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Vaccination eligibility opens to people 16 and older

Updated eligibility is due to decreased demand

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All individuals age 16 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine through enrolled providers within Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho Counties effective immediately, according to a press release from Public Health – Idaho North Central District.

Residents can access the COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System at <https://>

covidvaccine.idaho.gov to schedule an appointment. “Public Health – Idaho North Central District and our community partners have both supply and appointments available but continue to see a decline in demand,” Carol Moehrle, district director, said. “After assessing the situation with our enrolled vaccine providers, we have made the decision as a group to move forward to include everyone aged 16 and older.”

The decision came after Idaho Gov. Brad Little announced this morning that all Idahoans over

age 16 will be able to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine on April 5.

Residents with at least one medical condition that puts them at a greater risk for complications due to COVID-19 will become eligible for the vaccine March 29.

“With each passing week, as more and more Idahoans choose to get vaccinated, we get closer to returning to normal,” Little stated. “The COVID-19 vaccine really is our best shot at protecting jobs and saving lives. Please choose to receive the safe

and effective vaccine.”

On April 5, there will be no prioritization of people based on age, medical condition or occupation. Anyone over age 16 will be able to receive the vaccine.

More than 90,000 people have used the online sign-up list since it went live March 5, according to the release.

Once you’re on the list, a provider will contact you to schedule an appointment when one becomes available. The timing of the appointment currently depends on eligibility.

“If you are still unsure about

the vaccine, I encourage you to talk to your doctor or healthcare provider,” Little stated. “There are good reasons most of them did not hesitate to receive their COVID-19 vaccine weeks ago.”

According to Little’s release, Idaho ranks above the national average in vaccines administered. Over 63% of the state’s 65-year-old and above population have been vaccinated, the release stated.

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There’s a new dean in town

Johanna Kalb will be the next dean for the University of Idaho College of Law

Emily Pearce
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The University of Idaho College of Law recently appointed its first woman dean, Johanna Kalb, who will take over for the current dean, Jerrold Long, in May.

The college has promoted women to associate dean positions before, but never to the deanship, until now.

According to a press release from the College of Law Feb. 12, Kalb has extensive experience in leadership.

Kalb received a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University, a J.D. (Juris Doctor degree) from Yale Law School and her master’s degree from John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

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UI plans for spring break COVID-19 testing

Students can be tested at the Student Recreation Center next week

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In a presidential memo released before spring break, University of Idaho President Scott Green announced plans for COVID-19 testing upon returning.

Students are able to attend classes in person, without being tested, as soon as they arrive back on campus. Mandatory testing will continue throughout the week.

UI Director of Communications Jodi Walker said they’ve had different expectations moving into the spring. Following winter break, the university reported low case numbers and affirmed no cases of COVID-19 have been traced back to the classroom.

“The thing we learned most coming off of winter break was that we did not have a ton of positives upon return,” Walker said. “Everybody really did their part to come back as healthy as possible.”

Many students have taken advantage of the university’s HyFlex course delivery model, which allows them to choose their preferences for virtual or in person learning.

The format allowed Lizy Gomez, a junior majoring in

architecture, to take a majority of her classes online.

“I don’t really have in-person classes,” Gomez said. “I definitely took full advantage of the HyFlex classes and just stayed home.”

Unlike the return from winter break, students will not have the opportunity to get tested on campus before classes begin in-person.

Testing slots at the Student Recreation Center were available March 22-24. Those who do not receive negative test results by the end of the week will be unable to attend in-person instruction, and professors will begin receiving lists of ineligible students.

“We looked at a lot of different options as we were preparing,” Walker said. “We feel confident we made as good a decision as we could with the information in front of us and have been able to, very quickly, isolate and contain any outbreaks we had throughout the year.”

There are thousands of testing spots available on each of the testing days, with the goal to accommodate all students within the three day time frame.

Tests must be administered March 22 or later to meet requirements, according to an email from the university’s COVID-19 Manager Seth Vieux, meaning students will not be able



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Shelly Nichols (right) tests UI student Makayla Heimuch at the Student Rec Center

to complete tests before returning from their spring break travels.

Last semester, Gomez had difficulty reserving a testing slot at the SRC. She lived on campus and said that when there were outbreaks, it could be difficult to reserve a spot.

At one point, testing appointments at the SRC were so scarce, Gomez went out of town to get a test elsewhere.

“I had instances where, when I tried to make an appointment to get tested, there would be no slots available,” Gomez said. “It would usually happen the week after we get back (from break).”

While her classes are a primarily online, Gomez supported the idea of having a gap, allowing students to get tested before returning to classes in-person.

“I would email my professors,” Gomez said. “But I know there’s some other classes that require people to go.”

Testing slots after spring break can be reserved at Gritman’s website.

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Greek life adapts through one year of the pandemic

How COVID-19 has affected Greek row

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After an uptick in COVID-19 cases the week before spring break, some Greek chapters at the University of Idaho had to quarantine.

The Greek community has continued to adapt since the start of the pandemic, struggling through various outbreaks that forced many students to quarantine. In October, 14 houses were quarantined.

UI administration and the Panhellenic council released information about what efforts are being

taken to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Greek life. According to a recent memo from University of Idaho President Scott Green, no houses are currently under quarantine.

Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Blaine Eckles helped create a rubric last summer to track active cases of COVID-19 in the Greek community.

“For fraternities and sororities that have chapter facility, we track if the student is in Greek life,” Eckles said. “I worked with public health last summer to create a rubric to help mitigate spread.”

The rubric is a percentage of members



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Kaho Suda going to get tested at the UI Student Rec Center

living in Greek houses that have active COVID-19 cases. When 10% of members are positive, the chapter is placed in quarantine.

“That’s the number we have been using all year,” Eckles said. “We communicate with the

chapter presidents, and we never give names out to the chapter president of who’s positive or not. We found those members have already communicated to their chapter presidents to protect others.”

Emma Flolo, president of the Panhellenic Council,

oversees 10 sororities at the university.

While 10% may seem like a lot, Flolo said it usually only ends up being a handful of members.

“Realistically, 10% of live-in members for a sorority is probably anywhere between five to eight people,” Flolo said. “For fraternities, it is probably anywhere between three to seven.”

Whenever the university discloses outbreaks in Greek life, they don’t reveal which houses are affected.

“We intentionally don’t put out the specific names of chapters, because people sometimes draw a different conclusion with limited

facts,” Eckles said. “These are where students live, and I want to protect their privacy.”

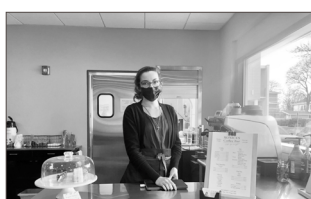
Despite mandatory testing after spring break, students will be required to take a COVID-19 test to participate in classes. However, new cases of COVID-19 are always a worry.

“Greek life makes up to 20% of the student population,” Flolo said. “It’s tricky because it’s up to the students to manage their exposure.”

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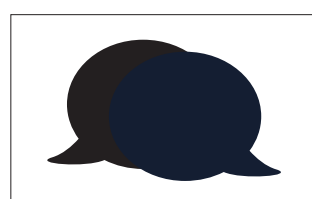
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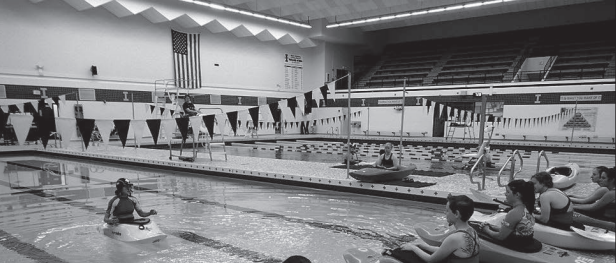
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A Crumbs Recipe

Cauliflower Chili Cheese Tots

Craving good comfort food, but you just don't have the time, or energy, to make it from scratch? Or maybe you're living in the dorms where meal prep isn't exactly an option. The frozen section of any grocery store has your back! Here is a cheap and simple recipe for those of you in a pinch.



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Ingredients:

- ½ can of Nalley Original Vegetarian Chili
- 12 Green Giant Cauliflower Tots
- Shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450F.
2. Place tots on baking sheet and bake for 15-18 minutes, or until crispy.
3. Pour half a can of chili in a microwave safe container, and microwave for three minutes.
4. Place tots in a bowl and pour chili over the top.
5. Top with a generous amount of shredded cheese and enjoy!

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 1

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DEAN

FROM PAGE 1

Kalb was first approached for the position when faculty at UI notified her that she was nominated for the position. Kalb had never been to Idaho before but always thought her and her husband would enjoy living in the mountain west.

“When I got the email, I started looking into the school and got pretty excited about what I saw,” Kalb said. “I talk to my husband about whether he thought he could live in Idaho and he said go for it, so I decided to go ahead and apply.”

Her predecessor, Long, will return to a faculty position at the College of Law.

“I love teaching, that’s my favorite thing in the world to do,” Long said. “I haven’t been able to teach since being dean, and I love working with students.”

He is excited to begin teaching again and hand off the deanship to someone qualified.

“I’m super glad I’ve been able to be dean,” Long said. “It was, in a lot of ways, the coolest job I’ve ever had.”

Despite being the college’s first

woman dean, Kalb said she doesn’t have a lot of time to think about herself right now.

