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Increases in employee compensation

UI will hold resident undergraduate tuition flat for the second year in a row

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Eligible University of Idaho employees will receive a 2% increase in employee compensation for the next fiscal year, upon the passage of higher education budgets in the Legislature, according to an email from President Scott Green on Monday.

Faculty and staff hired before Dec. 31 and who received a rating of “meets expectations” or higher on their 2020 annual performance evaluation are eligible for the increase, Green stated.

Proposed by Idaho Gov. Brad Little, the Change in Employee Compensation creates “challenges for public colleges and universities,” according to Green. While state funds pay for nearly half of public higher education costs, the rest is a mix of federal funding and local dollars.



Scott Green

“As is the case every year, the Legislature expects us to provide funding for the other half of the CEC increase, which most often comes from tuition increases,” Green stated. “But, for the second year in a row, UI will hold resident undergraduate tuition flat.”

In 1980, tuition and fees made up 7% of college and university funding, according to data from the Idaho State Board of Education. Less than four decades later, that number climbed to 46%. State funding, which once accounted for 93% of higher education costs, dropped to 54% over the same period, the ISBE stated.

The state Legislature approved a 2% CEC increase last year, but only half the funding needed for the increase was provided, according to Green.

“Because we did not increase tuition rates last year, the 2% approved increase became a 1% funded increase,” Green stated in the email. “Even the 1% CEC increase was not awarded because the state feared additional tax revenue impacts from COVID-19.”

The university will combine last year’s 1% increase with this year’s 1% increase to offer eligible faculty and staff a 2% increase in compensation.

“The work you have done in the past year has made a difference to our students, our university and our state,” Green stated. “Thank you for your dedication and service.”

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COVID-19 rates on campus trend up



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Students walk across campus on Tuesday

Graduation will be modified for Spring 2021 with six separate ceremonies

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President Scott Green and Provost and Executive Vice President Torrey Lawrence provided updates on COVID-19 testing and spring graduation ceremonies in an email April 26.

Out of 503 tests the past week, 5.37% were positive. Green and Lawrence stressed this was to be expected.

“We are testing fewer people overall with the increase in vaccinations,” the email stated. “Therefore, symptomatic people and close contacts are a larger part of our reduced weekly testing results.”

Green and Lawrence believe most of these positive cases are from those living off campus.

The university’s positivity rates have steadily risen since returning from spring break with .35% March 20-26. The previous week of April 10-16 found a 4.01% positivity out of

474 individuals tested.

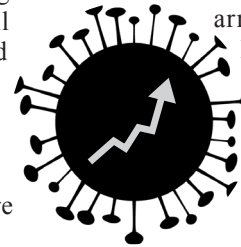
Commencement has been adapted this spring, enabling both in person and virtual attendance to celebrate both 2020 and 2021 graduates.

There will be six commencement ceremonies in Moscow at the Kibbie Dome and one graduation ceremony in both Idaho Falls and Boise. The six Moscow ceremonies will take place May 15-16, graduates separated by college.

Graduates will be allowed tickets for guests. To accommodate for COVID-19 safety

protocols, guest seating will be assigned and socially distanced with temperature checks at the entrance. Sanitization of the dome will take place between ceremonies.

In further measures, graduates will not shake hands with administration members. Doctoral and masters graduates will not be hooded by professors



but are expected to arrive wearing hoods. More details on graduation can be found on the Spring Commencement page.

“With just three weeks until commencement, it is as important as ever to remain committed to the Health Vandal Pledge,” the email states.

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Faculty Senate passes two new policies

The policies will affect the Admissions Committee as well as the Committee on Promotion and Tenure

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The University of Idaho Faculty Senate passed two separate policies, both will implement changes to standing committees at the university, the Admissions Committee and the Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

Tuesday’s meeting, which began with an introduction of the newest faculty members for the 2021-2022 academic year, quickly shifted focus to implementing proposed committee alterations.

The first policy change to pass in Faculty Senate expanded the number of non-voting members in the Admissions Committee.

The proposal came directly from Admissions Committee

members who determined they would benefit from additional members dedicated to advisory matters, said Russell Meeuf, Faculty Senate Vice Chair.

The first additional non-voting member will be a representative from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, who will be tasked with advising other members to ensure the admissions selection process adheres to university standards surrounding diversity and representation.

The proposal will add an additional non-voting representative from the university’s student support services. This would answer calls for a representative to be sourced from the Vandal Gateway Program, results in two total on-voting members. Faculty Senate called for

the consolidation of existing policies surrounding faculty promotion and tenure including as the alteration of language within said policies.

The primary change within the policy will alter the current selection standards for the College Promotion and Tenure Committees. Under the previous policy, selection guidelines were limited to instructions that one representative be elected by faculty members in every department for each college.

Under the revised committee standards, faculty will select two members to be presented to the dean for selection with additional consideration given to “representational balance in the makeup of the committee,” Chair of Faculty Affairs Richard Seamon said.

“The intent here is that there are some options to make sure that we have better

representation,” Provost Torrey Lawrence said, citing committees formed earlier this year that ended up with all male or all female membership.

According to Seamon, the settlement on committee members being selected with representational considerations, rather than strictly diversity considerations, came with interests of the diverse faculty members in mind.

“If it were narrowly tailored to just asking the dean to consider diversity, that would end up with certain faculty members being overburdened,” Seamon said. “The broader definition takes that into account.”

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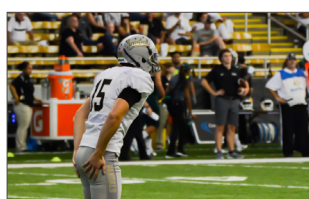
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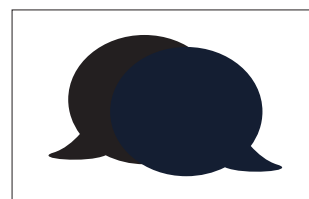
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A Crumbs Recipe

Vegetarian Ramen Stir Fry

With dead week and finals week quickly approaching, don't forget to eat something more than once a day. No, your iced coffee doesn't count. Here's an easy recipe so you have a nice treat to look forward to amongst your stress.



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Ingredients:

- One pack of Soy Sauce Top Ramen
- 1/2 cup of broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup of sliced mushrooms
- 1 egg
- Three tablespoons of soy sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon of chili paste
- One tablespoon of minced garlic
- Olive oil

Directions:

1. Add just the noodles to a microwave-safe container, cover with water and microwave for three minutes.
2. Pour oil in a pan and turn heat to medium.
3. Add garlic, chili paste and soy sauce and mix.
4. Add mushrooms and sauté.
5. Add broccoli and a little bit of water and mix.
6. Crack the egg in the middle of the pan and thoroughly mix until cooked.
7. Add soy sauce seasoning packet from the ramen package with a little bit of water and stir.
8. Add the noodles and stir until mixed. Add more soy sauce to taste.
9. Serve and enjoy.

Prep time: 25 minutes
Servings: 1

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Telling personal stories of climate change

Climate stories workshop emphasizes telling personal stories to spread climate change awareness

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Lately, it seems like there are more wildfires in the West that keep getting tougher to put out. Winter seems to come later each year. A white Christmas is something to hope for rather than a regular occurrence. These are more obvious effects of climate change, but there are smaller signs all around us.

At a climate stories workshop on Tuesday, John Davis, a musician and climate educator, led a presentation about how to tell impactful stories about climate change. He focused on telling personal stories rather than large, worldwide ones to spread awareness.

Davis compared the method to how the #MeToo movement and Black Lives Matter kicked off, saying those movements were based on telling personal stories, which was why they were so impactful.

One of the examples Davis provided was his piece “Footsteps in Snow,” which features the deep strings of a double bass paired with a recording of Inuit elder John Sinnok describing how climate change has affected his home village of Shishmaref, Alaska.

“Back when I was young, we have always had north wind,” Sinnok said. “All the time, and we would have blizzards and cold north winds for a good month. But after that the snow gets so cold that you could hear people walking outside. You could hear their footsteps outside. Nowadays, it doesn’t get that cold anymore, where you can hear people walking past. The snow doesn’t get that hard, dry anymore, like it used to.”

