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Rob Gibson, a drum major in the Vandal Marching Band, is hoisted UI Cheerleaders during the pre-game performance at the Idaho football game Saturday.

NATION

Boycott Black Thursday takes off

UI alumnus sparks old-fashioned boycott through Facebook for holiday sales on Thanksgiving

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Alyssa Ward worked a register near a boot sale during Black Friday at the Moscow Macy's last year. Her shift started at 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, just like every other Macy's employee.

"There were people running and pushing each other, people were mad they didn't get the boots they wanted or the shoes in their size and I don't think people should act like that," Ward said. "It looks like we don't even care about the holiday."

Ward, a University of Idaho senior studying public relations, is among thousands of retail employees across the nation who are forced to work on Thanksgiving Day to accommodate early Black Friday sales.

"It was the worst retail shift of my life," she said.

Following the economic recession, Black Friday was the retail world's way of showing consumers the economy could bounce back. The sometimes-violent sales started earlier and earlier, and shoppers flooded stores as early as midnight on Friday morning. By 2011, stores like Toys 'R Us started opening on Thanksgiving Day for Black Friday sales.

UI alumnus Brian Rich said he was appalled when the shopping season began to intrude on a day dedicated to giving thanks for what people already have. Rich is a former Argonaut employee.



Rich

"Thanksgiving is the one day a year we have to shut up and stop being greedy for new things," Rich said. "To see these big obnoxious sales trample all over Thanksgiving really made me angry. It was so offensive to me to put these monstrous and usually violent Black Friday sales on Thanksgiving. It just turned it into Black Thursday."

And so the Facebook page Boycott Black Thursday was born.

Rich started the page in 2011, and now it's closing in on 100,000 followers — and adding thousands more every day.

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ADMINISTRATION

Counting on career ladders

UI administrators look to provide professional training, career ladders

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Another week, another staff member lost to Washington State University or Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

That seems to be the trend for Ron Smith, University of Idaho vice president of Finance and Administration. "It's huge right now, and it all goes back to salary increases, we haven't been able to keep up with market," he said.

Smith said much of the staff turnover is from ITS employees and trade employees, such as mechanics, plumb-

ers and carpenters who find higher salaries elsewhere.

"WSU and Schweitzer and other industries in the area, they are all paying more than us," he said.

While increasing employee salaries is a top priority for UI administrators, Smith said there are other ways to incentivize employees to stay at UI.

Smith is in the process of forming a new committee to look further into the issue.

He said the committee

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Smith

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Tobacco panel discussion

Proponents and opponents of the proposed tobacco ban will hold a panel discussion at 5 p.m. Wednesday, in the College of Law Menard Building courtroom.

The panel discussion comes at a time when the University of Idaho Tobacco Task Force is seeking feedback from UI students, faculty and staff on its proposed change to the current smoking policy.

The UI Economics and Veterans Clubs also seek to gauge the campus community opinion on the proposed policy.

The panel discussion will feature both sides of the debate and each side will be given an equal amount of time to present their thoughts on the issue.

Audience members are encouraged to give input.

Presidential house update

The University of Idaho will move forward with plans for a new presidential house.

The State Board of Education approved UI's request to begin demolition on the old Presidential House and, shortly afterward, begin construction of a new house, said Ron Smith, vice president of Finance and Administration.

The design and development phase would continue through February and demolition on the structure would start spring 2015. The project is expected to cost \$1.9 million and is scheduled to be completed April 2016.

He said \$1.3 million would come from the UI Foundation and \$600,000 would come from institutional funds.

Smith said he hopes the new house will house many future UI presidents.

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ASUI

Extending amnesty

Moscow police consider adopting an amnesty policy

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

It's a crisis situation — an underage student has alcohol poisoning and needs medical attention immediately. Instead of seeking help, however, the thoughts of the student or the friends around them may be more focused on the consequences to follow, rather than the emergency at hand.

This is a situation ASUI is trying to prevent.

Currently, if a University of Idaho student finds himself or herself in a similar situation, the UI Amnesty Policy adopted into the Student Code of Conduct last year ensures UI will not take disciplinary action against the involved students. The Moscow Police Department is considering the adoption of an amnesty policy to protect students from legal repercussions if they seek help in life-threatening situations.

Nicholas Wren, ASUI director of health and wellness, said ASUI is in the process of communicating with MPD to see whether or not a

similar amnesty policy would be a viable option.

"It's really going to depend on senate, if they want to write a resolution, if they want to try and convince the Moscow Police Department to adopt this policy too," Wren said. "We'll see what happens."

MDP Lt. David Lehmitz said the department is discussing the option internally and cannot yet comment on the possibility of an amnesty policy.

"We haven't made a decision on the amnesty policy, but we are going to be looking at it more closely in the coming weeks," he said.

While UI has off-campus jurisdiction, the UI Amnesty Policy states that a student who seeks emergency medical attention for drug or alcohol related consumption would not be reprimanded for violating the Student Code of Conduct. ASUI began the discussion with MPD regarding ways the MPD could encourage students to seek medical attention for themselves or another person without

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MDP Lt.

the threat of legal action.

Wren said a similar request was considered by MPD previously, but a decision was made to not move forward with it.

"This is a conversation that we've had with the Dean of Students Office before, but we really started talking about it earlier this summer (of 2014), along with the Alcohol Task-force," Lehmitz said.

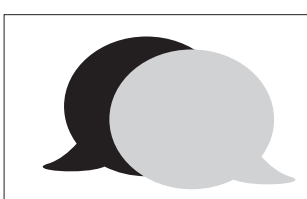
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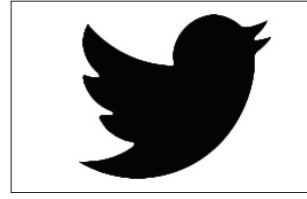
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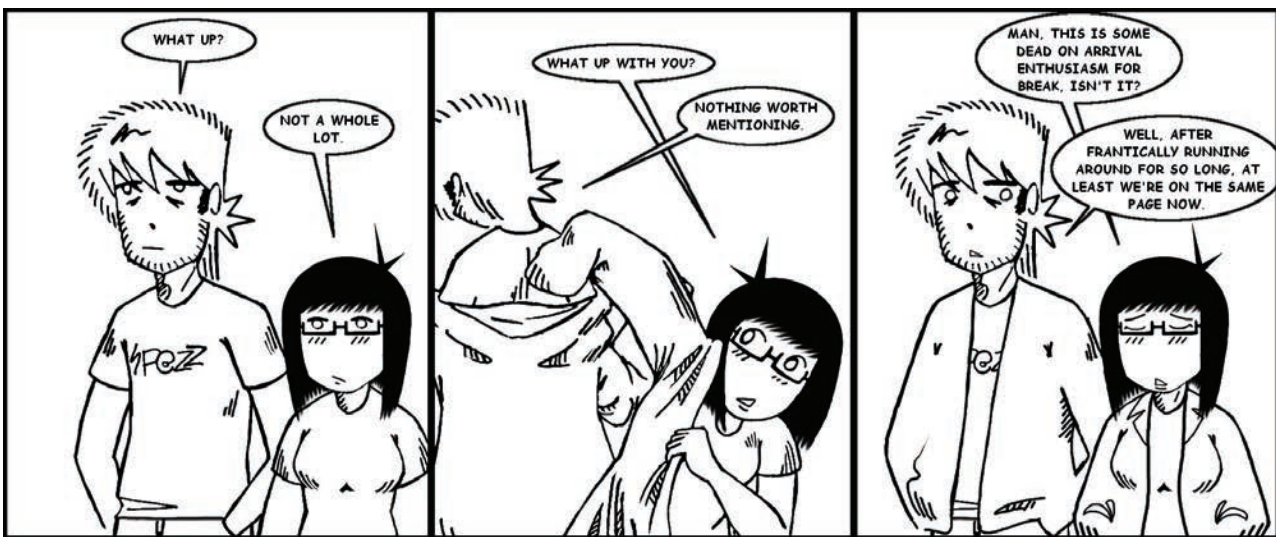
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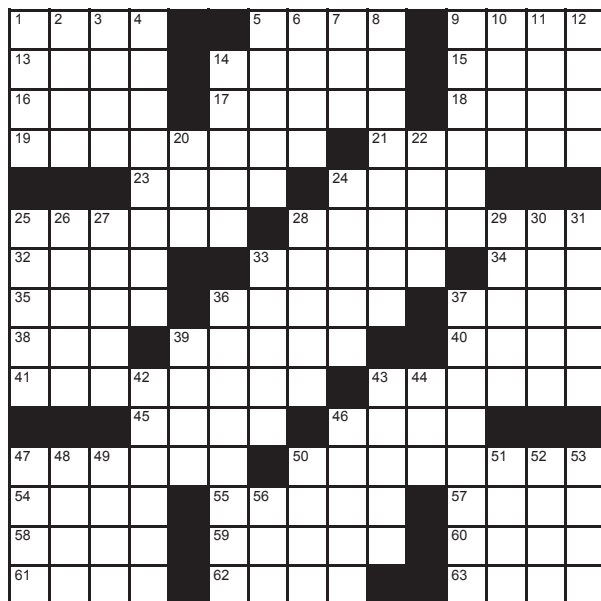
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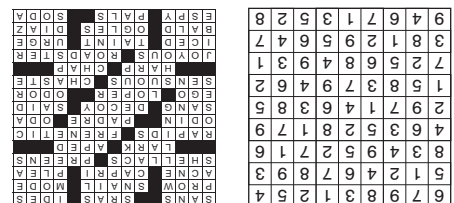
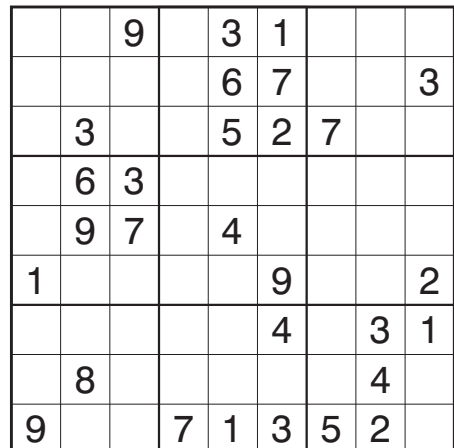
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STEM

