University faces \$14 million shortfall

University budget deficit projected based on increase in benefit costs, decrease in tuition revenue

> Ellen Dennis, Meredith Spelbring ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho is facing a projected \$14 million budget deficit, due to an overall increase in university benefit costs and a decrease in tuition revenue.

The total projected deficit is the result of two factors — a change in tuition revenue, due to the university's recent full-participation in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program, a program encompassing a collection of western states designed to allow students to study at participating universities at a decreased rate, and an increase in overall cost of benefits for university employees.

The breakdown

UI became a full participant in the WUE program in April of 2018, with the changes in tuition going into effect fall of 2019. Tuition for WUE participants is \$12,456, not including housing and other fees, compared to \$27,540 for out-of-state tuition. The change went into effect fall 2019, so all out-of-state students enrolled prior to the fall will continue to pay the same tuition paid when they enrolled.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Brian Foisy said for every out-going student paying full-time, outof-state tuition, they are replaced by another WUE student at a 1:1 ratio, yet the newer student pays about \$15,000 less than their graduating counterparts. The change in tuition accounts for \$5 million of the university's total \$14 million projected deficit.

Foisy said when the university made the decision to be 'all in' on the WUE program, the decrease in tuition revenue was expected, but the university made the decision to become a full-participant in the regional program for the long-term benefits.

"At the end of the day, you really rely on (strategic enrollment) experts to say, 'Are we long term, going to be better off being part of the program, even if it takes several years for us to recover? Are we better off being out of this? And their belief based on the success we were having in Oregon, Washington, was better off to be in this in the long run," Foisy said. "Let's just buckle in, because it may be a little bit of a wild ride the next

couple of years while we wait for word to spread within these different markets that we're now backing the WUE program."

A total of \$7 million of the projected \$14 million comes from an expected overall increase in the full UI employee benefits package.

The remaining \$2 million of the total projected deficit is calculated in as a margin of error, Foisy said.

Addressing the deficit

Foisy said the realization of the deficit came in the spring of 2019, several months before the end of Fiscal Year 2019.

A fiscal year is the year as recognized for accounting purposes, spanning from July 1 to June 31.

Conversations began taking place in the spring as to how to manage the projected deficit, several months before the start of the following fiscal year.

The solution to addressing the issue is not the same across the university, Foisy said. The various campus departments are responsible for making appropriate cuts based on their share of the budget in efforts to balance the books.

"Everybody participating in this process," Foisy said. "Nobody was held harmless — president's office, athletics, literally everybody is participating in this process. So through the vice presidents, we push these cuts out on a prorated basis to each area of responsibility. From there, we didn't make any effort to say, here's how you must implement the cuts in your area."

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ADMINISTRATION

Former UI professor arrested in Lewiston

Denise Bennett arrested, posts bond in Lewiston

Meredith Spelbring ARGONAUT

Former University of Idaho professor Denise Bennett was arrested without a warrant Friday on charges of felony burglary, felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession in Lewiston.

Bennett posted the \$5,000 bond Monday, according to the Idaho Repository report.

According to court documents obtained by Inland Northwest News, Lewiston Police responded at approximately 7:10 a.m. on Friday

to a report of a burglary no longer in progress. The complainant stated Bennett had recently been staying with a man in Lewiston and he believed she had entered his trailer

through an open window that had been broken and taken his cell phone and other items, according to the Inland Northwest News

LPD and Nez Perce Tribal Police Officers made contact with Bennett at the Clearwater River Casino where they observed a blue plastic pen tube with a white crystalline sub-

stance inside on the floor of her room. The substance was later determined to

methamphetamine, according to the Inland Northwest News report. Bennett pleaded not guilty to

the misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia, according to the repository. No plea was entered for the two felony charges. According to Idaho Court Repository Records, a status conference in Bennett's case is scheduled for Monday, with a preliminary hearing set to take place Wednesday, Oct. 2 in Nez Perce

County Magistrate Court. The Argonaut will continue to cover this story.

Editor's Note: As many Argonaut employees are students in the University of Idaho Journalism and Mass Media Department, no Argonaut employee who has previously worked with Denise Bennett, as part of their curriculum, has

or will report on this developing story. It is our mission as a staff to report university and community news with fairness and transparency.



Denise Bennett



From 'Kazoo guy' to 'the guy who stole the sign,' David Catts has become known



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A Crumbs recipe Creamy Microwave Mashed Potatoes

If you've ever felt tempted to eat a warm bowl of mashed potatoes but have no access to a stove, this is the recipe for you. You can change the toppings to your taste if onion powder and rosemary isn't your style.



Ingredients

- 2 potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ teaspoons mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon rosemary

Prep time: 5 minutes Servings: 1

Alexis Van Horn | Argonaut

Directions

- 1. Poke holes in both potatoes with a fork and wrap them each in damp paper towels
- 2. Microwave the potatoes for two minutes. Flip the potatoes over and microwave them for two more minutes.
- 3. Remove the potatoes from the microwave and unwrap them. Place them in a bowl and mash them with a fork or a masher.

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4. Add the butter, mayonnaise, onion powder and rosemary and mix thoroughly.

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The upper falls of Elk Creek Falls, near where Deary 16-year-old Luis Diaz died on Sept. 8.

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SAFETY

Teen dies while hiking with friends at Elk Creek Falls

Teen death accident sparks hiker safety dialogue

Angela Palermo ARGONAUT

Earlier this month, authorities worked to locate the body of a Deary teen who died while visiting Elk Creek Falls which has led toward emphasizing safety on the trails.

On the afternoon of Sept. 8, 16-year-old Luis Diaz was hiking around the falls with a small group of friends when they saw him slip and fall over the edge of the middle falls, disappearing into the water. First responders located his body four days later.

According to the Lewiston
Tribune, Stefani Spencer, Palouse
Ranger District ranger in the Nez
Perce-Clearwater National Forest,
said, "There are hazards with
hiking in the forest regardless of
whether you are on a designated
trail or not. We do maintain our
trails and design them to the safety
standards that we have within the
(U.S.) Forest Service, so the trail is
safer than walking across forest land."



Chris Goetz

Investigators believe Diaz was in a secluded area of the falls when

secluded area of the falls when he fell. There are designated observation points on the trail, all of which have decks and railings around them to prevent a potential fall.

