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COVID-19 Back to Stage 3 of Idaho Rebounds

Healthcare system capacity a major concern statewide.

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Idaho hospitals are filling with, or are already full of, COVID-19 patients, Gov. Brad Little said in a press conference Monday. Patients throughout the state have been transferred out of state or are unable to access care.

These concerns led Little to announce he was signing a public health order to return the state to a modified version of Stage 3 of Idaho Rebounds.

Bars, restaurants and nightclubs will be allowed to operate, but all patrons must be seated unless entering, exiting or using the restroom, according to the Idaho Rebounds website. Nightclubs will only be able to operate as bars. Long term care facilities must require masks on facility grounds. Large venues must obtain approval from local public health districts to open.

The modified version of Stage 3 does not restrict travel. Indoor gatherings are limited to 50 people or less while outdoor gatherings are limited to a 25% capacity within the space to allow for social distancing.

Two doctors, Dr. Andrew Wilper, the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center chief of staff, and Dr. Joshua Kern, vice president of medical affairs for St. Luke's Magic Valley, commented on how COVID-19 has impacted their facilities.

So far, COVID-19 has killed more than the past five flu seasons combined, Wilper said. He added that, soon, there will be more dead from COVID-19 than those who died in combat in World War II.

Some hospitals in Montana and Utah have had to ration care, effectively deciding which patients live and which patients die, Kern said. Idaho may be pushed to do the same if the situation does not improve.

COVID-19 does not discriminate the people it touches and, when it does not kill, can cause long-term health concerns, Kern said. The natural outcome of not acting is unnecessary death and unfair burdens on healthcare practitioners, Kern said.

One simple action Idaho residents can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a mask, both Wilper and Kern said. Maintaining social distancing guidelines, washing hands, staying home when sick and getting the flu shot are also responsible personal actions, Little said.

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Spooky decor haunts Moscow

A gallery of this year's Halloween festivities

John Webb
ARGONAUT

As Halloween creeps closer, Moscow residents are celebrating with COVID-19-safe decorations. Our photographers explored town to find the spookiest decorations they could find.



Ryan Abajero | Argonaut

Rob Dudley, University of Idaho graduate and longtime Moscow resident, decorates for Halloween every year. He went all-out this year, scaling up his normal decorations since he can't give out candy to trick-or-treaters this year.

A wrecked car is parked next to a tree on his lawn. A stuffed animal, covered in a wispy dress, billows in the wind on the swing nearby.

"I just hope to put a smile on someone's face," Dudley said.

The Vogl family also got in the Halloween spirit. Their ten-year-old daughter adores decorating for Halloween, so the family gathered pumpkins and added a variety of decorations to their existing collection.

"My daughter loves to decorate for Halloween, so we have continued to add more decorations every year," Ms. Vogl said.

Pumpkins, a scarecrow and a fall-themed wreath decorate the front door. A fabric ghost hangs from the tree nearby.



Monica Carillo-Casas | Argonaut



Monica Carillo-Casas | Argonaut

Linda and Steve Moser leapt head-first into 2020 Halloween festivities. This year's decorations stand out even more at night, as strands of orange and green lights grace the home's entryway.

"My wife loves to decorate for Halloween every year," Steve Moser said. "This year was no different."

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ADMINISTRATION

History of deadnaming in BbLearn, VandalWeb

Examining the past as UI moves to change policy and structures

Cody Roberts
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho administration is working to be more inclusive of all students by looking for ways to allow the use of preferred names in Blackboard Learn (BbLearn). This project, however, is not new.

Last October, when the Vandal Card office began printing students' preferred names instead of their legal names, discussions were also underway to allow students to use preferred names on BbLearn and VandalWeb. As it stands now, all students must use their legal names on BbLearn.

This project will aid transgender and nonbinary students along with students who have trauma associated with their

legal names, Julia Keleher, director of the LGBTQA Office at UI, said. For students who use a preferred name, deadnaming can misrepresent their identity and possibly cause additional trauma.

"It's like going into somewhere and someone constantly calling you the wrong name," Keleher said.

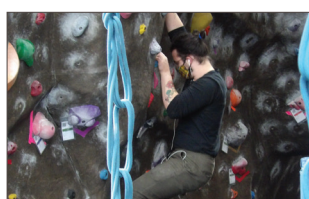
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Cinnamon-Sugar Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Here's what to do with those pumpkin seeds

It's (almost) Halloween! All of us have been carving our pumpkins and celebrating Halloween in our own socially-distanced ways. For this week's crumbs, here's a delicious option for those pumpkin seeds. As you can see, the ingredients don't have full amounts because these recipes can be made with as many seeds as you want.



Nicole Hindberg | Argonaut

Ingredients:

- Pumpkin seeds
- Cinnamon
- Sugar
- Coconut oil (optional)

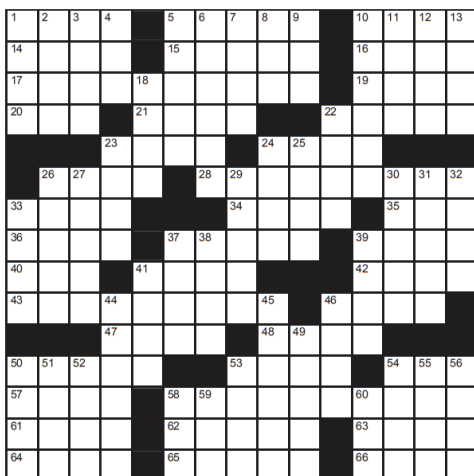
Directions:

1. Remove pumpkin seeds from all pumpkin "guts" as best as you can after carving.
2. Use a strainer to wash them out. Lay out all seeds and let them fully dry for a few hours.
3. Once dried, preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
4. Mix together cinnamon and sugar. Make sure you have enough to coat the seeds with as much of these toppings as you want.
5. Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and evenly lay out the seeds.
6. Sprinkle the seeds with the cinnamon sugar blend. You can coat the seeds with coconut oil to add more flavor, but that's optional.
7. Bake the seeds in the oven for 10 minutes, take them out and flip them over. Let bake for another 10 minutes or until they are browned.
8. Let cool and enjoy.

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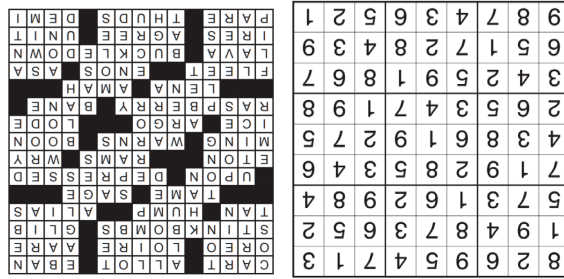
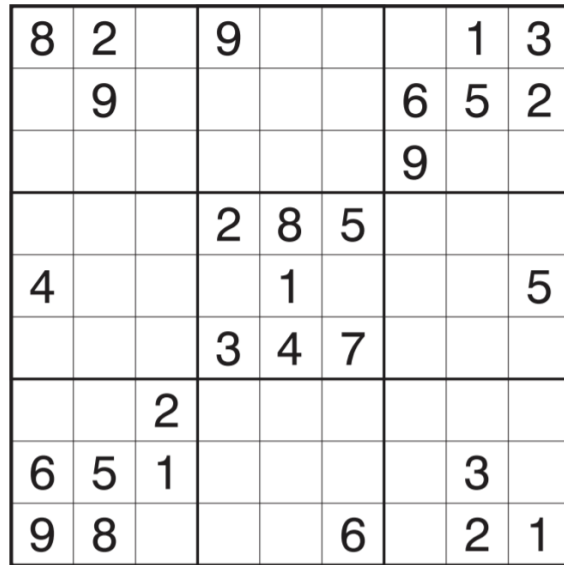
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BBLEARN

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Kristin Haltinner is part of the UBUNTU committee, which has been a proponent for preferred name implementation. UBUNTU called this project the “Seven-Year Challenge” and said BbLearn especially needs to be changed, citing a student named Samantha as a reason for this change.

Haltinner said every semester, Samantha emailed all her professors to tell them her preferred name. On one occasion, Samantha’s professor complied with using her name, but when she needed to do an activity in BbLearn’s discussion boards, she was outed to her class, bullied and threatened as a result.

People can use their preferred name in Zoom calls, but when they talk in BbLearn discussion boards, forced to use their legal name, it can confuse their classmates, Keleher said. In addition to this, if the person’s peers didn’t know their gender identity, participating in these boards can out them as transgender or nonbinary, creating “undue psychological stress,” Keleher said.

The stress can make students feel unsupported or not welcome in the classroom, Keleher said, so they may not want to go to class or log on to BbLearn at all.