When participants in the



workshop began describing their own experiences, small things like flowers sprouting earlier than they used to and having to explain climate change to their child were mentioned. Davis said these were the types of experiences people were going to remember and relate with.

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(Top Left) Daffodils stare down people passing by their little patch in the University of Idaho Arboretum
(Top Right) Hosta pushes up out of the ground in the University of Idaho Arboretum
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(Right) A goose takes a rest next to a pond in the University of Idaho Arboretum

Diverse Dialogue Series discusses deadnaming

Panelists provided insight into the role names have in affirming transgender identity

Royce McCandless
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Panelists at a Diverse Dialogue Series, hosted by the University of Idaho, discussed their experiences with being deadnamed and misgendered, and the impacts these transgressions can have on transgender individuals.

Associate professor of sociology Kristin Haltinner opened the evening’s dialogue with a brief contextualization, explaining how a “record number” of anti-trans legislation have been introduced in legislatures across the country.

Most seek to either prevent transgender children from having access to necessary medical care or bar them from participating in sports.

According to Haltinner, these policies do more than exclude transgender individuals from participating in various segments of society, they also seek to invalidate the very identities that define transgender

people. By reinforcing the gender binary, these laws leave no space for transgender existence, allowing name and pronoun misuse to continue to proliferate, whether it is born out of ignorance or malice.

To illustrate how transphobia has been normalized in our culture, panelists highlighted challenges with interacting in spaces unreceptive of transgender individuals and transgender identities.

Koda Hendrickson, a former University of Idaho student, highlighted the importance of universities being accommodating for individuals who are affirming their gender.

The process of changing one’s birth certificate can be arduous, so having resources and policies in place for easy changes within university systems is integral to creating a safe environment.

“They may have something on a piece of paper that means nothing to them, but they don’t have the time, the resources, that it takes to legally change your name,” Hendrickson said.

It was not until this year UI

finally enacted policy allowing students to be referred to by the names matching their identity, Haltinner said. The university now allows students to use preferred names on VandalCards as well as online on BlackboardLearn and VandalWeb.

Without these systems in place, it can be difficult for transgender students who must continually advocate for themselves to teachers and classmates.

“It’s really exhausting when you constantly have to figure out how to take care of yourself as a human, but then also how to justify your right to

exist and justify your right to be included in conversations,” Carson Poertner, a former UI student athlete and current administrative coordinator at the Department of Student Involvement, said.

Poertner also brought attention to the importance of ensuring campuses have safety networks and safe spaces in place, citing his own experience and how the personnel he had

access to on campus helped him feel more secure in his transition.

“When I was figuring out my name or pronouns that I felt most comfortable with, the one thing that allowed me to truly accept what I already knew to be true was trying out Carson and he/him pronouns in a safe and affirming space,” Poertner said.

The university currently offers education and training on transgender issues through the LGBTQA Office.

Taking advantage of these education initiatives can be integral in ensuring an accommodating campus environment can be maintained and shared by all students, since ignorance transgender issues is often the cause of misnaming.

“I’ve had a couple different experiences where my name and/or pronouns have not been used or expressed,” Poertner said. “A lot of it has to do with a lack of understanding and a lack of education, and more importantly, just a desire to not educate themselves.”

The need for conscientious individuals to educate themselves was brought up throughout the panel discussion, since the responsibility of

education is frequently placed on the shoulders of transgender individuals who may not have the energy or desire to perform that function.

“Don’t rely on your students, don’t rely on fellow faculty, fellow staff to do the work for you,” Hendrickson said. “The single most important thing a cis person can do is to understand the issues that trans folk face.”

The closing message from Haltinner encouraged students, faculty and staff at the university to take action when they see behavior seeking to invalidate the identities of transgender individuals on campus.

“I call on all of you to say no when you see an unfair or unjust policy,” Haltinner said. “I call on you to say no when you see something, when you see someone say something hurtful, whether a transgender person is nearby or not, and I call on you to say no to the excuses you hear of ignorance.”

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Kristin Haltinner

Next UI fall semester to be more in-person

With summer as a transition, UI will shift to in-person and adjust if necessary

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The University of Idaho announced the fall 2021 semester will be the closest to a normal, in-person experience the campus community has had in over a year.

In a mass email from Torrey Lawrence, provost and executive vice president, and Diane Kelly-Riley, and Provost for faculty, the transition to near full

in-person classes will happen over the summer.

The hyflex course format will be phased out by the fall semester and courses labeled as hyflex should go back to in-person or “can be offered through simultaneous Classroom Meeting and Virtual Meeting sections,” according to the email. Enrollment limits will be adjusted to “provide maximum access” to students.



Diane Kelly-Riley

The email stated faculty, staff and students are “strongly encouraged” to get the COVID-19 vaccine. “An individual’s

vaccination status is private,” the email stated. “Supervisors are prohibited from inquiring about employees’ vaccination status; likewise, faculty are prohibited from inquiring about students’ vaccination status.”

According to the email, summer classes will remain under guidelines from the Healthy Vandal Pledge and will follow guidelines for Idaho Rebounds Stage 3 until further notice.

Summer classes will utilize COVID-19 formats, including classroom meetings and Zoom, and keep classroom capacity to 50%. Mandatory COVID-19 testing will not be enforced during the summer, though there will be free optional testing and isolation units available.

“Faculty must clearly communicate to students about in-person attendance requirements,” the email stated. “Course delivery should be consistent with the manner listed on the schedule developed during Spring 2021. Changes to course delivery — from what is advertised on the schedule of classes to the actual delivery of the course — should not occur.”

The email stated there may be changes to the flow of indoor traffic as a result of a decreased number of students during the summer.

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WSU mandates vaccine

The requirement will take effect in the 2021-2022 academic year

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Washington State University announced requirements for students and employees to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19 for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

A statement from WSU President Kirk Schulz announced the new requirement and exemptions for both students and employees.

All students will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to participate in any on-site

or in-person courses. This goes for student activities at the WSU campus. Students, employees and volunteers with approved exemptions may be required to participate in regular COVID-19 testing or other public health measures.

Some programs with an earlier date must submit proof of vaccination or have approved exemptions when the fall semester starts.

Exemptions will be allowed for medical, religious or personal reasons. There will be more information on how to submit proof and the process to request an exemption in the coming months.

Students whose programs are completely online will be automatically

exempt from the new requirements.

WSU students living in university-owned housing will need to provide proof of vaccination or an approved exemption by Aug. 6, 2021.

“For students who have been granted exemptions, the university retains the discretion to modify housing assignments as it deems necessary to protect public health and safety,” Schulz stated.

On Nov. 1, students who do not live in university housing or program-specific requirements will be required to have proof of vaccination or an approved exemption.

Students who fail to meet these requirements will be prevented from registering for the spring semester or

face other restrictions.

WSU will accept proof of any vaccine authorized for use in the U.S.

“For vaccinations requiring two doses, students and employees must have received both doses of the vaccine to meet the requirement,” Schulz stated. “Proof of vaccination will also be required for anyone with a prior diagnosis of COVID-19.”

WSU will work with international students and employees who may have received a vaccine not approved in the U.S.

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Transforming education

Innovate, engage and transform are main points in UI strategic plan

Sierra Pesnell
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University of Idaho Executive Vice President

and Provost Torrey Lawrence showcased a strategic plan for the 2021-2022 academic year at an Idaho State Board of Education meeting.

An emphasis for part of the plan is innovation. Lawrence said this would highlight the research conducted at UI. He showed the yearly expenditures from research, with 2020's spending increasing to \$113 million from \$102 million in 2017.

“This contributes significantly to the state's economy,” Lawrence said. “It allows us to engage our industry partners as well as our federal partners.”

Lawrence said President Scott Green has allocated \$3 million to support additional Ph.D. and post-doctorate research. Another part of innovation includes recently developed webinars, trainings and in-person classes to increase creation and learning.

