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## STUDENT



Sydney Halper, 2016 Miss Idaho USA, discusses her platform on adoption issues during an interview Tuesday. Kira Hunter | Argonaut

## Passion for fashion

Jessica Gee  
Argonaut

Sydney Halper uses two words to describe the moment she was crowned Miss Idaho USA last weekend — “total disbelief.”

Halper, a University of Idaho senior, had been competing to be Miss Idaho for three years before she finally won.

The 21-year-old was raised in Reno, Nevada, by her adoptive mother. Halper moved to Moscow with her boyfriend to attend college, but moving to northern Idaho from an area with a population of

almost a half million was a huge change.

“I like the change of pace,” Halper said. “It’s always nice to switch things up a little bit.”

Halper is working towards a degree in clothing textile and design with an emphasis in marketing, and said she has always loved fashion. She said she began modeling when she was 15 and has since loved styling people and dressing up.

Halper got involved in pageants three years ago when she first entered the Miss Idaho USA competition.

She hadn’t planned on competing when she moved to Idaho, Halper said. Yet, when she was contacted about the Miss Idaho pageant, she decided it would be a great opportunity.

“It’s such a process. I have an interview coach and a walking consultant,” Halper said. “It seems crazy to have a walking consultant ... I’ve been walking since I was a kid.”

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## FACULTY SENATE

## To leave or to stay

Committee presents list on why students leave UI

Erin Bamer  
Argonaut

Students decide to leave college for many reasons.

Some don’t stay because of financial issues, some drop out due to internal struggles or problems with their family

or other loved ones. Other students simply don’t feel they are adequately prepared for higher education.

After a semester of research, Jeffrey Dodge, Jesse Martinez and the Student Enrollment and Retention

Committee compiled a list of the top reasons why students want to leave the University of Idaho. The committee developed the list into a guide for university faculty and presented it at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

The guide is meant to help faculty better understand the resources available on campus. The guide lists all of the resources in one document, so when a faculty member

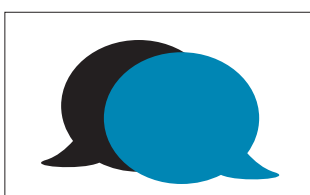
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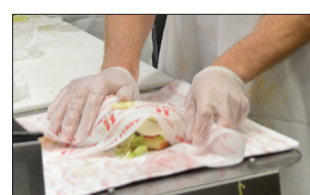
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## FOOTBALL

## Investigation launched

Staben calls for immediate, objective investigation into anonymous football allegations

Staff report  
Argonaut

University of Idaho officials announced Tuesday they have initiated an investigation into allegations against football coach Paul Petrino and the Vandal football coaching staff. The allegations were laid out in an anonymous email sent out Monday to various news outlets, UI officials and UI athletes.

The anonymous email alleges verbal abuse, NCAA practice violations, unfair treatment and mismanagement of the team.

In a press conference Tuesday, Petrino said the team never broke NCAA rules.

“It’s someone that’s just trying to tear us apart, someone that’s trying to pull us apart, someone that has their own agenda,” Petrino said. “When you read the (original anonymous) letter close you can really tell it’s

someone that’s never played football before.”

The anonymous email was sent from a “Joe Adams.” According to a statement from the Athletic Department, there is not a Joe Adams associated with the UI Athletic Department.

“The welfare of our students and student-athletes is our primary concern and as such, the university takes these allegations very seriously,” according to a university statement.

In a meeting with The Argonaut Editorial Board Wednesday, UI President Chuck Staben said he requested the investigation into the allegations.

“We feel that there are a couple of key aspects of this investigation — immediacy, regard for student well fair and objectivity,” Staben said.

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## HEALTH

## Reflection on alcohol programs

Improving alcohol programs with CollegeAIM

Katie Colson  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho is exploring new ideas to help students make better decisions about alcohol. One of these ideas is the Alcohol Intervention Matrix, or CollegeAIM.

Sharon Fritz, a psychologist at the Counseling and Testing Center, said CollegeAIM is a system that provides different strategies to schools looking to help their students.

“It is an opportunity to take a time out and reflect on what we’ve been doing,” Fritz said.

A recent study from the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism found that the first six weeks are the most dangerous time for freshman — according to the study, 40 percent of freshmen report having five or more drinks in one sitting during

that time.

The study also found there are an estimated 1,825 student deaths and 696,000 alcohol-related injuries each year in the U.S.

At UI, there are already intervention strategies in place. CollegeAIM allows the UI to assess its own programs and implement new ones that will be most effective in the areas needed, Fritz said.

Currently, UI uses strategies like Alcohol 101, a peer-facilitated outreach program, and “Think About It,” a mandatory program for all new students.

Questionnaires from the students about strategies used at UI have shown that evidence-based programs are not effective. Fritz said she thinks CollegeAIM will help provide them with more alternative methods.

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CRUMBS

# A Crumbs recipe

## Soft pumpkin cookie bites

These little cookie bites are perfect for fall. They are soft and barely expand on the cookie sheet – almost reminiscent of mini muffins. Make them when you need a cookie fix but want to try something new.

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Spray cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray
3. Dry off with a paper towel
4. Mix all dry ingredients (except the granulated and confectioner's sugar) in a bowl
5. In another bowl, mix granulated sugar, butter, pumpkin, egg and vanilla – in that order – until ingredients are thoroughly combined
6. Add dry mixture to wet mixture and stir until batter is thick
7. Pour confectioner's sugar in a different bowl. Serve warm with breakfast
8. Roll batter into small balls and roll the balls in the sugar until thoroughly coated
9. Place batter balls on cookie sheet
10. Bake for 6-8 minutes
11. Let cool before enjoying

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Completely Unrelated

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## CAMPUS

# Agreeing to disagree

*Campus Conversation facilitates debate about Planned Parenthood*

**Hannah Shirley**  
Argonaut

After the event's promotional materials kept getting torn down, Outreach Coordinator Courtney Stoker was worried no one would attend the first monthly Campus Conversation to discuss Planned Parenthood.

But by the time the event began Wednesday afternoon, every seat in the Idaho Commons Aurora room was filled. Overflow attendees even milled around the tables.

University of Idaho students and staff gathered around several tables to discuss and debate Planned Parenthood, its role in women's and sexual health, the recent national controversy and the arson at the Pullman clinic earlier last month.

"In academia especially, it's easy to get into bubbles where you only talk to people who agree with you, and nothing constructive really comes out of it," said Stoker, who works for the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action. "If you force both radical sides to talk to each other, people will actually begin to understand each other."

The event featured several guest experts, including representatives from Planned Parenthood, Wish Medical and the UI Women's Center.

Justin Barnes, a UI advertising professor, said that though everyone at his table had different ideas, experiences and perceptions of Planned Parenthood, everyone fundamentally agreed the services and education provided by the clinics are valuable.

UI student Vivi Gonzalez said before she came to college, she didn't know anything about Planned Parenthood. Since the Pullman Planned Parenthood clinic closed following a Sept. 4 arson, she said the closure has personally affected her.

"College students don't have a lot of money to begin with," Gonzalez said. "I need somewhere affordable to go where I can get my



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Students and staff members discuss and debate Planned Parenthood's role in women's health at a Campus Conversation Wednesday.

pap smear or an IUD or anything like that."

Paul Dillon, a Planned Parenthood representative, said the organization is entirely non-profit, and aims to make basic healthcare and family planning accessible to everyone.

Barnes said he's had personal experience with Planned Parenthood's affordability. When his ex-wife went there for an IUD long-term contraceptive it cost her \$300. It would have cost her closer to \$600 at Moscow Family Medicine, he said.

Discussion participants acknowledged many taxpayers argue they don't want their dollars going to an abortion clinic.

