

DIVERSITY



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Moscow residents gather to listen to speakers during the Defend DACA Rally Sunday afternoon at East City Park.

A voice for all immigrants

DACA rally sheds light on all undocumented immigrants, not just DACA recipients

Savannah Cardon
 ARGONAUT

On a Saturday afternoon at East City Park, Palouse residents gathered in the grass waiting for the rally to start.

All were in attendance with a similar purpose in mind — to stand in solidarity with those affected by the Trump Administration’s decision to phase-out Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

As Sunday’s Defend DACA Rally unfolded, a common theme that all undocumented immigrants should be protected, not just DACA recipients, spread among

each of the speakers.

“We need to look further and critique the way that white supremacy, xenophobia, racism and sexism intersect to enforce these narratives,” said Audrey Faunce, a law student at the University of Idaho. “It is not our place to judge someone on why they came here or their methods, but rather to fight alongside them without criminalizing or alienating other immigrant ways.”

The rally, sponsored by the Moscow Human Rights Commission, was a collaborative effort between UI campus Here for Our People’s Empowerment, or H.O.P.E. coalition of students, DACA holders, undocumented immigrants and people from mixed-status families.

During the rally, speakers from these organizations read brief stories shared by people who are affected by the DACA

announcement. Faunce said most stories read came from blogs and immigration websites that have resources for undocumented immigrants and people from mixed status families, not necessarily from locals.

Undocumented immigrant and DACA recipient, 23-year-old Jose Manuel Carrillo from Bellingham, discussed the importance of dismantling the “dreamer narrative” and moving toward a narrative that values human dignity at its core.

“I started thinking, what is the root of this narrative? Who is damaged by it?” he said.

The two main components of the “dreamer narrative,” he said, are economic benefits and assimilation.

Carrillo said the economic benefit of having DACA recipients and people who fall into the box of “dreamers,” is in large

part due to media portrayals.

“Even this week, defend DACA rallies and infographics related to supporting DACA often included some statistics about how much capital the U.S. would lose if DACA recipients were to be taken away or deported,” Carrillo said. “The idea of justifying immigration for economic benefit is not a new one to the United States.”

Carrillo said the idea of bringing people to the U.S. for economic benefit “goes back to our beginnings,” where slaves were forced to come to the states and have their labor exploited in order to help the economy.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Reclaiming spaces

Women’s Center’s Take Back the Night march combines with Katy Benoit Safety Forum

Kyle Pfannenstiel
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The University of Idaho Women’s Center is hosting this year’s Take Back the Night march with the Katy Benoit Safety Forum Thursday night.

The event will start with a speech from Erin Tomblin, personal injury attorney in Moscow and Vandal alum, titled “From Campus to Community: Your Voice Matters” at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Admin auditorium.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the first 100 people to arrive will receive free T-shirts, Women’s Center Assistant Director for Programs, Bekah MillerMacPhee said.

Following Tomlin’s speech, they will commence marching in silence through campus, which students and community members polled in favor of over chants. Electric

candles will be handed out to attendees for use during the march, MillerMacPhee said.

“We want to help people come together and make that statement that we really should feel safe wherever we go and whenever we go there,” Violence Prevention Programs Coordinator Emilie McLarnan said.

A speak out, facilitated by an advocate from Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, will take place following the march in the Admin auditorium. Attendees are welcome to share how they’ve been affected by sexual or interpersonal violence in the presence of support groups, but MillerMacPhee stressed that there is no pressure to share.

The annual safety forum commemorates Katy Benoit, a student who suffered abuse from a UI professor after she ended their relationship and was shot and killed by him in 2011.

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DACA students aren’t alone

UI and WSU students work together to help DACA classmates

Nishant Mohan
 ARGONAUT

Some students at the University of Idaho will not be able to legally stay in school next spring if the phase-out of DACA is not halted, or if the order is not legislatively replaced by Congress.

Last week, President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced his rescission from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the Obama-era temporary policy to allow people who illegally immigrated to the U.S. as minors to obtain driver’s licenses, go to college and work legally.

According to the Center for American Progress, the state of Idaho has an estimated 3,132 recipients of DACA.

“We definitely do have students who will be directly affected by this,” said Kate Evans, associate professor of law and director of the

UI College of Law’s Immigration Clinic.

According to the center, DACA recipients removal from the U.S. would cost the country GDP nearly \$160 million annually.

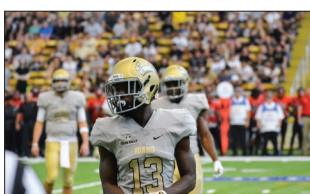
But even of those able to renew, some may face difficulty scraping together the cost of renewal. Those whose DACA permits expire on or prior to March 5 may renew it, but they will need to submit their renewal applications by October 5 and pay a \$465 renewal fee.

Washington State University’s Crimson Group has opened its GoFundMe effort to raise money for DACA renewals to UI students in addition to students at WSU. As of Monday afternoon, the page has received \$4,283 of its \$7,500 goal.

Students are not the only people at risk. “A lot of immigrant families are mixed status,” Evans said. “A student who doesn’t need DACA might have a family member who does.”

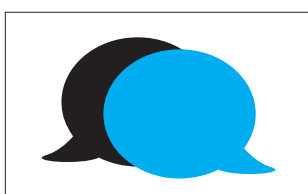
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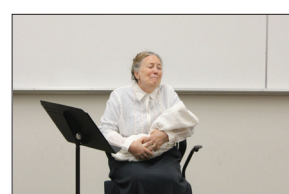
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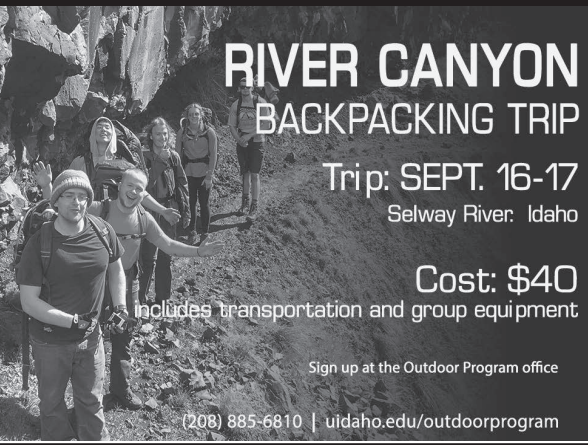
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General Tso Chicken

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- 1 lb. of chicken thighs
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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon dark soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 2 tablespoon cooking wine
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 dried chili peppers
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 ginger cut into small slices
- Vegetable oil

Directions

1. Prepare the chicken in a large bowl. Marinate the chicken pieces with sesame oil, black pepper, salt and light soy sauce for 15 minutes. Coat chicken with egg white and corn starch and let stand for another 15 minutes.
2. Prepare the sauce in a small bowl. Mix dark soy sauce, sugar, vinegar and cooking wine together.
3. Heat large amount of oil in a deep fry pan. When little bubbles rise to the surface of the oil, slowly put chicken pieces into the pan. Fry each piece until it has a golden crust. One by one, drain oil from the chicken pieces with a paper towel.
4. Heat another frying pan and add some vegetable oil. Fry chili peppers, ginger and garlic until golden and fragrant, and then add chicken and sauce.
5. Cover the lid of the pan and cook the chicken for another few minutes until the sauce becomes thicker.
6. Serve when warm and garnish with green onions.

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CAMPUS LIFE



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Vandals and members of Movimiento Activista Social and H.O.P.E participate in a DACA demonstration Friday outside the Idaho Commons.

Vandals united, never divided

Vandals join together to protest recent DACA decision

Savannah Cardon
ARGONAUT

“Up with education, down with deportation.”

This was one of the many things people chanted at the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) demonstration outside the University of Idaho Commons Friday.

Dozens of Vandals linked arms together to stand in solidarity with those affected by Trump’s recent decision to phase out DACA, a program protecting young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents, from deportation.

The demonstration, initiated by Mov-

imiento Activista Social (MAS), gave students the opportunity to speak out about their views on DACA.

“We have a platform in order to be a voice for people who may not be heard otherwise,” said Bella Villalpando, Media Liaison for the demonstration.

Villalpando said the purpose of the DACA demonstration was to take up space, provide an opportunity to open dialogue with the community and further educate about the DACA program and the way Trump’s action will affect people.

She said the demonstration was also put together in hopes of influencing what might happen following the DACA decision and what they can do to ensure DACA recipients are protected.

