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University of Idaho basketball players hand out candy to young trick-or-treaters during "Trick-or-Treat in the Dome" 5 p.m. Thursday in the Kibbie Dome.

STUDENT LIFE

The real dangers of Halloween

The Halloween season brings health and safety risks for UI students

Lizzy Diana
Argonaut

It's the season of tricks, treats, spooks and sweets, but before getting caught up in the shenanigans, students should spare a moment to think about the risks involved with the Halloween hype.

"As with any holiday, we do see an influx of drinking," said Captain Tyson Berrett of the Moscow Police Department.

Jesse Pratt, a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at the University of Idaho, said some students might not attend classes Monday after Halloween weekend because they're still hungover. But missing classes may not be the biggest risk involved.

"When people start drinking, the risk of sexual assault is increased dramatically because peoples' decision making is affected

by the alcohol," Pratt said. "People often get belligerent and sometimes aggressive."

Alcohol increases risky behavior, whether it's sexual or criminal activity, Berrett said.

"We do see an increase in criminal activity, but it's mostly theft of decorations," Berrett said.

While Berrett said there are more police officers on patrol this weekend and on Halloween Monday, they will mostly look out for younger trick-or-treaters. He said there are ways for students to stay safe during the celebrations as well.

Students should always have a sober person with them, Berrett said. It's important for a student to walk in pairs or in a group and let their friends know where they're going, as well as when they'll be home.

"College is all about finding those boundaries," said UI Campus Dietician Marissa Rudley. "The challenge might be finding the balance between what's fun and social and what's good for your body."

For every alcoholic beverage consumed, people should drink eight ounces of

water, Rudley said. This helps to prevent hangovers and keep the person's inhibitions in control.

Eating food with high carbohydrates is also helpful, as it prevents blood sugar levels from dropping. When blood sugar drops, that's when the body feels sick, Rudley said.

The middle of the fall semester is already a hectic time of year, where students might be more susceptible to getting sick or burned out with stress from their classes, Rudley said. This sometimes leads to poor eating habits.

In the weeks leading up to Halloween and the days following, many students take advantage of the cheap bags of candy available at Moscow grocery stores. While Rudley said a bit of candy can fit in a healthy diet, excessive candy can cause havoc on the body.

She said women don't need more than six teaspoons of sugar a day. Added sugar is abundant in Halloween candy. One night of

indulgence isn't too bad, as long as students are mindful of their regular eating habits and they make time for healthy meals and snacks, Rudley said.

Instead of binging on Halloween candy, Pratt said there are ways to take advantage of the holiday festivities to distract students from the temptation of unhealthy habits.

"People could participate in costume contests or just dress up and hang out with friends or family," Pratt said.

UI first-year Samantha Gresham isn't sure about the need for alternatives to eating candy on Halloween. She said students at the university will party all year regardless of the occasion — it's more important to be smart about it yearlong.

"Don't push yourself too far with whatever you're doing, but you're still allowed to enjoy yourself," Gresham said.

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A haunting tradition

Annual Ridenbaugh haunted house deals out scares for a good cause

Carly Scott
Argonaut

With its creaking floorboards and corner cobwebs, the old Ridenbaugh Hall Building is creepy, even during the day.

However, during the annual Ridenbaugh haunted house Saturday night from 7-11 p.m., music students aim to turn the scare factor up.

University of Idaho junior Caitlin Wikel can't remember a time that there wasn't a Halloween haunted house at Ridenbaugh hall.

"It's something that's always just been a tradition," she said.

For the last two years, Wikel has been in charge of organizing the event. The haunted house plays on the fact that many students believe Ridenbaugh is actually haunted, she said.

"When you come as a freshman music major, everyone tells you, 'Don't do late-

night Ridenbaugh, the ghosts will get you,'" Wikel said.

The story about why the building is haunted keeps changing, Wikel said. She said she's heard many versions of the story — sometimes it's a girl who died in the basement and other times it's someone who committed suicide.

"People who stay late at night to practice say they've seen things though," she said.

For Jerry Rodgers, a UI sophomore studying electrical engineering, the possibility of a haunting is high.

"It could be, you never know. It's pretty creepy in there," he said.

The haunted house itself consists of six different practice rooms that turn into scare rooms, Wikel said. They also decorate the hallways and lobbies.

"Last year, we did this thing called the spider hallway, where we put black threads hanging down that people couldn't see," she said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Informed decisions

Poll indicates lack of knowledge about Idaho universities

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

Faculty senators reviewed data on the public perception of strengths of the University of Idaho and other schools that suggest a lack of knowledge about Idaho universities Tuesday.

According to the poll conducted in May, 37-46 percent of people answered "don't know" to questions about which programs each university is most known for, which university has the highest faculty quality and which university has the highest graduation rate.

"That means we have a huge opportunity," said Stefany Bales, executive director of University Communications and Marketing.

She said the poll shows they haven't tried every way of reaching Idahoans.

Bales said the poll sampled 500 Idaho

adults. The sample left out most prospective students. However, Bales said it does give an idea of the knowledge base prospective students have before they research schools.

"Our image is important for recruitment, but also because it is important citizens think the university is a wise investment by the state," said UI Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek. "If the perception of the public is they don't know what we do, then shame on us. We need to do more to refine our message."

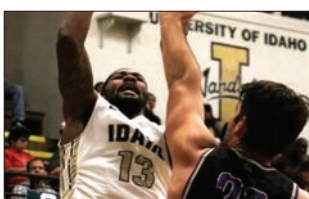
Bales said the data will likely not have an effect on the marketing used to recruit students.

"The messaging we've been using is consistent with what we see here in the survey," Bales said.

She said the large number of "don't know" answers just opens the door for more to be done.

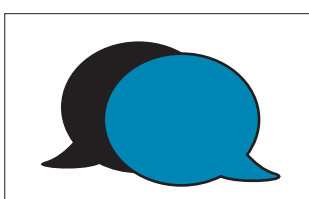
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Ingredients

- 2 slices of garlic bread
- 4 slices of mozzarella cheese
- 3 tablespoons of marinara sauce
- 4 slices of pepperoni
- 2 pieces of bread
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- sliced olives (optional)

Directions

1. Brush all sides of the bread with olive oil and place one piece of bread in a pan over medium heat
2. Spread the marinara on the bread and place cheese, pepperoni and olives on top
3. Cover the layered ingredients with the second piece of bread and weigh down the sandwich with a smaller skillet
4. Flip the sandwich once

the bottom piece of bread is golden and once again press the sandwich down with the smaller skillet


