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President Chuck Staben received the President's Medallion from ASUI President Nate Fisher Sept. 19 at his official inauguration.

Inaugurating Staben

UI community welcomes Staben with tradition and ceremony

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Although steeped in tradition, University of Idaho President Chuck Staben's inauguration felt more like a celebration Friday afternoon.

"Today is really a pep rally for the university," Staben said, speaking to a crowd of faculty, staff, students and state and local leaders in the Kibbie

Dome. "We here today, hold the keys to our future."

With the President's Medallion hanging on his neck, Staben was welcomed as the 18th president of UI. Besides the silver and gold confetti, there was still plenty of room for ceremony and tradition.

Faculty attended the ceremony dressed in regalia, and the Vandaleers performed "Here We Have Idaho," accompanied by the UI Wind Ensemble. The Native American Student Association also performed an honor song at the event.

Although Staben took office in March, the ceremony signaled a new direction for UI under new leadership, said Emma Atchley, president of the Idaho State Board of Education.

The ceremony drew a number of local and state leaders as a sign of support for the new president.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter was in attendance, and spoke about his confidence in Staben and the importance of UI in Idaho's history and future. He thanked Don Burnett, former UI interim president, for

leading the university during the search process and easing the transition of power.

Terry Ratcliff, executive director of distance education, did not miss the significance of the event. He said he still has fond memories of attending former UI President Richard Gibb's inauguration decades ago when he was a student at UI.

"I love the pomp and circumstance," Ratcliff said. "It's great."

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Senate and president clash

Internal disagreement postpones ASUI senate selections

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

The friction between lawmakers in politics is a common and expected theme, and this doesn't exclude itself from ASUI.

Last week, ASUI President Nate Fisher debated senators over which candidates were most suited to fill the four vacant seats in the senate. In an uncommon show of ASUI executive power, Fisher threatened to veto the senators' choice of candidates.

Five of the six total candidates were present for the interview process, which was held by both Fisher and the ASUI senators. Fisher held individual interviews with each of the candidates, and said he chose the four candidates he felt would

be most effective. Likewise, ASUI senators held a panel interview with each candidate before last week's ASUI meeting. The collective, anonymous vote of the senators differed from Fisher's selections.

"Nate recommended a specific list," said Austin Karstetter, ASUI senator pro tempore. "We interviewed each candidate one by one, had a group discussion after each candidate interview, and our vote turned out to be different from President Fisher's list."

Of the four open positions, there is one yearlong position and three semester-long positions.

Fisher said the candidate he felt had the most experience and potential for the yearlong senate seat, Katie Cramer, was only selected by the senators for a semester-long term, while the candidate he didn't include in his list, Zoe Balle, was appointed to the yearlong

position by the senators.

"I was a bit disconcerted and concerned about some of their choices," Fisher said. "I was initially frustrated because I spent more time with each of the candidates and was impressed with the people I selected."

Though several senators supported Fisher's decisions, other senators, including Karstetter, were interested in upholding the senate's original vote.

"While I respect Nate's decisions, we had voted in a way that it was set up to be," Sen. Kate Ricart said. "I felt that, since it was unprecedented and this was the first time we've had to vote in senators, it was important that we make a decision and stick with it."

Ricart, who is in the same sorority as Balle, said she agreed with Fisher that the

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Busy bee wins IWAC

Karter Krasselt
Argonaut

Between upper level art classes, college volleyball and a bustling social life, it's hard to believe Jessica Hastriter found the time to create a contest-winning logo for the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC).

"It's not easy — missing class is always difficult," she said. "You just kind of make it work. This is my fifth and final year, and it's definitely not easy."

The prize for the competition included a \$100 Visa gift card, along with a congratulatory letter from IWAC.

As a senior art student, Hastriter was notified about the competition through email, and decided to try her hand at professional logo

design for the first time.

"I got an email about it saying they wanted designs to be submitted for a logo competition for the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative, and I thought that would be something that would be fun to try my hand at. It's the first logo design I've done for a company," she said.

The nonprofit organization works to improve water quality, as well as maintain it around the Spokane River region, which includes the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. IWAC conducts aquifer studies, and through those studies is able to recommend policy directions and improvements.

Hastriter designed a

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Long to speak

DOS finalist Jeffrey Long to visit campus Thursday

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The first of four finalists in the national search for the next University of Idaho vice provost for Student Affairs and dean of students, Jeffrey Long, will speak at an open forum at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, in the Student Union Building's Vandal Ballroom.

The search follows current UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman's announcement earlier this year of his intention to retire once a replacement is found. Pitman has served UI in a number of capacities for more than 40 years.

The names of the finalists were revealed Friday, after the search advisory committee made their recommendations to UI Interim Provost Katherine Aiken a few weeks ago.

"All of the final candidates had exceptional qualifications, breadth of experience, depth of experience," said Alton Campbell, search committee chair. "Most, if not all of them, have probably served as both a dean of students and the equivalent of the vice president of Student Affairs."

Long is currently the assistant vice president for Student Affairs at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania.

According to Campbell, before Bloomsburg, Long served as the dean of students, or senior Student Affairs officer, at the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati.

"I think (Long), as well as the other candidates, would be familiar with the duties of the position," Campbell said.

Long received his bachelor's from Bloomsburg, his masters' from the State University of New York and the College of Saint Rose and his doctorate in counseling and student professional services from the University of Georgia.

Long will address the university in

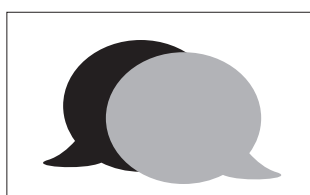
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Fluffy scrambled eggs

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Crumbs

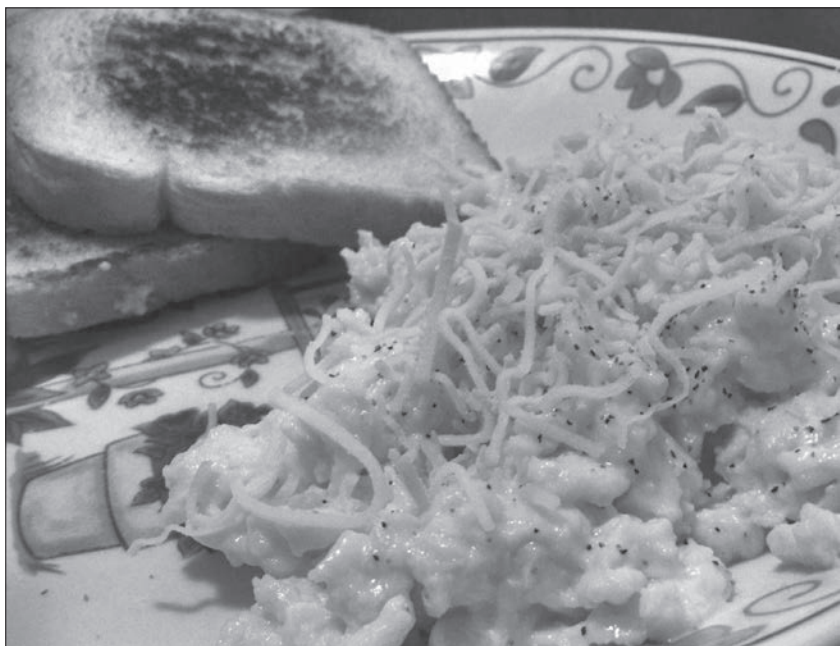
Everyone has had scrambled eggs at some point in their lifetime, but not like this. When you take your first bite of these scrambled eggs you will come to the realization that you have been deprived from real scrambled eggs all your life.

