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ASUI ELECTIONS



Kallyn Mai and Katelyn Hettinga were elected Wednesday evening as the new president and vice president of the Associated Students University of Idaho. The newest executive members are looking to connect with the UI community and help facilitate communication between ASUI and students. Mai and Hettinga are thrilled to embark in these positions. Both candidates reflected

on their hard work and the campaign their supporters ran. “We’re obviously just really grateful that students believed in us to become their ASUI president and vice president,” Mai said. The first task they’re looking forward to

embracing is the connection between student government and the student body. Hettinga said living reports and tabling for students will be a priority. Both Mai and Hettinga thanked their opposition, Joe Garrett and Julie Attinger

for helping spur a competitive race. Mai said she was grateful to run against such passionate people. “We’ve both seen the passion and hard work firsthand,” Hettinga said. *Sierra Pesnell can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu*

New senators have been selected to represent the student body



Herman Roberts

Herman Roberts, a freshman double majoring in anthropology and international studies, won his first seat on the ASUI Senate. Roberts is a member of Theta Chi and co-ran with current Senate Adjutant Cassidy Plum. Prior to his campaign, he’s held several leadership positions throughout high school, including president of his school’s Future Farmers of America chapter. Roberts shares two focuses with Plum – community outreach and student involvement, with a personal goal of inclusivity.



Cassidy Plum

ASUI Senate Adjutant Cassidy Plum co-ran with Roberts for a senator position. Plum is a freshman majoring in Agriculture Education and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Before her nomination as senate adjutant, Plum served as her school’s FFA Secretary alongside Roberts as president. Plum shares community outreach and student involvement as platforms with Roberts, hopes to improve Vandal networking. Plum aims to bridge the gap between residence life, Greek chapters and athletes.



Kaiya Sanchez

Kaiya Sanchez is a freshman studying wildlife resources and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Sanchez attained most of her experience as the treasurer of her high school’s Future Hispanic Leaders of America chapter. Contrary to most standard platforms, Sanchez is partially running on increasing creativity. She says that “if we aren’t able to exercise our creativity and use our imagination, how are we supposed to think of innovative ways to solve our problems?”



Kayla Nguyen

Kayla Nguyen is a freshmen double majoring in biology and medical sciences with an emphasis in pre-dental and is a member of Alpha Phi. In high school, she was the vice president of her student government and was elected as house floor leader before COVID-19 complicated things. Nguyen is running on three different platforms: diversity and inclusion, influence and enrollment and communication and connections. The first of the three means a larger deal to Nguyen as an Asian American women.



Brianna Navarro

Brianna Navarro, who co-ran with Nallely Gonzalez, is a junior triple majoring in sociology, international studies and Spanish and is a member of Delta Delta Delta. Navarro held several leadership positions throughout high school and through her years at UI. Alongside Gonzalez, Navarro is a member of the College Assistance Migrant Program and SSS-TRIO. Navarro and Gonzalez ran on the same platform of bettering sustainability, increasing unity between students and granting better access to resources on campus.



Nallely Gonzalez

Nallely Gonzalez, who co-ran with Brianna Navarro, is a junior majoring in marketing with an emphasis in entrepreneurship and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. On top of her shared experience in CAM and SSS-TRIO, Gonzalez is a member of Organización de Estudiantes Latino Americanos and Movimiento Activista Social. Holding the same platform as Navarro, Gonzalez is taking a special focus on increasing student unity.

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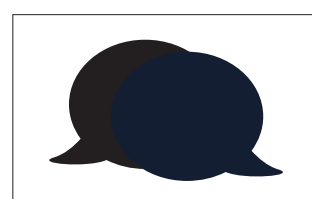
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Black Bean Brownies

This recipe is for people who have a chocolate addiction but have a gluten allergy or intolerance and still want that chocolate hit. This is a fast and easy gluten-free brownie recipe. This brownie texture is a cross between fudge and the traditional brownie.



Savanna Rynearson | Argonaut

Ingredients:

- 16 oz can black beans
- Three eggs
- ½ cup butter
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- Two teaspoons vanilla extract
- One cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- ½ cup chocolate chips (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Melt butter and set aside to cool.
3. Rinse and drain the can of black beans.
4. Add black beans, eggs, cooled melted butter, cocoa powder, vanilla and sugar to a blender and blend to smooth.
5. Grease an 8x8 inch glass baking dish.
6. Pour in batter and if using either chocolate chips, walnuts or both, sprinkle them on top.
7. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until the center is set.
8. Let cool and enjoy!

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 40-50 minutes
Servings: 8

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Engineering dean takes a step down

The administrator of 26 years will transition to faculty member

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University of Idaho College of Engineering Dean Larry Stauffer is stepping down from his position at UI to focus on teaching future engineers, according

to an email from Provost and Executive Vice President Torrey Lawrence.

Stauffer has served as dean for 10 years and in administrative roles for 26 years. He'll return to the lab as a professor of mechanical engineering and engineering management beginning June 10.

During his time at the university, Stauffer secured gifts for laboratories, such as the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories cybersecurity lab, which expanded students' education of cyberattacks. The \$2.5 million partnership with SEL will focus on developing cyber-secure industrial control systems and helping the college establish the first cybersecurity bachelor's degree program in Idaho.

Lawrence also credited Stauffer with bringing industry-sponsored research to campus and making student internships possible through his connections. "Larry will continue to influence future engineers from within the classroom — a role he has missed during the years of administrative work," Lawrence stated in the email.

The internal search for an interim dean begins immediately with a national search for a dean to begin in the following year.

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Larry Stauffer

UI Prof. receives landmark promotion

Freeman earned the rank in just five years

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Sydney Freeman Jr. recently became the first African American man who is a descendent of slaves to be promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Idaho.

Freeman was previously working as an associate professor of higher education following the tenure track. He quickly moved through the ranks, earning the title of full professor in just five years and seven months.

"If we don't share that this happened, share some of the challenges we've had, then we have more years without people of color earning these kinds of positions," Freeman said.

While Freeman is the first African American man who is a descendent of slaves to be promoted to the rank of full professor at UI, he's not the first Black man to gain full professorship.

Wudneh Admassu, an Ethiopian native, became the first person of African descent to earn the rank of full professor at the university. The first and only Black woman promoted to full professor at UI is Shaakirrah Sanders, who achieved the rank in 2019.



