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Students relax on the Theophilus Tower Lawn during Palousafest Aug. 20. Palousafest was UI's annual academic year kick-off event.

Enrollment takes a turn

University sees first overall enrollment increase since 2012

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

The University of Idaho appears to be moving in the right direction to meet UI President Chuck Staben's long-term enrollment goals based off new numbers released by the university this week.

According to a press release issued Oct. 19, overall student enrollment for fall 2016 is up 3.6 percent from last year to 11,780 students.

The last time UI saw an overall student enrollment increase was 2012.

UI Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek said the increase was due to a number of factors, including barriers the university worked to remove for high school students, such as eliminating a \$60 application fee for in-state students.

New high school students contributed to the enrollment increase, going from 417 to 784 students for a 93.6 percent increase.

Wiencek attributed that increase to students enrolling in dual-credit courses.

"We've seen a significant increase in the number of high school students enrolling for dual-credit here in the fall, and so that impacted our enrollment numbers more substantially than we anticipated," Wiencek said.

Wiencek said consistent future enrollment increases are the plan. He said the goal for next year according to the strategic plan is roughly a 5 percent increase in overall enrollment. The 5 percent increase would have UI at 12,000 students this academic year and 12,500 by next year.

New student enrollment is up by 20 percent, from 3,753 students to 4,503. Continuing student enrollment numbers are down 4.5 percent, from 7,619 to 7,276.

International student enrollment was

also an area of decline, down 10.5 percent from last year.

Wiencek said that decline was due to global trends of reduction in foreign home country support, especially from oil-producing countries that may be facing decreases in production. Wiencek said UI administrators have been in conversation with a variety of vendors who could help set up a kind of pathways program for international students to brush up on their language skills, get their transcripts up to UI standards, take courses and do more to prepare them to transfer into a mainline program to study at UI.

"So, we are going to be hopefully putting something like that in place within the next year and we think we'll be able to turn those international student numbers around," Wiencek said.

The decline in international students does not appear to have negatively affected

UI's ethnically diverse students. The number of UI students who identify as a member of an ethnic or racially diverse group increased from 16.2 percent in fall 2015 to 23.2 percent in fall 2016, according to a press release.

Moving forward, Wiencek said the university's No. 1 focus is on faculty and staff, and making sure they receive a fair market wage.

"We lose quite a few of our staff to Washington State and we want to retain them here," Wiencek said.

He said the administration also wants to get UI's recruiting team completely rounded out and put a bigger emphasis on student retention.

"We're cautiously optimistic that we can push retention up this year," Wiencek said.

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ASUI

Campaigns on campus

Local legislative races staffed almost entirely by UI students, alumni

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

Anne Zabala views the University of Idaho campus differently than most people.

Zabala, a recent UI graduate, works with university students as the campaign manager for Sen. Dan Schmidt, D-Moscow, and Laurene Sorensen, Democratic candidate for the Idaho House of Representatives. She is also president of the Idaho Young Democrats.

Zabala said she knows first-hand how difficult it is getting students to the polls and to vote in local elections. It's difficult to contact them and they usually have relatively low knowledge about local elections compared to long-time residents.

But everyone working for her, on staff or as a volunteer, is a student from UI.

A common goal for students working for campaigns and non-partisan organizations has been to encourage peers to register to

vote throughout the semester.

ASUI lobbyist Rachael Miller, who works for Caroline Nilsson Troy, R-Genesee, is part of the College Republicans group, which tables once a week, two hours at a time, and succeeds in registering 10-15 people each week. Though she is happy they are reaching students, she said the rate they're going is not enough to meet their goal of registering 300 new voters in time for the election.

"Caroline would love to be more active on campus, but the problem is students don't care about local elections," Miller said. "But she definitely hasn't written off the student population."

Zabala said her team has registered more than 200 new voters.

"But that doesn't indicate turnout," Zabala said. "There's a lot more steps with new voters than with reliable voters. You have to get them registered, but then you also have to get them informed and to the polls on Election Day."

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FACULTY SENATE

Cat euthanasia analyzed

University to review policy on trapping and euthanizing animals on campus

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

The University of Idaho did not follow university policy when Campus Veterinarian Peter Autenrieth captured and euthanized seven stray cats over the summer, said Dan Ewart, vice president of infrastructure.

The university's administrative procedures manual does not mention euthanasia, but does contain guidelines for trapping. It states that all traps set for reasons other than research must be set and monitored by either Animal Control or the Humane Society.

"It became clear we were not following some of our own policies," Ewart said.

Ewart presented 13 recommendations for future policy on animal control to Faculty Senate Tuesday, which he said the animal control task force presented to UI President Chuck Staben Sept. 30.

The list included recommendations that the university clarify its policies on animal control, that any animal control methods used be efficient and humane and that policy be applied to all UI campuses around the state.

Faculty Senate Chair Liz Brandt said animal control at UI campuses outside of Moscow was never an issue before, but she is glad the task force chose to recommend encompassing other campuses and properties.

"We are not currently trapping animals on campus," Ewart said. "Euthanasia and trapping are suspended unless there is an imminent threat to our campus community. More work is required before any long-term decisions are made concerning trapping or euthanasia."

This does not leave out of the question trapping or euthanasia in the future. Ewart said the methods have not been ruled out in the case of serious situations, but he expects the university to at least adopt stricter guidelines regarding the practices.

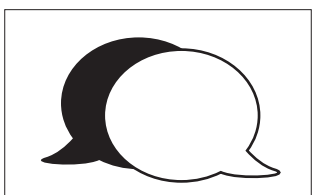
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A Crumbs recipe

Snickerdoodle apple cobbler

This delicious snickerdoodle apple cobbler brings the perfect combination of sour and crisp apples with sweet cinnamon spice and soft sugar cookies. It is the perfect time of the year to indulge in this sweet and simple treat. A few ingredients and a short time in the oven makes this a wonderfully warm desert.

Ingredients

Apple mixture

- 6 medium peeled granny smith apples
- 3/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

Snickerdoodle topping

- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1/2 cup of granulated sugar
- 3 teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1 package of sugar cookie dough
- 1/2 stick of cold butter

Directions

1. Peel and slice apples
2. Mix apples with brown sugar, cinnamon, granulated sugar and vanilla
3. Let sit for 10 minutes for sugars to break down and form a sauce
4. Mix together brown sugar, granulated sugar and cinnamon
5. Roll pieces of the cookie dough into quarter size balls and coat them with the sugar and cinnamon mixture
6. Pour in the apple mixture and sugar-coated dough balls into a deep baking dish
7. Cube the butter into small chunks and place around the cobbler
8. Bake in the oven at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 50 minutes

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COMMUNITY

The family, the food, the beer

Lutheran Campus Ministries holds annual Oktoberfest

Jack Olson
Argonaut

Historically, the Vandals were a tribe from what is today called Germany.

