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A Bob's Place Thanksgiving

Dara Barney
Argonaut

The smell of turkey wafted through the air. Dishes clanked. The chatter of friends bounced off the walls. This wasn't Thanksgiving dinner at a relative's house — it was a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Bob's Place.

"The dinner was Tuesday night from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and people were already lined up at the door at 4:30," said Tina Deines, the marketing and recruiting coordinator for University of Idaho Housing.

UI Housing and Dining Services worked together to make this event special, Deines said.

"We aimed to make this an event students could enjoy," she said.

VIP food servers included Bruce Pitman, vice provost of student affairs, Tyrone Brooks, assistant vice president of auxiliary services, Ray Gasser, director of university housing, Dee Dee Kanikkeberg,

director of residence living, Cori Planagan, assistant director of residence life and Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center. "We wanted to send the students off to a wonderful break before finals," she said.

This event has been an annual tradition for UI, Deines said.

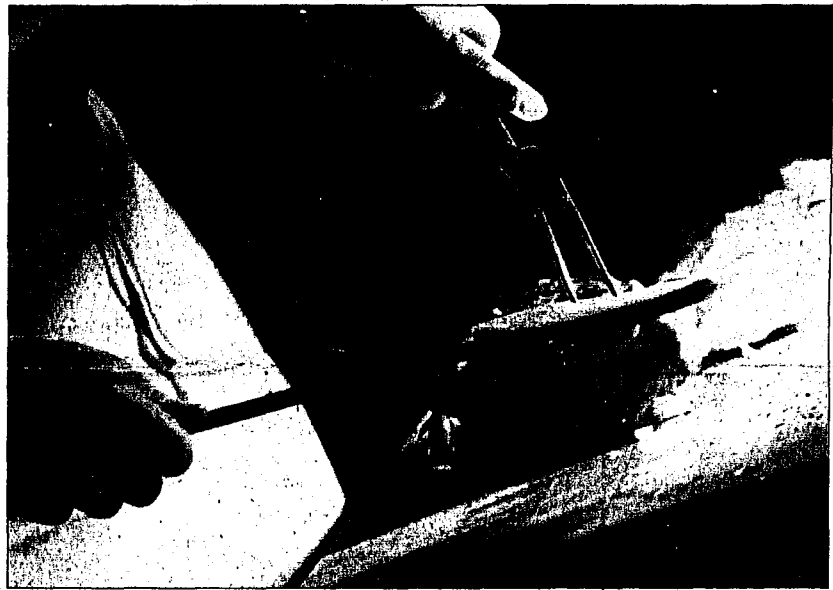
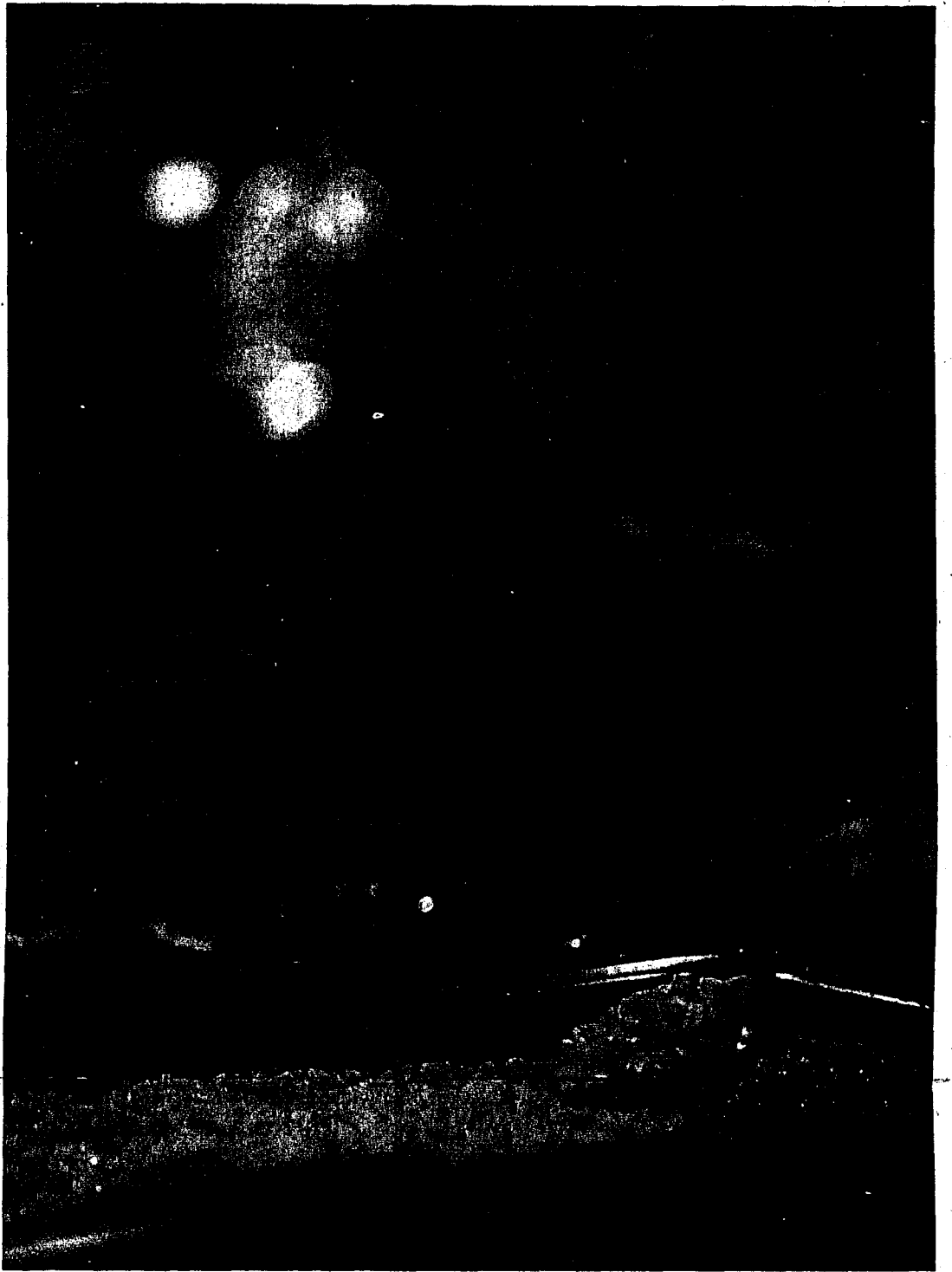
A large turkey ice sculpture, Thanksgiving decorations and a string quartet accompanied the food and VIP servers.

Students called friends to come and enjoy the dinner, said Nathaniel Prior, Campus Dining marketing director.

"Many other guests attended the event along with the residents, which was great," Deines said.

Deines said they wanted to make the cafeteria a little classier, with the ice sculpture, catered buffet, a string quartet and decorations.

"The food was delicious, and Bob's had a fun atmosphere," said Hannah Morshita, a sophomore in public relations.



Left: Campus Dining employee Andrew Schenerer slices off a piece of turkey for a student during the Bob's Place traditional Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday in the Wallace Residence Center. Right: Students fill their plates with an assortment of Thanksgiving food at the event.

Photos by Jake Barber/Argonaut

Provost's memo back in spotlight

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

Provost Doug Baker's Aug. 25 memo was again at issue Tuesday, as faculty senators debated a provision calling for departments with fewer than nine faculty members to be merged with other departments.

Various sections of the memo have drawn controversy since it was issued, but this was the first time the senate had discussed departmental consolidation. At earlier meetings, senators addressed proposals from the memo regarding centralization of faculty Y-accounts and consolidation of small course sections.

Baker, who was in Washington, D.C., during Tuesday's meeting, is expected to formally respond to faculty concerns soon.

Sen. Anne Marshall has opposed all of the provisions from the memo the senate has discussed, and department consolidation was no exception.

"I just see this as one of the worst of a really bad set of statements in this egregious memo," Marshall said.

Marshall said consolidation would be devastating for her college, Art and Architecture, which is among the smallest at the University of Idaho. She said Baker's proposal might end up eliminating departments

altogether in the college or leave department chairs in charge of disciplines they're unfamiliar with.

"After we've all fought with each other, we're going to have to deal with each other," Marshall said.

Sen. Patrick Wilson said the College of Natural Resources has been undergoing consolidation for years, and though he doesn't necessarily oppose the memo's merger rules, the process has been more trouble than anyone expected.

"We've had a long time and lot of trouble trying to solve this," Wilson said.

Faculty chair Jack Miller and other senators said they worry the proposal is too arbitrary. Miller analogized the cut-off at nine faculty members with rules from his training in tax law, saying it's designed to "create a bright line without having to think."

Sen. Jim Murphy agreed and said he questions the memo's stated goal of creating economies of scale.

"I wish someone could tell me what's magic about the number nine," Murphy said. "I'm not the sure about the economy of scale between nine and ten."

Miller suggested stepping back and approaching the problem — inefficient departments — from a different angle.

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ASUI finds some fresh faces

Fifteen percent of student body vote in elections

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

Nerves ran high Wednesday night as students mingled in the Idaho Commons rotunda, waiting to hear the results of this year's ASUI senatorial elections.

Twenty-six candidates ran for seven open seats in the ASUI senate. Capping a three-day voting period, 1,358 votes were cast by Wednesday at 5 p.m. The vote totaled about 15 percent of the undergraduates at the Moscow campus.

Lyndsey Vincent, a junior in architecture and interior design, was the top candidate in this year's election, tallying 31 percent of the votes.

"I am really excited and honored to be elected as a student senator," Vincent said. "It's been a great experience campaigning and getting

involved in the student body, so I'm really excited for the next year to come."

Vincent said she has a few projects in mind for the upcoming spring semester, but she also aims to focus on the needs of students at UI.

"I really want to hear the students out, hear their voices and work on what they think is important," Vincent said. "The things I was running on are things I am passionate about, but I also want to hear what the students have to say and get their voice heard."

Kelsi Vincent, a senior in journalism and mass media, took the second seat with 28 percent of the votes. Kelsi is Lyndsey's cousin. Katie Williams, a marketing student, came in third with 25 percent of the vote.

Incumbent senators Joe Black and Zachary Goytowski were re-elected, tying for fourth place with

each pulling in 341 votes.

"I'm really excited," Goytowski said. "It was a really intense election. It could have gone any way — there were a lot of really good candidates that all ran hard elections. I wasn't sure how it was going to go. There was no guarantee for anyone, really."

Goytowski said he thinks his reelection had something to do with the projects he has worked on this semester, but publicity and a good campaign won him his spot.

"I think a lot of the stuff that I have done has gotten my name out around the university," Goytowski said. "I definitely think it was really hard campaigning that got me my reelection. That's what it comes down to — really hard work and making sure people know who you are."

Black said while he has plans to put new university clubs and volunteer and leadership opportunities

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Steel House seeks permanent home

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

In a diverse living situation unique to the University of Idaho, the women of Steel House have endured multiple obstacles to keep their residence on campus.

In the spring of 2007, university officials closed the prior Steel House building because it was out of compliance with building codes.

Last fall, the women of Steel House signed a four-

year lease with the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

"The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity plans on making an effort to come back to Idaho, so we are trying to find a place to build a new building for Steel House," said Danielle Scott, Steel House president. "For now the university and advisers are just talking about it, but they plan on giving us four to five options eventually."

Del Hungerford, Steel House Alumni Board president, is working with

the university for future Steel House plans.

"Our lease expires in 2012 and we are in the process of planning for a building, but may have to move into another temporary home until the building project is complete," Hungerford said. "Everything is still in the infancy stages, but an architect out of Reno has offered his services to design our new building."

Currently, the Steel House can hold up to 30 women. They usually try

to keep the numbers of residents over 20.

"We try and publicize the Steel House through Vandal Friday and throughout the school year," Scott said.

The women of Steel House do most of their own cooking and household duties. There is no recruitment process for membership — anyone can sign up if there is not a waiting list.

