Washington in favor of Idaho. He said he was excited to hear from the Vandal football program, but was unsure of what to expect when former head coach Robb Akey left the program.

"I didn't get to know Coach Petrino until after New Year's, which was when he was hired and I came in for my official visit," Austin said. "He must have liked

what he saw, and I liked my trip to the university. He was gracious enough to offer me a scholarship, which was a big deal for me."

Both Freddie and Kim said they were happy with Austin's decision to come to Moscow.

"He's far enough that he has his own space," Freddie said. "But he's a family guy, he loves being able to come home, especially to visit with his brothers."

Austin said one of the benefits to playing at Idaho is his family's ability to attend home games.

"I have an awesome family that has been able to support me all four years here," he said. "I don't think my dad has missed a home game, and my mother and brothers have been to just about every home game as well. Just to have them be a part of it all and see them is a huge blessing."

After watching Austin's success in the Kibbie Dome, his three brothers began to follow in his footsteps. Ryan Rehkow, a senior at Central Valley, recently committed to Brigham Young after earning Class 4A All-State First-Team honors as a punter. Ryan also recorded field goals of 52 and 57 yards as the team's place-kicker.

"He's going to be better than I am," Austin said. "It's cool to kind of trail blaze the path and see them pick up on it."

**Reflecting on a career**

Now in his fourth year with the Vandal football team, Austin has developed into the top kicking prospect in the Sun Belt Conference. The senior has tallied 50 field goals and 103 extra points through three-and-a-half years of play.

Austin's accomplishments placed him on the watch list for the Lou Groza

Award this season, which is presented to the best collegiate place-kicker in the nation at the conclusion of the season.

"It was just a lot of practice," Freddie said. "People don't understand how much time he puts in to get where he's at."

Over the course of his collegiate career, Austin has kicked at venues across the nation, ranging from Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium to USC's Memorial Coliseum.

"One of my most memorable kicks was at Jordan-Hare Stadium in the third quarter," Austin said. "You've got the SEC crowd, the lights on at night, and to knock it through was a surreal experience."

Austin said his favorite performance was his freshman homecoming game in 2013. He converted four field goals attempts, including a 25-yard kick with 6:16 left in the game to seal a 26-24 victory over Temple.

"It wasn't really a game-winner at home, but it ultimately ended up being a big part of it," Austin said. "The first one is going to be the one that sticks with you forever."

On Saturday, Austin will walk on the Kibbie Dome turf for the final homecoming game of his collegiate career.

"It's going to be bittersweet," Austin said. "Homecoming has always meant a big crowd, and as seniors you want to leave a mark on the program. Obviously we want to win a bowl game this year, but to walk out of here 4-0 on Homecoming Week would be incredible."

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**WAC**

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Sun Belt in February. The emails suggested Staben was pro-Big Sky before the presentation.

"I feel more strongly that we need to plan to move to Big Sky," Staben said in a Jan. 5 email to Spear.

Spear had drafted an independent schedule for 2018 and called it feasible but difficult in an interview with the Tribune.

Spear said he stands by his email draft.

"At the time I thought a delayed announcement was important to allow us to focus on season ticket sales and fiscal year-end fundraising," Spear told the Tribune last week.

Spear said fundraising and season ticket sales have taken hits.

Several emails the Tribune received were from donors who threatened to stop donating to the football program.

Western Athletic Conference commissioner Jeff Hurd approached Spear about recreating a WAC football league at the FBS level.

"Although (former Big Sky commissioner) Doug

Fullerton had interest, one of my concerns is that the new Commissioner might consider it too much of a risk to have on his/her plate right shortly after being hired," Hurd said.

In two separate emails, Spear spoke positively of a FBS conference.

"It may be time to get the WAC to take 6 football schools and form an FBS league. It would certainly save the WAC," Spear said.

Spear said the league would require partnerships with other schools.