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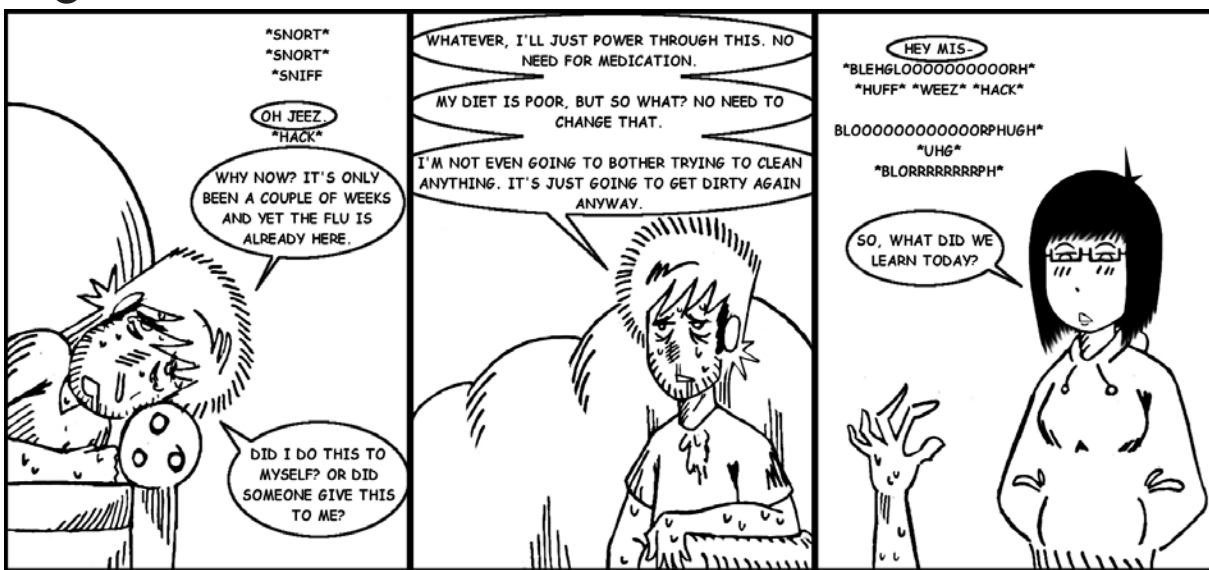
about a minute.

Repeat steps 5 and 6 until eggs are done. Season with salt and pepper to taste

and add cheese.

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Firing off questions

Wednesday's gun policy open forum yields student concern

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Argonaut

Over 30 students attended the gun policy open forum last Wednesday, and attendees were quick to question the issues of how concealed carry was defined, how students should respond if they see a weapon and what to do if a gun is inadvertently exposed or brandished outside of concealment.

The open forum was one of several Campus Safety Week events held last week aimed to promote violence prevention at the University of Idaho. ASUI sponsored and advertised the gun policy forum.

Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Matt Dorschel and Kent Nelson of the UI General Counsel hosted the forum at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, to answer student questions regarding the new campus concealed carry policy.

Earlier this year, Idaho passed a law permitting retired law officers and individuals who have obtained an Idaho enhanced concealed carry license to possess a concealed firearm on public college or university property, with some exceptions.

One exception includes prohibiting firearms in entertainment or sporting buildings with seating capacities of more than 1,000.

The new law, accompanied by an updated university policy, went into effect July 1.

"Basically, it means carrying a firearm in a manner



Kent Nelson and Matt Dorschel address the questions of the student body regarding the concealed carry bill on the University of Idaho campus. The open forum was hosted in the Vandal Ballroom Sept. 17.

George Wood Jr. | Argonaut

or fashion so that the firearm isn't discernable or observable by ordinary people during the ordinary course of their actions on campus," Dorschel said at the public forum. "If you do observe a firearm, you should call 911, because license holders have a responsibility to keep their weapon concealed."

The consequences of an authorized license holder exposing their firearm varies based on the situation, Nelson said, whether

they accidentally flash their gun, brandish it or open fire on campus.

He said exposing a firearm on UI property would only be violating university policy, and would not be classified as a criminal offense.

"We really didn't change how we interdict the sighting of a weapon from the previous policy, if there's a weapon sighted, we contact law enforcement," Nelson said.

Kent said UI would not

maintain a list, or try and document which students, staff or faculty have concealed carry permits. He said law enforcement is the only party that has access to information that reveals permit holder status.

Dorschel said he had concerns about an increase in accidental or inadvertent firearm discharge and firearm theft, but did not foresee any compromise to campus safety.

"In the states that have similar laws, there hasn't

been an increase in gun violence," Dorschel said.

In response to the new policy, Dorschel said he is currently trying to acquire funding to update the security camera network on campus. He also said the UI Public Safety and Security Office would be investing funds into training campus security officers, but the costs would be minimal.

Dorschel said students can check in and check out

firearms at any time in the facilities storage building on campus, which is on the west end of campus off Perimeter Drive near the Facilities Services building. But, stored firearms cannot be loaded and the storage facility does not permit the storage of ammunition. The storage facility is operated by officers from the Moscow Police Department.

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A community fundraiser Kenworthy to host annual gala

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

For one night this week, Moscow residents will have the opportunity to dress up, drink champagne and listen to jazz while bidding on items to support a local theater.

The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre will host its seventh annual gala and fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Christine Gilmore, executive director of the Kenworthy, said one of the primary reasons for the event is to increase the Moscow community's knowledge of the Kenworthy.

"Basically, it is our way to show to the community everything we can do," Gilmore said. "Yes, it's a fundraiser first and foremost, but it's also a really great opportunity for people to come to the theater who've never been here before."

Gilmore said tickets for the Kenworthy Gala are available for \$20 at BookPeople or at the door Thursday, and each purchased ticket comes with a free glass of champagne or sparkling cider.

She said the gala will include entertainment from the University of Idaho's Jazz Four ensemble, appetizers from pizza and catering company PRLR, a no-host bar provided by Sangria and a silent auction with items from local businesses.

"It's to get people aware of the theater," she said. "Aware of what we do, what we can do and also a way to say thank you to our community by reaching out and working with other organizations and businesses, a way to highlight them as well."

Gilmore said the Moscow community gets involved in the gala by donating items for the silent auction, helping coordinate the event or donating time and skills.

"All of these things would not be possible without the support of our local businesses, organizations," she said. "The jazz band coming in, they're donating their time to do

this for us, to put on a great show for everybody."

Gilmore said the Kenworthy's goal each year has been to raise \$10,000, and that the amount they've raised in years prior has gotten closer to that goal, so she has considered it a successful fundraiser in the past.

She said those at the Kenworthy wanted to focus more on creating a fun experience for the gala's participants, so that people would come back for other events.

"It's a very big event. It's really exciting because the community comes in, they get dressed up, they have a great time, they have their glass of champagne, bid on some things," she said. "But also, just have a reason to dress up and be a part of the community."

Jamie Hill, Kenworthy's house manager, said members of a committee have worked for months in preparation for the gala. She said members of the committee are responsible for obtaining the silent auction items, among other preparations.

She said the Kenworthy is a great place to meet members of the community.

