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## 'HAVING OUR NAMES VALIDATED'

*UI's Vandal Card Office and others begin to roll out changes allowing students to self-identify their names*

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University of Idaho students can expect upcoming changes this year to programs such as Blackboard Learn and Vandal Web.

The changes include a more accessible, mobile-friendly site where students are able to self-identify their preferred names, said Lindsay Brown, registrar of the Office of the Registrar.

Athene Peterson, a second-year UI student who identifies as a woman using "she" and "her" pronouns who began transitioning early this year, said

she recognizes the impact using one's preferred name has for those in the transgender community.

Peterson is a member of the community, but she took her name-change process into her own hands by getting her name legally changed.

"The process to change your name in Idaho is an absolute pain," Peterson said.

Peterson began the name change process late last year/early this year, but wasn't able to have the court case until March.

The process itself is extensive and requires significant time and financial commitments, she said.

"People say, 'Oh, it was like \$300, or whatever around that, you know' — but it's \$300," said Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA office. "And you have to know how to navigate a system, and sometimes people aren't ready to change their name. And it's not a requirement to do that."

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It means so much to us to be validated...It's just a great step forward, and hopefully with this we're going to see more steps forward to be able to help us just be who we are.”

ATHENE PETERSON  
IDAHO STUDENT

A name change can be dangerous as well, as students may end up outing themselves, Keleher said.

Interactions on programs like Bblearn

can cause difficulties since students' dead names — the name they used before transitioning — are still used. The students may not feel comfortable with those names and/or those names do not represent them anymore — especially if they already began their transition, she said.

While these changes can be good for anyone who has a preferred name, like "Elizabeth" wanting to go by "Liz," Brown said she recognizes the impact this will have on students who are in the process of transitioning.

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## “We’re Vandals, just like you”

*Julia Keleher is known on UI's campus for creating a community for LGBTQA students*

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Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA Office, plays a large role within the LGBTQA community. But Keleher is more than just a director, from adviser to parent to wife and now student — again — Keleher does a lot in her day-to-day.

Keleher self-identifies as a lesbian and came out in 2003, but feels this has been her identity for as long as she has understood herself.

Keleher has been a part of university inclusion programs for years. During both her graduate degrees at Minnesota State University, Mankato, she participated and later worked at Mankato's LGBTQA Center.

As many graduate students had graduate assistantships at Mankato, Keleher was able to work with their LGBTQA center where she learned how to manage and run a center. When she graduated from Mankato with her second master's degree, she did a national search for work within an LGBTQA center and was offered a job at UI in 2012.

At the time, UI's LGBTQA office was a part of the Women's Center. In 2013, the two offices split due to leadership changes in order to offer more visibility and support for the programs, so Keleher became the new LGBTQA office director.

"Doing this work is providing a vocal advocate and supporter for the students right away like instantly, I am that person," Keleher said.

Advocacy work has been important to Keleher because she's a member of a community where she did not always feel supported, and she wants to help students find that support. Keleher remembers a time



Julia Keleher poses outside of the LGBTQA student lounge, which she and her wife created.

Alex Brizee | Argonaut

when an instructor found out she was a lesbian and whispered it to her "like it was a private secret thing."

"I don't want my students to feel that way," Keleher said. "Like we have to hide ourselves."

To make sure LGBTQA students don't feel themselves drifting, Keleher has done many things outside of her normal job description.

The LGBTQA Student Lounge was a big part of it.

One day Keleher found herself sitting in her office — which is now the LGBTQA Student Lounge — and noticed students would stay and spend time in her office.

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Julia Keleher talks to a student in the LGBTQA student lounge Tuesday.

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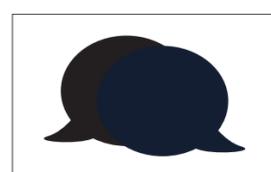
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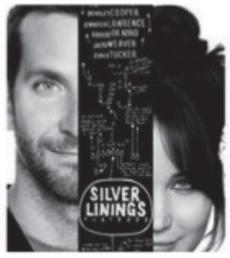
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September 24 & 26  
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Students  
October 28 & 29  
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UI Recwell

# A Crumbs recipe

## Chocolate and raspberry brownies



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### Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tps baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup freeze dried raspberries
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 16 brownies

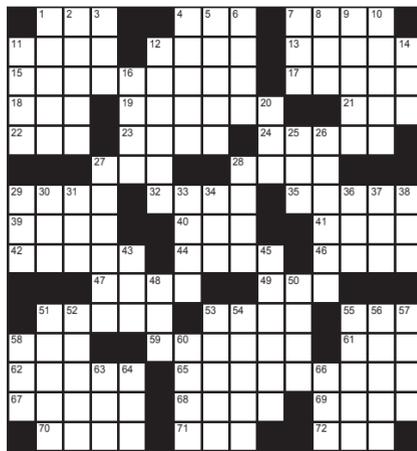
### Directions

1. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Melt the butter until liquid.
3. Add in eggs and whisk with butter.
4. Add both white and brown sugar to mixture and whisk together.
5. Slowly add in flour and mix until smooth.
6. Mix in baking powder, vanilla and salt.
7. Stir in about 1/4 cup chocolate chips, save remaining 1/4 cup for topping.
8. Coat baking pan in tin foil.
9. Pour batter in, topping with remaining chocolate chips.
10. Top with freeze dried raspberries, submerging them into batter.
11. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

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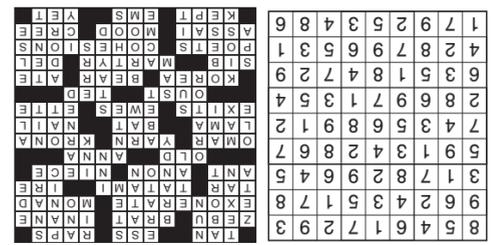
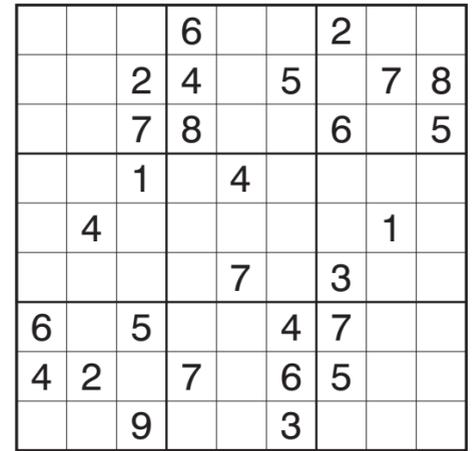
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# Events this week

From campus to community happenings, here is what to know this week

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**Light Up the Night: Campus Lighting Audit with Dean of Students, Dr. Blaine Eckles**

**Thursday**  
**Time: 7-9 p.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 3**  
**Place: Idaho Student Union Building Atrium, first floor**  
**Price: Free**  
The Dean of Students, Blaine Eckles, will lead an annual walk around the University of Idaho campus Thursday night. On the way, Eckles will discuss lighting, safety concerns and how to help students feel safer on campus. This is the last featured event in Katy Benoit Campus Safety Awareness Month.