“The most important thing right now is exposure and awareness,” Villalpando said. “And just kind of showing that we’re all dif-

ferent on our campus, we all are from different organizations, we all are from different walks of life but this is something that we all want to unite and show our solidarity and show that we as Vandals care and we as Vandals have each other’s backs.”

While the demonstration focused more on students, Villalpando said it was a way to bring awareness to the Defend DACA Rally, which took place Sunday at East City Park.

MAS and Here for Our People’s Empowerment, or H.O.P.E., distributed pamphlets during the demonstration which included information on DACA and tips on different actions people can take.

Various other groups around campus, including the Office of Multicultural Affairs and multicultural Greek houses, were involved in the demonstration.

“We just want to stress the unification on our campus and stress that now is a

time that we all need to get involved and be active in our political processes and active in what is going to happen next,” Villalpando said. “We want to advocate and make sure that people know how to contact their senators and they know how to have their voices heard.”

Diana Olmos, a student at UI, said she wanted to participate to support individuals who could have their privileges provoked.

“There are people that have been contributing to our economy, to our country and they have done nothing wrong. They were just brought here when they were young and I’m just fighting for what’s right,” Olmos said. “It’s definitely sad and it’s a cause that I want to support.”

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COMMUNITY

Looking local

Foodbank departure leaves void, DACA repeal lights a fire

Nishant Mohan
ARGONAUT

In the void left by Trinity Food Pantry, which closed in March, and a week after the DACA repeal announcement, members of the Moscow chapter of the League of Women Voters looked to mobilize their town to help.

In the group’s Thursday meeting, attendees voiced concerns that the role of the Trinity Baptist Church needed to be replaced and that families with little money for healthy food could benefit from better funding for free and reduced-price school lunches.

“Some parents don’t fill out the forms for their kids to get free lunches, and so they rack up a tab at the end of the year,” said Dolce Kersting, second vice president of the league and director of the Latah County Historical Society.

George Skandalos, co-owner of Moscow restaurants Maialina and Sangria Grille, said he thinks it is important that food not only be affordable, but healthy and nutritious. Skandalos and others discussed ideas like providing free cooking lessons and collecting leftover produce from the farmer’s market

to distribute.

“There’s so many man-hours in this town,” Kersting said. “I’m sure we can get people around town involved.”

Kersting said when it comes to taking over for the food bank, she hopes the town and the university can take action.

“I think it’s really easy to get involved in national politics, but tackling local issues takes a lot of time to get to know the issues,” Kersting said. “Especially if you see yourself as a transient. But you live in a community that affects you too.”

Skandalos echoed that sentiment, but for a less-local issue.

Since President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the repeal of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which allowed people who illegally immigrated to the U.S. as children to remain in the country, league members discussed practical options to help.

“Our state doesn’t have viable opposition. What can we do at the local level?” Skandalos said. “Writing our representatives won’t do anything. Let’s write our mayor or pressure city council.”

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An opportunity abroad

Education abroad fair gives students the opportunity to travel the world

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Resources from across campus and other locations gathered in the Idaho Commons Wednesday to inspire students to study abroad.

Education and resource tables with information regarding different study abroad opportunities filled the Commons Clearwater-Whitewater Rooms.

"A couple reasons I urge students to study abroad are, one, there is no better way to increase your understanding of other cultures, and two, traveling abroad helps you push yourself out of your own comfort zone enabling you to grow as a person," said Kate Wray Chettri, director of the Study Abroad and Exchange Programs. "Fifteen percent of all University of Idaho graduates study abroad. This year alone we have 368 students studying abroad in other countries."

At the study abroad fair, campus resources passed out flyers and free gear to promote students to take advantage of their programs.

"We all want to help students become more cultured and experienced," said Colleen Doderio, a representor for University Studies Abroad Consortium, a non-profit organization designed to help students achieve their study abroad goals.

Rachel Otto, career development liaison for UI Career Services said multicultural experiences are becoming an important asset for students pursuing jobs after college.

"Multi-cultural experiences are becoming a need-to-have skill that future employers look for on graduate resumes," Otto said. "We want to encourage as many students as possible to take advantage of these programs."

Other programs besides study abroad organizations presented themselves at the fair including the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action and the Peace Corps. These programs urged students to travel abroad



Alexandra Stutzman | Argonaut

Dr. Hexian Xue, South China University of Technology Co-Director, and Yongye Xue discuss different study abroad opportunities in China at 10 a.m. during the Education Abroad Fair in the Idaho Commons.

and experience community service and volunteering in other countries.

"We introduce and engage our volunteers with different cultures," said Anna Rose Qualls, Alternative Service Break Coordinator for the Volunteer Center. "They get to experience working alongside international people and preform meaningful services. We think of it as establishing an international connection between cultures we want to lend a hand."

University of Idaho's President Chuck Staben made an appearance at the fair to show his support for the study abroad programs.

"Studying abroad can be an incredibly

important resource," Staben said. "I didn't take advantage of this program when I was young but I wish I had."

The university holds the abroad fair each semester. Chretti said this is to ensure students are aware of the resources UI supplies to those studying abroad.

Students from all across campus flocked to the fair to check out the resources and opportunities.

"I studied abroad in my sophomore year," said Alyssa Peterson, program advisor for the Martin Institute, Program in International Studies. "I came back with a broader understanding of other cultures. You stop

thinking of different cultures as alienated communities and start thinking of them as people, and more importantly, equals who you can learn from."

Dr. Lori Celaya, assistant professor of international language studies, said students who immerse themselves in the study abroad experience come in contact with other cultures and return a changed person.

"When you study abroad you are investing in a lifetime experience," Celaya said.

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IMMIGRATION RALLY



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Freshman Paola Chavez, Andrea Lopez, and Janet Dominguez sit and listen to speakers during the Defend DACA Rally Sunday afternoon at East City Park.

IMMIGRANTS

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“It was one of the darkest and most horrible things that humans have done in our history,” Carrillo said. “The presentation of people only having capitalistic worth, not only leads to exploitation, but ignores their humanity.”

Carrillo said he acknowledges that economic benefit will be discussed in some form when talking about supporting DACA recipients to Congress. However, he said as undocumented immigrants and allies internalize and believe the economic benefit narrative, the rest of the community is left behind.

In terms of assimilation, he said the typical media portrayal shows DACA recipients as educated, English speakers striving to do something prestigious, like become a lawyer or join the military.

“American in every way, except on paper,” Carrillo said. “Talk like us, work like us and look like us and only then do you deserve to be here is the message that we’re pushing when we talk about assimilation.”

Carrillo said this is not the message people should send to the undocumented community, noting that if someone doesn’t want to go to college or speak perfect English, they still deserve to be in America.

“What about those who dream of being musicians or painters,” Carrillo said. “What

about those who dream of simply having a family and working a stable job? What about those who will never fit into this box of the perfect immigrant?”

Carrillo said reinforcing the DACA narrative causes harm within recipients and the young, undocumented community. He said while undocumented parents and community members are criminalized, the spotlight remains on DACA recipients, reinstating the theme which was portrayed throughout the rally — that all undocumented immigrants matter.

“They deserve to be here just as much as the DACA recipients do,” Carrillo said. “No human being deserves to be detained and deported.”

Following Carrillo’s speech, Faunce said it is important to be allies to the Moscow community during trying times and to uphold dialogue about undocumented immigrants.

“We need to keep fighting and we need to keep fighting not just for DACA holders, even though this is the Trump Administration’s decision to resend DACA was kind of like the call to action, to push fighting for the whole undocumented community,” Faunce said. “We need to keep fighting for systematic immigration reform led by the undocumented community.”

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The forum serves as a reminder of the prevalence of sexual and interpersonal violence, McLarnan, who hosts the forum, said.

McLarnan said the safety forum will decorate the Katy Benoit memorial bench, located outside the Admin building, by asking people to place pebbles into a vase if they know someone affected by interpersonal violence.

MillerMacPhee said the Women’s Center hopes the event will raise awareness about the issue in the Moscow and

UI community and educate students about survivor resources. While violence is perpetrated during the day, she said the event’s purpose is symbolic in nature.

“It’s really symbolic to taking back our spaces, our streets, our workplaces, our homes and not tolerating violence in those places,” MillerMacPhee said.

She encourages students to utilize the various resources for survivors, confidential or not.

Confidential resources include Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, the UI Counseling and Testing Center, the Ombuds Office and Gritman Medical

Center. Non-confidential resources, which commence investigatory proceedings, include the Dean of Students’ Vandal Care report system, the UI’s campus division of Moscow Police Officers and the Office of Civil Rights Investigation.