The second emphasis of Lawrence's strategic plan was engagement, largely through the UI extension offices throughout Idaho. Lawrence said Zoom has provided an increased opportunity to reach students and others in the community.

The third part of the strategic plan is transforming. This part of the plan is focused on teaching students and maintaining student retention at UI. Lawrence said the



Torrey Lawrence

university understands one of the main challenges for students is finances. He said scholarships will be a large aspect going forward.

The goal to transform also considers graduation rates. Lawrence said there have been steady increases in reaching benchmark graduation rates.

“We're still trying to improve and continue to see these numbers go up,” Lawrence said.

Lawrence said two of the main goals from the strategic plan is pursuing quality and accessibility.

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Vaccines continue to be administered

Scott Schlegel urges the community to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine

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A month since vaccines were made available in Latah County for all individuals 16 and older, 460,117 Idahoans have been fully vaccinated. 74.1% of vaccines have been administered statewide as of April 26.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District has the fewest distributed and administered doses

statewide.

“There's a couple factors,” PH-INCD Public Information Officer Scott Schlegel said. “We are a very rural county, so our population is a lot lower than some others. The uptake of people willing to take the vaccine is not as high as some of the other districts.”

In the district, 9.5% of the 16-24 year old age group have been completely vaccinated. This compares to 56.5% of the general population.

“We're right there in line with the other districts,” Schlegel said. “We wish the

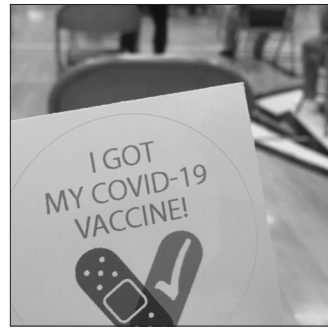
number were higher, but we are going to continue to offer this and continue to push enough people to get it.”

As of April 26, Gritman Medical Center has administered 89% of their vaccines, 11,259 doses in total.

“We want those numbers to keep going up so we can get to that herd immunity,”

Schlegel said. “The side effects have been small, these are safe vaccines.”

Vaccine appointments can be made at Idaho's vaccination website.



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Vaccination sticker at the SRC

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ASUI expresses disapproval of Idaho Legislature

Emotions run high at Wednesday's ASUI meeting

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Associated Students University of Idaho introduced a resolution Wednesday expressing disapproval of recent legislative passages within the Idaho Legislature.

The resolution details the impact several recently passed bills in the state will have on the University of Idaho, emphasizing the implications on student-led organizations.

House Bill 116 was disapproved by multiple senators who highlighted the direct role its passage will have in jeopardizing the continued existence of ASUI.

Under the bill, students are given the choice to opt in or out of fees dedicated to the support of “services, groups, educational outreach, trainings, workshops, events or programs.”

Since ASUI is funded entirely through student fees, the bill would likely mean the end of ASUI, Sen. Kallyn Mai said, adding there would be a “trickle-down effect” as other events



Sierra Pesnell | Argonaut

Idaho Capitol Building in Boise, Idaho

and groups normally promoted by ASUI would see significantly less engagement.

House Bill 377 was another piece of recently passed legislation disapproved by multiple ASUI senators.

According to the resolution, House Bill 377 functions as a piece of legislation that places restrictions on curriculum that ultimately prevent

students from understanding “the world they are growing up in.”

“The state Legislature has given airspace to lies about higher education ... these lies have been spewed across the statehouse, making our legislators more uneducated on topics they're supposed to understand,” Sen. Lydia McRoberts said. “These laws have

allowed our legislators to invoke fear and grab power away from the people.”

Several senators voiced their disapproval with the language used in the resolution, specifically taking issue with the resolution's description of House Bill 377 as an “abomination.”

“If we want to get something done, I think we should be respectful of the positions they hold, whether we agree with them or not,” Sen. Hunter Gust said.

Emotions surrounding the Idaho Legislature were high, with multiple senators expressing their fears as to where education in Idaho was trending with the continued passage of bills targeting public schools throughout the state.

“We are nearly last in education ... that directly relates to our state legislators and the actions they are making regarding our education,” Sen. Dylanie Frazier said.

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Exhibit of 'Silver and Gold'

Alumni show artwork at the Third Street Gallery

Emily Pearce
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In the heart of downtown Moscow, the Third Street Gallery created a space for artistic expression and creative representation.

The gallery, put together by the City of Moscow Arts Staff and members of the Moscow Arts Commission, worked together to create artistic direction for the space.

From April 15 to July 2, the gallery will present its exhibit "Silver and Gold," where University of Idaho Art and Design alumni will show their work as artists.

"The exhibition celebrates the passage of time and growth in the Vandal community by featuring past and present works from participating artists," Megan Cherry, City of Moscow arts program manager, said. "The show is inclusive of artwork created during artists' studies at the University of Idaho and examples of recent work."

Opening in September 1997, the gallery was shown

work from artists from the Palouse and "broader Inland Northwest" and has featured artwork in a range of media, Cherry said.

"The Third Street Gallery celebrates the creative excellence of the region in a well-loved public space," Cherry said.

In the exhibit, many alumni living on the Palouse will show their work along with others from Hayden, Idaho and Providence, Utah. Aaron Johnson, assistant professor at UI and alumnus, will be showing at the gallery.

Johnson has presented at the gallery multiple times, starting when he was a graduate student. Working with the Palouse Plein Air event, Johnson will be presenting a Plein air piece of Moscow Mountain in the spring.

Cherry said it is important to have an exhibit dedicated to alumni's work because it "lays the groundwork for a lifetime of creative growth."

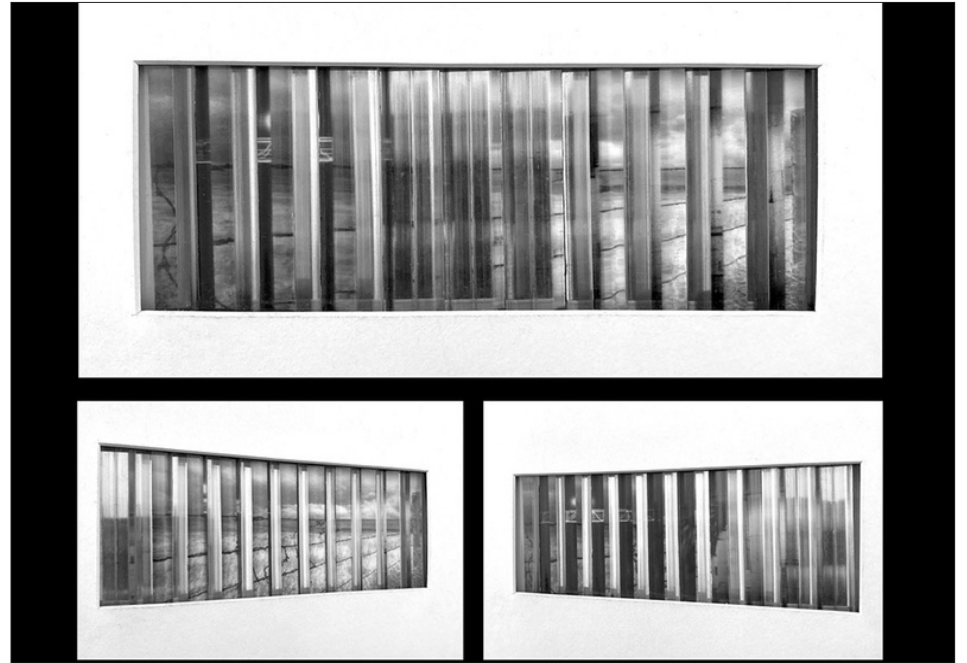
"While there are certainly many ways to become an artist, those who enroll in courses or complete degrees in the arts often describe their higher

education experiences as transformational," Cherry said. "Some establish life-long friendships with their cohort, and others describe their art classes as a place where they found their creative voice. The exhibition highlights the ongoing creative work of the artists, but also provides a glimpse into the cultural impact of UI Art and Design program."

