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Putting faces to names

University of Idaho students share their experiences with deadnaming

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A name may seem trivial to people who have gone by their legal name their whole lives. But for those at University of Idaho who go by another name, who are forced to use a deadname on university platforms like BlackboardLearn and VandalWeb, names are incredibly important.

UI is investigating ways to allow the use of preferred names on BbLearn and VandalWeb, but for now, even if a student has socially transitioned and is using a different name in class, they must use their legal name on discussion boards on BbLearn.

“It makes life hard, just because you’re forced to out yourself,” Carson Poertner, a UI student athlete, said.

Poertner, who originally came to UI after being recruited for the soccer team, has used BbLearn since socially transitioning. His deadname would loom over him when he had to answer questions on discussion boards. The day after answering one question, his professors decided the answers would be projected in front of the class and each student would talk about their responses.

“While I was presenting, being Carson, I had my deadname up in front of the entire class,” Poertner said.

As Poertner was getting ready to present, he wondered what to do.

“Do I just flat out ignore it? Do I out myself and say that I’m a (transgender) man... and potentially have to worry about my physical safety, let alone the negative mental and emotional impact it has?” Poertner said. “There’s always potential for someone to find out I’m a trans man, and (for there to be) potential physical violence.”

In general, Poertner said he feels safe in Moscow and at UI. He recognized he has

“tremendous privilege” as a white man, but he still said the fear of physical harm is “always in the back of your head.”

That day in class, as thoughts raced through his mind, Poertner chose to ignore the deadname.

“I just tried to pretend that it wasn’t up there, and then just continued to present and made it as quick as possible,” Poertner said.

He has since legally changed his name, so his deadname is no longer on BbLearn or VandalWeb, but the effect of that moment lingered. It discouraged Poertner from participating in the class for the rest of the semester.

Pepper Brisset, a first-year student with a black belt, is motivated by karate, having been an instructor for three years and a student for five.

Brisset said she particularly enjoys karate for the “group of people having a mindset of improving a little bit every day, and eventually, you’ll become something great.”

Brisset goes through the line at The Hub often since she’s on a meal plan, each time swiping her Vandal Card. The hole-punched card hangs on a lanyard she wears so she doesn’t have to stuff it away in a pocket.

Before last year, Vandal Cards were only printed with legal names. Now, students can apply to change their name on Vandal Cards. Brisset uses her preferred name on her Vandal Card, which she sees most often when interacting with UI’s systems.

“Every time I pull it out and I see the name I want to be called, it makes me feel happy,” Brisset said.

Brisset doesn’t expect everyone around her to get her name right.

“Nobody should expect you to be perfect,” Brisset said. “I don’t expect you to get stuff right every time.”

But putting in the effort to refer to people the way they want to be referred to “can really make their day,” Brisset said. “I’ve had that happen a couple of times where someone working at the cafeteria or

one of my teachers referred to me using my chosen name or pronouns, and it got me out of a kind-of bad mental state.”

Bee Kemp, who studies history and political science at UI, is particularly “fascinated with American history and American politics because they have a lot of impact on (their) life.”

Getting food and having a deadname associated with UI accounts has been an uncomfortable experience, as those serving food would call Kemp the name they saw on their Vandal Card.

“It’s awkward for me, because I feel bad not correcting them, and I feel awkward trying to correct them,” Kemp said.

Kemp said they think the people they’re with are cognizant of deadnaming, though.

Despite restrictions on other platforms, having a preferred name in a digital classroom has been easier, Kemp said.

“It’s made a little easier by the fact that you can change your nickname in Zoom, so I change my nickname to Bee,” Kemp said.

For Kemp, saying someone’s preferred name is “a sign of respect, (and) a sign of acknowledgment, that we are still valued as people.”

According to Dan Ewart, the director of of UI’s Information Technology Services, a task force working towards the full implementation of preferred names across campus was prioritized in October. Jason Swanby, who has been assigned as the project manager, and Lauren Carlsen, president of ASUI, are working to estimate when implementation will be complete and what steps will be needed to get there, Ewart said.

“On the whole, I think the university is making an effort, and I really appreciate that,” Kemp said.

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Bee Kemp poses for a portrait.

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STUDENT LIFE

Staying on campus during Winter Break

An overview of the services available to students over Winter Break 2020

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University of Idaho students are encouraged to stay home from Fall Break until the start of next semester, but students currently residing in residence halls can apply to stay in student housing during this time.

McConnell, Theophilus Tower and Wallace Residence Center will be closed over Winter Break, which starts at noon on Dec. 19, but rooms in the Living Learning Communities will remain open for students who already live there. If current residents of the closed residence halls need Winter Break housing, they should ask the Housing and Residence Life Office about the application. Applications are due Friday.

Rooms will be offered based on first applied-first assigned basis for those currently in student housing, but placement is not guaranteed. Students will be notified as soon as possible if they will be able to stay on campus.

“Based on current applications for Winter Break, we do not anticipate any issue with meeting the needs of our current residents,” Jennifer Skinner, housing and resident life customer relations manager, said.

John Kosh, UI marketing director, said on average, five students apply for Winter Break housing. Housing and Residence Life charges students not already staying in the LLCs a flat rate of \$500 to their student account on the day they move in for the break. Those already staying in the LLCs can stay in their rooms during Winter Break because that option is included in the contract and cost for living in the LLCs, according to the HRL website.

Those living in Greek Life chapter

houses closing over Winter Break should contact their chapter leadership to see what options may be available for staying on campus.