"We always used to say

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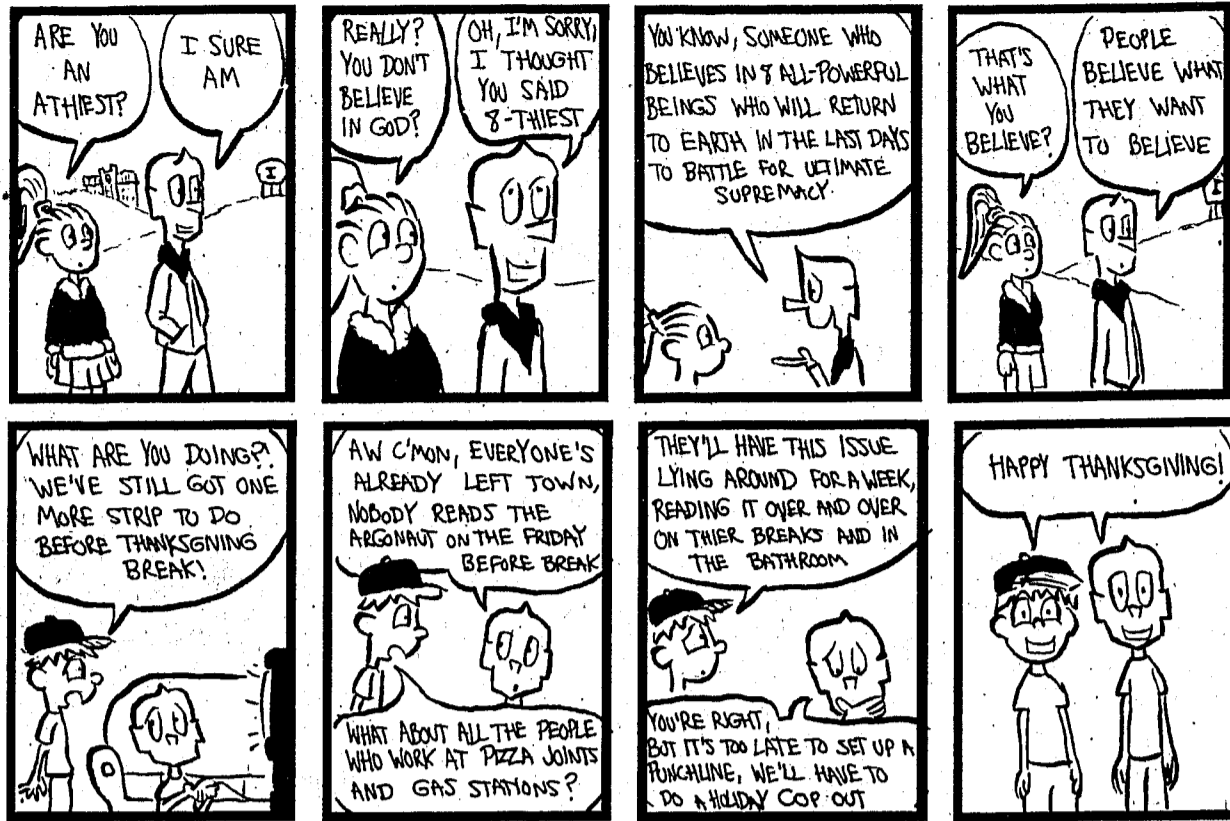
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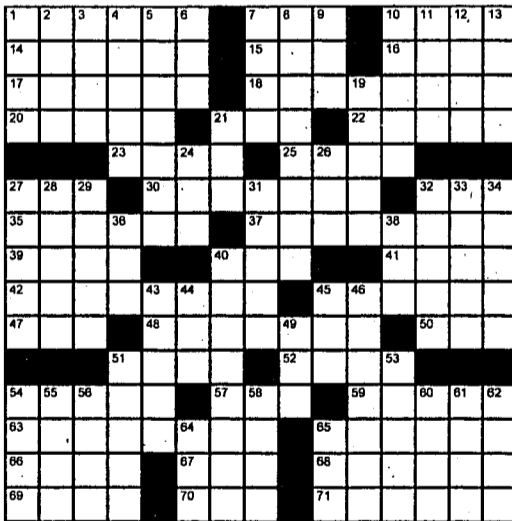
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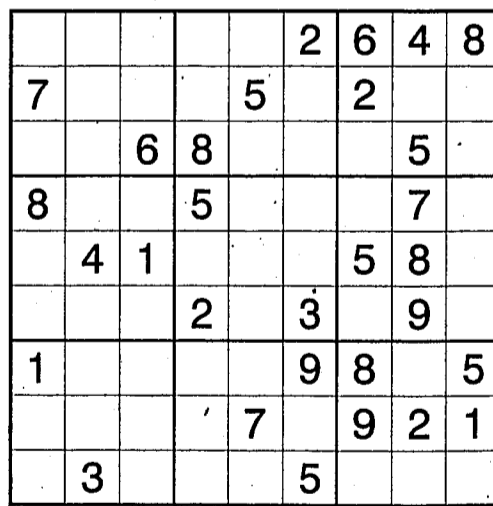
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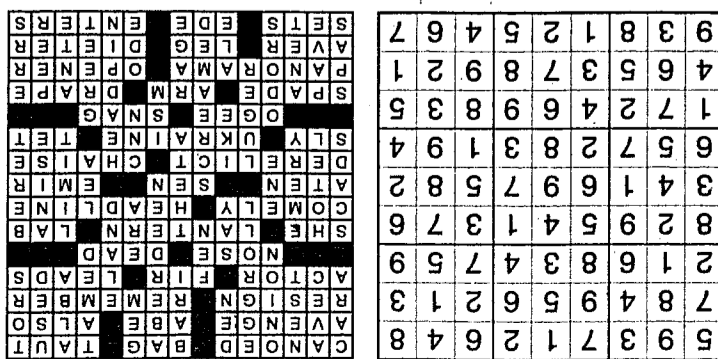
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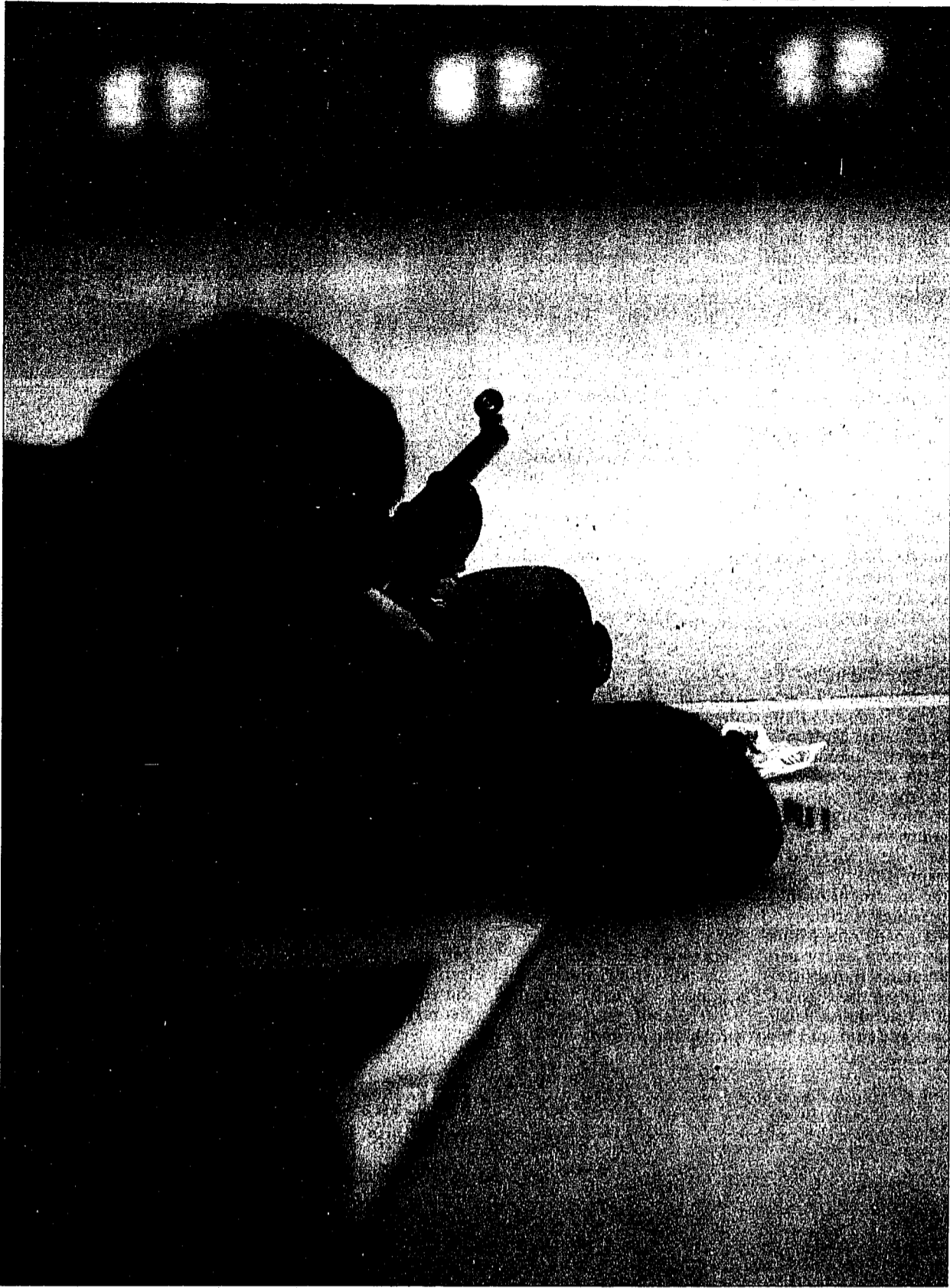
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Mechanical engineering student Travis Schwenne takes aim at a paper turkey target at the annual ROTC Turkey Shoot Thursday in the Memorial Gym shooting range. Jake Barber/Argonaut

Windows 7 here



Microsoft/Rebecca McAlpin/Courtesy Photo
Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer gives the keynote speech at the global launch of Microsoft's new Windows 7 operating system at Skylight NYC Oct. 22 in New York.

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

It's been a long time since a Microsoft operating system has received anything but tepid reviews. For years now, perceptions of Windows versions have oscillated between adequacy and fiasco, while retaining a dominant market position mostly by default.

That all may be changing, though. If the early reception is any indication, Windows 7, released in October, could represent the first time in two decades Microsoft has surpassed its competition.

Slate.com's technology writer, Farhad Manjoo, has asserted just that.

"It is arguably the fastest, most intuitive, and most useful consumer desktop OS on the market today," Manjoo said of Windows 7 in an online column.

With such lofty praise, University of Idaho students may wonder where they can get ahold of the software and for what price. The answers, according to Thomas Dalton of the UI Bookstore, are "on campus" and "\$10."

The OS version on offer, Windows 7 Ultimate, comes in 32- and 64-bit variations and includes enterprise-level features. Dalton called the price a steal while clarifying the software will allow students to upgrade from earlier

versions of Windows only.

Chuck Lanham, director of enterprise computing support, said students should be aware older computers may not be able to run the new operating system.

"In our estimation, if you have a computer that's older than three years old, you may not meet the minimum requirements," Lanham said.

To find out for sure, students can visit <http://www.support.uidaho.edu/faq/win7/>, which includes a link to Microsoft's upgrade advisor.

Students with under-equipped computers may be able to use the new OS in campus computer labs as soon as mid-2010. ITS will soon begin testing Windows 7 to see if upgrading university-wide would be appropriate.

"We are starting to test Windows 7 in the student computer labs. If that testing goes well it would be our intent to upgrade starting in the summer," Lanham said.

In the mean time, copies of Windows 7 are available at the main bookstore and the Commons bookstore.

"We have lots at the main store, so if I'm temporarily out, we have the ability to get more quickly," said Claudia Wohlfeil, operating coordinator for the Commons store.

Students rethinking plans about studying abroad

Michelle Smith
Associated Press

Economic reality and money problems may be cooling the enthusiasm of U.S. college students to study abroad, just two years after students' interest in foreign study was at an all-time high.

Four times as many students went abroad in the 2007-2008 academic year as 20 years ago, according to a survey of 985 schools released this week by the Institute of International Education, a nonprofit advocacy group.

But nearly 60 percent of the schools and study-abroad groups surveyed in early September by The Forum on Education Abroad report decreased enrollment from a year ago, since the global economic crisis.

Brown University in

Providence, which typically sends one-third of its junior class abroad, saw a 10 percent drop in such enrollment this fall compared with fall 2008, said Kendall Brostuen, director of the Office of International Programs and an associate dean.

"My sense is over the last year, there's probably been some very important dinner-table discussions about how to best go about using the resources that a family has," Brostuen said.

At Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., which typically sends more than 60 percent of its students abroad, study abroad enrollment this fall dropped 25 percent from the same time last year, said spokeswoman Amy Phenix.

Enrollment in abroad programs at the University of South Alabama fell dramatically this summer, possibly because students had to use

all their financial aid for the regular fall and spring semesters, said Jim Ellis, director of South Alabama's Office of International Education. For the academic year ending in summer 2009, enrollment in abroad programs dropped 50 percent.

"We're seeing an awful lot of students who are very interested in study abroad, but virtually every one of them is asking about funding," he said.

For generations of travel-hungry college students, the semester abroad has become a defining part of undergraduate life, in which students live immersed for months in a new culture and often return fluent in a second language and with an appreciation of life outside the United States.

But the economic decline is causing many students to rethink their plans.

Liz Weaver, 23, a law student at the University of Texas at Austin, is trying to decide whether to enroll in a London program next fall for more than \$21,000 for one semester, including tuition, room and board, compared with about \$18,000 for similar expenses at Texas for one semester. Then there's airfare and the higher-interest-rate loans she'd have to rely on to pay for the program, which would saddle her with even more debt.

"You have to wonder, is it really worth it?" she asked.

At many schools, students on abroad programs pay their usual college tuition and are responsible for additional costs, such as airfare and living expenses. At other schools, instead of paying to their college, students pay tuition, room and board directly to the program, which could range from \$3,000 to as

much as \$20,000 for a summer or semester.

A student at a public school, where in-state tuition is as low as a few thousand dollars a semester, may have to scrape up thousands more to attend a program in an expensive city such as London, for example. A student at an expensive private institution might actually save by going overseas, particularly to an inexpensive country.