Other universities have already implemented preferred names into information systems. Washington State University allows students to use preferred names on “nearly everything,” Mathew Jeffries, the director of the Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center at WSU, said. The exceptions include W2 forms, payroll, transcripts, insurance, medical information and FAFSA information, Jeffries said.

WSU added a new field in the “myWSU” portal, the program or “banner” where all student information is pulled from, called “nickname,” which serves as a preferred name field,

Jeffries said. When other platforms pull information from myWSU, the preferred name is given priority everywhere except when legal names are required, Jeffries said.

Dan Ewart, the vice president of Information Technology at UI, said the current version of VandalWeb, UI’s student information banner, has the space to store preferred name information but does not have a field for it to be entered.

“We’re in the process right now of upgrading banner and VandalWeb to a version that will allow that to happen,” Ewart said.

Once VandalWeb has been updated, the process of feeding preferred name information to other systems, like BbLearn, can take place, Ewart said.

However, UI Registrar Lindsey Brown, along with Ewart, said implementing preferred names in all the other systems will be a lengthy process, altering how information is fed to 100 different systems and thousands of reports. Ewart estimated proper implementation would take 1,740 hours. It will take so long because “we really need to evaluate each (system) to make sure the information is feeding correctly,” Brown said.

“We have a plan,” Ewart said. “We have the estimates, and because it’s a significant amount of effort, we’re asking for assistance from university leadership in prioritizing that.”

The president’s cabinet meeting on Oct. 29 will discuss preferred name implementation and decide whether it will be prioritized, and whether additional assistance will be given, according to Ewart.

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REBOUNDS

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“We live in a country where you can choose whether to wear a mask because someone was willing to die for you to have that freedom,” Wilper said. “That same person who helped to protect that right needs your help protecting them. They need you to choose the thing that may be uncomfortable for you. They need you to do the thing that may be an inconvenient burden for your life, but to not mistake an inconvenience for oppression.”

The return to Stage 3 should not prevent in-person voting, Little said. Those who have been exposed to COVID-19 or have tested positive can contact a local election clerk to arrange

accommodations. Resources have been made available to all counties to sanitize voting areas as well, Little said.

The current Latah County Clerk Henriette Westberg has encouraged voters to take advantage of the early voting period or mail in their ballots, according to earlier reporting from The Argonaut. Details on these voting methods are available in The Argonaut’s voting guide.

The Latah County Auditor/Clerk/Recorder’s office can be reached at (208) 883-2249 or in room 101 of the Latah County Courthouse.

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WILD ART



Snow weighs down vibrant leaves after the first snowfall of the season last Friday.

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POLITICS

Arguing for science

Tom Lamar’s campaign for Latah County Commissioner

Angela Palermo ARGONAUT

Tom Lamar first took an interest in public office in the second grade, when he helped a friend run for class president.

As campaign manager, Lamar spent long nights in his parents’ garage spray-painting old political buttons and adding new slogans.

Now, as Latah County Commissioner, Lamar faces re-election. Instead of handing out buttons, however, Lamar has been handing out face masks with his name on them.

Growing up in Delaware, Lamar observed elected officials up close from a young age. It was not uncommon in his neighborhood to see Joe Biden, a senator at the time, visiting the veteran affairs officer who lived next door to Lamar.

“I learned quite readily that elected officials are people you can access,” Lamar said.

Before his first run for commissioner in 2014, Lamar served on the Moscow City Council for over seven years. Since 1990, he’s worked as the executive director of Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, a conservation organization and nature center in Moscow.

Lamar said his parents, both staunch Republicans, taught him what it means to be a conservationist.

“They taught me to turn off the lights, always save money, save energy,” Lamar said. “But they also took me for walks to the nature center and got me thinking about natural resources and the environment.”

Lamar has collaborated with local landowners on stream restoration projects, using his environmental background to inform his work as a public official. He’s also taught conservation leadership for six years at the University of Idaho.

In 2018, Lamar played a key role in garnering votes for Medicaid Expansion, which Idaho voters overwhelmingly

passed. He traveled through the state gathering signatures in hopes his constituents could access quality, low-cost health coverage.

Prior to 2020, there were an estimated 78,000 Idaho residents in the coverage gap, according to U.S. Census data. The gap refers to people who make too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough for one of Obamacare’s marketplace plans. Since Medicaid Expansion passed, over 90,509 Idahoans have enrolled, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare states.

Lamar recalled one particularly emotional door knock two years ago on Almon Street. After giving his pitch, Lamar said one resident revealed he was one of many Idahoans who fall into the gap. Intrigued by the ballot initiative, he followed instructions from Lamar on how to register to vote.

On Election Day, Lamar ran into him again at the Latah County Fairgrounds.

“I was over at the fairgrounds, and that same guy was there standing in line, waiting to vote,” Lamar said. “I just started crying. It made a huge difference in his life and the life of his kids because now they all have health insurance.”

Lamar said he encourages everyone to vote early at the Latah County Courthouse. The polls will also be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 3. Voting locations in Latah County are the Student Recreation Center, Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center and the Latah County Fairgrounds, divided by precinct. The Idaho Votes website helps voters find which precinct they belong to and which polling location to report to. The City of Moscow precinct map also shows which precinct voters belong to.

“We need leaders who believe in science,” Lamar said. “And we need elected officials who are committed to working with people they disagree with.”

More information about Lamar can be found at tomlamar.org.

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FACULTY SENATE

Diversity resolution passed

Bite-sized updates from the Oct. 27 Faculty Senate meeting

Cody Roberts ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho Faculty Senate unanimously passed an item for “equity, diversity, inclusion and social justice” at the Oct. 27 meeting.

The resolution states “equity, diversity, inclusion and social justice are core principles of the UI community... (and) diversity programs at Idaho universities are being challenged by members of the Idaho legislature,” so the university moved to extend support to equity offices on campus and support further diversity and equity education.

Jan Johnson, the chair of the UBUNTU committee, and Aaron Bharucha, the ASUI Senate pro-tempore, wrote the resolution. It was initially taken to Faculty Senate and discussed some time ago, but has since been revised, Johnson said.

Bharucha said they had been working on this for a year and had considered earlier Faculty Senate feedback to arrive at a “middle ground.”

Faculty Senator Raymond Dezzani supported the resolution, but said, “I’d like to see one conditional: that is the provision that

we are open, not discriminating... provided they meet the admissions requirements of the university.” Dezzani said he feared someone could use the statement to weaken the admissions standards of the university.

“I worry about adding that sort of contingencies because it takes away, I feel, from the overall message of the resolution,” Bharucha said. He said it was unnecessary to highlight that the statement’s intent was not to accept people to the university, regardless of academic standing.

“I think people will just assume that,” Bharucha said.

Faculty Senate also approved a departmental name change at the Oct. 27 meeting. The Department of Accounting will change its name to the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems. Daryll Woolley, associate dean and interim Accounting Department head, said managing services faculty had recently moved from the Department of the Business to the Department of Accounting, so the department wanted to reflect the change in the name.

Aaron Bharucha is a staff member of the Argonaut

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DIVERSITY

An in-person opportunity

The Black Student Union looks forward to a physical space

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho's Black Student Union hasn't had a physical space for years. But 2020 feels like a revolution for everything, Black Student Union Vice President Princess Kannah said, and she thinks bringing this space to the University of Idaho is necessary.

There has been talk about setting up a physical space ever since the 70s, but there's been difficulty maintaining the space.

"Previously, in 1971, we did have a Black cultural center," Alphonse Crittenden, a member of the Black Student Union, said. "But the building on Deacon Street happened to have busted pipes, and so they took out that building. We were relocated numerous times over the years, the administration and staff dwindled down and (we) lost the space eventually."

Earlier this month, the Black Student Union applied for physical space in the Idaho Student Union Building.

The space will provide a sense of community, a place to study and leadership experience opportunities.

"Having a space where you can go in, let down your wall and know that these people understand your specific struggle is important," Kannah said. "And I think we just need a space for students, because a lot of African American students here on campus come here to Northern Idaho, they don't see people like them, and people don't understand that there's microaggressions on campus all the time that students like me don't really talk about."

The Black Student Union creates social connections along with emotional and psychological help for those being supported, Crittenden said.

"Being a student of color, the University of Idaho has its own challenges in a way," Crittenden said. "You lose your sense of self at times. Nobody can identify with people to talk to about similar issues. It's a unique experience, but with the right support group and people to be surround yourself with, and knowing that you're there for your schooling, definitely makes it a lot better."

The Black Student Union applied for a director along with a physical space to keep the union alive as members graduate.