"The WAC has traction and I look forward to influencing the Big Sky from within. I know I can convince Montana and Montana State to jump...we need to lock arms with them," he said. "And a bowl win changes everything! I know our kids will be motivated!"

The WAC would need eight members to qualify as an FBS league, six for an FCS league.

"Ultimately, President Staben made the decision to move to the FCS," Spear said.

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**NATIONALLY**

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Idaho sat tied for 11th with 36-hole 602s at the start of the last day.

Hasenoehrl finished the final day with a 4-over-par 76, giving her a total 7-over-par 223 — tied for 33rd.

Hausmann ended with a 5-over-par 77. She ended the tournament

with a 9-over-par 225.

The Vandals finished the tournament with a 13th place finish with 30-over-par 894.

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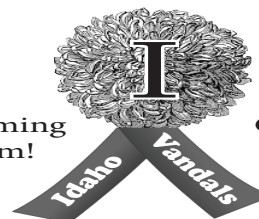
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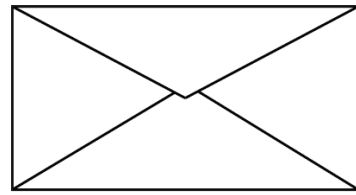
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OUR VIEW

## Follow the money

Homecoming Week prompts review of funding from student fees

Students who attend the University of Idaho pay for more than just an education. Their tuition and fees fund programs to enhance the overall student experience on campus. These range from promotional Homecoming Week events to organizations like the Idaho Cheer Team, the Women's Center and the athletic department. These student-funded organizations and events are critical in making an education at UI more than just four years of classes and dorm rooms. These help make the student experience one where people can get involved in activities they are passionate about, allowing them to create a positive impact in their lives and in the Moscow community. Some students are critical of how their student fees are being spent, especially when the money goes toward programs or events they view as unnecessary. Students vote with their feet, and the events and programs that matter most to students are typically the ones with the highest attendance. With that being said, it is beneficial to take a critical look at how student fees are being spent, and the conversations that determine how the money is allocated. The allotment of these funds is a robust

process that requires strategic planning. Every organization that receives funding from student fees must complete a form detailing what the organization does, the challenges and opportunities it has, its goals for the future and alternate funding options. This is done annually, along with an audit of the organization's budget and purpose. The Dedicated Student Activity Fee Board is made up of seven people: four representatives from ASUI, two representatives from the Graduate Professional Student Association and one representative from the Student Bar Association. They decide how students' money is allocated across the various departments. The people in charge of these decisions are smart. They care about the students at this university and how their money is being utilized, because they are students as well. There is not a reckless use of funds, because every decision requires consultation with peers. ASUI has had the allocation budget almost halved in the last few years, meaning they have to be more fiscally conservative. For instance, the Senate floor had a debate over how much money should be spent on homecoming fireworks. This topic was discussed for at least 45 minutes before the proposal was dropped from \$1,000 to \$750. This fee was proposed for the bonfire fireworks only, as the rest of the set budget for

homecoming had been used on all the other events for the week. This set budget uses \$1 per student in fees and pays for every event that the Homecoming Committee created this year. Of the \$550.75 fee each full-time student pays every semester, \$127.96 goes to intercollegiate athletics. This umbrella helps support 16 scholarship sports and 350 student athletes, as well as covering the cost of free admission for every student to Vandal home games. Only \$0.75 goes to the Native American Student Center and \$19.50 goes to Student Media. Much of the money that some organizations, such as Student Media, spend goes back into student pockets in the form of salaries. The student fee is a substantial amount of money, and it is on ASUI to ensure it is being spent in accordance with student desires and university goals. Homecoming Week provokes a need to revisit these spending policies, as illustrated by the decrease in funds put toward the fireworks show. Students should attend ASUI functions and answer polls so that their voice can be heard. If they feel strongly on a certain funding issue, they should contact their senator and share their opinion on how fees should be better spent.