“Moving into a deanship role, it’s a big job,” Kalb said. “I’m taking in a ton of new information.”

Her first leadership position was with the Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law at Yale, where she was introduced to administration. She served as a visiting associate professor and director. Kalb also ran a fellowship that put Yale Law graduates in public interest organizations around the country.

At Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, she serves as the associate dean of administration and special initiatives.

“I was doing a lot of work around our admissions and enrollment management,” Kalb said. “Then I was offered the position I have now.”

Part of her job is managing all the staff at the law school, building new programs and figuring out ways to generate new revenue. Last year, her team was able to generate several new programs and expanded marketing for admissions.

Among her new responsibilities as dean, Kalb wants to focus on collaboration and consensus building in the college. She aims to grow the UI

Boise campus and make prospective students in Idaho and surrounding states aware of the different opportunities UI has to offer.

She is interested in improving the wealth in student success and student outcomes. This means getting students through law school, the bar exam and successfully into careers. Kalb wants to make opportunities at the university accessible to students from all backgrounds, including first generation law students.

“The universal law school tuition around the country is just so high,” Kalb said. “It’s become really hard for people to take on that much debt and then be able to go into the kinds of practice they want to do.”

Currently, Kalb and her family are wearing UI merchandise, drinking out of vandal coffee cups and awaiting a new chapter in Idaho.

“I’m really honored to be joining the law school at such a pivotal time,” Kalb said. “I really feel like we’re in a great position to kind of build on our established success and take it into some really new and exciting direction.”

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Johanna Kalb

Maintaining Moscow’s snow

Moscow residents can expect a cold and rainy spring

Haadiya Tariq
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Moscow’s 2021 began with less precipitation than usual and a snow dump in February. This set city maintenance, now anticipating this spring’s weather, into action the past month to deal with snow. Deputy City Supervisor Tyler Palmer deals with city maintenance and has lived in Moscow since 2009.



Tyler Palmer

“There’s actually a pretty intense amount of preparation that starts before the snow falls,” Palmer said. “We have a pretty robust snow plan.”

Palmer said preparation includes anti-icing, de-icing, plow strategies and more. These all rely on specific weather conditions.

“There’s just a lot of different factors that make each storm a little different in how we deal with it,” Palmer said. “All those have to be taken into account.”

Information like time of precipitation, wind level and moisture content of snow all play a role. Each storm has a customized plan based on the specifics.

Palmer described this year’s snow as tacky and less slippery. Light, fluffy snow can be more difficult to plow. When it becomes compacted by vehicles, it sticks to the ground.

Colder weather makes long-standing snow harden, become icy and difficult to remove.

While Moscow tends to get a decent amount of snow, Palmer said around two feet of snow was accumulated within just two weeks in February.

According to Palmer, Moscow’s average snow is roughly 49 inches. Just in February, Moscow received 30 inches of snow.

Heavy snow leads to accumulation on the sides of streets, which are already narrow. The snow gathers at the sides of streets while a snowplow comes through and created a snow berm. A snow berm is the accumulation of snow due to plowing or shoveling, and can add an additional challenge to those working to clear the streets.

“When we plow downtown Moscow, because of the on-street parking, we can’t just plow over to the edge of the road,” Palmer. “We actually

have to plow to the center of the road and then haul the snow off so we can maintain parking.”

With heavy snow, the city has to consider the maintenance of their trucks and having locations to dump snow.

The evaluation of equipment and materials, as well as their maintenance and preparation, are important to having the operation ready to go.

The city does not have dedicated snowplows, but attachments for trucks are used year around.

Besides just keeping the roads clean, city maintenance has a variety of other concerns to deal with. They have to consider on-street parking, garbage pickup and the potential of water meters freezing.

“There’s a lot of peripheral things you deal with other than snow,” Palmer said.

As a smaller city, Palmer said much of the staff has overlapping responsibilities. Those that deal with snow removal also have to deal with the aftermath of flooding.

“Paradise Creek is a very volatile creek,” Palmer said. “It comes up really quick.”

Quickly melting snow and rain on top of it can bring concerns about the creek flooding. In 2019, Moscow saw historic levels of flooding in the city.

Professor of Hydrology Timothy Link said the sudden snow dump in February can be explained by the current La Niña weather pattern.

La Niñas have below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation. This year, Moscow had a dry January, which Link explains may have led to the great precipitation in February, but lesser snow overall.

While it is difficult to pin recent events to a longer-lasting trend, Link expected to see a colder and wetter spring.

“Longer-term projections are basically that January, February and March are predicted to be colder and wetter than normal,” Link said.

This weather trend is expected to continue through March and April.

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A wooden bridge to the native plant trail spans running water from the wetland at Virgil Phillips Farm.

New multiuse trail in the works

The trail will be at Virgil Phillips Farm

Cody Roberts
ARGONAUT

Five miles north of Moscow proper, taking a turn off Highway 95, there sits a unique recreation area focused on leisure activities and youth known as Virgil Phillips Farm.

In early March, Moscow City Council passed a resolution to construct a new trail in this park, according to past reporting from The Argonaut. While the trail does allow for mountain biking, those involved say it is a multiuse trail, not primarily for mountain biking.

The area this plan will take effect on, Virgil Phillips Farm, is owned by the city of Moscow. Virgil Phillips, the original

owner, bequeathed the park to the city “for the benefit and use of the children of Moscow for recreation purposes,” the city website states.

While the city owns the park, they do not maintain it. Because the farm was donated with children and community engagement in mind, several organizations throughout the years have stepped in to fulfill the purpose.

Latah County Parks Director Andy Grant said when the city first received the land, they leased it out to a farmer, using proceeds to fund recreational programs. In the 1990s, a group of citizens wanted to directly fulfill the mission of the land and formed Better living Inc. They took over maintenance and worked to develop youth programs on the property. Then in

the 2000’s, Better Living Inc. continued their efforts, Latah County Parks and Recreation took over the duties and currently maintain the land.

The county maintains it for efficiency, Grant said. It is not efficient for the city’s parks and recreation department to maintain city parks and then travel five miles north to Virgil Phillips Farm.

Grant said any development of the park is still focused on a central theme of open and natural space, only adding trails and parking.

Alongside the maintenance provided by Latah County Parks and Recreation, a non-profit volunteer organization called Friends of Phillips Farm was formed to encourage use and develop programs for the park.

President of Friends of Phillips Farm Martha Lovett said one current program is for wetland restoration. This program’s goal is to remove non-native reed canary grasses and replace it with native grasses. Lovett said the goal is “just return it to the way it would be naturally.”

In early February, several Facebook users commented on a post from Moscow-Pullman Daily News about the new trail and expressed concerns for the impact it would have.

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'Pslam sing' arrests lead to lawsuit

Plaintiffs cite a violation of constitutional rights

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Members of Christ Church announced their lawsuit in federal court against the City of Moscow. The complaint is a result of the church members' violation of Moscow's COVID-19 ordinances and their subsequent arrest last fall.

Rachel Bohnet, Sean Bohnet and Gabriel Rench are pursuing a lawsuit stating their constitutional rights, as stated by the First and Fourth Amendments, were violated.

The initial incident happened Sept. 23, when a group of Christ Church members hosted a "psalm sing" to protest the city's mask mandate in the Moscow City Hall parking lot.

Michael Jaques, special counsel of the Thomas More Society, said Bohnet and Rench were arrested for violating the mask ordinance, through which the city didn't consider their constitutional rights.

"This lawsuit is in order, really, to make reparations for their wrongful arrests and the fact that they were humiliatingly prosecuted for criminal activity when there was no violation of the law," Jaques said.

"We believe our city's response to COVID-19 was arbitrary, irrational and not within the scope of their emergency powers as written," Bohnet said, on behalf of himself and his wife.

The couple also said they believed there was an issue where people working in the Moscow jail weren't following the mandate completely after they were arrested and spent some time their themselves.

"Staff at the jail occasionally had no

issue with letting their faces freely shine," Bohnet said.

Rench, one of the five people arrested Sept. 23, said he had been in constant contact with the Moscow police and Moscow City Council, about the enacted mask ordinances. Both Rench and the Bohnets believed that they had been unfairly targeted.

"The Moscow City Council has revised their order to continually target religious members in our community and continually target political opponents that disagree with the reckless actions," Rench said.

The plaintiffs are attempting to sue the city of Moscow, Chief of Police James Fry, Moscow City Attorneys Elizabeth Warner and Mia Bautista along with three police officers present during the arrest of the churchgoers. There were five charges brought in total: violation of the First Amendment right to speech, right of expressive association, petition the government for redress of grievances and free exercise of religion.

The final charge is the violation of the Fourth Amendment right to refuse to identify themselves during "protected core political activities and religious assemblies" if there's no reasonable suspicion.

UI law professor Richard Seamon said the police officers, who are being sued as individuals along with the city, have immunity.

"They have what is known as official immunity," Seamon said. "(Where they are) only held liable if they knew they were violating the plaintiffs' civil rights."

The plaintiffs argue in the court documents that Chief Fry "knew the Moscow mayor issued a health emergency order through his emergency powers under



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A view of Christ's Church at their downtown locations on March 9

the city code."

The complaint also states Chief Fry knew Moscow citizens have protectable rights under the First Amendment, including the right to assemble, the right to protest and the right to exercise their religious beliefs among other protectable rights under the U.S. Constitution, the Idaho Constitution and the laws of the state of Idaho.