5. Once the bread is toasted on both sides and the cheese is melted take the sandwich off the heat and enjoy

*All ingredients can be switched with other vegetables and meat options

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About Playing Hard to Get

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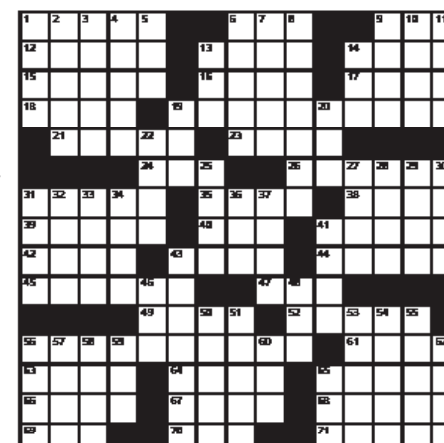
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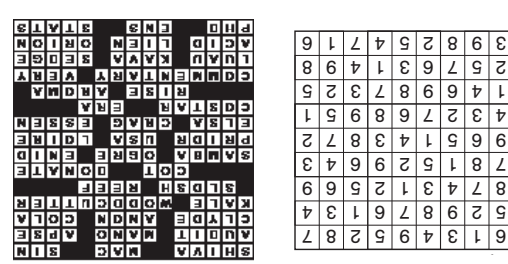


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STUDENT LIFE

Israel is real

UI student travels to Israel to learn, brings conversations back to campus

Jack Olson
Argonaut

There is a city in Israel with bomb shelters spaced every 100 yards. The people there have only 15 seconds to hide from the time someone in neighboring Gaza sends a bomb over.

Most of Israel is not like that though, said University of Idaho junior Sydney Silbert. Silbert traveled to Israel over the summer and visited several places within the country, including the city with the many bomb shelters. She said most people want a resolution to the conflict.

"I think there are extremists on both sides, which makes the people stuck in the middle very fearful and hateful, but ultimately everybody just wants to coexist," Silbert said. "But the extremists are what we see in the news."

This summer marked Silbert's third trip to Israel. She said she studied abroad there in high school for two months and years later has traveled again on a birthright scholarship, which gives anyone of Jewish descent a 10-day trip to Israel to

learn about their heritage.

"That kind of re-sparked everything for me," Silbert said. "Now I was three years older and I really identified with it more and I was inspired by one of my guides on that trip to apply for Hasbara Fellowships."

Hasbara Fellowships is a program to teach college students about Israel and regional conflicts. Silbert said the goal is for those students to bring the conversations and education back to their campus. She said she is working on starting a social media campaign and is focused on getting the conversation started.

Silbert said she loves going to Israel. To her, it feels comfortable and homey. Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, is just like any other modern cosmopolitan city, Silbert said. She said the country is strongly rooted in its Jewish heritage, but not necessarily the Jewish religion. While there are no laws requiring restaurants to be kosher or closed for Shabbat, Silbert said there is so much Judaism there that they simply are that way.

"It's just like any other place, except you know that everybody has that same con-

nection of like, 'You're in Israel because you want to be in Israel,'" Silbert said.

A friend of Silbert's, Hannah Scheppke, said she thinks it's cool that Silbert expands her horizons and grows as a person every time she visits Israel.

"The main thing is how into her heritage she is," Scheppke said. "She really like, embraces it and I think that's really important, because a lot of people don't want to. Sydney's one of the biggest people I know that like, emphasizes it. It's a part of her and she just always brings it out."

Scheppke said Silbert's travels show that she is not afraid to be by herself or try new things.

"She's adventurous and open-minded to all the different possibilities out there, or like, if there's an opportunity she's going to go take it, and I think that's really cool," Scheppke said.

Silbert learned about the current issues going on in Gaza, Syria and Lebanon because they are so close to Israel. She

said there are diverse and conflicting opinions from many people and groups about the future of the region.

With extreme opinions on both sides, Silbert said it is difficult to get people to come to-

gether. One example is the dispute between Palestine and Israel. She said people in both countries harbor extreme resentment toward the other, but it isn't as black and white as people in America perceive it to be.

"There's people in the middle like 'You are humans too. We understand that you want your own place also,'" Silbert said.

She said she isn't sure how the conflict will be resolved, because there are so many different backgrounds and viewpoints.

"The word I keep finding myself to go back to is 'coexistence,'" Silbert said. "That's really what I'm hoping for and what I am for and what I would love to see in the Middle East."

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Police log

Oct. 21

600 block West Palouse River Drive, 1:54 p.m.

MPD received information related to recent burglaries, requested, and later executed a search warrant. Items from the burglaries were recovered as well as evidence related to other crimes. The individual in question was arrested for methamphetamine possession. The investigation of the burglaries is ongoing.

Oct. 22

West 6th Street, Wallace Complex, 11:28 p.m.

Several people cited for smoking marijuana in a vehicle near the Wallace complex and claimed it wasn't illegal because they bought it at a store in Washington.

Oct. 23

West 6th Street, Wallace Complex, 10:49 p.m.

Two more people cited for smoking marijuana inside a

vehicle near the Wallace complex.

Oct. 24

East 5th Street, Moscow High School, 2:24 p.m.

Juvenile was caught in possession of a lighter. Upon further search, marijuana, tobacco and a small folding knife were found.

Oct. 25

North Line Street, University City, 1:09 p.m.

A parent of a person on a lease with UC got in an argument with UC staff, who put a hand on the parent's back to encourage them to calm down, which offended the parent and led to a battery report.

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Oct. 26

West 6th Street, Domino's Pizza, 2:52 a.m.

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— Captain Casey Green



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ASUI

Fishing for support

ASUI Senate supports granting hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for non-resident students

Taylor Nadauld
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate passed a resolution Wednesday regarding a piece of legislation it plans to take all the way to the Idaho State Capitol next year.

The bill supports granting residency fishing, hunting and trapping licenses and permits to non-resident, full-time students attending an accredited college or university in Idaho.

According to the legislation, prices for

non-resident licenses are on average 556 percent higher, permits are on average 535 percent higher and tags are on average 280 percent higher than in-state residents.

ASUI Lobbyist Rachael Miller wrote the bill. Miller said if it's approved she would meet with Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy, who Miller said will sponsor the legislation.

Sen. Tanner Beymer said ASUI is now seeking out-of-state sportsmen to testify in favor of the bill during the legislative session next year.

Beymer also called upon other Idaho institutions to assist in bringing student issues to the forefront of the legislature.

"It's about dang time that ISU, BSU and other accredited institutions within this state step up to the plate and join in the conversation. They're reaping the benefits and it's about time they put in the work

too," Beymer said.

The senate also unanimously passed a resolution, spearheaded by Sen. Zachary Spence, to include veterans from all wars in the University of Idaho's non-discrimination clause.

Currently, the clause states, "The University of Idaho has a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, age, disability or status as a Vietnam era veteran."

Spence said the reason the clause currently only includes Vietnam veterans is because of an act passed in the 1970s requiring nondiscrimination for Vietnam veterans at a time when some were treated wrongly due to negative press the war received.

Next week, Beymer said the senate can

expect to vote on a resolution to call upon ASUI President Cruz Botello to immediately proceed with previously approved plans to convert a free space in the Idaho Commons next to Einstein Bros. Bagels, once occupied by

the College of Education administration, into a student lounge.

Members of ASUI and UI administrators have suggested different options for the space over the past weeks. Ultimately, the decision will come down to Botello.

Botello said he has yet to see any official proposals on behalf of the administration in favor of another option aside from a student lounge.