There will still be live-in staff in the LLCs over break to accommodate the needs of students who stay there. Kosh said COVID-19 protocols will still be in place, with an emphasis on the no-guest policy and mask wearing.

In the past, the LLCs held informal in-person holiday events for those staying over Winter Break. Any events like this will likely be held virtually this year due to COVID-19, Skinner said.

“It might be a great time to explore the on-campus Arboretum and the outdoors,” Skinner said. “If you enjoy cooking or decorating with family or friends, you could get on a Zoom call together because you get that human connection.”

Skinner also encouraged students to check out local businesses open during Winter Break and to take time to relax.

The Hub will be closed over Winter Break, but Einstein’s and The Grid will have limited hours on Dec. 21-23, Dec. 28-30 and Jan. 4-8. There won’t be any thermal scanners at these locations. Students will still be able to use the kitchens on the main floors of the LLCs, but they need to follow the COVID-19 protocols in place to use them.

The LLC information desk will offer its usual services with reduced hours. Skinner said to check with the information desk for Winter Break hours of operation. If a resident needs assistance during the desk closure days, they should contact their Resident Assistant.

The Bruce M. Pitman Center and Idaho Student Union Building will be open for limited hours over break. The Vandal Store, Parking and Transportation Services, the on-campus Starbucks, Auxiliary Services and other parts of campus will remain open during Winter Break.

The Student Recreation Center and



Storm clouds and gusts of wind greet students near the LLCs Nov. 17, 2020

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Climbing Center are open Dec. 19 and 20, closed from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3 and open again Jan. 4-10. The Outdoor Program is closed from Dec. 21 through Jan. 10. The Outdoor Rental Center is open from Dec. 21-23 and closed from December 24 through January 10.

The Vandal Pantry will be fully operational, so no one in the Vandal family goes hungry over Winter Break. Students can work with Dean of Students Blaine Eckles to make sure they get the help they need.

Rebecca Couch, director of Parking and Transportation Services, encouraged students to follow the PTS social media for important updates and giveaways over the next couple of weeks. Staff will

still be available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for students to contact if they get locked out of their car, need a jump start, flat tire fix or other help with their cars.

She also encouraged students check out the “Fall and Winter Break Overnight Parking and Vehicle Storage” map to get an idea of where they will be allowed to park.

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STUDENT LIFE

Curbside recycling now available for Greek chapters

Several sororities already signed up to participate

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The City of Moscow has begun providing recycling services for University of Idaho Greek Life chapters.

Recyclable materials can be picked up every other week for \$5.05 per cart each month. Greek chapters normally need about two to three carts, so the cost would be approximately \$10.10 to \$15.15 per month.

Natalie Wiley, president of the Greek Sustainability Council and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, stated in an email that having recycling available brought a sense of relief to her life and the lives of those in her house since they knew their house would produce less waste.

“Many incoming freshmen come from backgrounds where recycling is the norm, so they are already geared up to do their part,” Wiley said. “When I announced that I was able to get recycling back to our house, five

girls immediately sprinted downstairs with boxes/cans they were saving to be recycled.”

Wiley stated recycling is educational for her sorority because it encourages the members to think about ways to recycle and “it’s a small daily practice that ends up having a larger impact due to the number of women who live” in KAT.

Tim Davis, the City of Moscow sanitation operation manager, said students tend to take advantage of single-stream curbside recycling because it is more attractive than hauling their items to the recycling center.

Greek chapters can contact the city to let the sanitation crew know they want to be involved.

Those new to the program get sent a list of what can and cannot be put in the recycling bins, as seen on the City of Moscow’s website.

All items put in the bins should be as clean as possible because large amounts of contaminated items build a bad reputation for Moscow Recycling and less revenue is earned from the load. Recycling contamination includes sorting items incorrectly, like putting glass bottles in bins for paper products, or not cleaning food residue off items first. The

company usually earns around \$120 per ton of recycled materials.

Single-stream curbside recycling, which means users of the program don’t need to sort recyclables by type, began in 2016 in Moscow. The recycled materials are collected biweekly.

Greek chapters closed during Winter Break can stop service, just like in the summer, or notify the city that they want to stop recycling for a specific period of time.

Davis said Moscow does a good job of cleaning recycled items compared to other cities around the country. He said the number of contaminated items can get up to 9% but is usually about 5% to 6%. Anything under 10% is good, but some cities can get around 20%, he said. Recycling companies won’t provide service if items are too contaminated multiple times. The company will identify the items and tell those involved in recycling what the problem is and how to fix it.

The Material Recovery Facility in Seattle, Washington sorts similar materials together, bails them and sells them to manufacturers to

make the recycled items into something new.

Addie White, ASUI director of sustainability, stated in an email that Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi have all signed up for single-stream curbside recycling. She also stated Gamma Phi Beta was working on getting involved the last time she spoke with them. She said she is unsure whether any fraternities are involved in the program.

White stated ASUI and the Sustainability Center are sponsoring an aluminum can recycling competition for Greek chapters next semester. The teams will consist of “a fraternity or a fraternity-sorority pair” with a can-crushing barrel collecting cans to exchange for money at Moscow Recycling, she stated. The winning team will win the pooled money, which will be spent towards philanthropy.

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Congratulations Fall 2020 MLC Graduates!

Andrew Forrey
B.A. Spanish &
International Studies

Kenneth Mallard
B.A. Spanish

Wesley Nagel
B.A. French

Abigail Rowe
B.A. Spanish &
International Studies

London Wray
B.A. Spanish



Outdoor Program

Chris Lentz - BS Geography with a minor Marketing



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Melinda Schwartz - M.Ed. Physical Education
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Accreditation 20 years in the making

Eli Gough, Brian Small and Jose Ortiz hold a white sturgeon at the Aquaculture Research Institute's Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station.