Drones, phones and autonomous vehicles

UI Library to host annual GIS Day event Wednesday

Karter Krasselt
Argonaut

Technology is advancing, and the further it develops, the more people Global Information Systems (GIS) affects, said Bruce Godfrey, GIS librarian at the University of Idaho.

With so much talk about cell phone tracking, positioning systems and drone technology, more and more people are becoming interested in GIS. Godfrey said the conversation is just in time as GIS Day is observed annually Nov. 19.

UI will host its annual GIS Day event Wednesday in the Crest and Clearwater/Whitewater Rooms of the Idaho Commons. The event, which is free to attend, was organized by the UI Library and will include speakers, exhibits and posters relating to GIS technology.

"It's so pervasive, it's in our phones and it impacts all of our lives whether we see it or not — whether it's car navigation or any number of technologies that are out there," Godfrey said.

He stressed the importance of learning about these technologies, as they are becoming more and more prominent in the everyday lives of humans all over the globe.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will include a block of time from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for interactive demonstrations and opportunities to visit with various presenters to discuss the importance of GIS technology. Godfrey said there will be posters, tables, computer screens and presenters giving demonstrations on how the technology is used.

Drones, a hot-button topic in recent years, is among the topics discussed on GIS Day. Godfrey said if Amazon is planning to deliver packages to the doors of Americans with drones, they're going to need accurate GIS technology to do it.

Brad Ward, vice president of research

and development of Advanced Aviation Solutions L LC, has over a decade of experience with unmanned aircraft in the Air Force and will give an introduction to a discussion on drones beginning at 2:30 p.m.

"(Done technology is) improving all the time, there's more and more data being collected and more ways to collect those data," Godfrey said. "There are researchers who are exploring them for agricultural purposes or forestry purposes — any number of other things people can come up with."

These drones, both industrial and military, will be discussed and displayed at Wednesday's event. Godfrey said there would be four drones on display, two with more than 6-foot wingspans and two that are hex copter style, similar to those demoted by Amazon.

GIS employers will also be present at the event, Godfrey said.

As companies develop and integrate GIS related technologies into businesses, the need for employees familiar with these technologies grows rapidly.

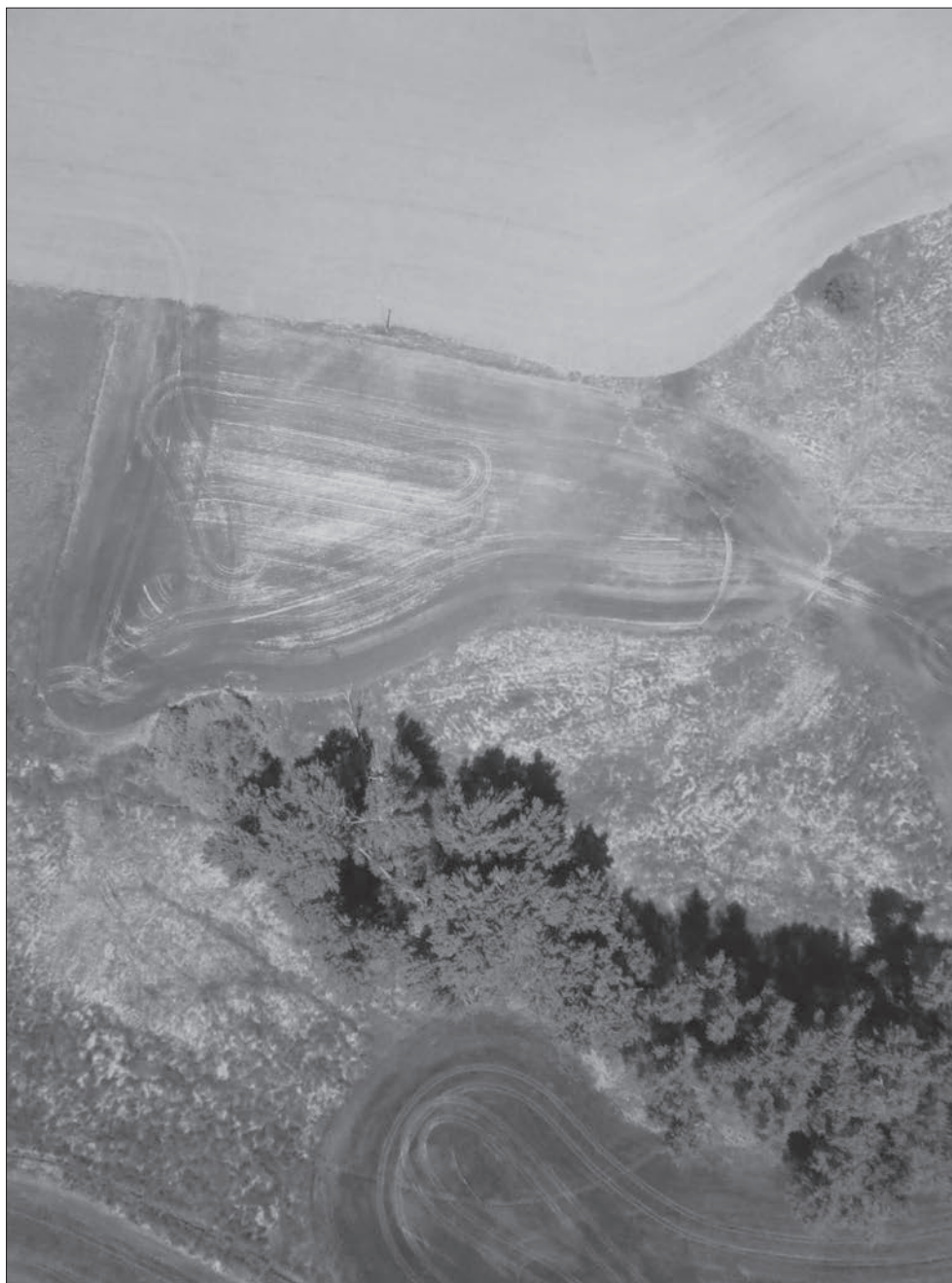
The event will include a panel discussion on what GIS employers are looking for, opportunities in GIS careers and skills students should acquire if they have an interest in the field.

"To wrap the prepared talks up, there's a meeting of GIS users from the northern region. There'll be GIS professionals and surveyors, as well as folks from private companies," he said.

Godfrey said although professionals in the field will be present, there is something for everyone at the event.

"There's certainly opportunities on the professional side of things," he said. "But there's also a lot of opportunities if you're just kind of curious about these technologies and don't have a lot of knowledge about them — we welcome the novice up to the professional."

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Jeff Lonnecker | Courtesy

A view from a "Finwing Penguin" drone owned and operated recreationally by GIS Analyst and Species Modeler Jeff Lonnecker. A 3D scene is stitched together using aerial footage from the drone which can then be used to analyze the health of crops, plan roads, find stream channels and more. Lonnecker will be at GIS Day at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the UI Commons where he will display his drone and answer questions from the audience.

