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## BATTLING BUDGET ISSUES



University continues to address projected \$22 million deficit

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As updated enrollment numbers came in, so did expanded university plans to work through the projected deficit. Initial budget cuts implemented to address the university's initial \$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 on Oct. 30 explaining the 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. This projected decrease in overall tuition revenue is based on the university's recent status as a full participant in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program, a program that allows students within the region to attend the university at 150% of the cost of in-state tuition.

The additional \$8 million holdbacks to be made will be done throughout the next two years, UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker said. The updated calculation comes following 2019 enrollment numbers, which showed a slight increase in overall student enrollment. Green said the updated enrollment numbers allowed the university to work on projections and understand where enrollment will be going forward.

"If we do this right, I really believe by Fiscal Year 21, we should be balanced. And going into Fiscal 22 we should be balanced," Green said in an interview with The Argonaut. "I'm hopeful that this gets it addressed, and we are able include these cuts in next year's Fiscal Year 2021 and that we come out the other side of 21 balanced. And that would account for some of the WUE students issues that we'd have in 22 that already be taken into consideration. That is my hope, and I think we'll get close."

The total university reserve, while not depleted, is moving the wrong direction, Walker said. A healthy university reserve equates to 5% of the university operating budget. The total university budget is \$429 million, making a 'healthy' reserve equal \$21.5 million. The current total in the reserve is negative \$6.6 million.

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UI set to move forward with outsourcing as early as this week

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The university is set to move forward with outsourcing options in Facility Services as early as this week in one of its next steps in addressing the projected \$22 million deficit by Fiscal Year 2022, as confirmed by multiple sources.

The university will accept formal requests for proposals (RFP) from commercial providers for four specific units: facilities services, administrative operations, auxiliary services and the Student Recreation Center, according to a memo obtained by The Argonaut sent out by Vice President of Finances Brian Foisy Oct. 30.

There is no known timeline on when RFPs will move forward within administrative operations, auxiliary services and the Student Rec Center.

"Many of you are aware that I invited various facilities management providers to campus in September to review our operations and offer advice regarding the potential for outsourcing," Foisy said in the memo. "While the quality of services provided by our in-house teams is excellent, it is imperative that we explore all alternatives to ensure that we are implementing best industry practices within a sustainable budget model."

Outsourcing would bring in a company to supply outside management and operations previously done in-house. The university would pay the company to figure out how the university can provide the same services on a tighter budget.

Foisy notes in the memo sent out to the four departments that although the university will be opening the door to for formal RFPs, it is still possible outsourcing will not be the chosen path.

"If the university decides to proceed with outsourcing, we would need to transition operations by July 2020," Foisy wrote. "The many details and options regarding employment status and the potential transition from UI to contracted employment have yet to be determined. My hope is to provide our employees with as much flexibility and choice as possible, recognizing we have many people who've invested heavily in careers at the university."

**Outsourcing: What it means**

University of Idaho Director of Communications Jodi Walker said outsourcing does not mean layoffs, but a focus on the overall management of the services themselves.

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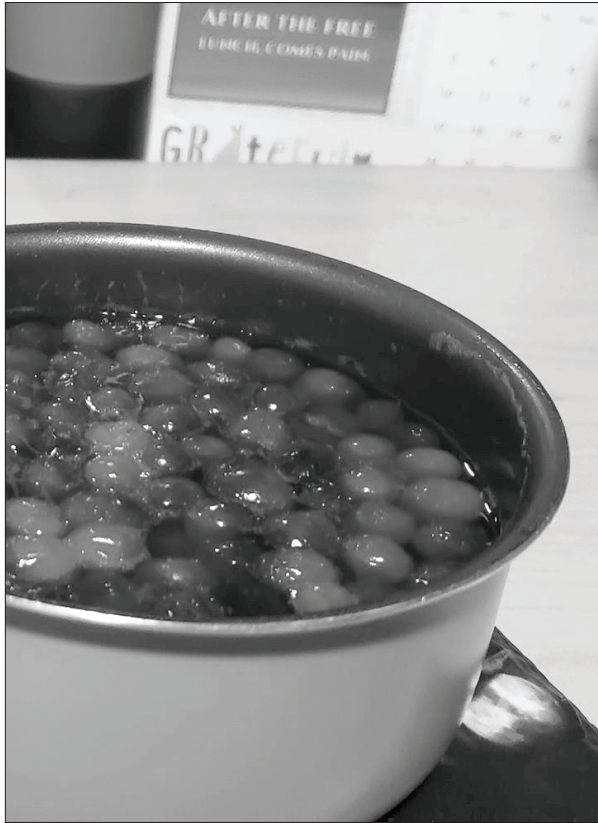
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UI Recwell

# A Crumbs recipe

## Small-batch cranberry sauce



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## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Splash of cranberry mango juice (optional)
- 6 oz cranberries
- 1 tpsps cinnamon
- 2 tbs frozen cranberry juice (optional)
- 1 tbs orange peel
- 1/2 tsp lemon peel

## Directions

1. Bring water and brown sugar to a boil. The cranberry mango juice can be added at this point for extra sweetness.
2. Add the cranberries, cinnamon, orange peel, lemon peel and frozen cranberry juice if desired.
3. Bring stove to half heat and simmer for ten minutes, covered to protect against bursting cranberries. Stir as often as you feel necessary.
4. Uncover, remove from heat and cool to room temperature.
5. Refrigerate until ready to eat.