Sydney Freeman Jr. | Courtesy

After shadowing the president of Auburn University, Freeman knew higher education was something he was passionate about. He achieved a major in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in business management, focal performance and public relations.

He later went on to receive a Ph.D. in higher education and administration at Auburn University.

Coming from Tuskegee, Alabama, Freeman was willing to go outside his comfort zone and move to northern Idaho.

He was also motivated to share his experiences with other people of color and figure out ways to empower the next generation of faculty, staff and students.

Freeman recognizes the lack of representation Black people face in leadership positions. As an African

American leader, he chooses to be authentically himself, embracing his nuances and encouraging others to do the same.

"A majority of people around any table you're at don't look like you and they don't have your experiences," Freeman said. "So you have to know more about their experiences than they know about their experiences. You have to know more about them than they know about them, to be successful in their space."

Freeman recognizes the distinction between where he came from and how those experiences compare to his other Black colleagues. His strategy for achieving the rank of full professor was simple.

"Do my job and do it so well that I can't be denied, even if someone doesn't like me," Freeman said.

Freeman advises those after him to listen to their mentors to help navigate these challenges and opportunities.

Passionate about lifting other up as he climbs, Freeman hopes to become an endowed chair, with aspirations of helping faculty of color and women faculty members achieve the status of full professor.

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Faculty Senate discusses emergency policy

Another proposal would increase the number of withdrawal credits

Royce McCandless
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho Faculty Senate continued discussions Tuesday on emergency policies that would ease academic restrictions on students.

The senate previously debated the merits of two proposed policies to temporarily alter standards for both incoming and established students.

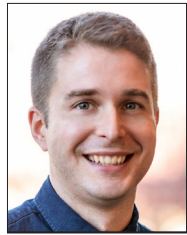
The first emergency policy proposed was a change to admissions

standards.

After prior discussion in senate hearings, the current emergency policy will change the minimum GPA for admission to 2.6. Students below the 2.6 threshold needed to apply for admission through an appeal that will go through the Admissions Committee.

This proposal would re-implement a policy previously instituted to accommodate for challenges in standardized testing due to COVID-19.

The information available to the university's admissions department has diminished significantly as many students remain without access to the tests.



Russell Meeuf

"I think the problem we're dealing with now, is that we have this body of students in the 2.6 to 2.9 range and the tool we normally use to help us understand which of them will succeed and which will struggle more — we just don't have access to," Faculty Senate Vice Chair Russell Meeuf said.

If adopted, the policy would be implemented for only 180 days. It would also apply exclusively to students within the fall 2022 class.

Whether or not this policy is implemented depends on the university's Curriculum Committee and the Office of the Registrar.

The second emergency policy proposed in the meeting concerns the

expansion of withdrawal credits. Currently, UI limits undergraduate students to 21 withdrawal credits for their career. The emergency policy would increase this number to 33.

Similar to the admissions policy, the proposed withdrawal policy would be in effect for 180 days. According to Faculty Senate Chair Barbara Kirchmeier, it would provide leeway for students struggling academically due to the pandemic.

"Virtual courses, HyFlex courses, illness and all the other things that have become major stressors for our students over the last 12 months have really started to show in the way our students are performing in class,"

Kirchmeier said. "Many of these students would like to withdraw from courses they're not doing well in, because they would like to focus their energy on the spaces where they are succeeding."

Multiple Faculty Senate members proposed a temporary expungement of withdrawal credits in lieu of an increase in the number of allowed withdrawal credits.

According to Kirchmeier, the modified approach to withdrawal credits will be solidified next week, in addition to its method of implementation.

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COVID-19 protocol to remain in place for summer session

Faculty and staff to return in person

Angela Palermo
ARGONAUT

As more students and faculty members choose to get the vaccine, the number of individuals tested for COVID-19 at the University of Idaho's Student Recreation Center

each week is going down, according to a memo from President Scott Green on Monday.

However, results from surveillance testing the past week indicated a 3.6% positivity rate among both symptomatic and asymptomatic students and employees, in addition their close contacts, according

to data on the university's COVID-19 website.

Of the 17 positive test results received last week, Green stated those cases "appear to be mostly people who live off campus." A total of 474 swabs were processed from April 10-16, according to the website.

"We are just four weeks from commencement and

the start of summer session," Green stated in the memo.

"Protocols at all our sites statewide will not change drastically for the summer."

While the state remains in Phase 3 of Idaho Gov. Brad Little's reopening plan, the university plans to continue on campus COVID-19 protocols for the summer session. However,

there will not be mandatory testing of all students.

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University Post Office relocates

Move caused by lease termination

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The University Post Office will be relocating June 30 within a mile of its current location.

A loss of lease agreement in its current facility triggered the move, according to a press release. The mail services will be relocating to an approximately 700 square foot building with eight available parking spaces for patrons.

Upon the proposal, the

Postal Service is asking for feedback from the community. Instead of meeting in person, the USPS advises people send questions, comments and concerns to its current address.

People can voice their opinion by sending a letter to the campus post office, which is currently at 704 S Deakin St. P.O. Box 27497.

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Governor Little vetoes executive powers bills

Cites constitution and limiting bureaucratic red tape

Royce McCandless
ARGONAUT

Idaho Gov. Brad Little vetoed House Bill 135 and Senate Bill 1136, legislation curbing his power in emergency situations, with support from two former governors.

The bills from the Idaho Legislature sought to limit the power of the governor in emergency situations and provide the state's legislature with more influence over disaster response.

While the governor would retain the ability to declare a disaster, the bills would limit disaster declarations to 60 days unless more time was needed to secure further funding. For all other scenarios, disaster declarations would require approval from the state legislature prior to extension.

Little referenced the state's constitution for his decision to veto both bills.

"The Idaho Constitution wisely prohibits the legislature from performing executive duties," Little said. "Declaring and responding to emergencies are core executive functions defined by the Idaho State

Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, and rightly so."

Former Idaho Gov. Butch Otter, who attended the press conference in person, offered his support.

"The Idaho Constitution grants the authority to the governor to swiftly respond during a crisis to protect lives, jobs and the economy," Otter said. "That's the proper role of the executive, and that's why the separation of duties is so clearly established in our state's founding documents."