STAFF AFFAIRS

Supporting student enrollment *Staff Affairs discusses student enrollment*

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

University of Idaho Staff Affairs discussed ways to support student enrollment and updates to the current process, including a new enrollment deposit, Wednesday at its bimonthly meeting.

Cezar Mesquita, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said staff members have an important role in helping encourage enrollment, even if they're not directly employed in enrollment-related departments.

"From the admit stage all the way through the enroll stage, this is where the broader staffing community of the University of Idaho can really help," Mesquita said. "Whether you're working with a department that's directly active in activities, hosting a program, getting people out there on the road or whether you're indirectly associated with an event, it is so important to have everyone on board."

Mesquita said those tasked with enrollment over the last few years have found some students who are admitted and enroll at UI do not end up actually attending. He said one idea to fix the issue is requiring an enrollment deposit for newly enrolled students. He said if they go with this plan, UI would begin to charge students a \$100 non-refundable enrollment deposit to encourage students to follow through with enrolling.

He said the deposit would be applied to students' tuition

costs and would not be an extra fee for students. He said students could also apply to have the deposit waived based on financial need.

The application completion rate has been around 70 percent for the past 10 years, according to Mesquita, which means a 10 percent increase in completion would equate to about 900 more students. He said it would not be easy to get this increase, because there are barriers to completing applications that aren't obvious and will be difficult to change.

Mesquita said it's important for staff to understand the different stages of the "enrollment funnel," which he described as a way of explaining the process in which people become university students.

He said the funnel starts with suspects — people within an institution's reach who could be interested in higher education. He said the students typically included in this model are recent high school graduates, which amounts to about 3.5 million students per year in the U.S. and roughly 18,000 per year in Idaho. However, he said it is equally important to consider those who have been out of high school for more than a year or two or are over 25 and considering becoming first-time college students — known as adult learners.

"These students are not necessarily reflected in these figures over here, but know that currently in the United States right now, the entire U.S. college population, students

who are enrolled, about 40 percent of them are adult learners," Mesquita said.

Those in the next stage of the model are considered prospects — people who could potentially become students. Mesquita said this is the point when the university tries to recruit individuals by sending information to students in the area who have taken the SAT or ACT.

Yet, he said it is better to interact personally with students through campus visits or high school recruitment trips than to put out a wide-reaching advertisement or promotional campaign.

"If we're going to be putting an ad on Google, on Facebook or doing something that's direct marketing, we can cast a really, really wide net with those activities," Mesquita said. "But the response rate generally is going to be low and generally those students are just lukewarm excited about the University of Idaho."

To ultimately boost enrollment, he emphasized the importance of small acts like saying "hello" to families touring campus and helping encourage students and parents to choose UI. He said from a staff standpoint, enrollment is becoming increasingly important.

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COMMUNITY

Sharing Thanksgiving

High school student organizes Thanksgiving dinner for Palouse community for second year in a row

Mary Malone
Argonaut

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and share a meal in the company of others, which is why 16-year-old Annarose Qualls said she is organizing the second year of Share Thanksgiving, a community dinner to feed hundreds of people in need.

"I'm really excited for this year," Qualls said. "I think it will be great and so much fun, and it's awesome having all these people come together to make it happen."

The Share Thanksgiving dinner will take place Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the 1912 Center. There will be four different meal times at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Qualls said the dinner is a traditional-style turkey dinner.

She will receive a helping hand from Real Life on the Palouse, a local church she and her family attends, as well as volunteers from other local churches in the area.

Derek Murphy, connections coach for Real Life, said he and his organization are helping Qualls with ideas for the dinner, outreach efforts and volunteer recruitment.

"We are just excited about what she is doing and want to partner with her to help make the event successful," Murphy said.

Murphy said he witnessed Qualls' effort in organizing the event last year, noticing how she spent hundreds of hours planning the logistics of the dinner.

Qualls said she is not nearly as nervous as she was last year in planning the Thanksgiving dinner because of the lessons she learned in planning last year's. Where about 400 people came to the dinner, and in combination with a food drive she led, a total of 630 families were fed for Thanksgiv-

ing. This year, she said she's teaming up with the Palouse Cares food drive so she can focus more on the dinner event.

Qualls said she came up with the idea after attending a summer program called the Christ in Youth Conference in Corvallis, Oregon, where she was challenged to feed 500 families for Thanksgiving last year and ended up doing so in Moscow.

"It was just an incredible experience," Qualls said. "It was very life changing and it changed me in a lot of ways. I learned a lot through it and built relationships and it was really cool to see how something like that is really achievable."

Qualls said one of the most valuable takeaways from coordinating the event was seeing the goodness in people. She said she discovered she knows many individuals with a wide range of skills who banded together and to help her along the way — and whenever anything went wrong, she said she was amazed how God would come through and often make things even better.

"It's an amazing, beautiful celebration," she said.

Qualls is a senior at Moscow High School and plans to attend the University of Idaho. As the middle child of 11, Qualls said she loves being around people. Her family moved to Moscow from Colorado when she was 1 year old and she was homeschooled most of her life until her sophomore year.

"I love being able to go to school and be with like 800 other people every day," Qualls said.

While she said she is not sure of what kind of career she wants yet, she knows she wants to write. She said she also loves foreign languages and countries and she may decide to become a translator for a foreign diplomat or ambassador.

"There are all sorts of possibilities and I'm excited to see what happens with my life," she said.

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Annarose Qualls

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Not just a 'pretty face'

UI Ski Team to show Pretty Faces at the Kenworthy, female skiers take the screen

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According to professional skier Lyndsey Dyer's production company, Unicorn Picnic, although women make up 40 percent of the skiing population, only 14 percent of athletes in recent ski films have been women.

University of Idaho student and Ski Team member Lindsey Anderson said she could attest to this statistic. She said women athletes frequently face discrimination in the sports industry and are often not represented equally in films and media.

"I grew up skiing and experienced a lot of sexism in the sport," Anderson said. "So I think this is going to break those barriers and hopefully prevent those misogynistic attitudes in the future, and to prove to little girls that they can also be as good as these female athletes. It just gives young woman an example that they can follow."

To bring more attention to women athletes, particularly skiers, Dyer worked with other athletes to create Pretty Faces — a documentary about female skiers from

a female perspective.

With collaboration between the UI Ski Team and the Women's Center, the film will be shown at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission. Many sponsors donated door prizes to be raffled off during the show.

Assistant Director for Programs for the Women's Center Bekah MillerMacPhee said the film is powerful and provides insight to an overlooked issue.

"I think it's timely too, since it just got cold and it's really about winter sports," MillerMacPhee said. "I think it would be good to get not just women inspired, but others as well."

Anderson said she sees the film as instrumental in representing women in sports, particularly women in skiing.

"It's a great movement that Lyndsey Dyer is doing that's going to help support female athletes," Anderson said. "She's doing it for all female athletes who don't really get their time to shine in the skiing industry. She wanted an opportunity for all these women to get their time on the screen."

Although the movie is touring across the country, it has

some Idaho roots as Dyer grew up in Sun Valley, UI Ski Team Coach Jerry McMurtry said.

McMurtry said the ski team puts on a movie fundraiser every year, but said this movie is different from movies they have shown in previous years.

"I think they will see something that's high energy, fun, but it's a little different," McMurtry said. "It's nice to have an Idaho movie."

Dyer said inspiration for the film stemmed from her belief that future generations of girls and women need to be accepted in a world of tough sports, like skiing, and they need to ultimately feel comfortable in their own skin.

"I wanted to give young girls something positive to look up to," she said. "I wanted to give them their Blizzard of Ahhs, Ski Movie or High Life, but done in a way that also shows the elegance, grace, community and style that is unique to women in the mountains."

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DEPARTMENTS

Windows of opportunity

VIEW challenges students to think on feet in annual Elevator Pitch Competition

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Associate Professor of Marketing Michael McCollough said the University of Idaho business department likes to refer to all UI students as business students.

"We kind of like to say that most of the students at the University of Idaho are in business, they just don't know it," McCollough said. "And what we mean by that is they may not be majoring in business, but if we ask them what they want to do when they graduate, they want a job."

McCollough worked as director of Vandal Innovation and Enterprise Works (VIEW) for five years and helped run the group's annual Elevator Pitch Competition, a contest he said every type of student should consider participating in.

The idea behind the competition is that normally, the most important business proposals people make aren't in a formal presentation style, but rather the pitches they make during the span of time in an elevator, a cab or a reception.