Clearwater County Sheriff
Chris Goetz said Diaz was
wearing cowboy boots at the time
of the fall, and the rain made the
rocks near the falls extremely
slick and dangerous to navigate.

advises hikers to stay on designated paths and be cognizant of their surroundings.

Relatively small choices and decisions can lead to significant consequences. Spencer suggests that hikers make sure to tell someone their plans, pack well, prepare for any kind of weather, wear proper clothing and know their limits.

Elk Creek Falls Recreation Area is a popular hiking destination located about 50 miles east of Moscow.

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New director for Idaho Geological Survey named

UI's Office of Research and Economic Development announces new IGS director

Alexis Van Horn

Claudio Berti was named director and state geologist at the Idaho Geological Survey (IGS), according to a University of Idaho news release.

Berti will serve as chief operating officer of IGS, a state agency which collects data on geology, minerals, energy, hazards, land resources and water resources to share with Idaho citizens, the news release stated. He will work with the IGS advisory board to direct the survey, manage day-to-day operations and continue relationships with relevant departments at UI and other institutions.

Berti reports to UI through the Office of Research and Economic Development. ORED announced Berti's new position to UI.

"I'm very excited at the opportunity to lead the agency as director," Berti said in the news release. "Idaho's economy is tied to its resources in many ways, and it's important that we serve this state and its citizens in the best way we can. I look forward to building new relationships and collaboration with stakeholders."

The news release stated Berti began

working at IGS in January 2019 as the digital mapping and geographic information systems lab manager. His job was to translate data collected from field geologists into maps freely available to the

Berti began his career in Italy where he served as survey geologist for the Italian Geological Survey, University of Chieti adjunct professor and consulting geologist with the Italian National Highway Agency,

states the release.

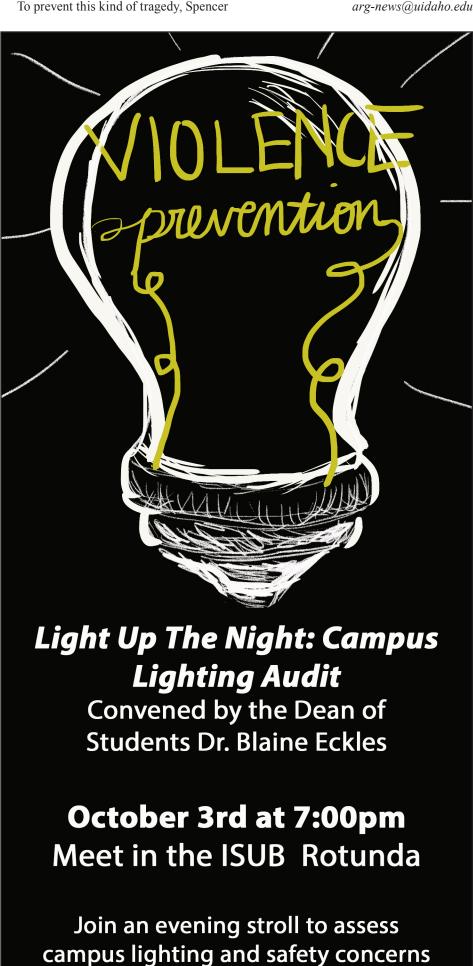
He came to the U.S. in 2009 as a postdoctoral student and adjunct professor at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. He became a professor of practice, director of field operations and director of the field camp program for students at Lehigh. After seven years there, he spent two years as an assistant professor at the University of Delaware.

UI associate vice president for research Bradley Ritts shared his excitement about Berti's promotion in the news release.

"We are delighted that our international search revealed such a strong candidate within the Idaho Geological Survey," Ritts said. "Claudio (Berti) made an immediate impact in his short time at the IGS, and I have complete confidence in his ability to lead the organization in its continued strong service to the state."

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BUDGET

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Foisy said one of the common ways the university and its departments tighten budgets is leaving vacant positions across campus open. These decisions are made in accordance with the university's Strategic Faculty Hiring Plan, Provost John Wiencek's plan, which focuses on best addressing how and when to fill vacant positions.

"The whole idea behind the strategic faculty hiring plan is if enrollment is dropping in mechanical engineering, and it's surging in sociology, take some of that money and move it over there," Foisy said. "And then you're meeting student demand, and ideally, not hurting the students over there because they've got plenty of faculty positions to meet that demand."

"Throughout discussions of addressing the gap, there has been no conversation within the administration of raising tuition to cover gaps from the WUE transition," Foisy said.

"Other cost-cutting procedures may include limitations on travel to the utmost necessary and delaying minor infrastructure changes," Foisy said.

"The idea here is no stone unturned," Foisy said. "Scott (Green's) pretty well charged us to investigate every possible avenue to make sure that we're managing institutional funds prudently."

Changes to university employee benefits

UI Faculty Senate Chair Terry Grieb said by the end of Fiscal Year 2019, the state of Idaho reduced its support for UI health insurance plans by \$1.2 million. This figure combined with increasing healthcare costs added to the projected deficit.

The UI faculty senate passed a motion on Tuesday to begin to fill the healthcare gap. Insurance rates for faculty and staff will increase anywhere between \$38 and \$108 annually, depending on how many family members or other eligible adults are covered in their respective plans. This increase is part of a much larger package of proposals to address the budget gap, Grieb said.

Moving forward

ASUI President Jacob Lockhart said he was briefed on the university's financial challenges early on in summer 2019, before ASUI as a whole was looped in early August. Lockhart is a part of a university working group, created to discuss and establish a more sustainable financial model and comprised of 16 people from across campus, Lockhart said.

The message, from administrators down to students, is the budget challenges facing the university should not impact the students on the day-to-day basis. Foisy said the plan to tackle the issue is designed to minimize the overall impact on the student experience. It is a topic Lockhart said students should be aware of, but not one he has seen impacting students at this point.

"I haven't seen students impacted yet, is what I'll say," Lockhart said. "Because I do think that everyone is doing their absolute best to look at anything that doesn't impact the student experience here first. If budget challenges continue, then I can't say that students won't be impacted, because, I mean, we'll all be impacted. There's only so long we can go without impacting student life."

