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We're halfway through the spring semester and many of you may be headed to the bars for a well-deserved drink. Get your shot of University of Idaho's best-known pastime with Kevin Otzenberger's look into Moscow alcohol culture.
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A close-up photograph of a bartender's hands pouring a clear liquid from a bottle into a red plastic cup. The bartender is wearing a watch on their left wrist. In the foreground, there is a stack of red plastic cups and a clear glass. The background is a blurred bar scene with warm, low-key lighting.

Shot Through the Glass

On a sluggish Wednesday evening, Bill Cole stands hunched over the counter at the Garden Lounge. Cole has been working at the bar for 6 and a half years. He's bartended since college.

"The atmosphere is a little bit different here than any other bar," Cole said. "If you want a place to just talk and have a good drink, this is the place to come." Cole suddenly notices a couple waiting for his attention.

"Another beer, sir?" he asks.

"Yeah, sure," the young man replies.

"And what will the lady be having?"

"I don't know," she says. "I don't know what I want."

"You really seemed to be enjoying that cabana club the other night."

"Yeah, but that's expensive," she replies.

"But it's also very delicious," Cole says, grinning. "And I'm sure this guy would love to buy it for you."

The girl laughs. The young man smiles. Cole is already filling her glass.

+ By Kevin Otzenberger
Photography by Tyler Macy

The Garden Lounge was opened in 1959. Manager Deanna Robbins has been visiting it for 35 years. Between sips of her martini, she explains how patronage has sank over the years.

"Students used to drink more and party more," she says. "I think, over the years, the school has put more pressure on the students with their studies, so they don't have as much time. The economy isn't helping, either. And laws have gotten tighter over the years. The world's gotten a lot more anal."

Ask anyone in the state which school is Idaho's party college, and the response is almost always the University of Idaho. Although the town has yet to live down its boozy reputation, longtime residents have watched Moscow's alcohol culture mellow out over the years. Is it a sign of success by the Idaho State Legislature, the strength of local authorities, or the waning of an American college tradition? To the local professionals affected by the industry, the signs are mixed.

The city consumed 117,000 cases of beer and 17,000 cases of wine during the fall 2008 semester.



At the source

Mark Dagelen of Odom Distributing said Moscow accounts for about 29 percent of alcohol consumption for the entire market area. Odom delivers to Latah, Nez Perce, Idaho, Lewis and Clearwater counties. Although Lewiston has a year-round population that is almost 40 percent larger than Moscow, it consumes only 35 percent of the market share. Moscow consumes more wine than Lewiston — 40 percent of the five-county area. Dagelen also said Moscow drinks more beer than wine by volume.

The college town experience

Cole is a University of Idaho alumnus. As a student, he played on the football team when they won the Humanitarian Bowl. Cole has since seen Vandal sports go everywhere in between. He said the bar atmosphere has a lot to do with Vandal games.

"There's no question that last year, when we won that home game and everybody stormed the field; there was a much better vibe in here," Cole said. "More people were at the bar, people were in a better mood, and they were having a better time."

The relationship between Vandal sports and drinking is perhaps most clear at the Corner Club.

"Friday and Saturday nights are always good," Corner Club Bartender Mike Campbell said. "But of course, the best time to be here is when UI has won a game. Last (win) was a mad house."

Campbell said locals are attracted to the Corner Club's cheap drinks, 61-year history, small size and cozy atmosphere.

"It's just a little cinderblock sports bar, but we cork up," Campbell said. "Don't ask me why."

Campbell grew up in Detroit, went to college in Moscow and "never really left." He has worked in nearly every bar in town and at the Corner Club for five years. For Campbell, the prospect of his job has always been an attractive one.

"Let me get this straight," Campbell said. "I get to hang out at the bar all night, have a couple of cocktails, women have to talk to me, and you pay me? All right, I'll do it. You sold me."



Cole characterizes Moscow's bar scene as exciting and full of movement.

"You'll definitely see pockets in this town," Cole said.

"At every bar, you'll see the same groups of people, but you'll see those same groups of people at every bar. People don't really go to the bar here. They go to the bars."

