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Empty bike rack on campus after UI transitioned online in spring  
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## Breaking down the pandemic at UI

The COVID-19 pandemic influences all parts of life at University of Idaho. We interviewed faculty and staff across the university to learn more about plans for fall 2020 and broke it down. Here's a snapshot of what we know. The full report can be found on our website.

This is a reduced version of the full report. For more information, read this article on our website at uiargonaut.com

### Mental Health

According to Director Gregory Lambeth, the Counseling and Testing Center (CTC) has made major moves towards online services.

"We went from providing 100% of our services face to face here on campus to providing our services through telepsych," Lambeth said.

Telepsych is the use of technology to provide psychiatric care virtually. The CTC counseling appointments are now run through Zoom. The CTC had not used Zoom prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lambeth said most of the center's therapy made a seamless transition to telepsych.

"I wouldn't want to make the case that telepsych is somehow a diminished service relative to doing it in person," Lambeth said.

"There are some tradeoffs, but it's not automatically an inferior service."

Some psych testing is unable to be carried out online, like the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for learning disabilities.

To place individuals on the scale, they must manipulate blocks, puzzles and speed tests which aren't designed to be done virtually.

"You just can't do those online," Lambeth said. "You can't just send someone the blocks to administer the test."

Lambeth hopes to be able to continue in-person testing in the fall.

Due to the timing of the COVID-19 outbreak, there was limited impact on psych testing and other in-person-only services as UI was nearing the end of the semester and relatively few people were scheduled for testing.

The center has canceled its group counseling program, offering individual counseling to those affected instead.

"It's not like we're adding telepsych as an adjunct service and changing nothing else," Lambeth said. "We are trying to change everything to telepsych."

The center has continued to use Zoom over the summer while deciding how to carry on in the fall. It is likely the CTC will continue most services online, Lambeth said.

Counseling sessions are not planned with social distancing in mind. Traditionally, patients and therapists sit close together in the same room for a long period of time. The CTC's rooms are also unventilated.

"We are looking at all these different kinds of concerns that are unique to our workplace," Lambeth said. "And whether or not trying to sit six feet apart with both of us with masks on is a better way to provide a mental health service than by Zoom, where you can see someone's facial impressions."

Most returning clients continued attending counseling sessions through the transition online, but Lambeth is concerned about those who may be hesitant to start in the fall.

"Will students who have never accessed services before still access services through telepsych?" Lambeth said. "That may be a bigger leap for them."

Last semester, the center saw fewer new clients, but this could be attributed to students leaving campus and not utilizing university resources when living elsewhere.

"What I want to stress is that we are still open, we are still operational," Lambeth said.

### Academics

Undergraduate and graduate students alike should follow the same protocols if they contract COVID-19. Students in on-campus housing will be quarantined in quarantine-specific housing while students in off-campus housing will be expected to self-quarantine in their homes. University guidance on how to continue

coursework after contracting COVID-19 has not been released.

UI expects 75% of instruction to be held in-person. Hybrid models like HyFlex would allow online and in-person delivery simultaneously. A minimum of four feet of distance between individuals will be provided in classrooms and masks will be required in all campus buildings.

When UI switched to remote instruction in the spring, the pass/fail grading option was approved due to the abrupt transition, Dean of Students Blaine Eckles said. That option will not be available for the coming semester.

### Financial aid

The Dean of Students office created the Bruce and Kathy Pitman Emergency Fund this spring to provide funding to students in emergency situations. Eckles said over 130 students applied. In the summer, the federal government provided UI with several million dollars, with half of it designated as emergency aid funding for students, Director Randi Croyle and Associate Director of Scholarships Laurie Barker said. It was divided between nearly 6,000 students.

For now, the Financial Aid office is focused on raising money for scholarships. Loans are available in the meantime as well, Croyle and Barker said.

Vandal Giving Day and CARES money assist the office in providing aid to students.

There will be no massive tuition relief for students the fall semester, Croyle and Barker said. Instead, possible financial struggles will be managed through scholarships. If a student finds themselves financially struggling due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, they can contact the office remotely to receive further advisement.

### Budget

The University of Idaho is considering mandatory furloughs for faculty and staff to deal with the financial impacts from COVID-19, according to Trina Mahoney, UI's Assistant VP for University Budget and Planning.

The university has since finalized its mandatory furlough plan. Mahoney's office, which is responsible for setting budgets across the university, recently worked to cut \$22 million from its operating budget for fiscal year 2021.

"There will be some impact financially at the individual level as everybody takes the required hours off, but our intent is that there won't be impact to students," Mahoney said.

"Meeting the needs of our students is a huge part of our mission." Furloughs mean a reduction in pay and the hours employees are required to work.

In addition to COVID-19 and UI's lingering financial crisis, state funding has continued to diminish.

"As a result of the pandemic, the state is reducing their funding to the university by 5% in fiscal year 2021," Mahoney said. "So far, that's a one-

time reduction, but we're all thinking there's going to be more coming."

The university has six different appropriations from the state and among those six, the 5% reduction amounts to nearly \$6.9 million.

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"We're going to have to be ready to hear from the state that maybe there's going to be permanent reductions in fiscal year 2022, but we just don't know yet what those dollar amounts will be," Mahoney said. "There's still a lot of unknowns, but the \$22 million budget reduction can get us to what would have been a good, solid, balanced budget had COVID-19 not happened. If the pandemic hadn't come along, I was feeling pretty darn good about fiscal year 2021."

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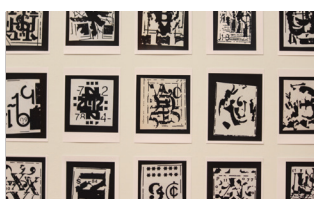
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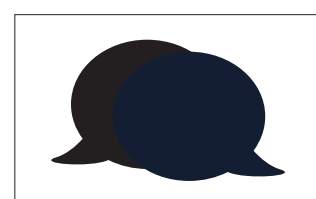
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# A Crumbs recipe

## Healthy brownies

Want an easy, healthier alternative to brownies? This is the recipe for you.



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### Ingredients

- 3 ripe bananas
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup baking chips of your choice (optional)

Serving Size: 10-12 brownies  
Cook time: 20-25 minutes

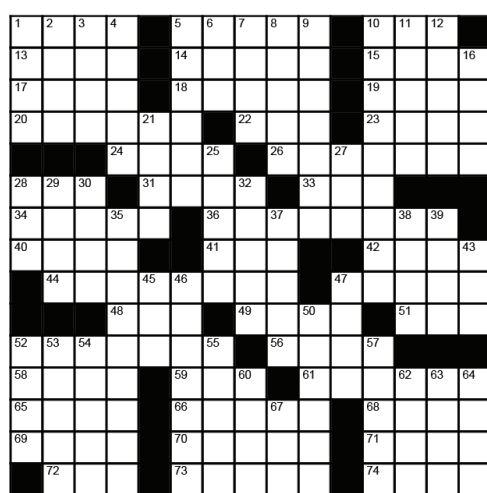
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### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mash bananas in a large bowl.
3. Mix peanut butter into the mashed bananas until smooth.
4. Add cocoa powder to the mixture and stir until combined.
5. Add baking soda and mix again.
6. Stir in baking chips if you choose to do so. I used chocolate chips.
7. Pour mixture into a deep pan and cook for 17-20 minutes or until you can stick a toothpick in and see no brownie come up with it.
8. Cut into squares and serve.

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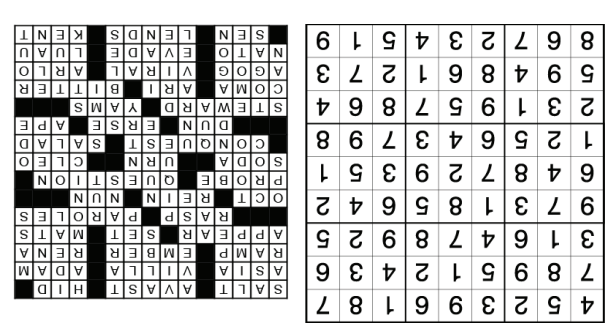
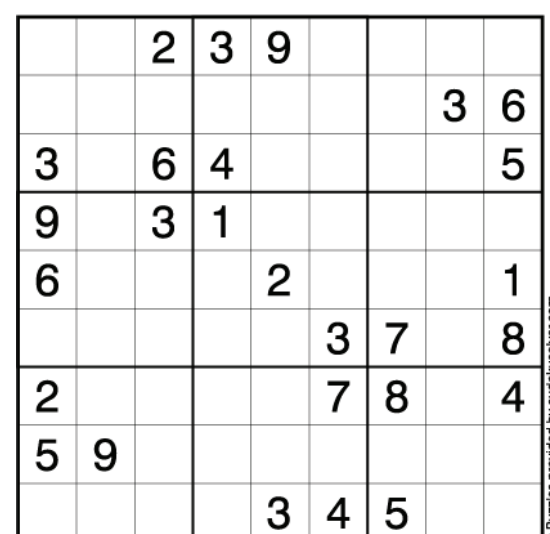
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EVENT

# Summer UIdaho Bounds drew in students from across the country

Traditional event for incoming students and families adjusted to prevent spread of COVID-19

Angela Palermo  
ARGONAUT

Prospective students and their families spread out across the University of Idaho campus June 26 and July 17, wearing masks and donning visors for this summer's two UIdaho Bound recruitment events.

