

RESEARCH



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Buzzing to campus

New on-campus facilities allow researchers to study malaria in mosquitos without leaving town

Gavin Green
 ARGONAUT

University of Idaho researchers can more effectively research malaria, thanks to a new animal research laboratory retrofitted to hold mosquitos.

Before this new addition on campus, there was no place to hold mosquitos for research. The reason for the change was the research of Shirly Luckhart, a UI profes-

sor and an expert in the field of mosquito biology and physiology.

"We wanted to make sure that Dr. Luckhart would be super happy when she got here, and she would have a place to do her work. So, it was retrofit mostly for her lab, but we are also trying to get other researchers to work in there as well," said Jaclyn Huffman, the animal research laboratory facility manager.

Huffman said entering the facility or taking photos inside it are prohibited because of liability concerns

involved with animal research.

Huffman said the upgrade to the facility allows the lab to meet safety requirements for holding mosquitos set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We instituted a couple new barriers, new doors and some netting just to make sure there is no chance of escape," Huffman said. "It was a pretty big project and we were able to do some cool things back there."



Jaclyn Huffman

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POLITICS

Record turnout

Latah County midterm voter turnout reaches presidential election year mark

Ellamae Burnell
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About 71 percent of registered voters in Latah County cast ballots Tuesday, according to the county elections office. The total county turnout was 10 percent higher in this election than any midterm since 1994, according to the Idaho Secretary of State's Office.

The number of people that turned out to the polls — 16,174 of 22,699 registered voters in Latah County — was in line with past presidential election years. In 2016, 72.1 percent of registered voters cast ballots. This midterm election saw 71.3 percent voter turnout.

According to County Clerk Henriette Westberg, the Latah County Fairgrounds polling site saw an influx of students at around 5:30 p.m.

She said people tended to vote straight partisan on their ballots.

"As the precincts came in, people tended to vote straight," Westberg said. "That means either a Republican or Democratic ballot."

Westberg said in her time as clerk, she has learned officials can determine the winners of the elections by looking at the absentee and early-voter ballots.

"It shows a sampling of your county," she said. "And this time that rang true."

Westberg also said that in just one day, 425 people cast ballots through early voting.

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ADMINISTRATION

Board looks to place new president

State Board expects to name UI president by March or February

Elizabeth Marshall
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Idaho State Board of Education spokesperson Mike Keckler said the Board hopes to name University of Idaho President Chuck Staben's successor sometime during February or March of 2019.

The UI President Search Screening Committee, composed of 12 members, is currently searching for candidates to fill the role of president for UI, a position which the board hopes will be filled by July 2019.

It's a position which has become known for its quick turnovers. The most recent half

dozen candidates served terms of varying length, but the two just prior to Staben each served four years — which Staben's tenure will eclipse come June 2019, when his contract expires.

The SBOE is searching for two presidents for two Idaho universities. President Staben from UI is on his way out and Boise State University President Bob Kustra retired and was replaced by interim president Martin Schimpf.

Besides the announcement of State Board member Emma Atchley as chair of the screening committee, there are no other announced hierarchies among committee members. Other members include: board member Don Soltman, ASUI President Nicole Skinner, UI alumni Linda Davidson, Assistant Vice President of Alumni

Relations Kathy Barnard, Faculty Senate Chair Aaron Johnson, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member Chris Meyer, UI faculty member Holly Wichman, Interim Center Executive Director Lee Ostrom, UI faculty member Sydney Freeman, UI alumni Stephen Parrott and UI alumni Holly Koole.

Keckler said names of potential screening committee members were collected from the institution, alumni networks and some by position. Keckler said there was a special focus on including Skinner, so she could provide a student voice on the committee. Johnson was also asked to serve on the committee due to his position in the institutional framework of the university.

After gathering the names of potential members, the names were presented

to Atchley and Soltman, Keckler said. The members then made their selections for the committee after reaching out to potential members, he said.

Members of the committee were asked to sign a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement which restrict them from speaking about the search.

One stipulation laid out in the agreement states all committee members must keep the candidate pool confidential. The signees of the agreement also agreed to "maintain absolute confidentiality about all discussions of the Screening Committee, both during the search process and after its completion," according to the agreement.

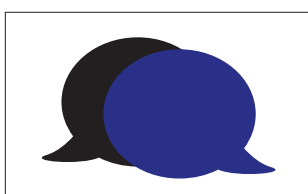
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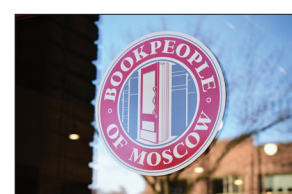
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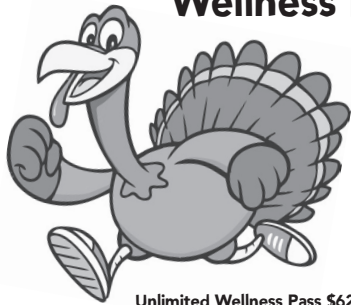
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- 2 cups of flour cups
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup of melted butter
- 1/2 cup of whole milk
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup of dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon of cinnamon

Directions

1. Cream together the melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon and egg.
2. Fold in the whole milk with the butter and sugar mixture.
3. Sift the flour into the mixture and fold the batter.
4. In a small bowl, coat the chocolate chips and walnuts in a tablespoon of flour.
5. Fold the chocolate and walnuts into the muffin batter.
6. Fill each muffin mold about 3/4 of the way full.
7. Bake in the oven for 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Start to finish: 45 minutes
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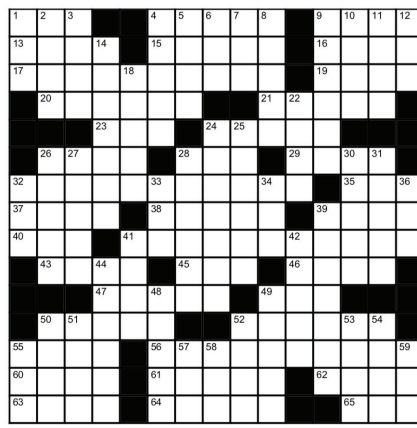
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- 16 The Emerald Isle
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- 20 Type of sleeve
- 21 Perfect
- 23 Tibetan beast of burden
- 24 Get into shape
- 26 Physics class topic
- 28 Sugar suffix
- 29 Musical interval
- 32 Round Table character
- 35 Driveway surface
- 37 Estrada of *CHiPs*
- 38 Group of eight
- 39 Kind of loser
- 40 Cyst
- 41 Shrimp and lobster, e.g.
- 43 Plate
- 45 Filmmaker Spike
- 46 Table scraps
- 47 Flings
- 49 Menu phrase
- 50 Argus-eyed
- 52 Boxed up
- 55 Glance over
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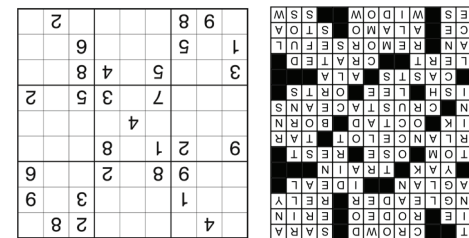
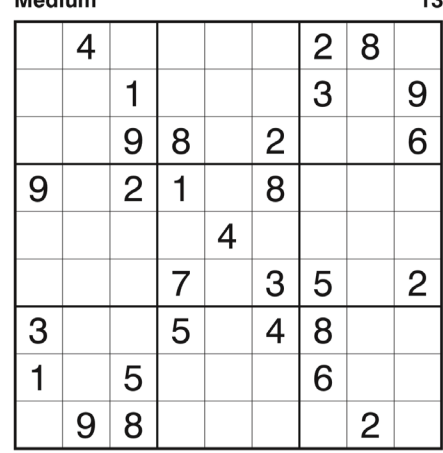
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- 49 Cupid's projectile
- 50 Battery contents
- 51 Fine fabric
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UI team works to improve water quality

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The University of Idaho Clean Water Machine Team advanced to the final stage of a \$10 million competition challenging groups worldwide to discover methods of preventing algae from growing to dangerously high levels in drinking water.

The team consists of environmental chemist Greg Moller, soil scientist Dan Strawn, mechanical engineer Martin Baker, mechanical engineering student Courtney Wanke, computer engineering student Philip Hagen and biological engineering students McKenzie Walquist and Dylan Kirkpatrick. Others have worked on the team in the past.

"I think (the students) want to make a difference," Baker said. "They want to challenge their skill sets with practical application and they have an interest in sustainability. All of them are a good match for the project."

Baker said the students are all in their fourth year of school. Baker himself has been working on the project for about three years, but Baker said Moller has been working on the project for about twenty years.

The Everglades Foundation George Barley Water Prize consists of four stages. The Clean Water Machine Team advanced to the fourth and final stage of the competition this October. The team is competing against teams from the Netherlands WETSUS EU Water Center, a Dutch firm called Greenwater Solution Inc. and the US Geological Survey-Leetown Science Center.