**Global Food Security and Sustainability Friday**  
**Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 4**  
**Place: Vandal Ballroom, Bruce M. Pitman Center**  
**Price: Free**

Professor Tom Tomich will present as part of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Speaker Series Friday. He will discuss how looking at food systems can identify opportunities for food and agriculture changes. The CALS Speaker Series is an ongoing event. Information on future events can be found on the CALS website or Facebook page.

**Lauren McCluskey Race for Campus Safety Saturday**  
**Time: 9 a.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 5**  
**Place: Whitman County Humane Society in Pullman**  
**Price: \$40 for adults, \$30 discount for students, \$15 for Kids Race**

In honor of Lauren McCluskey, a University of Utah track athlete from Pullman who was murdered last year, the Lauren McCluskey Foundation is hosting a 5K race. All proceeds will go to the Foundation, which supports campus safety, amateur athletics and animal welfare.. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information, visit the Lauren McCluskey Foundation website or the Lauren McCluskey Race for Campus Safety Facebook page.

**Fall Arboretum Walk Sunday**  
**Time: 2-4 p.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 6**  
**Place: University of Idaho Arboretum**  
**Price: Free**

The Jane Austen Society of Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho will host a tour of the 63-acre UI Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The society will provide a list of trees and shrubs included in Jane Austen's works and discuss how the plants would have been used in gardens in Austen's time. The group will meet at the south end of the Arboretum at the shelter with the map near West Palouse River Drive.

**Borah Symposium: Plenary Address on Climate and Conflict Monday**  
**Time: 4 p.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 7**  
**Place: International Ballroom, Bruce M. Pitman Center**  
**Price: Free**

The annual Borah Symposium will begin this year with a plenary address by Senior Strategist at the Center for Climate and Security Sherri Goodman. The Borah Symposium has focused on causes of war and the conditions for peace for over 70 years. The symposium will continue with events on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Moscow Charter School Groundbreaking Event Tuesday**  
**Time: 5:30-6 p.m.**  
**Date: Oct. 8**  
**Place: Moscow Charter School**  
**Price: Free**

The Moscow Charter School welcomes the public to attend the groundbreaking celebration as the school begins its newest expansion. Attendees will be able to park at the Aquatic Center. For more information, visit the Moscow Charter School Facebook page.

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ADMINISTRATION

## Bennett's possession charges dropped

Former UI professor's preliminary hearing postponed

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A methamphetamine possession charge against Denise Bennett, recently fired UI Journalism and Mass Media (JAMM) professor, was dropped Wednesday.

The preliminary hearing, which was originally scheduled for Oct. 2, was cancelled and rescheduled for Oct. 30. Bennett still faces a felony charge for burglary and a misdemeanor charge for possession of drug paraphernalia. She has yet to make a plea on the burglary charge, but she pleaded not guilty to the drug paraphernalia possession charge, as originally reported the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

Last week, Bennett appealed UI President C. Scott Green's decision to fire her in a Sept. 25 letter she sent to the Faculty Appeals Hearing Board (FAHB). In her letter, she claims the

university violated its guidelines about dismissal and discipline of faculty as outlined in the UI Faculty and Staff Handbook (FSH).

In her letter, she also claims in her appeal her immediate supervisor, Director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media Robin Johnson, failed to comply with FSH policy when he referred complaints against her to the CLASS Dean's office before consulting her.

There is no solidified timeline for action on Bennett's appeal — the FAHB will review her appeal letter and submit a recommendation to Green, who will ultimately make the final decision regarding her employment.



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MOSCOW LIFE

## You'll get your Taco Bell fix soon

New restaurant location expected to open Friday

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The Taco Bell-KFC combo restaurant is soon to be a thing of the past. Since Sept. 23, the combo restaurant has been closed to the public for renovations as a result of the restaurants separating.

A subject of frustration from the restaurant has been the long wait time in the drive-thru and many are hoping that this change will fix that.

The new Taco Bell location will be in the Eastside Marketplace parking lot near where the combo restaurant was located. It will specifically be where the old Pizza Hut location was before it

moved near Identity apartments. KFC is renovating the space where the combo restaurant previously lived. It is unclear when the renovations will be finished for KFC.

According to the construction company working on the new Taco Bell, the store will open on Friday if everything goes smoothly with the rest of the renovations.

Those who have been waiting for their taco fix will likely be in luck by the end of the week.

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**CRUMBS**

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**KELEHER**

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While Keleher enjoyed the community of the students, it wasn't practical for students to always be in her office when she had to get work done.

"I wasn't going to get a space for students like a center anytime soon," Keleher said. "It's just the fact of the matter. It's not a positive or negative statement. Yeah, I understand that things move slowly. I am a minimally funded office, I get it."

So Keleher took things into her own hands, and one day during the summer she and her wife took everything from her old office and move it into an office space in the

Diversity Center — which was primarily used for storage and a workspace. Keleher and her wife took care of all the expenses and labor, but Keleher said she didn't mind doing it.

Keleher's wife has been the number one supporter of her office. When they renovated the lounge, Keleher and her wife got signs that said 'Queer' and 'Trans' and painted, sealed them and hung them up on their own time.

"We're all adults, but there are LGBT gay people who are a little bit older who are in their (the students') lives, maybe post college lives," Keleher said. "And we care."

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A sign hand-painted by Julia Keleher's wife hangs in the LGBTQA lounge.

**RESEARCH**

**Community involvement in research**

*Idaho Water Resources Research Institute to host a citizen science campaign examining water quality*

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Science-curious citizens of the Spokane River area will have the opportunity to participate in an experiment this spring.

The Idaho Water Resources Research Institute, a research center associated with University of Idaho, plans to host a citizen science campaign examining water quality along the river. IWRRRI Water Resources, Education and Outreach Program Manager Alycia Bean will oversee the campaign.

UI Area Water Educator Jim Ekins explained the history of heavy metal pollution in the river because of its proximity to the Silver Valley Mines. Ekins and IWRRRI Director Alan Kolok said the goal of the citizen science campaign is to evaluate levels of heavy metals and nutrients in the water to better understand where problem areas are located.

CitizenScience.gov defines citizen science as voluntary public participation in the scientific process. Citizen science campaigns occur when scientists encourage the general public to assist in their research by formulating questions, gathering data, conducting experiments and more.

"There are people that don't believe what science is telling them. We're living in a trust vacuum," Kolok said.



Courtesy | Idaho Water Resources Research Institute

Volunteer from a previous citizen science campaign holds a crayfish.

"I think you're much more likely to believe something if you are one of the components of generating that data because you're not going to say, 'I don't believe that I did it correctly.' We believe that that's a very important way that we can generate trust within the community."

