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Clockwise from top left: Andrea Falk, Luis Lopez, Leah Uptmor, Danielle Payne. Follow these freshmen as they experience their first year in college.

STUDENT LIFE

Freshmen stories

Follow these students throughout the year as they encounter the highs and lows of freshmen year

Expanding her horizons

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Danielle Payne almost didn't join marching band.

As she sat with other freshmen at band camp last week, the 18-year-old flute player knew she made the right call, watching leaders from the Vandal Marching Band run through pep tunes and dance moves.

"That's when I was like, 'This is going to be the best time ever,'" Payne said.

Payne, from Central Point, Oregon, said her first days on campus have been a mix of emotions — both excitement and fatigue.

For now, Payne is a nutrition major. But admittedly, she said that could change.

"I have no idea," Payne said about whether or not she will continue with nutrition throughout her college career.

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'I want to be awesome'

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Andrea Falk doesn't know who she is yet. But the beauty of college, she said, is that neither does anybody else.

"My life story is that I was the music kid," Falk said. "I was in orchestra and choir and I never did much else. I guess my story is just beginning."

Throughout high school, Falk said music was a central part of her identity. She was good at it, and she loved it — but she wanted to explore. She said she considered taking a gap year to work, or pursue something completely different.

Her senior year, however, Falk said she realized she couldn't picture a future without music. She started her first day of classes Monday as a vocal and cello performance major in the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

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Born a Vandal

Claire Whitley
Argonaut

She was six months old at her first Vandal football game. Eighteen years later, Leah Uptmor is starting at the University of Idaho as a freshman.

Uptmor said UI was the only college she applied to. Her father was a mechanical engineering student at UI during the '80s, so Uptmor always thought she would come to Idaho. When she visited on Vandal Friday, she knew this was where she wanted to go.

"I got that feeling in my stomach like, 'OK, this is where I belong and this is where I am going to go to school,'" Uptmor said.

Uptmor joined the Kappa Delta sorority during Greek recruitment and said the sisterhood was a great way to get to know new people on campus. Last year she stayed with a friend in the Wallace complex and decided that residence hall life was not for her.

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A semester of connections

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Freshman Luis Lopez said the class he is most excited about is Calculus II because it will include more difficult material for him to work with.

"Somebody told me that it was like really challenging," Lopez said. "And I like challenges." Lopez decided to attend the University of Idaho despite having multiple options in other states, because the in-state tuition was a better financial option, he said.

While having lived in Idaho for the majority of his life, Lopez spent five years living in California as well. His parents came from an indigenous community in southern Mexico, and said he immediately noticed the difference in the communities upon moving to Twin Falls.

"Where I was from there's not a lot of people who look like me, like my color of skin," he said.

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UNIVERSITY

Moments of recognition

Tony Plana gives advice, words of inspiration at convocation

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Actor Tony Plana, the featured speaker at this year's University of Idaho Convocation, had a simple truth for his audience of new students Friday.

"Welcome to the adult world," Plana said. "If you're 18, you are an adult, legally. Listen, if you can go to war and vote, you are an adult."

Tony Plana has starred in multiple films and TV shows

throughout his 40-year career, including "Three Amigos," "West Wing" and "Ugly Betty." He received his bachelor's degree in literature and theatre arts from Loyola-Marymount University and serves as an advocate for education when he isn't acting.

"I can play different levels of education because I got an education," Plana said. "I can play street, I can play middle class and I can play the Secretary of State for the United States government."

Staben introduced Plana as the featured speaker at convocation after speaking to both

students and their parents about what he is looking forward to in the coming year, welcoming both groups into the UI community.

"You are now a part of the Vandal family," Staben said.

Plana focused his convocation speech on getting new students to think about who they are, something he said he believes is essential to having a successful and happy life.

"Find out who you are," Plana said. "Find out what you love at this university."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Smoke in Moscow

Semester has a smoky start

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

The Department of Environmental Quality is anticipating poor air quality over the next few days in five Northern Idaho counties, including Latah County.

"At this point, we will continue to see those smoke impacts at the higher levels," said Melissa Rhein, an air quality analyst at the DEQ.

The department expects poor air quality in Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho counties.

With no rain in the forecast, the department is projecting levels to stay in the unhealthy, very unhealthy and hazardous range over

the next few days, Rhein said.

The department listed Moscow air quality as "unhealthy" throughout the day Monday.

At these higher smoke impact levels, Rhein said people will start to feel the effect of the smoke if they are outside for an extended period of time.

"Everyone should be limiting their activity, not just people in sensitive groups," Rhein said of the air quality.

Rhein said people can experience running noses, watery eyes and sinus issues if they are outside for an extended period of time.

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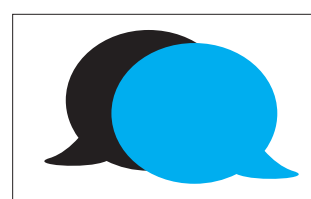
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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe

Chicken long rice

Jordan Hollingshead
Crumbs

It is hard as a college student to find the time to make a dish that takes an hour and a half to make, however if you do manage to find the time I highly recommend this recipe. I made this for a few of my friends over the summer and received great compliments on this dish.

Ingredients:

- 2-3 pounds boneless chicken thighs
- 1/2 inch piece sliced ginger peeled
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 2 bags Mai fun rice sticks
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 sliced onion
- 1 teaspoon minced ginger
- 2 minced cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 6 chopped stalks green onion

Directions:

1. In a large stockpot, place chicken in enough water to cover and add sliced ginger and salt.
2. Cover and cook over medium heat until chicken is tender, about 45 minutes.
3. Allow chicken to cool in the broth, then remove from pot and strain and reserve stock.
4. Place Mai fun rice sticks in warm water for 15 minutes and then drain water.
5. In a skillet, heat oil and saute onion, garlic and minced ginger until lightly browned.
6. Add the sauteed onion, garlic and ginger to the noodles in the stock pot and pour in enough reserved chicken stock to cover.
7. Add chicken and soy sauce and simmer until noodles are tender, about five minutes.
8. Top with chopped green onion stalks for looks and serve warm.

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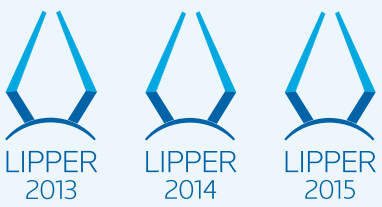
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LAW SCHOOL

Pioneers of law

First year law classes planned for Boise

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's College of Law plans to offer three years of law classes at a location in Boise — a project 15 years in the making.

Mark Adams, dean of the College of Law, said the final installment of the project is the establishment of first-year law classes, which are set to start fall 2017, pending approval from the State Board of Education and the American Bar Association.

"When the law school first started talking about setting up a program in Boise, the original proposal was to add all three years at once," he said. "For planning purposes, we decided to do it incrementally instead."

Adams said second and third year law classes are already being offered in the state's capitol in the Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center, which opened Monday.

"We used to hold classes and conduct business at the Water Center," Adams said. "Now we've moved to the ILJLC, which is an amazing location — it's an old historic Ada County court house on capitol mall."

In order to establish a second College of Law location where classes could be offered, Adams said driving members of the project have had to get approval and work with UI, the State Board of Education and the American Bar Association.

