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GREEK LIFE

Student injured at Beta Theta Pi fraternity



Beta Theta Pi fraternity Aug. 30

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As a result, 22 freshmen have been moved to on-campus student housing

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This is a developing story. The Argonaut will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

On Aug. 19, an incident at the University of Idaho Beta Theta Pi (BTP) fraternity caused 22 new members of the fraternity to move from the house to on-campus student housing.

One new member was injured in the incident, which UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker said was related to possible violations of the Healthy Vandal Pledge and Student Code of Conduct. She did not share further details on the violations.

The Moscow Police Department report stated the department responded to a call in the early morning about a male who was “unresponsive, unconscious and needing

medical attention.”

According to the police report, MPD Sgt. Jason House spoke with several members of BTP when he arrived at the scene. The members stated the injured student was “totally fine” and just had a “rough night.”

House told the BTP members that EMS had arrived and needed to see the injured student for themselves. The members went upstairs to bring the student out, but came back saying he could not walk. House advised EMS enter the fraternity house and examine the student where he was.

According to the report, the student was “lying on the floor, completely unresponsive. He did not respond to sternum rubs and his eyes would not respond to the light.” EMS treated the student and transported him to the Gritman Medical Center.

BTP Vice President Brayden Pollow arrived later. House explained the severity of the situation of the situation to Pollow and other high-ranking members and “expressed (BTP members) added risk

in minimizing the situation and being hesitant towards law enforcement.”

This incident is still under investigation. Neither Walker nor Interfraternity Council President Joseph Brueher were able to provide exact details on what occurred. Walker said UI hopes for a positive outcome.

To the best of his knowledge, Brueher said the 22 new members of the fraternity were moved into student housing while the incident is investigated. In addition, Brueher said UI distrusted the chapter to follow the rules and give a healthy environment for first-year students.

The new members were all freshmen, according to Walker, and Brueher said they were not yet initiated into the chapter. They were undergoing the process of learning the history and values of the chapter.

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ADMINISTRATION

Testing Compared: COVID-19 plans at Idaho universities

Approaches at ISU, BSU, UI and LCSC vary

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Not all Idaho universities and colleges are requiring students be tested for COVID-19. With thousands of students on campus, some found the potential requirement unrealistic.

University of Idaho, however, decided to require all students attending classes on the Moscow campus or living in university housing be tested for COVID-19. UI has worked closely alongside Gritman Medical Center to provide testing at an on-campus site. Students are ineligible to attend in-person classes until they have received negative test results.

“Testing, along with the University of Idaho’s face covering policy and other modifications for fall, will help provide a safer environment and a memorable experience for our students this semester,” UI President C. Scott Green said in a presidential memo.

But COVID-19 testing results from the university have been coming in slowly.

UI’s focus on testing requirements, use of hybrid classes, limited capacity classrooms and plans to move online following Thanksgiving break all aim to counter potential spread of COVID-19.

While testing may not be mandatory at all Idaho colleges and universities, each is handling the pandemic differently.

Idaho State University

Idaho State University’s Fall 2020 COVID-19 plan, named Roaring Back, addresses the university’s plans to host in-person classes during the pandemic.

Instruction for students will be on-campus and separated into different class types. Most courses will be offered in a hybrid format, but ISU’s website stated fully online courses would be made available to those unable to return to campus.

Students at ISU were also required to undergo COVID-19 testing. Results are published on ISU’s website. As of Aug. 31, ISU had 44 new cases, with eight positive cases in faculty/staff and 36 in students.

On-campus students who test positive for the virus are required to contact their Resident Assistants for isolation.

Like UI and other in-person campuses nationwide, ISU is requiring face coverings on campus and expecting the university community to engage in social distancing. ISU will also transition online after Thanksgiving break.

ISU’s COVID-19 precautions included the Bengal Pledge, which campus community members take to promise they will take personal action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Bengal Pledge is similar to UI’s Healthy Vandal Pledge, although it is unclear how much the people who take either pledge will follow COVID-19-related guidelines.

Social events and gatherings are still permitted at ISU, with its website noting “all events must adhere to current state and CDC health and safety guidelines.” Classrooms allow students and instructors to maintain six feet of social distancing and are cleaned comprehensively every 72 hours.

More information on ISU’s COVID-19 response can be found at the ISU Roaring Back website.

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DIVERSITY

Focusing on equality

University of Idaho community looking for a more inclusive way forward

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

A call to action arose after the death of George Floyd highlighted injustices against Black people around the nation. In response, University of Idaho President C. Scott Green sent emails to students, faculty and staff June 2 and 4.

“Admittedly, I did not like (the initial statement),” graduate student KT Turner said. “There was a lot of walking around the issue rather than addressing the issue, and it sounded more like let’s agree to disagree.”

Not long after, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) sent out its own response and coordinated the Black Lives Matter Speaker Series, which initially featured Bakari Sellers, Shaakirrah Sanders and Samuel Newton. The Department of Student Involvement released a page of resources on its website listing a range of media from Black creators on racial inequality.

Dr. Sydney Freeman, an associate professor in the College of Education,

Health and Human Sciences and an affiliate faculty in African Studies, felt as the only African American tenured faculty member on the Moscow campus, it was important to speak up on behalf of Black faculty, staff and students.

Over the summer, he wrote a nationally published article regarding 10 policies and practices predominantly white universities like UI could implement to combat discrimination. Of those policies, three focus on improving the morale of Black faculty, staff and students.

While lots of things can change, much of it comes with understanding the differences between equity, diversity, inclusion and representation, Turner said.

Freeman has called for a physical space for African American students to gather on campus.

“When I first came to UI last year, I noticed that there were more Black students than I originally thought would be there,” Turner said. “But there was no sense of community. There was just this big hole of isolation.”

One of many goals OMA Director Jesse Martinez has is to establish an

African American/Black Center fully staffed with community members. OMA would provide funding for programming and the center could provide financial resources for students, staff and faculty, including scholarships.

This physical space would need a director.

“I would like to see us unite more, so that when we’re asking for things, we’re coming as a collective voice which helps the university,” Freeman said. “The university is going to look at numbers, what is the percentage of the African American or Black population that’s asking.”

The space would encourage interaction between African American, Black, Caribbean and African students, staff and faculty, Freeman said.

Freeman is affiliated with the Black Student Union and his wife serves as a co-sponsor. They have found many students doing well academically may not have the financial resources to remain at UI.

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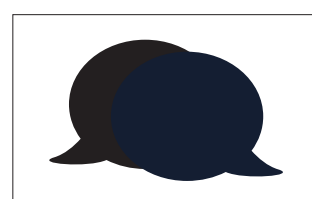
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- ¼ cup shredded cheese
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Crack of pepper
- Pinch of salt

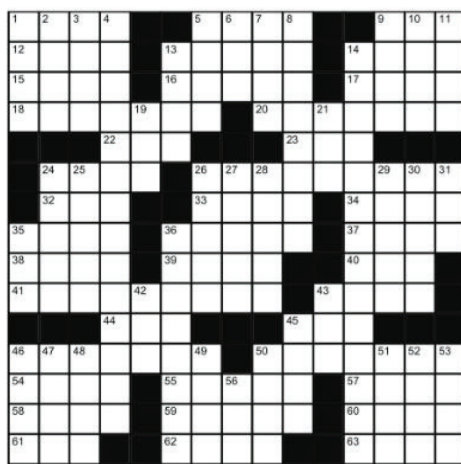
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1. Oil a pan on medium heat.
2. Crack two eggs and let simmer until the egg whites cook.
3. Carefully flip the eggs to cook evenly on both sides.
4. Salt and pepper the eggs as desired.
5. Put two pieces of bread into a toaster on medium setting.
6. Smear a half tablespoon of butter on both pieces of toast.
7. Sprinkle shredded cheese on the buttered side of one piece of toast.
8. Place the cooked eggs on top of the toast with cheese.
9. Place other buttered side of toast on eggs.
10. Enjoy!