While it's the beer and liquor that brings people downtown on the weekends, a thriving scene still remains for wine enthusiasts in the Palouse. Nikki Woodland, chef and owner of Moscow's Nectar Wine Bar, said roughly 20 percent of her clientele stop in just to taste the wine, which can cost anywhere from \$4 to \$21 per glass. She said Nectar doesn't see many students, but is popular with university faculty. While the wine culture may stand apart from beer enthusiasts in Moscow, Woodland said Nectar's business has been helped by the Main Street bar scene.

"We're kind of the pre-bar scene," Woodland said. "People will come in here to get a little bite to eat and have a few glasses of wine before they hit the bars."



Considering consequence

It was Aristotle who coined the term, "all things in moderation." The idea certainly applies to the perspective of local police and paramedics living in a college town.

"It was way worse when I used to come over here when I was 19 and the drinking age was 19," said Moscow Police Department Officer Rick Whitmore.

"You may think that was a long time ago, but it doesn't seem that long ago," he said.

Whitmore said changing the drinking age has significantly morphed the alcohol industry in Idaho.

"Everyone came over from Washington State, and we probably had twice as many bars," Whitmore said. "The road between Moscow and Pullman was extremely dangerous." As laws changed over time, so too did the pastimes of college students, Whitmore said.

"We didn't have the Internet," he said. "People didn't have as many other activities to keep themselves busy. Today it's gaming. Back then, everybody just went drinking. It's just a theory, I guess, but there's more in life to do than just go out and party."

Whitmore said the last time police had a major alcohol-related incident was in 1998. He said every police unit in the area was called to control a riot in Pullman, a student response to a proposed alcohol ban on the Washington State University campus.

The Moscow Police Department is contracted by UI to patrol every area of campus as another part of the city. Officers have been asked by the university to occasionally walk through campus living communities.

"It would not be unusual to see an officer on the seventh floor of Theophilus Tower on any given night," Moscow Police Department Lieutenant Paul Kwiatowski said. "However, that's not where we find the majority of our (minor-in-possession charges).

"We don't go knocking on doors saying, 'Give us your beer.' It's usually some kid walking down the street with a keg cup."

Kwiatowski and Whitmore said alcohol-related injuries are a common occurrence.

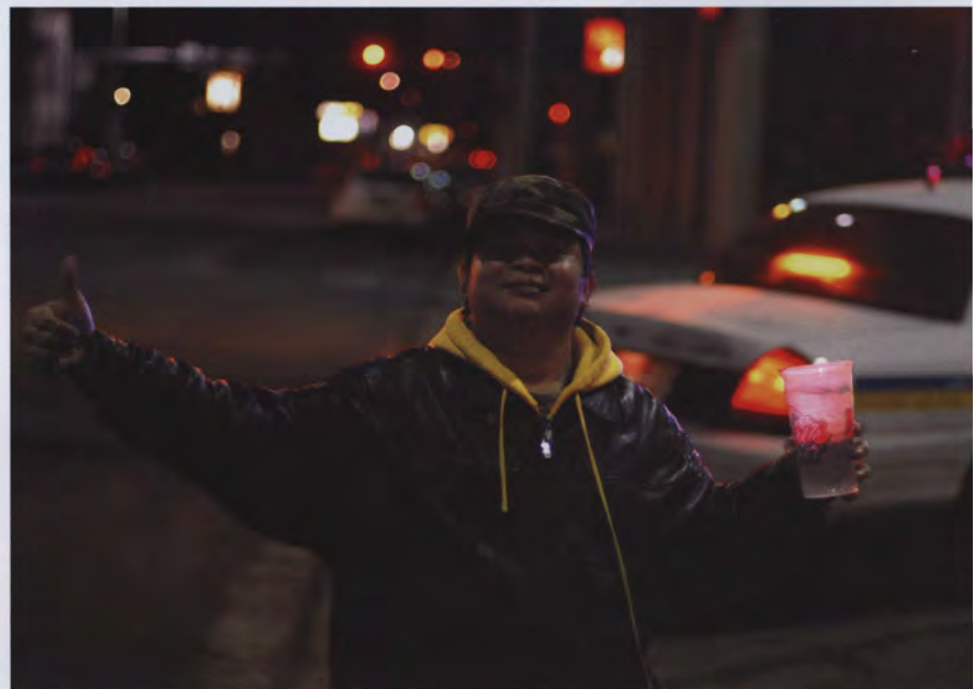
"People do stupid things," Kwiatowski



In 2008, the Moscow Police Department logged approximately:

142 DUI arrests
278 MIPS
55 urinating-in-public citations





said. A woman once fell out of a window during sorority rush, Kwiatowski said, and a drunken man fell into the creek on Sixth Street near Elm Street.