The Women’s Center received a federal grant through the Department of Justice for the Office of Violence Against Women September 2016, MillerMacPhee said. The grant helps to expand campus violence prevention programs and improve response to violence for UI affiliates.

Their focus is to better serve LGBTQA, multicultural, Native American and interna-

tional students. They also hope to involve men in campus prevention programs, she said.

Women’s Center Social Media and Outreach Assistant and UI sophomore, Ramiro Vargas, said it was touching to see the campus come together at last years’ march. He said it’s important for men to educate themselves on the issue and to learn about ways to help.

“For me, being a feminist is being a decent person because you believe in equality,” Vargas said.

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DACA

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In protest of the Trump administration’s move, the student group Movimiento Activista Social (MAS) and other students protested for nearly 12 hours outside the UI Commons.

Denessy Rodriguez, a MAS leader, organized the protest and Carlos Vazquez, an ASUI Senator, were among the students who got the word out.

“We support the students’ effort to raise awareness,” Dean of Students Blaine Eckles said. “Students shouldn’t have to figure this out on their own.”

Eckles said the most important thing to do is to get informed quickly.

Eckles said to avoid assumptions, and noted the best place to go for information

and advice locally is to call, or walk in, to the UI College of Law Immigration Clinic.

“Most importantly, we want to make sure that anybody who can extend their protections does so immediately,” Evans said. “Finding those people is our priority.”

She said after that, she wants to make sure people know what their rights are.

Evans said the university cannot keep U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services off campus, but that levels of access vary between buildings. More information is available on the Dean of Students website.

University security officers do not check immigration papers or status.

Evans said if a student is stopped and asked for their name, identification or immigration status, they should ask if they are free to leave.

“The answer should be yes if they don’t have a reason to expect they’re breaking the law,” Evans said. “Providing information about place of birth or even your name can be reason to start an immigration investigation.”

Evans said people who have valid immigration status should carry proof and provide it when asked.

“If you don’t, you should think seriously about your right to remain silent,” Evans said. “Be respectful of law enforcement.”

Evans said they can answer questions and assist in filling out DACA renewal forms as well as paths to legal status in the country.

“It’s of course really, really scary when you don’t know if you’ll be able to continue going to school or having employment,” he said. “We want to make sure everyone is informed.”

The clinic holds drop-in hours every other Monday, starting Sept. 6 until Nov. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and can be reached by phone outside of those hours at 208-885-6541.

Evans said that as a law firm, all personal information someone might give them is held confidential.

The UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action will hold an information session on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. The Dean of Students’ office and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are also available for information and support.

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FOOTBALL



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Senior wide receiver Reuben Mwehla tackles a UNLV player during the game Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

Wrecked by the Rebels

Idaho drops a six-game win streak with a tough loss at home to UNLV

Marisa Lloyd
ARGONAUT

After a 28-6 win over the Sacramento State Hornets last Thursday, the Vandals could not keep a six-game winning streak alive.

Idaho lost 44-16 to the Rebels at the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino said he took full blame for the loss.

"It's my fault," Petrino said. "I didn't get this team ready enough to play."

In the first quarter of the game the Rebels were quick to get on the scoreboard thanks

to a one-yard touchdown run by UNLV quarterback Armani Rodgers. Rodgers later found himself face in the turf toward the end of the quarter on account of a sack from Idaho junior linebacker Tony Lashley.

As the second quarter rolled around, the Vandals offense struggled, going three and out. The kickers ended up running this quarter. UNLV's Evan Pantels and Idaho's redshirt freshman kicker Cade Coffey both scored the extra three points for their teams with 40-yard field goals. Idaho headed into the half the losing team, down 10-3.

The third quarter was a high scoring one for the Rebels. Right off the bat UNLV's Thomas Lexington scored a touchdown from a long 60-yard run following a good kick by Pantels to put the opponents up

17-3. The Rebels found themselves in the end zone once again after a 1-yard run by Lexington to extend the lead 24-3. UNLV managed to score again in the third quarter on another field goal.

The Vandals ended up scoring their first touchdown of the game with a 1-yard run by senior quarterback Matt Linehan. A good kick from Coffey brought the score to 27-10.

UNLV managed to score for the fourth time in the quarter on a 62-yard run by Lexington resulting in yet another Rebels touchdown, once again widening the score gap to 34-10.

In the fourth quarter Idaho looked for a comeback with an immediate touchdown from senior wide receiver Reuben Mwehla, with a failed extra point attempt from Coffey

to set the score at 34-16.

Shortly after, UNLV scored again with a 94-yard pass to Devonte Boyd who ran the ball into the end zone. The last scoring drive of the game came from the Rebels with a 27-yard field goal by Pentels to cap the game off 44-16. The Vandals may have lost a brutal fight but Petrino said he has plans to find and fix the obvious problems on the field.

"We got to come back next week," he said. "Go to work and find whatever it is."

"The next game is the first away game of the season for the Vandals at Western Michigan 7 p.m. Sept. 6.

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SOCCER

Oregon outlasts

Idaho soccer lost a tight contest to the Oregon ducks

Zack Ozuna
ARGONAUT

The Idaho soccer team failed to take-down Oregon Friday evening, losing the back-and-forth affair 1-0.

Idaho head coach Derek Pittman said in a news release despite the loss, he is still proud of the effort and play his team put on display in the matchup.

"Overall I thought our players stood tall and represented themselves well today," Pittman said. "Proud of our players and how we defended in the first half."

Oregon netted the lone-goal early in the second half. Prior to the goal, nothing was getting by junior goal keeper Makayla Presgrave.

Presgrave tallied five saves in the first-half alone, providing Idaho with multiple opportunities to take

a lead. Pittman said this is simply what he expects from his keeper in every matchup.

"(Presgrave) needs to be able to come up with four or five big saves for us," Pittman said. "Really proud of her effort, and because of that she kept us in the game the entire time."

Early on, Idaho managed to grind out minutes from its players. As the game progressed, Pittman decided to rest those who played most of the first half.

"We wanted to make sure we had fresh legs," Pittman said. "I thought Brooke Sosa and Summer Kaneshiro gave us a great opportunity."

The Vandals come back to their home turf for the next matchup. The team will square-off with Memphis 6 p.m Friday at the Kibbie Dome.

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COMMENTARY

Missing the momentum

Idaho suffers a loss at the hands of a UNLV team that outdid them in every way

What started as an exciting Saturday night in the Kibbie Dome quickly became a lifeless game in a lifeless stadium. Following a mediocre win over Sacramento State, promises were made of a stronger team coming into UNLV, promises of a team that learned from its mistakes and would only continue to get better with each game.

In week one fans saw an offense that could get the job done and a defense that could hold the opponents. Naturally, it was expected that a faster, more efficient offense would hit the turf with help from the same defense that kept the Hornets out of the end zone.

The only team on the field with a defense capable of slowing any plays and an offense capable of moving the ball was that of the Rebels. It took the opponents seven minutes to put the first points up on the board and grab the lead. Seven points is not much of a deficit, but the Vandals looked like a team that didn't know how to come from behind even when "behind" was

only a single score.

But it wasn't due to lack of opportunity. Idaho had numerous chances to get the ball in the end zone and stay in the game but opportunities were repeatedly allowed to slip away. Late in the second quarter junior linebacker Ed Hall intercepts UNLV's Armani Rogers at the Idaho 20-yard line. Idaho was down 10-3 and had the chance to build some momentum and even the score before heading in to the half. Instead of taking what seemed to be a wide-open opportunity to make the game, senior quarterback Matt Linehan failed to convert on third down with a pass attempt that nearly ends in another interception.

Idaho's chance and the subsequent momentum was gone.

Every time the UNLV offense took the field, it seemed as if it was a pin slowly poking away at an Idaho balloon. Each time UNLV running back Lexington Thomas broke tackles and ran the length of the field to score, Idaho deflated. Each time Linehan was intercepted, the team deflated until all that was left was an empty Kibbie Dome and a Vandal squad merely trying to survive.

Several Vandals rose above to stand out despite an abysmal final score.



Meredith Spelbring
ARGONAUT

Senior wide receiver Jacob Sannon finished the night with a career high 11 catches and 109 yards, his first 100-yard game. On defense, Hall also had a solid performance with 13 tackles and his first career interception.

Their standout performances weren't enough against the Rebels, but it is still early. Sannon and Hall improved from game one. Idaho proved the first week the defense is capable of holding its own and the offense can make the plays necessary to get the win. That same team may not have come prepared to take on a potentially underrated UNLV team, but an early season loss is just that an early season loss. Summer kinks are still being smoothed out and the team still has an entire season ahead to fill the gaps made apparent after week two.