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SAFETY



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Jennifer Landhuis gives keynote address for Katy Benoit Campus Safety Awareness Month.

Stalking safety lecture

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Students remembered Katy Benoit Tuesday evening at the annual Katy Benoit Campus Safety Awareness Month Keynote Address. So many people attended the event that chairs had to be added to the Vandal Ballroom so all the attendees could sit.

Events this month aimed to educate the campus community about relevant safety issues in memory of Benoit, who was murdered on August 22, 2011 outside her home. She was a graduate student at UI when former professor and intimate partner Ernesto Bustamante killed her.

"The things that you always think happen to other people can happen to you and they do happen to you," said Gary Benoit, Katy's father.

He and Katy's mother, Janet Benoit, at-

tended the event. This is one of the first to feel fear," Landhuis said. times they returned to campus since their daughter was murdered.

Janet Benoit said that "you can tell that they (University of Idaho) care about their commitment to student safety."

This year, Jennifer Landhuis, the director of the Stalking Prevention, Awareness and Resource Center (SPARC), gave a presentation on stalking.

Landhuis explained the scarcity of resources for stalking victims in the U.S. She said the SPARC is the only organization that deals specifically with stalking — and she has a full-time staff of two people. Many people don't know the definition of stalking,

"The definition that we use is that it's a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person

highest rates of stalking, Landhuis said. While women are more likely to experience stalking than men, those instances still occur.

Most stalkers pursue they victims online, according to data Landhuis presented. Stalkers send messages over everything from email to What'sApp. Stalkers also pursue their victims by following them, waiting for them, showing up unexpectedly, leaving their victims unwanted items and more.

Landhuis said stalkers also sabotage and monitor their victims. This can appear as spreading rumors, creating fake social media accounts, sharing sexually explicit information, recording videos, monitoring their victims' location with GPS trackers and using audio recording devices.

Stalking safety lecture held in memory of Katy Benoit at annual campus safety awareness event

Landhuis said stalking can cause hyper-People ages 18 to 24 experience the vigilant behaviors in victims, which outsiders may view as paranoia. She encouraged the audience to treat victims with compassion and understand their perspective.

"What happens in these cases is the victim is being stalked through some form of technology and we all think that the victim is paranoid because we think that can't possibly happen," Landhuis said. "We don't understand why it's such a big deal. In actuality, what's happening is the victim is hypervigilant. That hypervigilance has kept them safe and it's kept them alive, but we label it as paranoia."

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MEMES

'A LITTLE BIT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TROLLING'

University of Idaho student gains attention for unique ways of protesting social issue

Nicole Hindberg ARGONAUT

University of Idaho fourth-year David Catts has been the subject of much attention in the last week. From news articles to memes created on 'Uldaho Memes for Scott's Tots,' Catts' name has become well-known across UI's campus.

Catts is most notably known as "the kazoo guy" from the Toxic Matriarchy event and as "the guy who stole the sign" at the Center for Bioethical Reform antiabortion demonstration. Catts describes this behavior as "a little bit of trolling and a little bit of social justice."

"There's a satisfaction in screwing with people who have really antiquated medieval beliefs," Catts said.

The most recent example of this was Catts stealing the Center for Bioethical Reform's sign at their antiabortion demonstration prompted police

involvement. The sign was intact once officers found Catts and no charges were filed against Catts for this behavior.

Catts believes the student body has a

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The reason he (Catts) disrupts things is because those people are disruptive as well so he might as well do the same thing.

ZACK BISHOP

CATTS' BEST FRIEND

talent for coming out to protest against things they believe are wrong. And he plays a role in the student body being disruptive and protesting for social justice.

"I feel like something that I've helped contribute is to bring light to like 'hey this is the s*** that we're doing on campus,""

Catts said. "I don't know how large of a role that I have to fill but I do have a role to fill that's particularly asinine and fun. I can bring light to the work that other people do that are more dedicated."

Those more dedicated students that Catts is referring to include groups like Planned Parenthood and the UI Gender and Sexuality Alliance who show up to "basically everything like this" as Catts puts it.

Catts's best friend and former roommate, Zack Bishop, a UI fifth-year, has known Catts for about five years. Bishop knew about the kazoo incident before it happened but did not know Catts was going to steal the sign until it happened. Bishop understands why Catts protests in the way he does.

"The reason he (Catts) disrupts things is because those people are disruptive as well so he might as well do the same thing," Bishop said.

While many students enjoyed the kazoo outburst at the Toxic Matriarchy event, many students have expressed on the Facebook meme page their disagreement for what Catts did at the anti-abortion protest.

Catts believes disruptive protests are more effective than more silent ways of protesting.

"People have this idea that 'no, you know, we're gonna do a silent protest,' I respect that, but I think that leaves some much-needed room for civil disruptions," Catts said. "I enjoy that as a person trying to make a point and as a person who kind of loves pulling pranks on people."

Despite Catt's love for "screwing with people," Bishop knows Catts gets along with mostly everyone.

"He gets along with everyone regardless of political belief," said Bishop.

Catts believes he will continue to do things similar to this in the future but will think through them more carefully.

"I'm gonna play it by ear and next time do something that's not illegal but equally as disruptive," Catts said. "I would say as advice to others who might want to be disruptive is definitely do it, don't do it illegally."

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ART

What makes a town so special?

The artists of Moscow tell all on what makes this town so special

Emily Pearce ARGONAUT

Moscow, a true gem in the gem state.

Different from any sort of town in Idaho, Moscow is known as the center of artistic life in Idaho with a rich history woven into its identity.

The copious amounts of arts, expression and support from the community are what makes Moscow unique.

So it makes sense that so many alumni from the University of Idaho choose to stay apart of the community.

"I think that the people and the willingness to just enjoy the culture makes Moscow, Moscow," said Program Head of Art and Design at the University of Idaho Dr. Gregory Turner-Rahman. "The

Saturday market, going out on a Friday to go to the gallery, Thursday to go to a performance. The jazz festival. We are really lucky to live here."

Dedicated to arts and culture, well-known figures like Roger Rowley, Megan Cherry, Jack Alexander and Dr. Gregory Turner-Rahman understand the importance of art in the community

The community

Moscow is close-knit, thoughtful and friendly. In terms of art, community members always come out to support it.