According to Baker, the team's goal is to find a carbon-negative solution to preventing phosphorus from entering drinking water. He said this would prevent algae from growing into an algae bloom, which can

be toxic to the local environment and prevent water from becoming safely consumable. In addition, using a carbon-negative solution would allow water to remain free of phosphorus and algae without adding excess carbon to the environment, Baker said.

Baker said his personal goal is to make a better world through their research.

"Less than 2 percent of the water on this planet is drinkable water," he said. "Only a small part of that water is clean enough to drink. That's why it's important for us to figure out how to clean water."

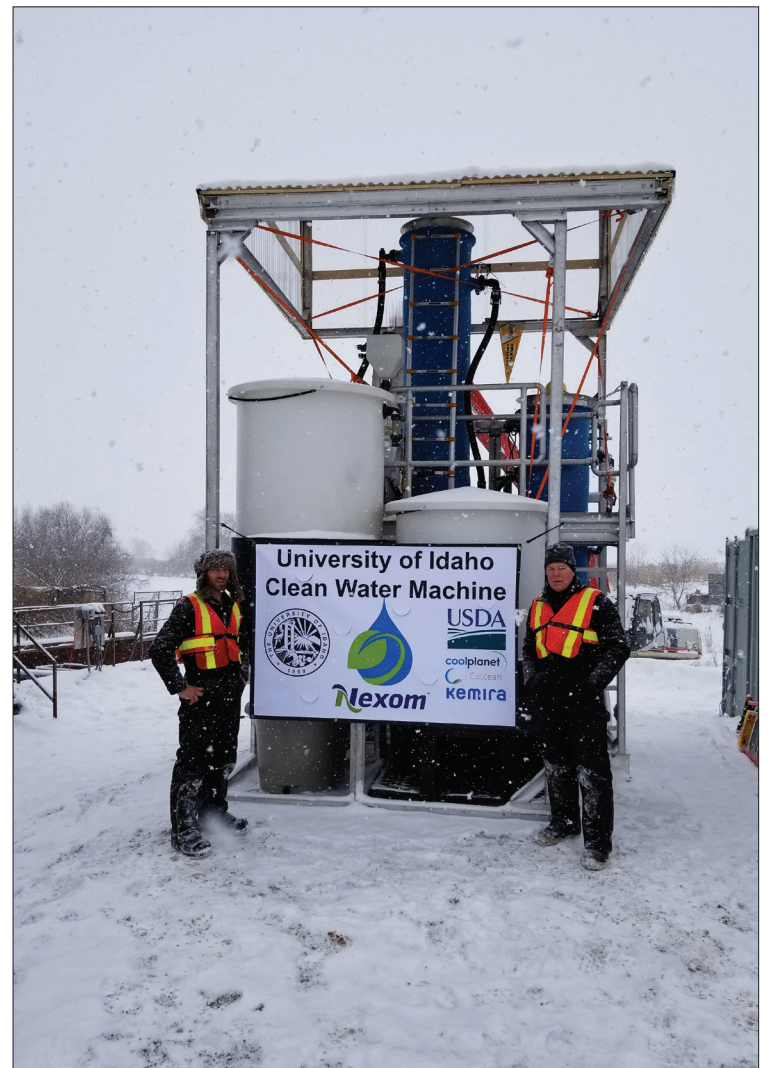
According to the Everglades Foundation, which runs the George Barley Water Prize, algae blooms have harmful economic impacts in addition to harmful environmental impacts.

According to the Water Prize website, algae-filled water is not only unsafe for drinking or bathing, it reduces the likelihood people will purchase waterfront real estate or make other water-related purchases, which harms the local economy of areas affected by harmful blooms.

These teams and the Clean Water Machine Team all received \$125,000 for completing the third stage of the competition. The team is using money from an M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust grant to fund their research.

More information about the Clean Water Machine can be found at their page on the UI website, while information about the Everglades Foundation George Barley Water Prize can be found at the Everglades Foundation website.

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University of Idaho researchers Martin Baker and Greg Moller and their project. University of Idaho | Courtesy

FACULTY SENATE

Final exam schedules to see major overhaul

Senators modify final exam rescheduling, hear about possible change to grading system

Gavin Green
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho Faculty Senate voted to adopt changes to final exam rescheduling at its Tuesday meeting. The changes stipulate the classes with the lowest student enrollment should be the ones required to accommodate the student by allowing them to take the test at a different time.

The University Curriculum Committee

(UCC) proposed the change to the policies regarding students with multiple final exams on the same day, which would have also allowed students to take up to four finals on a single day.

The proposal was split into two by Sen. Clinton Jeffry and partially adopted after several senators expressed concern over the original. The first part of the proposed change passed while the second, allowing up to four tests per day, was opposed by a sizeable amount of senators.



Clinton Jeffry

The policy on moving finals prior to the vote allowed students with three or more finals in a day to request to have their final exam rescheduled. If none of the student's professors volunteered to accommodate the student they could take up their issue with the Dean of Student's Office. If this happens, the student or the Dean's office must decide which final to move.

The second part of Jeffry's motion, which wasn't adopted, was another pillar of the UCC's proposal concerning how many finals in a day

allow a student to ask for a final exam to be rescheduled.

The meeting ended with a brief update on a new grading system UI is hoping to implement by fall semester of 2023. The Teaching and Advising Committee voted on a shift from using strictly letter grades to using a plus or minus system. This means some straight "A" students may find that they are actually "A minus" students come 2023. This change still needs to be voted on by several university subgroups before it will begin to be implemented.

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CAMPUS

Pitman Center, under consultation, to enter construction

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The University of Idaho Bruce Pitman Center is one step closer to a facelift.

UI facilities, in partnership with Lewiston-based consultant Castellaw and Kom Architect, completed inspection of tile siding of the building. Last December, loose tiles were found on the side of the building and then removed.

The recent inspection resulted in a conclusion that the tile is "safe," according to an online project update, and does not present any potential structural hazard at this time. The building is under the design process, which looks into whether there is a need to remove old material or for any demolition, said Brian Johnson, vice president for facilities.

A construction document package is being put together that will be distributed to obtain bids, Johnson

said. He said a construction contract will be handed out to the lowest responsive bidder.

Johnson said the Pitman renovation project has been submitted to the ongoing Statewide Division of Public Works, where architectural and engineering firms can express interest in projects with estimated fees between \$40,000 and \$80,000.

Johnson said a request went out in June to obtain funding for the project and that local, state and UI funds will go toward it through the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council.

The next step in the process is hiring a design consultant, he said. Johnson estimates approval for construction should be in place by February or March 2019.



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The Bruce M. Pittman Center's front entrance is closed off during a consultation. Saharah Chalupny | Argonaut

TECHNOLOGY

Touch panel upgrade

By end of the year, touch panels in UI classrooms will be upgraded

Alexis Van Horn
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The ITS department has begun updating touch panels in classrooms for the first time since 2004, according to classroom IT Analyst Ken Schmidt.

Schmidt said all of the general use classrooms in Moscow will be outfitted with the upgraded touch panels. Panels in the Teaching and Learning Center will be updated first, he said, so ITS will be able to provide near-immediate assistance if necessary.

There are two major changes that users will notice when they use the upgraded touch panels, Schmidt said. Vandal Numbers will not be required to log in and use the touch panels. Schmidt said this is useful when community groups and students use classrooms outside of class time.

While the layout and interface are the same, the color scheme and images have been updated to match UI new gold theme.

"It shouldn't be a big surprise. That's what we strive for," Schmidt said. "If we would have made a push to upgrade during summer break, then we might have wound up doing interface changes and having things work a little differently, but the timing doesn't work out. We want to keep it similar so we're interrupting classes with something totally new."

According to Schmidt, the old panels had code written by a UI employee who will be retiring soon. All of the employees needed to be trained on the system by in-house IT experts.

In contrast, Schmidt says the new panels use code from a major company. This means UI can hire IT employees who have experience with the code.

Schmidt said this new code gives ITS more feedback on the health of computer systems at UI. Frequent feedback allows ITS to keep panels and classes running smoothly, he said. In addition, the new panels are equipped with a basic messaging system that allows ITS employees to remotely assist professors with technological problems, Schmidt said.

