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It is finally time for Idaho's anticipated return to the Big Sky

The Big Sky

Chris Deremer ARGONAUT

With Idaho's Big Sky return days away, the Vandals look to kick off their welcome home party with a crucial conference win this weekend.

The Vandals will travel to take on the UC Davis Aggies Saturday (Sept. 22) to play in their first Big Sky football game since 1995.

Vandal fans have high expectations for the next few seasons back in the Big Sky, as to be expected for a team that was nearly dominant many years ago.

Idaho joined the Big Sky in 1963, but didn't play its first conference game until 1965. Six years later, the Vandals brought home their first outright conference title in school history during the 1971 season.

The golden age of Vandal football hit in 1985, when Idaho was not only dominating in the Big Sky, but would reach the Division I-AA playoffs 10 times while reaching the national semifinals twice.

From 1968-1992, Idaho would win nine conference titles under six different head coaches through that span.

In 1996, the Vandals decided to make a change once again and head out to the Big West conference and move up to Division I-A football, or as many know of it now, as the FCS. Twenty-two years later, Idaho looks to repeat history and dominate the Big Sky once again.

It won't be easy, with many of FCS football's best reigning supreme in the Big Sky conference.

Most notably are the Eastern Washington Eagles and the Weber State Wildcats, who currently rank in the top-10 of the entire FCS.

Idaho will get to showcase against the Eagles on Oct. 27 in a pivotal game with not only implications for a successful season, but an opportunity for Idaho to show the move back to the Big Sky was the smartest one to make.

In April 2016, it was announced that Idaho was making the move from FBS to FCS, becoming the first team in college football history to make the move down. The following season, Idaho had its best season since 2009, reaching the Idaho Potato Bowl and beating Colorado State in a record-setting victory.

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CAMPUS LIFE

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UI honors grad student murdered by ex-professor every September

Olivia Heersink ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho campus is littered with benches, especially near Hello Walk.

Inspirational phrases derived from the minds of writers and philosophers are etched into the stone resting places, offering students wisdom and respite.

But one bench southeast of the Administration Building stands out, memorializing rather than openly educating. Built in 2012, it bears the name "Katy Benoit" — a person many students might not remember.

Yet, others will never forget her or what happened seven years ago.

On Aug. 22, 2011, Benoit, a psychology graduate student, was shot 11 times by former UI professor Ernesto Bustamante with a .45 caliber handgun, according to court documents.

She was standing on the front porch of her Moscow home around 8:30 p.m., having stepped out for a cigarette only moments before she was murdered. Benoit died before police arrived.

The next day, Bustamante's body was found in a room at the Best Western Plus University Inn. He



Olivia Heersink | Argonaut The Katy Benoit memorial bench was built in 2012.

had killed himself.

The pair had been romantically involved months prior, but Benoit ended the relationship in March of that year after he threatened her multiple times with a gun. She later filed a report against him with Moscow Police and the university in June.

Benoit's complaint was one of several mounted against Bustamante, according to a UI report. Multiple evaluations claimed Bustamante often spoke inappropriately about violence during his classes and made sexual comments toward students.

He also had history of inappropriate relationships with students and had been warned by university officials to end such trysts.

Bustamante, who took medi-

cation for schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety and depression, soon resigned after Benoit came forward. His time at the university lasted 10 years.

UI officials met with Benoit and said Bustamante would no longer be at the university and recommended she call the police if she felt threatened. She was killed later that day.

After Benoit's death, Emilie McLarnan, director of the Violence Prevention Program, said the university made an agreement with Benoit's family to honor her legacy at the beginning of each year with the Katy Benoit Safety Forum, which will be held in the Bruce Pitman Center at 7 p.m. Sept. 26.

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Кеер shining

Feather McFarlane | Argonaut

Community remembers UI student, supports friends and family

CAMPUS LIFE

Kyle Pfannenstiel Argonaut

The University of Idaho Commons Plaza became a mural of sorts Tuesday night in a show of support for those affected by the recent Vandal loss.

The chalk display was created in remembrance of Kather-

ine Groggett – a UI junior and president of Delta Delta Delta Sorority – who died in a car crash Sept. 14.

One message read, "We Love you Katherine. Keep Shining." Another noted, "Let us steadfastly love one another" - her sorority's motto.

Several students wore purple, Groggett's favorite color, the day prior as a way to honor her.

Idaho State troopers said the 20-year old from Mountain Home, Idaho, was turning left on U.S. Highway 95 around 1 p.m. when her vehicle collided with a northbound truck on the driver's side. Groggett was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was traveling with two UI students who were hospitalized



In a phone interview, passenger DeVonte Smith said he has been in Boise since the crash.

Brianna Morrison, another Delta Delta Delta member injured in the crash, is also in Boise, recovering. Morrison said in a phone interview that she suffered a broken femur during the crash and a respiratory infection while undergoing surgery. She is now in physical therapy and receiving ox-

ygen-assistance. Mor-

rison hopes to return

to classes within three

were created for both

Groggett and Morri-

son. As of Wednesday,

Groggett's fund has

accrued more than

\$17,000, with more

than 400 contributors.

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Campus notification

weeks.

Shawn Dowiak, assistant dean of UI Fraternity and Sorority Life, said he called an emergency meeting with the three Greek councils Friday night, notifying the organizations of Groggett's death.

Following Dowiak's meeting, "most, if not all," fraternity and

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A Crumbs recipe Stuffed zucchini

This stuffed zucchini recipe is a great way to add a little warmth to your meal prep. With short preparation time and a few delicious ingredients, this recipe should be next on your list.

Ingredients

- 3 zucchinis
- 1/2 lb of ground beef
- 1/2 cup of chopped onion
- 1/4 cup of chopped bell pepper
- 1 cup of corn
- 1 cup of shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 tablespoon of tomato paste

Directions

- Cook the ground beef with salt, pepper and paprika to 1. taste.
- Saute the onion, bell pepper, corn with the tomato 2. paste. Combine the vegetables with ground beef.
- Scoop 1/2 of the inside of the zucchini. Brush the hol-3. lowed out zucchini with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Stuff the zucchini with the meat mixture. 4.
- Cover the zucchini boats with tin foil and place in the 5. oven for 30 minutes.
- Top the stuffed zucchini with the cheese and place 6. under the broiler until golden brown.