Little emphasized the bills would bring additional layers of bureaucracy which could jeopardize the effectiveness of disaster response.

"The bills severely interrupt and slow down the emergency response because it becomes the subject of 105 different opinions, adding more red tape and government bureaucracy, and potentially impacting lives and livelihoods," Little said.

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Gov. Brad Little

The double-edged sword of language

UI's Black Lives Matter Speaker Series continues

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At the University of Idaho's latest Black Lives Matter Speaker Series, guest speaker Claudia Allen selected prominent figures across past and present social movements to examine how they used language to bring about meaningful change.

From the civil rights movement to the BLM movement, Allen detailed how leaders' approaches to language have differed, ultimately playing a role in their pursuits of racial justice.

Allen, who has a master's degree in English, highlighted her academic background as foundational in her research of these leaders and the movements they were part of.

During her literary studies, she learned of a particular theory highlighting the power language holds over one's lived experience. According to Allen, the theory says our material reality is a consequence of the language we use.

"We see that language is what constructs our very



Royce McCandless | Argonaut

Screenshot of Claudia Allen during the virtual Speaker Series event

reality, and it constructs the boundaries within which we live and move, and it determines who has access to what," Allen said.

This theoretical framework has shaped her approach to matters of social justice, influencing how she views language and rhetoric as a vehicle for changing the current landscape on an individual and systemic level.

"What if we just created language that genuinely allowed humanity to exist and move and thrive in the fullness of their being?" Allen said.

It is with this foundational query that her speaking event "Say it Loud, Black Lives Matter" was founded upon.

Allen opened the event

emphasizing how language has served as an integral tool for advancing interests of the Black community. Its function, however, is determined by both its intent and interpretation.

"Language is intimately attached to terrorism and injustice as well as freedom and resistance," Allen said.

To highlight language's destructive potential, Allen referenced author and Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison. She cited Morrison's 2015 article in The Nation, where Morrison "admonishes us to do language."

"Morrison reminds us that language is not arbitrary or absent-minded speech, but a powerful action central to the

healing of civilizations, and thus most critical in any nation's time of tragedy and despair," Allen said.

According to Allen, language is to blame for the assigning of superiority and inherent value to white Europeans and the assigning of "inferiority, criminality and immorality" to both African and Native Americans.

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An animal's point of view

Wildlife filmmakers answer questions during a Q&A about their work

Emily Pearce
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From the heat of the savanna to the bottom of the ocean, wildlife filmmakers have put their hard work into creating award winning cinematic films. During a Q&A last Friday, filmmakers showcased their pieces and discussed their work.

Since 2017, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences at the University of Idaho has hosted their annual Fish and Wildlife Film Festival. The festival was created to "connect people with nature through film," the website states.

Spread across two evenings, this year's line-up featured award-winning films. Normally held at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center, the event was instead streamed to YouTube Premier and Zoom.

Works include "Sons of the Savanna" produced by Richard Webster, "Sagebrush Steppe: A Beautiful Secret" directed, written and produced by Sacha Wells and "Now I

am an Axolotl" directed, written and produced by Alejandra (Ale) Medellin was shown.

Medellin first became interested in wildlife filmmaking because her parents are both biologists. She'd always wanted to make documentaries to educate and protect animals in the area she lived.

"The Axolotl, it's a very known animal in Mexico but it's no one really knows what it's going through, how much the pollution impacts that species in particular," Medellin said. "Their home is very polluted . . . but the problem is that there are very few of them, living in very poor conditions."

Webster used to do wildlife photography with his parents, before moving on to achieve a Ph.D. in animal behavior. According to Webster, anything that relates to capturing nature on film is enjoyable, because it connects people with nature and each other.

Growing up in southern Idaho, and later moving to northern Idaho with her husband, Wells has always loved animals, nature and environmental science. In her documentary, she traveled back down to southern Idaho to view sagebrush steppe. While there,

she almost stepped on a rattle snake, which made its way into her video.

"I was like, 'oh my god!'" Wells said. "Give me the camera." While filming, they had to travel to different parts of the world and go through different conditions.

Webster went to South America to film his documentary when his team went through police checkpoints. They got pulled over and the police made them empty their photography bags and put the gear in the back of their pickup truck.

"The history between the British military and the Argentinian military isn't the best, because the Falkland wars," Webster said. "The Argentinian officer was in the Falkland wars when he was captured by the British. He said, 'the best part of his military service was when he was captured by the British.'"

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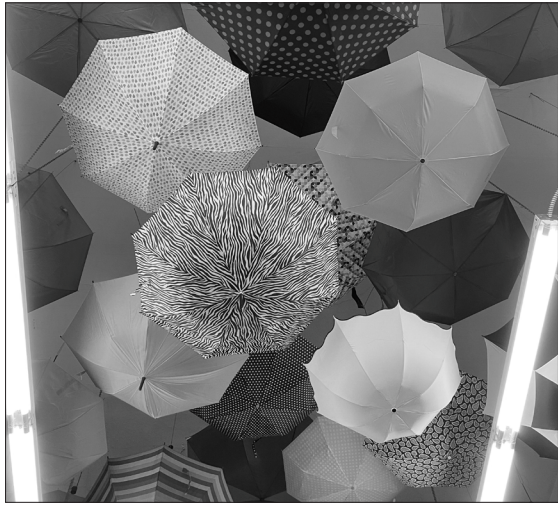
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A shop within a shop



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(Top Left) Hanging umbrellas fill the shop's ceiling
 (Top Right) Emily Bruyere's block prints: independent artist selling her work at Colfax Mercantile
 (Middle Left) The entrance of the shop Sugar Babe Bakery is located
 (Middle) One of many pastries the bakery makes
 (Middle Right) An assortment of ice cream toppings with caramel and fudge
 (Bottom) The owner, Melanie Voorhees, bakes treats

A local bakery opens within Colfax Mercantile

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Located on Main Street next to many shops lined down the street, Sugar Babe Bakery sits within a shopping and retail store, Colfax Mercantile. The ceiling filled with hanging umbrellas and numerous knickknacks line the windows, the shop makes an impression on anyone who walks in.

Sugar Babe Bakery opened its doors to the community Friday, April 16 after holding a grand opening weekend. People were able to come in, meet the owner and enjoy all-vegan treats as well as their allergy-friendly menu. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday—Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, the bakery invites people of the Palouse to come and enjoy the shop.

