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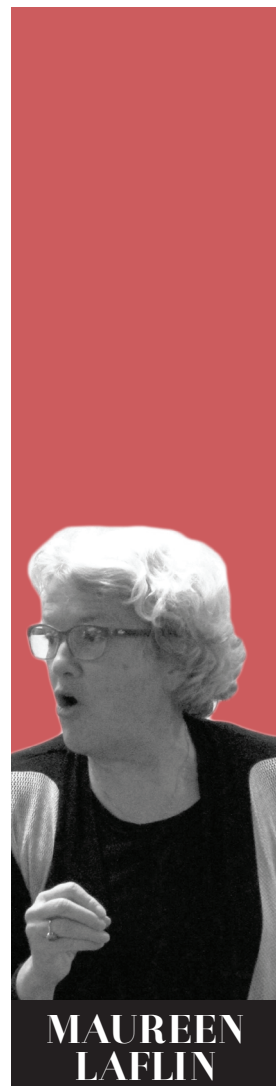
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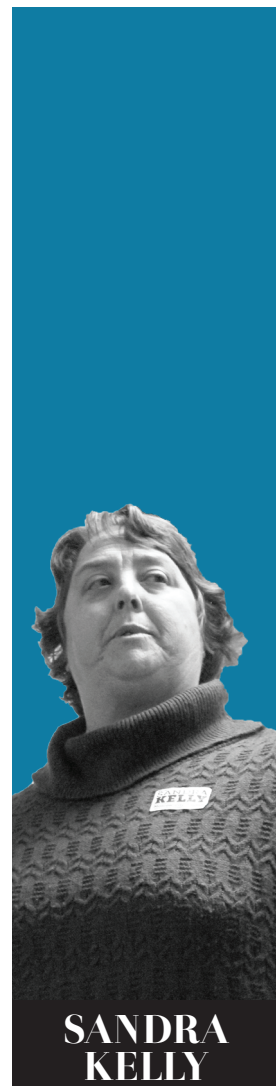
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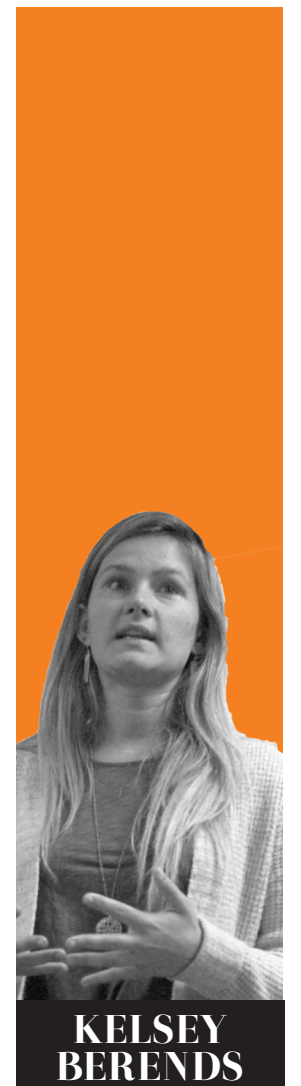
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CITY COUNCIL

LGBTQA rights are a focus in City Council election

Candidates' opinions differ over Moscow non-discrimination ordinance

Ellen Dennis
ARGONAUT

An ordinance prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQA people in employment and housing practices has been a controversial topic among candidates running for Moscow City Council.

The ordinance, enacted by the city council in 2013, added the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity/expression" as protected statuses in addition to the state's existing human rights act.

Moscow is one of the eleven Idaho cities with such an ordinance in place to protect LGBTQA people from workplace and housing discrimination.

There are three four-year-term seats up for grabs in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 election — there are six candidates running.

Three of those candidates expressed approval of upholding the non-discrimination ordinance in interviews and at a Tuesday night candidate forum: Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin and incumbent candidate Anne Zabala.

"I would never vote to repeal that," Kelly said in an interview. "I cannot imagine a time where I would — unless things were amazing and we never had

to worry about that — but I don't see that happening anywhere in the near future."

Laflin said she is in favor of upholding the motion because the Moscow Human Rights Commission has reported a decrease in discrimination issues since the creation of the ordinance.

"We need an enforcement mechanism that is real when you look at the protections for LGBTQ people," Laflin said in the forum.

Incumbent Zabala said she is disappointed that removing this ordinance is even a question in this election.

"I can't imagine why anyone would want to see people that are part of the LGBQA community discriminated against in that way," Zabala said in an interview.

Two candidates, Kelsey Berends and Brandon Mitchell, expressed opposition to the ordinance in interviews.

Berends said she gets concerned when there is a finite list of people on a non-discrimination ordinance, as she said some people in the community don't believe the lifestyle put forward by the LGBTQA community is right.

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ADMINISTRATION

Budget deficit projected to continue to increase

UI one-time budget cuts to become permanent, projected deficit of \$22 million for 2020

Meredith Spelbring
ARGONAUT

Initial budget cuts implemented to address the university's projected \$14 million shortfall will become permanent cuts as the university continues to address the deficit, now projected to increase to \$22 million by Fiscal Year 2022.

University of Idaho President C. Scott Green sent out a detailed memo

Wednesday morning explaining the current state of the university budget, including plans to balance the budgets and possible areas of reduction.

Green said the projected increased deficit stems from an expected decrease in tuition revenue by \$8 million over the next two years.

Included in the memo as possible budget reduction strategies are:

- Academic program eliminations
- Centralizing services across the university
- Contract non-renewals and layoffs

- Early retirement and voluntary separation incentives
- Not filling vacant positions
- Organizational restructuring
- Outsourcing/contracting some services
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"Correcting our current course will require strategic investment in some areas of the university to grow enrollment and continue to build brand equity," Green said in the memo. "We will invest in enrollment management and recruitment, communications

and marketing and advancement/development because we must. Increasing revenue is in large part dependent upon how well we market to and recruit new students and how well we maintain strong and meaningful relationships with our alumni, donors and friends."

The Argonaut will continue to follow this story as more information becomes available.

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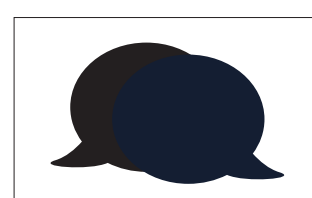
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A Crumbs recipe

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A good mummy-licious appetizer for any Halloween or Halloween-adjacent gathering.



