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Christ Church Psalm Sing participants stand in Friendship Square Oct. 7.
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President Trump shares clip of Moscow arrests

Moscow Police Chief James Fry frustrated with spread of misinformation

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The words of Psalm 20:7 danced over the hundreds gathered outside Moscow’s City Hall as Latah County commission candidate Gabriel Rensch was placed in handcuffs Sept. 23. Nearby Christ Church Member Daniel Foucachon followed the group to the waiting police car with his camera.

Rensch’s arrest and the two others which followed gained international attention, with violent emails and calls from nearly every U.S. state, Australia and Canada pouring into city official inboxes. The communications had slowed to a trickle by last Friday, but that was before U.S. President Donald Trump shared the video Foucachon captured.

Foucachon’s video depicts several officers arresting Rensch for allegedly refusing to identify himself to police. He was not charged, but two other individuals, Sean and Rachel Bohnet, were arrested for suspicion of resisting or obstructing an officer. Rensch, the Bohnets and another two individuals were cited with suspicion of breaking Moscow’s mask order at the Christ Church Psalm Sing held that day, according to the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

Matt Carobini, who lists himself as a contributor for the satire site The Babylon Bee, shared a clip of Foucachon’s video to Twitter on Sept. 23 with the caption “Apparently we’re arresting people for singing hymns in America.” He listed the emails for Moscow’s city council members

in his thread.

“Due to the zero hospitalizations and zero deaths in the area, and the fact that the Mayor officiated a wedding with no social distancing precautions or masks just a few weeks prior, it’s obvious that local and state officials are using (COVID-19) as an excuse to shut religious gatherings down,” Carobini said in a statement. “I’m proud of those faithful Idaho followers of Christ who gathered to sing hymns and thankful for the President sharing the video which has more than 3 million views.”

As of Oct. 7, Latah County had 653 confirmed and 17 probable cases of COVID-19, according to Public Health – Idaho North Central District. Updated case counts and context can be found on The Argonaut’s case count page.

Young Americans for Liberty President Cliff Maloney shared Carobini’s post the next morning, pinning it to the top of his Twitter profile.

“If you would have told me in 2019 that we were just 1 year away from Americans being ARRESTED for holding outdoor church services, I would have thought you to be insane,” Maloney’s caption stated. “This is one of the most heartbreaking things I’ve ever seen. Pray for America.”

Maloney stated Young Americans for Liberty rejects the trend of people inviting the government to “irreversibly expand its control over our lives” when crises occur in the U.S.

“When it comes to what happened in Moscow, Idaho, churchgoers shouldn’t be arrested for unmasking during worship services while countless rioters across America are destroying property without

masks on,” Maloney said.

Donald Trump shared Maloney’s tweet at 5:49 a.m. Wednesday, adding an all-caps caption stating “DEMS WANT TO SHUT YOUR CHURCHES DOWN, PERMANENTLY. HOPE YOU SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING. VOTE NOW!”

Maloney and Trump’s comments take the video somewhat out of context, Foucachon said. Christ Church has held Psalm Sings roughly once per month for years, but they are separate from the weekly Sunday services and Wednesday Beer and Psalms events, he said. Foucachon regularly uploads videos of the Psalm Sings to his YouTube channel.

Psalm Sings normally occur in Friendship Square and last half an hour, Foucachon said. The Sept. 23 event, a “flash” Psalm Sing lasting about 15 minutes, was moved to the Moscow City Hall parking lot to express opposition to Moscow’s mask order.

Foucachon would be more likely to abide by Moscow’s COVID-19 guidelines if the city shared a metric for when the mask order would end and an established definition of an emergency, along with encouraging face coverings instead of requiring them. As it stands, however, he doesn’t agree with the city’s decisions.

“I’m not at all anti-mask,” Foucachon said. “My brother-in-law is a surgeon, he wears a mask in the (operating room). No problem. I would say that I’m against the mandate. I think the role of government should be to recommend masks. I think that you’re going to get more compliance from the right recommendations than throwing people in jail for not doing it.”

Another misconception Foucachon has

noticed is how the arrests are described in the captions of some viral clips. Rensch was arrested for allegedly refusing to identify himself to police, but was not charged. The Bohnets were arrested on suspicion of resisting or obstructing an officer. None of them were charged for participating in a religious event.

“I wish, across our nation, people would fact check before they put out certain headlines on things that they weren’t there for,” Moscow Police Chief James Fry said. “Gabriel Rensch and the group were not arrested for singing psalms, as it’s been put out. They were arrested for not identifying themselves. That’s a huge difference from what the national media has been putting out.”

Fry’s biggest frustration with the situation is the inaccurate information still circulating. He has not seen anyone correcting misstatements, either. The misunderstandings have put the Moscow Police Department under scrutiny.

Both Foucachon and Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert criticized reactions making face coverings and COVID-19 legislation a partisan issue.

Lambert, a decades-long Republican, described himself as a moderate, focusing on working together rather than fighting those who may not share all his beliefs. Instead of blaming others for missteps and problems, politicians should work together to solve issues, he said.

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POLITICS

Well-wishers support city employees

Local congregations show their support for city workers amid anti-mask backlash

Anteia McCollum
ARGONAUT

A group from a few local churches gathered at the exit of Moscow City Hall each day last week to applaud city employees as they left work. About 12 people decked out in masks held signs reading “Stand by me, support our city” and “Love your neighbor, wear a mask, Moscow together.”

The support came after city employees, fire fighters, police officers and the sheriff’s office began receiving threats and “vile” messages when five individuals were cited by the Moscow Police Department for suspicion of violating Moscow’s mask order during a Christ Church psalm singing event Sept. 23. Three of those individuals, including Latah County commission candidate Gabriel Rensch, were arrested.

Two more anti-mask events followed on Sept. 25 and 26, the first hosted by Christ Church and the second by Idaho State Representative Chad Christensen. Shortly after the protests, Moscow City Supervisor Gary Riedner said an assistant logged upwards of 300 phone calls and 300 emails to a single person protesting the arrests.

As of last Friday, Riedner’s office only received a few of these emails per day.

In addition to showing in-person support for city employees, the multi-congregation group brought lunches, sweet treats and thank you cards to City Hall, the fire station, the police station and the sheriff’s office. One receptionist came back shortly after leaving and asked the group to pose for a picture before heading home.

Rev. Debbie Sperry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, said around 15 congregations participated in donating goodies to city workers. All these congregations were invited to join the small crowds outside City Hall. She said the group was also working on sponsoring yard signs so people in the community could voice support as well.

“The thing that’s nice about it, from our perspective, is you get everybody who talks to you trying to say you’re doing something wrong, and it’s nice to hear people who are supportive or understand that, OK, we understand that it’s your job to do this and people shouldn’t be abusing you for doing your job,” Riedner said.

Responses to the angry emails and phone calls varied depending on who was on the other end, Riedner said. If a person on the phone was unable to have a civil conversation, the phone call was terminated. Emails only received replies if



Various signs showing support for city workers lean against the railing to the exit of City Hall.

Anteia McCollum | Argonaut

one was requested.

The city’s Human Resources department has offered coping mechanisms and telehealth opportunities for employees who may need it, Riedner said.

Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti, with St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, said the congregations are considering keeping up the 5 p.m. Clap every day through the election, if weather allows. She said continuing with the goodies and refreshments depends on the amount of energy and resources the church can keep up with.

“Our main focus has been the support of the city employees who kind of had to take the brunt of the wave of indignation that came on the city in the wake of the arrests last week,” Rivetti said.

Susan Hodgin, also affiliated with St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, said she felt like the city workers got caught in the crossfire for trying to respect the mask ordinance, which was recently extended until Jan. 5.

“Simply, the message is believe the science, wear the mask, but, most importantly, the people (working) here on Thursday and Friday, they didn’t even know if they could leave safely,” Hodgin said. “That’s part of this, is to make sure they know the community is supportive, and we believe in our town.”

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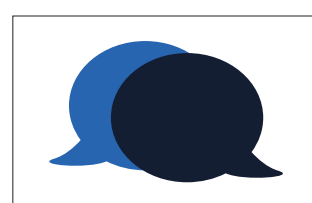
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A Crumbs recipe

Pasta salad

If you are looking for a flavorful, zesty and refreshing pasta salad, take note of this easy to prepare five- to six-ingredient recipe.



Katarina Hockema | Argonaut

Ingredients:

- 1 full box tri-color rotini pasta
- 1 full bottle zesty Italian dressing
- ½ red onion, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 2.25 oz. tin sliced olives
- Pepperoni slices to taste (optional)

Directions:

1. Open tin of olives and drain.
2. Combine diced onion and tomato, olive and pepperoni (if desired) in large serving bowl.
3. Empty full bottle of zesty Italian dressing into bowl.
4. Mix well until fully combined.
5. Bring a medium pot of water to boil at medium high heat.
6. Add salt and olive oil to boiling water to taste.
7. Empty entire box of tri-color rotini noodles into pot.
8. Boil noodles on medium-high heat for approximately 15 minutes or until tender.
9. Strain and rinse noodles.
10. Combine noodles with ingredients already in bowl.
11. Let chill in refrigerator overnight to enhance flavor.