"A director would make sure to connect with all the kids, check on the grades, because we are at school," Kannah said. "(They would) make sure things are running smoothly and take care of the space so that we, the students and the members, can focus on school first."

In the future, Kannah wants to see opportunities like financial aid and scholarships for students, similar to assistance the Office of Multicultural Affairs help students receive.

The Black Student Union meets on Fridays and is open to new members. Interested students can send an email to the Office of Multicultural Affairs to get more information.

"When people hear Black Student Union, they think only Black students can join, but we're open to anyone and everyone," Kannah said. "We've had two Hispanic presidents in the past before, so anyone and everyone can join. The purpose of (the union) is to celebrate Black voices and allies of course, can join."

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POLITICS

Paying the community back

Incumbent District 1 Latah County Commissioner Kathie LaFortune reflects on her first term

Cody Roberts
ARGONAUT

In 2010, Kathie LaFortune lost her husband to brain cancer, but the support she got from the Moscow community was "absolutely amazing."

"I felt like I owed my community my life, so this is sort-of my way of paying them back," LaFortune said.

Now, LaFortune wants to return that support by serving as District 1 Latah County Commissioner.

LaFortune's platform focuses on correcting property taxes and getting younger families involved with politics.

This would be LaFortune's second term as a County Commissioner. She likened her past term to "learning by firehose," because she transitioned from serving in the public through healthcare to serving as a member of local government. She spent a lot of time learning, planning and building codes and the budget process, filling in her free time by going to the courthouse to sit in on

commission meetings, LaFortune said.

One of the items LaFortune worked on in her first term was correcting the homeowner's exemption, a decrease in the amount of property taxes one pays if they live on taxed property. A few years ago, homeowner's exemption was capped at \$100,000. As more people move to Moscow and pay more for housing, homeowners end up paying a much higher percentage than industrial or commercial properties, LaFortune said.

Latah County has many tax-exempt properties, which can include churches, hospitals and education buildings, LaFortune said. This means the Latah County budget is operating on a "shoe-string," compared to towns like Lewiston, so the local government has been analyzing each tax-exempt property to see if they should qualify for exemptions, LaFortune said.

Once she learned the ropes of her office, LaFortune was able to begin fulfilling the campaign promises she made, trying to get younger families involved in the political process, she said.

While campaigning, LaFortune ran across many young families who wanted to be involved with local government

but didn't have the time or money to do so, she said. Now that she's learned more about the structure and functions of local government, she said she now feels confident that when someone wants to get involved, she can guide them to vacant positions.

Last year, LaFortune's ability to work was limited by COVID-19, she said. But people from Latah County, the City of Moscow, University of Idaho, Gritman Medical Center, Public Health – Idaho North Central District, the Moscow School District and more recently, local mayors, have begun working together on the Emergency Operations Center, LaFortune said.

LaFortune's goal for a second term would be "to make sure Moscow (and Latah County) continue to be the incredible supportive place that it was for me when I was a young married mother raising children here, and for the generations to come, even if my kids don't end up living here," LaFortune said.

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POLITICS

Following the Bible for moral guidance

Gabriel Rench and his campaign for Latah County Commissioner

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Gabriel Rench, a Moscow citizen of several years, University of Idaho alum and accomplished marketing and media business owner, was inspired to run for District 2 Latah County Commissioner by incumbent Tom Lamar's tax plans and the City of Moscow's handling of COVID-19. He seriously criticizes both.

His main initiative was to combat Latah County Commissioners continually voting "...to raise your taxes by the maximum allowable 3% four years in a row," as stated in a political ad in The Latah Republican. This remains a primary focus in his campaign.

Rench and several others were arrested Sept. 23 during a Christ Church Psalm Sing. The arrests received national attention and a response from President Donald Trump. In a tweet responding to the video of Rench's arrest, Trump stated "DEMS WANT TO SHUT YOUR CHURCHES DOWN NOW, PERMANANTLY. HOPE YOU SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING, VOTE NOW!" Trump's tweet brought Rench nationwide conservative support.

Rench believes Moscow's mask mandate is unconstitutional, so he's shifted the focus of his campaign to reflect this opinion.

"I think that my opponent generally thinks that masks probably work," Rench said at an ASUI and Economics Club Q&A event. "The thing is the science is so out on that. If anybody who wants to have an honest conversation about if masks really, legitimately work, you got to be reading both sides of the studies, which I have... I've read through hours and hours of studies, I've looked at videos, I've had doctors on our show. The science disagrees heavily. In fact, it still says on the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) website that masks don't work for the general public, but we still recommend them."

The CDC officially called on the general public to wear masks in July.

"Cloth face coverings are one of the most powerful weapons we have to slow and stop the spread of the virus – particularly when used universally within a community setting," CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield said in a July 14 news release.

Concerns of Rench's devout Christian faith interfering with his term arose during this Q&A forum. Rench countered by arguing everyone's morality and decision making is influenced by a belief system. As the host of his Christian political TV show, "CrossPolitic," and an avid supporter of Christ Church, Rench assured his governance as Commissioner would be influenced by his faith, but not negatively.

Rench named a few of the Ten Commandments and other beliefs he

attributed to Christianity, including the sinfulness of homosexuality, as factors in his decision-making process.

Rench said he believes special interest groups in Moscow, including the LGBTQ+ community, don't need extra attention to address their societal concerns. He said the answer is to perpetuate equality through equally distributing attention to all groups, no matter the disparity.

Rench said the current LGBTQ+ movement "adopted civil rights language" for their advocacy. He said the Civil Rights Movement is supported by scientifically factual observations of human race, implying LGBTQ+ individuals are not backed by science.

Rench overwhelmingly believes there is widespread "political ugliness" these days. He said both political parties are losing their way, the Democrats faster than Republicans. He hopes more discussion and communication will help prevent the parties from derailing and build a stronger community.

If elected, Rench doesn't seek to continue his political career much further. He joined the race because his friend convinced him to do so the day of the deadline to enter. Rench said he wants to start discussions in Latah County that encourage progress.

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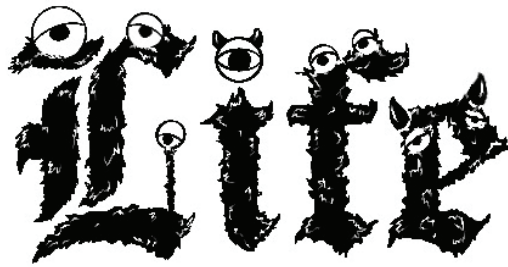


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STUDENT LIFE



Emma Casebolt, Kaleigh Martinez and Kendall Smith pose in a photo booth.

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13 Nights of Halloween

Campus residents celebrate Halloween through RHA-hosted events

Katarina Hockema
ARGONAUT

The Residence Hall Association organized 13 Nights of Halloween to get campus residents in the holiday spirit. The events began Sunday, Oct. 18 and will continue until Oct. 31 in the residence halls and campus classrooms.

The events consist of in-person activities and film screenings that can be joined through Zoom every evening starting at 7 p.m. In-person activities encourage students to craft and express their Halloween spirit through creative workshops and artistic events, as well as traditional Halloween activities.

In-person activities included a photo booth session, mask decorating, pumpkin carving, a costume contest, Halloween trivia and a scavenger hunt, among other events. A virtual escape room, pumpkin painting contest and grand Halloween party will be hosted on Oct. 27, 29 and 31 respectively. The Living Learning Communities will host a mini pumpkin painting event at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the LLC 6 lobby area with all supplies provided for on-location or personal painting. Pumpkins can be judged during the contest presented on Oct. 29. Masks and social distancing are required for all in-person events.

"I really liked the cupcake decorating," Austin Carper, a student participant who attended the events, said. "(There was) a good turnout with everybody while still being able to keep everything socially distanced."

The events were hosted as a way for the Residence Hall Association to provide safe, entertaining opportunities for campus residents to celebrate Halloween under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

"I enjoy the social time and getting to see people,

(like) human interaction that's not through Zoom," Kaleigh Martinez, a student attendee, said.

Remote, virtual film screenings were available for students to attend if they did not feel comfortable participating in in-person events held in the residence hall locations. Films that were screened included "Children of the Corn," "Halloween," "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Hocus Pocus," "A Quiet Place" and other popular classics. Future screenings will feature "The Addams Family" on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Looking forward, there are still opportunities for students to celebrate Halloween in person or remotely.

"I know there are several other events happening," Emma Casebolt, director of Programming and Traditions, said. "My hall is having a trivia night... Tower Trick-or-Treat is more of a drive-by thing instead of having the community in the Tower, but it still gets the community involved in a safe way. I think it's great to be able to have something to do inside. Since it is so cold, it's hard to see friends in person and follow the guest policy."

