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Sophomore Sophie McGrath, junior Drew Pickens, and freshman Skylar Oneida compete in the "Most Vandalized Fan" event at Yell like Hell.

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A photo frenzy

Photo Scavenger Hunt encourages healthy competition

Kilty Ellis
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Homecoming Week is a time to honor school pride, put on silver and gold and celebrate all University of Idaho has to offer. Not only this, but it is also a time to scavenge for photos.

On Sunday night, students gathered outside the VandalStore to commence UI's Homecoming Week with the traditional Photo Scavenger Hunt.

"We have seventeen fraternities, ten sororities and a few miscellaneous groups participating today," said Mia Goodwin, homecoming advisor and student alumni program coordinator.

"With this event, we set up a competitive atmosphere to test student's knowledge of the campus and enhance school pride for Homecoming Week," Goodwin said.

Students collected around the VandalStore entrance and strategized with their teams while excited murmurs and festive chatter echoed from every corner.

For the scavenger hunt, groups were encouraged to explore UI's campus and take pictures of themselves posing in different specific locations, said Nichole Hampton, UI senior and member of Delta Delta Delta. Each group had one hour to get as many points as possible.

"We have to go around the campus taking pictures of places and posing in specific locations, we have an hour to get as many points as we possibly can," Hampton, who has participated in the event for the last four years, said.

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Shout Vandal pride

Homecoming traditions fost a sense of vandal pride

Kali Nelson
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho's Homecoming Week is off to a loud start with the annual Yell Like Hell event.

Booming echoes of students yelling reverberated from wall to wall in the International Ballroom

of the Pitman Center Sunday night. Yell Like Hell was one of the first events to begin this year's Homecoming Week.

With 20 teams in attendance, head chair of Yell Like Hell, Lise Welch, said students came together to show off chants they wrote to gain points for their team.

Throughout the event, chants were broken up with announcements about events occurring throughout the week and included homecoming royalty announcements. The winners of Yell Like Hell, announced by Welch, were

Theta Chi for fraternities and Pi Beta Phi for sororities.

The winner of Yell Like Hell is chosen by how loud they are, measured by an app that counts decibels, or the intensity of the sound, Welch said. The creativity of the chant however, depends on the group and how creative they are willing to get.

Welch said she considers this year's Yell Like Hell to be a success, as they saw a larger increase in attendance than in previous years.

The most vandalized fan consisted of three different rounds—

best dressed, best go-Vandals and audience participation in the Vandal fight song. The winner was Kappa Alpha Theta.

Homecoming royalty was announced at Yell Like Hell, with Homecoming Queen and King nominations. Voting began Monday and ends Friday at 5 p.m. Yell Like Hell announcers said to watch social media for the poll. The top eight will be announced at the bonfire Friday.

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'Twas the night before homecoming

Previewing Friday night's homecoming event line-up

Kyle Pfannenstiel
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho students will celebrate the Vandal experience and rally to support the football team beginning 8 p.m. Friday near the golf course for Serpentine to begin a night of homecoming festivities.

Serpentine, a walk the campus community does yearly, will end in a gravel parking lot outside the

Kibbie Dome, where a roaring bonfire will have already been lit.

At 8:30 p.m. Homecoming royalty court will be announced there, before fireworks begin illuminating the sky at 9:15 p.m. Students can then walk down to Theophilus Tower to observe a music-synced light show at 9:45 p.m.

Serpentine Chair for the Homecoming Committee and fourth-year microbiology student, Madison Dahlquist, said Serpentine will begin at Nez Pearce Drive,

where students will then proceed to walk through campus and end at the Kibbie Dome.

The walk will be led by the marching band, said Mia Goodwin, homecoming advisor and student alumni program coordinator.

"It makes this electric atmosphere... it's all about banding together, forgetting their differences and just being Vandals," Goodwin said.

Serpentine originally started as a pajamas party in the '50s and

'60s, according to the University of Idaho Traditions Keepers Book.

"Obviously, it's pretty weird for people to run around in their PJs," Goodwin said. "So we moved to a more modern serpentine."

Once the students are in the Kibbie Dome's parking lot, they gather to spectate the towering bonfire of 100 stacked wooden pallets.

The Moscow Fire Department will have at least two trucks there, Goodwin said. They will ignite the fire, watch over the safety of stu-

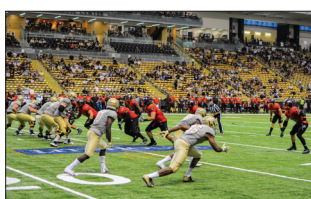
dents and douse it a few hours later.

During the bonfire, this year's homecoming royalty court will be announced.

Goodwin said royalty isn't a popularity contest because students are nominated by students and faculty to pick students they believe stand out both in and out of the classroom.

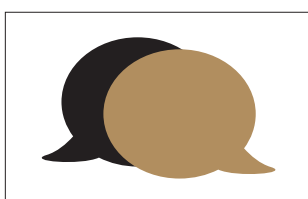
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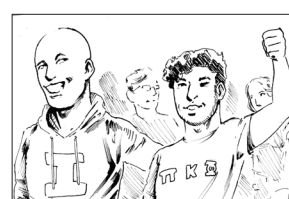
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A Crumbs recipe



Peanut butter chocolate cheesecake

This cheesecake recipe is perfect for the baker that wants to impress without actually baking. With just a few simple ingredients and no time in the oven, this recipe will become a staple in your baking book.


Ingredients

- 8 ounces of cream cheese
- 1 cup of powdered sugar
- 1 cup of whipping cream
- 3 cups of crushed Oreos
- 1/2 stick of melted butter
- 1/2 cup of melted chocolate
- 1 cup of creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 tablespoon of vanilla extract

Directions

1. Combine the melted butter and crushed Oreos to make a crust. Press the crust mixture into a pie pan and freeze for 15 minutes.
2. Combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, whipping cream, peanut butter and vanilla extract in a bowl. Stir until smooth.
3. Fill the pie tin with the cream cheese mixture and drizzle the melted chocolate over the top.
4. Place in the fridge for three hours or until firm.

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The 2016 Homecoming Parade draws Vandal fans together in downtown Moscow, big and small.

PROFILE

A passion for marching

Freshman Emily Branham is reunited with her passion

Elizabeth Marshall
ARGONAUT

Freshman Vandal Marching Band member Emily Branham was first introduced to playing music at a very young age at her arts-oriented elementary school in Detroit, Michigan. She began playing the flute in fifth grade. However, Branham said it wasn't until many years later that she grew to love the instrument and, when that day came, it changed her whole life.

Branham learned how to march at Kuna High School during her freshman year of high school. She now attributes her passion for music to that year of marching at

Kuna and her band teacher there.

"Until ninth grade, I was horrible. I didn't know how to play or correctly read music until my teacher told me, with all of the kindness he could, that I was really bad," Branham said. "Being told how much I was lacking sparked in my heart determination to get better. I found myself practicing every day and began to enjoy the act of making music."

When Branham discovered the town and the new high school she would attend sophomore year did not have a marching band, she said she was disappointed and felt she would lose her passion for marching band forever.

"During high school, I continued flute, began playing the piccolo, and took a steel pans course which I enjoyed, but Sandpoint didn't have a marching band," Branham said. "I was

so sad to hear that I couldn't do something I loved so much but I constantly looked forward to it in college which ultimately became a playful joke within the band."

Upon moving to Sandpoint her sophomore year, Branham was named to a first chair position in band and held that position throughout the rest of high school. The Sandpoint High School band traveled to San Francisco, Calif. last year to perform in a national competition and was awarded first place, an accomplishment Branham says is one of the major highlights from her high school years.

According to Branham, the Vandal Marching Band was a key factor in her deciding to attend the University of Idaho. Currently, Branham plays the flute in the marching band but hopes to start playing the piccolo again as well.

"Now that I'm in marching band again after three years without, it was the most wonderful feeling to take my first steps onto the field again and it continues to be the highlight of the night at every game," Branham said. "I love seeing my friends in the stands, as well as all the other people who enjoy and support the band."

Branham also said during her two moves during high school, she found a home and a family in the band.

"Everywhere I have moved to, the band kids were where I found my niche, especially here at the University of Idaho," Branham said. "Moving away from my family was extremely difficult for me, but my flute section and many others in the band who I've met have made the transition into college so much easier. I have a lot of upperclassmen who help me out

during games and hang out with me outside of band, which I'm really grateful for."

One band member Branham considers a friend and mentor is the head of the flute section, Molly Freney. Freney said having new band members who listen to direction well and practice at home is a crucial aspect of the band's inner-workings.

"Sometimes we have very little time to explain a lot of logistics, movements or information, so that listening is really helpful," Freney said. "Emily has been an awesome member since the first day of band camp. She listens and follows directions, isn't afraid to ask questions and always has a positive attitude even when things get crazy."

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Band members march in downtown Moscow as a part of 2016's Homecoming Parade.

A community parade

UI parade engages Moscow community for homecoming

Kali Nelson
ARGONAUT

The Homecoming Parade is an event for the whole Moscow community — not just the university.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Main Street will transform into the site of the 109th annual University of Idaho Homecoming Parade, lined with floats, community members and students. The parade, which is a precursor to the homecoming football game at 2 p.m., will

run through downtown Moscow. It will begin near the H&R Block parking lot, according to the university's homecoming webpage. The parade will be followed by the living group open house, which takes place across campus.

"The entire event should take about an hour to an hour and a half," Homecoming Parade Chair Alexis Murray said.

There will be a variety of floats run by different organizations on campus and throughout the community that will make their way down Main Street. Murray stressed that while the parade will be a community event, it is not limited to the

students at the university.

"Anyone can be involved in the entire community," Murray said. "It's not just the college, and that's what I like about it."

The parade expects about 100 entries across Moscow, Murray said. Parade floats will range from local businesses, to Greek life, clubs and some high school students. All students are encouraged to attend, Murray said.

Points will be granted to small groups, not just fraternities and sororities, Murray said. The Homecoming Committee works to outreach to residence halls to gain more student involvement during Homecoming Week. Murray said

she believes students in the dorms are already more involved in homecoming events this year than.

One new float in the parade this weekend will be from the Moscow Manticores Quidditch team. Lauren Blenn, president of the quidditch team said the reason they joined the parade was to get word out about the quidditch team.

"It was mostly for visibility," Blenn said. "A lot of people at University of Idaho do not know that University of Idaho has a quidditch team."

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RESEARCH

Adapting antelope

UI receives \$700,000 to study antelope in Mozambique

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It has been more than two decades since the civil war in Mozambique destroyed much of the large animal population of the country's Gorongosa National Park.

"Gorongosa was one of the most phenomenal parks," said Ryan Long, a University of Idaho researcher. "It rivaled the Serengeti. Unfortunately, during the Civil War, more than 95 percent of the animals were killed to feed the soldiers and fund the war."

Since then, the nearly animal-devoid park has served as a rare case study in large animal reintroduction for researchers, including Long.

Long has worked in the area over the past three years and in August, a team of researchers led by Long, received a \$1.25 million grant from the National Science Foundation, \$700,000 of which is allocated to UI, to study the adaptability of animals returning to the park.

Long's team includes Princeton researchers Rob Pringle and Corina Tarnita.

The grant funds a research project for Long

and his team to study how different sizes of closely related species of antelope react differently to changes in the available resources. It also funds an integrated field course that will send about five undergraduates from UI and Princeton and about five undergraduates from Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Mozambique to Gorongosa Park.

"It will be a really cool international experience in the process," Long said.

UI's share will fund one Ph.D. student as well as equipment, including all of the GPS collars for the antelope.

Long's research focuses on three species of the genus *tragelaphus* spiral-horned antelope. Long said the species have very similar foraging patterns and rely on the same kinds of woody plants, but do not overlap in body size, with Kudu being larger than Nyala, which are larger than Bushbuck — all three different species of spiral-horned antelope.

"We get to see effects of body size on behavior without all the confounding behaviors you would find when studying vastly different species," Long said.

Long said body size can have a variety of effects on how adaptable a species is.

Long said animals like antelope, small-bodied species require higher-quality forage.

"Because they're small, food moves through their system fairly rapidly," Long said. "They can't extract nutrients as efficiently. A larger animal holds onto its food longer and so digests it more fully and efficiently."

He said this can be seen in the size of the range different-sized animals inhabit.

"If you have a drought year and the availability of good food goes down, small animals will be constrained," Long said. "But large bodied animals will be fine."

Long said body size affects animals in other ways too. He said larger-bodied species have the ability to move longer distances in situations where resources become scarce, storing more energy and having longer legs.

"A large animal like an elephant can migrate hundreds of miles if it needs to," Long said. "But a small animal like a duiker is not capable of that kind of movement. If a duiker runs out of resources in its area, it can only move so far."

Long said variation in body size is a universal trait, applying to species such as mule deer, elk and moose.

"Those results will apply just as well to a lot of the species we hold near and dear here at home," Long said.

Long said thanks in part to the Carr Foundation, estab-

lished by Idaho businessman Greg Carr, park populations are improving, particularly among herbivores, but that things have changed.

"As they've recolonized, the community composition is very different," Long said. "Prior to the war it was dominated by buffalo and zebra. Those bulk grazers have been slow to recover. Mid-sized species like water buck and impala have done really well."

However, he said predators have been particularly slow to recover. He said the park used to be home to lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and African wild dogs.

Long said the last two years of the project will be an experiment. He said once the team has identified a significant overlap in the range of all three species, the team will remove some of the available food and observe how the different species react.

"From a purely scientific perspective, it's like a massive natural experiment to see what happens to an ecosystem when all the animals are suddenly removed from it," Long said. "There's really nowhere else in the world we can see something like this at this scale."

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CAMPUS LIFE



Alexandra Stutzman | Argonaut

Participants practicing meditation at 12 p.m. in the TLC.

Relief through mindfulness

Twenty-minute meditation class help reduce stress

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ARGONAUT

Meditation is nothing new to the University of Idaho.

As the school year progresses, so do Mindful Meditation sessions.