"Moscow is very inclusive, always looking for new ways to express parts of the community that aren't always expressed," said Wild at Art employee Jack Alexander.

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Art, specifically in Moscow ties many different identities together and gives a sense of unity among its supporters

"Being in Idaho and a university town, we have a potential of a clashing community of all sorts of identities," Alexander said. "Having art to sort of express those identities and the clash between them is important to establish who we are and what we believe instead of the academics of the university world or the more rural Idaho of our community."

The history

"Historically, this is the center of intellectual life in the state. It was and still is," Turner-Rahmen said. "Any university brings experiences for people, one of those is through the arts."

Moscow's generosity to those in the community opens tons of opportunities for artists and connections throughout the community.

"Moscow has the oldest arts commission in the state of Idaho," said Prichard Art Gallery Director Roger Rowley. "The arts

have been central to Moscow's abilities to accomplish things historically."

Expression of art

Art brings new ideas, beauty and things that challenge people. In a red state, art can counteract some of the harshness of politics and challenge political belief, Turner-Rahman said.

As a small town in a conservative state, art is so important to Moscow's community as well as expression in general.

"Art is essential to the cultural health of any state, regardless of its dominant political identity at the moment," said Arts Program Manager of the City of Moscow Megan Cherry.

Art is also used as a way to rebel against any stated norms.

"A mural next to Hodgins, a favorite of the community, shows the individualism and isolationist ideas that are present in a

lot of places in Idaho," Alexander said.

A place

Businesses in Moscow play a vital role for artists in the community. With businesses like One World, Humble

Burger and much more artists have a place to perform.

"Venues like Prichard give space for artists," Rowley said. "They give an "expansive view" of the art world and happiness to present things that are "weird and wonderful" to feel comfortable and almost nurturing."

Greg Turner-Rahman Wild at Art is another space that allows artists to express themselves as vistors are able to play and express their creative sides, Alexander said.

But artistic expression doesn't stop with downtown as UI's College of Art and Architecture allows students to connect with Moscow's creative side.

'There is a type of connection the arts college gives to Moscow, connecting the

college and the town," Turner-Rahman said. "They engage with the community, educate and most importantly want to be active partners with practice and artists."

The City of Moscow is another outlet that allows artists to grow in their work. Cherry takes pride in administrating art with her 12 other co-workers.

The best part about being a part of the art collective is that Cherry gets to hear a lot of "impassioned viewpoints and fantastic stories."

Being an artist herself, Cherry believes another part of enjoying arts in Moscow would be evaluating a project's merits or future directions by considering artists' perspectives.

"I'm an artist in a city that loves art – and that makes me feel right at home."

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CARTOONS



You don't have to be a kid to enjoy Saturday morning cartoons

The Kenworthy offers a chance to relive your childhood with classic cartoons

> Rvan Hill ARĞONAUT

For those wanting to relive the nostalgia of Saturday morning cartoons, the Kenworthy has you covered.

All summer the Kenworthy has been showing assic cartoons. Ranging from old 'Looney Tunes cartoons to 'Rocky and Bullwinkle.' This Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. is the last opportunity to come out and watch these cartoons. The event is free to the public and all are welcome.

Director of Operations for the Kenworthy Jamie Hill, started showing the cartoons at the Kenworthy in 2013 after the Saturday Morning Market got moved to Main Street. Normally businesses were closed during the market. However, the Kenworthy thought, why stay closed when there's 10,000 people out there?

"We started working with local businesses to sponsor to kind of help us cover our costs so we can provide as a free thing for the community," Hill said.

With local businesses sponsoring the cartoons from Yarn Underground to the Moscow Music Academy, they are able to work with other local

Hill works with Moscow Video Co-Op to get the classic cartoons they play. The earliest cartoons in the selection are from the '90s — so no modern cartoons — sticking with the classics.

But just how popular are they? On average, 100 to 150 people attend the Saturday morning cartoons over the three-hour period.

The people who attend varies from kids whose parents are vendors in the market, college students, even people who want a break from the regular market, Hill said.

Kids and adults attending last Saturdays showing watched 'Looney Tunes' and laughed. With parents bringing in their kids to have them experience the cartoons they watched growing up.

'You can't say no to classic cartoons,' said Doug Faust, who was in town for the Washington State University football game. "I love Looney Tunes. I love Porky Pig, right? Especially the black and white ones where he does a surrealistic one from '33. And that coyote will catch that road runner one day.'

Still hoping to see if the coyote will ever catch the road runner? Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be the last showing of these classic cartoons for the summer.

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REVIEW

Ferns, from YouTube to Netflix



Nicole Hindberg Columnist **ARGONAUT**

Popular YouTube series "Between Two Ferns" is now a movie

In 2008 Zack Galifianakis and Funny or Die brought us a delightfully awkward interview video series which has grown into something even more delightful.

It all started with Michael Cera and through the last ten years Galifianakis has brought us interviews with former President Barack Obama to Justin Bieber. And last Friday Netflix

brought us "Between Two Ferns: The Movie." We follow Galifianakis as he

is shooting a documentary about his time filming the video series. In this almost origin story

of the popular YouTube series, Galifianakis plays himself working in Flinch, North Carolina at public access television station. And Will Ferrell also plays himself as an owner of Funny or Die who put Galifianakis' shows online without his permission.

Once he realizes the show got clicks he kept asking his famous friends to be on the show knowing people watch the show to make fun of Galifianakis.

One confusing part for me was Ferrell played himself as a founder of Funny or Die — which is true in real life — but it's never answered if Galifianakis is playing himself as the actor or a character with the same name who came up with the idea to make fun of celebrities in interviews. Although this was a bit confusing, I accepted it. Galifianakis being a random person with a dream of having his own talk show makes it funnier to me.

The movie begins with Galifianakis interviewing Matthew McConaughey. After some plumbing issues, — you'll have to find it out for yourself — causes the television network's building to flood and "momentarily kills McConaughey."

This prompts Ferrell to visit Galifianakis and tells him he must drive from North Carolina and shoot 10 "Between Two Ferns" interviews on their way to Los Angeles to keep giving the Funny or Die website clicks. If him and his crew get there at the end of two weeks, he'll give them their own nightly talk show.