With the Bohnets' and Rench's complaint against the city attorneys, Seamon said the attorneys have special protections unlike others in the case.

"Prosecutors usually have a very

special immunity process," Seamon said. "It's more than official immunity, it's (called) absolute immunity."

Seamon said he would predict the case to be settled, saying these types of cases often are due to the costs involved with a drawn-court case. In order to win, the plaintiffs must not only prove their rights were violated, but that they had also sustained damages from the violation.

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UI Faculty Senate discusses adjustments to address COVID-19

Director of human resources details changes for 2021 and beyond

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University of Idaho Director of Human Resources Brandi Terwilliger detailed how COVID-19 continues to impact faculty members on campus, highlighting incoming benefits and remote learning in a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

Newly implemented policy proposals will bring a slight departure from prior benefits afforded to the population, signaling a different approach to targeted relief. On a smaller scale, adjustments continue to be made at the university in order to accommodate for flexibility in instruction method.

The COVID-19 Relief Bill will allow for unused flexible spending as well as dependent care spending to roll over to 2021. This functions in concert with the new American Rescue Plan Act, Terwilliger said, which will allow for dependent care contribution limits to be temporarily increased.

Terwilliger also addressed additional policy-related benefits that can be used in the future that will affect the population more widely. The first of which is a "surprise billing" policy, set to be implemented on Jan. 1, 2022.

"The goal is to protect patients from surprised billing that may arise under emergency services, air medical services and out-of-network providers at in-network facilities," Terwilliger said.

The second policy expected to be implemented is the Transparency Rule. This policy, which will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023, will allow individuals to receive real-time information on how medical costs will be shared between themselves and their medical insurer, Terwilliger said.

While these policies are solidified, the future degree of flexibility that instruction will have going forward remains uncertain.

The centralized model that has been used for remote instruction requests will be maintained, but there will be some discrepancies in requirements for remote learning requests between the summer 2021 and fall 2021 semesters. Summer 2021 remote requests can be extended without medical documentation, whereas fall 2021 requests will require updated forms, Terwilliger said.

Leadership at the university is continuing to collaborate on what vision is most realistic for the future, as it remains unclear how long alternative instruction methods will need to remain.

"What's the philosophy of the university going to be going forward?" Terwilliger said. "Is it going to be more of the norm or is it going to be more of the prior COVID-19 norm?"

The Argonaut will continue to cover remote learning changes at the university.

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Idaho Department of Health and Welfare director improves

Idaho Public Health announces immunization updates at press briefing

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The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare held an informational press conference announcing dates the COVID-19 vaccine would be available to Idaho citizens.

Individuals age 16-44 with underlying health conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 will be able to receive the immunization starting March 29.

People living in congregate settings are now able, along with people 45 and older, to receive the vaccine. Congregate settings include people who live in emergency shelter, transitional housing, adult correctional facilities, dormitory housing for students and workers, substance recovery facilities and housing for people with mental illness.

Elke Shaw-Tulloch, a public health administrator with the department, said Idaho Gov. Brad Little's COVID-19 Advisory Council would not be reprioritizing airport workers, bank employees and restaurant and bar workers.

People age 16-44 without underlying health conditions and who don't live in congregate settings can receive the vaccine starting April 5. However, individuals age 16 and older who live or work

in Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce counties became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday and can begin scheduling appointments, according to a press release from Public Health – Idaho North Central District.

Shaw-Tulloch stated demographics, such as age, household types, health conditions, income, education level and employment status, would contribute to the state's social vulnerability index.

The social vulnerability index helps officials understand how each county in Idaho is being affected by COVID-19. The vaccine data tracked by the department is used to identify the counties that need help.

Shaw-Tulloch said people need to remain vigilant in maintaining hygiene and following social distancing guidelines.

"We are not out of the woods yet," Shaw-Tulloch said. "We need more people to get the vaccine to really feel comfortable, that we're all taking all the appropriate measures to take care of ourselves and protect ourselves."

Dave Jeppesen, department director, said the improvement over the past year. Jeppesen stated that the three different vaccines had been key in effectively fighting the virus.

"The game changer has been the introduction of three highly effective and very safe vaccines that are accelerating and the

amount that's coming into the state," Jeppesen said.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine's drug disclaimer states it is only available to people age 16 and older, while the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are only available to people age 18 and older. The disclaimers have nothing to do with who qualifies.

Shaw-Tulloch said because of the age range, the availability of the vaccination will be an opportunity for Idaho college students to receive the immunizations.

"The sooner we can get students back into school the better," Shaw-Tulloch said. "Student housing on college campuses are also eligible to be vaccinated right now."

Jeppesen shared updates on Idaho's COVID-19 transparency website. The website tracks the number of vaccines distributed among the seven health districts in Idaho and the hospitals that administer them.

The additions to the website included a demographics and equity page and a graph showing dates in rural, urban and frontier counties. Jeppesen said the information on the new pages and graph would consider how many people live in the counties and how many people have been vaccinated in a specific county.

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March 21-27



Your weekly guide to consulting the stars

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Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 20

Lovers' Lane is a twisty one and you have some mountains as well as mow hills to climb yet. Your partner or the object of your affection has been trying to communicate signals to you, but you've just been too busy to notice or even develop a plan to move forward. Slow down this week to really listen and you will learn more than you think.

Aquarius: Jan. 21 – Feb. 18

People around you have been asking for your advice lately. You have been putting out airs of confidence and know-how either on purpose or unconsciously, either way, your peers have picked up on it. They want the success, happiness and confidence you walk around with so naturally; they will have questions and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you. Keep your work polished and be drawn to you.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

Loneliness has followed you into this new week and the shadows of your past feel like they lurk and echo right now. Just know that your luck will soon change and that you have friends closer than you think watching your back. Take this week to call up those you haven't seen or heard from in a while and enjoy the genuine connections that may be a little dusty.

Aries: March 21 - April 20

Fortune and good tidings await. Some good vibes coming your way, with fortunate events that will make your week! Let the riches poor in but save your wealth for a rainy day for the other shoe threatens to drop after one wins the lottery more often than not.

Taurus: April 21 – May 21

You are on your way this week! On your way to brighter days. It's a straight path from here if you can stay away from distraction but have no fear. The stars are by your side this week helping you keep your bold glowing momentum ongoing.

Gemini: May 22 – June 21

Here comes the sun, Gemini. Your week looks bright and light. Enjoy the freedom to live freely this week basking in the warm glow that will follow you over the next few days.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22

This week you may feel a little short-fused. Conflict is not looking for you, but that is not to say that on some level you are not looking for it. Watch out for your own impatience and irritability over the next week. If you're looking to watch a bridge burn proceed with caution, it may be one you aren't ready to lose.

Leo: July 23 – Aug. 23

This week you may feel a bit low. Exhaustion, physical or emotional, will be present and it's up to you and only you to rest or not. However, with chaos approaching towards the end of the week and forecasted to follow you into the next week you may want that extra rest time.

Virgo: Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

Watch out! Bad vibes headed your way. Keep your head down and stay in your own life, your own drama. Others will try to pull you in, but it's a trap not easily escaped. Remember what's important to you at this time and be aware of your surroundings.

Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

You've been forgetful lately. Take a beat from your day to day to register what you've been missing. Once accounted for you will have a peaceful and productive week ahead. The sooner the better, Libra. There may be more amiss than you thought.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 22

Save your money, Scorpio. You will be tempted to impulsively spend this week, but this will not bode well for your mental state or pocketbook. This week harbors many bad investments beckoning you near and in the coming days, you may find yourself feeling heavy or angsty. Those emotions do not improve under financial duress. Spend wisely and save for a rainy day.

Sagittarius: Nov. 23 – Dec. 21

Someone you love is feeling neglected. Your friends, partner or even cat is missing you more than you know. Do your best to be the loving person you are and set aside some time to reconnect. You may find you've been missing them just as much, if not more than they have been missing you. Seek out affection and you will find joy and fulfillment from this embrace.

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(Left) Emily Waters stands behind the coffee bar (Top) Local made pastries by Storybook Baking Co. (Bottom) An espresso machine used to make drinks at the coffee bar

The holy roast

A newly established coffee bar run out of a church

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

Opened in February 2021, Monica's Coffee Bar took over an additional section of the dining hall, adding a little flare to St. Augustine's Catholic Center.

The coffee bar, open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, is still growing and wants to make students across the university aware of the space. Not just specific to the Catholic center, students, faculty and staff among the university can grab a drink or bite.

"Our (coffee bar) is more of like a sit-down kind of feel, we want it to be that way, more so than just grab and go," Emily Waters, barista at the coffee bar, said. "It's more about, I would say, having a nice sit-down experience closer to campus, and just bringing the students in, so they can be exposed to the Catholic center ... it's just nice to have that option rather than just always going to Starbucks."

The coffee bar was named after Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine. Jordan Gogl, manager of the coffee bar, said that the name fit the

space perfectly because they wanted to make it as welcoming and loving as any mother, like Saint Monica.

"A lot of it is wanting to have everyone who comes into Monica's Coffee Bar to experience the hospitality, love and have a sense of belonging," Gogl said. "We were really focusing on excellence."

Gogl and her husband were brought to the University of Idaho through a fellowship of Catholic University students with the Western Catholic church. As missionaries, they came to the university and were brainstorming ideas to have leadership at the church and decided to do a coffee bar.