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Opening doors for more research opportunities at UI

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All University of Idaho colleges with animals in their care have received full accreditation from the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC), meaning the quality of care in animal research and use has been acknowledged to be completely up to standard, with no new suggestions for improvements.

This accreditation opens the door to new collaborations with other organizations and universities, more funding and a higher quality of research for various colleges at UI, including the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the College of Natural Resources.

This is the first time the university has been accredited after working for nearly 20 years to prepare its facilities and have all requirements met. The process includes

an internal review done by the university, evaluators visiting the university's facilities and making corrections suggested through the accreditation process.

"We have gone through the rigorous process to meet the standards to show that our animal welfare standards are very high," Audrey Harris, associate director of the Office of Research Assurances, said. "It's a peer review that's being done of us. It's not a legal requirement and what (AAALAC) is doing is reviewing the legal requirements we already have."

Full accreditation is the highest certification level out of four, with no further suggestions on how to make the facilities better. All of UI's facilities were reviewed, including the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station in Southern Idaho and Rinker Rock Creek Ranch in Central Idaho.

Gaylen Edwards, president of AAALAC's Council on Accreditation, was one of the visitors on campus in July, when all of the facilities were inspected. He praised the amount of new equipment

throughout all programs, particularly in the Nancy M. Cummings Research Center and the Sheep Center.

"We are spending money to get other people to come in and make sure that we are caring for our animals appropriately," Harris said. "To me, that's the biggest thing. We can show that we really care about welfare, we care about our animals, we love our animals and we want them to be happy and healthy."

Brooke Christensen, a doctoral student in biology, said her basic responsibility as a researcher is to respect the animals and to give them a happy, healthy life because research wouldn't be possible without them. Having healthy animals increases the validity of research because the creatures wouldn't have any physiological or behavioral changes which could affect results.

"The certification is really critical for collaborations, which are super important in conducting interdisciplinary research," Christensen said. "You want to be on the same par in terms of animal care standards so there can be a transfer of research

between the institutions."

Some funding agencies, like the Department of Defense, will not provide funds to institutions without AAALAC accreditation. UI having full accreditation will open up more pathways for possible funding in all areas of animal research.

Every three years, the university will need to be reevaluated in order to retain its new status as one of 16 land grant institutions in the country with some form of accreditation.

"When we got this (accreditation), I cried," Harris said. "It's a really big deal for us. WSU has had it forever. This is something we've been striving for and striving for and we finally are there. Not only are we there, but with bells and whistles and everything."

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College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

Fall 2020 Graduates

Congratulations Fall 2020 Mechanical Engineering Graduates!

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Jorge Alberto Gonzalez
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Benjamin James McBride
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Benjamin Jacob Randall
Joshua David Sewell
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Ryan Joseph Walters

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Austin Matthews
Jacob Douglas Miller
Yusuf Abiodun Oduntan
Patrick Christian Paulus
Clayton G. Turner
Samuel William Van Horn
Zhihui Wang

Ph.D.

Elyasa Mohammad Al-Gharibeh

Life

LIFESTYLES, INTERESTS, FEATURES AND ENTERTAINMENT



(Top) Students watch a game of Mario Kart on Tower Lawn. (Left) Students share socially distanced laughter at Rock the Block, Oct. 1. (middle left) Vandal Dining served food for Rock the Block, Oct. 1. (middle right) The University of Idaho Women's Center hosted an open house Sept. 2 on the Memorial Gym lawn. (bottom left) Elias Doubousianos serves a "Democracy Dog." (bottom right) MFA student Kaleb Bass prepares to hang his artwork in the Prichard Gallery on Sept. 8 before the MFA show.

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COMMUNITY

Bloom Cafe makes a difference

Local cafe helps to feed families in need

Katarina Hockema
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As the colder weather approaches and the holiday season takes off, food security for families in need is more important than ever. To combat this ever-present issue, Bloom Cafe, a local restaurant in Moscow, launched the "Feed a Family" program on Oct. 30 through Healthy at Home, a preexisting menu option, to provide healthy, balanced and convenient meals for the local community.

Bloom Cafe, locally owned and operated by Nara and Brandon Woodland, has always had a foundation of philanthropy and a mission of providing quality meals to those who need them. Founded in 2011, Bloom is a restaurant created out of a desire to provide a comfortable, inspiring cafe for the community to meet and enjoy fresh, homemade meals, according to its website.

After fundraising for the Prichard Art Gallery, the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre and the Palouse Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, among other nonprofit organizations, the Woodlands decided to focus efforts on local students

and families by providing those same fresh, homemade meals to those in need during COVID-19 and food insecurity.

"Our community is struggling," Nara said. "There's a great need to help others, so through this we can give people who are struggling with food insecurity access to good food. It really ties in with the mission of the restaurant."

The "Feed a Family" program is available for customers to order on their terms as a part of Bloom's menu selection. Customers can choose to purchase a 'meal for two' (\$35), a 'meal for four' (\$65) or they can choose to 'feed a family' (\$35). Bloom Cafe matches all donations provided by customers, doubling the people who are served by each meal. Each delivery comes with 'conversation cards' that the recipient family can use to foster a conversational connection and move beyond the standard "how was your day?" table talk, enriching the experience of eating a meal with loved ones.