Emily Fales | Argonaut

Ingredients

- 1 can of puff pastry dough
- 20 (or more) little smokies
- Mustard

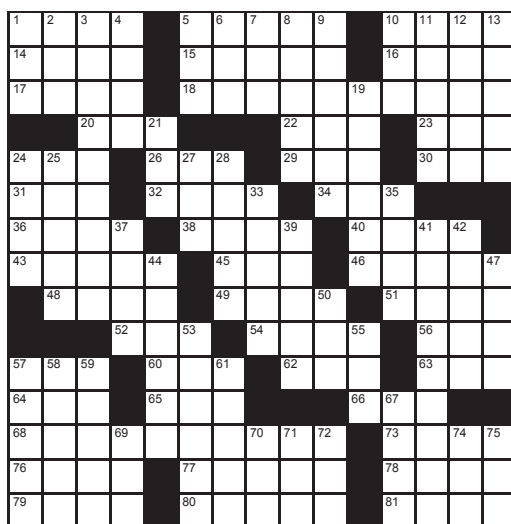
Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Cut puff pastry into squares then cut into long strips
3. Wrap the little smokies with the pastry, leaving space at the top for the mummy face
4. Bake for 14-16 minutes or until golden brown
5. Let cool and use a toothpick to put two mustard dots for eyes
6. Serve immediately
7. Enjoy!

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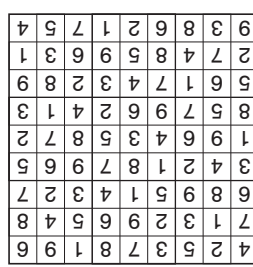
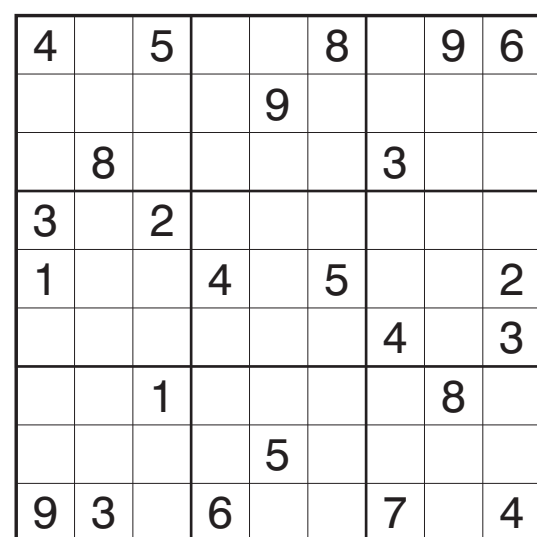
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LAWSUIT

UI pays \$200K to settle sexual assault

At least one more suit remains in court after the university settles one suit

Kyle Pfannenstiel
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho reached a settlement last week with a former law school student who filed a lawsuit in 2017 alleging the university mishandled her sexual assault report.

The Associated Press, which broke the settlement news, reports UI paid \$200,000 to the former student, citing the Idaho Department of Administration.

The suit was dismissed permanently in Idaho Federal District Court. Walker and Cunningham confirmed the suit was settled but they declined to elaborate on the terms of the settlement.

The suits are two of at least three sexual assault-related lawsuits filed by former students against UI since 2016. One suit, filed by the former student's alleged assailant, was dismissed permanently last June. One suit, filed by former swim and dive athlete Mairin Jameson, concluded hearings in mid-October before a judge determines if it should head to trial. UI has filed a motion to dismiss Jameson's suit, arguing she failed to state a legal violation

within the statute of limitations.

The student whose suit was settled alleges UI mishandled her 2016 sexual assault report by not providing proper accommodations during and after university hearings, which determined the alleged assailant likely assaulted her. She alleges a slew of mishaps, including two related to UI not separating her alleged assailant from her in classes they shared, though she claims administration promised once to address her concerns.

The former student alleges in her complaint that her alleged assailant was allowed to remain in classes they shared despite a no-contact order. Instead of removing the alleged assailant from their shared classes, the student alleges a UI administrator told her being moved to the back of their shared class was sufficient and that they told her she could move to Boise, where UI has a law program. Another administrator offered to allow her to view lecture recordings.

The Argonaut does not name victims or alleged victims of crimes, but Jameson previously agreed to be named in a story. The Argonaut is not naming the other female plaintiff.

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ADMINISTRATION

Sexual assault suit concludes hearings

One of three legal claims stand, two dismissed in sexual assault mishandling suit by former UI athlete

Mairin Jameson
ARGONAUT

Two of three legal claims were dismissed in a sexual assault mishandling lawsuit filed against University of Idaho by a former swim and dive athlete, according to a document filed in federal court Wednesday.

The court filing comes over three weeks after pre-trial hearings and before the suit is decided or settled.

Mairin Jameson filed her lawsuit October 2018 following public knowledge that UI mishandled her sexual assault report by not forwarding it to the dean of students' office and by telling her UI could not investigate it because it occurred off campus. Both were violations of Title IX policy updated before Jameson's report, which were made public by news reports.

The only legal violation Idaho Federal District Court Judge David Nye ruled stands in Jameson's suit related to UI mishandling her 2013 sexual assault report is the university may have not adequately investigated prior allegations of assault and misconduct about her alleged assailant, Jahrie Level, made by

other former students before he allegedly assaulted Jameson.

"From our perspective, it's good decision by the court," said Brook Cunningham, Jameson's attorney. "It's the right decision."

UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker declined to comment.

The two other legal claims — alleging violations of state law and Title IX policy — were struck down by Nye, who ruled Jameson did not prove UI could not use the state's two-year statute of limitations as a defense to it mishandling her 2013 sexual assault report.

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ADMINISTRATION

Former UI President invited to interview for UND presidential position

Staben was named one of six finalists for North Dakota's presidential position nomination

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Former University of Idaho President Chuck Staben was nominated as one of six candidates to interview for the position of University of North Dakota president. Staben was one of 61 initial applicants, 11 of which were interviewed last week,

according to a news release from the University of North Dakota. Now the final six nominees have been invited to attend interviews mid-November on the UND campus.

As UI's 18th president, Staben served from 2014 to 2019 until his contract expired on June 15. The non-renewal of his contract was a mutual decision,



Chuck Staben

according to the Idaho State Board of Education. Prior to serving at UI, Staben taught biology as a professor at the University of Kentucky. He later became more involved with administrative duties as acting vice president. At the University of South Dakota, he served as the provost and vice president of academic affairs, up until 2014 when he began his term at the UI.

As his term was coming to an end, Staben considered taking a tenured position as a UI biology professor and returning to teaching. The final selection for president will be announced by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education in their upcoming Dec. 3 meeting. Once selected, the new president is anticipated to begin on July 1, 2020.

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“Ultimately what tends to happen and we’ve seen this before, is we then, as a society, people start using the list to go up against anybody who is not included on that list,” Berends said.

Mitchell said he worries the ordinance directs certain care to community groups and, in turn, takes away care other groups deserve.

“You got to change the heart of the person — you can’t create a bill that’s going to say ‘this class is better than the other class, so take care of

them,” Mitchell said.

In an interview, Urquidez said he is not in favor of the ordinance, but he would not vote to abolish it right now.

“There’s no way to enforce it, so it doesn’t serve a purpose,” Urquidez said.