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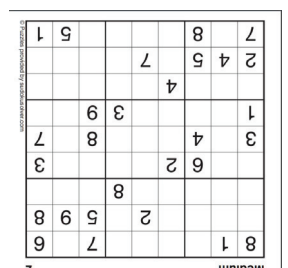
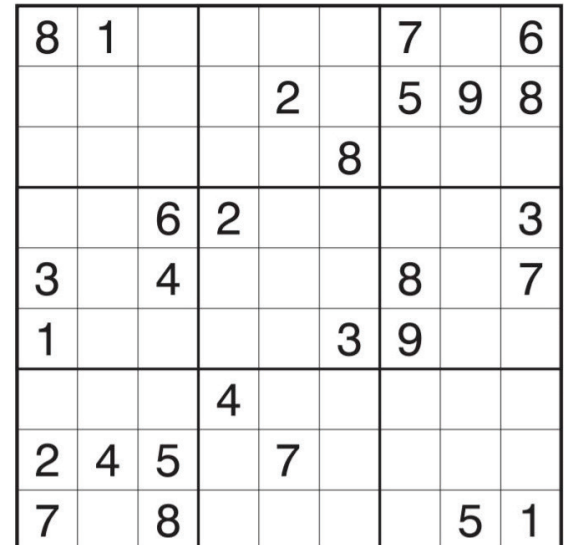
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BETA THETA PI

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The UI chapter of BTP has 63 active members.

The new members are not allowed into the BTP chapter facility for now, since they have been suspended by the Interfraternity Council, UI and BTP's national association, Bruer said. While the new members can continue the process of learning the fraternity's history and values on neutral ground or online, the Interfraternity Council suspended them from all other activities, including chapter meetings and event privileges, both social and campus-related. This is subject to change depending on how the investigation proceeds.

UI's goal is to move the students back into the chapter, if by the end of the investigation it is appropriate to do so, Walker said. She added that the health and

safety of the chapter, UI students, staff and faculty and the Moscow community is the university's primary concern.

UI is working with the Beta National Association on the investigation. The UI Student Code of Conduct does not always parallel the regulations of the fraternity's national association, Walker said.

The national association may decide to punish the UI chapter of BTP even if UI decides not to, according to Walker.

"The actions (of BTP) don't reflect on the other (UI fraternity and sorority) chapters when (other chapters) are doing the right thing," Bruer said.

UI, the national association and the Interfraternity Council will determine consequences after the severity of the incident is better understood, Bruer said.

Justin Warren, the director of media relations and senior writer for the BTP Foundation and Administrative Office in Ohio, gave a statement from the BTP Foundation.

"We're aware of a recent incident at our Gamma Gamma Chapter involving one of its new members," Warren said. "We are working closely with the local chapter, alumni volunteers and university officials to advance an investigation into the matter and will take appropriate action based on our findings. Above all, our highest priority is ensuring Beta Theta Pi is both a positive member of UI's community and a safe place for its members and guests."

Dean of Students Blaine Eckles, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Nick O'Neal and BTP President Brady Goveau could not be reached for comment.

The Argonaut will update this story as details become available.

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BLM

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The way the law is interpreted, scholarships cannot target a specific racial group, so Freeman is working on trying to figure out ways to ensure Black students can get scholarships, Freeman said.

Hiring more staff and faculty of color could make the university feel more safe for students of color, Turner said.

"I've been here at the university over 20 years, but as a staff member for over 16 years. It's not as diversified as you would hope," Martinez said.

The university needs to purposefully express the desire to hire people of color in its hiring statements, Turner said.

"Students like me, I know I check a box," Turner said. "I check a box when I'm in a play, when I direct a play. But there is no representation among so

many different (departments) and there's no representation in administration. And that, to me, is very frustrating, because how am I supposed to feel safe and good at this university when there's nobody speaking up for me and people that look like me?"

While the golden rule is to treat people how you want to be treated, the platinum rule is to treat people how they want to be treated, Martinez said. In his view, if we can start shifting our mindset and become more informed, we will have the cultural humility to understand one another.

Alicia Garza, an activist who came to the university three or four years ago, said something Martinez took to heart. She said if a person wants to treat social change, they must follow three key steps. They must listen not for the answer but listen to respond, they must compassionately listen and engage with resources around the campus and

community, and they must take action. Several on-campus groups are working to challenge bias at the university.

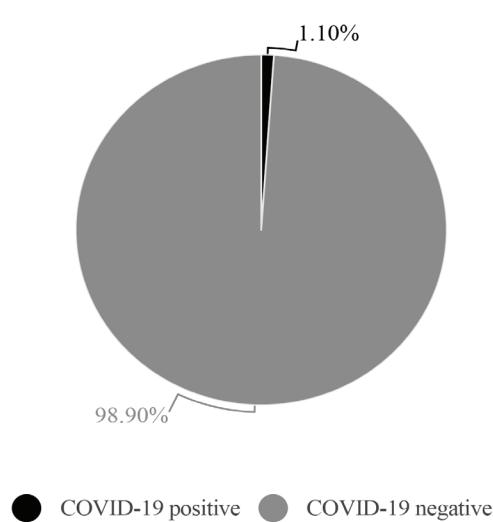
The Women's Center is doing a workshop series on anti-racism for people who identify as white. The second two parts of the series can be attended virtually Sept. 14 and Sept. 28. The Black Lives Matter Speaker Series webinar can be attended Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22 and Sept. 29. The Office of Multicultural Affairs will be programing speakers to come to the university throughout the semester.

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COVID-19

UI's testing results explained

COVID-19 test results from UI's test site



Lack of detail due to limits in staffing

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ARGONAUT

University of Idaho has reported results from its COVID-19 testing site and lab since Aug. 14. However, UI is reporting cases in a different format than Public Health — Idaho North Central District and the Idaho Division of Public Health. UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker explained the way the university is reporting and the reasons behind those decisions.

According to the UI COVID-19 website, the data reported does not reflect the number of swabs taken, the number of individuals tested or the number of infectious cases. The data includes both UI students and employees tested through Moscow-based university-wide testing.

The positive cases in UI athletes prior to the start of university-wide testing are not included in the data. Testing data from UI's locations in Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Idaho Falls are handled on a local level and not reported on the UI COVID-19 website. The healthcare system in Boise does not have the capacity to test all Boise-based UI students regardless, Walker said.

"In an effort to produce timely reporting, these numbers may include some people who were known to previously be positive and have already

completed their required quarantine period and are no longer infectious," the website stated. "These people are not included in the public health reporting."

Each week, UI reports three numbers: Total Tests Received, Total Positive Tests and Percent of Positives to Total. Each time data is updated, the university also updates the percentage of positives in the total number of test results received.

Walker said Total Tests Received represents the total number of results received each week from the lab. Percent of Positives to Total represents the total number of positive results divided by the total number of tests received for each week. Total Positive Tests represents the total number of positive cases which are infectious for the week they are reported, she said.

"There's a gap between when we get the results and when those positive cases are contacted," Walker said. "We can find out 'Are they a prior positive, are there other things that go into that particular case?' We need to have that work done in order to be able to post an accurate number of the actual infectious positive cases."

As of Aug. 26, all positive cases found through UI-based testing were asymptomatic, to Walker's knowledge. UI is not currently listing additional information, like the number of recoveries or whether cases are from students, staff

or faculty, due to staff limits.

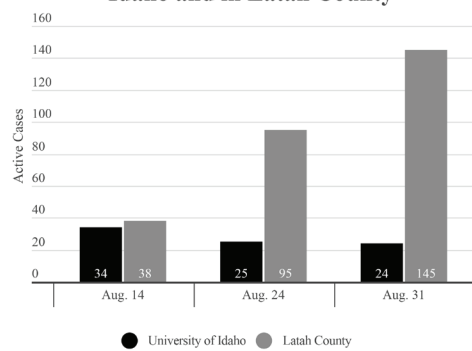
"I've seen some websites that are highly detailed of every case out there and we simply don't have the staffing to be able to report at that level," Walker said. "We have people busy working the active cases, taking care of our students, making sure everything's falling in place. So we're reporting the information that is most pertinent, which is the percentage of infectious cases at the university for a given week."