Kolok said since citizen science campaigns are best suited toward finding basic data over a large geographic range, this style of research fit the IWRRRI research goal best. Kolok said he hopes future citizen campaigns will examine the

entire Columbia River Basin.

Kolok said the Spokane River campaign will serve as a learning opportunity for the citizens who participate and will provide answers to questions about water quality to the community at large.

"You can define it (the community) in a number of different ways," Kolok said. "Certainly the (government) agency people may have an interest in seeing the overall broad scale of what's going on. High school students may be interested in that from the perspective of a learning

tool... Homeowners that live on Lake Coeur d'Alene or live on the river, they have a vested interest in it. It really depends on who you are and what subset of the community you are. That influences the level of interest that you're going to have in it."

Ekins supports the campaign through his role as IDAH2O coordinator. IDAH2O Master Water Stewards provides a program that organizes opportunities for volunteer citizen scientists to collect water quality data for Idaho streams.

Ekins said he will encourage IDAH2O Master Water Stewards to participate in the IWRRRI Spokane River campaign.

Kolok said anyone high school age and up is welcome to participate in the citizen science campaign.

Kolok said IWRRRI is running other citizen science campaigns and internal research at this time as well. He mentioned a campaign in south Idaho examining nutrients in groundwater, research into how crayfish accumulate metals and tracking bacterial contamination. To keep up on IWRRRI research and citizen science campaign opportunities, visit their website.

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**2019 BORAH SYMPOSIUM**

**CLIMATE AND CONFLICT**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 7**

4:00 p.m. | Plenary Address on Climate and Conflict  
International Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center  
Speaker: **Sherri Goodman**, Senior Strategist at the Center for Climate and Security

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 8**

12:30 p.m. | Considerations on the U.S. Navy and Climate in the Arctic  
Vandal Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center  
Speaker: **Captain Shaun C. McAndrew** of the UI-WSU Navy ROTC Detachment

7:00 p.m. | Food, Climate and Conflict  
International Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center  
Speaker: **Ertharin Cousin**, former Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9**

7:00 p.m. | Keynote Address  
International Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center  
Speaker: **Samantha Power**, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

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**NAMES**

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Since Brown joined UI's staff, she has been in contact with Keleher, Dr. Kristin Haltinner, an associate professor of sociology, and Yolanda Bisbee, chief diversity officer and executive director of tribal relations.

They and others have been working on the program for quite some time and Brown said they want to make sure it is as inclusive as possible.

"If I was in a room of people, and everyone's like, 'Oh, what's the point, this is unneeded. No one would use it.' But people are supportive," Keleher said. "It's just a matter of things outside of my control that I can't speed up. In a perfect world, I would have had this done years ago."

A change like this takes so long because it is a big undertaking, Keleher said.

From the Registrar to IT, many offices and groups need to be involved in this process.

This leaves the Registrar's office to

figure out how many offices use students' names, in order to ensure no problems arise.

"There are some places where we are legally required to use a student's legal name," Brown said. "However, we're investigating to find out what we can do to the students and where we are allowed to do a preferred name instead."

Peterson recognizes the huge steps forward with Vandal cards. Within a close-knit group of transgender students Peterson has worked with, she said she was able to see the smiles on these students' faces when they received new Vandal cards displaying their preferred names.

"It means so much to us to be validated," Peterson said.

"It's just a great step forward, and hopefully with this we're going to see more steps forward to be able to help us just be who we are."

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## Transforming downtown Moscow

Modest Music Festival Brought 40-plus artists to downtown Moscow this past weekend

Businesses that hosted musicians for ModFest from the left: Book People of Moscow, Humble Burger, Bitterroot Tattoo, One World Caffe, The Storm Cellar, The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre and Mikey's Gyros

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### MOSCOW LIFE

Downtown Moscow transformed this weekend. Main Street's local businesses opened their doors to 40-plus artists this weekend for Modest Music Festival, allowing shops like Humble Burger, Bitterroot Tattoo, BookPeople of Moscow and more to transform into concert venues in just a few short hours.

Nate Wolff, Humble Burger owner and creator of ModFest, was a large part of this transformation.

Wolff said he had always wanted to create a music venue hybrid and it came true when he opened Humble Burger's storefront with his wife, Hannah Wolff, and their friend Chris Aberle in 2015.

But Wolff still wanted more. In 2017 he decided to try his hand at a music festival, creating ModFest.

"I just really have always enjoyed watching live music — at this point, it's something that's a part of me — and it's something that I would like to try and share with as many people as possible," Wolff said. "Just because I think some of the more transformative experiences I've ever had have been watching somebody perform music."

As the music was a transformative experience for Wolff, he said he wants the spaces to transform as well, with a quick setup and using what each space had to offer

was important to Wolff.

Though not originally from the area, he has called Moscow his home for over a decade and wanted to make sure he kept Moscow in mind when creating ModFest.

Moscow is a home base for many of the artists — Bart Budwig, production manager for ModFest, is one of those artists.

Many of the businesses he's frequented have hosted artists and Budwig has a personal relationship with many of them.

"There are local owners who let us take over their space for the community to represent different styles of music and different styles of businesses downtown," Budwig said. "It means a lot having those interactions between local businesses."

Wolff has known Budwig since he was 18 years old but they didn't become close until recently.

Tristen Suquet, a Mikey's Greek Gyros employee who worked ModFest, said the festival brings the community together and provides an opportunity for those in the community to meet people they otherwise might not have.

One of Book People of Moscow owners and manager, Carol Price, said Modfest is an opportunity to showcase different types of artistic talent.

"It's just a good way to show support for creative

endeavors in this community," Price said. "That's one of the things that makes Moscow such an awesome place is all the creativity, it's a great place to be a writer or musician."

While Price and other business owners were not involved in the selection process of the artists, Price said she supports the opportunity to showcase the talent.

"I wish I could talk about the bands, but I know nothing about them," Price said. "I don't know if it would be music I would enjoy, but it doesn't matter because I feel the same about music as I do about literature, is that it takes all kinds of it and it's important to have a really diverse amount of music. The more types and the more variety the better and everyone deserves to find their audience and I'm excited to be a part of that."

Wolff said plans for ModFest include more visual art in the future.

The festival started to dabble in that area this year, with the readings at Book People and the handmade music stages backdrops.

Josie Spain, shop assistant at Bitterroot Tattoo, has helped coordinate ModFest at Bitterroot with the support of the owners because both experiences — a tattoo and a show — are art making and they want Bitterroot to be space for that community.

"We host shows kind of often," Spain said. "The only tricky thing is it's a tattoo shop, so you have to keep everything really sterile."

Spain said she makes sure to move equipment out of the way and just keeping things safe and clean. Each year Bitterroot has had a tradition of metal/punk shows, which means watching out for moshing and beer.