Last year no one expected anything more than a 44-16 defeat from the Vandals, in fact it was the norm. Last season was all about defying expectations and a 9-4 season certainly did just that. A tough loss to UNLV may have lowered the bar once again, but it just brings more motivation to the table for the Vandals to do what they have done best — raise the bar once again.

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CYCLING

Idaho honors Kristen Armstrong

Part of Paradise Path is dedicated to Olympic gold medalist and UI graduate Kristin Armstrong

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Kristin Armstrong graduated from the University of Idaho 22 years ago but her legacy will last forever following the dedication of a part of Paradise Path. The dedication ceremony was held in her honor before the football game with remarks from University of Idaho President Chuck Staben, Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert and Armstrong herself.

Armstrong became a University of Idaho graduate from the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences in 1995. Armstrong pursued a career in sports medicine after graduation but found success as an athlete herself. She claimed her first gold medal in the cycling time trial at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and again at the 2012 London Olympics. Armstrong spent a brief period of time in retirement before returning to take one last shot at the 2016 Rio Olympics where she claimed her third gold medal.

Staben opened the dedication ceremony with praise for Armstrong and her accomplishments both as an athlete and as a member of the Vandal family.

Staben said in the ceremony her decision to further push herself and represent team USA and the University of Idaho captures the Vandal spirit.

“Obviously she didn’t have to,” Staben said of Armstrong’s choice to come out of retirement. “She had her legacy of gold medal excellency already and she had personal and professional commitments here in Idaho, but she wanted to push herself farther for just one more challenge. That’s the spirit we have as Vandals, and that I want us as a university to continue to nurture.”

Armstrong said she did not go back for another medal or another dedication, yet



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Olympic gold medalist Kristen Armstrong speaks during the bike path dedication in her honor.

the dedication of Paradise Path holds more significance in her life.

“I am always used to having things named after people who are not around anymore,” she said. “They are not actually around to enjoy the spirit of what dedications mean. I’ve had a couple dedications down in the Treasure Valley presented to me over the last years in my career, and to have one up in northern Idaho is quite inspirational.”

She said she recalled her time as a Vandal with nothing but fond memories, even recognizing that those who knew her then may never have expected to see her name on an Idaho plaque.

The ceremony ended on an inspirational note from the Olympian. Armstrong said it is important to always believe in yourself and work for what you want.

“I didn’t come here to be an athlete,” she

said. “I was an athlete all my life, I tried to be an athlete here, I didn’t enjoy it any longer. I got into intramurals, and I graduated and got a normal job. And what I want people to know is that no matter what you believe in doing, no matter what you think you’re going to be doing you just don’t know. But with strong character you can become anything you want.”

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Idaho swim and dive makes a splash at Swim Across America

The Idaho swim and dive squad headed to Seattle over the weekend for the Swim Across America at Lake Washington. The Vandals contributed \$9,000 toward supporting immunotherapy clinical trials and cancer research at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Idaho brought home the College Cup for fundraising more than any of the other collegiate teams at the event. The team raised \$4,000 and received a \$5,000 match for winning the competition. This is the first year the team has won the cup.

Idaho head coach Mark Sowa said the Vandals are honored to take part in the annual event.

“This is an absolutely awesome event that we are honored to be a part of every

year,” Sowa said in a news release. “It is a chance for our athletes to use their athletic talents to help people who need it within our own community of the Northwest. So often we get caught up with wins and losses but today everybody wins. Swim Across America is an organization that keeps money local so our girls can really see the impact of what their two-mile journey actually accomplishes. We look forward to trying to raise even more money next year and defend our College Cup!”

Junior Aileen Pannecoucke finished third of the 480 participating women.

Men’s basketball releases 2017-2018 schedule

With the season right around the corner, Idaho men’s basketball released the 2017-2018 schedule on Friday. Idaho head coach Don Verlin said in a news release that the

schedule will challenge the team with several exciting matchups.

“Once again our non-conference schedule is very challenging with contests versus the defending champions from three conferences: UC Irvine from the Big West, CSU Bakersfield out of the WAC, and the MAC West Division Champs in Western Michigan,” Verlin said. “Also, being able to participate in the final Great Alaska Shootout is an honor for our program, and our first game up there is versus Santa Clara from the WCC. We also have a home matchup against Sam Houston State — who beat us last year at their place.”

The season will open with a home exhibition game against Lewis-Clark State Nov. 6 at Memorial Gym.

Highlights of the season include a home game against Sam Houston State on Nov. 13 before a trip to Alaska for the Great Alaska

Shootout Nov. 22-25.

Washington State heads to Idaho on Dec. 6 for the 113th installment of the Battle of the Palouse. Big Sky Conference play is set to start Dec. 29 at North Dakota State.

To see the complete schedule, head to www.govandals.com

Vandal cross-country prepares for Gonzaga

The Idaho cross-country squad prepares for a dual meet at Gonzaga for the second competition of the year. The Vandals have already faced the Gonzaga team in the Clash of the Inland Northwest where the women came out victorious led by junior Andrea Condie. The men prepare for a rematch after a loss to the Gonzaga team the first time around.

The Gonzaga/Idaho Dual starts Saturday Sept. 16 in Spokane.

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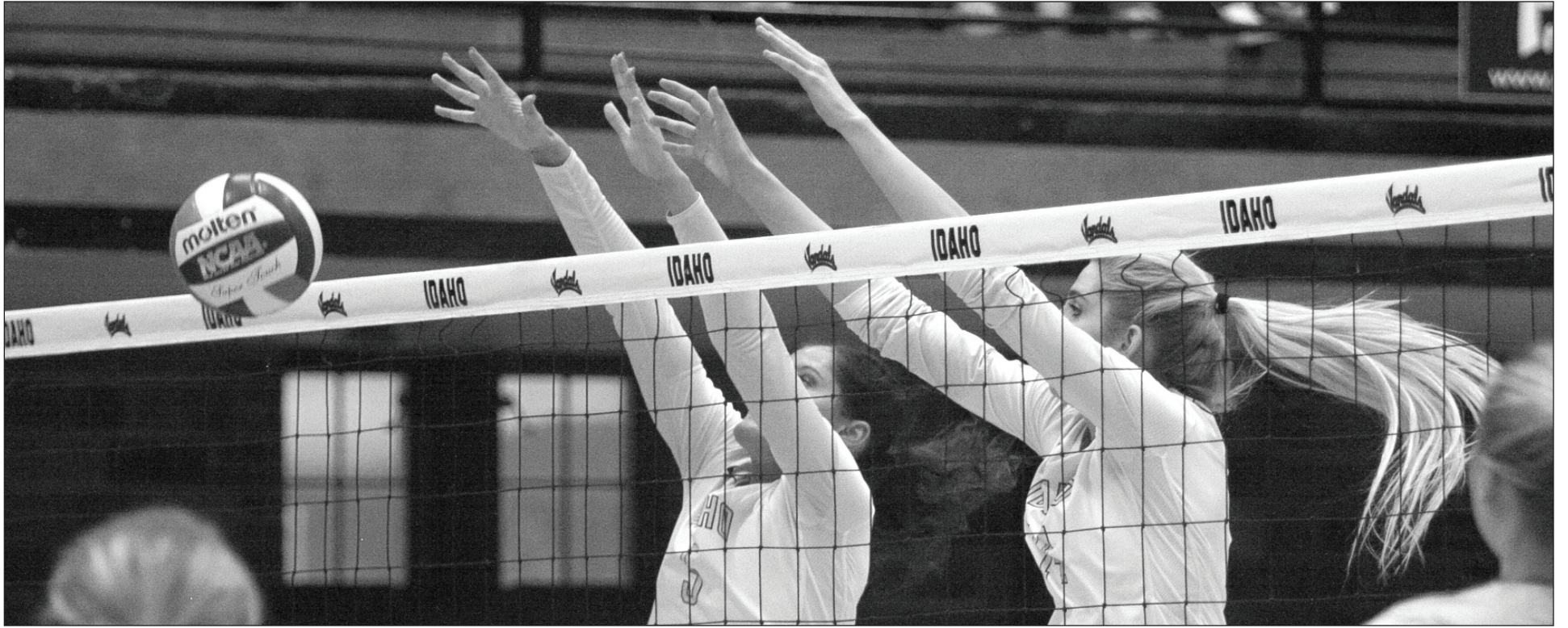
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VOLLEYBALL



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Junior setter Haylee Mathis and junior middle blocker DeVonne Ryter block the ball during a game last season against Montana State in the Memorial Gym.