Start to finish: 45 minutes Servings: 3

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A Sept. 12 article incorrectly spelled Dean Paiatta's name

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News Briefs

Osho attorney to visit UI

Philip Niren Toelkes will recount his experiences during the historic case of U.S. v. Osho at a visit to the University of Idaho campus next Wednesday.

Toelkes was the attorney for an Indian man who established the city of Rajneeshpuram in the 1980s. He will speak about Netflix's new documentary featuring him and his client, Osho, otherwise known as Bhagwan Shree Rashneesh, according to a press release.

During the event, entitled "U.S.A v. Osho: The True Story of Osho in Oregon," Toelkes will discuss the long legal battle to defend Rajneeshpuram from U.S. government intervention, according to a UI press release. The documentary recently received an Emmy award for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series.

During his time, Toelkes will discuss Osho and his followers, who "enacted the single largest bioterror attack in U.S. history by deliberate contamination of salad bars of restaurants in The Dalles, Oregon," the press release states.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the Administration Building.

Questions can be directed to Joel Fromm in the College of Law.

Best of the IBEST

Researchers from across the University of Idaho will gather Friday for the IBEST Science Expo.

In the Clearwater and Whitewater rooms of the Idaho Commons, a multitude of research posters will be on display, showcasing work done by UI students.

Researchers from several disciplines, such as evolutionary science, research computing, genomics and bioinformatics will be in attendance.

The event starts at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Brave new world

UI students can prepare for the professional students during the Brave and Bold Leadership Conference Sept. 24 and Sept. 27.

Interested students are welcome to attend either event, both of which will run from noon to 1 p.m. in the Clearwater Room of the Idaho Commons.

According to a university press release, free pizza will be provided during the "Slice of Advice" portion of the event. The leadership conference will commence alongside UI's Career Fair, in which employers from the Northwest gather to recruit UI students for jobs and internships.

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"We're at a point where few, if any, students would have known her. This was a tragedy that deeply shook many of us in the community," McLarnan said. "There are difficult lessons to take away from an incident such as this, and we can't let that fade away."

McLarnan said the discussion serves as a reminder to students of university obligations and policies around issues of sexual and interpersonal violence.

In conjunction with the safety forum, Bekah MillerMacPhee said UI's annual Take Back the

Night event at 7:30 p.m. Thursday will also serve as an opportunity to honor Benoit and other survivors of these forms of abuse.

MillerMacPhee, program coordinator of the UI Women's Center, said attendees will congregate at the Agriculture Science Building and walk past Benoit's bench and up



Sixth Street.

UI during the time of Benoit's death, MillerMacPhee and McLarnan said they felt the impact of the 22-year-old's passing from a community standpoint. Sexual and interpersonal vio-

"There's something really heart-

ening and hopeful about being with

lence, McLarnan said, is particularly pernicious because it so interwoven into the daily experience of too many individuals and can impact people on such a fundamental level, disrupting one's education and life.

> "Everyone deserves to be safe in all aspects

of their lives," McLarnan said. "With rates like one in five women or one in 16 men being impacted by sexual assault, this is an epidemic and we owe it to each other to bring these rates down."

MillerMacPhee said she believes most people are aware of these types of violence, but they aren't always knowledgeable about

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how often it occurs.

She said people also instinctually look for other explanations or scenarios rather than believing someone upfront, asking, "Are you sure it wasn't consensual?" or "Is that really abuse?"

"We can't ask them to explain how it could happen when we intellectually know it happens too much already," MillerMacPhee said.

MillerMacPhee said she believes this doubt stems from a general avoidance of the topic on a societal level.

Often these crimes are carried out by someone known to - or trusted by - the survivor, making them more difficult to talk about, McLarnan said.

"The ripple effects of these crimes wash over us all ... just start by believing," McLarnan said. "And work hard to respect the decisions of the survivor, whether they want to report or not, that healing is a journey and not always a linear one."

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Katy Benoit

In memory of Katy's journey, her care of others, her willingness to speak up, and her courage to make a difference. M. D



Olivia Heersink | Argonaut Flowers sit on the Katy Benoit memorial bench.

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Following the council meeting, "most, if not all," fraternity and sorority chapters called their own meetings in order to share the information, said Kendal Stopher, Panhellenic Sorority Council president.

A campus-wide notice about Groggett's death was sent out Monday morning by Dean of Students Blaine Eckles.

Asked why the release was sent out Monday rather than over the weekend, Eckles said his office was first focused on providing support to individuals who may be directly affected by Groggett's passing, such as sorority members and faculty members.

"We want to be sensitive to what their emotional needs and supports are, in addition to the students in the classroom," Eckles said. "It's a natural delay in time frame but it's done very intentionally to be as sensitive as possible to those that may be impacted."

Groggett's funeral will be held Friday in her hometown of Mountain Home.

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POLITICS

Katy Benoit

Scorecard for higher education

ASUI plans to release legislative report on Idaho education in October

Ellamae Burnell ARGONAUT

The Associated Students University of Idaho (ASUI) is partnering with other Idaho higher education institutions to create a scorecard that tracks where state legislators stand on education issues.

Boise State University, Lewis and Clark State College, College of Western Idaho and Idaho State University are all currently in partnership for the project, with community colleges from across the state still coming on board, said ASUI President Nicole Skinner.

"Essentially we want to determine which bills from each legislative session are higher education related," Skinner said. "Then, as a collaboration of student governments, determine how much weight we want to give each bill, figure out who voted for what and turn this into a percentage."

Skinner said colleges in partnership will have a direct role in determining the weight that different legislation has on the report card.

"Ultimately this will make our legislature more aware of the importance of higher education in Idaho," said Kaleb Smith, student body president at Boise State University. "In Louisiana this system has directly affected the state funding that universities have received."