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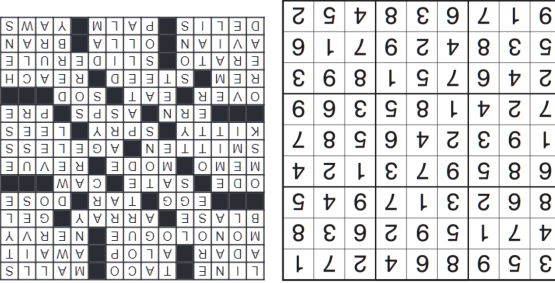
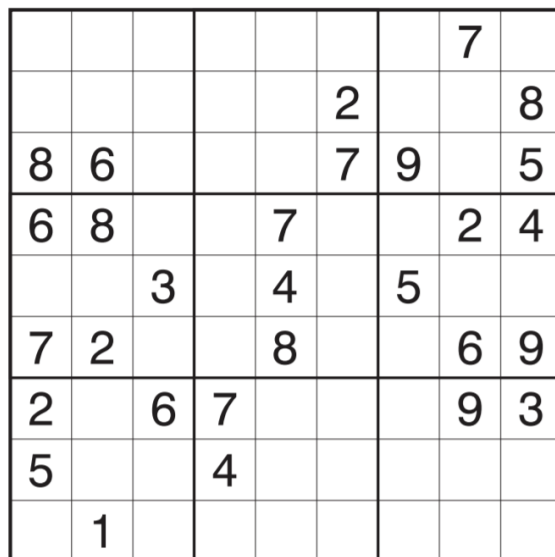
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COVID-19 virus in UI wastewater

How University of Idaho experts are handling evidence of COVID-19 in student housing and Greek life wastewater

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Research teams have found concentrations of the virus which causes COVID-19 in the wastewater of several University of Idaho residence halls and Greek Life chapters.

UI Biology Professor Eva Top, UI Research Support Scientist Thibault Stalder and UI Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Erik Coats work on the teams evaluating the wastewater.

Research Scientist Cindi Brinkman and Lab Manager Erin Mack analyze City of Moscow and UI wastewater samples at the Coats and Top labs, respectively. Nine sewer locations have been chosen for testing UI's wastewater. Individual dorm floors and Greek chapter houses are not tested for time- and cost-effectiveness, Coats said.

High concentrations of the virus which causes COVID-19 are detected in campus wastewater relative to the city's wastewater, which is collected at the city treatment facility across from the Palouse Mall, where the water can be diluted, Stalder said.

"It's a way to test a whole pool of people at once," Top said. "On campus, you test the different houses, and then when you see that one has a lot of (the virus which causes COVID-19) in the sewage, you know you should go test those students."

Stalder said UI decided to use this method of detection because studies from Australia, France and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) showed the virus which causes COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, could be detected in the wastewater.

The teams do not estimate case numbers. Instead, they graph virus concentration in wastewater over time.

The teams used a method which lost a lot of the virus in the process, so they switched to a method called ultra-filtration.

Ultra-filtration uses a membrane which allows water, but not SARS-CoV-2, to pass through. Samples of wastewater are put on the top of the tube and are centrifuged, or rapidly spun, until the water goes through the membrane, leaving the virus in the top portion of the tube due to the size of the membrane's pores.

After this process, Top and Coats' teams deactivate the virus samples. The entire process takes about 10 hours to complete and share with UI officials.

It is very unlikely the virus in the wastewater is infectious, though, Stalder said.

The team's goal is to collect and analyze samples from all nine sites twice per week. The samples are taken Mondays and Thursdays and analyzed the same or following day. The teams officially started collecting and analyzing samples on Sept. 3.

According to Coats, the virus was not initially detected in most campus sampling locations, but more recently there have been some concerning spikes.

Elmer Johnson, UI water systems manager, and his team collect wastewater samples once or twice a day from the nine locations. UI ordered an auto-sampler from Biobot to install in a sewer manhole to collect samples over a 24-hour period.

Biobot is a private company from MIT making a national effort to test wastewater. According to Stalder, the company originally estimated Moscow had thousands of COVID-19 cases, but this seemed unreasonably high. The company has updated its system since June, but Stalder and the team remain unsure of its accuracy.

Stalder said a study showed half of those infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and either never show symptoms or show symptoms later, a condition known as presymptomatic.

"If we observe an increase, and we need to be very fast in our analogies, we might be able to pick up a start of an outbreak because we see the concentration increasing, before the people get tested," Stalder said.

Coats does not see the value in comparing across wastewater treatment



Cynthia Brinkman tests wastewater for the virus that causes COVID-19 on July 28, 2020.

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plants because of the varying regions and the virus spread across populations is not well understood.

Stalder said the impacts of their research are normally not seen for a few years, so it is rewarding to see them so rapidly now.

"I am enjoying the fact we're a resource," Coats said. "We're helping. We're contributing something, I think,

that's meaningful. It's bigger than us."

UI residence life and Greek life wastewater testing will continue after Thanksgiving Break.

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COVID-19

University of Idaho's COVID-19 isolation resources

Locations on campus provide a safe space to isolate for COVID-19 positive students

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When students in residence halls test positive for COVID-19, they need another place to safely stay quarantined. In response, University of Idaho has provided an isolation-specific facility for students living on campus.

Targhee Hall, a former dormitory located on the south edge of UI's Moscow campus, was chosen as the university's isolation facility. It can hold over 170 students, but the university has access to another 200 spaces if necessary.

"The isolation facility is intended to be a safe space for students completing their confinement period," Special Assistant to the President Toni Broyles said. "We do not want students who are not positive in the facility because of the risk of

contracting COVID-19."

The goal of isolating students is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, according to Blaine Eckles, the vice provost for student affairs and dean of students. Therefore, students quarantined in Targhee Hall are encouraged to stay in the building during their stay.

"There is an expectation that all students follow the Healthy Vandal Pledge and part of that is proper COVID-19 safety protocols," Eckles said. "Students not complying with the isolation recommendation could be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct."

Although UI encourages students to stay in isolation facilities and quarantine, university students are adults who make their own decisions. Officials ask students to be responsible for their health and the health of others by avoiding contact with others if infected.

The number of students in isolation and quarantine changes daily as students check

out after completing their quarantine period and others check in. The amount of time stayed in these isolation rooms is determined by Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD). If a student is asymptomatic, they should stay in the facility for 10 days from when they were last tested, Broyles said.

Students must remain in the facility until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result, according to the 2020 Campus Opening Roadmap. Employees and off-campus students who test positive are told to isolate in their own homes.

"The isolation facilities are where students who test positive move into until they are no longer contagious per (PH-INCD) confinement recommendations," Broyles said. "They are important because they provide a safe space for a student to fulfill their confinement period and continue to engage in their learning while not infecting others."

A staff manager is dedicated to oversight

and helping students in the isolation facility, Broyles said. Students have access to amenities including food service, custodial service, exercise equipment, technology and board games. The university will provide academic support, health and counseling services in these spaces to make students comfortable and continue their education remotely, according to the 2020 Campus Opening Roadmap.

Students who test positive cannot attend in-person classes, but Targhee has technology which allows students to attend classes virtually.

More information about resources available to UI community members can be found on UI's COVID-19 website. Moscow community resources can be found through Gritman Medical Center.

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"Sometimes a democracy is messy," Lambert said. "It's the best thing in the world, to have a democracy like what we have. I just hope we can all work together to keep it."

Fry and Lambert aren't sure what this renewed attention will bring to Moscow. The threats which flooded Moscow

officials' inboxes could ramp up again, but Fry said "we'll have to wait and see."

Sean Bohnet, Rachel Bohnet and the White House could not be reached for comment. Gabriel Rench declined to comment for this article.

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STUDENT LIFE

Planning and flexibility are worth it

How the 112th Homecoming changed from previous years

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho Homecoming Committee has planned the 112th edition of the celebration since February. Despite the challenges COVID-19 has presented to one of UI's longest running traditions, a transition to virtual events has allowed some festivities to continue.

The difference between this year's Homecoming and the 111th which preceded it cannot be understated, 2020 Homecoming Chair Elizabeth Marshall said.

When the Homecoming Committee first met, the members weren't sure what the future held. They did not expect UI to transition to remote instruction and, at

the time, they weren't sure how long the COVID-19 pandemic would last.

"It has really been a joy, and we've had some incredible students working on our committee that have made it so fun," Marshall said. "But definitely a lot more difficult this year than in years past to plan, just because we've had to be extremely flexible and make changes."

The committee met online to plan and adjust as more information about the situation they'd be working with surfaced.

The annual bonfire and Serpentine, a rowdy parade which snakes down Old and New Greek Row on its way to the Kibbie Dome, were both canceled. However, the committee decided to still host the usual food drive, blood drive and firework extravaganza.

The Homecoming Committee encourages people to watch the fireworks show from their homes or dorms,

whether that's over the livestream or from their windows. There will also be standing space to watch the fireworks in person if people wear masks and stay socially distanced.