The rest of the movie can be summed up by celebrity cameos, celebrity cameos and more celebrity cameos. From Brie Larson to David Letterman, Galifianakis interviews celebrities in the traditional "Between Two Ferns" style interviews including antihumor and making fun of the actor and their work.

The ridiculous details made the movie more enjoyable was Galifianakis's obsession with the ferns used in the series. Before every show he has a "fern-spection" to make sure the ferns were still healthy after 10 years of filming. Throughout the movie he carries them around wherever he goes and even puts them in the front seat while his crew must sit in the backseat during the entire road trip.

But it's revealed his producer buys new ferns before every show because she doesn't know how to take care of them.

If you enjoyed the YouTube series, I would definitely check this movie out. It gave me feelings of nostalgia by seeing the identical interview style of the YouTube series.

I would rate this movie a 4/5. It was hilarious but there were afew things that could have been delivered better, but I would still definitely recommend watching the movie.

"Between Two Ferns: The Movie" can be streamed on Netflix.

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Sprits



Saydee Brass | Argonaut Senior Quarterback Mason Petrino runs the ball toward the endzone on Sept. 21 versus Eastern Washington in the Kibbie Dome.

FOOTBALL

A stifling Big Sky entrance

Idaho hopes to continue dominance against the Bears Saturday on the roa<mark>dh</mark>

> Chris Deremer **ARGONAUT**

With momentum on the Vandals' side, Idaho football looks to build off of its commanding win a week ago.

After pulling off the biggest win since dropping down to FCS play, Idaho (2-2) hopes to get off to another perfect start against the Northern Colorado Bears (0-4).

Despite the Bears not finding a win yet this season, Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino believes there is still a challenge ahead for the Vandals.

"You watch (Northern Colorado) and they play people tough, especially early," Petrino said in a press conference Tuesday. "They've been playing pretty good defense...but game in and game out they've been playing well on the defensive side of the ball."

Troubles on the road: While it seemed last weekend that Idaho has finally clicked as a collective unit, there is still one daunting hurdle to jump over — a road victory.

The Vandals haven't won on the road since the last game of the 2017 season against Georgia State. Since then, Idaho has dropped eight straight road games.

"We have to get a conference road win," Petrino said. "It's the first thing I brought up to our players on Sunday night. If we want to get to the playoffs, we have to win on the road."

Finding the endzone: By halftime against Eastern Washington the Vandals had 28 points, showcasing the talent and potential that this offense is capable of this season.

When scoring over 30 points, the Vandals are undefeated in their past 13 games, which should be another priority on Saturday taking on a Bears team allowing nearly 40 points a game to opposing teams this season.

Bringing the brutality: Idaho was clearly the more physical team last Saturday.

The Vandals continued play after play winning the battle in the trenches allowing for the talented Idaho running backs to easily find space in the open field unless you're redshirt freshman Aundre Carter, then you just run right through the tacklers.

Carter and redshirt sophomore Roshaun Johnson look to continue their hot starts this season, with both running backs ranking in the top 10 in rushing throughout the Big Sky conference.

If Idaho can continue to control games early, expect the Idaho running backs to have another great performance.

But with a crowded backfield of talent the question will linger as to who might breakout and control the pace for

Bringing the heat: During the past few seasons, it has been troublesome for Idaho to find consistency on both sides of the ball, but against Eastern Washington everything finally clicked

Redshirt junior linebacker Charles Akanno led the disruptive defense on Saturday finishing with nine tackles and forcing a fumble as well.

While it might be the tackles that stick out right away, it's Akanno's ability to block passes at the line of scrimmage that really makes the quiet leader standout.

Akanno is currently second in the Big Sky in defended passes, forcing five disruptions this season throughout the first four games.

"I think he's just gotten better the past two years, probably week by week, on his technique," Petrino said. 'He's always been an unbelievable athlete.'

Akanno enters Saturday's game as the reigning Big

Sky defensive player of the week, as well as earning national FCS defensive player of the week honors.

While Akanno earned recognition, sophomore linebacker Tre Walker continues his dominant season

Walker currently leads the Big Sky in tackles with 28 solo hits this season, averaging 11 per game.

The Idaho front seven continue to disrupt opposing offenses and look to make mayhem for the Bears this weekend.

Turning a corner: Idaho is finally starting to play like a complete team unit, making for perfect timing going

into the start of Big Sky play. What started in the mountains of Wyoming, culminated in a complete victory against the reigning Big

Sky champions last weekend. Now will Idaho play every game like last weekend? Probably not, but now the blueprint is made. The Vandals know what is needed to compete against the best.

Like it or not, expectations have now skyrocketed for this ball club, and this fall Vandal fans have a team to rally behind.

This underdog team is now riding a high of a lifetime,

and fans hope that the stellar play can continue. "We're very confident and very excited," Petrino said. "I think we are coming together and becoming closer... I

think this is a very close unit that cares about each other." When/Where: The Vandals will play the Northern Colorado Bears 12 p.m. Saturday in Greeley, Colo. If you can't make it to the game, you can stream the game on

Eleven Sports and Pluto TV. Chris Deremer can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @chris DEREMER

VOLLEYBALL

Vikings and Vandals clash to open Big Sky

Idaho starts conference play in Memorial Gym against Portland State University

Connor Swersey ARGONAUT

The Vandals start off Big Sky Conference play Thursday in Memorial Gym against the Portland State Vikings.

After playing a long 12 matches in four weeks for its preseason, Idaho has a chance to prove themselves to other conference members during its first ranked game.

Non-conference Recap: The young Vandal team has had a rough season so far — winning four of 12 matches against tough competition.

Idaho's inexperienced team faced veteraned teams with

more experience, while the Vandals continued to build chemistry throughout the early parts of the season. Despite the rough start for the Idaho, conference play

is a new opportunity for these Vandals to show everyone what potential they hold. New Prospects: With the Vandals having a relatively

young team, a few new players have stood out and

Freshman middle blocker Kyra Palmbush has been taking control of the net holding a .379 attack percentage adding 49 blocks.

Palmbush is a force to be reckoned with at the net. Tied with sophomore middle blocker Nikki Ball, Palmbush leads the team in kills with 89 this season racking up 123 points up so far.