The Forum on Education Abroad said 69 percent of its public institutions surveyed had seen drops in abroad enrollment, compared with 49 percent of private institutions.

Mark Lenhart, director of CET Academic Programs, a study abroad program that sends 1,000 students internationally every year, including 500 to China, said his programs often seem like a bargain to students who attend

private colleges. He said he's seen just a marginal drop in enrollment, possibly because programs to China tend to be more affordable.

David Lerner, a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says the potential debt is what's keeping him from going abroad. If he had gone to a less expensive state school, he might consider it.

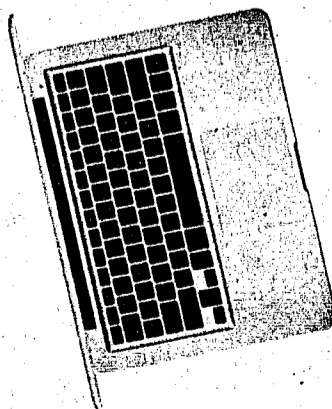
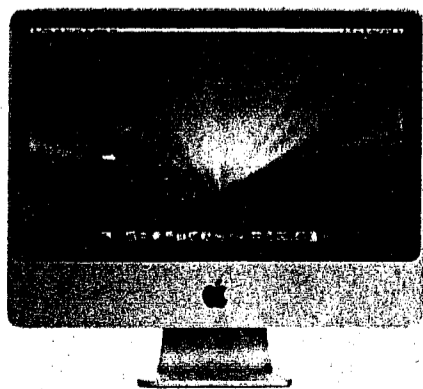
John Regnery, 19, a sophomore Japanese major at Texas, has been dreaming of a six-week intensive language program in Japan. He's one-quarter Japanese and has always wanted to go there.

"I have showed my mom the cost and, of course, airfare. She recognizes that it's going to be over \$10,000 and it's like, 'Oh my goodness,'" he said. "Is it worth this amount of money? Worth my parents possibly having to draw out loans?"

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Canadian defense ministry accused of torture complicity

Charmaine Noronha
Associated Press

Canada's defense minister on Thursday attacked the credibility of a senior Canadian diplomat who alleged that government officials ignored evidence that prisoners handed over to Afghanistan's intelligence service a few years ago were tortured.

Defense Minister Peter MacKay dismissed calls for a public inquiry after intelligence officer Richard Colvin testified before a Parliament committee earlier this week. Colvin alleged that captives taken by Canadian troops and handed over to Afghan authorities were subjected to beatings and electric shocks in 2006 and early 2007.

MacKay said there is no evidence to support Colvin's allegations and painted him in Parliament as a Taliban dupe who has asked Canadians to accept the word of prisoners who, as Taliban members, have been trained to lie.

The official Liberal opposition party and the New Democratic Party called for a public inquiry into the allegations, saying it is in the interest of the Conservative government to establish whether it ignored reports that prisoners

were being tortured. MacKay rejected the idea, telling Parliament there are "incredible holes" in Colvin's story. "There has not been a single, solitary proven allegation of abuse involving a transferred Taliban prisoner by Canadian forces," he said.

Canada has about 2,800 soldiers in the volatile southern Afghan city of Kandahar on a combat mission that is due to end in 2011. Canadian troops first began transferring detainees to Afghan authorities in late 2005.

Colvin, now an intelligence officer at the Canadian embassy in Washington, spent 18 months in Afghanistan during 2006 and 2007. He said Wednesday that Canadian officials knew detainees faced a high risk of torture for a year and a half but continued to order military police to hand over detainees to the Afghani National Directorate of Security.

Colvin said he sent several reports to senior military and government officials, which he said were ignored. He said former Gen. Rick Hillier, Canada's top military commander and main spokesman for the war in Afghanistan, knew detainees faced torture.

The Red Cross tried for three months in 2006 to warn the Canadian army in Kandahar about what was happening to prisoners, but no one would take their phone calls, said Colvin.

According to the intelligence officer, Canada took roughly six times more prisoners than British forces and 20 times more than the Dutch. He said the vast majority of the prisoners were ordinary Afghans, many with no connection to the insurgency.

Colvin also said he was told in 2007 by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's foreign affairs adviser, David Mulroney, to leave no paper trail about the allegations.

But the Conservative government fought back Thursday, saying the government has always taken its responsibility regarding the treatment of Taliban prisoners seriously.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Canadian civilian officials have made more than 182 visits to detention facilities in Kandahar and Ka-

bul to monitor the efforts and to train and mentor local correctional authorities, Cannon said.

During a visit earlier this year to Kandahar's infamous Sarposa prison, Cannon said he and then-public safety minister Stockwell Day asked prisoners personally whether they had been tortured and they said no. He said prisoners told officials that they were content with the way they had been treated.

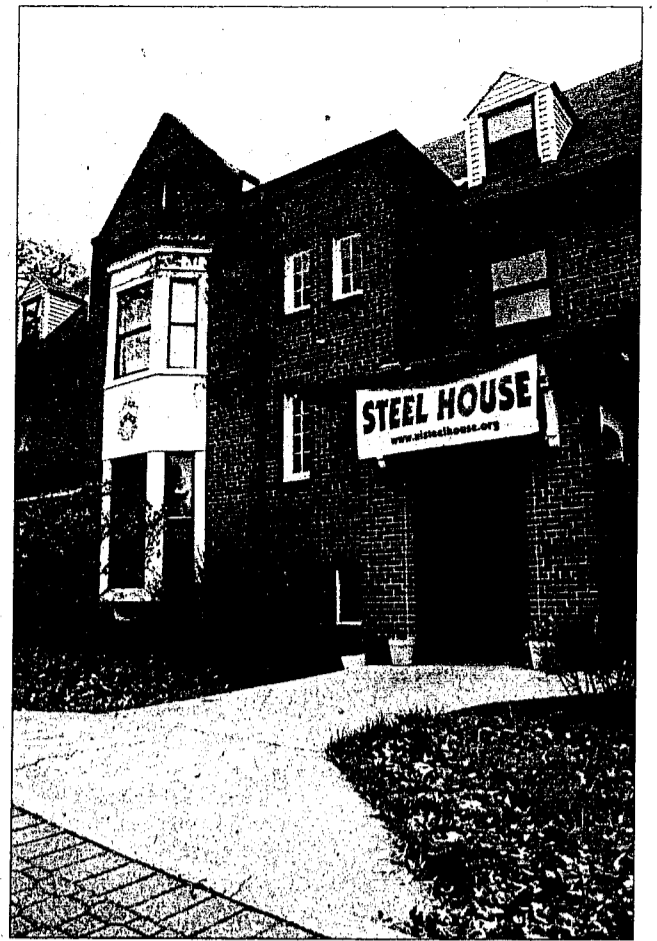
"When we've had specific allegations of abuse, we've acted, and we will not tolerate proven evidence of abuse," Cannon said in a conference call from Kabul, where he was on hand for the inauguration of re-elected Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Transfers were suspended for a short time in 2007 after Canadian officials saw evidence that one prisoner was abused by his Afghan jailer after being handed over.

In May 2007, the government signed a deal with Kabul to increase protection for detainees.

"... We will not tolerate proven evidence of abuse."

Lawrence Cannon
Foreign Affairs Minister



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The Steel House will be looking for a permanent building soon. Presently, they lease the Phi Kapp Tau house.




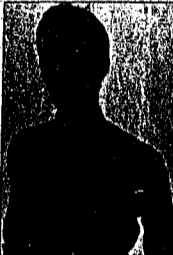



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that living in Steel House is the best of both worlds, dorm and sorority life," Hungerford said. "You get the independence of living in the dorms with the community feeling of a sorority."

Steel House's main focus is to provide an economical and affordable way of living. The living group was founded by Ethel K. Steel in 1953.

Steel House has openings for the spring 2010 semester. Forms and information can be found on the Steel House Web site, at usteelhouse.org/.

electionRESULTS

			
lyndsey VINCENT	kelsi VINCENT	katie WILLIAMS	joe BLACK
			
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into action on and around campus, he also wants to focus on what UI students would like to see addressed. "We have some projects that are in the works," Black said. "But I also want to start developing new ideas and hold more open forums where I

can make myself available to my living groups to really work on what they want me to work on, as opposed to what I want to work on."

Black said he was impressed with the way the elections were run this year, and that he's glad he won the opportunity to keep working for the student body. Despite this, Black was not uniformly happy with the results.

"I think that there were several

extremely, extremely qualified candidates that did not get elected, and I think that deserves recognition," Black said.

Kendra Roberts, a sophomore business student, claimed the sixth spot as senator with 22 percent of the vote. Chantel Wilkes, a freshman in international studies, secured the seventh and final spot with 17 percent of the vote.

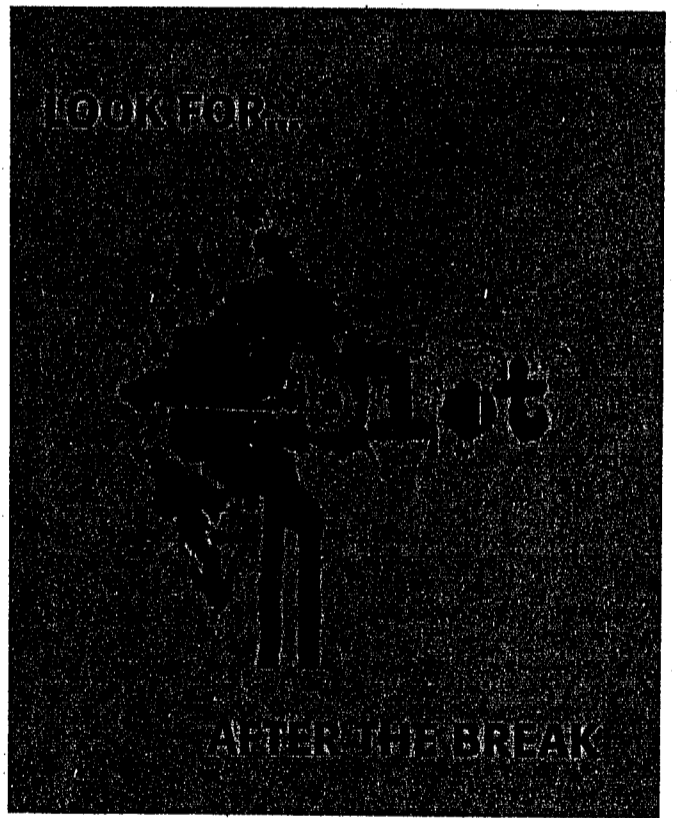
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"You look for departments, no matter what their size, that have enough common ground ... that it makes sense to put them together," Miller said.

Written that way, the consolidation provision

might help the university toward its goal of interdisciplinary collaboration. It would also avoid forcing the merger of a department like philosophy, which has less apparent commonality with other disciplines.

Senators moved to adjourn before completing their discussion of department consolidation and will meet again Dec. 1.



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You, wonderful, hard-working student, are not alone. Everyone is tired.

The semester has reached the point where it's little more than a mad dash to the finish, made up of late night paper writing and ominous assignments that ruin any chance of fun over the meager two days some call a weekend.

If you are not tired by this point, you're likely failing your classes.

The week after the fall recess is sure to be riddled with last-minute papers, presentations and tests.

The week after is playfully called "dead week," but is it ever really "dead?"

No. As true as that is, it becomes irrelevant for a week of gluttony and family time as Friday's classes end and you get out of Dodge.

Enjoy that, and when you get back here, push through the exhaustion. There is still much learning to be done and grades have time to improve. You will thank yourself later

for pushing yourself the little bit extra. More work now could make the difference between an A and a B.


Here's to spending the holiday with family and friends. Here's to traveling home, or staying in Moscow and truly giving yourself a break.

Enjoy the break, even if it's full of homework, because most "real" jobs after graduation will not allow them.

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serenityNOW Why so serious?

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past five months, word has reached your ear of "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" — the king of all games. Released earlier this month, it is arguably the most anticipated game in history.

There is no need to mention that games are big business these days. The video game sector rivals Hollywood. "Grand Theft Auto 4" reaped in over \$500 million in its first week, and while the rest of the economy was tanking this past year, Activision recently posted a \$15 million profit.

Many gamers stood in line until the wee hours of dawn to get a copy of "Modern Warfare 2", while countless others mobbed stores for their pre-ordered copy. I did neither.

In fact, I rented it at Hastings and returned it soon after, glad I hadn't wasted \$60.

Call it old-fashioned, socially backward or just plain stupid, but the concept of mowing down innocent civilians in an airport, even if it's just a game, doesn't seem to be entertaining — nor does running through make-believe villages, shooting anything that moves. After completing the single-player portion of the game, it hit me — I didn't enjoy "Modern Warfare 2" because it was too serious.

Unfortunately, this is not a new trend. A quick look at the top-selling games reveals "Grand Theft Auto," "Fallout 3" and "Assassin's Creed." What do they all have in common? A hyper-realistic, somber world where you play a believable character bent on killing things.

I remember an antiquated age when games were used to escape from reality. There was nothing more satisfying than controlling a virtual monkey through a myriad of levels in "Donkey Kong Country," or guiding a small (until that elusive power mushroom) plumber dressed in red over countless pits in "Super Mario Brothers."