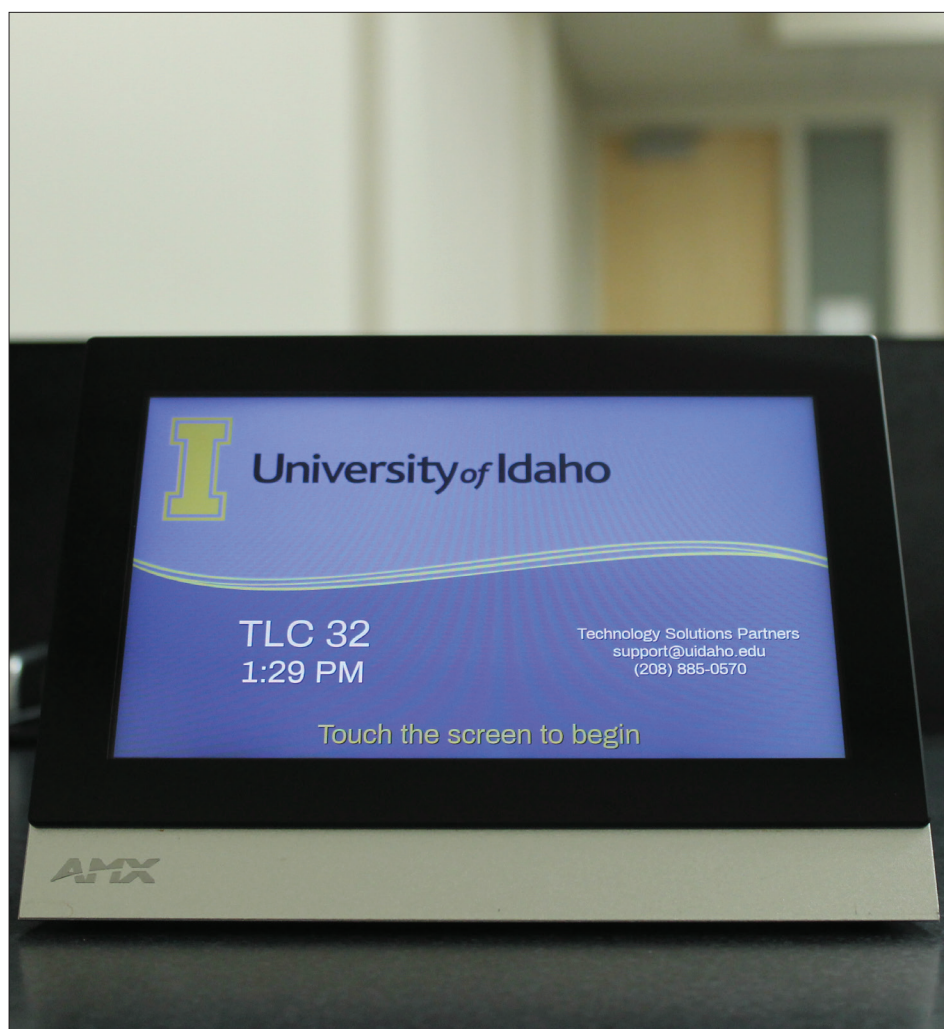
He also said ITS will be able to make more well-informed decisions in the future because of this system.

"It will be a great improvement down the road," Schmidt said. "We're currently trying to get it deployed as quickly as possible. We're still looking at the rest of this school year to get it all done."

With the exception of the color scheme and lack of a login screen, the new panels will not look different from the old ones.

If needed, help with using the new touch panels can be found at the ITS website or by contacting ITS through email, phone or the messaging system on the new touch panels.

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Maya Farela | Argonaut

The new ITS touch panel being rolled out across the University of Idaho campus.

BUZZING

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To hold the insects safely, all the nooks and crannies mosquitos could possibly get into needed to be sealed. Huffman and her colleagues tried to ensure there were no gaps in the walls, ceiling, sprinkler heads, light fixtures, sink drains and air intakes.

"We built a lot of customized screening to cover anything large enough for a mosquito to get through, which was really interesting," Huffman said. "We have these cable trays that go through the facility for internet, phone, lighting — you know, a whole bunch of stuff for electrical things. I actually hand sewed this netting that we hung around that."

Luckhart and the researchers working in her lab look forward to using this new facility to continue their studies on how malaria operates in human hosts and in mosquitos.

In 2016, the World Health Organization identified 21 countries with the po-

tential to achieve zero indigenous cases of malaria by 2020. Since then only one of those countries, Paraguay, has been certified malaria-free. While 11 of those countries are still on track to be malaria free by 2020, nine of them have gone either somewhat or entirely off track.

Luckhart is leading research on several different projects aiming to eliminate malaria, prevent its transmission and treat people infected by malaria in these resource-limited countries.

"There are many challenges with malaria," Luckhart said. "We have insecticide resistant mosquitos, the parasites become drug resistant, and a lack of resource in many of the effected countries makes it difficult to find all the cases of infected people. Also, once you do eliminate malaria from a country it is difficult to keep it out because people and mosquitos cross borders all the time."

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STUDENT LIFE

Campus conversations to focus on hate crimes

The university community will tackle the serious topic Dec. 6 in the Idaho Commons

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The Campus Conversations event Thursday will revolve around hate crimes, said Kaela Watson, coordinator with the University of Idaho Center for Volunteerism and Social Action.

Watson said this event happens each month, usually at 12:30 p.m. the last Wednesday or Thursday in the Idaho Commons.

"We pick a topic that is kinda hard to talk about, something that can be seen as pretty divisive or touchy, or something that's a 'hot' topic, and we choose to talk about it," Watson said.

Watson said these events create a great opportunity for students to state their opinions without fear of judgment.

"It's very important for us that even if someone's opinions and thoughts might be challenged, they are never going to be attacked and we really make that clear in our ground rules ... the topics that we talk about are usually hard to talk about and so we really want to make sure that it is ... a

brave space," Watson said.

Watson said this month's conversation will revolve around hate crimes.

The conversation is titled "The Hate We See: Responding to Hate and Bias in Our Area and Nationally." Watson said they plan to discuss hate crimes and hate actions, specifically on the UI campus and in the community, but also will touch on the issue nationally.

"The last couple of weeks we had the sign that said 'It's okay to be white' here on campus, as well as other events that have happened nationally, like the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting, and we want to talk about that," Watson said.

Watson said at the event they will have panelists available to answer students' questions, but since the event is discussion based, they will have students break off into smaller groups to discuss the topic at greater length. Watson said panelists will include experts and those who study hate crimes and civil rights issues.

The Campus Conversations event will take place 12:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room.

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VOTING

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Associated Students University of Idaho Chief of Staff, Sean Collins, said that 375 students were bussed to the polling location from the Party at the Polls event in the Idaho Commons. Collins said ASUI considered the event a huge success.

ASUI President Nicole Skinner said she believes the next step for upcoming elections is to bring back the campus polling location. Skinner said she hopes the high turnout trend continues.

Westberg does plan to bring back a campus polling place for future elections, but she doesn't see the Kibbie Dome as a viable location because it is hard to access for some voters. Westberg said the last election, where the Dome was available as a polling location, waves of students occurred at the same time as this year.

"I think people are feeling very mobilized to engage with the political process right now," Skinner said. "Young people especially are realizing the impact their voice can have on the world."

Westberg said that she hopes that the increase in voter turnout continues in the future.

"I think as students stay engaged, they will understand and learn more about the voting process, how to vote early," Westberg said.

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The committee's responsibility now is to recommend their top five candidates to the Idaho State Board of Education. The committee's charge statement lists Dec. 17 as the date which it would recommend the top five candidates to SBOE, but Keckler said the Board doesn't anticipate the committee's work to be done by that date.

Keckler said the screening committee

will meet periodically over the next few months to discuss the pool of candidates they are considering for recommendations to the Board.

In the end, SBOE will have complete authority over choosing the next president.

Keckler said the goal for the state board is to name a new president by February or March.