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HAUNTING

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As a teaser for this year, Wikel said they're going to play off recent fears in the media.

"We're kind of taking a spinoff of the big clown thing that's happening this year. We have a room that's going to play off of this," she said.

The "monsters" in the house are students from music fraternities on campus, music students and the Vandal Marching Band, she said.

"The fun part is watching all of the actors have fun, they all really like doing it. It's cool knowing people think this is scary and watching people's reactions," Wikel said.

Rodgers attended the haunted house last year. He

said the most fun part is watching other people's reactions. He said one of the friends he went with got so scared he passed out.

"If you have a low tolerance for fear, you'll get scared easily. Otherwise it wasn't the scariest thing ever," he said.

Admission costs \$1 or a can of food. Wikel said it's a way for the music students to give back to the community.

"We want to do a fundraiser that includes the whole community. All of our proceeds go to the Moscow Food Bank," she said.

Last year they raised about \$80 and 140 cans of food, Wikel said.

She also said that the haunted house isn't just for college students. From 7-8 p.m., Wikel said the actors

turn the scare factor down to make it child-friendly. She said they have activities for children to participate in at the end of the house.

"Once 8 o'clock hits, we take away all the kiddy stuff at the end and go into scare mode," Wikel said.

For students that are worried about missing their weekend plans, Wikel said it only takes about 10 minutes at most to go through the haunted house.

"There were a lot of people who put a lot of work into this, and we want to share that with people," Wikel said.

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INFORMED

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"However, we'll never completely eliminate the effect of people who just aren't interested in this university," Bales said.

Of those who chose a program they thought UI is largely known for, most chose law, agriculture or engineering.

The percentage of "don't know" responses and the top-rated programs at UI was consistent in 2016 with the data from 2014.

Those polled said Boise State University is most known for business and athletics. But this doesn't matter much to Bales.

"This isn't about us versus BSU," Bales said. "They are our competitor, but we compete for a certain type of student."

Bales said UI trails BSU slightly in its overall image rating, but the breakdown shows BSU's lead is due more to its location and football team than its academics.

The poll also asked people to rate how important certain factors about a uni-

versity are. Ninety-one percent thought a university's ability to provide academic programs that allow students to land good jobs after graduation was "exceedingly important."

Bales said that doesn't match up with how she and her peers made their decisions to go to college.

"I thought, 'I'm just going to enlighten my mind,'" Bales said. "That's just what I cared about. Now, as a parent, it's different."

She said though her parents cared about her finding a job, their conversations also included the idea of education for education's sake.

"I think our society is failing our students by not reminding them an education is important for reasons other than getting a job," said Sen. James Foster of the College of Science. "But that's not just UI. That's a systematic problem."

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SPORTS



The Idaho men's basketball team opens season with a win

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Learning how to lead Senior Pat Ingram guides program newcomers

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Idaho senior point guard Pat Ingram knows the importance of having a mentor.

As a freshman at Iowa, Ingram turned to shooting guard and future NBA player Devyn Marble for guidance.

"He already knew the ropes and was giving me tips on everything that I needed to do to get on the floor," Ingram said. "That was a big part of why I went to Iowa — it was because of him and how much he helped me."

Although he transferred out of the Hawkeye basketball program after one season, Ingram said the mentorship he received from Marble stuck with him.

"I was always at his house, we were always hanging after working out together," he said. "If it wasn't for him, I probably wouldn't have made it through. It was tough, but that'll be my guy forever. He was a good friend."

After leaving Iowa, Ingram transferred to Trinity Valley Community College, where he averaged 8.7 points per game and held a 46.1 shooting percentage as a sophomore.

Ingram then reopened his NCAA recruitment and took an interest when Idaho head coach Don Verlin reached out to him.

"I'm the type of person who can tell a lot about who you are in only one or two conversations," Ingram said. "With him, I knew that he was just one of those types of people that was a genuine person."

Ingram said he appreciated Verlin's candid attitude throughout his recruitment.

"He told me straight up, 'We want you, but you're going to have to work because nothing is guaranteed,'" Ingram said.

The Vandal prospect said he was also impressed by the atmosphere on campus during his official visit.

"I just felt like it was one big family, and not only for the basketball program," Ingram said. "I grew up with a big family, so I am a family-oriented type of person. Seeing that — not only from the basketball team but from everybody — it was a really good feeling."

The signing of Ingram proved beneficial for the Vandals. He appeared in 25 games as a junior and played a key backup role following injuries to senior guard Perrion Callandret and junior guard Victor Sanders.



Senior guard Perrion Callandret breaks past the Carroll College defense Tuesday in the Memorial Gym.

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GOLF

Top three finish

Idaho golf teams start wrapping up fall seasons

Mihaela Karst
Argonaut

The Idaho men's and women's golf teams took another step toward the end of the fall season this week.

The women competed in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown in Las Vegas, Nevada, while the men traveled to Pebble Beach, California, to compete in the Saint Mary's Invitational.

On the first day of play, the women's golf team finished the first round 10-under-par. Freshman Clara Moyano fired a 5-under-par 67 to help the Vandals end the day in second place.

"Clara had a break-through round today," Idaho head coach Lisa Johnson said in a news release. "Her game has been improving steadily this fall. This golf course suits her long ball off the tee and she capitalized on her short approach shots to the green."

Moyano was selected as Big Sky Golfer of the Week for

her game.

In addition to Moyano's 67, junior Kendall Gray finished the first round a stroke behind at 68. Sophomore Michelle Kim finished the day with an even-par 71.

The course in Las Vegas is familiar to the Vandals — its where they earned Big Sky Conference Champions.

"We've had great success on this course, including winning a conference championship," Johnson said. "It has made the transition from last week to this week very encouraging."

Idaho finished the second round in third place with a 16-under-par 560. UNLV slipped past the Vandals by one stroke to take second place. The Baylor Bears finished the tournament on top, 25-under-par 551.

Four of the five Vandals finished the tournament under par. Moyano tied for sixth with a 6-under-par 138, with Gray tied for tenth with a 139. Hasenoerhl and Hausmann finished tied for 36th at 1-under-par 143, and Kim finished

at 59th at 2-over-par 146.

"This is one of the best performances Idaho golf has had in years. This was a very competitive, deep field," Johnson said.

The men's golf team attempted to tackle the Poppy Hill Golf Course this week. Senior Ryan Porch led the Vandals with an 11-over-par 227, and tied for 46th.

Idaho finished the tournament with a 79-over-par 931.

The women's team's season continues Feb. 27-28 at the Gold Rush tournament. The men's team finishes its fall season Nov. 1-2 in Princeville, Hawaii, competing in the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational.

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SOCCER

Battle for Big Sky

Idaho takes on Idaho State to determine regular season champion

Ella Fredericks
Argonaut

The Idaho women's soccer team is No. 1 in the Big Sky. The Vandals earned a share of the regular season conference championship with Sunday's 4-0 win over Southern Utah. With a win or a draw in Friday's game, the title is theirs alone.