And who can forget about the dynamic and entertaining bear-and-bird duo in "Banjo-Kazooie?" Filled



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off the CUFF Quick takes on life from our editors

Feed the models

Kate Moss expressed to an online fashion magazine that her motto is "nothing tastes as good as skinny feels." As a former rail-thin gal, lemme tell you what. Nothing feels as good as having a healthy, rounded diet, complete with things that may be bad for you. There is nothing wrong with being skinny and nothing wrong with being curvy. All that matters is being healthy and happy. There's a reason people consider Moss' style to be "heroin chic."

— Kelsey

Bad customer service

A couple from Pennsylvania was charged with theft because they refused to pay a mandatory 18 percent gratuity tip that totaled \$16. Apparently their service was bad — they waited for an hour for their food, and they had to grab their own silverware, napkins and drinks. It's unfortunate that good service isn't required anymore and instead we are punished for it.

— Jennifer

Take a deep breath

I had to write a 300-word sentence for my English class, and though I am not usually fond of long sentences, I didn't have any trouble getting that many words into one sentence, and it didn't even feel like a run-on — more like a really short story — so I was, and am, very pleased with myself today.

— Erin

'2012'

I went and watched "2012" last weekend. Going into the movie, I thought it would be a mediocre blockbuster rife with plot holes and shoddy performances — I couldn't have been more wrong. "2012" was a stunning portrayal of the triumph of the human spirit in the face of extraordinary adversity, made all the more real by once-in-a-lifetime performances by the entire cast. It's films like this that remind me the magic of Hollywood is alive and real.

— Greg

Bring on the turkey

After this seven-days-a-week marathon of a semester, I am definitely ready for Thanksgiving break. I am looking forward to sleeping for several days straight followed by gorging myself on mounds of delicious home cooked food. Now if only professors could be convinced to not give homework over vacations.

— Jake

Anyway, about my washtub

I just used it that morning to wash my turkey, which in those days was known as a walking bird. We'd always have walking bird on Thanksgiving with all the trimmings: cranberries ... and yams stuffed with gunpowder. Then we'd all watch football, which in those days was called baseball.

— Marcus

Freedom

It is amazing that in less than 10 hours I will be able to take a minute and relax.

— Jens

Late night

Why is it the student computer lab in the Student Union Building is open later than the most of the stores in this town?

— Jeffrey

Break

I am so ecstatic that I get a week off, starting today. I want and need a break.

— Elizabeth

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One-sided rivalries

Being a Vandal, I like to reduce the difference between the University of Idaho and Boise State University to a glib one-liner: they win football games, and we won the National Medal of Arts.

But again, that's glib, and does a disservice — we win football games too, after all.

I was born in St. Luke's Hospital, and except for a few years in Jerome, I spent all my youth in Meridian, a mere ten miles out of Boise. My parents are both alums of what was once the Episcopalians Boise Junior College, my father with an associate degree in business and

my mother with a bachelor's in technical communications.



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KELLIS
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There are many ways in which Boise State has us beat: enrollment, football, and number of bowling lanes on campus. Academics is not chiefly among them, and numbers can tell the story.

For the most recent year in which data is available, the academic year ending in 2006, BSU awarded a total of ten doctoral degrees, all of them in education. UI awarded 99 doctoral degrees that year.

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It's only illegal if you don't get caught

As part of the ongoing debate over healthcare reform, many of us have probably heard boring, historical-sounding arguments that talk about the Constitution. The argument we've heard probably sounds something like the following: "The Constitution doesn't give Congress the power to regulate or provide health insurance."

Some of us have heard this argument many times in different forms, and we probably have a response in our head that sounds something like the following: "All right, Ron Paul (or whoever you are), I know you're upset that the world isn't the same as it was in 1787. Can't you just stop pestering us with

your history lessons and accept the fact that it's the 21st century, and the government does a lot of things that they didn't think of when they wrote the Constitution?"

Any of us who have taken that approach need to stop and reconsider our position. The fatal flaw in that sort of response is the idea that the Constitution is more a historical document than a foundation for 21st century legislation.

However, until we have a civil war, a revolution, an invasion, or a massive restructuring of government the Constitution is the highest law in the land. Unless we decide to throw it out officially, it is just as relevant to

government action today as it was 200 years ago.

If we care about the truth enough to give it an honest look, we find that the argument presented by the constitutionalists is completely valid. There is no provision in the Constitution for federal powers over the health care industry. This is not a mere oversight or something that can fit under another heading. One of the key purposes of the Constitution is to limit federal power by defining specifically what the federal government is allowed to do. Therefore, it follows very easily that it is illegal for Congress or the president to act outside of what the Constitution allows, which is exactly what our president and Congress are doing. Is it dangerous and subver-

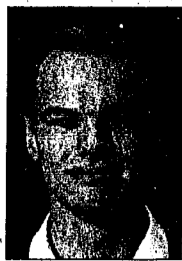
sive for the federal government to act in the area of health care? No, probably not. But is it dangerous and subversive for the federal government to ignore the limits of the Constitution and seize any power it thinks necessary? Yes, definitely.

If Congress and the president believe it completely necessary to pass a health care reform bill, their first step — if they want to do it legally — must be to create an amendment to the Constitution that would give them the power to do so, which they currently do not have. Of course, it is much slower and more difficult to have an amendment ratified than to pass a bill in the House, and by the time it happens, power might have changed hands. Tough luck. This is still a country governed by the rule

of law, and a party that wants to ignore the law in order to enact its policies should not be allowed to stay in power.

We may get annoyed by people who keep bringing up the Constitution in a health care discussion, but apparently they're not annoying enough, because our leaders are continuing happily along as though their policies were legal. Allowing actions like this to go unchallenged lays the foundation for totalitarian government. That may sound extreme and alarmist, but if we dismiss the Constitution and allow the federal government to start seizing powers illegally, what are we going to cite when we want them to stop?

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with playful voices, colorful graphics, drop-dead hilarious dialogue, puzzles and levels galore, it was the perfect escape from the fast-paced world we live in.

These games are the remnants of a dying breed, a breed that thrived on artistic creativity and simplicity instead of copying the real world into digital form. What does it say about our society as a whole when the best selling games are about slaughtering countless polygonal characters in a hyper-realistic war environment?

I returned "Modern Warfare 2" after two days, dug out an old Super Nintendo gathering dust, and began to replay Donkey Kong Country 2. The mixture of sounds, colors, a fantastic musical score, and above all, simplicity, was a throwback to the days of old. A golden age when people played games as an escape from the complexities and troubles of their daily lives.



Activision/Courtesy Art

There are still plenty of Kremains to jump on and banana coins to collect, plenty of pits to jump over and flags to raise. You just have to look into the past. The next time life has you down, treat yourself to these masterful works of art and watch all of life's problems melt away.

It's a lesson many modern game developers need to relearn, but until they do, the nagging question remains: why so serious?

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A screen shot of "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" (above) shows the gritty realism of the game, versus "Donkey Kong Country 2."

Truth is bad for war

Christopher Columbus discovered America, right? We all know that. We've known that since we were young. Back when our history textbooks covered everything ever in 50 pages and a paragraph long writing assignment was massive, that's what we knew.

Of course, we got older and found out, well, actually there's a lot more to it than that. You get older and read more and find out that, first of all, the "Indians" didn't just appear here after the Big Bang.

You learn about the Vikings, who made round trips through the — not yet — New World. Then we delve deeper and discover Columbus didn't just up and discover America, he was looking for new trade routes and thought he was in India when he landed and in fact died still convinced he had been visiting the eastern edge of Asia. We might even learn that, as a matter of fact, round-earth theory was much more widely accepted in the late 15th century than we were led to believe. (For a good time, read the Wikipedia entry on Columbus — the entire thing could be subtitled, "You didn't know any of this, did you?")

The more we learn, the more apparent it is that the simple truth is rarely simple or the truth. Conventional wisdom is rarely wisdom, but rather dime-store "truthiness" that wouldn't stand two minutes of scrutiny. A good current example of this would be simply: Iran is evil. We all know Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wants to kill us, and if we weren't positive, the recent discovery of a nuclear plant in Iran kind of ties that one up, right? Sure, until you discover that Iran has broken no laws by building the nuclear facility, and it is letting inspectors in just like it said it would.

If a facility was producing weapons-grade uranium there is no way we wouldn't know

about it. Until you understand that, then you might actually agree that Iran wants to make bombs with which to kill us.

Meanwhile, we're rattling our sabers at the Iranians and building bigger and bigger bombs with which to attack them — just in case. Just imagine if any other country in the world was taking such a hostile stance toward us as we're taking toward Iran. We're lucky that we're being treated so civilly. It's probably because we like to invade countries at the drop of a hat.

Another example of conventional wisdom that is just wrong is our entire approach to the War on Terror. Besides years of empirical evidence, British journalist Johann Hari just wrote a piece for The Independent, fully readable online, detailing his months-long study of a small, but growing population in Britain: ex-jihadis — men who trained for terror and went to war have rethought their actions and are now fighting to end the fighting.

Probably most valuable in the article is the common thread expressed among all ex-jihadis, which is that when American aggression is strong, it is easy to find people to convert to radicalism and violence. Likewise, the more that Americans tried to resist the imperial and violent actions of their military, the harder it became. That's a terrible summation, so I recommend you go read it yourself.

The point, then, is that there are mountains of evidence saying the way we are doing things is not making us any safer. This may be a really good example, but it's only one more example on an already large pile. How long until we stop believing the conventional wisdom that the only way to fight terrorism is to fight?

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Simple truth is rarely simple or the truth.

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That same year, BSU awarded 662 associate degrees or certificates. UI awarded ... none, for UI offers no associate degrees or certificates.

Many of BSU's technical and vocational programs have since been spun off to the College of Western Idaho, a new community college in the area, so that number will no doubt decline. Nevertheless, it is indicative of the different roles the universities play.

UI has nearly \$100 million in research grants and contracts yearly. Last year, BSU had their

best year ever, attracting \$37 million for sponsored projects — and that figure is double what it was in 2000. To employ a colloquialism, that's not nothing, but it is 37 percent of \$100 million.

The in-state rivalry is as lopsided academically as the football one has been, but it goes the other way. I don't mean to disparage the students, professors and employees of Boise State. My family and friends are among them. I'm sincerely glad when any higher educational institution in Idaho does well, as a fan of both the state and of higher education.

Regrettably, football fans sometimes conflate issues, as one com-

menter on the Idaho Statesman's Web site did in suggesting UI will become "Boise State University-North" following Saturday's football game (in which BSU defeated an unranked opponent).

One last word about that: our other rival, Washington State University, was ranked seventh in the nation in 2003. The next season, they beat the University of Texas-Austin in the Holiday Bowl.

I'm glad Idaho has two good football teams this year, but there's no law giving BSU its ranking forever more. Just ask WSU, 1-9 so far this season.

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Notes from a No Shave: day 20

This is where things get hairy...

Gus Simpson
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Twenty days in. I've experienced a woefully small amount of beard growth. I've got what would be a five o'clock shadow on some men. Also, it's almost all below the jaw line, creating a frumpy-looking neck beard, or "neard," if you will.

At least the itchiness has passed for the most part. Thank goodness.

Mason's beating me, big-time. He's experienced about twice as much growth as I have, and more even coverage. I'm pretty sure I'm going to lose the bet and get slapped. But there's no point in backing out now. All I can do is keep on keeping on. Maybe a miracle will happen.

There has been one bright spot, though. Since first expressing my complications with my ability to grow, or not to grow facial hair, I've had a few other guys approach me to share their tales of beard-ly inadequacy. We've found common ground in our shortcomings. I've become a kind of symbol, a rallying point for the facial-hair challenged. It's pretty cool, and proof that No Shave November is truly a time that brings people together.

Of course, on the other hand, there are those who laugh and point out that they have a better beard after three days than I do after two weeks. You know who you are.

Some simply tell me outright how bad my patchy scrap of facial hair looks. These include my own family members. My dad laughed at me when he heard about my facial hair shortcomings. He said my beard is barely visible and looks terrible. I'm inclined to agree with him. There's a weird bald spot on the right side of my neck, and a thick, darker patch of hair sprouting from the mole on my chin. It's kind of awkward.

I've started wondering about what I'm going to do when the month is over. I'm half-inclined to continue into Don't Shave December, just to see what happens. The other half of me, however, wants to shave clean and put this whole experience behind me. I'm really quite torn.

If there's one lesson I could say I've learned from this experience, it's the importance of perseverance in the face of insurmountable odds. This sounds a bit melodramatic, but look at it this way: My genetics are against me, my neck is covered in patchy brown fuzz and I have a 90 percent chance of losing a slap bet. The next ten days are not looking up.

I may be going down, but at least I'll go down swinging. No shave 'til death.

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Top 5 things to do during break

5. Family Feud

When going home for the holidays, fighting with the family is inevitable. However, instead of just waiting for your parents to nag you about your laundry or give you a lecture on being responsible, why not fuel the fire yourself? Wear a fake mustache to dinner with relatives you're still awkwardly unfamiliar with, or spend most of Thanksgiving dinner convincing your grandmother to sponsor your campaign to legalize marijuana. After all, despite all the loud, crazy, awkward chaos of the holiday break, fighting is what reminds us that we all love each other no matter what.