The Argonaut will continue to cover the Moscow City Council Election.

For more information about the six candidates, visit uiargonaut.com.

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RESEARCH

Research on the radio

Hallie Walker discussed her research project in an August episode of the *Freakonomics* radio show

Alexis Van Horn
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho Ph.D. candidate Hallie Walker accidentally led her team into a lion’s den this summer.

“I picked up a signal (for an antelope I was tracking) really strongly — I knew he was within 100 meters, so I put my head down and started walking really fast and walked through a bush,” Walker said. “Everyone was behind me. I heard people stop and when I turned around, I saw a lioness crouched, locked in on me, about five meters away.”

The lioness snarled and left when Walker turned around — followed by her three cubs.

Walker is studying under assistant professor Ryan Long, and has studied large mammals in Africa since her time as an undergraduate at Brown University. She was interviewed last August on *Freakonomics*, a radio show based on the book by Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt.

Walker was featured with author Priya Parker, Univer-

sity of North Carolina professor Steven Rogelberg, anthropologists Helen Schwartzman and Jen Sandler and several listeners in an episode titled “How to Make Meetings Less Terrible.”

Dubner, that episode’s host, asked Walker about her undergraduate research on African Wild Dogs in Botswana. Walker had investigated how African Wild Dog populations use sneezing as a form of communication in rally events, when the dogs attempt to recruit other members of their pack to do something together. Dubner related this to how human decision making and dominance in meetings.

Walker had no idea how *Freakonomics* would incorporate her research into the episode until she listened to the radio show.

Now, Walker leads a study on spiral-horned Antelope in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. She has spent the past two summers in Mozambique conducting research. Long said she will do this for two more summers.

“(Walker’s) research is more basic science in nature,” Long said. “It’s more curiosity-driven and revolves around bigger picture questions about how ecosystems work and the role that large mammals play in those

ecosystems. She’s sort of unique in the lab in that respect.”

Long said her research is at the cutting edge of study in her field. He said she uses approaches and technology at the forefront of large mammal ecology.

Walker said both research projects focused on behavioral ecology, or how individual animal behavior influences the broader community those animals live in. However, African Wild Dog research focused on how individuals act between packs while the spiral-horned antelope research focuses on larger scale changes.

In the future, Walker hopes to continue working with undergraduates and teaching field skills. She wants to continue researching how animals influence the environment they live in and other issues related to large scale ecology.

A transcript and audio recording of the radio show Walker was featured in are available on the *Freakonomics* website. Walker’s paper, “Sneeze to Leave: African Wild Dogs (*Lycaon Pictus*) Use Variable Quorum Thresholds Facilitated by Sneezes in Collective Decisions,” is available online on the National Center for Biotechnology Information website.

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ASUI

Resolution to discontinue fireworks fails senate vote

Senators’ votes divided after debate on the bill

Rachele Catt
ARGONAUT

The resolution to end fireworks use for the University of Idaho Homecoming celebration failed with a voting outcome of eight ayes, four nays and two abstains. A two-thirds majority was needed for the vote to pass.

A resolution is an official statement regarding a legislative body’s opinion or will. It is not law, but a resolution does express the legislative body’s consensus on public policy. The resolution to discontinue fireworks is [or was (depends on vote outcome)] not binding law currently.

In the resolution, Sen. Mary Alice Taylor writes that fireworks increase the number of air pollutants, citing a *Time* Magazine article about Fourth of July fireworks. The resolution cited a variety of sources, including a literature review that refers to a study which showed a 30% to 40% increase in respiratory diseases in India after a festival.

Regarding the portion which refers to soil and ground water pollution, the resolution states there can be potential health concerns to our community, citing the *LA Times*, the U.S. Geological Survey and the *Environmental Science & Technology Journal*.

Also concerned with the wildlife, the resolution says fireworks are potentially harmful to pets and wildlife, specifically birds. The resolution references an article from *Natural Lands* and an article from NPR, which cite studies performed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The resolution says fireworks are potentially triggering to individuals with PTSD and

other sensory needs, citing “How Fireworks Can Trigger PTSD” from *Time*.

Debate on the resolution was centered heavily around the data and the student body’s opinion. While several senators said they heard students express support for the resolution, there were other senators who said students opposed the resolution.

Sen. Aaron Bharucha said he supported the resolution whole-heartedly from a personal standpoint.

However, Bharucha said, “I must overrule my own opinion for the student body.”

Other senators expressed the same sense of duty to their fellow students, referring to their living groups during the ASUI meeting.

Sen. Reilly Dahlquist said the two living groups he represented were heavily against the resolution. Dahlquist also made a motion to strike the data provided in the resolution, as he felt it was not applicable to Moscow, but this motion failed.

“I’m not going to lie and say I’m not disappointed,” Taylor said in response to the resolution’s voting outcome. “But I’m not surprised.”

Taylor will continue to work on more sustainability issues as the year progresses. She hopes to do something with single use plastics on campus, but it is a complicated issue.

“I’m happy with the outcome,” Sen. Reilly Dahlquist said. Dahlquist said there were many signatures on the petition against the resolution and, “To vote for the resolution was to disregard the opinions of the student body.”