"There's a couple advantages to having more online events this year than we have in years past," Marshall said, "(Homecoming) doesn't hinge solely on our traditional, in-person events... and we've really been trying to get the word out to different student groups and teams, as well as faculty, staff and alumni, but primarily students."

Students can attend a Virtual Student Trivia Night sponsored by La Casa Lopez. Alumni can join a similar event sponsored by the Corner Club.

Homecoming attendees can also join in on the Vandal Virtual 5K Fun Run, where participants can log into an app to track their walking, swimming and running

for prizes. Marshall has seen other organizations and institutions use similar fun runs to connect people and let them show off team spirit during the pandemic.

Unlike in previous years, UI and the Homecoming Committee are not encouraging alumni from outside of the Moscow community to travel back to town for Homecoming in order to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 in Moscow. Those not in Moscow can participate in the virtual events instead.

"We want to keep this community safe right now," Marshall said. "And with the rapid spikes, we haven't been encouraging any alumni or parents that live outside the Moscow area to come to our events."

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ASUI

UI community encouraged to submit proposals to change the Idaho Student Union Building

Timeline to submit a proposal for ISUB changes Oct. 16

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University of Idaho students have a uniquely impactful role in controlling changes to the Idaho Student Union Building.

The building, formerly the Idaho Commons, was renamed the ISUB last year due to the Association of College Unions International. The ISUB Board, a group run mostly by students and some faculty, has taken the lead on changes within the building, taking UI's student body in utmost consideration.

Former ASUI President Jacob Lockhart stated "this is more than a renaming – a structural overhaul that now provides a governing board represented almost entirely by students. The ISUB Board will work to put student voices at the forefront of the decisions and happenings of the ISUB space," in a guest voice article last January.

Every semester, the ISUB Board takes proposals from students for roughly a month on possible changes to the building. Resources to create and submit proposals can be found on the ISUB webpage.

Hanna Spear, the director of the ISUB Board, has been actively campaigning for the student proposal process, describing it as an opportunity for students to have a say on what happens in the building, from which offices go where to which resources the building offers, even going

so far as "reconstructing the building and tearing down walls."

The ISUB Board consists of both voting and non-voting students and faculty who discuss the validity and feasibility of proposals presented to the board. They conduct a simple vote to determine whether each proposal will move forward. If passed, a modified proposal is written and presented to UI President C. Scott Green.

The ISUB Constitution and Bylaws state "if it's a reasonable request that is funded, (the President and Vice president) will approve that proposal," Spear said.

The ISUB Board has not met yet to discuss any proposals or potential changes. They will most likely meet after the conclusion of the proposal process, according to Lauren Carlsen, ASUI president and vice chair of the ISUB Board.

The ISUB Board will be accepting proposals until Oct. 16. If that deadline isn't met, they will begin accepting proposals again sometime early next semester.

"There is so much room for improvement in the building. I'm really excited to see what people are coming up with," Spear said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Survey shows spring break controversy

While the desire to have spring break is higher, no spring break remains an option

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Torrey Lawrence, the University of Idaho interim provost and executive vice president, announced student, faculty and staff survey responses which showed 17% prefer no spring break next semester, 40% prefer no change to the current schedule, 42% prefer a delayed spring break followed by remote learning and 1% had no preference. The results were shared during the most recent Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday night.

While responses indicate a preference to keep spring break, "we also have to consider what is the best decision overall as far as health and safety," Lawrence said.

ASUI Senator Amin Ahmadzadeh said bringing students back to school after a week-long break might present problems similar to those seen following Labor Day weekend.

About 7,000 comments were attached to the survey responses, many stating not having spring break could negatively impact mental health and a late spring break could disrupt graduation. Only 11% of student responders stated a preference for no spring break, while 45% preferred no change. On the other hand, only 18% of staff and 28% of faculty preferred no change.

"Whether that makes it the right decision or not, that's a different discussion," Lawrence said.

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CITY COUNCIL

Mask fit testing machine purchased for fire department

Bite-sized news for the Oct. 5 Moscow City Council meeting

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Monday night, the Moscow City Council unanimously voted to seek approval to utilize CARES Act funding to purchase a "mask fit testing machine."

The Quality Guard Mask Fit Machine, which costs roughly \$20,000, will be used to test a mask's fit on a person's face. It will not test the effectiveness of the mask's airflow control. The council unanimously voted to purchase the machine, if funding is approved, as well.

Brian Nickerson, the fire chief at the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department, advocated for the purchase of the machine for the fire station. He said the machine could be loaned to other stations

if need be, as well. Prior to this decision, the fire department had been borrowing a less capable machine from their Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) vendor, which has caused scheduling issues. If purchased, the machine could be used for any city officials or institutions which require its employees to wear fitted masks, like the police.

"It's a dual-purpose machine," Nickerson said. "It not only helps us with our testing annually for our SCBAs that we purchased several years ago, but with the current situation with masks and so forth. It will also fit N95 Masks."

It is unclear when the machine will be purchased and brought to Moscow.

The full story can be found on The Argonaut's website.

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Life

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Life Hacks



Things to do on the Palouse this week

Emily Pearce
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Spice Homecoming Week up with events you may not know are happening. From trivia nights and live music to carnivals, we have it covered. Remember to wear a mask when going out to in-person events and be responsible for the health of yourself and others.

Virtual Trivia by the Corner Club
Time: 6-7 p.m.
Date: Oct. 8
Place: Online
Price: Free

Embrace the Homecoming spirit and play some trivia while you're at it. Join the first virtual Homecoming Trivia night, sponsored by the Corner Club in Moscow. Get cozy and grab a snack, because "happy hour is from the comfort of your own home." Students, alumni and friends are welcome to the event and can compete for prizes.

National Coming Out Day "Coming Out Carnival"
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Date: Oct. 9
Place: ISUB Plaza
Price: Free

Celebrate with the LGBTQA community on National Coming Out Day with a carnival. Stop by the ISUB plaza on campus on the way to classes and grab free stuff. This day is full of love and support, so embrace who you are. All are welcome to visit and enjoy the carnival.

"Happy Mess" by Ian Paul Messersmith
Time: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Oct. 11
Date: Oct. 9-Oct. 11
Place: Online event
Price: Free

The pursuit of happiness is a windy road, so why navigate it alone? Tune in for a workshop and reading of the play "Happy Mess". Presented by the UI Department of Theatre Arts, the reading workshop will navigate elements of happiness and dark humor.

Weekend Jams on the Patio
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Date: Oct. 10
Place: Hunga Dunga Brewing Company
Price: Free

Missing live music and aesthetic scenery? Hunga Dunga Brewing Company has you covered. Fill the night with great music, featuring Izzy Burns. Grab a seat, hope for great weather and give your ears a treat.

Moscow Drive-in "Sonic the Hedgehog"
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Date: Oct. 10
Place: Kibbie Dome
Price: \$20 per car

Tune in for a meme-able movie Friday night on the big screen. This week, the drive-in will be showing "Sonic the Hedgehog." Make sure to arrive early to grab a spot for the movie!

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Vandals Rock the Block



Vandals Dining staff serve dinner Oct. 7 at the Rock the Block event. Students eat and socialize on the Tower lawn. Students practice social distancing during the event. Students wait in line in front of the LLCs.

Kim Stager | Argonaut

Students flock to participate in event hosted by Vandals Dining

Kim Stager
ARGONAUT

Vandals Dining hosted Rock on the Block on Thursday, Oct. 1 on the Theophilus Tower Lawn.

The event included music from KUOI-FM, booths from various partners, a photo booth and more.

Bryanna Muscella, field marketing specialist for Vandals Dining, was the main event organizer and Megan Beckman, the executive chef, put together meals.

Muscella and her team decided to host the event a couple of months ago. She said students deserved it because they have been through a lot and felt the event would be a nice welcome back.

"We wanted to hold it in October because it's a beautiful time and to let students get acclimated to COVID-19 guidelines," Muscella said. "They just finished up midterms, so it's a great way to unwind and get ready for the upcoming holidays."

Some on-campus partners featured at the event were Soil Stewards, UI Housing and Residence Life, Vandal Food Pantry, Vandal Vote and Vandal Green Dot. Local community partners, Panhandle Cone and Coffee, Linc Foods from Spokane, WA, Smoot's Flavor Farm and Whitestone

Mountain Orchard joined the event. The drink brands Coca-Cola, Monster and Body Armor were also featured at the event.

The event was limited to 357 people at a time. If there were a maximum amount of people, the others would have to wait at the entrance.

Rock the Block was open to everyone, not just limited to students. The Hub closed for the evening meal and students with Vandal ID cards could use their meal swipes to get into the event.

Will Standage, the catering executive chef, and Teresa Beck, the catering manager at Gonzaga University, came from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA to attend Rock the Block's beginning of the year welcome back event since their university did not have one.

They wanted to engage with other vendors, people from the community and encourage students to come to the event.

Nadia Castell, acting UI interim general manager and general manager at Providence, wanted the students to bring up their spirits and keep the good times going.