"I have a lot of enthusiasm for any creative activities in town," Price said. "Whether it be music, art, dance or anything like that. I try to do whatever I can to support those activities and those people."

A large part of how bands are chosen per location is just scheduling, Wolff said.

Because many of the artists help with sound or are in another band, Wolff said he has to find a way to make that all work.

It takes a lot of planning too, as he said he already began planning next year's ModFest — a month ago.

"I listened to all the bands that play. So, I like to try and figure out what's going to actually work with the space, and what's going to be most enjoyable for everybody," Wolff said. "Both for the artists who are going to play there, and then also for the folks that are going to watch them and listen to them."

Price said it is important to for creative events to bring in revenue to a town like Moscow.

"I know that people don't think there's a lot of economic activity associated with creative stuff, but it's actually a huge economic driver in our community and in lots of communities, lots of rural communities," Price said. "I don't consider us rural, we're a small college town

in a rural part of the country, and the economic activity generated by artists is really important for rural economic development."

But for Spain at Bitterroot Tattoo, it's not about the money. ModFest can bring in more attraction and people who haven't seen the space before, but they feel that it's a part of their job to offer a space within the community.

While each business sells different things at their shops during ModFest, none of them get paid for offering up their space and it is done fully on a volunteer basis.

Places like Mikey's only sold local beer during the festival to keeping revenue to local business.

Without the business, ModFest wouldn't be able to work the way it does. Wolff said he relies heavily on volunteer support, not only from the business but for the setup of the show. Wolff has volunteer crews that come in and help set up each space a few hours before the show.

Each venue had a sound tech and stage manager and if there is a major issue at a location, then it falls onto the stage manager.

"That's the thing I love is we have crews at all of the venues and there's just like this flurry of activity," Wolff said. "And then once things get going, it's amazing how few issues we actually have."

These businesses have their own schedule along with ModFest and Wolff does his best to respect each business schedule, while places like Mikey's are still in the middle of dinner, ModFest has volunteer crews who can come and do the setup work for the shows.

And when problems do arise, the community helps them figure things out.

This year Bitterroot ended up having a non-reschedulable tattoo appointment and Storm Cellar took over for them that day.

ModFest wouldn't be possible without the volunteers who put it on, Budwig said. The joint effort put on by businesses and community members are what strengthens the appeal for the festival, Budwig said.

"This festival really happens because everyone agreed to make it happen," Budwig said. "It's beautiful. Because it's not like a rich person or something that came in and wanted to make it happen. I'm really thankful for the bands, the volunteers and the businesses for putting this on for the community."

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## ART

# Alley chats: A John's Alley Tavern overview

An in-depth look at The Alley and the artists who make it up

Sam Bruce  
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John's Alley Tavern, commonly known as The Alley, is known for its ping-pong table and live music.

Dave Sturing, otherwise known as "Vertical Dave", said he was responsible for remodeling The Alley in 1998 after becoming a co-owner. The structural layout and many decorations seen in the establishment are still there from the original remodel. Sturing said the bar is named after John Yarno, who played football for the University of Idaho starting in 1973 and later went on to play six seasons for the Seattle Seahawks.

Marcus Johnson, a manager at The Alley, said it is known for being the local live music venue, and having bigger names come through like Aframan, Five Alarm Funk, Micky & the Motorcars and Jeff Crosby.

"We're also an open and welcoming environment — you know — for everyone except for bigots," Johnson said.

The Alley has long standing relationships with many bands, and usually when they go on tour The Alley is one of the first calls for scheduling a show. And The Alley is always on the lookout for local bands who might want to play there.

There is usually a \$5 cover charge on the weekends, but for some bands, customers are allowed to come in and see if they like the artist before paying, Johnson said.

Last Friday night Crosby, a local to Idaho having grown up in Donnelly, played at the Alley. His father's name is David Crosby, not to be confused with the musician from the Byrds or Crosby, Stills & Nash.

"Different guy, but very famous guy in the state of Idaho," said Jeff Crosby, referring to his father's construction career.

Crosby currently lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and has been there for the past two years. He originally moved there because he was looking for a music town and enjoys the collaborative nature of its residents.

"It's the only place I've ever played a gig, where



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multiple people come up to you after the gig and be like, 'Man I really liked your set, we should write a song together sometime,'" Crosby said.

His first bar show was playing with a local band called Frame of Mind from McCall on guitar in The Alley. Coming back is a sentimental experience for him. He's known Vertical Dave for over a decade and calls him "a really good friend and just awesome."

Crosby grew up listening to a lot of his mother's music in the car like Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles and Jackson Browne. His father on the other hand, introduced him to bands like the Scorpions and Judas Priest.

Within the music style his father liked he's always enjoyed the guitar.

While he liked the style of song writing from his mother's music taste, especially Jackson Browne, because

of the story telling aspect that his music is influenced by.

"It's weird how your parents' stuff even unwillingly just kind of becomes part of your identity, whether you like it or not," Crosby said.

Currently and as a teenager he listened to musicians like Sturgill Simpson, Son Volt, Wilco and Uncle Tupelo. He describes his band's music as a rock and roll band at heart, but Americana and folk country story telling.

Crosby hopes people are having a good time when he plays, and the music is resonating with them on some level.

"Thank you, and thanks for hanging in," Crosby said. "And hopefully you're in for the long haul, 'Cuz we're not going to be stopping anytime soon. If you guys keep coming out, we're going to keep doing it."

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## MOSCOW LIFE

## Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit on Display

Moscow Chamber of Commerce hosts historical display downtown

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Within any rural community, there is often a hidden desire to delve deeper into its impactful origins.

The City of Moscow aims to make this a reality for its citizens through "Crossroads: Change in Rural America," a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit on display at the Moscow Chamber of Commerce.

"The community of Moscow and its surrounding area, one of six locations to put on the exhibit, was selectively chosen as the first place in Idaho to host it," said Executive Director of the Latah County Historical Society Dulce Kirsting-Lark.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council and Latah County Historical Society, seeks to convey the continual change and development in rural areas throughout the United States. Such an effort allows residents of these areas to observe the evolution of a seemingly rural setting into the urban hub that it moves closer to each day.

However, this assertion cannot be made without the inclusiveness of the rural influence that still presides over formerly agricultural-dominated places. The notion that rural areas may be fading from the focus of society is anything but true, Kirsting-Lark said.

"There are many articles that imply a brain-drain in rural America and that young people are fleeing

from it," Kirsting-Lark said. "The reality is, there are a lot of people who are choosing to stay or specifically move to rural communities because of what they have to offer."

Because many of Moscow's young residents are University of Idaho students, it is important to revisit these aspects of the community in order for change to be observed. This is necessary for further societal advancement that is limitless for future generations.

Debbie Dalbec, a visitor of the exhibit, said it allowed her to gain a "new understanding of early life in the area" along with an appreciation for the many photographs on display.