Yet, according to a fact sheet provided by the moderators, abortions make up only 4.6 percent of services provided at

Planned Parenthood clinics in the Greater Washington and North Idaho region — and those services aren't government-funded.

Gonzalez pointed out that when Planned Parenthood is taken away, it's not people seeking abortions who are most impacted — it's people seeking more basic reproductive healthcare, including contraception, cancer screening and STD and pregnancy testing.

Barnes compared government funding of Planned Parenthood to government funding of free-ways and infrastructure. While people don't think of it as an investment, better infrastructure speeds up commerce and pays off in the long run.

"Education and other preventative measures and having resour-

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es like this is a good thing," Barnes said. "It's not a tax expenditure, it's an investment — it serves a good purpose, especially for low-income families and individuals both young and old."

UI Women's Center Assistant Director Bekah MillerMacPhee said the Palouse lost a valuable resource when a blaze shut down the Pullman Planned Parenthood clinic earlier this month.

"There are other (clinics) in the area," MillerMacPhee said. "But to take away a resource is not good."

Steve Davis is the CEO of Wish Medical, a Moscow clinic that provides services comparable to Planned Parenthood. As a faith-based organization, Davis said the clinic does not offer abortions or contraception, but does offer free

pregnancy counseling, abortion recovery and STD services.

Dillon said Planned Parenthood will also open a temporary clinic Oct. 12 at 745 Grand Ave. in Pullman. He said it's impossible to know when the permanent clinic will reopen, since fundraising will mostly pay for the \$500,000 project.

The permanent building will be in the same location as the clinic that burned down.

Stoker said next month's Campus Conversation program will be about the international migrant crisis, and will focus on Idaho's response to the situation. The event is tentatively scheduled for mid-October.

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## UNIVERSITY

## Encouraging NIC transfers

**Kristen Bertoloni**  
Argonaut

North Idaho College and the University of Idaho have created a partnership through VandaLink, a program set to streamline the process for NIC students looking to transfer to UI.

VandaLink guarantees admission for NIC students with an associate degree and also provides students with 45 credits a fee waiver, said Corey DeLeonard, a recruitment and advising coordinator at UI Coeur d'Alene.

"The program also allows the students access to exclusive scholarships and first choice at picking classes," DeLeonard said.

VandaLink provides admission without fees upon completion of an associate degree from participating schools.

"The goal is to get students thinking beyond getting an associate degree," said Jocelyn Stott, a UI spokeswoman.

DeLeonard works with transfer students from NIC and said the program allows transferring to be a smooth and easy process.

Stott said NIC wants to see their students achieve more than an associate degree, so the college is trying to help the students as much as they can by offering them opportunities to achieve.

Students looking to transfer should

utilize this program and talk to councilors about what they need to do to take advantage of the opportunity, DeLeonard said.

"It's tough for students because they feel lost and try to figure things out on their own," DeLeonard said. "The transfer process is difficult and is usually a stressful situation."

NIC also offers Oars, a program designed to help students with transferring along with helping them in the process of getting a job. Both of these programs were created to help the students save time and money and to allow a smooth process.

Both schools have an articulation agreement that allows students to transfer credits they have already earned, DeLeonard said.

By having this agreement, students are motivated to come to UI because they are guaranteed that the credits will count, he said.

"The thing is we are really trying to make this a smooth and easy process for the students so with the help of this program they can succeed" DeLeonard said.

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ASUI

# Poll supports medical amnesty

ASUI receives feedback on lobbying for statewide medical amnesty law

**Nishant Mohan**  
Argonaut

Following overwhelmingly positive responses to a poll he sent out Sept. 25, ASUI President Max Cowan said he is confident that lobbying for a statewide medical amnesty bill is the right move.

As of Wednesday night, Cowan said 93 percent of the students polled had voted in favor of lobbying for a statewide medical amnesty bill in the Legislature.

The poll had received 451 responses as of Wednesday night, though the votes in favor of lobbying had already received the majority by Monday.

"I think that this is promising, showing that we can ask complicated questions about complicated policies," Cowan said.

The poll was a single yes-or-no question with information about the issue provided below and an option to add comments. Cowan sent out the poll using OrgSync and delivered it by email to the entire student population.

Cowan said some students commented with concerns that the law would reduce accountability and encourage students to be reckless. He said he values the critics' concerns but thinks the data does not support them.

"Studies show no increase in binge drinking," he said. "This is not a license to engage in reckless behavior."

He said that 1,800 college students die each year due to unintended consequences related to alcohol.

"That number is far too high," he said. "Those students should have received help."

Cowan said it should be ASUI's job as student government to reduce barriers to student safety. He reiterated what he and Fisher have advocated for throughout this process — that calling for help should never be illegal.

"I think those students are choosing to believe that letting that student sleep it off just might work," he said. "But in 1,800 cases a year that student doesn't wake up."

Cowan said that some might be concerned that by promoting medical amnesty, he is assuming students would not call for help when they need to. This bill is not for every situation, he said, but instead targets extreme situations.

"This is a pragmatic bill," Cowan said.

This is the first time ASUI has done a poll of this nature.

"This is a very simple way to solicit feedback," Cowan said. "I am surprised we haven't done this before."

He said ASUI has not done polls like this before because the issues they want feedback on are usually too complicated to communicate easily. In Friday's poll, it took three paragraphs to describe medical amnesty.

It is a lot easier, Cowan said, to have a conversation than to ask a one-sentence question with a yes-or-no question. He said since it is impossible to know if a poll communicated the information successfully, that makes it difficult to know what the results of a poll mean.

Cowan said he was nervous



Megan Gospe | Argonaut

ASUI President Max Cowan speaks at the ASUI Senate meeting Wednesday in the Idaho Commons.

about getting the language right on the Title IX poll that was sent out Thursday.

"I think a lot of people immediately think that what we're discussing is a big red stamp that says the word, 'rapist' that gets stuck on every transcript when an allegation is filed," he said. "How do I explain without advocating? What we're discussing is adding a note that a student was removed from our

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community as a result of disciplinary action."

In the future, Cowan said they will share polls on the ASUI website and Facebook, and will talk about them at living groups.

"That's a valuable thing for students to do, not just to be able to education themselves on these topics, but also for us to receive meaningful input," he said. "This is a really simple way to get students involved in bigger conversations."

Cowan said he wrote the medical amnesty poll Sept. 24, checked its language with ASUI members to see how the question would be interpreted and sent it out.

"I was very excited to see such a high response rate," he said. "This is just the beginning."

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FACULTY SENATE

## 'In the thick of things' Chair of Faculty Senate discusses upcoming academic year

**Erin Bamer**  
Argonaut

Randall Teal took the nomination as chair of Faculty Senate to learn more about the issues, as well as to represent the College of Art and Architecture.

"I like sort of being on the front end of what's going on at the university and being able to not only have awareness of that but hopefully to have an influence on certain things," Teal said.

Teal began his career teaching at UI in 2006 and started his involvement with Faculty Senate in 2012. Last year he served as vice chair, and said when he received

the nomination to be the chair for this year he embraced the opportunity for all of the challenges and rewarding aspects the position would bring.

"There's extra stresses involved with it in terms of just bringing all the issues to bear and trying to negotiate them and so on," he said. "But at the same time, I sort of like being in the thick of things."

As an overarching theme through the year, Teal said Faculty Senate is looking to address under appreciation among faculty and staff members. Issues like advancement, the treatment of adjunct

faculty and family leave all tie back to the low morale at UI, he said.

Teal pinpointed the faculty evaluation process as another blow to faculty and staff morale.

"Several years ago it was said that we expect excellent teaching," he said. "And therefore if you're seen as an excellent teacher you get a '3.' Meaning that since we expect excellence that's satisfactory, which is sort of, if nothing else, demoralizing."