Those in attendance of the events met at the Bruce M. Pitman Center for a welcome and introduction before exploring on their own throughout the afternoon.

Admissions Events Coordinator Ellamae Burnell said 141 students registered for the June event. Roughly 250 incoming students participated in the July event, according to Strategic Enrollment Management Web Coordinator Megan Clark. To ensure social distancing, many changes had been made from the prior year, including plexiglass shields for check-in, boxed lunches and sanitizing stations.

"It's really a 'choose your own adventure,' event this year," Burnell said. "Students can participate in what they want to participate in without having to do the whole schedule."

At various outdoor locations across campus, faculty from different UI departments stood near their respective tables, waiting to lend information to the passing students and families. In previous years, incoming students attended larger informational sessions and panels instead.

Instead of large groups touring on-campus housing at regular intervals, individual guides provided tours to designated dorm rooms as small groups desired them. Lunch and assistance in registering for fall 2020 courses were provided, although with more social distancing than previous events.

"We structured it this way because of COVID-19," Associate Director of Admissions Angela Helmke said. "We wanted families to be able to make their way across campus to the various departments and colleges they needed to speak with. It's



Parents and future Vandals stand in line for registration at UIdaho Bound, July 17.  
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nice that everyone wanted to be available to answer questions and talk to incoming students about what they could offer."

All participants were required to wear masks or face coverings, Burnell said.

"We're following all State of Idaho requirements for events as well as CDC recommendations," Burnell said. "The schedule this year is much less guided and gives students and families a chance to really explore campus in a way that is most comfortable for them, while still having a good turnout from our campus partners."

One visiting student, Kyoya Himori, came all the way from Kansas to attend the event on his own.

Himori said he plans to live in Wallace Residence Hall for his freshman year while studying to become an athletic trainer.

"I'm nervous with all the uncertainty," Himori said. "But I'm also excited."

Vice Provost Dean Kahler said UI was

allowed to reopen in Stage Four of Gov. Brad Little's Idaho Rebounds plan. UI officials have been working with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to determine what steps can help them open the school safely.

"We're doing everything we can possibly think of to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus," Kahler said. "We've done everything short of cancelling the event."

Kahler said visiting a school in person to determine if it's the right fit for each student is important.

"People want face to face interaction at some point, especially when they're investing a tremendous amount of money," Kahler said. "We have people here from Nevada, from Arizona, from California, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, and they want to see the campus at least once before they commit to coming here and this is an opportunity for them to do that."

At an informational panel in the Kibbie Dome, Dean of Students Blaine Eckles encouraged incoming freshman to get involved once they arrive. He mentioned intramural sports, student government and other organizations and clubs on campus.

"We do still plan on having great opportunities for you to engage and connect with other students because we know learning occurs both inside and outside of the classroom. But it may look a little different from what it traditionally would be," Eckles said. "Don't let the coronavirus and what's happening prevent you from leaving your room, because if you're coming to campus and not leaving your room, you're not doing college right."

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LOCAL

# Staying social while staying apart



(Top) Bison at Yellowstone from the Nez Perce tribe's recent bison hunting trip. (Bottom) Members of the Nez Perce tribe craft fabric masks to donate to community members

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## Nez Perce & Coeur d'Alene tribes support their communities during COVID-19

Alexis Van Horn  
ARGONAUT

The Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene tribes have both suffered the impacts of COVID-19, along with other Idaho residents. Sticking together while staying apart and valuing the health of all were common themes for both communities, but tribal government responses and other details differed.

### The Nez Perce Tribe (Nimiipuu people)

As of July 23, Nimiipuu Health reported 24 positive COVID-19 cases on the Nez Perce reservation, which includes portions of Clearwater, Idaho, Lewis and Nez Perce Counties. Nimiipuu Health has tested 693 people for COVID-19.

According to Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Shannon Wheeler, the Nez Perce tribe formed an incident command group March 10, suspended non-essential travel March 12, closed the tribal casino March 17 and declared a public health emergency March 18, at which point all non-essential staff were put on paid leave. A stay-home order was put in place March 27.

A food distribution center was also assembled to serve Nez Perce tribal community members. Earlier in the summer, a buffalo hunting party retrieved resources from Yellowstone and delivered food to those in need, Wheeler said.

Members of the Nez Perce tribe have higher rates of heart disease, hypertension and other underlying conditions which put people at higher risk for complications from contracting COVID-19, Wheeler said, so the community has worked together to prevent a serious outbreak through social distancing and isolation.

"The changes in the community, of course, are many," Wheeler said. "As tribal people, we are very social with pow wows and dinners, name givings, just all kinds of different events,

sporting activities. Birthday parties are large, the whole families come. And those types of clusters of people aren't good at this time during the pandemic, so a lot of our people have missed out on that."

Nez Perce tribal members have also missed meeting in sweat lodges, a highly social event where men or women will get together for prayer, song and communication. Burials have also been impacted. The ceremony surrounding burial can last 24 hours, but this period of mourning has been cut short and altered to protect those living from the spread of COVID-19.

"Those are some of the major impacts that we have faced and some of the sharpest criticism we've faced as well," Wheeler said. "To have to pull back and say 'we can't do that at this time,' for long-term traditions we've had, we've had to break away from those traditions through this pandemic time, so those have been difficult times for people who would pray in a certain way or mourn in a certain way."

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### The Coeur d'Alene (Schitsu'umsh) Tribe

As of July 24, Marimn Health was monitoring 13 active COVID-19 cases on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, which sits between Kootenai and Benewah Counties. Marimn Health has had 58 cases on the reservation and run 1,486 tests for COVID-19. The center has tested tribal members, community members, employees of tribal entities and current patients, according to Marimn Health Director of Strategic Development Heather Keen.

At first, Marimn Health partnered with Panhandle Health District, which serves Kootenai and Benewah counties, Keen said. But the Marimn Health team later realized they could conduct contact tracing for community members quicker than PHD, so they created a response team instead.

Healthcare staff from Marimn Health were redistributed throughout the community early in the pandemic to ensure the entire community had access to healthcare. Those who come to the physical facility for treatment must also abide by specific guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Coeur d'Alene tribe issued a stay-home order March 20, five days before Idaho did, Coeur d'Alene tribe Public Relations Director Jennifer Fletcher said. The tribal government, local schools and the tribal casino all shut down and stores had limited service hours.

"(The Coeur d'Alene tribal government) has responded with so much humanity and grace, the community and their employees as well," Fletcher said.

Coeur d'Alene tribe employees were paid full salaries and benefits while on leave due to COVID-19, although Fletcher said this couldn't be sustained indefinitely. The Coeur d'Alene tribal community rallied together to ensure children still received schooling and elders of the tribe received care. Shopping hours specifically for elderly community members were put in place so elders could shop with increased social distancing while the Older Americans Program sent necessary supplies to elders first.

"It's been extremely impressive to watch the leadership take the reins and do what was necessary and do the right thing by the people, what needed to be done as opposed to what they could do," Fletcher said. "They really came through for everybody."

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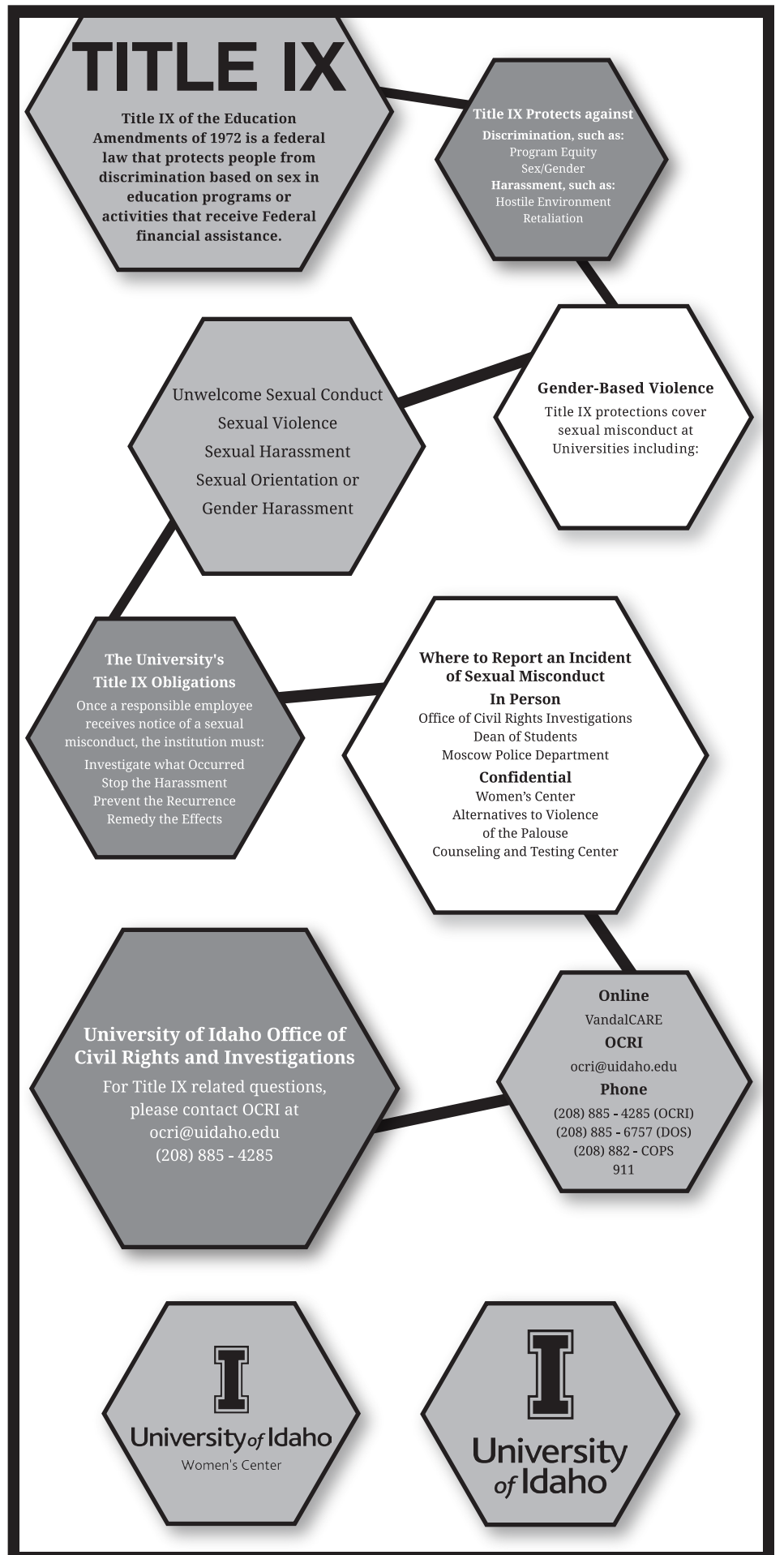
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# Life