The gallery and arts staff have been watching or opportunities to host an opening night, but because of COVID-19 they have not set a date and time. They still welcome community members to visit the gallery while wearing a mask and socially distancing. Going to the gallery, visitor group sizes are limited to six people and those who feel sick are asked not to enter City Hall.

In the future, the next exhibition the gallery will present is Ctrl+P, showing printmakers' work across an array of media.

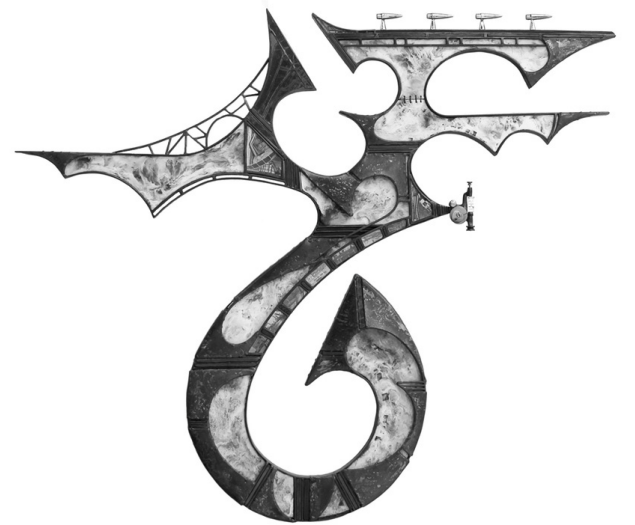
"In the 21st century, dozens of printmaking methods exist, but each one shares a common purpose: to transfer ink onto a support," Cherry said.



"Evolving technologies in this medium have broadened the scope of possibility for visual and verbal communication, and Ctrl+P at the Third Street Gallery welcomes all modes of printmaking.

Whether woodcuts made with a hand-carved block or digital images finalized with the familiar Ctrl+P keystroke, prints of all types are connected to the long tradition of the medium."

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Megan Cherry | Courtesy

Alum makes plans to attend upcoming graduation

Former University of Idaho student hopes to close a collegiate chapter

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Closure is one of the main reasons why University of Idaho alumnus, Ramiro Vargas, is returning for the belated 2020 Commencement this May. His departure from UI last March was not how he envisioned finishing his college career.

Vargas, a graduate in Broadcasting and Digital Media, left Moscow in March 2020 after UI transitioned online. He returned to his family home where he concluded classes and graduated. It was not how he imagined the final chapter in his college life.

A first-generation college student, Vargas was hoping for his family to watch

him receive his degree. He said it meant a lot to his family, wanting to celebrate this accomplishment.

"Throughout my four years there, it was the number one goal," Vargas said. "I'm going to do this because people before me worked so hard for the opportunity."

Vargas has received a job in social media and customer service with a local Boise company. Although he described the transition from online graduation to job hunting as difficult. His job search would have started in March 2020, but the pandemic derailed his plans, like many other college graduates of 2020.

Several companies that Vargas had planned on applying to were either no

longer hiring because of COVID-19 precautions or were unsure because of the turbulence. This period of the unknown was discouraging for Vargas. It wasn't until the late summer of 2020 that he found a job with Lovevery.

Vargas said that his time working at the Department of Student Involvement at UI prepared his skills that he utilizes with his position in social media and customer service. He said the job lifted any pressure he's felt since the challenging adjustment from graduating college during a pandemic.

Several of Vargas' classmates have felt the same struggle in finding jobs after graduating during the pandemic. Vargas has noticed similar obstacles of being lost in the passage of job searching.



Ramiro Vargas

"We thought it would be okay," Vargas said. "We have a degree, we have this set of skills."

Vargas will be attending the upcoming commencement for the class of 2020 and 2021 held at the Moscow campus. He originally hadn't planned on participating in the event, but now sees the opportunity as a chance to find closure in his college career.

"Thinking about how much it means to me, to my family being a first-generation college student," Vargas said. "It means so much that I had the opportunity to go to college."

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'Showing survivors' strength' displayed in ISUB



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(Top) T-shirts hanging along the wall to dry
(Middle Left) Women's Center hosted a tie dye event on the Tower Lawn
(Middle Right) Many shirts hanging in the ISUB for The Clothesline Project
(Bottom) Green Dot and Denim Day pins

Telling stories through t-shirts

Katarina Hockema
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho still has several events planned for the concluding week of Sexual Assault Awareness month this April. From Sunday, April 25 to Friday, April 30 in the ISUB, students will be able to view the "Showing Survivors' Strength" display, the UI's take on The Clothesline Project, a national program started in 1990 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts to raise awareness of violence against women.

This project, often replicated each year across the country in community and campus spaces, allows for survivors and allies to express their thoughts and feelings towards sexual assault and domestic violence through both words and imagery on t-shirts. These shirts are then displayed for public viewing, often on a clothesline.

"It's a powerful visual ... Clothesline projects are on display all over the country, and are a place where people can express their experience," Emilie McLarnan, the Associate Director of Violence Prevention for the Dean of Students office and a coordinator of UI's Sexual Assault Awareness Month event schedule, said. "We can also put this out there for people who may not be aware that violence impacts our communities."

UI has annually presented a Clothesline Project display for around 15 years, having organized a digital display last April due to COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions,

according to McLarnan.

Interested participants were able to download an image of an unmarked t-shirt to decorate with their own digital editing software. These finished images were then submitted by email to Jackie Sedano, the Program Coordinator for UI's Women's Center, and posted on social media. To view last year's display announcement, guidelines and submissions, visit the Women's Center's Instagram account.

Participants should be anonymous and should not include any names or locations relating to their experiences for privacy and safety reasons. Expression and freedom in writing and artistic creations on the shirts are encouraged, but decorators should refrain from excessive use of profanity for this display.

The Women's Center, the Green Dot Bystander Program, RHA and ASUI have collaborated to distribute shirts to students on and off campus.

This time around, ASUI Director of Health, Safety and Wellness Sierra Brantz has taken the task of purchasing, distributing and collecting shirts for students, particularly those involved in Greek life.

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Weekly horoscope April 25-30



Your weekly guide to consulting the stars

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Taurus: April 20-May 20
Your dependable attitude is being put to the test this week. Make sure you are looking out for your friends. They'll look back when you're in a difficult situation and be inclined to help because of your history of dependability.

Gemini: May 21-June 20
Is there a change in your life you're unsure of making? Go for it! One of your best traits is your adaptability. Embrace a new change and find ways to transform. This change can help you create fresh perspectives in your life.

Cancer: June 21-July 22
You're a caring friend, Cancer. Be sure people know how much you care about them, and it'll make their week's better. Complimenting someone or lifting their moods will not go unnoticed. People are receptive to caring friends.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22
Whether it's final tests, applying for a job or anything else that requires preparation, don't doubt yourself. Leo, you are brave and strong. Don't let anything deter you from achieving what you want. You have the drive and passion to pursue anything.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You are detail-oriented and tend to be a perfectionist. Let this come to your advantage as you work on final projects, work and anything else that you are passionate about. People will recognize the diligence you put toward your work.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Is there drama in your life, Libra? Do your best to be the mediator and have a balanced opinion of how to approach any issues you have. Your ability to be diplomatic will come as a benefit when trying to make things fair in your life.

Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Determination is one of your key characteristics. Keep up all the hard work and focus on the finish line. Your ambition will be evident when you complete all you have set out to accomplish.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Your positivity is a light in so many people's lives. Sagittarius, even in the most stressful times, you inspire others. Keep that up this week, as you may inspire others you don't even know.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your discipline approach in life will be one of the keys to your success. Strong will and the ability to push forward during stressful times will lead you to accomplish all that you want. This week focus on your goals and how your discipline can help lead you in life.

Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Aquarius, your independence is what helps you hold onto your goals and dreams. You don't need to depend on anyone, and this allows you the unconventional life you aspire to. Utilize your individualism this week.