"I've kind of been baking my whole life but I fell in love with it a little more, a couple years ago," Melanie Voorhees, owner of Sugar Babe Bakery, said. "I realized it was more than just making cookies and making cakes out of box mixes. And so, I just started home baking for a while and just baking for friends."

Last summer, Voorhees got the idea of making a business after she started baking for donations for her non-profit, Saving for a Storm. As founder and president, she started the non-profit for funding emergency life-saving surgeries for animals.

"One of our dogs that we have now actually started out that way, her previous owner couldn't afford (surgery) and were like, you either have to

pay like \$1,000 or we have to put her down right now," Voorhees said. "So, I just don't think any owner should ever have to go through that, so that's why I started that."

Voorhees bought a house in Colfax last year and after learning the Colfax atmosphere, she was ready to develop her business. She noticed that the market hasn't developed enough for people who are vegan and have allergies, so she decided to cater to that demographic.

"I'm gluten-free myself I had to go gluten-free over the summer, so I try and keep at least one or two options available right now," Voorhees said. "I avoid nuts as much as possible, and I'm only working with coconut and almond. I tried to limit the amount of soy since most of the stuff at least some of the stuff I don't have so in it because I know people have sensitivities to that."

In the future, Voorhees wants to make sugar-free items but does not at the moment.

"I know it's not super convenient, especially people who don't have transportation, things like that, so I know that's an issue," Voorhees said. "But I would love for people to come if they do have allergies, it's a really hard market in this area, there's barely anything vegan, dairy-free or gluten-free, so that's kind of why I wanted to tap into that market."

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Confucius Institute's last semester

Strains on U.S./China relations and a recent bill cause university to pull the plug on the institution

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Since 2013, on the third floor of the Administration building, the Confucius Institute has been a place where students wanting to know more about Chinese culture and language could go. However, at the end of this semester, it will no longer be around.

For those not familiar with the Confucius Institute, it's an educational partnership between colleges and universities in China and other countries. It's arranged and funded by Hanban, which is now known as the Ministry of Education Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, located in Beijing, China.

According to Jeffrey McClain-Kyong, the co-director of the University of Idaho Confucius Institute, the goal is to provide schools, ranging from public schools to universities, with Chinese language programs at a relatively low cost to the schools. It's low cost because Hanban provides the language teachers and pays their salaries, so the school doesn't have to front the funds. This allows schools to provide a foreign language curriculum to students at low cost for schools.

"There aren't that many schools in Idaho that offer Chinese language options," McClain-Kyong said. "And if you think that China is going to be a big player in the future, then it doesn't hurt for Idahoans to have some access to learning that language."

In the agreement, there must be an American director involved with the supervision of the Institute. McClain-Kyong said that his position involves making sure that things run smoothly for

the Confucius Institute. On top of language classes, he also arranges for guest speakers to come and talk about China or East Asian-related matters. A good example is the China on the Palouse Speaker Series, hosting a cooking night featuring Chinese dishes or showing off classic Chinese Kung-Fu movies that are in Mandarin or Cantonese. It's a grand way to show off the other aspects of Chinese culture.

While it is cost-effective for schools, the organization has drawn some controversy and skepticism from critics. Hanban does have ties to the Chinese Ministry of Education, and because the teachers are paid by Hanban, not the schools they teach at. It has led to some critics claiming that the Institute is a form of soft power propaganda by the Chinese Government, which came about when Li Changchun, the former 5th highest-ranking member of the Politburo Standing committee said, the Confucius Institutes were, "An important part of China's overseas propaganda set-up."

It has also been accused of both military and industrial espionage and surveilling Chinese students abroad as well.

On Aug. 13, 2020, the U.S. Department of State designated the Confucius Institute as a foreign Mission of the People's Republic of China. On March 8, 2021, the CONFUCIUS Act was passed by Congress which limited federal funds for schools that hosted Confucius Institutes. All that pressure is what eventually caused UI to decide to no longer host the Confucius Institute.

McClain-Kyong is disappointed to see it go but remains optimistic about East-Asian Foreign language programs at the university. He says that this fall they will hopefully be having Chinese and Japanese language classes available for students.

"It's not going to go away," McClain-Kyong said. "In fact, maybe we can strengthen it. But maybe by cooperating with partners in several different nations.



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(Top) Symbol of good luck on a door at the Confucius Institute
 (Bottom) Confucius Institute office space on the third floor of the Administration Building

Partnering with friends (universities) in China, partnering with our friends in Korea and in Japan and India, other places."

While nothing is official yet, McClain-Kyong says that there are discussions about building a broader sort of Asian Studies

Program out of the ashes of the Confucius Institute, but nothing is official yet.

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What do boundaries and consent look like in a relationship?

Vandal Health and Violence Prevention educates students on healthy sexual relationships

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An upcoming event produced by Vandal Health Education and the Violence Prevention Programs intends to educate students on the importance of consent and sexual values.

Sex Scenes will take place over Zoom at 7 p.m. April 22. Registration is required and students may do so on the University's Vandal Health Education Website.

"I think this kind of information is important for all young adults, regardless of the campus, regardless of age, gender identity, anything like that," Madie Brown, assistant director for health promotion at Vandal Health, said.

A major portion of the event will be centered around boundaries and sexual values. What are you comfortable and not comfortable with? What is safe for you and what is not? What are your attitudes, feelings and beliefs around sex when it comes to you, personally?

"We really define that

you have values about a lot of things," Brown said. "You have values around religion or spirituality, politics, everything. The same thing goes for your boundaries around physical intimacy." These values are to inform your boundaries around sex.

Students will be walked through hypothetical scenarios to consider what they would do, regarding their sexual values and boundaries. For instance, what would you do in a situation where neither you nor your partner had a condom or alternative protective barrier?

The workshop also goes over STI's, consent, communication and what happens after physical intimacy. What do you need to consider after sex? Maybe you need to consider a pregnancy test or an STI test. Or maybe you just need to reflect and consider if your boundaries were met, what you did and did not enjoy and how to communicate this with your partner.

"Consent is probably the most important thing," Brown said. "Consent really lays the foundation for

mutual respect and safety, and there are many factors that play into consent."