"With the holidays coming up like Thanksgiving, people will be gathering more and... giving gratitude and thanks," Nara said. "Food is a big part of those gatherings. We wanted everyone to have access to good, nutritious food."

Meals are available to order on Mondays and Fridays and are delivered

to the recipients by the Woodlands. 'Holiday sides' are available for curbside pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25 in time for Thanksgiving dinner. The program is focused on providing aid to Moscow students and their families through partnering with Moscow's local schools. Deliveries are coordinated with school staff and will continue even when school is not in session during upcoming holiday breaks.

"I've already communicated with the principals and counselors to let them know that we will continue our meal service," Nara said. "So far, it's been a really seamless and wonderful program with everybody being really creative and adaptive and working together."

The program has been met with overwhelming support from Moscow's educational institutions and has experienced a smooth integration into the schools, including Lena Whitmore Elementary, Russell Elementary, West Park Elementary, McDonald Elementary, Moscow Middle School, Moscow High School, Paradise Creek High School, Moscow Charter School and Palouse Prairie Charter School.

Kendra McMillan, the principal of Lena Whitmore Elementary School and Meghan Raney, a counselor, have been particularly

involved in the program.

"We knew that this would be a benefit to our families," McMillan said. "Bloom food is absolutely delicious and...(Nara) shops locally, so we knew this would be a benefit not only for our community but for our families at Lena."

McMillan and Raney, along with all other participating school staff, gauge the number of students in need of food assistance through established student aid programs and knowledge already held by school counselors of students' needs. Lena Whitmore Elementary has a Weekend Food Backpack program supported by the Idaho Food Bank, grants and family donations to provide meals for students over weekend breaks, indicating which students may benefit from the program. All meals are personally delivered by McMillan to student recipients.

"We just had our first deliveries last Friday...to two families, and you would have thought it was Christmas morning," McMillan said. "They were so excited and so grateful and thankful."

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LIFE HACKS

Meditation, wine tasting and winter markets

Things to do this week on the Palouse

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Wrapping up the semester can leave us feeling stressed and overwhelmed—so why not treat yourself to a week full of meditation and self-care activities? With help from the University of Idaho and Washington State University, Christmas gift-hunting, meditation and well-rounded endeavors are made easy and enjoyable to seek out. Remember to wear a mask to in-person events and keep others and your health a priority.

Let's Take a Breather-Relaxation During Times of Stress

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Date: Nov. 19

Place: Online event

Price: Free

Wrapping up the semester can leave students feeling stressed, anxious and overwhelmed. This week on Real Talk Thursday, hosts will be talking about how to manage

stress, use relaxation strategies and benefit from self-care. Techniques include mindfulness skills, breathing techniques and making a mental health first aid kit.



Bar Bingo

Time: 5:30-8 p.m.

Date: Nov. 19

Place: Eagles Lodge Moscow

Price: \$1 per card and \$2 per blackout

Check out the Eagles Lodge Moscow bar and play a relaxing game of bingo. While playing rounds, stop for a minute and chat. Get to know others at the bar and learn about their upbringing. Bingo cards are \$1 and blackout cards are \$2, and winners get small rewards. Proceeds will go toward helping their Aerie and Auxiliary.

Wine Tasting: Duckhorn Portfolio

Time: 3-6 p.m.

Date: Nov. 20

Place: Vine Wine Bar and Cellar

Price: Various purchasing

Thinking about expanding your palate? Well, Vine Wine Bar and Cellar has your back. This week, join the vineyard to taste a selection of wines from the Duckhorn portfolio. Learn what pairs best with these wines and keep in mind there's a good possibility you won't go home empty-handed.



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COMMUNITY

Moscow winter market season

Restrictions due to the pandemic during the event's 16th season

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Along with the weather's transition from falling leaves to flurries of snow comes the winter market season.

This season, the winter market features a variety of vendors. The non-profit organization "Heart of the Arts" maintains and runs events.

"Heart of the Arts uses the winter market as a stop gap between the farmer's market and also as a chance to showcase the 1912 Center," Executive Director of the 1912 Center Jenny Kostroff said.

Kostroff has been running the building for 13 years, but this year is unique due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The market has creative pamphlets for shoppers about required masks, sanitizing stations, social distancing and personal shoppers.

"I'm very concerned about people's safety, so I want people to be patient and conscious of each other," Kostroff said. "We're offering a personal shopper...the idea there is that we're trying to connect with people who are home."

To accommodate vendors, businesses register for different weekends. A variety of vendors from the Palouse and even as far away as Nampa, Idaho, bring their wares.

"Food and perishable vendors can come weekly," Kostroff said. "The non-perishables will be different each week. That way, there's a reason to shop every (week). In a regular year, I'll have about 130 vendors register... This year, our registrations are down... We're at about 75 vendors."

Stone Soap Co., one of the winter

market vendors, is run by Katie Berns and her fiancé, Konner Stone. They opened their business in Pullman, Washington, last summer, and this is their second year participating in the market.

"It's fun to see all the other booths- what they're doing, their items," Berns said.

Stone Soap Co. crafts and sells sustainably packaged natural health products such as soaps, chapstick, deodorant and lotion. To minimize shoppers touching products, they put soap in the front to see and keep items in the back, Berns said.

Berns and Stone chose to participate in the winter market in Moscow as opposed to the farmer's market because the farmer's market is a bigger commitment, whereas the winter market is indoors, not having to worry about the weather. The smaller location lets patrons stop at each booth.

Despite the pandemic, Stone Shop Co. saw more shoppers stop by this year than last.