As for celebrations on Halloween night, the association will host small in-person parties to encourage a safe on-campus celebration for students. The events will be held at 7 p.m. in posted LLC classrooms and courtyards. Future event details are posted within campus residence halls, and all students living within the residence halls are welcomed to attend events hosted within their building.

"I think it's going to be a pretty mellow Halloween this year," Carper said. "Hopefully everybody that does participate... is wearing a mask and social distancing."

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MUSIC



Tubabween players assemble to practice their music.

Dr. Mark Thiele | Courtesy

Ghosts, ghouls and...tubas?

Tubabween is back to add something to Halloween

Ryan Hill
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Tubabween is a musical event that was originally put on by the Vandal Marching Band, but has since been incorporated into the Lionel Hampton School of Music. Tubabween is a musical performance by tuba players from the Lionel Hampton School of Music hosted every Halloween. However, this one is going to be done virtually.

Mark Thiele, the tuba instructor for the Lionel Hampton School of Music said that due to COVID-19, they will not be doing audience performances. Instead, they will broadcast pre-recorded performances for Tubabween at 4 p.m. on Oct. 31. Their performance will be made accessible to the public via their Facebook page, but there is also a Zoom link on the Lionel Hampton School of Music website. Assistant professor of Tuba/Euphonium and Director of Bands Mark Thiele said that the students are excited to perform.

"They are glad to be doing it no matter what," Thiele said. "We always have fun and put on a good show for Tubabween."

This year, Tubabween will feature not only tuba players, but also euphonium and trombone players as well according to Thiele. Ryan Egan, a student at the University of Idaho and tuba instructor, said that it'll feature a mixture of group and solo performers as well.

Tubabween will also be extended over a period of days. After the performance on Oct. 31, on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m., there will be a faculty recital hosted by Thiele over Zoom. Then on Wednesday, Nov. 4, they are broadcasting a recital by guest euphonium player Demondre Thurman.

What the band will be doing for Tubabween, is secret, but Thiele did say that the theme is "Tuba from the Past." If anyone wants to know what that entails, they will have to tune in at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

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Life Hacks



Things to do on the palouse

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Congratulations KUOI, for turning 75-years-old. To celebrate, tune into 89.3 FM or online at Kuoi.org and listen to a special DJ lineup this Thursday. Halloween is a Saturday this year, the perfect day to stay up late eating sweets with no consequences. Watch out for trunk or treats, costume contests and more. Remember to wear a mask when going out to in-person events and follow social distancing protocols.

Spooky Science Walk
Time: 4-10:30 p.m.
Date: Oct. 29-Oct. 31
Place: Palouse Discovery Science Center
Price: Free for members \$6 and \$7.50 for non-members

This event is calling to all thriller enthusiasts and science lovers. Trek through Sticks and Tricks nature loop and peek into laboratories. The walk will be outdoors, all proceeds benefit the Palouse Discovery Science Center and their programs.

Purchase tickets online.

"The Revolutionists"
Time: 2 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and 6 p.m. Oct. 30-Oct. 31
Date: Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Price: Online event
Price: Free for UI students and \$5 non-students

Support the UI Department of Theater Arts and view their upcoming performance "The Revolutionists." The performance, a dark comedy about how we change the world, will be viewed over a livestream performance via Zoom.

Purchase tickets online.

Halloween Costume Contest
Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Date: Oct. 31
Place: Moscow Farmers Market
Price: Free

Who said that Halloween can't be fun with social distancing and COVID-19 protocols? At the farmers market, roll up in festive costumes and compete for prizes. Costume categories include best group/family, best adult, best youth, creepiest and least amount of effort. To enter, fill out a photo release, enter in one of the categories and choose a photo backdrop. All photos will be posted to the Moscow Farmers Market Facebook and will be judged by the Farmers Market Commission virtually. Winners will be announced on their Facebook and can pick up the pumpkin trophy prize Nov. 2 at the city council meeting.

Trunk or Treat
Time: 4-7 p.m.
Date: Oct. 31
Place: Eastside Market
Price: Free

This is one of many trunk or treats on the Palouse, so keep an eye out to score

extra candy. Come dressed in family appropriate costumes and wear a mask when grabbing treats. There will be more than a trunk or treat, including games, hot cocoa and treats for all ages.

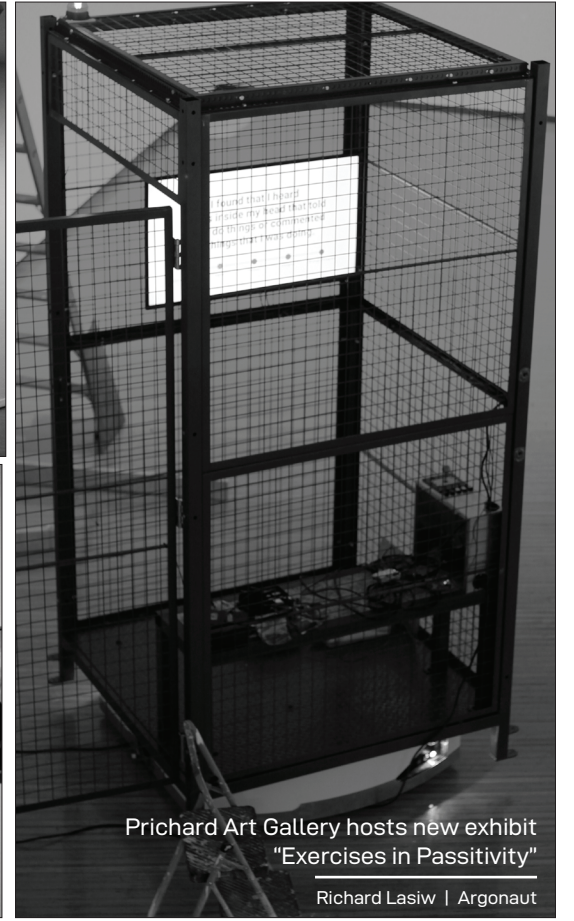
Moscow Drive-In Horror Movie Marathon
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Date: Oct. 31
Place: Kibbie Dome parking lot 57
Price: \$40 per vehicle

Take a drive to the Kibbie Dome and spend Halloween night bingeing horror movies with friends. Tickets are more expensive this week but are worth every dollar of the marathon, including films like "Nightmare on Elm Street," "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and "It." To grab a good spot arrive early. Gates will be open at 6:30 p.m., an hour before the marathon starts.

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ART

“Exercises in Passivity” at the Prichard



Prichard Art Gallery hosts new exhibit “Exercises in Passivity”
Richard Lasiw | Argonaut

The up-and-coming exhibit shows perspective on a digital era

Emily Pearce
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James Coupe is a Seattle, Washington-based artist who works with a broad range of technology in his up-and-coming exhibit at the Prichard Art Gallery, “Exercises in Passivity.”

His work has been shown in Seattle, New York City and internationally in Berlin, Germany. Becoming an artist was challenging, and one of the hardest things to do, Coupe said.

“Art is a really difficult thing to do,” Coupe said. “I like the challenge of trying to make sense of the world we live in, (the) experiences to find a way to articulate how I see things. (I) try to make things visible that we wouldn’t normally see, or in some cases wouldn’t be allowed to see. So, I think art has an important role in doing that.”

Roger Rowley, the director of the Prichard, discovered Coupe’s work after an art history professor pointed him Coupe’s way. As the Prichard’s schedule opened, timing around the election season seemed perfect, and everything came together to make the right fit at the right time, Rowley said.

“(In the exhibit) there are things about sort of labor, gig economy and the changes how human work patterns have changed because of technology,” Rowley said. “... So, there are issues that do relate to what happens, decisions that are made by politicians, but it’s not, strictly speaking, a political exhibit.”

“Exercises in Passivity” can be viewed at the gallery from Oct. 23 to Dec. 31, and patrons must follow COVID-19 guidelines.

Much like other public spaces at the University of Idaho, the Prichard is mask mandatory and asks patrons to stay socially distanced. They have hand sanitizer available and will be proactively sanitizing surfaces and interactive elements in the gallery. They have a

limit of 10 visitors at a given time but are flexible when people come as groups or family units.

“(We are) trying to follow all the CDC and university guidance to make sure we’re keeping people safe and the place clean,” Rowley said.

The exhibit’s overall theme is concerned with artificial intelligence and automation, Coupe said. It answers the question of what it means to be human in an age of automation.

