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University of Idaho COVID-19 testing site  
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## “Some things are beyond our control”

*University of Idaho's COVID-19 testing system has seen hot water. We investigated why.*

Angela Palermo  
ARGONAUT

For the most up to date information on this and other COVID-19-related stories, check *The Argonaut's* website.

On Aug. 4, University of Idaho President C. Scott Green assured faculty and staff that swabs taken from the university's testing site would deliver results in approximately 24 hours. But before Aug. 18, the UI-based analysis lab was not up and running – and results were taking far longer to be delivered.

As part of the university's promise to reopen campus for in-person learning this fall, all students living on the Moscow campus or attending in-person classes are required to be tested for COVID-19.

“These tests will be free and offered on-campus with results delivered in approximately 24 hours,” Green said in

the faculty and staff town hall. “Other (university) presidents are frustrated by the time it takes to get testing turned around. Having our own capability here on campus is just a true asset to our community that others don't have.”

Located in the Student Recreation Center (SRC), UI's testing site has been operational since Aug. 6. This location, however, only completes the swabbing portion of the test. The university's analysis lab, which is housed in a Gritman Medical Center facility, is now approved to analyze swabs from UI's testing site, according to emails from Green Aug. 18.

Before the lab was approved, it was analyzing an extra batch of live human samples from Boise and Spokane already confirmed to be COVID-19 positive, according to Toni Broyles, the special assistant to the president.

“Think of it as a triple sanity check,” Broyles said. “The lab's operational, it's just not approved to do the analysis on our UI samples. It's like when you build a house and a contractor goes in and builds everything,

but you still have to wait for the inspector to come make sure you did it right. Some inspectors go ‘yeah it looks good,’ and other inspectors are like, ‘you need to make sure everything's not off by one-one hundredth of an inch.’”

On Aug. 12, the lab had two steps left before it was Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified, according to UI COVID-19 Response Manager Seth Vieux. CLIA is a program which regulates all laboratory testing performed on humans in the U.S., according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Until the UI lab was certified, LabCorp labs were handling the analysis of tests before the approval. It takes LabCorp three to five days to report results from COVID-19 tests, Vieux said.

However, on Aug. 13 Broyles said the lab had already been CLIA certified.

“We passed CLIA certification and all those checkmarks last week,” Broyles said. “Now, we're waiting on the final approval. We're waiting on paperwork to

get up and running.”

Broyles also said the lab was certified during the faculty and staff town hall Aug. 4.

“It is our team that will be doing the analysis and it's our equipment,” Broyles said. “It is in the Gritman lab. It is CLIA certified.”

Director of Community Relations and Marketing at Gritman Medical Center Peter Mundt declined to comment on the lab's CLIA certification, instead directing inquiries to UI administration.

July reporting from *The Argonaut*, *The Moscow-Pullman Daily News* and *KREM 2 NEWS* all stated UI intended to provide results from tests within 24 hours of collecting samples. In addition, Green, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Torrey Lawrence and other administrators repeatedly said results from UI tests would be available in 24-48 hours.

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### COMMUNITY

## A focus on education and anti-racism

*Moscow-based group continuing to share resources with the community*

Richard Pathomsiri  
ARGONAUT

In the wake of international protests against racism this summer, a local group formed to spearhead the community's anti-racism efforts.

The Moscow Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA) hosted its first event, the Moscow Solidarity March, July 12. Over 400 people attended, according to its Facebook event page.

“We were looking at the world in late May, early June, and we asked, ‘what can we do here in Moscow’ with what happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery?” Madison Bonet, MARA leader and co-founder, said.

Bonet and her friends began the group by meeting weekly to educate themselves about current events. The group evolved by reaching out to the Moscow community and promoting awareness on racial topics.

“We wanted to make this about connecting with people and making Moscow a more welcoming space for people of color,” Bonet said. “Being a small college town – with MARA members that have attended (UI) – you have people coming from all around. (We wanted) representation and a group of allies, and that (people of color) know that these people have their back no matter what.”

Although she acknowledged ending racism as an important pursuit, Bonet said MARA is focused on the power of education and unity as tools to stop discrimination.

“MARA's goal isn't to end racism, but to counter ignorance. Because at the root of oppression, bigotry, hate, racism,

homophobia is fear,” Bonet said. “And the only way to curb that fear is through education to eliminate ignorance and bridge gaps to realize that we're actually so similar.”

Bonet shared details on plans for a Black Lives Matter mural in Friendship Square and a potential plan to partner with local businesses for transparency on policies involving minorities in the Moscow community.

So far, the Moscow Solidarity March has been MARA's only event. However, Bonet said MARA is planning to announce details of upcoming projects to the community in the coming weeks.

Bonet said MARA is seeking committed individuals who will be able to keep MARA in the forefront. MARA will also spend any spare time helping other anti-racism efforts, such as writing letters to wrongly imprisoned people of color.

The organization is building a website which will house resources including links, podcasts and books to help people work on their allyship and be involved in MARA. One section will have addresses for wrongly imprisoned people of color to encourage people to write to them, Bonet said.

“Educate yourself,” Bonet said. “Resources are everywhere. We, as MARA, are doing our best, and will continue to publicly share resources.”

MARA's events and activities will be shared on its Facebook page. Those interested in becoming involved can email MARA.collectivecommunity@gmail.com.

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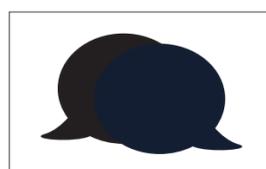
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UI Rec Well

# A Crumbs recipe

## Three ingredient sugar cookies

Sugar cookies are a classic, especially around Christmas time. Most recipes made around Christmas are complicated and time consuming, but these cookies are simple and fast.



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### Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- Icing or sprinkles (optional)

Serving size: 12 cookies  
Cook time: 15 minutes

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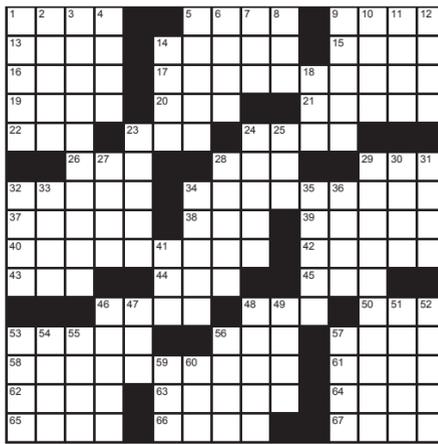
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1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Mix the softened butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. Once combined, stir in the flour.
3. Roll dough into balls and place on a cookie sheet.
4. Dust extra sugar onto the cookies for added sweetness.
5. Bake for 12-14 minutes, add icing or sprinkles to the cookies if desired.