Mindful Meditation is a 20-minute session run by Jamie Derrick, a University of California Los Angeles trained mindfulness instructor and clinical faculty member at UI. Sessions are free to students and faculty and take place Wednesdays from noon to 12:20 p.m. in TLC 46.

The purpose of the session is to create an open and friendly space for people to come and practice meditation, Derrick said.

Attendees sit in silence as Derrick narrates the session. Over the course of 20 minutes, participants are instructed to monitor their breathing and remain conscience of each individual breath. In addition to this, they are instructed to stay in touch with every part of their body.

Derrick said regular meditation can provide health benefits. She said participants may see improved

relationships, immune systems, cardiovascular and mental health benefits.

"The research shows that fine-tuning awareness through mindfulness helps with any performance activity," Derrick said. "Academic or athletic or business oriented, it doesn't matter. If you have your focus more attuned, you perform better."

Derrick said meditation can be beneficial to everyone, as it helps people learn to encounter their mind while also living in the moment. She said learning to slow down thoughts helps students reduce symptoms they might experience from excessive worrying.

Although long-term results might take up to one month to notice, some short-term benefits are visible to attendees. These benefits include a sense of overall calmness and awareness, Derrick said.

She said participants are likely to experience all of these benefits with regular meditation.

However, if a participant finds it hard to practice alone, or is curious as to how to get started, Derrick recommends practicing meditation with a group, much like in the Mindful Meditation sessions.

"Like building a muscle at the gym you have to do repeated reps," Derrick said.

"It's kind of the same thing." The class consists of both students and faculty.

Omni Francetich, administrative coordinator in the department of politics and philosophy said she attends Mindful Meditation to help further her practice.

Francetich has been attending Derrick's sessions since she first heard about it and was one of Derrick's students when Francetich attended the university. Francetich said she has seen a significant reduction in health problems following regular meditation.

Kyle Peterson, a fifth-year psychology student, said he noticed personal benefits following his meditation practice. He said being present in the moment has reduced his worry and stress.

Derrick has online resources for students that are unable to make the sessions. Students unable to attend can access resources such as articles and recorded meditation sessions. Derrick said in order to stay updated, students should like the UIMind Facebook page for information regarding meditation times and new resources.

Derrick also offers a Mindful Meditation class during spring semester.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Combat stresses from midterms

Manage stress, utilize time to improve midterms

Kilty Ellis
ARGONAUT

As midterm week approaches, student stress levels are on the rise.

Mid-semester exams may cause a student to experience excess stress, so it is important to know how to stay calm.

Student health services, located across from the Admin building, is an organization students can utilize.

Student health services works closely with students to improve all areas of health, including stress management and mental health, Director of Health Promotion Emily Tuschhoff said.

"If I was to give students advice for midterms week I would say firstly, that we hope students can learn stress management early in the year and utilize it through the semester ... secondly, I would say listen to your body — know your signs of stress, identify what you're stressed about, recognize what you can and cannot control, engage in positive coping mechanisms such as exercise and yoga, and have some active self-care strategies like getting a good night's sleep," Tuschhoff said.

However, Tuschhoff said some stress can be good. She said the nervousness one gets before an exam can give students a boost. But, recognizing the tipping point can be important.

"When we're too stressed it leads to overwhelming ourselves and our performance goes down," Tuschhoff said. "We want students to stay in an optimal zone of stress."

Time management during midterms week is what Tuschhoff said she believes success really comes down to.

"Prioritization and time management are the most important tools to utilize," Tuschhoff said.

To prepare for midterm exams, UI offers drop-in tutoring for those in need of assistance.

The Tutoring and College Success office, located in TLC 306, advises students on time management.

"Make a schedule — prioritize studying," said David Reis, lead academic coach for Tutoring and College Success.

Reis said the tutoring center advises two hours of studying for every hour of class time for upcoming exams.

"Make these study sessions brief, take a break and then go back to studying," Reis said. "Allow for one hour of review right before the midterm."

Repetitive routine studying is key, and Reis

said research shows such schedule is one of the best tools a student can use, as repeated study sessions are a good way to reduce stress and anxiety.

Although time management is important, the tutoring center also advises students not to switch up their routine completely just because of midterms, as this can cause more stress.

"Don't try to change your routine too much," said Marquise Evans, academic coach at Tutoring and College Success. "If you go to the gym every Wednesday, then go to the gym still on Wednesday."

Evans said it is important to prioritize mental health above all else, to not eat junk food and to ensure a good night's sleep.

"It is not the time to participate in high risk behavior — manage your stress in healthy ways," Evans said.

UI senior Kayla Watson studies microbiology and gives inside advice from a student's perspective.

"Find a quiet place to study, hold in there, midterms are daunting but not the end of the world — study and you'll get through them," Watson said. "Priorities are important ... studying is important, but don't burn yourself out. Make sure you have time to sit down breath and relax — maybe drink some tea or something."

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CAMPUS LIFE

Breaking the ban

Banned Books Week brings together UI faculty, staff and students

Hailey Stewart
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The Read Out! Against Banned Books Week began Monday, giving University of Idaho faculty, staff and students a chance to listen to excerpts from a selection of classic and controversial pieces of literature.

Hosted by the College of Education Services department along with the Library Curriculum Center, the week-long event is in its second year at the university. Part of the national Banned Books Week Coalition, the annual event brings together UI community members to read specifically from banned or challenged books.

According to the Banned Books Week Coalition website, the week first began in 1982 and has since attempted to engage communities and universities such as UI.

The event has taken place everyday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will conclude Friday afternoon.

Readers have ranged from UI administration to professors and students. Each reader chose from a selection of censored or challenged historic or con-

temporary books.

During the Thursday session of the event, about 20 people joined in on the reading. Audience members had the chance to listen to readers such as Associate Dean of Libraries Ben Hunter, Dean of Libraries Lynn Baird, Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek and College of Health, Education and Human Sciences Dean Alison Carr-Chellman among others.

The readers sat behind yellow caution tape and read aloud various excerpts and chapters from their books. A shelf filled with banned and censored books over time sat next to the readers, holding a sign that read "censorship causes blindness."

Hunter kicked off the day's reading session with "Slaughterhouse-Five," a novel by Kurt Vonnegut. He chose chapter four to depict the interest and potential for censorship in the novel.

Hunter said "Slaughterhouse-Five" has been banned or challenged for years. The session took him back to his younger years, he said, as he first read the book when he was

about 12 years old.

"I now realize it was fundamental to my learning," Hunter said. "My thinking was shifted at a very early age, and I owe all that to this book."

Hunter said many people carry the misconception that literature is readily available for everyone. With well-stocked bookstores and seemingly endless possibilities on Amazon, he said, most would think books can be found just about anywhere, but that is not always the most economic option.

"I'm very thankful my elementary school — for whatever reason — had it stocked on its shelves," Hunter said.

Baird then read an excerpt from "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien.

Baird said the collection of short stories published in 1990 details the lives of soldiers on the ground in Vietnam. She said she chose this novel because of its connection to the recent release of the documentary "The Vietnam War" by Ken Burns.

After 15 minutes with Baird, Wiencek took to the front of the room to read chapter 28 from "A Fare-



Joleen Evans | Argonaut

UI Library Associate Dean Ben Hunter reads Slaughterhouse Five as part of Read Out! Against Banned Books Sept. 29 in the College of Education.

well to Arms" by Ernest Hemingway.

Hunter said this event helps illustrate the idea that access to literature can easily be taken away — even at the

educational level.

"It is really important for people to understand that even if you don't agree with the content of a book, others should still have

access to it," Hunter said.

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CITY COUNCIL

'Regulate these toads out of business'

Moscow City Council candidates discuss fraudulent renting and holiday renaming

Kyle Pfannenstiel
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Moscow mayor candidate Linda Paul spoke of a possible renting agency rating system in a candidate forum last Tuesday night.

Candidates for mayor and city council seats answered pre-submitted questions, some from University of Idaho students, in a Moscow City Elections Forum Oct. 26 in the UI Janssen Engineering building auditorium. Candidates later answered a few questions from the audience, which was comprised of students

and community members.

All candidates beside Arthur Bettge attended the questionnaire forum. The event was hosted by the UI Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Fraudulent renting was a hot topic at the forum in light of a large renting agency, White Pine Property Management, which unexpectedly closed late June. Their closure left many tenants wondering where their security deposits went, according to Moscow-Pullman Daily News. The case is being investigated by Idaho State Police and the matter is estimated to involve over \$200,000, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce said in a news release.

Candidates had indirect back and forth in their answers to a prepared question about how they felt about a city's response to address

fraudulent renters.

Walter Steed, an incumbent council member, stressed residents need to recognize the limits city governments must adhere to. Robb Parish, who is running for a four-year city council seat, noted there is a state law prohibiting city government from regulating leases, and said Moscow made the right decision deferring the matter to police.

The market is the best solution to problematic agencies, Steed said, because bad word about fraudulent companies will spread and people will stop renting from them. Two other incumbent city council members, Gina Taruscio and John Weber had similar remarks, and said those renters have power and suggested people avoid renting from fraudulent renters.

Weber advised residents do research the agencies before renting.

Anne Zabala, the challenger to Weber's council seat, said the burden should be on the city and commissions, not the renters.

Deborah Sullivan, a challenging candidate, said students should get involved in city commissions to help the city better understand issues they face with renting agencies. Paul, Lambert's challenger for mayor, said a rating system for renting agencies could be established with the Fair and Affordable Housing Commission.

"Frankly, we don't have enough tools to regulate these toads out of business," she said.

In answering the first question of the night, all but one candidate concisely and directly said they would support a city decision to rename Columbus Day to Indige-

nous People's Day. Current Mayor Bill Lambert agreed to a name change, but to something else.

"Discovery day," he said. "What do you think of that one?"

Lambert's warrants for the name were that he recognized other people lived here first, but said someone discovered it that day. Parish earlier mentioned Leif Erikson had discovered North America before Christopher Columbus.

Paul and Lambert are candidates in the mayoral race, with a four-year term. Bettge, Parish, Steed, Sullivan and Taruscio are candidates for the four-year term city council seats, of which there are three. Weber and Zabala are competing for a single two-year council seat.

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FRENZY

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"Although this is my first year here, I am very excited to participate," said Raquel Wemhoff, UI freshman and member of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The photo scavenger hunt is one of many events which takes place during Homecoming Week, and although many sororities and fraternities groups showed their Vandal pride, students outside of Greek life attended the event to show their support too.

The Homecoming Committee laid out basic rules for the teams participating, and after accessing the scavenger hunt app on their phones, student groups split up and began scavenging for their photos.

VANDAL

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Yell Like Hell has been going on for a few years and has grown ever since, Welch said. It works to promote a sense of unity within the Vandal family, said Quentin Graff, assistant chair for Yell Like Hell. The event works to evoke a sense of pride among UI students, Graff said.

This competitive event featured a simple prize — bragging rights for whoever wins.

"Teams get one hour to get as many points as they can, it's possible to get about three hundred points," Goodwin said. "The team that wins gets announced at the homecoming game. They get bragging rights for the rest of the year."

The excited murmurs died down as Goodwin stood up at 5 p.m. to signify the start of the event.

The first groups of students ran across the road and more followed as they all dispersed in different directions to take as many pictures as they could and utilize their knowledge of UI's campus.

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"It's the most Vandal pride thing we do," Welch said. "A lot of our other things focus on our theme or other contests we do throughout the week, but this is really showing our love for Idaho and our spirit and just being loud and proud about why we love the University of Idaho."

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HOMECOMING

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The "Latah Credit Union Fireworks Extravaganza!" will then begin in the midst of the bonfire.

"I love it," Dahlquist said. "I feel like I always get

caught off guard because I focus on the fire."

After the events in the Kibbie Dome parking lot, students can watch a music-synchronized light show at the Theophilus Tower, put on by the Association of Computing Machinery.

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HOMECOMING

Timeless traditions

Vandals across campus will compete in annual skit competition for Homecoming

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The annual Homecoming Vandal Jingles competition will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center.

Vandal Jingles is a competition where teams work together to create any sort of skit, which could include performing stand-up comedy, lip-syncing, singing and more. Each team's performance must be based around this year's Homecoming theme — "Under the Big Top."

Homecoming committee advisor Mia Goodwin said she expects the interpretation of the theme to be very broad, including anything from juggling to playing carnival games to taming lions or doing acrobatics.

"Students will make it their own but also 'Vandalize' it," Goodwin said. "It's an opportunity for them to add in what they've experienced here and what they think homecoming should be."

Goodwin said homecoming is designed to connect alumni with students and welcome past graduates home. She said the events leading up to Serpentine and the football game are there to "create an electric atmosphere" and to get everyone across campus involved.

Goodwin said one of the main goals for Vandal Jingles this year is to inform people that all Vandals, no matter what groups they belong to, can compete. She said there will be teams from fraternities, sororities, living groups and organizations and small student groups involved in "healthy competition" for points throughout the entire week.

The theme comes with the

idea that carnivals unite people, Goodwin said. She said she hopes the theme will create an atmosphere where the entire Vandal community can come together, and alumni can remember what they were once a part of.

Much of Homecoming week originates from old traditions, she said, and Vandal Jingles, or a skit competition, has gone on for some time.

"It gets people out of their comfort zone," Goodwin said. "Even though they're competing, people pump each other up and unite."

After teams compete for points all week, the overall winner is announced at the football game, giving the team members bragging rights, Goodwin said. She said the sorority Alpha Gamma Delta and the fraternity Alpha Kappa Lambda won the overall competition last year.

UI graduate student Brittnay Davis said she enjoys the Vandal Jingles event because it allows groups to take the theme and make it unique. She said they can make the skit represent Vandals as a whole and also their own individual organizations, while also being funny.

She said homecoming is her favorite week of the year because it is the one time when everyone is proud to be a Vandal and shows their Vandal spirit.

"It's just a magical time," Davis said.

Goodwin said homecoming celebrates students, faculty and staff—what they have accomplished in the past and what they are doing now. She said it's great to have Vandals of all generations, including future Vandals, come together in support of the university.

"It reminds everyone that you're a Vandal no matter what," she said.