"It was the middle of winter, and he was lying in the freaking creek water," Kwiatowski said. "We pulled him out, and, of course, he had hypothermia."

Police and emergency services claim alcohol incidents fluctuate seasonally.

"Between August and October, I've seen it where teams of officers have issued 45 to 55 tickets in a weekend for MIPs," Kwiatowski said. "But in January, we may have only issued five."

"If it wasn't for alcohol, it'd be pretty quiet," he said.

Kwiatowski said alcohol makes up a vast majority of the police department's calls, including overdoses, sexual assaults, drug abuse, fights and car wrecks.

"When the university has a big function, like school coming back in session, the number of alcohol-related calls tends to be pretty high," said R. David Reynolds, EMS division chief for the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department.

"It's not unusual to get three or four of them in a given evening."

Reynolds said the ambulance service responds more frequently to fights and overdoses than car accidents. Working as an emergency medical technician

for 25 years, he said Moscow's alcohol emergencies seem different in nature.

"It's my impression, apart from any statistical validity, that in other places I've worked, there didn't seem to be as many overdose patients — people drinking to the point of unconsciousness," Reynolds said.

Reynolds, Kwiatowski and Dagalen said they agree safety is reliant on responsibility.

"This is preventable," Reynolds said. "If a meteor falls out of the sky and hits you, that's probably not. But people do this to themselves — it's free choice."

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GAME ON

+ By Reid Wright
Photography by Jake Barber



“Everyone’s a gamer nowadays”

If the economy is in recession, video game lovers seem unaffected. From college students, stroller-pushing moms and balloon-tugging kids to mustached men in woodland camouflage — Video Game Headquarters in Moscow attracts a variety of patrons.

Grant Wade and John Hall swoop around behind each other to man the front counter for them all. For better or worse, electronic gaming has crept into mainstream society. Hall said he has been with VGH for more than ten years and played electronic games for decades. He said picking an electronic gamer out of a crowd is difficult.

“Everyone’s a gamer nowadays,” he said. “It depends on what degree. Even my mom plays solitaire. Video games are not something nerds do anymore.”

Although systems like the Wii and Xbox 360 are popular, computer games are still a strong competitor dominated by the ubiquitous “World of Warcraft,” now boasting 11.5 million subscribers worldwide.

“WoW pretty much rules it,” Hall said.

Within the first 24 hours of its release WoW’s latest expansion, “Wrath of the Lich King,” sold 2.8 million copies. That made it the fastest selling PC game of all time according to the Web site of its developer, Blizzard Entertainment.



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WoW social

Video games have become a sport in larger cities, Hall said. Elite gamers rise in some circles as cult heroes like professional gamer Johnathan “Fatal1ty” Wendel. Wendel is so renowned for his gaming scores he has high performance computer parts named after him.

“It’s unreal,” Hall said. “They really work at it, almost train at it.”

Michael Beery, a computer science major at UI, said he doesn’t see gaming as different from any other hobby or sport.

“Although physically, I’m not the strongest person around,” he said with a smile, stretching out a pale, skinny arm.

Beery has two characters at the maximum level in WoW, “Wrath of the Lich King.” Hall said it usually takes about 672 hours or 28 days of game time to get a character to the maximum level. He says he plays WoW to “meet cool people.”

“I’m in a guild with people from all over the world,” he said. “Sometimes we all get together for raids ... it’s a social game.”

Beery said he also knew someone who was addicted to WoW.

“I lost contact with him,” he said.

Gaming addiction

University of Idaho freshman Mathias Crozier hunches over his laptop playing WoW. His long hair and goateed chin are all that is visible from under the hood of his sweatshirt.

“I don’t think I play too much,” Crozier said. “I want people to know that those few who get too into games aren’t the only ones who game.”

Crozier said he plays WoW for its large amount of content and the people he meets online.