"We've had people come by and do a restock on things they bought last year... We actually did better this year than last year," Berns said.

Berns observed the positive impact of the winter market.

"I think it's a really good event... The summer markets are over, and it's another fun thing you can do on weekends," Berns said. "I think it's really great; it brings the community together."

The winter market season will be held December 5, December 12, February 6 and March 6.

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COVID-19

Designing the future

Architecture studio designs a post-pandemic future

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Students come to the University of Idaho in search of a degree, but find more as they get closer to graduation. In a senior architecture design course, students don't just learn about buildings, they learn a perspective about being a human being.

Xiao Hu is an associate professor teaching upper-level architecture classes. Getting his bachelor's at Chongqing Jianzhu University in China and earning his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska, Hu says looking at architecture as just buildings limits it.

"This is all part of architecture," Hu said. "Limited the shape of architecture, in a certain way is about a human being. Because architecture is to provide a good environment for human use."

Rather than designing spaces, architects design people's lives, Hu said. Living in an apartment, most people may not think about the layout of the bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room.

"Architects provided the space to the users, so that the users will develop a certain pattern to use it," Hu said. "So that's why we design this space, actual realities and people's lives."

And in Architectural Design VI, students are doing just that, understanding life's functions and designing a post-pandemic future.

As we progress, people rely more on technology than traditional functions. With the pandemic at hand, it makes things harder to meet someone physically. Hu uses Zoom as an example, as we can overcome a physical barrier, still have physical engagement within

support of technology.

In the course's project, students will have the freedom to define their design and implement what they think will improve human life.

Their design will focus on services around someone's neighborhood, including transit, health services, public amenities and the environment. Growing more digital, it can be challenging to go to physical spaces. This can include revamping transportation, how people move around in a public space and how it may look different for families.

Being in a global pandemic, hospital capacity is important and there are ways to improve the current healthcare supporting system. Hu thinks it is possible to have medicines delivered and healthcare available close to home, so patients don't overload the hospital's capacity.

Hu describes the course as a different focus compared to architecture's similar abilities. Students gain experience in this course that refers to what most architects do in jobs at a similar level. Being a step in their bachelor's degree, students will continue to a graduate-level degree program.

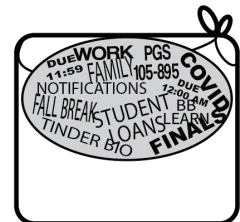
The idea of the project came from an optimistic view of past pandemics.

"I think a limit for this was a pandemic to change everyone's lives today," Hu said. "So I think a lot of the reason I like students, because everyone will get a suffer stress by a certain difficulties. But if we look around history, we can find out that the pandemic is a contributor that causes a lot of positive changes to our human life, particularly if we're talking about the built environment."

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LIFE-TOON

Do you ever look at a Vandal student and wonder what's going on in their head?



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Sports

BASKETBALL

Offense without Trevon Allen?



(Top) Junior forward Babacar Thiombane walks off the court with Interim Head Coach Zac Claus on the sideline against Washington State on Dec. 4, 2019. (Bottom) Damen Thacker, Jack Wilson, Babacar Thiombane and Trevon Allen walk back onto the court after a timeout in the University of Montana game on Feb. 8 in Cowan Spectrum.

Saydee Brass | Argonaut

Five senior leaders for the Vandals look to guide young core throughout the season

Armin Mesonovic
ARGONAUT

After a season of ups and downs that included the signing of a new head coach and veteran leader Trevon Allen performing at a high level, the University of Idaho men's basketball team prepares to kickstart their 2020-21 season on a high note. The Vandals finished last season with an 8-24 (4-16 Big Sky) record placing last in the Big Sky conference.

The Vandals will be without their top scorer from a year ago as Allen graduated last spring and now plays professional basketball in Poland. Allen finished last season as the second leading scorer in the Big Sky averaging 21.6 points per game. The Vandals offense relied heavily on Allen, but this season the offense will look different due to Allen's absence.

Apart from last season where the Vandals only had two senior leaders, the leadership this season will be guided by five seniors with plenty of experience that will help the new recruits succeed. The seniors guiding the team are forwards Scott Blakney and Thiombane Babacar and guards Damen Thacker, Ja'Vary Christmas and Chance Garvin. Their leadership during a time of uncertainty following this season holds value.

"They've been a really good example in terms of how we do things," Zac Claus, head coach of UI men's basketball, said. "They understand what's expected, the accountability for yourself and holding your teammates accountable... They've been a mentor to the incoming guys... You lean on your seniors and for us, fortunately, we have five terrific ones who are doing a great job so far."

The Vandals will start the season with non-conference games and a very young team compared to last season.

They added five new recruits this season with three new freshmen and two transfer students. Forward Tanner Christenson along with guards Hunter-Jack Madden and Ethan Kilgore highlight the freshmen class. Sophomore guard Kendall McHugh and junior guard DeAndre Robinson are the transfer students that will look to make an impact early on for the Vandals. The team's success will heavily rely on how the younger talent will perform throughout the season.

"Our new guys have been terrific," Claus said. "They've come in eager. They've come in with a work ethic. They're also being extremely coachable." "What I'm trying to do is help a lot of the newer guys, the younger guys," Blakney said. "Show them what we do, how we do it."

The biggest difference from last season will be the impact of COVID-19 during the season. With each team in the Big Sky tested three days a week, the importance of health during the season will play a bigger factor than it ever has. Maintaining athletes' health will be an even bigger priority than years past. Conditioning athletes this season will be different from previous years, but Claus believes they are taking the right steps.