**OFF THE CUFF**  
QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

- Go!**  
Vandals. Go. That is all. — Jack
- Homecoming**  
Be safe this weekend. — Tess
- School spirit**  
Show some this weekend. #JOEfortheGOLD — Mihaela
- Vandal pride**  
It's a good week to be a Vandal. — Hailey
- Being a Vandal**  
Means coming together as a strong community, even though we know we're not perfect. Happy homecoming. — Erin
- Homecoming**  
With the Moscow Block Party and Serpentine on the docket for Friday, I suppose no one has heard an update in the India-Pakistan tensions? Hint: they're not good. — Claire
- Sickness**  
I thought I was going to avoid the Moscow plague but it has finally caught up to me. With it only being six weeks into the school year I think that's a new record. — Tea
- Flu season**  
I tried to go full-on Hillary this week — crashed and burned. That woman has "stamina." #Imwithher — Nick
- A long-term investment**  
After the first debate, I will be voting third party. My vote will likely not make an impact, but I can't consciously vote out of fear. I will be investing in the long-term future instead of this short-term panic. — Catherine
- SpaceX**  
The company has some bold plans for the colonization of Mars. I'm not sure how feasible it is, but the program is beginning to generate a buzz. — Josh
- Heat**  
Warm weather late September is refreshing. Not even in my days in California had I felt warm weather in September. Then again, I've been living in the northwest since 2003. — Luis
- College advice**  
A short nap a day keeps the crying away. — Kevin
- Seasons change**  
It's remarkable how one month, one week, or even one night, can bring so many changes. Feeling pretty good about this one. — Diamond
- Sister trumps Vandals**  
I hope the Vandals win their homecoming football game — meanwhile, I'll be in Genesee cheering on my little sister at her varsity volleyball tournament. Go Lady Cats. — Lyndsie



## Homecoming perspectives

Lack of promotion makes homecoming low-key, and that is OK  
Homecoming Week has descended upon the University of Idaho earlier than usual in recent years, and the result is a truer sense of the word. Students came home to Moscow a little over a month ago, and the time has come to get together with everyone in the community as well as all of the returning alumni. It's a time for celebration, chants and camaraderie stemmed from sport and competition. It's an exciting time to be a Vandal. Many students complain that UI's homecoming is Greek-oriented, that students off campus and in the residence halls are left out of the events or forgotten in the traditions. These arguments rarely hold weight, seeing as it's not anyone's job to herd students



to homecoming events. Students in the residence halls live a short walk away from most events — Serpentine passes right below most of their windows — and off-campus students can find out when events are happening online. But there is one valid homecoming-oriented complaint: UI does very little to advertise or promote Homecoming Week to students in all living situations. While some might see this as a weakness on the university's part, I am grateful. As a senior about to complete my four-year program, I am proud to be a Vandal, and yet I feel no need to participate in homecoming events to prove it. I've done the whole shebang in years past — the parade, Serpentine, the fireworks and the football game.

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Homecoming Week is a time to show pride and make memories  
The early stages of fall bring crisp air, a colorful campus and most importantly a feeling of nostalgia. The sense of nostalgia that comes with the season brings none other than the greatest of traditions: Homecoming Week. Homecoming, put simply, is one of the biggest traditions for a student. It is meant to signal the return of students to their schools, a place to call home for nine months out of the year. But homecoming can be so much more than that. A week of entertainment, events and school spirit is the best way to cultivate pride in the University of Idaho community. Homecoming Week brings together students,



families, the people of Moscow and alumni in one place for a short time to showcase Vandal pride. UI homecomings are large events for a fairly small but close-knit town. That is precisely the reason it is so great. The town I grew up and attended high school in was also fairly small, but held grand homecoming events. My love for a week dedicated to school spirit and tradition definitely stemmed from those four years. There is nothing better than taking joy in an event everyday after school, or participating in school functions with friends. I knew high school would eventually come to an end, so taking part in every aspect of homecoming and taking in

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# Spirit as status

Taking a look at university school spirit in the United States

School spirit, or school pride, is a distinctly American thing. The branded clothing, team colors, mascots, cheers, tailgates, football and academic prestige — these are all big parts of what make American universities what they are.

