A Bob’s Place Thanksgiving

Dan Borney

The smell of turkey wafted through the air. Duties clanked. The chatter, droning soundlessly. This wasn’t Thanksgiving dinner in the traditional Hungerford dining hall. It was the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Bob’s.

“The dinner was Tuesday night,” Dan Borney, coordinator of Dining Services, said. “More than 700 people were here. People were really excited.”

Borney said this year the annual tradition for UI Dining Services was to have a Thanksgiving dinner at Bob’s.

“Students from all over campus came,” Borney said. “Bob’s had a fun atmosphere.”

As the dining hall doors closed at five, the dining hall was a silent assortment in public relations.

John Ryan

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ASUI finds some fresh faces

Carl Eighnert

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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 983 schools released this week by the Institute of International Education, a nonprofit advocacy group. By simply 60 percent of students and study-abroad groups surveyed in early September by The Forum on Education Abroad reported 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 22 percent drop in such enrollment this fall compared with fall 2008, said Kendall Brosten, director of the Office of Inte

national Programs and special 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,” Brosten said.

At Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., which typically sends more than 20 percent of its students abroad, study-abroad enrollment this fall dropped 25 percent from the same time last year, said university president Richard C. Helldobler. Enrollment in advanced programs at the University of South Alabama fell dramatically this summer, partly because students had to use all their financial aid for the regular fall term, he said.

“Is it soaring, we are 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-savvy 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. In addition, it is an appreciation of life outside the United States.

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

Lisa Warren, 25, a law student at the University of North Carolina, is trying to decide whether to enroll in a London program next fall for more than $27,000 for one semester, including tuition, room and board, compared with about $13,000 for similar expenses at Texas for one semester. Then there’s the airline and the higher-interest rate loans she’d have to rely on to pay for the program, which would swallow far more. Warren said she is volunteering in New York.

“I have to wonder, is it really worth it?” she asked.

At many schools, students on advanced programs pay their usual college tuition and are responsible for living expenses, such as airline tickets and living expenses. At other schools, instead of paying to study abroad, students pay tuition, room and board directly to the program, which could range from $3,000 to as much as $30,000 for a summer program at some public school, where in-state tuition is around $13,000 a semester. Students might be forced to attend a program to earn the credits they need, sometimes for $5,000 a semester.

“Some students might actually save by going to a more affordable, less expensive college abroad,” she said.

John Regnier, 18, a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, has been dreaming of a six-week trip to Japan for two years. The student said he always wanted to go there.

“I was looking at the cost and, of course, affordability was always an issue,” he said. “It’s going to be over $10,000 and I felt like, ‘Golly, gee, is this the right amount of money when I’m still having to leave school?’”
Canadian defense ministry accused of torture complicity

Chamise Norris
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 were handed over 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. Colvin, who was called as an intelligence officer at the Canadian embassy in Washington, is expected to return to Afghanistan for a second tour of duty in late 2007. Colvin has been an intelligence officer at the Canadian embassy in Washington, since 1985. He said Wednesday that Canadian officials knew detainees faced a high risk of torture for a year and a half before U.S. and Canadian military personnel had been trained to be able to provide a public inquiry into the allegations and where Colvin admitted that it is in theinterests of the Canadian government to establish whether or not reports that prisoners were being tortured.

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 at the Canadian embassy in Washington, the Canadian military's first attempt to begin transmitting detainees to Afghan authorities in late 2005. Colvin, now an intelligence officer at the Canadian embassy in Washington, said he was told in 2007 by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's foreign affairs adviser, David MacKay, to leave no paper trail about the allegations.

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The good news: It's almost over.

The bad news: It's not over yet.

This semester, like any other fall semester, is long. It seems there's some pressing assignment due each week, sometimes two, and those long, brutal weeks leading up until now wear you down more than you expected. You, wonderful, hard-working students, are not alone. Everyone.

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 omnious assignments that robbing chances of fun over the manger two days from Christmas. If you are not tired by now, you're likely failing your courses. This week, after the final exam is sure to be followed with last-minute papers, presentations and tests.

The week after is playfully called "dead week." More work, new course could make the difference between A's and B's. Now spending the holiday with family and friends or a reason to travel home, or staying in Moscow to give yourself a break. In other words, even if it's full of homework, because most "real" jobs will not allow them.

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Why so serious?