As a professor specializing mostly in areas of design, Teal said he is able to look at these

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problems facing UI in different ways.

Teal said funding is yet another obstacle for the university, and UI overall needs to be scrappy when it comes to finance issues.

Through his time teaching design courses, Teal has learned how to prioritize the budgets for different projects, and said he thinks this skill could transfer over into his work on bigger university issues.

"Overall you're trying to make something great," Teal said. "But it's not great because all the parts are completely high end. It's

going to be great because of the way they cohere as a whole."

Teal hopes to work with Faculty Senate to negotiate with different groups at UI, even if the different groups don't necessarily have the same priorities that Faculty Senate has.

"Right now it seems like really improving the sense of pride about being a part of the University of Idaho is probably an important thing," Teal said.

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# A life spent traveling

Carolyn Finney talks about environmental justice, life experiences at event

**Taylor Nadauld**  
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Cultural geographer Carolyn Finney said everyone has a relationship to the environment and everyone should ask themselves what they personally have to sacrifice.

"Are you breathing?" she asked an audience Monday evening. "You have a relationship with nature."

Members of the Moscow community filled the Bruce Pitman Center to hear Finney speak about her life experience as an African American woman traveling the world.

Finney is a professor of environmental science, policy, and management at the College of Natural Resources at the University of California, Berkeley, and is the author of "Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors." She also spoke at a panel discussion Tuesday morning.

Finney said she failed her first year of college and left her second year.

It wasn't until she decided to go on a backpacking trip to Nepal

that she said her life changed for the better.

She has since spent her life traveling the world and studying issues of environmental justice.

Finney titled her speech "Radical Presence: Black Faces, White Spaces and Stories of Possibility," in reference to her book, which examines the relationship of environmental justice to black and white Americans.

Finney said she chose the word "radical" because it represents getting to the root of an issue.

Finney spoke about experiences she had growing up where she realized she was treated differently because of her skin color.

She said watching her father's land taken away when she was a young girl has stuck with her as she's dedicated her life to understanding the relationship between humans and land.

Finney said she does not use the word "diversity" anymore and instead uses the word "differences." She said the word incorporates a wider range of characteristics than simply black and white.

Finney also said the Homestead Acts are the most powerful pieces of legislation in American history.

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Professor Carolyn Finney speaks at an event Monday about her life experiences.

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freed slaves and women — the opportunity to apply for a federal land grant.

Kysha Harris, Natural Resources graduate student at UI, was able to

sit down for lunch and speak with Finney before her speech.

"I think she has a powerful message that needs to be heard," Harris said.

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## News briefs

### State of the University Address

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben will deliver his annual State of the University Address at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the International Ballroom located in the Bruce Pitman Center. Following the speech, Staben will take part in a Q&A session with the audience.

### CALS dean announcement

The University of Idaho has hired Michael Parrella as dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He begins his position Feb. 1, 2016.

Parrella currently serves as chair of Department of Entomology the University of California, Davis. He is also a professor of Entomology at UC Davis.

Parrella earned his doctorates from Virginia Tech University and took a faculty position at the University of California, Riverside, before relocating to UC Davis, according to a university-wide email from Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek.

"This appointment will ensure that we maintain forward progress at a time of leadership transition in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the Office of Research and Economic Development," according to the email.

## Police log

### Sept. 28

**12:12 a.m. Paradise Creek Street**

Caller reported his dog was bit by another dog.

**7:26 p.m. South Grant Street**

Caller reported a woman was drunk. Police told her to go home.

### Sept. 29

**2:50 a.m. Henley Street**

Caller reported someone had broken into his vehicle but they gave no information and could not be contacted.

**8:30 a.m. Spotswood Street**

Police spotted and arrested a person on warrant for failure to appear in court for a drug paraphernalia charge.

**8:50 a.m. South Main Street — Moscow Family Medicine**

Caller reported male urinating in an alleyway nearby.

**5:27 p.m. North Asbury Street**

Caller reported his iPod and wallet missing after having people over.

**5:56 p.m. South Blaine Street — Winger's**

Electrical fire damaged a 4x4 area. Firefighters put out most of the fire within 10 minutes, but some of fire was difficult to get at due to void spaces left by additions to the building.

### Sept. 30

**12:59 p.m. East Fifth Street**

Caller reported their backpack stolen. Someone stole their homework.

**3:56 p.m. South Washington Street**

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**5:45 p.m. South Logan Street and Troy Road**

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## CELEBRATING CHINESE CULTURE



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Performers from Soochow University present Kunqu Opera: The Peony Pavilion during the Art Troupe Performance held Monday in the Administration Building auditorium.

## PASSION

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Halper said the biggest challenge she had to overcome, though, was more personal.

Right before last year's Miss Idaho competition, Halper said her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Between supporting her mother through treatment and the recent death of her brother, Halper said she found it difficult to remain in the right mindset to compete.

Halper said her mother has always been supportive of her aspirations.

"Anything that I want to do or any endeavor that I have, like pageantry, she's there for me," Halper said.

Halper was adopted when she was one-year-old through the International Adoption Agency and said that inspired her to use the Miss Idaho platform to advocate for adoption.

"I understand the struggles that they go through and questions they face," Halper said, "That's one reason I wanted this title, because as a public figure you are really in a position to help people."

Her public figure status has the potential to grow even larger. Halper will compete in the national Miss USA pageant next summer. The pageant will be a two-week process, and Halper said she will spend a lot of time preparing to compete with 51 other contestants, including the District of Columbia.

When Halper isn't busy with schoolwork or working on her platform, she said she enjoys visiting her family in Reno. She also participates in the Clothing Textile and Design club that meets weekly, though she

said her free time is sparse as she spends most of the week preparing for the Miss USA pageant.

"I always say I'm the worst college student, because my bedtime is like nine o'clock," Halper said, "When it comes to extracurricular activities I spend more time on school and my grades."

Halper plans to graduate this spring and is excited to pursue a career in the clothing textile and design industry after graduation.

She plans on moving to a city in California, such as San Diego, where there are more opportunities in her discipline and she can be closer to the beach, she said.

Halper said her plan is to become a stylist or personal shopper so she can learn more about her field. Halper said she dreams of one day establishing her own evening gown store where she can put her expertise in pageantry to work.

Halper encourages young girls who are interested in pageants to research competitions and apply. She said she has received a lot of benefits from winning the Miss Idaho competition, including scholarships, a dental package and many other gifts from sponsors.

"Even if you did a pageant one time and you didn't do as well as you had hoped, just keep trying," Halper said, reflecting on the fact that she competed for three years before winning. "You will obtain that goal with hard work, time and a little bit of perseverance."

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## LAUNCHED

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The Internal Audit unit will oversee the investigation with help from the university's NCAA compliance officer and the Department of Human Resources.

"It is one of the most independent offices at the university," Staben said. "Therefore is not supposed to be, and is not really subject to my influence, or the influence of anyone else at the university."

The NCAA compliance officer will look into allegations of NCAA practice violations, while Human Resources will investigate allegations of inappropriate interactions with football players, which include the use of vulgar language.

Usually the direct supervisor would investigate those allegations, but Staben said he decided to have Human Resources investigate the allegations to get an independent source outside of the Athletic Department.

Staben said both the compliance officer and the Human Resources department will report to the Internal Audit unit.

During the press conference, Petrino said he didn't address the team Monday because it was the team's day off, but the players had a team meeting.

"There were so many players that came in and out of my office (Monday)," Petrino said. "They know the love that I have for them."

Following the anonymous email, UI football captain Dallas Sandberg sent an email Monday that included a letter in support of the coaching staff, which was signed by many members of the football team.