**Tip:** Either flatten the cookies before you bake them for a traditional cookie texture or leave them the way that they are for a fluffier texture.

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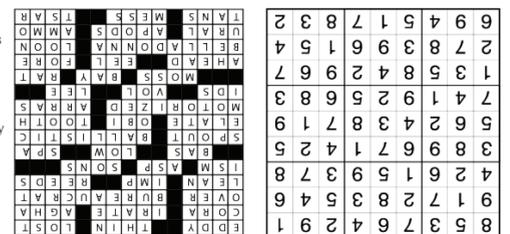
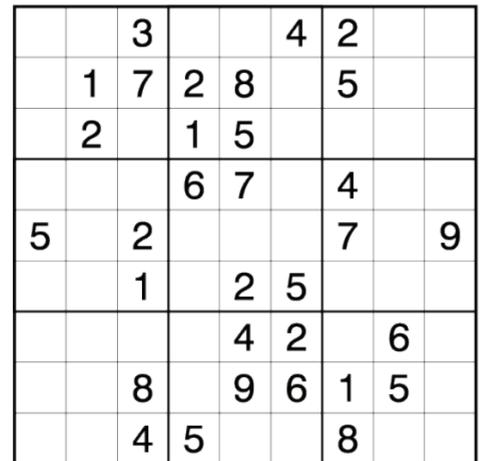
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## COVID-19 TESTING

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A student swabbed at UI's testing site Aug. 11, Natalie Wiley, received her test results Aug. 16. Wiley also said she did not receive instructions at the SRC regarding when she would receive results or whether she should quarantine in the meantime.

"They just had me take my test and they didn't say anything to me," Wiley said. "They said absolutely nothing. A lot of my other friends got tested (Aug. 6), and only one of them has gotten something back, but the others haven't and they're confused as to why."

UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker said students are given information as they leave the testing site.

"I've talked with Seth Vieux, who is our COVID-19 project manager, and he said when he is down there on site, he is absolutely giving people information as they leave," Walker said. "We just hope everyone will be patient with each other, as we wait for those test results to come back."

Jaxon Jones, a UI student, had his swab taken on Aug. 11. He was not informed the results would take more than a few days.

"They didn't tell me about the waiting period," Jones said. "I've heard that it's like two days."

No one at the testing site advised him to quarantine pending the test results, Jones said, but he said he likely would do so anyway.

In an email to faculty, staff and students Aug. 11, Broyles said the university had already expressed early tests would be processed by a private lab while the UI analysis lab was getting approved.

"We conveyed our own analysis lab would not quite be ready by the time swabbing began," Broyles said. "By separating the two processes, we were able to focus on perfecting the swabbing collection process before the volume of testing increases."

However, in an email sent to students, faculty and staff Aug. 4 titled "Schedule Your Time Slot Now | COVID-19 Testing," Green did not mention the university would send swabs to an external lab, nor did he say the processes of swabbing and analyzing would be separated.

"Those who test negative will receive

an email within approximately 24-48 hours after the analysis is complete," Green said. "Those who test positive will receive a phone call from a Gritman Medical Center physician."

This sentiment was echoed by Broyles during the faculty and staff town hall the same day.

"In parallel to (the swabbing), our lab is getting up and running," Broyles said. "Our lab is ready to go for those swabs. We're frontloading those swabs so we're not waiting on them over the weekend as we're ready to go."

By Aug. 12, a day after sending the email explaining early tests were being processed by a private lab, this statement had changed.

"I announced at the town hall that we were starting swabbing ahead of having our lab ready," Broyles said. "We did that on purpose, because if we have the lab operational, but no swabs, then we're waiting on the swabbing to do the analysis."

Hailee Malett, a student at UI, said it was her understanding the test results would be returned within two days. Malett said she was swabbed at UI's testing site Aug. 6, the first day it opened to students, and was given no information regarding when she would receive results. She received her results Aug. 10.

"It totally makes sense they had to send them somewhere else, but they advertised 24-48 hours and everybody who got tested on Thursday got them late," Malett said.

Faculty and staff members volunteered to participate in a test run of the university's COVID-19 swabbing process July 29, eight days before testing opened to students. Roughly 100 people were tested July 29, according to Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Daniel Ewart.

In an email following the test run, Ewart said results were expected to be available within a week. One week later, Ewart emailed participants again to thank them for helping get the system up and running. He also informed them of the lab delay.

"You received a real test, and you will get your results," Ewart said. "In checking with multiple labs, they would not be able to process our first 100 samples faster than the standard 5-10 days, so we will make them our first ones through our own lab, so you will get your results as soon as the lab is

operational, which is any day now."

Former UI staff member Lisa Latronica, who participated in the test run, had not received her results nearly two and half weeks later. Latronica said it was her impression they would receive the test results within a couple of days.

"I got tested on Wednesday, so I was looking to get test results Friday or Monday," Latronica said. "I was expecting like 40 to 72 business hours, which is pretty standard testing turnaround from my understanding. Then we got the email that said, 'expect 5-10 days,' which seems like a long time to me. But 10 days came and went, and I haven't heard anything since."

While UI originally intended to analyze volunteers' swabs in its own lab, seven days passed from the test run and it was still not operational, Broyles said. UI then decided to send the swabs to a private lab.

"I didn't make a promise to the volunteers of any kind of turnaround time," Broyles said. "Once I saw the lab might take longer, we immediately sent them off to the private lab. I want to be clear. Those swabs were not sent off on the day they were swabbed. Those were sent off (Aug. 6)."

Latronica said at the time she had the test done she was under the impression it would be tested in UI's lab. According to Latronica, none of the volunteers had received their results 17 days after they were swabbed. She expressed concern over the usefulness of the tests after such a delay.

"From one standpoint, I definitely understand that things come up and plans don't always go how we want them to," Latronica said. "But I wish that had been communicated, because we haven't received any communication. More than anything, I'm frustrated at the lack of transparency."

Had she known the lab wasn't up and running and it would be a longer time for test results, Latronica said she still would have volunteered.

"I think it's important to help figure this out," Latronica said. "This is the first time the university is doing anything like this, and I'm a big believer in playing your part to help figure out these new processes. But I do wish the expectations were made clearer."

At Gritman Medical Center, which is partnering with UI, those who want to be tested need a physician's order. At other local testing sites, those who wish

to be tested must either display COVID-19 symptoms or have had close contact with a person known to be COVID-19 positive. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends people speak with their health care providers before getting tested for COVID-19.

Nonetheless, students and employees tested for COVID-19 at the UI site are not required to speak with a doctor beforehand.

Because the tests UI sends to the private lab are not on a doctor's order, the tests are precautionary, Walker said. UI hopes to get quicker turnarounds with its own lab.