Century-old photographs, archaic relics of early residents and written accounts of personal experiences effectively illustrate the reality of how contemporary life in rural communities can be further built upon. With this, an understanding and appreciation of Moscow's past must be gained in order to do so.

With an ever-growing population of rural America and public interest to revive the residency of these communities, the exhibit serves as one of the leading factors to educate people into supporting rural America's advancement. The exhibit demonstrates how such communities have served as America's backbone, in terms of economic stability as well as agricultural abundance. The change occurring is not meant to alter these aspects of rural communities, but rather enhance them so these benefits can be expanded upon for others.



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"It's hard to see change on a day-to-day level," Kirsting-Lark said. "But change is continuous, it's happening every day. And I think people can be fearful of change, but there are a lot of examples of how change has been positive for rural areas."

Crossroads will continue to spread its message throughout other rural communities in hopes that it will permeate the shared interests among residents. In doing so, society will be able to continue its advancement stemming from where it initially began.

Crossroads will be on display at the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Office until Oct. 4.

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## WELLNESS COLUMN

## Ways dogs are helpful to de-stress

Palouse Paws and the ASUI combine forces to give students a place to de-stress with familiar friends

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In the student lounge in the Idaho Student Union Building, the Associated Students University of Idaho enlisted the help of Palouse Paws to bring in some sweet dogs for a moment of relaxation from a busy schedule.

Jocelyn Stewart, a peer health educator for Vandal Health, said the biggest reason they put on this event is to "give students an opportunity to take a breather, destress, enjoy some dogs."

Unless they are service dogs, there aren't many floofs around campus and this event is always popular. People miss their dogs back home, and it's good to take a break from the homework. Two of the dogs from Palouse Paws were at the ASUI Student Lounge, and they had a lot to say.

Houdini, a mixed breed black pup who is 13.5-years-old and is mostly deaf. His handler, Molly Hallock, has had him since he was a newborn. Houdini loves bread, going on hikes and meeting people. He has a calm exterior, but that doesn't keep his tail from wagging when he receives pets.

Hallock said her and Houdini have been doing this for 10 years, so they are nothing short of professionals.

"I volunteer for this because it provides some



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comfort to individuals who need it," Hallock said. "These are comfort therapy dogs, and someone can get pleasure of petting them."

Even though Houdini has a full-time job, it doesn't mean he doesn't know how to play. Living up to his name, Houdini will break out of everywhere to go and explore. Hallock said he brings home anything he can find, like yard lights and loaves of bread.

"He's very proud of himself," Hallock said.

Houdini's coworker, Calvin — and they are different — a Newfoundland white and black pup, who is only 11.5 months old, has a much more excited presence. Calvin's handler, Danielle Delamater, has had him since he was 14 weeks old.

Delamater trains therapy dogs because she can't bear to give them away like she did when she trained service dogs, and this was her way to

give back to the community. This is her second dog and she said, "he is a rowdy boy." Calvin lives on a farm, and one of his favorite things to do is hang out with his horse and other dog friends.

Houdini and Calvin aren't the only working dogs on campus. Raquel Dimond has a service dog who is a well-traveled D.A.D., a Diabetic Alert Dog, from Indiana.

Dimond is a Type 1 Diabetic, and her dog can smell the change in her blood sugar if it gets too low. She has had him for about six years, and he helps her out by barking, or simply just staring at her if she is at risk. Even though his primary purpose is to keep Dimond safe and healthy, she said "He's my best friend."

The pair lives on a farm back home in Jerome, Idaho and her dog gets along with all the animals, especially the kittens. Even though being a service dog is a full-time job, Dimond said he's a good sleeper, and will slack off in class sometimes, but doesn't think he can be blamed for that.

"When I need him to pull through, he always does," Dimond says.

The dogs can be a great resource to use to take a breather and destress. The Vandal Health Center and the Well Space, located in the Student Recreation Center, are great resources for any mental, sexual or nutritional health for students at any time.

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# Sports



Linebacker Charles Akanno stands tall after the defensive play.

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## FOOTBALL

# Filling a talented void

Charles Akanno looks to continue to lead by example and strong work ethic

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Under the bright lights of the Kibbie Dome, the Idaho defense found itself in need of a goal line stop against a potent Eastern Washington offense.

In order to pull off the upset, redshirt junior linebacker Charles Akanno and the Idaho defense needed to come up with the biggest fourth-down stop of the game.

As the Eagles threatened to score on the Vandals one-yard line, Akanno and the rest of the defense denied the Eagle touchdown, bringing the Idaho offense back on the field and killing the Eagle momentum.

Akanno finished the Eastern Washington game with a memorable performance — nine tackles for loss and a forced Eagle fumble.

This shouldn't come to as a surprise to anyone who pays attention to Idaho football — Akanno has been a staple for this Idaho defense the past few seasons.

Despite facing the tall task of filling the shoes standout Idaho linebacker Kaden Elliss left behind, Akanno has made the transition look seamless.

"Charles (Akanno) is a leader by example. He leads by working hard in the weight room and always grinding," Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino said. "He's really tried to take over where Kaden Elliss left off and continue to make a lot of those plays he made."

Akanno said Kaden's influence will always have an impact on him and has helped shape the player he is today.

"I'm really happy that I played behind (Kaden) because he taught me a lot," Akanno said. "That guy is one of the most hardworking players I have ever been around... Trying to implement some of his game into my game has been helping me."

Idaho Defensive Line Coach Luther Elliss said the relationship between Akanno and Kaden Elliss was always strong.

"They were great teammates and really cared about each other," Luther said. "Kaden would always try to help everyone get better and (Akanno) is the same way today."

With little football experience coming into the Idaho program, the learning curve has been easy for the Vandal edge rusher.

"You know (Akanno) didn't play a ton of football growing up. He didn't play as much in high school or as many years as a lot of people do," Petrino said. "Each year he has gotten better on his technique and continues to grow and get better."

Petrino said Akanno's work ethic has made him the player he is today for this Idaho defense.

After Akanno's stellar performance against the Eagles, the junior linebacker picked up national recognition. Akanno received the National FCS Defensive Player of the

Week and the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week awards, further solidifying why opposing offenses should keep the defensive playmaker on their radar.

If there is a stat that goes unnoticed it might be Akanno's ability to break up passes at the line of scrimmage. Akanno currently ranks eighth in pass deflections amongst all defenders in the Big Sky Conference. Luther said Akanno's ability to block pass attempts is one of his greatest strengths.

"He's probably the best I've seen here in Idaho so far in deflections," Luther said.

But if there is any part of his game that doesn't get enough recognition, Luther said it's the mind Akanno brings on the football field.

"He understands the game and understands what he needs to do to play well," Luther said. "I think he is just a great student of the game and I don't think people recognize that because he is so athletic."