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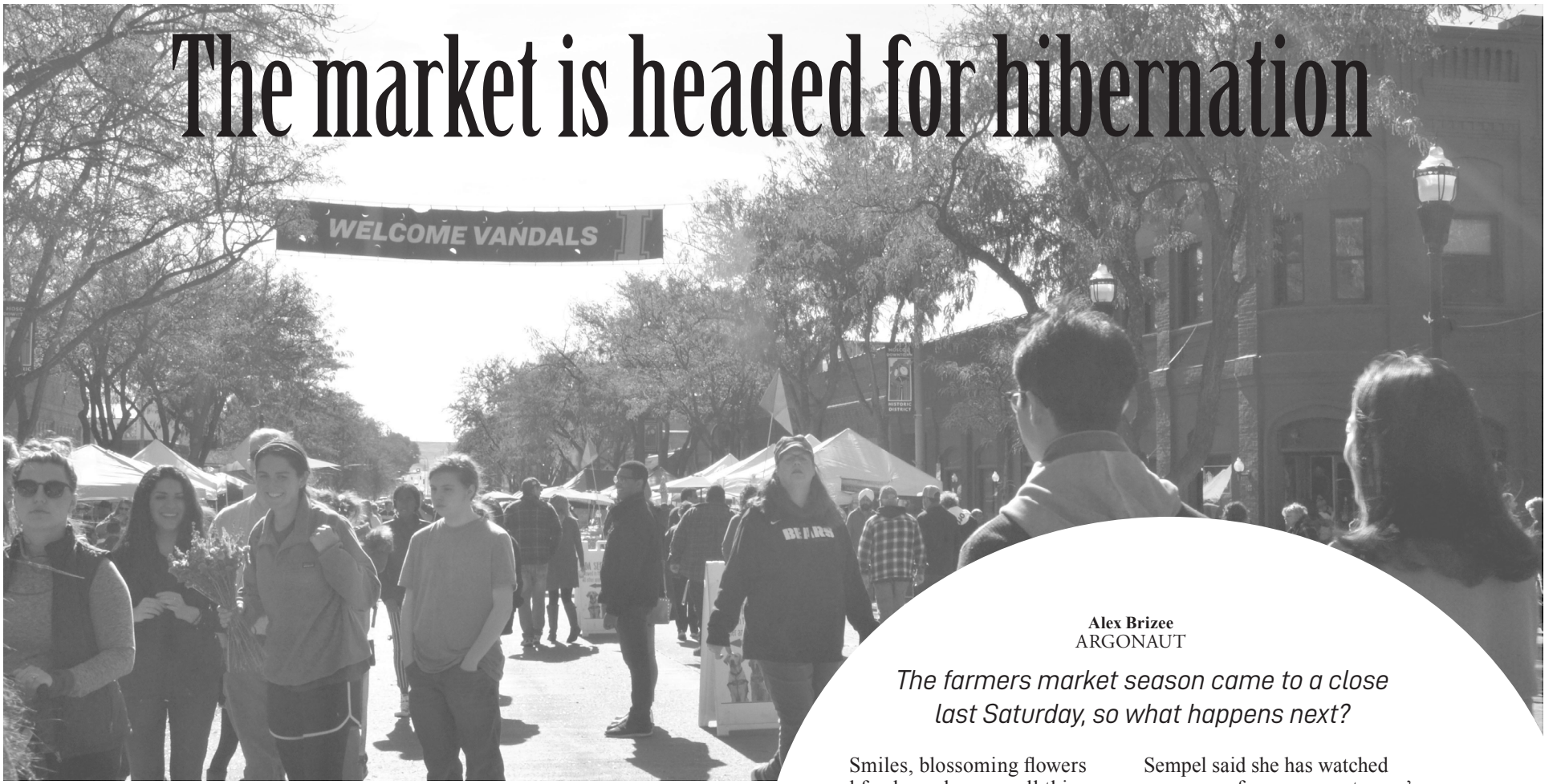
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LIFE

LIFESTYLES, INTERESTS, FEATURES AND ENTERTAINMENT

The market is headed for hibernation



Alex Brizee
ARGONAUT

The farmers market season came to a close last Saturday, so what happens next?

Smiles, blossoming flowers and fresh produce are all things that can be found Saturday mornings in Moscow.

From the months of May through October the Moscow Farmers Market fills Main Street every Saturday morning, but what happens when the farmers market comes to a close?

For Leah Sempel, owner of Pokey Creek Farm, the end of the farmers market means a chance to rest and catch up.

Sempel has been selling her Certified Organic produce at the farmers market for over 20 years. And while normally Sempel said she would sell the rest of what was left of her produce to the Moscow Food Co-op or sell to customers who ask to bulk order, this year they won't have enough product left for that.

So the small amount of produce they have left will be taken over to Maialina Pizzeria Napoletana Sempel said.

"You have to work hard for what you do," Sempel said. "And when somebody gets it (produce) from you and they recognize how hard you work; it's so rewarding it makes the work worth it."

Sempel doesn't mind the hard work, because of the many connections she gets to make with the farmers market patrons.

Sempel said she has watched women go from pregnant mom's to having full conversations with their children, and she just loves that connection.

Elizabeth Taylor, an organic farmer, said she agrees the reward is worth the hard work.

Taylor has been selling at the farmers market for close to 30 years and while she has quite a bit of cleanup to do now the farmers market season is over, she follows Sempel's sentiments of using her time off to catch up and restore.

"I haul manure all winter long and go and visit my mom — who's 87 this week — and relax a little bit too because I work 18 hours a day during the season," Taylor said.

During the on-season Taylor said she works seven days a week pretty much all day, hoping to get about six hours of sleep a night.

Taylor said she hopes to never retire as she stills loves farming to this day.

"I feel like it's an art form so I get to be an artist — which is fun and not always easy to make a living at — but I have perishable artwork so people come back every week which is nice and they get to eat it," Taylor said.

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L.I.F.E. HACKS

HOW TO SPEND YOUR LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

With October ending and Halloween right around the corner, Moscow has some tricks up its sleeve. With so many things happening in the Palouse it can be hard to decide which ones are worth checking out. Here are the best events in Moscow this week, find out which are full of tricks or treats.

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OCTOBER

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TIME: 7-9 p.m.

What better way to spend Halloween than with a group of friends navigating through escape rooms? Vandal Entertainment is hosting a Halloween special event with escape rooms that will test strategy skills and trivia knowledge. Make sure to sign up for a time slot before Tuesday. Vandal Entertainment is waiting.

FAR OUT WEST

NOVEMBER

1

John's Alley Tavern

PRICE: \$7 at the door

TIME: 9:30-11:30 p.m.

While not a spooky related event, John's Alley Tavern will be hosting Far Out West a Portland based quarter Friday. Enjoy some funk, rock and Americana music, as they are described this Friday at the Alley. Though you do have to 21 and over to enjoy the show, it starts at 9:30 p.m. and costs \$7 at the door.

TABIKAT DRAG SHOW

NOVEMBER

2

1912 Center

PRICE: \$8-\$10

TIME: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Start off November right with the first drag show of the month. Claudia Stubblemeyer and Maxwell Edgelord will perform Saturday evening. Tickets can be purchased at Safari Pearl before the show for \$8 or at the door for \$10. This is an 18 and over event and must have legal ID for admission.



Sam Bruce | Argonaut

Tate Peterson (left) wailed as The Resolectrics performed at The Alley Oct. 25.

ALLEY CHATS

A variety of sound in just a trio

Digging deep and melting minds, The Resolectrics take The Alley on a musical journey.

Sam Bruce
ARGONAUT

Audiences were captivated and swept into a blues, R&B and psychedelic rock trance as the base guitar, drums, vocals and a guitar painted a smooth transitioning soundscape for audiences to groove to.

With only three musicians but a very diverse sound, an independent rock band from Portland, Oregon, The Resolectrics, performed at John's Alley Tavern on Oct. 25.

As a trio, it's sometimes a challenge for the band to mix up their sound and add variance to their music. They draw on a legendary psychedelic rock trio, Band of Gypsies, as an influence to add power to their rhythm — and a decked out pedal board to change up the melody of their guitar on a moment's notice. The guitar is the band's only melodic instrument and it's easy for it to sound the same, said the band's guitarist Tate Peterson.

"I think of it as colors on a pallet that I can use to create different vibes and colors and ideas, musically speaking," Peterson said in reference to how he uses his pedal board on stage.