"It's an awesome place to come. It's really a community gathering space," Hill said. "It's somewhere that everyone comes, and even if it's your first time here, you will end up having a conversation with someone."

Hill said she thought the community atmosphere made the Kenworthy unique among other theaters and performance venues.

"I think that a lot of our world today doesn't really have that place to connect up with people, and just genuinely chat," Hill said. "But here, it's a very cross-cultural, everybody's talking with everyone, everybody gets to know each other and it's a really social event, no matter what we're doing here."

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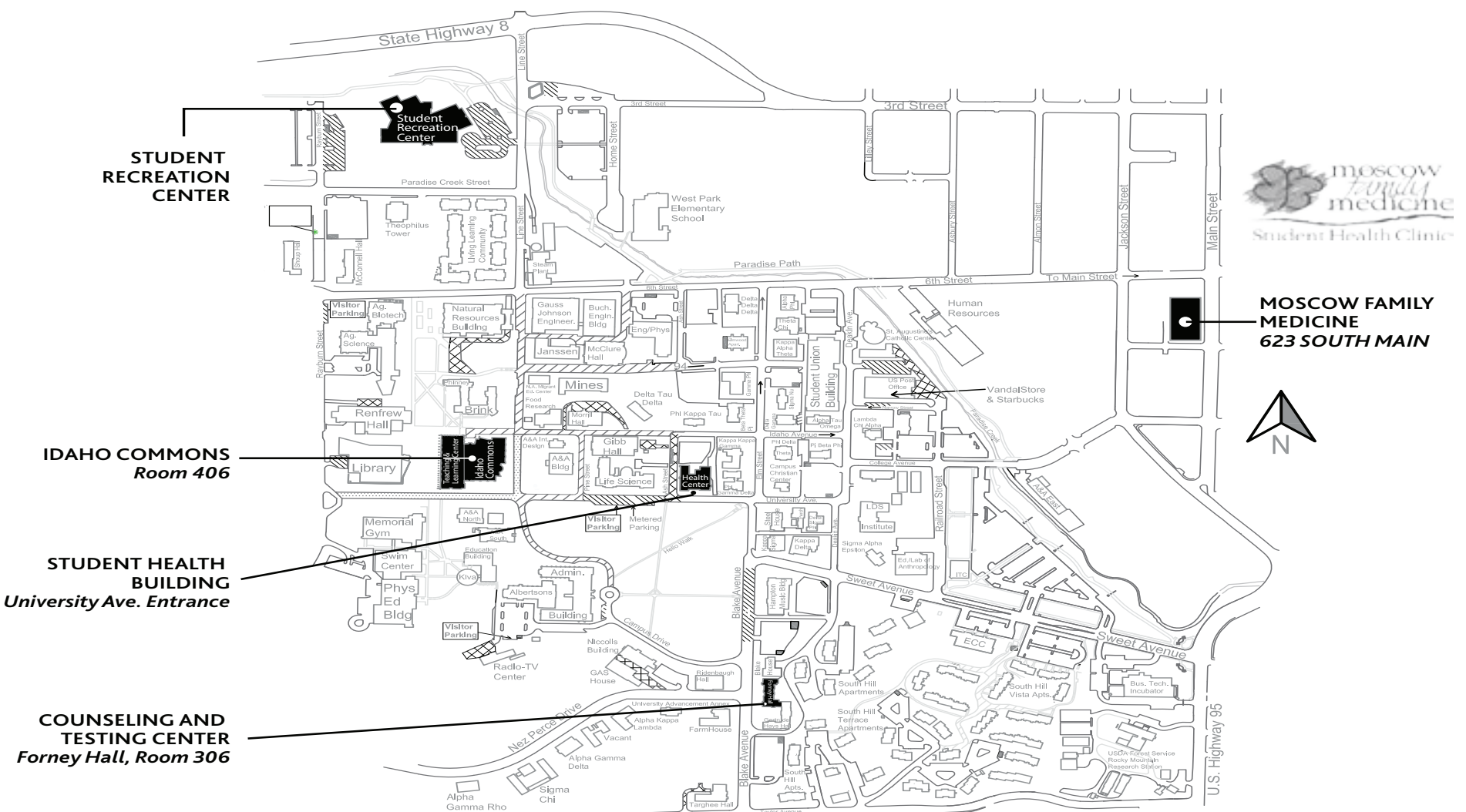


The Kenworthy advertises for its seventh annual gala and fundraiser at sunset Monday evening. *Nathan Romans | Argonaut*

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Retreating to advance

UI student leaders participate in ASUI retreat

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

In an effort to heighten team connectivity and strategize the best way to serve students, executive and senate members of ASUI held their annual retreat for several hours Sept. 14.

By participating in personality tests, team-building activities and goal-setting discussions, ASUI leaders spent the day working to improve their effectiveness as a team.

"The retreat allows us to gain a community within ASUI leadership," ASUI Sen. Carlie Beasley said. "We were able to really make a team and get to know each other. It felt cohesive, and got us all on the same page."

The ASUI executive board and senate serve as leaders of the UI student body, providing a voice on issues in the Idaho Legislature, student activities and the overall college experience.

Sarah Vetsmany, ASUI vice president, said working together as a

group outside of official business allows ASUI to more successfully serve students in their leadership capacities.

"The ASUI retreat benefits students because we are able to share our ideas and make them better than they were," Vetsmany said. "A variety of minds is much better than one, and our ultimate purpose is improving the overall student experience at UI."

ASUI spent a significant portion of its retreat becoming more familiar with everyone's policy positions and sharing indi-

vidual and collective goals.

"We were able to hear what everyone wants to accomplish," Vetsmany said. "It's productive and beneficial because some of the goals overlap, so the people who are focused on similar goals will be able to work together."

Many of the goals presented by senators and the ASUI executive board address a wide range of issues and improvements that impact UI students.

As a whole, ASUI showed a vested interest in promoting the prevention of sexual assault and

creating a safer campus environment. There is also high hope that ASUI will develop a Vandal scanning system, which would feature a rewards card for student involvement.

"ASUI is a big proponent of the mental and physical health of students, so the sexual assault prevention is something that we are fully supportive of," Vetsmany said. "The rewards system is still being planned and refined, but it's a good idea and we'll see where it goes."

Additional ASUI goals included advocating for sustainability through

putting hand dryers in all the restrooms in the Commons, developing a Vandal Heartbeat project that recognizes students across campus and working to increase attendance at Vandal sporting events.

"The most valuable thing that our ASUI retreat does is to give us a chance to get to know each other and open up our resources to one another," Vetsmany said. "We will be able to work together and make our goals happen."

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Freaking out for FreakNight

FreakNight traveling circus visits Pullman

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Usually University of Idaho students study or take it easy on Wednesday nights, but this week, there is something a little freaky going on.

For the first stop of its tour, the FreakNight Traveling Circus will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight on Wednesday, at the Washington State University Beasley Coliseum in Pullman.

FreakNight is an electronic dance music festival put on by USC Events. Every year, the traveling circus tours around the Northwest,

leading up to the main Halloween event in Seattle.

This year, the tour begins in Pullman before moving north to Spokane. This will be the first time FreakNight visits the Pullman area.

Berto Cerrillo, assistant director for student involvement at WSU, said the traveling circus is visiting Pullman to continue the relationship WSU started with USC Events last fall. In the spring of 2014, WSU and USC Events did their first collaboration together, which included musical parodies of Journey.