“I had a whole brood of friends online,” he said.

Crozier also plays solo, usually as a spell-casting or healing character. “It stems from my desire to help people,” he said.

Being an experienced player, Crozier said he also likes to help new players by giving them advice. Crozier worries about the future of online gaming culture, because people are different in anonymous settings.

“That’s one of the things that makes me pessimistic about gaming,” he said. “People are rude. They will totally go off on you with next to no provocation.”

Hall said people can be “totally different” in games than in real life.

“Some people are totally antisocial, even in a virtual environment,” he said. Hall said he thinks gaming can become an addiction and was suspected by his mother of being an addict himself.

“I used to play it all the time,” he said. “We had one guy in our guild who lost his job and flunked out of school because of it,” Crozier said. Gamers have a bad reputation, he said.

“It’s almost a stigma,” he said. “I think it’s because of the people who go too far.”

[impressions]

Life's Translation

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Kyoung deok Baik's said she used to talk with her first American boyfriend via electronic translator.

"I had to carry a dictionary around," she said.

It also used to take as long as four hours to read one chapter of her textbooks, Baik said. Baik transferred from Hansung University in Seoul, South Korea to study psychology at the University of Idaho in 2005 as a graduate student. While her English has improved, she said she struggles daily with different aspects of the language.

"Phrases like 'pulling my leg' still make no sense to me."

she said. "I am still learning the slang or the colloquial stuff. Sometimes people will say stupid stuff around me, but I don't get offended. It's funny because some of the other people in the room will be on my side. They get angrier than I do."

Baik said classes were intimidating at first.

"I'd come home and cry because it was so hard," she said. "I think some people intentionally ... made fun of me. They'd giggle and make me repeat myself."

By Christina Lords
+ Photography by Eric Petersen





Along with the language, Baik said there are many differences in American culture that took some getting used to.

"Transportation was so different here," Baik said. "In my hometown, you could always take the subway or taxi. Here it was not like that."

Baik also didn't expect Americans to be so kind.

"One of the biggest differences in the states was **when people look at you, they instantly smile,**" Baik said.

"There's always eye contact. It

tance around Moscow. But nothing replaces what she learned by simply talking to people, Baik said.

"I think the teachers are great," she said. "But, in my own experience, learning outside of the classroom was the best. The more I talked with American people, the more confidence I had in myself."

Baik, who plans to graduate in May, said she hopes she can get legal documents to stay in the states to pursue more opportunities in her field. She hopes to become a clinical psychologist and has a deep interest in personality disorders. She also wants to stay for personal reasons.

"There's more opportunity here, more freedom for women," she said. **"American culture is more compatible with my personality."** 🇺🇸

is not like that in Korea. When I came back to Korea over the summer, I got on the subway and I smiled at them. They thought I was a weirdo."

Baik said her experience with University of Idaho's American Language and Culture Program was valuable, teaching her writing, reading, speaking, listening and academic skills. The program helps international students acclimate to college life through instruction and navigational assis-

Even teaching style and learning is different from her previous university, Baik said. In Korean schools, students are not encouraged to challenge professors or ask questions in class. She still sometimes finds it hard to ask questions of her American professors.

"It's really competitive in Korea; everyone in your (classes) is your rival," she said.

The inability to question authority carries over into other aspects of Korean life.

"One of the biggest differences is public figures," she said. "I found people here feel free. They can criticize people in public.

You can say 'I hate George Bush' here. That would never happen in my country. This country is awesome because you can say whatever you want to say ... I think I've absorbed that quality. In Korea, that would provoke a lot of anger."

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Moscow Outdoor Science School

supplies: snowshoes and a backpack

+ By Sarah MacDonald
Photography by Nick Groff

For more information on the MOSS graduate program,
check out the Web site at www.pcei.org/moss/moss_amerikorps.htm or call MOSS at (208) 634-3918.

The voices of Boise's Amity Elementary School students suddenly cease as field instructor Genny Gerke yells over the crowd.

"If you can hear my voice, clap once!" she said. The wave of applause is a clear signal — Gerke is heard.

Gerke is the morning leader of nearly 30 students lining the breakfast area. Today they will snow shoe, dig snow ditches and learn about snow patterns — but they're not in school. They are participants in a week-long lesson in the outdoor classroom of the McCall Outdoor Science School.