Eastern Washington is the only team still in the running for regular season champs.

"We're already regular season conference champs, but we want to win it outright — we don't want to share with anyone," Idaho head coach Derek Pittman said.

The Vandals play Idaho State 3 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field.

Idaho's last matchup against Idaho State marked its 100th win in program history.

Idaho won 2-1. Both goals were scored by senior forward Kavita Battan. "Idaho State is a team that's been up and down this season with some very good wins but also some un-

characteristic losses," Pittman said. "They're a high energy team that throws a lot of numbers forward to try and score."

Pittman said the team needs to be sharp on defense.

"For us it's about slowing down their offense and then just finishing the chances that we get," Pittman said. "We need to clean up a few of the mistakes that we've made from the past weekend and we need to continue staying positive in and around the goal."

Win, lose or draw, Idaho competes in the Big Sky Tournament beginning Nov. 2.

The winner of the regular season usually plays host in the tournament. However, officials have deemed Guy Wicks Field unsatisfactory.

Even if the Eagles fail to take a portion of the regular season title, Eastern Washington would likely play host for the tournament's first game.

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Kavita Battan

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

'It's the competition'

Freshman bench player makes season debut

Josh Grissom
Argonaut

Preseason exhibitions often allow substitutes to receive additional playing time and showcase new talent on the court.

Freshman guard Tyler Brimhall took advantage of the opportunity Tuesday, scoring 14 points off the bench in an 80-62 victory over Carroll College in the Memorial Gym.

"Tyler Brimhall, man he can shoot the ball really good, and that's what we need," junior guard Victor Sanders said. "We need to be able to depend on somebody who can shoot like that."

After holding Carroll College scoreless from the field for a four-minute period, Idaho jumped to a 32-20 lead on consecutive 3-pointers from Brimhall and junior small forward Jordan Scott.

"I thought our ball moved really well, I thought we got a lot of wide open shots and knocked down quite a few of them there in the first half," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said.

The Vandal defense held the Saints to 42 percent from the field in the first half. Idaho carried a 45-31 lead into the break.

Brimhall and Sanders combined for 18 points in the first half. Senior point guard Pat Ingram went 3-of-3 from the field.

"It felt pretty good to get back out there," Brimhall said. "I haven't played a game in a long time because of the red-shirt (year)."

Saints junior guard Ryan Imhoff provided the bulk of Carroll's offense in the first half with nine points on 4-of-5 shooting.

Senior guard Zach Taylor added four assists for Carroll College.

The Vandals outrebounded the Saints 37-30 to secure the home win in front of a crowd of over 700 fans.



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Senior guard Perrion Callandret breaks past the Carroll College defense Tuesday in the Memorial Gym.

Strong post play from junior forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan helped Idaho tally 36 points in the paint, compared to 18 by Carroll College.

Sanders led all scorers with 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting. Brimhall added four 3-pointers and two assists, while Ingram finished with eight points and two rebounds.

"Never had a doubt that Tyler could shoot the ball, he's a very good shooter,"

Verlin said. "As he knows, he's got to get better defensively, and that's where his minutes will increase if he does that."

Imhoff led the Saints with 16 points on seven baskets. Taylor added 14 points and four assists.

Idaho returns to the court against regional rival Lewis-Clark State College 7 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Memorial Gym.



"There's going to be a lot of competition for (playing time)," Verlin said. "And that's what makes it good, that's what will make us as good as we can possible be — it's the competition."

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COMMENTARY

Team depth gets the win

Equal distribution of minutes contributes to exhibition win

One of the most impressive aspects of Tuesday's men's basketball opener was not the margin of the win — it was the team dynamics.

The Idaho men's basketball team jumpstarted the season Tuesday, defeating Carroll College 80-62.

Idaho head coach Don Verlin took advantage of the exhibition game to play with the lineup.

The Vandals shared the responsibility fairly equally.

This gave the team a chance to show off a strong starting lineup and a deep bench.

Thirteen of 14 players had double-digit minutes of play time. Of those players,

10 of them scored points. In the first half alone the Idaho bench outscored that of the Saints 23-7. The Vandals ended the game with a 42-19 bench scoring record. Verlin was pleased with the way the lineup worked.

"I thought our ball moved really well, we got a lot of wide open shots, we knocked down quite a few of them there in the first half," Verlin said. "We saw a lot of things. We were able to play a lot of guys. Every season is new, and when you have a new season it's a new team."

Verlin said he doesn't have an official starting lineup yet.

"I don't know if I tinkered with (last year's lineup) because I really don't have

one yet but you know I don't know what I learned yet until I watch the tape and break it down completely," said Verlin. "But what I did learn tonight was we have a very unselfish basketball team. Again, we moved the ball well and passed well, especially the first half. I thought we did a little better than we did even a year ago."

Freshman guard Tyler Brimhall came off the bench for Idaho. He played his first game of the season like a starter, scoring 14 points and finishing the night as the team's second best scorer. Junior guard Victor Sanders led with 17 points.

Another dominant bench player that contributed to the Vandal win was senior forward Ty Egbert. He exploded off the bench, scoring eight points for the team

in his 11 minutes of play. Junior forward Brayon Blake played a strong 19 minutes in his first game as a Vandal after transferring from North Idaho. Blake put away 10 points and led Idaho with seven rebounds.

Verlin said he thought Blake played with energy.

"I really like what I saw in Blake tonight, I know he is a very good rebounder he really kind of fit in with our guys in the game," said Verlin. "He has got some leadership skills to him also."

Time will be the ultimate deciding factor in who earns the final spots in carrying the team to success.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

XC ends at home

The Vandals end season at home

Meredith Spelbring
Argonaut

The Idaho cross-country team hosts the Big Sky Championships Friday at the UI Golf Course.

The season saw repeated team wins and strong performances from veteran runners and newbies.

Idaho head coach Tim Cawley said the overall team dynamic stood out most.

"This team has gelled, on both sides, men and women, they have become a pretty close knit team maybe a little quicker than maybe I thought going into this year," Cawley said. "You can really just see that kind of coming out. They train well together, they race well together, I think a lot of that is maybe why we see we're maybe a little more ahead of where we were when the

year started."

Veteran runners typically lead the team, but this season, the big performances came from underclassmen.

"I think (the freshman) have contributed fantastically," Cawley said. "I mean a lot of times you can look at a team and just see the freshman maturing, you know they're not quite there yet. There is a lot of maturity at that sophomore and freshman level and I think its showing and is maybe why we are a little ahead of where we thought we might be."

Cawley believes senior leadership helped develop the team physically and mentally.

"I think part of that (success) is from the leadership of the upperclassman we do have, Nathan (Stark), Santos (Vargas), Tim Delcourt, on the women's side having Halie (Raudenbush), and Ally (Ginther) and Valerie (Mitchell), you kind of have that leadership there and I think it has helped

kind of bring the maturity of some of those sophomores and freshman together."

This team will look to redshirt freshman Kara Story and redshirt sophomore Sierra Speiker to lead the way for the women's team. Story finished second and Speiker placed third in the Inland Empire Classic Oct. 15 in Lewiston.