He said the process of getting FreakNight to Pullman has been in the works since May of this year, immediately following the

duo's first collaboration.

According to Cerrillo, the FreakNight performance in Pullman features four touring EDM performers — Borgore, Caked Up, Botnek and Darius — in addition to two local performers. He said while the show is likely to cater to people who enjoy EDM music, the quality of the performances should draw in other audiences as well.

"The show is more than just music," Cerrillo said. "Its lights, its the stage set up, it's really a pretty cool performance so the experience should be good. Visually these performances are good for sound and for sight."

Cerrillo said he predicts a high turnout for the event because it is

the first time FreakNight is traveling to the area and having EDM shows in the Palouse region is rare. Cerrillo said he's also excited they're able to put on the event and make it available to people in Pullman and Moscow, including UI students.

"These kind of events don't normally come this direction," he said. "So having a performance like the one we're having ... it's just unique to the area and unique to what our students are used to seeing."

Cerrillo said the appeal of FreakNight, in his opinion, is the opportunity to enhance the sense of community in the area. He said he hopes people can connect while having fun and staying safe.

"For the student entertainment

over here at WSU, a lot of what we do is about making memories or allowing people to have the opportunity to experience something new and different," he said. "We hope the entire atmosphere, and the people being here and the people being friendly, cordial, looking out for each other and enjoying the good time is really what we hope comes out of it."

He said attendees are encouraged to wear costumes to celebrate the Halloween overtone of the show.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit usevents.com.

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STABEN

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It was a mutual feeling between other administrators who attended the ceremony.

"It's a historic event," said Jeff Seegmiller, the WWAMI program director. "Everybody's got a smile on their face."

Seegmiller said he liked hearing about the history of the university and enjoyed the old photos that captured memories of past generations of Vandals. He said it was nice to hear about Staben's vision for the university and his commitment to making UI a stronger institution moving forward.

It was the historical nature of the ceremony that brought history major Ben Bridges to the event. He said he would have liked to see more students in the audience to support the new president.

"They are missing out," Bridges said.

He said it was refreshing to see Staben's down-to-earth attitude and hear about his direction of the university.

Atchley congratulated Staben on the accomplishment and expressed confidence in Staben's ability of to lead UI.

She said the SBOE looks forward to a sustained relationship with Staben over the upcoming years — alluding to the short tenures of many former UI presidents.

"We look forward to a fruitful, effective and long, emphasis on long, relationship with Dr. Staben," she said, garnering a muffled chuckle from the crowd.

The ceremony ended with a surprise appearance from the Vandal Marching Band and a shower of silver and gold confetti that littered the bleachers.

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CLASH

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senators did not have enough time interviewing candidates, but the senate would review candidates again this week.

"We are going to look at applications and applicants again so we can review and see who is

qualified to fill these positions," Karstetter said. "If we arrive at the same decision that we did on Wednesday, we'll stand behind it."

Karstetter said although Fisher is in a different branch, the senate always respects what Fisher has to say.

If the senate maintains their current list of candi-

dates, they can expect the same respect from Fisher, who said if the senate arrives at the same decision, he will not attempt to veto it.

"I hope that the senate puts in their due diligence and hard work," Fisher said. "They're in the legislative branch, and I recognize the sep-

aration of powers and will respect their power of decision making."

Fisher said he thinks it's healthy that the different branches of ASUI can disagree on issues and debate them in a public setting.

"I am proud of the professionalism that has been shown by everyone throughout this

process," Fisher said. "I hope we can reach an agreeable conclusion."

The new senators are to be decided upon and installed into their positions at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the ASUI meeting in the Common's Whitewater Room.

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IWAC

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drum Prairie Aquifer. IWAC conducts aquifer studies, and through those studies is able to recommend policy directions and improvements.

Hastriter designed a logo described by IWAC President Mike Galante as putting water at the center of attention, which is consistent with IWAC goals, and an important aspect to IWAC members.

Hastriter, who created the logo using Adobe Illustrator, said she had all but forgotten about the competition by the time she realized she had won.

"It took a while to hear back from them, so I shook it off like I didn't win," she said. "It was seriously months after, but I got an email that said congratulations, you won the contest."

The logo design competition

win adds another line to Hastriter's resume. In the college, she has an emphasis in graphic design and a minor in advertising.

Her busy schedule can also be seen as a long list of personal accomplishments. She has been a part of the University of Idaho Women's Volleyball team since 2010 — her redshirt year — and has played consistently ever since improving statistically each season. She managed double-digit kills in four of her last five matches as a senior.

As Hastriter finishes out her senior year, she hopes for continued success in all aspects of her busy college career and beyond — and a logo design contest win such as this one can do nothing but jumpstart her goals.

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order to shed light on qualities, skills and characteristics not necessarily highlighted on his resume.

Campbell said the open forum is imperative in engaging the entire university community in the search process.

"It's an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to weigh in on each of the candidates," he said.

While the finalists are diverse in gender and race, Campbell said diversity was not a factor in the selection process.

Campbell said the vice provost for Student Affairs and the dean of students position is a demanding job that will be hard to fill — especially after Pitman's tenure.

"We were looking for people obviously with experience in the broader picture, who could speak at the university level to a presi-

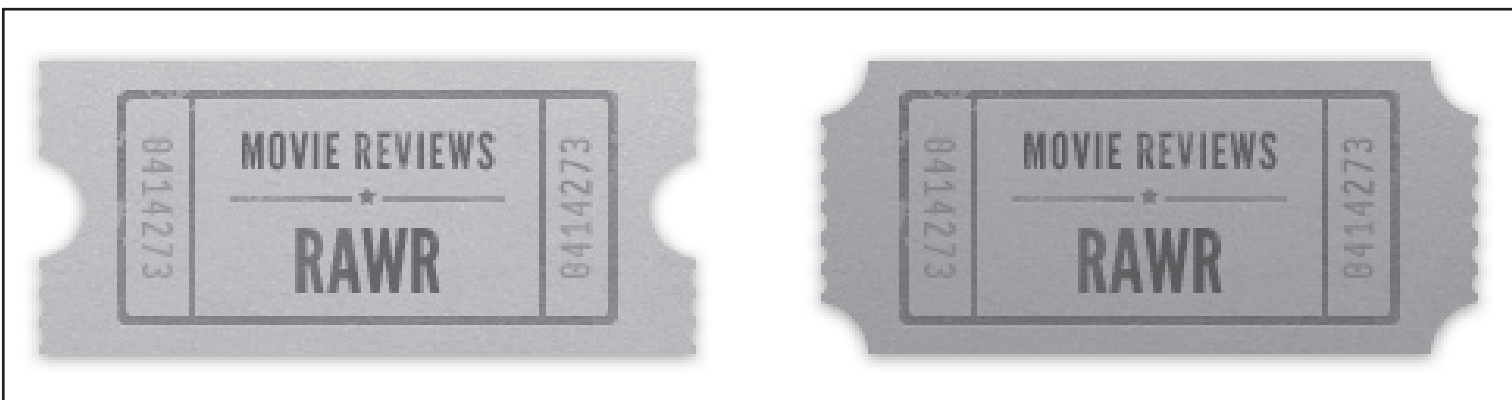
dent and other deans," Campbell said. "But, also be an advocate and a leader in the Dean of Students Office, too — the student element was very important."