“The point is that these technologies are a part of our everyday life and to some extent we kind of rely on them,” Coupe said. “We’re organized by them, we’re controlled by them and so when we think about how labor and education workplaces operate nowadays, increasingly, humans interfacing with machines. And what we get as a result that often is quite ideological.”

Coupe works with the same technologies we are exposed to every day, and during the pandemic, we rely even more on the Internet and video to see

people.

His eight pieces encompass the entire gallery and patrons can interact with some of them. Alexas line the walls and will laugh rather than answer questions, what they are programmed to do. A prayer piece, that is coin-operated, will pray for those who operate it. On the second floor, there is a karaoke machine that patrons can sing along to.

“Hopefully, some of these (works) will respond to how it feels to be around during the pandemic, and it’s going to be a little bit of a challenge to see our technicians nowadays,” Coupe said. “So hopefully people will take advantage of this opportunity to come check it out.”

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OPINION

Top 10 wing sauces at Buffalo Wild Wings

Giving you the sauce, from one wing lover to another

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If you ever have gone to Buffalo Wild Wings and wondered, “What flavor should I get for my wings?” Then let me help you out. I have been to Buffalo Wild Wings many times and tried many of their sauces. Here’s my list of the Top 10 Buffalo Wild Wings sauces to try.

10. **Parmesan Garlic**

Perfect for those who don’t want their wings too spicy but want some flavor. This one tastes just like it says, parmesan and garlic and is perfect for those who want some flavor, but don’t want to burn their tongue.

9. **Honey BBQ**

Honey mustard is always tasty, but this BBQ combination gives it extra flavor. These wings are perfect for guests who can’t handle their spice but want something sweet at the same time.

8. **Nashville Hot**

This sauce was available for a limited time but has since been added to the list. This sauce is spicy, yet smoky at the same time. Like someone took the sauce and added some extra kick and will leave you wanting more.

7. **Medium**

An easy sauce that just tastes delicious. It has some spice, hence its name, however, it still tastes delicious, and you can keep going through this sauce without having to get a drink. It’s perfect for those who don’t want to constantly drink water to soothe the spice.

6. **Caribbean Jerk**

Do you like jerk chicken with all the spices and peppers? This sauce blends spices and peppers to give it a wonderful combination of flavors that will rock your tastebuds.

5. **Orange Chicken**

This one is relatively new on the list, but when I had this flavor, I was impressed. Everyone likes a little orange chicken now and then, but Buffalo Wild Wings has done it right. It’s tangy and is simply delicious.

4. **Original Buffalo**

You can never go wrong with the classics. This classic blend is the “OG” sauce. With a blend of hot sauce and spices, you can feel the nostalgia as you savor it.

3. **Mango Habanero**

Caution, this is spicy but delicious. Consuming this will probably make your

eyes water, but keep going in for more. The sweet sauce draws you in, but when the spice hits you like a freight train. But it’s delicious and perfect for those wanting spice, but something sweet at the same time.

2. **Spicy Garlic**

Who would have thought spice and garlic would be amazing? This combination is perfect, and the garlic isn’t that strong, so you won’t feel overwhelmed.

1. **Asian Zing**

The mixture of spice and tang is just perfect. I can eat these all day and the combination of flavors light up the tastebuds.

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Sports

COLUMN

The mystery behind Bobby Layne's curse

Not all curses are fake

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The curse of Bobby Layne is a mystery that has affected the Detroit Lions NFL franchise for over 50 years.

Layne was an NFL quarterback who played from 1948-1962 after a very successful collegiate career at the University of Texas. Layne was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1948 but did not wish to play with them due to the formation they ran, so the Steelers traded his rights to the Chicago Bears.

After a short time with the Bears, Layne was traded to the Lions where he was reunited with high school teammate, Doak Walker. They then helped the Lions franchise win two championships. Layne and Walker won back-to-back championships with the Lions in the 1952 and 1953 NFL seasons. Walker retired in 1955 unexpectedly, and Layne suffered a broken leg in 1957, putting him out for the season. Back-up quarterback, Tobin Rote, led the Lions to their third league title and Lions' management decided that they would move on from Layne.

The Lions wanted to trade Layne who was 31 years old at the time, but he refused and vowed that the Lions wouldn't win for 50 years. The trade was completed, and Layne was traded to the Steelers where he played from 1958-1962. Layne's career ended in 1962, but the curse he put on the Lions' franchise would follow them.

Fifty years since he was traded, the Lions haven't won the Super Bowl and have put up the worst winning percentage in football. The curse was set to expire in 2008, the same season that the Lions became the first NFL team to not win a single game over the course of the season.

Now, 12 years after the curse has expired, the Lions have made it to three playoff games where the result ended the same, each with a loss. The closest the Lions have come to a Super Bowl is when they lost the conference championship game in 1991 with Lions' legend Barry Sanders leading the team.

The urban legend behind this has been curious to follow as it provides the question, "is the Bobby Layne curse real?" As an avid football viewer, I believe that the curse is indeed real, and that the loss of Layne provided Lions' fans with many questions about their team management and the executives who made decisions.

Over the years since the trade, the Lions have made many mistakes when it comes to building the team and choosing the right head coach. This shows with many of the first round picks they made that were busts and didn't provide anything to the organization. However, it would be foolish to say that all the first round picks they have made were bad. The decision to pick up talents like Barry Sanders, Calvin Johnson Jr. and Matthew Stafford were great but the rest of the team wasn't able to adapt and improve around them.

The Lions still have a chance to change their future as they continue to build their team, but the curse of Bobby Layne still remains plays a role in the organization.

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM

They did the Monster Match



(Left) The Climbing Center's freestanding climbing wall Oct. 14. (Right) Student climbing at the Climbing Center while listening to music Oct. 14.



Kim Stager | Argonaut

Halloween themed climbing competition to win prizes for best climbers.

Armin Mesinovic
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Halloween is set to look different this year for many people and organizations as COVID-19 has put a hold on many classic traditions. The Outdoor Program at the University of Idaho found a way around the situation as they continue its tradition of the Monster Match Climbing Competition.

The event, sponsored by Send It Climbing LLC, began on Oct. 26 at 12 p.m. and concludes on Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. The competition has been done in the past but due to social distancing protocols, it goes on over the course of the week to minimize the number of participants in the Climbing Center.

Participants will climb using the MyClimb app, available on the Google Play store and the Apple store. The app is used to log climbs as participants finish them to track their progress throughout the week. There is no limit to the amount of climbs a participant can complete.

"The competition is something we've

done annually," Nathan Moody, Outdoor Program coordinator, said. "We usually plan this on Thanksgiving or the Friday before Thanksgiving but to aid in social distancing and allowing people to compete over a larger period of time, we started using the MyClimb app. Ultimately, what you do to compete, is you go in and climb as many hard routes as you can in your division. The winners will be decided by who climbed the most."

There are four divisions in the competition, and the top three in each division will be declared winners. The four divisions include the minimum grade bouldering V0, minimum grade bouldering V2, minimum grade bouldering V4 and minimum grade bouldering V8.

To fit the Halloween theme of the competition, participants are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes when competing.

"In the past, there's been a costume contest, but because we can't all just line up and have the costume contest in person, we're going to have participants wear costumes when climbing," Moody said. "You can also take a picture and post it with your climb, and we'll give you extra points for your costume."

The competition has a limit of 24 people allowed at the Climbing Center as they follow protocols set by the Student Recreation Center.

This year's competition will look different than years prior, but Moody expects it to be a fun and competitive outing for the Moscow community.

"It's always been super fun and a competition that we have opened up to the community, where we've had youths compete as well," Moody said. "In the past, it was just a fun costume contest, and last year we had 40 people come out for Halloween. It's an alternative to going out and gathering in large groups and so it gives people something else to do."

More information about the competition can be found in the Outdoor Program office or the Climbing Center. Questions can be answered by Moody by contacting him through his email at nmoody@uidaho.edu.

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EVENT

Halloween tradition of passing out candy at the Kibbie Dome unlikely

UI athletic department celebrates Halloween

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Halloween traditions are seen throughout as many people pick out a costume, go trick-or-treating, decorate their home or pass out candy to kids who come to their door. The University of Idaho men's basketball team participates in these traditions as well.

Vandal teams in the past participated in passing out candy to the community. They haven't dressed up in costumes or participated in costume contests as a team since the coaches leave this decision up to the players.

"In terms of the team, no we haven't done much with costumes but in years past, we have worked with our department in

passing out candy to the kids in the (Kibbie Dome)," Zac Claus, head coach of UI men's basketball, said. "With everything that's going on, I don't anticipate that at all. It's always been a fun holiday for us."