Vandals dominate GCU Tournament

Idaho sweeps three games and takes home the GCU Tournament title

Colton Clark
THE ARGONAUT

The Idaho volleyball team found its footing over the weekend, taking home three straight sweeps to take the title at the Grand Canyon University Tournament in Phoenix. Idaho (4-4) extended its winning streak to four, its best since 2015, after taking care of Gonzaga on Friday and defeating both Fordham and the host-team Saturday night.

Junior outside hitter Kaela Straw earned tournament MVP, as she led Idaho with 36 total kills, four per set, while hitting .430 over the weekend with only two errors.

Junior outside hitter Sarah Sharp and junior setter Haylee Mathis were both voted to the all-tournament team. Sharp ended the weekend with 33 kills and Mathis handed out 107 assists, averaging 11.89 per set.

Head coach Debbie Buchanan said in a news release she was pleased with the team's competition over the weekend and what she

saw from Straw.

"Kaela (Straw) had an incredible weekend," Buchanan said. "She was able to get a lot of touches on the block as well as contribute offensively. There is so many great things going on with this team right now. Everyone is contributing. It is not just one player."

In the first contest against Gonzaga, Idaho never allowed the Bulldogs to break the 20-point threshold, winning 25-12, 25-16 and 25-18 to take the match.

Sharp returned to the lineup, recording five kills in the first set. A season-best .625 hitting percentage in the set, and two large runs at 5-1 early in the set and 8-2 to close gave the Vandals a 1-0 lead. After Idaho dominated the second set, Gonzaga fought back in the third to force a closer contest. It was Sharp and Straw who combined for 11 kills in the set to put the Zags away.

Sharp and Straw finished the match both with match-highs at 12 kills.

The Vandals took on a 7-1 Fordham team to begin play on Saturday, but they

didn't trail once.

Idaho outhit the Rams .386 to .043 and committed six errors compared to 22 for Fordham over three dominating sets, 25-11, 25-16 and 25-15.

The Vandals would put on several runs throughout the contest. A 10-1 run midway through the first set was capped off by a late 5-1 run, led by Sharp and Straw's hitting.

After senior defensive specialist Klaree Hobart's third ace of the second set put Idaho up 15-10, Sharp and junior outside hitter Reece Carman led a 6-0 push to keep the Rams out of reach.

Idaho again looked dominant early in the third set, but a push by Fordham would give the Rams their only opportunity to take a lead at 6-5. Junior middle blocker DeVonne Ryter and Hobart both recorded aces late, leading to a 6-1 run. Ryter closed the match out with her career-high fourth ace of the match.

Sharp again led the Vandals in kills with nine, while Carman and Straw recorded eight each. Mathis again assisted on almost every kill, recording 34 of 38 and junior outside hitter Alycia Wodke had a team-high 11 digs.

To close out the tournament, Idaho took care of host Grand Canyon in a 25-19, 25-15 and 25-20 sweep. In the closest contest of the weekend, the Vandals and Lopes traded leads in the first set, but a strong .356 attacking percentage by Idaho and a string of errors by Grand Canyon helped decide the match.

A kill from Mathis broke an 11-11 tie midway through the first and a Straw kill to cap a 6-2 ending run would be the exclamation point.

GCU opened the third set on a 5-0 run, forcing the Vandals to take an early timeout. After a 5-1 run from Idaho cut the lead to 11-9. Carman, Sharp and Straw would contribute several consecutive points, eventually edging out the Lopes on a 3-0 ending run.

Straw led Idaho in kills against the Lopes, knocking down 16. Sharp contributed 12 and Mathis assisted on 36 points.

The Vandals look to claim their fourth consecutive sweep, a mark which has not been done since 2014, in the Santa Clara Tournament Sept. 15 in Santa Clara.

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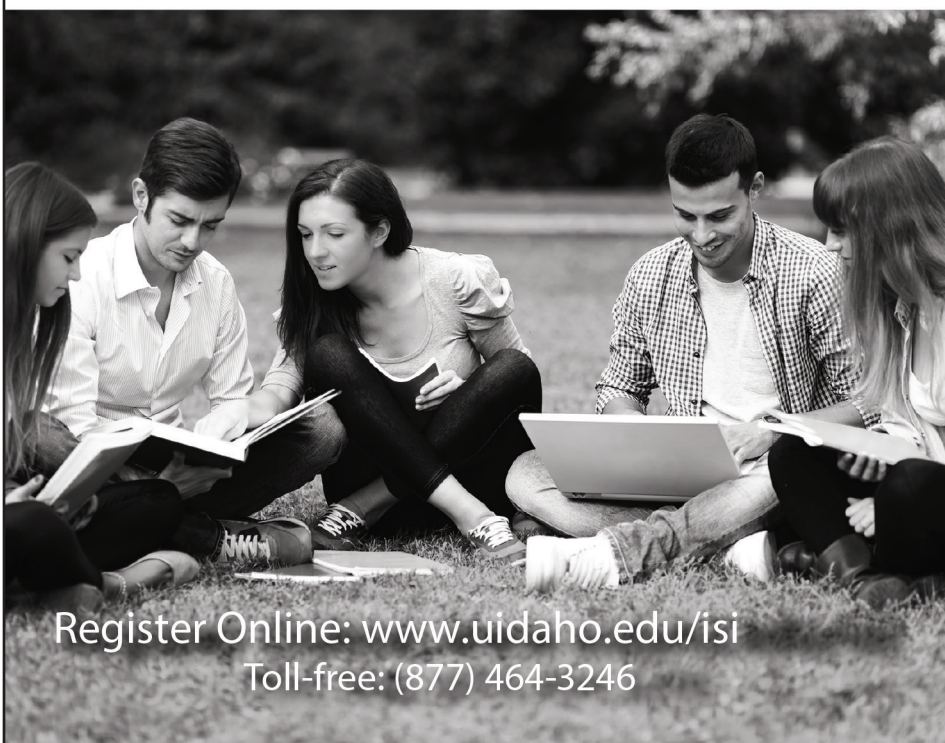
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OPINION

Too much hype

College football
Heisman watch

College football is finally among us and with that comes the annual search for the next Heisman trophy winner. The UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen will not be the winner come December.

Rosen is the top candidate to watch according to ESPN, but the early competition has been lackluster. Rosen lead a late fourth quarter comeback win against Texas A&M week one and a decisive win over Hawaii in week two. Texas A& ranked fourth in the nation last year in total passing yards allowed and Hawaii ranked outside the

top 100 in total defense, both according to ncaa.com.

Numbers do not lie, and Rosen has not faced any solid competition to have him be the top amongst the candidates. He will have to win in a tough PAC-12 conference and form a New Year's Six bowl berth to prove that he can be a Heisman finalist.



Chris Deremer

Every year, the hype of a player consumes college football fandom and fans latch on to the early favorites. Three Heisman winners in the past five years were not mentioned as preseason candidates. Rosen is a candidate who should be watched, but many other candidates are worthy of praise.

Last year's winner Lamar Jackson of Louisville has been almost perfect through his

first two games, yet people have yet to mention his name for a repeat. Oklahoma Sooner quarterback Baker Mayfield lead an 18-point victory over second ranked Ohio State on Saturday and could be another top contender for the 2017-2018 Heisman trophy.

The 2017 season is too early to pick a clear favorite for a Heisman winner, but the most important thing is to enjoy the ride. This year might end up as one of the tightest races amongst players that we have seen in a while, which proves talent of players has increased greatly. Cheer for the underdog, pick a dark horse, and enjoy the best of what college football has to offer.

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Staff Predictions



Mihaela Karst
ARGONAUT

WMU-35, Idaho-21
I think the Vandals will struggle to pick themselves up after last week's tough loss against the Rebels. The offense seems to be struggling lately, and I don't know how well that defense will hold up against Western Michigan.



Jonah Baker
ARGONAUT

WMU-35, Idaho-10
The Vandals continue to struggle to establish a consistent offense and the Broncos' potent attack out-classes Idaho.



Meredith Spellbring
ARGONAUT

WMU-41, Idaho-3
Any team that can hold their own against no. 4 UCLA and Michigan State will have no trouble handling the Vandals on their own turf. Idaho struggled to get in the end zone against a mediocre UNLV team and will face the same challenges in Michigan.