This year's competition will take place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday on the first floor gallery of the Albertson Building. The deadline to register as a competitor has passed.

As the former VIEW director, McCollough said he helped implement changes to the competition — changing it from a more traditional style of an elevator pitch competition to a reception style format.

He said in most elevator pitch competitions, groups get a short window of time give their pitch in a classroom setting and only get one or two minutes of feedback from the judges.

In a reception format, the feel is less stressful and more interactive, McCollough said. Every student in each group has the chance to participate and the judges have more time to give feedback. Students can also choose which judge to approach and they have the chance to improve based on the criticism they receive throughout the night.

Current VIEW Director George Tanner said UI is one of the only universities to use a reception format for its elevator pitch competition.

"If you really got a chance to pitch an investor ... it's not going to be one minute in front of a classroom or boardroom, it's going to be a conversation," Tanner said. "That's what we try to mimic, is the conversation that takes place between entrepreneurs and the people that can take that idea."

According to McCollough, during the competition groups pitch an innovative idea to the judges, who are spread out across the room, mingling with other guests or competitors. If a judge likes a group's pitch, they hand them a business card. If they really like a group's pitch, the business card they hand them will have the judge's initials on it.

At the end of the night, the group with the most business

cards wins. McCollough said the prizes usually consist of checks worth up to \$2,000 or sometimes \$3,000. The money is meant for the students to set their pitched plan into motion.

Tanner started as the new VIEW director this semester, and said he wants to start using the elevator pitch competition as preparation for students competing in other business contests in the spring. He said last year a few students who participated in the elevator pitch competition were sent to business competitions outside of Idaho, and he wants to continue this new development.

"This year there's a new initiative in Idaho called the Idaho Entrepreneur Challenge," Tanner said. "We will be competing along with all the schools, all the colleges and universities in the state for \$150,000 in prize money."

Before he was director, Tanner worked for the competition as a business instructor for three years and said he always enjoyed observing students competing through the night.

"It's fun for me, as a college professor, to watch the tension rise," Tanner said. "To see them work on their pitches, try to come up with that great problem statement, solve the problem, create that perfect pitch and then see them go execute it."

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Police log

Saturday, Nov. 15

1:13 a.m. 100 block South Main Street

Officer arrested male for alcohol offense. A report was filed.

9:54 p.m. 1000 block West Sixth Street

Caller reported marijuana odor. A report was filed.

11:26 p.m. 300 block North Washington Street

Officer arrested male for battery. A report was filed.

Sunday, Nov. 16

5:31 a.m. 1100 block South Logan Street

Caller complained of loud party. No report was filed.

11:05 a.m. 200 block Warbonnet Drive

Officer arrested female on a warrant. A report was filed.

Thursday, Nov. 13

2:17 p.m. South Jackson Street

Officer arrested female on a warrant. A report was filed.

9:32 p.m. 1400 block Northwood Drive

Caller reported odor of marijuana. No report was filed.

Friday, Nov. 14

11:14 p.m. 1000 block West Sixth Street

Caller reported odor of marijuana. No report was filed.

11:17 p.m. 700 block Taylor Avenue

Caller complained of a loud party. No report was filed.



SHREDDING THE GNAR



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Former UI student Ian Engerbretson, 22, drops a cliff through fresh powder and fog at Schweitzer Mountain January 2014.

BRIEFS

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Collegiate Smokeout

Vandal Health Education is teaming up with Public Health Idaho North Central District to celebrate Collegiate Smokeout, a college version of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout held annually the third Thursday of November.

The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Idaho Commons Plaza.

Vandal Health Education Coordinator Emily Tuschhoff said the event will have "quit kits" for tobacco users, lung capacity competitions and hot chocolate. She said Public Health and Gritman Medical Center will promote free cessation resources.

Tuschhoff said the day is meant for people to take a public stand against tobacco.

President's Thanksgiving

The University of Idaho will host a Thanksgiving dinner for students and families staying in Moscow over fall break. The dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 26, at Bob's Place located in the Wallace Residence Center.

Multiple departments on campus are sponsoring the event, including University Housing, the Office of the President and Student Affairs and the Dean of Students office.

Those interested should RSVP by Friday, Nov. 27.

BOYCOTT

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He ended the 2011 Thanksgiving season with just 46 fans who supported his cause. As Thanksgiving 2012 drew closer, he started to post about stores opening on Thursday, outrageous sales and Black Thursday news. That year, the page grew to a few hundred fans. By the beginning of October 2014, the page had just over 7,000 followers and now boasts more than 95,000.

Rich said although there seems to be ample support for the movement, he's not sure how to quantify the actual success of the page. He said there have been small victories that make the movement worth the time and effort to manage.

RadioShack announced it would be open from 8 a.m. to midnight on Thanksgiving Day this year. Rich and the page's co-administrator — Atlanta, Georgia, blogger Meghan Cooper — received a private message from a RadioShack employee containing a photo of an internal memo to the staff outlining the reasons for opening on Thanksgiving. They posted the memo on the Boycott Black Thursday page — sparking conversation across the nation about Black Thursday.

Rich said within 48 hours, RadioShack released a second memo. After receiving employee feedback, company executives decided RadioShack stores would close from noon to 5 p.m. to allow employees to spend at least some of Thanksgiving with their families.

"There is no perfect solution, however we need to do the right thing for our customers, our community and our associates," company executives said in the memo.

Rich said he suspects the Facebook page has a hand in the company

executives' change of heart.

"I like to think that in some small way, we helped save thousands of employees time for Thanksgiving," Rich said. "That feels pretty good even if that's the only thing we've done."

Ward no longer works at Macy's. Instead, she works at family-owned Sam Dial Jewelers in Pullman. Because it's not a corporate entity, Ward said the managers are more considerate of the holiday and will not open on Thanksgiving.

Having worked in both the corporate and family-owned sides of the retail world, Ward said she doesn't believe opening on Thanksgiving is good for a store's image or the employees and its customers.

"I think it just fuels the consumerism mindset that everyone has right now in society," Ward said. "You can wait a day for sales. You don't need to be open on Thanksgiving. I don't think it's fair to employees."

Rich said he hasn't spent a dime or sent a single press release to publicize the Boycott Black Thursday movement. He said the support has been completely organic, and if the movement were to grow beyond a Facebook page, any monetary gain would be donated to soup kitchens and other organizations that support Thanksgiving.

"The core point of the page — it's easy to get mired in politics — but the whole point of the page is to ask people to just not shop on Thanksgiving," Rich said. "Just don't walk through the doors of a retailer. If enough people did that and it wasn't profitable to open — if we could keep the sales down so it wasn't profitable — it'd be a big loser for them. This isn't about government or anything. This is about asking consumers to just stage a good old-fashioned boycott."

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CAREER

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would be tasked with identifying staff career ladders and creating related professional development programs.

The programs would be focused on teaching UI staff the skills needed to move up within their department or assume an open position at UI, which usually comes with a salary raise, he said.

Smith said he hopes offering professional development programs will incentivize staff to continue their careers at UI while also providing a boost to morale.

"They can see we are investing in them, and we're going to give them an opportunity to move up in the organization," he said.

Smith said the committee would begin to meet after Thanksgiving break and would include stakeholders from around campus, including representatives from Faculty Senate, Staff Affairs, Human Resources and General Counsel.

Smith said he hopes to have

a plan of action put forth by the committee by the end of the academic year.

With expanded training programs, Smith said UI should conduct an internal search for qualified applicants for job openings before opening up the search and looking elsewhere to fill positions.

Although he hopes the committee's plan would include incentives to staff members, Smith said UI should still raise staff salaries in order to prevent attrition.

Smith said troubles with staff salaries began in 2008, when the Idaho Legislature cut higher education funding by 30 percent.

While employees at peer institutions receive 2-3 percent salary increases annually, UI employees have only received a 4 percent salary increase since 2008, he said.

With the cuts in state budget, Smith said UI pays staff 16-20 percent less than peer institutions. He said UI upper administration has taken notice.

Smith said raising employee salaries by 4 percent is the top priority for UI heading into the

legislative session. He said his department is looking at methods to fairly distribute a salary increase among all pay grades.

He said the goal of distributing a salary increase would be to ensure employees at low level pay grades are being paid a livable wage.

"It would be great, I think, if we could start there, getting the lower paid ones to a livable wage," he said.

In the end, Smith said the extent of salary increases would depend on how much UI receives from the legislature.

Despite low salaries, Smith said he does not think it has affected the productivity at UI. Rather, he said the low pay leads to low staff morale within departments and often incentivizes people to look elsewhere for higher paying jobs.