Some of their other psychedelic rock influences include artists like Jimi Hendrix, Pink Floyd, 13th Floor Elevators, MC5, Tame Impala and Unknown Mortal Orchestra. Much of the Resolectrics' funky and soul powered rhythms draw influence from R&B and soul artists like Lee Dorsey, Allen Toussaint, Booker T & The MGs and Etta James.

In the spirit of these bands, the trio enjoys playing music for various reasons. Peterson enjoys the challenge and calls his playing a form of meditation and one of the happiest places to be because of their music's authenticity.

John Becher, the drummer, enjoys playing because it forces him to push himself and continually gives his brain a workout.

Bob Dunham, the bassist, enjoys playing because it gives him an outlet to express himself and hear others express themselves. He also enjoys the communicatory aspect of music.

"Music is kind of like a language, even sometimes on like a subconscious level," Dunham said. "Between the band we're communicating, and between the audience."

The three of them all agree however, playing music provides them an opportunity to continuously grow. Sometimes too, challenges they face as a band also provide that opportunity. Some of these challenges present themselves

when the band is on the road.

One of the bigger challenges for them, is going to a location where people don't know them. People may not come out when they don't know the band, but the trio works hard to win them over and grow their fan base. The band's goal is to always put on a good show, no matter what and do the best they can. Once they've built a fan base in a town however, it starts to feel like home Becher said.

"I think a challenge can be to keep the perspective that every place — even the places where you've got a great crowd — it took a while to get to that point," Peterson said.

When they play The Resolectrics try to create a meditative perspective, especially in their more improvised psychedelic sections, where their audiences can join them in the moment. They want people to flow, feel comfortable, feel good with the music and draw their own meanings from it.

"If you get everybody in the moment, that's the goal," Becher said. "It's like everybody forgets what happened before, any troubles of the day, worries about the future, the government or anything like that, if everybody can get into the moment for just a little while."

The Resolectrics are grateful for their audiences and enjoy it every time fans

come out, buy some merchandise, dance or bust a move. It lifts their spirits, and makes them want to keep performing for crowds Peterson said.

"We promise to dig deep every time for you," Becher said.

Next week's Alley Chats will feature another band from Portland, Far Out West. They're a jam quartet that fuses rock, funk and Americana. No concert of theirs is one in the same, as they have a lot of improvising on stage.

They have a powerful yet soothing female vocalist and guitarist, Liz Chibucos, drummer Forest Carter, bassist Matthew Holmes and on the electroacoustic mandolin Chad Kimber.

They've performed at many events like Northwest String Summit, 4 Peaks Music Festival, Beltane Music Festival, Juniper Jam, Schweitzer Mountain's Fall Fest and Oregon Brewer's Festival. They've also played with artists like Becca Stevens, Jeff Austin Band, Dirty Revival, World's Finest and Jelly Bread according to their Facebook page and their website.

To hear more about what to expect, check them out on Spotify. They will be playing at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at The Alley.

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Sports



(Left) Tre Walker stares down a Portland State Player, (Right) Walker Prepares for a play against Penn State

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FOOTBALL

Heavy emotion leads to heavy hits

Tre Walker doesn't shy away from being a young leader, instead he embraces every moment.

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

On a crucial drive with the Bengals aiming to get back in the ball game, sophomore linebacker Tre Walker and the rest of the Vandal defense need to force a stop.

Before the third down snap, Walker stands patiently as he reads the offense.

Before the play is even snapped, the six-foot-one 235-pound linebacker has already processed where he needs to be to come up big for the Vandals.

As the Bengals snap the football, the quarterback tosses the ball to his running back on his right side. Before the Idaho State running back can find any room to work with, Walker speeds in and ferociously knocks the running back down for a loss of yards.

The Kibbie Dome roars, as Walker

celebrates the third down stop with the rest of his Vandal teammates.

It's the raw emotion and energy that Walker has brought time and time again this season, that has helped propel him to be one of the top stars on the defensive side of the football.

Idaho inside linebackers coach Adam Breske said that raw emotion is something that first caught his eye when meeting Walker.



Adam Breske

"His fire, passion and love to play football when he is on the field really stood out," Breske said. "He's a mild manner guy when talking to him, but when he is on the field, he runs with his hair on fire and that is what you love about him."

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said that having another year under him to learn the system has helped Walker improve drastically during his second year.

"He just has a great passion for the game and plays at 100 miles per hour all the time," Petrino said. "He's probably been one of the most consistent players on our team by far."

Walker leads the team in tackles this season, being one of the more reliable Vandal defenders on the team. The motor and drive that Walker has brought to the team this season has been contagious, with the Vandal defense looking fired up every week to lead this team.

"Guys have really stepped up around him," Breske said. "He's been a bell cow in there and really hasn't had to move at all positionally, but it's the people around him and we've been able to put some different groups around him to help him excel."

According to Walker, leading the group of guys around him is one of the key aspects of his game he focuses on the most.

"I take a lot of pride in my leadership," Walker said. "I try to keep everybody in tune to what's going on and keep them motivated, upbeat and ready to go out there and play."

As one of the young leaders for the Vandals, Walker has embraced every minute of it.

"It's been great stepping into that spotlight of the leadership role," Walker said. "Coming from last year and not playing to this year and being a leader it was a fun transition."

Petrino believes it is Walker's knowledge for the game of football that goes unnoticed.

"He has a really good football IQ and really understands the game," Petrino said. "He understands what's going on and has really good instincts. I think the combination of his talent, instincts and then his passion gives him a chance to be really special."

When asked about his leadership, Petrino said Walker is one of the leaders for the Vandals.

"No question, he is definitely one of our leaders," Petrino said. "He's definitely one of the top leaders on the team and I think people feed off of him, feed off of his passion and his big hits. Hopefully we get to see more of that this season."

With four games remaining this season, Tre Walker has proven to be one of the next great Vandal leaders at linebacker.

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FOOTBALL

Corralling the Mustangs inside the Kibbie Dome

Idaho looks to pick up a second straight win after coming off the needed bye week.

Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

With four games remaining until the end of the regular season, Idaho football prepares to find momentum against the Cal Poly Mustangs.

Coming out of the bye week, the Vandals aim to kick things back in gear with a rejuvenated spirit.

"We got quite a few who were banged up playing some rest," Idaho Head Coach Paul Petrino said in a press conference on Tuesday. "I think guys are fresh having both a mental break and a physical break. We're extremely excited to be back home again."

No place like the Dome, again: The Vandals continue the story line created at the start of the Big Sky return last season. Idaho knows how to play dominant football inside the Kibbie Dome.

Since last season the Vandals hold a 7-2 record at home and average 39 points per game when playing inside the Kibbie Dome.

Going against a Cal Poly team that ranks in the bottom in the Big Sky in total offense and defense should lead to

another win inside the Kibbie Dome for the Vandals.

Before a dominant 45-21 victory over Idaho State on homecoming, the Vandals track history this season against .500 teams and below has been shaky.