Brown said she emphasizes a constant mental inventory. As students come to college and as they leave, they may be in very different places. There may be students who come to college never having discussed sex, consent or boundaries. As they grow, as their identities change, their perspectives on physical intimacy may change as well.



Madie Brown

"It is important to remember that consent is freely given, it's not coerced and you don't push someone into giving consent. You can take it away because it's reversible. It's informed, as you are consenting to exactly what you know you're going to be doing," Brown said. "Consent is enthusiastic, and this may look different depending on the person. It is not the absence of a 'no' but making sure you hear a 'yes' or a variation of 'yes' consistently throughout the process. It is about mutual respect and making sure everyone's boundaries are acknowledged and complied with."

Communicating these

boundaries comes down to knowing your own boundaries. Make sure first and foremost, that you know what you're looking for.

"It's taking, what am I comfortable with and what do I feel safe about and taking that next step to say what kind of intimacy would I be okay with," Brown said. "It's important to already have that thought out in your head, and then you have to convey that, which can be the hardest part."

Communicate, openly, about your desires, boundaries and especially directly ask for consent before anything happens.

Brown recommends attending this workshop, even if you are nervous or have hesitations about the content.

"This is very much kept as anonymous as possible," Brown said. "You can change your name to anonymous or keep your camera off. We want to make this as inviting as possible."

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Weekly horoscope April 18-24



Your weekly guide to consulting the stars

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Taurus: April 20-May 20

It's your time to shine, Taurus! This week should be dedicated to surrounding yourself with everything you enjoy. Take some time to focus on yourself, an activity that makes you happy or people that you make you feel best. Positivity is key to the kick of Taurus season!



Gemini: May 21-June 20

While social time is important to Gemini, remember to take time being by yourself. As summer approaches quickly, it's a perfect opportunity to take adventures by yourself and learn to be comfortable with your independence.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Competitiveness can be described as a weakness, but let it be your strength. Whether you're working to get a job, good grades or a position, utilize your competitive energy to demonstrate how important these things are to you.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Is there someone in your life who needs help or is struggling overall? Leo, use your generous nature to extend the extra help this person may need. Reflect on your own experiences and instead of immediately offering advice, extend a listening ear and help them make the best choice.



Virgo: Aug. 23- Sept. 22

As the temperature warms up, use the time to enjoy the outdoors and take advantage of the several health benefits a simple walk can offer. While you might be busy with work or school, make time for yourself to enjoy the sunny days.



Libra: Sept. 23- Oct. 22

Sincerity is one of your key characteristics, Libra. Be sure to carry this trait with you and leave this mark, among others. People will appreciate your genuine attitude and recognize your care for others.



Scorpio: Oct. 23- Nov. 21

Don't be self-conscious of yourself, Scorpio. One of your best attributes is your ability to create trends. Your ability to influence others can be credited to your big personality.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22- Dec. 21

Dedication is important during this new season. You can't stand being told you don't know something or don't have the ability. Be dedicated to persevering in your goals and don't let others influence you otherwise.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Fearlessness is a key feature in your life, Capricorn. As the end of the school year or a hard time is approaching in your career, make sure to know your limits. But instill a sense of boldness in your work ethic and finish whatever task you started well.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You don't like being limited to one option in life. Whether this affects your personal or work life. While being stuck with one solution may not seem like an advantage to you, look at it as a chance to focus and not have to waste time on other issues that may distract you.

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Women's Center Sexual Assault Awareness month Crafternoon event



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Students receive bracelets, bags, pins and more at the Women's Center Crafternoon booth on April 9

The volunteers helped the students make bracelets with enthusiasm

Kim Stager
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Students flowed in and out of the Women's Center on April 9 for the Crafternoon event.

Bri Navarro, an International Studies major, and Melanie Velazco-Curiel, a Virtual Technology & Design major, both work as volunteers at the Women's Center. They were friendly, open and eager to show students how to make their own blue, power cord bracelets for Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Tara Keuter, a wildlife

resources major, made multiple Sexual Assault Awareness bracelets at the Women's Center.

Sierra Brantz, an international studies major, also made multiple Sexual Assault Awareness bracelets at the same time as Keuter.

Students who attended the event received snacks, posters, buttons and a bag of information relating to sexual assault awareness from a table set up in the center.

A trifold board about Sexual Assault Awareness month sat at another table for students to read and become educated on this issue.

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Sports

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Why local esports tournaments help the community

Why it might be easier to get into the gaming community than you think

Dylan Shepler
ARGONAUT

In the esports community, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, but the most popular events are always the big tournaments with the highest stakes.

These tournaments serve a few specific purposes beyond acting as a simple competition. They allow for the expansion of the gaming community in one swoop as well as bring the community together in a large fashion.

While the big tournaments, with their daunting competition, tend to attract a lot of attention, they don't bring many new people into the gaming community because their level of play can be off-putting to newer players. That's exactly where a different type of competition, a local tournament, comes in.

A local tournament is just as it sounds. It attracts players within the nearby area to come and play competitively against people like them. Local tournaments tend to lure players in much the same way larger tournaments do, but they also have specific differences that make them much more effective at doing so.

For one, local tournaments always have a lower overall skill level of play. Large tournaments, with large prize pools, attract the highest level of play since big money prizes will always be more time-effective for pro players. They spend less time to make more money, but lower-level players, who don't have the skills to beat top-tier opponents, generally go to large tournaments for a few key reasons.

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Vandal alumna returns to her roots

Karlee Wilson shares her experiences as a Vandal and how they shaped her coaching career

Morgan McDonough
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Karlee Wilson grew up in the Lewis-Clark Valley, where she played varsity basketball at Lewiston High School for four years. Wilson was a first-team all-state and first-team all-league selection as a junior after averaging 9.5 points with a 4.0 assist-to-turnover, leading Lewiston to the state championship.

Wilson said when choosing a university, she knew the biggest variable was remaining close to home. She wanted to be able to go visit her family and have them come to watch her play.

"I went on an unofficial visit to the University of Idaho, and I committed the summer before my junior year," Wilson said. "The level of competition was perfect for me and I loved the community element the University of Idaho offered."

Wilson said with women's basketball head coach Jon Newlee leading the way, the Vandals were able to win the Western Athletic Conference Championship her freshman year and the Big Sky Conference Championship her senior year.