So, it's fitting that last Saturday, some more contemporary Vandals celebrated Oktoberfest in the 1912 Center of Moscow.

The Moscow Oktoberfest was hosted as a fundraiser for Lutheran Campus Ministries (LCM), the largest organization that meets at the Campus Christian Center on the University of Idaho campus.

A student representative and leader in LCM, Mikayla Sievers, helped organize

and publicize the event. She said the event was the best-attended Oktoberfest since it started in Moscow two years ago. While there were some UI students and LCM members in attendance, most visitors were community members and members of a local Lutheran church.

An overall German theme held strong at the event.

"I think the biggest appeal is that this is a German culture event," Sievers said. "We've got a German band here, we've got people walking around in the German regalia. I think that's a really big seller and the fact that you can get traditional German food, which you can't find in a lot of places in Moscow."

Near a table lined with red cabbage,

bratwurst and hungry guests was the band "Auf Gehts," a side-group to the Community Band of Palouse. They played polka and a song today's American listeners would call "the chicken dance," which got several children and adults dancing.

Several attendees wore German garb. One guest, Keith Gunther, said he bought his outfit as a Halloween costume a few years ago. He said he has been to Germany seven times, but never attended a German Oktoberfest because of the large crowds.

This year was Gunther's third time at the Moscow Oktoberfest. He said the atmosphere keeps him coming back.

"The beer, the food, there's some family

here, some friends," Gunther said. "I like the band. They couldn't make it last year."

LCM Minister Karla Neumann Smiley said the idea of an Oktoberfest event came from their desire to do something new, rather than the same old dessert auction every year. When they found out that Moscow didn't have an Oktoberfest celebration, that gave them inspiration.

"Seeing as the Lutheran church came out of Germany and Oktoberfest is a big German celebration, we thought it was a good thing to try," Smiley said.

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Police log

Oct. 13

West Palouse River Drive, Gritman Wellness, 11:12 a.m.

Someone sliced open rain gutters with a sharp instrument and pulled them from the building at Gritman Wellness.

Oct. 14

Walenta Drive and Taylor Avenue, 4:28 a.m.

A stolen white Chrysler was found crashed in the middle of the road.

200 block Taylor Avenue, 9:26 a.m.

About \$1,000 worth of items reported stolen from an unlocked pickup truck.

200 block Taylor Avenue, 9:41 a.m.



2000 Ford Explorer was forcibly entered with a stereo and toolset stolen from inside.

200 block Taylor Avenue, 2:39 p.m.

Someone stole bagpipes, knives, ammo and a camo jacket from a vehicle.

100 block Baker Street, 3:42 p.m.

Theft of a Honda Civic. The vehicle was later found parked just down the street from where it was stolen.

Oct. 15

West 6th Street, Wallace Complex, 2:21 p.m.

\$300 worth of clothing and makeup stolen from inside an unlocked car.

South Jackson Street and West 1st Street, 8:02 p.m.

21-year-old female arrested for a DUI with a BAC of .24 after a UI employee re-

ported driving consistent with being intoxicated.

South Jackson Street, Jimmy John's, 11:27 p.m.

Intoxicated male and female were reported for engaging in a heated dispute. Both refused to press charges, but were cited for minor in consumption.

Oct. 18

1200 block Ponderosa Drive, 8:11 a.m.

Report of Halloween decorations that were stolen from a front yard.

West 6th Street, Wallace Complex, 2:45 p.m.

Someone tried to blackmail a man who had masturbated on Skype video with the alleged blackmailer, who threatened to send the video out if the man didn't send money.

800 block East Public Avenue 7:13 p.m.

An MPD Sergeant helped an elderly woman figure out how to use her phone after she called and said someone told her to call 911 to get help with the issue.

Extra note:

Between Oct. 10 and Oct. 16, at least six cars and four bikes were stolen, and at least five vehicles were broken into. At least three of the stolen vehicles have been recovered from what police believe to have been a joy riding spree.

Police Tips

How to prevent vehicle thefts and prowls

- Park in a well-lit area.
- Keep your windows rolled up and doors locked.
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— By Captain Tyson Berrett

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STAFF

Presentation and compensation

Staben reiterates strategic goals, new ruling for overtime and salaries for staff

Andrew Ward
Argonaut

With the University of Idaho's strategic plan becoming a reality, UI President Chuck Staben reaffirmed his goals at the latest Staff Council meeting Oct. 12.

Staben said he wanted to present to the Staff Council to refresh and review on some aspects of the strategic plan and to discuss issues within the plan that pertain to current and future staff.

Staben reviewed a nationwide survey by the Chronicle of Higher Education, which examines workplace satisfaction levels among faculty and staff. He said the overall numbers for UI were a little bit lower than anticipated. Staben said the university is

currently working on some things that could have a positive impact on morale, such as increasing compensation.

"We do know that compensation is an issue," Staben said. "We also know that the nature of the distribution of compensation, and how jobs are compared and classified is also an issue."

Staben said the university is making a large effort to get to market-based salaries, which he believes will address some concerns amongst the staff. Staben said he believes if UI can achieve its strategic goals of growing enrollment, the university will grow its net tuition, and that is where the money will come from to help employees.

Staff Council also discussed the change in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The FLSA determines which employees are eligible for overtime pay.

To be exempt from overtime pay, an employee must make a certain amount per year, also known as a minimum salary test.

Greg Fizzell, Staff Council Chair, said that starting Dec. 1 the minimum salary will increase by nearly double.

"The impact from that is that when UI has staff that have been exempt from overtime, that no longer meet the new salary test, then they'll have to go from exempt to non-exempt status," Fizzell said.

Fizzell said because of the change some staff will move from a salary to an hourly wage. This is beneficial, because staff must be paid overtime for anything more than 40 hours a week, he said.

"When you're an exempt staff member, and you earn a salary, you are paid a sum to do your job," Fizzell said. "Sometimes it'll take 40 hours a week, or it can take 60 hours a week, and you don't get paid overtime for that."

There are drawbacks to the change, he said. The new language will also affect em-

ployee benefits such as vacation time and retirement plans.