Walker did not know why the university decided to report COVID-19 data weekly instead of daily, although she cited the time necessary to determine which cases are currently infectious as a possible reason.

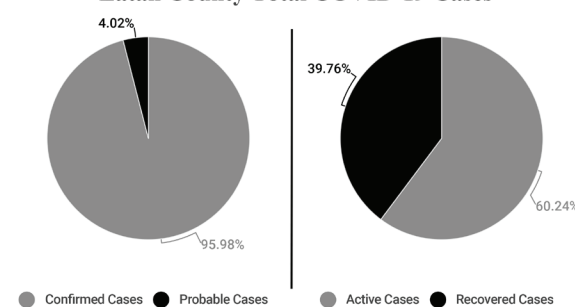
Walker was optimistic about the university's COVID-19 test results so far. "Should behaviors across the board continue the way they are now, and everyone continues to engage in a positive way and we can keep that number low, then it means we can keep the university open and continue to learn in person this fall, which I think is the goal of everyone involved here," Walker said.

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Active COVID-19 cases at University of Idaho and in Latah County



Latah County Total COVID-19 Cases



All UI data is accurate as of Aug. 31. All Latah County data is accurate as of Sept. 2.

TESTING

FROM PAGE 1

Boise State University

Boise State University's (BSU) decision to not mandate student testing came after much deliberation.

In June, BSU announced testing would be mandatory for students living on campus. According to BSU Assistant Director of Content Communications and Marketing Cienna Madrid, the decision to reverse this requirement was made public in July. The decision was based on limited local availability for testing such a large group.

"Testing for asymptomatic individuals is not readily available in the Treasure Valley," Madrid stated in an email. "Requiring all 3,000 students living on campus to test negative for (COVID-19) before moving in would have diverted already limited testing resources in the Valley."

Madrid said timeliness of test results was also considered an issue.

BSU is offering a mix of in-person, online and hybrid courses this semester. Unlike other schools, BSU plans to remain partially in-person after Thanksgiving break with limited exceptions, according to its website.

Students had to take the Bronco Health Pledge in conjunction with watching a safety video at the start of the semester.

BSU put out an app to further promote self-monitoring symptoms.

"(It is) a customized symptom tracker app that students/faculty/staff are encouraged to use every time they come to campus," Madrid said. "(It) lets them know that it is safe for them to do so."

Locations on the BSU campus have been adjusted for social distancing, with seating moved to maintain six feet of distancing and markings to direct foot traffic.

Additional information on BSU's COVID-19 response can be found at the BSU COVID-19 response website.

Lewis Clark State College

Lewis Clark State College's (LCSC) Fall 2020 plan has not made testing mandatory for students.

LCSC Director of Communications & Marketing Logan J. Fowler said the college had taken into consideration the possibility of mandatory testing, but ultimately decided against it.

"All of this has been made in close consultation with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Public Health," Fowler said.

Before arrival, students moving into residence halls must answer screening questions to evaluate for potential symptoms. Students showing symptoms deemed "high-risk" may be instructed to self-isolate and get tested.

LCSC students from hotspot areas are expected to self-isolate before returning to campus.

Like other Idaho colleges and universities, LCSC courses are offered in person, in hybrid formats and fully online.

Face coverings are required on campus and the college's website stated face shields or plexiglass barriers are not adequate replacements. This is based on recommendations from the CDC and public health officials.

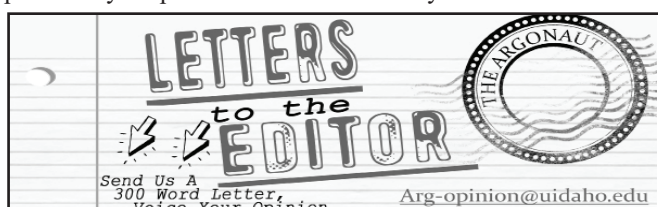
LCSC will transition to online delivery following Thanksgiving break.

The college also has a health pledge, the Warrior Wellness Pledge, which details LCSC's requirements regarding masks, disinfecting and symptom monitoring.

The LCSC website provides a list detailing capacity of classrooms on campus. Other on-campus changes include altered cleaning protocols, directing foot traffic and adding plexiglass instructor stations.

Further details on LCSC's fall plan can be found on the LCSC COVID-19 website.

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COVID-19

“Not one death”

Vandal Lives Over Profits critiques University of Idaho's COVID-19 response

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Vandal Lives Over Profits (VLOP), a student organization, began protesting against University of Idaho's decision to hold in-person classes recently, standing on the sidelines of orientation events.

Organized by Thys Ballard, a UI graduate student, the group has garnered the attention of both students and faculty for their die-in protest and eye-catching grim reaper costume.

“Our Vandal family matters more than the budget,” Ballard said. “They’re sacrificing budget either way. If they had closed originally, it would have been the same essential problem they are having now, but they might have a new problem because now they perhaps have death on their hands.”

The group's number one concern is the possibility of major outbreaks on campus, which could cause widespread sickness and, possibly, death.

VLOP member Jordan Hardy thinks the university has been misleading about claims regarding precautions, including hybrid class scheduling, controlled traffic pathways, socially distanced events and rules against on-campus gatherings and parties.

“If they were going to risk people's lives for this, they should at least be upfront about it,” Hardy said.

Though off-campus events and gatherings go against UI's precautions and guidelines, several parties at different locations have been reported. VLOP condemns any partying or gathering which goes against CDC or UI guidelines, but the group puts more blame on the university than the students because UI brought the students back to campus.

“It feels like the university is almost trying to turn the blame away from itself

towards the student body so they can get rid of some liability and make them seem more organized against (COVID-19) than they actually are,” Ballard said.

Students are receiving mixed messages from the city and university alike, Hardy said.

“The city and university don't want them to attend the bars, but the city hasn't closed the bars, so what message does that send them?” Hardy said. “I feel like there is a real lack of leadership happening.”

So far, VLOP has not received any meaningful communication from faculty members or university leadership.

VLOP has focused on bringing students together in solidarity against in-person classes. VLOP hasn't been able to gather a large number of protest participants, but the group is confident in the number of students who support the cause.

“They don't want to physically come out because of the virus,” Hardy said.

VLOP does not intend to continue meeting after its goal for UI is achieved or after COVID-19 ceases to be a concern.

“We could have semesters on semesters of the university wondering if they should open up,” Ballard said. “This could go on for two more years, but in the short term, I think the end goal is to get some justice. I think they should just take responsibility and close... I don't even think the campus should fully close, but in-person classes shouldn't be happening... I'm definitely concerned about the university (financially), but I'm generally more concerned about the people, because once we lose somebody, that's irreversible.”

As of Sept. 1, classes will continue in the hyflex model until Thanksgiving break, at which point the university will use only remote instruction.

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CALENDAR

Community Calendar

Find out what's happening in your community this week

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Managing COVID Stress

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Date: Sept. 3

Place: Wallace Residence Center basement room C26

Vandal Health Education will provide a presentation for students on how to cope with anxiety and stress stemming from COVID-19. Tips on beating Zoom fatigue will also be addressed. To attend online, check the Vandal Health Education Instagram page to find the Zoom link.

Responding to Disclosures of Interpersonal Violence: Considerations for Culturally Diverse Students

Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

Date: Sept. 4

Place: Zoom

The University of Idaho Violence Prevention Programs, Office of Civil Rights and Investigations and LGBTQA Office will host a training session for students, staff and faculty to learn more about handling interpersonal violence while considering cultural diversity. The training will cover the obligations of UI employees, Title IX processes, how people's identities can impact their experiences of interpersonal violence and more. Resources and self-care tips will also be provided. Questions can be emailed to mclarnan@uidaho.edu

Second Annual Operation Education Fun Run and Raffle

Time: asynchronous

Date: Sept. 5 to Sept. 19

Place: Moscow

This 5K run to support UI's Operation Education, a scholarship and assistance program for military veterans with disabilities, will be held virtually. Registration is free, but participants can donate \$20 to receive an Operation Education Fun Run shirt. Proceeds from raffle tickets will also go to Operation Education. UI gear and one month of free coaching from Skyline Wellness are among the prizes. Winners of the run will be announced Sept. 19.