"In response to the previous letter sent out about our team, we players and captains want it to be known that we stand behind our coaches 100 percent," according to the letter from Sandberg.

Petrino said he stands by what the team captains wrote and what the members of the team signed.

This has not been the only off-the-field distraction for the Vandal football program this season.

Last month, Vandal football players Dezmon Epps and Isaiah Taylor were identified as being involved in an alleged shoplifting incident at the VandalStore.

The VandalStore decided not to press charges and the two players were disciplined internally. Epps complied with the disciplinary measures and remains on the team, while Taylor chose not to comply and is no longer with the team.

The VandalStore decided not to press charges, but Staben said he was told VandalStore managers would have taken the same approach with any other student in the same situation.

Even though Epps has had multiple other run ins with the law, Staben said he made the decision to take formative approach — with a focus on forgiveness — in dealing with the situation.

"I realize that we would take criticism for taking that approach," Staben said. "And I would take that approach with other students."

In dealing with the situation, Staben said the university is trying to make better men of Epps and Taylor and give them an opportunity to improve themselves.

"Forgiveness is a pretty tough concept," Staben said.

As for Petrino's employment at UI, Staben said they will evaluate his position closer to the end of his contract, which ends in December 2016.

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## REFLECTION

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The university does a survey every other fall that assess student drinking habits and how well current programs are working. The next one will be conducted this semester. The Campus Community Task Force will look over the results, and decide which strategies from CollegeAIM will be implemented, Fritz said.

The Campus Community Coalition, a group that works with campus and the Moscow community to create a better envi-

ronment, will work on environmental factors related to alcohol. One of the strategies they will be looking into is working on enforcing the drinking age. Fritz said the coalition also plans to approach the local drinking establishments

about lessening or eliminating their specials, which often encourage students to drink more.

Fritz said CollegeAIM will be an opportunity to see what the UI should do, could do and what to not do.

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## LEAVE

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meets students in need of certain resources they get directed to the correct place, Dodge said.

"Many of us (on the committee) consider ourselves involved and engaged," Dodge said. "And we didn't even know about certain services on campus."

Each reason for why students want to leave the university was matched with a separate list of resources that are available to UI students.

If a student expressed they were struggling with physical or mental health problems, the guide would direct them to a number of resources to fit their needs, including the Counseling and Testing Center and the Student Health Center.

The guide features various statistics about UI's retention rates, which Dodge said has caught people's attention.

The guide will be made

available on the UI website shortly, and hard copies are available in the Human Resources Office and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, directed by Martinez.

Dodge said the committee plans to consistently update the list every two years or so, as the information is ever-changing.

Faculty Senate Chair Randall Teal suggested the guide be made available on VandalWeb as well as on the university website. Dodge said that wasn't something the committee had thought of, but now they plan to consider it.

The student enrollment and retention committee is not just concerned about retention rates — Dodge said the mission of the committee also includes increasing enrollment through recruitment.

Retaining students does not come down to simply providing them with resources to help them with their struggles,

Martinez said. He said faculty also need to work on building relationships with their students.

"We're working on creating more open communication between faculty and students," Martinez said. "We need to make students feel that they're supported."

Martinez admitted that the retention guide the committee is just one step in a much longer process. He said the committee has started to discuss multiple different issues pertaining to enrollment, and they have an ambitious timeline for their future goals.

The Student Enrollment and Retention Committee held their first meeting of the academic year on Thursday in the Idaho Commons.

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# SPORTS



Idaho soccer plays home games Friday, Sunday

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Fresh off a title

*Idaho women's tennis team hopes for back-to-back conference titles*

**Josh Grissom**  
Argonaut

When the Idaho Vandals women's tennis team steps on the court Friday in Pullman, it will be looking to defend its reputation as a powerhouse in the Big Sky Conference.

Idaho coach Mariana Cobra is looking to build upon the success of last year's program, when the Vandals took the Big Sky by storm.

Idaho finished the season as conference champions and earned its second consecutive appearance at the NCAA tournament. Cobra also took home Big Sky Coach of the Year honors during her first season as head coach of the Vandals. "They really bought into the philosophy I had," Cobra said of the team last year. "We definitely put in the work. It wasn't given to us. We earned every second of it."

Thanks to the spring success, Cobra has already set her sights toward establishing a successful rhythm early in the fall. She has not forgotten the impact of a Big Sky title for the Vandals.

"Having the Big Sky Conference Championship under our belt is huge," Cobra said. "You can definitely tell that (the players) are more confident knowing they earned that championship last year."

The Vandals made waves over the summer with their freshmen recruiting class in an attempt to add some experience and fortify the young roster.

Sophomore Ana Batiri decided to join the Vandals, transferring from Virginia Commonwealth, where she recently won the Atlantic 10 Championship.

Cobra also recruited two highly-ranked European freshmen Maria Tavares and Celine Koets. Despite the presence of many underclassmen, Cobra believes the Big Sky title has allowed her team to feel self-assured in its abilities on the court.

Cobra said Rita Bermudez and Belen Barcenilla, the lone pair of seniors for Idaho, have already contributed to the program early in the preseason.

"Our seniors are going to be a huge part of our success," Cobra said. "I think they're going to take the team to the next level as far as their leadership."



Idaho sophomore Ana Batiri returns the ball at practice Wednesday at the Memorial Gym tennis courts.

Alex Brizee | Argonaut

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# Tough cover

*Idaho senior receiver Dezmon Epps leads nation in receiving yards per game*

**Garrett Cabeza**  
Argonaut

It will be a matchup of 1-3 teams when Idaho takes on Sun Belt Conference opponent Arkansas State at 4 p.m. Saturday in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

But don't let the Red Wolves' record fool you.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino said Arkansas State is one of the top three teams in the conference — they've just played some tough teams so far.

Arkansas State fell to then eighth-ranked Southern California 55-6 in its first game of the season. The schedule didn't get much easier as the Red Wolves lost to then No. 21 Missouri State, after a 70-7 win over Missouri State, the Red Wolves fell back to the loss column with a 37-7 defeat at the hands of an undefeated Toledo team.

Idaho (1-3 overall, 0-1 Sun Belt) is coming off a 44-20 loss to Georgia

Southern Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

While the scoreboard didn't reflect a Vandal win, Idaho senior receiver Dezmon Epps shined again. The Sacramento, California, native caught eight passes for 165 yards and two long touchdowns — a 60-yard touchdown reception and a 44-yarder.

"We love having him in matchups," Idaho offensive coordinator Kris Cinkovich said. "The first one (touchdown) he was singled and the one we missed he was singled. The second one he was actually doubled and Matt (Linehan) just threw the ball through the double and Dez went and got it."

Epps leads the nation in receiving yards per game with 154.7. He averages 11 receptions per game, which leads the Sun Belt and is second nationally.

"He hates even missing a rep in practice," Cinkovich said. "I mean he can't stand it. We have to always literally pull him out of the huddle to get him fresh for the next rep because he hates coming out ... you don't see that a ton anymore on guys."

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# Football predictions

## Arkansas State 31, Idaho 28

It will come down to a game-winning field goal, unfortunately in favor of the Red Wolves. If sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan can't play, I'd be interested to see how redshirt freshman Jake Luton performs in his place. At 6-foot-6, 220 pounds, Luton looks the part of a college quarterback and has the arm strength to go with it. If he gets the start, I think he'll impress.



**Korbin McDonald**  
Argonaut

## Idaho 31, Arkansas State 10

With both teams 1-3 and set to face each other, Idaho needs to play all four quarters. The Idaho offense will do just fine despite Matt Linehan's left ankle being a problem against Georgia Southern last week — that is, if Linehan will play Saturday. I see Linehan throwing touchdown passes to Dezmon Epps and Callen Hightower. Considering how Arkansas State had an abysmal game against Toledo last week, I just don't see the Red Wolves doing well. There's no reason why Idaho's defense shouldn't be good Saturday. In the end, the Vandals will finally get a win on the road.