Lee Dillion, a UI law professor who has been with the Boise project since it first began, said the college had to work with a number of different organizations and overcome many challenges, such as hiring new faculty members, developing a curriculum and evenly distributing resources.

Despite the challenges, he said the program has grown successfully over the years.

"I was hired back in 2001 to start the Boise effort and it's pretty amazing watching this program grow," Dillion said. "We started off with an internship program for credit in Boise and now we're at the point where soon students will be able to complete their entire legal education here."

Adams said one of the main reasons for extending operations to Boise is the opportunity to change and improve the legal education of UI students.

"A unique aspect of this dual location thing is the close collaboration we have with courts as well as the State Bar Association," he said. "You can't beat the location, we share the ILJLC with the Supreme Court — on one side of the street there's the appellate courts and on the other side of the street there's the state capitol."

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If you really want to do the Native American law program or the natural resources and environmental law programs, those are based up here.

Mark Adams, Dean of the College of Law

Adams said the College of Law's Boise location helps provide students with more opportunities for internships and interaction with government and judiciary officials.

In addition to working in a more urban setting, Adams said part of what makes the program so unique is the flexibility it provides to students.

"If you really want to do the Native American law program or the natural resources and environmental law programs, those are based up here," Adams said. "But if you want to do more of the business, entrepreneurship or tax clinics, those things are down in Boise."

The program would allow for UI law students to move freely between the two locations and students are able to finish their second or third year of law school in Boise or they can choose to return to Moscow.

Although the Boise location provides students with a number of great opportunities, Adams said the biggest challenge is trying to connect two separate curriculums, faculties and student bodies.

"It's a challenge because we're not creating a separate law school, we're just integrating two campuses," he said. "We've invested quite a bit into technology for remote learning and the students are working hard trying to figure out how to create a cohesive student body when you're in two different places."

Adams said despite the challenges, he believes the enthusiasm of the college's faculty and students will keep the program running smoothly.

"Establishing this location has been a great challenge but it's also very exciting," he said. "It's required a lot of collaboration and at the end of it all, we're providing our students with a one of a kind legal education."

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FLOATING ON AIR



Photo by Jackson Flynn | Argonaut

Students stood in line for free hot air balloons rides Saturday at Palousafest.

ON CAMPUS

It's the fan zone

An area for Vandal fans to relax before game time

Claire Whitley
Argonaut

A miniature version of the Kibbie Dome has popped up alongside the Vandals' home stadium on the University of Idaho campus. The canvas structure has been dubbed the Idaho Fan Zone.

Dan Ewart, vice president for infrastructure, said the fan zone is a temporary structure that will be used as an event space. It is meant to be a space that fits more than the Bruce Pitman Center International Ballroom but not as many as the Kibbie Dome itself, Ewart said.

The Idaho Fan Zone can house between 1,000 and 2,500 people. The climate-controlled structure is 16,000 square feet and located on the North Kibbie Activities field.

The fan zone is going to be a gathering place for Vandal fans to visit before a game. It will be open for three hours prior to game time and closes at kick off, Ewart said. Inside the structure there will be family activities hosted by eight different college partners throughout the football season as well as a Vandal-Store area for fans to buy Vandal gear before a game.

Ewart said the details

of the activities are still being worked out with the colleges. The eight colleges are each in charge of one game.

"It's meant to be a cool environment for fans," Ewart said.

There will also be food and beverage vendors, and the Idaho Fan Zone events page says there will be live music as well.

Currently the structure is being leased for September through December from Allsite Structure Rentals USA, Ewart said. The structure is only being leased because it is trial run for an actual structure to be built in its place, Ewart said.

The structure is completely enclosed and is made of mostly reusable materials.

"While some parts are specific to our installation, the framing and fabric can be taken down at the end of our agreement and used again by us or by someone else," Ewart said.

The fan zone, which was UI President Chuck Staben's idea, is being paid for by reserves from the president's office in addition to some possible private donations, Ewart said.

While the fan zone is currently being leased by UI,

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Dan Ewart, Vice President for Infrastructure

Ewart said there will be an option to buy the structure at the end of 2015. If they look to buy the canvas structure, Ewart said it would cost around \$100,000.

The structure will be open for every home game starting Sept. 3.

"Come and check it out before the game," Ewart said. "It should generate some good excitement for our football program and our university."

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Rec activities at night

Student Rec Center offers late night Friday activities once a month

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Argonaut

For English major Michelle Soumas, the campus activity she enjoys most involves a college student's two favorite things: money and food.

"Of all of the Rec's Late Night events, I like grocery bingo the best," she said. "They have more exciting events too but I'm kind of a grandma, I'm also poor and need money for food."

Grocery Bingo, where students play bingo with the chance to win free groceries, is one of many activities hosted by the Student Recreation Center through its event series Late Night at the Rec.

The events, which range from laser tag to team-based indoor sports, are held at the SRC once a month on Friday nights.

Kristin Strong, SRC special events coordinator, said the events always begin at 9 p.m. and have no definitive end time. But, she said, the events often stretch on late into the night.

"Sometimes we don't end until 1 a.m.," she said. "It depends on how big of a student turn-out there is and what event is going on — sports and team-based things usually take more time."

Strong said the event series began as a way to provide students with engaging activities on weekend nights.

"The purpose is to get students together on a Friday night," she said. "It's an opportunity for students to engage in fun activities in a safe environment and it's great for meeting new people."

In addition to finding a fun activity on campus during weekend nights, Strong said Late Night at the Rec also provides students with the chance to try new things.

"These events are a way to branch out and try some new activities," she said. "We do a lot of recreational team sports. It's not very competitive and helps foster new relationships."

Strong said the events are chosen by responses on

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Every time we have a late night event we survey the students and ask about their experience

Kristin Strong, SRC special events coordinator

student surveys.

"Every time we have a late night event we survey the students and ask about their experience," she said. "I compile information based on the survey results and we start planning things from there."

Soumas said laser tag and sports-based events are among the most popular Late Night at the Rec activities.

"They offer a variety of things like soccer and volleyball," Soumas said. "It's really cool for people who are into that, who maybe played sports in high school but aren't part of a team here in college."

Strong said Late Night at the Rec on Sept. 11 will feature laser tag.

Our events are free to all UI students and we always have food there," she said. "We also have lots of prizes that we often award to the top three or four teams."

Soumas said in addition to the free snacks and potential prizes, the SRC's events are just a good way to hang out with friends and get involved.

"These events are a fun way to introduce yourself to the Rec Center and all it has to offer," Soumas said. "They can be exciting and kind of intense and always a fun things to bring friends to."

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Students fill the Recreation Center to partake in food and games provided by the university at Late Night at the Rec Friday.

STUDENT LIFE

Palousafest powers through smoke

Street fair, concert at Palousafest

Nishant Mohan
Argonaut

Palousafest was set to happen "rain or shine," according to the University of Idaho's press release. This year, the event had wildfire smoke.

Palousafest went on through the smoke from relentless wildfires. Despite the smoky atmosphere, students filled Sixth Street checking out various clubs and organizations.

From Greek houses to faith-based charities, Palousafest had something for

nearly everybody.

With Palousafest hosting 200 tables, fraternities and sororities, sports clubs, video game clubs and community organizations were among those with stands providing information or recruiting. Other stands handed out free desserts or refreshments, and many offered games or raffles.