Final Lewiston Food Truck Night of 2020

Time: 5-9 p.m.

Date: Sept. 8

Place: Nez Perce County Fairgrounds

The final Lewiston Food Truck Night of the year will host a Rants and Raves beer garden for those 21 and older along with other food and refreshment vendors. American Bonfire will take the stage. The event is free to attend. For more information, visit the Lewiston Food Truck Night Facebook page.

Face Mask Decorating

Time: 1:30-4 p.m.

Date: Sept. 9

Place: Idaho Student Union Building Plaza

Passersby can stop at a table in the ISUB plaza to decorate a custom face mask. Masks and fabric markers will be provided. Questions can be directed to amandaf@uidaho.edu

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OBITUARY

University of Idaho community members mourn the death of student Hailey King

King was a leader both in and out of the classroom

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In an email to students, faculty and staff Aug. 31, University of Idaho Dean of Students Blaine Eckles shared that Hailey King, a senior majoring in animal and veterinary science, passed away on Aug. 28 after sustaining injuries in a car accident Aug. 22.

King was driving north on U.S. Highway 95 when she drifted off the right side of the road, over-corrected twice and rolled into the northbound lane, according to reporting from KTVB. Idaho State Police is still investigating the crash.

King, a Kuna native, led both in the

classroom and in her sorority, Delta Gamma.

If you are concerned about a student, faculty or staff member and are unsure of what to do, UI encourages you to file a VandalCARE report. Students impacted by Hailey's loss and needing assistance during this time can contact the Counseling & Testing Center at 208-885-6716.

We share our sincerest condolences with King's family and friends who are most impacted by her death. The Argonaut will provide a full obituary once her loved ones feel comfortable sharing more information.

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JAZZ FESTIVAL

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival to be held online

The festival, set for February 2021, will become a worldwide event

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ARGONAUT

University of Idaho's 54th Annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will be a worldwide virtual event in 2021.

The festival honors the music, dance and history of jazz and is one of the largest and oldest educational jazz events in the world. This festival features a variety of instruments from the saxophone, trombone and trumpet to guitar, piano based drums and the flute.

The event will still feature elementary, junior high, high school and college students' performances. There will be workshops and concerts, featuring world-class artists.

Around 5,000 students participate in the Jazz Festival and between 450 and 600 students from UI and Washington State University volunteer to help at the event.

Those performing during the festival will be announced this fall. Concerts will be aired virtually to local and international audiences.

Jazz Festival Registration for the festival starts Sept. 8. through Friday, Dec. 18. Registration prices are available on the UI News Releases site. Registration for festival events will be open to the public early 2021.

When the Jazz Fest team and campus partners came together to discuss the 2021 festival, they knew they could not do what they had done in the past for the

safety of those on campus.

"We knew we couldn't hold a traditional festival because a lot of (music educators) wouldn't be able to travel whether it was a travel restriction from Canada or within the district or a financial crunch taking place," Josh Skinner, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival manager, said.

Any ensemble worldwide, from France to Brazil, could register to be in the performance and participate when they could not do so as easily before.



Joshua Skinner

Before the pandemic, the students would come on campus and go into an educational workshop, take notes and have live interactions with instructors. These workshops will now be live in front of the students online and the sessions will be recorded as well.

Multiple workshops happen at once and those registered for the festival can watch the session(s) they were unable to attend.

"One of the other components is the concerts," Skinner said. "It's quite incredible during the regular Jazz Festival just that we have that ability to bring in the top tier talent in the jazz world into Moscow, Idaho and create an incredible cultural experience."

The artists have not been fully chosen for 2021 because contracts are still being worked out, but more information will be released.

One of the performers will be doing a live concert from their living room in New York City. The chat features from live streaming can be used to interact

with performers in real time to answer any questions the audience may have.

"The last part I'm really excited about is something that we've never done," Skinner said. "We have years of archival footage from the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and we're going to be dipping into those archives and finding some of those special moments."

The 2021 festival will take place Feb. 25-27, and will accommodate people from different time zones.

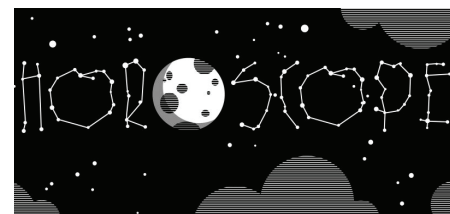
"Like with some of the other music events I dealt with this summer, people are hungry for an opportunity, for a great event from all over the world and so if they want to participate, they will definitely participate," Skinner said.

In 2022, the festival will resume its traditional format if the pandemic allows. The dates for the 2022 festival are Feb. 24-26.

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ASTROLOGY

Weekly horoscope



See what the stars say for you

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Welcome back, students. A new semester means a revisit of the weekly horoscopes. Today, we go over the week of Aug. 24.

Virgo:

The Virgo sign is typically one of composure. However, this week is part of several months of strong feelings for Virgos. Not all are necessarily good. However, something as simple as confiding in a friend might be all the help you need.

Aries:

Things aren't going to start well over the weekend. You will desperately try to make a love connection, and it's going to be a swing and a miss. However, things will improve by the weekend.

Taurus:

Virgo energy has been rubbing off on you because it's rough sailing in the love department. You might need to talk some things out with your partner.

Gemini:

The weekdays are for you to go to your happy place – chill out, unwind and just relax. The weekend is for you to socialize and get out. Be COVID-19 safe, though.

Cancer:

Something is going to come to a head this weekend that's long overdue to address. You may want to do it now and just get it over with.

Leo:

This will be a very spendy weekend for you Leos. Whether or not you are hitting the bars or the malls (or both) keep an eye on your bank account and try not to go too crazy.

Libra:

You're going to get into a sticky situation with a friend. You'll want to compromise but won't be able to. Just let the situation simmer down over the next couple days and everything will be back to normal.

Scorpio:

This is a very social week for Scorpios. Say yes to invites and have fun. Again, stay COVID-19 safe.

Sagittarius:

Cash and resources are not where you'd like them to be right now. However, opportunities are bound to pop up. Just keep an eye out for them.

Capricorn:

Although your family might not initially support it – your reflection on what you want to do with your life is finally coming to an end and will result in success.

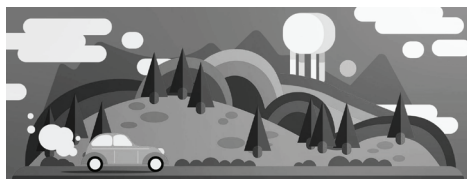
Aquarius:

This week is about collecting and allocating finances. It'll be hard to resist the impulse spending, but just stay focused and you can do it.

Pisces:

This week – social media and relationship issues are going to seem way bigger than they actually are. A post might be blown out of proportion, and you might be romanticizing something a little too much. Just keep in mind to approach these things with critical thinking, and everything will turn out fine.