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Andria Marcussen's presstype stamps, displayed on a stand with the larger prints on the wall behind them.

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ART

## CONCEPTUAL PAPER AND SOUND ART ON EXHIBIT AT THE PRICHARD

*Husband and wife couple featured in "Out of the Woods"*

Anteia McCollum  
ARGONAUT

Two towering sets of paper cowboy pants, reaching from floor to ceiling, greet visitors walking through the doors of the Prichard Art Gallery.

The current exhibit, "Out of the Woods,"



An example of Ted Kelchner's paper sculptures, displayed on the floor.

features monochromatic folded paper sculptures, Letraset stamps of all different sizes, sound-based exhibits and more.

Behind the cowboy pants are several smaller pairs of origami britches. The work, titled "Stand Off," was created by conceptual artist Ted Kelchner.

A spread of abstract black designs stand stacked on the far wall. In front of the display are conceptual artist Andria Marcussen's original stamps, used to print the artwork.

"For us, art shouldn't be a billboard. Billboards are meant to leave you with no option to inform it. It doesn't want you to think your own thought of it, it wants to tell you what you should think," Marcussen said. "Art and poetry and stuff should do the opposite. It wants to communicate with you, it wants that dialogue to be an exchange."

Kelchner and Marcussen were contacted by the director of the gallery, Roger Rowley, about putting up an exhibit in late May. About a month later, the exhibit was up and running, ready to open for the public.

"Normally for exhibits, we spend anywhere from a year to five years putting them together," Rowley said. "This was put together in a month. So, given that kind of development time to put something in the space, it's pretty amazing."

Kelchner and Marcussen had both already been working on the artwork currently displayed when Rowley reached out about a possible exhibit.

During the winter months, the pair were bored, looking for ways to entertain themselves. Marcussen found a paper folding book at the Potlatch Public Library and, after several tries without satisfactory results, she passed the book on to her husband. Kelchner then took a liking to the craft, he said. The library book eventually inspired the paper sculptures for the gallery.

While Kelchner busied himself with paper sculptures, Marcussen remembered she had a collection of transferable typeface lying around and decided to begin designing stamps to make prints. She was inspired by

the pair's recently combined stamp collection and her own designs.

Marcussen and Kelchner's artwork is heavily influenced by daily life. The audio recordings set up on the second floor of the gallery reflect everyday experiences, like looking out the kitchen window or visiting the optometrist, with a mysterious flair from Kelchner's clarinet and flute, Marcussen said.

"Artists have that responsibility of really seeing themselves as the brain surgeons of culture, opening peoples' minds. Not to pollute them, not to make them controversial or anything, but to promote thought and dialogue," Marcussen said.

"Out of the Woods" is on display at the Prichard Art Gallery from June 26 to Sept. 5. A closing reception will be held 5-7 p.m. Sept. 4. Kelchner and Marcussen can be found at their website, [confinementloaf.com](http://confinementloaf.com).

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LOCAL

## Latah County Fair to continue with modifications for health and safety

*Social distancing, masks and more among the changes*

Carter Kolpitke  
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The Latah County fair will still go on this September, albeit with required masks and other changes.

The Latah County Fair Board met July 7 and 20 to adapt the guidelines and events of the fair, still scheduled September 17-20 at the Latah County Fairgrounds.

Some exhibits and events have been cancelled, including the carnival, the Poetry and Great Outdoors competitive exhibit and the Latah Railway model. In addition, all livestock barns will be closed during the animal shows.

The county fair board also plans to implement strategies to promote social distancing and a safer fair experience. The Commercial Vendor and exhibit buildings will have different layouts, exhibit check-in and pick-up times frames will be longer and the animal auction will be held outside.

"We've seen over a 50% reduction of those areas, so the new layout for the booths that we've been able to retain will be much more spread out with much more space in between," Fair Manager Jim Logan said. "We are following and promoting social distancing guidelines not only for our patrons, but also for all of the booths, vendors and attractions."

Face coverings will be required for all attendees, including the public and exhibitors. This guideline coincides with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's official recommendation and the city of Moscow's mask mandate, which began in July.

Logan expects fewer vendors will be able to host booths due to uncertainty in this year's fair attendance.

Vendors who still attend will be encouraged to implement additional precautions to keep themselves and attendees safe. Suggestions made by the board include sneeze guards, hand sanitizer, refusing cash sales and limiting customer contact.

Country Snack Shack, a returning fair vendor, still plans to open a booth at the fair with the addition of extra precautions.

"We've put up plexiglass face shields over the registers, all employees now wear masks and we already wear gloves. Except now the difference will be cashiers will wear gloves as well, we hand out all utensils individually wrapped and all condiments are single served," Country Snack Shack owner Rob Regalia said.

The expected decline in attendances could cause a lack of sales for the fair and individual vendors. Regalia is not as concerned because the vendor has a following from previous years at the fair. However, the fair itself may see repercussions in the future.



The sign commemorating the original site of the Latah County Fair.

Angela Palermo | Argonaut

"It might affect future fairs," Logan said. "We won't know the fair expenses until the fair is complete."

Despite these complications, Logan and the fair board decided opening the fair while following health official's guidelines gives vendors a "fair chance to see some revenue before the fair changes is over."

He said further changes may be made to the layout and schedule of the fair.

"We hope to be able to offer our modified fair and if people are so inclined and are willing to attend, we hope they do," Logan said. "But we understand if people elect not

to attend this year, we are totally okay with that."

The fair board plans to meet again Aug. 3 and is prepared to make necessary changes to keep attendees safe. Those with questions, comments or concerns about the fair or changes are encouraged to call (208) 883-5722 or email [fair@latah.id.us](mailto:fair@latah.id.us).

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## EVENT

# Palousafest impacted by COVID-19



(Top) Participants at the 2019 Palousafest talking to vendors with painted faces (Bottom) UI's marching band at the 2019 Palousafest.

Department of Student Involvement | Courtesy

*Traditional fall event still scheduled. Regulations in place to make it safer*

Anteia McCollum  
ARGONAUT

Palousafest, an annual festival which has taken place at the University of Idaho for over 20 years, is still scheduled to take place this year, albeit with some changes for safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Laurel Meyer, the events and marketing coordinator for the Department of Student Involvement (DSI), said masks and social distancing will be required. The number of booths and the number of people who can stand at each booth at a time will be limited as well.

Meyer said in past years, there have been as many as 220 vendors at the event. This year, DSI is limiting that number to about 100 vendors. Meyer said DSI is giving priority to university organizations and clubs which apply for a table, the organization has not needed to turn away vendors yet.

Vendors will also be asked to not give away snacks or beverages to participants. "We don't want to ask people to wear masks, have people be giving away food and drinks, then the guests will have to take off their masks to eat that sort of stuff," Meyer said.

DSI also plans to increase the amount of space Palousafest will take up in order to increase the space between vendor tables.

Alondra Ibarra, a member of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, originally said the organization's booth would focus on safe interactive activities. Ibarra later stated LTA would not be tabling at the event, as

the organization's national leaders prefer for chapters to refrain from all in-person events for now. Before pulling out of the event, she said her main concern was having a low attendance at Palousafest.

"It (would have been) a good opportunity to see how this younger generation especially teams up and tries to aid in the stopping of the virus, seeing the stopping of the contaminations and watching the community get together and support each other," Ibarra said.

Another of Ibarra's concerns was the new restrictions placed on Palousafest, which would limit the ability of her sorority to meet young women who might be interested in the sorority.

"When I met the girls from LTA, they were really the only ones that helped me get my foot out there and helped me meet other people," Ibarra said. "They were the ones that, on my birthday, showed up at my doorstep with a cake. I never thought I would be interested in a sorority, but even then they were just so good at making me feel comfortable with them."

The president of the Women's Soccer Club, Margaret Lewis, said she had similar concerns because of her club's dwindling size and lack of consistent players.

Lewis said she plans on bringing a small goal to catch people's attention and to talk to any girl that she can as they walk past.