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Prep time: 20 minutes plus refrigeration  
Servings: 2-4

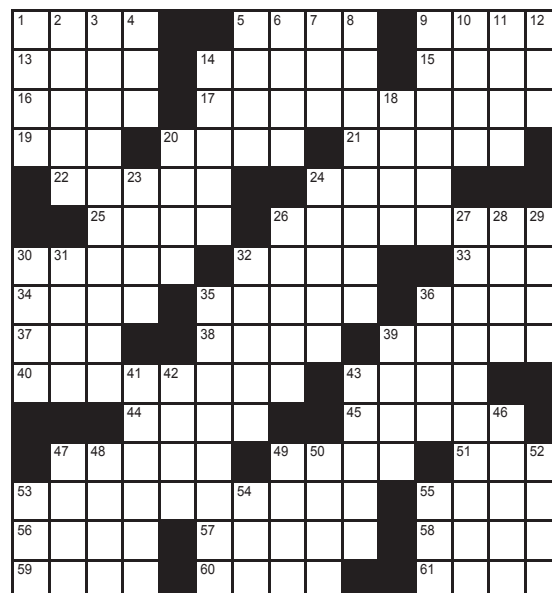
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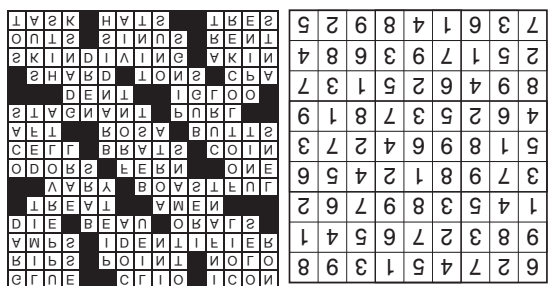
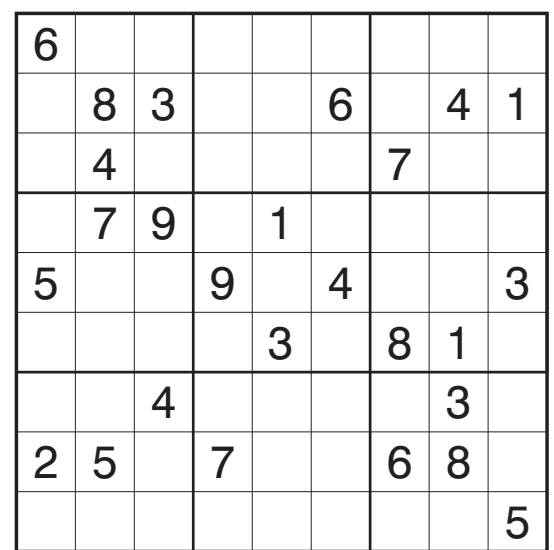
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CAMPUS LIFE

# ISUB/TLC to be closed through Sunday

The ISUB/TLC remains closed due to flooding in the basement, some building functions scheduled to reopen Monday

Rachele Catt  
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The Teaching and Learning Center and ISUB on campus remain closed due to flooding in the building's basement caused by a failure in the backwashing water filtration system.

The sump pumps for the filtration system failed to remove excess water from the backwashing system, causing 18 inches of water buildup in the basement and damaging a transformer in the building.

A portion of classes may resume in their TLC locations Monday, Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Blaine Eckles said. As a precaution, the Registrar's Office will be organizing a backup schedule of class relocations.

"They have to test electrical loads to

see if we can actually get the power back on without burning it out and causing the problem to be worse," Eckles said. "If you have a class, come with your phones charged and your laptops, don't plan on plugging those into the wall, because you'll likely see signs that say don't plug anything in."

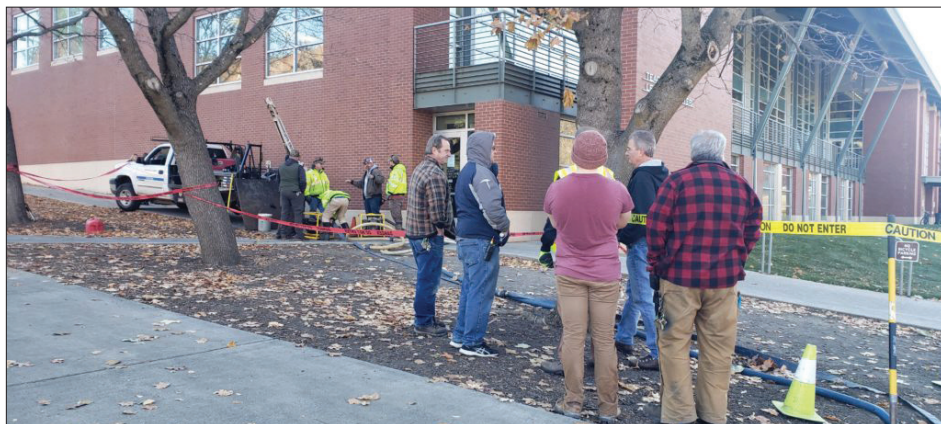
Instructors will be notified if their classes are scheduled to resume in the TLC, and from there they will notify students in those classes.

Reopening the building is contingent on the installation of a new transformer — roughly the size of a projector screen — adjacent to the TLC.

As reopening classrooms in the TLC is the top priority, non-academic ISUB events will be relocated or rescheduled to other buildings on campus through Thanksgiving.

Administrative offices will be closed through the week of Nov. 10.

Students can get updates from the university ISUB updates page. The page is updated every 35 minutes, ensuring



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Caution tape blocks off the south entrance to the TLC.

students have access to timely information.

Students who have any further questions not answered by information provided on the website are encouraged to reach out to their instructors or other faculty members.

There is currently no cost estimation

for building repairs.

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

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CITY COUNCIL

# Progressive candidates win city council race

City of Moscow filled three seats in Nov. 5 election

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Maureen Laffin, Anna Zabala and Sandra Kelly took the top three spots in the 2019 Moscow City Council election polls, finishing with 24.65%, 24.14% and 23.49%, respectively. Each will serve a four-year term.

Laffin, Zabala and Kelly each pulled in more than double the number of votes each earned by Brandon Mitchell, James Urquidez and Kelsey Berends.

Unofficial numbers show Laffin received the most votes at 4,379. Zabala was close behind with 4,288 votes, followed by Kelly who received a total 4,172.

Mitchell came in fourth of the six with 1,670 votes (9.40%), Urquidez at 1,648 (9.28%) and Berends with 1,605 (9.04%) votes.

During a watch party at One World Cafe Tuesday night, Zabala said she was excited to see the large voter turnout and wants to focus on climate change during her next term.

Maureen Laffin is a UI College of Law Faculty member and has worked in the law school's legal aid clinic for 25 years. She moved to Moscow in 1991.

The focus of Laffin's campaign was employment opportunities, housing and strengthening connections.

Incumbent councilmember Zabala is the executive director of Backyard Harvest, a local nonprofit that serves Moscow and surrounding counties to provide fresh produce to food banks

and other organizations. She went to high school in Middleton and moved to Moscow in 2011 to attend UI.