4. Experience your favorite movie series

Now that you have the time, the only question is which one? Be it Lord of the Rings, Star Wars or any number of the classic cinema escapades — it's all aboard the Hogwarts Express with Ben and Jerry in tow. Shame is left far behind in times such as these. So don't feel the least bit guilty. In fact, dress the part of your favorite character and re-enact the series when it ends. All that handy work with a light saber might end up burning off some of the cookie dough calories.

3. Hang out with high school friends long enough to remember why you don't hang out with them anymore

As self-explanatory as the third tip is, we all know after a few texts about "game night," we're going to start to feel guilty and show up in time to eat nachos and play Uno with the old high school gang. Although it doesn't sound half bad at first, the constant drabble about the difficulties of community college and remem-

ber-when's from ninth grade are going to make a root canal seem more appealing. You've changed, met new people and been to new places while they've barely stowed away their Pokémon cards. They may have more food in their fridge than you, but just remember it's because they're still living in their parent's basement.

2. Take a vacation from real clothes

Let's be real — who are we trying to impress over Thanksgiving break? With only a few precious days to enjoy away from the pending projects, looming tests and monotonous school schedule, it's only fitting that our wardrobes should better suit the situation. The staples of the perfect week off wardrobe would of course be sweats — optimum comfort and room for expansion. Wear some old T-shirts, because who's going to be doing laundry over break? No one, that's who. As far as footwear goes, slippers are obviously the best choice, since the most trekking taking place will be between the couch and the kitchen, so put the pea coat and boots away, because we're a long way from the cute boy in biology.

1. Eat

Not just the turkey, gravy and your aunt's weird cranberry sauce. A week at home is a glorious jackpot for poor and starving college kids, so take advantage of your parents making all your meals and be thankful you're not dusting off your last cup of Ramen. Just think of yourself as a squirrel, only you're stuffing your face to survive the last three weeks of school and finals. Be sure to eat any and all the holiday pastries various relatives leave around your house, and get a healthy dose of your little brother's favorite cereal. It's not like he's buying it, right? Crunch-a-tize me, Captain.



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Brown Bag Series continues strong

Amberly Beckman
Argonaut

The small room of the Women's Center lobby was packed with both men and women to discuss the impact of the "Twilight" series on culture.

The couches were filled and the line of office and wooden chairs strewn around the room were taken as well. Women's Center director Heather Gasser and her partner, Ray Gasser, sat at the front of the room to lead the discussion on race, gender and class within the "Twilight" series.

Gasser explained that while initially the "Twilight" series was hailed as an achievement for the women's movement — the novel was written by a woman author, the story had a female lead and the first movie was directed by a woman — serious questions have been raised about its message within the feminist community.

Some of the issues that may have initiated these themes in the book, said

Gasser, is author Stephanie Meyer's background. Meyer is a stay-at-home mom with three sons. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and graduated with a degree in English from Brigham Young University.

Common themes within the book that were discussed include the dependence of Bella, the main character, on the two male characters and the unhealthy relationships she models to younger children.

Other issues were the racial and class inequalities in the book, such as the lack of diversity among characters and the distinct classes set up within it, Gasser said.

Turnout for this week's discussion was unusually high, said Lysa Salsbury, coordinator for the Women's Center programs. Roughly 20 people attended the discussion of the "Twilight" series. Salsbury said the monthly discussions rarely exceed ten participants.

She said this was because

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collegeCOOK

Non-turkey time

I'm cooking the Thanksgiving meal for my family this year. I plan on making homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin soup and chocolate-bourbon pecan pie.

There's a big element of Thanksgiving missing from this list — turkey. How can I do Thanksgiving without turkey? My sister is a vegetarian and my mother and I do not eat turkey because we think it has a weird taste and usually comes out dry.

That just leaves my father and the dogs. I'm not going to roast a bird just to feed it to a computer programmer, a German shepherd and a Labrador.

I haven't yet figured out what to cook instead of turkey this year.

Tofurkey is always an option, but I'm pretty wary of tofu anything, and my mother doesn't eat soy because of rumors that it will give you cancer.

One of my friends has steak for Thanksgiving, and when we have the meal with my grandparents, my sister eats salmon. Somehow, these don't seem special enough for Thanksgiving.

I did, however, think about serving a Coca-Cola ham. This recipe is a mainstay of many Southern households, but I first saw the preparation by Nigella Lawson, an English cooking

show host. My mother quickly put the kibosh on that, since she never ate ham growing up in a Jewish household, which means I'm run-

ning out of options.

It might be a completely meatless Thanksgiving this year in my house.

Even so, I'm glad I have extra time here in Moscow, where I can cook up whatever I want without complaint from my picky family.

But it wouldn't be Thanksgiving without a little conflict.



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DAX DOES FUN



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Comedian Dax Jordan performs a standup routine Wednesday evening in the Student Union Ballroom. Jordan's routine incorporated the crowd including the "four redneck guys" in the front, the "hot asian" and "backwards hat dude."

Lady is gaga, Britney gets hacked

Cuckoo Gaga?

"For me, art is a lie, and the artists are there to create lies we kill when we make it true. Art is life, life is art — the question is what came first?" — Lady Gaga. OK Lady Gaga, now you've proven to the world that you really are nuts.

Paris vs. Kim

A ticked off Paris Hilton is allegedly ready to battle the Kardashians for the spotlight that once shined so brightly on her family.

The New York Post claims Hilton is "declaring war" on our favorite Armenian family because she's fed up with them stealing the headlines and getting all of the magazine covers and promotional

deals that she's not.

Rihanna's undies

Rihanna said the only aspect of any of her outfits that is comfortable is her underwear. That's just sad ... somebody should get this girl a Snuggie.

Kate's advice for the day

How has Kate Moss stayed so skinny all these years? Who knows, but her motto is "nothing tastes as good as skinny feels." Interesting ... cookie anyone?

Leave Leona alone

Singer Leona Lewis is denying rumors that she recently had her breasts worked on. She said her curvier figure is due to some weight gain.

Dang, can't a girl have some

fries without being bombarded with breast implant rumors?

Harry Potter

"Harry Potter" star, Daniel Radcliffe, has denied a report from a British tabloid, the Daily Mirror, that he smoked cannabis at a party and is considering taking legal action over the allegations.

If it's true, why, Harry, why? First Michael Phelps, and now you? You already have a magic flying broomstick to get you high, so why cannabis?

Britney's freaky Twitter updates

Whether or not you believe Britney Spears is a Satanist, someone has allegedly hacked into her Twitter account and has been posting updates like, "I give myself to Lucifer every day for it to arrive as quickly as possible. Glory to Satan!" Seriously?



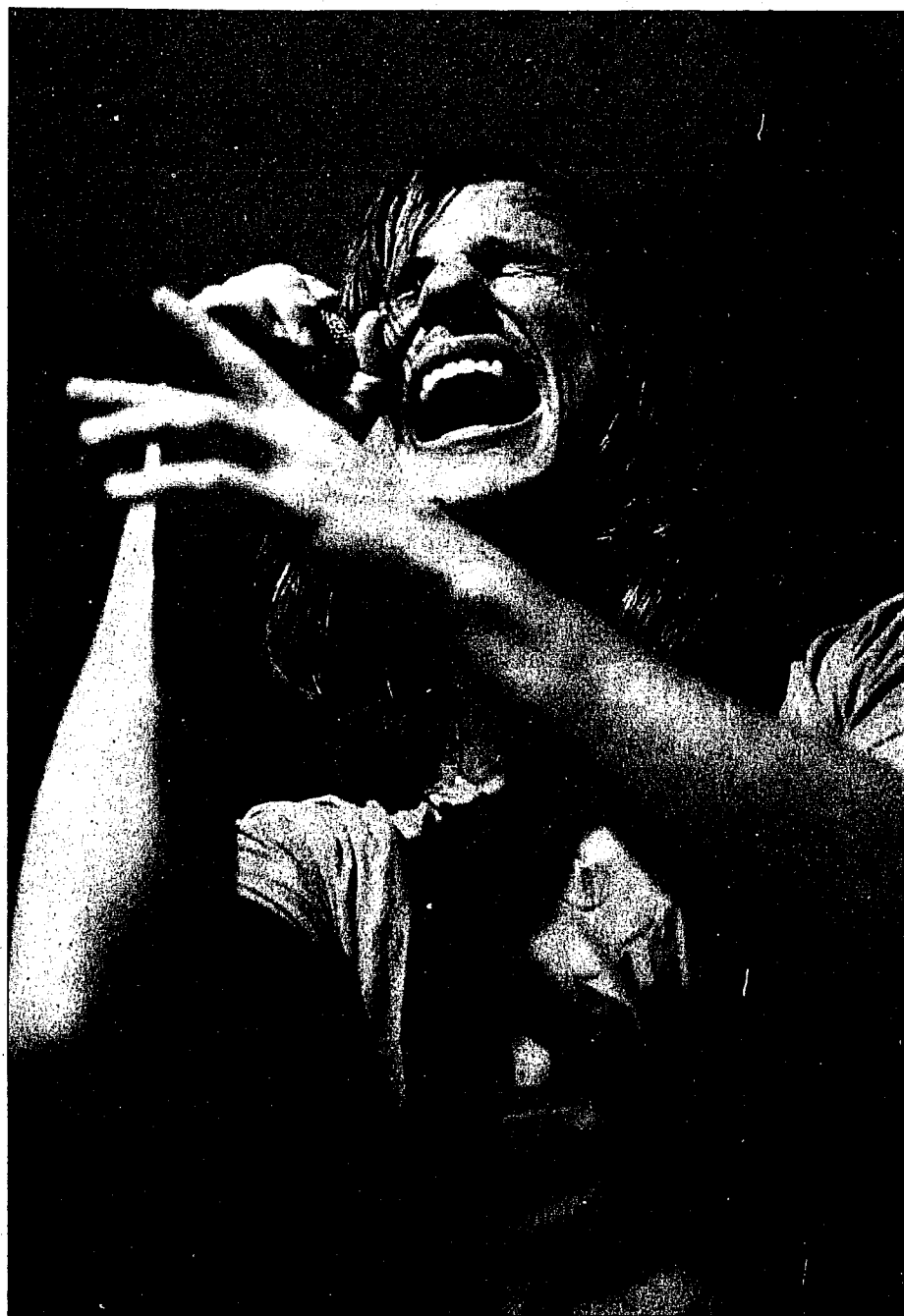
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IVORYLINE ROCKS SUB



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Lead singer Jeremy Gray of the band Ivoryline performs Tuesday evening in the Student Union Building ballroom. Ivoryline, from Tyler, Texas, performed in the 2006 and 2008 Vans Warped Tour.

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Read a review of Ivoryline's performance and see a video of the concert at uiargonaut.com.



Music:

Susan Boyle
I Dreamed a Dream

According to the Wall Street Journal blogs, Susan Boyle, the British vocalist who gained public exposure for her appearance on "Britain's Got Talent," had more pre-orders of her debut album than the likes of Coldplay, Norah Jones, Bruce Springsteen and U2. Three notable tracks on the album are "Amazing Grace," "Cry Me a River," and "Daydream Believer."

Available Nov. 23 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

Lady Gaga
The Fame Monster (Deluxe Edition)

This is a deluxe album from Lady Gaga's previous release *The Fame* that was released last fall. With eight new songs, this seems like an interesting sophomore release for Gaga.

Available Nov. 23 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

Adam Lambert
For Your Entertainment

Making his true musical debut, Adam Lambert has 16 tracks for all those fans who thought he should have been the one to win "American Idol." According to rollingstone.com, Lambert said he co-wrote four of the 16 tracks for the album. In addition, Lambert also said this album will be more "pop-glam," moving away from his song choices of '80s music he typically sang on "American Idol."

Available Nov. 23 at Amazon, Hastings

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Other notable releases for Nov. 23: Rihanna, *Rated R*, Tom Waits, *Glitter and Doom Live* and NOFX, *Cokie The Clown*

Movies:

"Terminator: Salvation"

In the action-packed fourth film of the "Terminator" series, John Conner makes an appearance, but instead of being played by Edward Furlong, Christian Bale takes his place. At 115 minutes long, there is enough time to create some explosions and for Bale to use his over-played Batman voice.

Available Nov. 24 at Amazon, Hastings, Howard Hughes Video and Movie Gallery

"Angels and Demons"

Tom Hanks is back for the follow-up of "The Da Vinci Code." This is a fast-paced thriller that proved to be better than the previous Dan Brown adaptation. Unfortunately, the storyline often waivers between the ridiculous to the downright implausible, therefore not translating well as a film.

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people often feel intimidated by the Women's Center.

"We're incredibly inclusive — we provide services to everybody," Salsbury said.

The Women's Center has been following a theme for the first time this year. Each Brown Bag event, as well

as the film series, follows the theme of Complex Cultures: Worlds of Women.