Fizzell said exempt employees accumulate more vacation time per pay period than a non-exempt employee. Exempt employees also have a different retirement plan than non-exempt employees.

Fizzell said people at the university want to help employees who will move from exempt to non-exempt in December by allowing them to keep the vacation time and retirement plans they already established.

"There are about 140 employees that will be affected by the new salary test," Fizzell said. "We'd like them to be able to keep the same vacation accrual, and retirement plans that they've had since becoming employed at UI."

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CAMPAIGNS

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Schmidt, first elected in 2010, has experience campaigning to voters in Latah County.

"What was really interesting for the Democrats was the number that showed up for the Democratic Caucus," Schmidt said. "Now, I don't know if they will be back for the election."

Schmidt said students are uniquely difficult to engage in an election.

"The way I've been taught to campaign is you find the voters and remind them to vote," Schmidt said. "But if students aren't here for the summer, you can't find them. If they move apartments, you can't find them. If they've moved away, but they still show up in the system, you can't find them."

ASUI Sen. Tanner Beymer, field director for the Republican Party in District 5, said many students actually vote, but they vote absentee to their hometown. He said many students don't know they can vote in local elections after living in the district for only 30 days. Beymer said though he was a passionate voter in his hometown, he has been registered in District 5 for the last four years.

"This election is not just Trump and Clinton," Beymer said. "You're also voting for representatives in the legislature who represent this area's unique needs."

Sorensen said it's a better civics lesson to register and vote locally because students get to have more personal interactions with the candidates.

Sorensen said although most UI students will only live in District 5 for a few years, their participation is still important given how much the univer-

sity is a part of the local economy and community.

"Students in college are largely part of the community they come from and some see Latah County as just part of their route of going to where they want to," Sorensen said. "So, a big way to get more students to participate locally is to help them identify how they are a part of the community."

Troy, who worked at UI for 12 years as a fundraiser and executive director of development, said decisions made in the legislature have just as much an impact on students' lives as what happens at the federal level.

Troy said it was easy to decide to work with students in ASUI and the College Republicans due to her history with the university.

McKenzie MacDonald, who also works for Troy, said she wishes more of her peers cared about local elections.

"It's always really hard when there's something you really, really care about and the people around you don't," MacDonald said. "It can be really disheartening to see people disinterested."

MacDonald said this doesn't stop her from talking about local politics as much as she can to get her peers involved.

Beymer said people look at him like he's crazy when they see how involved he is in local politics.

"As is the case with politics, most of the time it's you're either dyed-in-the-wool or you couldn't care less," Beymer said. "But I think there can be a good balance between the two."

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CAT

FROM PAGE 1

In case the university resumes trapping, the university purchased a chip scanner to check if the trapped animals belong to anyone, Ewart said.

Brandt said she was glad to see the university react quickly.

She said she thinks there are a variety of reasons the university may resume trapping and euthanasia in some form.

"Animals with rabies or that are causing property damage it might be safer to euthanize," Brandt said. "And it's cruel to the pets if someone owns them and

isn't feeding them."

Jodie Nicotra of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences said she would like to see a press release from the university detailing its plans to review the policy.

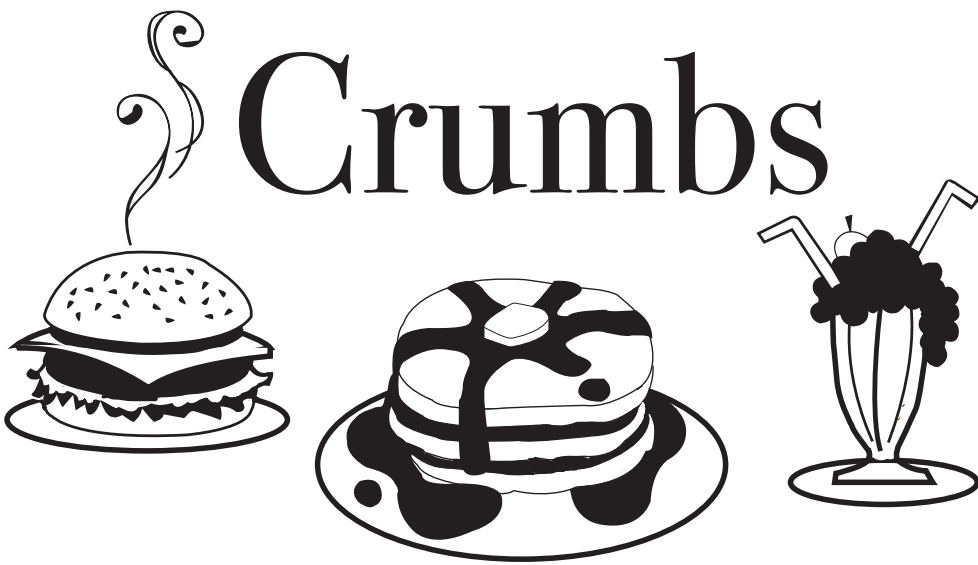
"The community is clearly outraged," Nicotra said. "But I felt like (the Moscow-Pullman Daily News) were trying to get people angry."

Nicotra said she hopes letting the public know the university is addressing the issue will relieve attention from the university.

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The football team lost in North Carolina

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SOCCER

Vandals win regular season



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The Idaho women's soccer team celebrates after a goal Sunday at Guy Wicks Field. Idaho won 4-0.

Idaho earns post season appearance over the weekend

Meredith Spelbring
Argonaut

The Idaho women's soccer team earned part of the Big Sky regular season championship Sunday with a 4-0 win against Souther Utah at a muddy Guy Wicks Field.

Eastern Washington is still up for part of the title.

Idaho challenged Northern Arizona Friday, earning a 2-2 draw in double overtime. The Lumberjacks started the scoring with a goal in the fifth minute. The Vandals responded with a goal from senior midfielder Clara Gomez. Freshman midfielder Emma Eddy brought in the assist.

The game remained tied into the second half as both teams continued to fight for the win.

Northern Arizona took the lead in the 70th minute.

The rest of regulation was a fight to the finish.

In the last 30 seconds of the game, it appeared the Lumberjacks would take the game. Senior defender Amanda Pease guided a corner kick into the net to force overtime. Both teams failed to score, ending the game in a tie.

Idaho head coach Derek Pittman acknowledged the strengths of the opposing team but was proud of the way his team fought through.