Leslie Kiebert | Argonaut

Senior outside hitter Paige Rupiper and freshman middle blocker Kyra Palmbush attempt a block on California Baptišt University block Friday in Memorial Gym.

Also new to Idaho, freshman setter Hailey Pelton has locked in her court vision and is starting to exploit team weak areas with her offense. Even though Pelton has played less games than redshirt sophomore setter Donnée Janzen, Pelton still has a respectable 181 assists and 14 kills at the net.

Big Sky Competition: The Big Sky has some tough competition this 2019 season, with the Weber State Wildcats (9-2) leading the pack. While non-conference season means very little in terms of how conference play will go, the Wildcats have the forward momentum which means a lot in a mental game like volleyball.

Idaho sits in the bottom third of Big Sky teams with its current record, Portland State sits ahead with the same wins but one less loss.

Portland State University: The Vandals are set to face

the Portland State Vikings Thursday, with a few storylines

Vandal fans should be aware of in the home opener. The Vikings have a shallow bench with only 12 players total, making Portland State another young team with

only two seniors on the roster. The Vikings rely on an extremely pin heavy offense, hitting outside nearly every play. Idaho needs to watch out for this and take control of the net through a strong block

game early. When/where: The Vandals play their first Big Sky conference match against the Portland State Vikings 6 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Gym.

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SOCCER

Grizzlies and Bears march towards Moscow

Montana and Northern Colorado head to Moscow for the Big Sky season opener inside the Kibbie Dome

Zack Kellogg ARGONAUT

After a grueling couple months for Idaho soccer, the non-conference season is now over and the Big Sky season is starting in the Kibbie Dome this weekend.

After ending the sixgame drought against North Dakota, The Vandals look to build off the win going into the start of conference play.

"Looking back at it, I think we did pretty well," Idaho Head Coach Jeremy Clevenger said in an interview. "We definitely learned a lot about our team... We had our ups and downs and I think we came out on the other end sharp, focused and as a better team for that."

The Vandals finished their non-conference season with a record of 3-7, which was not expected coming into the season, but was certainly a possibility with the loss of a senior class that helped the Vandals get the two seed in the 2018 Big Sky tournament. **Hot Hand**

Idaho is coming off its first win in the month of September, looking to ride the momentum for as long as it can.

With senior forward Juliana deTar scoring the game-winning goal against North Dakota, her first goal of the year, Clevenger said that now is the time for this team to act, when the iron is hot and players have found their rhythm.

Junior Taylor Brust seems to have made a seamless transition to the center defensive back, filling in on where graduate student defender Kayleigh Frederick usually plays for the time being.

The defense seems to finally have some chemis-

try in the back, continuing to grow and maximizing their potential.

Freshman defender Emmy Moore said the team is looking to continue to move the ball after winning a defensive possession into an offensive attack by working the ball through the defensive midfielder, the player just above the backdefensive line.

Moore also said they will

be looking for their "wingers", the players on the outer edges of the midfield, expected to bring the ball up the sides and help create opportunities not only for themselves, but for the forwards as well on the attack.

Time to act

With the loss of senior forward Myah Merino and Frederick from the lineup, the Vandal defense has had time to adjust and now is their first real test, against two teams that were the best in the Big Sky in 2018.

With now just one member of the 2018 defense remaining, being sophomore Katheryn Blickenstaff at the right defensive back, this is now officially a new era.

With three freshmen now in the starting lineup and Brust melding with a new position, the Grizzlies and Bears will provide a much-needed bar on where this team is.

'We told them, 'you're not a young player anymore, you have these games under your belt now against high quality teams and the expectations are for them to continue to get better,"

Clevenger said. **Grizzlies and Bears** Montana and Northern

Colorado have followed a similar path to Idaho in the non-conference play.

The Grizzlies finished 1-7-5, playing seven of their nine games on the road and the lone win coming at home.

Northern Colorado is 2-8-1, playing just three out of the 11 matches at

home, picking up one win in Greeley and the other at Grand Canyon University.

For all three schools, this is the time to get an early momentum builder on the competition.

Idaho will be

looking for its first win at home against Montana since 2015. Idaho has lost its last three meetings to UNC, all of which have been on the road or at a neutral site.

The Vandals last beat the Bears in 2016 with a 2-0 result, this meeting having a little extra added on, since the Bears ended Idaho's season in the 2018 conference tournament.

"I think anytime the team that beats you last in the conference is always going to have a little of a bad taste in your mouth and we definitely want to avenge that," Clevenger said. "I expect our players to be up for it."

Idaho hosts Montana 7 p.m. Friday and Northern Colorado 1 p.m. Sunday in the Kibbie Dome.

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@FCS STATS:

Congratulations to the Week 4 STATS FCS National Players of the Week: Brown QB E.J. Perry, Idaho LB Charles Akanno, Maine WR/KR Earnest Edwards and Gardner-Webb WR/KR Devron Harper.

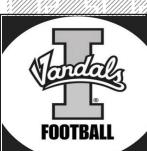
- Akanno made a statement on Saturday gathering National FCS honors and receiving defensive player of the week honors in the Big Sky conference.



@CSanfordVandal:

Good Morning Vandals! Today is the day we start Official Practice for 2019-20! I can't wait to see what this group can accomplish this year. This journey is going to be FUN!

-Idaho basketball kicked off this week, with both squads looking forward to successful seasons.



@VandalFootball:

Sending our best to Kaden Elliss, who suffered a season-ending knee injury. Your Vandal Family is behind you and your recovery process. We know you'll be back to an elite level soon. #ProVandals

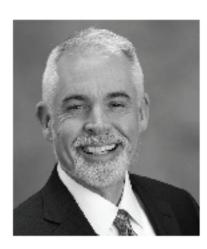
-The former Vandal standout experienced a setback to the start of his NFL career, but will forever have support from the Vandal faithful.



FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

October 4 = 5:30 p.m. = Pitman Center, Vandal Ballroom

Tom Tomich founding director of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute and inaugural holder of the WK Kellogg Endowed Chair in Sustainable Food Systems at the University of California, Davis, where he teaches in the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program. He also directs the UC statewide Sustainable Agriculture Research



and Education Program. His research spans agriculture and farming systems, economic development, food policy and natural resource management.