"We're thinking about it each and every day," Claus said. "We talk with Justin Pomar, our trainer, everyday about our guys. We make sure that if we need to limit somebody's reps, if we need to slow them down or if we need to hold them out of a practice, we're always aware of that. But at the same time we have to physically get ourselves sharp and ready to go for this season."

The Vandals will look to improve from last season with a new squad. Claus looks to guide a new team to success as hopes for a successful campaign remain high.

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BASKETBALL



(Top) Vandal women's basketball listen to Head Coach Jon Newlee speak during a timeout against Sacramento State in Cowan Spectrum. (Bottom) Sophomore guard Gina Marxen prepares to take a shot during the Colorado State game on November 13, 2019 in Memorial Gym.

Saydee Brass | Argonaut

Vandals fired up to start the new season

The Vandals prepare for season with new faces and confidence

Armin Mesonovic
ARGONAUT

After an impressive performance last season, the University of Idaho women's basketball team look to return to another Big Sky Conference Championship Final, but this time they want to get the chance to win it. Last season, because of COVID-19, the Vandals were unable to compete for a chance to win the championship game but they look to reclaim the spot they fought for last season.

"The situation couldn't have been worse," Jon Newlee, UI women's basketball head coach, said. "It was a punch to the gut. We were getting ready to go to the NCAA tournament, we thought we had a pretty good shot at that. To have that taken away was rough, and it was hard on everybody. The months have gone by now, we know it's a new season, and it's time to focus on what we have in front of us and not what we have behind us."

"You can't take anything for granted, you have to play every game like it's your last and give it your all," sophomore guard Beyonce Bea said. "I think we are going into the season with that mindset and are all really excited to get back on the court."

The Vandals remain confident even after losing senior leaders Isabelle Hadden and Lizzy Klinker due to graduation. The team has put their confidence in the hands of Lizzy's sister, Natalie Klinker, who led the team in rebounding last year.

Natalie has stepped into a bigger role for the team as they push forward into the 2020-21 season. Other notable seniors who have stepped in leadership roles include guards Nina Carlson, Allison Kirby and transfer student Gabi Harrington. These seniors will have key roles in leading the team this season along with helping the new freshmen get adjusted to collegiate play.

Bea and junior guard Gina Marxen were selected to the preseason all-conference team as their performances last season proved they deserved the honor. The Vandals were also selected

to finish first in the Big Sky from the preseason coaches' and media polls.

"I think it certainly is a show of respect for our program," Newlee said. "These polls I think are always a reflection of how last year went and who you lost. We lost a couple of really great seniors, but I think we have also gained some great new players as well. It's going to be my challenge to put that altogether and have a great year like we had last year."

The Vandals' success last season stemmed from the defensive pressure they put on teams. The Vandals allowed 58.8 points per game, making them the best defensive team in the Big Sky Conference. They look to continue that success this season as they are pushing to be just as defensive minded as last season, but at the same time remaining a threat on offense as well.

"I think we are going to be a really strong team defensively again this year," Bea said. "I think offensively we will be an efficient team, reducing those turnovers and being able to share the ball with everyone. I think we have a lot of players who are capable of being offensive threats."

The Vandals bring in two freshmen in Sydney Gandy and Paris Atchley along with another transfer student Rylee Alexander. They look to utilize their young talent as the senior members of the team will be guiding them through how to be successful in the program.

Idaho finished last season with a 22-9 (15-5 Big Sky) record along with finishing the regular season on a seven-game winning streak. With the uncertainty surrounding this season due to COVID-19 and testing protocols, Newlee feels confident in his team's ability to focus on playing basketball.

"We are very excited to get things going, get our season back, and gain some sense of normalcy," Newlee said. "When we are out on the floor, we don't think about COVID-19, then you go out into the world you see all that is going on. All I know is our team is fired up, ready to go and I can't wait for the season to start."

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Vandal athletics new threads



Vandal Athletes get new uniforms

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Successful fall trips

Outdoor Program plans avalanche courses for the spring

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ARGONAUT

Over the course of the semester, the Outdoor Program at the University of Idaho has offered many fall trips for students to enjoy. The Outdoor Program has given many opportunities for students to be able to go outdoors throughout this time of uncertainty and explore while providing them with safety, education and a chance to figure out what they could personally explore on their own.

Each trip is very different and the many trip leaders that work with the Outdoor Program have provided a learning experience that many participants have enjoyed. Sandra Townsend, an Outdoor Program event coordinator, doesn't go on many trips but she advises and trains all trip leaders. Townsend said that the trips have gone well this year, and that the trip leaders have taken every one very seriously.

"This past spring and early summer, we've been going over new protocols and inventing better practices," Townsend said. "When it comes to COVID-19 protocols we haven't actually changed them that much which is good to know that we've been conservative enough where we feel that we're meeting the best practices. We keep everyone's safety and health to the highest standard that we can while still running the trips."

The Outdoor Program ran many different kinds of activities this semester that varied from outdoor trips, Rental Center deals and virtual adventures. The outdoor trips included fly fishing, river canyon backpacking and biking on different types of trails.

The Rental Center offered different activities like free rentals on the last Friday of each month, a bouldering league and a rock climb. Different virtual adventures included how to plan do-it-yourself adventure and a ski tuning clinic. Apart from these events, spring events are beginning to open up as avalanche awareness courses are

available for registration to help people with safety.