Due to a torn ligament in her knee during her freshman season at UI, Wilson's basketball career was put on a brief pause. She said one of her greatest personal accomplishments was coming back from her injury and earning Big Sky's Co-Defensive Player of the Year her senior season.

"Not very many people can even say they had the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament," Wilson said. "We were competitive all four years even after moving from WAC to the Big Sky, and I couldn't see myself playing anywhere else."

Wilson's love for basketball led her back to her roots at Lewiston High School, where she now serves as the coach for the Bengals' girl's basketball team.

"I personally think being a point guard for the University of



Karlee Wilson | Courtesy

(Above) University of Idaho alumna Karlee Wilson shoots past a player from Southern Utah (Below) University of Idaho alumna Karlee Wilson steps in for a run up as a player from Southern Utah chases her down

Idaho helped me create a strong relationship with Newlee and the other coaches," Wilson said. "I became a leader on the floor and I constantly had talks with Newlee about how to be a leader and how to fulfill my duties as captain."

Wilson said the relationships she built throughout her time playing basketball, in both high school and college, is why she wanted to start coaching. She said she tries to instill the same emphasis on relationships and trust she learned at UI in her players at Lewiston.

Wilson said her favorite part about coaching is getting to know the girls and building bonds with them. She said she is still young enough to relate to them and she is able to understand what they are going through.

"I can coach them best by knowing what is going on in their lives," Wilson said. "To these girls, I am someone other than a parent or teacher for them to talk to and I love being this person in these young athletes' lives."

Wilson said one of the greatest lessons her college coaches taught her was that when someone is



faced with adversity and difficulty is when their true character shows. She said she continues to instill this lesson in her high school players today.

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Learning how to navigate whitewater rapids

Intro and advanced kayaking clinics prepare participants for a summer on the water

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The University of Idaho swim center is partnering with the Outdoor Program to provide whitewater kayaking clinics

for students, staff, faculty and community members interested in learning more about the sport.

On Wednesday evening, the swim center hosted an Intro to Whitewater Kayaking clinic where future kayakers could learn the basics of traversing the rushing rapids common in the Pacific Northwest.

Another advanced clinic will take place next Wednesday, with a deadline to register by Tuesday.

Attendees learned about skills specifically related to whitewater kayaking, such as how to avoid capsizing your kayak in faster waters, how to right the kayak after it has flipped as well as how to spot and avoid shallow areas in whitewater rapids so kayakers don't end up with a damaged vessel.

Nathan Moody, an outdoor program coordinator and organizer of the clinics, said his reason for

getting involved in kayaking was the potential for adventure and the freedom it brought with it.

He said the purpose of the clinic was to prepare for crowds who are more interested in outdoor summer activities than before the pandemic.

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A way to get familiar with the outdoors

Exploring the differences between small and large game in the hunting scene

Ryan Hill
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Idaho has more seasons than just the traditional fall, winter, summer and spring. There's hunting season. Any of the state's residents are hunters who participate in the hunting seasons available.

While many might look forward to big game seasons for larger animals who provide more meat and trophies, many hunters enjoy searching for small game as well. Small game is a category of animals like squirrels, ducks, rabbits, turkey and bobcats.

Currently, turkey season is now open for hunters. To hunt legally, hunters are required to purchase licenses for whichever season they wish and will need to abide by laws enforced by the Idaho Fish & Game Department. Rules and other information for hunting small game can be found on the Idaho Fish & Game website.

Part of what makes small game appealing to hunters is that all they need is a hunting license, except for turkeys because of their popularity as a target. When hunting big game, tags are required and can be expensive.

There are some limits to how much

one person can keep for small game every year, but hunters can gather a larger quantity of small game than they can big game. A hunter also doesn't need big hunting rifles for larger game which require, pricey ammo, like .308-caliber. They can use rifles that shoot .22-caliber ammo or shotguns, which are cheaper.

Nate Hill, a student at Montana State University, said he likes small game hunting because it's relaxing. When he hunts for duck or geese, he sets up a blind in either a thick brush or on an island, then waits for the game to come to him.

"You can lay back, chillax and talk to people, you don't have to be super quiet," Hill said. "You can wait, throw out calls, it's really fun."

Larger game, like elk and deer, are generally more skittish and sensitive to sound, so there is a chance they will be gone before being seen if the hunter is being too noisy.

Hunting big game doesn't allow for large groups, while small game hunting can be done with a group of friends. Small game hunters can converse more freely with their friends than they would be able to if they were hunting big game.

Bradley Dammerman, the owner of the Idaho Whitetail Guides, said big game hunting is more of a challenge. It can cost a lot of money, especially for tags and gear, that can make the sport especially tough for new hunters.



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A drake, hunted in south eastern Idaho, is displayed after a morning hunt in December, 2020

"It's a good way for kids to start out," Dammerman said. "That's what I get my kids involved in, taking them out grouse hunting and turkey hunting, prepping them for big game."

Small game hunting helps kids and beginners get familiar with their guns before hand, such as how to operate them and use them safely. It also gives them a great form of exercise and allows them

to be more familiar with the outdoors.

Dammerman said he started out hunting small game as a kid, much like he own children doing, and it helped give him the experience to become a successful hunter later in life.

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TOURNAMENT

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These reasons may be to increase their community standing by placing well, trying to show off no matter how well they perform or just plain old fun.

These players are always the ones losing money because the lower a player places at a tournament, the less money they win back, with prizes generally cutting off around 32nd place.

At a local tournament, the lower level of play ensures players who are trying to make an entry into the professional circuit can have similarly skilled opponents, instead of the nation's top players.

Gamers going to locals can get a better chance to show off their skills without getting snuffed out by players who are leagues better, and they have a chance to win a prize, increasing their chances of being a repeat figure at their locals.

This combination of more interesting and satisfying competition for players, alongside the idea of winning a prize, can keep more players coming back again and again. This makes the community bigger and, hopefully, gives those lower-level players a new passion.

Not only do local tournaments bring in more repeat competitors, but they are also much more plentiful. Large tournaments are a rare thing to behold, as their large prize pools and massive magnitude of players can make them quite a feat to organize and execute.

On the contrary, local tournaments typically require a small entry fee for players, often ask players to bring their own controller and make sure no one will ruin the community spirit.

The first two rules aren't usually an issue since many local tournaments are free and other community members sometimes pay for their competitors. There are even players who bring extra controllers specifically so other players can play if they don't have their own controller.