"I just hope that people can find a way to get to our booth and want to talk to us. But I'm not sure that's going to happen, especially with (COVID-19)," Lewis said.

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## HOUSING

## UI preps for students to return to residence halls

*Social distancing and face covering requirements added to dorm life on campus*

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UI will still require full-time first year students to live in organized on-campus living for the upcoming academic year, according to the Dean of Student's Office.

COVID-19 has spun the world upside-down and turned society on its head, John Kosh, marketing director of auxiliary services at the University of Idaho, said. But the university and residence life staff maintain their excitement for students to come back on campus.

"Our overarching goal is to reopen and bring students back into a safe environment, and so our residence halls will be open," Kosh said.

Residence life must follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state and city guidelines. Housing and Residence Life has changed the layout of some residence halls to abide by these guidelines.

Kosh said Theophilus Tower raised specific social distancing concerns. Each floor of the tower shares a communal bathroom and can accommodate more residents than can safely fit CDC guidelines.

Reducing occupancy complies more with the CDC, so the tower will now offer single rooms, Kosh said. This cuts occupancy from 400 residents to 200 residents.

Students have been given the choice to stay in the tower in a single room or move into other living facilities with shared rooms.

The tower is the most affordable housing option, so the university didn't want to raise its rates, Kosh said. Tuition will not increase this semester, due to a state-wide tuition freeze on colleges and universities implemented by the Idaho State Board of Education in late 2019, but UI still wanted to have a housing option affordable for incoming students.

The Wallace Residence Center will not have changes to its floor plan. Roommates will be considered a family unit in terms of social distancing protocol, Kosh said. Though residents may not be blood related, they will be staying the night with each other. Each suite shares a bathroom instead of each floor sharing a communal space like Theophilus Tower. The Wallace Residence Center plan abides by CDC protocol, according to Kosh.

The same policies Wallace Residence Center will be abiding by will also be applied to other campus living options, like the Living Learning Communities. Students in all residence halls must follow social distancing and face covering guidelines when outside their individual rooms. This connects to campus-wide policies which limit lounge spaces and group gatherings.

Most students who attended UI Idaho Bound, the annual event welcoming first-



John Kosh



An empty hallway in Wallace Residence Center during Uldaho Bound this June

Angela Palermo | Argonaut

year students to campus, decided to sign up for single room options, Kosh said. Those who did not were integrated into wings in the Wallace Residence Center.

Meanwhile, residence life student staff are returning residence life student staff are returning to begin training.

New hires are receiving CDC guideline training along with normal Housing and Residence Life training, Kosh said. HRL training includes information on handling violations and keeping an eye on mental health.

Events and traditions in the residence halls are important to the college experience, Kosh said, and staff are working on how to stay involved with their residents.

"You don't have to physically have the virus to be impacted by society being turned up on its head, and we and every staff member recognize that," Kosh said.

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A flower arrangement with coffee cups posted to the Lavender and Thyme Facebook page.

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# BUSINESS FEATURE: LAVENDER AND THYME

Local Florist Tammy McGreevy shares her love of flowers

Stevie Carr  
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Three years ago, Tammy McGreevy started Lavender and Thyme out of her garage, only selling to close friends. Today, it's blossomed into a charming flower shop adjacent to Le Petit Café Fleuri, a French café and bakery attached to the main shop.

Lavender and Thyme serves Moscow with floral arrangements, plants, gift baskets, high-end gifts, chocolate truffles, candles, books, journals and more. McGreevy started 'Joy Packages' during the pandemic to help brighten people's days.

"My café and I did a thing and I still offer it, where we would send a hand-wrapped bouquet, pastry and a drink of some sort to someone,"

McGreevy said. "A lot of people were sending them to their friends just because they wanted to brighten their day and couldn't see them."

McGreevy's favorite part about her job is connecting with others. Her past experiences allow her to be compassionate and connect with those going through loss, happiness and everything in between.

"I love the artistic expression and being able to communicate that and trying to help my customers convey the message that they would like to convey with their sending of flowers," McGreevy said. "I get a chance to really connect with people. It's like being

a hairdresser. Sometimes people come in here and tell me the most amazing story about their lives."

Kailyn Eagy, a UI student studying international studies and film, has worked at Lavender and Thyme for about three years. Eagy, a Boise native, didn't know anything about Moscow before moving.

"I like the vibe of a local business, so I wanted to see what Moscow had to offer and I saw that there was Lavender and Thyme," Eagy said. "A floral shop sounds so dreamy and romantic so that definitely attracted me to it."

Three years ago, Eagy arrived in time to help McGreevy move her shop from her garage into her

space on Blaine Street.

Eagy enjoys seeing people's reaction to receiving flowers when she works on deliveries.

"99% of the time people are just so surprised and flattered and excited (because) getting flowers isn't an everyday thing for a lot of people," Eagy said. "It's just an exciting moment for them and it's kind of fun to be the deliverer of good news."

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Left: A bouquet posted by the Lavender and Thyme Facebook page. Right: Roses and various other greens arranged in a wooden crate posted by the Lavender and Thyme Facebook page.



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## EVENT

# Transitioning from Moscow Drive-In to Screen on the Green

Annual community tradition restarts halfway through summer

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The Theophilus Tower lawn has felt empty since COVID-19 forced students to study remotely. Since July 9, moviegoers have crowded the lawn with blankets, snacks from home and other movie-going gear.

That early July showing of “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” signaled Vandal Entertainment (VE)’s transition from hosting Moscow Drive-in to Screen on the Green.

Over the past several years, Screen on the Green has started in June. The event was moved back this year before the COVID-19 pandemic due to University of Idaho budget cuts. Starting later this year proved to be a good move because June was wet and therefore not a great time to watch movies outside, regardless of COVID-19, VE Supervisor Laurel Meyer said.

The event has always been popular, she said, with over 200 people typically

showing up for each movie. The Moscow Drive-in was started due to this strong interest from the community. Earlier in the summer, VE collaborated with Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, the City of Moscow and others to make the drive-in a reality in May and June.

Hosting Screen on the Green is easier because fewer resources are necessary. The drive-in used a large LED metal screen and organizers needed to direct parking. Screen on the Green’s screen is inflatable and organizers don’t need to direct parking.

“(Screen on the Green) is a fun event, people bring their blankets and snacks, they get up, talk and move around,” Meyer said. “Summer in Moscow is the most beautiful of all seasons and the event takes advantage of the warm summer evenings.”

Meyer hopes the event doesn’t seem too different from prior years and that VE will not need to cancel or further alter the event. Organizers will be watching COVID-19 cases in the area, recommendations from the Centers for



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Disease Control and Prevention and concerns from the community and university.

Popcorn will not be given away, as it has been in prior years, but VE encourages patrons to bring their own snacks to the movie. VE does not want to encourage people to pass around food, Meyer said.

VE will collaborate with other organizations on campus for scheduled movies in the future. On Aug. 27, VE will partner with the Residence Hall Association to show “A Beautiful Day in

the Neighborhood” for UI students returning to campus.

During the event, bathrooms will be open in the Living Learning Communities (LLCs). Attendees are asked to wear masks while the city requires them and are encouraged to keep a six-foot distance from other groups.

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## THEATER

# When curtains close: COVID-19 and local theater

UI Theater Department and Regional Theater of the Palouse planning to come back in person this fall

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The Regional Theater of the Palouse (RTO) is rehearsing for its upcoming musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie” when Washington Gov. Jay Inslee shut the state due to COVID-19. The show was postponed and out-of-town talent cancelled their trips.

According to Michael Todd from RTO, postponing the musical was beneficial in preventing the spread of the virus. Despite the ensuing financial loss, the theatre kept its cast and crew safe.

Following the initial outbreak of COVID-19, many of the services offered by RTO, like voice and piano lessons, went online.

RTO’s Summer Theater Camp was modified to follow guidelines on the state and federal level regarding COVID-19. Todd said it’s good to have these in-person events in a safe, professional environment.

To host live shows in the fall, Whitman County will need to be in Phase Four of Gov. Inslee’s reopening plan. The county is currently in Phase Three.

In compliance with COVID-19 guidelines, RTO has shows lined up for the fall if audiences are willing to come. As of July 8, RTO has not announced shows or ticket sales for the upcoming season due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.

RTO’s theater has under 100 seats

and, if running at half capacity, the audience would be able to properly practice social distancing. The cast sizes of the shows RTO has prepared are small, allowing cast members to social distance as much as possible on stage.

Some aspects of theatre can’t be achieved while social distancing, though. Backstage spaces can be cramped and certain scenes on stage need physical contact between actors. RTO is considering using filming and video options to bring entertainment to its audience in case it can’t produce live shows.

“Support the arts during this challenging time,” Todd said. “Given the industry that it is, it will most likely be one of the last ones that will be able to open. Donating time or talent or financial resources to art and art institutions is essential.”

The University of Idaho Theater Department has been delivering distanced education since 2009 for its MFA program. Moving online felt like “second nature” to some in the department, Chair of Theater Arts Robert Caisley said, though on-campus students still felt the disruption. As of early July, all theater courses scheduled for fall can be taught online, he said.

The first show of the spring 2020 semester, “Deep Calls,” went without a



Official visual for University of Idaho production of “The Moors” | Courtesy of David Harlan

hitch. The second show, “The Moors,” played for one weekend before UI transferred online. The final show of the spring semester, “You Can’t Take It with You,” was postponed indefinitely. “You Can’t Take It with You” will likely show in the fall, although this is subject to change, Caisley said.