On the men's side, freshman Grayson Ollar looks to lead the team again. Ollar took fourth in Lewiston.

Cawley expects things to fall into place Friday.

"My expectations right now are they will go run as a team, compete hard, and when we are done we will see where our score stacks up," said Cawley. "I think we have a good chance to score. I'm really expecting is for them to go represent Idaho well."

The Vandals begin running 11 a.m. Friday at the UI Golf Course.

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Grayson Ollar

LEARNING

FROM PAGE 5

Ingram backed up the Idaho offense in the quarterfinals of the Big Sky Tournament, recording a career-high 12 points against Eastern Washington in a 77-73 victory.

"Pat brings us an athletic guard who can play a couple of different positions," Verlin said. "He's really good at defending the basketball and he's really good about driving his ball to the rack. This year we're going to turn him loose and let him go rebound."

Verlin said Ingram has stepped into a mentorship role for the younger members of the team.

"He had a big adjustment year coming from junior college and sitting out for a year," Verlin said. "But he has really tried to help the

younger guys, no question about it. I think he really likes doing that."

Ingram said the motivation to be a leader stems from his experience with Marble.

"I had to deal with going to a big-time school, so I learned a lot from him," Ingram said. "I know what coaches are looking for as an older guy, so anything I can do to help, I'm going to do it to get you on the court."

Ingram said the leadership role extends to his time on the hardwood.

"I know it starts on the defensive end," he said. "I feel like my thing has been to be a leader and talk all the time on defense — making sure that everybody is where they need to be and that we are being aggressive."

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OPINION

Same old, same old

The Cubs have one thing in their way — a goat

Curses are real.

Aliens have not contacted Earth and ghosts have no business haunting the living.

But curses are real. There is one piece of undisputable evidence supporting this claim: the Chicago Cubs.

Nothing has made me question my belief in the supernatural more than my beloved Cubbies. It is simply astounding that one team has experienced so much loss in a lifetime.

As a Chicago sports fan, I have seen my fair share of bad teams. This season's Bears are shamefully uninspiring. The Bulls' management made a poor situation even worse.

This pattern of bad luck makes me skeptical of the Cubs' recent rise to dominance. Some may question my skepticism.

The Cubs, after all, had the best record in baseball this year. Chicago was favored to win the first game of the World Series.

To the naysayers, I'm proud to say I believe the Curse of the Billy Goat.

It began during the 1945 World Series. The Cubs led the series 2-1 in their first championship since 1908.

Before the start of Game 4, a Chicago tavern owner named William Sianis wanted to bring his pet goat, Murphy, to Wrigley Field.

But Sianis and Murphy were denied entrance. In his anger, Sianis proclaimed the Cubs would never win another World Series again. Chicago dropped three out of the next four games and lost the series.

The Cubs haven't played in the World

Series since 1945. Many claim the curse is broken because Chicago won the National League.

Believers were only reinforced in the curse's legitimacy with the infamous gaffe of a Cubs fan Steve Bartman. During game six of the NLCS, Bartman attempted to catch a would-be foul ball by reaching over the edge of the stands.

In doing so, he knocked the ball away from Moises Alou, who was trying to grab the ball, and gave Miami its third out of the inning. Unsurprisingly, the Cubs lost the series.

Based on Chicago's performance in game one, the spirits of Sianis and Murphy the goat are still present.

No amount of holy water sprinkled on the mound, priests blessing the field, not even the descendants of Sianis and Murphy attending games can reverse the curse.

To be fair, I was also a firm believer in the Curse of the Gambino until the Red Sox dispelled the myth in 2004. But to

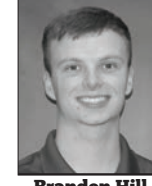
my dismay, along with other Chicago fans, the Cubs will be the Cubs forever. They do not have the longest championship drought because of chance.

Yes, they are a better team than Cleveland on paper. But no, they will not win the World Series in 2016, just as they will not win it in 2017, 2018 or 2019.

I want nothing more than the Cubs to win. But the thought of them being the first Chicago team I see win a championship sounds beyond impossible.



The Curse of the Billy Goat is real.

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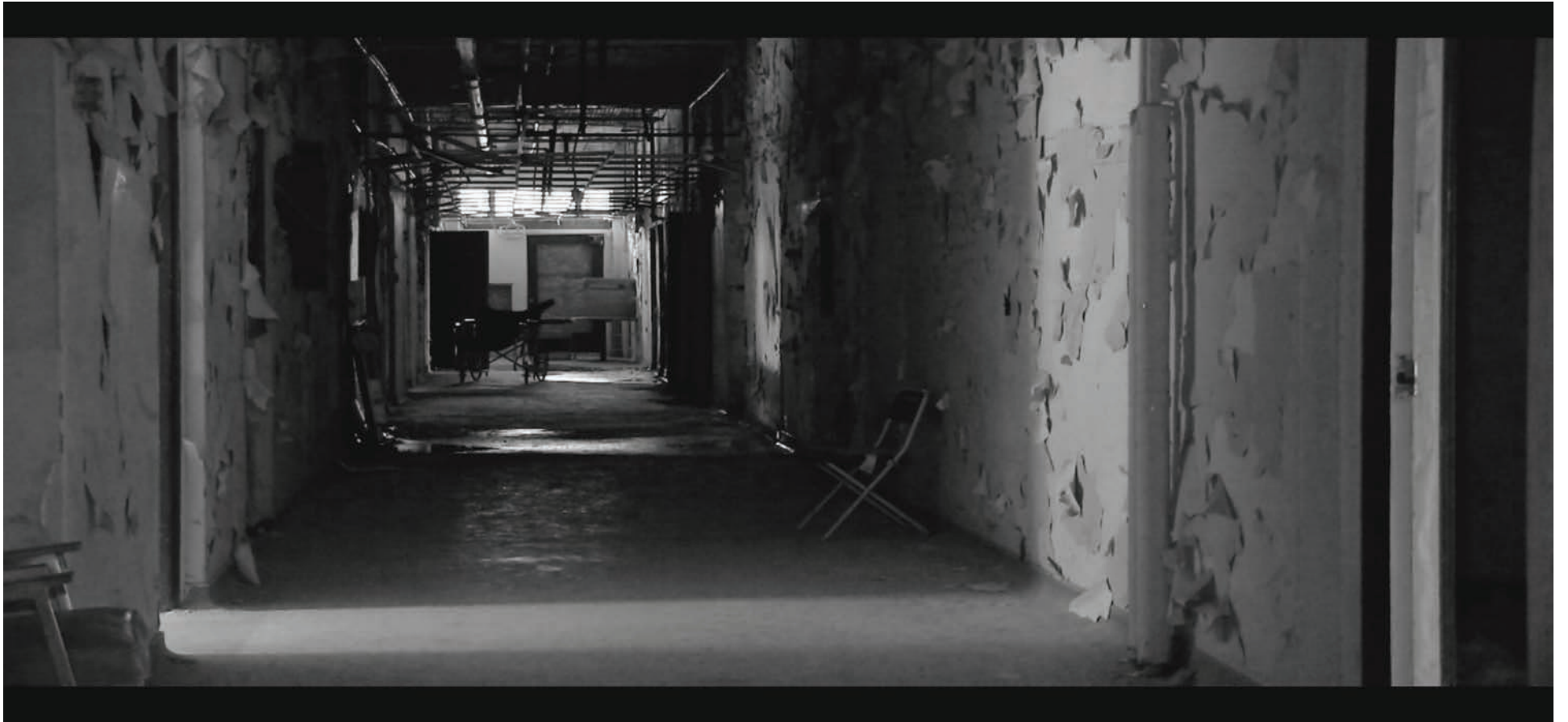


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PALOUSE


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St. Ignatius Hospital is a haunted hospital in Colfax, Washington, that has been vacant since 2003. The hospital may soon be demolished and transitioned into condominiums.