Gogl's dream was to manage a cafe, and after deciding to start the coffee bar, she was offered the position.

"Managing is definitely a curve learning for me. I've never managed a coffee bar before, let alone, manage the team before, but I've learned a lot and I can't wait to learn more," Gogl said. "We love to celebrate our growth and individual accomplishments, so it's been really fun to work with a team and be able to lead."

Drinks and pastries served in the coffee bar are organic and made of high-quality ingredients. Gogl said that

they want everything to be high quality and small business oriented. They source locally as much as possible, and the pastries available are from local baker Storybook Baking Co. made fresh each morning.

As of now, the coffee bar is only serving warm drinks but plans on offering Nitro cold brew and kombucha from local brewers.

A way that the coffee bar stands out from other cafes in the area is that they are practicing fair wages. They don't expect tips or want customers to feel like they have to pay extra for a high-quality cup of coffee, Gogl said.

"We stand out because we put quality and excellence into everything," Gogl said. "Every single thing that we do, when the person first steps in the door or being welcomed by the barista to, the very last drop of whatever the customer orders is a high-quality experience. We want to bring awareness to supporting local businesses and being eco-friendly."

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No audience, no emotion

How band members feel about COVID-19's impact on band

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Campus is quiet this year, and one building that seems to be silent is the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

Academics look different this year for band, classes are more spread out due to COVID-19 concerns. Normally they would be rehearsing in large classes, but they are dispersed across campus. When it was warm, students might have noticed the band practicing outside, but now that it's cold, they play in a variety of rooms.

Complications arise for brass and woodwind players since their instruments involve blowing air. Even though they wear masks while they play, flute players are given an exception according to Gabe Becerra, since they can't play as effectively with a mask on due to the style of their instrument. During practices, they use plastic panels in-between them as a precaution,

and their ensembles are smaller. Sometimes they join class via Zoom but have some mixed reception.

Becerra said while he was still being taught and learning over Zoom, he finds it hard to know if he's doing something right because the instructor can't come up to him and help him over a Zoom call.

However, not every instrument is impacted by COVID-19 precautions, with the percussion section remaining relatively unchanged.

Elisa Eastley, a freshman percussionist, said since their instruments involve drums, bells, xylophones and other non-wind instruments.

Band people find themselves not being able to rehearse or practice with everyone, due to safety concerns. If they do, screens and fans have to be in place to keep the musicians safe.

Despite them being able to play, there is one thing missing that truly captures the experience of the band—the concerts.

Normally throughout the school year, there

are plenty of concerts and recitals that band students perform for people. For freshmen, it allows them to not only show off what they have been working on but also garner audience feedback. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has put an end to live concerts and in-person audiences.

"It's a lot of self-practice, and then you don't get to take what you've practiced and share it with people," freshman tenor sax player Alexis Gist said.

Freshmen, like Becerra, were disappointed that the marching band wouldn't be playing in front of audiences at games this year. Now they aren't able to show off their hard work in front of live audiences.

"It's really fun to be able to show a lot of people what you're working on and really (show) them what you have to offer, just for the arts community as a whole," Eastley said.

Instead of playing in front of live audiences, they perform over Facebook live or Zoom. Their concerts are

recorded then posted for all to see. While they still are sharing their work with the people, Gist said many people in the band still miss live concerts.

"It's honestly kind of sad because with music you're supposed to be sharing with people," Gist said. "You feed off of their emotions and create the story for their entertainment. And it's very hard to feel like you're actually connecting with people when you're separated with the camera in front of you."

Eastley said that it's eerie performing remotely, such as when she performed a marimba solo in an empty room with only the cameraman and one other person in the room.

They are hopeful that they will be able to have in-person concerts next year with live audiences, so they can finally interact with the people who make their concerts worth performing.

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The Hub of the UI Meat Science Program



We've all likely heard of Vandal Meats, but what exactly is it?

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On the corner of Sixth Street and Perimeter Drive, the Vandal Meats lab rests as an important pillar of the University of Idaho and its students' and community's experience.

The original facility was built in the late 1960s, strictly for research purposes, as well as teaching for the university. The name, Vandal Brand Meats, was started in 1988 as a retail name to sell products under.

It developed as a way to profit off of the livestock brought in for teaching purposes. Instead of losing the money, the brand began to sell it to offset teaching costs. The brand has become increasingly popular by reputation over the years and now does extensive retail as well as continuing teaching and research.

What takes place daily at Vandal Meats? Their retail front is open five days a week, with a consistent customer flow that can choose from a wide meat selection. Producers in the area can also schedule livestock to be brought in for processing.

During the spring semester, there is an animal product course taught two days a week, where students can get hands-on experience in the meat lab.

Meat production is also happening quite often in the facility,

such as making sausage or cutting beef, pork or lamb to fill retail orders.

The brand works in fresh processing as well, like fresh sausage, smoked sausage, ham, bacon and much more. There are also harvest days where livestock is brought in, and meat is harvested to meet teaching and retail demands.

The demand for Vandal Brand Meats has grown over the years. When James Nasados, the meat lab manager of Vandal Meats, first started working as a student employee, the demand was very seasonal.

The fall was busy, due to local and state fairs, and the winter was filled with the holiday rush, Nasados said. Now, as the manager, he has noticed the demand increase year-round.

"It's become far less seasonal," Nasados said. "We still have spikes in the fall and the holiday rush, but spring, which historically has been our slow time, has become very busy as well. The demand has definitely become steady."

Aside from being a lucrative business, Vandal Brand Meats is a major benefit to UI students and the surrounding community.

Students not only are able to learn the process in their lectures but are also able to work in the lab and obtain the necessary hands-on experience future employers will require.

Aside from the manager and assistant manager, all the other Vandal Meats employees are students who are able to learn on the job.

"Having this facility, having the product come through, allows students the training and experience to see if it is a career path they would be interested in," Nasados said. "Or if they go into a different segment, at least they understand the principles."

"Vandal Meats is really the hub of our meat science program at UofI," Jen Root, Senior Director for Development of College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said. "We have an increased demand from students to be a part of that program. Since 2008, it's doubled in size and right now we're at capacity."

The brand also offers services to producers in the area. Vandal Meats is a USDA processing facility, one of the few in the region.

Producers can bring their livestock in to have it processed and inspected, which is a requirement to be able to resell it. There are also restaurants in the area that buy product from Vandal Meats, which has strengthened community bonds.

With so much happening in the facility these past few decades, the brand is looking to improve and expand the facility, not only to keep up with demand but to allow for better student growth. The new home for Vandal Meats will be the Agri Beef Meat Science and Innovation Center Honoring Ron Richard.

"You have to go up there to even see how desperate we are for a new facility," Root said. "It's past its time, so we

need to do this for our students, and we need to do this for our research done by faculty. It's at a critical point."

This new facility is one of many projects the CALS is currently fundraising for. The project's goal is \$8 million with \$2,225,000 left to raise. Agri Beef is the naming donor, with a \$2 million donation, they have the rights to name the facility.

Other donations have come from Northwest Farm Credit Services, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Idaho Cattle Association, which will match donations from their members, Independent Meat Company and other individuals.

"It's a pretty big goal," Root said. "As far as projects go, we're not asking for state money. It is primarily donor dollars and a little bit from the college. I think the fact that so many industry partners have stepped up shows how important our meat science program is."

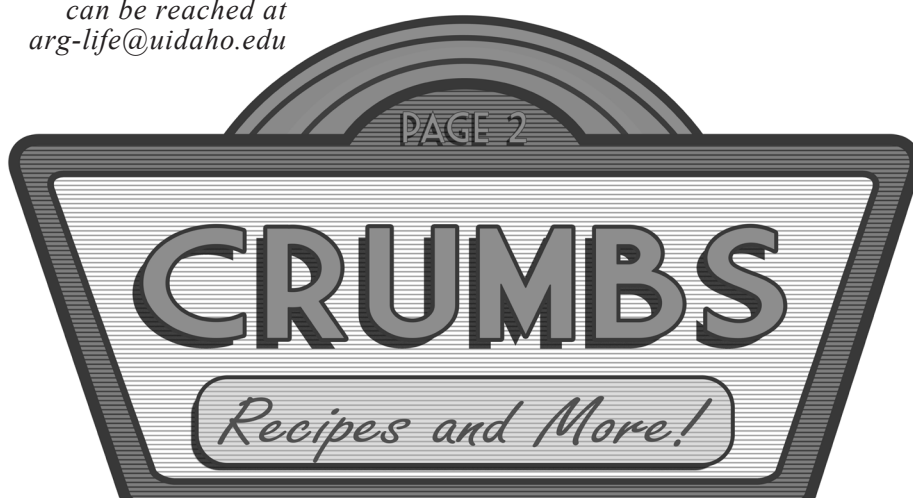
Construction on the new facility is expected to be completed by fall 2023.