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Return of the spaghetti

Mountain View 4-H club holds fundraiser serving Italian food

Ryan Hill
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Owen Allenger, the president of the Mountain View 4-H club of Moscow, says for many years now, at the beginning of May, the club does a spaghetti feed to raise money.

"It's always been a great success," Allenger said. "We get a lot of our fundraiser money from this event and it's also a great way for our members to really be a part of the club because everyone gets to take part in preparing the food, making food to sell and general event stuff."

Allenger said on average, they will get 100 people on a slow year and 300 people on a good year. They offer not only spaghetti, but salad, garlic

bread and meat sauce or meatless sauce for patrons. It is beneficial as it shows the public what 4-H does and gives it some publicity.

The reason they serve spaghetti, according to Allenger, is because it is tradition. Spaghetti is also easy to prepare and serve, perfect for a fundraiser. It is a good way for members and their parents to get involved and volunteer.

The fundraiser is important to 4-H, as it is a main source of revenue for the club and helps them with activities, such as sending students on statewide trips, such as the Know Your Government Conference or the State Teen Association Conference.

"It's different than what our club can offer because it's an event where they can see everyone across the state, learn different things and have a great time,"

Allenger said.

The money goes to projects that 4-H sponsors, such as obtaining resources or necessary supplies. The money also goes to scholarships.

Allenger is glad that 4-H can do the fundraiser this year. Last year, they decided not to go through with it because everyone was in lockdown due to COVID-19.

There are some changes this year for the fundraiser. It will still be held at the fairgrounds, but the Idaho Health Department recommends a professional chef helps run the kitchen. That means the chefs must have gone to culinary school. One of the parents' husbands who has gone to culinary school helped run the kitchen before, so they are having him return to keep their bases covered.

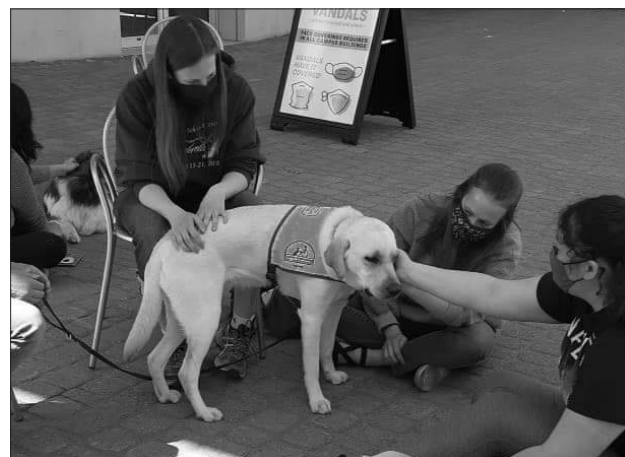
One concern was they would not be able to host

a bake sale at their feed. Normally, they would have a bake sale and a cake auction at the feed. Originally, it was not allowed due to COVID-19 guidelines, but they have confirmed they will be able to sell baked goods at their spaghetti feed.

The feed is May 3 from 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets for the spaghetti feed are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$25 for a family. Tickets can be purchased from 4-H members, but also will be sold at the door on the day of the event. For more information, check out Mountain View 4-H's Facebook page.

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Destress with therapy dogs at ISUB Plaza



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(Left) March, a service dog in training, soaks up the attention from the students
(Right) Cider enjoys pets from a student while lying at her owner's feet

Renee Piper, the owner of Palouse Paws, talks about the organization

Kim Stager
ARGONAUT

Dogs add sunshine to students' lives, not just the recent warm April weather.

At the ISUB Plaza on Wednesday, April 21, four therapy dogs arrived to receive love and pets from the passing students.

Kutya, an 11-year-old Border Collie, is a rescue dog from a shelter in Oregon. She lives with her owner, Debbie Bikfasy, in Pullman.

She enjoys doing all sorts of things from agility and obedience courses to barn hunting. Barn hunting is when a small area is chosen to hide tubes, one with a live rat and another with rat litter, within stacked hay or straw bales. The dogs are tested to see whether they can find the live rat.

Another activity Kutya used to enjoy was fast cat, which is a 100-yard dash in a straight line where the dogs are timed. She doesn't do this activity anymore because she's getting along in years.

Bikfasy's favorite thing about her dog is her willingness to do everything she tells her to do.

Piper, a three-year-old chocolate Labrador, is from a breeder in Yakima. She lives in Pullman with her owner Kathleen Rodgers.

Rodgers has had her since she was a puppy. Piper loves to fetch, run through the fields and swim. Rodgers says she's very much a sweetheart who loves to snuggle.

Her favorite thing about Piper is how smart she is. She'll pick up socks left around the house every morning, it's become a ritual, and carries them around or brings slippers to Rodgers when asked. Piper hasn't chewed on anything, even as a puppy.

Cider, a seven-year-old Shetland Sheepdog, is adopted and has been a pet therapy dog for five years. Susie Gormsen adopted her as a 1-year-old.

Gormsen's favorite thing about Cider is her constant, faithful companionship, especially during the pandemic. Cider enjoys lying in the sun, going for walks and hanging out with Gormsen no matter what she's doing.

When asked by one of the students if she owned Cider, Gormsen's response was "she owns me actually."

March, a 13-month 90% Labrador and 10% Golden, is a service dog in training from Santa Rosa. She's one in a litter of 12.

She doesn't have an owner since Canine Companions for Independence

owns them. These dogs live with volunteer puppy raisers that teach them foundational training. They learn 42 commands and are socialized in all kinds of environments.

These volunteers receive them at eight weeks old and keep them until they're around 18-20 months old. Then, they go back to headquarters for another phase of training that's more professional training, the organization decides what kind of service job they will perform.

March enjoys sleeping and snuggling and loves to play with the younger pups. She has a sweet and mild temperament.

Renee Piper, the owner, founder and area coordinator of Palouse Paws, brought March to enjoy some attention and pets from the students. She isn't March's raiser.

Piper said she likes how these dogs can provide comfort to people at different levels. She said it's been a gift to bring the dogs to visit students to help them destress.

She is glad they can provide support for the community, the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

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Sports

Vandal Football wraps spring season

Vandal Football is ready to take on the fall season after a year of adversities

Morgan McDonough
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University of Idaho football concluded its 2021 spring season at Northern Arizona University on April 17, closing off the shortened season with a 2-4 record in the Big Sky Conference.

Senior kicker, Cade Coffey, wrapped up his collegiate career finishing second in Big Sky for punting after averaging 45.8 yards per punt. Coffey said although this season was difficult, it was one of the best seasons he has played as a Vandal.

“Week in and week out, we didn’t know if we would have our whole team there and we still had to go out there and lay it all out on the field,” Coffey said. “I would definitely say, through this, we built some resilience as a team.”

Junior linebacker Tre Walker earned unanimous All-Big Sky First Team honors. Walker led the Big Sky with 13.5 tackles per game as one of the elite linebackers in the conference.

“I took away from this spring season that we are on the way to a championship team,” Walker said. “I feel like we gave a glimpse of who we are as a program and who we are working to become. I feel like the conference saw that from us in this spring season and they saw a range from us of what we are capable of.”

Walker said the Vandals have been through the worst already this year and are ready to take on what is to come.

The Vandals are scheduled to play an 11-game regular season in the fall, kicking-off the season in the Kibbie Dome against Simon Fraser University on Sept. 4.



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Redshirt freshman kicker Cade Coffey prepares to punt the ball during a game against Sacramento State on Aug. 31, 2017 in the Kibbie Dome



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Redshirt junior kicker Cade Coffey prepares for an extra point against Eastern Washington on Sept. 21, 2019 in the Kibbie Dome

UI football assistant head coach retires

After eight seasons with Idaho, Kris Cinkovich leaves the Vandals

Anteia McCollum
ARGONAUT

University of Idaho assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator Kris Cinkovich has retired, according to a press release from Vandal Athletics.

Cinkovich has been on head coach Paul Petrino’s staff during his whole tenure with the Vandals and their relationship spans over four decades.