A blessing and a curse

One former hospital is famous for its paranormal activity

Sam Balas
Argonaut

Kara McMurray was given a radio device reportedly able to pick up and detect paranormal activity and communication.

She was taking part in one of the many tour groups that visit the St. Ignatius hospital in Colfax, Washington, a derelict and abandoned building that allegedly houses the spirits of its former patients and workers.

Armed with this device, she suddenly heard something crackle through the equipment. It was a voice, and it sounded like it commanded her to “die.”

The group halted, and one of the other tour members immediately asked the voice, what it meant, McMurray said.

“Not all of the responses through the device are very clear, but that response came through very clearly, and it said ‘You,’” she said.

Such encounters are not uncommon according to McMurray, a reporter for the Colfax paper, Whitman County Gazette.

The St. Ignatius hospital has become a strong attraction in recent months, and McMurray’s job often times includes reporting on the status of the abandoned hospital.

Thanks to reported paranormal activity inside the building, as well as the extensive

coverage such activity has received, several ghost hunting shows have pounced on the chance to tape inside the building.

What was once a derelict inconvenience has turned into a major source of attention, tourist and production income for the small Washington town.

“It seemed like something that would be very beneficial to the community and bring a lot of people into town,” she said. “It’s making headlines across the U.S. right now. People are picking up on it and coming here.”

The building itself is very spooky. It spans a massive plot of land and towers above other buildings in the area.

Inside, extensive weathering has peeled away at wallpaper, insulation and even entire walls.

It does not take much of an imagination to hear, see or feel something that may or may not be paranormal, McMurray said.

Valerie Gregory is the Unified Executive Director of Colfax, and takes tour groups through the hospital.

She frequently orchestrates both private tours given to wealthy visitors from as far as Alaska and to locals. One of her premiere events is a reoccurring “sleepover” where brave visitors spend the night inside the old hospital.

Gregory was kind enough to give The Argonaut one of her private tours,

which mixes interesting non-paranormal medical and local history, with the buildings ghostly mythology.

Gregory said a paranormal presence is not a possibility, it is a reality.

Gregory said she has gone so far as to prescribe personalities to certain spirits, and believes she has an almost personal relationship with some of them.

“I think he likes us,” she said. “He seems to like us when we come and talk to him.”

She said she is referring to one ghost she believes resides within a room that was found to contain a multitude of children’s toys, including several (now illegal) lawn darts.

Several videos and audio recordings of ghostly contact or communication have been used in the hospital, and even shared on its official website.

These recordings are chilling, as are Gregory’s personal stories. The worst, she said, was an event where she was giving a tour to six high school students in celebration of homecoming.

The group stopped in their tracks when they suddenly began hearing rapid running and sprinting throughout the hospital stairwells.

They quickly left the building, and waited for any potential tricksters to leave, but none came out. Further investigation of the building yielded no human perpetrators.

Although these and similar stories are worrisome to hear while standing at the same spot these events occurred, extensive audio and video recordings made by The Argonaut, using our own equipment, yielded no evidence of paranormal activity.

Whether or not ghosts or other spirits reside within the buildings walls seems secondary to the fact that the building is an important part of local history.

Built in 1893 by the Sisters of Providence, it spent decades as a hospital until 1968, when it transitioned into a home for mentally disabled adults. It served this function until 2003, and since then has been vacant, Gregory said.

As of now, the future of the building is uncertain. The owner is considering turning the lot into condominiums, which would either require destroying the building or heavy renovations.

McMurray said she was curious what the spirits in the building would think of this potential transition.

Armed with her radio device, she said she called out to the ghosts, asking them what their plans were if they gained new, more human roommates.

According to McMurray, the response she heard was short and sweet.

“Stay.”

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FRIDAY FICTION

Don’t be clowned, lock the door

“I’m going to the store,” Matt called out into the hallway.

No response.

He pushed his chair away from his desk with a tired sigh.

He slept little the night before and found himself facing another all-nighter.

“Want anything?” He called again as he left the comfort of his warmly lit room and wandered into the rest of his apartment. Maybe Marcus wasn’t home after all, he thought, shuffling his feet across the hardwood floor and grazing his hand against the side of the wall in hopes of a light switch.

“Ah,” he paused, his fingers finding the switch in the black abyss their apartment had become. “There it —”

A roar echoed down the hallway and throughout the living room. “Surprise sucka!”

Matt’s fingers barely flipped up the switch as he jumped up, a startled shout escaping from his lips. His roommate, Marcus burst into peals of laughter.

“Oh man, I got you good.”

Marcus was wearing a rubber clown mask — a stretched, plastic face painted white with an upturned mouth like an old hot dog and red-rimmed eyes.

“That’s not funny, Marcus. Have you seen

the news lately?” Matt scowled. “Americans are in real danger with all of those people dressing up like clowns and trespassing on people’s property.”

Marcus leaned toward his friend and pulled the mask just far down enough that Matt could see his eyes.

“What? No way. You can’t make me feel bad for this. Dude, they’re all kids. There was like one guy with a machete. The rest are totally someone’s punk kids running around, being stupid.”

Matt pushed passed Marcus and grabbed his shoes by the front door.

“I’ve gotta get an energy drink from the store. Need anything?”

Marcus shook his head as his roommate crouched down to tie the laces of his shoes.

“Oh,” Matt interjected, “And you know what? People have gotten hurt. And there have been sightings in the area. It’s just not cool to joke about.”

Marcus tossed the clown mask to the floor and gave Matt a sly sideways glance.

Matt let out a frustrated sigh.

“You know what? Whatever. Don’t believe me. These sightings mean something though. These people are creeps. But whatever. I need caffeine. Leave the door unlocked for me, will you?”

Marcus’ resting grin grew wider.

“Did you lose your keys again?”

Matt laced his shoes, stood and began to zip up his sweatshirt.

“No, it’s so when the friggin’ clowns are after me I don’t have to struggle with the lock for twelve million years.”

Marcus, on his face, lifted his arms and faced his palms out toward his friend in a gesture of peace.

“Fine, I’ll leave the door unlocked.”