Going into another tough matchup Saturday against No. 5 Weber State, Akanno will have to lead by example once again if the Vandals hope to pull off the upset.

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## FOOTBALL

# Erasing the bad memories

Idaho looks to forget about last week with a win over the fifth best team in the nation

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After a deflating loss to open Big Sky play, Idaho hopes to use some of that Kibbie Dome magic once again Saturday.

Idaho football returns home to take on the No. 5 Weber State Wildcats, where the Vandals will test to see if they can matchup against the Big Sky's elite.

Despite the bad loss, Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino said the team needs to quickly move on if they want to bring down the Wildcats Saturday.

"You have to just move forward," Petrino said. "I just didn't do a good enough job in having our guys ready to play."

Now returning back to Moscow, the Vandals hope to bring the passion back inside the Kibbie Dome.

**Magical turf:** For some unexplainable reason, the Vandals are clearly a better team when they play in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals have only dropped one game in the Kibbie since the start of the 2018 season and hope to find that home dominance again this weekend.

**Running through a wall:** Idaho finds itself fighting against the best defense in the Big Sky, with the Wildcats only allowing 16 points per game.

"(Weber State) wants to win with defense and special teams," Petrino said. "We have to make sure that we stay on the field offensively and take care of the ball."

Fortunately for the Vandals, if there is one weakness Idaho can

try to exploit against the Wildcats it might be the running game.

With freshman running back Nick Romano breaking out against Northern Colorado and redshirt freshman Aundre Carter and junior Roshaun Johnson having stellar performances at various points this season, the Vandals can pick and

choose their poison to throw at the Wildcats.

**Regaining composure:**

After a historic win followed by a blindsiding loss, Idaho might feel like many fans right now — confused.

Throughout this season Idaho has played to the same level as its competition, if you count out the Penn State beat down.

That could prove to be a good thing on Saturday because if the Vandals want to prove once again they are a serious contender this season, they simply will have to beat the best.

"This is a huge game against one of the best teams in the country and we have them at home," Petrino said. "If you're not excited about this game then you really shouldn't be playing college football."

Sticking with the winning formula Idaho has had success with will be key.

If the Vandals can recollect and get back to the basics, Idaho has a chance at surprising people once again.

**When/where:** Idaho plays Weber State 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

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Paul Petrino

## ADMINISTRATION

# Q & A WITH UI'S NEWEST ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Terry Gawlik addresses changes to athletic department, student engagement, being Idaho's first female athletic director and more

Meredith Spellbring  
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**Meredith Spellbring:** What are students going to notice from you in this athletic department in the next year, and even looking down to the next three to five years? What should students know about you in this department right now?

**Terry Gawlik:** The students should know that we want to welcome them to any events that we have over here and be a partner with them, and truly appreciate the support that they could offer to all our programs. Of course, attendance at sporting events is important, not just for us as a department, but to our student-athletes. I want to see a closer connection between the student-athletes that are participating and then the



Terry Gawlik

students that come to watch them participate, hopefully, friendships can develop more.

I think the band is another group that there's quite a few number of students in that group, we have a large band here for the size of institutions we have and connection with the, you know, fraternity and sorority houses.

We have such a small campus. Not only do I want to see our student-athletes supported, I want our student athletes to support the other opportunities that students have on campus, whether it be in the art department, or any events that are on campus. So, I just hope that we can start generating a tighter connection.

**MS:** What is it like coming to university as new athletic director with a new president, almost a new chapter for this

university. What is it like being a part of that new chapter?

**TG:** Very exciting, I feel very privileged to be a part of that.

**MS:** With some of your background in Title IX and women's issues, what from that specifically, are you bringing to this job?

**TG:** A lot of experience in Title IX in terms of the sexual assault, sexual violence, but also the Title IX athletic side of it, whether you're, you know, monitoring roster numbers or participation and just ensuring that the department is equitably treating women. But people don't realize is Title IX does not just apply to women, Title IX is any underrepresented population.

So, there's two parts in my mind — there's the athletic side and then there's the Title IX sexual assault, sexual violence side, so they both fall under the footprint of Title IX. So, I try to make sure that we're monitoring

those correctly.

And I will say that we had a training session here, I think it was one of the first Sundays I was working here for all our athletes, and all our department staff and campus put on the Title IX training for sexual assault, sexual violence, and it was very well done. I was very impressed with some of the presentations that they presented in the Green Dot program, something I'm familiar with. So just making sure that campus realizes we're great partners in that as well.

**MS:** There were discussions several years ago about adding three new athletic programs to the department to address the athletic budget issue. Where do those potential programs stand?

**TG:** We haven't had those discussions yet. What you have to realize is when you add any program, it's not just that you're trying to add the opportunity for student athletes. But what you

have to look at internally is do we have the structure? Do we have enough academic advisors? Do we have enough trainers? Do we have enough strength coaches? Do we have facilities? So, there's a lot that goes into any types of those decisions?

**MS:** Looking at the conference as a whole, now the Big Sky has most female athletic directors. What's it like to be a part of that?

**TG:** I think it's exciting.

And it just makes people realize that women can do these jobs too. But it's really more about it's not male or female is just having the energy, the desire, the background, the strategy to step into this role and make things better. And that's hopefully what I what I end up doing here.



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**SOCCER**

# Eagles and Vandals rivalry renewed in Cheney

*After a hard-fought opening conference weekend, Idaho soccer looks to ground the Eagles on the road*

**Zack Kellogg**  
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Despite winning on Big Sky opening weekend, Vandal soccer is looking to continue growing in Cheney.

Idaho opened conference play against Montana and Northern Colorado, two of the best teams in the Big Sky in 2018.

After letting up an early goal to Montana, which ended in a loss, and a last second comeback to get a tie against Northern Colorado, the team's current status sits well with the coaches.

"Looking back at the film, we played well," said Idaho Head Coach Jeremy Clevenger. "We moved the ball well, we controlled the possession. Unfortunately, the possession doesn't always win you the game."

With just a single game this weekend,

here are things to know as the Vandals look for their first conference win of season.

**Injuries:** While the Vandals are playing with a high level of intensity and seemingly starting to come together more as a team, they'll be going to Cheney a bit short handed.

Graduate student Kayleigh Frederick and senior forward Myah Merino are still injured. With no time table for their return, they will be joined by a few others.

Freshmen midfielder Hoku Schatz, defender Jenna Efraimson and senior defender Natalie Fischer are all currently listed with injuries.

Schatz (lower leg) could return before Sunday, but Efraimson (concussion) and Fischer (groin injury) will likely be out.

"We have some injuries and we have to get people back healthy," Clevenger said. "That's the main objective right now, just let the bodies heal...but that's part of the game."

With another round of inevitable roster

shakeups, key positions like left defensive back need to be filled, so expect a few new faces to take the field on Sunday.