"Their goalkeeper made some huge saves for them today, held on to a lot of stuff in sloppy conditions," Pittman said in a news release. "But for us to score with five

seconds left to send it to overtime just shows our resilience and our mentality to continue fighting no matter what the conditions are."

Freshman midfielder Emma Eddy came up big in Sunday's game. Eddy scored two of Idaho's four goals.

Her first came minutes into the game with an assist from senior midfielder Elexis Schlossarek. Her second goal was in the 50th minute of play with the assist from both Schlossarek and junior forward Olivia Baggerly. The goals put Idaho up 2-0.

Freshman midfielder Myah Merino scored her first collegiate goal off a penalty kick to put Idaho up 3-0.

Freshman midfielder Morgan Crosby capped scoring for the game with a goal off a free kick.

Pittman said he was proud of his team.



"I thought we let up with it a little bit at the end of the first half and that's what we challenged them with at halftime, to come out and finish the job," he said. "The intensity, as well

as the quality of play, to go ahead and put Southern Utah away. We wanted to make sure we finished them off as soon as we could and we ended up getting a quality shutout and another win at home."

The Vandals head into their final game of the regular season against Idaho State 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field. The Big Sky Tournament starts Nov. 2.

Friday's game will determine who hosts the Big Sky Tournament.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Vandals impress in ITA

The men's tennis team fights for top spot in Vegas

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

Idaho's men's tennis team traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Mountain Regional Championship.

Junior Felipe Fonesca had the best showing for the Vandals in the tournament. As the only ranked player from Idaho, Fonesca defeated Kyle Pease of Northern Colorado in two close sets.

He went on the face against Pedro Platzack of Boise State. Fonesca failed to get an early lead, but won the next two sets 6-3 and 6-1.

His next opponent was second ranked David Micevski from Utah. Fonesca won the first set 6-4. Micevski took control and claimed the next two sets 6-3 and 6-2.

Fonesca took the consolation bracket by storm, beating three straight opponents. However, he too fell victim to Fernandez Del Valle and lost the quarterfinals match.

Freshman Guilherme Scarpelli lost his first set 6-1 against Utah's Joe Woolley. He caught a second wind in the next set and brought the score to 6-6 before losing 7-5.

Sophomore Lucas Coutinho saw more success. He defeated Ryland McDermott of Boise State in a tight match. Coutinho struggled early and dropped the first set 2-6. He won the next two sets 6-3, 6-3.

Coutinho advanced to the round of 64, but lost to No. 4 Alex Cozbinov of UNLV.

In the consolation, Coutino defeated Harun Ajanovic of Northern Arizona before failing to get past Pedro Fernandez Del Valle of Denver.

Freshman Esteban Santibanez faced off against Kevin Chauve of

UNLV. Santibanez prevailed 6-3, 6-3 before falling to New Mexico State's Christofer Goncalvas.

He continued in the consolation bracket, but lost his first match to Utah's Benjamin Heck.

Freshman Carlos Longhi Neto fought against Weber State's Stefan Cooper. Cooper won the first set by a narrow margin. Longhi Neto claimed the second set and fell 6-4 in the tiebreaker.

In the consolation tournament, he defeated Air Force's Dillon Launius in two sets of 6-3 and 6-1. He went on to face Fernandez Del Valle. Longhi Neto won the first set in a close 7-5 battle. He lost the second set 6-0.

Junior Mark Kovacs defeated Sam Tullis of Brigham-Young 2-1. He went on to beat Kris Van Wyk of Weber State before falling the Alex Gasson of Denver.

In consolation play, Kovacs debuted against Andrew Nakajima from Utah State. Kovacs won, but lost to Jack Swindells, also of Utah State.

Kovacs competed in doubles alongside Longhi Neto. The pair beat Northern Arizona 8-2 and UNLV 8-5. They fell to New Mexico 8-5 after.

Fonesca and Scarpelli could not defeat their New Mexico opponents. Santibanez lost early against Utah.

Coutinho and Santibanez lost their first doubles match and defeated four teams in the consolation. In the final rounds of the consolation, they defeated teammates Kovacs and Longhi Neto.

Idaho competes in the Bulldog Classic Friday at Gonzaga in Spokane.

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VOLLEYBALL



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Idaho head coach Debbie Buchanan meets with her team between set one and two Oct. 8 against Northern Arizona in the Memorial Gym.

Downward spike

Idaho falls in Portland for fifth consecutive loss

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team's losing streak continued with a 3-1 loss (13-25, 18-25, 25-18, 20-25) against Portland State Saturday at the Stott Center in Portland.

Idaho is fifth in the North Division and ineligible for the Big Sky Tournament.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said the team continues to struggle on finishing sets.

"If we played like we did in game three at the start, I think it would have been a different match," Buchanan said in a news release.

Portland runs (13-9, 5-5) had five 3-0 runs in the opening

set and won 25-13.

The Vikings continued their dominance in set two with an 8-0 run and a 25-18 win.

On the verge of a sweep, Idaho (7-15, 2-8) started set three with an 8-2 lead. Portland State proceeded to cut the lead down to one.

Junior outside hitter Becca Mau took the lead back with three straight kills, earning the set-winning point for Idaho.

She earned her fourth double-double of the season with 11 kills and 10 digs.

The Vandals ended set three with a team-best 0.34 hitting percentage.

Idaho continued the momentum into set four with two aces from freshman defensive specialist Tara Eaton.

Kills from sophomore outside hitter Sarah Sharp and junior middle blocker Torrin

Crawford put Idaho up 13-6, as Portland State called timeout.

The Vikings then cut the Vandals lead to 13-11.

Idaho errors resulted in a late 5-0 run by Portland State.

A kill by Crawford tied the set but the Vandals never regained the lead and lost 25-20.

Buchanan said there are positive outcomes despite another loss.

"We controlled all of game three and most of game four," she said "Then we let off and we are not at a point where we can do that. We need to make sure that we are really focused in on every single point."

Idaho returns home to face Idaho State 7 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Gym.

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FOOTBALL



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Idaho celebrates after scoring a touchdown Oct. 15 against New Mexico State in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho won 55-23.

Vandals fail to scale Appalachians

Offensive struggles to keep Vandals winless against Mountaineers

Brandon Hill
Argonaut

A tough road game got the best of the Idaho football team Saturday, falling 37-19 to the Appalachian State Mountaineers in North Carolina.

"I think most of our team played their tails off and played really hard," Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said. "We just made a couple mistakes and you can't do that when you're playing that good of a team."