As of early July, the UI theater department planned to produce a live season in the fall, but has plans to move online if COVID-19 spikes again, Caisley said. Livestream or hybrid versions of university-produced shows will likely be the alternative if UI can’t host in-person events, he said.

Though there is nothing concrete in place yet, much planning for the upcoming semester has focused on this possibility. Caisley said much of what will happen in the fall depends on which stage of reopening Idaho is in and the number of local COVID-19 cases.

UI has recommended on-campus theater spaces not exceed 50% capacity. The Hartung Theater, one of three theaters on campus, has 417 seats, and can be used as a performance space and as a classroom in case larger in-person classroom spaces are needed in the fall.

The smaller theaters, the Forge and the Pocket Playhouse, have 90 and 50 seats respectively. Caisley said it will be difficult to enforce social distancing in live audiences in these smaller spaces. Since shows will need to run with smaller audiences, shows may run longer to make up for lost ticket revenue, he said.

Auditions for UI productions will still be held the weekend after classes begin this fall. The auditions are currently planned to be held in-person, but if circumstances change, auditions may be held virtually or through video submissions.

“It is my great hope that as a department we are all going to rally together in solidarity to confront what looks like insurmountable odds,” Caisley said.

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# Sports

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Working In Silence

*Vandal discusses his personal motto and reasons for choosing Polish team*

Rebecca Pratt  
ARGONAUT

Trevon Allen, 2020 University of Idaho graduate, arrived in Poland just over a week ago to play for his first professional basketball team. Since then, Allen's been thinking about the life philosophy he coined for himself, "work in silence." Living that mantra is a spiritual experience for Allen, hard to describe over a chatroom.

"Working in silence means having a humble attitude, it means you get out what you put into it," Allen said. "For me, it's believing in God, because I think a lot of success comes from him."

Allen, who played as a guard, came up with this motto at the end of his freshman year at UI, although he'd been practicing it since high school. It was one of the best seasons of his career at the time. He played in all 33 games of the season, started in 11, and averaging 5.1 points and 2.1 boards per game. For Allen, this was no surprise.

"I've always been thankful for what I have," Allen said. "But where I come from, what I've been able to do, it's hard to do. It's hard to get noticed."

Allen grew up in Lapwai. He said where and how he was raised greatly influenced how he perceives working hard to achieve one's dreams.

"The Native American community, my deep roots, they don't even know what work they are doing," Allen said. "They have to work so much harder to get anywhere, I don't even think they notice."

Allen had dreamed of becoming an NBA player his whole life. After graduating, offers flew in from teams in the U.S. and abroad, including Italy, Sweden, Bulgaria, Russia and more. Allen

ultimately chose to join Poland's D1 team, Polpharma Starogard Gdanski.

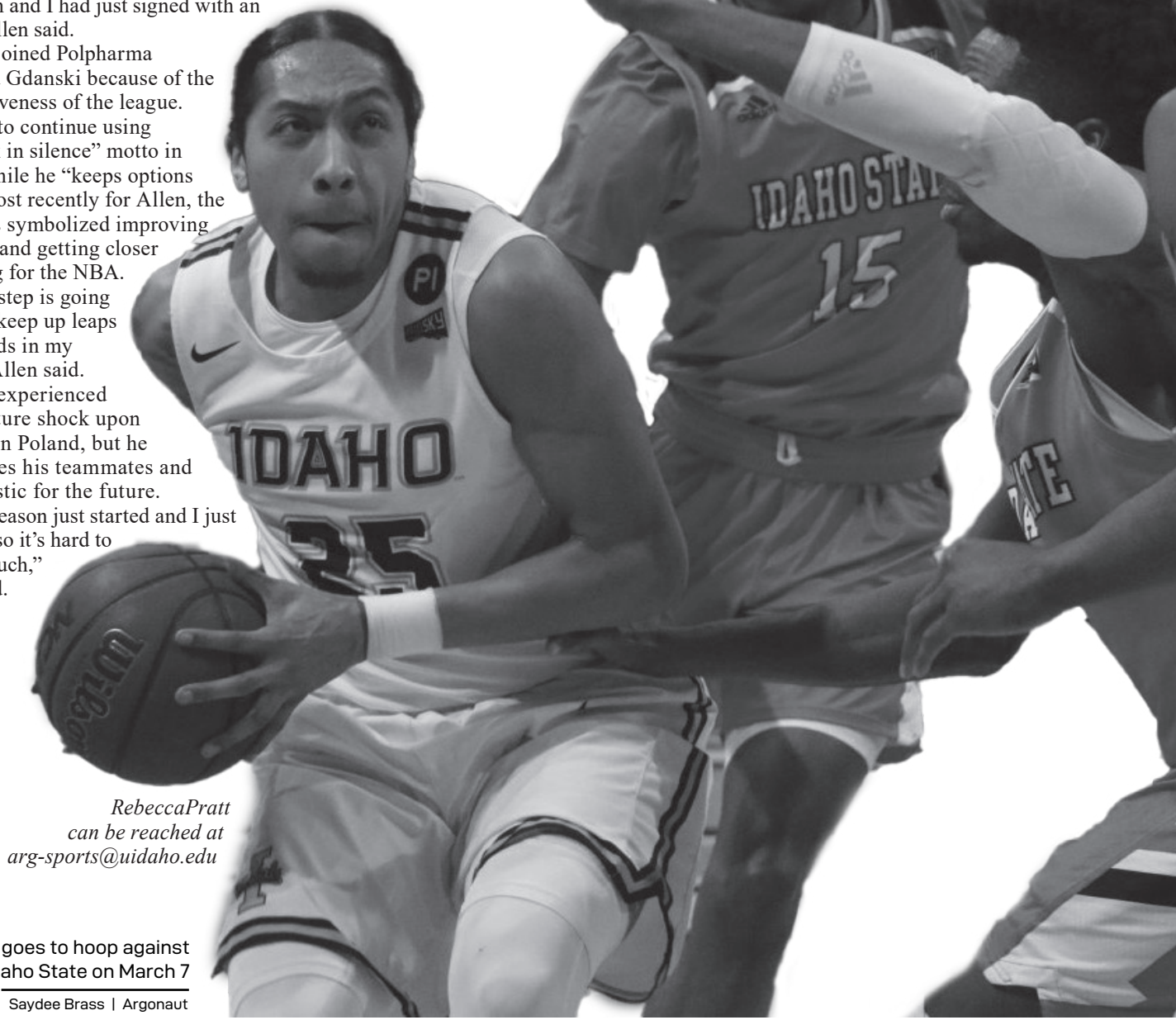
"It was weird because (the COVID-19 pandemic) happened right at the end of the season and I had just signed with an agent," Allen said.

Allen joined Polpharma Starogard Gdanski because of the competitiveness of the league. He plans to continue using his "work in silence" motto in Poland while he "keeps options open." Most recently for Allen, the motto has symbolized improving his game and getting closer to playing for the NBA.

The next step is going to be to "keep up leaps and bounds in my career," Allen said.

Allen experienced some culture shock upon arriving in Poland, but he appreciates his teammates and is optimistic for the future.

"The season just started and I just got here, so it's hard to tell too much," Allen said.



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Allen goes to hoop against  
Idaho State on March 7

Saydee Brass | Argonaut

## FALL SPORTS

# Fall season: what we know

*An overview of UI fall sports amid COVID-19*

Alexis Van Horn  
ARGONAUT

Colleges in the U.S. are adjusting athletic schedules and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here's what we know for University of Idaho fall sports.

### General Information

- Upon arriving in Moscow, each student must self-isolate for five days, Athletic Director Terry Gawlik said during the most recent edition of Cup of Joe.

- Afterwards, students are tested for COVID-19 and if the results are negative, they may begin working out.

- Traditional practices have yet to begin for any sport, but student athletes can work out with a strength and conditioning coach in voluntary workouts, Director of Athletic Communications Joe St. Pierre said.

- Students must wear a mask, answer a series of health-related questions and have their temperature checked when entering the Kibbie Dome.

- Only ten students or fewer are allowed in the weight room at any time, Gawlik said. Afterwards, the room is sanitized to prepare for the next group of students.

- Standard fall camps will likely begin in August.

- The deadline for the remainder of fall sports decisions is continuously moving, but "we're running out of time," Gawlik said. "Something's got to give here shortly."

- From what Gawlik is aware of, most conferences and institutions which have not moved to spring play are still preparing athletes if it is safe to do so.

- Moving games, meets and other competitions can impact bowls, NCAA play and postseason possibilities, so adjusting

schedules can be difficult.