"The students learn something new each day with a hands-on approach," said Adrienne Boland, MOSS Program Coordinator. "On the final day, they apply what they've learned by coming up with an inquiry question and conducting their own research to answer it."

The McCall Outdoor Science School, gracing the shores of Payette Lake, is Idaho's only publically operated residential outdoor school. MOSS was founded in 2001 as part of the University of Idaho McCall Field Campus to enhance academic achievement through a partnership between UI and Idaho's K-12 schools. Fall, winter and early spring send the campus into a buzz as the school's residential programs begin. Students learn about dissolved oxygen, the transparency of water, tree and plant identification and fire safety, Boland said. The cold winter months lend themselves to study of snow and winter ecosystems.

"It's amazing to see the kids acclimate and adjust to [the environment]," said Lynn Catlin, a parent and chaperone from Amity Elementary School said. "I also get to experience and learn all the same things."

In March and April of each year, the school's focus turns to outreach school programs. Field instructors travel to Idaho communities to deliver the interactive educational experience to local schools.

"It's definitely a change from what I've done before," Jennifer Smola said. "Teaching kids is a new and fun experience."

While MOSS provides alternative learning



methods to Idaho's K-12 students, the school is also beneficial for the select group of UI graduate students, or field instructors, who live and learn on the field campus.

"The main connection we have to the university is with the grad student program," MOSS Cofounder and Program Director Greg Fizzell said. "Students are able to learn, earn credit and gain experience all at the same time."

The students, all of whom are registered AmeriCorps members through the program, partake in a unique learning curriculum that alternates between student and teacher.

"The students are here in the fall and spring semesters and rotate between coursework and teaching the residential programs," MOSS Education Director Karla Bradley said.

During the summer, graduate students receive AmeriCorps placements at public agencies and nonprofit organizations across Idaho. The students then return in August to present an academic and professional portfolio to a panel of MOSS staff to complete the course.

Students can earn 18 graduate credits and a graduate certificate in environmental education through the university. Fizzell hopes to expand the program to include three undergraduate students for the fall 2009 semester. Though these positions will likely be single semester internship programs, they will include much of the same curriculum as the graduate program.

MOSS is a symbiotic partnership between the school, the UI College of Natural Resources, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute and Ponderosa State Park in McCall. It is funded by state and national grants and individual donations.

"Building something from nothing is always difficult," Fizzell said. "But it has been really great having such great partners and people with experience."

The goal of MOSS for 2009 is to work with the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners and the Idaho Legislature to secure the lease for the land, Fizzell said. The University of Idaho leases the campus through the Idaho Department of Lands Endowment Fund.

"But we are hoping to make a long-term agreement in the near future," Fizzell said.



[athletic radar]

Amanda Morrow

By Scott Stone
+ Photography by Nick Groff

When Amanda Morrow stepped onto the diving board for the first time this fall, it was not only as a college athlete but as a competitive diver. Morrow said the opportunity fell into her lap.

"I always had that in the back of my mind—it would be really cool to do gymnastics somewhere," she said. "Then this happened. I was kind of star struck for a while. It took a long time to set in."

Morrow was a competitive gymnast for 14 years. She was a member of Northwest Gymnastics Academy in Spokane, and said she had little time for other interests.

When Morrow started gymnastics at about 5 years old, her mom thought she should be a dancer.

Morrow disagreed.

"My mom put me in dance when I was 4 or 5 and I hated it," she said. "I sat there and watched. At the end of the week, we had to do the routine and I got up and did it and my mom said, 'OK, you don't have to do it anymore.'"

From then on, Morrow's life revolved around gymnastics. From 2002 to 2005, she made several appearances at the state level and competed in the 2002 Western National Championships her sophomore year of high school. When it was time to go to college, gymnastics took a back seat.

For three years, Morrow was a regular student at the University of Idaho, majoring in sports science and doing club gymnastics in her free time. UI announced the start of a diving team in the fall and needed experienced gymnasts to fill the roster. Morrow joined a team of four gymnasts who had no prior diving experience. She said getting started wasn't scary because she already knew how to flip and spin in the air. The hardest part was learning to land head-first.