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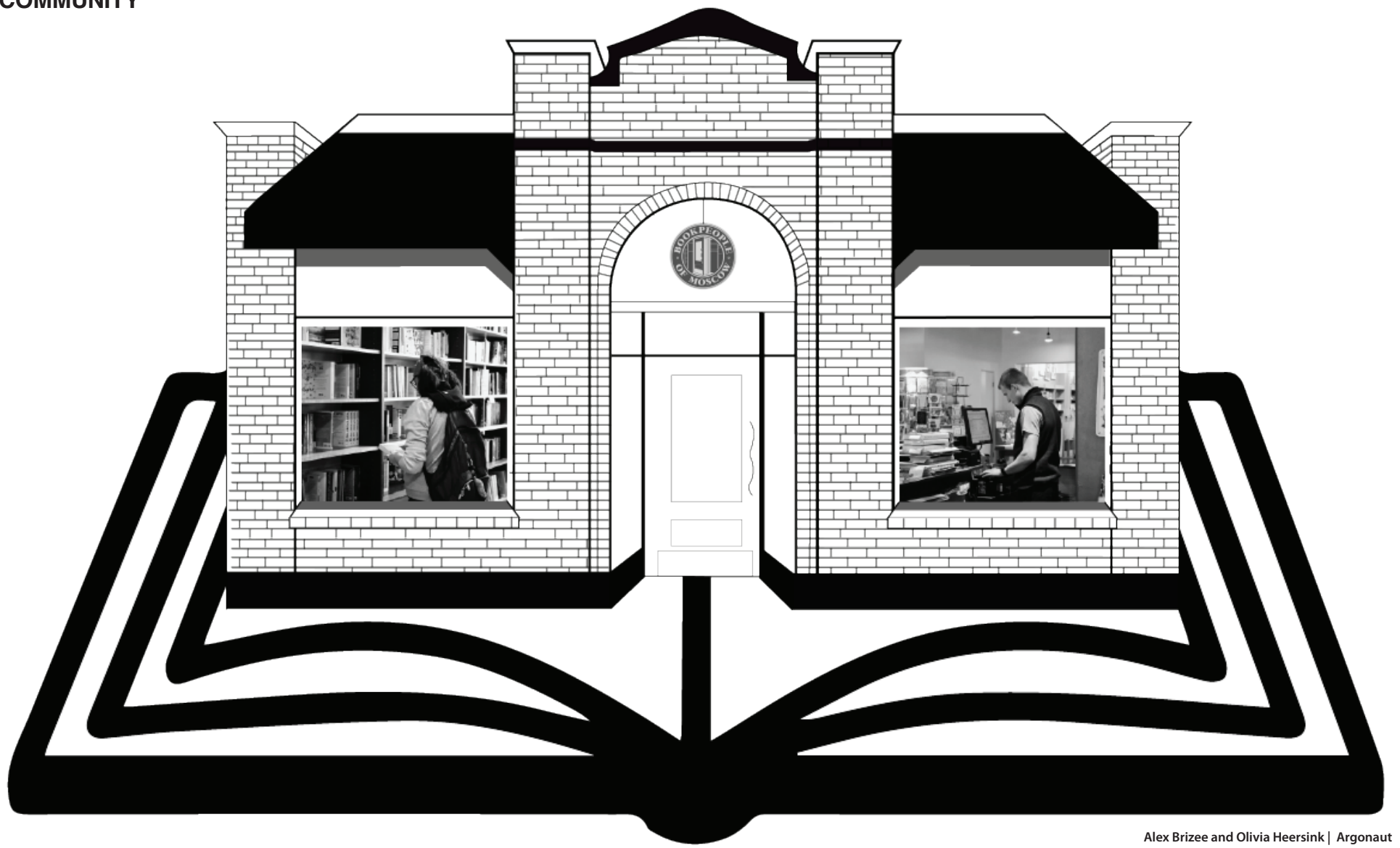
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Alex Brizee and Olivia Heersink | Argonaut

‘Where everyone is welcome’

BookPeople of Moscow celebrates 45th year as a literary staple among Moscow community

Olivia Heersink
ARGONAUT

Carol Price always wanted to own a bookshop — a dream she fulfilled in December 2011.

Price, who moved to the Palouse almost 20 years ago, purchased BookPeople of Moscow with a group of fellow investors after its longtime owner, Robert Greene, decided to retire. The store had been in the community since 1973.

“It definitely takes a lot of dedication to run a small business, and there were people who thought we were crazy,” Price said. “(But) books are still books, and people love to have a physical book in their hands ... If any store could make it, this one could.”

The self-proclaimed “bookworm” said the shop was completely remodeled, re-

opening in February 2012. But the outside largely remained the same.

On Friday, BookPeople will celebrate its 45th year in Moscow with drinks and appetizers. The two-hour event takes place in the shop at 4 p.m.

Price said she believes the dedication of the community has kept the store running for almost half a century.

“Moscow is full of smart, engaged, passionate people who pay attention and they care about things — they also love to read,” she said. “We wouldn’t be here without that great group of people.”

A local bookstore is an integral part of any community, Price said, and Moscow recognizes that.

Price said she loves seeing reunions among friends who see each other in the store, as well as those who have never met and stumble across a mutual book.

“The physical space of the bookstore is a place where everyone is welcome,” Price said. “We’re a place that people use to feel safe, to warm-up, to meet their friends, to nurse their babies, to use the bathroom, to

have conversations, to feel like they are part of the community ... It’s not your home, it’s not your church, it’s not work, but it’s a place you can be, where you’re welcome.”

The bookstore also has an ability to create common ground among its patrons, said Elijah Benson, a BookPeople employee — his favorite thing about the shop.

Benson, who graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in microbiology, said the business draws in people from all walks of life, allowing them to have conversations ignorant of status.

“People can come in and they’ll say something about a book. I might disagree or have a different point-of-view, and I’ll share that with them. Afterward, I’ll find out they have their (doctorate) in something obscure or they’re a local professor or their really esteemed in their field,” Benson said. “I just think it’s really neat that this is a place that really equalizes people, where it’s just kind of your opinion based on a books that matter or the context of the conversations that matter.”

Beyond visiting or shopping at a book-

store, Benson said the sole act of reading is incredibly important for community members to engage in, and BookPeople has a great selection for people to choose from.

Reading helps people develop empathy and offers an escape from everyday stressors, he said. It allows individuals to gain perspective, which is a key component to life.

Recently, Price and Benson have read “The Witch Elm,” written by Tana French, and “The Culture Code,” written by Daniel Coyle, respectively — they recommend both to anyone.

“For me, it’s really important there are lots of ideas — diverse ideas — expressed in books and that people have access to all of that information,” Price said. “The most human thing we can do is to think for ourselves and figure things out — books are what help us do that.”

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CAMPUS LIFE

Filling in the awkward silences

UI MFA student creates improv group for those interested in developing theater skills

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A new improv and sketch company called Awkward Silence has formed at University of Idaho under the direction of Ricky Kimball, a Masters of Fine Arts directing candidate.

Kimball said there’s been a high demand for this type of group since the end of a similar one four years ago.

“We do short form improv, like ‘Whose Line is it Anyway?’ and eventually, we will go into the sketch comedy like ‘Saturday Night Live,’” Kimball said.

UI has been trying to get an improvisation group for the last couple of years because improv is an important skill to learn, especially for comedic timing, he said.

Kimball said he realized there aren’t many classes aimed at teaching improv at UI.

Washington State University has an improv group in Pullman, so he said he wanted to make a company in Moscow.

“So, I decided on that, that I would establish an improv group here and teach the foundations of short form improv, while also performing and travelling to competitions,” Kimball said.

During improv rehearsals, Kimball teaches the rules of short-form improvisation and games, which can bolster improvisation skills people can use on the stage.

There are foundations to improv people can learn within this company, so they can all perform and compete in the spring semester, he said.

“A lot of the time people think that they can’t do improv because they can’t think on their feet or can’t come up with stuff quickly, but there are underlying foundational rules that the audience never notice happening,” Kimball said. “So, I teach those to the students, and basically, when they perform they can use those skills they learn from the games.”

Improvisational and sketch comedy shows, such as “Whose Line is it Anyway?” and “Saturday Night Live,” have a polished finished product, he said, but they also tape for a lot longer than they air on television.

However, the TV professionals use the same foundational rules Kimball is teaching in the new improv and sketch company at UI.

Any students interested in improv and sketch comedy are encouraged to come to the rehearsals, regardless of major. Kimball said they will perform once a month, starting the third week of January.

In February, Awkward Silence is travelling to the University of Oregon for an improv competition, as well as traveling, performing and teaching improv to nearby schools throughout spring.

Aidan Leonard, a third-year UI theater student, joined the company and encouraged anyone who is interested to give it a shot.

“It does not matter if you are a theater major or not, it is such a fun thing,”



Clyde McCaw | Argonaut

Awkward Silence, a UI improv group, meets Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. in Shoup Hall.

Leonard said. “Every moment you wanted to be as a kid — all the goofiness you might not be able to get out when you’re in class or the joke you want to say — here is the place to do it.”

Awkward Silence meets every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Shoup Hall.

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COLUMN

Remembering Marvel's hero

While Marvel giant Stan Lee is gone, his legacy lives on in his heroic characters

Stan Lee, Marvel's greatest real-life hero, passed away Monday. The 95-year-old revolutionized the comic book industry with a new wave of superheroes.

According to Kirk Schneck, an attorney for Lee's daughter, he was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center that morning. He died from pneumonia.

Lee got his start as an office assistant at Marvel's predecessor — Timely Comics — in 1939.

At the time, he thought the job would serve as a temporary way to make money — another of the many odd jobs he held as a teenager. But thankfully for the comics industry — and myself — Lee's work did not end there, and the job became more permanent.

Three years later, Martin Goodman named Lee interim editor of Timely Comics. He was only 19 years old. During that same time, he also enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Signal Corps.

After World War II, Lee returned to Timely Comics, serving as its editor for a few decades.

Lee and Jack Kirby, who passed away in 1994, created "The Fantastic Four" in 1961 for Marvel. He also co-created Marvel staples such as the Hulk, Doctor Strange, Daredevil, Black Panther and the X-Men.

Lee became publisher of Marvel in 1972, moving to Los Angeles eight years later to set up an animation studio.

Lee launched Stan Lee Media in 1998,

but the company went bankrupt in 2001, causing him to return to Marvel.

He published his autobiography "Excelsior! The Amazing Life of Stan Lee" in 2002 and attended comic conventions up until 2017. He regularly made cameos in movies, which were part of franchises he was associated with.