“Thank you to coach Paul Petrino and the University of Idaho for a great eight and a half years on the Palouse,” Cinkovich stated in the press release. “At the end of May, my wife Joanie and I are retiring and moving back to Las Vegas. We are excited for the next chapter in our lives. We will cherish the time we spent here and the people we met.”

At Carroll College, Cinkovich played as an offensive lineman under Paul’s father, Bob Petrino Sr. Cinkovich became the offensive coordinator at Carroll in 1987 in place of Paul’s older brother Bobby, where he then coached Paul, who was an All-American quarterback for the Saints’

In 2010, Cinkovich was hired as an assistant on Bobby’s staff at the University of Arkansas, filling Paul’s position when he left to become an offensive coordinator at the University of Illinois.

“I’d just really like to thank Coach Cink for everything he did for this program,” Paul Petrino stated in the press release. “He’s been here with me the whole time. He worked his tail off, did a great job recruiting, always did everything he could for the players. He was a great mentor, great offensive line coach and did a really good job of coordinating the offense. I just can’t thank him enough. He’s one of my good friends.”

Cinkovich coached 10 all-conference offensive linemen during his time with the Vandals, according to the press release. This includes All-American Noah Johnson, who was the first Vandal to earn the title since Mike Iupati. Several of the players he coached went on to play in the NFL and CFL, and “consistently” helped student-athletes reach graduation, stated the release.

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Sprinting to track stardom

Freshman sprinter Caleb Hagan reveals his secrets to speed on the track

Ryan Hill
ARGONAUT

Since he was 9 years old, Caleb Hagan’s father knew he was a runner. After watching him play soccer, he encouraged his son to try out track and field. Now, entering his freshman year, Hagan has proven to be a formidable sprinter for the University of Idaho track and field team.

Hagan tends to specialize in short distance running, which includes the 55, 100, 200 and 400-meter dash. These races are intense and quick. Unlike long-distance running, where athletes have some time to build up their speed, short distance runners have to be ready to go full throttle right as the starting gun shoots off.

Hagan tried a couple other track events as well throughout middle school and high school. He tried a three-kilometer race, considered a long-distance race and decided that he was more suited to sprinting short distance.

Hagan also tried javelin and long jump, doing well with jumps but decided not to continue because of the toll it took on his shins and knees, sticking with sprints and continuing to pursue



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the event throughout college.

Hagan won the 100-meter with a time of 10.46 seconds and the 200-meter with a time of 21.23 seconds at the Idaho Invitational on April 24.

He has also won the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes at both the Weber State Indoor Invitational and the Bobcat Bonus as well to round out his freshman campaign.

Hagan said maintaining a healthy body and mind are most critical in order to keep his speed up.

(Above) At the starting block (Below) Junior jumper Zachary Nunis lands in the pit after a triple jump on April 24 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex



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Women's Golf Reaching for the Sky

Laura Gerner won second place individually, Valeria Patino took eighth

Dylan Shepler
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho women's golf team went to the Big Sky Championship in Molalla, Oregon, last week. The team came in fourth against 10 other teams, taking 922 points total with five players across 54 holes.

This resulted in the team scoring 58 over par for the entire competition, which is a small loss from their last competition where the team got 918 points and 54 over par on a different set of 54 holes.

In the championship, each of the five golfers played 54 total holes separated across three 18-hole days. Each day, the players were individually ranked against the 54 other total players in the championship.

The best players for the Vandals at the end turned out to be graduate student Laura Gerner and senior Valeria Patino, with Gerner scoring 223 points and Patino scoring 225 points. With these results, Gerner earned a three-way tie for second place in the entire competition, losing out to Sacramento State's freshman Tess Blair with a score of 215 shots.

Patino earned a two-way tie for eighth place, placing well enough to tie against the top scorer for Eastern Washington University, junior Jaelin Ishikawa.

The third and fourth



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Senior Valeria Patino takes a swing at the 2019 Big Sky Championships in Boulder City, Nevada

place scorers for the Vandals, junior Vicky Tsai and junior Eddie Hsu, both scored a 238-stroke game, earning them a two-way tie with each other. Rounding out the back of the scores was graduate student Jaime Bellingham, who scored a 248 and earned 45th place.

This tournament was an overall point increase from last, with the team going 58 over par, compared to the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic earlier this month where they went 54-over.

However, multiple players have improved their individual play from the last tournament, and it shows in the stats. Gerner, who was expected to place fourth among her teammates, improved her game by six strokes and overtook Patino, who was expected to place first. Gerner bumped up her score the most, but Patino improved as well and took a stroke off her game.

The rest of the team, however, added a significant number of strokes to their game. Tsai and Hsu both gained eight strokes over the course of three days compared to their last tournament. Bellingham gained 15 strokes from her last tournament.

This disparity is rather large compared to nearly every other team who went to both the Cowgirl Invitational and the Big Sky Tournament, rivaled only by players such as Montana State's junior Sofia Todd, who gained 18 strokes from the Cowgirl Invitational to the Big Sky Championship.

None of the Vandal sophomores attended the Big Sky Championship, and there are no freshmen on the team.

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FOOTBALL

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"We have been here on this road before and it's not anything new to the Vandals," Coffey said. "It is just understanding we are chasing something bigger than what we are playing for right now. It is about getting everybody dialed in and understanding that the possibility to be that championship team is not gone as long as we continue to chase that dream."

Several of the football team's second and third-string players were able to strut their stuff during games where the first string was not available, for many reasons including injury and illness.

"One word I would

use to describe this season would be crazy," Coffey said. "This was definitely crazy challenging, but at the same time I'll never forget this year, all the memories and all the hard work we had to put in."

Head coach Paul Petrino said his players faced a lot of different obstacles and adversity throughout the season. He said Vandal Football sacrificed so much to be able to play this year.

"These guys worked their tails off, they learned how to fight and gained so much experience," Petrino said. "This is what I told the guys Sunday night is that we just have to get that much better, and we will never have to have another season where we

have this many guys out."

This spring season brought the Vandals a short offseason, as they plan to return in the fall for a full season without any major setbacks, like the pandemic. Nearly half of next season's games will be played on the home field. "You always have regrets looking back on a season, but we were very safe and worked hard to keep everyone healthy," Petrino said. "The future is very bright for the Vandals and we will just keep looking forward to next year."

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"Healthy diet is a big thing," Hagan said. "I try to watch my diet, eat right and take full advantage of the training, getting sleep. Just all the little things to get me ready for competition day."

When working out Hagan primarily lifts weights, but also does applied plyometric lifting as well, which Hagan explained are exercises that help the central nervous system get used to moving fast.

"We do jumps where we are jumping up onto a high platform, or we're jumping with something resisting us," Hagan said. "It could be we're jumping over hurdles, or we're standing on a tall

platform and jumping and landing and jumping back up again."

These exercises do pay off, since the moment the starting gun goes off, sprinters have to be able to bolt off the starting block quickly and go into overdrive.

Hagan said he enjoys the sport a lot, and he chose UI because he liked the campus and the athletic department as well. He was worried there wouldn't be a season this year due to COVID-19 but was relieved to be able to run this year.

Hagan said he is proud

of his times and that his motivation is all about self-improvement.

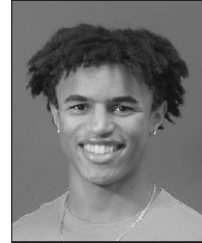
"I want to be the best I can be," Hagan said.

"Whatever I do, I want to be the best at it, or be the best that I can be at it."

The next track meet is the Buc Scoring Invitational in Spokane on April 30. Hagan will also be going to the Big Sky

Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Ogden, Utah, which runs from May 12 to May 15.

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Low-flying teams show on the radar once again

Major upsets in the opening week of the season leave big question marks for what's to come

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Last week, the Overwatch League, or OWL, opened to jawdropping plays from every team involved. There were plenty of outstanding players and plays, alongside lots of great community jokes thanks to the casters of each game.