Unless you've been living under a rock, for the past five weeks every word has reached your ears of our "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3" -- the king of all games. Released earlier this fall, it is arguably the most anticipated game of history.

There is no need to mention that games have always been a business since these three. The video game industry not only attracts Hollywood. "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" topped more than 79 million copies sold and it was the highest selling game of the entire year. The video game industry was taking the lead in revenue with $27 billion earlier this year. The movie industry recently posted a $25 million profit.

While games have soared in line for the past six hours of day to get a copy of "Modern Warfare 2," several million others bought mores for their pre-ordered copy. I did neither. In fact, I relented at Hastings and returned it after soon glad I didn't spend $60.

I call it old-fashioned, socially backward or just plain stupid, but the concept of moving down innocent civilians in an airport, even if it's just a game, is very entertaining — we do run through making believe villages, doing anything that means after completing. Some say that the top-selling games reveal "Grand Theft Auto," "Baldur's Gate," and "Amnesia."

What do they all have in common? A hyper-realistic, almost somewhere you play a believable character after graduation will be.

I remember an acquaintance age when games were used to escape the real world. In the past 10 years, the "something more than satisfying a control freak" has not always the only source in "flying high" levels in "Dear Kong Country" or "Tetris." (the loss of the elusive power mushroom) plumb defender in "Super Mario Brothers." And who can forget about the dynamic and entertaining bird and dove in "WarioWare, " filled

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with playful voices, colorful graphics, drop- dead hilarious dialogue, puns and levity, it was the perfect escape from the fast-paced world we live in. These gags are the remnants of a dy- ing art that thrived on artful comedic timing and a knowing sense of irony. Why are they-- those of us who have been around the block-- are we the need to stop and reconn...
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 find the time yourself? Wear a fake mustache to dinner with relatives you're still emotionally unfamiliar with, or spend most of Thanksgiving dinner convincing your grandmother to sponsor your campaign to legalize marijuana. After all, despite all the truth, crazy awkward share 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 cinematic epics—it’s all about the biggest. Express with elf and Harry in tow: “There is left for behind in times such as these. So don't feel the least bit guilty. In fact, drop the part of your favorite character and re-expect the series when it ends. All that hardly 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 bad bad at first, the constant drabness about the difficulties of college community and remem-

ber what's from ninth grade are going to make a not cereal seem more appealing. You've changed, new people and been in new places, while they’re hardly stowed away their Pokemon cards. They may have more food, in that trudge that 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 ourwardrobes should change. The staples of the perfect week on 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 foreverwears, slippers are obviously the best choice, since the most treking taking place will be, between the couch and the kitchen, so put the platform and boots away, because we're a long way from the cute boy in blue.

1. Eat

Not just the turkey, gravy and your aunt's weird cranberry sauce. A week at home is a glorious jekpot for poor and starving college kids, so take advantage of your parents making all your meals and be thankful you're not dutchess of 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 toss 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.

Brown Bag Series continues strong

Amberly Beckman

The small room of the Women's Center lobby was packed with high school girls and women to discuss the im-

pact of the "Twilight" series on culture. The panels were filled and the line of office and window doors moved around the room were taken as well. Women's Center director Heather Williams and partner Ray Gasser sat at the front of the room and led the discussion on race, gen-

er and class within the "Twilight" series.

Gasser explained that while initially the "Twilight" series was seen as an achievement for the "women's movement", the novel was written by Stephenie Meyer, a single author. She had a female lead and the first movie was directed by Catherine Hardwicke. Several questions have been raised about the feminist component of the series. Some of the girls present may have initiated these themes in the book, said Gasser.

Notes from a No Shave: day 20

This is where things get hairy...

Gos Simpson

Twenty days. I've already grown a wonderfully small amount of hair growth. I've got what would be a five o'clock shadow on some men. Also, it's about all below the jaw line, creating a funky-looking neck beard, or "squirrel," if you will.

At least the richness 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 pay him $10. But there's no point in calling it out now.

We can do it keep on keeping on. Maybe a miracle will happen.

There has been one bright spot, though. Since first experiencing all my domestically-grown ability to grow facial hair, I've had a few other guys approach me to share their tales of beard and mustache; especially when on a date. We've found common ground in our short-cutting. I've become a kind of symbol, a calling point for the facial-hair-challenged. It's pretty cool, and most Don't Shave November in truly a time that brings people together.