Four Marvel movies — "Captain Marvel," "Avengers 4," "Dark Phoenix," and "Spider-Man: Far From Home" — are still in the works.

Lee's agent, as well as director Joe Russo, said multiple times Lee's last set of cameos extended through "Avengers 4," so it is likely Lee cameos will be found in "Captain Marvel," as well.

It is still unknown if Lee will have cameos in "Dark Phoenix" or "Spider-Man: Far From Home" — but I and other fans can only hope.



Alexis Van Horn
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GAME REVIEW

(Unintentionally) living up to its name

A nagging thought persisted throughout my 25 hours with "Shadow of the Tomb Raider." Haven't I done this before?

I shrugged it off at the time because the game is undeniably fun, but make no mistake — Lara Croft's latest installment seems doomed to live in the shadows of its predecessors. At least there's more tomb raiding this time around.

After the events of 2015's "Rise of the Tomb Raider," Lara and her close friend Jonah travel to Mexico to take down the shady organization Trinity.

When she finds a dagger in a temple riddled with murals depicting "the Cleansing," a Mayan apocalypse, she makes the only logical decision. Yes, she takes the dagger and triggers the apocalypse — of course.

From this point on, the topic is essentially left in the dark until the game's conclusion, where it's neatly tied up in a bow. A little too neatly.

The game starts off with a great mix of stealth, platforming, puzzle solving and action sequences, even introducing a few new

mechanics into the fray.

Most notably, Lara can cover herself in mud and back into walls, pulling a page straight out of "Rambo." It's a great addition that unfortunately becomes underutilized as the game progresses.

"Shadow" was touted as having an open world hub much larger than that of "Rise." The problem is that larger does not always mean better. The game simply grinds to a halt when Lara arrives at Paititi, the game's central area.

I'm not playing a Tomb Raider game just so I can run errands for villagers and embark on other pointless fetch quests. Although, I will say I enjoyed petting the various llamas.

I play Tomb Raider for the exploration, the puzzles and the fast-paced combat — and for the most part, the game delivers on these fronts. There is much less combat than in previous games, and more time spent climbing around the environment

and solving grandiose, albeit sometimes head-scratching puzzles.

There's just too much fluff. As a result, more and more games are becoming pointlessly large, open-world affairs taking up 50 hours someone likely doesn't have.

Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. When playing Tomb Raider though, I don't want two hours of nonsense distracting me from my goal — getting from point A to point B. There's a phenomenal, 10-hour game here. It's just wrapped up in a 25-hour disguise.

Environments and set pieces are simply stunning. The colors pop off the screen, and the dense foliage, particularly in jungle settings, visibly sways in the wind.

Yet, there's no denying that character animations and facial models have taken a noticeable step back, and there's a clear cut reason why.

While Crystal Dynamics developed

Lara Croft's latest entry meets expectations, but fails to raise the bar

the previous two games, Eidos Montreal took the reins for the final entry in Croft's origin trilogy.

It seems as if in an effort to appeal to series fans and establish credibility, the company played it far too safe. There just isn't anything interesting enough to stand out from the pack.

A majority of the assets are clearly recycled from 2013's "Tomb Raider," resulting in what feels like a lack of polish. These are largely the exact same animations from five years ago, and that should be unacceptable.

Despite what it may seem, there's an enjoyable, familiar tomb raiding adventure to be had. This isn't a bad game. "Shadow" certainly won't win any awards. Upon reflection, the total package just seems perfectly average.

Lara's character arc over the trilogy has been a joy to experience, and I hope there is more in store for her later down the line.

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Educating Different Kinds of Minds

Featuring Temple Grandin

Thursday, November 15 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
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Temple Grandin, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and autism spokesperson, will discuss the education of students who have different kinds of minds, as well as her own upbringing and work experience as a woman with autism.

Grandin is a pioneer in improving the handling and welfare of farm animals and is a prominent author and speaker on both autism and animal behavior. She has written several books on both topics and has received many awards, including induction into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Women's Hall of Fame.



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'Tis the season for samples

Moscow Food Co-op hosts weekly sampling event to meet, educate and treat the community

Jordan Willson
ARGONAUT

Moscow Food Co-op owners and employees are introducing their customers to local vendors and sharing the excitement of what it means to be a part of a cooperative during their weekly "Tasteful Thursdays."

Tasteful Thursdays run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday in November and December — excluding Nov. 22 and Dec. 27 — at the Moscow Food Co-op.

The event, which began about 10 years ago, features a store full of samples from local producers and vendors, which will vary from week to week.

Alycia Rock, Co-op marketing manager, said this includes food, alcohol and gifts, such as jewelry, soap, lotion and essential oils.

Rock said Tasteful Thursdays provide an opportunity for community members to look for gifts and goodies, as well as taste foods they might not buy before trying and talk to Co-op producers about their products.

"I think the Co-op really prides itself on being a platform for local things," Rock said. "This is just one more facet of us supporting local producers who live in town, who want to be showing their products to the public."

Max Newland, Co-op education and events coordinator, said the event serves to get community members excited about the ways the Moscow Food Co-op makes local food available.

Newland said it also helps connect locals to the people who grow their food.

Rock said Tasteful Thursdays allows community members to learn more about the Co-op and the types of products sold, as well as the business's philosophy around selling those products.

"We have pretty strict standards when it comes to what we serve and what we sell," Rock said. "So, if you come by the Co-op during Tasteful Thursdays, you can really learn about our ethics and our thought process when it comes to what we buy and what we sell to Moscow."

The event, which also features local musicians, lets Co-op workers, owners and shoppers get to know each other better, helping to ensure the Co-op learns the best way to serve the community, Rock said.

Tasteful Thursdays is also an event where owners can talk to shoppers about Co-op ownership and why owning a grocery store in the Moscow community can be a great thing, Rock said. Newland said getting people excited about becoming owners is always one of the Co-op's main goals.

Newland said Tasteful Thursdays is a very festive event, which feels like holidays or "Christmas dinner."

"It's about celebrating in the spirit of having so many options available to us locally because there's so many communities that don't have the same kind of access that we do," Newland said. "We're really lucky to have that."

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"We just got to keep grinding and find a way to sustain our intensity, sustain our togetherness a little bit longer."
— Don Verlin

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VOLLEYBALL

Seniors on a mission

DeVonne Ryter and Kaela Straw cornerstone Idaho's best team in recent memory

Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho has seen its fair share of dynamic duos, but volleyball almost requires something different in terms of team construction.

Sure, Mikayla Ferenz and Taylor Pierce can anchor an entire generation of women's basketball teams, but volleyball's constant rotations and fluid positions require a menagerie of players with complementary skill sets.

This year's senior class is buoyed by outside hitter Kaela Straw and middle blocker DeVonne Ryter, who have given everything to an Idaho program in the driver's seat for a regular-season Big Sky title.

Ryter provides plenty of athleticism for the middle of the Vandals' lineup. As a relatively shorter middle blocker at 6-foot, Ryter compensates with explosiveness that keeps her among the conference's best in hitting percentage and blocks.

"I have done really well this year, even though last year was statistically better for me," Ryter said. "As people have started to figure out who I am and I've got somewhat of a target on my back. I have to continue to be mentally locked in and positive and playing for my team."

That target is certainly well earned, as Ryter has grown from a prep star during her days in Sedona, Arizona, into a fully-formed X-factor at Idaho. She earned her first career start right out of the gates in Idaho's third match of the year as a freshman and never looked back.

Ryter finished her sophomore year with just under a full block per set, placing her in the conference's top 10 for the first time. Her off-court contributions to the team would not go unrecognized as well, as she received her first Big Sky All-Academic honors.

Steady improvement became the norm as Ryter finished first on the team and third in the Big Sky in hitting percentage while also recording the sixth-best blocks per set figure. In spite of a season worthy of Second Team All-Big Sky honors and new career highs in almost every statistical category for Ryter, the team once again fell short to top seed North Dakota.

"When we went to the Big Sky tournament last year, we almost felt intimidated by North Dakota as if they were the team to beat," Ryter said. "The biggest difference between the years is confidence, not cockiness or entitlement, and we trust and know each other and we know what it takes to win."

Ryter is just one example of a multi-talented piece of Idaho's puzzle, and Head Coach Debbie Buchanan has relied on her talents for a long time.

"DeVonne is a key part to what we're doing, and most teams are really trying to key in on her, which can open the gap for outside hitters," said Buchanan. "She's explosive and always helping our offense in one way or another."