**Chemistry:** With the lineup seeing more changes, on the field chemistry could be an area of concern.

Despite having 11 games under their belt, the Vandals will miss some heavy rotation players and will look further in the depth chart to fill holes.

While underclassmen are expected to see more playing time, junior forward Kaysie Bruce said things are clicking.

"It's just starting to come together," Bruce said. "Having a lot of freshmen can be a challenge, but they are definitely stepping up and showing out on the field."

Bruce said the team might not have the best record right now, but the work will pay off.

"Playing the two most physical teams in the conference for the first weekend

was definitely a challenge," Bruce said. "Usually we build into those games, but we have to come out strong in conference and yeah, we might not have had the best results, but those are just little tweaks we need to make... Being second in conference last year gave us high expectations for ourselves this year."

**Recent rivalry success:** The Vandals and Eagles have faced off every season over the last nine years. The total wins between the two teams is close, with Idaho leading the all-time series at 6-5-1. Idaho has won the past two seasons at home against the squad.

"We've beaten them both the years I've been here, so I don't think it will be hard for a third," Bruce said.

A rivalry win on the road could be a big turning point for the young, retooling team.

Idaho will play Eastern Washington 1 p.m. Sunday in Cheney.

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Jeremy Clevenger

**VOLLEYBALL**

# Idaho takes on Montana Big Sky teams

*Idaho looks to keep its winning streak alive as it travels into Big Sky country*

**Connor Swersey**  
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After working through its season opens last week with two wins, Idaho hopes to continue momentum this Thursday and Friday to play the Montana State (1-1) and the University of Montana (0-2).

**Opener Recap:** The Vandals (2-0) have improved since the start of the season. The preseason was brutal — 12 games in four weeks against very good teams.

Idaho defeated Portland State and Sacramento State. While they are undefeated to this point, the season is still very young, much like the team dynamic.

Idaho Head Coach Debbie Buchanan said the team is still working on building trust and communication skills.

During play against the Hornets, Idaho had to come back from many errors. While down 1-2, the team played a strong game in the fourth and fifth sets and took the win, but those errors almost cost them the game.

**Hopen at Libero:** Senior outside hitter

Delaney Hopen wore the libero jersey during their first two games and led the team's defense. In just two games, Hopen racked up 56 digs to keep Idaho in some long rallies.

Hopen does not just lead the team in defense, but she is an all-around leader on the court as a very vocal and supportive teammate.

**Montana State University:**

The Bobcats are currently 1-1 in conference and 5-6 for the season. Their Big Sky debut was against the Montana Grizzlies, who they beat in three sets. They then played Northern Colorado, who beat them in three sets.

The Bobcats have a relatively old team with only three freshman players. Junior setter Allie Lynch has racked up 413 assists this season and is the only setter the Bobcats have played.

Their offense is pin heavy — utilizing their middles seldomly for hitting, but their middles are not strangers to blocking at 6-foot-2-inches and 6-foot-4-inches.

**University of Montana:** The Grizzlies have been having a tough season so far,



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with only one win for the entire season and going 0-2 for conference play to this point. The Grizzlies have only won a total of four sets this entire season, losing 0-3 in 11 of their matches so far. The Vandals' fast paced offense, strong outside presence and ability to shut down the net should make quick work of the Grizzlies.

**Who to watch for:** The Vandals have quickly shown their fans who they need to pay attention to. Freshman middle blocker Kyra Palmbush is one of those players. Palmbush made her way to the top with her strong hits and net presence.

Sophomore outside hitter Kennedy Warren is leading the team's offense for conference play with 31 total points in two games and a .317 hitting percentage, the best on the team.

**Where/when:** Idaho will take on the Montana State Bobcats 6 p.m. Thursday at and the University of Montana Grizzlies 5 p.m. Friday on the road.

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## EDITORIAL

# Claiming one's identity

*UI shouldn't be the largest obstacle students face when changing their name*

A name is the first label people receive to begin their lives.

For their first 18 years, people can be stuck with a name — one that might not help represent who they believe they are as people.

Having the opportunity to change names can be an important stepping stone for people to embrace who they are and feel comfortable in their own skin.

The name change process at the University of Idaho has been more troublesome than it should be, for far too many years.

Any UI student may want the option to change names and embrace their true selves, and the university's current process shouldn't be such a hurdle to jump.

In order for a UI student to change their name, they first need to legally change it through the state.

It costs \$99.95 for an Idahoan to change their name. In Washington, a name change can cost anywhere up to \$250 — a heavy price to pay for many struggling college students.

The University of Idaho requires evidence of the legal name change, whether it is a certified court order, a passport or a driver's license from that person's state of residency.

This becomes a slow and agonizing process for someone just wanting to feel confident with a new name.

While the university is finally trying to ease the process, it may be too little too late.

This week, UI will begin testing out the ability

for students to change their names on Vandal Web and Idaho's Blackboard service. It is a step in the right direction, but should have been done many years ago.

Students won't even see the effects of these upcoming changes, as this will function as a test run to determine how the process plays out.

UI administration has promised to ease the process for many years, but when the discussion on the issue eventually fades, change never occurs.

In order for things to finally change, both students and administration can't forget about this issue — even if that means bombarding administrators through email, asking and reminding administration to change its policies.

Students need to continue to keep this issue on UI's radar — the only way to make the changes UI should have made long ago.

Having the opportunity to change names on Blackboard is a great first step. This allows instructors to recognize names students want to be called and help students feel more comfortable within their learning environment.

The college experience can be the most formative years of a young adult's life with many figuring out who they are as a person and who they strive to become.

Allowing name changes through university programs is the first step toward these students being able to embrace the person they've always been.

It's now on UI to show an increased initiative toward embracing its students and putting them first.

— Editorial Board



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Catts coverage undermines protest efforts



Madeleine Clow

Dear Writer(s),

I honestly don't want to be writing this e-mail. I'm never the type of person to complain about things, but this is ridiculous at this point.

Your job is to cover stories that matter on campus that will make a positive impact on our student body, and continuously your staff chooses stories to cover that are basically click bait.

For instance, "A Little Bit of Social Justice and Trolling" (Sept. 26), is what has pushed me to write this e-mail.

There were women chanting, holding signs and putting themselves at risk for hours, through the rain, that day when

the pro-lifers came. The women who were there were fighting for their own rights.

David Catts is a white cis-man who stole a sign, which actually undermines our mission for pro-choice.

It invalidates our fight because we are seen as criminals.

And to throw an entire half-page of, basically, this guy's face, when the event was a protest for women's rights, just baffles me.

There were women fighting, signs you could have highlighted, stories you could have shared.

Honestly, really bad reporting.

My high school paper was better than The Argonaut — that's just a fact.

I look forward to hearing back from your staff on how you plan to address this in the future.

I am not the only reader that is upset and discredits The Argonaut.