Activities included a rock climbing wall, sumo wrestling with sumo suits, a mechanical bull, a bouncy castle and a hot air balloon. Following the street fair, Los Angeles-based indie folk rock band Branches played for an audience on the Theophilus Tower Lawn.

Some stands had a serious message to deliver. Hayden Hensley with Alternatives to Violence provided information about a 24-hour violence hotline to let students know of the resource's existence.

While some were there to inform or recruit, Karl Lundgren, freshman business student, used his space at the event as an outlet to sell his own product — Brazilian neckties.

Greek houses were on hand as well, promoting their houses and looking for new recruits.

Students Larissa Netto and Anna Santos said they just came to have fun, but soon found a favorite stand — Engineers

Without Borders.

"We really enjoyed their stand," Netto said. "They help you grow as a professional in engineering."

UI student Avalon Robinson was looking for a women's rugby group and found one.

"I haven't played before and was nervous if there would be a place for a beginner like me," she said. "But they offered to teach me and were super welcoming. It felt very good."

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SMOKE

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People with medical conditions should also be aware of how the smoke might affect them, Rhein said. She said these smoke levels can cause shortness of breath and exacerbate pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma.

To stay out of the smoke, Rhein recommended people keep their doors and windows closed. She said people should also use their air conditioning systems, which often have a venting system, to help with the smoke.

To keep smoke out of an apartment or house, Rhein said people should do anything to secure drafts in their house, such as putting a blanket to seal the bottom of a door.

Rhein said much of the smoke in Moscow is coming from fires in Washington and Oregon, as well as local fires in Idaho, such as the Clearwater Complex fire.

She said western winds push Washington and Oregon smoke toward Moscow, where as

eastern winds push smoke from local fires.

Nearby fires

The Clearwater Complex fire is 45,973 acres in total and is 45 percent contained as of Monday morning. The complex fire is located near Kamiah, a small town west of Lewiston.

At total of 54 fire engines, nine dozers and six helicopters are being used to fight the flames.

The complex, caused by a lighting strike earlier this month, now consists of smaller fires, such as the Lawyer Fires, Lolo Fires and Carrot Ridge Fire.

The Municipal Complex fire has burned 23,483 acres and is 80 percent contained as of Monday morning. The complex consists of the Municipal Fire, the Old Greer Fire and the Fisher Fire, which totals 21,640 acres and is 75 percent contained.

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Students stand outside in the smoky air minutes before Late Night at the Rec Friday.

RECOGNITION

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Plana said during their college career each person encounters multiple moments where they begin to recognize what truly makes up their character. He said it is important for students to recognize the importance of these moments. "Deciding on what to become in life is a terrible burden on young

people," Plana said.

Plana utilized his own life story and his journey to becoming an actor to cement his message to his audience. He said at first his parents weren't the most supportive because he grew up poor, but he eventually survived and thrived, mainly due to his education and his sense of humor.

Plana also recognized the impact UI administration made in choosing him, as a Latino man,

as someone who could be a role model for minority students.

"Through asking me to speak and to take such an honorable and important role in today's convocation, which I took it very seriously, they're honoring the minorities that are part of the school," Plana said.

Using himself as an example, Plana said he found success through his talents of acting and humor. He also found he enjoyed

doing both, primarily because he had a talent for it, he said.

Most people find their callings in life by figuring out what they're gifted in, Plana said.

"If you're wired to do a certain thing, you will love to do it because you're wired to do it," Plana said.

Plana concluded his speech on a note about his family. He said his current role of being a husband and father has provided him with a strong sense of

purpose in his life.

And with that, he was more successful as an actor. He advised the new students in the audience to spend time figuring out their purpose as well.

"Nothing has fulfilled me more than honoring who I am and dedicating it to others," Plana said.

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PAYNE

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Payne said she heard about the University of Idaho from family friends. Her boyfriend's siblings also had a great experience at the university.

"I just think it's really beautiful here," Payne said. "It's a different kind of beautiful from where I'm from."

Besides, she said public universities in Oregon have too many students.

Payne said she thought about being a physical therapist, but decided against it after realizing she would have to work with people who have had serious, detrimental accidents. She said it would be hard for her to work in that field.

"Eating healthy — sounds like a great thing to major in," Payne said of picking nutrition. She said she is interested in learning the science behind nutrition and mentioned she is also interested in environmental

science and sustainability.

"Expand my horizons, in a non-crazy way," she said, adding that she probably will want to stay away from parties. "Because some people go crazy."

Payne said she has plans to study abroad and hopes to make friends in the honors program.

Payne said it was not hard leaving her family, since she knows she will see them over holiday breaks. Saying goodbye to her friends was another experience. With some, she said she has no clue when she might see them next, but hopes to stay in touch.

As for making new friends at UI, Payne only has acquaintances so far.

"I know their names and sort of what they major in," she said. "But I probably haven't talked to any of them for over like a half hour."

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LOPEZ

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Lopez said he isn't going to let that negatively impact his time at UI though. He plans on getting involved with multi-cultural groups on campus and has already become a new member of a UI fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

Going Greek wasn't something Lopez said he always wanted to do, but when he got the chance to visit some UI fraternities during last year's Vandal Friday, he said he observed how unified some of the brotherhoods were and wanted to be a part of it. He thinks being a part of a fraternity will positively influence his experience in Moscow.

"(My brothers) might help me meet new people, like maybe in other fraternities that are multi-cultural," he said.

As a double major in computer science and math, Lopez said he is excited to chal-

lenge himself but is worried about his ability to manage his time well. In high school Lopez said time management was easier, but now he has college courses and a social life to balance. He said he is also looking to get a job at Wal-Mart.

Lopez said his goals for the semester include maintaining a good level of attendance in his classes and ending the semester with a 3.5 GPA. He is especially looking forward to meeting new people who make up the Moscow community and building connections to prepare himself for life after he graduates from UI.

"I like building connections and all that stuff," Lopez said. "I'm trying to work up to get a good job after college or build a really strong connection with people within my field."

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UPTMOR

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"I had to have one leg out of the shower in order to shave (my legs)," Uptmor said with a laugh.

Uptmor is originally from Lewiston, Idaho. She participated in DECA, a student organization focused on marketing, while she attended Lewiston High School. Uptmor said she participated in DECA all three years and went to multiple national competitions.

Until Monday, Uptmor was a general economics and business major with a Spanish minor, but has since changed her mind about the Spanish minor. She hopes to take her education

here and become a wedding planner or an event planner.

"I want to be that person that (brides) rely on," Uptmor said, smiling. "To make someone's dream come true."

Uptmor said she is a huge football fan, especially the Vandals, and was upset that her house has a meeting during the first home football game. She also said she wished the game against New Mexico State was at home.

She said during orientation she was one of the only people who knew the Vandal fight song, and encourages other freshmen to learn.

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FALK

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"I've always kind of known the program was really good, because my parents went there," Falk said. "But the moment I really knew was when my cello instructor sent me a handwritten letter saying I got into the program."

While she's excited to start her education in the music program, Falk said it's not holding her back from pursuing other things. She said she signed up for Quidditch and rugby at Palousafest, and hopes to run for ASUI.

For now, though, she's focusing on finding her rhythm on campus.

"It's all new, and I haven't met anybody," Falk said. "I feel like I keep having the same conversation over and over again, and I keep getting the same

reaction — the 'What are you doing? Oh, that's really cool!' There are a couple people who are genuinely interested, but they're all busy getting acquainted with their own stuff."