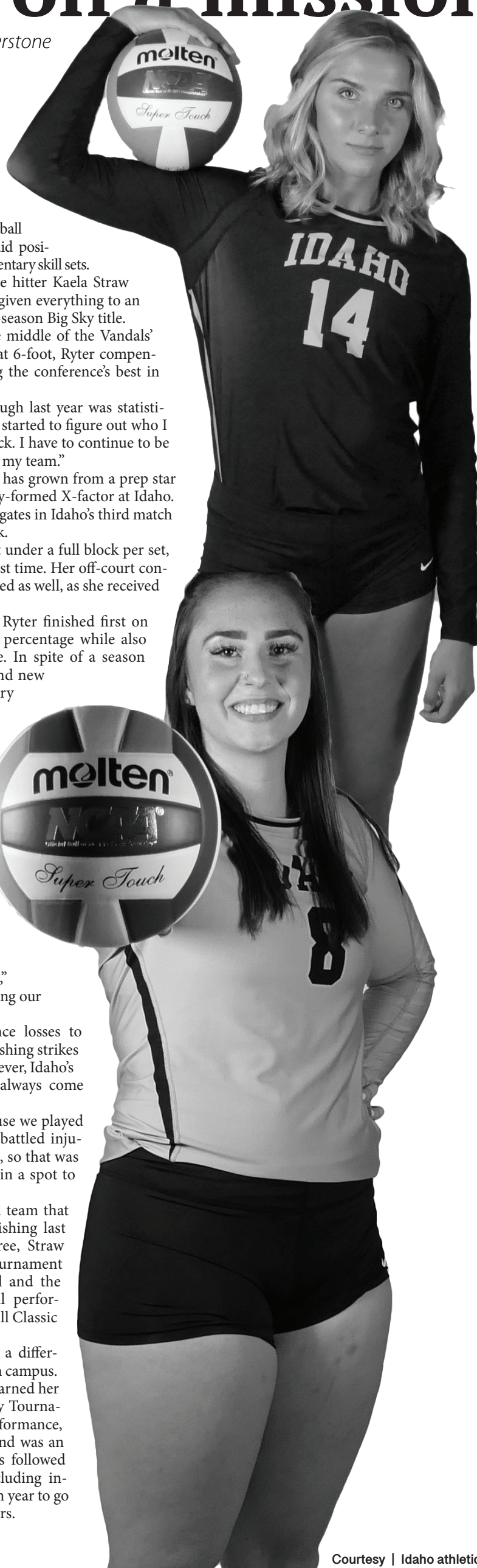
The Vandals avenged their only conference losses to Idaho State and Weber State in large part to finishing strikes from Ryter in two sets against the Bengals. However, Idaho's outside standouts like Kaela Straw seem to always come through when the offense needs a spark.

"I think we grew a lot over preseason because we played a lot of really tough teams," Straw said. "We battled injuries and not having some girls for some games, so that was our biggest hump to get over early and we're in a spot to succeed now."

Straw has been a steady force for a Vandal team that had an uneven start to the season. After finishing last season as a second team All-Big Sky honoree, Straw started the season with two consecutive all-tournament awards at the Pepperdine/CSUN Invitational and the Idaho Volleyball Classic, including a 27-kill performance in the final match of the Idaho Volleyball Classic that earned her tournament MVP honors.

The Spokane, Washington native has been a difference-maker in Moscow since she first arrived on campus. After sitting out a redshirt season in 2014, she earned her first start as a redshirt freshman in the Big Sky Tournament against North Dakota. After an 18-kill performance, she was named to the All-Tournament team and was an Idaho Athlete of the Week. Straw's career has followed a constant upward trajectory from there, including increased hitting percentages and kills per set each year to go along with various preseason tournament honors.

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VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Fighting to the end

Idaho will face two very different challenges to end conference play

Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

Only two matches remain on the regular season volleyball schedule and each is one more opportunity for Idaho volleyball to prove it is the best team the school has seen.

The Vandals will travel to Northern Arizona on Thursday, before returning home for senior night against Southern Utah Saturday.

Idaho has yet to face off against Northern Arizona this season, who is currently in second place in the Big Sky with a 13-3 conference record. The matchup on Thursday will be a de facto regular season championship game, with the winner holding the head-to-head tiebreaker in the likely event that both teams win their final matches and end with identical conference records.

The Lumberjacks join Idaho at the top of every statistical leaderboard, including a conference-best .166 opponent hitting percentage. They also lead the Big Sky in digs per set with 17.96. Statistic excellence has led to an eight-match winning streak, and Northern Arizona has lost only four sets and has swept five different opponents through their current run.

Northern Arizona is led by contributors all over the offense. Redshirt senior outside hitter Kaylie Jorgensen leads the team with 3.06 kills per set, while junior middle blocker Abby Akin paces the Lumberjacks with a .390 hitting percentage, good for third in the Big Sky. Despite playing up front as an outside hitter, Jorgensen also plays a key role in Northern Arizona's defense with 4.13 digs per set, ninth-best in the conference. Akin is also a force anywhere on the floor, cracking the top 10 in the conference for service aces and blocks.

The Lumberjacks have almost mirrored Idaho's home dominance, with their last loss in Flagstaff coming back on Sept. 20 against Idaho State. Both of the past two matches between the two teams went to five sets, with the Vandals winning in 2017 and Northern Arizona taking the victory in 2016. This should be one of the best matches of the year.

Idaho will recognize this year's historic senior class prior to the matchup with Southern Utah on Saturday. For their final regular season match, the Vandals will face off against a Thunderbird team that has struggled this season to maintain success.

In spite of the team's inability to string victories together, sophomore middle blocker Anna Hopkins has quickly made a name for herself. Hopkins averages a .314 hitting percentage and adds one block per set for Southern Utah, while another sophomore provides the offensive punch. Outside hitter Janet Kalaniuvalu leads the Big Sky as the only player with more than four kills per set, averaging 4.10.

The match against Southern Utah will be the final time Idaho's senior class suits up in Memorial Gym. Outside hitters Sarah Sharp and Kaela Straw have strung together remarkable offensive seasons, with both in the top 10 for kills per set.

Middle blockers DeVonne Ryter and Reece Carman anchored the front line all season. Ryter lead the seniors in blocks and hitting percentage, while Carman caught fire late in the season and won Offensive Big Sky Player of the Week last week.

Setter Haylee Mathis surpassed 1,000 assists for the second season and 2,500 for her career while coordinating Idaho's attack. Libero Alycia Wodke averaged more than five digs per set and helped develop the next wave for Idaho's back line while maintaining the same level of success.

Idaho will travel to Northern Arizona to take on the Lumberjacks Thursday 6 p.m. before returning to Memorial Gym to play Southern Utah Saturday 8 p.m.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Vandals look to drain the swamp

Idaho will travel to take on the Florida Gators as it looks to finish its first season back in the FCS

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

Idaho football prepares to set off on its battle of the season against one of the most historic football programs in the country.

The Vandals will take on the Florida Gators in Gainesville to finish their first season in the FCS.

"It will be a great experience for our players to go down there," Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino said. "It's a really cool atmosphere to play in the swamp. It's one of the best SEC atmospheres there is."

The roller coaster season for the Vandals is finally coming to an end on Saturday after suf-

fering a brutal loss to Montana in the Kibbie Dome last weekend.

For many on this squad, the growing pains in the first season as Big Sky members were apparent.

"It was definitely a transition for sure," Idaho senior defensive back Dorian Clark said. "The Sun Belt was more of a ground and pound game ... the Big Sky is a totally different game."

Idaho senior wide receiver David Ungerer said despite the struggles, there is much to take away from this season.

"It wasn't exactly the results we wanted," Ungerer said. "It was fun playing in the conference, we had great crowds throughout the whole season."

Looking to the matchup against Florida, many of the Idaho players said they look forward to the chal-

lenge against SEC royalty.

"I'm excited to play in this game," Clark said. "It's a great scene, great environment and getting to go out there and play with your teammates and playing in front of your family — it's going to be fun."

This will be a coming-home party for Clark, who grew up in Jacksonville, Florida.

Both Ungerer and Clark's journey as Vandals are coming to an end back where it almost all began.

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AVERAGE OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION	
TOTAL	385.2
RUSHING	153.5
PASSING	231.7

Staff predictions

The Vandal Nation staff predicts the record for Idaho men's basketball after the Vandal Holiday Hoops Classic, beginning Nov. 18



Meredith Spelbring
ARGONAUT

Meredith Spelbring — 1-3

Idaho is young and it shows. The Vandals will find their first win in one of the two Memorial Gym games, but this team is still finding its rhythm and it will take it some time to do so. Idaho pulls away with one win, but adds three losses to the record.



Brandon Hill
ARGONAUT

Brandon Hill — 2-2

Expect Idaho to hold the line at home in Moscow. But with an 0-3 record this season, the Vandals might run into trouble five hours south in Boise. Idaho technically should be able to win every contest in the Holiday Hoops Classic, but inconsistencies on the defensive side of this young team will prove for an unpredictable week.



Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

Chris Deremer — 3-1

I think Idaho will find a spark during the showcase and gain its first two wins of the season against Bethesda College and Northwest Nazarene. The Vandals may find themselves in a battle against UC Santa Barbara and I believe Idaho will.



Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

Jonah Baker — 2-2

Fortunately Idaho's home matchups will come against lesser competition in this year's Holiday Hoops Showcase, but the matchups in Boise could be trouble. UCSB is always a sneaky opponent who is disciplined enough to take advantage of a young Idaho team. Northwest Nazarene will get a major boost from playing so close to home, and once again a veteran team should take advantage of Idaho's growing pains.