Matt threw him a “thanks” as he walked out of the apartment. Marcus nodded a good-bye to his roommate and leapt onto the couch with a satisfied exhale. He crossed one foot over the other, pulled a gnarled red throw blanket up from the floor and draped it over his body.

“What a goofball,” he chuckled, thinking of Matt. “That key-losing scaredy cat.”

Marcus nestled his body into the couch and closed his eyes.

He wasn’t like Matt, he thought. He was strong. Brave. Fearless. No gurgling water cooler or creaky floorboards or punk kids in clown suits tiptoeing around outside could scare him. But then, Marcus had always been a heavy sleeper. He never heard the things that went bump in the night.

That Thursday night, he didn’t hear his roommate’s frenzied footsteps — Matt’s legs churning furiously, the soles of his

shoes slapping against the sidewalk. He didn’t hear the wheezing of Matt’s lungs or the panic in his breath every time he threw a look back over his shoulder, struggling to distinguish between the shadows cast by street lights and the figure he thought he saw moving between the trees.

He didn’t notice the calls that lit up the screen of his phone, still set to vibrate, every minute with a new voicemail — the first one a tentative, worried Matt who thinks he saw a clown by the convenient store. Should he call the police? He’s asking.

In the second, he’s more breathy, more panicked. He’s running now, huffing each word into the phone. In the third, his voice is high, he’s screaming.

“Lock the door. Lock the door. Lock the door. Save yourself. Lock the door.”

Marcus, passed out on the couch, swaddled in red, snored instead.

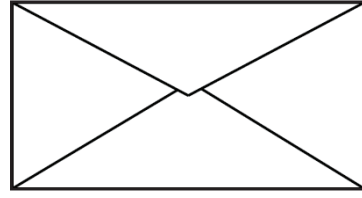
He didn’t stir when the front door was sidled opened. He did not hear the hinges creak. Nor did he see the hand in the tattered white glove with fingernails like long, black, mangled claws that teased the door open, or the shoes — two sizes too large and glistening red.

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OUR VIEW

More than they can chew

The Idaho Arena provides benefits, but won't fix UI's deeper issues

Discussing funding is always a battle — sometimes so brutal it seems worthy of being fought in an arena.

This time, the funding is for an arena. The Idaho Arena is the university's next big idea. This 70,000 square foot, 4,700-seat venue would be located just north of the Kibbie Dome and would host all of the University of Idaho court sports as well as concerts, lectures and conferences.

There are many reasons why the new arena is good for UI, but the plans raise questions about the administration's priorities, especially when student retention has fallen, faculty morale is low and instructor retention is even lower.

Parking space is also an issue for students. This fall, Parking and Transportation Services distributed more silver parking passes than there are silver spaces.

There is little question that court sports at Idaho could benefit from a new venue. The Memorial Gymnasium can barely fit 2,000 attendees, and the century-old building is not getting any more stable for large events.

The alternative location, the Cowan Spectrum, is just a basketball court on the Kibbie Dome floor with black curtains hanging from the roof. Neither venue feels like a typical basketball or volleyball court.

The Idaho Arena would provide a unique opportunity for UI students to be involved during its creation. In a statement, President Chuck Staben said art and architecture, natural resources and civil engineering students could get valuable hands-on experience in the arena's construction.

The primary appeal of the arena is the interest it could generate within the rest of the state and the nation. Staben said it will help with both student enrollment and athletic recruitment, and a shiny new facility should also draw in more fans and event attendees from the Moscow community and beyond.

There are many reasons to go forward with plans to construct the Idaho Arena, but what must also be considered is the opportunity cost — what else could UI be spending its time, effort and money on?

ASUI passed a bill last year which would allow student fees to contribute up to \$5 million of the projected \$30 million cost of the project. While a new arena would draw in more students, who provide more revenue to the school through tuition, it would take 1,383 students paying full tuition for one

semester to recoup that cost.

UI's focus right now should be on faculty. This institution has been losing good employees because pay is low. Researchers have trouble finding assistants who will work for the low stipend they receive. These high turnover rates bring faculty morale down and make UI spend more money on aspects such as training.

Money is never a simple subject though. A vast majority of funding for the Idaho Arena comes from donors who gave money specifically for the project. If there's no Idaho Arena, then there are no donations.

The number of proposed seats, approximately 4,700 total, is also worth analyzing. That's less than the 6,000 seats the Cowan Spectrum already seats, and far less than the 11,600 in the Beasley Coliseum at Washington State University.

If Staben wants UI to have 15,000 students, he certainly doesn't expect all of them to watch Vandal basketball and volleyball.

A new arena provides many advantages to both the institution and the athletic department, but the project may put too much on the administration's plate. The university should recognize the challenges it already faces before biting off more than it can chew with this project.

— JO



THE FOOTPRINTS OF GIANTS

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A human vacancy

Mourning a loss is necessary and different for everyone

I'm lucky — I haven't dealt with much loss in my life.

My mom's parents died when I was a baby. My dad's father died when I was in fifth grade, but I didn't know him well. We attended the funeral and I cried because this person, who loved so many of my loved ones, was gone. Even though I didn't know him, I felt so heavy and sad because this person left.

This was my first experience with death.

Since then, I've become a journalist. I read headlines all day, and most of them are about death.

People are always dying — it's part of life. But it always seems so far away, in the Middle East, the East Coast, Haiti. Death is terrible but it's commonplace and just far enough away that I feel detached. It's hard to react strongly to something so detached from my life here in quiet, safe Moscow.

I opened Twitter Tuesday morning and skimmed through various news and sports headlines when I came across the headline: "WSU student found dead at fraternity Monday morning."

My stomach dropped.

A majority of my high school graduating class became Cougars and I've made

plenty of friends in Pullman since starting college. As the article loaded, I started mentally listing my friends in Greek life at Washington State. The picture was the first thing to load, a picture of Pi Kappa Phi in Pullman.

"Thank God," I thought. "I don't know anyone in Pi Kappa Phi at Washington State."

I read through the brief story. He was pronounced dead in his bed by police in the house.

The article gave his name at the end. Brock Lindberg sounded familiar. My stomach dropped even lower. I opened Facebook and found I was right — I knew him.

We weren't friends. I honestly don't think we ever spoke, but I knew who he was. In my few memories of him, he smiled a lot.

He was a real person and we existed in the same space for several years. And now he's gone.

I shouldn't be outliving my classmates at 20 years old.

As his death sank in, I started feeling like I was being rude to his memory. What right did I have to feel sad about Lindberg's death? I didn't know him. I felt like I was insulting him and everyone who was close to him.

But mourning for someone, regardless of friendship level, is important.

Feeling sad for the loss of a person is a good thing. As much as it hurts, it

reminds me that I'm having a uniquely human experience and how lucky I am to live a life that allows me to have those human experiences and emotions.

Mourning also acknowledges someone left and won't be coming back. It's such a fickle thing to wrap my head around, in part because I've never reached for my phone to text someone only to remember they aren't there.