Falk's older brother is a current UI student, and her parents moved to Moscow from Boise earlier this month. She said she's happy to have the support system for when things get lonely. As the fall term begins, Falk said she's still more nervous than excited, and hopes she'll meet new people soon.

"I want to keep an open mind," she said. "I guess people surprise you, and you learn not to judge people by their majors or what they're doing."

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SPORTS



Idaho receiver David Ungerer eager for opening game Sept. 3.

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LEADING THE CHARGE

VOLLEYBALL

Testing coaching abilities

Kara Kiefer returns to Idaho as an assistant coach



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

New Idaho volleyball assistant coach Kara Kiefer serves in practice Monday.

Luis Torres
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team opens its season against Hawaii (27-3 in 2014, 18-0 Big West) this Friday to kick off the Idaho volleyball's first of three games in the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Honolulu. The team announced Kara Kiefer as the new assistant coach this month.

Kiefer begins her second stint at Idaho after spending the past three years as head coach for Club ZZU in Palouse, Washington. She was the Vandals' director of operations for two years starting in 2011.

During her time coaching at the club level, she developed her coaching style and coached various levels of players.

In spite of starting coaching at Idaho last week, Kiefer's first impression of the team was positive as she sees a lot of progress on the team since last being with the team in 2012.

"We have a lot of talent and looking forward to where we go," Kiefer said. "I think the goal that we have set for them is attainable and we are on track to be pretty successful," Kiefer said.

Kiefer's duties as Idaho's director of operations involved booking traveling plans, organizing summer volleyball camps, tracking stats and helping coach Debbie Bu-

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My goal is to build good relationships and help them grow and develop and able to use volleyball as a teaching tool.

Kara Kiefer, assistant coach

chanan with film breakdown.

Aside from volleyball, Kiefer was the Idaho women's basketball team-building coach.

She previously was the interim assistant coach at Washington State during the 2009-2010 season. She became the director of operations the next season.

A couple of the senior players were around in Kiefer's first stint at Idaho when they were freshmen. Kiefer has seen the senior class grow into better leaders and set a good example for the younger players.

Long-term, Kiefer believes in the system Idaho has but would also want to help further develop the team to use the sport as a tool in real-life situations.

"It's really easy for me to get on board and be really supportive in what's going on to encourage the girls and just put a perspective for them to grow," Kiefer said. "My goal is to build good

relationships and help them grow and develop and able to use volleyball as a teaching tool for the skill that they're going to take on once volleyball is done."

Kiefer began playing volleyball at elementary school. She went on to play at North Idaho College.

During her tenure as a Cardinal, she was first-team all-conference in 2004 and Scenic West Athletic Conference Tournament MVP. Perhaps her biggest credential was earning Athlete of the Year for her performance in which she led the team to the conference championship and a 10th-place effort at nationals.

Kiefer then transferred to Tennessee State where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2008. Kiefer ranked second in kills and digs for the Tigers and led the team to the 2005 Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

Three years ago, she earned her master's in leadership development at Idaho.

Kiefer began coaching her freshmen year of college. She coached Lakeland VBC (Rathrum, Idaho), IMPACT VBC (Nashville, Tennessee) and the Palouse Area Volleyball Club.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Heading back west

New assistant women's basketball coach Jeri Jacobson is glad to get back to coaching

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Jeri Jacobson was itching to get back into coaching, so she did.

Jacobson, who spent last season as the director of basketball operations at North Dakota, was added to the Idaho women's basketball coaching staff July 1.

"I missed (coaching) an awful lot," Jacobson said. "This position came open and it was ideal for me and kind of what I'm looking for and then when I came on my interview, it was even more what I'm looking for. The program is exactly the type of program I want to be a part of.



Jacobson

The coaching staff I just kind of meshed really well with right off the bat. It really just worked out absolutely perfectly for me, so I'm pretty blessed."

Jacobson's duties as the director of basketball operations at North Dakota included arranging the team's travel and community service commitments and helping to organize summer basketball camps.

Even though Jacobson arranged certain team activities, she wasn't a coach. She said it was difficult not being able to offer advice when she wanted.

"It was definitely hard," Jacobson said. "I'm very vocal. I

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I'm very vocal. I like to talk a lot when I'm coaching whether it's on the bench in games or stuff like that or in practice.

Jeri Jacobson, coach

like to talk a lot when I'm coaching whether it's on the bench in games or stuff like that or in practice. And so it was really hard to ring myself in and not say things because there's a lot of things that I saw and I wanted to

say but I couldn't. So it was definitely a challenge but one that was a very good learning experience for me."

Jacobson spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Upper Iowa — where she also played for two seasons — before taking the position at North Dakota.

Jacobson said Upper Iowa doesn't have a lot of assistant coaching positions since it is a small, private Division II school.

"In fact, the head coach only had one (assistant) and he was kind of the recruiting coordinator," Jacobson said. "And so she had me be her main assistant and I had a lot of experience in every aspect of coaching that you can think of, from running practices

to running workouts, all sorts of stuff. I got a lot of experience when I was a grad assistant for a couple years."

Besides her desire to coach, the Riverton, Wyoming, native said Idaho was a good choice for her because she wanted to head back west to be closer to her family. She said she has family in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

While Jacobson is changing schools, she is not changing conferences. North Dakota and Idaho are members of the Big Sky Conference, so she is familiar with the teams in the conference and how they like to operate on the basketball court.

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SWIM & DIVE

Student-athlete to coach

Former Vandal swimmer Kelsie Saxe returns to Idaho as new assistant swim coach

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Sometimes four years just isn't enough at Idaho.

That seemed to be the case for former Vandal swimmer Kelsie Saxe as she returned to Idaho where she swam at for four years. This time around she won't be a student-athlete, but instead, an assistant coach.

"I think the special part about the University of Idaho is that while you're here you will not only develop as a student or an athlete but really as a person," said Saxe, who swam at



Saxe

Idaho from 2009-2013.

"And so I think throughout my four years here I was able to take advantage of all the resources that they offer and it just really was a meaningful experience and something that I'll cherish.

"So having that opportunity to come back I feel like is a complete privilege to be a part of someone else's experience and hopefully they can have similar experiences where they grow as a student and an athlete and a person."

Saxe replaced Scott Cameron, who accepted a women's swim

head coaching job at Illinois State.

Saxe broke many school records as an Idaho swimmer, but those records have since been broken.

"She was one of the fastest breaststrokers in school history," Idaho swim coach Mark Sowa said. "At one time (she) held the school record in the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 IM and both medley relays. The cool part is all those records have been broken since she was here so that's a good thing too. It means the program has moved forward."

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SWIM & DIVE

Going to the college ranks

New Idaho dive coach adds years of experience to coaching staff

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

If Idaho swim coach Mark Sowa was looking for an experienced dive coach to replace Kelly Gufford, he found his man.

Jim Southerland will enter his first season as the Idaho dive coach. Gufford joined the Indiana Hoosiers as an assistant dive coach for the women's team.

Previously, Southerland was the head coach and owner of Pacific Northwest Diving for 26

years and was the Auburn District High School dive coach for 24 years in Washington.

"Jim is somebody who's always been on our radar since we arrived here in Moscow and it's just the nature of collegiate diving," Sowa said. "It's tough to lure somebody away of Jim's caliber from the club diving perspective."