Even though Idaho is 3-1 against teams with even and losing records this season, the first three matchups were decided by 10 points or less, including the three-point loss to the Northern Colorado Bears at the end of September.

To put it in perspective, the Bears haven't won another game yet this season.

Can the Vandals pull off the favorable win inside the Kibbie Dome? It depends if Idaho wants to play to its standard of football or continue its level of competition.

Cal Poly: The Mustangs season hasn't unfolded as they probably have wanted.

Entering Saturday, Cal Poly holds a 2-6 record with a lone Big Sky victory over against last place Southern Utah. The Mustangs currently ride a four-game losing streak with hopes of stealing a win in the Kibbie Dome this weekend.

The Vandals shouldn't take this team lightly though as the Mustangs use an option-style running attack the Vandals haven't seen too much this season.

According to Petrino, not getting beat with

small gains is key to stopping the Mustangs.

"You can't let the fullback beat you on four yard gains play after play," Petrino said. "Otherwise, they will just melt the clock forever. So, I think the first thing you have to stop is the fullback."

Stopping the fullback won't be an easy task. Mustangs sophomore fullback Duy Tran-Sampson just so happens to be the Big Sky current leading rusher, averaging nearly 95 yards on the ground per game.

The Vandal defense will have to come up big once again, and stopping Tran-Sampson is the first key to picking up the Vandal's second straight win of the season.

Quarterbacks: It seems the bye week helped the plagued quarterback room shake off any injuries, with senior Mason Petrino, junior Colton Richardson, and sophomore Nikhil Nayar all having an opportunity to see the field on Saturday.

"We could have one to three (quarterbacks)," Petrino said. "I think there is a good chance that they will all be available."

When it comes to getting the start, Richardson may have the opportunity to pick up where he left off after his last

stellar performance in the Kibbie Dome.

"If Colton is available, he'll probably start out first," Petrino said.

If Richardson isn't ready to go, Mason Petrino may see the field again with hopes of getting back on track after battling with a concussion.

Cal Poly ranks tenth in the Big Sky in total defense with its opponents averaging 36 points per game.

With that in mind, the Vandal offense shouldn't be too worried even if there is still some uncertainty as to who will be healthy enough to start at quarterback for the Vandals.

Where/When: Idaho plays Cal Poly 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

If you can't make it to the game, you can stream the matchup on Pluto TV with analysis from former Vandal great Matt Linehan.

Follow Vandal Nation for live tweets and takeaways of Saturday's action.

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Paul Petrino



Saydee Brass | Argonaut

Sophomore middle blocker Kennedy Warren goes for the spike against Southern Utah defenders in Memorial Gym.

VOLLEYBALL

Coastal carnage from north to south

Idaho is on the road against Sacramento State and Portland State

Connor Swersey
ARGONAUT

Idaho is touring from the north to the south along the coast to defend their second place standing in the Big Sky Volleyball Conference.

The Vandals are back on the road after a clean sweep last Saturday with high momentum and a strong mindset to take on the Sacramento State Hornets (6-4) and the Portland State Vikings (4-6).

Season thus far: The Vandals have secured a second place seed this season

and have torn up most teams through a strong and varying offence. Utilizing not only the outside, or pin hitters, but also the middles is a strategy Head Coach Debbie Buchanan has used this entire season.

Idaho starts to struggle when they can not get their middles rolling, as Vandal fans saw last week against the Weber State Wildcats who overtook them in five sets.

The Vandals with a home crowd behind them, then swept the Idaho State Bengals in three sets to build up the momentum for the tough competition this week.

Sacramento State: The Hornets and the Vandals have met on the court once this season, ending in five sets with the Vandals on top at home. The home crowd will be cheering the other way as Idaho

battles the Hornets on their home court.

The Hornets feature senior outside hitter Sarah Davis who has over one third of the team's kills this season. Idaho's front row will have a big job to try and shut down Davis and control the net.

Sacramento state is currently in a four-way tie for third seed in the Big Sky after taking a loss last week to Montana State. The Vandals will have their work cut out for them to make sure to defend their second-place seed against the Hornets.

Portland State: Idaho started off conference play with a 3-0 sweep against the Vikings, who are currently in a tie for fifth overall.

The Vandals know how to play this team and how to beat them if they don't let

off the gas and push through, although this should be a statistical win.

Portland state has three leading scorers all with over 200 points this season, all of which are outside hitters. This implies a pin heavy offense, which Idaho plays against well and can predict.

When/Where: Idaho plays Sacramento State 7 p.m. Thursday and Portland State 7 p.m. Saturday. The Vandals then have two weeks at home where they will defend the Memorial Gym, where they have not lost a conference game yet.

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STAFF PREDICTIONS

The Vandal Nation staff predicts the outcome of Idaho football vs. Cal Poly this Saturday.

MEREDITH SPELBRING — IDAHO 28, CAL POLY 21

This one could go either way. Idaho has a home field advantage this weekend, which has proved to be a reasonably strong advantage in games past. So while its either squads win for the taking, Idaho will win one out of desperation.

CHRIS DEREMER — IDAHO 34, CAL POLY 21

I think the run option offense that the Mustangs run may give the Vandal defense some problems this weekend, but the Vandals can pick up their second straight win inside the Kibbie Dome. The much-needed bye week will help propel the Vandals to the win.

MAX ROTHENBERG — CAL POLY 29, IDAHO 15

I've only attended a few football games, but this isn't my first horse race rodeo. If there's one thing I know, it's to always bet on the mustang. I can't afford to lose any more money, so Cal Poly better tighten up the reins and cross that finish line, or I'll be in big trouble. Joe Vandal might be a fast sprinter, but he doesn't have four legs.

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EDITORIAL

Seeking transparency

Having open and honest conversations about pressing issues shouldn't even be a consideration

President C. Scott Green released a detailed budget memo Wednesday morning, outlining the University of Idaho's budget challenges and the next steps toward addressing these issues.

The current \$14 million projected deficit and subsequent budget reductions are now permanent cuts. The budget shortfall is estimated to reach \$22 million by Fiscal Year 2022. This comes from an \$8 million decrease in tuition revenue by 2022 and as a result, \$8 million in "anticipated additional cuts."

Green and the administration took a big step Wednesday in sticking to his promises of openness and transparency. These are issues the university has only recently begun to discuss — at least, as openly as this one seems to be discussed with the general public of the university.

Challenges in balancing the books are not challenges new to this university, but the seeming openness thus far may be.

However, while university-level transparency so far has been good and well, there needs to be assurance it will continue at all levels.

Transparency means laying out the facts. It means leaving no stone unturned. It means having an open and honest dialogue, even when met with a flurry of angry emails and phone calls. It means being open and honest when it is least convenient to the university.

We deserve this same transparency, and while it seems Green has begun to take steps toward an open dialogue, the discussion is far from over.