Colton Clark
ARGONAUT

WMU-49, Idaho-13
Don't let the 0-2 record fool you. Western Michigan is still a good football team despite losing several players and its head coach after its Cotton Bowl appearance last year. After two contested losses against the Broncos get in the win column.



Grayson Hughbanks
ARGONAUT

WMU-21, Idaho-7
Idaho lost a lot of momentum against UNLV and will not be able to recover it against a tough Western Michigan team.



Chris Deremer
ARGONAUT

WMU-31, Idaho-13
Western Michigan has given both USC and Michigan State a run for their money, making this a difficult game for the Vandals. If Idaho's offense can wake up there's a chance, but I don't see that happening this week. Broncos win.



Marisa Lloyd
ARGONAUT

WMU-31, Idaho-10
It's going to be another tough loss for the Vandals. I don't foresee our offense being able holding up against the broncos.



Zach Ozuna
ARGONAUT

WMU-56, Idaho-10
Last season's BCS bound Broncos will row their boat over the Vandals in a one-sided affair.



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SOCCER STAR



Freshman midfielder Hadley Sbrega takes the ball down field during the game against Boise State Aug. 25 in the Kibbie Dome.

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OPINION

NFL: Non-Functioning

The NFL is incapable of properly disciplining its players

The NFL is sometimes supposed to act as a watchdog entity for its players and dole out discipline when the situation deems such a thing necessary.

After multiple disciplinary faux pas, one must seriously consider if now the watcher needs a babysitter.

In two separate incidents this past week, the NFL's jurisdiction was brought into question when Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott and former New York Giants kicker Josh Brown were both handed a six-game suspension.

Elliott was originally suspended for six games by the NFL for violating the NFL's conduct policy and allegedly inflicting physical harm to an ex-girlfriend in June 2016. According to a Washington Post report, Elliott was granted a restraining order from the suspension by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant III in Texas, effectively negating the suspension until further legal action finds Elliott definitively guilty or innocent.

Brown also received a six-game suspension as an addendum to the one game suspension he served last season for physically abusing his wife at the time. Per a New York Times report, Brown was arrested for the crime in May of 2015, and despite knowledge of an ongoing investigation the Giants signed Brown to a two-year contract in April of 2016. Once evidence began to mount against Brown in his own case (including multiple admissions of guilt), the NFL opted to administer a slap on the wrist and suspend Brown for one game.



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Upon reevaluating the circumstances of Brown's transgression, the NFL decided to add a further six-game suspension to Brown's punishment, who was cut by the Giants after playing in only five games.

In both of these cases, the NFL appears fickle in their discipline and unconvinced in their own decisions. There is evidence both for and against Elliott's innocence, but the only real truth revealed in the subsequent investigation is that the NFL is downright

inept when it comes to investigations.

Even prior to the blunders committed this week, the NFL has cemented a reputation as an organization unable to properly discipline those who break its rules. Ray Rice undisputedly battered his wife on camera to the brink of unconsciousness and the NFL dragged its feet through a lackluster investigation that initially produced only a two-game suspension.

The Deflategate saga dragged out for upwards of a year before Tom Brady served a four-game suspension that stood on indefensibly shaky ground. There are quite simply too many incidents in which the NFL conducted more of a witch hunt than an investigation that led to a ruling that brought about more confusion than was present before the investigation started.

This has to change if the league is to maintain its integrity.

To clarify, Elliott's case of possible battery deserves to be investigated. Josh Brown's actions definitely deserve punishment, and the NFL was right to pursue investiga-

tions into the players. However, if the NFL is going to be responsible for handing out its own discipline and interpreting its own rules, there must be some semblance of accountability and effective action. Suspensions should be properly doled out the first time, and the players have no reason to believe that their employer is capable of accomplishing such a task.

The NFL's inability to investigate its players properly and punish them accordingly indicates a dire need for a third party that can take care of this issue. The players deserve fair investigation and a consistent system of punishment.

Understanding that the NFL is a profit-crazed enterprise, additional expenses funding third-party investigations will be an incredibly difficult sell to the owners. But, if those owners want to maintain a league that does not actively destroy its own credibility, the power to investigate and discipline players must be handled out of house.

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THEATER



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Women's voices take the stage

Staged reading to support endowment for UI playwriting students

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The University of Idaho Theatre Arts Department is presenting a staged reading of Micki Panttaja's "Conversations of My Mothers" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Hartung Theater.

"Conversations of My Mothers" is about the life of a Swedish immigrant and her descendants during the 1890s. Ariana Burns, stage manager for the production, said the play is a generational story of women and their experiences living in America.

Troy Sprenke, the play's director, said the play isn't easy but it has a lot of depth and is a worthwhile theatrical experience.

According to the Theatre Department's webpage, "Conversations of My Mothers" won the distinguished Jane Chambers Playwriting Award in 1987. This award recognizes plays written by women that present a feminist perspective and contain significant opportunities for female performers.

The event is a fundraiser for the Micki Panttaja Playwriting Scholarship Endowment and will support the work of an undergraduate or graduate student studying playwriting at UI. According to the Theatre Department, the endowment needs an additional \$13,950 to reach its funding goal of \$25,000.

Burns said the fundraiser is a collaboration of current and former UI theater department members, some who were close friends with Panttaja. The six-person cast is made up of UI alumnae, faculty and a current student.

There is no cost for admission, but seating is limited to 417 people, so tickets

are required. Tickets are available at Book-People of Moscow, at Shoup Hall in room 201 or at the door. Donations will be accepted at the event and can also be made online on the UI website.

Panttaja was the first Moscow city arts coordinator and served as the executive director of Festival Dance and Performing Arts, according to the Theatre Department webpage. She also worked for the Theatre Department and the College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences at UI for many years, but died in May 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

"She had a luminous spirit," Sprenke said. "She had an inventive mind, and she was always exploring her craft."

Sprenke said Panttaja was a very good mentor to a lot of students at UI. She said she wants people to attend the event to remind them the UI Theater Department is alive and well.

Burns said she is excited to not only

work with and experience Panttaja's writing through the theatrical process, but to share it with the community as well.

She said she hopes people are inspired to see the endowment fully funded and to continue Panttaja's influence on theater and the art of playwriting as well as her focus on the individual.

"Micki guided and inspired others to hone crucial assets they now use wherever life takes them," Burns said.

Sprenke said the cast and crew are working really hard because they have a limited number of rehearsals since the production is so early in the semester.

"There's a lot of pressure on the gals to deliver, but it's coming along really well," Sprenke said. "They've been really dedicated."

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COMMUNITY

Music, food, animals and more at Latah County Fair

Latah County Fair kicks off Thursday, Sept. 14

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Walking into the Latah County Events Center, visitors are immediately greeted by a wall covered in vintage photographs and fliers promoting long-past fairs. One flier promises fair-goers "a thousand laughs," while another pronounces the Latah County Fair to be "a clean-cut, legitimate, fair-and-square deal." Though 106 years have passed since the first Latah County Fair, it seems the event hasn't strayed far from these original ideals.

Nowadays, the fair is a four day event, packed with 25 shows, 15 entertainment acts, and 10 different contests. The organizers are working with 75 different vendors, 15 of which will provide the vast array of fair foods that fair-goers have come to love.

The fair has no entrance fees for attendees or exhibitors, which places it among an ever-shrinking pool of free fairs across the country.

Fair-goers will be able to save their change for the multiple food booths and vendors, while enjoying top-notch entertainment and a fun weekend out in the community.

Moscow local Claire Wallace has been going to the fair since age 7. For Wallace, the best part of the fair has always been the sense of community.

"It's a great place to spend time with people," she said.

Wallace said she also enjoys the musical performances, which are scheduled to include Voodoo City Radio and Will Fontaine & the Vital Signs. In addition to the music, local students can look forward to the carnival rides, games and wide range of exhibitors.

Jim Logan, the Latah County Fairgrounds director, said he considers the food to be one of his favorite parts of the Latah County Fair alongside the wide range of animals being shown. This year more than 300 animals are expected to be shown at the fair, with everything from dogs and rabbits and chickens to sheep, pigs, goats and cattle.

A past 4-H and FFA participant himself, Logan said he remembers well the excitement of going to the fair each year. This is

Logan's second year as the fairgrounds director. He said he attended his first Latah County Fair as a UI student in 2002. At UI, he earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education and later a master's degree in public administration.

Logan encourages everyone to come be a part of this century-old Latah County tradition, inviting new UI students and long-time residents alike to "come out and enjoy four days of food and fun."

Logan cites a strong sense of community pride as one of the fair's greatest assets and the reason for its long-term success.