Zabala said she focused on discussions and action surrounding alternative transportation, affordable housing, sustainability and smart growth in her first term.

Kelly works at Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute. She grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho and moved to Moscow in 2007. Kelly is a member of nonprofits and volunteer groups in the community and has experience working with large budgets.

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From top to bottom: election winners Anne Zabala, Sandra Kelly, and Maureen Laffin.

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**DEFICIT**

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**University 'Next Steps' in addressing further budget reductions**

The memo included possible budget reduction strategies to implement going forward as former one-time cuts become permanent and an additional \$8 million needs to be cut.

- 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
- Salary reductions and furloughs

Walker said the university is looking into any and all ways to tighten, but nothing is confirmed or moving forward at this point. Decisions will not be made at a university-wide level on where and how to tighten funds, Walker said, but instead will be on individual departments to figure out how best to address their portion of budget cuts.

The university will move forward with looking into outsourcing options in four different departments: Facilities Services, Administrative Operations, Auxiliary Services and the Student Recreation Center.

Outsourcing would bring in a company to supply outside management and operations previously done in-house. The university would pay the company to figure out how the university can provide the same services on a tighter budget. Walker said the university exploring outsourcing does not necessarily entail layoffs, but a better way of managing and running services.

Green said while everything is on the table, nothing is moving forward as of now. If an academic program were to be cut, it would be folded into another program or continued until all current students get their degree in the desired program.

"I would just ask them (students) to reach out and talk to us and be calm about it and not make any rash decisions because there's really not a lot to be concerned about. Will they see impacts? Yes. But we'll never leave a student hanging," Green said. "I understand the concern. I would be concerned not knowing if your program is going to be impacted. I can't even tell you where and what would be impacted yet until

we dig down and understand what the plans are from each of the teams."

**Addressing plans to grow enrollment**

Green said as the university moves forward in navigating the budget issues, there is still money allocated to marketing to attract more students from within the region. The university marketing budget is currently \$556,728, according to Walker. This marketing budget is funds allocated from the total operating budget.

This marketing budget has been put toward billboards, bus wrappings and regional commercials, Green said.

"You can't really cut your way to prosperity, we have to balance our budget so that's the only real option right now but if we get more students on our campus we'll grow our way out of some of the budget issues that we have," Green said. "Time will tell, proof will be in the numbers next fall but you know we've got a great university here, we're a crown jewel of the state and I truly believe that if we get that story out there, we're going to increase our numbers."

**UI's committee for a sustainable financial model**

Green said he knew about the university's financial challenges while in the interview process for the position, where he was asked how he would go about addressing it. Green said he would address the issue in a "collaborative manner," pulling on his financial background.

The established committee includes a collection of experts and representatives from across campus, co-chaired by Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek and Vice President of Finance and Administration Brian Foisy. The committee includes 10 internal representatives across groups and departments, as well as four external representatives.

Walker said the group was compiled to get a collection of information and create a more long-term sustainable financial model.

"I'm looking for recommendation on a sustainable financial model that will work for us," Green said of his plans for the group. "Because the one we currently have doesn't work all that well. It's why we're in the mess we're in."

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**OUTSOURCING**

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"If we could get somebody to come in and give some management suggestions, do some improvements, we would hope that they would appreciate the expertise of our dedicated staff that's been working in those roles," Walker said. "If we choose to go forward with any of these (RFPs), or we can take those proposals that come from the consultants that we're working with, and just dismiss them all and continue on as we are."

A total of 491 students are employed by the four departments, making up nearly half of the total 851 employees across the four departments to be looked at for outsourcing. Student Recreation employs the most students at 192 out of 220 employees. Administrative operations, which includes event planning and setup, employs 187 students with 251 total employees. Facilities and Auxiliary Services employ the lowest amount of students at 48 students out of 240 for Facilities Services and 64 of 140 employees in Auxiliary Services.

Walker said if the university chooses to move forward with outsourcing, it would only impact a small percentage of employees working custodial, grounds and maintenance trade.

Walker said the university wants to keep as many resources available to students as possible, including employment in campus positions.

UI President C. Scott Green said moving forward with outsourcing would bring in outside expertise to better manage and consult current process in place. Because this would change processes currently in place, Green said students might notice impacts.

"I don't think it's anything to panic about. It will create change if we do go down that route (outsourcing) there's no question about it, and students might see some of the impact of that change," Green said. "I don't think it would be a huge impact but they probably see change in how things are done."

**Impacts of outsourcing on campus departments**

The impacts of the on-going university budget deficit and progressing discussions of outsourcing in departments have begun to take its toll on UI Facilities Services.

An employee of the department with knowledge of the situation who

requested anonymity to protect their job, said outsourcing the department services is not a long-term solution to the overall budget deficit.

"We recognize the university has budget issues," the facilities employee said. "We (Facilities) just think that what's happening has more to do with a specific agenda is, and won't solve the university's issues in the long run and could potentially cost even more money."

Walker said outsourcing would bring in a professional company where the university would agree with the company on a service contract up to a certain amount.

Whether or not the university pursues outside management for facilities, the department will be expected to cut a total \$2 million from its operating budget. The current total Facilities budget is \$13.56 million, according to an email from Assistant Vice President of Facilities Brian Johnson, obtained by The Argonaut. Of the \$13.56 million, \$2.515 million is the operating budget while the remaining \$11.04 million is salary and fringe costs.

Fringe costs are anything required to be covered by the employer, such as work boots and phone bills for work-related calls.

In the email, Johnson said the reduction target for Facilities Services is expected to be \$2 million. Johnson wrote in the email because 80% of Facilities expenses goes to salary and fringe, "we might expect a significant portion of our planned reductions to come on the personnel side of the equation."

If the university does not move forward with outsourcing, the department will likely turn to reducing personnel, the employee said.

"They cut \$2 million, Facility Services falls even deeper behind, the budget issues aren't fixed, enrollment isn't going to get better because the buildings are going to look worse and the grounds are going to look worse," the employee said. "I just want someone to ask a question like, 'What if it doesn't work? What's the bailout plan? What are you going to do to make sure the campus still is appealing to be welcome here?'"