Tomich has worked in a dozen countries in Asia, Africa, and the Americas, including significant periods in Egypt, Indonesia and Kenya. He worked for the World Agroforestry Centre and spent 10 years as a policy advisor and institute associate with the Harvard Institute for International Development.

He received his bachelors in economics from UC Davis in 1979 and his Ph.D. in agricultural and food system economics from Stanford in 1984.





EDITORIAL

DO WE WANT DENISE BENNETT TO BE OUR LEGACY?

Bennett has popped back up on our feeds, and while we cover the news, her chapter at UI has closed

Denise Bennett — by now you've surely heard both the name and the story.

Bennett, a former University of Idaho professor, was placed on administrative leave back in January. She was subsequently "barred from campus" and eventually fired from UI.

Bennett has been a hot topic for the past nine months, both on UI's campus and nationwide. While many students have supported Bennett along the way, such as organizations like REINSTATE DENISE, it is time for this chapter to end.

Bennett was arrested Friday for felony burglary, felony-controlled substance possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession — specifically meth — in Lewiston, posting a \$5,000 bond Monday.

Bennett had originally been discovered to be in possession of meth November of last year.

Addiction is no joke, but the latest news shows Bennett unfit to work in an academic setting.

Whether or not you agreed with President Scott Green's decision to fire Bennett, she was fired. There is no going back.

Bennett is leaving a legacy on UI's campus — especially the Journalism and Mass Media department — and it is not one worth bragging about.

Do we as UI students, as JAMM students, want our college's legacy to be 'Denise Bennett'? The JAMM department and its students work hard and have achieved great things through their work, and it is time to focus on ourselves — to help ourselves.

Not to help those who cannot help themselves.

Bennett was a spectacular professor in her time and guided many students along their paths, this much should not be forgotten or dismissed. But her character as of late has not benefited the students — the same students who have studiously supported her dying cause.

While we are all for supporting a great cause, you have to bring a cause worth fighting for.

When Bennett left, she left a hole in JAMM's broadcasting department, putting extra work on her colleagues and the students. It wasn't fair for her JAMM colleagues to pick up extra work and it was not fair to students to only get half a professor.

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And while you may agree with Bennett being put on leave initially, she has not helped herself from the beginning.

Filming a live stream of her official letter stating her administrative leave, breaking strict rules of her probation and now breaking the law has done little to re-establish good rapport with the university.

The system may be broken, but Bennett didn't follow any of the rules. One can't preach "the man" firing her was affecting students, and then never even try in good faith to make it back to those same students.

She didn't fight for her students, the students fought for her.

"The Bennett issue" is closed.

While The Argonaut will continue to report on Bennett's story as it affects our student body, there is no longer a battle to fight. Next chapter.

— Editorial Board

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survey, 47% of UI students had oral sex within the past 30 days. However, only 3% of those students used a protective barrier. STIs can still be contracted with oral sex, so it's important to stay protected. Dental dams are a great way to effectively reduce the risk of contracting an STI while engaging in oral sex. But what is a dental dam? A dental dam is a rectangular, latex protective barrier that can be used to reduce the risk of spreading STIs between partners. If you do not have a dental dam, it is easy to make one! A male condom can be cut from opening to tip to form a rectangular barrier. It is important to remember to discard any protective harriers after each use

If you are sexually active, consider utilizing the SRC Well Space, Wallace basement, LLC Information desk restrooms, the Women's Center, and the Student Health Clinic for free condoms and other safer sex supplies to stop the spread of STIs. More information about contraception, STIs and pregnancy, gynecological information and various online sexual health resources can be found at www.uidaho.edu/ sexualhealth. Wrap it up and stay safe!

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COLUMN

A sesame-flavored comeback

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The Panda Express

Max Rothenberg
Column
ARGONAUT

It was a Tuesday night just like any other. I was steadily wrapping up my midnight deadline assignments and slurping Moscow tap water when out of the corner of my eye, I noticed an email notification appear.

Was it spam? A reminder to clear my Amazon cart or pay my parking ticket? Or maybe something greater?
With bated breath, I clicked on the notification and my

With bated breath, I clicked on the notification and n night did a 180.

The email was simple — a statement as bold and direct as as the tears that flowed down my face after I first tried "super greens," the company's ill-fated vegetable replacement.

"It's back."

I blinked twice. Then a few more times. The last time I heard a similar phrase was after Voldemort's

reappearance in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," and we know how that turned out. Or was it "Order of the Phoenix?"

Honey sesame chicken breast is back, and it's back today. Apparently due to an abundance of pleas and requests, this esteemed fan favorite is making a triumphant comeback to the menu.

Let's address a few things.

First and most importantly, I didn't plead — I'm pretty sure, at least. I would call it more of a beg, or whine as a worst case scenario.

Secondly, props to Panda Express for listening to our "pleas," if that's what we must call them. Actions such as these go a long way toward establishing goodwill with customers. To some, it's just another chicken dish. To me, it's a way of life.

Lastly, it's important to reestablish my own goodwill and atone for past sins.

Earlier this year, I compiled a comprehensive rankings list of Panda Express's various entrees. I'm ashamed to say I ranked honey sesame No. 5. The dish was beaten out by teriyaki chicken, orange chicken, sweetfire chicken and Shanghai angus steak. If I were to remake this list, things would be different.

Maybe I just had something in my eyes at the time and mixed up the numbers — we'll never know. But, the famous saying holds true.

You never know just how much you need something in your life until it's gone. For me, that something was honey sesame chicken.

I thought long and hard about this last night. What exactly is so special about this entree? Why am I so excited about this?

My findings were inconclusive, to say the least.

The dish contains peppers and onions, but not much else. The true magic lies deeper - far below a surface level the human eye can dissect. It simply tastes good.

I'm not typically one for apt comparisons, but as Vision says to the last surviving James Spader robot in "Avengers: Age of Ultron," "A thing isn't beautiful because it lasts."

Honey sesame chicken may not be back permanently, but it's up to each of us to make its limited time on this earth count.

I know I already have.