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(Left) Workers at Vandal Meats prep their product (Top) Left to right are students Mason Roberts, Taythen Larson and Annika Waterman working in Vandal Meats (Bottom) One employee cuts meat



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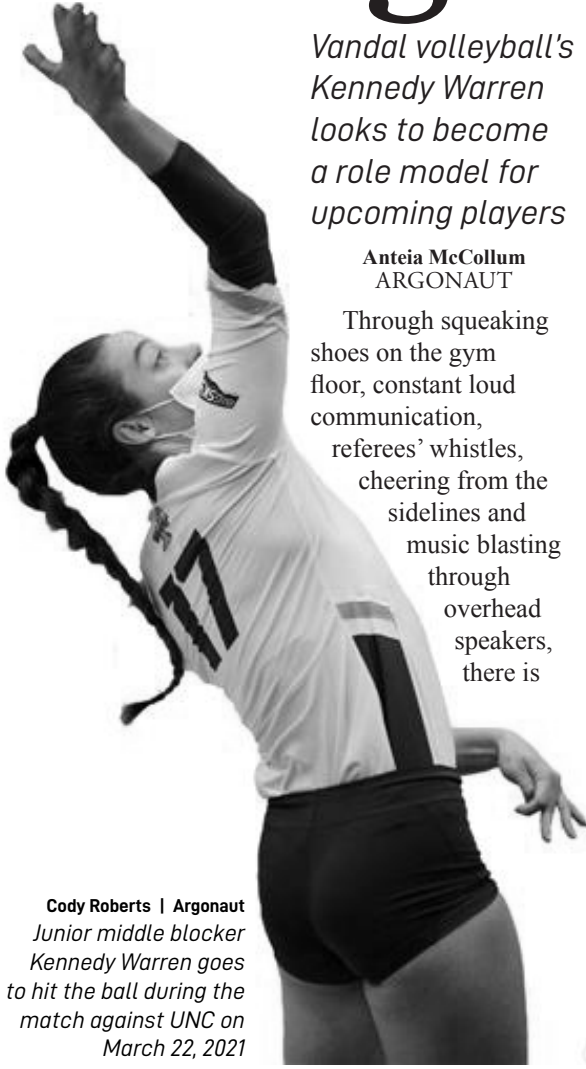
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Sports

Filling the leadership role



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Junior middle blocker Kennedy Warren goes to hit the ball during the match against UNC on March 22, 2021

Vandal volleyball's Kennedy Warren looks to become a role model for upcoming players

Anteia McCollum
ARGONAUT

Through squeaking shoes on the gym floor, constant loud communication, referees' whistles, cheering from the sidelines and music blasting through overhead speakers, there is

never a good moment to stop and think during a volleyball game.

Through each chaotic game, University of Idaho's Kennedy Warren has taken on her role as team captain leading by example, helping guide and ground her team through the quick-paced sets with minimal words and plenty of action.

While having a junior outside hitter as a team captain isn't incredibly common, Warren said she went into this season motivated by her childhood idols, who continued on past college into the realm of professional volleyball.

"Just looking at older girls on the teams above me and thinking about how great they were, and how I want to be just like them," Warren said. "Then getting the opportunity to play on the same team as they did, with their same coaches, was just an amazing feeling."

Warren, who grew up with her mother as her coach, is a Texas native and experimented playing many different sports, from gymnastics to soccer, before she settled on volleyball because of the team dynamic of the sport.

Warren said her mom wanted her to play basketball because that's what she played in college, but Warren's heart was drawn toward the teamwork of volleyball rather than the up-close aggressiveness of being a point guard.

"I made a deal with my mom in the eighth grade where if I was able to make it onto a certain volleyball team, I could quit basketball," Warren said. "She was like 'Sure, whatever,' and didn't actually think I could pull it off. I made the top team and quit basketball. My love has always been toward volleyball because you can't do it all by

yourself, you have to rely on others to perform."

Warren said she came to Idaho after an invitation to attend a volleyball camp, then decided to stay because the volleyball team and campus felt like the right fit. Vandals head coach Debbie Buchanan described Warren as one of the fastest and most versatile players on the team.

"She does everything that we ask, she never complains and she's just that ultimate team player," Buchanan said. "She's team captain and pretty much does everything and can do everything. Whatever role we need her to fill in, she's doing."

In January, Warren tied her career high in number of kills in a match, scoring with 25 points against Southern Utah University. In February, she beat her career high attack percentage with .526%

against Sacramento State University.

Warren spent most of her volleyball career as a middle blocker, becoming primarily an outside hitter when she came to play for Idaho. She said the two roles hold completely different necessities, where being a middle blocker required a lot of fast movement and being involved in every block while the outside hitter bears a lot of responsibility to score points.

"Every year her role has gotten bigger," Buchanan said. "This is the first year she's played all the way around (the court). She's just continued to develop and take a bigger role every year."

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A path of strong skills and relationships

UI soccer's Myah Merino made friendships to last a lifetime in her collegiate career

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Myah Merino spent her early childhood dancing in her aunt's studio, where she learned the footwork of tap and became proficient in jazz dancing. After she picked up on soccer, Merino kept leveling up until she landed herself a position as a forward on the University of Idaho's soccer team, now on her fifth year.

Merino began playing when she was 9-years-old after her neighbors encouraged her to play with the neighborhood children.

Merino enjoyed playing it so much that, a year later, she signed up for club soccer with Carlsbad United, now known as San Diego Galaxy. The team took third place in the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships from 2013 to 2015. Merino said she credits her background as a dancer for her success as a soccer player.

"(Soccer) was just more fitting for me, definitely utilizing my athleticism more than my dancing," Merino said. "People say that since I was doing tap dancing, those foot skills could have translated to my soccer game."

Merino played soccer for her high school and was the Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player as a freshman. After high school ended, she said she continued playing soccer because she enjoys the relationships made with the team.

"I made lots of friends in soccer in high

school, and it was a huge social outlet for me," Merino said. "I made some of my best friends that I still have to this day."

Merino said when looking for colleges, UI caught her attention because of the small community feeling Moscow had, along with the coaching staff being helpful.

"They made me feel competent that I was going to have a good educational journey and I was going to fit in well with the team," Merino said.

Merino has scored a total of 10 goals in her collegiate career while creating strong connections with her teammates that extend beyond the playing field and the locker room.

"I've met people that will be my bridesmaids," Merino said. "The most rewarding things from my soccer career are the relationships I've built."

She has played for five years with UI, redshirting her senior year after she tore a ligament in her knee during a preseason game. She graduated in 2020 with a degree in food and nutrition but came back because she had one more year of eligibility to play. She is currently working in a dietetics program to get certified as a food and nutrition expert, which takes two years to complete.

Merino said soccer helped her get into the study of nutrition and credited the healthy and fit lifestyle soccer offers that motivates her to work hard toward her goals.

Merino said what she enjoys about Vandal soccer isn't just the players who turned into good friends, but the support

from the community. At soccer games, the stands are scattered with cheering fans, encouraging the team to be their best.

Merino said when news broke that the soccer team wouldn't be able to have fans at home games due to COVID-19 concerns, the parents and locals expressed their distaste.

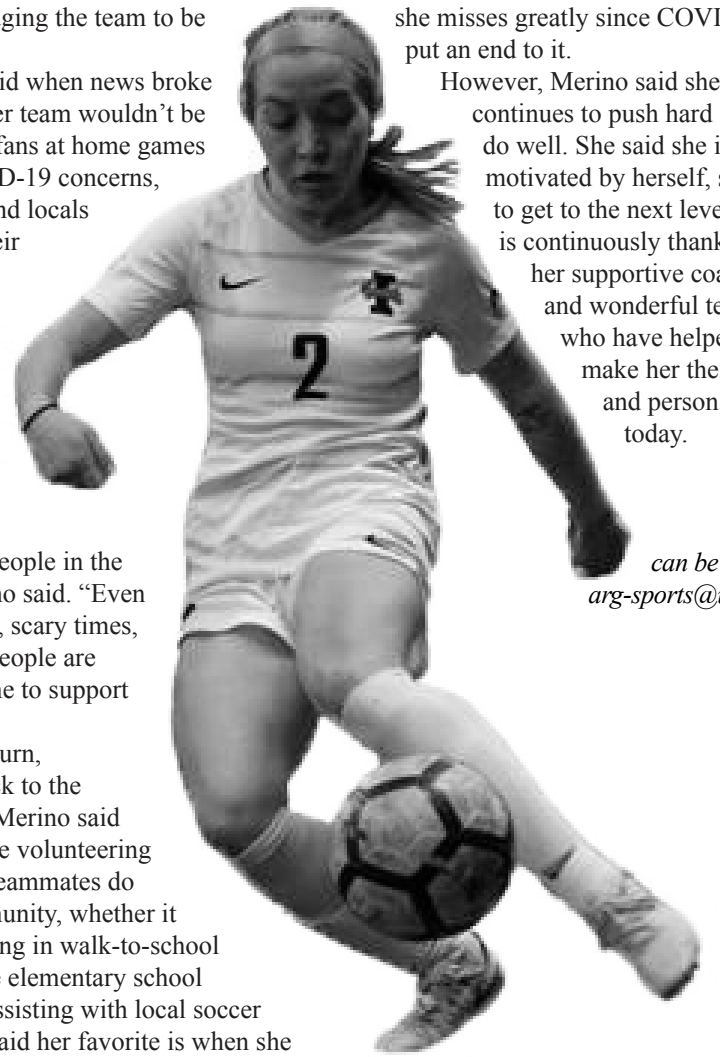
"We've always had a pretty good fan base and we felt support from the alumni and people in the town," Merino said. "Even with COVID, scary times, we felt that people are trying to come to support us."