"In gymnastics, everything you're taught is so you don't land on your head," she said. "With diving, you want to end up with everything in your head to go into the water, so changing that mindset after having it for so long was pretty difficult."


Morrow said she has experienced some pretty bad belly flops, but her coach said the team doesn't splash that direction as often as most teams.

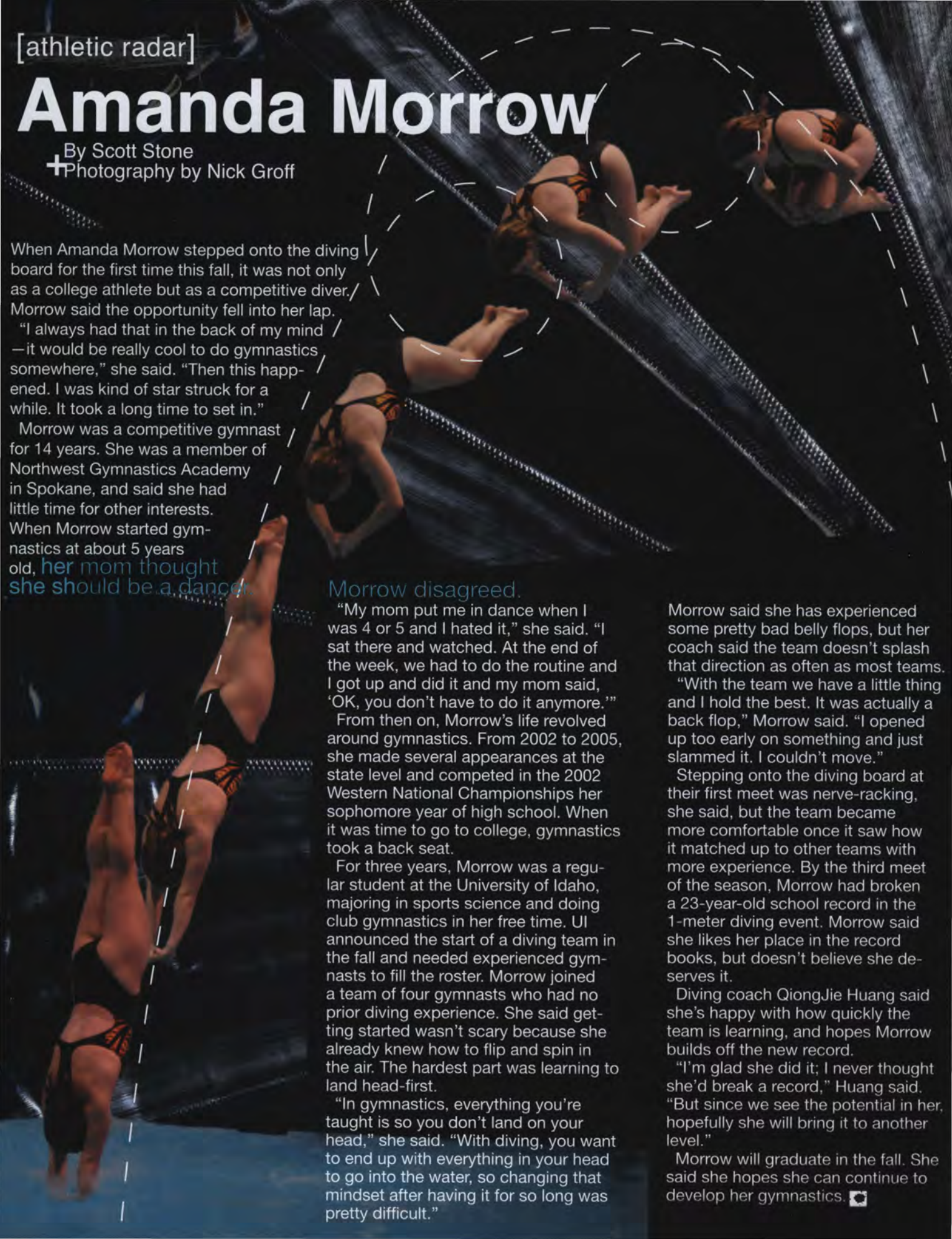
"With the team we have a little thing and I hold the best. It was actually a back flop," Morrow said. "I opened up too early on something and just slammed it. I couldn't move."