Currently, ASUI is working on creating the report card for distribution at public colleges and universities throughout the state, Skinner said. It is generating one based on the state legislative



at a monthly student advisory council meeting, which is a chance for student government presi-

dents from across Idaho to collaborate. Skinner has been using Louisiana State University's student government issued legislative report card as a template for the scorecard in Idaho. "As far as I know, LSU's is the only other one," Skinner said. "We're taking their outline and making it better in terms of distribution." In 2015, LSU released its first report card and has continued the project since. Like ASUI's outline, LSU's report card is based solely on the numbers, and is released in PDF form for viewing.

ing the project, Skinner said, and are part of a larger initiative to have student government officials act as spokespeople for civic engagement to get students involved in the decision-making processes that affect them. ASUI is also hoping to create a scorecard for the upcoming legislative session, Skinner said. "This can directly affect students at all the universities in Idaho and will make people more aware of what the legislature is actively doing for higher education," Smith said. "This can in turn cause more student civic engagement and could even go as far as cause a higher voter turnout among students."



session in the spring in hopes it will be ready for release in October. The scorecard will include information on higher education related issues that make it to the legislature, from bills related to funding to policy changes, Skinner said.

The project is meant to be as nonpartisan and as objective as possible, Skinner said, and will only include information on the bills each legislator votes for.

"We feel like if we leave it to just pure numbers, like who voted for what bill, it will be received much better," Skinner said.

The project is not in the scope of the State Board of Education, Skinner said, but the board is aware. She said board members are updated

"I want this to be a sustainable project, it may not be a priority of every administration that follows me," Skinner said, "but I want to make this easily replicable."

ASUI senators will be a part of implement-

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DIVERSITY



Alexandra Stutzman | Argonaut University of Idaho first-year student Alex Paul studies in the Student Diversity Center Wednesday morning in TLC 229.

Hearing every voice

GSA promotes inclusion, supports LGBTQA students at UI

Elizabeth Marshall Argonaut

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) at the University of Idaho has recently changed names, but the goals of diversity, inclusivity and visibility remain the same, according to members.

Danielle Garvin, who is entering her second year as the GSA's cochair, said she decided to join the orhave open and honest conversations about issues within the LGBTQA community as a whole as well as problems on campus or in Moscow that we can work towards resolving or lessening the damage of."

Garvin said the group welcomes all who are interested in the LGBTQA community and aims to expand upon the size of GSA.

"GSA is intended to help others feel included and tries to be a welcoming community," Garvin said. "We don't pressure anyone to identify and we try to encourage growth and learning through open, two-sided discussions." Ezra Saville, a first-year UI student and new GSA member, said he decided to join GSA almost immediately upon wide entering college because of the group's unique focus on supporting LGBTQA students.

"I am a transgender, bisexual student who wanted to have a support system on campus, while also participating in any activism opportunities that can be made available by going there," Saville said. "I also have made some friends this way."

made some friends this way

Saville said he is grateful there is a group on campus that takes the time to focus specifically on LGBTQA students and issues.

"I think students and faculty should know that the GSA is an important part of this campus. LG-BTQIA-plus students are here and (are) valuable to this community just like everyone else, and some may need the support," Saville said. The three GSA co-chairs plan and host a wide variety of events for members, which include "discourse nights" consisting of protests or fun activities to de-stress — such as

game nights, potlucks and crafting activities.

Garvin said GSA works closely with the UI LGBTQA Office when planning educational events and programs on campus.

Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA Office, will lead an educational discussion with the GSA Sept. 26, called "Queer Convo." The event will continue monthly. Garvin said the GSA holds weekly meetings Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. in the Idaho Commons Student Diversity Center.

"We really value the ideas and thoughts of everyone who comes. Most of our meetings are around educating and opinionbased discussions, and we are committed to making sure every voice is heard," Garvin said. "We want everyone to feel they have a space in the GSA."

ganization almost immediately upon entering college and loved attending meetings and learning about the goals of the club.

"The Gender and Sexuality Alliance is a student group on campus that strives to give LGBTQA UI students a community where they feel welcome," Garvin said. "We try to

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Serving it up Vandal style

Cooking courses teach students practical skills, healthy recipes

Ryan Larsen Argonaut

For many University of Idaho students, living on campus is their first time away from home.

The dorms come with a microwave and fridge combination, but little else in the way of kitchen-ware, leaving quite a few students feeling restricted with what they can cook.

UI dietitian Mindy Rice is looking to change that through Vandalizing the Kitchen courses, which have returned to the fall semester after a successful spring.

"A lot of times, students come to school and are used to their parents cooking for them, they don't have the basic skills you need to cook," Rice said.

Rice, the instructor for Vandalizing the Kitchen, said the event is a beginning cooking class put on by UI in partnership with the university's Sustainability Center and the Moscow Food Co-op. The courses are held in the Student Recreation Center every month.

While the first class, Brain Boosting Bites, has already passed, Rice said there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the semester to attend an event. The next class is Oct. 11, where students will learn how to make quick comfort foods.

The diet of many students, who live both on and off campus, often consists of quite a bit of pre-made food, Rice said, but eating Top Ramen every day won't cut it, nor will it help someone feel healthy.

"What you eat has an impact on your mental health, as well as your physical

Vandalizing the Kitchen Fall 2018:

Thur. Oct 11 - Quick Comfort Foods

Thur. Nov 8 - Simple Healthy Snacks

Thur. Dec 6 - Wild Game Cooking

health and it's going to have an effect on how well you do in class," she said.

With Vandalizing the Kitchen, Rice said she aims to give students options by expanding their cooking knowledge and abilities. The recipes are healthy, and students don't need to have any prior skills to make them.

Rice said the classes also feature vegan and gluten free recipes, so students with dietary restrictions are welcome.

All the recipes showcased are less than \$10, Rice said. Students are able to prepare more than one serving and save the rest for later.

Currently, the class is purely instructional. However, Rice said she is hoping to add a hands-on course in the spring. The class will still be open to all skill levels, focusing on the basics, such as how to handle a knife and which utensils do what job.

If learning how to cook isn't incentive

Alexandra Stutzman | Argonaut Campus dietitian Mindy Rice instructs cooking students Thursday.

enough to check out a class, Rice said Vandalizing the Kitchen can also count as a personal fitness credit.

"Instead of going to a P.E. class, why not come and get some free food while learning how to make it for yourself," she said.

The class is open to all students — living on or off campus — who are looking to

advance their cooking ability or improve their diet.

One-on-one diet counseling with Rice is also available by appointment at dietitian@ uidaho.edu.

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Salsa the night away

One World Cafe hosts themed dance night for all community members Friday

Allison Spain Argonaut

All ages and experience levels are invited to salsa dance at One World Cafe Friday evening.