So what exactly is school spirit? And is it a good thing?

School spirit is the emotional support for one's educational institution. It's the mindset of, "We're all in this together, and we're on the same team." It creates a bond between students, faculty, staff and even people that have no connection with the university but still enjoy following the university's sports teams.

It brings a distinct atmosphere to the campus by creating a sense of belongingness and unity. It's human tendency to have the desire to be part of an exclusive community, and school spirit is a natural expression of that.

In contrast, students in England are proud to attend their universities, but at the end of the day to them it's just a university. American students have a sense of pride in the heritage and identity of their university that seems lost in English students.

This is the case not only in England, but most of the world. And though not all American college students feel this sense of school pride, especially those who live off campus, it is still prominent in the majority of student bodies.

What sets American universities apart from other countries in terms of school spirit is football — the American sport of choice. There is an immense emphasis on football in American, largely because of the nationwide interest in intercollegiate football, so the sport is a vital catalyst for school spirit.

Why do American universities make football so central to their identities? Soci-

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School spirit starts to become unhealthy when esteem becomes a crutch, or a substitute for the student's identity.



Andrew Brand  
Argonaut

ologists at the American Sociological Association offer an explanation on why American universities are so football-obsessed: Intercollegiate football is a system for marking and distributing status among universities. This status is important for universities beyond the realm of athletics — it affects their prestige. But even status takes a backseat to money, and it should be noted that college football isn't just fun and games — it's a business that generated a combined revenue of \$3.4 billion in 2013 and continues to rise every year.

The school spirit starts to become unhealthy when esteem becomes a crutch, or a substitute for the student's identity. A student isn't defined by the university they attend. Maybe school spirit is the method for universities to make more money or gain higher attendance, or maybe it's just a piece of America's personality. Whatever the case, in moderation the school spirit can be a unifying force that brings people together. It's good to celebrate with friends and colleagues, and it's good to have something to cheer for.

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# The killer of curiosity

No Child Left Behind fails to prepare students for college

Most American millennials can recall the phrase "teaching to the test," and many of them produce a guttural lament after hearing it.

This hatred stems from the student's entire education entailing memorization and strategies for state-standardized testing in place of long-term learning.

If a person has had any relationship to controversial education topics in the last 14 years, they've already heard the explanations regarding No Child Left Behind (NCLB) at least once.

This bill, like others created by the Bush administration, fed on American citizens' temporary blind nationalism immediately after the events of 9/11. There has been little observation on the impact such degrading politics made on students.

High school graduates of 2015 were in kindergarten when the bill was passed. Thanks to NCLB, these students are facing new challenges in college.

It is unusual to walk into a classroom and find 35 students asking questions, not about the subject matter of what has been covered in class, but about what the teacher likes, how they prefer essay questions phrased and the do's and don'ts of comparisons.

This is common on campuses now, as students who have experienced 12 or more years of scared teachers, desperately searching for the "right" way to get students to pass erratic testing, now are forced to learn in an environment designed for diverse education.

After being a lab rat for over three-fourths of their lives, it is challenging for students to use what they learn practically — not just for the sake of passing a test.

Though a key concept of NCLB was accountability, those who supported the bill have yet to taste any of this account-

ability medicine for their utter failure as politicians. All they did was force teachers to create standardized-testing-Frankensteins who could magically become 11 percent more "proficient" each year — a hopeless task in the first place.

While Bush lies leisurely on a ranch in Texas, reaping the benefits of a Harvard and Yale education pre-NCLB, students across the country play the game they have been taught to do: beat the test.

Creativity and ingenuity are thrown out the window, and students can be seen with dilated pupils in a lecture hall the minute a question is phrased that forces them to exhibit their understanding of the relevance of the subject.

Not only have students lost their ability to take a test on critical thinking in comparison to short-term memorization, they have lost their ability to fail.