"Not all labs will take our swabs and test them, at least as a priority," Walker said. "We're not testing people with the notion that all of these tests are going to come back positive. Some don't have symptoms, they're asymptomatic or testing for a different reason."

As of Aug. 12, Broyles did not have an exact date for when UI's lab would begin analyzing tests. On the same day, Vieux said he was confident the lab would be certified by Aug. 17.

"There's paperwork that has to be approved by somebody that's not us, and we don't control them," Broyles said. "I would love it if they would approve it tomorrow, but I can't know that they'll do that."

Walker said the lab could be up and running Aug. 15-16.

"The latest update I heard was it should be going by the end of the week," Walker said. "Some things are beyond our control."

The analysis lab was reported to be operational on Aug. 18.

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

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## EDUCATION

# \$1 million grant for remote learning

*Remote Learning Enhancements grant to improve online education*

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The University of Idaho receives a \$1 million grant from Gov. Brad Little's emergency relief fund to support remote learning and enhancements.

The grant is intended to help educators provide remote instruction by providing resources like software, digital infrastructure and other technology.

Expanding the university's virtual offerings was a goal even before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"For a number of years, the university's been expanding its offerings in online education," Vice President of Information Technology Dan Ewart said. "And one of President (C. Scott) Green's early actions was to form an online education

work group tasked with providing recommendations (on) how best to shape our university's online offerings, and that work group is ongoing."

While final decisions will be made in the upcoming weeks, the university's goal is to use the grant money to improve the overall quality of online education, Ewart said.

The university plans on improving its streaming service over platforms like Zoom, One Button Studios and Lightboard Studios. This will provide high-quality lectures and services for course materials, Ewart said. One Button Studios allows faculty to record entire lectures in a simple and professional way while Lightboard Studios assists instructors who prefer to write on whiteboards while lecturing.

"The connections that are able to be made that maybe couldn't be made without this technology are huge," Ewart said. "And they can facilitate multiple styles of teaching and multiple styles of learning."

New technology will also make communication with research and extension centers across the state straightforward. A portion of the grant money will enhance access to online research and expand broadband presence across the state, Ewart said. This will allow remote researchers to work with data at their site.

The university also plans to provide laptops for faculty and a loan pool of laptops for students who don't have the technology needed for remote learning.

"Any time that you put quality technology in the hands of faculty allows them to be creative and find new ways to impart their knowledge and to engage the students," Ewart said. "And providing students with that same modern technology allows them to maximize their education whether or not they're in person or online."

The grant is an opportunity rather than a challenge, but needs to be spent quickly, Ewart said. The money is part of the

federal CARES Act funding. The funds from the CARES Act must be used by December 2020.

"This new technology will help us all get through the current challenges of COVID-19, but just as important, it will set up faculty and students to succeed in the environment post COVID-19," Ewart said.

Some of the grant money has already been spent to upgrade almost 200 classrooms. The university will continue to use the money throughout the semester.

"By providing options that are critical as we deal with this pandemic and the changing world beyond, I think that us getting this technology into the hands of the people will open up opportunities that we haven't even thought of yet," Ewart said.

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A cow poses for the camera at the University of Idaho pasture on Sixth Street, May 22, 2020.

## AGRICULTURE

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## An update on the CAFE program

*University of Idaho dairy research project meets with contractors and cooperators*

Emily Pearce  
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This spring, the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) began work to build a \$25 million research dairy near Rupert, Idaho scheduled to be completed by 2023 and functioning by 2024.

On July 23, CAFE organized a meeting of University of Idaho design and engineering leaders. The two lead contractors, McAlvain Construction and Keller Associates,

were announced. McAlvain will be the general contractor and form a team including Standley and Co. and longtime dairy producer Mike Roth. Keller's team will include AgProfessionals and Lombard Conrad Architects.

A \$10 million grant will fund projects by 21 UI faculty in agriculture and engineering to explore bioeconomy in the dairy industry.

The 640-acre dairy will be able to hold 2,000 cows and integrate animal and plant agriculture. Over the course of 30 to 50 years, the dairy will examine sustainability and regenerative agriculture.

The dairy is the largest of four components that make up CAFE,

including a discovery center, offices, research processing and education.

UI has invited collaboration on the project with Idaho's public universities and Brigham Young University - Idaho.

Learn more about CAFE and the UI research dairy project by visiting the UI website.

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## ENROLLMENT

## UI failed to meet goal of 16,000 students by 2020

*A push for improved enrollment back in 2011 has seen little progress since.*

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A decade ago, former University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis set a goal for the university's enrollment: 16,000 students by fall 2020.

The enrollment in 2011, when the plan was being put in action, was 12,312 students. This would have meant a rough increase of 500 students per year to meet the goal.

Instead, the enrollment of fall 2019 was 11,926. Though 2020's fall enrollment numbers are not yet confirmed, it is unlikely the university will see such drastic growth by then.

The implementation of the plan meant making changes to appeal to prospective students. This included adjustments in financial aid to be more need-based than before and the introduction of the Discover Idaho Program to attract out-of-state residents.

Despite changes made, university enrollment has changed little since 2011.

Dean Kahler has been UI's Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management since 2016 and cited factors unexpected at the start of the plan.

Kahler pointed out when the 2011 enrollment plan was put in place, "enrollment cliffs" the university now faces, such as travel bans and the COVID-19 pandemic, were not a part of the discussion.

The university still aims to improve enrollment numbers regardless. According to Kahler, other strategies are in the works for more long-term growth.

Current UI President C. Scott Green created a group working to help enrollment by exploring outreach to more students. Additional financial aid strategies, a partnership with ReUp to help students with incomplete degrees return to their studies and the Vandal Gateway Program, which allows students who do not meet traditional admissions standards to enroll with additional support, have been implemented as well.

However, the pandemic is having an uncertain effect on enrollment. Last semester, enrollment went seemingly unaffected by COVID-19 despite a variety of new challenges.

"The instability of the pandemic concurrent with the enrollment cliff are going to cause institutions to struggle," Kahler said. "The pandemic is affecting us in a very prolific way."

While Kahler said the unknowns which have come with the pandemic make it difficult to focus on growth right now, he aims to re-establish stability and move forward.

"We have a lot of work to do, but we are moving in the right direction," Kahler said. "I am confident that the University of Idaho is on the right trajectory to see enrollment growth in the future."

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# Life

LIFESTYLES, INTERESTS, FEATURES AND ENTERTAINMENT

## COMMUNITY

## 10 years and running

The Boise VandalStore is celebrating their 10th anniversary

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ARGONAUT

The Boise VandalStore located on Idaho Street, blocks away from the city capitol, has been serving the community with vandal spirit for 10 years.

Scott E. Smith, the Boise VandalStore manager and a University of Idaho alumni has been working at the store for little over nine years. He and alumni in the area have seen the store blossom and serve the Boise valley with vandal gear and a place to reminisce.