Stepping onto the diving board at their first meet was nerve-racking, she said, but the team became more comfortable once it saw how it matched up to other teams with more experience. By the third meet of the season, Morrow had broken a 23-year-old school record in the 1-meter diving event. Morrow said she likes her place in the record books, but doesn't believe she deserves it.

Diving coach QiongJie Huang said she's happy with how quickly the team is learning, and hopes Morrow builds off the new record.

"I'm glad she did it; I never thought she'd break a record," Huang said. "But since we see the potential in her, hopefully she will bring it to another level."

Morrow will graduate in the fall. She said she hopes she can continue to develop her gymnastics. 





Junior Cesar Barquero's place on an all-Western Athletic Conference team marked his first year in college and his first time in America. Peru-born Barquero said he credits the opportunity to a friend who came to Idaho, told him he would love it and helped him contact the coach of University of Idaho's track and field team. He didn't know what to expect when he moved to Moscow, but he's grown to love the small-town atmosphere.

"I like it because it's a pretty safe place," he said. "It's not like in Peru, a big town. It's nice, I like that part of Idaho. It makes me feel safe."

Barquero said he had little trouble impressing the coach.

"That's just a tribute to his natural ability," said UI Track and Field Coach Wayne Phipps. "To come in with very little training behind him and all the adaptations and transitions that go on ... for him to do that was outstanding."

Barquero earned two first team all-WAC honors in the 800 meter his first year as a Vandal and a second team all-WAC honor for contributing to a second place finish in the men's distance medley relay. Track and field athletes follow a strict workout regimen to peak performances during the most important part of the season — the WAC Championships. But Barquero didn't get the proper training.

"He came in kind of late last year so (he) never got in the full base training that would have been really beneficial to him," Phipps said. "He still competed very, very well. This year he's been definitely a step ahead of where he was last year."

Phipps hopes with full training Barquero can win the WAC title in the 800 meter and said he believes Barquero has the ability to be an NCAA All-American. Barquero has the same goals this season. The all-WAC honors gave Barquero a boost of confidence early in his career as a Vandal.

"I was so proud to represent the university," he said.

He plans to stay in America for now. After graduation, he said he plans to pursue a master's degree in exercise science.

Barquero also has his sights set on the senior national record in Peru.

"I got the junior national record," he said. "I'm planning to break the senior national record this year."

Barquero's parents and younger sister still live in Peru. He said his family hasn't been able to visit him in America, but they are very excited about the opportunity UI has offered him. Someday, he said he would like to return to Peru to work. Barquero said he has no free time right now, but when he gets the opportunity he loves to listen to music.

"I really like listening to music, Latino music," he said. "I love Latino music." 🎧



Cesar Barquero

[Fast word]

DEEP RESEARCH

from UI's College of Graduate Studie

By Lianna Shepherd + Photography by Eric Petersen

Jennifer Stenglein

& Scat Tracks

North Idaho's large wolf population is of concern to environmental science graduate student Jennifer Stenglein. The high population of wolves is hard to mark with electronic collars — the traditional method for tracking. The process is evasive and expensive, but Stenglein believes she's working on a tactic of the future — poop collection.

"Hair and poop samples are great sources of DNA," she said. "It's like a CSI fingerprint—we get the sample and we can learn what kind of wolf it is, where it's from, where it's been and how many there are."

Conservation genetics is a relatively new field, but Stenglein said she would like to see it utilized on a larger scale. The proposal she is currently developing will be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service.

"I've never had to pick up so much fecal matter in my life, but I really think what we're doing will be worth it," she said.

Jude Bayham

& Comparing Combustibles

Gasoline is a hot topic — part of the reason second-year graduate student Jude Bayham said he became interested in studying it.

"It is basically a look at existing policies and see how to increase efficiency," he said. "I'm considering how to maximize social welfare." Bayham, an agricultural economics major, said the study will help determine if biofuels are more beneficial than traditional gas.

"We're trying to make everyone better off," he said. "Through the model I've developed, I look for optimal quantities of the commodities produced. Through that, we can develop a system of welfare."