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many traditions like these will be hard to maintain because of the increasing danger that it would pose to the community and the fear of the virus spreading. Passing out candy and going trick-or-treating will be difficult this year but not impossible as the Center for Disease Control offered a way to do this safely during this time of uncertainty.

According to the CDC, the best way to make trick-or-treating safe this year is to avoid direct contact with trick or treaters, give out treats outdoors if possible, setting up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take, washing hands before

handing out treats and wearing a mask. Wearing a mask can make it hard to fit your costume idea, but the CDC recommends making it a part of your costume.

The CDC also recommends constant hand washing, using hand sanitizer if individuals are unable to wash their hands and to maintain a social distance in order to prevent community spread of COVID-19.

Even though the UI athletic department is unlikely to pass out candy to kids in the Kibbie Dome this year, there are still ways to be able to celebrate Halloween safely and the athletic department hopes to have the chance to pass out candy next year.

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BASKETBALL

UI graduate Trevon Allen's big summer move



UI graduate Trevon Allen takes the ball up the court while an Eastern Washington defender runs beside him on Thursday in Cowan Spectrum. Saydee Brass | Argonaut

Allen is off to a hot start in professional basketball

Armin Mesinovic
ARGONAUT

After a dominant senior season, breaking a school record and being named to the All-Big Sky Second Team, Trevon Allen's life changed. COVID-19 prevented Allen from entering the 2020 NBA draft, so Allen and his agent decided that it would be in his best interest to try to play professional basketball overseas.

Allen signed his first professional contract with Polpharma Starograd Gdanski in the Polish Basketball League on July 10. After signing his pro deal, Allen would make the move from his hometown of Lapwai, Idaho to Starograd Gdanski, Poland. The move marked the first time that Allen had been so far from his family prior to the time that he attended the University of Idaho living in Moscow. Allen only lived 42.6 miles away from home, but now Allen lives 5,004 miles away. His family is continuing to support him.

"It's definitely been a different situation for me, but having an individualistic mindset and attitude helped me transition quickly," Allen said. "(They) saw the results and

kind of expected it because of the amount of work they have seen me put into it. I know they're proud of me, and the reason I continue to keep working is because of the family I grew up with."

Allen has stayed consistent and has put up similar numbers to when he played in college. Allen has competed in eight games this season, averaging 20 points per game. He currently holds third place in the league for scoring.

"I'm not surprised," Zac Claus, head coach of UI men's basketball, said. "I knew that he had worked very hard in order to take advantage of the opportunity he has, and I'm excited that he's off to a great start. He was the one who always wanted to put the time and energy into it."

Allen has brought his talent, skill and love for hard work to Poland, but a certain mindset continues to follow him wherever he competes. Allen's motto, Work in Silence, is a mindset he developed and followed throughout his college career, it is now shown through a business side as well. Allen's Work in Silence has become more than just a mindset as it has turned into a brand. Allen created Work in Silence merchandise and updated his YouTube channel

with vlogs that capture life updates as a professional.

"It's really helped me because that mindset is so much of putting in work behind the scenes and then my work can speak for itself," Allen said. "When I first got here, language was a tough thing, I couldn't talk to anybody. They recognized the work that I put in and realized what kind of player I was from my work."

Allen will finish his first year of professional basketball as he looks to gain more knowledge and experience. Allen is still unsure of what his future holds, but he does hint that playing in the NBA is still a possibility.

"Playing at the highest level has always been a dream of mine," Allen said. "Players in Europe get paid well, and once they're established they find a way to the league at some point. But at the same time playing with the best of the best has always been a dream. It's something I wouldn't mind trying two to three years down the road, but at the same time I'm enjoying myself now and playing the game I love."

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OUTDOORS

Keep calm and Vandal on with logging sports



(Left) Team member Sam Bruneel balances on a thin log to cut with his chainsaw. He is not allowed to start the saw until he walks past the re line on the wood. (Middle) Leader of UI's Logger Sports, team captain Paul Riebe (Right) The team's well-maintained 1970's era F-600 with old tires; Paul Riebe's brother James Riebe is responsible for finding and purchasing it in Lewiston, ID.

Richard Lasiw | Argonaut

Logging sports keep afloat despite numerous challenges stemming from COVID-19

Richard Lasiw
ARGONAUT

Set in the foreground near Moscow Mountain sits the Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery, part of the College of Natural Resources Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research. There, on most Saturday mornings, you will find a dedicated group of students and alumni committed to one thing: the sport of cutting wood.

As the University of Idaho's second oldest athletic club, the UI Logger Sports Club, led by mechanical engineering major and team captain Paul Riebe accommodates for a strong niche of athletes from very diverse backgrounds who have been affected by the cancelation of campus-wide activity.

Last fall, the team was gifted pumpkins from Soil Stewards Student Farm, a university ran farm in Moscow, for their annual fall show, which brings together collegiate logger athletes from all over the Pacific Northwest.

"The pumpkins were just decoration for most of the day, but every year we run a relay race that includes about five

different events, and I incorporated pumpkin smashing into each one," Riebe said.

This year, however, the fall event did not take place because of social distancing.

That is not the teams only challenge during these strange times, however. Under normal circumstances, the club would obtain its wood from one of the university's eight experimental forest units, who usually donates wood to the team for them to practice and to sell. COVID-19 wasn't the main issue for the team to source their wood from the experimental forest units, but the team adapted by logging from neighboring national forests, navigating switchbacks in a converted F-600 flatbed from the 1970's they purchased in Lewiston for an estimated \$500.

"Normally, we get plenty of cull logs from the UI Experimental forest," Riebe said. "We didn't get any this year, and so we've been retrieving our own. Last year we sold 42 cords of firewood, to whom we owe Sam Bruneel all the credit."

The team's primary source of income is the sale of wood to local community members who use it to heat their homes in the winter. On average, the team sells about 30 cords of firewood per season.

"The competition aspect can halt for a year but getting firewood to locals in town—

we have to," Sam Bruneel, the team's wood boss, said.

Going into the forest on a wood run also means limited communication to the outside world.

"On wood runs, we all have walkie talkies that we banter on, but cell service is usually nonexistent," Riebe said.

If there is a life-threatening injury on a run, the team must rely on themselves to get each other to help. Some team members have basic first aid and CPR training and a trauma kit for severe injuries, but the Gritman Medical Center is far away to apply treatment quickly. Injuries are rare, however, and the team strongly encourages proper safety measures, both on wood runs and during practice and competition.

The change to the wood sourcing process is still new to the team, who have been accustomed to the experimental forest providing wood.

"We are still fresh to this, so we are trying to get our systems figured out, how many people we need to bring, how many people, minimum, do we need to have up there to get us going," Bruneel said.

The team is continuing to modify the details regarding manpower and logistics but are exceling at it so far. Recruiting members has also proven to be challenging for the

team this year.

"We are basically telling these stories about all these colleges coming together, and then we all have this big get together after the competition," Bruneel said. "You get to meet other people from other walks of life. It's a little hard to explain that to them because they're not going to experience that."

Membership retention is an issue that faces many of the student ran organizations on campus under normal circumstances and made worse with the addition of COVID-19. For the logging team, many students have expressed interest this year which means the team will survive.

The team is uncertain about the status of upcoming competitions but meets around a warm firepit most Saturday mornings to practice and most Friday evenings to cut firewood, regardless of the pandemic limitations. For more information on the logging team, or to sign up to compete in the events, visit the logger sports page on the UI Recreation and Wellbeing website, under Sports Clubs.

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EDITORIAL BOARD

Be safe while being spooky

Have fun, but don't throw caution to the wind

Looking back, 2020 has been one life-changing event after another with any sense of normalcy all but gone. This won't change with Halloween.

We are approaching what is, for some, the best holiday season, one of spooky vibes, incredible costumes and candy at every door. In Moscow, there's usually a healthy amount of snow already on the ground.

However, as these seasonal sensations begin to come back into our lives, we must remember that we are still in an ever-changing and odd time in our history, with COVID-19 cases continuing to rise throughout our town, state and country.

This, on top of our personal lives, work and the upcoming election, has created a stress cocktail that we all want to pour down the drain.

We are all wanting to get back to our normal way of life, and we have an opportunity to have a taste of it, but only if everyone does their part to ensure we all stay safe.

Whether you're a kid going stir crazy from staying at home these last few months, a college student missing the college experience or someone else just wanting to get out of the house, do not throw

a large setback to our fight against COVID-19.

Whether you are taking the kiddos out trick-or-treating or get invited to a Halloween costume party with friends, please keep the safety of both yourself and others in mind.

it small and to people you know rather than the normal big blowouts.