**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

## Arkansas State 37, Idaho 31

If Idaho is able to develop an offensive passing attack right from the start, there is a good chance that the Vandals will hang with the Red Wolves. However, the Vandals' defense has frequently allowed big plays to sneak past them during tight contests. I expect the inconsistent Arkansas State offense to break out of its slump this weekend, despite a great showing from Linehan — if he plays — at quarterback.



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Argonaut

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## SOCCER

# Vikings, Hornets come to Moscow

Idaho hosts Portland State, Sacramento State this weekend

**Ben Evensen**  
Argonaut

As the Idaho soccer team gears up for Portland State and Sacramento State, Idaho's difference between this year's team and last year's is drastic, starting with the record.

The Vandals stand at 6-4-1 with a 2-0 Big Sky Conference record after wins over Idaho State and Weber State last weekend. At this time last year, Idaho was just 2-9 and finished 4-14-2 — two less wins than they already have this year.

With 20 goals already this year, the Vandals have two more than all of 2014 and a whopping 14 more than they had at this time just a year ago. The higher totals from last year also apply to the team's assists (27 compared to 6 at this time last year) and points (67 compared to 18).

After the wins over Idaho State and Weber State last weekend, Idaho is now tied with Eastern Washington and Sacramento State for first place in the conference.

"I thought our players did an excellent job on the road," Idaho coach Derek Pittman said. "Idaho State and Weber State are two very difficult teams to play against. Our players showed tremendous focus and discipline in executing the game plan."

After junior forward Kavita Battan's two-goal performance against ISU, the junior from Vancouver, Washington, finds herself in fourth place in the Big Sky in goals with six total. Right behind her is freshman forward Kayla Watanabe (four goals) in fifth place and sophomore forward Olivia Baggerly (three) in 10th.

"I think we're very fortunate that we have three very good attacking players," Pittman said. "Kavita has been fortunate to score the majority of the goals but you have another threat in Kayla Watanabe as well as



Idaho freshman goalkeeper Amanda Poertner waits in the goal for a possible shot at practice this week at Guy Wicks Field.

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Olivia Baggerly."

Baggerly and junior midfielder Clara Gomez both have seven assists, which leads the Big Sky and is seventh most in the nation.

"I think (Battan, Watanabe and Baggerly) as an entire group have been tremendous for us and they work great," Pittman said. "Their relationship is continuing to get better as far as reading where each other are going to go and what each other are looking for, how to play off each other. They become a

very big threat because you can't focus on just one of them."

Portland State will be first up this weekend, a team that defeated Idaho 3-1 last year. The Vikings are tied for sixth in the conference at 1-1 with a 3-7 overall record.

"Portland State has traditionally been one of the top teams in our conference," Pittman said. "They came off a good win against South-

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ern Utah and lost very narrowly to Northern Arizona. They're going to be a tough opponent and they're going to be coming in here trying to get their second win in conference. We expect it to fully be a battle with them on Friday."

The Hornets of Sacramento State come in with a 4-6 overall record and 2-0 in conference. Being tied with Idaho at the top of the Big Sky standings makes it

a critical game early in conference play. Sacramento State will play the third team tied for the Big Sky lead — Eastern Washington — Friday.

The match against Portland State starts at 3:30 p.m. Friday and then the Vandals play Sacramento State at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games are at Guy Wicks Field.

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## WOMEN'S GOLF

## Vandals looking for more hardware

Women's golf team vies for third NMSU invite title under Johnson

**Mihaela Karst**  
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The New Mexico State Aggies will welcome the Idaho women's golf team once again to the Price's Give 'Em Five Intercollegiate Monday through Wednesday at the New Mexico State Golf Course in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Vandals have

a history of successful rounds at the New Mexico State invite, and they expect nothing less going into this year's tournament. Idaho will look for its third win at the New Mexico State invite under Idaho coach Lisa Johnson.

Coming off of a second-place finish at the Washington State Cougar Cup, Idaho is walking into the tournament with a positive attitude.

Johnson said the team's past success at the New Mexico State invite has had

a major impact on the confidence level within the team.

"It's the nature of the sport, and when they go onto the course knowing that they've shot low numbers before, they believe they will do well," Johnson said.

The Vandals are more than ready to take on the invitational.

"All five of them can excel," Johnson said. "The returning players all know what they are getting into. Kristin (Strankman) shot under par (at the NMSU

invite), Amy (Hasenoehrl) had her lowest individual score of the season, and Cassie (McKinley) knows what to expect."

Johnson said she is very confident in freshmen Michelle Kim and Sophie Hausmann.

"The golf course was set up for our freshmen," Johnson said.

Kim finished fourth at the WSU Cougar Cup,

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earning the Big Sky Conference Golfer of the Week award for her efforts. Hausmann had an impressive round at the Ptarmigan Ram Classic in September.

After assessing the competition, Johnson said there are going to be plenty of competitors, including Brigham Young, Iowa and New Mexico State.

The BYU Cougars finished first at the Ptarmi-

gan Ram Classic, the Iowa Hawkeyes finished in the top three in their first two invitatorials of the season and New Mexico State is always a major competitor as it plays on its home course.

"We just need to stay focused on the present, manage our emotions and the course to the best of our ability and make as many birdies as possible," Johnson said.

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VOLLEYBALL

# Tough match in Flagstaff

Idaho loses to Northern Arizona 3-1 on the road

**Luis Torres**  
Argonaut

Error management and maintaining a solid attack percentage was a struggle in the Idaho volleyball team's first road game in Big Sky Conference play.

Northern Arizona defeated Idaho 3-1 (17-25, 22-25, 26-24, 19-25) Thursday in Flagstaff, Arizona.

After earning a career-high 20 kills in a 3-2 loss against North Dakota Saturday, senior outside hitter Tineke Bierma followed it up with 15 kills.

Both senior setter Meredith Coba (20) and Natalie Jensen (23) earned 20 or more assists against the Lumberjacks. Senior defensive specialist Jenna Ellis led the team in digs with 22.

Idaho was unable to keep up with

the Lumberjacks in the opening set. The Vandals fell short in the second set after leading for most of the game.

Idaho kept the game alive by winning the third set, which concluded with a kill by redshirt freshman outside hitter Kaela Straw.

Northern Arizona won the final set to clinch the victory over the Vandals.

Janae Vander Ploeg earned 23 kills but also had 13 attack errors, the most of each in Thursday's game.

Idaho struggled on the attack as it ended with a .161 to Northern Arizona's .201. Idaho committed 36 errors to the Lumberjacks' 34.

With the Vandals now 1-2 in conference and 4-11 overall, they'll look to turn their season around. Idaho plays Eastern Washington at 6 p.m. Saturday at Reese Court in Cheney, Washington.

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Redshirt freshman outside hitter Sarah Sharp goes for the kill against North Dakota Saturday at the Memorial Gym. The Vandals fell to Northern Arizona Thursday night in Flagstaff, Arizona.

OPINION

## Slinging it around the field

Idaho will continue to throw the ball around

After falling 44-20 in a game dominated by the Georgia Southern option attack, the Idaho Vandals begin a long stretch of road games with a trip to Jonesboro, Arkansas, this weekend.

The matchup pits two of the Sun Belt's struggling teams against one another as they both look to gain an edge and improve their position in the conference standings.

The Vandals (1-3) are hoping to rebound following a difficult loss to Georgia Southern last Saturday, when the defense allowed 441 total yards and five rushing touchdowns against the Eagles. The Vandals offense was also suppressed early in the game, only converting two their third-down attempts the entire game.