### Football

- 72 players are currently back on campus, according to Gawlik
- Cancelled games: Sept. 5 vs. Western Oregon, Sept. 19 at Washington State

- Nine scheduled games, four are home games
- Annual Football Kickoff event will be conducted remotely July 23 and 24

- Capacity in the Kibbie dome will be limited to 5,100 fans for the fall season
- All tickets will be reserved seating reflecting a new seating chart

- The new seating arrangement allows for more physical distance between fans
- When the Kibbie Dome returns to full capacity, season ticket holders will have the option to change their seat location

- Ticket holders will be given the option to credit 2020 season payments to the 2021 season, donate 2020 season payments to the Vandal Scholarship Fund or receive a full refund of 2020 season payments should changes to the schedule impact the number or dates of home games

- Masks are required inside the Kibbie Dome and temperature checks will be taken when entering the building

### Women's Soccer

- Players returned the week of July 13, according to Gawlik
- Cancelled games: Aug. 14 at University of Washington, Aug. 27 at Oregon State University, Sept. 10 vs. University of Oregon

- 17 scheduled games, eight are home games
- The regular season champion will earn the league's bid to the NCAA Tournament because the conference tournament has been dropped, St. Pierre stated

- President's Council approved not holding a 2020 Big Sky Championship due to COVID-

19-related budget cuts

### Volleyball

- Players returned the week of July 13, according to Gawlik
- No cancelled games on the calendar

- 16 scheduled games, eight at home

- Last year, the Big Sky Conference hosted 18 games

- The team will play eight opponents in back to back games over eight weeks

- Only the top four teams in the Big Sky will advance to the postseason tournament Nov. 24 and 25 at the University of Northern Colorado

- In previous years, the top eight would advance to this tournament, St. Pierre said

- Season ticket renewals began June 15 and season ticket sales began June 22. Single game tickets could be purchased beginning July 13

- Only \$100 VSF donors will receive parking passes with season ticket purchases this year

### Track and Field/Cross Country

- No cancelled meets on the calendar

- Six scheduled meets, none at home

- Idaho State University will serve as the 2021 Indoor Track and Field championship site for the second year in a row

- Weber State, originally scheduled to host the 2020 Outdoor Track and Field championships, will host the 2021 event instead

- All sports schedules are available on the Vandal Athletics website.

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## NCAA

# The 'Fairness' in Women's Sports Act

*"Having separate sex-specific teams furthers efforts to promote sex equality"*



Joey Cisneros

ARGONAUT

Let's talk about Idaho House bill 500, otherwise known as the Fairness in Women's Sports Act. Is it backed by science? Sort of. Is it discriminatory? Absolutely. Idaho recently became the first state to pass a law banning transgender women from playing on women's teams. The bill was passed even though transgender women playing has never reportedly caused an issue in Idaho.

"As we have previously stated, Idaho's House Bill 500 and resulting law is harmful to transgender student-athletes and conflicts with the NCAA's core values of inclusivity, respect and the equitable treatment of all individuals," NCAA said in a statement about the bill.

According to the Center for Suicide Prevention, transgender people are twice as likely to consider suicide than other members of the LGBTQA community. A previous article by the Argonaut Editorial Board stated this rate only goes up when a bill opposing trans rights is presented.

HB 500 states "Having separate sex-specific teams furthers efforts to promote sex equality." But what about equality for the non-cisgender people this bill affects?

"I think that the issue is the girl's right to participate without having to be concerned about who they're competing with. And that's why I signed the bill," Gov. Brad Little said.

From my perspective, this is yet another man making decisions for women based on what he thinks is right – not what the women he's deciding for actually want.

As the Argonaut Editorial Board pointed out, HB 500 only pertains to transgender women, not transgender men. If the bill was really about fairness, how is this fair? Under the Legislative Findings and Purpose section of the bill, nine of the twelve points listed mention inherent physical differences between genetically male and female bodies. But what about intersex individuals, people born with genetics somewhere between male and female? I can't help but see this bill as a sexist remark on the ability of women, especially since the bill only pertains to trans women.



FOOTBALL

# UI and BSU football teams prep for season amid pandemic



Vandal athlete getting his temperature checked before entering the Kibbie Dome

Joe St. Pierre | Courtesy

*Individual training already underway, in-person team practices to follow*

**Anteia McCollum**  
ARGONAUT

After a summer of meeting with coaches over Zoom, University of Idaho football players began walk-throughs and team meetings on July 24.

As the 2020 fall season creeps closer, student-athletes may now complete up to 20 hours of training per week, including the activities they had already been participating in this summer.

“We are excited that more official activities will be taking place in the near future,” UI Director of Athletic

Communications Joe St. Pierre said.

Boise State University is accomplishing training in a similar manner to UI. BSU Associate Athletic Director Joe Nickell said the university’s football team had been doing voluntary strength training, conditioning, and conducting position meetings during the summer access window. Nickell was not able to provide any information on the details because coaches and staff were not allowed to attend those activities in person.

In June, the Division I Council approved a 2020 summer and preseason model for football which “balances COVID-19 precautions with acclimation,” according to the NCAA press release.

On June 1, student-athletes were allowed to begin voluntary physical and virtual activities which allowed them to stay

in touch with coaches throughout the summer.

July 13 was the beginning of summer access for student-athletes, which included weight training, conditioning and film review, though no athlete could spend more than eight hours per week on these activities combined. The football season has moved to the next stage of summer access as teams prepare to begin preseason practice.

Practices will begin Aug. 7, according to the 2020 preseason model approved in June.

“These first two weeks (before official preseason begins), I compare it to what we used to call OTAs in the year I was in the NFL. You get to have a period of agility, you get to have the weight room and you get to have a walk-through,” UI Head Coach Paul Petrino said.

Petrino said the UI football team will most likely not have a game during the first week of the season, but he hopes to fill the spots from other canceled games soon.

While the season being canceled is a possibility, Petrino said there have been conversations about moving the season to the spring.

“(Not having football games) would hurt a ton. It would hurt the whole country,” Petrino said. “If there is no football, it would really hurt all of the athletic departments in the country.”

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COVID-19

## The cons outweigh the pros

*As most sports continue with no attendees, is UI's decision to have fans a risky one?*



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The sports world has felt the impact of COVID-19 as professional sports leagues, colleges and high schools across the world suspended operations.

Now, months afterwards, sporting events are beginning to reopen. Car racing, professional soccer leagues, the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) and professional golf have started back up.

The National Basketball Association (NBA) is set to resume play towards the end of July and the National Football League (NFL) is set to begin its season in the fall along with some other college sports. However, most collegiate conferences will only be allowing conference play to limit travel for sports teams.

Nascar was among the first groups to offer live events again, although capacity is limited. Other sports have continued competition without fans present.

On July 15, University of Idaho Athletic Director Terry Gawlik announced fans would be able to watch Vandal Football this fall in the Kibbie Dome. Capacity will be limited to 5,100 fans with adjustments to the seating chart. As Idaho continues to navigate its way through the COVID-19 pandemic, is adjusted in-person attendance the best way to keep fans safe?

Sports organizations have argued over allowing fans to come back despite increasing case numbers. With students returning from across the country for in-person classes this fall, the danger of spreading COVID-19 increases.

Even with limited attendance, many students and other members of the Vandal community look forward to attending games. Older members of the community and those with pre-existing health conditions are at a much higher risk of complications after contracting COVID-19. The intermingling between students and community members at sports events could cause the virus to spread to high-risk individuals.

This pandemic is refusing to slow down. There are still so many risks associated with the decision to allow fans at live events. Even if safety precautions are taken, it’s impossible to predict what could happen.

In-person sporting events are great and all, but is the risk of infecting our community members worth it?

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A Vandal athlete wears a mask while getting ready for a workout

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# CRUMBS

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## What's your green dot?

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### THE BILL

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The bill argues that because transgender women have “male bodies,” they have an inherent advantage over cisgender women, even if they have been taking testosterone suppression medication for over a year. I don’t want to give Barbara Ehardt any ideas, but if that was their logic, they would have banned transgender men from participating in male sports because they have “female bodies.” If bodies were the problem, the bill would have sided with the public school system and its stance on how distracting “female

bodies” are to men. This bill is only looking at what people were born as, not acknowledging their identities.

Many people have rightfully opposed bills like this. Even though there won’t be large crowds at sporting events this fall, we still need to support our trans athletes, because although the NCAA is on our side, the Idaho legislature isn’t.

I recognize I am a cisgender man speaking about this topic, so I invite conversation on this from people with lived experiences different from my own.

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Aimee Iwamoto performs breaststroke at a swim meet

Courtesy of Aimee Iwamoto

SWIM & DIVE

# Success: there's something in the water

*Encouragement from UI Swim and Dive Head Coach helped both in and out of the pool, graduate said*

Rebecca Pratt  
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Aimee Iwamoto was an undergraduate senior when the University of Idaho women's swim and dive team received the Scholar All-American Award for the 13th consecutive semester this spring.

"Team wise, I'm extremely proud," Iwamoto said. "We were able to do this because of our team environment, prioritizing academics over athletics, always."

Iwamoto majored in mathematics and swam breaststroke and individual medley for the team. Iwamoto said the team's shared experiences in the pool were the foundation of their ability to thrive together rather than separately. Many athletes on the team shared overlapping courses of study,

predominantly in STEM programs.

"If you look at what (STEM majors on the team) were doing, you would see we worked hard for everything," Iwamoto said. "Math, not easy. Science, not easy. We were always busy working (or) working out."

Iwamoto said her teammates would take time to meet outside of practice to assist in each other's studies. This was encouraged by Head Women's Swim and Dive Coach Mark Sowa and the coaching team, Iwamoto said.

"I mean, all my four years were great experiences, but that was because we had such great coaches and other girls on the team to look up to," Iwamoto said. "Then I was a senior. And now, (the senior teammates) were the leaders and we did such a good job in the pool and in the classroom. That example or expectation trickles down to the freshmen."

As a freshman at UI, Iwamoto she said she knew what to do and how to act because of the leaders on the

team she looked up to.

"We had this healthy competition that was mostly about helping each other," Iwamoto said. "It was like 'hey, I want to get better and I want to help you get better,' so we just pushed each other, win or lose."