With a massive increase in A's given to students on an array of assignments and tests, mediocre to high-achieving students expect to receive such notes from all teachers and classes.

There are many factors that lead to a rise in the 'A' range of students, but one can logically be traced back to teachers who had no other way to get their students to be "proficient."

If teachers are threatened with a federal reduction of funds and potentially their jobs, they'll find ways to get students where the government says they need to be.

Although there were many victims of NCLB and it's careless lark of the U.S. education system, students have been shuffled through the system, a practice that Bush supposedly wanted to eradicate with the bill.

As reforms now seek to repair the damage NCLB has caused in elementary and high school education, college students need similar rehabilitation to avoid becoming educated machine cogs.

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## Mailbox

I recently read the article "Relationships among rivalry" published in the Sept. 16 issue of The Argonaut. The piece suggests, in debating the posited rivalry, that the tension between our two schools either does not exist or we the Vandals are "hated" by Cougar students. Based on my own experiences dating a WSU student, I would never suggest the Cougars hate us. On the contrary, I would suggest that the Vandals do not register on the Cougar radar at all.

Moscow, rather than being the home of a respectable and fierce student body, is the place Cougars go to buy tacos, bulk foods and cheap liquor. This is made most apparent by the local businesses of Moscow and Pullman. Walk from the Vandal Campus to Main Street, and you'll see a dozen Cougar logos beckoning WSU students into Moscow businesses.

On the other hand, you would have to look pretty hard to catch even a glimpse of Vandal pride in Pullman. In fact, over the course of four years I have managed to find only two pieces of Vandal gear in the Cougar hometown: a sticker on the window of a car dealership and, at one point, a flag hanging from the recreational marijuana shop. Although I can under-

stand Moscow businesses taking advantage of Cougar spirit to support the Moscow economy, I have always wondered why Pullman doesn't see the same light.

What accounts for the disparity between our two schools in the Palouse? The answer is a simple but painful truth: there is no such thing as Vandal pride. Our school lacks a spirited identity. You can shout "Go Vandals" out of your car window, but it's more likely you'll get a confused, "Who, me?" than a spirited response out of any passing UI students.

Perhaps this is because for the past several years the Vandals have had a confusing football team, something we hope to see change with a return to the Big Sky Conference, but the truth is I don't know how we can define ourselves when we are already giving so much to Cougar students.

All I know for sure is that this school has done so much for me. My blood proudly flows silver and gold, and yet every time I walk through our beautiful town, all I see is crimson.

— Zack Dethlefs  
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# Expanding empathy

*Students should explore wide range of values and experiences on campus*

I saw a baby in the library last week. It was the first baby I had seen in months, with fat cheeks and soft wisps of hair. She was cute.

I was so lost in an upcoming math test, a discouraging bank statement and the weekly crises of young adulthood that it took my brain a couple seconds to process what a baby is.

For those privileged enough to come to a place like the University of Idaho and enjoy a traditional university experience, college is a strange slice of life. Students step outside the world for several years in order to find their place within it. They move to a steady

rhythm of studying, working, shopping, sleeping, cooking, weight lifting, partying and volunteering while surrounded by thousands of others who do similar things. The self-contained college experience leads to self-absorption. Any life that isn't student life fades.

One loses sight of babies. Being young makes it easy to forget how big the world is, and how little of it a single person can experience. For a variety of reasons, I don't have access to the joy of painting, the challenges of motherhood or the innermost thoughts of a grocery store clerk.

Even without learning how to paint, bearing children or having a close relationship with a grocery store clerk, I can and should recognize that all these experiences indicate a rich and complex human condition.

It's hard. When the guy at Winco is spacing out instead of scanning my raisin bran, I'm irritated — not empathetic.

Our society struggles to find the empathy needed to reach across differing values and life experiences. There is no national conversation about gun violence, policing or terrorism. Instead, two divergent and increasingly insular echo chambers complain about the other side.