And in return, they give back to the community. Merino said she enjoys the volunteering she and her teammates do for the community, whether it be participating in walk-to-school days with the elementary school children or assisting with local soccer camps. She said her favorite is when she gets to read to the local kids. Merino said she believes the children enjoy their presence and the team does their best to stay in contact with them. She said she

likes to think that she inspires little girls to work hard. Volunteering is something she misses greatly since COVID-19 put an end to it.

However, Merino said she continues to push hard and do well. She said she is motivated by herself, striving to get to the next level and is continuously thankful for her supportive coaches and wonderful team who have helped make her the player and person she is today.

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Forward Myah Merino dribbles the ball up the field during a game against Western Washington in 2019 in the Kibbie Dome

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Taking it one step at a time

A spring break hiking trip to Zion National Park, Angels Landing, Taylor Creek

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Looking at Zion National Park, located in southern Utah, from a satellite view on Google Maps brought on a rush of excitement for the trip I had planned for spring break. The deep canyons looked like some creature had taken its sharp claws and tried to scratch through the Earth's surface.

Once I arrived at the park on March 16, I couldn't contain my excitement over seeing the deep red cliffs towering above me. I kept thinking about how I would be climbing up them, to the top of Angels Landing, and between them, to the end of Taylor Creek, over the course of the next few days.

The trip was short, only three days long, but it was all worth the tiresome drive. I was able to explore one of our nation's many beautiful, natural treasures and that was more than reason enough for me.

Pre-trip planning

Planning my trip was the most stressful part. Traveling on a budget to areas packed with tourists year-round is incredibly difficult. In Idaho, I usually pack a tent and find a camping spot, but nearly all of the camping spots I could find within a reasonable distance of Zion were too expensive or unavailable.

I ended up finding an RV park in the small town of Kanarrville, a 50-mile drive north of the main park entrance, with some cheap tent spots available. For \$23 a night, compared to roughly \$100 I would be paying for a closer spot, we would be able to set up a tent to call home for the next three days.

However, luck kicked in and I received a call from the owner of the RV park asking if we wanted to upgrade to a small "cabin" instead, for the same price, because of the snow the area was expecting to receive. I snatched the opportunity to stay in the insulated shed, hiding from the four inches of snow covering the ground the first morning.

Other than skating through a world of tourism and battling the weather, COVID-19 posed its own set of difficulties as well. In order to help people maintain social distancing, Zion National Park restricted private vehicle access along the highway with most of the trailheads, making access to trails much more difficult.

Several of the trailheads were inaccessible due to natural causes like rock falls, limiting the amount of hiking I would be able to do in a day. Other obstacles

included limited time to purchase one of the few available shuttle tickets before resorting to a bicycle rental to get out to the trailhead for Angels Landing.

Angels Landing

True to its reputation, Angels Landing is a hike meant to be on everyone's bucket list, right next to skydiving and bingeing the Lord of the Rings extended version. The peak stands 1,488 feet above the bottom of Zion Canyon, with a steep, mostly paved and well-traveled trail leading up to it.

The trail is 5.4 miles long round trip and took about four hours to complete. The beginning of the trail starts out smoothly and gradually gets steeper as it zig-zags up the cliffside. Eventually, I took a sharp left after an especially steep portion and began making my way through the bottom of a canyon leading around to the rear of the ridge.

After making my way up another steeper set of zig-zags, I reached Scout Lookout. At this point, I felt like I was just at the beginning of my journey as I looked ahead to the treacherously steep path ahead of me.

The last mile of the trail follows a narrow, precipitous ridgeline out to the peak. Because of the snowmelt of early spring, many fellow hikers had Yaktrax to prevent them from slipping on the smooth sandstone. Many of the steps were merely divots worn into the stone, and there were chains placed along several parts of the ridge to provide some sort of safety handle to keep from falling down the cliffs.

Despite the dangerous heights, I was sure of my step and cautious of other people traveling along the narrow trail. As one of the world's most popular hikes, it was inevitable I would be traveling with other groups toward the peak. We were all seeking out the breathtaking view of Zion Canyon granted as a reward for climbing to the top.

Taylor Creek

After climbing to the top of Angels Landing, hiking the gentle slope following Taylor Creek in the Kolob Canyons was like a walk in the park. The Taylor Creek trail extends five miles round trip and has several creek crossings along the way.

I wore some water-resistant boots that were more than enough to keep my feet dry on the lower crossings. However, once I got to the point of the canyon where I was walking through slushy snow I was grateful for my boots. Most other hikers were wearing running shoes with limited traction and mesh toes.

There were two archeological sites with run-down cabins along the trail, both with signs explaining a little history about why the cabin was there.

With towering walls of stone on both sides of me, I trudged on and came to a large opening of sky that signaled the end of the trail. It turned out there was a large opening in the rocks as well. A large cavern carved out by wind and water was hidden within the canyons, with water from the source of Taylor Creek trickling down in the center.

The views at the end of the Taylor Creek trail were just as astonishing as what I saw at the top of Angels Landing, but instead of vast expanses of canyons



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(Top) A view of Angels landing from the bottom of Zion Canyon in March (Middle) The lowering cavern located at the end of the Taylor Creek Trail (Bottom) The expansive view, facing south of Zion Canyon from the top of Angels Landing

spreading out before me it was a towering cavern resonating with the sounds of dripping water and echoing voices.

Both of these hikes were amazing and I highly recommend taking a trip to Zion to at least see the red cliffs, if not to explore them in-depth. 10/10.

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Katowice's unlikely winners

Gambit Esports managed to turn around their bad luck and start winning

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Gambit Esports, a professional E-Sports organization in Russia, unexpectedly shot ahead of their competition during Katowice 2021, winning against Virtus Pro, in late February after a switch-up in team members. The tournament is a chance for American and Russian E-Sports teams to show off their rivalry, demonstrating the Russian teams' dominance in video games and reinforcing their winning streaks.

This year's winners defeated the second-place team Virtus Pro, three wins to one, in a best of five matches. Gambit Esports' win at the large E-Sports competition solidified a recent upward trend for the team previously known as an underdog. This isn't a rather shocking win due to Gambit's win trends, but it still shows that other teams are improving to get to the level of Gambit.

Before late 2020, Gambit Esports hadn't shown many good results at the tournaments they participated in. Their best placing was at a qualifier, which allowed them to play in another qualifier for a tournament they ended up not competing in anyways.

In late 2020, a part of Gambit Esports dubbed the "Gambit Youngsters" were promoted to the main team, and the organization saw immediate improvements in

results. After this promotion, they started seeing high placements in tournaments of all levels, Katowice being the most recent one.

Katowice is a major annual "Counter-Strike: Global Offensive" E-Sports tournament where many of the best "CS:GO" competitors travel to Poland and participate in a 24-team single-elimination tournament



Gambit Esports | Courtesy

with a prize of \$1,000,000. Due to this large prize pool, Katowice attracts the highest-level players and teams, and this year was no exception.

Gambit Esports has many teams for different E-Sports, including "Defense of the Ancients 2", "CS:GO" and "League of Legends". Recently, Gambit Esports has been winning many of the "CS:GO" tournaments they go to, including tournaments with massive prize pools and high-level gameplay.

Virtus Pro has a "CS:GO" team that has had a rocky performance since 2016, only recently showing they have the ability to place well at major tournaments. Virtus Pro placed highly at Katowice, winning against other fan-favorite "CS:GO" teams such as Astralis and Vitality.

"CS:GO" is a popular team-based first-person shooter game that relies heavily on a single objective with a variable location. Essentially, two teams are put on opposite sides of the map, and one tries to get to the objective on the other side of the map and defend it for 40 seconds after they make it to the objective.

The difficulty of this game comes in the form of the defending team, which the attacking team must get through to get to the objective. The game is much more complex than just this, including many different weapon types, utility items such as grenades and a sound system that can give away your position to the enemy.

Gambit's win at Katowice is the first S-tier tournament that Gambit won, signifying a solidification of the skill needed to win, as well as the consistency needed to place up top over the course of many months.

This is a significant event for "CS:GO" fans around the world, since Gambit has been an underdog in nearly every tournament they've participated in since the team's conception in 2016.

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Opinion

Keep it, move it or cancel it?

Some Idaho colleges disregarded student's need for spring break while responding to the pandemic

Spring break used to be seen as a time to relax and plan a vacation, to go somewhere new or to enjoy a place you love far away from college.

Now, spring break has another meaning, as a COVID-19 spreader, and some of the local colleges didn't do so well in trying to cope with that. Colleges all over the world struggled with the decision to keep spring break the way it was, cancel it or move it.

Spring break is when many students travel, and this year the travel aspect is what poses the risk of spreading a virus upon returning to campus.

Our own University of Idaho sent out a survey to students asking whether they preferred to keep the break, move it or cancel it. The ultimate decision for us was to keep it the same, with added COVID-19 testing upon the students' return, but not all universities in the area made that decision.

Other universities around the Pacific Northwest have decided to make changes to spring break, either moving it to a later date or canceling it altogether.

As UI's neighboring institution, Washington State University moved their start date for the spring 2021 semester to Jan. 19, one week later than it was originally scheduled, according to WSU Insider.

Rather than having a full week of break, they saved three days to not have class on Feb. 25, March 17 and April 13.