Southerland said he avoided coaching at the college level for years to continue to develop younger divers.

Southerland has never coached at the college level, but it seems that is by choice.

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FOOTBALL

'Night and day difference'

Idaho receiver David Ungerer, other receivers make progress during fall camp

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Last year, Josh McCain was the Idaho Vandals' go-to receiver.

This season it will probably be senior Dezmon Epps, but sophomore David Ungerer from Pullman should get his opportunities to make plays in the passing game, especially when opposing defenses are locked in on Epps.

"It's great because especially as the season goes along, I think teams are going to see how dangerous (Epps) is and eventually want to double him and when that happens (Sannon), (Hightower), myself will have one-on-one matchups," Ungerer said. "That's what a great player does. He helps his teammates get better and in better situations to succeed so his versatility and his ability to make plays helps all of us."

"He's a better football player now than he was even at the end of the spring," wide receivers coach Charley Molnar said. "Night and day difference. He really committed himself to being the very best that he can be

and it really shows out there on the practice field."

The Vandals will open their season against Ohio Sept. 3 at the Kibbie Dome, a game that Ungerer is looking forward to.

"We can't wait, especially for this Ohio game," Ungerer said. "We've been talking about it since the end of last season. It's finally about that time, so everyone's ready to suit up on Sept. 3."

Idaho usually doesn't play Thursday night games, so it will be a change for the players.

"I think it's going to be really cool playing on Thursday, one of the first games of the year at night time in the Kibbie Dome," Ungerer said. "I think it's going to be awesome and we're just really looking forward to finally being able to show people what we've been working on in the last year."

With fall camp over, Ungerer said he saw improvement in receivers blocking from the beginning of camp to the end.

"I think we've seen a lot of progress, especially in blocking," Ungerer said. "We had a hard time with block-



Idaho sophomore receiver David Ungerer sprints down the sideline against Arkansas State in November. File photo by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

ing early in the fall camp. Everybody's starting to commit to it and take pride in it so we're really improving there. Understanding the scheme and our offensive playbook, everybody's starting to get it really well. A lot of young guys needed help with coach Molnar in

the middle of practice, but they're starting to get on their own."

When watching the Idaho receivers, certain things stand out — one of those things is a lack of size. Epps, Ungerer, Sannon and Hightower are all listed below six feet,

but Ungerer said that technique is more important than size.

"I don't think the size is going to matter," Ungerer said. "It's really all about technique. If you can get off the line against a press corner, know what route you're supposed to be

running and get out of your breaks, it don't really matter how big you are, just it's all about technique and if you're open."

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OPINION

Petrino — a different kind of players' coach

Petrino sticks by his team despite struggles

Three things can usually be heard when walking up to an Idaho Vandal football practice — pads popping, whistles blowing and Paul Petrino yelling.

Whether it's yelling at his quarterback for making the wrong read or yelling at a receiver for making an outstanding catch, good or bad, the head football coach always comes across in the same intense tone.

That's just who he is.

And while it might not seem like it at a distance, Paul Petrino is

a players' coach.

This may seem like a farfetched idea, especially after the reports of last week's incident surfaced, in which a reporter from the Moscow-Pullman Daily News claimed Petrino threatened him after practice.



Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

First, let me be clear, I'm not defending what Petrino reportedly did after that practice. Whether he had to be restrained or not, yelling at a member of the media is unacceptable, which he did apologize for at his press conference on the matter.

What started the whole outburst, though, was what Petrino claimed to be "unfair criticism directed at our players and our

program," he stated at his press conference.

And if there is anything I've learned from covering this Petrino-coached team for almost two years, is he will always wholeheartedly defend his players.

For example, after losses last season, Petrino was always quick to take the blame. If he was asked what went wrong in the game, he'd simply say that he and the coaching staff need to do a better job at preparing the team.

He never threw a player under the bus.

That's what I mean by a players' coach. Albeit, it's a different style of what people usually think of when the term players' coach is used.

Coaches like the Seattle Se-

ahawks' Pete Carroll is what comes to mind with the term. After all, in 2014 it was Carroll who was the popular choice in a confidential polling of NFL players when they answered the question of whom they would most like to play for.

Carroll and Petrino differ in their coaching styles. Carroll has what seems like a laid-back approach and Petrino is intense.

There's no question that Carroll's philosophy is working in Seattle, and with Petrino it remains to be seen.

But now entering his third season with the program, Petrino and this current coaching staff will have recruited the majority of the Idaho players. They chose to come to Idaho knowing what kind of coach Petrino is.

It doesn't matter whether you, or the fan, agree with his style or not.

It's up to the players and athletic department to decide if they agree with Petrino's philosophy.

All in all, winning will cure everything. When Bobby Knight was at Indiana lashing out at his players, media, fans and everyone else that got in his way, the athletic department, fans, players and media put up with it because he was winning ball games.

Petrino showed his loyalty to his players and this program. Now it's up to them to start winning ball games to prove that his intense style can work here at Idaho.

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SOCCER

Vandals win one, lose one

Idaho beats Indiana State, drops one to Washington State

Garrett Cabeza and Ben Evenson

Argonaut

The Idaho Vandals lost to the Washington State Cougars 3-1 Monday night in Pullman.

Having the game delayed a day due to the smoky conditions in the area didn't do Idaho any favors Monday night.

Washington State (2-0) was able to handle the Vandals (1-1) easily in Pullman 3-1 after a shaky first half by Idaho.

Still, Idaho head coach Derek Pittman was still pleased with how the team played in its second game of the season, which was against a Pac-12 school.

"(The game) was good and WSU is a fantastic team," Pittman said. "I give them a lot of credit. They moved the ball well in the first half."

Idaho's one goal came in the 36th minute from Kayleigh Fredrick on an assist from Clara Gomez. It was the last goal of the match.

"I'm very proud of our kids, of their effort how they stood up for themselves," Pittman

said. "We will take a lot of confidence from this into next Friday."

The Vandals play former conference-foe New Mexico State 5 p.m. Friday at Guy Wicks Field.

Idaho 3, Indiana State 1

It was a tale of two halves.

The Indiana State Sycamores led the Idaho Vandals soccer team 1-0 heading into the second half. But Idaho dominated the second half by scoring three goals as it came back to beat Indiana State 3-1 Friday in Missoula, Montana.

The Sycamores put the pressure on the Vandals early as Sydney Loesing scored in the third minute.

But Idaho answered with three second-half goals in its season opener.

"Really the only thing that changed was our ability to finish our chances," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said. "We created some quality opportunities in the first half as well but just didn't find the net. In the second half, I was happy to see us stick to the game plan and ultimately score three good goals."

Freshman forward Kayla Watanabe tied the game early in the second half after she beat two defenders and sent the ball inside

the left post for a goal.

Junior midfielder Elexis Schlossarek gave the Vandals a 2-1 lead in the 69th minute after she converted a penalty kick and senior forward Reagan Quigley gave Idaho an insurance goal in the 76th minute. Freshman midfielder Megan Goo set Quigley up with a lead pass and Quigley beat the goalkeeper.

"We have four to five good, dynamic players up top and they all contributed today," Pittman said.

Five freshmen started for the Vandals including freshman goalkeeper Amanda Poertner.

The Vandals fired 10 shots on goal while the Sycamores managed two shots on goal.