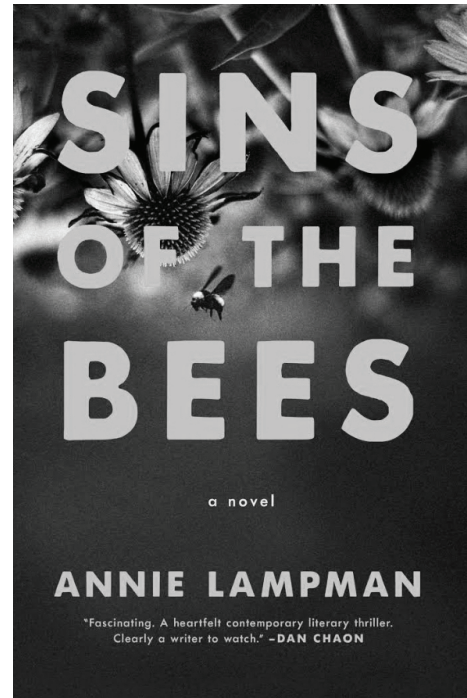
LIFE Hacks: Get the scoop on what's happening



Things happening on the Palouse this week

Emily Pearce
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Bored stuck in a dorm room or apartment this week? Tune in to see what events are happening to add some spice to the Moscow life. Here are the hippest things to do on the Palouse this week virtually and in-person. Remember to mask up and social distance when heading out to any social events.



Sins of the Bees Book Launch

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Date: Sept. 1

Place: Online event

Price: Free

Support local authors and stop in for the Sins of the Bees book launch. A UI alumna, Annie Lampman encourages the Moscow community to celebrate launching her first book virtually. Those

who join may be enticed enough to pick up a copy after the event. The book will be available at the local bookstore Book People, and she will be signing at the Moscow Farmers Market this Saturday.



Get the Scoop
Time: 12-2 p.m.

Date: Sept. 2

Place: Memorial Gym Lawn

Price: Free

Come meet the Women's Center, check out their resources and grab a frozen treat. You can find them on the Memorial Gym Lawn outside of room to social distance. At the event, the Women's Center will answer questions and provide information about their programs, services and opportunities to get further involved.



Mountain Bike Ride
Time: 3-4 p.m.
Date: Sept. 3
Place: Moscow Mountain
Price: Free

Take a look at what the UI Outdoor Program has to offer. Living on the Palouse and not taking advantage of the outdoors would be a scourge. This Thursday, the Outdoor Program will be taking their efforts to Moscow Mountain. Ride on track trails on the mountain and be sure to bring a helmet.



Back to School Board Games

Time: Sept. 4

Date: Friday

Place: Online Event

Price: Free

Tune in online with friends and fellow classmates for a quick game or two. The UI library encourages those to join in their Zoom session to play boardgames with one another.

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LIBRARY

Keep the books coming

How the Moscow Public Library handled COVID-19

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The Moscow Public Library was hit hard by COVID-19. On March 18, all locations of the Latah County Library District closed due to COVID-19 concerns. Library District Director Chris Sokol said they started shutting down after seeing that other businesses were in response to the pandemic. The American Library Association recommended that libraries close due to COVID-19 concerns. This is what led to the Moscow Public Library, along with the other six libraries apart of the Latah County Library District, to close their doors. However, they kept their staff employed and developed strategies to continue providing for their patrons.

Closed, compact spaces made social distancing a challenge, and they couldn't allow patrons into the library for safety reasons. That doesn't mean people who wish to rent books or movies shouldn't be able to. The Moscow Public Library, like other libraries in other states, adapted to their new restrictions.

"We developed a curbside pickup service, which is what every other library was doing," Sokol said. "We developed protocols, researched what the CDC had to say about protocols and sanitization."

It was a challenge for them, but they were able to develop sanitation protocols so patrons could pick up their items without having to worry about being infected. They did have to put their curbside pickup service on hold in March after the first case was confirmed in Whitman County.

"There were no cases in Latah County yet," Sokol said. "We shut it down at that point because of the proximity with Whitman County. We wanted to get better prepared, so we shut it down, and then we picked up curbside assistance again on April 22."

They used that time wisely to ensure that they could function properly. They had staff train at home and developed guidelines and

protocols to ensure the safety of staff and patrons. They developed an online scheduling software for patrons to request materials. However, they still remained closed.

When they opened, they put new protocols in place. This included occupancy limits, time limits on computers and social distancing.

It might seem like a lot of their availability was restricted due to COVID-19 concerns, but they still managed to find ways to engage with the community. They hosted story times and book reviews virtually, utilizing Facebook Live so children and teens could listen to staff members read.

Another policy they implemented is they are now fine free. They still encourage people to get their items in on time. Access to library computers and Kanopy will be restricted. Items that are damaged will be subjected to a fee.

Sokol explained that they decided to implement this because it's been a trend with many libraries across the country.

"It's a way to break down economic barriers to library use," Sokol said. "A lot of times people racked up fines, and they were really reluctant to come back and return the materials. They thought they didn't have the money, or they were embarrassed, so people would just stop using the library."

Sokol said that libraries who implemented this policy were seeing success. People were returning materials a lot more than they had been in the past. This policy is fairly new, they were going to implement it in March, but delayed it due to COVID-19. A lot of other libraries in the area were already going fine free according to Sokol, such as the Lewiston Public Library. However, the library won't lose much revenue according to Sokol.

For more information on the fine free policy, along with information on the library's programs, check out latahlibrary.org.

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ARTS

Nothing gold can stay

"Out of the Woods" exhibit says goodbye this week

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"Out of the Woods" came to the University of Idaho Prichard Art Gallery amid COVID-19. The gallery's previous exhibit, "Four Old Guys," only extended for a week. The regular shows from Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) students, which normally extended through the summer and into the fall, were postponed. When the Prichard was reopening, nothing was planned until the director, Roger Rowley, contacted local artists Ted Kelchner and Andria Marcussen.

"They're pretty much consistently making new things," Rowley said. "And that's how this came into being, not by any means of the normal trajectory array that we would organize an exhibit, but under the circumstances, it gave us something new and different to put together."

Kelchner and Marcussen work independently and collaboratively. The married couple met in Rochester, New York in the 1980s and wanted to get away. Marcussen entered graduate school at UI and graduated in 1996. They live together north of Potlatch, with an assortment of animals as neighbors.

Along with their visual art, they create all sorts of music. The couple goes to places like Spokane, Seattle and Portland. Other musicians follow their shows.

In their studio, they create across all mediums, including drawing, painting and sculpture.

The medium they choose for each project is driven by the idea of what's appropriate to the artwork. In their most recent exhibit, they used paper, photography and sculpture for a wide

range of pieces.

Marcussen worked on two sets of projects. For her first project, she made flower arrangements photographed to be the size of a thimble.

"Looking at the very tiny arrangements takes a second to realize the ratio to human scale," Rowley said. "You begin to perceive what's going on."

Her second project enlarged Letraset press type stamps to appreciate the quality and graphics. The exhibit is in a corner of the gallery to simulate the pages of a stamp book.

For his own portion of the exhibit, Kelchner wanted to focus on what has become more important during the COVID-19 pandemic. Kelchner created folded sculptures, all monochromatic. One series highlighted "cowboy pants" in a range of sizes. Some sculptures are tall enough to reach the ceiling. He arranged the sculptures in the gallery like a "standoff." His second series he described as "a rain of boxes." Kelchner mentioned how people have come to rely on delivery services.

The event has been at the Prichard since June 26 and will be available for viewing until Sept. 5. The closing reception has been cancelled.

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GENDER EQUALITY

Dedicating a space to gender equality

Join the Women's Center and learn about their resources, office and more

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The Women's Center has been around for decades and has been on campus since 1972. Having a conciliation agreement with the University of Idaho, the university has committed to provide funding for the center and its dedication to gender equality. They are incredibly involved with the community and have community partners on and off UI's campus.

"We're certainly not the only voice for gender equality on campus but we're a voice for gender equality," Women's Center Program Coordinator Jackie Sedano said.

The Women's Center hosted their annual open house Sept. 2 and their event was not conducted traditionally as in past years. Normally held in their physical space, the Women's Center

held their event outside with plenty of breathing room.

The staff were thinking of ways to show students who they are and services they do. The office is tricky, it's a little tucked away in the Memorial Gym, Sedano said. It isn't in the Idaho Student Union Building where everyone knows where the offices are.

People can casually walk past the office because there's not a lot of foot traffic at the Memorial Gym. This way students can be introduced to the Women's Center, programs, resources and their mission.