Lewis Clark State College and Idaho State University pushed their break back to late April, right before dead week. ISU's schedule clarifies it is "subject to change," and their reasoning behind moving it was to "eliminate the influx of students coming back to campus after spring break" according to an article from The Bengal.

Boise State University has decided to keep its break in April, but classes will be remote after it ends, according to its academic calendar.

While these decisions were made with the best interest of safety in mind, breaks in between semesters are much needed.

Though they are

seen as the COVID-19 spreader, students need time to recuperate from classes, work and deadlines.

Canceling break and deciding to reserve days without in-class discussion does not have the same advantages as a full break, particularly when that full

these reserved days sound more appetizing as a day to catch up on work rather than a day to relax like spring break is intended to be.

Moving break to a later date, close to the end of the semester, in theory, would limit the spread of the virus upon students' return.

in the best interest of students to keep break the same. Sending out a survey for students to complete gives them an outlet to share their opinions on how to utilize days off from class and gives the administration a better idea of what the students wanted.

During a Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 6, Torrey Lawrence, vice provost for faculty announced survey results showed "42% of students, faculty and staff preferred a delayed spring break with remote learning, 40% preferred no change to spring break 17% preferred no spring break and 1% had no preference," according to past Argonaut reporting. Over 7,000

responses were recorded and "many responses stated not having spring break would negatively affect mental health and a deferred break would disturb graduation." In the survey, "11% of students had no preference 45% preferred no change" and "18% of staff and 28%

of faculty preferred no change."

A full break gives students time to relax and enjoy break to its fullest potential. Continuing to test for COVID-19 and wearing masks in in-person discussion keeps people responsible and safe.

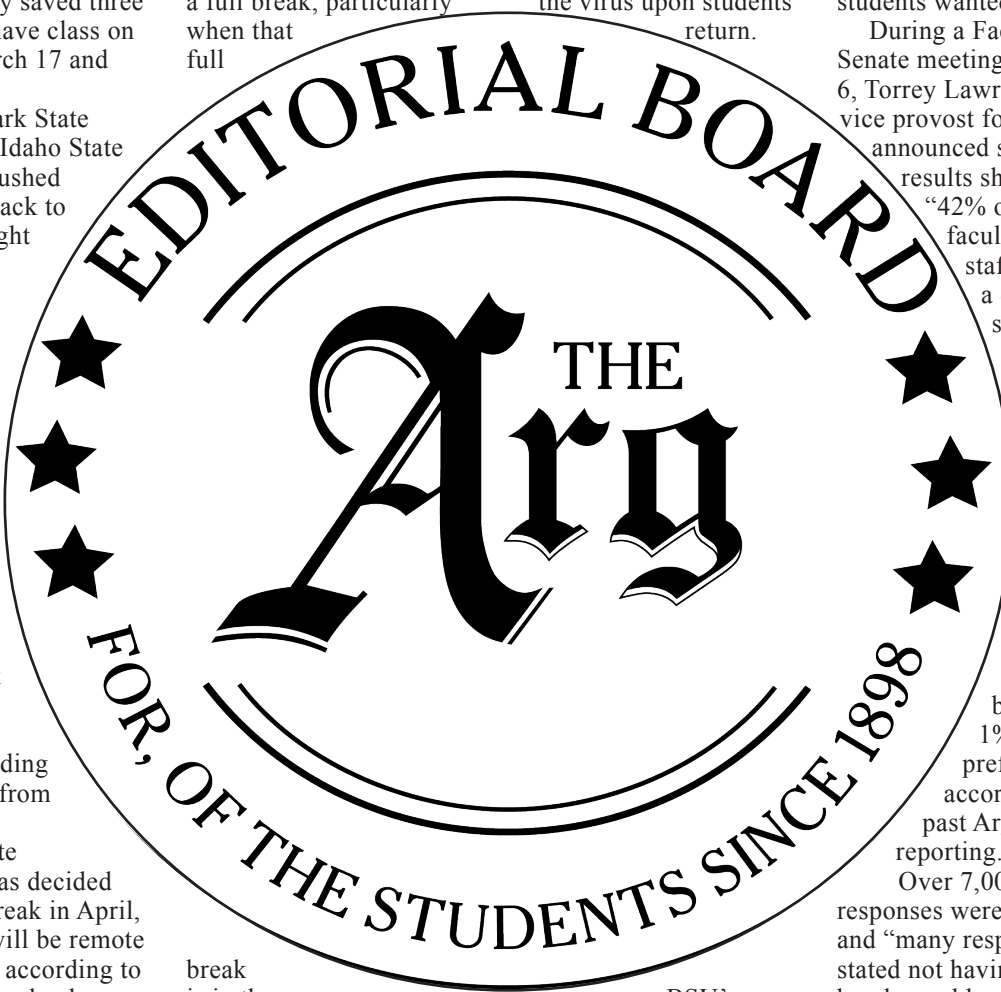
As students, we appreciate the safety precautions the university and Moscow are mandating because we know it will keep our community strong together.

Though vaccines are being distributed as we speak and the end is within sight, we must be responsible and keep acting seriously toward COVID-19, as we are still in the midst of a pandemic.

We got our full spring break and it was very much needed. UI made a logical decision that factored in the safety and personal needs of their students based on the answers they were given in the poll. Students at other universities weren't so lucky.

Stay safe and travel responsibly, Vandals!

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break is in the middle of the semester. Students are more likely to rest and stay away from coursework when they have a full week, rather than three days of no classes. As students,

BSU's decision to go completely remote for the second half of spring semester limits contact on campus and spread throughout the university.

UI made its decision

Sexual assault within the greek system

Fraternity life should be questioned for their involvement in sexual harassment

Sexual assault and misconduct are all too familiar within the Greek system.

A recent study conducted by UN Women found that 97% of women in the United Kingdom have experienced sexual harassment in public spaces. The study sparked a social media movement over the past week that has brought a lot of needed attention to sexual assault survivors.

Infographics with the phrase "not all men, but almost all women" were shared over Instagram like wildfire.

The phrase makes the comparison between men being defensive when generalized as sexual assaulters and women who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct.

No matter how you look at it, the numbers are appalling. Though they are representative of the UK and not the United States, I'm willing to bet sexual harassment statistics aren't all that great here.

Comparably, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 18.3% of US women have

been victims of rape.

Though sexual harassment and rape are almost in two different wheelhouses, both statistics are alarmingly disgusting.

It's all too easy for men to feel like this problem is a world away. I can't recall how many times I've heard men discredit survivors' experiences for x, y, z reasons. In reality, the issue is closer to home than a lot of people, especially men, are willing to admit.

The national Greek system has perpetuated, platformed and done little to prevent this issue. Fraternities across the nation have faced and been shut down due to sexual harassment, assault and rape.

According to the Guardian, fraternity members are 300% more likely to rape and one in five women are sexually assaulted on campus. Furthermore, 25% of sorority members surveyed by the National Institute of Justice have been sexually assaulted as compared to 14% of nonvictims being sorority members.

It's clear there's a common theme.

Fraternities have been suspected to be sexual assault cesspools for decades. Outside of the common stereotype, it is no secret that fraternity

members have a horrible history of sexual misconduct. However, it feels like nothing ever gets done.

Alpha Epsilon Pi of Penn State University was suspended in January 2020 after facing 4 sexual assault allegations, according to CNN. The chapter has since been unsuspended.

Though our own Greek system hasn't made national headlines for sexual harassment, assault or rape—that doesn't mean it doesn't happen.

As a member of a fraternity myself, I find it disgusting that it's even feasible for similar events to happen on our campus. I find it even more disappointing that so many men within our community are so quick to invalidate survivors' experiences.

Maybe it isn't all men who commit these heinous crimes, but the fact that it's more than one is disgusting enough. It's hard to fathom how many women on this campus and across the nation have been victims of sexual misconduct.

Nonetheless, a serious, serious change is needed. Not just within the national Greek system, but within the entire way men treat women.

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Burgers, bad advertisements and sexism

Burger King's UK Twitter team faces backlash for poorly thought-out tweet

United Kingdom's the Burger King twitter team tweeted that "women belong in the kitchen" on International Women's Day. The tweet was quickly taken down.

The rest of the thread hastily attempted to explain the tweet, saying how few of Burger King's chefs were female and that they were attempting to bridge this gap via female scholarships. Posting a tweet like that, with almost no context on International Women's Day, was one of the worst marketing schemes I've ever witnessed.

As an Art & Design major and having spent hours of lectures on the politics of branding, I'm astonished at the absolute lack of critical thought behind this marketing tactic.

The fact that it was not only a tweet, but a whole campaign complete with posters and advertisements stumps me. Not only did multiple people take part in the campaign, but they genuinely believed it was a good

way to challenge gender stereotypes.

A basic mistake such as this is one of the earliest examples of "what not to do" in a designer's handguide. Simple enough, really. Always avoid gender, racial, political and religious stereotypes or caricatures when marketing or branding.

The absolute lack of thought generated behind a tweet on such a significant day is pitiful to say the least. One user, @Smajor1995 tweeted in response, "They need a new marketing team, cause that was so tone deaf it hurt."

“ They need a new marketing team, cause that was so tone deaf it hurt. ”

-@Smajor1995

Using outrage tactics and small lettering to later attempt an explanation for the tweet was a weak business response to a reaction they easily should have expected.

Yes, challenging harmful and sexist stereotypes is something to be praised, but utilizing

those same stereotypes is just another step backwards.