Hosted by Salsa on the Palouse, the event will provide a lesson for beginners from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and social dancing for all until 9 p.m.

Local instructors Annelise Neilson and Daniel Reiss will teach attendees the basics of club style, bachata and merengue dances over the course of the evening.

Nielson said the goal of the event is to create an environment where everyone feels comfortable and happy dancing.

"I am looking forward to having more people join the dance community and learn about it at a venue where I hope they feel comfortable coming in and joining, and also people who don't have a partner feel comfortable coming," Nielson said. "We don't see it as something you have to do as a couple because it's not necessarily romantic, it's just something we do for fun."

Salsa dance is an eight-count dance that can be performed solo or with a partner to Latin rhythms, Nielson said. There are many different styles under the umbrella of salsa dance club style being one of the most well-known.

She said she is excited to broaden community access to salsa dance and offer everyone an opportunity to meet new people.

Building a dance community on the Palouse has been a goal of Nielson's over the last three years, starting off with very little audience members attending events and classes. Now, nearly 20 people consistently show up, she said.

"I love salsa dancing itself, but the thing I love the most is having a dance community and people that come together and socialize around dancing together," Nielson said.

Nielson recommends wearing comfortable shoes that don't have too much traction, as well as comfortable clothes that make you happy, whether that means dressing up or dressing down.

"Come as you want. If you want to be

fancy be fancy, if you want to be cozy be cozy," Nielson said.

Kelsey Stevenson, president of Salsa on the Palouse and a barista at One World Cafe, said the space offers a relaxing atmosphere that can hopefully get people who are a little scared by dancing to feel more comfortable.

Several other events hosted by Salsa on the Palouse have an age requirement and take place in Pullman, limiting who can attend. Stevenson said she is excited to open up the opportunity to more people in Moscow.

Salsa Night will be a great chance for people to try out dancing or at least get more involved in the community, Stevenson said.

Located in the heart of downtown, One World Cafe is a great central location for community members and University of Idaho students alike, she said.

Stevenson said salsa dancing is easy to learn and worth giving a try — at least once — especially since the evening offers free access to quality instruction, and Lindsay Trombly | Argonaut

learning something new is beneficial to one's mental health.

"I am excited to connect community members and students because it's nice to have a venue that everyone is familiar with," Stevenson said. "We can all come together to do something fun on a Friday night as a fun way to be active and burn calories without realizing it."

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Showcasing a creative community

Local art show brings together

rectly to the artists. Pickard said the show takes after an old Paris salon, which was meant to showcase different up-and-coming artists working in a variety of mediums. Salons highlighted a group of artists, who created and helped each other. Pickard is a graduate student studying plant sciences, but he learned to draw three or four years ago, and in the search of an artist peer group, began what he calls "art night."

work — many for the first time.thAdam Lane, emcee and organizer ofththe music and spoken word portion of thewevent, said he is looking forward to the exposure 'Scow Salon will give artists whosiare shy about publicizing their work or areunsure how it will be received.si"I hope it instills in the artists that theirthwork is worthy," Lane said.th

the talent among them. He said attending 'Scow Salon is a good



more than 30 community artists

Jordan Willson Argonaut

A University of Idaho graduate student is bringing attention to the local expanse of artists on the Palouse with a three-hour event 6 p.m. Saturday at One World Cafe.

The show — called 'Scow Salon — is free to the public, showcasing more than 30 artists, including around 10 UI students.

Various forms of art, including sculptures, embroidery, paintings, spoken-word poetry, short stories and live music, will be found at Saturday's event, said Justin Pickard, organizer of 'Scow Salon.

Artists will bring original works, as well as merchandise to sell. All sales will go di-

Pickard said he is in contact with 80 interchanging community artists who attend art night, which he hosts each week.

"It blows my mind how many creative people I have access to with my art group," Pickard said. "There are 80 people in Moscow who regularly make things."

It is from this group Pickard was able to find amateur artists looking to show their

Pickard said he hopes artists who might not have had the opportunity to show their work before can discover if they enjoy sharing their art.

"If people are not in art school, no one is going to tell them how to have an art show," Pickard said.

Lane said he hopes the show encourages people to become more involved in making art.

Moscow is known as the heart of the arts, Lane said, but often students aren't aware of way to get plugged into the local art scene.

Pickard and Lane said they both hope the show becomes an annual event.

The ultimate goal for Pickard is to create something that is self-sufficient and brings the community together, he said.

Most people are exposed to either famous or upper-amateur artists, Pickard said, but it's important to appreciate community artists.

He said he has previously shown his artwork and wanted to make that same opportunity accessible to others.

"Why don't I just use that power to help other people?" Pickard said, spurring the event.

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MUSIC REVIEW

"Bloom" blossoms for Sivan

Hailey Stewart

ARGONAUT

Troye Sivan's newest album hits all the marks of a successful sophomore record

Troye Sivan, a YouTuber turned international pop star, officially landed on the music scene in 2015 with his first album, "Blue Neighbourhood" - an airy record with plenty of power.

But in the last three years, Sivan hit the recording studio and spotlight stronger than expected.

With the release of his second album, "Bloom," at the end of August, Sivan quite literally blossoms with all 10 tracks.

Similar to the Australian singer's first album, "Bloom," is fresh and intricate.

A singer, songwriter and actor, Sivan knows how to produce a story. Each synththreaded track tells a story about his experiences as a young gay man.

off the album, "Dance To This," featuring Ariana Grande appeared as an instant hit

when the single released in June. It has star power, a subtle, catchy beat and plenty of strong vocals from both performers. This track doesn't lie — it truly is the perfect song to sing and sway to.

The first track released off the album, "My My My," appears second in the lineup. It's an anthemic beat added to the 10-track album.

A small departure from the upbeat vibe Sivan portrays in much of his album, "The Good

Side" showcases a classic, sorrowful ballad. This song emphasizes Sivan's more refined side - a tactfulness in what could have easily become an all-too-common break-up song.

The namesake of the album and its more album a giant step forward. Years of Perhaps the most well-known song fourth track, "Bloom" is filled with delicate and subtle metaphors. A song centered around virginity and the intricacies of lust, "Bloom" fully deserves to be the

center of attention in this album.