"Culture is an extremely broad word," Salsbury said. "It covers race, ethnicity and nationality, but also social factors like popular culture and media culture. It's very inclusive."

The goals for the Brown Bag series are for students and faculty to walk away with knowledge of gender influences and structures

in society, Salsbury said. The second goal is for them to be able to articulate that knowledge to someone they know.

The next Brown Bag discussion is Dec. 9 in the Women's Center Lounge. The discussion will be based on Crossing Boundaries: The Narrative of U.S. Latina Writers. It includes McNair Scholar Jorge Tapia-Ortiz and his research on three Latina American writers.

Put away Rock Band, break out the face paint

It is a well-known fact that with college comes a fair amount of parties.

The Greek system is infamous for its dances, cruises and blowouts. Students living off campus have ample opportunity to throw parties, small or large, be it a board game night or a kegger. Even those living in the dorms can and do host small get-togethers in their rooms or common areas.

Excluding perhaps the most severe introverts and extreme outcasts, everyone will, at some point in their college career, end up having a party. Nothing too hip about that, right? It's a tradition as old as secondary education.

Luckily, hipsters have found a way to take the passé tradition of getting a lot of people together in a small space to interact and turn

it into something fun — making it dress-up themed.

Most people, short of Halloween or Mardi Gras, leave the crazy clothes at home when going out. Parties mean lots of new people to impress, and dressing up like a glittery unicorn is not usually going to leave the best impact — unless you're a hipster.

Hipsters love making fools of themselves, so long as everyone knows they're being insincere.

Through clever planning, multiple trips to Goodwill and mass communication, the hipster community has devised a variety of alternatives to the average college party.

When "Where the Wild Things Are" was released in October, the hipster community rejoiced at the opportunity to dress up like monsters in a socially acceptable setting. Once December arrives, ugly sweater parties will crop up

in awkward apartments across the Pacific Northwest.

If there's no event to celebrate, the hipster will simply suggest a lifestyle or era. Pirate parties are a classic, as are superhero, cowboys and Indians, and 1960s themed parties, all costume-required.

Sometimes they'll get creative. Old person parties allow attendants to hit up the closest Goodwill, find the ugliest, most dated outfit possible, and proceed to mock it while dancing in a decidedly not-old-person-friendly manner to the newest Ratatat album.

This style of party combines the hipster's favorite hobbies — thrift stores and semi-repetitive music, and isn't limited to making a mockery of grandparents.

Want to get in with the hipster crowd? Plan a party — think of a slightly off-the-wall concept, promise live music (or at least PBR) and wait for the hipster masses to flock. Reaganomics-themed party, anyone?



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Hipster costume parties are in full effect during the year even when it isn't Halloween.

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What it takes to win the race

Lisa Short
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Sweat ran down the side of one man's face. A woman's arms trembled under the weights. The loud music powered through the weight room. The coached pushed them to keep going.

It was another day in the weight room for the track and field team.

Track and field is in the height of their preseason with small groups cycling through weight training and exhausting runs each day. The team is building a physical foundation so they can start the technique and skills training when they return from break. Preseason training is building the team physically and mentally to become a competitive team before their first meet in January.

"Right now we are working on building a

strong base," coach Yogi Teevens said. "They need to be able to handle the more intense workouts that will come in the spring. Right now is just general conditioning."

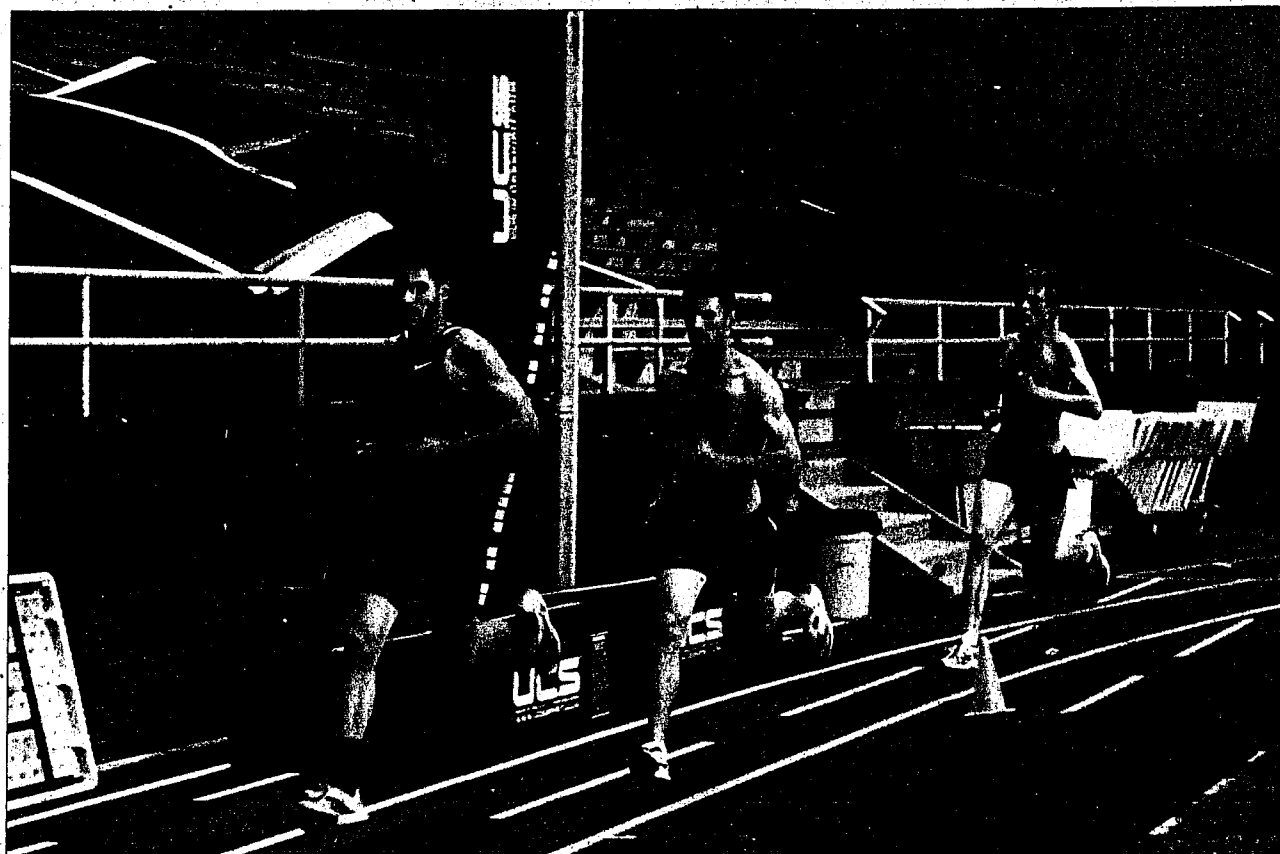
The intense fitness regimes the athletes are going through is only the beginning. Right after summer the track team is back to the grind slowly working up to where they need to be. Getting back into shape after a long break is one of the hardest conditioning times of

the year, All-American pole-vaulter K.C. Dahlgren said.

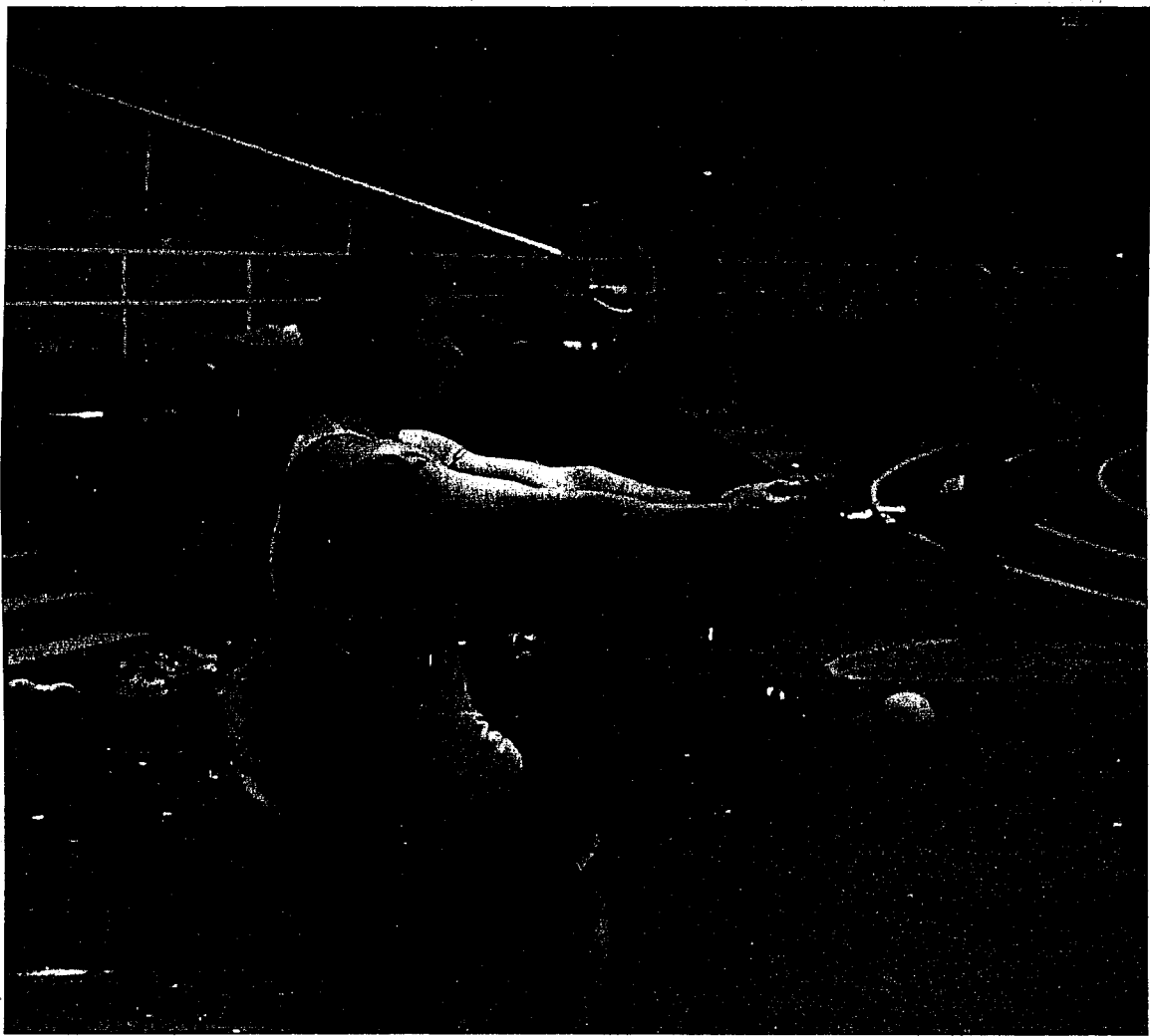
"500-meter repeats in the arboretum are killer," Andrew Blaser said. "That's definitely the worst workout because we're all just coming off of break."

The team fights through the different waves of workouts, such as runs

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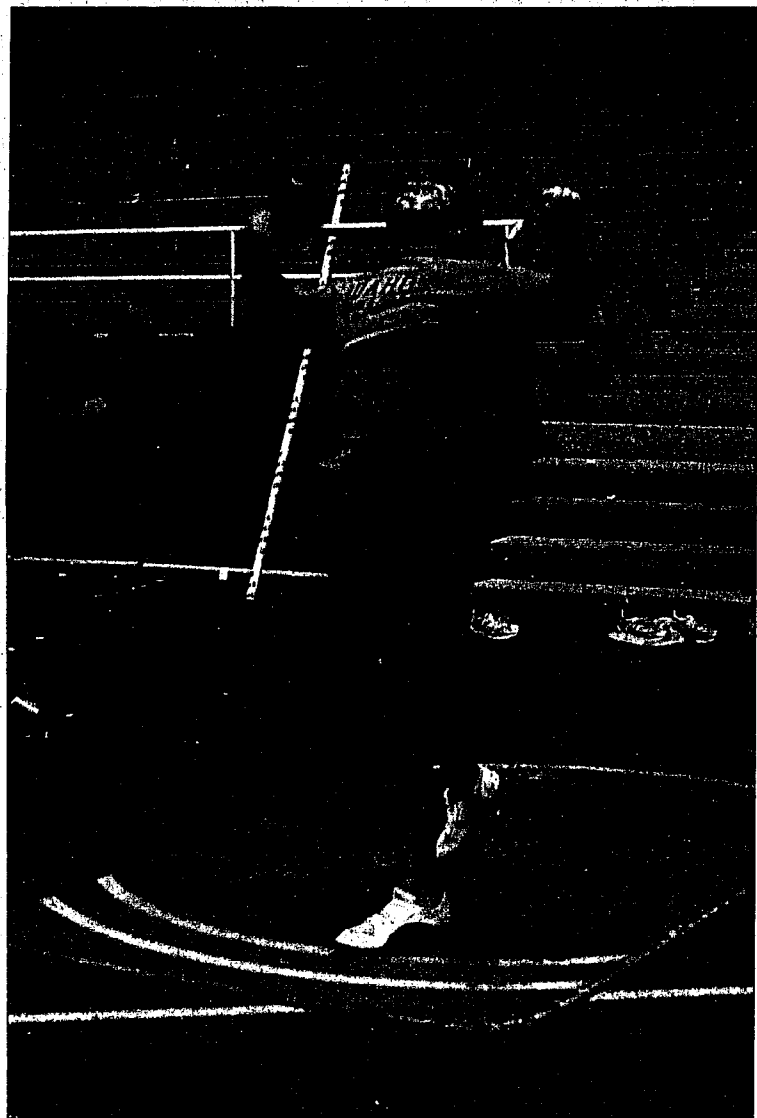


Vandals
TRACK & FIELD



Steven Devine/Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team practices Tuesday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals are taking on intensive preseason training to prepare for their first meet in January.