Zack Kellogg
ARGONAUT

Zack Kellogg — 1-3

Idaho is now entering the holiday tournament season. This could be a turning point for the team, but it won't result in wins. Bethesda seems like the only easy win, but outside of that, this will be a test to see if the Vandals can clean up their game and start to

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Idaho loses nail-biter against Nicholls State

Tyson's late-game push brings Vandals inches from victory

Brandon Hill
ARGONAUT

After countless lead changes, the Idaho men's basketball team lost out on a close battle Tuesday night in Memorial Gymnasium 83-80.

Freshman guard Cameron Tyson proved nearly unstoppable in the second half, finishing the game shooting 6-9 from the 3-point range.

A trey with just over 30 seconds left in the game put Idaho within a point of a tie. He hit another critical 3-pointer that put Idaho within two points with 0.2 seconds left. Tyson put up 22 total points and finished as the Vandals' leading scorer.

Idaho Head Coach Don Verlin, who leads a team without any of last year's seniors, said he sees promise in Tyson's big night. Tyson, meanwhile, said his breakout performance in his young career was just business as usual.

"I just got hot and my team just kept handing me the ball," Tyson said. "I figured I had to shoot it, it was only right."

The Nicholls State Colonels, who played their second consecutive game on the Palouse after a 89-72 loss against Washington State Sunday, defensively swarmed nearly every other Vandal player, holding

senior guard Trevon Allen to six points and a single basket from the arc.

As a team, the Vandals shot 32-63, with 8-23 from downtown. Idaho dominated the rebound game, snagging 42 compared to the Colonel's 25.

Verlin said his team's physicality, especially when fighting for the offensive boards, kept the Vandals within reach of their first victory.

However, the Colonel offense outperformed the Silver and Gold just enough to steal the win in Moscow, shooting with 42.9 percent efficiency from the arc. According to Tyson, the defensive missteps were what kept Idaho from notching its first "W" of the year.

"The defense is something we have to pick up on," Verlin said. "(Guard Jeremiah Jefferson) kind of got going and we didn't really have no answer for him for a minute, so he kind of killed us."

The Vandals have now dropped two straight to open the season, and will look to get back on track during the Vandal Holiday Hoops Showcase in Moscow and Boise.

"We just got to keep grinding and find a way to sustain our intensity, sustain our togetherness a little bit longer," Verlin said.

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MISSION

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"People can expect us to battle with tough teams in our conference, regardless of size. We're well prepared for just about anything and it's going to show," Straw said.

In spite of the myriad accomplishments for both stars, the elusive conference title still remains as unfinished business.

After a dominant 12-0 run in conference play, the team stands alone at the top of the Big Sky and in control of their own destiny.

Two conference matches remain, includ-

ing matchups with Northern Arizona and Southern Utah for senior night.

"We're not even looking to the tournament at this point, we're just taking things one game at a time and treating each opponent with the respect they deserve," Buchanan said.

With only one week of regular season play left and a roster populated with standouts like DeVonne Ryter and Kaela Straw, Idaho volleyball could have a Big Sky conference championship and a deep tournament run to

worry about very soon.

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BATTLE

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The matchup against Florida will be the first meeting between the two teams who were originally set to face off at the start of the 2014 season. The game was canceled due to unsafe field conditions after more than four hours of lightning delays.

Both Clark and Ungerer were set to make their collegiate debuts for Idaho that day.

"We just sat there forever and ordered something to eat," Petrino said. "It was just kind of a crazy day. We just got back on the bus and came back home."

The duo will now finish their careers against Florida instead, with an opportunity to pull off a memorable Idaho victory.

Florida enters Saturday ranked 13th in the College Football Playoff Rankings under coach Dan Mullen.

Fierce is an understatement when talking about this Gator defense, which ranks among the best in the FBS in take-

aways in turnover margin.

"To give ourselves the best chance to win, we can't make mistakes," Petrino said. "Everybody has to play with unbelievable effort and if you do that you have the chance."

Petrino said there may be some opportunities for some freshmen to make their debuts on Saturday, giving Vandal fans a glimpse into the future of the program.

"I think you have to give them some experience," Petrino said. "You have to let them come out there and let them experience playing in that great atmosphere."

The matchup against Florida will be nationally aired on ESPNU, making it the third straight season Idaho has made an appearance on the national network.

The Vandals will take on Florida in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium 9 a.m. Saturday.

Stay with Vandal Nation throughout the game for live tweets and a full game recap.

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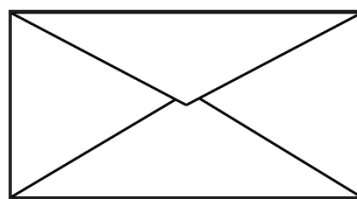
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OUR VIEW

Support outside the gridiron

It's time to shift the spotlight from football and recognize UI's other successful sports teams

Idaho football is already eliminated from playoff contention going into the final two weeks. To describe this season as a disappointment is an understatement, as it began with Idaho becoming the first program to voluntarily drop to the FCS level and rejoin the Big Sky Conference.

It's normal for a fan to express disappointment — even expected. Veteran sportscaster Vin Scully once said, "Losing feels worse than winning feels good," and in recent years Vandals have grown quite familiar with this sentiment.

Yet, it's important to keep in mind our athletes take these losses even harder — they are students just like us. As if losing wasn't bad enough, football players feel the spotlight on them 24/7 as fans flock to social media.

Their record isn't great, but perhaps it's time for the spotlight to shift. There is more to University of Idaho athletics than football, and the university promotes a wealth of arguably more successful teams which tend

to fly under the radar.

Take women's basketball, for example. Since joining the Big Sky Conference in 2014, the team has netted three seasons with more wins than losses, as well as championship win in 2016.

In comparison, the men's basketball team won their last regular season in 1993, although they too have boasted positive records the past three years.

The women's volleyball team played Northern Arizona Thursday with a chance at snagging the Big Sky regular season title. Currently holding a 12-game winning streak — the longest since 1995 — the Vandals took nine first-place votes in the annual Big Sky poll and are the clear conference favorites. Yet, this is likely unknown to most students.

Where is the attention? Where is the turnout? Historically, women's sports have much lower attendance.

Whether it's poor advertising or simply a lack of interest, something has to change. The Vandals are beginning to be associated only with the pigskin, and recent athletic administrative issues have further thrust a

spotlight on the team's relative shortcomings.

Moscow is home to a great university and an even greater community. While athletics fill a competitive void, they serve a more relatable purpose as well — games are a mean for people to come together, socialize and enjoy each other's company.

When one team fails to succeed, it's crucial to remain supportive and not push UI's other teams out of the picture.

A football loss is not the end of the world — maybe it's just a way to finally consider shifting the spotlight to another Vandal team.

Basketball, golf, tennis, volleyball, swim and dive — even club sports such as men's hockey are continuing to see success.

These might not have close to football's following, but maybe they could if the community comes together.

An athlete bleeds Vandal gold regardless of the sport, and it's up to us to show recognition and support for each group of highly dedicated student athletes.

Push back against the norm. Our identity does not lie solely on the gridiron.

-MR



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Encouraging elections

High turnout in midterms is cause for celebration and renewed vigor



Jonah Baker
Column

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Now that we have had a week to process the midterm elections, we should recognize the massive steps forward in democratic participation across the country.

This year's midterms had the highest turnout for a non-presidential election in more than a century. The United States Election Project estimated a voter turnout of just under 116 million, about 49 percent of the voter-eligible section of the population. The 2014 midterms saw only 37 percent of eligible voters going to the polls. Those numbers are a far cry from the more than 60 percent turnout in the 2016 election, but midterms always draw less interest. Regardless, the country as a whole proved to be reinvested in the democratic process.

It seemed as if every single state had a polling location that suffered from lack of registration cards or lines that ran for literal hours. A number of polling locations in Georgia and elsewhere had issues with tidal waves of voters and struggled to supply and process the turnout.

One of the biggest drivers behind that growth is the ascendance of young voters. While people in the 18-29 age bracket have

failed to make their voices heard before, early statistics indicate an ensconced generation that is bucking trends.

Texas, as a whole, reported a 14 percent bump in voting with 46 percent of eligible citizens voting in the midterms, and early indications point to young people voting a full five times as often as they did in the 2014 midterms. A similar increase has been forecasted in Georgia, where a hotly-contested gubernatorial race brought a 476 percent increase in voter turnout from 19-28 year-old voters. Those numbers also carry with them the added qualifier of widespread voter suppression in the state and mishandling of mail-in ballots.

The spike in voting persisted in Idaho, where absentee ballot totals neared those from the 2012 presidential election.

As long as you haven't taken a social media sabbatical following the 2016 presidential election, you should be somewhat aware of the growing pressure to vote permeating on social media. In 2016, it was the worldwide celebrities we know so well that invaded our timelines to push us to the polls, but a more organic approach took root much more successfully this time around.