Another track filled with metaphor, "Plum," reminisces fragments of a less-than-perfect relationship. It's an upbeat track paired with a more somber storyline — a style in Sivan's writing that fits so well with this album.

In "Lucky Strike," an ode to an addictive relationship like an addiction to cigarettes, Sivan's sultry and smoky voice shines.

It's in this song Sivan finds his footing as a more serious artist than three years prior.

Sivan's moments of intense and subtle metaphor in "Bloom" make his sophoYouTube stardom and a great deal of time spent perfecting his craft, the 23-year-old singer has created a plethora of titles at the top of many lists.

For many rising pop stars, taking more than three years to produce a second record often spells disaster. For Sivan, it was a blessing in disguise.

Even with a first album to die for, Sivan pulls out all the stops with "Bloom." All 10 tracks tingle the senses with each beat and lyric.

Sivan, a household name on the pop scene, isn't going anywhere, and fans should grant him all the time he needs to keep producing albums like "Bloom."

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Ask the A&C Staff Which TV show do think deserved an Emmy at this year's award show?



Sing me a song

In its fourth season, Outlander never fails to deliver a captivating episode. The series is filled with intrigue, action and several European accents — what's not to love?

Olivia Heersink Argonaut



Changing the game

I agree with the results — Game of Thrones is simply a cut above anything else on television right now. I could listen to Peter Dinklage monologues all day.



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MasterChef, master show

we'll get an Emmy-worthy reboot.

Baby come back

The Emmy's can only be described as an idiot sandwich for not including this incredible, wellmade, no-nonsense work of art.

If you're not watching "The Office" for at least

the fifth time already, then what are you doing

with your semester? I haven't quite yet come to

terms with the fact that it's over. Maybe one day



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Idaho volleyball opens conference play with a sweep of EWU in Cheney

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New chapter, oldbook

A history of Idaho's tenure in the Big Sky Conference

Brandon Hill

ARGONAUT In early March of 2016, the Idaho football program, already trending downward after half-a-decade of defeat, was dealt yet another deadly blow.

After two seasons as the youngest member of the Sun Belt Conference, the Vandals were being booted, along with fellow member New Mexico State. Conference officials decided the conference did not need 12 football programs, and Idaho, which had won five games in its two seasons as a member, would be shown the door.

Fast-forward to April, and Idaho still remained adrift, a program without a home once again. The Vandals competed in 2013 as an independent after the Western Athletic Conference dissolved its football affiliation after mass departures from other teams. Now, Idaho once again would have to wait for new opportunities to open up.

President Chuck Staben and former Athletics Director Rob Spear were under pressure to find a conference Idaho could stay competitive in that also housed teams within geographical range. Scheduling challenges as an independent team had left a sour taste in Spear's mouth, as recorded in an interview with Sports Illustrated, after the Vandals allowed Florida State to score 81 points in a cross-country away game.

"Our kids went, and our coaches coached their hearts out, but they scored 81 points on us," Spear told SI. "I left the field that day feeling so miserable, because I was the one that scheduled that game and put our kids and coaches in that situation."

Midway through the month, Staben, Spear and Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino gathered for a press conference. Staben drove the conversation, announcing Idaho would be rejoining the Big Sky Conference, becoming the first program to voluntarily drop from the Football Bowl Subdivision to the Football Championship Subdivision.

Essentially, Division I football is split into two groups. At the top, in the FBS, sit the best programs in the country — Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and the like. When a team in the FBS records six or more wins in a season, it becomes eligible to play in a postseason bowl game. The top four teams, ranked by committee, play for the national championship.

The FCS, meanwhile, practices a much more expansive playoff system similar to the NFL, with 24 teams getting a shot at the title at the end of the regular season.

The move, needless to say, received sharp criticism from fans and alumni. Vandal Scholarship Fund chapters voiced their opposition to the move. Critics on social media began the "Fire Chuck Staben" campaign on Facebook. Even Idaho quarterback Matt Linehan help up a fan-made sign emblazoned with "Stay FBS" following his team's 2016 bowl victory.

Nevertheless, the decision stood strong among the whirlwind of controversy, and Idaho football channeled the energy into motivation, going 9-4 a mere six months after the announcement. The Vandals earned a berth into the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl and put up a whopping 606 yards of offense. Idaho cruised to its third bowl victory, exiting the FBS with a bang.

Now, a new era approaches for the Vandals, with a new docket of old rivals and games scheduled much closer to home. With a 1-1 record, only time will tell if Idaho can truly ascend to new heights in the Big Sky.

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AVERAGE YARDS ALLOWED





Feather McFarlane | Argonaut

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At the time many Vandal fans were in an uproar against the move, especially after having a bowl victory. Why move down if Idaho can be competitive in the FBS?

Of course, winning wasn't the only reason the move happened. The Sun Belt Conference said that they would not retain Idaho within the conference after 2017, leaving the Vandals to scramble and find a conference that would take them in.

Only one conference accepted Idaho, and that was none other than the Big Sky.

With the move imminent during the past year, fans have had to prepare for old rivalries being renewed once again, which has brought new life and optimism to the program and many fans.

Interim Idaho Athletic Director Pete Isakson said the move back was a good financial decision for the program.

"From a financial standpoint, we've sold more season tickets then we did last year," Isakson said. "We're going to have more away fans come to games, and are going to enjoy having schools play close to us once again."

The Vandals look to the future now, and dominant play early on for Idaho would be a good signal for the return to the Big Sky.

UC Davis will look to ruin the welcoming party when they face the Vandals Saturday.

The Aggies have had a strong start to the season, and a strong performance against ninth-ranked FBS opponent Stanford last weekend has shown

that this squad can be a threat.

UC Davis enters the weekend as the No. 21 FCS team in the country, with an offense ranked fourth among all FCS teams.

A win on Saturday for the Vandals would not only be a statement win for

a Big Sky return, but a huge win to be recognized nationally.

It may seem like a while since Idaho has graced the gridiron, but the Vandals look to build off their successful home opener

with another big win this weekend.

Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino said in a news conference he understands the challenge ahead.

"We studied all the Big Sky teams this summer, and I thought they (UC Davis) were going to be one of the tougher games we play," Petrino said. "We have our work cut out for us."