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

Some simply tell me outright how bad my patchy scruff of facial hair looks. These include my own family members. My dad laughed at me the other day 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 sweat spot on the right side of my face, darker patch cysting out from the mole on my chin. It's kind of awkward.

I've started wondering about what I'm going to do when the hair brings back and has inclined to continue into Don't Shave December, just to see what happens. These people, however, have told me to keep on and put this whole experience behind me. I'm really quite divvying.

If there's one lesson I could say I've learned from this experience, it's the importance of not being in the face of unforeseeable odds. This sounds a bit melodramatic, but look at it this way: My genes are against me, my neck is covered in patchy brown fuzz and I have a 90 percent chance of flaking a slap beet.

The next ten days are not looking up.

I can only hope that, down, I'll best go down swinging. No shock "I'll death."

Gos Simpson
Non-turkey time

I'm cooking the Thanksgiving meal for my family this year. I plan on making to/from 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. Many of us are not eating turkey this year. Some are eating non-turkey dishes, while others are not eating at all. In my case, I'm doing a typical Turkey Day meal without turkey. My family is a very traditional family and my dad and I do not know what we would think if it is not a turkey. I think it is a weird taste and not sure if it will come out.

That just leaves my father. I'm not going to eat a bird just to feed a German shepherd and a Labrador. I haven't yet found out what to cook instead of turkey this year.

Turkey is always an option, but I'm pretty wary of too much turkey, and my mother doesn't even say because of rumors that it will give you cancer.

One of my friends has stuck to Thanksgiving, and when we have the same people every year. I've eaten turkey at some of those non-traditional options. I understand, however, that it is an experience that you need to taste it in order to understand why there is a debate. I think it is a weird taste and not sure if it will come out.

My neighbors, who are most likely to eat turkey, are not sure if they would eat Thanksgiving without a little conflict.

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Lady is yoga, Britney gets hacked

Cuckoo Gaga!

For me, it's a lie, and the artists are here to create. We kill joy, lie, lie. Life is art — the question is what happens when the art is on the stage. Lady Gaga. OK, Lady Gaga, gets a lot of hate for the world that you really are not.

Pancakes. Kim

A tied off Paris Hilton is allegedly ready in the Kardasians clan for the newest one to shine as brightly on her family. The New York Post claims Hilton is "daringly" on our Caucasian American family because she led up with them smiling 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. Someone should get this girl a bra.

Kate's advice for the day

How has Kate Moss stayed so skinny all these years? "Who knows, but her motto is "eating bricks and skinny fees," Interesting... cool.

LeaLeanne aon

Singer Leona Lewis is coming home that she recently had her breast worked on. She said her curvy figure is due to breast augmentation.

Dang, girl's have some

issues without being bombarded by all their rumors.

Harry Potter

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

If it's true, why, Harry? For Minions, how do you know you have a magic flying broomstick to get you high, so why can't you?

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 this: "I give myself to Lucifer every day for it to arrive as quickly as possible. Glory to Satan! Seriously?"

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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 mixtapes. Students living off campus have ample opportunity to throw parties, small or large, be it a bowling game night or a kegger. Even those living in the dorms can use and host small get-togethers in their rooms or common areas. Excluding perhaps the most severe introverts and extreme outliers, everyone will, at some point in time, throw a party or end up having a party. Nothing too illegal, just plain old partying— it's a tradition as old as secondary education.

Luckily, hipsters have found a way to take the party tradition and get a lot of people together in a small space to interact and turn it into something fun — making it drill-up banning. Most people, short of Hallows at Mandi Gras, hate the crazy clothes at home when going out. Partying 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 you’re being amusing. Through their 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 social acceptable setting. On December arrives, ugly monster parties will crop up in awkward apartments across the Pacific Northwest.

If there’s no event to celebrate, the hipster will contrive one. Hipsters suggest a lifestyle or era. Pirate parties are a classic, as are hipsters, cowboys and Indians, and 1960s themed parties are costume-required. Sometimes they get creative. Old person parties allow attendees to hit up Goodwill and find the ugliest, most dated outfit possible, and dress up as a grandparent-feeding covet to mock as while dancing in a decidedly not-old-person-friendly manner to the newest R&B album.