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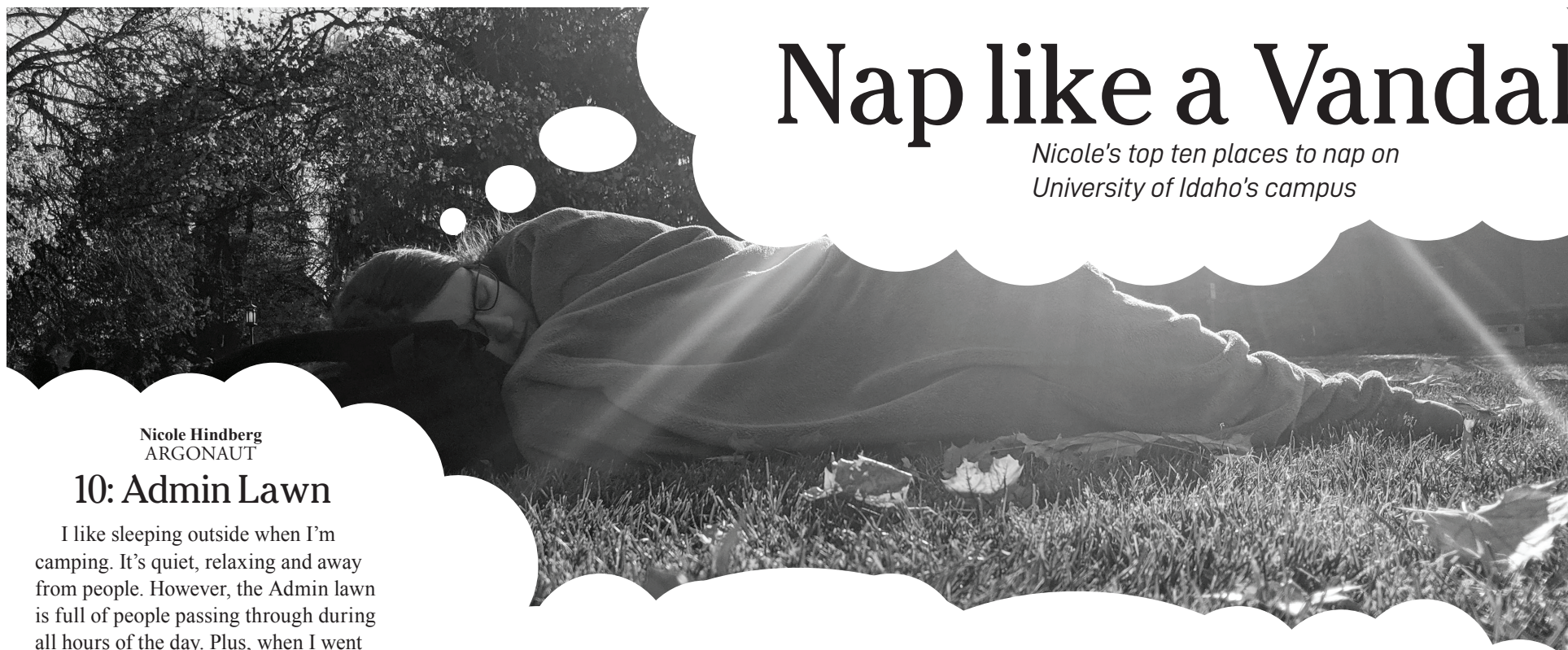
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# LIFE

LIFESTYLES, INTERESTS, FEATURES AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Nap like a Vandal

Nicole's top ten places to nap on University of Idaho's campus



Nicole Hindberg  
ARGONAUT

### 10: Admin Lawn

I like sleeping outside when I'm camping. It's quiet, relaxing and away from people. However, the Admin lawn is full of people passing through during all hours of the day. Plus, when I went there it was freezing and I couldn't handle it for very long.

Photos by Alex Brizee and Courtesy of UI's Best Places to Nap on Campus | Argonaut Spots throughout campus from UI's Best Places to Nap page.



### 9: ISUB

I have tried taking a nap quite a few times in here before, but it never works out. It really didn't work for me this week because of the flood closure. I'm not about to try sleeping in a building with so many ongoing issues right now.



### 8: Cedar Grove

Although it's closed off from the rest of the Idaho Student Union Building, there are always people inside. I'm not the type of person who can easily sleep with people in the room. Because the building is currently closed, this place isn't much of a napping option either.



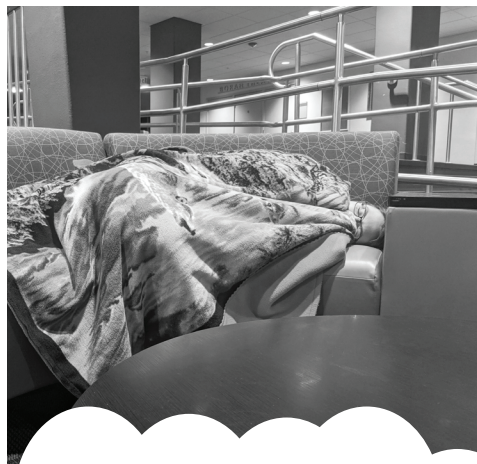
### 7: Albertsons Building

The chairs are comfortable to take a quick rest and get some homework done. But with the building's open concept, noise travels throughout the building and it's hard to fall asleep in such an environment.



### 6: Alice's Room

Located on the fourth floor of the currently-closed Idaho Student Union Building, this room is a great place to meditate and relax in complete silence. I'm a loud snorer though, and I'm not sure that'll fly in a quiet room.



### 5: Bruce Pitman Center

The couches are decent, and I have successfully taken a much longer nap here than I should have. But there are always people walking around and different events happening, so it's not the optimal sleeping environment.



### 4: The Center

The couches and chairs are a great place to nap. If you get hungry during your mid-afternoon nap, you can walk upstairs and pay for a snack from the campus Co-op or get a free treat from The Center.



### 3: Library

The library is a great place to get homework done and take a quick nap. When I set out to review these places it was a little strange. Library patrons were laughing as someone followed me around, taking pictures of me sleeping. I'm sure they were concerned for a good reason.



### 2: Women's Center

The Women's Center is a great resource for everyone. Plus, they have comfortable couches. It's typically quiet in there, which is the optimal sleeping environment for me.

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## STUDENT LIFE

### The challenges of a theater artist

What do actors go through at the University of Idaho?