"We really want to get word out there that we're a resource, and that we're a confidential resource for students, staff and faculty," Sedano said.

Their mission is to advocate for gender equality. Along with their many resources, they offer presentations for club leaders that cover topics about gender equality, gender and women that can be requested. They also offer work studies, internships and have plenty of

volunteer opportunities.

"The Women's Center is here for students, staff and faculty and even community members will access our resources," Sedano said.

In their physical space they have a study for students, and a lounge with limited capacity. They have computers and a printer where people can come do homework and relax in between classes. Typically, they have a kitchenette, but it is temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19.

In their office, they have a changing table and lactation room that can be transformed into a private space students can use. The room has a second purpose called the advocacy room, where students can join Zoom classes and reserve the space.

Inside their office, students are required to wear masks, or they cannot come into the center. In their office, they have a large bottle of hand sanitizer and follow a disinfecting routine every night before closing.

"We're going to do everything we can to keep everybody healthy," Sedano said.

The Women's Center will still do their big signature events, virtual events and manage their social media campaign. Students can look forward to their annual Take Back the Night event in a couple of weeks.

"We're still dedicated to providing whatever programming we can if we're able to force students to do that in a healthy, safe way," Sedano said. "We do programming for students to just come together, learn about gender justice become educated about it or maybe even raise questions about it."

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Look towards the fitness program to gain an edge in your health

UI fitness program offers aide by keeping personal training classes open to any individual looking to get back or into shape

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Looking for a chance to increase your fitness, but don't know where to start? The fitness program in the Student Recreation Center at the University of Idaho has you covered. The fitness program offers personal training for individuals, group fitness classes and a personal fitness assessment.

Personal training is offered through the fitness program with different packages for individuals to purchase.

"Any student, faculty, staff or community member is welcome to sign up for personal training," Ben Sturz, assistant director of Programs of Recreation and

Wellbeing, said. "We provide individual services for training clients."

New clients will go through a fitness assessment for their first session with any fitness package they purchase. A fitness assessment costs \$35 for a one-hour session and includes an assessment of current health and fitness condition and a discussion with a trainer about how to refine and achieve goals.

Beginners are recommended to purchase an intro to fitness package that costs \$120. The package includes four, one-hour sessions along with one fitness assessment and three training sessions.

Individuals can also purchase multiple and partner personal training sessions. They can purchase one session for \$35, four sessions for \$120, 10 sessions for \$275 or 20 sessions for \$500. Partner sessions cost \$45 per hour or \$165 for four sessions. The cost for three people is increased to \$60 per hour or \$225 for four sessions and for four

people it goes up to \$75 per hour or \$280 for four sessions. They also offer body composition testing for \$8. Each session lasts 5-10 minutes and each session provides bio-electrical and ultrasound tests along with a skin fold.

A personal trainer can be a benefit for many individuals new to fitness. They design a personalized exercise program to meet fitness goals at all levels. They give cardiovascular training, resistance training and efficiency instruction. They assist in minimizing injury and provide motivation and accountability.

Aside from personal training, the fitness program also offers group fitness classes. Classes being offered include ashtanga yoga, barre, bootcamp, BBT (bellies, butts, thighs), chisel & sculpt, cycling, gravity, high interval intensity training TRX, TRX, west coast swing, vinyasa yoga, yoga, zumba and zumba without mirrors.

"We were able to offer classes that

allowed people to drop into any class they wanted but because of COVID-19, we've had to rethink group fitness," Sturz said. "We've stepped away from a drop-in format, and we're hoping to come out in the next week or two with some group fitness formats that allow people to purchase a guaranteed spot for a time frame."

Each class will have 10 spots available and be offered two times a week. These spots will be available for purchase as soon as the fitness program has figured out a time to reopen group fitness classes.

With these options available, many individuals can take advantage of their fitness while in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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OUTDOORS

Mountain bike ride to Moscow Mountain

The Outdoor Program is offering the chance for students to come out and enjoy a mountain bike ride

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The University of Idaho Outdoor Program is offering a mountain bike ride on Thursday, Sep. 3 to Moscow Mountain. The event starts at 4 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to participate. The event will be limited to 12 participants and they will have to register before Wednesday, Sep. 2.

The Outdoor Program has offered the event on and off for the last 10 years but this year's event will be different compared to years prior with the current COVID-19 situation.

"In the past it was like a mountain bike Monday that we offered a couple times during the semester," Outdoor Program Coordinator Sandra Townsend said. "But this year it's going to be once a week, starting this week for six weeks. There'll be two mountain bike, two gravel road and two regular road rides."

Individuals who wish to

join will simply need their own bike, helmet and a light that functions on both ends of their bike. Every ride will leave the Student Recreation Center (SRC) on the UI campus and will travel to Moscow Mountain. They will follow the Headwaters Trail up in Moscow Mountain. These bike rides are geared towards beginners so there isn't a specific skill level needed to participate.

Everyone who participates in the ride is required to bring a mask. They will need to wear the mask when in close quarters but when they become more distanced while biking then participants can take them off, Townsend said. Ten to 15 feet of distance while biking is their ideal distance.

The Outdoor Program will continue to offer trips and activities for individuals to enjoy while in a time of uncertainty. They have faced challenges but have worked to allow students and staff to use the climbing center, rental center and continued to offer multiple activities.

"We're just minimizing travel, looking for sort of backyard adventures," Director of Outdoor Programs Trevor Fulton said. "Stuff that students can do on

their own after they do it with us or they could even just see what we're offering and pull it off themselves."

There are also two mountain bike classes that students can take this semester. Townsend teaches Idaho Fitness (IFIT) 107 which is an eight week course designed to teach students how to figure out trails, proper maintenance of the bike, learning how to corner and identifying a technical challenge. The course is held in the SRC, or Townsend will have students meet at different trailheads. Each student is required to have their own mountain bike. Bruce Saxman teaches the other mountain biking course.

"The idea is just to have folks get to know the area a little better," Townsend said.

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TENNIS

Is the PTPA a good idea for professional tennis?

The PTPA's creation has caused a division among tennis professionals

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The 2020 U.S. Open is currently underway but the major news coming out of the professional tennis world is the creation of the first player's only tennis association created by Novak Djokovic and co-organizer Vasek Pospisil. The Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA) formed to represent the interests of men's singles players ranked in the top 500 and men's doubles players ranked in the top 200.

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) is the current organizing body for men's tennis professionals and with the creation of the PTPA it creates a division among the players. The PTPA was created to advocate for player's needs and concerns.

While many men's professionals have joined, several top players are against the PTPA. Tennis legends Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal are firmly against it, since it divides the players.

Notably, there aren't any professional women tennis players in PTPA. The PTPA claims to want an active and equal involvement for women's players although they haven't been invited to join.

Women have been fighting for equal pay in tennis for years and finally got recognition with equal pay for Grand Slam Tournaments, but there is still disparity among other tournaments. The PTPA is a good try for player concerns, but if all players aren't included then it's not a good look for professional tennis.

The PTPA and ATP seem to be on opposite sides in a time where staying united is so important. There's still uncertainty about the future, but at this time the PTPA will need to make some changes for it to work out how they want.

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HIGH SCHOOL

High school sports to return in Moscow

Board members in the Moscow School District vote to bring back high school sports

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The Moscow School District Board of Trustees held a special meeting Tuesday to discuss reinstating high school sports. Board members voted 4-1 in favor of reinstating interscholastic competition. The vote overruled their previous decision, made Aug. 13, to cancel high school sports which was originally put in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New safety stipulations were established to reinstate high school sports. The stipulations include all spectators must wear masks or face shields, games will not be held at schools with high risk of infection, concessions will not be sold at home games, student athletes will be allowed four guest tickets that can only be used by immediate family and parents will be asked to take their student athletes to away games.

Moscow School District superintendent Greg Bailey stated in the meeting, Moscow

had done a great job preventing the spread of COVID-19 and didn't want the reinstatement of high school sports to change that.