Or spend the evening alone or with friends watching scary movies and carving pumpkins to get into the spooky vibe.

Some Main Street residents said they plan to throw their black cat a birthday party with their family.

But if you do decide to go out trick-or-treating, get a drink at the bars or have a party, consider what the safest options are. Limit your exposure to new people and high-traffic or close-quarters locations.

The spread of the virus is like a forest fire. All it takes is a single spark to light a pile of kindling and have it spread out of control.

If we all follow the rules and regulations in place, we can get rid of any opportunity that spark has to spread, while taking away as much fuel for the fire as possible.

Stay spooky, stay safe and happy Halloween!

- The Editorial Board

COVID-19

Safety during spring semester

Keeping our campus safe for the full year, not just a semester.



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As a historic fall semester comes to an interesting finish, the question of what to do for the spring semester remains.

Miraculously, the University of Idaho avoided a major outbreak. I'm proud of that—and quite frankly, really impressed. We all witnessed colleges across the nation attempt what UI did and fail nearly a month into the process. What we managed to accomplish should be celebrated.

However, this semester was nothing like years past. Students had to adjust to online and HyFlex class schedules. Students had cope with the loss of athletic games and events. Homecoming wasn't the same. Greek Week isn't the same. Everything was different from how it's always been in many ways. How are we supposed to move on in the spring?

Removing the restrictions and guidelines in place now isn't the right answer. Holding mass gatherings isn't a smart idea. Yes, we have shown progress in lowering the numbers and keeping the cases under control, but that doesn't mean we can let go of our bearings. Staying in control will result in long term success.

To assume the precautions of COVID-19 disappear with the new year is ignorant. A new semester doesn't change the fact of the matter—COVID-19 exists, it still gets people sick and it still kills people. That being said, Spring 2021 will be a wonderful time for UI to begin procedures to fully reopen.

Assuming vaccine and treatment development begin to reach their conclusions next semester, I theorize larger events will be easier to hold, mask guidelines will become looser and classes may return to normal variations. All these changes, however, are gradual.

Gradual changes are the key to getting through this and back to a normal life. The whole reason we were able to remain relatively COVID-19 free this semester, compared to other places, is luck and constant moderation. When cases spiked slightly, high-risk areas were tested. When houses had outbreaks, they were shut down and quarantined. The same methodology should be put in place this spring.

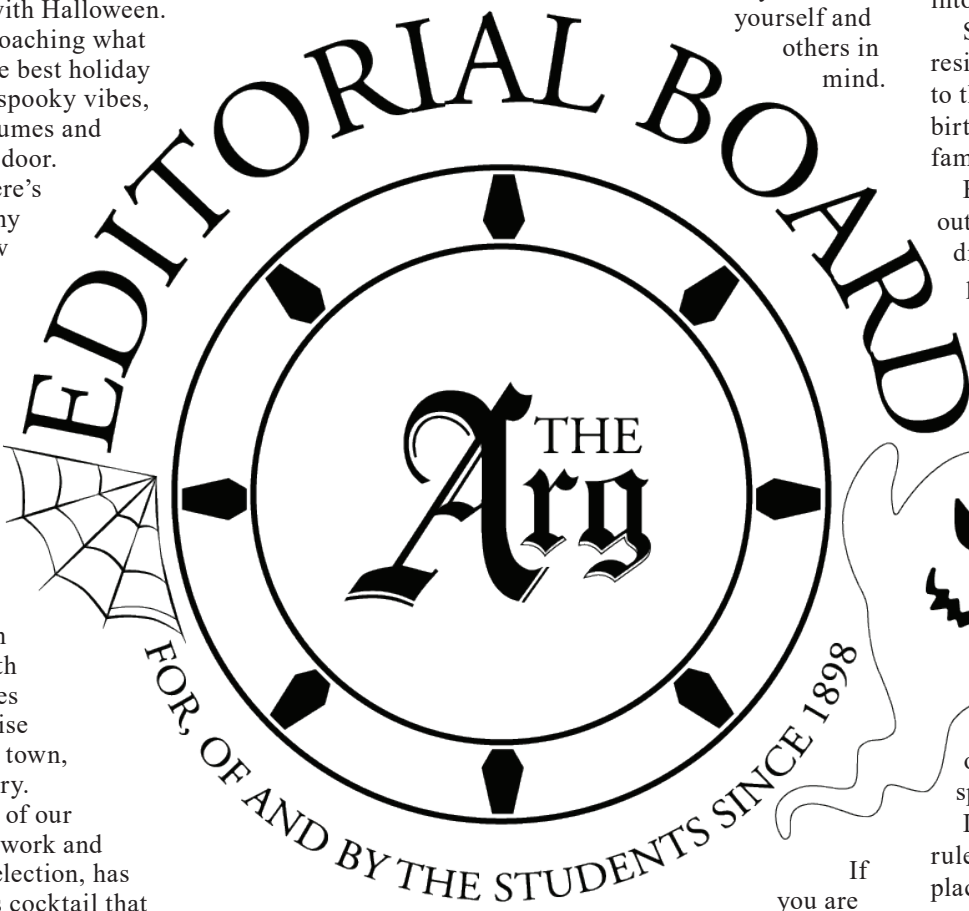
Hopefully we achieve a COVID-19 free bubble around Moscow after consistent due diligence. A persistent issue is the amount of traveling people do, especially during academic breaks like spring break.

Not much of everyday life should or will change during the spring semester, but if anything causes a major outbreak it will be the result of people travelling during spring vacation.

I know that we, as a student body, will develop a false sense of security if we remain relatively COVID-19 free during January and February. I urge you not to act in haste and ruin all the work put in keeping campus safe. If we keep it safe, we can reevaluate the restrictions in place. Don't let spring break ruin all we have built up.

I recognize no one wants to do this anymore. I'm sure you all are over it. I'm over it. The faculty are probably over it. But the mantra of this whole pandemic has been teamwork. As Vandals, we can keep up this good pace of safety on our campus by keeping each other safe. We must be prepared to accept that Spring 2021, though maybe slightly more lax, should be taken just as seriously as the semester we are about to complete.

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caution to the wind.

The temptation to go out and live a night of ignorant bliss is appealing, but we must refrain from this because one night of fun is not worth a spike in cases and

If you are going to set out candy for those who trick-or-treat, try individual plastic bags rather than the traditional candy in a bowl, or maybe wait at the door to hand it out yourself.

If you are looking for some fun with friends, keep

STUDENT LIFE

Much needed reform to Greek chapters on campus

Old rules create unsafe environments for women in Greek life.



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As a member of a sorority here on campus, I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in a house and would recommend it to anyone interested. I believe Greek life can be a beneficial experience and open a lot of doors.

However, those in Greek life know that it is hard to look past some of its outdated rules, which prevent many people from joining. One of these examples is the treatment of sororities vs. fraternities, aka women vs. men. This is most obvious within the party scene, especially its stance on alcohol and drug use.

For as long as Greek life has existed, women in sororities are prohibited from drinking or having any form of alcohol in the house, even if they are legally able to drink. These rules are strict and frankly unrealistic. Many girls resort to stashing their alcohol in places outside the house, or leaving it with a friend who doesn't live with them.

None of these same rules apply to the men in fraternities, who can drink in the comfort of their own home, assuming they don't live in a dry house. These rules are strange. When I lived in the campus

LLC's last year, even their rules were not as strict, allowing those who were 21 to possess liquor if it was in regulated amounts. The severity of these rules leads to many women leaving the sorority once they get older, in an attempt to gain more freedom. The women leaving is a yearly factor that causes their chapters to lose money, pushing harder and harder for new members.

Although the issue of sororities not being able to drink may seem like a ridiculous and shallow topic in times like these, I believe it goes deeper than that. According to Sage Journals, women in Greek life are 3.14 times more likely than non-Greek women to be a victim of sexual assault while intoxicated. They are also 2.72 times more likely to be the victim of any type of sexual assault, sober or not.

If a woman is in Greek life, it is commonly known to be a 'risk factor' for future sexual assault or rape. Now this could be for a plethora of reasons, such as the party culture in Greek life, but I believe it has a good deal to do with the issue of women being unable to drink safely in their own homes.

Sorority women must constantly go elsewhere to have a good time and unwind, putting themselves in potentially unsafe situations by going to a stranger's home. This also leads to many sorority girls having to depend on fraternity men in order to have a social life.

When freshman girls enter Greek houses, they're usually inexperienced, naive and desperate to "let loose" and finally have a good time away from home. Since they are unable to safely drink with their older, more experienced sisters, they form a dependency on the men in fraternities to form social bonds.