Campbell said the search committee is scheduled to meet to discuss each candidate in depth on Oct. 10, after the conclusion of all four onsite interviews. He said the search committee would then make its final recommendation to Aiken, who will work with UI President Chuck Staben to make the appointment.

Campbell said the final decision is not one-sided, as the selected candidate must accept the position when offered.

"We're trying to find the right fit for our position," Campbell said. "But they're also trying to find the right fit professionally for themselves."

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Comeback falls short

Idaho loses third straight game, falls to Ohio

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

The Idaho football team erased a 17-point deficit to draw within five points, and had an opportunity to take the lead in the fourth quarter Saturday against Ohio.

Freshman quarterback Matt Linehan threw two of his three interceptions in the fourth quarter and Ohio edged Idaho 36-24. "We just have to get it done," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "But we're right there and we're improving and we're growing. We're coming closer together, we're fighting harder for each other, so I was proud of that."

With the loss, Idaho falls to 0-3. The

Vandals host South Alabama next week for their first Sun Belt Conference home game. Idaho is now 0-17 in its last 17 road games.

"We made some execution mistakes, but when you give it all you have and you give it effort and you fight, there's no reason to hang your heads," Petrino said. "We need to keep our heads up, and we need to shower and get out of here and go win next week."

The defense continued to allow big plays. Ohio gashed Idaho for eight plays of 25 or more yards.

Two of those big gains came from freshman running back A.J. Ouellette. He finished with 132 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. The Vandal defense has now allowed 623 rushing yards in its first three games.

Despite the big plays, Petrino said the

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It's still a growing progress with where we want to be, but there's no question that we're a way better football team right now and we keep getting better."

Paul Petrino, coach

team has improved. He said the defense forced Ohio to settle for field goals, instead of allowing touchdowns, which was a goal at practice last week. The Bobcats attempted four field goals on the day.

"I think the defense played better, I think offensively we still did a lot of good things, but you've got to get touchdowns when you're down there," Petrino said. "It's still a growing progress with where we want to be, but there's no question that we're a way better football team right now and we keep getting better."

At the end of the first half, Petrino rolled the dice, and instead of kicking a field goal, the offense failed to convert fourth down near the goal line. Petrino said he would do it again if the opportunity arose. The offense was less than a yard away from the end zone, he said he was confident they could get the score.

The offense had 15-play and 17-play

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Sophomore wide receiver Deon Watson catches a pass against Ohio Saturday in Athens, Ohio. The Bobcats beat the Vandals 36-24, stopping an Idaho comeback in the fourth quarter. Idaho begins Sun Belt play Saturday in the Kibbie Dome for Dads' Weekend.

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Sun Belt Roundup



Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Louisiana-Monroe (2-1, 1-0)

The Sun Belt's top team had a bye week following its Sept. 13 shutout loss at LSU. The Warhawks have the best record in the conference after wins against Wake Forest and Idaho in Monroe to start the season. ULM is the only team in the conference with a winning record and is undefeated at home through the fourth week of the season. The Warhawks

need to continue their home winning streak to keep the No. 1 spot.

Georgia Southern (2-2, 1-0)

Conference and FBS newbie Georgia Southern is off to a good start in its first season in the Sun Belt. GSU won its first conference game in dominating fashion Saturday against South Alabama. The Eagles held the Jaguars to just six points, while scoring 28 of their own, scoring one touchdown in each quarter of play. The Eagles are rolling through September, but keeping momentum will be hard in their first season in the conference.

New Mexico State (2-2, 1-0)

The Aggies played their rivalry game early in the season, losing to New Mexico 38-35 in Las Cruces. After being down at halftime, NMSU came back to take the lead over the Lobos in the third quarter. New Mexico responded in the fourth quarter with a 10-play, 65-yard game winning drive that ended with a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Lamar Jordan to wide receiver Reece White. After a tough Independent schedule in 2013, the Aggies are ready to take advantage of an easier conference slate.

Arkansas State (2-2, 0-0)

Last year's co-Sun Belt champions ASU has yet to play a conference game in 2014. The Red Wolves recovered from a Sept. 13 loss at Miami — where an ASU player faked his own death on the field — to come back and win 21-14 in overtime at Utah State. Quarterback Fredi Knighten's only touchdown pass of the game came in overtime, when it was needed most. The Red Wolves need to find better methods than fake punts and faking deaths if they want to get back above .500.

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Athletes of the week

Josh McCain – football



Josh McCain

Converted wide receiver Josh McCain had a huge day catching the ball for the Vandals Saturday against Ohio. McCain, a senior from San Jose, California, caught five passes for a game-high 150 yards against the Bobcats. Two of those receptions went for touchdowns including a one-handed grab in the third quarter. His second touchdown reception came with 6:34 left in the game, bringing

Idaho within five points. Ohio scored a few minutes later to put the game out of reach and win 36-24. With his two touchdowns, McCain has five total for the year, good for first in the Sun Belt and third nationally.

Cody Helbling – men's cross country



Cody Helbling

Both the Idaho men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Big Sky Cross Country Triangular Meet in Portland on Saturday, and the good showing by Vandal runners let Idaho finish 2-1 on the day. Going up against new Big Sky foes Eastern Washington, Portland and Portland State, senior Cody Helbling shined for Idaho, finishing first with a time of 24:58 in a field of 28. With Helbling's finish and success of other Vandal runners, the men's team beat Portland and Portland State, but lost to Eastern Washington by three

points. Both the men's and women's cross country teams will look to keep the momentum going into the University of Washington Invitational on Oct. 4, where Helbling will try for another first-place finish.

Jared du Toit – men's golf



Jared du Toit

Jared du Toit, a sophomore from Kimberley, British Columbia, tied for fifth place at Doc Gillmer playing Sept. 11-13 at the Bethpage Red Course in Farmingdale, New York. He opened with a 1-over-par 71, followed with a 1-under-par 69 and closed with a 5-under-par 65 to finish with a 54-hole total of 5-under-par 205. Du Toit helped Idaho to a third-place finish in the 14-team tournament. The Vandals shot rounds of 285, 276 and 271 for an 832. Yale won the meet with an 823 while Matt Oshrine of Loyola-Maryland claimed medalist honors with a 16-un-

der-par 194. This is Du Toit and Idaho's first Big Sky Golfer of the Week honor, as the Vandals competed in the WAC last season.

Gabby Leong – soccer



Gabby Leong

The season has not gone well for Idaho soccer, but Friday against Grand Canyon the Vandals showed improvement. Idaho scored its second goal of the season in the 2-1 loss in Phoenix thanks to sophomore midfielder Gabby Leong of Upland, California. In the 27th minute against the 'Lopes, Leong assisted in a shot that bounced off a Grand Canyon defender and went into the 'Lopes goal to give Idaho a 1-0 lead. It wasn't enough to earn the win, as Grand Canyon was able to score in the 78th and 85th minute to eventually win the game 2-1. Leong's goal was the first goal Idaho has scored since the season opener at Seattle U.



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Sophomore outside hitter Ali Forde attempts a serve in practice Aug. 25 in Memorial Gym. Vandals began Big Sky play Thursday at Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado.

No. 23 Lions pounce Vandals

Idaho to start fresh with Big Sky play

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

The last time the Idaho volleyball team played in a Big Sky Conference match was almost 20 years ago.

On Thursday, the Vandals (4-8) will take on the Northern Colorado Bears in Greeley, Colorado. It's Idaho's first match as a member of the Big Sky since it joined the Big West following the 1995-1996 athletic season.