This week, the store will celebrate its 10-year anniversary with vigor and deals to enjoy.

Opening its doors August 2010, the VandalStore branched out of Moscow and established its Boise location. They are glad to be in the area, making UI visible along with other universities in the area.

In the area, UI has its satellite campus—the UI Water Center and extension offices. There is also a wealth of alumni that the store serves, Smith said.

“Without the VandalStore, I think the university is a lot less visible,” Smith said.



“We opened about 10 years ago in Boise and immediately I saw a huge amount of change in the amount of vandal gear.”

Smith has seen others wearing their vandal pride on their sleeves, cars and more.



Scott Smith

The store serves potential students, alumni and vandals. It's a lot easier for alumni, to come in than drive up to Moscow, and students come in to ask questions and learn about other's time spent at UI, Smith said. The best part about the location is having students and alumni come in and reminisce about how awesome UI is, Smith said.

The community has a great relationship with the shop and does community events with the Alumni Association. The VandalStore

participates in the First Thursday in downtown Boise and offers shopping events. During the summer they will do an alumni barbecue. At the same time, they will set up and sell items or have coupons in town. They also partner with Joe Vandal during the Saturday market which is in front of their stores. Joe Vandal will also come in and has his home base during the market, Smith said.

Through this week, the store will celebrate with deals throughout the whole store. They are doing 20% off the whole store and a gift with purchase. Those who spend over \$75 will get a sticker and each purchase gets a free tote bag as well.

The store was planning a big celebration but shifted gears to fit safety guidelines that come with the COVID-19 pandemic. They didn't want to have large crowds in at the same time and risk others getting sick.

“We're excited to continue to serve the Boise and Treasure Valley, and be the spotlight for the university down here in downtown Boise,” Smith said.

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## LIFE Hacks



Keep busy this week on the Palouse

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Welcome to the new semester, Vandals. Students are returning to campus, filling up empty residence halls and are looking for things to do. Don't worry, LIFE Hacks has everyone covered with college budget friendly events to attend. Latah County is requiring masks, so be sure to wear one to all physical events and social distance. Here is what's happening on the Palouse this week.



### Pullman Farmers Market

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Date: Wednesday

Place: Brelsford WSU Visitor Center

Price: Free

Stop by the market this week and see what local vendors are doing. The market will have produce, baked goods, flowers and more. It will be hard to leave empty handed. The market has requested guests follow several rules. No more than 10 patrons at a time on the lawn, no consumption of food on-sight, no sampling items, maintain social distancing of six feet between vendors and patrons, wear a mask and send one person to the shops when possible.



### Salsa Night

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Date: Friday

Place: One World Cafe

Price: \$4

Come out of the COVID-19 shadows with bliss and rhythm, Salsa Night is returning. It has been too long since the salsa dance has taken over One World's floor. During the event they will be covering the basics of salsa, bachata and merengue. All ages are welcome, and singles can learn too, no partner needed.



### “Grease” Sing-along and Fundraiser

Time: 5 to 10 p.m.

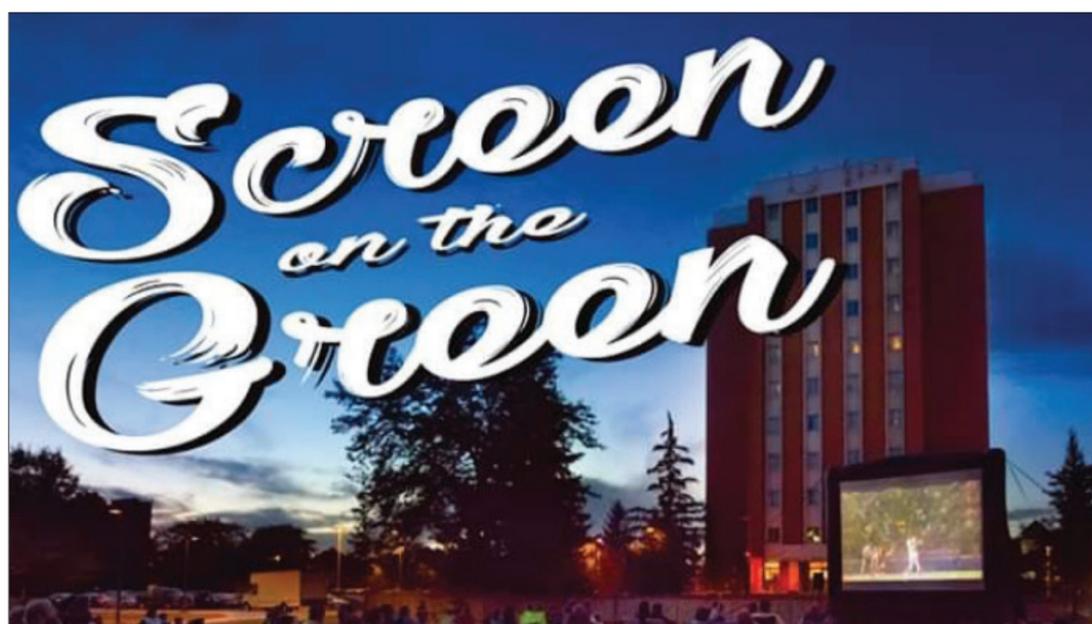
Date: Saturday

Place: Moscow Moose Lodge

Price: \$5

The Moose invites all this Saturday to watch “Grease” and sing along. All proceeds will go toward Mooseheart/Moosehaven and Moose General Fund. Entry is \$5 and kids under 12 are free. Grab popcorn, pizza and sing to the classic romance everyone knows.

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## EVENT

## A socially distanced good time

New students can join community members for a free movie

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As students begin to fill the dorms and settle in their temporary homes, they can engage in a fun event while continuing to social distance.

Located on the Theophilus Tower Lawn, anyone from students to community members can gather for a family-friendly film. In the past, over 200 people have showed up for a free moving showing.

There are three more opportunities to attend a Screen on the Green movie session hosted by Vandal Entertainment (VE) and the Department of Student Involvement. Those showing dates are Aug 21, 22 and 27. The Aug 21 showing is in partnership with New Student Orientation as it falls during orientation. The Aug 27 showing is in partnership with Housing and

Residence Life.

Movies for this summer series are partly chosen by what is available and the licenses they obtain but it also has to do with “balancing new releases with some throwbacks,” Vandal Entertainment Supervisor Laurel Meyer said. They like to have something for everyone while keeping the movies at a PG-13 rating or less.

“We encourage students to enjoy the nice weather while they still can,” Meyer said. “Moscow summertime is so lovely and this is an event that can only take place during nice weather.”