The Mountaineers struck first on a 28-yard field goal.

After an Idaho punt, Appalachian State marched down to the Idaho 3-yard line. Quarterback Taylor Lamb fooled the Vandal defense with a read option and strolled into the end zone untouched.

Idaho (4-4, 2-2) scored early in the second quarter on a 33-yard field goal courtesy of senior kicker Austin Rehkow.

The teams exchanged punts and Rehkow

booted another field goal from 46 yards to put Idaho within four points.

At the end of the first half, Appalachian State led the Vandals 10-6.

To start the third quarter, Lamb threw three passes totaling 59 yards that led to a 24-yard field goal.

Junior quarterback Matt Linehan threw an interception on his first throw of the next drive. Mountaineer cornerback Clifton Duck caught Linehan's pass in stride and took it 44 yards to the end zone. The pick-six put Appalachian State up 20-6.

The teams exchanged field goals. The Mountaineers remained ahead 23-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Idaho's first drive of the final quarter ended in another turnover. Linehan intercepted again, this time by defensive back Josh Thomas. Thomas ran the ball back 26 yards to the Idaho 29-yard line.

A pass interference call on junior safety Desmond Banks gave the Appalachian State offense 15 yards on what would have been an incomplete pass. One play later, running back Jalin Moore found the end zone on a

five-yard run.

Down by 21, the Vandals tried to move downfield quickly. Duck earned his second interception of the day when Linehan tried to air a pass to senior wide receiver Jordan Frysinger. Duck won the jump ball and came crashing to the ground on Appalachian State's 11-yard line.

Idaho's defense prevented the Mountaineers from capitalizing on the turnover.

Lamb attempted to tuck and run but the defense punched the ball out.

Sophomore linebacker Ed Hall tracked down the loose ball and gave Idaho excellent field position.

Appalachian State contained Linehan and the running game. The Vandals were forced to kick a field goal.

Rehkow's 32-yard attempt sailed through the uprights, making the score 30-12.

With the score in their favor, the Mountaineers sent out backup quarterback J.P. Caruso. He found receiver Dante Jones in the end-zone for an 18-yard touchdown.

The Vandal offense put together a fifteen play, 87-yard drive that ended in an 8-yard

touchdown pass from Linehan to senior tight end Trent Cowan.

"It wasn't like all of a sudden you felt like they just took the game over," Petrino said. "We just made a couple mistakes and that's something we have got to learn from."

Linehan finished the game with 294 yards and completed 26 of his 41 passes. Cowan led in receiving yards with 118 on 10 catches. Senior cornerback Jayshawn Jordan had the most solo tackles of either team with seven.

Because of his near-perfect game, Rehkow now leads the Sun Belt in total points with 72 and field goals per game with 2.25. He ranks 11th nationally in field goal percentage at 0.9.

The win over Idaho puts the Mountaineers in second place in the Sun Belt behind Troy.

The Vandals will take on Louisiana-Lafayette 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in Louisiana.

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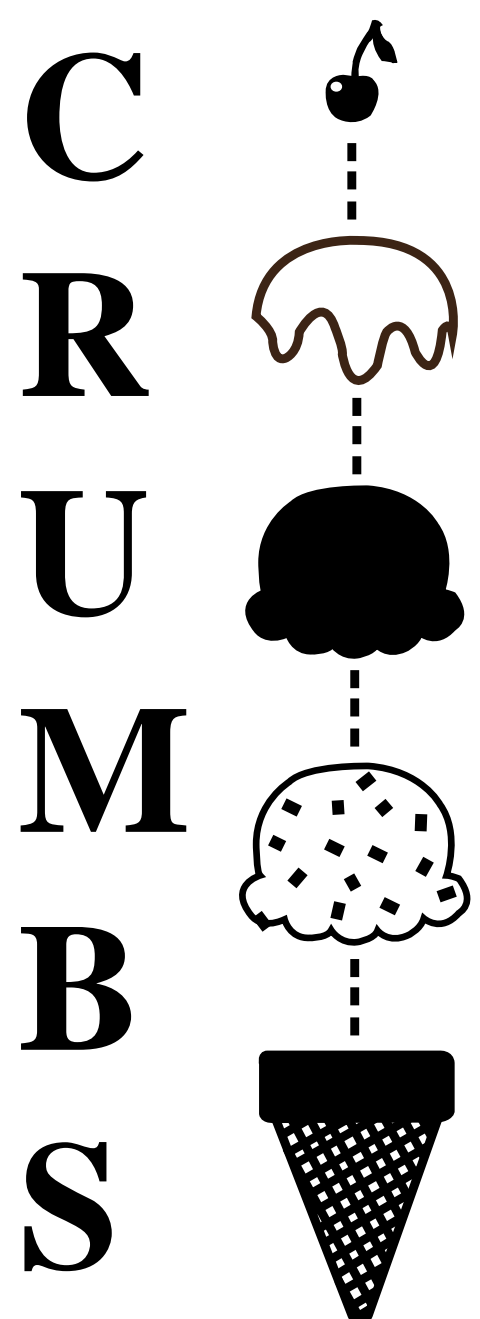
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ALL TIED UP



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Sophomore Joelle Stephens moves the ball down the field Sunday against Central Washinton on the SprinTurf. The Idaho women's club soccer team tied 3-3 with the Wildcats.

OPINION

Trump's concussion

The NFL faces criticism over stricter concussion-preventing penalties

During one of his many stops, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump spoke to the people of Lakeland, Florida, where he commented on the "softer NFL rules" regarding concussions in the league.

According to ESPN, Trump made the comments in response to a woman that fainted and then quickly returned to the audience.

"The woman was out cold, and now she's coming back," Trump told the crowd, according to ESPN. "See? We don't go by these new and very much softer NFL rules. Concussion, oh! Oh! Got a little ding on the head, no, no, you can't play for the rest of the season."

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton and Arizona Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer both sat out during week five due to concussions received earlier the previous week. These are only two of 35 concussions during the 2016 season.

The issue of concussions in football, from high school to professional, is not a new concept. It only seems like the problem has recently stepped into the limelight.

Athletes repeatedly taking hard hits to the head often face dire consequences. Many of them see symptoms of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy

(CTE), a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that doctors often diagnose athletes with.

I have heard complaints from my peers that the NFL and the referees are interrupting play too often to deliver penalties, especially after rough plays. The complaints are usually along the lines of "football is a contact sport," and "let them play."