Charlie Richardson, a junior, saw the event on social media and decided to come. Ashley Irons, a freshman, heard the music and decided to come check out the event. Blake Mason, a freshman majoring in virtual technology and design, came because he thought it might be fun.

Irons said she will come to any event as

long as there's music involved. Richardson and Irons' favorite booth was the Smoot's Flavor Farm with the herbs.

All three students enjoyed the pulled pork the most from the food they tried, aside from the ice cream provided by Panhandle Cone and Coffee.

William Jostlein came to the event to see what was set up. He said the music wasn't his type but thought there was a good effort put into everything there. The pulled pork was his favorite food item at the event and said it was above average.

D'Rikka Cruz, a sophomore majoring in Career & Tech Ed-Bus/Mk Ed Opt., said the event was pretty neat and it was nice to be able to socialize with people.

She enjoyed the music, and her favorite booth was the Panhandle Cone and Coffee. For future events like this, she thought game options would be good to have. Her favorite food item at the event was the potato salad. She also registered to vote at the Vandal Vote booth.

"If you can vote, you should vote," Cruz said.

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BUSINESS

Delivering books by bike

BookPeople of Moscow is doing well, thanks to dedicated customers and online orders

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The well-known store in the heart of downtown, BookPeople of Moscow, has started to prepare for the holiday season sooner than usual. Normally, the store waits to put out Christmas gifts, but this year, it is happening as soon as October.

"This year, because of the pandemic, 'October is the new December,'" Carol Price, owner and manager of BookPeople of Moscow, said.

As we approach festive seasons and the Moscow Farmers Market retreats, BookPeople still plans to be busy on weekends. Without the "jam-packed holiday rush in December," the shop prepares for an uptick in purchases. They encourage everyone to start holiday shopping early because shipping orders take longer, and watch their website for new, incoming book series.

Without football games and other university activities, they have been steadily busy, Price said. Patrons have turned to shop on their website, and even though foot traffic is down, online orders have helped support their business.

BookPeople is doing well, thanks to consistent love and support from dedicated customers, Price said. They

have gained new patrons in the spring, who have de-prioritized Amazon's book orders and re-prioritized the local business. Price says with less opportunity to travel and go out, readers have time to read more, which has been great for business.

The shop offers patrons the option to pick up orders at their store or be delivered. A lot of the time, they deliver books by bike, Price said. They deliver to Moscow, Pullman and the Palouse once a week. Thanks to the city providing 10-minute pickup parking spaces in front of the store, it makes for quick and easy pickup.

BookPeople is open for business, safe and has strict safety protocols. The shop requires patrons to wear masks and social distance while in the store. They have hand sanitizer available, plexiglass in front of the cashier station and red-velvet ropes and stanchions to make social distancing easy for customers. Patrons have been compliant with these safety protocols, but a couple of people have resisted their policies.

"Our policies are clear, and no one has been inclined to try to argue," Price said. "I'm not sure if we're just lucky, or if we just have a look in our eyes that says, 'we mean business.'"

Cancellation of the Moscow Farmers Market on Sept. 26 affected their business in a couple of ways. Plenty of people from out of town came expecting to see the market but were surprised to discover it wasn't happening. When the shop unlocked

their front doors at 10 a.m., folks were happy to come in and shop.

"Our regular Moscow customers mostly stayed away, although there were a few intrepid souls whose reaction was defiance, like, 'We're not going to let these protesters take away my freedom to come downtown and shop on Saturday morning like I always do,' (which) was heartwarming," Price said.

Local author Kim Barnes also set up a Facebook campaign that helped marketing online sales.

While the staff was nervous during the protest, Price kept an eye out for trouble, which was dispiriting.

"On top of the pandemic level of stress and tiredness, we have to deal with this too?" Price said. "It felt so unfair. My staff are such troopers. I can't believe they had to wake up on Saturday morning worried about whether they were going to be safe at work."

Hopeful that in-person events will be an option soon, BookPeople will be hosting events on Zoom which can be accessed on their webpage www.bookpeopleofmoscow.com.

While the upcoming election is approaching soon, BookPeople encourages everyone over the age of 18 to vote.

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THEATER

A play with- out a stage

This four woman show will not take place on a stage

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Have you ever seen a four woman play take place in four different rooms?

Starting Oct. 23, "The Revolutionist," a play about four unlikely friends, set during the French Revolution, can be viewed on multiple occasions.

This fairly new production is estimated by Carly McMinn, the director, to be about two years old. The copy they are using was written in 2018.

The production brings a group of four women together to share their own revolution for equality for all and not just for white French men.

Because this is the first show of the season, things are still in the process of adapting to social distancing.

McMinn explained that the cast will be using a Zoom webinar that can have a panel for the actors and will completely mute the audience upon arrival. The idea to use this setup came from their department chair, Robert Caisley, who used this format to produce one of his own shows.

"When someone registers, they receive first a confirmation for the performance they wish to attend," McMinn said. "The confirmation also instructs them to complete the transaction and pay for their tickets. Once they've paid for their tickets online, they receive the access link for the show."

Student will automatically receive the access link for the performance without payment.

Rehearsals for "The Revolutionist" have been held on Zoom ever since they began and the cast has faced the same technical issues that most people have also experienced like dropped connections, microphones cutting out or not working or a phone or computer dying.

For this reason, the actors will each be given their own room in Shoup Hall with their costumes, props (if necessary) and potential set design or backdrop.

Another interesting aspect of this play is that there are two separate casts. The first cast is made up of graduate students and upperclassmen and is referred to as Cast A, while the second is mainly freshman and sophomores and is referred to as Cast B.

"It's the same story but it's quite different how the actors have developed each of the characters (and) are quite different to their counterparts," McMinn said. "It's just a good chance to see a different approach to the same story."

Megan Woodward, who plays Olympe De Gouges in Cast A, explained that the sound effects required for the production is another strange technical roadblock they have had to overcome.

"There are like sounds in the play like the sound of a guillotine, and we have to figure out how to have the sound play and be heard while the actors are talking since Zoom only lets one person talk at a time," Woodward said. "Also we have to sing a short little song, and singing in unison is impossible over Zoom so we have had to adjust the song so it's one person at a time."

Another student, Princess Kannah, plays Marianne in Cast B and is a theater student who transferred from Columbia Basin College in Washington.

Kannah's previous theater director had recommended she try for this part, and she said before she got to UI the department reached out to her, asking her to audition.

UI students can attend the Zoom performance for free. For others, evening performances will be \$5 plus tax and matinee performances will be "pay what you can." For the 6 p.m. shows on Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31 participants can register online and for the 2 p.m. shows taking place on Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1 participants can register online

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WOMEN'S CENTER

'Stories of survivors'

Take Back the Night keynote address amplifies the stories of survivors

Katrina Hockema
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This year's Take Back the Night event featured a keynote speaker and a scheduled candlelight vigil to stand in solidarity with survivors and educate participants on the influence of domestic violence and sexual abuse on indigenous women through traditional storytelling.

Tai Simpson presented her virtual Keynote Address, "I'm Spiritual AF But You Can Catch These Hands," on Sept. 17, focusing on the importance of personal storytelling in relation to healing from domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Simpson, known as "The Storyteller" in the Nimiipuu nation tongue, is a direct descendant of Chief Redheart of the Nez Perce Tribe. She has dedicated her academic career to social justice, studying sociology, political philosophy and public law at Boise State University, according to the University of Idaho's information page for Take Back the Night. Simpson uses her educational background and intersectional identities as both a Black and Indigenous woman to speak on social injustice using traditional and contemporary Indigenous storytelling.

Simpson's keynote addressed the importance of storytelling as a tool used to express oneself and one's strengths and struggles, specifically focusing on the increased rates of violence and sexual abuse against

Indigenous women.

"These are very serious conversations about how do we get to a place of healing in our communities the same way that I'm moving into a place of healing as an individual woman," Simpson said, opening the address to connect her personal story of domestic violence to a larger commentary on violence against women in Indigenous nations and communities.

Simpson also told the audience to reflect on their own experiences, encouraging them to connect to their personal stories.

"Storytelling is the direct line to connect one human to another," Simpson said. "Tell me the story of your people... Tell me the story of your name... Who are you called to be in this moment?"

Simpson's address was part of just one scheduled event for UI's Katy Benoit Campus Safety Awareness Month to raise awareness for sexual violence and domestic abuse prevention on campus. A candlelight vigil was scheduled after the address but was postponed due to unhealthy air quality conditions on campus. The vigil will now take place on Oct. 8. Masks and social distancing are required.

Take Back the Night started from a 1976 demonstration held at the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women in Brussels, Belgium. Over 20,000 women from 40 countries stood in solidarity with victims of sexual assault and other forms of violence by holding a candlelight procession throughout

the city.

UI is one of the many communities that has included the global phenomenon into campus safety awareness programming. The Women's Center, along with Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse and Lambda Theta Alpha worked together to incorporate this event into the Katy Benoit Campus Safety Awareness Month held every September. It offers community events to encourage annual involvement and awareness.