Despite the difficulties for the Vandals, there were several positive performances from Idaho's last two games.

The chemistry between sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan and senior receiver Dezmon Epps was readily apparent Saturday, as the two connected for 165 yards and two touchdowns against the Eagles.

In addition, junior

tight end Trent Cowan has developed into a viable offensive threat for the Vandals, catching seven passes for 107 yards and a touchdown in the game against Wofford.

The upcoming opponent for the Vandals is a conference foe that also began the season with a rocky start. Arkansas State (1-3) has had five separate coaches in a six-year span, leading to continuity issues that have plagued the program in recent seasons.

However, ASU has reached a bowl game consecutively for four years, a testament to the program's resilience in the face of a consistently changing environment.

Arkansas State has already experienced extreme highs and lows this season, losing to USC by a score of 55-6 but then following it up two weeks later with a 70-7 drubbing of Missouri State. The inconsistent nature of the Red Wolves has made them difficult for the Vandals to gauge heading into the weekend.

The key for Idaho this Saturday will be the presence of a commanding passing attack. Arkansas State has struggled defending the pass all season,

allowing an average of 235.5 passing yards per game.

The Vandals possess a prolific passer in Linehan, who is questionable

for Saturday's game with an injury. He will certainly seek to exploit the holes in the Red Wolves' secondary if he is going to play.

After allowing an average of 46.5 points this season, the Idaho defense looks to redefine its image and develop a successful game plan to stifle the Arkansas State offense.

The Vandals have had success defending the pass this season, and will be aided by the fact they face a sputtering Red Wolves offense that has barely averaged 200 passing yards per game.

All eyes will be on Linehan this weekend as he faces an inconsistent Arkansas State defense.

If Idaho is able to produce a commanding passing attack early in the game, then the team has a great chance of coming away with a victory Saturday.

However, if the Vandals allow the Red Wolves to develop an offensive rhythm, then it is likely that Idaho will kick off the long stretch of road games with a grueling loss in Jonesboro.

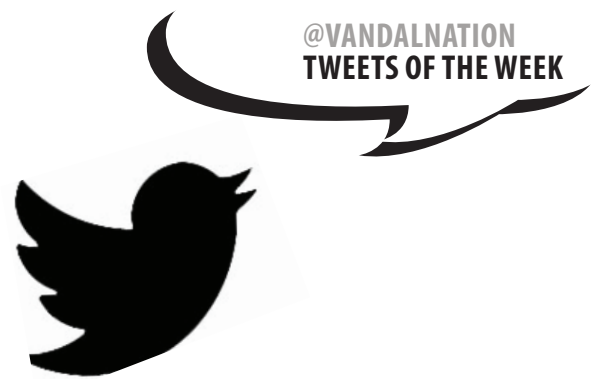
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Paul Petrino said Tuesday that quarterback Matt Linehan is "questionable" to play this Saturday at Arkansas State with an ankle injury

—Idaho coach Paul Petrino commented on his starting quarterback's health Tuesday at his weekly press conference.



**@MattLinehan\_10**

Best atmosphere I've ever seen in the dome tonight. Thank you to all who supported.

—Idaho sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan thanks the fans for their support after the Vandals lost to Georgia Southern Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.



**@TheoLawson\_Trib**

Idaho WR Dezmon Epps is now the national leader with 154.7 receiving yds. per game. He

had eight catches for 165 yards vs. Georgia Southern.



—Idaho football beat reporter Theo Lawson of the Lewiston Tribune tweets about senior receiver

Dezmon Epps and his success so far this season.

**@JoeyESPNalouse**

I feel like all this Vandal football drama belongs on ABC 8/7 central.

—Local radio personality Joey Jenkins tweets about the off-field issues plaguing the Idaho football team this season.

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"I've always respected that about him," Cinkovich said. "I saw that happen again today (Tuesday). A coach had to drag him out of the huddle because he won't come out and that's the competitor in him."

Cinkovich said Epps' hard-work and dedication in practice has been evident since the day he arrived on campus.

Epps attended Grant High School in Sacramento and then took his talents to the City College of San Francisco.

"What we were told when we recruited him both from his high school, which is an accomplished high school, and his junior college, which is a very good junior college, and they said this guy, he likes the ball and he likes to compete and that stuff is absolutely true," Cinkovich said.

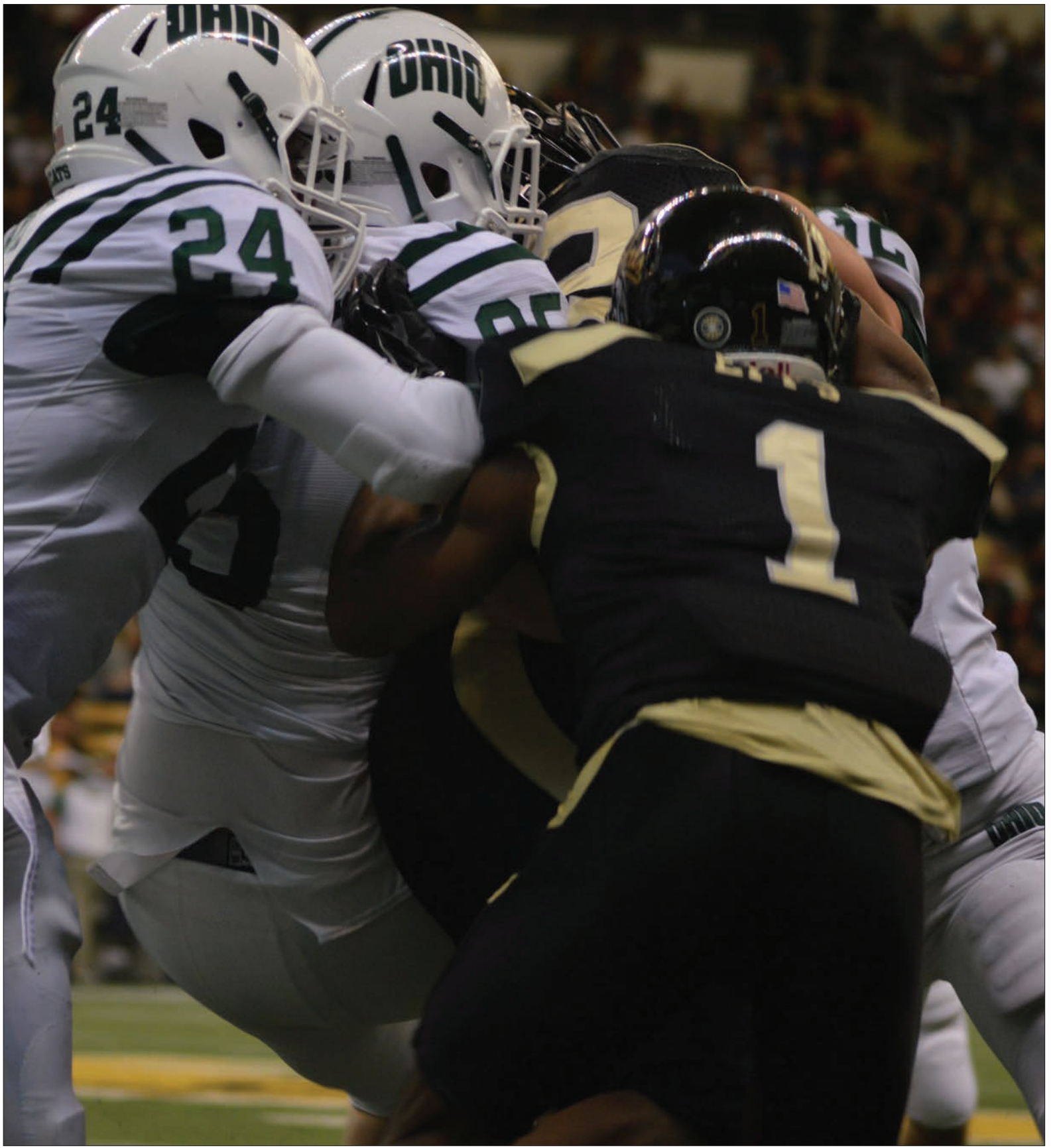
While Epps will look to continue to pad his statistics against Arkansas State Saturday, Idaho coach Paul Petrino isn't sure whether quarterback Matt Linehan will start because of an ankle injury.