"Our requirements are stiffer than what the mayor has put on our community, we should follow these requirements," Bailey said. "Let's give these kids a chance."

The Board's decision was heavily impacted by a survey taken by parents of fall, winter and spring athletes. According to the survey, 300 parents were in strong majority favor to return to interscholastic competition rather than intramural.

Football's earliest start date is set to Sept. 18.

Board members will continue to monitor the situation and will cancel the season if spikes in COVID-19 cases arise.

Vandal Nation will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

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What we've done is not enough

The movement has spoken now it's our turn to listen



The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has been wrenching this country from the comfortable place white Americans have sat in for too long; a place of systematic racism.

The movement is bringing awareness to the oppression of People of Color (POC) through just about every way imaginable. Protests are scattered across the nation, murals are springing up in cities, Black-owned businesses

are gaining more support, petitions are being signed by millions and ways to educate ourselves and others on racism have surfaced.

Legislators, police departments and many others in positions of power have voiced support of the movement. Justice was brought to the murderers of George Floyd and is being actively sought after the shooting and paralyzing of Jacob Blake.

Earlier this month, the Seattle City Council revealed a plan to begin defunding its police departments, reducing them by as many as 100 officers, according to an Aug. 3 article from The Seattle Times.

Granted, this was only after a series of violent protests and the rise and fall of the Capitol Hill Occupied Protest (CHOP). Even resorting to violence and seclusion for the sake of BLM has not brought the change that needs to happen nationwide.

Moscow has hosted at least five BLM protests over the past few months. While none of them have gotten out of hand, neither the city or the Moscow Police Department (MPD) have made any major moves in support of the movement. This movement, it seems, was left to the University of Idaho.

UI has hosted a speaker series featuring prominent POC, released statements showing its support of the

movement, encouraged self-education by reading works of Black authors and added the speaker series to the curriculum as optional one-credit courses.

But that's not enough.

We need education that is worth more than one measly credit. We need more than just encouragement to educate ourselves on the experiences of Black people, Native Americans, Asian people and other minority groups.

We need more than reading, watching and listening to the productions of POC to educate ourselves. We need more than just sharing their experiences and making people aware.

The Pullman City Council approved the creation of a BLM mural on Aug. 11 and the Moscow Anti-Racism Alliance released details on a similar proposal to The Argonaut on Aug. 18.

But murals are not enough either. We need more changes on city, county, state and national levels showing support for true equality between POC and white people. Legislative changes toward equality need to be considered and approved everywhere.

Still, that's not enough. Police need better training, like courses which will teach them how to diffuse situations like riots rather than escalate them. Armed forces, who are meant to preserve peace and protect the people, have only

succeeded in amplifying the anger felt throughout the country.

On top of that, a better allocation of funds is even more important. This type of legislative change needs to be made the most. More money needs to go to public schools, businesses and residential areas. No more 20-year-old textbooks in Black-majority schools. No more dilapidated apartments that are much too small in Black-majority communities.

Along with these changes, transparency is needed from the people making decisions. This transparency needs to be present as decisions are being made, not after the fact. We don't want to hear that things are being discussed. We want to know what is being talked about, what changes are being considered and exactly how the changes would affect our communities.

This is not going away. We, as a country and as a community, need to conquer this centuries-long seat of ignorant comfort for the sake of POC. We need to face this issue head on for the sake of ALL the nation's people.

- Editorial Board

HEALTH

Natural solutions to dog allergies



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All dogs scratch, but some dogs scratch all the time. Some scratch to the point of breaking their skin, causing sores, scrapes and loss of fur. Dogs with this issue scratch to the point where they are miserable all the time.

I have one of those dogs. For as long as I can remember, my pup Oliver has had severe allergies. We've tried everything to try and make him feel better, but it seems like nothing helps.

I have been recommended special foods for dogs with allergies and I tried them to no avail. My vet has also recommended allergy medicines like Apoquel and the Cytopoint injection.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, 70-75% of dogs' allergy symptoms have improved with allergy shots like the Cytopoint injection. This seems like pretty good odds, especially for dog owners who have gone through numerous treatments without any improvement in their pets' symptoms.

However, these treatments may not be the best option for pet owners that want to help their pup further by trying to get rid of what causes the itching. According to the American College of Veterinary Dermatology, Apoquel and Cytopoint treatments only suppress the itch and don't actually address the underlying cause.

Not looking into what is causing your pet's allergies means either giving your furry friend an allergy pill every day for the rest of their lives or giving an expensive shot every month.

Vets typically prescribe expensive dog foods or these costly injection options that may not work first, rather than discussing the possible natural remedies that could actually help on the first try without spending too much money.

There are many natural remedies, many of which I've tried on my dog, that have worked much better and have had longer lasting effects than the medicine prescribed by my vet.

One of those successful options is apple cider vinegar, which naturally soothes a dog's skin and helps fight fleas. Apple cider vinegar can have a very strong stench, so to help with the smell dog owners should bathe their dog immediately after using it.

Another natural option is oatmeal. Oatmeal helps soothe the skin and offers faster relief. You can blend it into powder and add it to a bath or buy dog shampoo with oatmeal in it.

These are just a couple of the many natural dog remedies that don't require daily upkeep in order to aid pet allergies.

Ultimately, dog owners need to do their own research when trying to treat their dog's allergies to find the best solution for their furry friend.

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POLITICS

Double arrest deserved



Ammon Bundy being rolled out of the Capitol by Idaho State Police.

Ryan Suppe | The Idaho Press

Attention-hungry Bundy was served double for his trouble

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At long last, Idaho's insufferable Ammon Bundy got a taste of what he deserved. After months of causing trouble where nobody wanted it — such as him and his posse breaking their way into legislative sessions or filling rooms past their limits for proper social distancing — he got himself arrested for two misdemeanors twice in 24 hours.

Ryan Suppe, a reporter for The Idaho Press, shared a photo of Bundy being rolled out of the Capitol in an office chair by Idaho State Police (ISP) on Twitter Aug. 25. He and two other protesters had refused to leave the building after the second day of Governor Brad Little's special session, where they discussed the election and civil liability during the pandemic.

Bundy was taken to Ada County

Jail and charged with trespassing and resisting arrest, both times he was taken into custody.

"Troopers were forced to physically remove Bundy from the Senate Gallery, take him through a stairwell, place him in a wheelchair and then into a patrol vehicle," the ISP tweeted. "A second individual, arrested with Bundy for trespassing at the Statehouse yesterday, was also personally served the No Trespass Notice. He voluntarily left the property without incident. Idaho State Police will continue to carefully balance people's right to participate in the legislative process while ensuring that the process remains peaceful."

The Bundy family has a reputation for hosting standoffs on government-owned land. So far there hasn't been any serious consequences, but hopefully the double arrest is a start.

Despite his father, Cliven Bundy, making headlines in 2016 for the armed occupation

of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge along with the numerous headlines he has made in 2020 for his insane behavior toward Idaho's representatives, Bundy is still as attention-starved as ever it seems.

Bundy has been in and out of the news all summer. He will likely continue his antics, no matter how unreasonable or laughable, until the pandemic nears its close. When that happens he will find something else to complain about because it doesn't align with his views. It might even be something that is "unconstitutional," like a mask mandate.

Whether the attention is negative or positive doesn't matter to Bundy, as long as he is being talked about. The poor bloke is just trying to stay relevant in a society that is drifting away from more traditional ways of thinking.

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GUEST VOICE

A note to leadership

An open letter to President C. Scott Green and Dean of Students Blaine Eckles



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Gentlemen,

I am now a University of Idaho Ph.D. candidate but was previously a combat medic in the United States Army. During my service I spent a year in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and I spent months recovering from injuries in a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU). I learned a great deal about leadership, suffering and death during that time.