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After a quick road trip up north to play Eastern Washington, the Idaho women's basketball team comes home to face off against the Montana State Bobcats on Sunday.

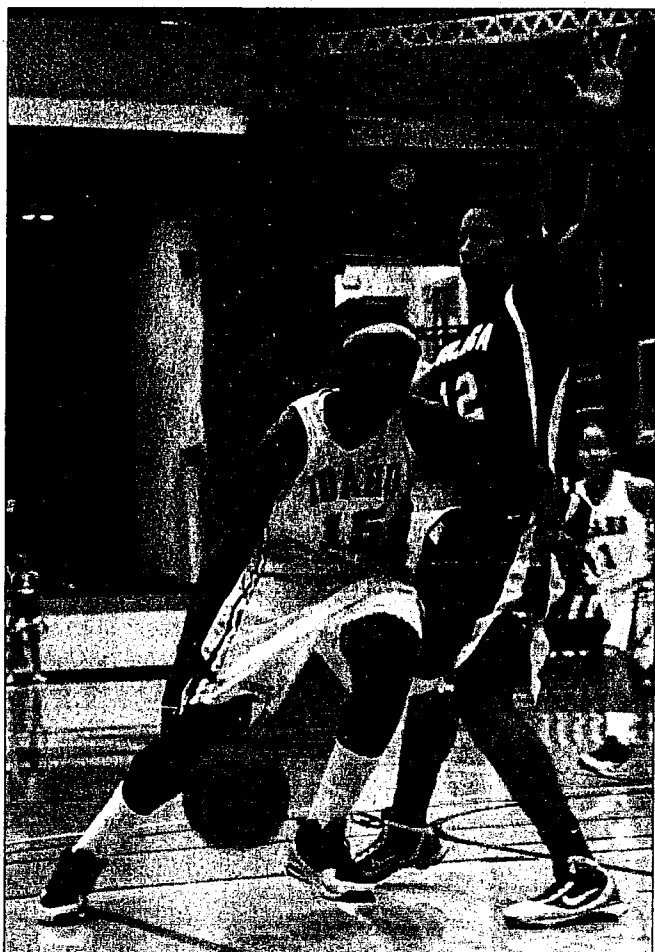
The Bobcats are undefeated this season, including a tight 78-76 win over Cal State-Bakersfield. Katie Bussey and Erica Perry lead the Bobcats offense, both averaging over 20 points per game.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he expects the team to correct previous shooting errors which cost Idaho its game against Gonzaga. Newlee said missed shots and lay-ups, along with shoddy rebounding, were contributing factors in the lopsided score.

Idaho's starters have been doing their job, but Newlee said he hopes to get a few more players from the bench involved. After the loss to Gonzaga, Newlee said he hopes to play seven or eight players deep, but he wasn't convinced with his players in practice to put them in quite yet.

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For highlights and results of the Idaho vs. EWU game visit uiargonaut.com.



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Vandal post Yinka Olorunnife drives into the key past Gonzaga Bulldog forward Vivian Frieson Monday evening in Memorial Gym. Olorunnife and the Vandals will take on Montana State 2 p.m. Sunday in Memorial Gym and then head on the road for the World Vision Classic in Waco, Texas.

'No excuses'

Verlin takes blame for loss Sunday, team prepares for North Dakota State Saturday

Travis Mason-Bushman
Argonaut

Looking to bounce back from last Sunday's letdown loss, the Vandals head for the frozen tundra of North Dakota tomorrow to finish off their three-game season-opening road trip. Idaho (1-1) will face North Dakota State in Fargo at 2 p.m. in the Bison Sports Arena.

The Bison won 26 games last year, claimed the Summit League Tournament championship and nearly upset Kansas in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. They'll be a competitive opponent, and Vandals' coach Don Verlin knows his team has to be better prepared this weekend.

"I didn't get the team ready to play (against Texas Southern). That's the coach's job, and I did not do that," Verlin said. "We've got to be ready for a tough fight on Saturday."

Idaho upended the Bison (1-1) at home last season, 78-69, one of just seven NDSU losses all year. Senior point guard Mac Hopson held NDSU star Ben Woodside to nine points on 4-12 shooting, one

of his lowest point totals of the season. But the Vandals have never won in Fargo in two previous attempts — Verlin said NDSU has a tough home court for visitors to win on.

Most importantly, Verlin said, he wants to get Idaho back on a winning streak.

"One thing we've prided ourselves on is not losing two in a row very often," the second-year coach said.

For the Vandals themselves, they're all too eager to get the memory of Texas Southern out of their heads and replace it with another road victory. Steffan Johnson acknowledged the loss was tough to swallow.

"That game left a bad taste in my mouth," the senior guard said. "I was watching the film yesterday and it was not a pleasant experience having to live that over again."

Hopson called the loss "a teaching experience." After giving up an uncharacteristic number of turnovers, he said he must improve his own mental game.

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commentary

Dinner rolls of sports

As Thanksgiving descends upon us, it is the perfect time to reflect on the sporting world.

Originally, this column was going to be what not to be thankful for in the world of sports, but it is Thanksgiving and the last thing that is needed is more negativity. Instead, why not focus on that in sports, which is seemingly around but could go unnoticed.

Much like dinner rolls at Thanksgiving dinner that nobody will remember or care about come the time dessert is served, there is a lot going on in the sports world that is easily greeted with the same indifference. Here are some of the proverbial dinner rolls of the current sports landscape.

NBA regular season

The NBA is great but the grind of the regular season is not. By the time the regular season comes to an end there are a few highlights and the rest can be discarded. It is not that a majority of it is bad, yet it is not good either. You take notice of it and at the same time you do not remember it. Those people who live for the NBA are definitely in the minority. For most of us, the NBA regular season is something we can watch when it is on but is not particularly missed when not around.

Any non Top-25 college football game

It is hard to get excited about a mid-table MAC game or a battle for fourth place in the Mountain West Conference contest. Sometimes these games can be exciting contests between teams with nothing left to lose. Sometimes it is two teams going through the motions. After the game, however, you are left with the knowledge that what you just watched was completely meaningless.

Unless you have some ties to the school playing, there is really no reason for a lot these games to be on TV. The only thing worse is when these games are put on during primetime on a Sunday or Tuesday night. Just because a college football game is being played does not mean it has to be on TV.

College basketball preseason tournament champions

When going on, preseason college basketball tournaments provide entertainment and a sense of importance. After they have concluded, nobody remembers or cares about them. Has anybody ever remembered the champion of the Preseason NIT or Maui Invitational? Probably not.

If anything, I wish teams would celebrate preseason tournament championships a lot more. Just imagine if right next to all the National Championship banners in Rupp Arena or Pauley Pavilion was a Great Alaska Shootout or Old Spice Classic championship banner. If a program is going to take pride in winning then it should go all out in bragging about it. The Colorado Rockies still wave the 1995 Wild Card flag with pride, so boasting about a preseason college basketball tournament should not be taboo.

Wigan Athletic

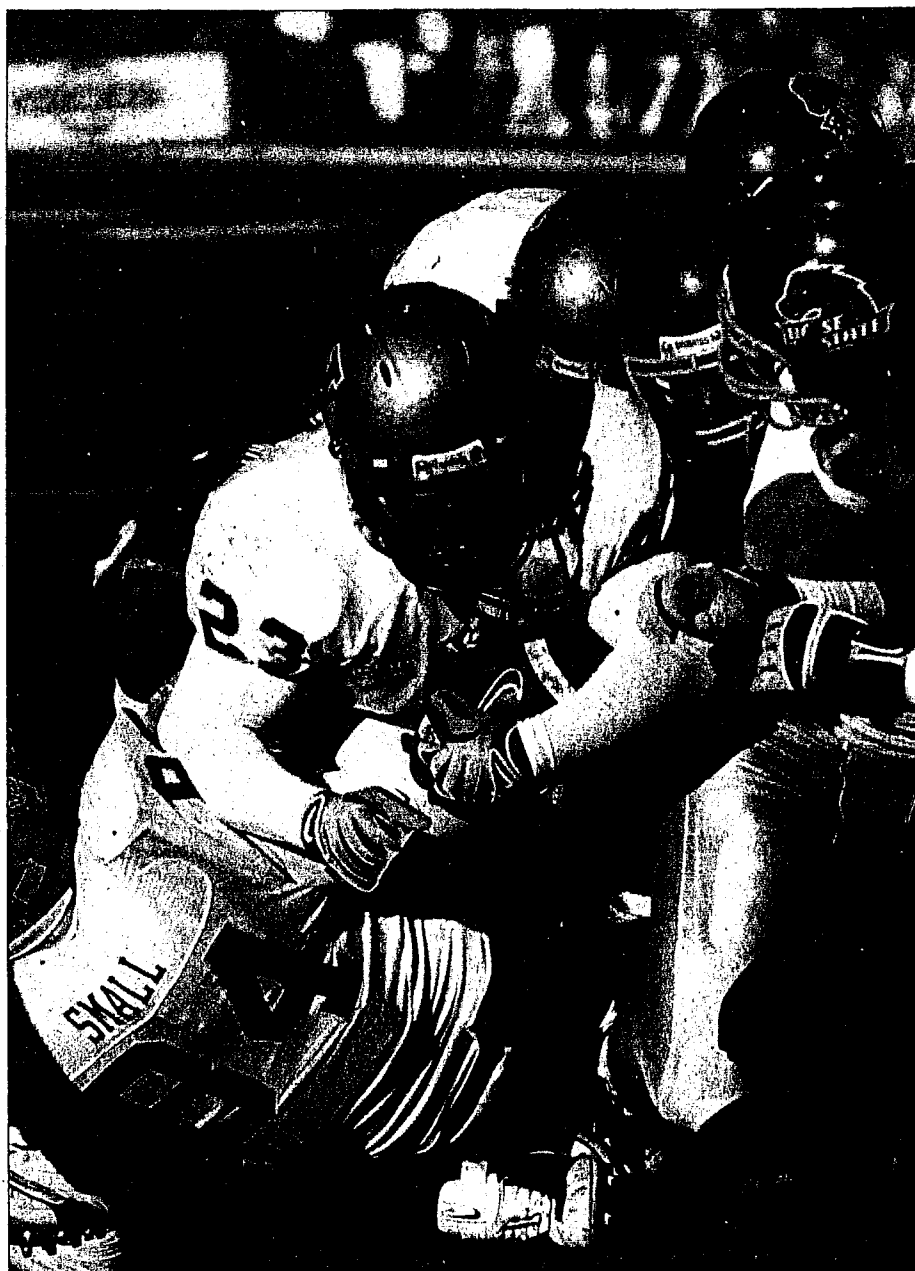
This reference might be obscure to some but those followers of the English Premier League will fully understand. Wigan Athletic is a team that is easy to forget about except when they are playing a high profile game. The Latics do not overachieve or underachieve. Instead they just sort of exist doing enough to finish in a respectable but wholly forgettable position. It is hard to dislike Wigan because it would seem like a petty feeling and there is no redeeming quality about the team.

Dinner rolls are a necessary part of any dinner, so too are these necessary for sports fans. Maybe this year you should take time to savor the rolls and some of the more trivial components of the sporting world.