These penalties are given in an attempt to prevent the athletes from developing serious, debilitating injuries. The penalties are a necessity to the safety of the players.

While some critics deem these rules as soft and unnecessary, I find them refreshing and encouraging.

It is important to try to teach athletes the appropriate way to play safe football. I think giving them a strict penalty, like a loss of yards during a crucial moment of a big game, is a way to get it through their heads.

In addition to trying to improve the safety at the professional level, coaches should be teaching athletes in pee-wee football leagues the importance of being safe. Stressing the importance of making correct tackles and aiming high at the bottom will help make the game safer in the long run.

I believe it is entirely possible to keep the integrity of the game intact, while still making the game as safe as possible.



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Sports Briefs

In the knick of time

Whistle tweets and shouts echoed across the SprinTurf Sunday as the Idaho women's club soccer team took on Central Washington.

The Vandals tied the Wildcats 3-3 after a back-and-forth matchup on overcast, fall afternoon.

Idaho won 8-1 Saturday against Washington State Tri-Cities.

Non-degree student Celina Fuss pulled a hat trick, in addition to the five goals scored by individuals.

Idaho head coach Mark Spellmire said the team kicked into gear Saturday.

"We started off slow," he said. "Then we picked it up."

Three of Idaho's goals came in the first half.

"After that, we kind knew it was just playing against ourselves," Spellmire said. "Not to let up, just keep going. We came back and scored another five."

Sophomore Joelle Stephens took a shot early in the first half of Sunday's game, only for the ball to slide past the frame.

Another close shot from Tessa Hassinger sailed past the net.

The second half started with a defensive struggle for both teams.

Central was the winner three times over, taking a comfortable 3-0 lead.

Hannah Etengoff took a shot, with an assist from Stephens. The shot was blocked.

Etengoff's next shot hit the net and sparked the Idaho offense.

"We realized this isn't OK," Spellmire said. "We picked it up ... in the knick of time."

Fuss followed with her fourth goal of the weekend and junior Frances Arend closed scoring and tied the game 3-3.

The Vandals play Boise State Nov. 5 and Eastern Washington Nov. 6.

The beginning

The Idaho men's basketball teams starts its season with an exhibition match against Carroll College 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Gym.



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THEATER

A peculiar spectacle



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"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" "virgins" stand up and cheer before the film at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Kenworthy has become a fun and frightening tradition

Every year during the fall season at Moscow's Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, things get a little rocky, with the showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

The Kenworthy is known for its eclectic and wide variety of film and entertainment, but its annual showing of the "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" takes the cake for the most interesting and peculiar film of the year.

Based on the 1973 musical production, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in its musical film format pays tribute to various horror and science fiction productions as well as sexual liberation, in a satirical, yet well acted pursuit.

The plot line revolves around a newly

engaged couple whose car breaks down in the middle of nowhere. The couple, Brad and Janet, find their way to a haunted looking castle, hoping to use a phone, but what they find is much more interesting.

After meeting several bizarre characters, the couple meets the head of the castle, Dr. Frank N. Furter, an apparent deranged scientist and self-declared transvestite from alien Transylvania. The scientist spends his time creating living muscle men in his laboratory from scratch, and after the frightened couple arrives, he unveils his newest muscled creation, Rocky. From there, a plethora of creepy and seductive musical numbers ensue.

The entire show holds twists and turns that one wouldn't expect to find in each musical scene.

After its release, the film quickly became a "midnight movie" where audiences found

more fun in interacting with the screen than simply watching it.

This film isn't just a quiet hour and 40 minutes of screen time. Noise making, throwing and audience interjection are all pieced together into the experience.

It has become a tradition during the month of October to show the 1975 cult classic, and the theater takes it one step further by adding in some tradition of its own. Along with the price of the ticket, film viewers also receive a bag of props to use during the showing. This bag is filled with all the necessary pieces to fully engage in the spectacle of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Some of the props include a glow stick to wave around during one of the first musical numbers and pieces of old toast to throw in the air when Dr. Frank N. Furter proposes a toast in the film. Playing cards and rice are also thrown around during several of the film's scenes. Party noisemakers and the

snapping of a rubber glove also add to the experience.

However, it is not just the props that make noise and cause a ruckus during the movie. Avid fans of the film add to the atmosphere by yelling at the screen and bringing in their own dialogue with the very quotable characters.

There really is a science to it all, but for most "Rocky Horror Picture Show" goes at the Kenworthy, it is their first time experiencing the whole production. These first timers are coined as "virgins" by the costumed staff at the Kenworthy, and wear a single "V" written in red lipstick on their foreheads for the duration of the movie. This fun aspect provides even more strangeness to the whole experience.

To put it simply, the Halloween season just wouldn't be right without a trip to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

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MUSIC

The Best of Bob Dylan

These tracks showcase the best of Bob Dylan's many albums

There are few artists that produce such a vast and poetic line of music like Bob Dylan has over the years. A contemporary troubadour for the younger generations of the 1960s and on, Dylan has created a plethora of albums and tracks that not only sound great, but also hold symbolic and figurative lyrics. Here is just a small selection of the most essential tracks from one of America's most poetic and influential songwriters.

Mr. Tambourine Man

From Dylan's fifth album "Bringing It All Back Home," this is a quintessential Dylan track. Released in 1965 and known for its immense imagery and sweeping melody, "Mr. Tambourine Man" is an ode to Dylan's folksy vibe and sound that carried him throughout the 60s and further. This track, wonderful in both its original and acoustic formats, is the best way to dive into the poetic lyrics and metaphorical images that Dylan has created.

The Times They Are A-Changin'

Another one of Dylan's early 60s songs, this track also bears the same name of his third studio album. In a time when change continued to sweep the nation, this song struck a chord with many, hence its very fitting title. A song with lyrics of purpose and influence, this is one track that undoubtedly makes Dylan an impactful songwriter and singer.

Like A Rolling Stone

"Like A Rolling Stone" took Dylan into an era of rock 'n' roll along with his bluesy folk roots. With an upbeat tune and recognizable vocals, this track is one of Dylan's best. This song strays from his usual sound in a small way and made way for folk music to combine with other genres in a new and unique style.

A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall

One of Dylan's earlier releases, this track is a classic to his famous sound. It came from Dylan's second album, "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan," in the summer of 1962. This song strays from some of his faster paced tracks with quick lyrics and chords. It slows down both his vocals and the melody of the song to create a nice laid-back folk vibe. Still, it is a powerful and complex track that, in true Dylan style, sounds like it proved to be inspiration for many current folk and indie singers.