Redshirt freshman Jake Luton has been receiving the first-team reps in practice while Linehan watches.

Luton completed eight of 13 passes for 46 yards in his collegiate debut against Southern California earlier this season.

"He stood in the pocket against what is apparently a pretty good football team," Cinkovich said. "I gotta think internally for him it gives him a lot of confidence. It certainly gives us confidence in him because he performed good."

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Idaho senior receiver Dezmon Epps leads the nation in receiving yards per game with 154.7. Idaho plays Arkansas State Saturday in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

**PREDICTIONS**  
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**Arkansas State 45, Idaho 28**

Arkansas State enters the game at 1-3 but the record is misleading. The Red Wolves have played a tough schedule so far. They have lost to two top-25 teams this season in Southern California and Missouri. Idaho coach Paul Petrino said Arkansas State is one of the top teams in the Sun Belt Conference. The Red Wolves will get back to their winning ways and put up some points Saturday at home against the Vandals.

**Arkansas State 24, Idaho 12**

The Arkansas State Red Wolves have won 22 of their last 26 games at Centennial Bank Stadium, while Idaho is searching for its first road victory since 2011. Idaho brings a 1-3 overall record and 0-1 Sun Belt Conference mark into the contest, which won't improve after this game. I believe Idaho will put up some points offensively, but the Vandal defense needs some improvement if they want to pick up any more wins.



**Arkansas State 48, Idaho 30**

The Vandals are going to regain the confidence and spirit they had during the first half of the Georgia Southern game and carry it into the game against Arkansas State. If Matt Linehan and Dezmon Epps can continue the long-distance pass completions, don't be surprised if Idaho comes home with a victory.

**FRESH**  
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Cobra has focused on developing the fitness of her team during the pre-season, as well as constructing practice scenarios that are as close to reality as possible.

"As a team, we've got to get mentally tough," she said. "So we put (the players) through a lot of challenges during practice to make sure they're able to do well when they're in a match."

Cobra said one of her main goals for the season is to develop team unity

among her players.

"We're not as good individually as we are as a group," she said. "Having a team environment is what the fall is all about. They come here as individuals, but they soon become part of a team."

The Vandals open up season play at the Washington State Invitational Friday. The invite includes teams such as Boise State, Portland State, Washington State and Oregon.

Idaho will look to solidify its status as




a national competitor with matches against several Pac-12 opponents and settle a score with the Broncos as part of the in-state rivalry.

Idaho then travels to Las Vegas for the ITA Regional Oct. 14-18 and Spokane for the Gonzaga Invitational Nov. 6-8. The Vandals will wrap up the fall season with the Rebel Invitational Nov. 13-15 in Las Vegas.


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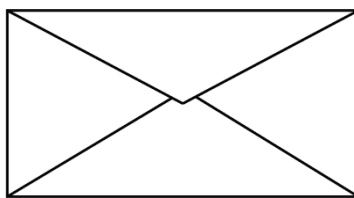
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## OUR VIEW

# Staben is not silent

*Staben assesses troubles with the Vandals Athletic Department*

It's obvious the controversy surrounding the University of Idaho Athletic Department isn't going away anytime soon.

Vandal Football alone has had its fair share of incidents since the school year began a mere six weeks ago. Head coach Paul Petrino was accused of harassing members of the local media, two football players — Dezmon Epps and Isaiah Taylor — were involved in a theft at the VandalStore and an anonymous letter accused Petrino and his coaching staff of verbal abuse, NCAA practice violations, unfair treatment and mismanagement of the team.

As each of the stories unfolded, a question has been posed frequently on social media and online. What is UI President Chuck Staben saying or doing about the behavior in the athletic department?

Although it may appear that Staben has remained silent as the incidents have developed, in a meeting with the Argonaut Editorial Board Wednesday, Staben made it clear that he is not a passive bystander.

In regards to the VandalStore theft, Staben said he approved the consequences for the involved players. He said Petrino and Athletic Director Rob Spear advocated for the chosen disciplinary action, which allowed the players

to stay on the team.

The actions of the players were examined through the Student Code of Conduct and Petrino also subjected the players to internal disciplinary action. Taylor decided not to comply with Petrino's sanctions and left the team.

The course of action decided upon by Staben, Petrino and Spear was one of forgiveness, Staben said.

Though Epps had prior disciplinary problems, he was allowed to remain on the team.

In the meeting Wednesday, Staben echoed Petrino's statement about the desire and duty to build men of character.

However, forgiveness only goes so far. Staben's intentions were admirable, but they were the wrong call in this situation.

For other scenarios, the forgiveness route may be effective. He has now established forgiveness as a precedent for future incidents.

Staben has shown strong leadership in taking the allegations of the anonymous letter seriously. He said he personally initiated the investigation into the validity of the claims.

The university's Internal Audit unit will lead the investigation. Staben stressed the unit's independence as an important factor in the situation. Human Resources and NCAA

compliance staff will be part of the investigation, and it will be out of the hands of the athletic department, he said.

Regardless of the outcome, Staben made the right decision to launch the investigation.

When it comes to the leadership of the Athletic Department, Staben said it is important to look over a person's record throughout the duration of their position.

He said Spear has led Vandal Athletics through rocky waters and is able to run the department on the "modest" budget that is allotted to them.

Staben said Petrino's position as coach will be evaluated — by both UI and Petrino — when his contract is closer to completion. His contract runs through the end of December 2016.

While Staben was clear he has an eye on the athletic department, and will examine Petrino's contract, he didn't offer insight into Spear's future at UI.

Staben's responses to questions regarding the Athletic Department seemed genuine and provided some of the insight that was missing as the stories unfolded. The Argonaut appreciates Staben's willingness to speak — and speak honestly — with Student Media and the university population.

— KH

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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Close to home

It always seems worse when a tragedy happens in your home state. Sending love to those impacted by the shooting at UCC.

— Katelyn

### Oregon

A lot of emotions today. At this point I'm upset because stuff like this keeps happening and it never results in any changes.

— Erin

### Syria

The situation just gets worse and worse, and now Russia strikes U.S.-backed rebel groups. I don't know what could end this war.

— Jack

### I feel you, Jack

Between Syria and the shooting in Oregon, it's hard to see the hope in situations. Send lots of love out into the world, the universe could use a good dose of it right now.

— Corrin

### Little victories

Yet another successful day of wearing workout clothes without actually working out.

— Hannah

### Lucky golfers

I wouldn't mind playing on the Idaho men's golf team. Its final three invitationals of the fall include going to Arizona, Texas and Hawaii. I'll take that.

— Garrett

### Breaking 80

If I don't break 80 before winter hits, I'm going to be pissed. Think I've fired an 82, 81 at least 10 times this fall.

— Korb

### Shout out to mom

For coming to see me this weekend. Let's hit some thrift shops, browse some book stores and eat some real food. It's just what this girl needs.

— Lyndsie

### Media

In the 21st century, a person's time is the most valuable commodity.

— Ryan

### Tired

I am tired. And tired of being tired, which makes me more tired than just being tired. #howlongtilsummer?

— Claire

### To the moon

Frank Sinatra knows my soul.

— Jessica

### Ben Howard

Only the greatest singer my ears have ever had the pleasure of listening to.