Over the weekend, Idaho dropped two matches at the Cougar Challenge Tournament in Pullman. The team lost to Washington State Thursday and No. 23. Loyola Marymount on Friday afternoon.

"For us, it was not our best performance of the season so far," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "I think we allowed 10 errors per game. That's probably the most we've given up in awhile." The Vandals' Ali Forde made the All-Tournament team, finishing with 18 kills

in two matches.

LMU outside hitter Caitlin DeWitt led the Lions with 15 kills on the match. The Lions (12-0) won the tournament after defeating WSU Friday 3-1.

Buchanan said Idaho will return to practice Monday with an emphasis on staying in plays longer.

"We're going to do some drills where they have to play over an extended period of time," Buchanan said. "It'll challenge us more to have the ball cross four or five times and stay in these

long rallies."

On the verge of starting conference play, Buchanan acknowledged that every team has a fresh start to the season.

"We're getting ready to play two good teams," Buchanan said. "Every one is going in with a 0-0 conference record, and now it's time to fix some more things and we'll have an opportunity to play another good team."

Idaho is no stranger to playing good teams this season. It began the season playing Oklahoma, followed

by No. 10 Florida the next day. After tough weekend matches against WSU and No. 23. LMU, the Vandals' schedule should ease up.

Buchanan said playing elite competition is good for her team and playing top-ranked teams will help Idaho in conference play.

"I think it should inspire us a little bit to be like those teams," Buchanan said. "Looking at a team like LMU, it should inspire us to see they're not a huge team — they just take care of things and don't get too

worked up emotionally."

It's a challenge for Idaho to predict the level of competition in the Big Sky, as the Vandals are new to the conference.

"I do think there are a handful of teams that are going to be good," Buchanan said. "For us, it's one match at a time. Right now, our focus is North Dakota and Northern Colorado and then we'll move on the next set."

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Sports brief

Idaho awarded Excellence in Management Cup

The Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics at Texas A&M University awarded the University of Idaho the 2013-14 Excellence in Management Cup.

The award has been given annually since 2008-09 to the athletic department that demonstrates effective spending in correlation with championships earned. Schools are ranked on how much they spend per championship. Idaho finished 13th in 2012-13 and ninth in 2011-12.

"I am extremely proud that we, at the University of Idaho, can provide championship athletic and academic

experiences for our student-athletes, while at the same time maintaining our fiscal responsibility to the institution, our donors and our fans," Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear said.

Idaho won WAC Championships in women's cross country, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's tennis, women's tennis and women's basketball (regular season and tournament titles) in 2013-14. With eight championships last year, and a budget of \$15 million, Idaho spent approximately \$1.8 million per title.

"This is a credit to our coaches and student-athletes, but also recognizes our department operates with the utmost efficiency while maintaining its effectiveness," Spear said. "We do more with less, and that is very rewarding to me and is a tribute to our entire staff."



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Vandals set sights on Big Sky play

Arizona drops Idaho to 0-9 on season

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

After a tough 2-1 loss on Friday night to Grand Canyon, the Vandals finished out their nonconference schedule Sunday in Tuscon, Arizona, in a losing effort to Arizona. The Wildcats shut out the Vandals to the tune of a 3-0 decision.

The Vandals open Big Sky play 4 p.m. Friday when they host Northern Colorado at Guy Wicks Field.

The Wildcats struck first in the seventh minute when senior forward Alexandra Doller snuck one by sophomore goal keeper Torell Stewart, who turned in an impressive performance despite the loss with eight saves on the day.

"We knew going into the game that Arizona is very athletic and a very hard working team that puts a ton of pressure on their opponents in the first 10-15 minutes of each half," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said.

The Doller goal was set up by a free kick that Doller headed into the top of the net to give Arizona the early lead.

After the early goal, the Vandal defense

tightened up substantially as it held the Wildcats scoreless for the final 39 minutes of the half. Unfortunately for Idaho, this success didn't continue after the half as Doller hit another header in the 54th minute.

"They are very good at what they do and punished us in both halves," Pittman said.

Kaitlyn Lopez, a junior forward, all but ended the game a few minutes later off a Doller pass that Lopez fired past Stewart.

"The discipline on defense allowed us to create some quality chances on the attack," Pittman said. "We have to start finishing these chances to help take some pressure off our defending side of the ball. Overall, we put in another good performance that will give us confidence as we now focus on Big Sky play."

As a team, the Vandals were outshot 35-7, including an 11-4 breakdown on goal. Doller led all players with six total shots, with four being on goal — including the first two scores of the game. For Idaho, sophomore forward Kavita Battan led the team with two shots. Olivia Baggerly, Elexis Schlossarek, Gabby Leong, Bethany Leliefeld and Reagan Quigley also recorded shots.

"We prepared for their attack, but unfortunately we weren't able to stop them,"



Cy Whitting | Argonaut

Sophomore defender Amanda Pease races a TCU defender to the ball in Idaho's 0-2 loss to TCU Aug. 24 at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals play Northern Colorado Friday at home to start Big Sky play and try for their first win of the season.

Pittman said. "Other than those 10 minutes to start each half, we played well and defended well."

Despite the loss, Stewart outperformed the opposing goal keeper in the saves category as Arizona's senior goal keeper Gabby Kaufman only managed four saves to Stewart's eight.

After a rocky start to the season, Stewart appears to have gotten back into her groove. She has recorded 37 saves in the last five games.

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World Cup fever more than passing fad

With recent soccer explosion, Idaho can grow

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

You couldn't walk into a sports bar or log in to a social network this summer without being thrust into the middle of a conversation about the World Cup.

Unlike years prior, I found myself at least passively interested as I started covering the Idaho soccer team last spring, and I wanted to learn more about the sport I was covering.

The United States' World Cup opener versus Ghana was the highest rated program on ESPN since the BCS National Championship game between Florida State and Auburn in January, and unlike years past, it felt like more than just passive pa-

triotism. It felt like genuine interest.

Football is the undisputed king of American sports, yet a soccer game outdrew it in the rankings.

Despite its status as a primarily minor sport in the United States, soccer is growing in popularity, especially in the Northwest.

This is evident when you look at the Idaho soccer roster — 18 of the 23 players on the roster are from the Northwest. With the amount of younger players who caught "World Cup fever," and are now interested in soccer, there is no reason why the Idaho program, and soccer programs around the region, cannot benefit from it.

At many of the Vandal soccer games I have covered this fall, I have seen a number of young soccer fans in attendance, and many of them have actually watched the

games and appeared interested in them. Given the usual short attention span of children, this was surprising.

Part of the reason for this newfound interest in soccer from youth may have to do with the expansion of professional soccer in the Northwest. Since 2007, Major League Soccer has expanded into this area of the country with not one, but two teams in the Seattle Sounders FC and Portland Timbers, founded in 2007 and 2009, respectively.

The Sounders and Timbers have rose to be two of the best teams and biggest rivals in the MLS and staples in the MLS Cup Playoffs every year. The success of the teams could possibly be an effect of the interest in soccer among northwestern youth.

Back in my hometown in central Washington over the summer, I couldn't drive by a park or through a neighbor-

hood without seeing either a group of children kicking a ball or parents with their sons or daughters in the front yard kicking a soccer ball. If I was to drive through those same areas a few years earlier, odds are those kids kicking a ball would be shooting hoops or playing catch, much like I was in my youth.