"They can go to Washington State University for 10 to 20 percent more than they are making here, and they don't even have to move," he said. "So it's pretty easy for them."

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AMNESTY

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Wren said ASUI is reopening the conversation and thinks a MPD amnesty policy would be a positive thing for students because it would increase their safety by promoting responsibility.

"It would be a pity if someone wound up hurt or injured because their friend didn't want to call 911, because they were worried that they were going to get in trouble," he said.

Wren said he is curious to see the perspective of the police

department as the conversation develops. An officer of MPD will address the ASUI Senate during a pre-session meeting Dec 3 and provide this perspective, as well as answer questions from senators.

ASUI Pro Tempore Austin Karstetter said the role of ASUI in this conversation is to support students, and the senate will hopefully pass a resolution — which he said would most likely be written by Sen. Joseph Madsen — before the end of the year, showing support for the adoption of an amnesty policy by MPD.

"I feel like a lot of other people in the Senate, including Joe, are in support of ASUI supporting an amnesty policy," Karstetter said.

Karstetter said ASUI and MPD maintain a positive and communicative relationship and believes the support of the ASUI Senate will be influential and hold weight in MPD's decision.

"I think what we're going to do is write a resolution, talk to them and see what we can do," Karstetter said.

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SPORTS



Idaho women's basketball beats UC Santa Barbara 47-44 in second game of season

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FOOTBALL

Senior Day damper

Nineteen seniors end Kibbie Dome career with loss

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

The only thing missing from Josh McCain's Senior Day was a win.

The 6-foot-2, 177-pound wide receiver finished with seven receptions for 128 yards and one touchdown in the Vandals' 34-17 loss against Troy Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

The converted quarterback now has 1,115 receiving yards on the season. He is the first Vandal receiver to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark since Max Komar in 2009.

A seven-point deficit at halftime was all Idaho had to overcome to earn 19 seniors their last win inside the Kibbie Dome, but freshman quarterback Matt Linehan threw three interceptions in the third quarter — all to Troy safety Montres Kitchens, one of which was returned for a touchdown. Idaho's defense also allowed 293 rushing yards to the Troy offense.

"We just played bad," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "Put it all on me — I'm the head coach. I thought it was a really disturbing day. I thought the defense was terrible in the first half and the offense was terrible in the second half. So that's all on me, it's my job."

The Vandals get an extra week to get over the loss, as they have a bye week before playing their last game of the season against Appalachian State Nov. 29 in Boone, North Carolina.

Linehan finished the game 14-of-36 for 269 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Petrino said one of the interceptions wasn't Linehan's fault because the receiver stopped his route too early.

Petrino said sophomore quarterback Chad Chalich didn't play because of a hip injury he suffered against San Diego State Nov. 8. In pregame warm-ups, Chalich still had a noticeable limp.



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Senior running back Jerrel Brown attempts to juke a Troy defender in Idaho's 34-17 loss to Troy Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals take the field one last time Nov. 29 at Appalachian State.

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Consistency lacking in 2014

Idaho football showed flashes of brilliance, couldn't sustain it this season



Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

It's been a theme of "which Idaho team will show up in a given quarter" for the 2014 football season.

The Vandals show flashes of what the program could be at times only for inconsistency to doom the team in the end.

Two of Idaho's losses this season were games the team was picked to win. The Vegas line predicted the Vandals to beat Western Michigan in the home opener and predicted a win against Troy Saturday during Senior Day. Both losses were by double digits.

Then, on the other side, Idaho has put up a fight with some of the Sun Belt's heavy hitters. The Vandals led Arkansas State late in the game Nov. 1, stuck with the Mountain West's San Diego State for much of the game Nov. 8 and lost by one score to Louisiana-Monroe and Texas State earlier in the season. It's hard to tell which Idaho team is going to show up on any given quarter or any given game.

If Idaho put together its best quarters from several different games, the Vandals would easily have three or four wins at this point in the season — especially looking at the second halves of several games. In the second halves of games, Idaho has outscored its opponents on three occasions. On eight other occasions, the Vandals have led, been tied or been behind by one score in a half.

Early in the season, Idaho's running game struggled while the passing game looked spectacular, while lately the passing game has struggled and the running game has improved. Several games this season, Idaho coach Paul Petrino said the offense was on-point only to falter later on when the defense finally got its act together.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Clutch win for Vandals



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Freshman forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan shoots a floater during Idaho's 82-77 win over South Dakota State Monday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals improved to 2-0 on the season with the win.

Clutch win for Vandals over South Dakota State

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Idaho trailed by one-point as the clock ticked under one-minute left to play. Perrion Callandret received the ball beyond the arc with space to shoot, and the sophomore guard showed no hesitation, pulled the trigger and made the basket.

The 3-pointer gave Idaho momentum to carry it to an 82-77 win over South Dakota State.

"He was wide open," Idaho coach Don Verlin said of Callandret's shot. "Step up and knock it down, and that's what he did tonight. I was proud of Perrion for doing it."

Callandret said he knew the ball was coming his way the whole time.

"I didn't really think about if we were down or not, and just shot it and it went in," Callandret said. "We won the game after that."

Callandret finished the game with seven points and two assists. He said his confidence is a lot better since he came here last year.

"He (Verlin) had the confidence putting me in at the end of the game, confidence letting me hit the big shot — it helps you go along," Callandret said.

Mike Scott was also not to be outdone. The senior point guard nailed a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in the game and the shot clock out of time. The bucket gave Idaho the cushion it needed to win the game.

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Athletes of the week

Josh McCain — football



McCain

Josh McCain continued his fantastic season, racking up 128 yards and a touchdown on seven catches in Idaho's loss to Troy Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. McCain, a senior from San Jose, California, now has 1,115 yards and nine touchdowns on the season, averaging 15.3 yards per catch. Not only is McCain the Vandals' receiving leader, he also leads the Sun Belt in receptions, touchdowns and receiving yards. Nationally, he is sixth in the NCAA in receiving yards and ninth in the receiving touchdowns. This is McCain's first year playing wide receiver, as he was a quarterback all through high school and at Idaho until this season.

Arkadiy Mkrtychyan — men's basketball



Mkrtychyan

In his first ever regular season game for Idaho, true freshman Arkadiy Mkrtychyan powered the Vandals to victory in the season opener against Eastern Oregon. The Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, native pulled down eight rebounds, had three steals and scored 18 points for the Vandals. He led Idaho in both points and steals for the game and tied with teammates Bira Seck and Nahshon George for the rebounding lead. The small forward chose Idaho over scholarship offers from Weber State, Portland State, Oregon State, Seattle U and Stony Brook.

Stacey Barr — women's basketball



Barr

The Idaho women's basketball team tipped off the season last Friday, playing at California State-Northridge. While the final results weren't what the team was hoping for losing 67-50, senior guard Stacey Barr had a great opening to the season with a double-double. The reigning WAC Player of the Year and two-time WAC Tournament MVP was good for 18 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and one steal, as well as knocking down three 3-pointers. Barr lit up the stat sheet, but she was also responsible for eight costly turnovers for the Vandals in the loss.

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VOLLEYBALL

Bears ruin Senior Night

Idaho volleyball falls to Northern Colorado on Senior Night

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

In addition to being Senior Night, Saturday's volleyball game was also a battle for the No. 3 seed in the Big Sky Tournament.

Unfortunately for four Idaho volleyball seniors, Northern Colorado ruined Senior Night, as the Bears beat the Vandals 3-1 in Big Sky volleyball action Saturday night in Memorial Gym. The loss allowed Northern Colorado to jump Idaho in the Big Sky standings.

"The difference in the match was just in execution," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We just need to keep executing from a ball control standpoint ... We were a little late with our blocking tonight. We just have to keep making sure that we stay on our game plan and we're doing the things that we need to do."

Idaho setters, freshman Sami Parris and sophomore Michele Brown, filled in for the usual setter, junior Meredith Coba, who sustained a season-ending leg injury in Idaho's Thursday night loss to North Dakota. Brown finished with 16 assists and Parris finished with 15 assists and nine digs.

Northern Colorado earned the No. 3 seed for the Big Sky Tournament while Idaho is the No. 4 seed out of the eight teams competing in Pocatello.

The Vandals will play No. 5 seed Northern Arizona in the quarterfinals 4 p.m. Thursday. The Big Sky Tournament can be viewed at watchbigsky.com.

While the Big Sky Tournament will be played in an unfamiliar city for most of the Vandals, the trip to Idaho State will be a bit of a homecoming for Parris and junior defensive specialist Jenna Ellis, as both players attended Century High School in Pocatello.