There are few changes with the event in order to follow COVID-19 protocols. Patrons must wear masks while they move around the Tower Lawn but they can be removed once they sit down, cones are laid out to help maintain social distancing and free popcorn is no longer provided.

Earlier this summer VE partnered with the Kenworthy Performing

Arts Centre, the City of Moscow and others to put on the Moscow drive-in. That event was incredibly popular within the community, with most showings having to turn people away because parking spaces were full.

Meyer said VE is looking to bring back that event for later in the fall, however this has not been confirmed. She said that updates regarding the Moscow drive-in will be posted on Vandal Entertainment's and the Department of Student Involvement's social media as well as UI's website.

Movies that will be shown are “Jumanji: The Next Level” (PG-13) on August 21, “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” (PG-13) on August 22 and “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” (PG) on August 27.

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## EVENT

# The next Black Lives Matter Speaker Series



(In order from left to right) BLM speakers Dr. David Pellow, Dr. Rahsaan Mahadeo, Dr. Alex Manning and Dr. Tiffany Llewellyn.

Who? | Courtesy

## September BLM series speaker overview

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ARGONAUT

Transgender activist, CeCe McDonald, criminal defense attorney Samuel Newton and many others have spoken on various issues pertaining to the black community during various University of Idaho Black Lives Matter Speaker Series.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, Africana Studies Program and Diversity and Inclusion Certificate are hosting a series of speakers in September. Beginning Sept. 8, there will be four speakers who will be discussing a variety of topics.

The first speaker is Dr. David

Pellow and he will be speaking on Sept. 8. Pellow will be speaking on Environmental Justice Movements in U.S. prisons.

Pellow is a faculty member at UC Santa Barbara within the Environmental Studies Program. He teaches courses on environmental and social justice, race/class/gender and environmental conflict, human-animal conflicts, sustainability and social change movements that confront socio-environmental crises and social inequality.

He has participated in various areas of research. His full biography can be read on UC Santa Barbara's website.

The second speaker is Dr. Rahsaan Mahadeo and the title of her discussion on Sept. 15. is "Funk the Clock: Transgressing Time While Young,

Prescient and Black." Mahadeo is a postdoctoral fellow at Georgetown University.

Mahadeo will be teaching a course in spring 2020 titled Race & Ethnic Relations. Her biography can be found on Georgetown University's website.

The third speaker is Dr. Alex Manning and he will be speaking about black athletic activism on Sept. 22. Manning is an assistant professor of sociology at Hamilton College.

The final speaker is Dr. Tiffany Llewellyn from Johns Hopkins University. Her discussion is titled "Identifying, Assessing and Treating Racial Trauma" on Sept. 29.

Llewellyn is a certified licensed clinical social worker, and her work is influenced by her commitment to

racial and social justice, liberation of oppressed and marginalized populations and fostering diversity and inclusion in all spaces. Her full biography can be found on Johns Hopkins University's website.

Registration is required for all webinars ahead of time.

Dr. David Pellow, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
Dr. Rahsaan Mahadeo, Sept. 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Alex Manning, Sept. 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Tiffany Llewellyn, Sept. 29 at 5:00

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## HISTORY

# A look back in history

Take a look at various points in history

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ARGONAUT

Looking back to see what was going on in past years is a great way to gain insight into what the world used to be like. The University of Idaho Library has a website which includes PDFs of printed issues of The Argonaut. And anyone can look through these at any time.

Here are some hand-picked articles from various points in The Argonaut's history. Click here to see all the other articles in this series.

**Aug. 23, 1988**

Due to increasing student population, the UI bookstore moved to a bigger location. The main concern at the time for the change was crowded parking, but it felt necessary in order to serve more students.

**Aug. 22, 1991**

UI changed their incomplete policy by removing it completely. The incomplete was only given when students came to class and did satisfactory work up to three

weeks until the end of the semester. Students also had to request the grade of an incomplete.

**Aug. 25, 1992**

The 1991 - 1992 UI Crime Report was released during this issue of The Argonaut. The top crimes were vandalism and vehicle thefts. There was also 104 on-campus arrests and citations for drug and alcohol violations. This detailed report breaks down the crime report.

**Aug. 22, 1997**

A new policy allowed professors to drop students from their class if they didn't attend the first week of classes. However, professors were not required to use the policy; it was up to them if they wanted to implement it or not.

**Aug. 21, 2014**

The Moscow Volunteer Fire Department offers a resident firefighter program where they respond to most incoming calls for medical assistance, and all of Moscow's fire calls. Those within the program shared their experiences in this article.

"It's peaceful," UI student and resident firefighter Jamie Wees said.

"Everything was so ingrained into us in the academy that it's almost second nature. You know exactly what you're doing, and you just do it. And the next thing you know, you're on the skids looking down, checking your rope and you're 250 feet above the ground."

The full story can be read on our website.

**Aug. 17, 2018**

After two years of tailgating not being permitted at games, this policy changed. That change was approved by the Idaho State Board of Education. The policy authorized alcohol use at NCAA athletic events on campuses. Officers began patrolling tailgating areas to look for signs of excessive drinking, underage drinking and other potential safety issues.

The full story can be read on our website.

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## MUSIC

# Amine finally reaches his peak with "Limbo"

After hits like "Caroline" and "Red Mercedes," Amine has become an artist that fans should pay attention to

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Anyone within earshot of a party from 2016 to now has heard "Caroline" or "Red Mercedes" by Amine. Despite his instant mainstream success one can be hard-pressed to find a fan that knows any of his discography beyond those two aforementioned tracks.

This has allowed Amine to transition into the underground/independent section of rap occupied by acts such as Injury Reserve and JPEGMAFIA and Rico Nasty. Although the route of mainstream success to independent acclaim might not be the route most artists prefer to travel, it seems to have worked out for Amine.

This road-less-traveled has allowed Amine to hone his craft and become an artist capable of dropping quality-verses consistently – such as his guest verse on "Jailbreak the Tesla" and his track "Shimmy." This made it all the more surprising when Amine dropped "RiRi" – an obviously mainstream song attempt (not a bad one). It was surprising and almost out of place

given his recent musical output. This made for a very reserved anticipation when he announced his album "Limbo."

Those reservations proved to be unfounded. "Limbo" is not only a quality project – it is a diverse one that any modern artist would benefit from having on their resume. The takeaway from "Limbo" isn't Amine doing anything the best – but simply that he is doing so many things so well. When "Caroline" was released in 2016, that wouldn't be thinkable.

Not only does Amine dip his toe into the R&B and soul genres, the themes and production on "Limbo" are placed in such a way that it genuinely feels like going through a slideshow of Amine's personality.