At this age, it's striking when classmates die. I don't know many of my peers that think they'll die at 21. Most students plan for a career — that's why they're in college. They want to have a shot at creating a life for themselves. They shouldn't be dead before they have their shot at the real world.

Lindberg could have been any of my friends at Washington State. It could have been someone in Greek life, or not, at Idaho. It could have been the girl next to me, or the man walking past me. It could have been me.

Death touches us all at some point. Whether it's a relative, friend or acquaintance, no one should downplay their grief. The world has lost someone unique — a person with a future, a person who didn't plan to leave so soon. Feel that.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE
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Science

I can press a button and Amazon will automatically order toilet paper for me. So why do toxicology reports take five to six weeks? Parents deserve to know why their child died.

— Tess

Week 10

Where has the time gone? It doesn't feel like the semester is almost over.

— Luis

Port of Seattle

Incredibly disappointed in the commissioner's continued stance against an arena, even one that is privately-funded. Seattle needs its Sonics back.

— Josh

Spending

Why does UI need another stadium? I know I speak for a large group of students who would much rather turn the lot in front of Wallace into a nice parking garage facility.

— Nick

A good show

I can't wait to see how many people "dress up" as a hungover college student for Halloween on Monday. Oh, what a great time of year this is.

— Erin

Very British problems

Does anyone have tea? I just need my tea to get through exams today.

— Catherine

Success

I'm a full month ahead on my plan of watching all seven seasons of "Gilmore Girls." It's safe to say this milestone is a success in dedication and procrastination.

— Hailey

Turning the tables

It is a little strange being interviewed versus interviewing someone, but hopefully the information is worthwhile. I can't wait to see how the project turns out.

— Claire

Beach blues

I'm at that point where all I want is to dress for summer, walk barefoot along the beach and for tan lines to actually be my biggest problem in life.

— Diamond

Good luck

Wishing the best of luck to the men's and women's cross-country team as they compete in the Big Sky Conference Championship.

— Mihaela

LGBT...QA

A quick Q and A on the "gay agenda" — "why do you folks keep adding letters?" The answer: Because sexuality and gender are fluid. Also, you can't give a sufficient answer to someone who just doesn't want to understand.

— Kevin

Halloween

Undoubtedly one of the craziest weekends of the year. Everyone have fun and be safe.

— Tea

Rain, rain

Go away.
Come again some other —
Never.

— Jack

Sans dollar sign

The New York Times Magazine profile of Kesha, published Wednesday, is worth reading.

— Lyndsie

Only enabling

Boise School District's grade policy endangers students' future success

In July, the Boise School District announced a new grading policy making the lowest possible grade a student can receive a 50 percent on any project, assignment or test regardless of their effort or punctuality. The "no zero" policy is a system that various other districts around the country have also implemented, and every school has received mixed reactions.

Now that midterms are over and I've reflected on the possible test outcomes in each of my college classes, I found myself dreaming how great it would be to know the lowest grade I could receive on an exam is a 50 percent. Granted, that grade is still a failing one and I hope that isn't the outcome. But, the fact that that I could not technically earn anything lower is a nice thought.

Still, I quickly realized the idea behind the policy is great in theory, but poor in practice. No student gets accepted to a university by banking on a grading system that allows them to work less and get by with a middle-of-the-road grade.

The students who learn under this policy will inevitably find a much less sympathetic grading system when they venture out into the college world.

Still, I commend the school district for trying new things when it comes to grading. It is no secret that Idaho falls toward the lower end of the national spectrum when it comes to education. Even taking a stab at reinventing one district's grading system is a sign of progress. However, I doubt this policy is what anyone had in mind when it comes to grading reform.

A 50 percent on any assignment is a failing grade, but it won't be entirely detrimental to a student's overall GPA. According to a KTVB news report from July, the system encourages students to keep trying until their grade is satisfactory. But who decides when a grade is "satisfactory?" If a student didn't complete the assignment in the first

place, they still receive a grade and get the chance to better that grade even though they didn't care to try.

This aspect of the policy doesn't seem like it will engage students — it will only enable them. Unfortunately, some students will take advantage of the system by not trying on the first attempt, but by taking advantage of the reward that is getting a 50 percent for an assignment with no effort.

The report detailed that students must attend study sessions and show that they are truly working to improve their grade instead of using the policy negatively. This may be the only characteristic of the policy that makes sense.

The fact that the school district aims to change the way students learn and receive grades is a step in the right direction. But, there are certainly other options to implement that would better prepare Idaho students for the real world.

Extra credit assignments, study groups and test retakes are all ways in which students can attempt to improve their grades. It takes a little extra work and of course students might have to work their way up from a zero instead of a 50 percent, but the learning process is more compliant with that of the world outside the K-12 setting.

In college, professors don't often allow students to turn in nothing and still receive a grade. A busy professor will not always be there to work through a project one-on-one. Some professors barely even get the chance to know their students through anything other than their last name. This is just how college is.

Instead of teaching that there will always be something to fall back on, it is time to let students take the initiative for themselves. They must be the ones to fail and pick back up when it comes to grades. It can be done.

I truly believe that when given the chance, a student who cares and wants to prepare for real life will do what it takes to get there without relying on an over-enabling policy.

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✉ Mailbox

Like many of my friends, I was born and raised in Idaho and making the decision to come to the University of Idaho was not an easy one. I chose to attend this university in part because of the scholarships that I received. As a product of Idaho's public schools, I worked hard to prepare myself for college and to earn scholarships to help pay the way. Living in a state that doesn't prioritize education makes it tough to pay for school without drowning in student loan debt.

The Idaho State Board of Education (a publicly funded agency) gives thousands of dollars in college scholarships to Idaho students every year. This past spring, District 5 legislative candidate, Caroline Nilsson-Troy, co-sponsored a bill that would allow some of these

state-funded scholarships to be rewarded to students who chose to go to private, religious institutions. This bill is not only an unconstitutional violation of the separation of church and state, but it also takes money out of the hands of students who are the product of our public education system.

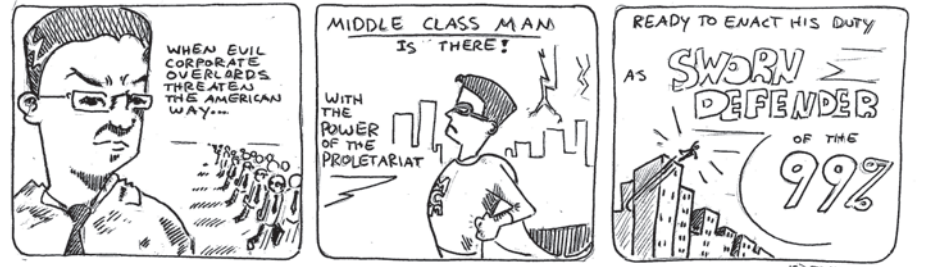
For this reason, I am supporting Laurene Sorensen for District 5. She is committed to improving Idaho's education system, not just K-12, but through college as well. I appreciate her faith in Idaho's students and her willingness to invest in our future.

It's fine to go to private schools, but do it on your own dime — not mine.

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