Anybody who gets their news

exclusively through social media is deep inside one of these echo chambers, and that isn't my opinion — it's math. Twitter and Facebook are designed to show users things they will agree with.

The amount of places in America where people can encounter, engage and empathize with views they find uncomfortable or unacceptable continues to shrink.

But Moscow, a blue dot in a sea of red, is unusual in its diversity of thought.

Here we have flower children and bible thumpers, tree-huggers and gun-clingers. We have readings at bookstores downtown. We have panel discussions at the 1912 Center. There's that guy who shouts things in front

of the library. Listen, think and empathize.

It is easy to be too busy for other people, especially when they hold discordant views. Finding the right crowd and shutting out the rest of the world is seductive, but it wastes our most valuable resource — our collective emotional trivia. We don't have a coherent community if we cannot listen to and empathize with one another.

It starts with seeing how someone's day is going, or asking why something matters to them.

Talk to people. Love people. Look outside yourself.

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# America's ego death

*To fix this nation's problems, citizens must first fix themselves*

Two years and one month ago, America watched as a suburb in St. Louis named Ferguson was ablaze with unrest.

Since those days, it seems as if every week there's a new story about an unarmed black man killed by police, or an ambush-style attack that leaves other officers dead or wounded.

The past two years, America has seen countless renditions of phrases that have become incredibly overused. "Black Lives Matter" vs. "All Lives Matter" has turned into a debate where there should be none.

The United States has turned into a nation busying itself with debate over which phrase is more appropriate to place on a picket sign. Rather than focusing on dealing with the problems of this great country, Americans have gotten into a massive cyclical debate over whose deaths should be more widely mourned.

There are black families that are destitute

and broken in the massive urban centers of America. There are white families addicted to injecting themselves with heroin in the rural communities of America's heartland. There are Hispanic families that fear one of our nation's presidential candidates will attempt to deport them, along with 11 million others.



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People of all backgrounds, ethnicities and religions find themselves scared and fearful of the future. The common denominator is they are all Americans.

This massive nation, both in size and population, is destined to have big problems. But Americans can work together — no matter skin tone or racial identity — to fix these issues.

Some will continue to claim that Black Lives Matter is an illegitimate movement because some police officers have been killed in horrific shootings. Others will continue to claim that those officers did not deserve to live because they are part

of a profession that has historically been known to oppress people of color.

These citizens can refuse this imagined dichotomy and acknowledge the truth — they do not need to pick one life or the other. Society can have both. Men and women of all races deserve to feel safe.

America is suffering from many great sicknesses. The sicknesses of racism, sexism and general xenophobia have been with this country since its inception. But I contend that the greatest sickness Americans suffer from is the sickness of the ego.

Americans' obsession with themselves has gripped this country with a deep-set narcissism that they cannot seem to escape. Anything that threatens the American identity is hated and feared.

From the lowly internet blogger obsessed with proving feminists wrong to the democrat in the nation's capitol that believes all Republicans are Nazis and refuses to work

with them, this nation faces gridlock and an inability to compromise.

If Americans wish to create a world free from hate, they must first create a world free of the ego. All it takes is a conscience effort to not base actions on the irrational fear and hate that egos often facilitate.

Once Americans stop focusing on making themselves feel right, and instead begin focusing on making the world right, there will be real change in this country. Once the human ego is removed from the equation, society will no longer have to worry if "Blue Lives" or "Black Lives" matter more. America can finally be, as the great Martin Luther King Jr. put, "free at last."

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## PROMOTION

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Because I go to a university that doesn't shove homecoming down my throat, I can comfortably sit out of this year's festivities without guilt or ridicule.

This isn't to say I won't come back to Moscow during future Homecoming Weeks. I see myself toting my kids around, taking them to get gyros at Mikey's and making them pose for photos on the couches in The Argonaut office. I am a fan of this community, and what better time to show my kids how fun Moscow can be than during the weekend of homecoming?