"Limbo" also highlights another skill that Amine seems to have gained – the energy that challenges guest artists to elevate their features. This is one of the few albums I have listened to recently that doesn't have a bad feature. Summer Walker, Vince Staples, Slowthai, Charlie Wilson, JID and Young Thug all bring the energy on their features. Injury Reserve being featured on the penultimate track is also of note as it might be one, if not the last, feature with Injury Reserve frontmen Ritchie with a T and Groggs together as Groggs lost his life

tragically some weeks ago.

Despite all the positives the album has, it's not perfect. The downside of an album that features so many different styles is that it is so easy for a listener to lose interest in the album beyond their favorite tracks. For instance – a fan of the track "Shimmy" might lose interest at the track "Roots." This issue can also lead to the album overstaying it's welcome for a few listeners.

"Limbo" also raises the question of whether this is Amine's peak or him finally starting to realize his potential. I hope it's the latter, but the jury is still out.

With 2020 being 2020, it's good to see that music is the one thing that's easy to rely on for some good. Amine helps contribute to that with "Limbo."

"Limbo" gets a: 7.75/10

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# Sports

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Vandals at the ready

*The Vandals prepare for the spring season as they are about to begin practice in the fall*

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The Idaho Vandals women's soccer team is one of many teams who lost the chance to play in the fall after the Big Sky Conference (BSC) came to a decision Thursday to push all fall sports to the spring.

Members of the team returned to Moscow this summer to begin training on their own.

All members of the team received a COVID-19 test and quarantined so they would be able to start working out.

Head Coach Jeremy Clevenger said the team will begin official practices once the school semester starts. Practices will follow the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) regulations for safety and there will be social distancing. Team meetings will be held over Zoom.

The Vandals brought in eight new freshmen into their program with eight starters returning.

"It's important to build chemistry with the team as we go into the season," Clevenger said. "I believe that we have a great team, and the upperclassmen will help guide the freshmen as we move into our season."

Recruitment proved to be a challenge for all college sports teams as coaches were unable to visit athletes in person due to COVID-19 restrictions. Clevenger and his staff were able to adjust to the difficult situation.

"My staff did a great job with contacting and speaking to recruits, and I'm really proud of the work they did," Clevenger said. "We've got a great group of freshmen to build our team with."

The Vandals finished last season with a 5-12-2 (2-5-2 BSC) record and placed seventh in the BSC standings. In the 2020 BSC Preseason Coaches' poll, the Vandals were picked to finish seventh. The last time this occurred was in 2018 and the Vandals ended with a record of 6-1-2 finishing second in the BSC.

COVID-19 continues to cause friction in sports, preventing many college athletes from competing.

The Vandals women's soccer program remains confident and determined.

"They have really impressed me with how they have handled the current situation," Clevenger said.

"We were ready to play in the fall and we will be ready to play in the spring."

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Senior Midfielder Hadley Sbrega gets ready to kick the ball toward the Northern Colorado goal on Sept. 8, 2019.

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## CLUB SPORTS

# Club sports plan to return for the fall



(Left) Idaho hockey defender Joe Sprinkel takes the puck up the ice during a game in Spokane, Washington in Dec. 2019. (Right) The Women's Lacrosse team gathers to talk during a timeout during the CWU game on March 7, 2020.



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*Sport clubs continue to make decisions on how to continue during the pandemic*

Haadiya Tariq  
ARGONAUT

The discontinuation of many fall sports activities put club sports in a unique position. Due to club sports' varied operation and being more individual and student-run, the fall's plan for sports does not necessarily include all club sports.

"Each club is unique," Associate Director of Competitive and Recreational Sports Butch Fealy said. "From bass fishing to volleyball to rugby."

In order to continue in the fall, teams will have to propose their own return to play plans. These plans detail how clubs will carry out activities while complying with University of Idaho policies.

Considerations for clubs include the sharing and sanitation of equipment, wearing face masks and the maximization of space.

"A lot of our sport clubs have governance from regional and national governing bodies for return to play aspects," Fealy said. "Depending on the leadership of each club, it'll be up to them what they want the semester to look like and really having just a plan for practices."

With the registration process outlines,

return to play plans will be reviewed and vetted to see if anything needs immediate attention.

As for travel, the rules are still uncertain as related policies are still being worked on.

Without students on campus to vet questions and make decisions, the process is still early, according to Fealy. Some clubs practice off-campus and are still considering the risk of local practice travel.

"In this ever-changing time, we are recommending no travel right now," Fealy said. "(But) some clubs' practice places are in the community."

Fealy said he hopes to be able to work alongside students to create the

experience they are all hoping for.

"My goal is that the student experience is still able to happen," Fealy said. "It is going to look very different, but we're hoping to set guidelines and protocols by following the measures that the university is asking for, to ensure it is safe for the students and the community."

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(Left to Right) 2020 graduate Jeff Cotton scores a touchdown late in the third quarter against Central Washington on Sept. 7, 2019 in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho's Keyshaad Dixon dribbles past a Washington State player in Cowan Spectrum during the Battle of the Palouse on Dec. 4, 2019. Idaho's Natalie Klinker reacts after the women's team defeated Montana State in the Kibbie Dome on Jan. 18, 2020. Idaho's Ben Doucette sets up for a sprint on Feb. 7, 2020 in the Kibbie Dome. Freshman middle blocker Kyra Palmbush hits the ball over the net as two Sacramento State blockers line up on Sept. 28, 2019 at Memorial Gym

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## REVIEW

# What you missed from UFC 252

Take a look at what happened during UFC 252 and who came out victorious

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UFC 252 brought out all the excitement mixed martial arts fans wanted to witness. The pay-per-view octagon featured the trilogy fight between UFC heavyweight champion Stipe Miocic and Daniel "DC" Cormier. The main card featured many high profile fights to add to the excitement.

The main card started off with a bantamweight bout between John Dodson (22-12) and Merab Dvalishvili (12-4). Dodson avoided 18 of Dvalishvili's 20 takedown attempts but Dvalishvili continued to attack Dodson, which led to Dvalishvili's victory after the fight was decided by the judges. Dvalishvili has won five straight

decision victories after starting his run in the UFC at 0-2.

In the next fight, Daniel Pineda (27-13, 2 No Contest) fought in his second UFC fight in six years against Herbert Burns (11-3). Pineda did not disappoint. Pineda earned knockout of the night after landing punches and elbows in the crucifix position, which knocked Burns out. Burns had a small advantage earlier in the round, but he could not stop Pineda's ground strikes.

The last fight in the main card featured a match between two dominant heavyweight contenders. Former UFC heavyweight champion Junior dos Santos (21-8) faced off against Jair Rozenstruik (11-1). Santos landed some nice punches early, on but Rozenstruik had too much power, which led to Santos being knocked down twice. The referee stopped the fight after the second knockdown.