Blowin' in the Wind

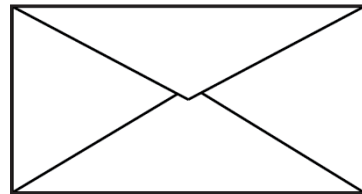
Quite possibly one of Dylan's most well known songs, "Blowin' in the Wind," is also a steadier track on one of his first albums. Some describe this track as a form of protest, but one thing is for sure — the lyrics beautifully showcase questions about war, peace and freedom. Dylan's distinguishable folk sound is very evident in his raspy vocals and echoed melody in this song. With a soothing and lulling effect, this track is the perfect Dylan song for kicking back and relaxing.

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OUR VIEW

Behind the numbers

UI enrollment numbers appear to be up, but appearances can be deceiving

University of Idaho administration has some cause to celebrate with this year's enrollment report.

New student enrollment is up 20 percent since the fall of 2015 and total enrollment is up by 3.6 percent. These numbers initially appear positive in the grand scheme of things.

Beneath the surface though, these numbers are not entirely truthful.

UI has experienced a drastic spike in new student enrollment. However, after a 1.4 percent decrease in overall enrollment last year, the recent numbers only put UI up by about 2 percent during Staben's tenure. Still an increase, but an even smaller one in context.

Also, the numbers show there has been decreases in almost all categories of returning students since 2015. Undergraduate continuing students are down 3.4 percent, graduate continuing students down 6.1 percent and law continuing students are

down 15.2 percent. As a whole, continuing student rates are down 4.5 percent from last year.

These statistics are rather alarming. There may be an overall increase in enrollment, and it shows that administrative focus on bringing new students to campus is working, but there is a large population of students that are not returning to campus. Roughly 350 students did not continue at UI this year. That may not seem like a significant number when total enrollment is 11,780 students, but every person matters when the university is trying to increase enrollment 50 percent by 2025.

According to the strategic plan, UI should be at 12,000 students by now, but the university is still far from this number. In order to try to get back on track, the goal is to now increase overall enrollment by 5 percent next year.

These numbers force community members to wonder where UI goes from here. As student numbers increase, staff and

faculty numbers will have to go up. This is especially important when facing a fear of low faculty member population, which could translate into larger class sizes and a reduced quality in education.

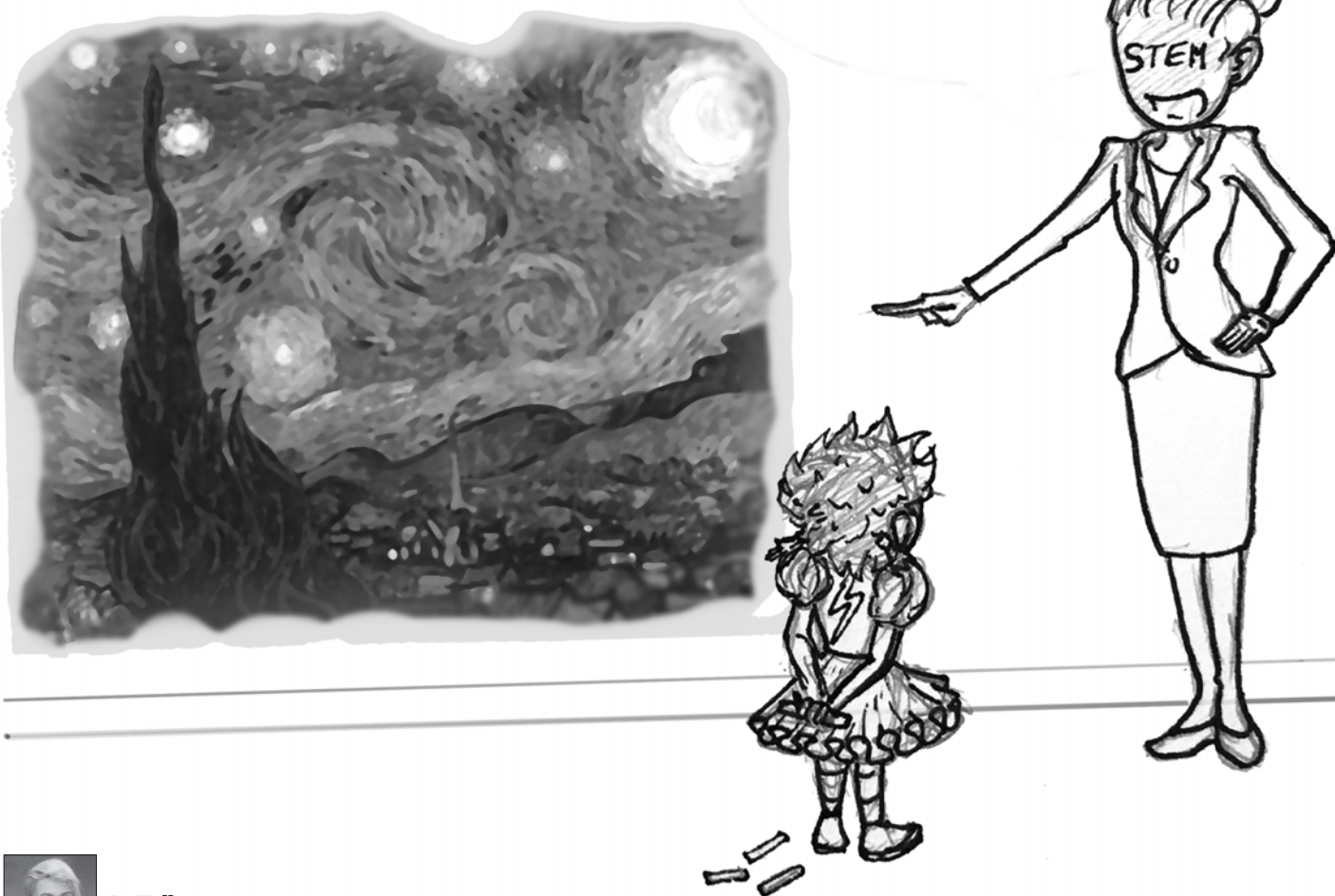
There is also the question of where all the additional students will go or how the increase of tuition money will be spent. Will it be spent giving faculty and staff raises so UI can be competitive, or will it be spent on a proposed arena project? Questions such as these are ones students should be looking into and the administration will have to answer.