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## COLUMN

# Oh, so you're a psychology major ...



Emily Pearce

Column  
ARGONAUT

*Becoming a psych major has made me more annoying than ever*

My name is Emily and I'm a psychology and communications double major. Yes, I may be as ambiguous as the title suggests.

Meeting new people is hard for me. Especially in a college town, one of the first questions people ask is, "What's your major?"

From there, people already have a clear idea of who I am.

The conversation is pretty much

scripted. An interesting approach of "Oh... so a psych major," followed by, "So you can read my mind, right?"

What comes next is, "Well, are you psychoanalyzing me right now?"

The answer is no, but I am judging kinesics. Also, I don't bite.

I made many of my friends during freshman year when my degree was "undecided." It's interesting though, as I don't quite get why the degree gets such a bad rep.

It's hard not to wonder why there is so much backlash in the psychology community.

My first thought — maybe Sigmund Freud is to blame. Pioneering helpful, yet sexist information to the public could earn such a title. Could it have been a famously bad therapist who scared everyone into changing the view of psych educators forever? Maybe it's just me and my

intimidating, self-chosen area of study.

Whatever it may be, psych majors shouldn't be held accountable for such a bad rep.

First, we're studying the brain and human behavior. Unless the emphasis is clinical/helping professions, we aren't going to read minds. Psychoanalyzing is a fun hobby, but it's too tiring to keep up all the time.

Second, we're nice to have around, I promise. If there is need for an explanation of the brain or any sort of behavior, we are glad to explain. Most of the time we're patient and are willing to listen any time of day.

Also, we make good company and are great at comforting. Few decide to be a psych major unless they have a little bit of trauma.

Although I have a hard time seeing why psych majors are shown in a bad

light, I do understand why we have such a predisposed stigma.

If ever stuck in a conversation with a psych major, we will happily tear apart and analyze anything thrown our way. It isn't uncommon to feel picked apart. In any given situation, we always look at both aspects — the big picture and the two sides shown.

Needless to say, with or without the stigma, I am who I am and I love who I am. My mind is like a child, curious about what makes a situation and person the way they are, while inspecting anything that's shiny or that moves. My readiness to discuss any topic and notice "unnoticeable" things is a quirk in my eyes. It's always important to feel attentive to one's own.

Psychology is my niche — what's yours?

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JOBS

# What to do if you missed the Career Fair



Nicole Hindburg  
Column  
ARGONAUT

*A variety of career decision help offered on campus*

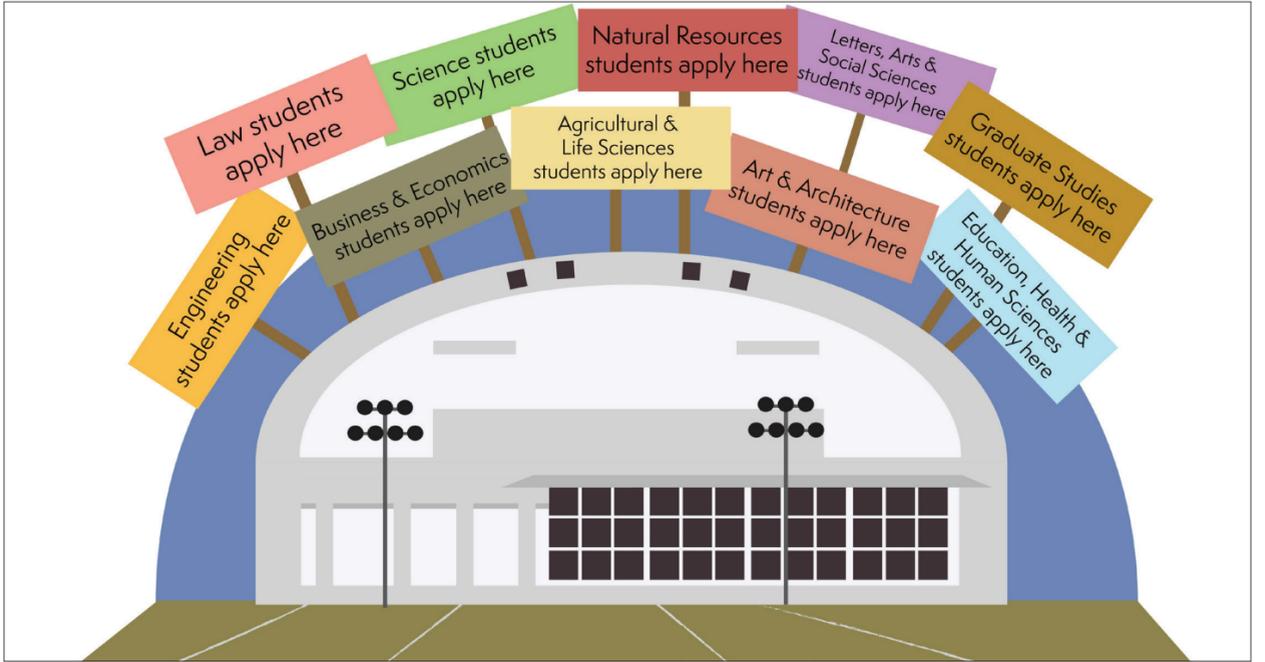
If you missed Wednesday's Career Fair, there are still plenty of opportunities on campus for job preparation help.

Career Services, who put on the fair, is always available on the third floor of the Idaho Student Union Building —formerly known as the Idaho Commons. Career Services offer a wide variety of resources for students who are feeling lost.

Many students feel more lost after the Career Fair because of the unequal number of employers from different fields at the event. At first glance, it's easy to see the majority of employers at the fair are from STEM related fields. Those who aren't wanting to pursue those fields may feel like there aren't as many opportunities for them out in the "real world."

Visiting Career Services is one great way for students to figure out what career opportunities are out there for them.

The best part is that all of its services are free. Especially as starving college students, anything free is a huge incentive. Career Services offers career assessments for those who may be feeling lost in their major, job and internship opportunities, resume and cover letter tips, interview tips and much more.



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Another great resource it offers are career advisors. These advisors are available to help students figure out possible majors or a career best fitting of their interests. This is great because they offer not only help in choosing a major that best fits you, but a career that best fits you as well.

College isn't for everyone, and sometimes it takes actual college experience to figure that out. Career advisors can help you figure out feasible careers that don't require a college degree

— careers you may enjoy.

It also offers informational interviews and job shadowing programs to learn about the field you may be considering.

If you want to spend a little bit more time contemplating and figuring out a major that best fits you, perhaps enroll in INTR 201. This is a class offered in both the fall and spring called Major/Career Exploration and Decision Making.

This is a one-credit class where students learn about various careers through career assessments, occupation and industry

research and information interviews.

If none of these resources seem helpful, visit Career Services anyway and the advisors can figure out a method for choosing a career tailored to your individual needs.

Career Services offers two career fairs each year. The second career fair of this year will be in the spring on Feb. 5 from 2-6 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

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