The co-main event showcased rising MMA star Sean O'Malley, who has looked very impressive in his most recent fights with fast knockouts. O'Malley had an undefeated record of 12-0 going into the fight but was surprised by bantamweight contender Marlon Vera (16-6-1) in the first round with elbow strikes on the ground. O'Malley hit Vera with hard leg kicks early in the round, but Vera countered with a nasty leg kick which prevented O'Malley from putting weight on that leg. Vera continues to move up the rankings with his sixth win in a row.

Regarded as possibly the greatest trilogy fight in UFC history, Miocic and Cormier appeared in the main event of the octagon once again as they fought for the heavyweight strap. In the first fight, Cormier knocked out Miocic to win the heavyweight belt, but Miocic came back and won his belt back in their

second fight by knockout. In the third fight, both fighters landed vicious strikes, including each fighter landing an eye poke on the other. Ultimately, Miocic won the fight. Cormier announced that after the fight he would retire and end his MMA career.

UFC 252 had some big takeaways. Pineda is making a remarkable return to the UFC as he climbs the ranks; Rozenstruik could be the next heavyweight to challenge Miocic for the title; O'Malley may need to take some time to rest his body after this loss and Miocic is the greatest heavyweight of all time.

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Attend a Zoom lecture:

- **September 10, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Marta Hanson, "The Case of Traditional Chinese Medicine and COVID-19"**  
Dr. Hanson, associate professor of medical history at Johns Hopkins University, is one of the world's leading experts on the history of epidemics in China.
- **October 8, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Harold Tanner, "Did George Marshall Really Lose China?"**  
Dr. Tanner, professor of history at the University of North Texas, is a specialist on the history of the People's Liberation Army.
- **November 12, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Marcella Szablewicz, "Digital Game Culture in China"**  
Dr. Szablewicz, assistant professor of communication studies at Pace University, studies contemporary Chinese media and youth culture.

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# Opinion



Mask, hand sanitizer and information card provided to individuals tested at UI on Aug. 6.

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## COVID-19

# The blatant flaws in UI's COVID-19 testing system

*UI's COVID-19 testing system had a rocky start at best, is outright awful at worst*

Nicole Hindberg  
ARGONAUT

Right now, all University of Idaho students are required to get tested for COVID-19 prior to physically entering classrooms for the fall semester.

Despite this requirement, faculty and staff are only encouraged to be tested. Why are students required to be tested while faculty and staff are encouraged to? Where is the logic there?

Most likely not all faculty and staff stayed in Moscow this summer. Some may have gone to hot spot areas, just like students. Why is the university picking and choosing who gets tested if it's so important to test students before they're allowed in buildings? Faculty and staff are just as likely to spread the virus as students are. They're human and capable of having and spreading disease.

This is just the first flaw of many in UI's COVID-19 testing system.

The point of testing is to make sure out-of-town students are free of COVID-19 before interacting with the campus community. This seems like a good idea, in theory. However, testing is spread out over a period of weeks and before the UI analysis lab was operational. Results took days after a test is administered, rather than the 24-48 hours we were repeatedly told by UI Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Torrey Lawrence and other administrative officials, according to past Argonaut reporting.

UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker told the Argonaut sample collection began before the lab was open. After the lab

opened, she said results would be available 24-48 hours after swabbing. We haven't had enough time to see if this is the case. Will the university have enough time to let students know their results before the first day of classes?

Students aren't supposed to be allowed into classrooms unless they have a negative test result. But how exactly is this going to be enforced? If results still take days after the original test and testing is going on during the first week of classes, many students will be in limbo.

On the enforcement note, how exactly is the university going to enforce not letting students into buildings if students haven't gotten tested at all? Are they going to have people looking at our ID's and cross reference them to a list of test results at every single building? There's no way they could accomplish this.

The process, as it is, leaves room for students who haven't gotten tested yet, who haven't received their results yet or who try to cheat this system by not getting tested at all to slip through the cracks and enter buildings, despite the expressed requirements for negative test results.

Prior to Aug. 19, students weren't consistently required to quarantine after being tested. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends those who get tested and those within their households stay home while waiting the results of their COVID-19 test. So why wasn't the university requiring that? Why didn't we require, at the bare minimum, that people who got tested quarantine until they got their results?

The university not only went against this recommendation, but goes against the recommendation that people should

speak with their health care providers before getting tested. This is clearly an uncomfortable test and should not be taken lightly.

In addition to UI's inadequate physical administration of the test, there are flaws in communication about what is happening this fall semester. We are given frequent emails from President Scott Green, but they typically leave me with more questions than answers.

Students were told months ago we are required to get tested prior to the fall semester, but we weren't told anything about what was happening until an Aug. 4 email with the subject line "Schedule your time slot now," which detailed when we could get tested.

This email was sent a mere two days before testing began and 20 days before the start of classes. How does the university expect over 10,000 people to schedule their tests, get tested and receive their results prior to the first day of classes when the lab wasn't even ready to examine results until Aug. 18?

The idea of testing all students is fine in theory, but we should just stick to the CDC's recommendations. The CDC states if you're feeling sick or have come into contact with someone with COVID-19, then you should get tested. Otherwise, we should do what we can to prevent further spread by washing our hands, wearing masks and social distancing.

But hey, at least UI's test is free, since that's what really matters, right?

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## GUEST VOICE

# Planning an in-person fall at UI



Scott Green

GUEST VOICE

It happens every year: come August, the University of Idaho springs to life as students and faculty return for fall classes in Moscow and at our centers around the state.

We are looking forward to the return of students this year more than ever. It isn't the same without them on campus. We are committed to re-opening for in-person instruction this fall, offering the rich, destination-campus experience for which we have been known for the past 130 years. Nothing replaces direct student and instructor interaction and the unique discussions that come from being together in person.

We are doing everything we can to offer that experience in a safe and healthy environment. UI is regularly ranked as one of the top 20 safest campuses in the country and we intend to keep it that way. We are working closely with public health officials as well as the governor's office and the State Board of Education to ensure we proceed safely. We cannot eliminate COVID-19 from our communities, but we can slow its spread with deliberate, science-based actions.

COVID-19 testing will be part of our fall strategy; we will require all Moscow-based students to get tested when they arrive and will conduct continued, routine testing during the semester. Thanks to a partnership between UI and Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, the university is the only place in North Idaho where in-house COVID-19 testing will be conducted — enabling results in approximately 24 hours. For those who need to isolate, housing, food and medical services will be provided. We're also installing thermal imaging scanners in high-traffic areas to help those in our community monitor their health. We're supplying cloth face coverings to all students and faculty and requiring everyone wear them in classrooms and situations where social distancing isn't possible. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant have been distributed throughout campus as we double down on sanitizing high-traffic areas.