Grayson Houston  
ARGONAUT

Actors at the University of Idaho find themselves in a constant struggle, both physically and mentally, when it comes to acting in a performance or in a theater class.

Peyton Edmans, a first-year theater major, explained some of the physical requirements and risks involved with a performance.

He said maintaining a physical well-being is one of the biggest factors an actor must maintain while in pursuit of a role, because of the strain on their bodies while on stage. Actors are always using their bodies to express emotion, so they must be in good physical condition.

"If you are not sweating when you get off the stage, you really haven't tried that night," Edmans said.

He said he takes trips to the gym about twice a week in order to stay physically fit and watches what he eats to prevent vocal cord danger.

Joseph Winder, a UI fourth-year who played Adam in UI's most recent performance "Drowning Ophelia," described the physical risks involved with acting.

"I think trust, communication and building safe habits is the best way to avoid any kind of injury," Winder said.

David Lee-Painter, UI professor of performance, specializes in both acting and directing.

"I think that you have to figure out how you can have stamina — to be a real actor you have to have physical stamina," Lee-Painter said.

Last spring a performance went on for three hours and many of the younger performers had to find their physical strengths, Lee-Painter said.

Many of the requirements for these actors can be physical, but possibly more is required of them mentally.

Grace McGreevy, UI second-year, has dealt with some of those mental requirements. McGreevy played a scene where she was



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David Lee-Painter, UI professor of performance, poses in Shoup Hall.

a young girl at her mother's funeral, and through no dialogue she had to express the pain of loss with pure unfiltered emotion.

"You have to convey the sadness and the hurt and the pain," McGreevy said.

"And to get to that space every night, several times that night, as many times as you need to run that scene is painful."

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**THEATER**

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Winder also encountered a similar experience during Drowning Ophelia when his character commits an abusive act toward another character. He found himself sobbing because of this horrible

act he had to portray.

“It was simply because I had to wrap my head around how I can possibly get myself to empathize with someone who would do something that horrible,” Winder said.

Lee-Painter said that while you’re learning and practicing being able to understand what the director and playwright want is important. But when

you go on stage it’s not the time to let your thoughts overwhelm you. He said it’s a balance between “intellect and emotion.”

“You have to know when to turn your brain off and when to turn your brain on,” Lee-Painter said.

McGreevy said the things she has learned from the program are invaluable. And she loves the feeling of performing as

she tells the audience her message.

Each actor in the end agreed that through all of the tears, blood and sweat the end outcome is worth it.

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**ALLEY CHATS**



*Far Out West’s funky fresh improvisations*

Far Out West, a Portland, Oregon based band, played John’s Alley Tavern on Nov. 1.

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*Don’t describe them as a jam band, but they sure can play*

Sam Bruce  
ARGONAUT

With a slow start and few people in the bar, the band Far Out West took it easy with their first few songs at John’s Alley Tavern on Nov. 1. But as the night went on the number of people went up along with the energy levels of the music.

A set of drums and a bass guitar set the rhythm and pace. An electric mandolin and guitar strummed and picked the melody. Songs started mildly, and gradually waxed and waned as the band continued to play.

The beginning of the songs were soft and quiet, with only a couple of the instruments playing with each other. As these instruments started to pick up the pace in a flurry of well-structured improvisations, the other musicians would join in on the action and build around each other.

Anticipation from the audience grew with the rising volume and complexity of the musical interactions. Everyone was waiting for the song to break back out and explode like a powder keg back into the chorus. The lead vocalist’s powerful yet soothing voice was able to whisk the audience away into dance.

The band playing seemed like a happy family on stage, and the audience felt as if they were a part of it.

Far Out West is from Portland, Oregon. Liz Chibucos is on electric guitar and

vocals, Forest Carter on drums, Chad Kimbler on electroacoustic mandolin and a substitute bass player fill the gap between their old full time bassist and their new one. Chibucos and Kimbler are originally from Ohio, and used to play in a blue grass band before Far Out West.

The band formed around three years ago. Kimbler and Chibucos met the other band mates through the Portland music scene. They would play in different bands during the same night, and then hang out at bars afterward.

Chibucos said their music is a fusion of rock, funk and Americana.

“I kind of stay away from the jam band descriptor, just because that can mean a lot of different things,” Chibucos said. “I’d rather describe the sound than say we jam, because that doesn’t really describe the sound.”

Jam band is a sort of lazy label that describes bands who have lengthy improvisations during their live musical performances. A band that does fit the jam band label is the Greatful Dead. Jerry Garcia on guitar and vocals is one of Chibucos’s influences. She likes him because he brings together bluegrass and rock, which is something that Far Out West also does. Some of her other influences are John Scofield, Grant Green, Susan Tudeschi and Derek Trucks.

While Far Out West features a lot of improvisation, they resist the term and prefer not to use it to describe themselves. When they are improvising, they usually signal to each other with cues that take form in musical signaling, vocalization

between band members and other visual cues when a band member wants to go on a tangent.

The band likes it when people are out on the dance floor and rocking out with them. Chibucos hopes their music connects with people on some level allowing each audience member to take away their own meaning from the performance. A lot of their song lyrics are silly, but a lot of them are also socially conscious as well.

Their song “The Good Fight” in particular has a political and social resonance to it. Chibucos wrote the song the night after the 2016 presidential election. She said she got emotional, and remembered thinking things were about to go downhill in America, saying the next years would also show people’s “true colors.”

“The chorus of the good fight is like, ‘Tomorrow I’ll see if I’m up for fighting the good fight, you win this time,’ is kind of the hook at the end of the chorus,” Chibucos said. “It’s like, ‘Alright I’ll give you that one, you won, but watch out for me tomorrow because I’m coming back.’”



Liz Chibucos, electric guitarist and vocalist.

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Far Out West currently has a four song EP on Spotify that features “The Good Fight,” and a new album is in the works. Once they rotate their new bassist into the band, they’re getting back into the studio in the next month or two and have a goal set to have the album out next year.

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# Sports

## VOLLEYBALL



## Learning to lead

As one of the two seniors on the team, Delaney Hopen has stepped up as a leader for Idaho

Connor Swersey  
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With a young University of Idaho volleyball team this season, senior libero Delaney Hopen has taken the reigns of this team to lead on and off the court.