Beyond a reasonable doubt, UI's decision to hold in-person classes until November will contribute to unnecessary suffering and possibly death. Over 300 staff members signed their names in agreement, among them epidemiologists, statistical modelers and microbiologists. Your failure to heed these educated warnings demonstrates ignorance and moral decadence. What sort of leadership ignores the plea for health and life from the very members that make the organization possible? How are world-class scholars, educators and subject matter experts so poorly led by those who choose willful ignorance? You both have the power of leadership and influence to go online immediately and lessen this suffering. Your failure to do so leaves you responsible.

It's impossible to distinguish how the risk factors at UI differ from a comparable institute, Washington State University (WSU), that is a bike ride away. WSU has demonstrated their first concern is the physical health and safety of students and staff by cancelling in-person instruction. In comparison, the physical safety and health of Vandals is obviously your second concern. While I appreciate the university's mitigation strategies, the mitigation of risk is a poor substitute to the readily available option to eliminate risk.

Only poor leaders and dishonorable men contribute to preventable human suffering and death. We see neighboring Whitman County spiking to 158 afflicted since Saturday, and we see the opening of the University of Alabama greeted with over 500 infections. A reasonable observer would know Vandals are next in line. A decade after barely surviving two wars, I never imagined my life would again be at risk, much less that it would be endangered by the choices of academic administrators. I speak for many faculty and teacher assistants (TA), several of whom have petitioned, written, spoken and in turn been utterly ignored. Do you truly think you can leverage power over people's health and lives by dangling their careers? You require a doctor's note for faculty to be excused from campus duties, but Vandals require of you a doctor's note ensuring no faculty will suffer life-long illness or death upon exposure on campus.

Like you, I have experienced the feeling of responsibility for the health and safety of irreplaceable human lives in difficult times. I differ from you in that I have already experienced the needless suffering and death of my colleagues and friends. I've had a decade to begin processing it, and every person differs, but I can promise you whatever perspective you hold now will differ in hindsight. You are playing a deadly game, hoping you can keep things open while simultaneously not contributing to a death. It is not too late to put human life first and reverse the mistake of in-person instruction. I call on you to redeem yourselves in the eyes of the Vandal community by cancelling in-person classes now.

Don't wait for the spike in infections. Don't wait to see if the ICU's can hold. Don't wait to see the first death, and then the second, and then the third. The only time to cancel is before, not after, a Vandal death. This is not a battle, and you are not generals. There is no acceptable body count at a state university.

Take this advice from someone forever haunted by needless death—end this now, or it very well may haunt you, too.

Most Sincerely,

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POLITICS

The USPS and the future of the election

Why the USPS is being defunded and what that means for the presidential election.

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A lot has happened over the course of the past several weeks. School started up again, COVID-19 has yet to indicate a light at the end of the tunnel, the Democratic and Republican National Conventions took place and, precariously, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has seen major defunding.

Before I tackle what the consequence of defunding the USPS may be, let me preface.

The election, much like 2016, has proven to be tumultuous and ugly. Yet again, voters are tasked with choosing the "best of the two evils." Politics and policy aside, there is one major contingency ghastly apparent: how to vote with the presence of COVID-19.

Without traveling down the rabbit hole of COVID-19 planning and contingencies, there are several ways to view the problem. One, if schools and businesses are open, why shouldn't polling centers be? Two, why open polling centers if mail-in ballots are a completely safe and feasible method of voting, according to National Public Radio (NPR)?

Noticeably, the debate between opening and closing businesses and schools seems to be never-ending. Wherever you may stand within said debate, it's hard to argue with what we know about COVID-19. We know it spreads roughly six feet through respiratory droplets (from coughs, sneezes or talking), we know preventative measures that limit the spread and we know who the high risk individuals may be, all according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It can be easily synthesized that garnering a semi-large group of people at a polling center may cause an outbreak.

As Americans, as humans, we have

a moral obligation and an inherently altruistic desire to protect those around us. At least we should. If it's possible to prevent death, it should be our number one priority. Prevention can take the form of wearing masks, social distancing or closing businesses and schools. In this case, one major form of prevention could be widespread mail-in voting. However, there seems to be a lot of controversy around this notion.

At the helm of this controversy is the commander in chief himself. For the past several weeks, President Donald Trump has been attacking the notion of mail-in voting and making claims of widespread voter fraud. All of these claims and attacks have been unfounded, according to NPR.

Various studies compiled by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) have shown miniscule numbers of fraudulent votes. One of these studies found approximately 0.00004% of votes are fraudulent. Not only is mail-in voter fraud nearly impossible to do, it is extremely unlikely and well within statistical negligibility. If that's truly the case, why the controversy?

BBC reporting indicates that Trump is trailing Biden in the polls. By quite a margin too. Any incumbent president would be worried by these numbers. Trump's performance throughout his term, especially recently with COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, climate change and the many, many allegations against him compiled by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) is subpar and less than presidential. Without a doubt, Trump must be aware of his loosening grasp on America. So, speaking theoretically, there is one method that can ensure a Trump second term—voter suppression.

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Moscow's Social Distancing and Face Covering Public Health Order

Social distancing or physical distancing and face coverings – it's all new to all of us. We know these new requirements aren't clear-cut in every circumstance. We also know that slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community is key to keeping our healthcare system available for all healthcare needs, to avoid unnecessary losses of life, and to keep our economy viable. We know social distancing and wearing masks is the best way to help protect our friends and neighbors. We see this topic is creating disagreement and division in our community. We hope fellow Muscovites will treat each other with respect and kindness as we all learn to navigate these unprecedented times together.

A combination of physical or social distancing and face coverings or masks in Moscow is required.

In public spaces, social distancing is the most challenging piece of the puzzle to define. For instance, while any patron may fully intend to socially distance in a store aisle, sometimes the best intentions don't work out.

These instances are when face coverings or masks are a great tool to help protect our friends and neighbors.

On August 3, the City Council unanimously voted to extend the Mayor's July 1, Amended Public Health Emergency Order 20-03 to October 6 with Resolution 2020-17. The Resolution and Order require each of us to maintain a social or physical distancing of 6-foot AND if that distancing can't be maintained, wear a face covering when in public settings unless there is a health or disability exemption. Face coverings are defined as any material that securely covers the nose and mouth, creating a barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air. The face coverings may be made of a variety of materials, including but not limited to, cotton, silk, linen, flax, wool, ramie, denim, polyester, or a combination of materials or paper.

The Resolution and Order are not guidelines – it is the law.

The Moscow Police Department Officers are working with the community to help educate, empathize with exemptions, and enforce as appropriate. If there is an instance where physical distancing isn't being maintained, and masks aren't being worn, call 208-882-COPS. MPD Officers will look into every situation seen and reported. Many cases reported to date include someone wearing a mask visiting a public place and are worried about others in that space not wearing masks. Since the Order has been in place, MPD Officers have been focusing on educating the allegedly non-compliant citizens. The educate and empathize then-enforcement process could include talking to the business owner or patron to determine if they are aware of the Order and if they meet the exemption criteria. Exemptions are essential to provide for the health of those who manage other health issues such as medical, mental health, or other sensory sensitivities or disabilities as advised by their physician. Once the Order and exemptions criteria are reviewed, enforcement may become necessary. If a person refuses to comply with the law, officers may give a verbal warning, a written warning (a copy of which is shown here), or a misdemeanor citation may be issued. The maximum punishment for a misdemeanor is up to six months imprisonment in county jail and a \$1,000 fine.



City of Moscow Police Department **COURTESY WARNING**

You are in violation of the City of Moscow Mayor's Amended Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-03 requiring face coverings and six-foot social/physical distancing of non-household members in Moscow, Idaho. Violating this order is a misdemeanor offense. This is a written warning.

Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm

Location: _____ Moscow, ID

Name: _____

Address: _____

Officer: _____
Moscow Police Department

The full amended order can be found at <https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/20377/Mayor-Lambert-Public-Health-Emergency-Order-20-03>



For more information, call the City of Moscow at 208-883-7080. For a list of exemptions, see the full amended Order at <https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/20377/Mayor-Lambert-Public-Health-Emergency-Order-20-03>.