"There were several good performances all over the field and at different times," Pittman said. "The backs played very well and are looking stronger with each outing. We had some solid play from our midfielders and we had four to five forwards that were dangerous all game."

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HEADING

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"Having that experience in the Big Sky really is going to help a lot this year," Jacobson said. "I'm familiar with the teams we play. I'm familiar with the style of play."

As for goals while coaching at Idaho, Jacobson said she wants to win Big Sky championships and head back to the NCAA tournament.

"I guess my main goal is that we improve as a team and really do some damage in the Big Sky this year," Jacobson said. "We've had one year of Big Sky experience under our belts and kind of know what to expect and what kind of teams we're going to be facing. So the ultimate goal is to get back into winning championships and getting to the NCAA tournament again and then I just want to contribute in any way that I can — sharing my knowledge of the game with the players, sharing my intensity, my passion for the game, really just contributing any way that I can to help us reach that goal of winning a championship and then continuing to win championships years after that."

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GOING

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"I placed probably a couple hundred kids at NCAA levels and my typical summer I'll train 10 to 12 NCAA athletes," Southerland said. "It's not like it's new for me, it's just a different scenario."

Southerland coached at the Junior World Championships, coached 15 junior and AAU national champions and was a USA Diving mentor coach.

"He just is a tremendous teacher," Sowa said. "When we met face-to-face, I knew right away he's somebody that I absolutely wanted on my staff. I think he ap-

proaches the sport the right way in terms of looking at their overall development, not just their immediate success. I think he has a tremendous teaching eye. He coaches the individual within the framework of who they are as opposed to trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. I'm really, really excited to get him out here."

Part of Southerland's decision to take the coaching position at Idaho is the fact that he likes the Palouse.

"It just kind of worked within my life," Southerland said. "I really love the area down there and I'm at a position in my life to change a little bit and I really, really love

the entire area and the Palouse so it just worked out. I'm kind of more of a small town person so being in Seattle here and going to Moscow will be a change in life I'm just hoping to make."

Idaho returns a young diving team, but Southerland still wants to do some damage in the Western Athletic Conference.

"We got a young team, but we're really talented so I'm really excited," Southerland said. "I think we can actually make a big mark in the Western Athletic Conference really easily."

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STUDENT

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Saxe spent the last two years working toward her master's degree at Tennessee, which she earned in recreation and sports management. While at Tennessee, she was the team manager for the men's and women's swim teams.

"Kelsie was a tremendous leader when she was here both in the pool, out of the pool, in the classroom, she's just the confident Vandal," Sowa said. "She's a second-generation Vandal. Her father went to school here."

Sowa coached Saxe during her junior and senior seasons at Idaho.

"I think it will be an asset that I swam for Mark so I know his value structure and I know that mine aligns really well with his and that's something that's really important to our team," Saxe said.

Saxe said that if she wanted to coach, her choice would be Idaho.

"I always knew that I loved Moscow and I knew that I wanted to live out here eventually, for sure in the Pacific Northwest," Saxe said. "And from the time that I graduated to the time that I came back, I went to the University of Tennessee and got my master's and I had the opportunity to work with their team in a manager position and that really got me back into thinking about this sport and I wanted to give back to not only my sport but my university."

"So when I was there, somebody asked me if I was interested in coaching and I said I don't know if I'm interested in coaching but I do know that the one place, if I did want to coach, the one and only place I want to coach is the University of Idaho, and so when that position opened up I jumped on it."

Saxe said she wants the Idaho swim program to continue to improve and win a Western Athletic Conference Championship.

"I'd like to continue to progress and continue to build on what's already been built as far as our program," Saxe said. "Mark's doing an amazing job as a coach and so continuing to build on what he's already done, and two years ago we were second in the conference so we definitely have our eye on a championship and that's something that is one of our goals."

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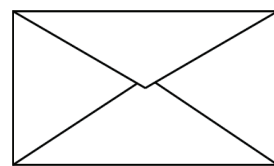
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OUR VIEW

A hazardous atmosphere

Don't panic about the smoke, appreciate the community's response

It's been a bit gloomy out lately. Wildfires have been ravaging Idaho and the entire Northwest all summer long. Idaho isn't even dealing with the worst of it, either. President Barack Obama declared Washington in a state of emergency. This alone is enough to send people into a panic about the potential dangers that exist in the areas they reside in. But panicking is almost never the best course of action in any situation. Instead of panicking, Moscow residents should simply stay aware of their situation. For example, the area's air quality has been steadily shifting

seemingly by the hour. It's crucial for people to know when going outside would actually be hazardous to their health. This is one piece of the puzzle people can do something about.

It is also important to know what issues are really worth being concerned over. One such issue is the likelihood of smoke permeating indoor areas. Many parts of various buildings in the region have recently included the distinctive smell of smoke, and that's a problem that may be difficult to deal with.

Above all else, residents need to take care of themselves and others, and that's not so hard to do. Stay indoors as often as possible. If you smell smoke, vacate the area and find somewhere with cleaner air as soon as possible.

Wear a mask when you're outside to help reduce the amount of

smoke entering your lungs, especially if your breathing is labored. Even if you don't feel bothered by the smoke, avoid exercising outside until the smoke clears.

There's little reason to worry. In times of crisis, the Moscow community has historically done a great job of banding together into a strong support system. When the going gets tough, we're there for each other.

This holds true for a lot of the global community right now as well. When the wildfires in the Northwest became a bigger danger to people than they have been in years past, the nation and even people from other nations have stepped up to help with the efforts to control the flames.

This is what people should put their focus, and their appreciation, on in times like these. A lot of people are risking their lives

to extinguish and control these fires, and a lot of people have lost their homes and other precious belongings in fires this year. Take a moment to be thankful for our firefighters and appreciate what we have.

Throughout each year when things are at their best, we sometimes find ourselves at our worst. We fight, we complain, we sabotage. But during states of emergency, suddenly we realize what's truly important and unite together in ways we usually do not.

While the smoke is thick in Moscow and our struggles are very real right now, the people of Moscow will get through it together. The smoke will clear, and afterward we'll find ourselves a stronger community than we were before.

— EB

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Do you remember

What it was like to breathe? Those were the days.

— Hannah

Young love

Pumped that I get a front row seat to watch the developments of Ryan's budding man crush on our lovely Vandal Nation editor, Korbin. It's going to be a fun semester.

— Erin

Textbooks

The age-old nemesis of college students around the country rears its massive head to laugh at cowering young adults. Who else is ready to sustain themselves on ramen and air, or smoke, for the next few months?

— Claire

Sunday mornings

Amidst the stress and chaos of the school year, there are always those little moments that make it worth it — like making breakfast with good friends on a Sunday morning.

— Corrin

New students

Don't let the massive regional fires and hazardous air quality deter you. Normally Moscow is very charming.

— Jake

Emptying my pockets

If \$700 in books doesn't sound appealing then I don't know what is. And I didn't buy all of my books.

— Jordan

Exercising is hard

I tried working out Sunday morning at the SRC but it hadn't opened yet that day. So, I went and had breakfast instead. Oh well. I tried.

— Garrett

Early mornings

Trying this new thing where I wake up every morning at 8 a.m. to get a head start on my day. Stay tuned to see how long I keep it up.

— Tea

Tea Time

It doesn't matter how bad the day is. In the end, one cup of tea can make all of the difference.