Out of the 14 matches played in the opening week there were two major upsets, shocking OWL fans everywhere. Because the upsets were so major, nobody gave the underdog teams a chance to win and that's why they were so astonishing.

These two important matches came alongside plenty of other interesting gameplay, with strong performances from the Toronto Defiant after they signed three new players and a new coach right before the season started.

The Florida Mayhem snatched an undefeated opening weekend for themselves, and the Philadelphia Fusion took their first two games, even with the loss of some of their stronger players recently.

While the week went well for all these teams, it went even better for the Chengdu Hunters, a low-ranking team within the league. They managed to take their match against the Shanghai Dragons with a clean 3-0 sweep.

What makes this win especially significant for the Hunters is that the Shanghai Dragons have won multiple major tournaments over the last year, including the OWL Countdown Cup 2020 and the NetEase Esports X Tournament.

With the Chengdu Hunters never taking above 3rd place in any tournament, and their consistent results placing them near 8th, this upset shows the start of a potentially incredible season for them.

Another team that's had a great week is the Houston

Outlaws. With a track record that's consistently worse than the Hunters, placing 10th or lower in all but two tournaments they attended in the last two years, they managed to take the win in a major match against the San Francisco Shock, a top competitor in OWL, and for no small reason.

The Shock has won more than half of their tournaments in the last two years, and never placed below fourth, even in the most competitive tournaments. For the Houston Outlaws, taking the match against The Shock, 3-2, is such a massive upset that it's put them in the spotlight for the week.

With all these big upsets and of excitement, you might expect last week to be the highlight of the tournament, but there's so much left to the competition that there could be more exciting gameplay coming our way.

Not only does the league's season start in late April, but it's also separated into five different events. The May Melee,

the June Joust, the Summer Showdown, the Countdown Cup, and the playoffs and grand finals. Right now, the league is only in the May Melee and there are 18 weeks left in the season.

However, with stakes not being very high in the competition right now, there's less drive for many teams to give their all during every match because it likely won't affect the outcome of the tournament. There's still much room for incredible plays, crazy upsets and competition defining moments all in the next 18 weeks.

All these games can be watched for free on the official OWL YouTube channel, and the schedule can be found on the league's website. It's a great idea to watch at least some of the games in the coming weeks because they're exciting, and it's a great opportunity to expand your horizons to other, more unconventional sports.

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Let's save Idaho's wolves

Idaho Senate passes bill to kill 90% of wolf population

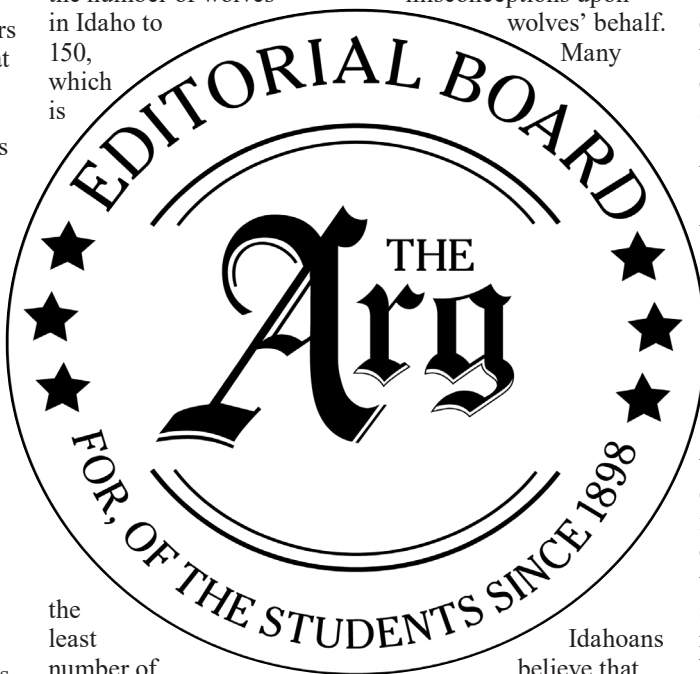
There have been many quarrels between the wolf population in the Pacific Northwest and Idahoans. Many misconceptions and ideas are shared with others within the state, ruling that wolves are inherently bad and must be maintained.

This Tuesday, a bill was passed from the House and through the Senate, limiting wolf population to 90%. Proposed by Republican Senator. Van Burtenshaw, the bill will limit grey wolves in Idaho for the purpose of protecting livestock and sales, according to Associated Press. The bill will now go to Gov. Brad Little, who will decide to approve or veto this bill.

All of this started January, when the Trump administration removed protections for grey wolves, according to The Guardian. The bill proposed hunters would be allowed to hunt an unlimited number of wolves, trap on private property and increase funding for the state's Wolf Depredation Board, hiring private contractors to hunt wolves. The board, created in 2014 within the Office of the Governor, is

responsible for directing and managing funds going towards controlling the wolf population in Idaho.

As of last counts on the population, 1,556 wolves are roaming Idaho, according to the New York Times. The bill would limit the number of wolves in Idaho to 150, which is



the least

number of wolves the federal government of the state allows or the state.

The bill would give the Idaho's Wolf Control Fund \$190,000 to hire contractors to kill wolves on top of \$400,000 previous allocated funds to controlling wolf population in Idaho, according to the article.

According to the previous article, the Wolf Conservation Center said Idaho's numerous wolf policies are hostile and extreme, failing to consider animals' ecological value.

The reason for these killings is because of misconceptions upon wolves' behalf.

Many

Idahoans believe that wolves are a threat to livestock, dangerous to people and kill for sport. But the reality is, these are myths that can be debunked, according to Living with Wolves. The website states wolves are generally afraid of people and try to avoid them. Over the past 100 years, there have

only been two cases of wolves killing humans. Statistically speaking, bears, cougars and dogs have killed more people than wolves have.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2014 wolves killed 136 cattle out of every 44,853. And unlike humans wolves don't kill for sport, but for survival.

On average, grey wolves weigh between 85-115 pounds, around the same weight of a large dog like a German shepherd or an overweight Labrador retriever.

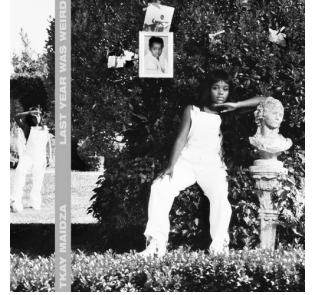
"Since wolves have not yet returned to all of their historic range, they face a premature ending to a recovery far from complete," stated on Living with Wolves' website. "The law clearly states that these decisions must be based on "the best available science," so an independent peer review was enlisted to evaluate the scientific integrity of the proposed delisting rule."

If you or anyone else is against the Idaho Wolf Cull, start by signing the petition on Change.org.

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Some up-and-coming artists to keep an eye on

These artists are poised for greatness and notoriety



Last Year Was Weird | Tkay Maida

One of the few bright spots coming out of this pandemic is the knowledge of previously unknown artists and musical acts that have started to make their mark on the music industry. Today, we'll be going over a few artists that are on the up-and-up and may achieve household name status in the future.

Firstly, the relatively new Top Dawg Entertainment signee, Reason. The rookie already has two projects under the label as well as a feature on one of the better songs on Dreamville's "Revenge of the Dreamers III" project. Although he has yet to put out a project as critically acclaimed as his labelmates, he is only getting more and more opportunities and will soon achieve the success his peers have.

Secondly, the weird yet unique collective, Sad Night Dynamite. Their music is a combination of classic Gorillaz production as well as the vocal stylings of Saturation-era BROCKHAMPTON.

Their latest self-titled album is a unique experience, but their vibe and sound will surely attract a variety of listeners.

Thirdly, the not so new and up and coming but consistently intriguing and boundary-breaking, Kali Uchis. Despite the success of her last two projects, she still seems to be not quite a mainstream mainstay yet. Despite this, Uchis is one of the greatest modern R&B singers in the scene and her frequent collaborations with artists such as Miguel and Tyler, the Creator always impress. One more dazzling project and she

will be a mainstay in the mainstream music scene, just as she should be.