All in all, UI still has a long way to go, despite the recent numbers. The increasingly lackluster perception of UI throughout Idaho forces administration to make some marketing decisions to keep the 20 percent increase in new students as well as the overall 3.6 percent increase in enrollment.

So celebrate for a while President Staben, but know that the work is only beginning.

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Bigger than the ballot

Voting isn't the only mode of political expression

As election day draws closer, voter drives, yard signs and (ugh) debates urge Americans to fulfill their civic duty by submitting a ballot.

It holds leaders accountable. It's the foundation of democracy. People have died to preserve this right. Voting is important.

But it's not that important.

For one thing, being informed matters more than voting.

The right to vote comes with a responsibility to care, to engage ideas and be informed citizens. An uninformed vote is worthless — it does not reflect the voter's values. However, an informed person who does not vote still has other modes of political action. The need for active and knowledgeable citizenry transcends the ballot box.

Volunteering for a worthwhile cause, writing a letter to the editor, protesting, attending a religious service, starting a student organization, calling a congressperson and any other involvement in this robust civil society just as much as voting.

These are political expressions that make waves in communities and affect policy.

The emphasis on elections leads people to believe that voting is the only form of political expression.

The emphasis on the role of the voter diminishes the role of the journalist, pastor, teacher, newsreader and other agents of communal action, which is fundamentally political action.

Just as Americans vote on the shoulders of civil rights giants, they organize communities on the basis of a constitution with unusual respect for civil liberties that has been upheld only through struggle. The sanctity and urgency citizens assign to voting should spread to all the political freedoms enjoyed in this country.

One's political identity is bigger and far more important than their vote.

Voters often treat their ballot as a referendum on their own character. This is how the strange situation arises where someone prefers one presidential candidate to the other, but will not vote for that candidate.

When the vote is the locus of political identity, only the most ideologically pure can

be chosen. The logical conclusion is the death of compromise and the end of nuance.

Alternatively, voters can accept that the lesser of two evils is also the better of two options, that political identities are more complicated than a ballot and that there are political mechanisms outside of elections.

According to MSNBC, President Lyndon Johnson constantly referred to the 1957 Civil Rights Act as the "nigger bill." He was casually racist and likely viewed disenfranchised African Americans as more of an electoral gold mine than an oppressed people.

I would have voted for him in a heartbeat.

A vote is not an endorsement, a stamp of approval or a marker of identity. It is an indication of preference. Americans more deeply express the values they want the United States to preserve in conversations, communities and daily lives than on a ballot.

Voting is the final step of participatory democracy — the foot across the finish line. But there's work to be done beforehand.

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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Las Vegas Review-Journal

The newspaper endorsed Donald Trump, while pretty much all the other major newspapers have endorsed Hillary Clinton. Meanwhile, I'm not sure if these publications should be endorsing any candidate.

— Erin

Basketball

Is it March Madness yet?

— Tess

Star Wars

The beloved film series is going to benefit greatly from the addition of Donald Glover to the cast.

— Josh

Ooo, shiny ...

Totally weaseled myself a tour of the IRIC building today. I'm super excited. Don't worry, I'll tell you all about it.

— Jack

Satisfaction

There is no better feeling than buying a plane ticket home for winter break.

— Hailey

Laziness in motion

Who knew that sitting, driving and listening to "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" with awesome Stephen Fry could be so exhausting?

— Catherine

Breathe

Sometimes I need to take a minute and remind myself to breathe. It's kind of essential.

— Mihaela

Grad school

Who knew applying for graduate schools could be so tiring and stressful? Not to mention the standardized test I have to take. Not excited.

— Claire

Apple

I spent the past weekend living in the Apple Store because my phone was broken and this morning I woke up to my Mac completely dead ... I'm over you Apple.

— Tea

Delete

Ties in the NFL are blemishes. Get rid of them.

— Luis

Dad's Weekend

Of course Dads' Weekend had to be moved. If something is working great, it makes sense to try to fix it, right? I'll really be missing my dad at this year's poorly timed events.

— Diamond

Sleep

This week I have had a total of 14 hours of sleep. Here's to being more efficient with my time.

— Nick

A vanishing way of life

Shout-out to my dad, sister and everyone else who helped me pack out my elk this weekend. I am thankful for the people, mountains and incredible animals that make this tradition possible.

— Lyndsie

Alone together

The fall semester slump is real and needs to be acknowledged

Fall midterms bring on the reality that summer is long gone.

The days get dark faster, students have to remember everything they were supposed to be learning the last month and a half and the most exciting part of the week is beer thirty on Friday. More than a few students suffer this fall semester slump when autumn sets in and the cold keeps getting colder.



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The first month of the semester is exciting. Students reunite with old friends and make some new ones. The workload always seems to be smaller than the second half of the semester and the excitement of being back to school is in full swing.

Then the first frost hits. No more flip-flops, shorts or sunglasses. Now, it's time to pull out that winter coat, switch to hot coffee and finally open up that textbook that has been collecting dust.

The reality of fall midterms, and the sense of mourning that comes with them, can hit students a lot harder than they anticipate, and it needs to be addressed.

Reaching out for help can be hard, no matter where students look for it. It is hard to go to friends and family, or especially a stranger. In the long run, it is easier to reach out than spend another day feeling alone with gloomy skies, piles of homework and a weighted conscious.

I know that I struggle with this every year at the same time. It starts to get so cold that the air hurts my face, I lose any ounce of motivation and I'm bored all the

time because I claim there is nothing to do. Instead of reaching out, I hide in my shell at home with my dog, hoping that someone will ask me to hang out or I will magically feel better.

Sadly, it doesn't work like that.

College can be crippling during fall midterms, and for someone who suffers from heavy anxiety, I can feel the effects in every aspect of my life. It's more than just finding the time to study. It's finding time to eat, sleep, work, go to the gym, budget, shower, go the store, be social and more.

The stress students suffer in a normal week can already be too much.

As a student community, I think it's time to acknowledge that the fall semester slump is real. I think that it would be easier on a lot of students who struggle this time of the year. When I get into this slump, I know I need to feel supported. It doesn't matter who supports me or if they even understand what I am going through — the importance is that someone has my back.

When friends, family and peers aren't supportive, it only makes the gut-wrenching grasp of fall midterms even harder. Look out for each other and offer help.

Being in this slump shouldn't be embarrassing — it's normal. It's a transition between seasons and a transition in mindset for a lot of students.

At the end of the day, many are struggling with the same stress due to this status of being students. That status should bring people together, not isolate them in times of need.

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