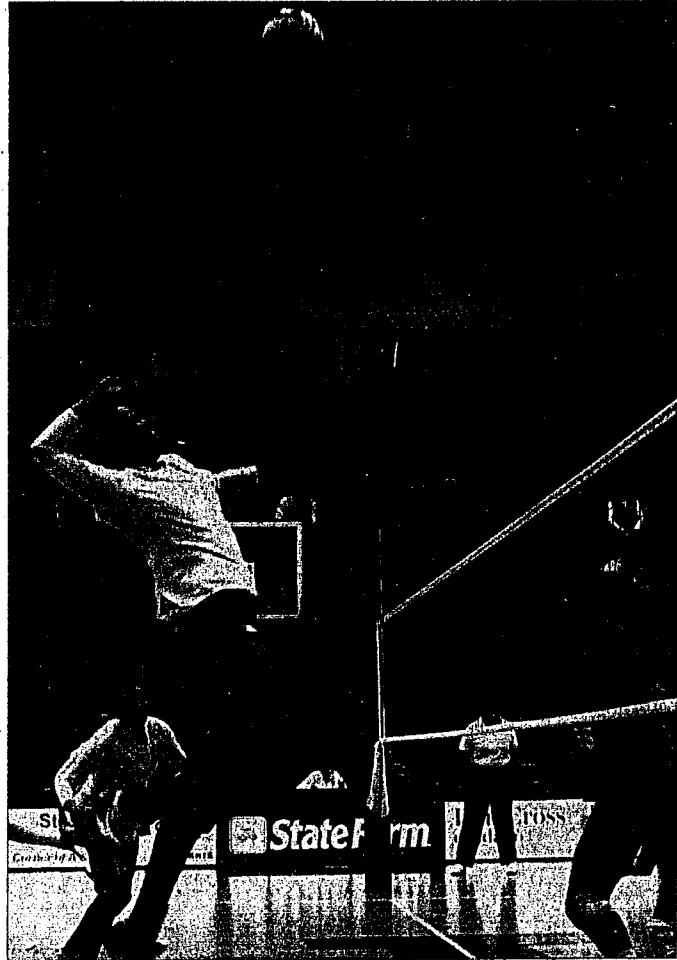
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RUSHING TOWARD A BOWL



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal running back De'Maunday Woolridge, who leads the WAC with 16 rushing touchdowns, runs into the end zone Saturday afternoon at Bronco Stadium. The Vandals have an extra week to prepare for Utah State Nov. 28 in the Kibbie Dome. If the Vandals beat Utah State they will improve to 8-4 and virtually solidify a post season bowl invite, the first in 11 years.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

University of Idaho middle blocker Debbie Pederson jumps up to spike the ball during the volleyball game against Boise State Thursday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals won their final regular season match against BSU, improving to 15-14 overall and 11-5 in the WAC.

No. 3 Idaho heads to Vegas

Lisa Short Argonaut

After a long, competitive season, Idaho is set at the No. 3 seed and heading to the WAC tournament in Vegas next week.

Hawaii finished at No. 1 in conference, with a 16-0 record. Right behind them is the New Mexico State Aggies, and then Idaho. Boise State, Nevada and Fresno State will also be joining the tournament, but their seeds will be determined by the outcome of the matches this week.

Idaho will face the No. 6 seed at 5 p.m. on Monday at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. The No. 6 seed could be Boise State or Utah State.

No matter what teams the Van-

dals face Monday, they are expecting tough competition.

"The last thing we want to do is overlook an opponent," coach Debbie Buchanan said.

Depending on the outcomes of the games this week, Idaho could again face Boise State in the first round of the conference playoffs — if BSU finishes sixth or is tied for fifth with Fresno State, then the Broncos will face the Vandals.

Buchanan said it could be a good thing if they play BSU in their first match because the team would be fresh in their minds from Thursday.

If the Vandals win Monday night they will play No. 2 New Mexico State on Tuesday. Idaho split 1-1 with the New Mexico State Aggies in the regular season. Buchanan said the

team has to execute no matter who their opponent is.

"It all comes down to execution," Buchanan said. "We need to focus on the right things."

Once the week is over and the tournament seeds are set, Idaho will focus in on their first match. The Vandals have lost tournaments by looking past the first match before, Buchanan said, and the team's focus needs to be on Monday's game. Last year Idaho went into the WAC tournament ranked No. 3 and defeated the No. 6 seed Nevada before losing to the No. 2 seed Hawaii. This year, Idaho will stress focusing on one match at a time.

"We have to respect our opponent," Buchanan said. "We've been up and down this season but we have the skills we need. It mostly comes down to mental focus and if we're ready to compete."



For results and highlights of the Idaho vs. Boise State match last night visit, uiargonaut.com

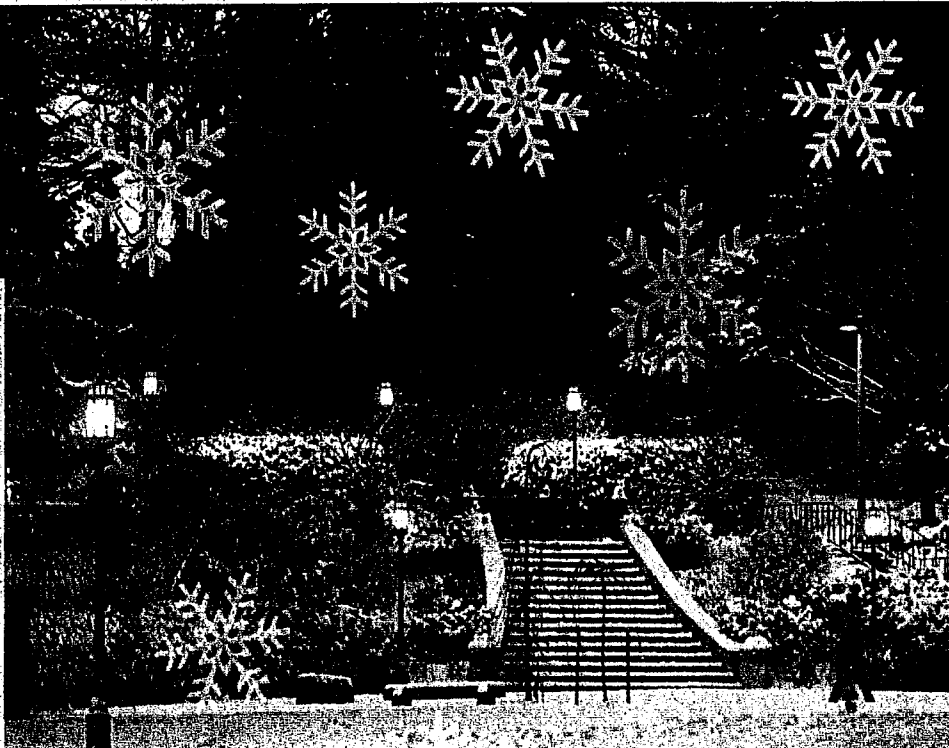
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myTOP25

My favorite part of the season is here. It's a time when all the mid-major teams are arguing about whose 50 point win over Genesee High School was more convincing. It is also time for Florida and Alabama to play their National Championship a month before the BCS even picks the bowl game. Not a lot has changed from last week. However, there have been some surprise entries to the rankings. Shockingly, there are no surprises at the No. 1 spot.

1. Florida (10-0)- If the Gators can get by their intrastate rival this week against Florida State, which they should, they will be playing for the National Championship next week against Alabama.

2. Alabama (10-0)- The story isn't much different for the Crimson Tide, however, they have to get through Auburn. If they do, the biggest game of their season will be against the number one team in the land, Florida.

3. Texas (10-0)- It's pretty simple for Mac Brown and Co. from here on out — win two more games and then prepare for either Alabama or Florida.

4. Georgia Tech (10-1)- I understand there are three other teams in the country that have perfect records below them, but when I look at an ACC team dominating their conference, I can't rank the Yellow Jackets lower than the mid-majors with perfect records.

5. LSU (8-2)- I still trust the Bayou Bengals, but the score does not reflect their

game against LA Tech. The Bulldogs took the Tigers deep into the fourth quarter only to come up short. LSU needs to step it up against Ole Miss and Arkansas.

6. Ohio State (9-2)- The Buckeyes have worked through a tough two

weeks with Penn State and Iowa but the early season loss to USC isn't looking as good anymore. Jim Tressel, his sweater vest and 26-year-old former Major League Soccer player, field goal kicker shouldn't have a problem against Michigan next week, ending

the season on a five-game winning streak.

7. TCU (10-0)- The hardest game on the Horned Frogs schedule came and went as if it was a walk in the park. That makes two weeks in a row for coach Gary Patterson and his squad put up 55 on the scoreboard. I hope the Horned Frogs avoid a let down next week against Wyoming.

8. Cincinnati (10-0)- Bearcat fans are going to be on edge for two more weeks. UC has had its best start in over 50 years. They won't be taking Illinois and Pitt lightly.

9. Pittsburgh (9-1)- I thought Notre Dame was going to roll Pittsburgh. The Panthers might have gotten lucky at the end of the game with a questionable call, but they played a full four quarters coming out on top by five. WVU and Cincy are on queue still and I would be surprised if Pitt wins out.

10. Oregon (8-2)- I am still not impressed with the Ducks. At least they beat Dennis Erickson. Part of me wants the Ducks to lose out and let Stanford in the Rose Bowl picture.



Nick GROFF Argonaut

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"We have to work on everything, but mainly not turning over the ball," Hopson said. "I know for myself, I'm disappointed with my effort. There's no excuses for that."

It's a long trip out to Fargo, just as it was a long trip to Texas Southern. But with the way the WAC is laid out, Verlin said, fatigue can't be an excuse. Grueling travel is par for the course in a conference that stretches from Hawaii to Louisiana, and these games should help get the Vandals ready for that grind.

This season's Bison is a younger team than last year's NDSU squad, and Verlin said it falls short of Idaho in the talent department. Led by Michael Tveidt's 21 points, three rebounds and two assists, the Bison got their first win of the season Wednesday with a 110-82 defeat of D-II Minot State. Verlin praised NDSU's coaching and on-court smarts, noting too that they have the dogged

determination that often characterizes NCAA Tournament teams.

"(The Bison) value the ball, they don't give up a lot of turnovers and they take quality shots," Verlin said. "All those things are the marks of a good team."

The focuses in practice this week: shot selection and turnovers, two areas where Idaho struggled with last Sunday. The Vandals have racked up 44 turnovers to just 33 assists in the season's first two games — numbers Verlin said are simply unacceptable. By coughing up the ball that much, he said his team wasted a solid defensive effort and handed the Tigers an opening.

"We played good defense, held them to 40 percent shooting, but we gave them five uncontested layups on turnovers," Verlin said. "That's how you lose ballgames."

Hopson said his team needs to get the chip back on its shoulder and go into tomorrow's game with the same intensity they showed in upsetting Utah to open the season.

"I think we got put



File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal center and freshman Kyle Barone rebounds a ball against St. Martin's in Memorial Gym Nov. 6. The Vandals' (1-1) head to Fargo, N.D. Saturday to play North Dakota State.

in our place a little bit," Hopson said. "We need to treat every game like a big game. We have to

fight like mad — not just at Utah, but at North Dakota State and everywhere else."

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through the arboretum, lifting weights, and Brazilians — a combination of sprints and other workouts. Each phase takes a toll on more than just their bodies.

"They are so hard, so exhausting," senior Sam Michener said. "Mentally, base-phase is exhausting, but it's important. We have to train to run fast."

Blaser said it's not a very glamorous time of the season — no races, no medals, no traveling — just coming in every day and pushing themselves to improve.

"We have to build our strength before working on technique," Mykael Bothum said.

Bothum is an All-American and said she knows the hard work it takes to get to the levels the team needs to be at to perform well. She said the strength behind your throw is just as important as the technique you use to throw.

Every year the team is trying to be ahead of where they were last year and she said so far the athletes and coaches can see the improvement from last year.

"We want to be ahead of the game, which I can see happening for a lot of athletes," Bothum said.

Last year the coaches red-shirted some of the athletes to help bring the strongest team possible to the track this season. Teevens said the team is coming together great and looking re-

ally strong. On the women's side of the team, the seniors are doing better and the younger athletes are stepping up, wanting to improve, Dahlgren said.

"The training is going very well — they are ahead of where they were last year," weight-training coach Joe Herold said. "But this is a great group, they understand what they need to do and always come in excited to work hard."

Herold works mainly with the throwers to develop a strong, explosive base for their season. The intensity in the weight room is really high right now, Herold said. The athletes are working with Herold around four days a week right now but will scale back slightly and move toward skills training after fall break.

The trainers work hard to develop workouts that can maximize performance for the sport but also for the individual. Herold tailors certain aspects of the training to work better with the women's team and the men's team. Herold said he adjusts to each individual athlete by changing up the lifts and going from machine lifting to free weights.

"Weight training is a great indicator of where the team is at because you can compare it with other years," Herold said. "This is a strong group."

The majority of the team is returning athletes, but some eager new members are on the team as well. Ulrike Hartz is a multi-event athlete from Germany who is expected to make major contributions to this year's team. Hartz said she works out a lot longer and a lot

harder here. She said it is a lot different here working with a team and getting that support from other track athletes, something she didn't experience back in Germany.

Preseason is also a time when the athletes spend a lot of time together and develop many relationships. They use this time to build a support network that they can rely on during the season.

"Right now is a big time for the team," Dahlgren said. "You hear a lot of encouragement back and forth pushing each other to work harder."

The strong team from last year is returning to the field with some improvements. Teevens said the women's team is in a good position to win conference in the indoor and the outdoor this year. She said there are about 15 athletes who stand out, including Dahlgren and Bothum, but as a whole the team is very well rounded and should be strong across the board.

"We're all really excited for the season to start," Bothum said. "We can't wait to show off our hard work."

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2.50 Tuesday (The whole drink list)

Wednesday:
\$2 domestic drafts \$3 Jack Daniels

Thursday:
Ladies Night: free pool, 1.50 wells, 2.50 kamikazes

Fridays:
Iced Tea Friday

the corner club

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the garden

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4pm-Midnight

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8pm-11pm
30+ Martinis & Cocktails

the plant

Monday:
Monday Night
Football
75¢ selected drafts
50¢ hot dogs

Thursday:
Plant Night
2 for 1 wells for
Ladies featuring
"cherry bombs"

Friday:
Karaoke
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