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CRUMBS

Doughnuts leave downtown

Buy the Dozen Doughnuts will exclusively be in the Idaho Commons starting Friday

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Local company Buy the Dozen Doughnuts is discontinuing their downtown Moscow location and preparing to move entirely to the University of Idaho Commons by Friday.

While their soon-to-be previous location blended well with the wide range of

shops and cafes in downtown Moscow, the owners of Buy the Dozen Doughnuts said they decided to move in order to bring the company closer to a large consumer base.

"Access to all the students at University of Idaho is our main reason for moving," said Ray Wallace, an owner of the company. "It'll be good for business and get the word out more about our company."

Though the move brings the company entirely on campus, some may miss the store's downtown location.

"It adds a nice aesthetic to the downtown environment and really draws people in,"

said UI freshman Stephen Best.

Buy the Dozen Doughnuts began in 2009, the inspiration of Kris Wallace. According to the company's website, Wallace came across a mini doughnut stand at Pike's Place Market in Seattle and wanted to bring something similar to Moscow.

Originally, she started Buy the Dozen Doughnuts as a doughnut cart at the Moscow Farmers Market, before it expanded and moved into a permanent location on Sixth Street. The company still hosts a cart at the farmers' market and will continue to sell doughnuts there after the

move Friday, said Buy the Dozen Doughnuts employee Christa Hernandez.

"I really like their doughnuts," said UI freshman Emmally Evans. "They taste good and they're fun to get to before a long day of classes. I, for one, am really glad that they're completely moving into the Commons because it makes it so much easier to get them and limits the chances of them moving out of the Commons."

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MUSIC

A two-day platform for performers

30 bands will perform in Humble Burger's Modest Music Fest

Dominique Stout
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This Saturday and Sunday, Humble Burger will host the first ever Modest Music Fest in downtown Moscow, with performances taking place at various locations.

The event will feature over 30 bands, many of which are local or from Idaho.

Humble Burger has hosted various bands since 2015, when the company first opened in Moscow. The creation of Modest Music Fest is a continuation of the company's effort to bring art and music to the community. According to Humble Burger's Modest

Music event page, the company "want(s) to share (their) music community with the broader world. The Modest Music Fest is the next step on the path to placing this incredible place on the Northwest music map."

The event provides a platform for local artists, giving them a chance to showcase their talent to a large, diverse audience.

The concert lineup includes Built to Spill, Finn Riggins, Cosmos and multiple other local artists from the Northwest. One of the bands performing is Astronaut and the Trees, a local Moscow band comprised of Andru Gomez and Will Thompson. Astronaut and the Trees will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday at Last Frontier Pizza Co.

Gomez and Thompson said the Modest

Music Fest "gives a spotlight to local bands, and gives the bands a chance to form a community with likeminded people."

Thompson said he and Gomez expect the event to be well-attended and impactful for the region.

"The cool thing about this festival is that it is a point of community pride," Thompson

The venues for the festival are Humble Burger, Last Frontier Pizza Co., Mikey's Gyros, One World Cafe and the Psychiana Stage.

A major focal point of the festival is Idaho band Built To Spill. Built To Spill is a Boise-based indie rock band that established a name for itself in the '90s and is now renowned in the Northwest.

Along with indie rock, bands will play folk,

Americana, synth-pop, punk and hip-hop music at the festival.

"There is so much power in being around other people who share your same goals," Gomez said.

Two-day wristbands for Saturday and Sunday events cost \$30 and are good for all performances. They can be bought online through Humble Burger and will be available to pick up at 11 a.m., Oct. 7. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for individual shows. KUOI is also giving away two 2-day passes to Modest Music Fest on Facebook. Winners will be announced Thursday.

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GAMES

A 'Super Bowl' for gamers

Seventh annual Vandal Overnight Games builds campus gaming community

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Vandal Overnight Games attendees filled the Idaho Commons Saturday night, crowding around tables, computers and televisions.

"It's basically a convention," said Michael Bonar, a University of Idaho virtual technology and design student.

For his part, Bonar set up a table advertising his "overnight art" where gamers could request sketches of their favorite characters.

"A couple of years ago I decided to take sketches because I wasn't really participating in the video gaming," Bonar said.

Bonar's table proved popular Saturday, with students flocking to request drawings of various game characters. As 11 p.m. rolled around, another artist joined Bonar to help reach the ever-elusive end of his request list.

The artists weren't the only ones hanging around late into the night. The event officially spanned 12 hours from 1 p.m. Saturday to 1 a.m. Sunday, and stayed busy through the night.

"There are always some people still having fun at 1 a.m.," said UI extension website designer and board game aficionado Michelle Boese-Empy.

Boese-Empy said she has been a member of the Palouse Board Gamers since she moved to the area in 2009. She said she joined the group hoping to find a sense of community in a new town. Eight years later, she works at Vandal Overnight Games to share that sense of community with a new group of game geeks.

"This is like our Super Bowl of the semester," Boese-Empy said with a laugh. "One of the things I really like about this event is that it's participatory, and we get to use our heads to play."

It was clear the "analog" games were a favorite. Among the fancy screens and flashing consoles, the board game room stayed packed. Maybe gamers were drawn to the wide selection of games available, the social aspect of face-to-face gameplay or the chance to rest their eyes from a display for a while.

The board game room, although popular, was only one facet of the large event. In the next room over, for example, an interactive video game called "Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes" had a group of players



Polymorphic Games employee Landon Wright tests out Darwin's Demons during Vandal Overnight Games Saturday.

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shouting instructions across a curtain to another player diffusing a bomb on a computer screen.

There were multiple low-stress activities at the event as well. Wandering around the Commons, event-goers could find Virtual Reality headset-clad gamers waving remotes to repair cars or cook pizzas, miniature block robots assembled in seconds by even the least technologically savvy participants, elaborately dressed cosplayers and more.

At the entrance to the Commons stood Polymorphic Games with their computer game "Darwin's Demons."

Dreamed up by two UI professors and built by a team of undergraduate students, the game resembles "Space Invaders" with a Darwinian twist.

"The enemies in the game evolve," said Sam Heck, lead programmer for Polymor-

phic Games's summer 2017 student team. "The idea is that evolution always wins."

Heck spent two summers on the game programming team, and the computer science student said she was excited by the chance to put her studies to use before graduation.

"Students who work with us get actual job experience in their field," Heck said.

Several of the groups tabling at the event were confident the fields of both video and board gaming were only beginning to grow and adapt for a modern audience.

For some UI employees, gaming unexpectedly found its way into their career in the form of the UI Leadership Invitational Contest. In the contest, UI President Chuck Staben, Dean of Students Blaine Eckles, Vice President of Finance Brian Foisy and Vice President of Infrastructure Daniel Ewart participated in a Mario Kart tournament. As spectators

watched the university leaders race on a big screen, Eckles pulled ahead of the competition, seizing the victory.

"This is a lifelong dream come true," Eckles said, accepting his trophy from Joe Vandal.

Eckles, who has participated in the Invitational Contest for two years now, said he remembers when Mario Kart first came out and never thought he'd compete in the game as part of his job.

The Mario Kart victory was the highlight of an all-around exciting event, Eckles said.

"It's great seeing students engaging in all of these different activities," Eckles said. "My favorite part of the day is just watching students laughing, having a lot of fun and connecting with each other."

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LGBTQA

One World, many voices

Queer open mic night helps kick off LGBTQA History

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As part of LGBTQA History Month, the University of Idaho LGBTQA Office will host a "Queer Coffee Shop Open Mic" Friday at One World Cafe.

The event happens every three years or so, said One World employee Brendon Harker.

"It makes the community more connected," Harker said. "It's a nice way to get homework done, meet new people and experience different kinds of art."

Anyone at the open mic can go on stage and perform a slam poem, a short story, comedy, improvisation, talk about current events or do anything, Harker said.

"It's an event that brings diverse parts of the Palouse community closer," Harker said.

Julia Keleher, UI LGBTQA program coordinator, said the event is a way for

those in the LGBTQA community to get stuff off their chest and be part of an inclusive community.

"It's a night where folks can unwind and come for open mic performances while spending time with friends," Keleher said.

One World has a history of providing a venue for LGBTQA friendly events. In the past, the coffee shop has been the location of Inland Oasis's Drag Bingo, though the event will soon be held in the 1912 Center instead.

Oscar Salinas, a UI sophomore, said he

thinks the "Queer Coffee Shop Open Mic" will be a positive event in the community.

"Any time that you have an open display of diversity in a community, it's exposing people to diversity in a way that's unforgiving almost," said UI sophomore Oscar Salinas. "It shouldn't be forgiving, it should be celebrated."

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DANCE

Dance for the masses

Guest artist brings technological twist to UI Dance

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For non-dancers, the appeal behind Faith Morrison's award-winning screen dance and site-specific choreography may be difficult to express beyond stunned stammering about a "cool outdoor dance video."

However, for Melanie Meenan, clinical assistant professor and co-program coordinator of dance in the UI Department of Movement Sciences, it's a revolutionary form of artistry utilizing "technology to bring dance to the masses."

Morrison will give a free lecture from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Friday in Room 200 in the Physical Education Building at UI. Any student can attend her lecture and demonstration, which will focus on her research in the fields of screen dance and site-specific dance.

Screen dance, also known as "dance for camera," allows the audience to "feel like (they're) actually a part of (the dance)," Meenan said. Because the dances are captured on film in a specific location, Meenan also said the performances make viewers feel as though they've been "taken to another space."

"It would appear differently on stage," Meenan said.

Unlike with traditional performances, the audience is able to see different views of the dance as revealed by different camera angles. The main difference between traditional dance performances and dance performances on film, is the performances captured on camera give the ability to relive the choreography and setting.

Screen dance is a growing field with certification available through a few larger graduate degree programs across the country. Meenan and her colleagues in the Department of Movement Sciences are bringing in the renowned screen dance artist to diversify the experiences of their students.

"We don't have a class that particularly highlights (screen dance)," said Belle Baggs, clinical assistant professor and co-program coordinator of dance in the Department of Movement Sciences.

However, Baggs said several of her students have expressed an interest in the growing field of screen dance, and having Morrison come in as a guest speaker allows students to learn more about this potential career.

"The cross between dance and film is so fascinating," Baggs said.

She also said she was excited to think about adding screen dance classes in the future to meet demand as the field continues to evolve and grow.

With the intimacy of the camera's perspective and the audience's heightened sense of movement that comes with the removal of a fourth wall, screen dance has the ability to expand a dancer or choreographer's creativity by bringing

Faith Morrison's lecture

- When: 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6
- Where: Room 200 in the Physical Education Building
- Cost: Attendance is free and open to the public

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digital editing and filmography into the mix.

"There's art on both sides," Baggs said. "There's the composition and choreography of the dance, and there's also how things are captured."

For this reason, Baggs said she encourages anyone interested in the arts or movement sciences to attend Morrison's lecture, not just dance majors.

Morrison, a company member at Portland-based Polaris Dance Theatre, earned her B.A. in dance and mathematics from University of Montana and her MFA in dance from the University of Oregon. At the University of Oregon, she held a graduate teaching fellowship to instruct dance classes there in modern, ballet, jazz and contact improvisation styles.

Baggs said the guest dancer was selected primarily for her "intriguing" work and experience in teaching college students.

In addition to giving a public lecture and assisting with both modern and improvisational classes, Morrison will also be one of the guest choreographers participating in UI's fall concert which goes from Nov. 2 to Nov. 5.

Vincas Greene, a guest artist from Spokane, will also participate in the concert along with Morrison, Baggs and Meenan.

During her week at UI, Morrison will work with dance classes to share her dance style with students and set choreography for the concert.

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REVIEW

Scary story series

H.P. Lovecraft's "Cool Air" is a chilling way to start the Halloween season

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H.P. Lovecraft is a powerhouse figure within the horror and science-fiction community, and his story "Cool Air" is the perfect start to the 31 days of Halloween.

It offers a chilling story as the air around the reader becomes colder and colder.

"Cool Air" opens in New York around the turn of the 20th century. Readers follow an unnamed narrator who has come looking for "dreary and unprofitable magazine work." He struggles to find cheap but comfortable housing, until one day he finds an unassuming brownstone which seems to suit his needs.

As the story progresses, we meet the other main character Dr. Munoz.

The characters meet after the narrator suffers a heart attack and looks to Munoz for help. They soon become friends but the narrator can't help but feel some small sense of revulsion.

Munoz is described as well put together and cultured. He seems meticulous about his work if not a bit peculiar.

It is at this point that Lovecraft begins to foreshadow that all is not right with the dear Dr. Munoz, from the abnormally cold room he lives in, to his strange obsession with defeating death.

The narrator shares the same suspicions but pushes them away as Munoz's condition begins to worsen.

The story comes to a climax when the

narrator reads a note written by the late doctor, and Munoz recounts memories about a certain Dr. Torres.

The ending has you rereading the story right away. Reevaluating one of the main characters in light of a certain revelation.

"Cool Air" doesn't rely on terrifying monsters or overt gore to scare the reader. Instead, Lovecraft uses descriptive language and foreshadowing to keep the reader engaged.

He builds mountains of suspense in a few short pages. Lovecraft creates such a rich and interesting character out of a literally lifeless husk.

It leaves the reader asking a multitude of questions about the characters and their circumstances.

From the title, an inkling of thought begins to form. Reading further, more hints are dropped and it becomes clearer. So, when the last statement makes its appearance, the reader isn't that surprised. Merely forced to accept what they had suspected all along.

The only failing, if it could be called that, is the overt foreshadowing. It became obvious where Lovecraft was taking his readers.

However, it is important to keep in mind that modern society has been inundated with the undead. In Lovecraft's day, it would have been a novel concept.