Since 1911 the Latah County Fair has brought the community together for a weekend of fun and celebration through music, food, games and friendly competition. Although Moscow has certainly changed in the century since, the fair still operates on the principles of sportsmanship, hard work and community fun that inspired its creation.

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More information

The fair will take place at the Latah County Fairgrounds in Moscow this week:
Sept. 14: 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
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For more information visit www.latahcountyfair.com
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LGBTQA



Attendees take notes on the basics of drag performance during Drag 101 Sunday, Sept. 10 at Safari Pearl in Downtown Moscow.

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Setting the stage

Sept. 10 Drag 101 class welcomes students to TabiKat Productions

Beth Hoots
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As 5:30 p.m. draws closer, the meeting room at Safari Pearl Comics begins to fill. The room is tucked in between shelves of comic books, costumes and board games, and many attendees stop to browse for a few minutes before taking their seats around the table for the fall semester Drag 101 class.

A table covered in shoes, wigs and other costume pieces sits at the front of the room, receiving many admiring glances from people walking in. The proud owner of the costumes is Aquasha DeLusty, a drag queen who has been with TabiKat Productions, the host of Drag 101, for 15 years.

"I knew it would fill up," DeLusty said, as the number of attendees grew beyond the tally expected from TabiKat's Facebook event.

At 5:30 p.m. sharp the door to the comic shop was locked — the first test for interested drag performers is being on time to Drag 101.

"It's like a job," DeLusty explained. "It's a really fun job, but you have to show up on time."

The majority of the attendees were college students, but TabiKat members are used to working with a younger crowd. TabiKat founder and Safari Pearl owner Kathy Sprague emphasized she wants her production company to be a positive experience for the local LGBTQA community.

"We know that the shows have an impact," Sprague said.

Her eyes filled with tears as she recalled the story of a young man who grew up in an oppressive household and "never dared to attend the drag shows."

She said the man had later written a letter to thank her for the community she helped build on the Palouse. Knowing the drag shows were there and the community existed had helped him to overcome suicidal thoughts

while closeted in high school, he wrote.

Sprague said she wants her production company to continue to build that invaluable community, starting with the newest Drag 101 attendees. She said healthful living and mutual support are cornerstones of TabiKat Productions, and all Sprague's performers are expected to give back to others as they find their places.

"Think about where this community has come from, and where it's going," Sprague said to the Drag 101 class. "Then think about how you're going to get us there."

In addition to supporting the LGBTQA community, Sprague said she expects upstanding citizenship out of her cast. Because they perform shows for all ages around the community, TabiKat performers are held to a specific standard.

"There are some drag scenes where performers will sabotage and steal from each other," Sprague said. "You don't get to perform with TabiKat if you do that sort of thing."

The supportive environment among the

performers was exemplified in the team present to help teach Drag 101. Even with the evening's focus on rules and guidelines, anecdotes and jokes kept the atmosphere light and the room full of laughter.

Though the vast majority of attendees had never performed in drag before, DeLusty said she expects that nearly everyone in attendance will try at least one show. DeLusty encouraged the group to start by working at a drag bingo event before jumping onstage. The all-ages bingo nights, coordinated by DeLusty, are held on the second Monday of each month at One World Cafe.

This month's drag bingo will take place Sept. 18. Cards will go on sale at 6:30 p.m. for \$1 each. The next TabiKat drag performance is Sept. 23 at the 1912 Center in downtown Moscow. Tickets are available in advance for \$7 at Safari Pearl, or for \$8 when the doors open at 9 p.m.

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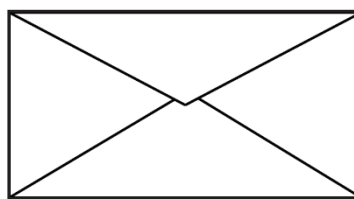
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OUR VIEW

Safety in numbers

Campus Safety week provides education and community for Vandals

The University of Idaho is a fairly small and close-knit community. It often seems that the town's relatively quiet demeanor insinuates nothing bad ever happens.

That couldn't be farther from the truth. Just as so many great things happen on campus daily, there are inevitably unsafe events that go unseen and environments that don't entirely promote safety.

When a large group of young adults growing and learning how to be themselves is placed into one campus, not everything is going to be completely safe.

There are bad relationships. There are weeks too stressful to cope with. There are parties that get just a little too crazy. This is all bound to happen, but there are ways to learn about preventing the negative outcomes that sometimes occur.

This is why UI's annual promotion of Safety Week began Monday, marking the

week's sixth year on campus.

This year's theme, the "I Got Your Back" campaign, promotes the importance of helping other Vandals. Physical safety and mental health are two of the event's key components.

UI students will have the opportunity to engage in events like Take Back the Night, a rally that promotes violence awareness, and the We Got Your Back 5K, a run or walk that encourages suicide awareness. The 5K takes place 6 p.m. Tuesday and the rally will begin Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Campus Safety Week originated after the first anniversary of Katy Benoit's death. Benoit was shot and killed by a UI professor after their personal relationship became dangerous in 2011. Her life is memorialized on an Administration Lawn bench all year and her story is remembered during the Take Back the Night rally through the Katy Benoit Safety Forum.

Students and community members can also take part in the LGBTQA Brown Bag Series: "Bias, Title IX & the Current Climate," suicide prevention training and other various activities and seminars throughout the week.

The "I Got Your Back" theme should

resonate with students this year. In a quickly changing and often precarious political and social climate, there are so many stressors placed on people, especially college students.

As UI students, we have the ability to join together in a welcoming community and help fellow Vandals to stay safe and secure. Campus Safety week is the time to learn about ways to help and give those struggling with their well-being a chance to seek help.

Though the week is a great introductory course for students easing into the new school year, it is important to remember that there are opportunities to learn about health and safety throughout the entire year. Many spots on campus such as the Women's Center, the LGBTQA Office, the Student Health Center, the Counseling and Testing Center and the many faculty safe zones all provide important safety and health resources for students.

Campus Safety week may just be another week for Moscow's quiet community, but it can become so much more with participation and a willingness to learn about the things that all too often go unnoticed.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Q: What's your favorite self-care activity?

Chill out

When I feel the most stress, I like to take the time to cook a homemade meal and watch an episode of "Gilmore Girls" or crack open a new novel — even if it's for just an hour.

- Hailey

Namaste

During times when I get too overwhelmed, my favorite self-care activity is practicing yoga. It always helps clear my mind while also keeping me active.

- Savannah

Treat yourself

A bowl of ice cream and an episode of "Friends" can go a long way when it comes to preserving some mental sanity on a tough day.

- Meredith

Health first

Many of life's problems are magnified by a lack of sleep, unhealthy food and water. Before getting too deep into the depressive cycle, make sure your brain has the resources necessary to deal with everything.

- Nina

The bed beacons

During a stressful day, I lay in bed and just close my eyes and put headphones in and listen to music.

- Grayson

Oh the places you'll go

When the world is just a little too much, I like to hide away in my room with a new novel and lose myself for a little while.

- Mihaela

Saddling up

A nice bike ride, perhaps with some music, never fails to soothe my nerves.

- Kyle

Just breathe

I enjoy binge watching some "Friends" for a few hours, relaxing in bed and just forgetting about the world.

- Lindsay

A few of my favorite things

A good book and my favorite Bath & Body Works candle always seems to turn my day around no matter what.

- Tea

Aztec

Much like King Montezuma, I enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate late at night. Bonus points if it has little marshmallows in it.

- Griffen

Aint nothing like a gold bear

Nothing beats watching a good movie and munching on Gold Bears (not Gummy Bears).

- Max

Ascend it

Rock climbing is the perfect break from anything. The reward of conquering a challenge is bliss.

- Andrew

Dance party for one

Dancing around my room like an idiot to my favorite songs never fails to put me in a good mood and forget about all my stress.

- Joleen



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The evidence is in the air

Recent wildfires should prompt thought and discussion on environmentalism

For a large portion of the western United States, the last several weeks have been filled with smoky skies and worry.

Over the last several years, I have yet to see the Pacific Northwest enter the fall season without even the slightest haze in the sky.

Many people know all too well the Smokey the Bear signs placed in bulk alongside the roads that cut through forests and fields. And as the year moves from early spring to late summer, Smokey the Bear's arrow moves from a lush green color to fiery red.

Just when we think the smoke has dissipated and the fires have been put to sleep, another man-made or naturally occurring fire sparks again. But eventually, when fall finally appears, the smoke actually does clear, giving us another six months before we must begin worrying again.