Idaho is now heading into the third

game of the season, with the dual attack at quarterback still in place. Idaho will look for success similar to that of the Western New Mexico contest, and hope that both quarterbacks can make a statement in their first Big Sky games.

Idaho needs to start the game with break-neck speed to keep pace with UC Davis and its high-powered offense. Controlling the time of possession early will help keep the Aggie offense off the field, and keep the tenacious Vandal defense well rested.

"Hopefully we can wear them down right off the bat," Petrino said. "We only had the ball 26 plays the entire first half, we need to get some three-and-outs early in the game.

A strong defensive performance, led by Idaho's strong pass rushers, will help keep the Aggies at bay, reducing their opportunities to open up the passing game.

Expect big gains from Idaho's defensive line and linebackers, with possibly many of the big plays coming from the inside.

All hands on deck will be needed for an Idaho victory on Saturday, with Idaho going up against a tough Big Sky foe to kick off conference play.

History repeats itself, and Vandal fans hope this is the start to a successful Big Sky run once again.

The Idaho Vandals will face the UC Davis Aggies 4 p.m. Saturday in Davis, California. Chris Deremer can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @Cderemer_VN



Stay tuned with Vandal Nation Saturday night for full postgame coverage at www.vandalnation.com

VOLLEYBALL Crushing it in Cheney

Idaho volleyball left no doubt in a resounding win over Eastern Washington to open conference

Jonah Baker ARGONAUT

The Vandals wasted no time trying to justify their lofty preseason rankings.

Idaho swept Eastern Washington on Tuesday, 25-21, 26-24, 25-13. It was the Vandals' third sweep of the year and fifth consecutive win for Idaho when opening Big Sky play.

The match opened with even performances from both teams, but Idaho's defense made the difference.

The Vandals (7-6, 1-0) recorded six of their 11 blocks in the first set, stifling the Eagles' momentum and making a serious impact on their hitting efficiency. Eastern Washington finished the match hitting only .070 to Idaho's .330.

The second set was closer, with Idaho having to play extra points to take the victory. The Eagles continuously answered Idaho's runs at the start of the third set. Head coach Debbie Buchanan called a timeout in an attempt to stifle a 4-0 run for Eastern Washington, and the move turned out to be exactly what Idaho needed. The Vandals went on a 10-2 run two points later to go up 20-12 before finishing out the match.

Three different Vandals finished with double-digit kills. Senior outside hitters Kaela Straw, Reece Carman and Sarah Sharp led the way with 16, 12 and 10 kills respectively. Carman also led all players with five blocks.

Redshirt freshman setter Donee Janzen showed out in her second match of the season, tallying 17 assists in only two sets of work.

With the sweep, Idaho has now opened Big Sky Conference play in such a manner two years in a row. The team has not lost a conference opener since moving from the Western Athletic Conference to the Big Sky after the 2013 season.

Idaho continues to progress through its road game stretch, heading to Greeley, Colorado, to face Northern Colorado (4-5, BSC 0-0).

The Bears will open up conference play with the Vandals, after their final non-conference game was canceled. Northern Colorado and Idaho did not face a common opponent in non-conference. Idaho took the victory in both of the meetings last season.

The Vandals will take on Northern Colorado 6 p.m. Sept. 20 in Greeley. Jonah Baker

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Leslie Kiebert | Argonaut Idaho Volleyball cheers after a won volley against Santa Clara at home.



Leslie Kiebert | Argonaut Idaho women compete in the Clash of the Inland Northwest, Aug. 31.

CROSS-COUNTRY clashing in Colfax

Meredith Spelbring ARGONAUT

The Idaho cross-country squad made the short trip to Colfax Sept. 14 to compete in the Cougar Classic, with the women finishing third overall and the men fourth.

Washington State hosted the meet at the Colfax Golf Club, the future home of the NCAA West Regional.

The Vandal women took third with 53 points. Washington State took home first with 44 points, followed by Portland State with 34. The men grabbed fourth with 100, behind Gonzaga (21), Pepperdine (78), and Washington State (78).

Senior Andrea Condie led the women, taking third overall with a time of 21:02 in the 6k course. Junior Kara Story took fifth with a 21:20.

Sophomores Malaina Thacker and Faith Dilmore finished in 12th and 13th, respectively, both with a time of 22:02. Junior

Idaho women take third, men fourth Maizy Brewer finished in 20th with a time of 22:19 to round out the women's scorers.

> Washington State's freshman Emma Jenkins finished in first with a time of 20:53 in the women's 6K.

> On the men's side, junior Fabian Cardenas led the Idaho pack with a 14th place finish in 24:49 in the 8K. Senior Skylar Ovnicek finished close behind in 15th with a time of 24:53.

> Sophomore Michael McCausland took 19th with a 25:08, followed by junior Dwain Stucker in 31st with a 25:33.

> Junior Drew Shultz capped off the Idaho men's scorers in 46th with a time of 26:08.

> Freshman James Mwaura of Gonzaga took home the title in the men's 8K with a time of 23:55. Gonzaga closed the meet with six of the 10 top finishers.

> Idaho takes a week off before hitting the road for the Montana Invitational Sept. 28 in Missoula, Montana.

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FOOTBALL BRIEF A New league, new opportunity

Matt Linehan

Former Vandal quarterback hopes to make some noise in new league

Chris Deremer ARGONAUT

Former Idaho guarterback Matt Linehan will showcase his talents in the newly formed football league, the Alliance of American Football.

The Alliance of American Football is a new vision for football created by film producer Charlie Ebersol and Hall of Famer General Manager Bill Polian. The league will feature eight teams battling it out for

the championship over a 12-week season, kicking off Feb. 9, 2019.

Linehan had a notbale career for Idaho

with the highlight being an Idaho Potato Bowl victory over Colorado State during the 2016 season. Linehan finished his career with over 10,000 passing yards and 62 touchdowns.

> Linehan will look to prove himself as a reliable quarterback in the AAF and possibly find his way into the NFL.

Linehan won't be the only representative of Idaho within the league, with Idaho Hall of Fame coach Dennis Erickson leading the way for the Salt Lake team.

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OPINION Tanking, the new NFL style With Khalli Mack shipped off, who could be the next big name in a new home?

Star players are not often traded in the NFL. Even in a league driven by efficient labor, the common wisdom is that there is just no replacement for a true five-star guy.