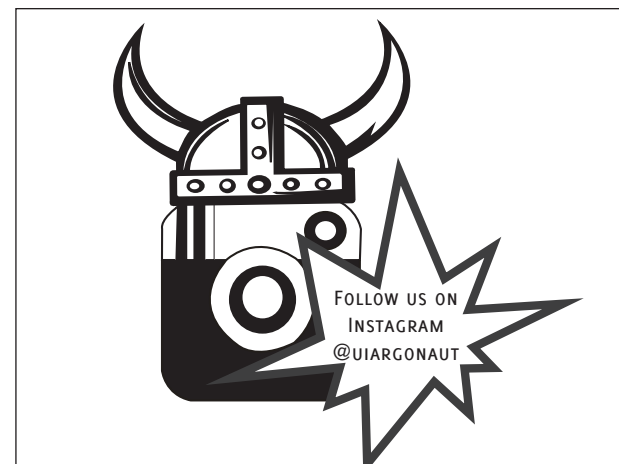
Overall, the story, published in the 1920s, stands the test of time and is still a chilling tale. If you haven't read "Cool Air," then stop here and give it a read. Find it on H.P. Lovecraft's website, hplovecraft.com, for free.

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LITERATURE

Tracing his footsteps

Local author to read from book about her father and WWII

Jordan Willson
ARGONAUT

While people commonly retrace their own footsteps to find items such as lost car keys, it is not so often that people trace the footsteps of another to discover and understand his or her battles. That is, however, exactly what Joy Passanante has done in writing her latest book.

Passanante, local writer and former associate director of creative writing at the University of Idaho, will present a reading from her most recent publication, "Through a Long Absence: Words from My Father's Wars," at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bookpeople of Moscow.

The event will include a brief introduction followed by a few short readings from various chapters of the book. Passanante said she will then be available to answer questions and sign books.

Passanante said the book is a recount of her emotional and concrete discoveries about her father's journey through life and specifically through World War II. She said the book is narrative nonfiction and weaves in and out of time and place unfolding all her father's wars, not just World War II.

"I wanted to make the war the theme of the book but not the overwhelming theme," Passanante said.

Passanante said her father left her four volumes

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of diaries he had kept when overseas during the war as well as 1,365 pages of letters he had written to his wife, Passanante's mother. She said, through these writings, she was able to gain a sense of what her father saw and experienced during the war.

Aside from researching the war and reading what her father left for her, Passanante said she and her husband travelled through Europe, tracing her father's path during the war.

She said she began researching to write a collection of essays about her father's journey years ago, but she later decided a book would better communicate his experiences, which included him growing up as the son of Sicilian immigrants.

Passanante has been publishing in three genres for five decades, according to the Bookpeople of Moscow webpage. She said, though, that she began writing when she was a little girl and knew by the time she was 9 years old that she wanted to write a novel. Reading is what drew her to writing, she said, adding her parents loved to read and there were multiple books in the house.

"I loved reading, and I

loved words," Passanante said. "My parents kept a dictionary at the table."

Passanante said she enjoys writing poetry and fiction as well as nonfiction. She said "Through a Long Absence: Words from My Father's Wars," is her first nonfiction book, and it was important for her to try something else. She said she was able to use her fiction experience to make up the dialogue and her poetry experience to create a narrative story and render the language precise, she said.

"I think each genre feeds each other," she said.

Passanante's reading is just one of the multiple events Bookpeople has coming up for what Bookpeople owner and manager Carol Price Spurling said is the store's busiest season. Spurling said during this season the business typically holds several off-site events as well as one or two in-store events per week.

She said the next in-store event will be a reading of "Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore" by author Matthew Sullivan Oct. 12.

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FOOTBALL

Backing the Vandals



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Idaho football standouts Kaden Elliss, Isaiah Saunders and David Ungerer take the field during away games in the opening weeks of the 2017 season.

Faith, Family and football drive junior linebacker Kaden Elliss on and off the field

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

If someone asked junior Kaden Elliss what is most important to him he would probably answer them in three words — faith, family, and football.

Elliss said he holds faith above all else for giving him a wonderful family and the ability to play football at a higher level.

Elliss said he always had a knack for sports. Growing up, he was involved with multiple different sports.

"When I was younger I started with gymnastics and soccer," Elliss said. "Eventually, I picked up basketball, played a few years of baseball but didn't like that very much, then football. Basketball and football were the two biggest ones after middle school and in high school."

Although he is now an

Idaho football linebacker, Elliss said he didn't always have a strong passion for football, but his father played a huge part in introducing him to the sport he now loves.

"I definitely didn't have (passion) when I was younger — I was a soccer player and a gymnast," Elliss said. "My dad played in the NFL and I knew that. Even though football wasn't my favorite sport growing up, it kind of just happened."

It wasn't until Elliss was in middle school he realized football was his sport.

"I'd say (it was) around my eighth-grade year when I thought this sport might be the one I want to play. What I liked about it was that it was challenging," he said.

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Junior running back Isaiah Saunders has endured a life full of obstacles

Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

Junior running back Isaiah Saunders' running style is quite emulative of how he handles his problems in life — he keeps his legs churning, meets them head on and runs through.

After beginning his career at the University of Idaho in January 2014, Saunders had been steadily rising through the ranks of Idaho running backs. Reaching for the top is just another one of the obstacles Saunders has been faced with.

Born and raised in Stockton, California., Saunders said he did not think of himself as a football player early in his athletic career.

"I didn't think football would be my sport early on," Saunders said. "I was a basketball player up until eighth grade."

Playing three different positions during his youth, Saunders said he was the shortest small forward on the court during most games. What he lacked in height, he made up for in shooting, as he was a corner specialist on the hardwood.

Saunders said LeBron James played an influence on his sports career from the beginning. While James was turning heads on the national stage at St. Vincent - St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, Saunders said he was diligently watching.

James can generally be seen pushing his way into the paint for easy buckets, a bruising style Saunders appears to echo on the gridiron.

SEE SAUNDERS, PAGE B3

David Ungerer has been through the gauntlet en route to a redemption season

Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

Idaho junior linebacker David Ungerer is not like most slot receivers, in almost every way imaginable.

The redshirt junior carries the same general frame, measuring 5'9" and 170 lbs. However, his game and story are markedly unique.

The son of a career football coach, Ungerer said he moved through nine different states as kid while growing to love the game.

"I grew up with football," he said. "It's in my blood. Living with football in all aspects of my life really helped foster that dream of playing at the Division I level."

Ungerer said his family finally settle down in Pullman, where Ungerer lit up the local competi-

tion. He finished his senior year with 24 total touchdowns and recognition on the 2-A All State 2nd team.

That life surrounded by football got off to a great start just across the border at Idaho. Ungerer, unlike most freshmen, played in 10 games right out of the gates. And, instead of strictly being relegated to special teams, Ungerer competed enough to get reps as a receiver. Ungerer said it truly seemed as if his game had translated from high school to Division I, and that a very productive college career was off to a good start.

And that's when the plot took an unfortunate turn for the worse.

Three plays into the 2015 season,

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Campus Department Decoration Judging, 9 a.m.
Homecoming Promotional Event, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Commons Plaza
Faculty/Staff Alumni Luncheon, noon in the Bruce M. Pitman Center, International Ballroom

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Thursday, Oct. 5
Food Drive Pick-Up, 5 p.m. at the VandalStore
Fish and Wildlife Film Festival, 6 p.m. at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

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Wednesday, Oct. 4
Vandal Jingles, 6:30 p.m. in the Bruce M. Pitman Center, International Ballroom

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Friday, Oct. 6
68th Annual Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the TLC Lounge
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Tri-Delta Teeter-Totter-A-Thon, noon at Friendship Square, downtown Moscow
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Serpentine, 8 p.m. starting outside on campus living groups
Bonfire and Royalty Court, 8:30 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome parking lot
Latah Federal Credit Union Fireworks Extravaganza, 9:15 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome parking lot
TowerLights, 9:45 p.m. at Theophilus Tower

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Saturday, Oct. 7
Tri-Delta Teeter-Totter-A-Thon, all-day at Friendship Square, downtown Moscow
Moscow Firefighters Annual Pancake Feed & Safety Fair, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Moscow Fire Station, 603 South Main Street
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109th Annual Best Western Plus University Inn Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m. on Main St., downtown Moscow
Vandal Football Game, 2 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome

10-7

Vandal Homecoming

OPINION

Chance meeting

Idaho could, and should, meet Boise State one more time

College football in the state of Idaho is going through some serious turbulence. If a few peculiar trends pervade through the rest of the season, fans of Idaho and Boise State could be headed for a football day of reckoning of sorts.

The Vandals will be moving out of the Sun Belt at the end of this season after much debate. The Boise State Broncos lost a stunning bowl game against Baylor to end their last season, and currently sit at an uncharacteristic 2-2.

For the first time ever, Vandals are reigning bowl champions, and the Broncos are not. For the past eight months, the Vandals have done their best to rub these facts in the faces of disinterested Bronco fans who have literally been out of the Vandals' league since 2010.

On an irresponsible and cursory visual taken only from current records and recent success, the argument can be made that a Vandals-Broncos football game in the current day would at least be competitive or even entertaining.

Of course, the numbers tell the real story. Idaho faced considerably lesser competition in their win against FCS foe Sacramento State to start the season, which inflated their record and statistics. Boise State has beaten teams from the Sun Belt and Mountain West, and their losses have come against worthy opponents in Washington State and Virginia. The Broncos' roster includes multiple potential NFL draft picks and has simply been more competitive than their Vandal counterparts for years now.

But, there is a football doomsday scenario in which that hypothetical could be put to the test.

Per ESPN, the Vandals have at least a 45 percent chance to win against Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, Coastal Carolina and Georgia State. Assuming the Vandals win each of those, they would reach the six-win threshold for bowl eligibility.

While exceedingly unlikely, the Broncos could feasibly lose three or four of

their remaining eight games and find themselves with few options come bowl season. If the Broncos were to finish at 7-5 or thereabouts, there is a decent chance that the Broncos would be invited as the Mountain West's representative in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

If the Vandals and Broncos are both able to pull off respectively impressive and disappointing .500 finishes, there is a very real scenario in which the two teams face off in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on the blue turf.

If the possibility of such a matchup did arise, the powers that be would be salivating. The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl often struggles to produce large attendance numbers, due to Boise's relatively remote location and often bone-chilling kickoff temperatures. One could almost guarantee that an Idaho-BSU game would shatter attendance records.

Last year's bowl game drew 6,000 more fans than the 2015 edition, due almost entirely to the local appeal to Idaho graduates in the Boise area. The game typically includes a Mountain West team and a Mid-American Conference team, but Idaho's theoretical bowl eligibility would produce a big enough uptick in ticket sales to garner an invitation. Boise State's enthusiastic alumni base already represents them well in destination bowls, and the Bronco-faithful in the Boise area would further add to the pandemonium. All of these factors point to what could be the best attended (and more importantly, most lucrative) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl ever.

The Vandals' aforementioned move down to the Big Sky conference will further diminish any chances of matchups between Idaho and Boise State. A meeting on the blue turf in December could serve as a fitting end to what was once a bitter rivalry. Huge draws from Idaho and Boise State crowds would be more than enough to satisfy the money-focused decision makers. Idaho gets one last shot at Boise State, while BSU gets the chance to finally shut up their nasty and inebriated neighbors up north. Who says no?

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OPINION

WSU brings prominence to Pullman, Washington

After several strong wins, this season, WSU has made the jump to national relevance

Sitting there in Martin Stadium three seasons ago, watching USC dismantle a Washington State team that had played in a bowl game the prior season, I never expected to see the Cougs get much better than what I saw that night, at least, in the foreseeable future.

On that rainy, depressing afternoon, former WSU quarterback Connor Halliday had his leg broken, former USC star receiver and return-man, and now Philadelphia Eagle, Nelson Agholor literally did whatever he wanted, and the unranked Trojans ran away to a 44-17 win over what would be a 3-9 Cougar team.

Something crucial happened that day regarding WSU football. It was the turning point. Yes, WSU didn't finish the year out well, but it was the last time the program would be in the dumps of Division I football for a while.

Contributing largely to the program's success was some impressive play from a young walk-on — a freshman quarterback named Luke Falk.

Halliday held the majority of WSU passing records, and the hype surrounding the standout quarterback was evident in the community.

This air left Pullman when Halliday went down. I, along with every fan on the Palouse, could never have predicted that this new guy would come in and put Halliday's success to shame.

Since that November day, the football program under Mike Leach has improved tenfold, and our neighboring Cougars are on the brink of a national powerhouse label, now having nearly reached their first top-10 AP ranking since 2003 in the 11th spot.

Last year, early into the football season, shifting tides in the Pac-12 conference were visible, with Washington schools reestablishing a presence in the conference, taking away the prominence of the formerly dominant Oregon schools. The University of Washington was a top-five team at that point, and Washington State had only barely cracked the top-25, but that was still noteworthy for a previously unranked program.

Now, both Washington schools are top ranked teams in the country, and even I, a huge advocate for northwest athletics, am completely surprised.

The only indication of major Coug

success I had ever known were old Rose Bowl sweatshirts from 14 years ago that I had seen locals wearing. Wazzu was hit-and-miss in the last two seasons, putting together nine and eight win campaigns, respectively, but the success of those years are overshadowed by the few losses.

Of course, 9-4 and 8-5 seasons are nothing to be ashamed of, but national relevance is hard to come by when defeated by Eastern Washington, Boise State and consistent handlings by Washington in the Apple Cup.

This season has a feel to it. There's something off about this Wazzu team. The common saying, "they Couged it," basically related to dire mistakes made by the team, just might not be too prevalent in 2017.

Take, for example, the attention WSU is already getting. Every year, the 24-karat gold national championship trophy makes a cross-country trip, only stopping at large-scale public events and marquee football matchups. Last weekend, the trophy was at the

USC vs. WSU contest, a sign in itself as to how far the program has come.

The trophy could have been sent anywhere — Auburn vs. Mississippi St., Ole Miss vs. Alabama or, a huge matchup in Clemson vs. Virginia Tech. But all played second fiddle to the Cougars this weekend.

Ray Mallouk, the trophy's manager, said the decision would be made based on which game had the most national championship implications, and it's amazing that Washington State is winning these substantial games.

Maybe I'm a little too involved and it is probable the Cougs won't end up doing much this season. But optimism is good and it is possible that this could be the season Washington State ends up winning the Pac-12, which would be incredible, given that the conference champions are likely to be selected for the College Football Playoff.

Either way, the win over USC on Friday was impressive to say the least and I'll remember it forever. USC was a big preseason national championship favorite, with a Heisman hopeful at the helm in Sam Darnold. But what if Wazzu could embody those labels?