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COLUMN

More than just a stereoty



For those still on the fence, this Saturday's fall Vandal Overnight Games is worth the (admittedly free) price of admission

I enjoy sleeping in particularly on the weekends. Don't we all? But sometimes, exceptions are made. Sometimes, these exceptions take us back to the very campus we're trying to avoid. Sometimes, but even more rarely, these exceptions are worth it.

This coming Saturday, I'll be lazily rolling out of bed, packing up my rather large computer and heading over to the Bruce Pitman Center - and no, not to work at The Argonaut.

This will mark the fifth notch on my Vandal Overnight Games attendance record, and I wish there were even more. There are few opportunities present for Palouse gamers to gather and bask in all of the entertainment and delight games bring. When these events come around, there's no bigger mistake than letting them slip through the cracks.

And let's clarify something — the word "game" is truly all-encompassing here. No, it's not a mass, stereotypical gathering of certified "nerds" munching on Cheetos and drinking Mountain Dew well, maybe there's a small gathering off in the corner somewhere, but that's OK.

A game can refer to anything. Whether it's playing a board game with the Palouse Board Gamers, answering a

few rounds of trivia, making a Quidditch shot or participating in a 12-hour-long League of Legends bracket tournament, Vandal Overnight gaming comes in a variety of forms.

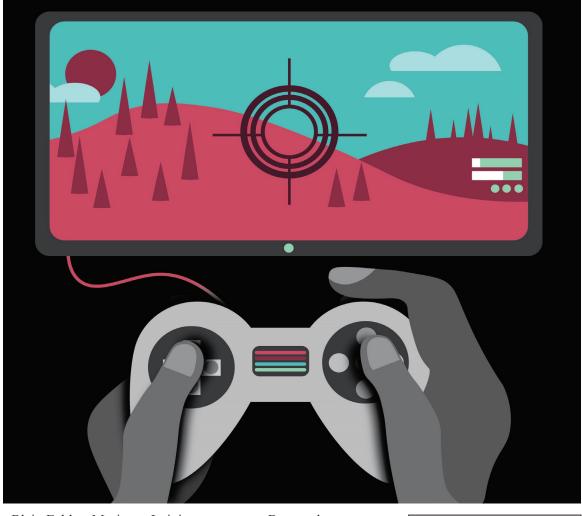
For me, it's typically the latter form. It's one thing to play an online video game with your friends from the safety of your college dungeon. It's another entirely to sit in person with your team, directly across from dozens of other players competing against you.

I can't think of a better way to meet new people while also playing my favorite games.

The noise level is loud, the atmosphere is competitive and I admit maybe the environment smells slightly off later in the day, but it's a truly surreal, adrenaline-filled experience. Even Washington State University sends teams over to compete. P.S. — stop sending over teams, they're better than ours.

If team-based video games aren't your cup of soda, there are plenty of alternatives as well, both competitive and non-competitive. Games like Super Smash Bros. can help scratch that competitive itch, while virtual reality booths and "micro tournaments" look to appeal to a larger audience.

We're even treated to "UI leadership" battling it out in Mario Kart. Scott Green vs.



Blain Eckles, Mario vs. Luigi, finally on the big screen. It's no longer a hypothetical this is now our unabashed reality, and who will come out on top? My money is on whoever picks Donkey Kong.

But what happens when your eyes finally become too tired to stare at a screen?

Maybe take a quick walk to the Murder Mystery room. Engage in a completely random lightsaber fight like the one I saw last year (I still don't know what was happening). Pick through the hundreds of available tabletop games you've never heard of before. If you're really comfortable in your own skin, sing your heart out with karaoke.

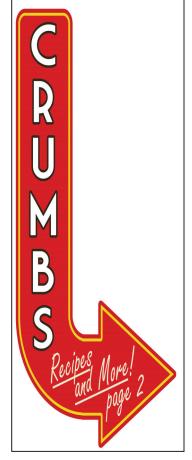
Last year there was even a bus-themed escape room located right outside. I failed to get out. But you know what? I still had a decent time.

I urge everyone to at least check the event out. Even if it's just for a few minutes, lose a game of chess, throw a few Quidditch shots with the Moscow Manticores or yell out a few trivia answers incorrectly. They might give you a pity prize.

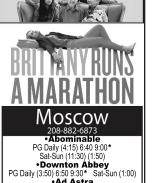
Whether you're with friends or by yourself, there's plenty of ways to engage with others and find something appealing. And maybe, just maybe, you'll win a scholarship while you're at it.

After hesitantly going for the first time three years ago, I can't imagine missing another one. Call me nerdy if you must.

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Depression signs, resources and support from UI

Generation Z and Millennials find it common to be labeled as a more sensitive generation. Although it may seem insulting — like other titles these generations have been associated with —, sensitive may not be the worst label.

The ever-growing support for mental health has become more apparent as years go by. Thanks to uncomfortable conversations and education about depression and suicide, generations have become more tolerant to sensitive subjects.

Everyone is familiar with the inevitable amount of stress a college student will face. University of Idaho does a great job educating the Moscow population about the characteristics of depression and further warning signs.

Signs of depression include feeling sad, helpless, guilty or irritable. Other signs can include lack of interest, loss of energy, trouble concentrating and changes in sleep and appetite.

UI also gives resources for suicide prevention

within the Suicide Prevention Resource Center. Signs one may be thinking about suicide include hinting about death, feeling hopeless or having no purpose, talking about feeling trapped, increased use of alcohol or drugs, mood swings, withdrawal or isolation and changes in sleep and appetite, according to SAVE.org.

It takes practice and true growth to know when to reach out when you need help.

UI has a great Counseling and Testing center that offers free counseling to students.

This may be the only time in your life where you will ever get free counseling, so try to take advantage of the services UI provides.

The CTC is also available to those who are not experiencing depression but are having a

stressful and hard time. It is an inclusive, safe space providing treatment to all. The center offers individual counseling, group counseling, couples counseling and emergency services available to check out.

UI offers plenty of resources for emotional distress, but there are also plenty who know exactly what you are going through. In part due to more tolerance in later generations, conversations are turning for the better.

Know that times like these don't last forever and things will get better. Self-care is very important, so remember take care of yourself and keep in mind there are resources if you need to reach out for help.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, text HOME to 741741 or the UI Counseling and Testing Center Emergency Crisis Intervention at 208-885-6716.

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