"Unfortunately, it's very, very known that the phenomena of sexual violence tend to affect women very much," Jackie Sedano, the program coordinator for the Women's Center, said. "They deserve to live their (lives) without fear of this type of violence."

Resources available at the Women's Center include a confidential staff of counselors who are available for personal assistance and recovery for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"Although we're certainly here for folks who have experienced or been affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, sexual assault... we're here for everyone," Sedano said. "We know this has been a difficult year, so this is also a time to come and stand in solidarity against all types of violence and just be with one another."

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PROFILE

Joseph Brueher: the man for the job

IFC President Joseph Brueher transitioned from leading 70 of his fraternity brothers throughout their normal lives to leading close to 800 fraternity men during a global pandemic

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A transition of power can be awkward and emotional, but when Joseph Brueher became president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the transition happened smoothly inside a Moscow coffee shop.

Brueher and his predecessor, James Trayford grew close while Brueher was chapter president of Sigma Nu and Trayford held the IFC presidency.

"(Brueher) was one of those people that was like one of my pulses on the community," Trayford said. "He was one of those people that I always went to just check in and see like how are people feeling about these things or like what does the community really want their IFC to do."

Because of this close relationship, Trayford was able to guide Brueher through the process as soon as he chose to run for the position of presidency.

"When he decided that he was interested in running, we met up and got coffee and just talked about it and talked about the experience of going from chapter president to leading the fraternity community on our campus," Trayford said. "That was really the start of our transition process."

After Brueher was elected, he and Trayford continued to meet to exchange stories, experiences, questions, advice and files for three to four weeks.

None of the stories or advice could have prepared either of them for what Brueher's experience would become after COVID-19 changed everything.

"I was IFC president during a relatively calm time on campus," Trayford said.

Unfortunately for Brueher, things were not so easy.

Looking back, Brueher was interested in leadership from the very beginning.

He admired IFC ever since he went through the formal recruitment process as a freshman in August 2016.

Brueher became president of his own chapter as a sophomore, a year or two earlier than most.

Levi Lunceford, a Sigma Nu brother, said their chapter really looks up to Brueher and respects him because he always seems to do what's right and leads by example.

"There's not a moment that's too big for him," Lunceford said. "He just puts himself as a great example for everybody else. He's the first guy in the meetings and the last one out of them. He's also the type of guy to volunteer for everything he asks others to volunteer for."

Because of his experience as chapter president, Brueher believes that he developed a good perspective which has prepared him for his role in IFC.

"I have a better understanding of the way chapters operate now that I've experienced it from the (IFC) president's side," Brueher said. "I can give advice to chapter presidents based on my own experiences in the role."

Lunceford is not only Brueher's pledge brother but also his IFC vice president of judicial affairs. He explained that when he and Brueher each decided to run for the top two IFC positions, they went in with hopes but not expectations.

"(Brueher) went into our speeches with no real expectation for how the election would turn out despite already previously being chapter president and an excellent candidate for IFC president," Lunceford said.

Lunceford said that when the two walked out of the hall on election night after obtaining their positions they shared a look that said "Wow, I can't believe we won."

Little did they know, it would not be what they expected.

"Recruitment is really the life blood of fraternities," Trayford said. "Without new members, fraternities don't survive."

Recruitment is an important aspect of the Greek system, and while the university faced enrollment declination, the IFC also dealt with shrinking recruitment numbers for more than four years.

The fall of recruitment registration numbers means fewer men attending the University of Idaho have shown enough interest in Greek life to sign up for formal recruitment.

Trayford said they have been dealing with this decline for too long, and he saw it as a personal call to action. So when he was elected as IFC president in November 2018, he decided to use the opportunity to focus on recruitment.

Brueher and Trayford both took on platforms that emphasize the importance of the experience of formal recruitment. They both believe that is what keeps their community alive.

"The fraternity community is not monolithic," Trayford said. "It is incredibly diverse. Every fraternity provides a different experience for their students and for their members." Unlike many universities across the country, UI was able to have an in-person, interactive, almost normal formal recruitment process for the fraternity men and potential new members by simply following social distancing guidelines and wearing masks.

This may not seem too difficult but when it comes to college students following rules, things can get out of hand.

PNMs were able to visit each chapter house and spend some time interacting through outdoor games and conversation for formal recruitment.

The fact that these men were able to meet their potential new brothers face to face is a large feat overlooked in typical circumstances.

Face-to-face interaction meant so much more to all the new students coming from high schools that didn't have a prom or a graduation ceremony.

This differed even from the UI sorority recruitment experience, which was completely virtual until Bid Day where new members moved into chapter houses.

Most other IFC's could not have pulled this off, but no other IFC has Joseph Brueher.

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Sports



Members of the Idaho men's basketball team sit on the bench during a game Jan. 2020

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BASKETBALL

NCAA releases guidelines for all teams

NCAA releases guidelines for all teams, testing protocols and UI men's basketball prepares to get back on the court

Armin Mesinovic
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College basketball was one of the first sports effected by the COVID-19 pandemic last spring as postseason tournaments were forced to cancel to protect student athletes from COVID-19.

The NCAA Division I Council approved moving the start of the 2020-21 men's and women's basketball season to Nov. 25. Exhibition games and closed scrimmages will not be allowed before that start date.

The decision to move the start date back from Nov. 10 was intended to create a more controlled and less populated campus environment to decrease the risk of COVID-19, since at least three-quarters of Division I schools will have finished their fall terms or moved instruction and exams online. Schedules for regular season games will be shortened by four games since the season is set to start 15 days later than originally scheduled.

Men's basketball can schedule 24 regular-season games and participate in one multiple-team event that includes up to three games, 25 regular-season games with one multiple-team event that include up to two games or 25 regular-

season games if a team doesn't decide to participate in a multiple-team event.

For women's basketball, teams can schedule 23 regular-season games and participate in one multiple-team event that includes four games or they can schedule 25 regular-season games if they decide not to participate in a multiple-team event.

Programs will meet sport sponsorship requirements and be considered for NCAA championship selection if they play 13 games, but for NCAA championship consideration, all 13 games must be played against Division I opponents. The Division I Men's Basketball and Division I Women's Basketball Committees recommended that teams play a minimum of four non-conference games.

"The new season start date near the Thanksgiving holiday provides the optimal opportunity to successfully launch the basketball season," Dan Gavitt, NCAA senior vice president of basketball, said. "It is a grand compromise of sorts and a unified approach that focuses on the health and safety of student-athletes competing towards the 2021 Division I Basketball Championships."

Preseason practice is approved to start on Oct. 14, but programs will have 42 days to complete a maximum of 30 practices before the season begins. Players are able to work out up to 20 hours per week, four hours per day and are required to take one day off per week.

"It's a little bit different just because we

aren't allowed to really do a lot of contact right now," Scott Blakney, senior forward for University of Idaho men's basketball, said. "We're not doing contact right now because if somebody tests positive then our whole team will be out versus if we stay distant and do individual type drills. It's been different for sure because we haven't been able to play yet."

With the new season being approved, the NCAA has adopted a COVID-19 testing protocol as well. Student-athletes, coaches and officials are urged to complete three weekly tests on non-consecutive days leading up to the start of the season.

"We're trying to do what's best and most safe for everybody involved, and so we know that the NCAA is going to do what they think is best," Zac Claus, UI men's basketball head coach, said. "I'm sure they're basing a lot of what they're doing moving forward off of what the CDC is recommending as well. So I know it's in our best interest to adhere to these guidelines. UI men's basketball is preparing for the 2020-21 season after falling out of the first round of the 2020 Big Sky Men's Basketball Championships. With a different schedule and new testing protocols, Claus is preparing his team and addressing player safety concerns going into the season.

"You're always worried about it just because of how many people are impacted both through sickness and unfortunate deaths," Claus said. "But

for us, I know that we're taking all the precautionary actions that we possibly can. Our Director of Sports Medicine Chris Walsh has been amazing in that regard in terms of what he's done from a leadership standpoint. So I know that we're doing everything we can to keep our coaches, administrators and most importantly our student-athletes healthy."

As the season draws closer, Claus and his guys are ready to be back on the court.

"Our guys are itching to be around one another, to get back on the court and get back to competing," Claus said. "Our guys want to be out there but we understand that we have guidelines we have to stay within. We're being smart in terms of how big of a group we're working out with when we can and making sure we're doing stuff as healthy and as safely as we can."

Blakney has not played five on five basketball in five months but it excited to get back to competition.

"I've been itching to compete since COVID started," Blakney said. "We've been trying to play a couple games here and there early on but I haven't played in five months. I'm excited to play five on five again, especially with the new guys and starting to gel with them throughout play instead of just working out."

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FOOTBALL

UI football added two new recruits to the 2021 class

Team looks to bolster program with more recruits for next season

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The University of Idaho football team added two new recruits to their 2021 recruiting class.

The Vandals added Jacob Graves, a 6-foot-3, 285 pound offensive tackle from Kuna, Idaho and Oregonian receiver Luke Borchardt. Both prospects are rated as two star prospects by 247Sports.com.