Green mentions three "big goals" in his memo — long-term challenges the university is working toward. Crucially, the first goal outlines the support of student success. How? By improving enrollment, retention and graduation rates while ensuring post-UI career success.

Yet there are no specifics — no mention of how this is possible, especially in the face of an estimated tuition decrease referenced only a few paragraphs prior.

Transparency exists, but only in places university administration allows it to. It's difficult to "champion the University of Idaho" when the only tangible information we can parade is a \$22 million deficit

and a bullet-point list displaying "organizational restructuring" and "layoffs," among others. No vaguer words and phrases exist.

Previously, university administration made it clear budget issues would not impact students directly. After today's information drop, that's an incredibly tough pill to swallow.

In the memo, Green outlines a list of possible strategies to reach said goals. It's important to note the list is "by no means comprehensive," so additional strategies may likely appear or not go through altogether.

Whether it's eliminating academic programs or leaving vacant positions unfilled, every strategy seems to imply a direct, albeit vague, impact on students.

However, as Green references in the memo, there is no feasible alternative to reducing expenses — as tuition, state appropriations and taxpayer dollars bring in 94% of UI's general education budget, according to the memo.

The problem lies in the communication channels between the university and its Moscow inhabitants.

Green mentions an open forum next week where Moscow community members can discuss the issues raised in Wednesday's memo. Those not in Moscow can attend via Zoom. If attendance is low, it's a blessing to UI administration and a slap in the face to those trying to hold the university accountable.

But we cannot demand transparency if we don't take advantage of the few opportunities we have.

At the end of the day, the burden falls on students, who need to pay attention and ask the questions no one else can — or will.

Green concludes the memo by saying, "Together we will work through this challenge and come out braver and bolder for our efforts."

How can we — the 11,926 UI students directly impacted on a daily basis by each and every change — possibly work through a challenge many know nothing about?

Having open and honest conversations shouldn't even be a consideration. Students need as many outlets as possible to get the information they need — starting with their president and ending with their campus newspaper.

— Editorial Board

GUEST VOICE

'Fireworks aren't necessary to keep those traditions alive'



Mary Alice Taylor
ASUI Senator

ASUI Senator Mary Alice Taylor discusses the purpose of the proposed Homecoming fireworks resolution

A recent resolution being considered by the ASUI Senate has caused a lot of controversy. It asks for the UI Homecoming Committee to look for an alternative to fireworks for future Homecoming celebrations.

I chose to write this resolution after doing research on the negative effects of fireworks and thinking about the feasibility of an action like this. The purpose of this resolution is to state that we acknowledge these negative effects and are willing to change our actions.

Fireworks cause an increase number of airborne particulates. According to the Journal on Atmospheric Environment, the level of particulate matter increased by 42% on average across the U.S. during the Fourth of July.

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Noise pollution from fireworks causes many adverse effects, as well. It can be triggering from those with PTSD or diverse sensory needs. It also is triggering to wildlife and pets, with birds being the most commonly affected. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fireworks cause birds to abandon their nests, reduce their visibility — which can be fatal — and can trigger mass panic among all animals.

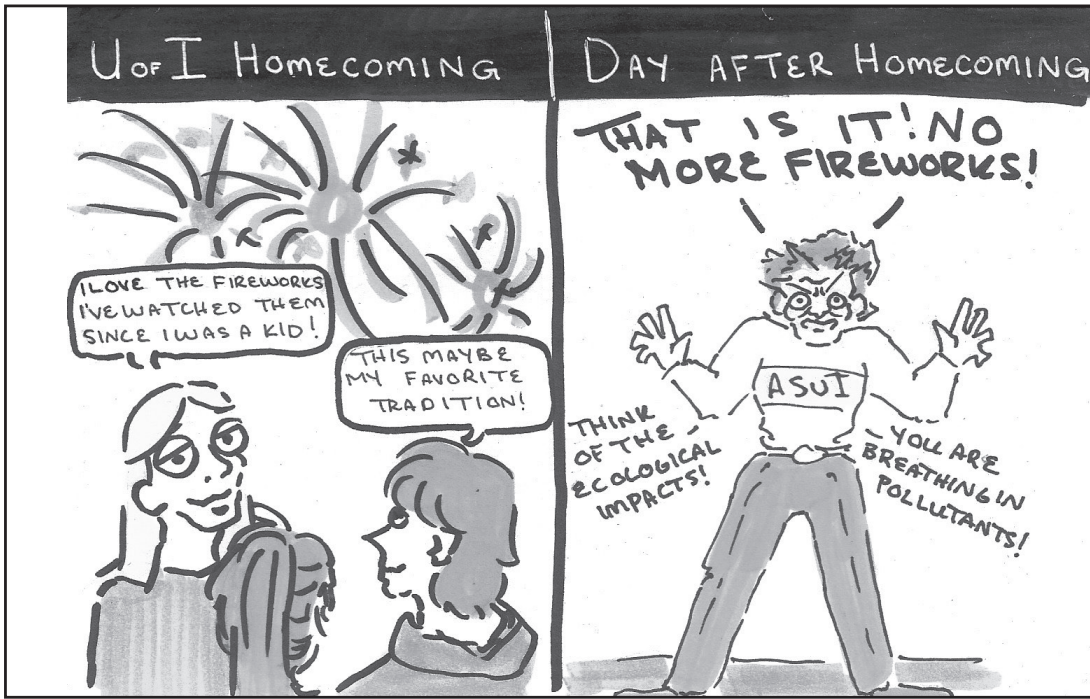
These negative effects are reasons why we should no longer use fireworks. Fireworks are not necessary to celebrate homecoming. It is a supplement to the serpentine and bonfire. There are alternatives to fireworks that could be used instead, such as a laser light show.

The decision not to have fireworks is a small action — but most importantly, a feasible one. It is as simple as the UI Homecoming Committee deciding not to plan them.

Homecoming is about getting together as Vandals and celebrating our pride for the university. Homecoming has been celebrated for 111 years — only 13 of those years' celebrations included fireworks.

The traditions of homecoming are about so much more than just fireworks. Fireworks aren't necessary to keep those traditions alive.

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Where trouble begins to spread like wildfire



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New addicting rumor app raises red flags for student journalism and safety

Many of us students have missed free pizza opportunities or run into vexing protests outside — all events that could have been avoided with further notice.

Wildfire is this fall semester's new addiction. The app is made for students to be able to spread campus event information like ... wildfire.

While the idea of a student-specialized app for campus happenings seems smart, there are still plenty of downsides.

So, what actually is Wildfire? The Wildfire app was first designed to keep people informed of important events nearby and spread word quickly when something happens, according to their website.

The app is supposed to warn students and keep them informed of nearby happenings.

I downloaded the app in late September, thinking it was nothing but a new addition to the University of Idaho. At first it seemed like another system for Vandal alerts with a quirky campus crush section and helpful areas like tips.