Our intent is to offer live instruction wherever possible. Some classes will be reduced in size, others will be moved to larger classrooms and event spaces to accommodate social distancing. Students in some courses will alternate between in-person and live-streamed sessions. Where no other method for safe learning is available, classes will be offered completely online.

Orientation, student move-in and fraternity and sorority recruitment will all happen on a slightly adjusted schedule this August to accommodate safety protocols. Housing and Residence Life is reconfiguring traffic patterns and providing single rooms in some halls to aid social distancing. Meals will be available at the HUB dining hall and food court locations in accordance with CDC guidelines, including plexiglass shields, take-out options and limited seating.

Despite these changes, our students will still receive a true residential campus experience and an education that prepares them for the workplace. We are a university that puts the needs of its students first and graduates successful alumni at a cost well below our national peers.

Months of planning have gone into our plans for fall, including a decision to shift to online/remote instruction following Thanksgiving, after members of the Vandal Family travel home for the holiday. It is our intention to keep all U of I locations open this December — only course delivery will change.

These have been difficult times for all of us, but we're excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to seeing you soon in Moscow or at one of our centers around the state. Until then, as we say on campus, Keep Calm and Vandal On.

Scott Green is president of the University of Idaho.

## LGBTQA

# Legal Hatred, Encouraged discrimination

*The law loves to prevent transgender people from finding comfort with themselves. Why?*



Alexis Van Horn  
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Earlier this August, legislation which barred Idahoans from changing the gender markers on their birth certificates was found to be in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution. While I'm glad the District Court of Idaho ruled against the legislation, I'm unhappy the legislation was ever considered in the first place.

I've struggled with acknowledging and coping with gender-based dysphoria my entire life. When I came to college, I gave up on trying to explain myself to people. I let everyone call me "Alexis" instead of "Alex" or "Lex" and "she" instead of "they." I just took it in stride, growing my hair long to seem more feminine.

God, did it hurt.

Even the little things most people may not think about often, like what sex you'll write on an upcoming application, can

weigh on the brains of non-cisgender people constantly.

As a nonbinary person with several transgender friends, dealing with dysphoria and fighting so the world will see you as you are — a person as human and deserving of equal rights as anyone else — has become an everyday occurrence.

I'm tired of being called the wrong name, the wrong pronouns, having to wear the wrong outfits, style my hair wrong and ignore the parts of me that want to claw their way into the light most. I'm tired of the world not seeing me as me, an experience shared by many other non-cisgender people.

Being able to legally change which gender you write on a federal form may seem insignificant to some, but it's really, really not. It means others in the world need to acknowledge you as a person, regardless of what they think about you. That little sliver of affirmation is everything.

The rolled back legislation, House Bill 509, prohibited people from changing gender markers on their birth certificates. The sex listed on documents such as birth certificates can affect how the individual applies for driver's licenses, passports, insurance, healthcare and more.

While it can be easier to leave the marker as what you were assigned at birth, the frustration and dysphoria it can cause the non-cisgender individual (and the

confusion it can cause to those who can see the disconnect between how the person presents themselves and their documented gender) can be too much to bear.

I've dealt with that discomfort up to this point. As I get older, I don't know how long it'll take before I crack and not being able to present myself the way I am hurts me on a much, much deeper level.

I'm glad the district court ruled against House Bill 509, I really am, but I'm upset this bill got as far as it did. Changing a gender marker doesn't harm anyone. It shouldn't impact the lives of anyone outside of the person who wants to change the marker. To anyone else, it's such a small and insignificant change. It shouldn't matter. So why police it?

Because this country still inherently values transphobic people over the lives, sanity and comfort of non-cisgender people. Until we're able to nip that cultural atrocity in the bud, non-cisgender people will be battling things like this bill along with everyday transphobic actions and comments the rest of our lives.

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COMMUNITY

# Students and the farmers market



Vendors and patrons shopping at the Moscow Farmer's Market in Sept. 2019.

Kim Stager | Argonaut

*Students likely won't have as much of an impact on the farmers market as some worry*

**Kim Stager**  
ARGONAUT

From June to October, downtown Moscow buzzes with life and activity as the community gathers for the weekly farmers market. Students and community members alike come to shop for fresh produce and handcrafted items.

I had never been to a farmers market before attending one in Moscow last September.

While I went for a class assignment, I still enjoyed walking around for hours under the warm sun, exploring the booths, listening to musicians and singers, watching dancers and doing some shopping. People came from all

directions, milling about with wagons, bags and backpacks filled to the brim with their purchases.

The pandemic has inevitably changed this experience. There is now a reserved time for at-risk patrons to shop and a limited number of community members are allowed in the market at a time, entering and leaving the market through monitored entryways.

As students return for the school year, I can't help but think about the thousands of people who may try to attend the market to relax and take a break from homework and classes like they may have done before. Although classes and homework have undoubtedly changed, there may still be assignments like the one I completed when I first attended the market.

However, I don't think returning

students will have as big an impact as some may expect.

The Moscow Farmers Market has been operating through the busy summer months as people travel through Moscow from all over, so incoming students should be no different. Students have a set of rules to follow on-campus and these school-enforced reminders should help us remember to follow these new social norms off-campus as well. The same CDC guidelines which influence the rules being enforced at the University of Idaho also influence the rules at the farmers market.

Everyone at UI should be wearing a face covering when necessary, frequently washing their hands, keeping six feet away from others and quarantining when sick. All of these precautions are required at the market as well.

The university's efforts to educate students on COVID-19 guidelines and test those entering Moscow will help keep the public safe. By extension, this will help the market run smoother as the incoming students begin attending community events.

As move-in times get closer, everyone should be keeping in mind how we can protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. While I want to enjoy my time at UI and receive a solid education, I also want to have fun in this community we call home for nearly nine months out of the year.

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**University of Idaho**

**HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

The University of Idaho requires all full-time, fee-paying, degree-seeking students and international students to submit proof of health insurance as a condition of enrollment.

Information and a link to the online Health Insurance Information Form at [www.uidaho.edu/studentinsurance](http://www.uidaho.edu/studentinsurance)

**Deadline to submit the ONLINE FORM through VandalWeb:**

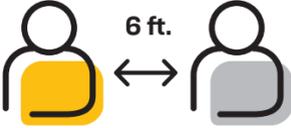
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Fall 2020 – August 24, 2020



**HEALTHY VANDALS**

*~ protect yourself and others ~*

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**1 Stay home if you are sick or identified as a close contact**
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**2 Maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others**
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**3 Cover your mouth and nose with cloth face covering**

  - Face coverings are required in all U of I buildings
  - Face coverings are required outside when social distancing cannot be maintained
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**4 Keep your hands clean by washing and using hand sanitizer**
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**5 Clean and disinfect personal belongings and shared spaces regularly**



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