Graves is finishing his senior season at

Kuna High School as he helped lead Kuna to an undefeated 13-0 season and a state championship last season. As the driving force on the offense, he earned a first-team All-State nod for his performance.

The three-year starter for Kuna was ranked in the top-10 as an offensive lineman in the state in the preseason and is ranked as the 18th best football recruit in the state by 247Sports.com.

Borchardt is a 6-foot-5, 190 pound wide receiver from Portland, Oregon who will be one of the two tallest receivers for the Vandals next season. Borchardt plays high school football at Grant High School.

Borchardt has great speed for his

size, pass catching ability that makes him a threat on deep passing routes and athleticism that will make him an asset to the Vandals.

Borchardt has yet to play this season due to Oregon being one of 17 states who decided not to participate in high school football this fall. Borchardt also competes in track & field and holds a personal best of 15.83 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles. He is the 28th best football prospect in the state of Oregon and is ranked as the 347th best wide receiver in the country. The Vandals have 11 recruits committed as their 2021 recruiting class currently ranks as the sixth best in the Football

Championship Conference and second in the Big Sky Conference. These rankings are subject to change as National Signing Day approaches.

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CLUB SPORTS

Cycling Club works on teambuilding

With races cancelled, the Cycling Club continues team building and recruiting new members.

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Social distancing may be relatively easy to maintain while out on the trails, but continuing teambuilding and recruitment during a pandemic is proving to be a challenge for the Cycling Club.

President Alec Miller has seen the transition from in-person social interactions among club members to COVID-19 restricted practices the past months.

The club has had to refrain from their traditional team bonding where they would spend time together outside of rides, watching movies or having after-practice meals. Game nights and barbecues are being replaced by virtual meetings instead.

The team has been calling over Zoom, a change that is not drastic for newer recruits.

“For the most part, most of our members are actually freshmen,” Miller said. “They haven’t really been to the club and haven’t seen what it’s been like in the past years.”

Miller has found recruiting more difficult this semester, not quite knowing where to start with current circumstances.

The Cycling Club participated in Palousafest as they normally do with drastically different results.

“With the way the Palousafest was run this year and the times, it was kind of unfortunate we weren’t able to get as many names,” Miller said.

An event that normally would allow them to get dozens of students interested and on their email list resulted in only a few contacts this year.

To adapt, Miller is hoping to have the club table on campus and host Zoom calls for potential recruits.

As a current senior, Miller said many of his teammates graduated last year, leaving a gap in membership.

“We’re kind of in a rebuilding stage,” Miller said. “Just trying to build up the team.”

For practices, Miller has found it easy to social distance within the team. According to Miller, biking trails like Moscow Mountain’s tend to be two to three feet wide. Leaving riders to follow one at a time.

“With cycling, it’s easy to social distance,” Miller said. “It’s pretty hard to get within six feet of a person.”

The club is still doing weekly rides while following social distancing guidelines. Miller found that carpooling has become more difficult, with members restrained to two people in a car wearing masks when driving to team events.

Otherwise, practices have continued as usual. According to their page, the club focuses on cyclocross and mountain biking in the fall with road in the spring. Cyclocross is a form of bicycle racing that consists many laps on a short course featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass,

steep hills and obstacles that require the rider to dismount, carry the bike around the obstruction and remount.

The Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference cancelled their season for 2020 due to the pandemic.

The team will not be participating in any races this semester.

In the spring, if the club is able to participate, competitions will function differently. Specific COVID-19 precautions have not yet been determined, but Miller anticipates changes.

“It won’t be what it used to be, where we would all race against each other,” Miller said. “It’ll be individual starts, then to see who has the best time.”

The spring season itself is still to be confirmed.

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM

How to prepare for an overnight hike

Some tips from UI's Outdoor Program on how to prepare for a hike for beginners and experienced.

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The University of Idaho’s Outdoor Program is still hosting a variety of affordable, safe, socially distanced outside activities for people to enjoy. One of these is the upcoming Women’s River Canyon Backpacking trip.

The overnight trip to Race Creek along the Selway River takes place Saturday and, although, the registration period has already closed, this annual hike is a good opportunity for people to learn new skills or have a fun, relaxing weekend getaway, Outdoor Program Director Trevor Fulton said.

“It’s really immersive in the wilderness,” trip leader Kate Hegbloom said. “You’re just off the grid, and you’re out there with the people you’re with, and it’s a really good time. You’re working hard and carrying everything on your back, and it just makes you appreciate things a little bit more.”

Before every hike there is a meeting where participants discuss the specifics of the trail, how to pack a backpack, leave-no-trace policies, what food to bring, weather and more. Fulton said the program usually tailors the instructions it gives to the experience of the hikers.

“One of the things I really like to do is, if I’m leading a program like this, I’ll actually bring my backpack packed to the pre-trip meeting,” Fulton said. “I’ll just pull stuff out really fast so participants can visually see it. I’m a visual learner so that works well for me, and I think it works pretty well for a lot of folks.”

Hegbloom said when she packs she usually puts her sleeping bag and other lightweight items in the bottom of her pack, where it rests on the lower back. Heavier items would sit closer to the body so it is more comfortable, while food and first aid would be closer to the top where it is easier to access, Hegbloom said.

Hikers will need to bring their own equipment and food, but transportation

and group gear like a first aid kit, emergency communication and a large rain shelter will be provided.

The rental center has any supplies that a novice hiker may not have, like backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, stoves and more. Fulton said someone renting all of the equipment they need along with the registration cost for the hike is budget friendly, coming in under \$100.

As far as food goes, lightweight and nutritious is the goal. Fulton said while Mountain House Meals or other freeze dried food is always an option, those can be rather costly. For a relatively cheap but nutritious meal he recommended bringing sandwiches, wraps or granola and powdered milk.

Hegbloom said participants are usually asked to perform daily health self-checks at least a week before attending the hike and vitals checks would be performed every morning and evening of the hike, including before hopping in the provided transportation.

Fulton said participants are allowed to caravan in their personal vehicle this year to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, but otherwise masks are required for the trip.

“It’s easier to socially distance when you’re outside versus if you’re all together in a raft or something like that,” Hegbloom said. “So, you can take off your mask while you’re hiking and walking, as long as you’re six feet apart. We don’t do that, we actually do longer than that because we’re exerting ourselves.”

Fulton said some local trails for hikers that may not feel comfortable going in a larger group or not ready for an overnight trip include areas like Moscow Mountain, Elk River, McCroskey Memorial State Park and Hells Gate State Park.

“Down at Hells Gate there’s some great hiking, especially in the winter time,” Fulton said. “You know, it can be 10-15 degrees warmer down there, and it can be raining up here, sunny down there.”

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BASKETBALL

The NBA Finals are back

Orlando bubble reaches the closing stages as the Lakers and the Heat battle for the pandemic title.

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The 2020 NBA Finals gives basketball fans such as myself a chance to rejoice as months ago, there was uncertainty with whether the NBA season would continue or even have a champion this year. In this year’s championship series, the Los Angeles Lakers face off with the Miami Heat as Lakers’ player LeBron James looks to capture his fourth NBA title.

The 2020 NBA season was postponed in February due to the COVID-19 pandemic after Utah Jazz player Rudy Gobert contracted the virus. From then on, it seemed as though all hopes were lost for the continuation of the season but then a solution came around.

The NBA was able to create a bubble in Orlando, Florida where teams were able to come to Orlando to finish out their season. The bubble format has allowed the NBA playoffs to strive and offer the chance for fans to enjoy NBA action during the pandemic. Zac Claus, University of Idaho men’s basketball head coach, shared his opinions on the bubble format.

“I think it’s amazing what the NBA has been able to do with the fact that they were able to take 22 teams down there somewhere in the neighborhood of three months, and the fact that they have kept positive tests away, that they’ve been able to play at a high level of basketball, and that they’ve made all this work is astounding,” Claus said. “Those players, coaches and franchises deserve a great deal of credit for making this work.”

Now as we reach the climax of the

NBA playoffs, the Heat and Lakers are fighting for the NBA title. In the series so far, the Lakers lead the Heat 2-1 as LeBron James and Lakers’ forward Anthony Davis look to increase their lead in the series to 3-1 as they play in game four.

My prediction is that the Lakers will win out and become NBA champions since I see James capturing his fourth NBA title. Since they want to win the title for Lakers’ legend Kobe Bryant, I cannot see the Lakers falling short of winning this season.

A major thing to look into the NBA Finals this year is how much the ratings have been affected. The NBA Finals rating record hit its record low in game three as it averaged a 3.1 rating and 5.94 million viewers. An explanation for this could be that the game was played on Sunday where many sports fans were tuning in to watch the NFL games instead of watching the NBA Finals. It could also be said that the NBA Finals took a hit this season as many fans expected to see the Boston Celtics face off against the Lakers. The Celtics were expected to beat the Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals by many fans and another Lakers versus Celtics NBA Finals would continue their historic rivalry.

It’s mainly speculation why the NBA Finals’ ratings are low, but it’s still enjoyable to see championship games played this year.