My experiences with the Greek men at the University of Idaho have been overwhelmingly positive, but as I've gone to many campuses, there is always at least one fraternity that has a bad reputation, one that other Greek men are quick to make a note to stay away from. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to hear this warning until it is too late.

Women, when put in unknown places with intoxicated strangers, are at their most vulnerable and not always able to make it out safely. Even in my short few months within the Greek party system pre-COVID-19, I have seen multiple sorority girls stranded at parties by themselves or put in unsafe situations.

Throughout the past few months on campus, you've most likely noticed that the COVID-19 cases within Greek life are rising. Once again, it's due to people being unable to safely drink and bond with their roommates in their own home, having to go out and socialize in order to do so. While this is in no way a valid excuse, it is a very probable cause of the increased cases.

Overall, the Greek system has work to do. We can no longer depend on century old rules simply because "it's always been that way." Greek life is facing new challenges with the COVID-19 era, and if it wants to survive, it will have to adapt. Removing outdated and impractical rules is a step in the right direction. This action will make both sorority women and the campuses around them safer.

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POLITICS

Listen to science, vote Tom Lamar

A good, qualified candidate who would keep helping this community



Aaron Bharucha
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In the current pandemic, it is essential to have leaders and elected officials in our community who exemplify the way someone should act and the rhetoric one should put forth. A good example would be people who listen to what experts in the field of health and science say. People who socially distance and wear masks to keep others safe. These attributes describe the current Latah County Commissioner Tom Lamar perfectly.

"Science is saying masks are working," Lamar said. "Masks are allowing our economy to be open, and are keeping our

hospitals from being overwhelmed."

Lamar, who is up for re-election this November, has been passing out masks with his name and job title on them since July. Actions like this further prove Lamar's passion for the safety of this community.

"During a pandemic, there are a few options to give us the freedom to interact with others," Lamar said. "Wearing face coverings, maintaining physical distance, washing our hands and avoiding indoor interactions are all proven effective tools when used together."

Though he aligns with the Democratic Party, Lamar grew up in a Republican household and learned early on how to work well with people who have different beliefs than him.

Lamar said his parents taught him how to have a strong work ethic and about conserving natural resources. He has had a wide variety of jobs throughout his time in the community — including a janitor, a teacher and a baker. Furthermore, he's been the executive director of the Palouse-Clearwater

Environmental Institute since 1990.

"For more than 35 years I have been getting my hands dirty alongside other Latah County residents to improve our land, our communities and our economy," Lamar said.

It is because of this work ethic that he has received praise and bipartisan support from people on all ends of the political spectrum — most notable praise has come from the former mayor of Moscow, Marshall Comstock, and a fellow Latah County Commissioner, Dave McGraw — both of whom identify as Republican.

Lamar is a vocal critic of the Idaho government's failure to provide sufficient funding to educational institutions — at all levels of education. He has consistently lobbied at the state level to advocate for adequate funding for education. He also worked to enhance inclusive access to higher education by providing financial assistance for local youth who attend a community college.

"Idaho must start supporting both K-12 and higher education at a necessary level

to help make Idaho more competitive within the United States," Lamar said. "If we do not, Idaho will continue to fall at the bottom of state funding levels, resulting in continued depressed educational and economic achievements."

For these reasons and many more, I believe residents of Latah County should vote for Tom Lamar for County Commissioner. Or if you are not registered in Latah County — much like myself — get involved in his campaign. Wear his masks. Put up his signs in your window. If you have a few extra dollars, donate to his campaign, which even has a Venmo so you can donate from the comfort of your bed. I implore you to help Lamar and his cause in any way you can.

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GUEST VOICE

Sexual Safety

Practice proper safety when being sexually active



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It's important to be safe if you choose to be sexually active. What does it mean to be safe while being sexually active?

One part of being safe is understanding being sexually active means being responsible for preventing the contraction and spread of sexually transmitted infections. Using internal and external condoms are a great way to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections, as well as prevent pregnancy.

The University of Idaho participates in the National College Health Assessment every other year, with the last year participating being Fall 2019. This survey asks questions regarding student health and can provide us with important information about the health of students who are part of the Vandal Family.

According to the assessment, the survey found a little over 40% of students had chosen to have vaginal intercourse within the last two weeks. The survey also found that of college students who had reported having oral sex, vaginal or anal intercourse within the last 30 days, only 41.8% had used a condom or other protective barriers.

Properly used condoms greatly reduce the risk of contracting and spreading sexually transmitted infections. When used properly, condoms are also 98% effective in preventing pregnancy. If you choose to be sexually active, using condoms can help keep you and others safe.

If you do choose to have sex, there are free condoms available for students in several locations on campus. One of those places is the Well Space, which is located on the left as you enter the front doors of the Student Recreation Center, and it is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Another place you can access free external and internal condoms is the Women's Center, located in the Memorial Gym on the first floor. Vandal Health Education also provides condoms in condom dispensers around campus.

There are condom dispensers in the LLC Information Desk bathrooms, the Wallace basement, McConnell basement, the bathrooms on the first floor of the library and the Theophilus Tower basement. If you need condoms for your student organization, residence hall or Greek chapter, you can also order them in bulk and have them delivered.

To order protection in bulk, there is a link available to fill out on the Vandal Health Education website, which you can find by visiting www.uidaho.edu/sexualhealth and then clicking on the form link on the right hand side. The different free condom locations on campus are also listed at the same website. Visit the link to find out more information.

HOBBIES

Bad Plant Parenting

Saving my sad indoor garden from a frozen October



Rebecca Pratt
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It's easy to dismiss or idolize the role of a mother. I have worked with kids for the last five years of my life in every role from nanny to swim instructor to tutor and beyond. I love working with kids, but I have never wanted or pictured myself having my own. Fast forward to now, I'm nearly 23 with five plant children and I am beginning to wonder if even plant motherhood was a good idea to experiment with in college.

Normally my little indoor garden is only ever victimized by my over watering and my incredibly rude cat chowing down on the innocent, budding leaves. All this changed as my usual problems washed away into the land of insignificance.

My two elephant ear plants had their beautiful, large, green leaves consumed by what I suspect to be a Hannibal Lector type deer, and the little leafy stemmed plant my mom gave me when I moved into my first apartment had nearly frozen to death in the plummeting temperature over the weekend.

In order to keep my plant children alive after the natural world, which they have been sheltered from their whole lives, showed its cruel side, I did what any mother wouldn't do when faced with their children being unwell. I adopted another plant.

I didn't think through the impulse adoption though, because after two days of using up the rest of my potting soil to repot and refresh my plants beds, I was severely lacking supplies for the newest addition. The rest of my soil was used up, and I didn't want to bother my roommate at work over something as ridiculously timed as barrowing her unopened bag of potting soil in late October for a light agricultural exercise. Plus, I knew she was using it for a few plants she bought to give as gifts.

I ran out of soil halfway through planting the large snake plant I just took in. I wanted to be considerate and not steal

soil from my roomie, so I searched for other answers. Staring into the green silky leaves of my new child, I could sense its uneasiness of having its roots only partially buried, and no further steps for its new mother to take.

That's when I remembered the medium sized pot on the side of my porch that had once held another green kid who had been scorched by the sun in mid-July (RIP Jeremiah). I grabbed the pot from outside, where it sat among the slush and ice October flipped us off with, and took it inside to donate the earthy contents to my youngest's bed.

Unfortunately, my spade would barely pierce two inches of soil because the whole thing had frozen solid. I once again gazed at the sad snake plant I had yet to give a weird name to and knew that if I wanted to prove myself as a plant mom, this would not stop me. My mission was clear.

I started by multitasking. I placed the frozen plant bed near the oven while I baked bread and heated the rest of my dinner. Still solid. I took the plant and pot of frozen dirt into the bathroom with me and took a really hot shower with them close by. Still solid. I then took them both to my room and cranked up my thermostat. Here is where a little progress was made, but large clumps of potting soil were still resistant to all my pathetic attempts. It was time to go big or go home.

I placed the frozen soil under the grow lights in my room, turned up the thermostat a little more and plugged in my heating blanket to wrap the pot in the worst swaddling job ever recorded.

After an hour and a half, I was able to properly plant my newest plant baby into its new home, only to realize I should have transplanted one of my elephant ear plants to the bigger pot and put the snake plant into the medium sized one.

About the time I had this realization, my roommate got home to find the gardening evidence on the porch and in the bathroom. When she started asking questions, I explained my frozen dirt and new plant in pathetic detail. She stared at me for a minute and finally said, "I wish you would have said something. I have that extra bag of potting mix outside you could have had."

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