Now that does not mean these children who have grown interested in soccer will become the next Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi. But, at the very least they are interested in the sport, and if these children play soccer through their youth and into high school there is no reason Idaho cannot reel a few of them into its program, especially with the Division I options limited in this area.

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Idaho coach Paul Petrino reacts to a play during Idaho's 36-24 loss Saturday at Ohio.

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drives that resulted in no points.

"We can't have that throughout the course of the game," Petrino said. "I think that hurt us ... but there were times in the first half where we drove the ball well, we just didn't come away with points."

Linehan finished 33-of-56 for 353 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. The freshman has now started his career with

three straight games in which he eclipsed 300 passing yards.

"There's no reason to hang your head when you fight as hard as you can," Petrino said. "We made some execution mistakes, but when you give it all you have and you give it effort and you fight, there's no reason to hang your heads. We need to keep our heads up, and we need to shower and get out of here and go win next week."

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SUN BELT

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Appalachian State (1-2, 0-0)



Black and gold beat black and gold as Southern Miss edged Appalachian State 21-20 Saturday at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. ASU got within one point of SMU with six seconds to go on a two-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Taylor Lamb to wide receiver Simms McElfresh, but the extra point was blocked leading to the SMU win. That could be a bad omen for ASU's season. The team opens Sun Belt play this Saturday.

Texas State (1-2, 0-0)



Arkansas-Pine Bluff apparently wasn't a good gauge for Texas State's skill level as TSU dropped its next two games. The Bobcats fell to Illinois Saturday 42-35. TSU's 40.3 points per game is still second in the conference and the Bobcats will need to keep up their scoring ways this weekend at Tulsa. Running back Robert Lowe highlights the Bobcat offense leading the Sun Belt with 119.7 rushing yards per game.

Louisiana-Lafayette (1-3, 0-0)



The Ragin' Cajuns win to start the season was followed by three straight losses with the latest being a 34-9 beat down by Boise State. ULL was one of the top teams in the Sun Belt last season, but the 2014 nonconference schedule hasn't been favorable to coach Mark Hudspeth's squad. A game against fellow 1-3 team Georgia State on Saturday offers the opportunity to get back in the win column for the Ragin' Cajuns.

Troy (0-4, 0-0)



Looking on the Brightside for a winless Troy team, the Trojans haven't lost a Sun Belt game yet. That should change this weekend though, as Troy is pitted against conference leader ULM on Saturday. To make things worse, the Trojans are coming off a 66-0 shutout at the hands of Georgia.

South Alabama (1-2, 0-1)



The Jaguars finished in the middle of the conference in 2013 and seems to be headed there again this year. Last week's 28-6 loss to Georgia Southern

hurts, but a win over Kent State to start the year has South Alabama in the win column. With just 32 points scored on the season, South Alabama needs to find a weapon on offense.

Georgia State (1-3, 0-1)



The Panthers already have more wins than their winless 2013 campaign, so things are looking up in Atlanta despite three straight losses. A couple more

wins would meet expectations for a GSU squad entering a stretch of conference games in October. The Panthers have a bye week before traveling Oct. 4. to Louisiana-Lafayette.

Idaho (0-3, 0-1)



Despite rounding out the bottom of current Sun Belt standings, the Vandals have played better than their record suggests. Defense has been

Idaho's problem as the Vandals are allowing 39.7 points per game. Quarterback Matt Linehan leads the conference with 346.3 passing yards per game.

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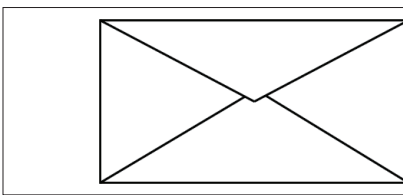
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OUR VIEW

Change on the horizon

Dean of students office is important, give input on candidates

With the upcoming retirement of longtime Dean of Students Bruce Pitman, the University of Idaho announced four prospective replacements Friday.

All four will make a personal appearance on UI's campus over the next two weeks to give presentations, answer questions and make a

pitch for the job.

These sessions are a great opportunity for students to get initial impressions of the candidates and to ask questions about their leadership style and vision for the position.

Whoever is chosen will have big shoes to fill. Pitman has served UI for 41 years.

Over the decades, Pitman has become a campus legend, and created strong relationships with students and staff. He has been an advocate for student rights, a protec-

tor of the student voice and the many students and university employees turn to in times of tragedy. There's no doubt it will be a different university when he retires, and these are qualities we can only hope his replacement will also embody.

There's no doubt the search committee did their homework in selecting the candidates for Pitman's replacement, but even so it won't be an easy task.

The series of presentations will begin with Jeffrey Long, assistant

vice president for Student Affairs at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, who will make his pitch from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Vandal Ballroom in the Student Union Building.

The dean of students is no small position. They are the man or woman on the ground. They are the face of the university when tragedy strikes and a sympathetic ear for student concerns. The dean of students must be a fierce advocate for students and a commanding admin-

istrator. They oversee a wide umbrella of student-based departments and programs, including University Housing, Student Involvement and the Counseling and Testing Center — just to name a few.

The policy decisions that come from the Dean of Students Office affect UI students everyday, which is why students should treat these interviews with a sense of importance and attend them.

—RT



Shane Wellner
Argonaut



OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Work work work

I've been editing stuff all weekend, all of yesterday and all of today. This is what happens when you get another editor job.

—Claire

Fareed Zakaria

Why?! I trusted you!

—Ryan

Improvement

I'm determined to have as much energy this week as a squirrel bounding across the grass.

—Katelyn

Advanced placement

For those of you freshmen who took AP courses in high school and are wondering if college is supposed to be easier, just wait, midterms are upon us.

—Erin

Karter

By the time you read this, he will have survived his first day as a non-teenager. When did we get so old?

—Kaitlyn

Lost!

My mind has seem to gone missing. If found, please return to the Argonaut office, where it belongs.

—Danielle

What the weather

I wore shorts on Monday for the first time in weeks. I thought the Idaho weather was supposed to get steadily colder in September, but I'm not complaining.

—Stephan

Memory

Somewhat necessary for taking tests. Now, where did my calculator go?

—Daphne

What a week

And it's only Tuesday.

—Andrew

Scotland

They may have voted no for their independence, but at least they get to host the Ryder Cup this week.

—Korbin

Staben's inauguration

This weekend University of Idaho President Chuck Staben was officially inaugurated, where he received the hood, medallion and scepter. What can you do with UI's scepter? Hopefully the scepter allows Staben to summon an army of potatoes to defend the campus at a moment's notice.

—Aleya

I'm the cookie monster

I am super excited to be making peanut butter cookies for Crumbs to share with all of the Argonaut editors. After all, it's only fair I do that since I forgot to write my own OTC.

—Amber

Soul Food

Ad Team is fundraising which means I'll be eating an entire of box of Krispy Kreme to myself.

—Hannah

Not all use concealed carry

Why I don't carry my gun on campus

I have a purple and black 9 mm Ruger handgun and I have earned my advanced concealed carry license. Thanks to Idaho Senate Bill 1254, I am allowed to carry my gun on campus, as long as it is concealed and I'm not in the Student Union Building or the Kibbie Dome. No one can ask me if I'm carrying and I don't legally have to tell them I am, as long as my weapon is tucked away unseen.

But even with the generous law provisions, I don't carry my gun on campus. Why do I have my license and not carry my gun? Because it's unnecessary and I feel unsafe carrying my Ruger in public places.