This style of party combines the hipster’s favourite things: thrift stores and semi-repetitive music, and isn’t limited to making a mockery of grandparents. Want to go in with a huge crowd? Plan a party — think of a slightly offbeat hipster concept, promise live music or at least KROQ and wait for the hipster masses to rock. Reagan-ness themed party, anyone?
What it takes to win the race

Lisa Short
Argonaut

Sweat ran down the side of one man's face. A woman's arms trembled under the weights. The loud music pounded through the weight room. The coach pushed them to keep going. "Try to be the last person to leave," trainer Ben Hopson said.

Track and field is in the heat 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. Preventative 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 Teverson 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 regime the athletes are going through is only the beginning. Right after the week-long trip, the team is back to the initial 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 afternoon are killer," Andrew Rau 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 into the gym, recovery days, and breakfast at the Idaho Dome.

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

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After a quiet month up north, play started again, and the Vandals won a doubleheader home to take on Montana State Bobcats in Sunday.

"That's what we need," coach Don Verlin said. "To have a break, we've got to get the team to correct previous mistakes while still running the game against Gortins. Never said we were happy, and we're not, but they've had a steady rebounding season, probably the best since I've been here."

The coach also mentioned that his team would be running extra. "The guys are working, and we're doing extra training."

The team is getting ready for the upcoming season after having a tough year in the Mountain West Conference. The team is working hard to get back on top.

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For highlights and results of the Idaho game against EWU, go to argonaut.com.

No excuses

Verlin takes blame for loss Sunday, team prepares for Northern State Saturday

Takoa Mason-Buchman
Argonaut

Looking to bounce back from last Sunday's lopsided loss, the Vandals had the faces of North Dakota State's future on their shoulders. After falling 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.

"We're going to want to get weapons going," coach Don Verlin said. "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. Their one of just seven NDSU losses all year. No. 13 Idaho won 26 games last year against the North Dakota State University, which is coming off a season in which they won the NCAA Tournament. They're a competitive opponent, and Vandals coach Don Verlin knows his team has to better prepared for the weekends.

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

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

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

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**Dinner rolls of sports**

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

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

Much like dinner rolls at Thanksgiving, that nobody will remember or care about. From the time you wake up, there is a lot going on in the sporting world that is easily ignored 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 is over and there are few highlights for fans, the grind can be disheartening. It is not a small grind but if it’s not good either. You take notice of it and at the same time you do not remember it. Particularly those who live for the NBA are definitely in the minority. But, the NBA regular season is something that is passed off as it is not but particularly missed when not around.

**Any non Top-25 college football game**

It is hard to get excited about a mid-level MAC game or a battle for fourth place in the Mountain West Conference context. Sometimes these games lack excitement between teams with nothing left to lose. Sometimes these games are a battle of resources and at times the game is not even between teams with nothing left to lose.

If anything, I wish teams would participate in press conference tournament championships a lot more. Just imagine if the North Carolina Championship banner, the Arizona State Championship banner, the Notre Dame Championship banner, the Western Michigan Championship banner, the Utah State Championship banner, the BYU Classic championship banner was a Great American Bowl Championship, the St. Louis Classic championship banner. If a program is going to take pride in winning then it should do go all out in bragging about it.

The Colorado Buffaloes still wave the 1995 Wild Card flag with pride, so boasting about a press conference football 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 beating and there is no redeeming quality about the team. Dinner rolls are a necessary evil but the Latics are too old to be of the most trivial components of the sporting world.

Vandals running back De'Antaye Woolridge, who leads the WAC with 19 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 solidly a post season bowl invite, the first in 11 years.

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**No. 3 Idaho heads to Vegas**

**Lisa Short / Argonaut**

After a long, competitive season, the No. 3 Vandals and heading to the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas this week.

Once the week is over and the tournament week is over, Idaho will focus 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 the Monday’s last year’s match. Idaho last year’s match was called the WAC tournament ranked No. 1 and defeated the No. 6 seeded Nevada before losing to the No. 2 seeded Utah State last 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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**RUSHING TOWARD A BOWL**

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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.
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“We have to work on everything, but mainly not turning over the ball.” Herold said, “I know for myself, I’m disappointed with myself and not enough for this.”

“I’m going to forget about it. As long as I was a long trip over to Louisiana, with the way the WAC is left, I didn’t figure can’t be an excuse. Given the weather and the course in a conference from Hawaii to Louisiana, and three games should help getting the Vandy ready for that going.”

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