Technically, the Cougs could be in the running for a playoff bid and Falk, who ironically played his biggest game of his career against the same team he got his start against, is looking like a Heisman quarterback.

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OPINION

Leaving a tattered legacy

A dissapointing end to the coaching legacy of Cardinal's coach Rick Pitino

University of Louisville basketball is in the news yet again for another scandal, and this time around it resulted in the firing of head coach Rick Pitino. His Legacy may now be in question when it is all said and done.

The FBI recently discovered through an on going investigation that many of the nation's top basketball programs have been involved in corruption, bribery and wire fraud.

This isn't anything new — it has been rumored for years that top basketball prospects get paid to go to the top schools. It is something fans have never wanted to believe, but the thought has lingered in the minds of many college basketball fans.

Louisville is one of the first programs to enter the spotlight, furthering the scrutiny the program has already been under for the last few years.

The year after Louisville put a self-imposed postseason ban on themselves after a sex-for-pay scandal by a Louisville assistant, they find themselves in trouble again. The difference between now and then is the FBI is involved this time.

A company payed a five-star basketball recruit \$100,000 to play at Louisville and sign a shoe deal with Adidas. This is the second embarrassing scandal to hit Louisville in the past few years. Pitino claims he was unaware of the bribery, but was still let go by the university.

The incident occurred when the FBI secretly videotaped a July meeting in a hotel room involving another Louisville assistant, discussing a plan to give money

to the family of a recruit, a plan funneled by Adidas, according to ESPN. When the Louisville assistant left, a sports agent and director of an AAU Adidas program continued to scheme with an undercover agent about a \$100,000 deal with the athlete's family.

That makes two of Pitino's assistants in two years that have had great scandals at the university. Pitino claims he had no knowledge of the situation, just like he said a year ago with the sex-for-pay scandal. This time though, Pitino could not wiggle his way out.

Pitino had a tremendous tenure at Louisville, leading them to multiple final four appearances and a national championship win.

On the court, Pitino is regarded to be one of the best college coaches in basketball. With his scandal-driven falling out, his legacy may be in question.

Rick Pitino has been one of my favorite coaches to watch over the years, as well as Louisville basketball, and this leaves a very bad taste in my mouth, like many others around the nation as well.

The NCAA has a history of issues with scandals, mostly with its football and basketball programs. This adds to the argument tcollege players should be payed or not, but having unfair advantages with recruiting is not the answer.

Louisville and many other teams, are about to get hit hard with massive penalties and it is a rough time for the integrity of college basketball. As for Pitino, this leaves him jobless and with perhaps a legacy in question.

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ELLISS

FROM PAGE B1

"Football has a very different mental toughness with it, and I just kind of became obsessed with trying to master the sport."

Like many kids and young athletes, Elliss said he looked up to a professional athlete as his role model, but unlike other kids that professional athlete was his father.

"He's really showed me how to choose character through adversity," Elliss said.

Elliss is the son of Luther Elliss, a former defensive tackle in the NFL who played ten years for the Lions and the Broncos, becoming a two-time pro bowler along the way. Elliss said he admires his father for many reasons beyond his athletic talents.

"He went bankrupt after playing football, and honestly seeing the way he grew from that and the way he ran to his faith and then his family in that situation made me idolize him more," Elliss said. "Obviously growing up, your dad is always your idol, but sometimes as you get older you see maybe he isn't as great as he is, but I'd say growing up he has showed me that he is that great, and he is an awesome man. I hope to be like him one day."

Growing up, Elliss said he didn't want to be a football player at first, he wanted to be a scientist. Mainly due to his strong passion for the Pokemon franchise.

"I love Pokemon, and as a little kid you think anything is possible" he said. "I was like 'Man, I want to be a scientist, so I can make Pokemon real one day.'"

But the older Elliss got, the more he said he realized he wanted to become a professional athlete.

"As I got a little more realistic, I always wanted to be an athlete," he said. "If it was

basketball season, I wanted to be a basketball player and when it was football season I wanted to be a football player. So definitely an athlete after I got past my little scientist phase."

Elliss said that playing football at the collegiate level was always the goal, but playing for Idaho was a pleasant surprise.

"Never thought I'd end up at Idaho," he said. "But I love it here now and I wouldn't change it for anything. It was always the goal, always a dream, always something I somewhat expected of myself. It almost didn't happen, but I was blessed to come here, to have this opportunity, and I love it."

In high school, Elliss played quarterback and some defense at the defensive end position. He led his high school to their first state championship in 30 years, but when he got to Idaho he realized some things needed to change since he would be on defense full time.

"It was weird. I was very grateful to have a gray-shirt period because I was definitely not ready. I was 195 pounds and just played a little bit of safety in high school," Elliss said. "In that time, I worked with some great coaches to try to get a feel for the position."

One of those coaches was linebackers coach Eric Brown, who said he saw potential from Elliss immediately.

"I could tell right away he was a sharp kid, knew a lot about football, and wanted to be great," Brown said. "Initially he was 195 pounds. And in almost a year he put on 25 pounds of muscle. He showed me he was devoted, and saw the effort and playmaking ability early."

With his dad, Luther Elliss, also a part of the coaching staff, Elliss said he definitely believes he has the coaches around him to help him be successful.

"Seeing him here and the passion he carries

every day is contagious," Elliss said. "Seeing the passion, he and the other coaches bring everyday really pushes me every day and reminds me to enjoy this. The way he chooses to do it, and the way he brings the passion with that every single day is something I love and I think everybody feeds off of it."

Elliss said having his brother, Christian Elliss, on the team with him now definitely brings some more fun to the game.

"It so much fun having him out there," Elliss said. "Him and I have always competed very hard, and have always been against each other. Now that we are on the same team, that passion mixes together and it's so much fun. Fun, is the best word for it."

Elliss said his biggest motivation each game is most of the time one thing — his faith.

"What I really want is to honor Him, my lord and savior Jesus Christ, before every game by the way I play and the passion I bring," Elliss said. "At the end of the day, it's to honor Jesus Christ with the platform he has given me."

Elliss' ultimate career goal is to follow in his dad's footsteps and play in the NFL.

"That's something that I have to get a lot better for and I know that," Elliss said. "But that is my goal and the goal I want to achieve, and work my tail off to achieve."

After asking how he wants to be remembered after his time here at Idaho, it followed back to faith, family and football.

"I want to be remembered as a man who loves Jesus, a beast on the football field and everything else will follow after the first one," Elliss said.

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SANDERS

FROM PAGE B1

Although his love for sports was defined early by basketball, Saunders said football never was out of the picture. After moving about 40 miles north to Elk Grove for high school, Saunders began to refine his game as a football player.

Due to family connections at Fresno State University, Saunders said he became a fan of former Bulldog and current NFL running-back Ryan Matthews, and he would begin to take note of Matthews' running style for his own merit on the field.

After a near-1,400 yard, 18 touchdown senior season, Saunders had offers from Idaho and Nevada, along with some from FCS schools, but he said Idaho ended up being the right fit.

Saunders' father, Walter Saunders, was also a running back at Idaho in the early 1990s. Walter Saunders had a bit of sway on the decision, as his future position coach was Idaho's current head coach Paul Petrino. Saunders said the atmosphere at Idaho and the way his father talked so highly of Petrino partly influenced his decision.

Walter Saunders was diagnosed in 2006 with a rare form of meningitis, sometimes called Valley fever. Saunders said, through-

out his football career, whenever he gets down on himself, he thinks of his father to encourage him to keep going.

"I play for my father, he's been going through a rough time," Saunders said. "He hurts a lot so whenever I start hurting I think of him, and that pushes me further. He's been dealing with this for 11 years now, bouncing from hospital to hospital, but he's always kept faith and even when he's hurting, I'd never see it."

While Saunders plays for others, he said he also cherishes the opportunity to play because it was an opportunity he nearly lost.

"I had to gray-shirt my freshman year, they found something wrong with my heart," Saunders said. "I went in for my physical during my first summer here and the doctor said he heard an irregular heartbeat."

Saunders said he bounced around from hospital to hospital, and worried if he would ever see the field again.

"Everyone was telling me, 'it's this or it's that,' I never heard so many diagnoses," he said.

Saunders was ruled out for his freshman season, the fall of 2013, but his scholarship remained intact and he did not lose a year of eligibility, as it was for medical purposes.

Coming back to fall camp in 2014, Saunders said he was feeling healthy and prepared coming in. But, just two days into camp, Saunders visited the same doctor who had cleared

him to play prior to camp. Once again, Saunders was ruled ineligible because of concerns with his heart.

Despite having to sit out another full season, Saunders said he does not hold any grudges, as the doctors were simply keeping him safe.

"I don't disagree with anything anyone was doing, it was just a precaution to keep me safe," Saunders said. "I don't blame anybody, God works in mysterious ways. I'm completely healthy now, 100 percent."

Saunders was cleared by Mayo Clinic physicians, a nonprofit research and practice group based out of the Midwest. When he visited clinic physicians during the 2014 season, they told him there were no irregularities with his heart, and Saunders was back to doing what he loves.

Despite the obstacles, Saunders pushed through, and for this reason, he said he is happy. Saunders said he has taken the role as the "funny guy" in the locker room, someone who will turn negative energy around.

"I've been called the funny guy by a lot of people so I think I'll just take that one," Saunders said, smiling. "I can really be an emotional leader, but I think my role is to pick everybody up when they're in a slump."

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UNGERER

FROM PAGE B1

Ungerer broke bones in both his feet.

"There's been a lot of ups and downs here at Idaho, but that was as tough as it gets," Ungerer said.

Ungerer said the injury ended his season and forced him to take a medical redshirt. He said the recovery process was painfully slow for a guy whose life has always revolved around football.

"Every time I've been healthy, I've been able to make impacts," he said. "However, every single experience, including getting injured, has taught me so much and helped me grow."

His coaches kept a close watch on his recovery at every step, impressed with how he was able to come back.

"It's one of the most difficult things ever to try and come back from an injury like that," head coach Paul Petrino said, "But the way that he was able to come back like that proved how big of a competitor he is."

That is one of the few areas where Ungerer fits the mold. Competitive, scrappy, and effective are words often associated with smaller slot receivers, and Ungerer has each of those qualities in spades.

Ungerer said he returned to the field last year, but his comeback was truly completed this year. He returned punts against Sacramento State and caught a pair of passes against UNLV before breaking through in a loss at Western Michigan. Ungerer said he caught the first touchdown of his career on his 22nd birthday with his mother and aunt in the stands.

"It was such an awesome experience, being able to break through with my family there. Hopefully I've got a few more in store," Ungerer said.

The junior certainly has plenty of time to build on his strong start to the season and help the Vandals in their pursuit of another bowl appearance.

"He just brings such great energy to this team," Petrino said. "Truly a great competitor, with great lateral quickness and a love of the game that shows in how hard he works."

The Vandals are going to need as much grit and tenacity as they can get as the season progresses, and guys like Ungerer can be just as critical as anyone else.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Hitting the ground running

Andrea Condie has come a long way for her athletic success

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Junior cross-country runner Andrea Condie started her running career far from where she is now. Condie said although her family is American, she was born and raised outside of the United States.

"I was born in Argentina," Condie said. "We moved over to Qatar, which is a tiny little middle eastern country, when I was five, so I grew up there basically."

Like many young athletes, Condie said she followed in the footsteps of her older siblings and parents, but it wasn't until an elementary school P.E. teacher encouraged her to pursue running that she really adopted it.

"My fifth grade P.E. coach, was like, 'Oh hey, I want to start an elementary cross-country team and I think you should come out for it,'" she said. "I was like, 'OK, I don't know anything about this sport I've just seen my brother and sister doing it, but I want to try it. I went out for it and just really, really loved it.'"

But her family's involvement with the sport and her teacher's encouragement weren't the only factors that drove her to join cross-country. Condie said it was also her sense of competition.

"I wanted to beat all the boys and be the fastest," she said.

Condie said starting her career in a vastly different terrain taught her a whole new aspect of the sport.

"It was a lot more about me," she said. "How much can I push myself, how much can I get out of myself today because I know I'm not going to have someone else up there with me so I just need to see what I can do."

Aside from the mental aspect of running in another country, she said the variety in climate and conditions also impacted her training.

"It was always hot,"



Junior Andrea Condie competes in the Clash of the Inland Northwest Sept. 1 in Missoula, Montana.

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Condie said. "We didn't have super nice tracks, we didn't have super nice courses. I only got to race once a year for cross-country in high school, which is like very different compared to most high schools where you race almost every weekend so I got one or two big races a year so it was really like this was my race to PR for the season, so I put a lot of pressure on that."

Once she arrived in and began her training at Idaho, she said she had to learn how to race, something she had not done in her previous setting.

"I had to really like learn to race, because I had never learned to race people," she said. "Coming here was a lot more about learning the tactical side of the race and learning different conditions, like rain, snow, all of that, it was so different than just running in heat all the time and getting different courses and just racing so much more than I ever had was kind of crazy."

On top of an entirely different style of running and training, Condie said one of the biggest shocks was that she was no longer the only girl.

"Being able to run with girls and train with girls was so different than anything I ever had," she said. "I always trained with the boys and I was always top of the boys so it was kind of weird for me, being on a girl team for once, being super close to a ton of girls and having them there to push me, it is a completely different race when you are racing with someone."

Many college athletes have struggled with the transition from high school to college athletics, but Condie said she came into it knowing she was no longer going to be the best in her field.

"I knew, 'OK, you're not going to be the best anymore, you just need to see if this is even right for you,'" she said. "I wasn't even sure if I was cut out for

college running yet. I was like I've never had anything like that, I've never had that high of a level so I was just like, 'well I am here, I have this opportunity, I just want to kind of see if I can make anything out of it.'"

She said it took her some time to fully make the transition after spending a semester wondering if this was the right fit for her. Condie said it took a couple of months until she finally came around to accepting that she belonged on the team.

"Adjusting to that was, I think, the hardest thing," she said. "Just finding confidence in myself and being like, 'I'm not just an outsider, I'm part of this team too.'"