But the hype of homecoming is mostly confined to two days: Friday and Saturday. While walking to and from classes this week, even downtown to get coffee and study, I saw little evidence of homecoming. A lot of my friends caught themselves on Wednesday just realizing this week had relevance.

It's refreshing that I can carry on



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my regular routine during the week without feeling obligated to write a jingle or decorate my door, because honestly, even though I'm proud to be a Vandal, I'm proud in a

different way.

I am proud when I wander the stacks in the library and realize how many resources I have at this institution. I am proud when I interact with people of all backgrounds and ambitions, with the common ground that we're all Vandals.

The university knows being a proud Vandal is not defined by taking part in every homecoming event — pride is a year-round thing.

Though the lack of homecoming promotion on the administration's part might seem a missed opportunity to some, I see an institution that offers academic success, with a side of fun.

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## PRIDE

FROM PAGE B7

every ounce of school spirit became a tradition in itself. Now even though I have college homecoming weeks to love, those memories made in high school are still great to look back on.

One day, UI students will look back on their college careers full of memories and pride in what they accomplished while there.

School weeks that carry such eventfulness are far and few between in the college setting. So, seven days of excitement and amusement that cater to the college-age demographic is what makes going to college so wonderful.

The football game, the Homecoming Parade, the fireworks and the bonfire are just some of the main events that all scream tradition.

Though for some students, Homecoming Week isn't all it is chalked up to be. That is OK. Not every event or ritual is going to cater to every student. However, it is not just Homecoming Week events that make it so special.

What makes Homecoming Week exciting is that everyone is back in the same place ready to take on another

school year with pride and spirit.

Not everyone has to share in the exact homecoming experience. Homecoming is what a student makes of it. If simply sharing the week with friends while doing something completely different from the week's planned events is what a student wants, then that makes for a great homecoming week as well.

However, there really is something for every student to partake in. Sometimes it just takes a little planning when it comes to some peoples' crazy schedules.

Everyone should be able to enjoy a week that advocates school spirit and togetherness.

Later in life, when students have left college far beyond, there will come a time where fall returns and that same nostalgic feeling takes over. Reminiscing over college days will bring about fond memories, and I am willing to bet many of those memories will be from Homecoming Week.

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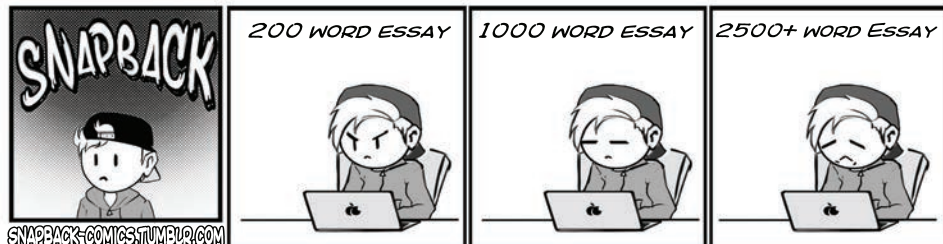
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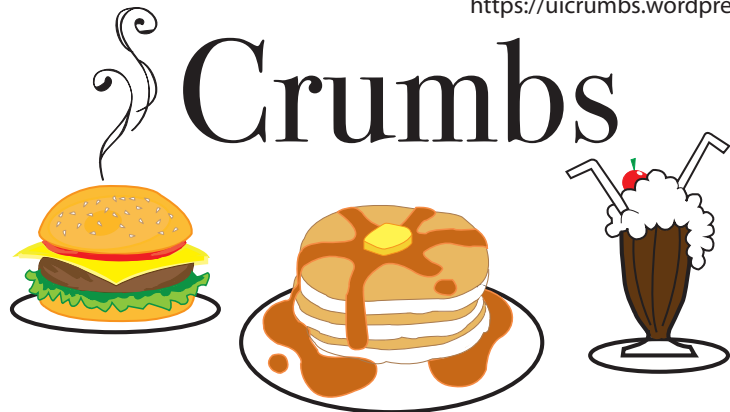
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