After losing six seniors last season, Hopen has stepped up.

Hopen's passion for the sport and competition has stemmed since the early parts of her childhood. Hopen started playing volleyball in sixth grade after a neighbor recommended she try it, and instantly fell in love.

The Shoreline, Washington, native ended up in Idaho and has taken over as a defensive specialist playing libero for this 2019 season but has played with different team dynamics every year.

"Every year since I got here we had a lot of girls in the grades above me and I think because of that I was used to the same crowd for my first three years," Hopen said.

The switch from being the youngest to one of the oldest has been a big change, Hopen said.

"This year is my largest growing year as a teammate because I am the oldest, and I

have never been the oldest," Hopen said.

Hopen and fellow senior outside hitter Paige Rupiper have different roles as two leaders for the newer teammates.

"Paige (Rupiper) is definitely more of the mama bear side and I am more of the pusher," Hopen said.

Head coach Debbie Buchanan said Hopen is very good at holding her team accountable.

"To be a leader you have to be able to tell your team some things that they sometimes do not want to hear," Buchanan said. "But she is able to fill that role because of the great relationships she has built with everyone."

A young teammate who has seen Hopen in this capacity is freshman middle blocker Kyra Palmbush.

"Delaney (Hopen) just kind of took me under her wing right away," Palmbush said. "I just feel comfortable coming to her if I'm struggling."

Hopen's teammates look up to her as a leading figure, always holding her teammates to a higher standard.

"She's (Hopen) been on the team for a while and just knows how it works and how to step out and lead," Palmbush said. "As a young team I think that it is huge to have a leader like her."

Buchanan said Hopen's focus is being competitive and wanting to play at the highest level.

"She is third in the conference right now for digging and was second close to first," Buchanan said. "She is definitely doing those things well along with leading her team."

Buchanan commends Hopen on her ability to be vocal and talk with her team.

"She is a fantastic communicator, which is a trait that you have to have," Buchanan said. "Is she a good volleyball player? Yes, but to be a good volleyball player she has to be vocal, especially in her role."

The balance of ages on this team has pushed Hopen to lead in many different ways and her ability to hold others accountable really shows.

"I think accountability stems from equality," Hopen said. "Just because someone is a freshman does not mean that their role is less or more important than anyone else."

Hopen has had a long journey through Vandal volleyball and leads side-by-side with her fellow senior.

Buchanan said she is happy about having both on the team and is optimistic about this team and where it will go in

the future.

Buchanan said the three words she would use to describe Hopen are: compassionate, competitive and passionate.

Hopen will continue to hold her team accountable and push them toward success.

"Our best quality on this team is how much we like each other," Hopen said. "You know that I trust you and you know I care about you so we need to push each other in a positive way."

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Debbie Buchanan

## Delaney Hopen

Height: 5-foot-7-inches

Position: Libero, outside hitter

Digs per game: 4.07 (7th in Big Sky)

Total digs this season: 399

First on team in total digs this season

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## FOOTBALL

## Taming the Grizzlies in Missoula

Vandals hope to win the Battle of the Little Brown Stein for first time since conference return

Chris Deremer  
ARGONAUT

Idaho football looks to keep momentum rolling as it travels to Missoula to play the Montana Grizzlies Saturday.

The Vandals will try to reclaim the Little Brown Stein after coming short of claiming the trophy last season in the renewed Big Sky rivalry.

After coming off a dominant win against Cal Poly, the Vandals will have their hands full this week going against the second-best offense in the Big Sky conference.

**Montana:** The Grizzlies average nearly 38 points per game, just behind the Eastern Washington Eagles.

Idaho found success holding off the Eagles offense, but now the Vandals will have the challenge of stopping the Grizzlies on the road in one of the most electric stadiums across the Big Sky.

The storyline continues with the Vandals seeking out their first road victory in nearly two seasons, and if Idaho can pull off the upset on Saturday, it will have to be a total team effort.

All season long the Vandals have been able to be physical up front on both sides of the football to set the tone early.

**Controlling the physicality:** The best wins of the season, like Cal Poly on Nov. 2, started with the Vandal defensive line causing pressure on opposing Big Sky quarterbacks.

Sophomore linebacker Tre Walker and the rest of the Vandal defense set the tone and the emotions for the team.

Coming up with big stops against one of the more potent offenses in the conference may be the early fuel Idaho will need to come up with the win on the road.

**Playing smart:** For the Vandal offense, the game will live and die on if the running backs can get going early to tire out the Grizzly defense.

Redshirt freshman running back, Aundre Carter, had a spectacular return to the field last weekend rushing for 179 yards and scoring twice.

Expect the Vandals to rely on Carter once again, to help open up the passing

game for senior quarterback Mason Petrino.

It is safe to say that senior wide receiver Jeff Cotton will be another bright point for the Idaho offense.

Cotton currently leads the Big Sky Conference in receiving yards, catching for 101 yards per game this season.

If there is a crucial third down the Vandals need to convert, Cotton has proven to be the Vandals' best option for a safety blanket time and time again this season.



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The Idaho offensive line prepares for a play against Cal Poly in the Kibbie Dome Saturday.

**Beat the best, to be the best:** As the season has progressed the Vandals have shown us that they like to play up to their level of competition.

Opponents like Eastern Washington, Wyoming and Weber State have brought out the best that this Vandal team has to offer.

Montana currently ranks sixth in STATS FCS Top 25, being the second team Idaho has played this season ranking in the FCS top ten.

The Vandals have shown to play their best football against their top rivals, and

expect Idaho to not shy away in their toughest challenge this season.

**Where/When:** Idaho will play Montana Saturday at noon in Missoula, Montana.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Graduate student Quinton Forrest goes for the layup trying to avoid the block in Memorial Gym.

# Vandal basketball finds success in opener as they take a win at home

*Vandal basketball pulls away in the final seconds to win the first game of the season*

Elizabeth Carbajal  
ARGONAUT

Idaho Interim Head Coach Zac Claus was able to check off his first win with the Vandals as their new coach Tuesday night. The Vandals got off to the right start during their season opener, taking down Evergreen State College 88-82. Evergreen State was coming off a winning streak of two games. One of those games had a final score of 103-60. "Whole lot of credit to Evergreen State to compete the way they did," Claus said after the game. "To continue to fight down the stretch and not let up, I mean I give them a whole lot of credit."