Despite adjusting to her spot on the team, she said it has taken years for her to fully build up her confidence in herself and her talents. Condie said it took a disappointing 2017 outdoor track season to really push her.

"That was the really defining point for me," she

said. "I was like, 'OK, I need to start believing in myself, I need to start knowing what I can do, because I know I can give so much more to this sport still.'"

Condie said she fully utilized her summer training to prepare for the 2017 cross-country season so she could hit the ground running in her first year as an upper classman.

"I've had the (summer) to grow and now I'm where I want to be and I want to get back to the confidence I had in high school, where I could just go out and be like, 'Hey, I am number one here and that is just how it is,'" Condie said.

This mentality has helped Condie thus far in her junior season, leading her to win two meets and named the Big Sky Athlete of the Week following her performance at the Clash of the Inland Northwest. But she said her wins did not necessarily come as a surprise to her.

"I told myself that first meet 'hey I really want to try and win this first meet,'" she said. "But it was still kind of a shock when I found myself in the front and I was like, 'oh, this is actually happening now.'"

Idaho director of track and field/cross-country Tim Cawley said although he did not expect such immediate success, he knew Condie was running at a higher level.

"Once we kind of got to cross-country camp and you saw where she was at, where she was running, the level, it is not like it surprises you but I wasn't necessarily expecting it," he said. "It is one to kind of show that fitness and then to still show the confidence in the race."

Cawley said Idaho has a lot of athletes training at a high level, but the ones who can translate training and confidence to a race, as Condie has done this season, are the athletes that will find themselves with wins.

"She is starting to believe in herself," he said. "It is not that false belief where you are just trying to believe as much as you can. She truly believes she's... as talented as she is and it is starting to show."

Cawley said he believes she has always had the confidence to succeed, but just now she has translated it to her races.

"She has always had that little bit of quiet confi-

dence," Cawley said. "But to see her own that confidence a little bit more is why I think you are seeing a lot of the success."

But for Condie, it was being named the Big Sky Athlete of the Week that she did not expect.

"I was really just like taken aback, like wow, this is really cool and I didn't really know how to process it more than that," she said. "I worked really hard for that and it is really cool to see how much hard work pays off in this sport. It was kind of like, 'Wow, my summer training really meant something and all that time and effort I put into this sport is really meaning something.'"

With her success so far this season, Condie said she has had to adjust to filling the role of a team leader.

"Last season we really lost a lot of our main seniors and they were kind of the leaders of the team," Condie said. "I feel like me and the other junior girls have really worked to try and fill those shoes, and they are big shoes to fill, but I think we really are working towards that goal and making sure we are good role models and are good representations of what Idaho track and field represents."

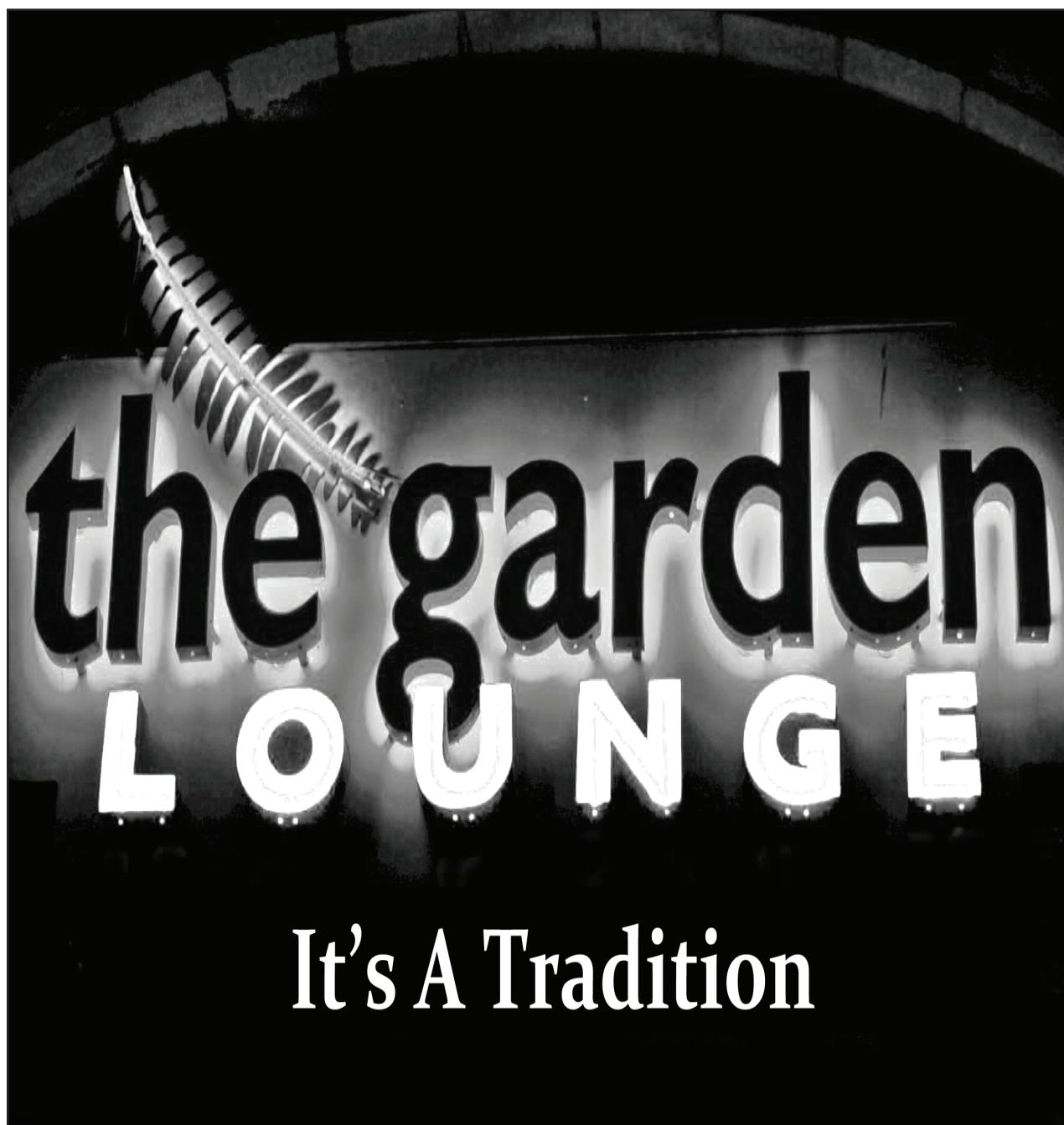
Cawley said he believes she has filled her role perfectly to start her season.

"To see the way she emulates just her positive attitude and her collaboration with the team. She is someone, as a staff, I have no problem watching her lead and start to find that leadership role," he said. "You have to find your own way to be a leader. She is more a lead by example but she is finding herself in position to where she has to learn how to adjust to that and how to handle that, she is doing a great job thus far."

While she said she will continue to work toward personal bests for both herself and the team throughout the rest of the season and seasons to come, Condie said she hopes to continue to help her team even in the simplest of ways.

"I am a happy person," she said. "I hope that I make other people happy."

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VOLLEYBALL

From Bronco to Vandal

Volleyball transfer Reece Carman has been impactful in her first official season at Idaho

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Junior transfer Reece Carman has made an early impact on the Idaho volleyball team this season. Idaho head coach Debbie Buchanan said her presence has been quite the boost for the team.

Carman said it was the coaching staff and overall atmosphere that led to her decision to transfer to Idaho. Compared to her freshman year at Boise State, she said the experience has been a more welcoming.

"The fans are out of this world, and the band is great. Everyone here is so much friendlier. It actually feels like a community," Carman said.

Moscow is only a couple hours away from Carman's home town of Walla Walla, Washington. She said the convenience of being so close to home influenced her decision to become a Vandal.

"I love being this close to home. It's awesome," Carman said.

Carman said it was in middle school when she picked up volleyball. Despite getting involved later than most girls, she said it was never a deterrence.

This is Carman's first eligible season to compete as a Vandal, since she had to sit out all of last season after transferring from Boise State.

There are a few ways Carman has impacted the team since arriving in Moscow, she said. She swings high, never gets in her head and manages her emotions well. Carman said her demeanor can bring out the life in her teammates.



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Junior outside hitter Reece Carman hits the ball during the game against Montana State in the Memorial Gym Sept. 21.

"I think I do a pretty good job of getting the team hyped," she said.

When she isn't providing the hype, she's certainly providing Idaho with offensive production. The 99 kills she has tallied over the season is the third most for the Vandals so far.

Idaho head coach Debbie Buchanan said the success Carman's had up to this point with the team has been anything but unexpected. She said she knew Carman was capable of this kind of performance before her time at Idaho began.

"We knew of her. She had success at Boise State, and we knew she could come in and help," Buchanan said. "She has been a treat.

She always has a smile on her face. She works hard, and is extremely open to new things."

Being open to new things is one reason Carman is a versatile athlete. It is one of the best aspects to her game, and Buchanan said she only sees improvement.

"She's only going to keep getting better. She's hitting the ball so high, because she is so long," Buchanan said.

Carman stands tall. The roster has her listed at 6 feet 4 inches, which gives her a certain advantage that is tough for opposing teams to defend.

Not only does Carman's frame give her an immediate edge at the net, but her ability to work into

both the middle and right side has made her more of an asset to the Vandals' rotation, Buchanan said.

"She cross trains, so she's able to do both. With some of our lineups and rotations, we are able to mix things up," Buchanan said.

Adapting — as she's been doing for the team this season — is something Carman had to do when she transferred to Idaho. Buchanan said Carman was able to figure things out for herself last year.

"She sat out last year and was really able to get her foot in the door with academics and some life things as well," Buchanan said.

There wasn't much pressure for Carman to jump into a leadership role for the Vandals, Bu-

chanan said, but she always says the right things and holds her teammates accountable.

"That wasn't something that we brought her in and expected her to do right away," she said. "But she is forming into that type of player."

Carman's ability to persevere and lead her teammates is representative of her upside, Buchanan said.

"It's going to be exciting to watch how she continues to grow and really blossom as an athlete," Buchanan said. "She still has a lot of upside."

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OPINION

Cajun party-crashers

Louisiana-Lafayette has enough offense to make the homecoming

It can't be all sunshine and rainbows, even on homecoming. ESPN currently gives the Vandals over a 60% chance to win on Saturday against Louisiana-Lafayette, but there is serious cause for concern undermining that rosy outlook. The Ragin' Cajuns lead the all-time series between the two teams 3-2 dating back to 2001. Here's why they could tack on another win this weekend. The Vandals may have beaten the Ragin' Cajuns 23-13 last year, but the Cajuns appear to have taken massive steps to improve their offensive output. They are on pace to be 100 yards better per game on offense, and they currently are scoring 14 more points per game than last year's team. Idaho has made no such strides, and is putting up equivalent yardage to last year while scoring fewer points thus far. Facing a dynamic offense firing on all cylinders could be enough to doom Idaho.

Most foreboding of all, however, is the difference in mascots. Everyone knows that a hypothetical grudge match between teams' mascots is a very accurate predictor of how the real football game will play out.



Jonah Baker
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Vandal fans have much to be proud of in Joe Vandal, who just recently turned 100. His glorious muscles and voluminous facial hair call to mind a version of the ideal warrior, and his trademark grin endears him to fans of all ages. However, Joe's physical charms would be no match for his counterpart at Louisiana-Lafayette. Louisiana-Lafayette, according to just about everyone from Bleacher Report to Fox Sports, has one of the best nicknames and mascots in college football, and with good reason. The university proudly utilizes an anthropomorphized pepper named Cayenne as its mascot, and Joe would be no match for the human-sized ball of spice.

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OPINION

Home-field advantage

Momentum and home-field advantage ensure an Idaho win

The Idaho Vandals are preparing to play the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday, and they should start to prepare for the win. Idaho comes into the game with a 2-2 record compared to that of their opponents who have a weaker record at 1-3. The Vandals played a crazy game last weekend in Mobile against South Alabama, resulting in their first Sun Belt win of the season. The Cajuns, meanwhile, lost a heartbreaker to Sun Belt opponent UL-Monroe. Idaho has too much momentum on their side to not win this game. Coming up with a win in double overtime in Alabama with two lightning delays proves that Idaho can win in tough situations and win in the face of adversity. The Cajuns also experienced a double overtime game, losing to conference foe UL-Monroe 56-50. A loss like this is hard to come back from, especially against a Vandal team that is flying high right now. Watch for a strong running game



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from Isaiah Saunders and Aaron Duckworth, which will open up the passing game for quarterback Matt Linehan. A strong Vandal defense will be tough for the Cajuns going against the linebacker core of junior linebacker Tony Lashley, sophomore linebacker Ty Graham and junior linebacker Kaden Elliss, with all three combining for 51 total tackles on the season. The defense will make its presence known early behind those three, and the Vandals playmaking secondary. Both teams come into Saturday after bye weeks, so this is a must-win for both teams. The Vandals will try to separate themselves from the rest in the Sun Belt and start the season 2-0 in the conference. The Cajuns are trying to get their first conference win of the season and their second win of the year overall. Momentum, home field advantage, homecoming hype and strong play from the last two weeks — Vandal fans should prepare to celebrate a homecoming win this Saturday. Chris Deremer can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu

Staff Predictions



Mihaela Karst
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Mihaela Karst, Idaho- 35, Louisiana-Lafayette- 24
I think the Vandals will pull away with a victory in the homecoming game against the Cajuns. Coming off a great win against South Alabama, the atmosphere in the Dome will be the key on Saturday.



Zach Ozuna
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Zach Ozuna, Idaho- 31, Louisiana-Lafayette- 13
Idaho will dominate Louisiana-Lafayette behind a strong, roaring homecoming crowd. Linehan and offense will do their part, but defense will step up with two turnovers.



Grayson Hughbanks
ARGONAUT

Grayson Hughbanks, Idaho- 7, Louisiana-Lafayette- 24
Idaho will come into the game with a little too much confidence. Idaho's defense will fall short and Louisiana-Lafayette will take advantage.



Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

Colton Clark, Idaho- 37, Louisiana-Lafayette- 27
Idaho will keep the momentum rolling against Lafayette, a team which allowed 48 points by Southeast Louisiana.



Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

Chris Deremer, Idaho- 38, Louisiana-Lafayette- 28
This is going to be an offensive shootout between both teams. The Vandals have momentum on their side after a crazy thriller in



Jonah Baker
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Alabama. Vandals get a win on homecoming Saturday. **Jonah Baker, Idaho- 31, Louisiana-Lafayette- 24**
The Vandals get a big homecoming and conference victory by stopping the Cajuns' offense just enough. Duckworth and Saunders continue to provide rhythm for the offense and Linehan is able to make some big throws late to ice the game.



Meredith Spelbring
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Meredith Spelbring, Idaho- 28, Louisiana-Lafayette- 21
Momentum will make it. It will be a close fight but Idaho is coming off a big win and will be in front of a big crowd. The pressure is on and the home team won't let down alumni vying for a Vandal win.



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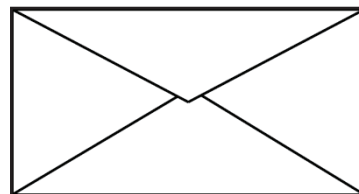
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OUR VIEW

A feeling too familiar

As mass shootings continue to occur, compassion is key in creating a unified front

Phones across America flashed with updates regarding a horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas, Sunday night.

For just a split second, as everyone simultaneously clicked on that report, people around the country and the world found an unexpected piece of news, but not something entirely shocking.

Concealed on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, a shooter fired down with an assault rifle on thousands of people gathered at a music festival.

Monday's first news reports show at least 59 deaths and 515 injuries. Those numbers are expected to fluctuate while hospitals and officials continue to sort through the remaining chaos.

The shooting took place at the Route 91 Harvest Country music festival, where an

estimated 22,000 people were in attendance according to a National Public Radio article.

The New York Times, among many other news platforms, is calling this shooting the deadliest mass shooting in American history.

Countless news sources have attempted to examine the shooter's motives. None have found citable, concrete evidence.

But, in a time like this, the general public should not be concerned with circulating rumors about the shooter's motives and should instead respond with compassion for those affected. Now, kindness is more important than ever.

It seems similar situations have increasingly become more prevalent — so much so, the New York Times has compiled a running list of U.S. mass shootings dating back to 2007. This list has been updated more frequently than ever before.

Because of this repetition, our reactions are highly susceptible to becoming mechanic — see the report, feel the sad-

ness, lump the situation with all the other shootings and wait for the next horrendous news story.

In The Argonaut's first edition of the school year, our editorial touched on the violence and death that rose out of riots in Charlottesville. Barely two weeks ago, The Argonaut editorial discussed a school shooting in Spokane that also resulted in death. Yet, the semester has not yet even reached its halfway point.

Many across America, have thought deeply about the correct response to these kinds of situations, individually and as a collective whole. The answer is not an easy one, and no single answer is correct. But, in a society where the potential to become jaded to these occurrences is more likely than ever, a general compassion might be the only providable answer.

Sometimes the best thing we can do is contribute hope and kindness.

In this politically-charged climate, the only immediate response should be compassion. This was displayed Monday

morning, as hundreds of Nevada residents lined up outside of health centers throughout Las Vegas — some waiting five or more hours — to donate blood for victims of the attack. This value can be carried out in the small day-to-day attitudes demonstrated all over the country.

It may be easy to pivot the conversation toward the legality of guns and the legality of their control — controversial topics that have sparked debate and led to impassioned pleas from both proponents and opponents. It is incredibly easy to blame those in places of power for these repeat instances. These options, although necessary, are not what the victims need most now.

This is not to say we, as a nation, should stray from the political topics of gun control, gun safety and mental health. Sometimes, however, we must first put on a strong front. And, no matter one's political leanings, we can all agree a strong and compassionate front is the one side worth taking.

— HS

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Q: What is your favorite part of Homecoming Week?

The main event

What is better than a homecoming football game? If the game isn't enough fun, watching all the alumni go back to their glory days definitely is.

— Meredith

The allure of fire

I miss summer evenings, sitting around a camp fire and staring at the flickering flames. I look forward to getting that feeling back by relaxing around the bonfire with good friends Friday night.

— Nina

The football game

The whole week leads to the football game, and it really is the best part of homecoming.

— Grayson

We float

My favorite event is the parade. Grab a U-Haul and a couple couches and you have yourself a float.

— Blake

March on

Living on Greek Row, I've always really enjoyed watching everyone march through campus during Serpentine. The band makes it especially great.

— Savannah

No place like home

My favorite thing to do for homecoming is to go home.

— Andrew

Sporting spirit

The best part of homecoming is hands down the football game. The Vandal spirit can be felt in the air all weekend.

— Tea

The game

Watching football games aren't my favorite pastime, but watching the game is a must for all Vandals.

— Kyle

Light the fire

I'm a sucker for campfires, so I look forward to sitting near the flames and talking to people I probably don't know.

— Max

No rest for the wicked

It's going to be a fun weekend filled with lots of excitement and marching. That being said, it will be nice to take some time to rest Sunday.

— Joleen

Flashy tunes

Listening to music and having it displayed in a creative way is one of the best things ever. Go to the Tower Lights show, you won't be disappointed.

— Lindsay

I-D-A-H-O

I'm so excited for Serpentine with the marching band. Follow that up with a bonfire and fireworks? Perfect.

— Mihaela

My religion

Sleeping, especially during homecoming.

— Griffen

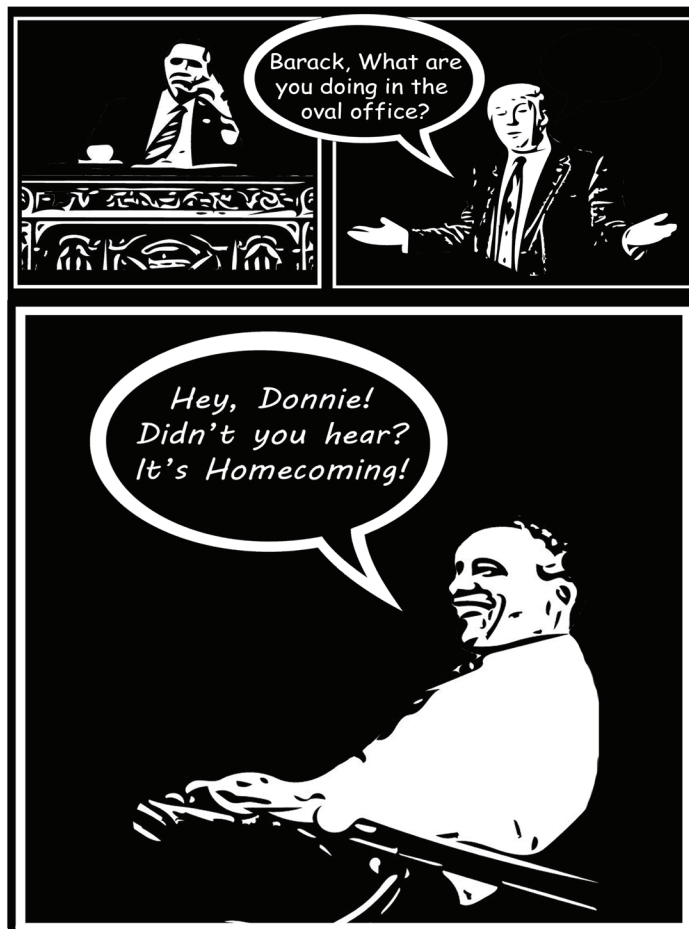
That feeling

The leaves are turning, the air is crisp and it just smells like Vandal spirit. The whole week makes me think of how happy I am to be at UI.

— Hailey



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Making the most of it

The cooler weather, the falling leaves and the switch from iced coffee to hot tea makes many people think of the fall season. But, for most college students, these seasonal qualities mean one very festive thing — Homecoming Week.

Although the student population has been back on campus for weeks now, the week-long celebration signifies the beginning of a new year and the return of what makes a university — its community members.

Homecoming Week carries different meaning for every college student. For some it is about attending every single event, and for others it is about simply spending time with friends.

No matter how one spends their week, there is something to be gained for everyone.

There are many ways to make the most of Homecoming Week for each type of student.

GET INVOLVED

It might seem like every professor, every adviser and just about every organization on campus attempts to push for student involvement all year — and for good reason. Involvement is promoted constantly, but homecoming is the best time of the year to engage in what the university has to offer.

Involvement is almost always the backbone of any student's college experience, and it is the foundation of any successful university community.

Engagement can be many things. Sometimes that means going to an event or two and sometimes that just means utilizing

campus resources more than usual.

Meet alumni and community members

When Homecoming Week arrives, Moscow buzzes with community involvement and the return of past University of Idaho students. It is the perfect time to meet with people who were once in our shoes.

Making connections is a key aspect of college success. Between cramming onto the sidewalks downtown for the parade and tailgating with all kinds of Vandals before the football game, a student might learn something new from a

completely new person.

ENJOY THE NOSTALGIA

Homecoming Week has been enjoyed by students for years. With each passing year, the student body changes but the activities often stay the same.

Tradition is one of the most important aspects of Homecoming Week. It gives new students a chance to engage in what others have before them, and it gives exiting students one last chance to remember some of their first college experiences.

EXPLORE

For some students, getting off campus can be a challenge during this time of the year. Midterms are right around the corner and it can seem like every essay and project has finally piled up.

This is exactly why it is good to take some time to explore everything from the campus to the Moscow community.

Students should explore what it means to be a Vandal during Homecoming Week

There are countless activities happening all week — some homecoming related and some not. Students should take the time to seek out new places and spaces and create even more of a bond with their home away from home.

GIVE BACK

There are always opportunities to give back through the university and the community all year, but Homecoming Week more readily makes those options available.

Students and community members can give blood at the annual blood drive Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Food drive bags were dispersed throughout the community and will be picked up Thursday. Students can donate food items and donate all year at various Vandal Food Pantry stations on campus.

START NEW TRADITIONS

Homecoming Week and tradition will always be synonymous. However, the way traditions begin are by starting new activities and events in the first place.

In my past three years at the university, my friends and I have created memories at each UI Homecoming event. But, some of our greatest memories were made during the unexpected parts of homecoming like getting involved, exploring a little further and fostering our own sense of what it really means to be a Vandal.

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Career planning blues

Students should plan for internship and career opportunities and attempt to stay encouraged

It is that time of the year again — internship and job hunt season.

With the University of Idaho Career Fair this week and that feeling of application anxiety swirling over campus, it can be difficult to keep calm about planning for the future.

It seems that just as the student population settled into a fall semester routine, due dates and waves of testing overcame that stress-free feeling that could have been.

With social and political stressors as high as ever, on top of personal stressors, it is no wonder college students seek comfort in knowing that others like them worry all the same.

Over the last several weeks, my inbox has been bombarded with

newsletters about potential summer internships and lists upon lists of ways to land a job right out of college — one that does not place me as a part-time barista or in a call center. But, these emails reinforce what we have been told time and time again. The job market is terrible, and it has been ever since the economic recession 10 years ago.

So, we should all be OK with part-time, low paying gigs and lousy internships, because we are still being told how hard it is for graduates to find jobs in their chosen field.

Well, according to a 2016 Economic Policy Institute report, with time, the economy has grown stronger to accommodate

new graduates entering the job market. There are still many nuances to the overall situation. The market is still nowhere near perfect, especially for minorities and some female graduates. A negative attitude toward the “real world,” however, makes attending college seem like a bit of a gamble. In some ways, though, it is. College students, no matter their univer-

sity’s price tag, lay out all their cards and hope the outcome is at least somewhat beneficial. This often constitutes the idea that the fall semester application anxiety and year-round stress about the future is not entirely worth it. But, it is worth it.

There are several factors worthy of noting that college students should be aware of when attempting to understand the job market and their need for a degree. According to the Pew Research Center (PRC), it is harder for recent graduates to find good jobs in their field than graduates did 20 or more years ago. Students are no longer guaranteed a degree, a job, a house and 2.5 children. But, that same report also shows graduates still receive higher paying jobs and more job opportunities than those without at least a bachelor’s degree.

And, if we are looking to consult those that were once in our shoes, the PRC report shows 83 percent of graduates over the last three generations believe their degree — and all the stress that came with it — was entirely worth it.

I completely understand it

might be more difficult for me, a journalist among thousands of others, to find a job in my field than it would be for a talented and equally as needed computer programmer. Finding a job is incredibly dependent on what a student obtains a degree in. Still, the journalist and the computer programmer have the same concerns about finding something stable once they are kicked out of their comfortable campus nest.

As students, we should not cease to worry about our future careers just because we have it a bit better than graduates did 10 years ago. We just have to stop believing that everything is impossible. We might all have to do some time as lousy interns and part-time receptionists, but that is OK. At the end of the day — even though it is just a piece of paper — the degree that often put us through hell prepared us for the highs and lows of being a working adult.

Through all the worry and stress, it is important to remember that with a positive mindset and an extra effort, we have attempted to set the path for success — it might just take a little longer to

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get there.

Fall, for a college student, should be about coffee dates with friends and football games. It should also be about a slight dose of worry and stress. But, it should never be about disdain for the future, because in all actuality, we might one day be the ones telling college students just how worth it everything was.

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Pondering postgrad life

Follow these tips to alleviate postgrad fear and stress

What are you going to do after you graduate? Every college student has been asked this at one point or another. What inevitably follows is often, “I don’t know.”

Some may have plans of a corporate job with a comfortable salary. Others dream of owning their own business. What all of them lack is the concrete knowledge of what exactly will happen once they don their gown and take those last steps. That is why it is perfectly normal to be terrified and lost about what you will be doing after you graduate. Hopefully, the following information will help to alleviate that fear and give you the tools you will need to find your path.

Harness the fear

The first thing to internalize is that it is OK to be afraid if you don’t let that fear prevent you from utilizing the resources at your disposal. If there is an opportunity to talk to someone influential, don’t

let that chance slip away because you are afraid of messing up or making a bad first impression. If you can overcome that fear, then you’re well on your way to conquering the unknown.