For many people like myself, it has been the people within our generation that drove the younger crowd to the polls. An equal number of teenage political activists, like Emma Gonzalez and viral personalities like Demetrius Harmon, made voting not only cool, but connected to our identity as the generation to affect change.

In spite of the gains made in this one election, there are still many issues to address in future elections.

Multiple states are still under suspicion for selling voter info as recently as this year on the dark web. More than 10,000 potential voters in Kansas City were sent incorrect absentee ballot mailers, and hundreds of absentee ballots in Georgia are currently in limbo due to signature-related issues.

We should consider ourselves lucky to live in Idaho, a state that has some of the friendliest policies for voters in the United States. Our state is one of only fifteen (along with the District of Columbia) that allow for same-day registration, meaning that citizens have every convenience available to them when it comes to voting in person. The removal of the Kibbie Dome as a polling place was an unfortunate development, but efforts from ASUI and the relative accessibility of the Latah County Fairgrounds polling place all but ensured that all students who wanted to vote, could vote.

Of course, maintaining the momentum going forward will be the next big challenge, but our generation has overcome plenty of doubt in the recent past. There is an undeniable correlation between participation in government and the success of that government over the years, and our nation began to prove that it can actually be invested in its own well-being.

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Vandal Voices

QUICK TAKES FROM THE VANDAL COMMUNITY

What UI sporting events do you most often attend?

Hockey

There's no sport I'd rather watch, just wish it was a bigger deal at the university!

- Breanna Murdoch

All about the band

The marching band shows halfway through the football games.

- Eric Hedstrom

Hockey

Electric atmosphere, great athletics/athletes, incredibly entertaining and high speed! Nothing else like it!

- Alena Lee

Volleyball and basketball

When I was a student, volleyball and basketball were my favorites.

- Hannah Goff

Horse polo

It's the most adrenaline running, heart pumping, strategic game ever.

- Alena Ferriguet-Krings

HOCKEY

The most exciting sports atmosphere (even for UI), where home games are always rowdy!

- Cole Kubic

Basketball

Because it's the best basketball. But really, it's fast paced, I like our programs and there isn't a bad seat in either venue. I can't wait for the new arena.

- Holli Sampson

Hockey

Growing sport and the home games are always packed.

- Chanse Watson

Football games

Why?

Because we got the best marching band.

- Michael Green

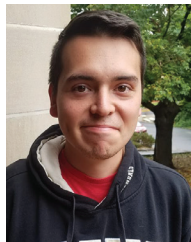
Football fan

I definitely go to the Vandals football games. Even if we win or lose, I always love being in the Kibbie Dome and seeing the history of great accomplishments. Between the banners for all the championships we have won, to the three bowl win banners, to the energy you see these football players emit, it's all a good time. Although, a few more wins on the board would be nice. Go Vandals!

- Arte Rosales

Breathing just a little easier

UI celebrates two years as a tobacco free campus, learn where to begin quitting tobacco



Jed Sharrard
Column

GUEST VOICE

It has been two years since the University of Idaho made the healthy leap to becoming a tobacco-free campus.

This policy went into effect after a passionate student group pushed for the policy to promote a cleaner and healthier campus by limiting exposure to smoke as well as support individuals who choose to quit or cut back on their nicotine use. There are many health benefits to quitting nicotine. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), it only takes 20 minutes for your blood pressure and heart rate to drop after quitting and after one year the risk of coro-

nary heart disease is half that of someone who uses nicotine.

When you hear the word tobacco, your mind might jump to cigarettes or even chewing tobacco, but you may not have realized that e-cigarettes and vaping devices are also prohibited in the tobacco-free policy.

If you are interested in quitting nicotine, you are not alone. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in 2015, seven in 10 adults who smoke wanted to quit. Quitting can be challenging, but there are support systems available.

On campus support includes the Freshstart cessation program, the Counseling and Testing Center and an annual Collegiate Smokeout.

The Collegiate Smokeout is coming up on Nov. 15 and is a campus event to celebrate individuals' choices to quit or cut back on their use. Regardless of where someone is at in the process — whether they are choosing to smoke one less cigarette now, quitting chew ten years ago — or are just contemplating quitting, this event celebrates people making those choices. Our Collegiate Smokeout has its roots in a national event called the Great Ameri-

can Smokeout with a very similar goal: to have a day to celebrate the choice to live a healthier and safer life by choosing to cut out nicotine.

Vandal Health Education is teaming up with Public Health — Idaho North Central District and Project Filter, an Idaho based tobacco prevention and control program to host this event from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Idaho Commons Plaza. You can stop by and meet Project Filter — trained professional motocross athletes, pick up some free Quit Kits, grab free hot chocolate for the November chill and win some prize giveaways.

This event is held right before fall break, so it is a great opportunity to find ways to better support people in your life who may be looking to quit or cut back as well as bring information and resources back to your friends and family. Anyone with an Idaho mailing address also qualifies for free support and nicotine replacement therapy through Project Filter at 1-800-QUITNOW.

In addition to Collegiate Smokeout, the University of Idaho also offers Freshstart, an hour long tobacco cessation class that is offered year-round. This class is free to all students, faculty and staff. The program

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provides personalized support for individuals who are thinking about quitting or cutting back on their use. Visit uidaho.edu/tobacco-free for more information.

Some related quit tips from the American Cancer Society that may come in handy during the holiday season. Stretch your meals out, eat slowly, keep busy and find supportive friends and family who will help you in your journey to cutting back or quitting nicotine. When trying to quit or cut back, support can make all the difference.

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Love your major

Why you should love your college major, or at the very least, like it



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College allows you to begin discovering who you are. But that process usually isn't something that stops after four years.

might be a bit more realistic.

Either way, never having to work a day in your life sounds blissful. The reality is that you'll have to work, and depending on future you may need a job that has a higher wage or allows you to have more vacation time.

You can still find a compromise and go into a field that interests you — let's say you have dreamed of being an astronaut. Well, you want a family, and vacation time so maybe an astronaut isn't the easiest choice. Why not help create advancing technology for space travel or teach rocket science?

Even if you got your dream job, no one is promising that every second will be blissful but getting passed the road bumps won't be as hard.

What if it's too late? So you're graduating this year or even this semester. Consider applying for jobs outside of your area of study that you have more of an interest in.

Actually, only about 27 percent of college graduates find a job in their related major, in a study done in 2010 by Jaison R. Abel and Richard Deitz for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

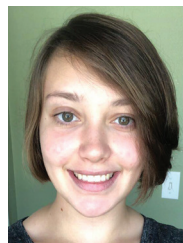
College allows you to begin discovering who you are. But that process usually isn't something that stops after four years.

So if you're a math major who ends up loving English don't let that go — chase after your dreams.

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Let's make young, educated voters

While there are more voters, we should be responsible about voting



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Research the people you vote for well in advance of voting and keep up on platforms well after voting takes place.

Pushing people to vote — no matter their understanding of the political process or what is at stake — can be both a positive and negative.

Making voices heard is always a good thing, especially when they are part of communities that need more representation. Representation for minority groups is also incredibly important so all people can have a say in what the country, as a whole, wants.

Voting has been pushed immensely through social media and campaigns in the last four years. It seemed that choosing not to vote two years ago was not that big of a deal. But with this last midterm election, if someone decides not to vote now, it seems like they have done a crime or a disservice to this country.

Even though voting is good for ourselves and our communities, we should still not be pressured by our peers if we do not want to and should not blindly vote.

Social media coverage on voting has skyrocketed. Influencers put out sponsored messages about voting and how important it is to vote. Everyone poses for a picture with their stickers and the phrase “please vote.” Not only does social media push voting, but it has become a trend. According to social media etiquette on election day, if you're not out voting, then you don't fit in.

Coverage on this can be a good thing and can push people to register and let their voices be heard, but there are also cons to shoving the vote in the faces of others.

Now not everyone can vote, but for those who can it is pushed to be impor-

tant to get out and have your voice heard. However, as of current political history, many people just vote and circle whatever party that they are in. People do not often research who they are voting for — which is why social media plays such a heavy role.

You are not just voting for a party, you are voting for a representative for specific issues and policies. Even if they are in the Democratic Party or the Republican Party, they may have different stances on ideas than you.

This idea can be dangerous, because there can be big changes of policy if you do not research the person that you are voting for and they make changes during their time as a representative.

Research the people you vote for well in advance of voting and keep up on platforms well after voting takes place.

We have this wonderful power in our hands to tell people higher up what we want to do with this country. We have representatives that should be engaging with our wants and ideas. Many countries don't get these chances, and it's something we cannot take for granted.

Rather than just telling people to vote, let's tell people to research, then vote. Let's get people engaged with their choices long before they hit the polls.

People like influencers on social media with big platforms could get the message out quickly. Vote, but do not be ignorant. Vote for things that you would want to go into effect and change.

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