Sowa went out of his way to keep the swimmers focused on their academics, making the team's practice schedules as flexible as possible around scholastic activities, Iwamoto said. Sowa and the university's treatment of Iwamoto as a potential athlete during the recruiting process was what convinced her to become a Vandal.

"Other schools just cared about times and races, not me. But I could tell (UI) cared for me more as a person than just a swimmer," Iwamoto said.

Halfway through her schooling, Iwamoto switched her major from education to mathematics. She tried to convince herself she was committed to a degree in education, but after talking with her coaches, she made the switch.

This trusting relationship with

coaches is what the Vandal graduate attributes her course of study change to. Iwamoto recalled a conversation with her coaches about the change.

"They asked me what I wanted and what I wanted to do well in, so I knew they cared about my real-life success, not just as an athlete," Iwamoto said.

The emphasis on "real-life success" from her coaches and teammates both in and out of the pool resulted in a universal success strategy she still uses today as she pursues her MBA at Washington State University.

"I'm glad that part of my life is over, swimming competitively," Iwamoto said. "I'm so grateful for getting to swim for UI, but now I can focus on what's important to me now, what I want to succeed in."

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SWIN & DIVE

# BSU SUSPENDS SWIM AND DIVE DUE TO COVID-19

*UI swim and dive coach comments on program loss*

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Boise State University's Athletics program changed in early July, including by discontinuing the swim and dive programs due to COVID-19, according to a press release from Boise State University.

BSU hopes to save an estimated \$3 million with the budget reduction.

However, the cut poses a bigger issue, according to University of Idaho Head Women's Swim and Dive Coach Mark Sowa.

"It's devastating," Sowa said. "It's a crisis for Olympic sports across the country and it has been even before the pandemic happened. No Olympic sport in this climate is safe unless it's an endowed program."

BSU and UI's swimming and diving teams both have short histories, but found a neighborly competition from the beginning.

"(BSU) has been one of the better programs in the country, it's a great rivalry, it's a friendly rivalry," Sowa said. "(The cut is) bad for intercollegiate sports. I think it's really disappointing. I'm pretty upset, my heart breaks for

those guys."

It's harder for athletic teams to travel close to the UI team by driving or busing because of the university's location in Moscow. This limits how many schools can compete against the UI team.

"Having lost Oregon State a couple years ago and now having lost BSU, it's a real bummer for us because those are two programs that, even though they're long drives, we can drive to," Sowa said.

Sowa isn't worried about his program getting cut, necessarily, but is concerned about the university as a whole.

"We're all in this together and we're all doing our part to make sure

we take care of our students and our student athletes," Sowa said. "We all have to make sacrifices. We all need to be conscious of our budget and it's not athletics and the university, it's the University of Idaho as a whole. I think when it comes to moments like this, this is a moment where we have to look at this like one community and one family and we (need) to take care of each other."

UI student athletes could not be reached for comment.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

# Classes are not bound to campus

University of Idaho is still offering mostly in-person classes next semester. We should re-evaluate.

While many universities and colleges have announced plans for remote instruction this fall, University of Idaho administration maintains their decision to hold classes in-person. But with COVID-19 still impacting the U.S., it's crucial we keep the health and wellness of our communities in mind.

Last semester, UI shifted to online-only course delivery when the risk of continuing in person became too high. Since then, COVID-19 cases have spiked throughout the state. Despite this increase, Idaho businesses have begun re-opening to the public.

But the virus itself, and the danger it presents, have not changed. We must handle COVID-19 with as much urgency as we did at the beginning of the pandemic.

Nearby Washington State University recently announced all undergraduate courses, with few exceptions, will be held entirely online next semester. WSU is not the only school to have made this decision, it's just the closest. UI should pay attention to what its fellow institutions are doing in response to the pandemic.

A positive learning environment is important for the success of all students, but this means something different to everyone. Students who may succeed in live courses may struggle to transition to remote learning, while other students may flourish.

As many like to remind us, we're in uncharted territory. But we can still find ways to make the learning environment safe for all students and faculty.

Last semester, UI students had the chance to explore an online format and figure out what did and didn't work for them. The various online models UI has experimented with are flexible to students, adaptable to different schedules and fit most learning styles.



They are convenient and accessible to anyone with an internet connection and a device.

In-person classes increase the risk of spreading the COVID-19, even with safety measures in place.

Working online from the start will keep us from making a sudden transition in the middle of a semester, putting fewer Vandal family lives in potential danger.

Even though COVID-19 is still spreading and cases are higher now than they were when UI first closed down, much of the world is coming out of quarantine. Moving the university online will reduce everyone's risk of catching COVID-19, benefiting higher education in the long term.

We have the resources to move classes online – last semester's abrupt transition proved this. Despite its planned "robust safety measures," UI's insistence on holding class in-person this fall will inevitably and unnecessarily put the lives of its faculty, staff and students at risk.

Stay safe, Vandals.

– Editorial Board

## COVID-19

# Wash your hands

Debunking some COVID-19 myths and re-emphasizing the importance of cleaning



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COVID-19 has been a learning experience for the entire world, especially when it comes to cleanliness and the steps we should have taken even before the pandemic.

I have always been a fan of washing my hands. It gives me the same clean feeling as putting on freshly washed clothes after a hot shower.

Washing hands frequently or using sanitizer in stores is something everybody should be doing, whether there is the risk of spreading COVID-19 or not. Going shopping at the grocery store or mall will make your hands grimmer than you might think.

Imagine a little kid. They like to touch everything. Spending my teenage years with two toddlers as siblings taught me the more things those kids touch, especially in public, the filthier they get.

Every time someone touches something, their hands pick up germs, dirt, grease and anything else which might have been on the hands of people who touched it before.

Doorknobs, light switches, faucets, buttons and other common objects, which many people touch daily, have the potential to spread one person's germs to anybody else who touches the same object after they do.

This is why washing our hands, using hand sanitizer, sanitizing regularly touched surfaces and other similar protocols to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses are being pushed so hard during this pandemic.

Now, some people say the flu is worse than COVID-19 because it kills more people every year. Okay, let's look at some numbers.

Between 291,000 and 646,000 people worldwide die from seasonal influenza-related respiratory illnesses each year, according to a 2017 news release from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There have been 601,934 COVID-19 deaths reported worldwide as of July 19, according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

No matter which illness you believe is worse, I am a firm believer that none of these deaths can be justified by someone saying "COVID-19 kills more" or "influenza kills more." Because the only thing that matters is people are dying. Too many people are dying.

And we can help lower those numbers by keeping up the same levels of hygiene we began expecting once COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. We can help prevent something like this from happening again by washing our hands and keeping the things around us sanitized.

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## GENERATION WARS

# Boomers are better

Taking the side of Boomers in the Zoomer vs. Boomer debate



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in acting, comedy, technology, sports and fashion, although that will (and has) been said about every generation.

Let's look at a hypothetical situation. You're walking in the woods and your phone is dead. Then, out of the corner of your eye, you spot a Boomer. You can ask them for directions because they were alive in the days before ye olde cellular telephone and know how to navigate by the moss on a rock and the angle of the sun or something. Or they can read a map, which is something a lot of young people surprisingly struggle with without Siri to help them.

If none of these arguments have won you over, you probably just don't like Boomers. You may have your reasons as to why you don't like them. Maybe you've crossed paths with one too many "Karen." But hey, they're not all bad.

If nothing else, you've got to respect that most boomers hold to their values and ideals, regardless of if they're accepted in today's day and age or not. And they sure had fun during the 60's.

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## GENERATION WARS

# Zoomers keep up to date

Taking the side of Gen Z in the Zoomer vs. Boomer debate



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# VS.

In an era of TikTok and Instagram, it's important to keep up with the world. There's so much to learn from these apps. It keeps us on top of global controversies and provides a space to understand and discuss social issues. As the saying goes, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But I'm not talking about dogs. I'm talking about Boomers.

It's almost impossible to navigate the world these days without a smartphone. Zoomers or Gen Z-ers, have grown up with this advanced technology. Millennials and Gen X-ers also understand most of this tech.

But Boomers do not. From personal experience it takes many, many days and many, many questions to teach a boomer how to navigate a phone, let alone a smartphone. Meanwhile, we can pick up almost any automated device. We've even been given the nickname iGen.

If you ask a Boomer what they're passionate about, they'll usually give you an upfront answer. Something like 'I

love to fish or hunt.' If you ask a Zoomer this question, I'm sure most would be stumped. Being open to new philosophies and aware of different cultures is just part of life for Zoomers because we've grown up with an abundance of information at our fingertips.

This is why we often struggle to pinpoint our passions. We're open-minded people who are excited to learn about things going on in the world. Zoomers started #savetheplanet in response to climate change and other online-based activism campaigns.

Zoomers are well-educated and want college educations. This is, in part, thanks to Boomers.

Boomers grew up in a time when a college education was thought of as invaluable since few people had one. We've played up college education so much it's imperative to have one for almost every office job, even though the requirements for these jobs are not necessarily taught at college. Nowadays, the internet contains so much information, educating oneself is no longer limited to those with access to higher education.

I do have to admit, Boomers are pretty lighthearted and inviting, though.

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REVIEW

# This Netflix original flopped

The only positive thing about "Fatal Affair" is its diversity



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Netflix released a couple original thriller movies this month which caught my eye: "The Old Guard" and "Fatal Affair."