— Jessica

Great music

Newest musical crush: Emily King. She has some amazing songs made for the modern R&B fan.

— Ryan

Shortcuts

If you're riding your bicycle down the hill by the College of Education, make sure you don't wreck your front tire on that bump up to the sidewalk. It sure made my ride shorter.

— Jack

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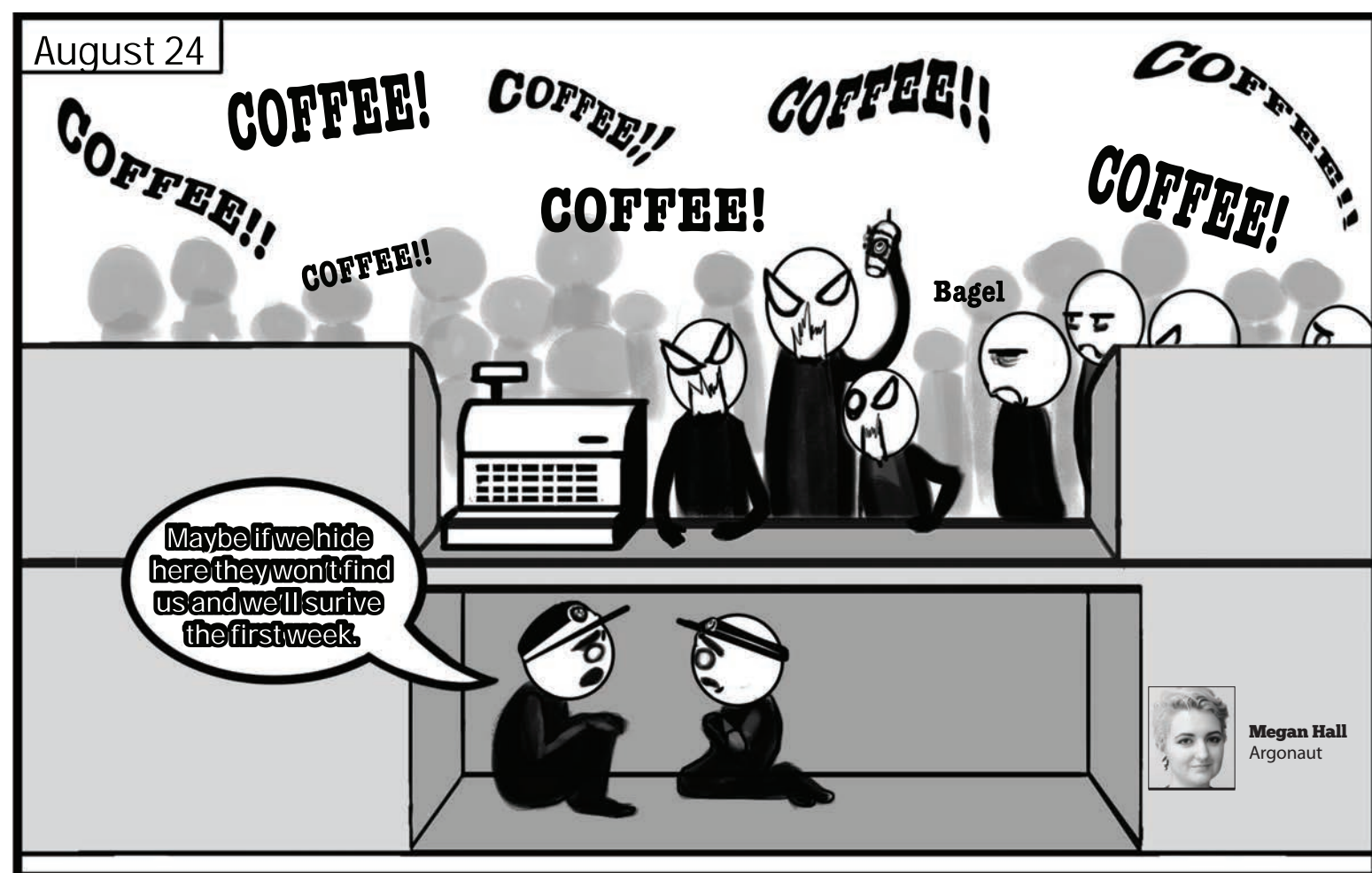
Today is my last first day of school (at least for now) and that feels pretty good.

— Katelyn

Mondays

Not my chair, not my problem.

— Korb



'Get involved'

What it means to be involved in your campus community

With Palousafest and the beginning of the new fall term behind us, many students who are new to the area have probably heard the same piece of advice thrown at them on repeat.

"Be as involved as you possibly can."

This advice could have come in different forms. It may have come from an alumnus who went on about how he regretted not being more "involved" in his community during college, or from a proud mother who reminisced about her days as a university student and told her child to try to be as "involved" as she was. That one word, "involved," is bounced around and drilled into the minds of freshman classes everywhere.

The problem is nobody truly knows what constitutes being "involved" on campus. How can we expect new students to take this advice if we don't even know what it means ourselves?

Sure, we can quote the literal definition of the word, but that doesn't do much. Being involved is undeniably important though, so it's also important for people to know what they're talking about.

The concept is particularly hard to define, primarily because people only realize whether they

were involved or not in hindsight. During the years people spend as students, most of us believe we are involved, even if in reality our situations are very different.

One student may feel like they are involved if they attend half of the classes on their schedule in a given week. Another student may not feel satisfied until they are in a leadership position for all of the clubs they are a member of and are passing every course they're enrolled in with flying colors.

What gives the rest of us the right to judge which of these two students is "involved" or not? The simple answer is: nothing.

College students are diverse creatures, and we have different capacities for the amount of responsibilities we can each hold on our plates.

If new students are pressured to be involved in more things than they're comfortable with, it could result in poor performances in their classes or even worse. Some students have become so overwhelmed with their responsibilities that they've given up on their college education entirely.

Balancing classes with responsibilities in Greek life,

sports teams and other organizations is enough to spread most students thin. We shouldn't make new students feel as though they have to participate in a certain number of things, because they don't, and pushing them to do so isn't going to inspire them to achieve anything.

Students need to find out what they're passionate about and get involved on their own terms.

If you're reading this as a new student, know that getting involved in your campus community is one of the most fulfilling things that you can do while you're at the University of Idaho. But you aren't obligated to participate in anything you don't want to do.

The start of the academic year is your chance to find the stuff you're actually interested in doing, and you shouldn't settle for anything less.

If at some point during the year you suddenly realize that you've spent the previous three weeks going to classes, watching Netflix in your dorm and nothing else, don't be alarmed. It's easy to get stuck in a routine like that, and you only need to break out of that routine if you feel the need to get yourself out and involved more than you have been.

If you want to mull over your

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Being involved on campus needs to be seen as a privilege, not as an obligation.

Erin Bamer

choices and refrain from making a commitment to a specific organization right away, that's fine too. The majority of student clubs are open to taking new members throughout the school year, and there's nothing wrong with waiting to get more information so you're absolutely sure about what you're getting into.

By the end of a student's time at UI, each of us wants to feel satisfied that we made a difference at the university, but we're only going to feel that way if we spend our four years participating in something we truly loved and believed in.

Being involved on campus needs to be seen as a privilege, not as an obligation.

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GREEK SPEAK

By Alexander Milles



No matter the letter, we're still Greek together

For some Greeks, the four walls forming their house become limitations to the friends they make.