This is why we don't often see trades involving stars. In many cases, there are only one or two bright spots on rebuilding teams, and those players shoulder the burden of fans' expectations for the most part. Sending away such franchise cornerstones requires a foresight of the impending backlash and the perfect deal.

Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden clearly felt as if he could check both boxes when he sent linebacker Khalil Mack to the Chicago Bears. The Raiders may have received two first-round picks and some others in exchange for the 2016 Defensive Player of the Year, but Gruden and co. will have to select two stalwarts with both picks for this trade to even be considered a minor loss for Oakland.

Merits of big trades aside, there are an astounding number of great players on bad teams. With so many organizations focused on finding value and dumping their larger financial obligations, it is fair to forecast which players could be the next to find new homes.

Patrick Peterson, corner back for the Arizona Cardinals.

There may be no team in the deeper crevasses of a rebuild than Arizona. The Cardinals have been outscored 58-6 in their first two games of this season. Their defense has largely been gutted for parts since its

last NFC West title in 2015. Management took UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen in the first round of this year's draft but seems content to let him sit on the bench and learn from starter Sam Bradford.

Peterson is still only 28 years old and will be under team control until after the 2020 season. He has been the gold standard for seven years, earning Pro Bowl honors in each season. After a down year in 2016, he put together the best season of his career according to Football Outsiders.

The Kansas City Chiefs are lighting the world on fire on offense, but their defense has been decimated, especially in the secondary. For a team like the Chiefs that are either in a Super Bowl window or have one coming soon, a shutdown corner nearing the end of his prime like Peterson would easily be worth a first-round and second-round pick or even a little more.

Amari Cooper, wide receiver for the **Oakland Raiders.**

If Gruden was willing to part ways with one of the very best players on either side of the ball in Mack, then the rest of the roster should be on notice. Few have trade value and only Derek Carr could be argued as untouchable, so logic follows that Cooper could be the next to go.

While any team could use a defensive star like Peterson, Cooper fits fewer teams' needs. He set career lows in yards and receptions last year, including a three-game stretch in which he had less than 10 yards receiving. His first two seasons gave merit to his fourth-overall selection in the 2015 NFL Draft, but a considerable amount of shine has worn off in the years since.

Few teams would be willing to give substantial capital for Cooper, especially after Oakland picked up his fifth-year

option that will count as almost double his \$7.2 million salary cap hit this year to \$13.9 million next year.

Fortunately for Oakland, the Jacksonville Jaguars are not like most teams. After letting go of wideouts Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns last offseason, Jacksonville's depth chart is full of receivers who are unproven, underwhelming or both, and Cooper could be worth a second

round pick and a sixth rounder if the Jaguars' offensive production drops off a little.

Russell Wilson, quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks.

Safety Earl Thomas has gotten all the trade buzz in Seattle, but a much more surprising move could be in the works. Wilson has redefined what it means to be a dual-threat quarterback, and few have been as vital to their teams' success in recent years as Wilson.

That being said, the Seahawks organi-

With Khalil Mack shipped big name in a new home?

zation is not really moving on the same timeline as Wilson. Even a lightning-fast rebuild that would surprise everyone would be nearly impossible with only one more year of Wilson under contract after this year and no progress on a contract extension so far.

Sure, many teams would trade a considerable amount of draft capital for a player like Wilson. The darkest timeline, however, may also make the most sense. Tom Brady claims that he wants to play another four years, but his wife, body and coach could all convince him that this is his last year. If that turns out to be the case, New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick could make a play for Wilson.

In spite of the history between the two teams, both Seattle general manager John Schneider and Belichick have proven they will always act in what they believe to be their teams' best interests, and this could be a win for both sides.

Wilson entering an age-30 season next year would be more than enough for Belichick to compete for as long as he wants to remain on the sideline. The Seahawks could easily draw at least three first- and second-round picks for one year of Russell Wilson, and New England could very well be the team willing to offer the most.

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Staff predictions

The Vandal Nation staff makes their predictions for Idaho football's conference opener vs. UC Davis Saturday in Davis, California



Meredith Spelbring — Idaho 23, UC Davis 17

Idaho will face its first true test of the season. If Idaho has anything going for it right now, it's momentum. UC Davis will make Idaho work for it, but Idaho will pull off its first Big Sky win of the season.

Argonaut



Brandon Hill — Idaho 30, UC Davis 27

Idaho needs this win to stay competitive in the Big Sky and keep spirits up the rest of the season. Expect last week's fiery offense and electric special teams to carry over to California.

Brandon Hill ARGONAUT





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This is a huge game to kick Big Sky play for Idaho. While there will be many positive takeaways from this game, ultimately UC Davis proves to be too much too soon. Expect a Big Sky showdown in California.



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Jonah Baker — UC Davis 35, Idaho 20

The Aggies have all the offense necessary to make this a shootout, and Idaho's dual-quarterback system is not on the same level. Idaho's best chance will come from running the ball and controlling possession, but that won't quite happen this week.





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OUR VIEW

Lessons to remember

Campus safety should still be Ul's top priority seven years after Katie Beniot's death

The "I Got Your Back" Campus Safety Week at the University of Idaho rolls around every September. It is a week students know well by the end of their tenure at UI.

Campus Safety Week, dedicated to educating students, faculty and staff about the ways in which we can all help one another stay safe, originated from one of the UI community's more well-known tragedies -Katy Benoit's death.

It's been seven years. For most undergraduate students, this name doesn't ring so loud a bell. For other university community members who have been around longer, Katie Benoit is more than just a name on a bench on the southeast side of the Administration Building or the subject of a yearly safety forum.

In 2011, Benoit, a UI graduate student, was killed by associate professor Ernesto

Bustamante outside her Moscow home. The two had entered a relationship together in the months prior.

Benoit ended her relationship with the professor after he threatened her with a gun on several occasions. About 3 months later, Benoit was shot on her front porch.

Interpersonal violence is no abnormality on college campuses across the United States. As the #METOO movement grows, it isn't hard to find a daily headline addressing the concerns of sexual violence and sexual harassment within universities.

Thankfully, weeks like "I Got Your Back" and gatherings like the Take Back the Night rally and Katie Benoit Forum begin to address the problems facing college students. It is up to them to take that information and use it.