In a larger tournament, the entry fees will always be present, there won't be anybody stepping up to pay for you and trying to find another player that will let you borrow their controller is a lot tougher.

Local tournaments tend to be better for the community because they're livestreamed all the time. At any given time, there

are more than likely multiple streams of local tournaments for any popular game.

These livestreams may not always be at the top of Twitch, a popular streaming service, but there are plenty to choose from. Many lively players provide a tight feeling of community because there doesn't tend to be many viewers.

These livestreams also push viewers toward looking into local play for themselves or even just getting involved with the community, regardless of whether they play or not.

One last reason local tournaments have an advantage on larger tournaments is their accessibility. The fact that local tournaments involve the close area means there is the availability of a nearby tournament almost no matter where you go. Alongside how often these local tournaments are held, it's very easy to get involved in the community of just about any popular game.

All these reasons just go to show that local tournaments are worth a try, whether that reason is to compete or just to have fun and get involved.

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KAYAK

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However as easy as someone may find still-water kayaking, Moody said whitewater kayaking is a completely different experience. He said everyone can learn at least one thing from these workshops, even if they have prior experience in the sport.

These workshops explore different methods of maneuvering the kayak which requires more leg strength than traditional kayaking and knowing how to quickly roll a kayak in roaring waters.

Reasons for kayaking may vary greatly from person to person, but for whatever reason, these clinics will be a great experience as both an introduction to kayaking or a chance to learn and practice advanced techniques.

Moody said the clinics are a cheap option to begin a kayaking career. Normally, low-quality inflatable kayaks sell for around \$140 minimum, and a solid kayak that will last longer can run up to \$1,500. But with the cost of these clinics being only a fraction of that, participants get the chance to learn about kayaking at affordable prices.

These annual kayaking clinics cost



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Instructor Nate Moody pushes off into the water during a kayaking clinic at the UI Swim Center on April 21

\$50 for students and \$75 for non-students. The beginner course taught participants knowledge of basic kayaking, such as how to enter and exit the boat, how to steer and how to effectively use the paddle in different types of currents.

The advanced course teaches how to kayak in whitewater specifically, as it requires a much higher use of your legs in order to pilot the boat around the shallow areas of rivers, as well as a much finer level of balance in the boat.

These clinics are an inexpensive option to learn whether kayaking is the right hobby without spending hundreds of dollars on a vessel that might just sit in the corner of the garage collecting

dust after a couple of uses.

These two clinics are the only kayaking-related events happening on campus this year, but with the possible relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions due to the vaccine, Moody said there may be more events like this next year.

For those interested in kayaking, Moody said he recommends going to the Potlatch River in the Palouse during the summer months.

Since the river dries up in the late fall and only reappears mid-spring, the chance to enjoy the river is short, but Moody said being able to seize the opportunity is quite nice.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month Denim Day

Wear denim with a purpose on **April 28** to show support for survivors of sexual violence, and show that we as a community care about this issue.

Take a picture and post it to social media with **#UIdahoDenimDay** or **#DenimDay2021**— or simply email the picture to **askjoe@uidaho.edu** and we will post it for you.

Violence Prevention Programs, in conjunction with the Women's Center, ASUI and Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse encourage the Vandal Family to follow along on social media to show support:
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Why Denim?

The campaign was originally triggered by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

CRUMBS

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The Latah Recovery Center is looking for Volunteers!

Those interested in psychology, sociology, addictions, mental health, and behavioral health may be particularly interested.

The Latah Recovery Community Center, Inc. (The Center) is a private, nonprofit organization serving people who are in recovery from alcohol and other drug use or mental health disorders.



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Opinion

Support police reform in Idaho

How people in Idaho can help support police reform

In May of last year, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota by police officer Derek Chauvin, starting the Black Lives Matter protests around the world to address police brutality. Last Tuesday, Chauvin was found guilty of all three charges for the murder of Floyd.

Floyd, among other African Americans, have been subjected to brutality, but others have not seen justice.

There are several ways we can help support police reform in Idaho. The combination of education, communication and action creates a loud voice when it comes to pushing for something so life changing.

The first thing to do is to educate yourself and others, starting with weapons safety courses and familiarizing yourself with local protocols for an active shooter situation. Knowing these skills can help ensure knowing what to do with a weapon and when someone else has one.

Broadening your

knowledge of how weapons handlers usually act can help you pick out those who aren't acting normally. There are several available courses for weapons safety in Idaho, ranging from learning how to be safe with a hunting rifle to handgun safety.

Owning a gun and not knowing how to use it properly is like owning a car and not knowing how to drive. We require extensive education to make sure people can drive without hurting themselves or others, and owning a gun should be the same way.

Other ways to educate yourself includes being aware of your local protocols for active shooters. At UI, the quick reference guide for an active shooter event gives information on what an active shooter is, what to do when law enforcement arrives, information to provide to 911 operators and three general options for how to react to an

active shooter.

The next step of supporting change is to communicate with local and state leaders to ensure they know about the situations and that the people they are representing want change.

from happening in the future," but opposes the defunding of police departments pushed by activists.

The last thing to do right now is to take action or help others take action. Organizations like Campaign Zero, a non-profit which supports the analysis of policing practices nationwide, gather and perform research on different ways to accomplish effective police reform. You can donate to their cause or propose a new policy solution.

Police reform is important and necessary to save America's minorities from the violence they've faced. The Palouse is not immune to these issues, nor are we separate from them. We need to do our part, in whatever ways we can, to help build a better America.

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Contacting them by phone, email or snail mail are all good ways to let them know what their state wants.

U.S. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, has shown support for "examining current laws and policing procedures to prevent what happened to Mr. Floyd

GUEST VOICE: How to safely use cannabis

Vandal Health Education offers advice to students who want to use cannabis

Cannabis, also known as weed, pot or marijuana, is increasingly becoming legalized at the state level in several states, including several surrounding Idaho.

Though still illegal at the federal level, access

to cannabis has greatly expanded.

Vandal Health Education seeks to provide information about cannabis that may help students make informed decisions and take steps to reduce the risk of negative outcomes if they choose to use it.