"We had a fatal avalanche on Silver Mountain last year and tragically, some people's lives were lost even being in a resort," Townsend said. "It was just the wrong place at the wrong time I would say, but avalanches do happen. They don't happen on the Palouse much on where there is avalanche terrain that's in the area, but definitely if folks are backcountry skiing past Clarkia in a freeze up area or up in the Silver Valley, those are areas that have avalanches for sure, and there are avalanche centers that will give forecasts, but they do happen. And thankfully there are resources out there to help people make better decisions."

Compared to last year, trip attendance has gone down but the Outdoor Program is hopeful that in the future attendance will rise especially after a vaccine for COVID-19 has been distributed. The program has also seen an increase in people wanting to become trip leaders and leading other people on outdoor adventures.

"I would say we saw a little bit of a decrease for sure, which is not unexpected at all," Townsend said. "We ran our first Vandal ventures trip this summer for incoming freshmen, and that was highly successful. We had all the spots filled for that program. For our students that are more on campus, we definitely were trying out new trips and we definitely had people that were interested in all of them. We just didn't see quite as much return as we historically would have."

Townsend hopes to see more people on trips in the future but ultimately she just hopes that more people will spend time outside.

"It has such a positive impact on people's mental, social and physical well-being that even if you can't go out on a trip with us, please go outside and enjoy some fresh air," Townsend said.

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Opinion

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

It is no secret this year has been unpredictable. The constantly changing atmosphere of 2020 has been exhausting and confusing, but we adapt.

When I was first named the Editor-in-Chief of The Argonaut, I did not anticipate covering a worldwide pandemic. I did not expect our paper to be moved completely online after spring break, and I did not expect to have to do the same after Thanksgiving.

As the University of Idaho moves completely online for the rest of the semester, The Argonaut will also be going remote. Without an on-campus community to deliver the print product, to we cannot feasibly

print a paper. But the work doesn't stop. I have written many times about the importance of journalism, especially in times such as these. The world is changing, and it's important our community is given as much information as we can provide. Our reporters have been working incredibly hard this year to keep our community informed amid the chaos of COVID-19.

No, we will not be printing a paper, but we are still here for you. The Argonaut will be continuing daily coverage on our website, uiargonaut.com, and our sports page, thevandalnation.com. We are also working on increasing our social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We are encouraging all of our

readers to subscribe to our weekly newsletter via our website. The newsletter will be delivered through email and provide a number of the week's top stories for each section.

If anyone has questions or concerns within the community at this time, we encourage you to email us, reach out on social media or submit a tip through our anonymous tip line.

The print product will be back in the spring, but in the meantime we hope you will continue to follow The Argonaut's coverage for your university and community news. This is not an easy time, but we are doing everything we can to push on.

-Brianna Finnegan, Editor-in-Chief

POLITICS

No need for toxic masculinity

Men should not be continually put into a box



Carter Kolpitcke
ARGONAUT

Men are manliest when they are comfortable in their own masculinity—unrestricted from whatever societal norms imposes on them.

Harry Styles, musical artist and dress enthusiast, graced the cover of Vogue Magazine this past weekend with a variety of looks ranging from standard sheik to embracing femininity within men. The photos needlessly sparked a conversation among conservative men and women, notably Ben Shapiro and Candace Owens, both conservative political commentators, about the downfall of so-called “manly men.”

“There is no society that can survive without strong men,”

Owens stated on Twitter. “The steady feminization of our men at the same time that Marxism is being taught to our children is not a coincidence. It is an outright attack. Bring back manly men.”

I am, quite frankly, sick of the constantly perpetuated notion that men need to be manly. What does it even mean to be manly? There is no clear definition of that attribute which encompasses all men. Are men supposed to be the provider? Are men supposed to show no weakness? Are men supposed to be unbridled in testosterone? Says who, and why?

I've experienced this same outside pressure to conform to the mold of what people think a man should be. I experienced it throughout high school, and I still do today. It's incredibly damaging. It's damaging for one's mental psyche and for the future of men's mental health. We are more than just men, we are human.

Humans are meant to be vulnerable. We are meant to express ourselves in any way we see fit. We are meant to just be, no matter sex

or gender.

These stereotypes people try to emplace on men have terrible consequences. The number one biggest killer of men under 45 is suicide. In America alone, men are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than women, as reported by BBC. Men's mental health has gone vastly unnoticed. We've been told our whole lives we're supposed to just be a man and toughen up.

Now I'm not silly enough to think opposition of men being more feminine is directly causing a severe drop in men's mental health. However, it's characteristic of the reasons why it is occurring. Men do not, and have never, needed to be put into a box of what they are and aren't supposed to be. What they are or aren't supposed to wear. And how they are or aren't supposed to act.

Let men be whoever they want. You can be whoever you want.

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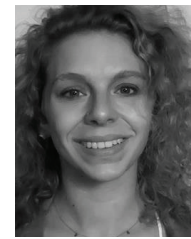


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POLITICS

Ignoring our call to action

Kootenai County refusing their civic duty every damn day of this pandemic



Rebecca Pratt

ARGONAUT

Since June, Moscow's mayor and local officials have had an ordinance requiring face masks in public. Just a little over an hour away, where I live and go to school at the University of Idaho satellite campus, is the lake and resort town of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Here and in the surrounding cities of Rathdrum, Post Falls, Hayden, and others there has been little to no mask requirements, except for the few chain businesses and corporations requiring them nationwide.

Unfortunately, even the local Costco and Walmart have many shoppers using their face coverings like a minor with a fake ID, for entry into the building and not much else. Once away from the eyes of greeters and membership checkers they simply carry their mask in hand or turn it into a chin bra and go about their selfish consumer lives.