Concerning safety posts would be sent out immediately to Wildfire members and I was startled by how quickly information spread.

I posted on Wildfire after I was hit by a car while biking, and the app immediately notified all members about my experience.

Of course, information about an accident in Moscow was important, especially to student commuters. Yet this

made me wonder about the possibilities of what could be spread to the student population — what were the limits, if there even were any?

As a student journalist, this alarmed me. Wildfire, though helpful in some situations, poses a threat to journalism and campus news, specifically because unvalidated information could spread so quickly.

Posts on the app seem limitless. If it seems like a safety concern, it is sent to members immediately. Information has no way of being validated before it alerts community members. This could potentially be a huge problem.

Unlike other news sources, Wildfire's way of spreading information seems problematic.

Student journalism and other news outlets around the area are authentic and validate information before it is published. This, in consideration to its readers, gives authenticity to the read.

Any breaking news from news sources will be accurate in most cases and will hopefully be legitimate.

At the end of the day, this is a rumor app. Especially in this day and age, we must be careful about what we choose to read and decide if it is not "fake news."

Spreading information quickly to students is important, but so is authenticity. Real problems could stem from the way we choose to get our news, so it is important to remember what is authentic and what is not.

Especially with this app, Wildfire does caution if you are in danger, do not turn to the app for emergency situations. The website's warning states Wildfire is not a replacement for 911. Remember to keep safe and dial 911 before posting about an emergency situation on the app.

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Why is gender important in sports?



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Men's sports are valued more than women's

To quote the 2006 film “She’s the Man”, “Girls aren’t as fast as boys. Or as strong. Or as athletic. Girls can’t beat boys. It’s as simple as that.”

Now, I actually don’t believe what the soccer coach says in this movie, but I think it’s interesting how something said in 2006 about gender roles in sports is still apparent today.

As someone who plays a traditionally “male” sport, lacrosse, I have experienced

firsthand gender roles in sports.

Automatically, people assume women’s lacrosse isn’t as good or doesn’t have as much merit as men’s lacrosse.

Although the rules between men’s and women’s lacrosse are different, they are still the same sport. In women’s lacrosse, you’re not allowed to tackle or do the same things as men’s lacrosse. It’s more about the mental game rather than tackling each other and being overly physical.

This isn’t the first time I’ve experienced gender roles in sports.

In my high school, the women’s basketball and soccer teams were much better than the men’s teams — the women’s teams were the ones to make it to state almost every year. But the men’s teams were talked about a lot more and therefore viewed as better, despite their record being much worse.

Gender roles in sports aren’t just apparent in my experiences, but nationally

as well. Take USA women’s soccer versus USA men’s soccer. Despite the women’s team winning multiple world cups, they are paid less than their male counterparts who have a significantly worse record.

Obviously, each sport and each team is different in their abilities and popularity. But the general consensus is that men’s sports are taken more seriously than women’s sports in our society, especially in traditionally viewed “male” sports.

People generally associate better athletic ability with men rather than women. I’m not sure when the stigma is going to change, but in situations like the USA women’s soccer team — where they are significantly better and bring in more revenue than the men’s team — they should be taken much more seriously.

Will this change as more women are put in positions of power in the sports industry? Will our university’s first female Director of Athletics, Terry Gawlik,

change the views of women in sports in our arena? I’m not sure.

Will it take a “She’s the Man” moment where a woman joins a men’s team in disguise as a man? I highly doubt that, because it’s a movie and it’s not real. Yet the movie teaches us how ridiculous gender roles are.

Yes, women can be as fast, strong and athletic as men. No, it’s not as fast — it’s not as simple as that.

Although our society is making strides toward accepting the merit in women’s sports, we still see men’s sports as having more value. It’s way past due for us to change that.

“She’s the Man” taught us better.

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GUEST VOICE

Vandalizing the Kitchen - feel good food on a college budget



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Most of us are looking to enjoy healthy meals on our college budgets. In addition, with so much conflicting health and nutrition information all over the web, it’s important that we, as students, have access to qualified professionals who can talk us through healthy eating and answer questions.

Vandalizing the Kitchen is the answer to both of these callings. Vandalizing the Kitchen, or VTK, is a free cooking demonstration held monthly by the campus dietitian, Mindy Rice, MS, RDN, LD.

In VTK classes, there is a focus on creating recipes that meet the dietary needs of students (Vegetarian or vegan? Check! Gluten-free? Check! Omnivore?

Check!), while being affordable and accessible with our lifestyles. In these classes, you will receive a recipe card detailing what you’ll need to make every delicious dish and have the opportunity to try a little bit of everything once the demonstration comes to a close.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the cooking, allowing them to hone their skills in the kitchen. In addition, while they have the attention of a highly qualified dietetics professional, students are encouraged to ask questions about anything and everything pertaining to food and wellness.

Vandalizing the Kitchen happens monthly, and it’s a great thing to attend with friends before or after a gym session or when you want some free, freshly-cooked and nutritious food on a weekday night. If you’re taking Personal Fitness, attending a VTK class can give you fitness credit!

Beyond the direct interaction with the campus dietitian and dietetic interns, those

who come to Vandalizing the Kitchen have the opportunity to answer trivia questions relating to the ingredients being used in the recipes that day to earn a variety of free items throughout the class. Beyond that, you leave with recipe cards, samples of all the dishes and a plethora of new nutrition knowledge.

Every class has a unique focus. One past class was centered around quick breakfasts to “Kick-Start Your Morning” featuring mini mushroom quiches, no-bake granola bars and make-ahead breakfast burritos. Another was “Meals on the Go,” focused on providing students with healthy dishes that fit with their busy lifestyles.

Coming up Nov. 7, in the Student Recreation Building Classroom (located in the hallway leading to the East entrance), is a class where all dishes use “5 Ingredients or Less.” Dishes will include a veggie burrito bowl, garlic green beans, and a cheesy rice skillet. Coming

up the following month, on Dec. 7, is “Spice it Up.” Mindy will lead the class and demonstrate how to make perfectly seasoned chicken and roasted vegetables, lentil tacos and creamy garlic and herb dip. This is the perfect opportunity to learn some new dishes before you head home for the holidays.

Vandalizing the Kitchen is a tremendous opportunity to learn some new recipes and skills, gain nutrition knowledge directly from a qualified dietitian and enjoy some delicious dishes. If you’ve ever wanted to become a better home-chef, get answers to nutrition questions or simply smelled a tasty smell as you walked out of the gym, Vandalizing the Kitchen is the place for you.

For more information about Vandalizing the Kitchen, as well as free health events and resources on campus, check out <https://www.uidaho.edu/current-students/vandal-health-education>.

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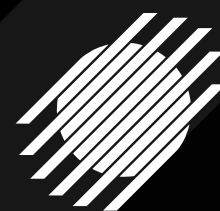
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