As for Saturday night against Northern Colorado, four Idaho seniors — Stephanie Hagins, Alyssa Schultz, Tineke Bierma and Jessica Hastriter — played their final match at Memorial Gym.

"I'm just proud of how far we've come and I'm proud of how we've fought through adversity this game without Meredith Coba," Schultz said. "I'm just so glad I got to be a part of this and I got to play for the coaches I got to play for and the people that I got to meet, all the boosters and everyone that made this happen. I had a great ride."

Schultz, who earned first-team All-WAC honors the last two seasons, said she will miss a lot about playing volleyball for Idaho.

"I'm going to miss game days



Brenda Ely | Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team returns a volley during its 3-1 loss to Northern Colorado Saturday in Memorial Gym. With the loss, the Vandals move into the Big Sky Tournament as the No. 4 seed.

the most, just the atmosphere, the excitement that comes out," Schultz said. "I'm going to miss the people. It's such a small community and people recognize you everywhere you go. I'm just going to miss it all."

Hastriter, who led the Vandals with 12 kills Saturday, said she has

also enjoyed her time at Idaho.

"It's been such an amazing experience," Hastriter said. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

Hastriter is in her fifth year at Idaho since she redshirted one year. But she said her time at Idaho went by really fast and said she will miss the team aspect of volleyball

in Moscow.

"I've always been around a team for years, probably about 10 years, and it's going to be really weird not having that and not being in here training every day," Hastriter said.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Knocked down but get up again

Cross country wraps up season filled with obstacles

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Adversity has been present all season for the Idaho cross country team.

In the beginning of the year, the team had to persevere the loss of longtime coach Wayne Phipps to Washington State. By the end of the year, the Vandals were suffering injuries, including senior Abby Larson being hit by a car right before the regional championships. Idaho coach Travis Floeck said Larson's injuries included bruises and swelling in her knees, but she was determined to run in her last race as a Vandal.

"Three days before (the regional meet), Abby Larson got hit by a car on her bike," Floeck said. "She got on the line in what was going to be her last collegiate race because she is graduating this term and she ran for her team. Probably a situation, had it not been literally her last collegiate race, I wouldn't have run her."

As a team, both Vandal squads finished 21st at the NCAA West Regional Championships. The usual Vandals led the way with senior Cody Helbling finishing 66th on the men's side with a time

30 minutes, 47 seconds on the 10-kilometer course. Freshman Sierra Speiker finished first for Idaho on the women's side crossing the finish line in 21:52 to finish 84th on the 6-kilometer course.

"Clearly Sierra and Cody have been our No. 1 runners all season," Floeck said. "I know Cody was a little disappointed with his race, but he had a really solid season. I'm really proud of the season he had. Definitely seemed to be doing better than all of last year."

Floek said Speiker had been dealing with a quad injury the last few weeks, so she wasn't at 100 percent.

"I know she wasn't really at her best, but it just speaks volumes of how tough she is and how consistent of a racer she is," he said. "Seasons to come, I'm going to do a better job of managing her efforts a little more throughout the season, but she also had a very successful season. I think she's just going to get a ton better each year and do some special things at Idaho."

Overall, Floeck said he was content with his team's performances considering the circumstances. Last year, the Vandals didn't even finish with a complete team on the men's side. The women's team dropped two spots from last year, but also only re-

turned one top five runner since junior Halie Raudenbush redshirted this season.

"I thought we ran good races. I didn't think we ran anything amazing, but at the same time I was happy that they did compete very hard," Floeck said. "Am I happy with 21st on both sides? Obviously the competitive part of me as a coach isn't, but you also have to keep perspective ... We're only losing one on each side and I think those are places we're going to improve vastly on in a year."

With cross country over, the Vandals have a brief break before turning their attention to the indoor track and field season. Next year, Idaho will return to cross country with a familiar coach and four of the top five runners returning on each side. Idaho might also see the return of top runners Raudenbush and Nic Boersma, who didn't compete this season.

"It's never going to go 100 percent as you hoped," Floeck said. "I think there were a lot of ups and downs, but overall I'm really happy with it. I think there were a lot more ups than downs. I feel like this is a team that learned a lot this season."

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Senior Abby Larson practices Oct. 16 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. Larson competed with her team Friday at the NCAA West Regional Championship despite being hit by a car while riding her bike earlier in the week. Each Vandal team finished 21st at the meet.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Barr, Salvatore lift Vandals past Gauchos

Vandals win 47-44 in Santa Barbara

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

It was an intense, see-saw battle in Santa Barbara where the Vandal women's basketball team was able to come out on top 47-44 Monday night.

The Vandals raced out to a 14-2 lead in the first half, but UC Santa Barbara went on a 15-3 run to end the first half.

UCSB's hot streak bled into the second half as well, as the Vandals didn't score until junior 3-point-specialist Christina Salvatore hit her second 3-pointer on the night.

The win improves the Vandals to 1-1 on the season.

They now begin preparations for their home opener against San Diego Saturday Nov. 22 in Memorial Gym.

The team discussed the pressure at halftime and the way the team adapted to the pressure proved to be vital, Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. They were able to escape with a win, which showed a lot of character.

"Escape out of here is right. I thought our kids showed a lot of heart," Newlee said.

After guard Stacey Barr scored 11 of the Vandals' first 17 points, UCSB began implementing a full-court press late in the first half that gave Barr and the rest of the Vandals fits. The Melbourne, Australia, native ended the

night with 20 points, including two clutch free throws with 25 seconds left after Karlee Wilson got her hand on a UCSB ball with just over a minute remaining.

Those free throws proved to be vital as a UCSB's 3-point attempt fell short as time expired.

The Vandals struggled offensively, managing a mere 34 percent from the field, including 36 percent from 3-point range.

However, that doesn't mean the Vandals didn't get the points when they needed from long range. Salvatore hit four of her five from long range in the second half, including one with a little under six minutes left to tie the game at 37-37.

Along with Salvatore, sophomore guard Agueda Trujillo — seeing her first minutes of the season — provided a spark for the Vandals off the bench with seven points on 3-of-4 shooting all in the second half.

The spark Trujillo provided and Salvatore's impressive night proved vital in the victory, Newlee said.

The Vandals got another good performance in the post by sophomore Brooke Reilly, notching seven rebounds on the night after leading the team in rebounding in the season opener. She and the Vandals had their hands full down low as they attempted to defend UCSB's Clair Watkins. The 6-foot-4 center finished the

night with 11 rebounds.

With Ali Forde not playing with the team yet due to her current obligations to the Idaho volleyball team, which is playing in the Big Sky Tournament Thursday.

Forde could have potentially matched up well with Watkins one-on-one,

but Reilly, along with some of the other young players, have really stepped up into a bigger role in the post and defensively against her, Newlee said.

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Senior guard Mike Scott shoots a jumper during Idaho's 77-65 win over Eastern Oregon Friday in the team's season opener. The Vandals improved to 2-0 on the season with a win over SDSU Monday.

CLUTCH

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Scott said he thought there was more time on the shot clock. He said he didn't realize how much time was left until his team yelled at him.

"I was happy it went in," Scott said. "I have confidence in myself that it was going in, but I knew it was big shot and we needed it, so I was relieved that it went in."

Scott led the team with 23 points, four assists and four rebounds, but said it was Callandret's shot that gave him the confidence to hit his clutch 3-pointer.

"I jumped on him in the locker room," Scott said of the team celebrating Callandret's shot. "I was so

happy about my shot, but it was his shot that really got us going. It lifted me up when he hit his shot."

Idaho led the majority of the first half, but South Dakota State made a surge in the second half. SDSU took its first lead since the score was 5-4 three minutes into the game. But with nine minutes left, SDSU retook the lead 58-56 — and the two teams exchanged baskets from there on out.

"I thought it was a hard fought physical game," Verlin said. "It's what you expect when you play coach Naggy's team."

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SENIOR

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Troy found success in the run game and finished with 293 yards as a team. Sophomore running back Jordan Chunn picked up most of those yards, as he rushed for 194 yards and one touchdown.

Petrino said he felt like Idaho could have success running the ball against Troy — who came into the game ranked near the bottom in the country for run defense.

The Trojans didn't do anything special on defense to stop the run. Petrino said they mostly ran a cover two defense, which is primarily designed to stop the pass.

"It wasn't rocket science, we just didn't execute very well," Petrino said of the running game. "We really thought we'd run the ball better against them."

Senior running back Jerrel Brown was the Vandals' leading rusher, with 77 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries.

Petrino said the performance against Troy reminded him of last year's team.

"I don't think we've played like that all year," he said. "We've come so far in this program and we've played so much better — and today we took a big step back."