There's a stereotype floating around that people who have gun licenses feel the dire need to carry their gun with them wherever they go. Who knows how many gun fanat-

ics are walking around campus strapped with a loaded weapon.

To receive my license, I had to wait until my 21st birthday. I then had to register my weapon and pay \$150 for an eight-hour class and a two-hour hands-on training session at the shooting range. After that, I had to pass an exam that tested my knowledge on gun safety and responsibility.

So with all this training, I feel safe handling my weapon.

But even then, accidents do happen and I'd rather not be the person it happens to.

Let's look at the Idaho State University professor who shot himself in the foot at the beginning of the month. According to local news, the professor, who was later identified as Byron Bennett, had all the proper permits (including gun safety training) to carry a concealed weapon on ISU's campus. But his gun accidentally went off while teaching a chemistry class and he was wounded in the foot.

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Danielle Wiley

First off, he was teaching a class, so he's lucky that the gun didn't injure any of the students in his classroom. ISU President Arthur Vailas was quoted saying that the incident was scary and embarrassing.

Gun accidents happen and when they do, they can be devastating.

The relationship between gun ownership and gun-related deaths is unclear. While studies are being done, political argument reigns over whether or not people are safer with or without guns.

Personally, I feel safer not carrying. If someone was to notice I was carrying a gun, I could put myself in greater danger by becoming a target or a

threat. I am putting others in danger when I carry a loaded 9 mm around the public, since there is always a chance of accidents happening.

I personally feel that if I needed to protect myself on campus, my gun would be the last thing I'd reach for. I'd rather use my pepper spray or a taser gun before I tried to pull out my gun from its holster, unlock the trigger, actually cock the gun (which takes more muscle than it looks) and then have the time to shoot the person who's endangering me in a non-fatal spot on their body.

It's official that students, faculty and staff can carry a concealed gun on campus, if they have the right training and license. But the stereotype that everyone who has a license carries their gun everywhere is false. Mine sits safely at home locked away, and you can feel better knowing that.

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The fight over food

UI must improve campus eating options

Pretty much all college students are locked in a mortal conflict with food. College food is either too expensive, too fattening or just takes too long to cook.

To enable students to at least make it through their freshman year without having to apply hunting or gathering skills, the University of Idaho requires most people living on campus to purchase meal plans. Most meal plans cost around \$1,800 and include multiple, possibly unlimited trips to Bob's Place, along with Flex Dollars to be spent at fast food restaurants across campus.



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Argonaut

The problem with requiring people to purchase one of UI's meal plans is not the quality of the food, as 80 percent of the student body would have you to believe. It's that the structure of the meal plan system encourages rampant overeating, overspending and overall student dissatisfaction.

Bob's Place, UI's main meal source, offers a buffet-style restaurant that allows UI to feed massive amounts of college students at once during high-traffic meal times. However, unleashing a hungry student upon a mountain of food does not create incentives for healthy eating. When faced with choosing one meal out of Bob's smorgasbord, a hungry student often goes with many unhealthy food options, instead of the healthier choices.

Making someone pay a flat rate for access to food options creates the mindset that you must get what you paid for. It is unlikely anyone who bought the Vandal Pride dining plan is going to enter Bob's and pay over \$10 per meal to eat a salad and some fruit.

The pricing of the meal plan and associated Flex Dollars teaches students that it is reasonable to spend exorbitant amounts of money on food. College should be a time of saving money, yet people who live on campus are forced to,

in some cases, spend over \$10 a meal on food. Additionally, students are made to spend Flex Dollars at many overpriced options across campus to get the most out of their meal plan.

The meal plans are indeed forced to be used, since students who purchase them must use the Flex Dollars by the end of the year and Bob's meals by the end of the semester. Failure to spend either by those deadlines results in the meal options expiring.

To make the meal plan healthier and more cost effective for students, UI should take some of

several options to revamp dining available on campus. To start with, Bob's could be structured so that students can choose what they wanted to eat and then pay for it — similar to the food court in the Idaho Commons. That way, students can pay for only what they want to eat and that would hopefully encourage students to choose cheaper, healthier options.

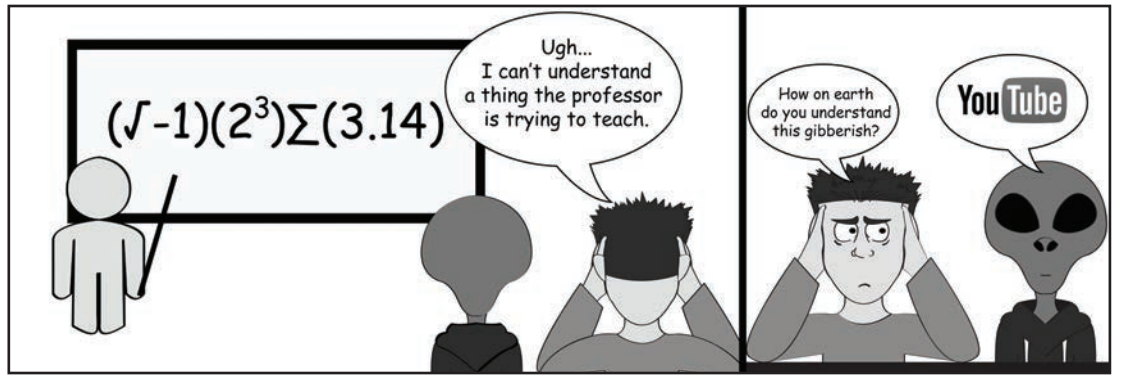
For the meal plan structure itself, both meals at Bob's and Flex Dollars should roll over between semesters until the end of the year. Students who pay for block meals or a certain amount of meals per week at Bob's should be rewarded for using meals when they are hungry, instead of being punished at the end of semester by losing any extra meals. Students should also be given the option on all meal plans to utilize extra meals as guest passes, since the person paying for them should get to choose how they are spent.

Freshmen have enough to worry about without fearing the legendary Freshman 15. By making a couple changes to the dining options on campus, UI can encourage healthy eating and a healthier student body.

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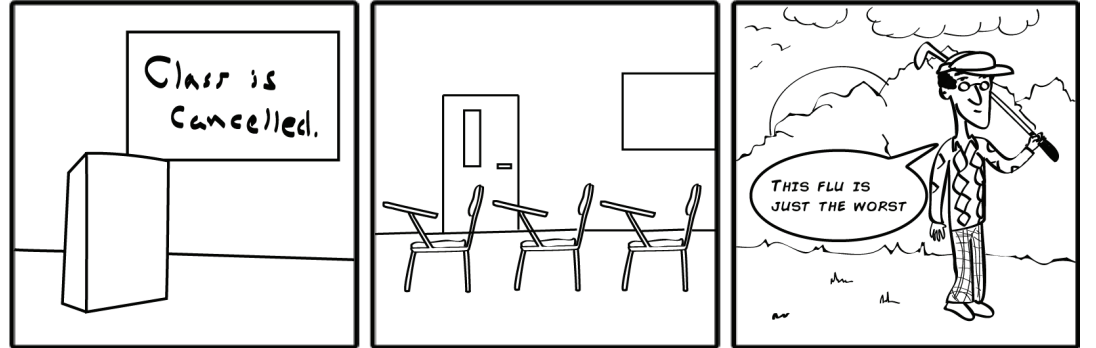
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