This, however, is the root of the problem. The problem is apathy. The problem is not giving much thought to the implications and driving components of wildfires, and then completely forgetting about those factors for those worry-free months of the year.

That problem needs put to rest. It would seem there is little the average person can do to eradicate wildfires other than adhering to Smokey the Bear's clearly marked rules — "be careful with fires, don't play with matches, always put out your campfire."

While these things all require action, the need for educated conversation and an

understanding of general environmentalism is one of the greatest ways to prevent the further spread of unintended wildfires and environmental damage.

According to a recent Atlantic article, "Has Climate Change Intensified 2017's Wildfires," this summer season was expected to be calm regarding fire damage. Last winter's heavy precipitation infiltrated the west, providing for irregularly wet soil and ending California's long-lasting drought.



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The article even quotes John Abatzoglou, a University of Idaho professor of geography who noted these last few fiery months could have been quashed by the wet winter but were instead prompted by an unexpected heat wave.

The dry heat over the last several months is what propelled wildfire season off to a blazing start.

But, according to a paper published last year by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), researchers found wildfire activity heightened in both frequency and duration by the mid-1980s — a time when researchers began actively analyzing climate change.

The same researchers in the AAAS article, "Warming and Earlier Spring Increase Western U.S. Forest Wildfire Activity," also found the area of forests burned in the PNW have increased by approximately 5,000 percent since the early 1970s.

The statistic is shocking, but it is one that should be fathomable with the help of educated conversation provided by people like the researchers who originally found that number.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, Idaho is currently reporting six large fires. From these fires, approximately 149,771

acres of Idaho land have burned, contributing to the 8,132,724 acres of land burned via wildfire from January 2017 to now.

This isn't to say all wildfires are directly linked to climate change. Some wildfires are in part due to the natural cycle of certain ecosystems, and others are completely propagated by human recklessness.

It can be difficult to fully understand the ins and outs of climate change and what exactly climate change can affect. There are countless studies and opinions out there that take countless stances — some derived from actual science and others not so much.

But the fact is, the evidence of our environment's state of turmoil is incredibly noticeable — just look outside. The haze that sweeps across the west this time every year is no coincidence — it is determined by many factors.

In the Atlantic article, Park Williams, a scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, notes climate models predict the western United States will warm by approximately another 38 degrees Fahrenheit in the next 50 years.

That time frame, which seems both short and lengthy, gives us all the time to make changes, but only when we communicate in an educated manner.

Action can be taken when it comes to attentively harnessing possible fire starters, and action can be taken when it comes to educating oneself on the topic of environmentalism.

The evidence is literally in the air — we can no longer stop ignoring the signs.

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Identity theft by association

Pinkwashing is a harmful process not many know about

Imagine being at a dinner party. All the attendees are close personal friends who know and understand the complexity of identity — they are people who can be trusted, even when discussing the most difficult aspects of one's specific identity.

There is one person, though, who nobody at the party has ever heard of. This person walks around sharing facts about each of the attendees with no regard for the truth. They claim to have been there through all the difficult spells each person has faced and even wear a T-shirt with everybody's names printed on it. That person is pinkwashing.

Now, hypotheticals aside, pinkwashing is an incredibly real and pressing concern for people of disenfranchised or at-risk demographics. While pinkwashing is not something many people agree with on a fundamental level, it is something that persists in everybody's lives, sometimes without their knowing.

Pinkwashing is the process of aligning with a cause or group, either to hide negative behavior previously exhibited toward that group, or to promote products and make a profit using that group as a promotional opportunity.

Common examples of this include the use of rainbow flags to attract LGBTQA folks to entities that don't necessarily support LGBTQA rights, or the placement of pink ribbons on certain products to market them to those concerned with breast cancer research.

Each year during the month of June, which happens to be LGBTQA pride month, compa-

nies that otherwise do nothing for or with the LGBTQA population produce an influx of advertisements featuring rainbow flags and other common imagery typically associated with queer folks.

To some, this flag toting might seem like a representation of solidarity, but in all reality, these companies are often trying to improve their public perception. Why else would they market to the LGBTQA population exclusively during pride month? It's too risky for them to align themselves with the LGBTQA movement throughout the rest of year. That might require those organizations to actually have queer peoples' best interest at heart.

By comparing the behavior of American Airlines and Virgin Airlines, a clearer picture of pinkwashing is formed.

Both airlines have, at one time or another, toted a rainbow flag and claimed to support LGBTQA rights, but their actions in the long term demonstrate where their priorities truly lie.

American Airlines has conducted ad campaigns featuring LGBTQA subject matter. They've sponsored pride events, they've continually aligned themselves with the movement through social media and they've provided travel resources for queer folks. They are generally behaving as an ally to the LGBTQA movement should.

Virgin Airlines on the other hand, capitalized on pride month with its marketing in 2017, while continuing to aid in the deportation of LGBTQA asylum-seekers. They provided flights to assist the government in deporting people who fled from their countries because it was too dangerous to live as an LGBTQA person. This is the epitome of pinkwashing.

Many respond to pinkwashing by noting, regardless of intent, at least the companies are increas-

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Claiming allyship with a certain movement cannot be limited by convenience, in fact, the areas where allyship is most inconvenient are where it is vital

ing representation. This is only partially true.

The increase of rainbow-clad marketing undoubtedly helps certain populations, but the positive effect of pinkwashing is overwhelmingly offset by its negative impact.

By representing certain movements or causes through advertising and marketing, companies invite themselves to be part of the conversation on those topics.

Unfortunately, though, many companies don't actively participate when the position could be detrimental to their public image. This not only dilutes the message of a movement, it also betrays the trust of populations that may otherwise already be at risk. Claiming allyship with a certain movement cannot be limited by convenience, in fact, the areas where allyship is most inconvenient are where it is vital.

Think back to that hypothetical dinner party. Imagine that same atmosphere, but this time without the pinkwashing person. Conversation flows better. Trust is more easily given and received. The snacks last longer. And, nobody at the party feels as if they've been the accessory to a scheme that never truly involved them.

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Hushing the rumor mill

Gossip is an unnecessary form of communication

People like to talk about other people. Unfortunately, most of the time it's not about good stuff. They like to disclose other people's hardships, because it's more fun than dealing with their own.

This has become an issue in the office, home and classroom environments.

At an academic institution, shouldn't people be talking about innovative ideas and debating meaningful topics? A university is a place to stretch one's mind and learn how to be a contributing member of society, not to spread rumors about one another.

Henry Thomas Buckle, a 19th century historian, is attributed with saying, "Men and women range themselves into three classes or orders of intelligence; you can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about (other) persons; the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things; the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas."

Did anyone ever change the world solely by talking with their colleagues about how much money their boss makes? World changers talk about ideas, then take action on those ideas.

Successful people are cheerleaders — they root for their others — they aren't gossipers and rumor starters. Encouragement is like oxygen, and where it is given, it is also received.

Dustin Wood, assistant professor of psychology at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, is the lead author of a study that found strong associations between positively judging others and how enthusiastic, happy, kind-hearted, courteous, emotionally stable and capable the person describes themselves and is described by others.

"Your perceptions of others reveal so much about your own personality," Wood said.

Wood went on to describe how seeing others positively reveals our own positive traits, while negative perceptions of others are linked to higher levels of narcissism and antisocial behavior. Seeing and speaking about the good in others is healthy.

When talking about someone who isn't present, speak as if they were in the room with you, this way, if they happened to randomly walk in, they would only hear appropriate wording.

It is better to talk negatively about someone directly to their face, then the conflict can be dealt with immediately and the plague of gossip won't spread. But, it's

even better to refrain from talking negatively about people completely.

Demeaning speech and rumors about other people don't have to be tolerated. Everyone has the ability to keep their friends and acquaintances accountable, and if the person blabbering won't listen to the rebuke, it's OK to walk away. A person spewing disrespectful chatter doesn't need an audience.

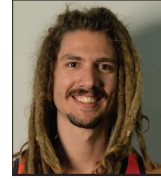
A little harsh? Maybe. But it's really important to examine the things we communicate, because when left unchecked, a word spoken in carelessness can have vast, unintended consequences.

Even when someone knows an incredible amount of detailed information about someone else, they don't have to share it. Sometimes it's better to say nothing.

The Greek philosopher Socrates is attributed to proposing the idea, "Is it true, is it kind, or is it necessary?" as a prerequisite to speaking about others. It's not always bad to talk about other people, but even if the things someone is talking about are true, are they kind or necessary?

Life is simpler without gossip. Let's talk about something else instead.

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