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CONSISTENCY

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The up-and-down play can also be examined on an individual player level. To begin the season, quarterback Matt Linehan looked like a freshman sensation with three consecutive games of 300 or more passing yards. In his last three games, his most remarkable stat has been his six interceptions.

Senior wide receiver Josh McCain has been a staple on offense with six 100-plus yard receiving games, 1,115 receiving yards and nine receiving touchdowns. He leads the Sun Belt in every major statistical receiving category. Then there was the receiver who stopped on his route in Idaho's loss to Troy resulting in an interception returned for a touchdown by Trojan safety Montres Kitchens.

The mantras "defense wins championships" or "you have to score to win" are nice, but Idaho needs to start with consistency to find success. Most of the other pieces are already there.

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ATHLETES

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Jessica Hastriter – volleyball



Hastriter

In her final home game as a Vandal, senior Jessica Hastriter carried the Idaho offense in the season finale against Northern Colorado. Hastriter, from Boise, recorded 12 kills in the match, which was the team high. She was the only Vandal in double figures. Unfortunately, her final home game wasn't a win for the Vandals, as they fell in four sets to UNC. It won't be Hastriter, or any of the Vandal seniors', final game in an Idaho uniform though, as the Big Sky Tournament begins Thursday in Pocatello at Idaho State. The Vandals take on Northern Arizona in the first round, who they beat soundly 3-0 earlier this season. Hastriter had 16 kills in that match and will look to repeat her performance Thursday.

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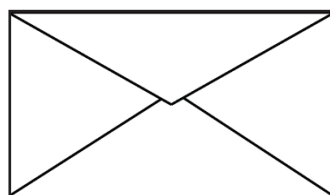
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Avoid accidents, travel safe

Students should take extra time to plan for travel home, stay safe when driving

In the rush to get home to see friends and family, many University of Idaho students forget to plan a safe car ride home and take unnecessary risks on roads prone to unsafe conditions.

The trip to and from Moscow has proven to be a treacherous one for many UI students. Many holiday travelers are involved in car accidents every year while driving home during the winter breaks.

Some accidents result in nothing more than a fender bender, while others unfortunately end with the death of a fellow student.

Most accidents can be avoided by planning ahead. It might seem like common sense, but a little extra planning before heading home can prevent a life-changing or life-ending car accident.

Before leaving Moscow, students should

check the weather forecast and be prepared to postpone travel plans for a day or two until any predicted bad weather clears up. Students traveling south to Boise should pay careful attention around the McCall area, which is known for its steep roads and slippery, winding two-lane highway.

Winter roads should be driven with caution, since car accidents and associated fatalities are almost always due to bad weather.

While most accidents involving UI students do not result in fatalities, the ones that do take their toll on the campus community.

"Some of those are burned very deeply into my memory," said Bruce Pitman, dean of students and vice provost of student affairs.

He said students should consider stopping for the night at a nearby town if the weather gets too bad.

Checking tire pressure, oil levels and taking your car into a mechanic for a check up can all prevent a vehicle malfunction while traveling long distances. Students should also

pack emergency blankets, warm clothes and extra food in case vehicle troubles leave them stranded in freezing temperatures.

To prevent an accident in the first place, students should make sure they are well rested and alert while driving long distances. Limiting distractions inside of the car, like music and pets, can increase a driver's attentiveness.

Keep in mind bad weather can also delay a timely return to campus. Students ought to give themselves enough time to return to campus without missing their last classes heading into finals.

UI also offers a Holiday Break Bus that provides charter bus trips to Southern Idaho and Portland. The bus trips are low-cost and provide a safe transportation option for students looking to get home in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

After 10 straight weeks without a day off, this is a well-deserved break for students. Taking a little time to prepare for holiday travel will also make it a safe one.

-RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Go vote, I guess

All the ASUI candidates sound the same. But yeah, be sure to vote in the ones who are going to represent you in a student government that is kind of unnecessary. Yay for the "student voice."

-Andrew

Unnecessary violence

So far, every beheading of an American stuns me emotionally. I can't fathom the pain of being a family whose son or daughter was in one of those horrible tapes. My heart goes out to them.

-Danielle

Campus food

The lack of options for places to eat on campus is disappointing. WSU has Subway, Panda Express and others — while we here at Idaho are stuck with Sodexo.

-Korbin

Unexpected endings

Well, I wasn't expecting to be ending my week before break with an ACIDIC concert. But hey, work can be play too.

-Claire

Staying for break

My philosophy used to be to get out of Moscow any chance I could get. This year, however, I'm highly considering just staying in town and actually using Thanksgiving break as a break.

-Stephan

Not cruising along

The recent outbreak of norovirus on the Crown Princess only reaffirms my irrational distrust of cruises. I find it horrifying that 172 people were infected with the same disease and trapped together on a ship. That is truly the stuff of nightmares and considering that something similar has happened on multiple cruise ships, I am going to pass on going on a cruise in the near future.

-Aleya

Giving thanks

Although the origins of Thanksgiving aren't as peachy keen as our grade school social studies teachers would like us to think, the premise of the holiday is still important. It's a reminder to be thankful for all that we have and to spend time with family. For many, this concept has been forgotten in favor of the consumerism that now defines the holiday season. Don't let that be you.

-Kaitlyn

Black Friday

Although it's still over a week away, I know for a fact I will be too deep in a food coma to participate in this annual, violent shopping activity. Maybe I'll give Cyber Monday a try.

-Erin

Homeward bound

As much as I love Moscow, I'm really looking forward to seeing my family again. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

-Daphne

Separation

Being away from those I love makes me appreciate them even more. I'm thankful to be blessed with such a wonderful support system.

-Katelyn

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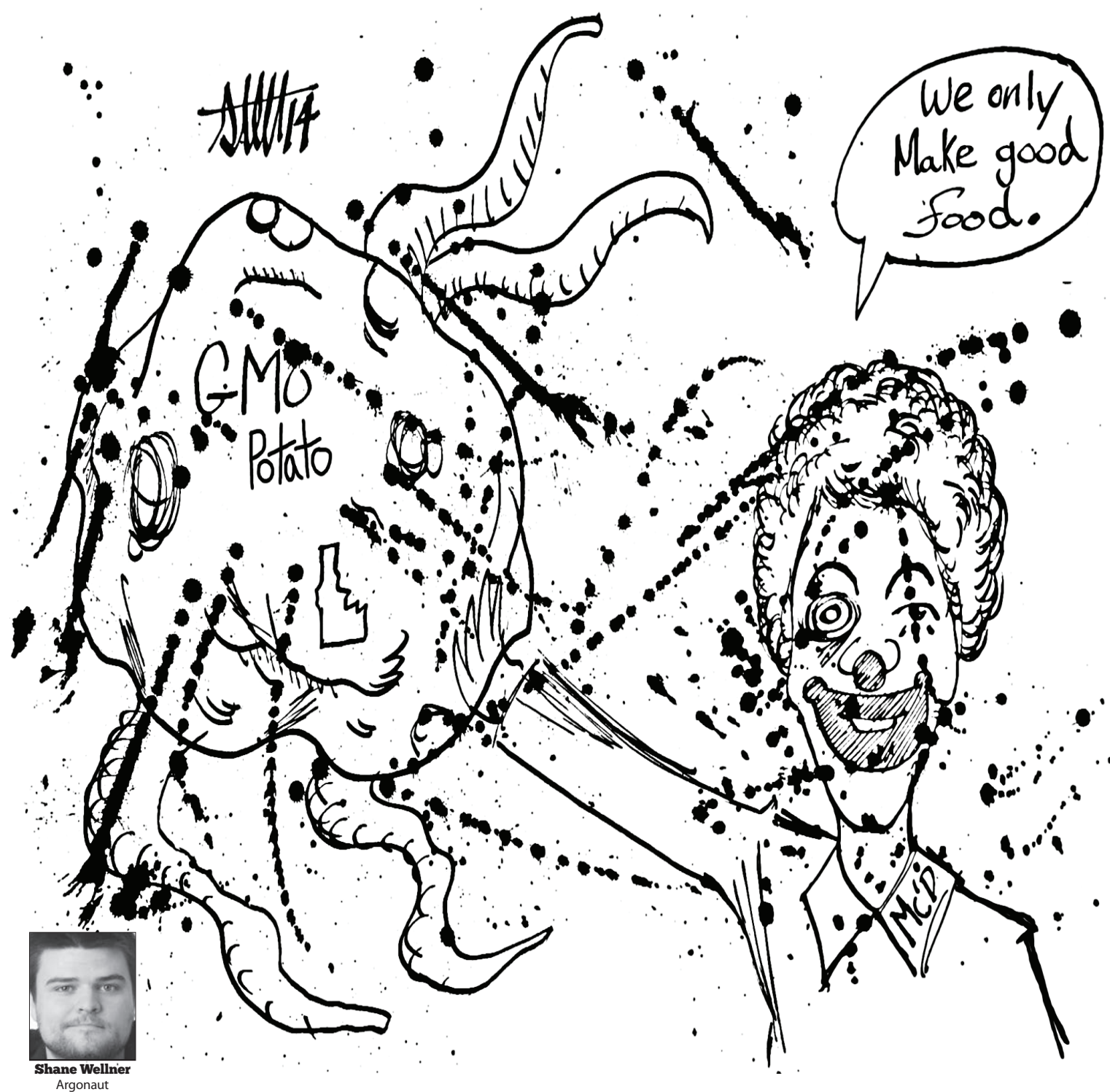
If you are thinking about sending an unrequested dick pic, don't.