Failure is OK

One simple, yet understated maxim is to not be afraid to fail. Especially within American society, it seems like failure is overstated. We see it as the end of the road, once you fail you cannot continue. Failure should be an opportunity to do something again but with more experience.

Weigh the pros and cons

To figure out what you want to do after graduating you have to be real with yourself. Sit down and make a list of possibilities for what you think your future might hold and then begin breaking down what each entail. Don’t let the expectations of others muddle what you want to do. Cull your list to two options. What do you want to do? What is economically and realistically viable? In a perfect world those would be the same option, but too often they are not.

Reality v. dreams

The next question becomes whether you

are going to go with the realistic option or if you want to find a way to subsidize your income while you pursue your dream. From there, come up with ideas to make either option happen.

Utilize networking

Finally, the most important life skill is learning how to network. No matter what industry you’re looking to go into, what will take you the farthest is who you know. Most often it is as simple as striking up a conversation. You never know who you’re going to run into.

This circles back to taking every opportunity presented to you.

Recently my teacher asked if anyone was interested in attending a lunch with a selection of business professors as well as the previous Idaho commerce director. This is a prime example of a great networking opportunity. I get to sit in a room full of influential people with tons of resources at their disposal. If you are worried about what to say, just remember that people love to talk about themselves, especially their accomplishments. Ask how they achieved their success. Then lay out your circumstances and ask for advice. This brings in the personal element into your talk. You’ve started

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making a connection that you can reference later. Here is when you can feel comfortable asking more personal questions. Ask what their biggest failure is, most importantly be able to read the situation. This is when you ask for their contact info and tell them you’d love to stay in touch.

Don’t be afraid to take any opportunity presented and don’t spend too much time planning for your future. If you create an immutable plan you, it will be difficult to adapt to the challenges life throws at you.

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Catalans clash with Spain

Spain's response to independence in Catalonia is appalling

According to the United Nations, there are 195 sovereign countries in the world today.

The people of Catalonia must be heard in their desire to be number 196, and the Spanish government that rules over them must respect the overwhelming desire for independence in the region.

More than 100 years of struggle has culminated in a referendum in the Spanish state of Catalonia, complete with oppressive action from the Spanish government and early returns indicating a win for the independence movement. Catalans flocked to the polls Sunday,

only to find police in riot gear doing their best to stop citizens from voting.

According to one Washington Post article, the Spanish government declared the vote to be unconstitutional and denounced the election. Despite containing multiple regions with nation-like independence short of statehood, Spain's 1978 constitution declared that the country would be lawfully indivisible. This is how Spanish prime minister Mariano Rajoy justified the use of force against what Time reported Sunday as more than 750 citizens as Catalans flocked to the polls and clashed with police.

Spain took many other shady actions to stop the vote that were blatantly autocratic. Per one Guardian report, the Spanish government blocked access to

pro-independence websites, arrested 14 Catalan officials and confiscated nearly 10 million unfiled ballots prior to the referendum.

Catalonia played by every rule in the playbook to maintain order and democracy throughout this process. It is Spain and the country's archaic constitution that is trying to stomp out democracy and subsequently inciting violence.

Early returns are self-reported and need further confirmation, but most outlets like BBC and CNN are reporting as many as 90 percent of Catalans voted in favor of independence.

The irony of the Spanish government's interference is that the margin could be a lot smaller, but Spanish loyalists in the area were discouraged from voting by the massive police presence that tried to physically stop the vote. The more fervent supporters of independence came out in droves and

decisively won the vote. This isn't some half-baked movement like Californian or Cascadian independence sentiments that gained prominence in recent years. Catalonia fought for independence within the system, followed a democratic path to independence and now deserves to be recognized. Spain must realize this before they end up on the wrong side of history. The government is en route to further oppressing the Catalans and their justified want for freedom.

The struggle for independence is a played-out path in history, and Spain is positioning themselves to be egregiously in the wrong.

When the United States wanted freedom from Spain and became resolute as a nation in that conviction, ignoring their strongly-voiced wishes led to long and bloody conflict.

Mexico's independence from Spain carried many of

the same characteristics as the American Revolution as well as the current conflict in Catalonia. The people of Mexico developed an identity independent from that of the country that ruled over them and gave them no representation. So far, Catalonia has avoided major violence and pursued independence in the mold of the Indian independence movement that relied more upon civil action and discourse than direct conflict.

Catalonia is decidedly different because it does receive representation, but its persisting desire for independence from Spain matches the fervor that historical independence movements have featured. The people have clashed with the government before and after the reestablishment of the country in 1978 following Francisco Franco's autocratic rule for much of the 20th century.

In each case, history has found the oppressors were wrong to try and deny independence to these people who were so different. Spain is actively oppressing the people of Catalonia. The Spanish government's active interference in a free and fair election on the basis of an undemocratic technicality in their constitution should prove that beyond a doubt.

Spain must recognize Catalonia's independence before the situation escalates further into conflict and oppression, for everyone's sake. There is already more than enough conflict in the world. Spain needs to recognize Catalonia and compromise before more people get hurt and the Spanish government sways further from democracy itself.

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Honesty is the best policy

White lies perpetuate dishonesty

White lies are completely acceptable, tolerated and expected in society. But, maybe, they aren't as harmless as they seem. Even the act of telling a white lie can be a self-deceptive act.

David Livingstone Smith, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at the University of New England and author of a book titled, "Why We Lie," said people often deceive themselves when they say they are lying to protect the feelings of others. Smith suggests people primarily lie

because they want another person to love them — trying to protect themselves from the disappointment, anger or abandonment.

"There's something antisocial about being too honest. Part of becoming socialized is learning how to lie in expected and acceptable ways," Smith said.

Honesty is a respectable trait, yet it's a social faux pas. Often, people would rather hear edited, sugar-coated words, than raw honest truth. The truth isn't always pleasant.

Through white lies and partial truths, the social status quo can be maintained and no one will get offended or put in an

awkward situation. But lies, no matter how small, are a sketchy foundation for a good relationship. Although the truth can be unpleasant, it is the ethos of all healthy relationships — specifically when it's combined with love — through truth, love has a chance to grow.

White lies seem harmless and trivial, but they can cause external conflict and internal unsettlement. White lies, exaggerating, withholding information, justified lies and all forms of stretching, hiding, ignoring or avoiding the truth are the same — they are dishonest.

When someone continually allows themselves to be dishonest, their brain adapts to it and becomes desensitized, allowing

dishonesty to steadily increase, according to a study by Neil Garrett, Stephanie C. Lazzaro and Tali Sharot from University College London.

Lies hurt more than the truth — even little lies. The truth may sting for a moment, but lies inflict lasting pain causing distrust to arise. Truth allows trust to be established and reinforced.

Instead of diluting, fabricating and withholding key details of the truth, maybe it's best to not speak at all. Honesty has a reputation of correlating with negativity, but being honest doesn't mean someone has to share every thought that enters their mind — some things are better left unsaid.

Being honest means knowing how to apologize,

and taking complete responsibility, along with acknowledging and accepting mistakes and shortcomings. Honesty strips away all excuses and clothes a person in vulnerability and genuineness. Being honest requires being OK with a little awkwardness sometimes. Thankfully, awkwardness is always short-lived, and the more awkwardness is confronted, the less uncomfortable it becomes.

Critiquing someone can seem harsh when it is done so honestly, but there is an art to the gracefully honest critique, and it always will be more beneficial to the one receiving the critique.

The cultivation of honesty allows sincerity to emerge. People welcome

others who are sincere in their life — it is admirable, and appreciated.

Jonathan D. Fitzgerald from The Atlantic said there is a trend in culture that is moving away from being driven by the ironic, and turning to the sincere.

"All across the pop culture spectrum, the emphasis on sincerity and authenticity that has arisen has made it un-ironically cool to care about spirituality, family, neighbors, the environment, and the country," Fitzgerald said.

It only takes one person to start a culture of honesty and sincerity in their sphere of influence.

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Vietnam revisited

The latest Vietnam War documentary is especially educational and timely

Perhaps one of the oldest cliches is that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. Ken Burns and Lynn Novick are doing their utmost to ensure that we do not forget some of the egregious mistakes made in Vietnam over 50 years ago.

In early September, PBS aired the first installment of the newest and perhaps most comprehensive documentary about the war that has come to define an entire generation. Simply titled "The Vietnam War," Burns and Novick's tour de force explores just about every difficult truth, political faux pas and consequence of circumstance that helps to make sense of the war itself.

Over the course of 10 installments ranging from an hour-and-a-half to two hours, the audience is exposed to every angle of the Vietnam War through the experiences of the soldiers, families and journalists that came to know its impacts firsthand, and are still trying to comprehend how or if it was all worth it.

Given that more than 2.7 million Americans served

on active duty in Vietnam, there is a good chance that many students and faculty here on the campus have been directly or indirectly affected by the war.

On top of examining in depth the battles and politics that determined the course of the war, Burns and Novick spend time reviewing the war's effects on the home front.

Simply put, Burns and Novick have taken an impressive stab at the herculean task of documenting the generation-defining conflict. Both fortunately and unfortunately, it could not have come at a more opportune time.

The documentary is available for free at pbs.org, and the general population it targets is extremely liable to binge entire shows over the course of a week or two. Americans have a rare opportunity to substantially educate themselves on a subject that is so commonly misunderstood. Unfortunately, the extremely tense relations between the United States and North Korea scream for the lessons of Vietnam to be better recognized.

For Americans, both cases feature braggadocios leaders and governments that act behind the public's back and lie to its face.

Much like in Vietnam,

a conflict in Korea would leave black eyes on both sides. While the nature of conflict itself has changed, the effects have not.

While I do not expect American decision makers to dedicate 18 hours of their time to digesting Burns and Novick's documentary, I do hope that they will at least remember the last time that America fought an unpopular war against a communist country thousands of miles from home with global repercussions.

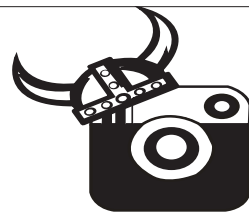
For everyone else, the work is still perhaps the most educational material on America's most divisive war. We should all be educated, and for once we all have the necessary opportunity.

The British philosopher and Nobel laureate Bertrand Russell once said "War does not determine who is right — only who is left."

"The Vietnam War" is an excellent piece of documentary filmmaking that is especially important in today's political climate.

The war was an incredibly painful time then and its scars still affect us now, but properly educating ourselves can prevent the same mistakes in the future.

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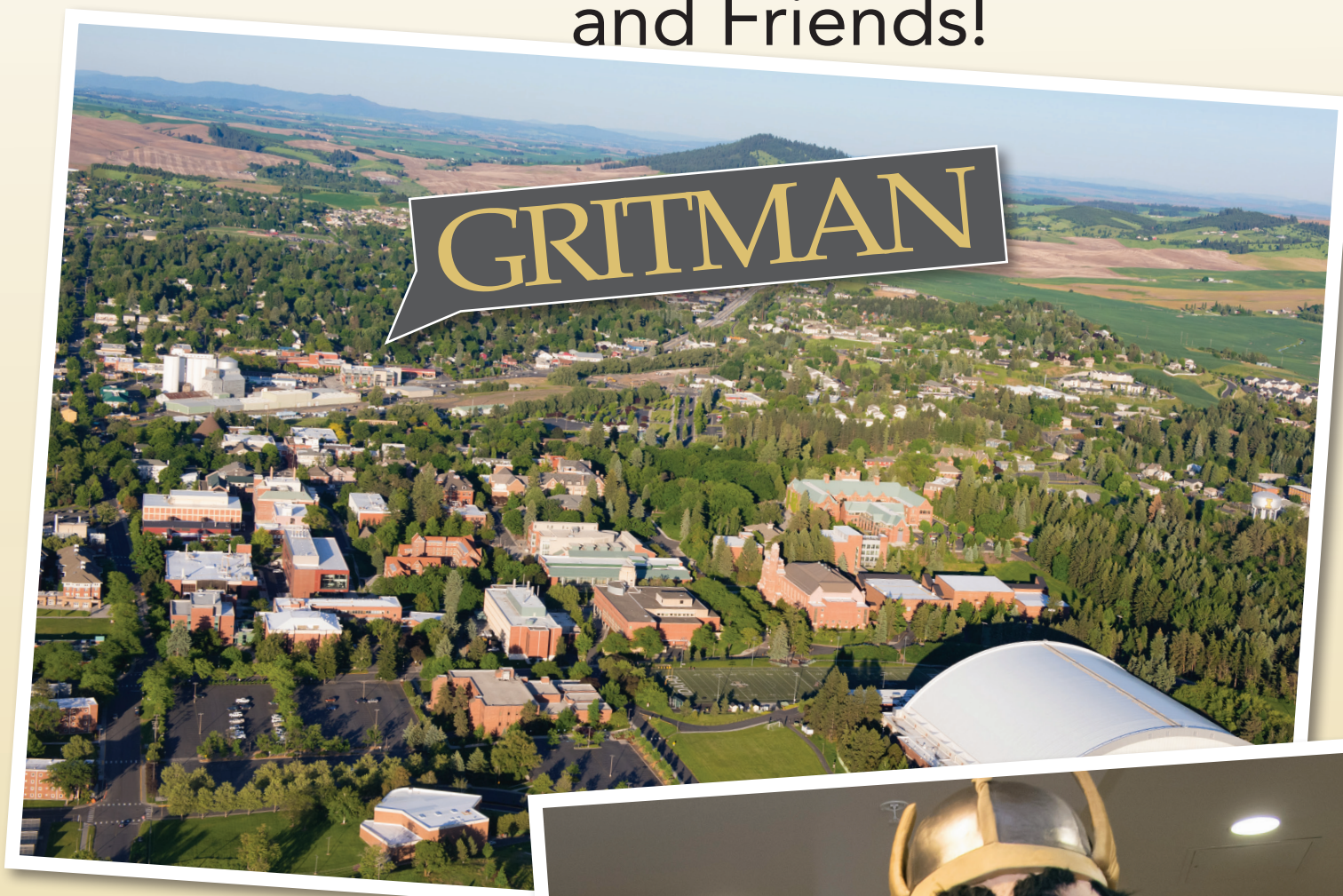
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