Fourthly, the group of shoegaze artists who made a larger name for themselves under a different band name, NOWIFIII. This is a weird situation. NOWIFIII isn't an unknown band. Rather, BROCKHAMPTON's members Kevin Abstract, Bearface, Romil Hemnani and Henock Sileshi created the group a lifetime ago. This is an older release that was only discovered by the group's fans recently, but with the promise of solo albums from BROCKHAMPTON on the way, there may be a chance that this side group gets more music released soon. Fans should certainly be on the lookout.

Finally, one of the most musically diverse artists active right now, Tkay Maida. This UK native already has a great discography that a lot of artists would kill for. Her "Last Year Was Weird" projects were amazing and

her collaborative tracks with JPEGMafia and Yung Baby Tate are both rap song of the year candidates. Her musical variety from rap to grime to R&B to pop is some of the most impressive amongst artists actively releasing music right now.

There are so many other artists that released music in 2020-2021 and are on their way up, but these are artists right on the cusp of breaking through into the mainstream. The sooner they do, the better for everyone who is a fan of amazing music.

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Don't forget to call your mother

It's easy to get wrapped up in life without reaching out to who matters most

During these trying times, we often let time slip by all too quickly. The daily monotonous tasks of work and school consistently fill up my schedule. Weeks will go by before I take a step back and wonder when was the last time I called my mom?

When I left for the first day of college nearly two years ago, I was ecstatic to take a step away from my parental figures. I was less excited to say goodbye to my friends but eager to see where the world would take me away from them. Hell, I never even called

my brother.

I didn't do it maliciously. Or because I didn't want to talk to them. I just let time pass by and before I knew it, months had passed without any contact to those who matter most to me.

Yeah, it's cool to be an adult. It's even cooler to have an adult relationship with friends and parents. It took me a long time to realize that.

When COVID-19 first knocked at our doors over a year ago, I moved back home with Mom. I lived with her and solely her for three months, my siblings and friends I never or rarely saw due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

That short experience gave me some much-needed perspective. I can either choose to find staying in contact with my parents and friends as a chore or see it as a blessing.

A lot of people, especially during the era of COVID-19, had no one to reach out to. While I don't fully understand that kind of lonely feeling, I can only imagine the pain. Having my mom or dad to call is practically the cornerstone of my stability.

FaceTiming an old friend or two is a sure-fire way to cheer me up. Texting my brother

is texting my brother, simple enough.

These relationships are the ones that shaped you into the person you are today. They're going to keep shaping you. Kicking them to the curb will do you more damage than not.

Don't get it twisted. There's no need to call your mom three times a week. Hell, even twice a week is too much. There's probably not enough going on in your life to update your old friends weekly. Maybe monthly.

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Life is not starting to feel OK, at least not for everyone

Though the sun's warmth and vaccine rollout suggest otherwise, life's been deeply damaged

Things are starting to feel OK. Maybe it's just blatant ignorance for the rest of the world or things got so bad that even slight improvements seem like leaps for humanity. Nonetheless, things are turning around.

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very slowly, returning to normal. At this rate we might see a renaissance-type return to form in the fall!

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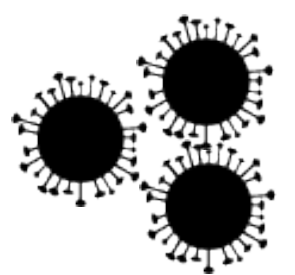
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What to do this summer: internship edition

A beginner's guide to deciding between gaining specialized experience or earning big bucks

Being a student trying to decide how to make a living during the summer can be a challenge, especially with finals looming overhead.

Professors and advisors will often encourage students to seek out internships, but there are a lot of variables to think about before diving head-first into a temporary position.

When making big decisions, I like to create a list of pros and cons to compare the possible outcomes of each

decision before I make it. So here is a list of pros and cons, in article form, comparing the possibilities of different types of internships.

One of the more obvious advantages of having an internship is gaining experience in your field of expertise.

Internships offer a wide range of skills, allowing young professionals to get real world knowledge and providing a chance for hands-on participation, an experience they might not get in school.

However, sometimes the experience and time spent working aren't worth it. There are many internships where

students are expected to work for school credits or without pay at all. To me, this is hardly different from short-term indentured servitude.

Agreeing to an unpaid internship is one of the least logical approaches to gaining experience.

A university trading college credits for the labor of one of their students is like trading a '97 Honda Civic for a brand new one. Working an internship for college credits is the same as paying the university to go to class.

The best option for an internship is to earn money while you work, just like any other regular job. While the pay might be a little less than other entry-level positions in your profession, getting paid

for your work is a hundred times better than paying someone to work for them.

Considering how many hours you will work is an important aspect of deciding on an internship as well.

Out of two best case scenarios, an opportunity could have full-time hours, providing more experience, with smaller pay or shorter hours with larger pay.

The primary goal of saying yes to an internship is to gain experience, so if that's not what you want to do with your summer, maybe an internship isn't for you.

For someone looking to make enough money to stash away a good savings or buy a new car, something that pays better would be the way to go.

There are plenty of options in Idaho for a decent paying summer job. Some of them might be a little dirty, like being a summer hire at a local mill, and some might be boring office jobs, like being a pharmacy assistant.

Whatever you choose to do with your summer, considering your goals is the most important and first thing to do before turning to an internship.

Think about whether all of the lame adulting aspects of being a college student will be taken care of and consider how the benefits of the internship align with your goals.

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Combating anti-Asian prejudice

How COVID-19 reignited the nation's racial tensions

The way Asian Americans are treated can no longer be ignored, especially with the pandemic bringing out a particularly nasty side of the American public.

Although we have seen enormous progress and conversations regarding racial equality and discrimination this year, we seem to have fallen short on the conversation regarding Asian Americans.

Asian Americans are continuously forgotten about while discussing America's history. We recognize and learn about segregation, slavery and the Civil Rights Movement yet fail to meet the mark on many other forgotten historical events.

During World War II, we praised ourselves for going abroad and helping Jews in internment camps, yet often fail to mention the fact that we placed Asian Americans in a similar situation.

During World War II, due to anti-Asian sentiments, America forced many Asians from their homes and businesses into camps where they could be closely monitored. They kept them in these camps for the remainder of the war, which took several years.

When released, they paid some of the prisoners back for their trouble, but the cost of taking so many people's livelihoods was a price that could never fully be repaid.

In my hometown, we have a large history of being a rodeo town, our town and our railroad

built by Asian immigrants. When learning about the Asian immigrants that came to our town, our teachers often skimmed over the fact that the treatment of Asians was so bad, they were forced to build an underground

transportation system using tunnels to avoid being targeted at night. This past of my town is horrifying to say the least, yet few pick it apart and address it.

Although these issues are in the past, the mistreatment of Asian Americans is almost normalized.

The pandemic has brought forth fear and hatred towards not only an entire country, but towards an entire ethnicity. People calling COVID-19 the "Chinese virus", the "kung flu" and using other derogatory language towards Asian Americans is placing us back in history and creating fear in many Asian Americans residing in our country.

We've all seen the "stop Asian hate" posts circulating on social media and many Asian Americans sharing their stories. When

I speak to my friends of Asian heritage, they have addressed their fear during this time, as well as their experiences of how their ethnicity has led them to be treated.

It is too often I think that we have failed to speak up on certain jokes or slang placing Asians at the butt of a joke. Everyone knows the negative connotation of saying the "n-word" or other racial slurs, yet many don't bat an eye when people make stereotypes of Asians "eating dogs" or make fun of their appearances.

Asking Asian Americans questions of, "how do you see?" "Where are you really from?" or fetishizing and sexualizing their culture happens unfortunately, too often.

Placing blame on a race of people will not make the pandemic better, in fact, it will only ruin more lives.

Learn to reach out and support your Asian American coworkers, friends and neighbors during this time and educate yourself on the stereotypes you may not realize are harmful. Our American history has not been favorable to minorities. Let us not go back in time but rather work towards a better future of eliminating racial stereotypes and prejudice.

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