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Ode to Homecoming

Homecoming will not be the same, and that's OK

A horde of students meet on Sixth Street, joining the crowd as they march toward the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center parking lot, shouting along the way. The crowd surrounds a large blazing fire, University of Idaho flags waving in the air as sparks fly up and disappear in the night sky. The marching band blares the Vandal Fight Song, the crowd sings along swelling with Vandal pride.

It's Homecoming Week at UI, a time we would normally be painting our faces and cheering along as a parade of Vandals takes over downtown Moscow. Unfortunately, this year the campus community will not be able to participate in our typical homecoming events the way we normally would.

With the recent outbreak of COVID-19 on campus, Homecoming events have been moved to virtual platforms, something not uncommon during the era we live in. While it is sad we cannot have our typical Homecoming experience this semester, we are grateful for the difficult decision that was made and the thoughts behind it.

Just last week, UI President C. Scott Green announced eight Greek chapters

on campus were under quarantine. All students are being retested for COVID-19. Latah County is also seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Even though the outbreak at UI is currently believed to be mostly within the Greek life community, Homecoming

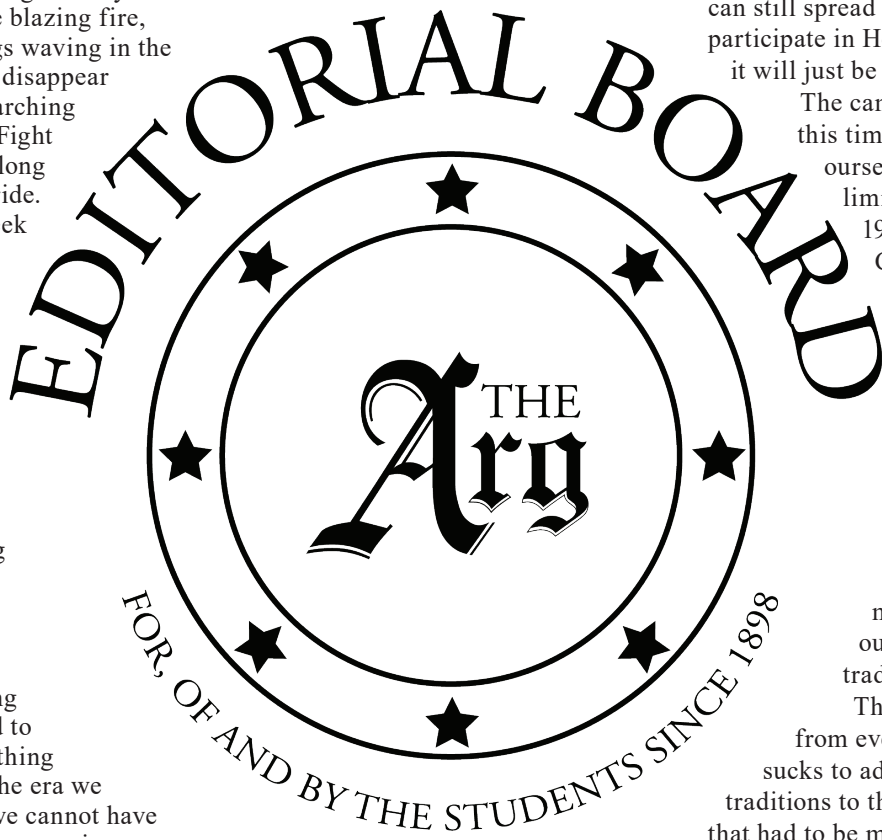
outlook of COVID-19, especially in the Greek community, it's probably best we stay away from this for the time being.

We won't get to participate in Serpentine or the bonfire this fall, but a virtual Homecoming Week doesn't have to be a bad thing. Community members can still spread their Vandal pride and participate in Homecoming traditions, it will just be different than normal.

The campus community needs this time to recuperate, to get ourselves back on track and limit the spread of COVID-19. The Homecoming Committee and the Office of Alumni Relations have done what they can to protect the community while still providing school spirit where they can. It's our job now, as students, faculty, staff and community members to be safe in our own Homecoming traditions.

This year has taken a lot from everyone, and while it sucks to add our Homecoming traditions to that list, it's a decision that had to be made. It may not be as fun, it may not be the same, but it's time we do our part to keep our community safe.

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traditions are largely marketed toward this community. Chapters compete in various events and arrive in groups to show their school pride. With the current

The revitalization of heroic journalism

The people need journalists, and the people need to trust journalists



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The current state of journalism is actively moving toward a reformation to mimic its heroic roots.

There was a time, decades before today, where journalists were not hated. Believe it or not, journalism used to be a highly respectable job among most of the nation. That image is hard to imagine nowadays. What once used to be a profession dedicated to factual event telling has digressed into proverbial exaggerations and spit-balling, leaving readers polarized and dismayed.

Do not misinterpret what I say, however. Among the right circles, and the right publications, you will experience that reminiscent feeling. Society's progression into an entirely digital, social media focused conglomerate of thoughts and opinions has tainted the ability to obtain unbiased information. It is 100% feasible and doable to consume incredible journalism every single day, the problem of the last decade is knowing where to look.

I sense the tide changing. The last four years of controversial headline after controversial headline has created a more divided and, quite frankly, misinformed public. Without pointing out vindicated examples, I ask you to look back on your observations. How many arguments do you get into? How many of those times do those arguments result in a battle of which source is more reliable? I'll bet a lot.

The fact of the matter is the American people want to know what the hell is going on. They don't just want to know the surface level stuff. They want to know the ins and outs, the behind the scenes, the corruption, the secrecy. Only one thing is going to give that to them, and it's proper journalism.

There are a lot of shady shenanigans happening right now, whether we truthfully know it or instinctively sense it. Whether you think President Donald Trump is lying about his COVID-19 treatments or former Vice President Joe Biden wore an earpiece and wire during the debate. Whether you want to be aware of it or not, there are things unannounced to the public. There always have been.

Classic, heroic journalism has uncovered some of the government's worst wrong doings. Watergate was the work of several Washington Post reporters. The New York Times uncovered unwarranted domestic spying under Bush's administration in 2005. Heroic journalism doesn't even have to be done by a classically trained journalist, such as Edward Snowden uncovering NSA in 2013. The list could go for miles.

Now, more than ever, people are turning back to journalists. COVID-19, foreign policy, the presidency and the election are as tumultuous as a raging sea. Without good journalism we would be lost.

If you're in the camp which firmly believes all journalism is lying to you, or you conveniently think every piece of reporting that contradicts your opinions is fake, I want you to know that you are whole-heartedly misled. I don't mean this antagonistically. I want you to prove me wrong. Proving me wrong would be good journalism.

We have astounding journalists actively uncovering the truth. If you read something that makes you uncomfortable, don't simply disagree with it and move on—dig deeper. One universal truth behind heroic journalism: What will be found out will not sit right with you, and you won't want to believe it. Sometimes the truth hurts, I suppose.

There is a lot that we don't know, especially today. There is a lot that we probably won't want to know once we know it. There is one thing I know, however. It's going to be the journalists who figure it out. They will be the heroes of this story, just like they used to be.

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COLUMN

Waffle-making adventures

Finding joy in the smallest of places



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We all know the tired phrase "it's the little things in life." From the first sip of coffee in the morning to hearing a new song you just fell in love with, the "little things" in life have endless possibilities.

The day's negativity can be easier to find for most so we are constantly in a desperate search for the next small thing to spark joy and alleviate the aches and pains of life.

I have found my next little thing, and I want to share that with you all in hope that it too will bring you random

happiness during an otherwise joy-deprived pandemic. It brings a constant ridiculous smile to my face; it's... my new tiny waffle maker.

I got it at Target for a whopping \$10, and I have proceeded to make far too many miniature Eggo-like waffles and force them on my roommate, my boyfriend, myself and any other passerby that will take them.