The Burger King tweet has become a meme on the internet lately, with thousands jumping on to not only criticize the thought process behind it, but to create satirical versions of their own.

Many users have begun posting purposefully offensive jokes and stereotypes, while then loosely trying to justify their use in the thread below. These accounts have been tagging Burger King UK in their posts, some with captions such as "can't wait for my new job as a Burger King marketing specialist."

Overall, it's discouraging to see such a large brand continue to play into stereotypes. I hope that brands are able to learn from this mistake and not make tone-deaf advertisements in the future. Include and unite your audience, instead of dividing them even more.

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David Dobrik and his power dynamic

Being unaware of your stardom has damaged the livelihood of fans

Recent sexual assault and rape allegations against internet personalities Durte Dom and David Dobrik begs the question if we've been giving social media stars too much wiggle room.

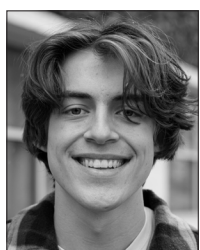
David Dobrik is YouTube filmmaker and celebrity who first gained attention on the social media app Vine and rose to stardom over the past six years from his daily vlog series. His self-titled friend group, the Vlog Squad, would film Saturday Night Live style bits to create a tri-weekly series of characteristic

four minute and twenty second videos.

One of those videos, posted in November of 2018, featured a group of seven college students who were lured to film a vlog by Dominic Zeglaitis, Durte Dom's real name, over Instagram, according to Insider.

The group of girls intended only to hang out and have whatever funny moments occurred recorded for the vlog. It wasn't until Vlog Squad members Todd Smith and Jeff Wittek arrived sometime later with a bottle of alcohol that things went downhill.

Events transgressed and Zeglaitis allegedly raped one of the girls after she blacked out, according to Insider.



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After a week of varied silence and conflicting comments from Vlog Squad members Trisha Paytas, Scotty Sire, Jeff Wittek and Zeglaitis himself, Dobrik released

a formal statement on his YouTube channel on the night of March 22, 2021.

Within the video, Dobrik addressed allegations, profusely apologized to the victims, announced he would step away for

an unspecified time period and stated he was unaware of the power dynamic he creates when fans come to film for those vlogs.

I find that hard to believe, quite frankly.

There may be some degree of innocence Dobrik had with his vlog's popularity. A kid coming from nothing to nearly becoming a household name would take some getting used to but Dobrik had nearly 10 million subscribers when this video was posted, according to Insider. He should have been well aware of his prominence when entering a room.

Take ourselves for example. Think about your idol walking into the same room as you.

What would you do? Personally, I know I'd have a hard time being comfortable in that situation.

Most modern-day celebrities are aware of this dynamic. It certainly isn't a new concept. People always fluster up in the presence of a celebrity, no matter the context.

For Dobrik to say he was unaware of how those girls felt in that situation seems deceitful at the least. I have no doubt that he is sorry but I'm afraid he's only sorry that he got caught. Had those accusations not been made, would Dobrik ever have made an effort to make amends? Probably not.

This begs the question: how many

other people have similar stories from appearing in Dobrik's vlogs? How many different YouTubers put fans in uncomfortable situations? How many stories have been unheard because of this power dynamic?

The answer is probably shocking, upsetting and discomforting.

It's about time a celebrity gets held accountable for the atmosphere they create. I only wish this would happen more often, as I'm sure this phenomenon has occurred since the dawn of vlogging.

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Learning wilderness first aid

Classes at the SRC offer invaluable experiences and lifelong friendships

Growing up in Bishop, California, you really get a chance to explore many outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, mountain climbing, skiing, snowboarding and so much more.

But there is a flip side to the thrills of outdoor sports. It's easy to get in an accident and seriously injure yourself or be present when someone else is injured.

In 2001, I was invited to participate in a wilderness first aid class in Yosemite National Park. The class was a two-week-long deep dive into outdoor and backcountry first aid. Mornings were spent in a classroom setting learning about first aid, and then you would have the afternoons and evenings to put what you learned into practice.

The next step is called scenarios, where you are given an index card that would let you know if you were a responder or a casualty in the first aid role play.

This was a great way to understand what the situation would feel like in real life because it puts you in the role of somebody needing to put their new skills to use. When the responders would find the casualty, they would follow what the card said to perform so the responders could assess the situation and make the right diagnosis in order to help.

This practice took up about five days.

Overall, participating in that first aid course was one of the most fun and informative things I had the pleasure of doing when I was a young adult. I made friends that have lasted through the years. We all have families now, and we still meet up to do outdoor activities. The wilderness first aid training was the thing that brought us together and taught us how to keep each other safe.

Since moving to Idaho, I have found it reminds me a lot of my hometown. Here, we have the same access to outdoor recreation and many ways to explore the wilderness. I'm filled with joy watching my kids grow, seeing how much they enjoy the outdoors and all the many activities that are a part of the Idahoan outdoors.

When I first heard the Student Recreation Center at The University of Idaho was offering wilderness first aid classes to students, I was excited to see what times they were and how much they would cost.

Desert Mountain Medicine partners with UI to help put on the wilderness first aid courses.

The courses are very specific to backcountry recreation for the Pacific Northwest. There are many courses offered, ranging from a whitewater kayaking clinic to

backpacking trips.

Trevor Fulton, director of Outdoor Programs at UI, said with more students getting outdoors and enjoying all that Idaho and Washington have to offer, now would be a great time for students to come down and discover all the SRC has to offer. Depending on what course you choose to take, you might even be eligible to receive credit as a special elective.

A full course usually takes about 80 hours.



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However, there is also a 30-hour online course with five days of in-person instruction. Fulton said they currently have an average of eight students in a class, but for the summer they are expecting

they can safely host up to 12-20 students per class. Fulton said participants of the classes should expect to be challenged about their current knowledge of first aid and discover some new techniques.

The cost of classes at the SRC can be a low as \$70 per person, but an average cost of first aid classes will likely run around \$250 to \$300. Included in the cost is a certificate for wilderness first aid, a CPR card and depending on the class, you can be trained in wilderness anaphylactic procedures. All of these come with a two-year endorsement.

Another great advantage

of these courses is, if you know your certificate is about to expire, you can take a refresher course instead of the full course to renew it. This keeps you certified and still gives you the freedom to enjoy the great outdoors safely. If you are not sure you really want to do a full course of 80 hours or even 30 hours, you can sign up for a weekend experience and give it a try.

One thing I can say from personal experience is these courses are invaluable. You will learn basic life support skills, be able to help others caught in dire situations and gain valuable experience in triage.

These courses will give you a glimpse into real-life situations and they can help you far beyond just the medical experiences. You will learn to remain calm in high-stress situations. For those who would like to take the courses but find the prices are too high, Fulton said there are several scholarships available to help cover costs.

As spring and summer approach, seek out the SRC and find what activity you feel is best for you. I can guarantee you will make memories that will last a lifetime. Who knows, you might even make friends that last just as long.

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My Kenworthy Theater experience

A fresh perspective and a wonderful sense of community

In the fall of 2018, I transferred to the University of Idaho and went to my Moscow apartment for the first time. I had never been to Moscow and didn't have many friends at first.

I spent the first two weeks of school adjusting to a new life. It wasn't until my third week that a car accident greatly changed my perspective on the meaning of friendship. I lost a dear friend in the process, and upon returning to campus the few acquaintances that I'd made were waiting for me.

Fast forward to Halloween, a night full of college debauchery that I won't soon forget. The campus bustled with students all decked out in their costumes, friends posing for pictures and professors passing out candy in class.

Halloween has always been one of those weird in-between holidays for me because every year till high school I went trick-or-treating, there was a plan. But now I had to actually make that plan.

The tradition has changed in many ways. Being in college away from my family means that I can't take my little sister trick-or-treating (it would mostly be for me anyway.)

So for that year, a group of friends suggested that we attend the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" performance at the Kenworthy Theater. I had never been before, nor did I know about the historical significance of the theater itself.

My friends and I got all dressed up, I wore my usual hippie outfit and out we went.

Entering the Kenworthy for the first time, and on Halloween no less, felt like that scene from "Halloween Town" where Marnie goes to the theater to find her kidnapped grandmother.

The old seats, the stage, the food counter with all the historic frames behind it spoke to me. The stained glass signs imprinted on the floor near the stage casting an ominous glow. The night was a blast and

from it, I gained a new sense of community.

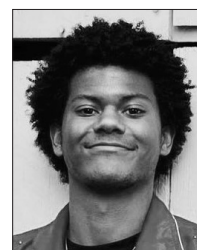
The Kenworthy was family-owned until 2002 and now resides on the National Register of Historic Places. It's one of 11 theaters in Idaho that's still open alongside the Egyptian in Boise and Gorby Opera Theater in Glenns Ferry.

While much of the theater has been remodeled, once it reopened I still felt that sense of community and antiquity like before. Which is why the fact that the theater has remained closed to the general public makes it that much harder.

They are still hosting private events but like all businesses, I'm sure they've suffered revenue losses. As one of the oldest businesses in Moscow, the Kenworthy is so much more than a commodity.

It's a place of unity, a space for all to come and experience something almost other-worldly. It was a space for me when I needed it most, and I hope that it's one for people for a long time to come. If you can, please consider donating to them on their website.

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