The Vandals may have lost the first couple of exhibition games but won when the final score actually counted. The Vandals hard work led to five of their players scoring double digit points. "We lost a couple exhibition games," junior guard Ja'Vary Christmas said. "But you know, just coming together and getting that first win, you know it's only up from here. It's great." The Vandals were down in points most of the first half but were able to go into halftime with a lead of 43 to 38. Then in the second half, the Vandals outscored the Geoducks 45-44 to pick up their first win of the season. Senior guard Trevon Allen racked up 23 points on his own, with Christmas

scoring 17 points. Graduate transfer forward Quinton Forrest scored 15 points during the game as well. With 17 seconds left in the game and the Vandals only leading two, Vandals were able to close off the highly contested game. "Basketball is just a game of running, you know it goes up and down," Christmas said. "It just comes to who can execute at the end and just finish the game off strong." Coming together as a collective unit helped propel the Vandals to their first win of the season. The team hopes their bond will grow stronger throughout the rest of the season. "When we play as a team, I feel like were very hard to beat," Christmas said.



Zac Claus

"I think that this is just a baseline, as we move on through the season, we just get better and better playing together." The growth in this team is starting to come together during the early parts of the season, proving that they can the job done. The Vandals are getting ready to hit the road for the next couple weeks, being back home until November 23. With that, the Vandals hope to carry the momentum from this win onto their next game. "We gotta continue to have a collective toughness about us," Claus said. "Rather it be defensively or just staying together." Idaho will play UC Riverside 2 p.m. Nov. 9. in Riverside, CA. Elizabeth Carbajal can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu

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VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW



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The Vandals huddle after the previous play during a match in Memorial Gymnasium.

# Montana madness in Memorial Gym

*Idaho plays Montana State and Montana this week at home*

Connor Swersey  
ARGONAUT

The Vandals look to defend their flawless home record during conference play against both Montana teams in the Big Sky. While Idaho has not lost at home, they are facing a team that beat them earlier this season. **Season Recap:** After a tough loss against Sacramento State (12-13, BSC 7-5) last week, the Vandals (12-12, BSC 8-4) currently sit in a tie for second in the conference with Weber State. The Vandals look to solidify their second place standing with two wins this week. Leading the team in points still is sophomore outside hitter Kennedy Warren with 23% of the team's total season points. Warren currently hits a .273 percentage and leads the team's offense from the outside. Both middle blockers, redshirt sophomore Nikki Ball and freshman Kyra Palmbush have held a strong offensive presence

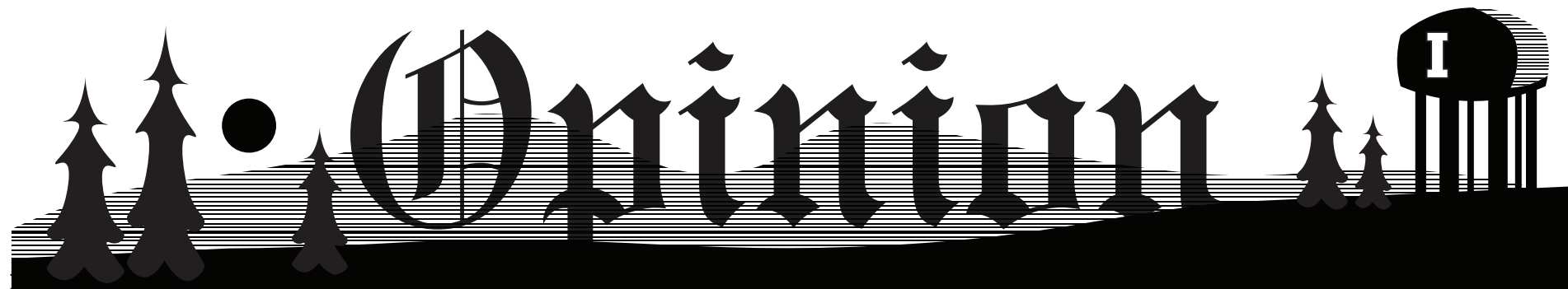
as well with 256 and 250 points respectively. Senior libero Delaney Hopen continues to lead the team's defense with 399 digs on the season followed closely by sophomore defensive specialist Becca Owen and freshman defensive specialist Alaina Lacey. **University of Montana:** The Grizzlies (4-19, BSC 3-9) have had a tough season up to this point but have gained a couple of wins in the last two weeks. First beating Portland State 3-1, then Montana State 3-1. The Grizzlies have good momentum after these wins, but this team is still 3-9 throughout conference play and 4-19 this season. Statistically, Idaho plays a better game and should be able to overcome the hurdle. Idaho needs to work on not letting off the gas if they get an early lead, while playing strong throughout the entirety of the game. **Montana State University:** The Bobcats (10-11, BSC 6-6) were the first team to overtake

the Vandals this season, beating them 1-3. Montana State features a pin-heavy offense with three leading scorers all being outside hitters. The Bobcats also recently beat Sacramento State, so this is not a team that will be an easy win for Idaho. The Vandals need to play strong volleyball to defend their home court against this Montana State team. The pins are where Montana State can score points so the Idaho middle blockers Palmbush and Ball need to work hard to take control of the net defensively and shut down the leading scorers on the court. **When and where:** The Vandals will take on the University of Montana Grizzlies 6 p.m. Thursday and the Montana State Bobcats 1 p.m. Saturday, both inside Memorial Gym. Connor Swersey can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu

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## EDITORIAL

# Shedding light on UI's unsung heroes

*What are the university's priorities?*

The University of Idaho Facilities Services building is located on the far west end of campus, on the other side of the Kibbie Dome and its parking lot. The teal-roofed building is one few students have even noticed, let alone been in or experienced.

Upon arrival, friendly faces welcome you in. The building is flush with shops and equipment used to maintain the centuries-old UI campus.

What it is not flush with is people.

Many people who work in the department have been around for decades, long-standing figures as integral to the university's success as administrative higher-ups and yet glossed over by many without a second thought. But the number of people working to maintain the campus only has dwindled over the years.

And that number may dwindle even more as the university works through budget issues, according to an employee of the department with knowledge of the situation who requested anonymity to protect their job.