At the University of Idaho, our Greek system truly is a family. For example, best friends Jordan Drexler of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kenzie Reiber of Delta Gamma both knew they would not end up in the same sorority. They also knew that it didn't matter.

From day one, we are taught to examine the differences between Greek houses, but when we finally find a place of our own in the system we are able to look at the things that bring us all together.

Once we learn to stop asking, or caring, what house someone is in, things change. Personally, some of my closest friends have been from a variety of houses.

With a Greek row that is forever changing, Greeks need to unify and interconnect more than ever before. It may seem cheesy, but we are literally "All in this together."

Being in the Greek system and connecting with other houses can

have its benefits as well. Drexler said she has made friends with women in Gamma Phi Beta, and Reiber said she knows she wouldn't be so involved on campus if she weren't in a sorority.

From personal benefits to house-to-house benefits, there are so many reasons why making friends with people from different Greek houses is a good thing. Good relationships can lead to new co-functions or more philanthropy interactions. I could keep going.

The Greek system was built on an elitist system, but it is through working together that we will continue to survive and thrive.

Knowing other Greeks will not take away from your relationships with your brothers or sisters either. If anything, it will strengthen them, giving you a whole new appreciation for the rituals that bind your house together.

For whatever reason, almost every Greek student has at least one house they are not particularly fond of. I get it. But going into Greek

life means more than accepting the people around you, it means learning to interact and work together with individuals we may disagree with and trying to find ways to coexist with them anyway.

Fraternity events, for example, are a perfect playground for Greeks to interact. With functions like Beach Party and Jock Jams on the way, it would be wise to make friends in different houses soon.

At the end of the day, everyone in the Greek system is just trying to get through college, and have a good time doing it. All Greeks go through Recruitment ... and Greek 101 for that matter.

We participate in these events together, and normally, working with one another to push through them makes them more enjoyable. Isn't that the point? Remember this, and it may make a difference in the way we operate as a Greek community.

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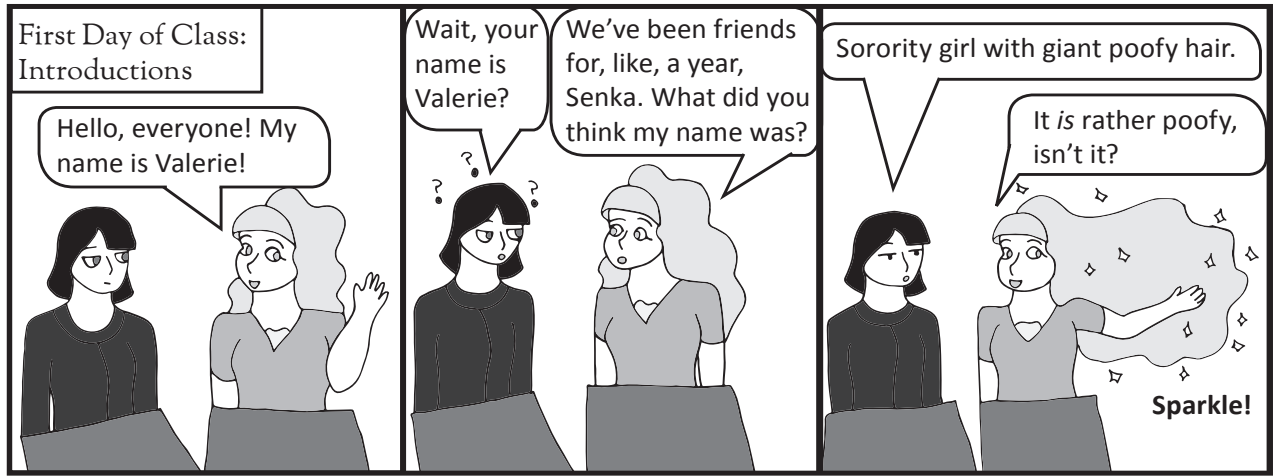
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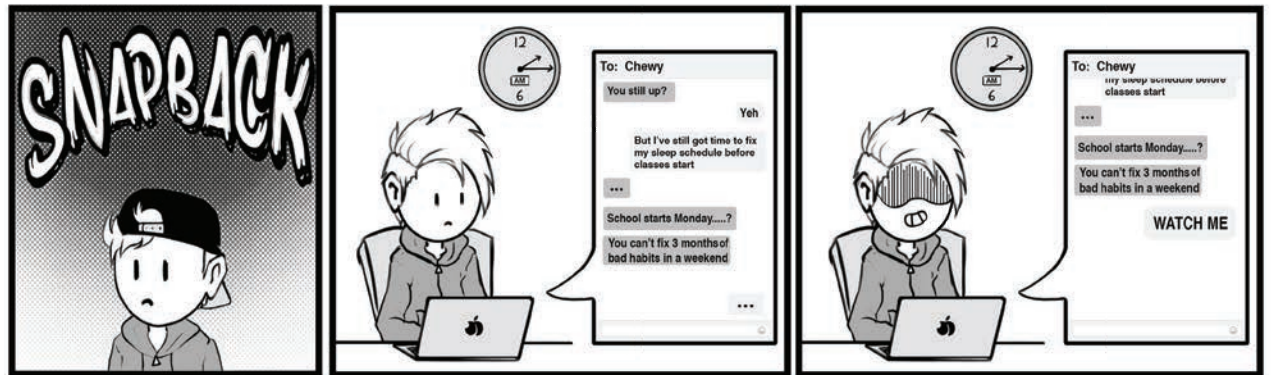
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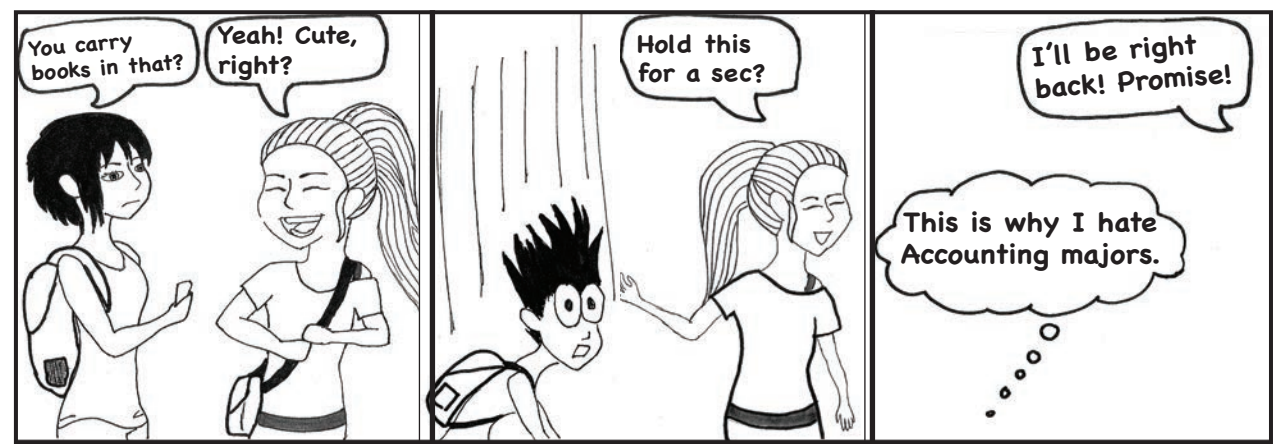
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