Bayham said he thinks tackling this issue from the agricultural and economic perspective is what makes his model unique. Feasibility and economics are the two aspects measured by the model—through these, he believes he can determine the benefits and deterrents of different fuel options.

"It will serve as an advising tool for forming government policy," Bayham said. "The hardest part is thinking outside of the box, figuring out how to use what I know about economics and turn it into a general concept."



&Space Studies

After the disaster of space shuttle Columbia, second-year graduate student Greg Swanson was inspired to prevent it from happening again.

"I've always been interested in solving problems," Swanson said. "That's what attracted me to computer and electrical engineering, finding analytical ways of making things better."

Swanson has developed a micrometeor and orbital debris detector for use on the new Orion spacecraft in current development by NASA. One of the most difficult aspects of developing the technology is passing the speed tests in White Sands, N.M.

"Every other month there is testing ... NASA has certain guidelines and it has to work at 9 kilometers a second," he said. "The fastest ground test we've had was at 7 kilometers a second."

Swanson said he has been developing the sensor system since last summer and will present his defense thesis in April. A native of Eagle, Idaho, he said he's considered trying out for the astronaut program but thinks the move to California would be difficult.

"I'm really an outdoors kind of guy ... I'm not used to living in a place with so many people," he said.



Amber Hopf

&Number Knowledge

Amber Hopf has worked to develop a regional program to increase financial literacy. The initial plan focused on developing economic awareness on campus. It now includes disabled young adults in the area.

"We're using a multitude of tactics," she said. "The aim is to reach out to people and teach them about being fiscally responsible."

Role playing and credit card bingo are just two of the tools Hopf said help illustrate concepts for people which might otherwise go ignored.

"The bingo helps train people to read fine print in credit card contracts," she said. "It's something everyone should know but it's especially important on a college campus where I've seen people sign up for credit cards just to win a free pizza."

The current national economic crisis makes financial literacy crucial, Hopf said. During times of financial panic, she said it's easy for people to fall for scams claiming to relieve debt.

"Everyone needs to know the basic terms and a lot of people don't," Hopf said. "We're giving people the tools that might protect them down the line."



Nick Groff

An Idaho hockey player knocks down a Boise State University player during the second game of a back-to-back, two-game series in McCall spring semester.



Jake Barber

Vandal fans cheer on the men's basketball team in the Cowan Spectrum.



Jake Barber

Performers entertain the crowd during a Vandal basketball game half time show in the Cowan Spectrum.



Eric Petersen

A small fish gets up close and personal with visitors to its tank.



Eric Petersen

A bottle rocket goes off to celebrate New Year's in the small town of Peck, Idaho.



Eric Petersen

A glimpse of childhood peeks out from a toybox.



Nick Groff

A fishbowl full of beer is the first step of "The Ladder" at the Moscow bar, The Sandpiper Grill.



Nick Groff

Steam from the Steam Plant on University of Idaho's campus reaches over a half-mile west as temperatures drop to -11 degrees.

Jake Barber

A homemade silverware wind chime sways in the wind.



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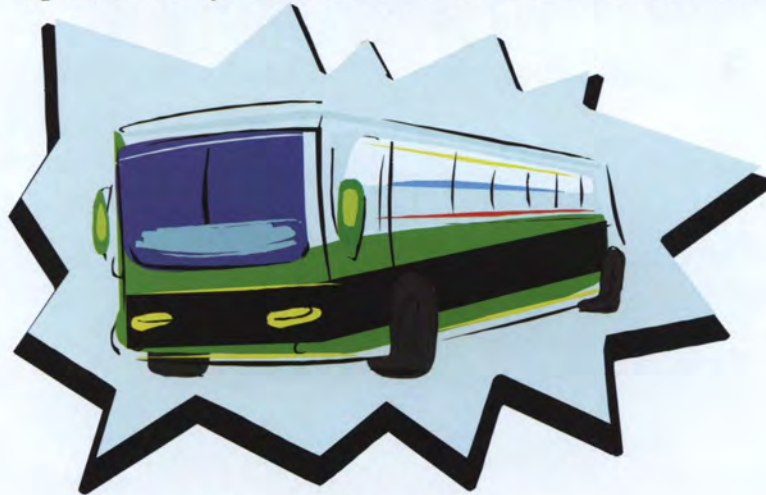


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