If I'm being honest, I don't even like waffles that much unless they're covered in fruit and whipped cream (not syrup, don't come near my waffles with syrup). I'll eat one, maybe two, now that my waffle maker makes one single mini solo waffle and call it a good morning. The first morning I had my little red bundle of joy I made more than ten. Then I put the left-over batter in the fridge for a "to be continued" series of columns explaining, in excruciating detail, the new waffle recipes I discover. Sneak-peak and spoiler alert, the next waffle adventure will be including

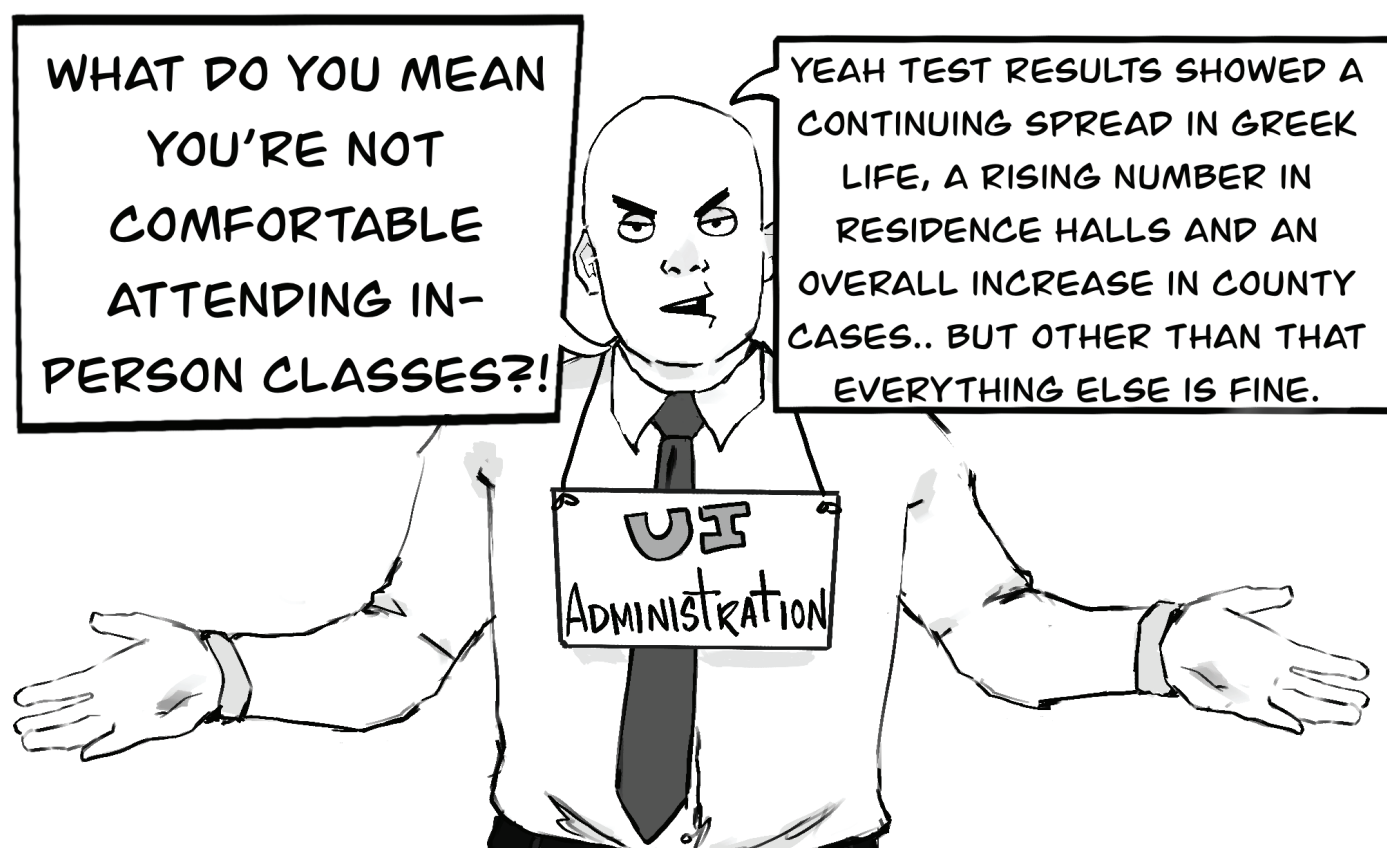
mini dark chocolate chips and cubed strawberries. Keep an eye out.

Moral of the story...I have a cute little waffle maker that has made my days more positive than not.

So, I guess it's not so hard to find these "little things," after all. We can find them in one another or in a chance encounter. We can find what matters in the "little things" like our partner's smile, a great day in a Zoom class or the sweater weather that is rolling in stronger every day. Or, if you're like me, you can find these "little things" in your freezer because you made to many tiny waffles, and now you had to freeze them like some frigid poser Eggo's. At least I know where some "little things" are whenever I need them.

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RELIGION

Christ Church's plans for Moscow

Don't let intolerance overcome Moscow's welcoming vibe



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Recently Christ Church has been making local and national headlines for their protests against the mask mandate wisely implemented by Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert in July. Despite the mask mandate being 100% constitutional (shoutout to Jacobson v Massachusetts), Christ Church continues to rage against it as if it's not. Although it would be easy to write them off as another group of misguided citizens, they've established their roots deeply. I'm worried they are more than that. Christ Church and their plans for Moscow are dangerous and shouldn't be taken lightly.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Christ Church, like I was, let me enlighten why I think so strongly on the subject. Christ Church is an incredibly traditional, conservative group of Christians with backwards views that would feel more at home in the dark ages. They are your classic group of intolerant extremist folks (homophobic, transphobic, anti- BLM, etc.). But turns out Christ Church is more than just a church. They fund a New St. Andrews College, located right on Main St., which fosters their backwards beliefs. I recommend perusing their college's Instagram page for some "fun" rants about the BLM movement, which they called a "Marxist front," and transgender people. They have also admitted to aspiring to make Moscow a "Christian town." Don't believe me? It's literally the second sentence of their mission statement.

So, how does this relate to their protests in late September? The protests

themselves weren't a big deal. A few people were arrested and cited for violating COVID-19 orders and a small altercation broke out, but that was the worst of it. The reactions to the protests, however, could be dangerous.

According to a press release, Lambert said Moscow city workers, primarily those in City Hall, received threats from other far right radical groups, as well as angered anti-maskers across the nation. These groups are threatening to come to town and hold a larger protest. The threats were credible enough to warrant canceling the Sept. 26 Moscow Farmers Market while Idaho State Representative Chad Christensen hosted a protest the same day.

This raises the question—was this their plan all along? Is Christ Church trying to make a name for themselves on the national stage? According to law enforcement, they gave Christ Church every chance to not be in violation of COVID-19 orders, including painting dots on the parking lot six feet apart in promotion of social distancing. But their aid was ignored by the church and during the protests they intentionally grouped close together. It seems they wanted to be arrested to gain attention from headlines.

Right now this is all speculation, but groups like this shouldn't be ignored. By their own admission, they have big plans for our little town. I have been impressed by Moscow's welcome atmosphere and acceptance of people from all walks of life. The University of Idaho seems like the most welcome place after scouring New St. Andrews social media. We shouldn't let intolerance take over Moscow, that's not what we're about.

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POLITICS

Debunking myths

Kamala Harris is more qualified than most would believe



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Since she announced her candidacy for president of the United States in January 2019, Sen. Kamala Harris has been the subject of a smear campaign full of lies by the majority of news outlets, public figures and general social media users.

One myth about Harris is she is not progressive. This rhetoric came largely from Sen. Bernie Sanders' and Sen. Elizabeth Warren's supporters. Harris is constantly being touted as not progressive and a "more moderate candidate."

As someone who has supported Harris since seeing her questioning of Brett Kavanaugh in 2018, I have gone through her entire history of sponsored/co-sponsored bills and skimmed through her voting record.

A summary I can offer is via a nonpartisan organization known as ProgressivePunch. The organization gives an in-depth rundown of a senator's voting record — and whether their vote was progressive. Since taking office in 2017, Harris has voted the progressive way on 620 out of 638 bills — equaling a Progressive Composite Score of 97.18%. Warren and Sanders — who have been crowned the face of the progressive and liberal movement — have scores of 98.53% and 96.77% respectively.

Not being progressive isn't the only thing pinned against Harris. She's been slammed for not supporting the LGBTQ+ community as well.

She has been a documented supporter of the LGBTQ+ community since her days as a District Attorney in 2004. As the district attorney for San Francisco, she gathered a diverse group of 200 other district attorneys from around the country to discuss and combat the legal Gay/Trans Panic Defense. Shortly after, California became the first state to ban the Gay/Trans Panic Defense.

Also, in 2013, then-Attorney General Harris spoke six bold words that made history: "You must start the marriages

immediately." She was quick to step in when a county clerk hesitated to give out a same-sex marriage license and she officiated one of the first same-sex marriages in the state.

When Harris was attorney general, a transgender person in the prison system sued the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation because they wanted gender-reassignment surgery, but the department wouldn't allow it. The case caught Harris' attention and now, thanks to her, transgender people who are incarcerated in California can get gender-reassignment surgeries and the department pays for it.

Finally, the phrase "Kamala is a cop" is often thrown around. Harris has always said she wants to be smart on crime. This has somehow been interpreted to mean "tough on crime." Harris has spent her entire career ensuring that law enforcement and the criminal justice system targets the correct people — dating all the way back to her career as District Attorney. As attorney general, Harris asked then-California Gov. Jerry Brown to open a special department with a group of prosecutors solely to investigate police shootings. This was crucial because it would allow a third-party to look into police misconduct. Though her request was denied by Brown, she continued fighting for the idea of being "smart on crime" rather than "tough on crime" — which she is very often wrongfully described as.

For students and workers, it can be difficult to find time to do research outside your academic or professional duties, but I urge you to do so before exhibiting rhetoric about Sen. Kamala Harris. She has been the subject of so many hit pieces that the first page of a simple Google search about her will have nothing but negative headlines — and who of us actually takes the time to go to the second page of a Google search? Not me.

Go directly to governmental or nonpartisan websites to look at her voting record and views — that's where you can form an accurate opinion about elected officials.

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