The schools here do not have mask policies and do not require staff or students K-12 to type of face coverings unless the population infection rate hits a specific number. This sounds like a step in the right direction, until you learn once the public reaches this number school only meets twice a week or less in person. So, why weren't the children and staff wearing masks the whole time?

To make matters worse for our all-red zone hospitals in the area, including Sacred Heart in Spokane, Washington, the state's mask requirements have been disbanded and the local Panhandle Health gave in to either exhaustion or laziness allowing the mask protests outside its doors what they so feverishly desired, pardon the dark pun. Mask requirements that were hardly followed by businesses and citizens alike were erased. Let me be the first to assure you that even with these loose mask mandates no one, and I mean absolutely no one, was enforcing them. Law enforcement would not back up Panhandle Health and the public health offices lacked the man power, resources, and competency to properly push the health ordinance on the public.

Thankfully, the Coeur d'Alene City Council voted 4-2 in late October to require face coverings in indoor or outdoor public places. From my observance of my community, the city council's involvement helped slightly, but as the weeks of November bled on the participation wavered and has since dissipated greatly. Across Latah County there has been just over 1,400 cases and one death as of Nov. 17. On that same date in Kootenai County there has been 7,655 cases and 90 deaths. These are only the ones we know about. Many community members and peers have admitted to me that they or people they know suspect they had or have the virus but refuse to get tested out of anger of the rising numbers. So rather than social distance or wear a mask to lower these numbers they have elected to not get tested or call in to assist with contact tracing. These are the fine people of Coeur d'Alene.

I would just like to say I am ashamed. I am ashamed of the people I live around. I am ashamed of the people I call family. I am ashamed of some decisions I have made. I am disgusted with the city I grew up in and call home. We are terrible people. I do not live in Moscow and cannot speak to the tone of the citizens there, and I do not speak for all members of the Kootenai County because, I know some have been fighting hard for public safety and awareness. But if I am being honest, a majority of us suck. We are selfish, stupid, angry at the wrong things, and much too focused on our own petty differences to make a difference!

I want to say someone should punish us, fine us, give us some more systemic fallout for our ridiculousness. But what I really think we should do is remember how we were the generations who collectively ignored or fought against our call to action.

In the midst of a depression people gathered in small communities and shared food, scarce opportunity, and support. During WWII children collected scrap metal to turn into bullets for U.S. soldiers. During Vietnam people protested in the streets to end the unjust violence an ocean away.

In the COVID-19 pandemic we screamed our heads off outside Target because we refused to wear a mask for our 30-minute grab and go shopping trip. God bless America.

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ENVIRONMENT

The Green, Silver Lining of Staying Home



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Protecting the Community, Protecting the Planet by Staying Home



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I love the weeks after Thanksgiving. Everything flies by in a blur of cookie-baking, cocoa-drinking and ornament-decorating events, brightening the stressful weeks before finals. Of all the things that COVID-19 has taken from us, pictures with Santa in the ISUB should probably fall pretty low on the list. It just seems like we deserve a normal holiday season after this difficult year, but instead we're being encouraged to bunker down at home with our families until January.

I know this is the right call: as Oregon, Washington and California are imposing tighter COVID-19 restrictions in preparation for the holidays. University of Idaho administrators have also made it very clear that they do not want us to return to Moscow or campus after we leave for Thanksgiving.

I'm grateful that they have decided to not risk a post-holiday return to class, while also allowing students to be with their families during this holiday season at the end of a difficult year. So, while I'll miss returning to campus with a pumpkin pie-stuffed belly, I know it's worth it to be able to keep my loved ones safe from COVID-19.

Other than keeping our families and campus community safe, is there any upside to staying put this winter? Although we may not want to acknowledge it, the answer is a resounding yes. Holiday airline traffic is a major source of carbon emissions every year and by cutting down the number of flights we take between home and campus this year, we are making a smart move for both our personal safety and for our planet.

In addition to the community health

initially spurred the UI's decision to move online after break, this reduced travel is good for the environment. Even short-distance flights greatly increase your carbon footprint. A climate footprint calculator created by researchers at UC Berkeley says that the average American emits about 105 pounds of CO2 daily. Using a calculator referenced by The Guardian, I decided to look at the carbon cost of Vandals traveling home and back to campus for Thanksgiving on a normal year.

Flying from Spokane to Boise or Portland round-trip emits about 155 pounds of CO2 per person — more than a full day's emissions spent in only a few hours. If you travel from Pullman to Boise with a stop in Seattle, that's about 330 pounds of CO2 and you've effectively used three full days of carbon emissions in two short flights.

If you're traveling outside of the Pacific Northwest, you can pretty much count on burning through several days' worth of CO2; for example, the direct flight from Spokane, WA to Atlanta, GA emits more than 1,000 pounds or nine days' worth of CO2 per round-trip. Another way to look at that Atlanta flight is that if all of the passengers stayed home and lit an oil barrel on fire in their yard, the CO2 emissions would be slightly less, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website.

Of course, these carbon emissions probably seem like a small price to pay for the chance to see family for the first time in months. Still, instead of dwelling on the fun we're missing this year, I'm choosing to focus on this green silver-lining. By staying put, we're making a decision that is safe and sustainable.

When we choose to not return to Moscow after Thanksgiving, we are helping to reduce both COVID-19 transmissions and carbon emissions. And, on the bright side, this gives us much more time to eat leftover pumpkin pie this year.

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