-Ryan

Nude photos

These will become less of a big deal over time. Once the Twitter crazed preteens become world leaders, life as we know it will be over ... or improved.

-Amber



Kardashian catastrophe

Many problems exist with Kim Kardashian's recent photo shoot

By now, many people have seen the nude and oiled up photos of Kim Kardashian taken for the cover of Paper magazine with a title of "Break the Internet."

The photographs made an enormous splash on the Internet since Kardashian is a mother and people are usually prone to take the opportunity to view a naked celebrity. But there are more important things to worry about regarding these photos.

If anyone wants to show off their naked bodies, even if they've had children, they should be able to. Mothers are allowed to feel sexy and confident about how they look. They should be able to show their bodies off any way they like — a category that includes Kardashian. The photos of Kardashian, though, have been modified to look better than the average mother's body possibly can.

Looking at the photos, you see her skin has absolutely no blemishes or cellulite. Instead, there's oil so the lights can bounce off her

"flawless skin." What's more upsetting is that it appears her waist has been taken in so much it looks as if she had a couple of her ribs taken out. Nothing screams greatness about these photos. She nearly looks inhuman.



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Alongside the photoshopping fiesta, there is a problem with the photographer Kardashian chose to work with for this shoot. Jean-Paul Goude, the photographer, has been known to have a fascination with black women and likes to pose these black women as objects.

In fact, in 1981 he released a book of photographs titled "Jungle Fever." In these photos, he had models posed as servants or slaves, which objectified their bodies.

Some of the pictures he has taken involve naked black women wrapped up in chains. There are pictures of a black female model crawling around nude inside of a cage. Goude posed her to look more like an animal than a person. He is known to have a fascination with the behinds of black women and makes it crystal clear in his photography.

So why would Kardashian want to work with a man who purposely portrays black women

like objects and animals? It doesn't take much research to find out about the controversy surrounding Goude's photography.

In the photo shoot, Goude had Kardashian pose with a champagne bottle in hand, while the drink shot over her head and landed into a glass balanced on her behind. The same improbable pose had her knees bent, as if she were serving someone. Kardashian wore a strapless black dress with matching gloves.

The same photographer has actually already done this picture. Except, in the first instance, Goude's model was a naked black woman. Nudity could not possibly make the model look as elegant as Kardashian looked on the cover of Paper magazine.

There is plenty of controversy to Kardashian's recent photos. But having Goude take these photos, despite the themes his past photo work demonstrates, is more than a bad judgment call. These photos have to be the worst thing Kardashian could have done with her modeling career.

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'Tis the season to not be thankful

Thanksgiving has lost meaning as a holiday of thankfulness

Students are counting down the days until fall break, families are planning the best stuffing for the turkey and store owners are getting ready for the biggest sale of the year.

Thanksgiving is creeping up on the calendar, but most people are not looking forward to demonstrating their gratitude for their loved ones. Most people are too busy searching for the best deals on purchases through Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping.

Thanksgiving started to lose its meaning as time went by. Nowadays, as college students, Thanksgiving conversations revolve around the joy of being spoiled by parents back home and the pain of boredom delivered by professors in lecture halls.

Thanksgiving used to be one of the few days a year when family members could have some bonding time with each other. Parents would have a day off work and children would have a day off school. Grandparents would come over with homemade pumpkin pie and aunts and uncles would visit, bringing gravy made from the family's secret recipe. Cousins would share their toys and thank the adults for the generous dinner.

Today, Thanksgiving dinners rarely have all family members sitting at the dining table. One person inevitably has to go to work for the extra money and to deal with the holiday rush. Another person insists on staying in the living room to finish the final

level of a video game.

Even the great Thanksgiving feast lost its meaning. A few minutes after the dinner ends, half of the family is already in the car, heading to grab a spot to camp out in order to get the best Black Friday doorbuster deals.

It is sad Thanksgiving is no longer as cherished as it once was. Parents are lured by the idea

of being paid overtime and volunteer to work on the holiday, hoping to buy their kids some fancy toys with the extra money. However, the kids back home are falling asleep in disappointment while waiting for their parents to come home and

celebrate Thanksgiving. Young children often value emotional support over material objects, so the overtime pay for extra Christmas presents isn't worth the loss.

Similarly, Black Friday sales may save everyone tons of money on new technological gear or a brand-name dress, but that should not make Black Friday the central theme of Thanksgiving or this holiday season. The \$100 discount on an item cannot buy parents the happiness of being appreciated by their kids. People are willing to stand for hours outside of a store when the temperature has dropped below zero degrees, but they are not willing to sit down and talk with their parents for a few minutes inside a warm home.

Whatever it is that you are trying to accomplish over Thanksgiving break, make sure to show thankfulness to your loved ones first.

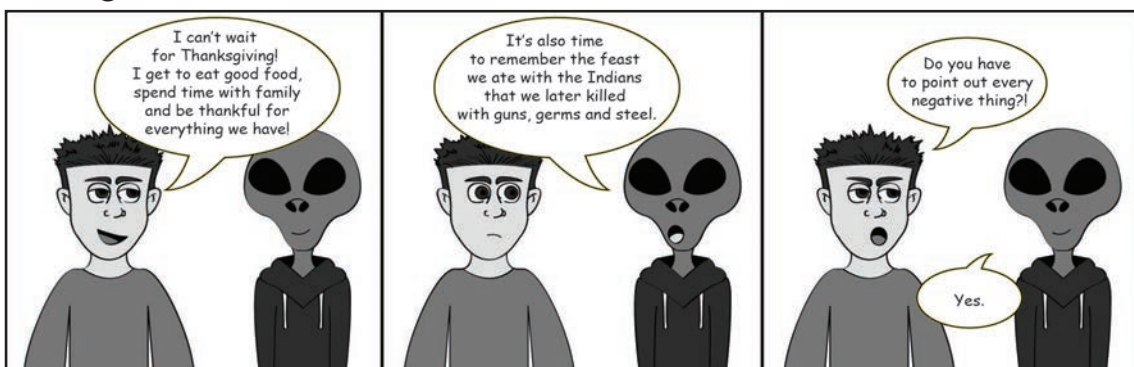
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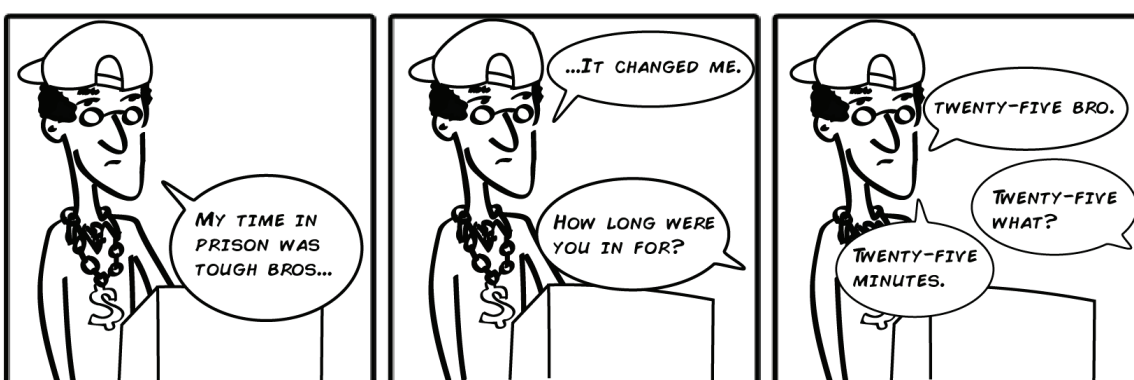
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