However, discussing interpersonal violence is no easy subject to pursue with a professional or even friends.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 57 percent of college students say it is difficult to identify dating abuse and interpersonal violence. Nearly 58 percent of college students say they don't know how to help someone who is experiencing dating abuse or interpersonal violence.

Still, these statistics can change. With continued education and information that doesn't skirt around the indicators of sexual violence or even the events of a tragedy, students can truly have each other's back.

The first Campus Safety Week was held on the one-year anniversary of Benoit's death. Six years later, students are becoming more aware of what can lead to violence and how to help prevent it in the first place.

A week turns into a month. A month turns into a year. A year turns into continued work toward a safer, healthier campus community.

Just as we take the week each year to remember Benoit's life, we should aim to relentlessly learn a bit more about the indicators of interpersonal violence, not just once a year, but every chance we get.

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A CHAT WITH THE ONES WHO **KNOW BEST**



Bekan Miller Macphee WOMEN'S CENTER

What makes interpersonal violence so hard to talk about?

I can't answer this question, as it's different for everyone. What I can say is that for many people, this violence affects them intimately, which makes it difficult to talk about. Additionally, many people fear blame, disbelief and judgement in talking about this topic. Another potential reason is that many people aren't sure if or how others can help, so the risk of bringing up the topic may feel like it's not worth it.

What are the common misconceptions about domestic and interpersonal violence?

This is difficult to answer as well. Many people may have a difficult time imagining how domestic and interpersonal violence can occur in the first place. Thus, they may feel that if the victim really wanted out, they would leave. Many individuals are unaware of the barriers and the danger in leaving a violent situation. Those barriers are real and necessitate support and resources for the victim if that person is to successfully leave and heal.

What should the average student know





Stepping into the spotlight

If I were to describe someone who rigorously trained 10 hours each day, had finely-tuned, quick reflexes and spent their remaining time breaking down different strategies, what initially comes to mind?

An athlete.

Which is why when ESPN announced Ninja, the "biggest gamer in the world," as its newest cover, there should have been no controversy. But there is.

Richard "Ninja" Blevins, a content creator and Fortnite live streamer, became popular after streaming the video game "Fortnite" with musician Drake, a decision that attracted 630,000 concurrent viewers to the live streaming platform Twitch — an all-time record.

"Fortnite," a free-to-play, 100-person battle-royale game released last year, is expected to reach an estimated 750 million people in 2019.

Blevins currently hovers around 3.3 million Twitter followers and has 11 million Twitch followers, with daily streams drawing in more than 50 thousand viewers.

To his viewers, he's known only as Ninja.

There's no doubt ESPN's decision will create controversy. Many traditional sports fans will crawl out of the woodwork, saying video games have no place in ESPN's magazine, especially not on the cover.

I disagree.

We are moving into a new era of sports, and ESPN is now paving the way. It's time to accept the societal definition of sports will never be the same — and that's a good thing.

Friday Fortnite, a Las Vegas event hosted by Ninja, brought in almost 9 million viewers, 1 million more than the series finale of AMC's "The Walking Dead."

Ninja's many sponsors include Samsung,

Uber Eats and Red Bull. Sponsorships, in addition to other sources of streaming revenue including Twitch advertisements, subscriptions and donations, net Ninja an estimated \$500 to \$800 thousand per month.

And all things considered, "Fortnite" isn't even the mainstream competitive game.

The recent North American League of Legends Championship Series (NA LCS) Summer Finals, hosted at Oakland's Oracle Arena, peaked at 430 thousand unique viewers.

That number sounds high until Asian viewership is brought in to the equation. Then, the numbers become insurmountable.

The Tencent League of Legends Pro League (LPL) Spring Finals, held in China, delivered an astounding peak viewership of 95 million unique viewers.

There are no signs of slowing down. The 2018 Asian Games, held every four years in Asia and recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the second largest sporting event behind the Olympics, hosted "League of Legends" as an of-

ficial demonstration sport.

For South Koreans, Asian Games winners are exempt from mandatory national military service. Because the game was a demonstration sport this year, there were no exemptions. However, in future years, players will receive these same benefits.

The jury is out worldwide — competitive gaming is a sport, and competitive players are professional athletes.

The government has recognized players as professional athletes since 2013, when it passed a law allowing foreign players to acquire P1 visas. These are reserved for "aliens entering the United States to perform at a specific athletic

ESPN's new cover is a timely step in the right direction

competition as an athlete, individually or as part of a group or team, at an internationally recognized level of performance."

Yet, people fall back to the same, worn-out depiction as a counterargument: physical exertion.

Is a mouse/keyboard combo that much different than a steering wheel or even the swing of a club? What about competitive racing games that use a steering wheel and pedal set?

As more and more competitive activities are accepted as sports, the very basis of physical exertion is more frequently called into question.

Oxford Dictionaries defines a sport as "an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment."

Dictionary.com takes a different stance, defining the term similar to Random House Dictionary: "An athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature?

The debate of and/or is never-ending. Different dictionaries choose different wordage, each representing an organization's own views. The moment we start cherry picking different definitions to best find one representing our own views, we lose all credibility.

Definitions can change. Adaptation is necessary.

Ninja deserves the spotlight, and he is one of many who have earned it.

ESPN, the U.S. based, premiere worldwide sports network, has acknowledged this global shift to a new definition of sports — a beginning to settling the discussion.

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about the signs of this violence?

The average student should know that the signs can be hard to spot and that everyone responds to this violence differently. It's important to keep in mind that others may not respond to violence the way you think you would. Students can also keep in mind that if they are concerned violence is occurring, many resources on campus can talk with them about how to approach a friend. Approaching a friend about violence can be very difficult. I recommend students get support for themselves when doing so.

Where should students go if they are in need of help?

Confidential resources:

Women's Center, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Counseling and Testing Center

Non-confidential resources:

Moscow Police Substation, Dean of Students Office, Office of Civil **Rights Investigations**

What is the difference between a confidential and non-confidential source of help?

Confidential resources are places where students can talk about their experiences of interpersonal violence without having information reported to the university. If students share experiences of interpersonal violence with individuals who are not confidential, their information needs to be reported to the university. Even if a report is made, students still have limited control over their story and the matter is held as privately as possible. However, the university will be notified.



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