— Tea

### Historical dress

Leg of mutton sleeves will never be attractive. Fight me about it.

— Jake

### About time

I didn't think I would see the day when the Raiders are actually supposed to win a game. First time they were favored to win in the last 27 games.

— Jordan

OCTOBER 2



Megan Hall  
Argonaut



## A pain in the ash

*The beauty of Moscow in the fall is squashed by the arrival of a seasonal foe, the ash aphid*

I love bugs.

Insects are an integral element to a thriving ecosystem. They decompose organic materials, serve as a good source of food for other creatures and do other good things for the environment.

I go out of my way to scoop struggling bumblebees out of pool water. I trap every spider I find in my apartment inside a glass and place it safely outside until there are no clean cups left and frankly, I would rather fall on my face than step on an ant.

I just love bugs. Bugs are great. What's not great, however, is the apocalyptic plague of gnats that swarm Moscow every fall. If you've gone outside within the last week, you'll know what I mean.

These tiny bugs are immune to the idea of personal space — they fly into unassuming mouths mid-conversation, they cling to shirts as if cotton were flypaper and they make walking around campus or going to class a strenuous and frustrating endeavor.

The buggers are so incessant that I'm beginning to question my love for insects. So I decided to do a bit of research and figure out what exactly this insect is that's driving the whole town mad.

These pests in particular are

known as blue ash aphids, or "smoky-winged" aphids.

A report published by Montana State University states that although the blue ash aphid is a societal nuisance, the pests do not cause damage to the regional foliage.

Early October is their mating season, which explains the maddening droves of little blue bugs.

Apparently, these infestations aren't exclusive to Moscow, either. The blue ash aphids also choose to congregate in Eastern Washington, Spokane and other areas in the Inland Northwest.

While I'm not convinced that these tiny blue beasts have any environmental significance, it's clear by now that they're here to stay for the time being.

Instead of trying to fight their presence, it's best to accept that they'll be around for at least the next month and to remember that being bitter about them isn't

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Corrin Bond  
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## Welcome Delta Zeta

*Construction of the Delta Zeta house impacts its presence on campus*

Before this school year, many students were unaware that there was a chapter of Delta Zeta at the University of Idaho.

Now, everyone and their grandfather knows who these women are.

Delta Zeta has had a chapter at UI for years and has done a lot of good in its time here. Like other Greek organizations on campus, they have a national philanthropy and hold events for it each year, but the women of Delta Zeta also regularly participate in other philanthropy events run by other houses each semester.

The construction of their actual house was a long process that I can only assume started when the chapter was first formed at UI. The point is that their chapter isn't brand new to the university, even if it is more visible.

But still, now that they have an enormous mansion in the middle of Old Greek Row, more people know of their existence.

As a member of UI's Greek System for a little more than a

year now, I've known about the sorority's presence since I decided to rush. At that point, the members of Delta Zeta were still living in their previous residence — a first floor hall in one of the wings of Wallace Residence Center.

My recruitment guides made sure to tell my group not to weigh the quality of a house heavily in our decision of which sorority we wanted to call home. They told us to choose by thinking of how we would feel if the house burned down a year into our membership.

While I tried to follow the advice myself, it was genuinely difficult not to think about. I'm sure plenty of girls in my recruitment class did let it be a big factor when they ranked. Like it or not, houses do make a difference.

This is just one of the reasons why people place such significance on Delta Zeta finally getting a house of their own.

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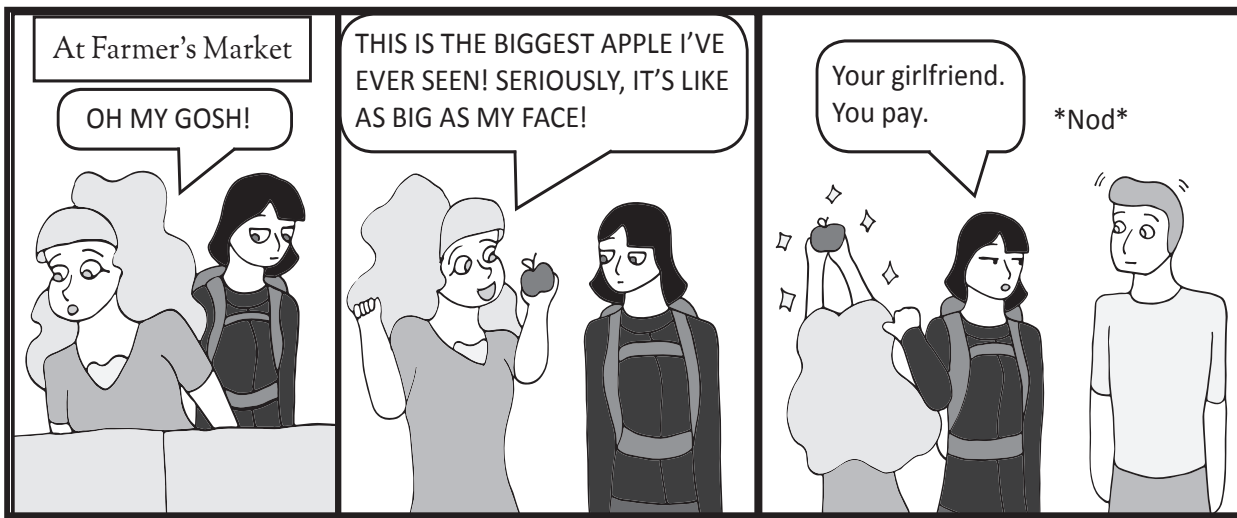
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Only time will tell if the addition of a new house on Old Greek Row will increase the sorority's membership numbers, but they certainly seem like they have the capacity to take in more members than they could last year. However, the new house will impact more than just Delta Zeta's recruitment. Last year, the construction of the sorority house was nearly impossible to miss if you ever stepped foot on campus, so that alone informed a good portion of the Moscow community of Delta Zeta's presence. Tomorrow, the sorority is holding an open house for members of the

public to tour the finished product, so if the construction wasn't enough to alert everyone, that should do the trick. And presence certainly matters. Now that everyone and their grandfather knows about them, the women of Delta Zeta can make a bigger impact on campus and in the Moscow community. They can get more people involved in their philanthropy — these women should take advantage of this opportunity. As a UI Greek myself, I'm personally very excited to see what Delta Zeta accomplishes in the future. *Erin Bamer can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @ErinBamer*

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**Senka Black**



Samantha Brownell | Argonaut

**ASH**  
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going to make them go away any faster. It's only going to put you in a grumpy mood. Instead of letting these pests ruin one of the most beautiful times of the year, remember that there are plenty of ways to minimize the havoc they wreak. I promise there are better solutions than taping a hand-held fan to your forehead while walking to school or wildly swatting your arms around your head like you're fighting off an invisible legion. Those who walk or bike around campus should try wearing sunglasses and wrapping a bandana around your mouth and nose. It's not going to keep the aphids off of your clothes, but at least it will keep you from inhaling a mouthful of little blue bugs. It's also a good idea to avoid puffy clothing. They seem to be particularly

fond of infinity scarves and wooly fabrics. Finally, be aware of what time of day you'll be going outside. They seem to be far more active in the early morning and the late afternoon or early evening. If you have to go out when they tend to be most active, make sure to mentally prepare yourself for the onslaught of frenzied blue ash aphids. They may be nuisances, but at the end of the day, these gnats are harmless. They might be incessantly annoying and make you never want to go outside for the rest of your life, but they're a part of Moscow — this wild, beautiful, seasonally aphid-infested place we call home. This too shall pass, and in the meantime, don't let these little blue bugs prevent you from enjoying this beautiful time of year. *Corrin Bond can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu or on Twitter @CorrBond*

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