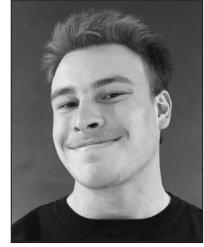
Cannabis can be consumed in several ways: smoking, ingestion or vaporization. When smoked or vaped, cannabis begins to affect the body immediately and can last approximately 1-3

hours. When a person ingests cannabis or takes an edible, the effects generally occur between 30 to 60 minutes, sometimes even two hours after consumption, and can last around six hours or longer.

Short-term effects of cannabis use are varied and could include altered senses, changes in mood, impaired coordination and reaction time, difficulty with problem solving, impaired memory,

hallucinations, delusions and psychosis. Possible long-term impacts of cannabis can include physical and psychological dependence, lethargy, suppressed

immune system, impaired sleep quality, impaired cognition and memory, anxiety and shortened attention span.



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Are colleges centers for indoctrination or discourse?

The views people form after high school have more to do with their surroundings, rather than their classes

With Idaho Legislature's recent bill to lower higher education's budget, Idaho universities are facing the possibility of higher tuitions. These cuts are detrimental to students everywhere.

The reasons behind these cuts, however, are sure to drive outrage from all sides. In an email from University of Idaho President Scott Green, he addresses the reasons why this new budget was allowed to take place. According to Green, multiple special interest groups impacted the Idaho Legislature, especially the Idaho Freedom Foundation.

"They have targeted and tried to redefine issues of diversity, inclusion and social justice to create an illusion

that higher education in Idaho is actively pursuing a political agenda wrought with 'leftist' 'indoctrination,'" Green stated in his email.

The fact that a false narrative such as this was able to impact the decision making for the entire state is alarming. Spreading a story claiming that higher education automatically leads to one definite political ideology has no truth to it whatsoever and shows a definite bias in Idaho's government.

For a long time, rumors such as these have spread about higher education, claiming that students go to college and "come back liberal."

As a college student myself, I would like to challenge these claims. For the first eighteen years of their lives, teenagers typically spend their time at home or in their small hometown communities, under the guidance

and influence of teachers, coaches and their families.

This period of their life is typically sheltered. The opinions of their family and those around them influencing the way they start to perceive the world.

When students finally decide to leave this little bubble that they've grown up in, they are introduced to much larger possibilities. In this new world, they're often able to meet people and see places they never would've been able to in their



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adolescence.

Going to a college campus and meeting others from different lifestyles and backgrounds is usually enough to change a person greatly. It gives them a better perspective on ways to live life.

When many college students attend universities, they are given the opportunity to live on their own and form their own

personalities away from parental judgment. People typically change as they get older, it's what we as humans are supposed to do.

Sometimes that change might not always fit into the parent's ideal version of their child. Yet to shelter them from seeing the world from a different lens, is not going to help their child in the long run.

Taking classes and seeing the world with a deeper lens should make students stronger in their beliefs and who they are. If they begin to sway towards a different view of life, then maybe that's who they've decided to evolve into.

I have seen students from both sides of the political spectrum decide to change their views throughout college. Does that have to do with the university teachings or rather, does it play into the people they meet throughout college and how they decide to shape you?

Growing up in a small town, going to college only strengthened my personal beliefs and gave me

the knowledge and support to better pursue my ideals. My high school education did not fully prepare me for life, and I find it sad that many people are never able to become educated beyond that.

A country full of educated people is more likely to be successful. Knowledge should be something to respect and aspire to, not to be feared and frowned upon. Creating a stigma about higher education will only hinder us in the future. Cutting off resources to achieve a state full of well-read, intelligent people is a threat to democracy, and quite frankly, a threat to the very same "freedoms" The Idaho Freedom Foundation promotes.

Support Idaho higher education, and support the professors and students working hard to not only better themselves, but the communities they live in.

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Celebrate Earth Day like it's the Semicentennial

Make Earth Day meaningful after a stay-at-home year

It's the 51st Earth Day on April 22, and things look very different from the 50th Earth Day.

A year ago, UI students were scattered back across the country, taking Zoom classes in our parents' basements and missing our friends. We were encouraged and often mandated to stay at home.

Dozens of National Parks as well as many state and local parks were closed to the public. Traditional Earth Day group hikes and tree planting events were canceled. When Earth Day's golden anniversary came around, it was

challenging to celebrate.

COVID-19, much like climate change and pollution, is an unignorable global problem that requires international collaboration and scientific innovation to solve. As individuals, our capacity to act on these issues is limited. As communities, working together makes our actions powerful.

Although it was a painful time, I don't think we should forget what the 50th Earth Day looked like. It was a powerful reminder of how much we rely on this planet for survival and how interconnected we all are.

Instead, I want us to celebrate this 51st Earth Day with all the energy

we would have put into the semicentennial and more.

As things slowly improve with the vaccine and schools reopening, we can use the energy of rebuilding to make an eco-friendlier society and take our environmental actions to the next level.

There are many good options for Earth Day actions in the Moscow area. If your Earth Day plans include a nice nature walk through Phillips Farm or Idler's Rest, take a moment to learn about the Palouse Prairie habitat and organizations like the Phoenix Conservancy and Friends of Phillips Farm that are working to protect and restore endangered ecosystems

on the Palouse. Commit to volunteering your time or donating money to these organizations throughout the year, to stand by their mission on more than just Earth Day.

If you're called to more direct action on Earth Day, you can volunteer to pick up litter or plant trees. If you are participating in a project hosted only on Earth Day, use the time to consider how you can reduce the need for cleanups and tree plantings with your own habits.

Challenge yourself to cut back on paper products

or single-use plastics in the coming year and if you are volunteering in a capacity that is not limited to Earth Day, try donating your time during the rest of the year as well.

In our "Heart of the Arts" Moscow community, there are creative opportunities to recognize Earth Day as well. The Citizen's Climate Lobby will be hosting an interactive

"Climate Ribbon" art exhibit from April 19-23 at the IRIC building on the University of Idaho campus, where participants are encouraged to reflect

on what they love about the Earth and do not want to lose to climate change.

By writing your thoughts on a ribbon, you can contribute to a beautiful community art piece and encourage others to think about their own environmental values.

No matter how you choose to spend the day, I hope you enjoy our 51st Earth Day. I hope you get the chance to appreciate the beautiful world we live in today and I hope you are inspired to take action to make it a better one for tomorrow and for the next 50 years.

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