"Fatal Affair" caught my attention before "The Old Guard" because the majority of the actors with speaking roles are people of color.

Upon reading the description, I immediately thought of the 2009 movie "Obsessed", which starred Idris Elba and Beyoncé. Both films feature couples who become terrorized by someone obsessed with one of the main characters. Throughout both movies, obsession turns deadly when the stalker is rejected. And both films feature people of color as main characters.

After making this connection, I immediately thought about how similar "Fatal Affair" is to most obsession-based thrillers. It's not a crime for movies to be similar to another one. People enjoy romantic comedies despite their common clichés.

However, when a movie basically mashes every single trope in the book into one, the experience is no longer enjoyable. "Obsessed" may be like other movies,



"Fatal Affair" movie poster | Courtesy of Netflix

but it flips gender norms by featuring a female stalker rejected by a man. Even though this does happen in the real world, it's rarely seen on screen. Plus, the acting and storyline are actually tolerable, unlike "Fatal Affair."

I agree with most reviews out there in that the diversity of the cast of "Fatal Affair" is just about the only positive aspect of the film. This was surprising to me, especially because Nia Long and Omar Epps have lead roles. Long and Epps are great actors, but they felt so awkward in this film. The dialogue feels fake and cliché, the scenes are predictable and the movie relies way too heavily on typical genre tropes.

This movie received poor reviews from critics and audiences alike on Rotten Tomatoes, with a 22% rating from critics and 16% from the audience.

"The movie was laughable when it didn't mean to be," one reviewer wrote.

I have to agree. At roughly halfway through, it began to feel like a parody film instead of a true thriller. I found myself cringing at most scenes, wanting to skip ahead. I gave in a few times when the dialogue was too awkward for me to handle.

The memes and Twitter threads which resulted from this catastrophe, however, were enjoyable. Search the hashtag #FatalAffair on Twitter and you'll enjoy yourself more than you would have during the actual movie. And don't worry, you don't have to watch the movie to enjoy the Twitter threads.

Don't waste your time watching this movie. It gets a 5/10.

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COLUMN

## Preparing for birth during a pandemic

Expecting parents should prepare themselves for a different environment than they may expect



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Preparing mentally for traumatic and stressful situations is important. Fears and anxiety surrounding these situations can build up in our minds and make the situation worse.

Earlier this month, I watched a video from YouTuber Cammie Carter about her experience giving birth during the pandemic. Carter makes lifestyle videos and vlogs about her life as a military wife.

Her video was posted in May. Carter, her husband and their nurses and doctors all wore masks during the birth.

Carter emphasized how "easy" her delivery was despite the COVID-19 precautions. Her main complaint was how difficult it was to breathe in her mask, which was so high up on her nose she couldn't see

what was happening during the delivery.

Carter also discussed her experience with breast feeding. She explained how the lactation consultant, a nurse who helps new parents with breastfeeding, had to be six feet away from Carter while she was giving advice. Carter said she felt this distance made it feel like she wasn't being helped.

Breast feeding for the first time can be scary for new parents, especially when they don't know what they're doing. If a parent expects the lactation consultant to be hands on and instead receives distanced care, the parent may become disappointed and frustrated. This unnecessary stress could be avoided if parents are made aware of this guideline beforehand.

I don't think the couple did anything wrong during their birthing experience, but this video made me think about how new precautions affect the delivery process and the days that follow.

What if Carter had been unaware she would have to wear a mask during birth? Being caught off guard with something which affects the birthing process can scare a person before she even begins delivery.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, much is still unknown about the risks of COVID-19 to newborns. At this point, it's better to take as many precautions as possible with a newborn, so diligently following social distancing and

mask guidelines is important.

Nothing can fully prepare a person for labor, but they can try to be as mentally prepared for COVID-19 precautions as possible. The delivery process is one of the hardest things a body can go through and there aren't many things which fully prepare someone for that.

However, being aware of new changes and procedures due to COVID-19 can help ease some anxiety. Knowing what the parents are getting into once they reach the hospital can avoid any unnecessary frustration or anxiety, such as not receiving expected care from consultants.

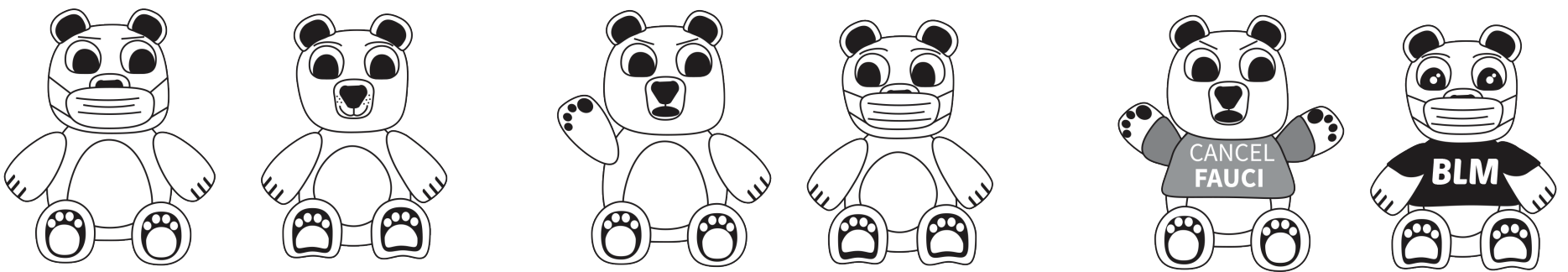
This is not only important for the pregnant parent, but for their partners, if they have them. Both parents should fully understand what's going to happen during labor and the days following delivery. This will help prepare new parents as much as possible for life with their new born during this new normal.

Medical staff, midwives and counselors can help parents mentally preparing for giving birth.

Even though wearing a mask during delivery can be unprecedented, it should not be the biggest worry on an expecting couple's mind.

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POLITICS

# Kan “yay” or Kan “nay?”

*Kanye running for president is a joke, but I'm not laughing*



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Earlier this month, while many celebrated the Fourth of July, Kanye West was tweeting. He announced something shocking: a bid for the presidency.

“We must now realize the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States,” West tweeted.

I couldn't believe the news stories

which popped up on my phone that day. But then it made sense. In 2016, Donald Trump, not a politician at the time, ran for the presidency and won.

Having a celebrity as president hasn't been a great attribute for our country. He didn't have experience leading a country as large and diverse as the U.S. and it's shown. Trump's popularity in office has steadily declined since he was first elected. His handling of COVID-19 has been an especially sore point. Very little was done on a national scale and Trump only recently began wearing a face mask in public.

But could it happen again in the upcoming election cycle? But this time, with Kanye?

Prospective presidential candidates have been dropping from the line-up like flies. It seems the only two candidates with a shot at the upcoming election are Joe Biden and Trump. Could

West make his way to the front?

So far, his chances are quite low. After all, he's only made the ballot in Oklahoma. If West was serious about running, he wouldn't be able to afford only winning one state with the election just a few months away. It seems as though his plea for the presidency is going down the drain.

On July 21, he said he might run later instead.

“#2020VISION or maybe '24. I guess all black people supposed to vote on Biden? Y'all want me to run on nah???” West tweeted.

His announcement got me thinking. Maybe this is all just a publicity stunt. He could've done this to gain fans and draw more attention to his rapping career. He doesn't seem to be taking the presidential bid seriously. Although, back in 2016, I thought the same of Trump. But here we are.

West wanting to run for presidency makes the job seem like a joke. Right now, we need a strong, politically experienced president. This president should have a diverse background and be able to take care of a country in crisis.

The person best fit to be president is not a celebrity. We've tried that for the past four years and it's encouraged nothing but bigotry and hate towards the diverse people who make up the U.S.

We need someone to take action and lift the American people up during this trying time.

The person is not West. I'm nervous for the 2020 presidential race. Not necessarily for the outcome, but to see if the American people do what's right.

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COVID-19

## Walmart's mask mandate is for the best

*Walmart's nationwide mask mandate began July 20*

On July 20, Walmart started requiring customers nationwide to wear masks in its stores.

Public opinion varies when it comes to face coverings, and Walmart acknowledged this in its recent blog post. Experts say masks help protect public health.

I don't like wearing bandanas or scarves, so adding masks to my routine was an uncomfortable change.

The first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic, my family stayed at home and watched movies. We only went outside to retrieve groceries from our local Walmart pickup.

In June, I found myself walking up and down aisles of stores once again. Each aisle was marked with directions on the floor to keep shoppers distanced from each other.

I saw people wearing masks and people not wearing masks. I usually didn't wear a mask, but I complied as best I could to social distancing guidelines while walking the aisles and standing in line.

I didn't know stores had been trying to decide whether to require masks until recently. I wanted to better inform myself on these decisions so I could comply with the rules of our new normal.

Walmart announced its decision on its website July 15.

I took comfort in knowing businesses I frequently shopped at were taking steps



Walmart in Rexburg, ID

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to ensure my safety and the safety of those around me.

I'm thankful for the organizations promoting the use of masks because they have been proven to help slow the spread of COVID-19, especially when used in areas where social distancing is not possible.

In the past, Walmart has not weighed in on “politicized debates.” According to The New York Times, its decision to require masks has changed communities nationwide.

This decision has set a positive example for our nation. If scientists and health officials say wearing masks slow the spread of the virus, I want to participate in helping get our nation back on its feet.

So let us work together toward a new normal while keeping people safe, even if that means wearing masks to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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