In the wake of a budget crisis, facilities is one of the four considered units for outsourcing, with an estimated reduction budget of \$2 million. And yet, \$2 million feels like nickels and dimes when observing the projected \$22 million total deficit.

As the university looks to 'leave no stone unturned' in the search for a solution, is this truly a stone we can afford to turnover?

To some, the word 'facilities' is an easily replaceable term, eerily similar to the faceless, nameless entities many may associate them with as they are seen navigating their daily routines.

But that's not who they are, and further cuts or

outsourcing to the department is not the solution.

Each and every student on campus has now hopefully seen the cracks in UI's foundation — varied, deep lines, often figurative and now quite literal in the wake of last week's ISUB/Teaching and Learning Center flooding.

Facilities services exists to help cover up those physical cracks the moment they unfold — they are doing their job if we don't know it. When facilities has the time and resources to properly assist in campus operations, no one bats an eye. In many ways they are UI's unsung heroes, the people working behind

the scenes to fix the issues we don't perceive.

They don't do it for the recognition. These employees stay with the university because they care.

If the university moves forward with outsourcing the department, it does not inherently and exclusively mean a loss of jobs for those employees, but the overall management and job structure could change.

It's hard to believe the best course of action is to effectively reduce the university's ability to problem solve. UI has remained a beautiful, thoughtfully maintained campus through many administrative changes and directional shifts.

Through the years, the constant has been facilities workers willing to devote their time and energy to a loyal cause. With changes imminent, that loyal cause may be no more.

This may be the straw that broke the camel's back.

— Editorial Board



## GUEST VOICE

## Homesickness: How to recognize and reduce it



Ella Letica  
Peer Health Educator

Are you experiencing a strong longing for home? Missing friends from high school? Craving that family home-cooked meal? Just as absence can make the heart grow fonder, absence can also cause homesickness.

Nearly all college students will experience homesickness at some point through their collegiate career. Although there is nothing unusual about missing your family and friends, it is important to make sure homesickness does not prevent you from enjoying your university experience.

How does homesickness begin? Many students claim homesickness happens because they miss their friends and family back home, which is true. However, there is some psychology behind these feelings of homesickness.

Halverson (2012) conveys the theory that humans are naturally hesitant toward change at first. Research shows humans resist change not only because of fear, but also the belief that our old routine is the best way of doing things.

Therefore, the change is not just about experiencing something unknown, it's about giving up something we know and feel comfortable doing. Most students have come from living at home; a comfortable, familiar environment, surrounded by similar people with a regular routine.

In contrast, college students experience new environments, new people and are abruptly immersed into a new routine. And for many, this can be an overwhelming change.

Various factors may make some students more susceptible to homesickness than others. First generation and out of state students, students coming from diverse cultures, female students

and those with a history of anxiety have an increased risk of homesickness. It can negatively affect academic performance, motivation and relationships with your peers.

It can also cause social withdrawal as well as sleep and eating disturbances. Although homesickness does not necessarily require treatment, it does not mean it will disappear overnight.

If left alone, homesickness can grow and lead to more serious conditions like anxiety and depression. Therefore, it is important to notice these feelings and take action.

Below are five tips to reduce homesickness:

1. Be engaged: Try new things and participate in activities. Immerse yourself into the college experience, which is different for all students. You will meet people through these new activities. Getting engaged keeps the mind busy so there is less time to think about home and more time to think about new experiences.

2. Make your new home a home you recognise: Although it is not possible to bring your room from home with you, it is still possible to make the feeling of your room a comfortable, familiar and safe environment. This can be as simple as bringing your own pillowcases or photos. This will be different for each student.

3. Create a routine: University is the time to learn more about yourself. Creating a routine that suits who you are and your hobbies can help create a more positive and effective environment.

4. Keep up with hobbies you took part in at home: It is crucial to try and keep your hobbies going, even if you are feeling down or a little consumed by your new life. This can be as easy as going to the gym, joining an intramural soccer team or reading a good book.

5. Talk to someone: On campuses resources are available and include the Counseling and Testing Center and The Women's Center. We also have Vandal Health Peer Educators in the SRC Well Space that are always happy to listen as well.

## POLITOON



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## COLUMN

## Permanent budget cuts, TLC shutdowns, what's next?



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*What to expect from UI when everything is changing*

Anyone who has been receiving the University of Idaho's emails in the past couple of weeks knows exactly what kind of existential dread is creeping around campus. It is a universal feeling shared between students — even professors and faculty, as we all joke about what it's like being shoved out of the Teaching and Learning Center.

It feels like classes are pushed to opposing sides of campus like two magnets

with positive ends. I blame my short legs, Moscow's hills and the 10-minute passing period for arriving to my back-to-back classes sweating and out of breath.

Navigating the adjusted spreadsheet is hard enough when neither class titles or class times are chronologically ordered.

I understand how class space is scarce — especially shutting down a whole building — but Engineering Physics Building then the Admin back to back? What are you trying to do, kill me?

As I passed a friend going to classes earlier this morning, we chuckled at the remark of, "At least my calves will be in shape by the end of this."

Sheerly coincidental, it has been a hard semester for the university.

UI feels like it's falling apart but desperately trying to remain OK all the same — what would a university be if it didn't have a significant permanent budget cut delivery and a flooding disaster all in

the same month?

It seems like the test vandal alert woke something deeper.

Surely I was not the only one who got chills from the alert, especially after last year's Vandal notice bombardment.

Of the unexpected disasters at the university, one has gone largely unnoticed.

The elevator in the Art and Architecture (South) building has finally broken, running its course. This is a problem as there isn't a comfortable way for students to get up to their painting classes. Just like the university accommodating students to other buildings, art students are being assisted to other studios around the university.

As of now, the university seemingly has no means of fixing the elevator.

With budget cuts running rampant around the university, it isn't crazy to wonder how funding will affect UI.

It also isn't crazy to wonder what we

can expect for UI's future.

As of right now, it is unknown when we will be returning to the TLC and when things will go back to normal. It's a miracle the situation was noticed so soon, as more serve damage could have come from the flood.

We are fortunate that classes are still in session and other buildings around the university can cover classes forced to leave the building temporarily. Although in retrospect, it would be nice to have a week of no classes.

For now, feel free to get your calves working. There's no choice but to make do with what we have.

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