Vandals of the future

Students help taxpayers receive more on returns

Tanya Edlin/Argonaut

Jordan Dale Beck and Chris Phillips, University of Idaho students, pitched the idea of a tax program to help low-income students. They said the program, VATAS, would be a viable and modern tax incentive program.

"This program is a way to get law and accounting students some tax experience before they go to work in their field," Jordan dale Beck said.

Law student Beck also said people also give them a chance to interact with clients.

"We have said that people who have never dealt with tax law for themselves could take our services to the people with free advice and help them with their return with our program," Beck said.

"It is generally limited to students who are non-traditional, but even students who can get a credit for the requirements. Somehow, there are ways to increase the number of those who receive," Beck said.

"Our main concern is getting people in the community a full refund and helping them become entitled," he said.

"There are a lot of people who don't know how to do this," Beck said. "And it is a way to help them get the money they need."
They sing, they dance, they unicycle.

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Agoura

Moscovia Junior Mites has in
their campus, twelve girls came out
works and high-heeled shoes from
in the Russell Elementary School

Volunteer Missy Seger could
speak under her breath as each
smudged lip salve, curlies, and
the back. 「Who's the Name of
Case.」 a song from the
news article, plays through a small box
over the stage. Another volunteer sings
against the hard wood.

This is where the jug-
casts look at you and see your number
and write down stuff,」 Seger said, mak-
ing the pitch and the other a pad of paper.

Linda Hanson, 10, and her friend pre-
physical fitness routine, volunteers like the stage to crit-
critique, yelling over the music to chill.

The girls, exhausted, wait with either
of their eye to make sure they have the right

The judges will ask themselves if they
the drummers in the band. Holding their	
Volley, reminding participants to keep
dancing.「We are their fans, and they don't feel
as in the spotlight.

This Tuesday, May 2, junior will compete for the title of Moscovia's Ju-

newsCALENDAR
Friday
Vandal Friday
7 p.m.
Kibble Dome
Ticket: $6 at the door
Native American Law Conference: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
College of Law
Conference: 「Living in Balance: Today's American Songs and Law」
The law conference will explore the legal frame-
works to balance tribal val-
en, tribal institutions and
tribal communities.

Women's Center Film Series 「Playing Unfair」
Women's Center Lounge
The series includes the
title IX legislation granted women
discrimination in sports, but
have continued to dominate the world of
sports journalism. The
documentary is a look at
the past 34 years in the
title IX world in terms of the representation of
female athletes.

Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers
7 p.m.
Hunting Theatre
Dance, music and
Dreamers is modeled after the
trade shows. 「The Gillette Cow-
valley of Sports」 Created in
1991, the performance is a
collaboration of 360 stu-
dents, a blend of culture and
diversity.

Saturday
Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers
2 p.m.
Hunting Theatre
Bar, also at BSU
7 p.m.
Vandal Union Center
Tickets: $5 to $12 at the
door. Congressmen Paul
will speak about the
money, foreign policy and
Afghanistan.
Several of Idaho student
group Young Ameri-
can, inviting students
come to the university's
Getting the message out,
Contact Gerald Dalbeto
for more information.

Come to the Student Media open house
4 p.m. on the third floor of the SUB.

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Local farmers, educators, advocates, and community leaders will be gathering today at the University of Idaho's campus in Moscow for an event organized by the center for sustainable foods, local and community economies. The event is part of a larger initiative to promote sustainable food systems and support local farmers.

The conference will focus on the importance of sustainable food systems, with topics ranging from local economies to environmental sustainability. Speakers will include professors, researchers, and community leaders who are working to promote sustainable food systems in the region.

The event is being held in collaboration with the University of Idaho, the Palouse Food Co-op, and various local organizations. The conference will feature a variety of speakers, including Nels Peterson, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Idaho, and Gabriel Miller, a professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School.

In addition to the conference, there will be a dinner and a yoga class for participants. The dinner will feature locally sourced food, and the yoga class will be taught by local instructor YogaFit.

The event is being held at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. For more information, please visit the website at www.sustainablefoods.idaho.edu.
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but that was not the case.

Kline said about 14 build-
ing workshops were locked down and peo-
ple were evacuated during the blackout. Johnson said
that because of fire build up in the holes of the
walls. This is a problem that
cause the ventilation system
donors away harmlessly. He
said that could suck people
working around the holes.

Karni Thompson, director of media relations, said
the blackout affected all but two of eight buildings.
She said most of the power to the campus had been
restored by 10 a.m. but the rest of the affected buildings
had power restored.

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must pass advanced re-
quirements before they can
help locals to file.

The volunteers that run VITA are certified by the
software companies that are in conjunction with the
IRS. It is free, and sometimes there is more regulation for volunteers
than for paid preparers.

VITA volunteers with VITA
next year.

"This has been a great
relationship, and the
students have done a great job
of helping people maximize their
returns," Wood said.

Mary Hughes, local coor-
dinator for AARP, said about
10 to 15 students return to
the service every year. Hughes
said that about 30 hours a
week are devoted to helping
people find the best deals.

"Two things are going to
make this a perfect time to bring
your tax information," Hughes
said. She suggested that those
should be aware of education
credits, which can be
reduced money even if a stu-
dent has no withholdings.

"They have made this part of
this refundable, which is now this year," Hughes
said. According to AARP, peo-
ple may be eligible for ETIC
if they earned $51 or more
and are between the ages of
25 and 65. ETIC is also avail-
able for those with a single filing status that earned
less than $83,440.

Required documents in-
clude a valid picture ID, a
Social Security card and a
valid Social Security card for
spouse and dependents, W-2,
W-9s, 1099 Form, any other forms that show income and a
single tax year's return.

VITA locations are from
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mon-
days and Wednesdays at the
1921 Center, and from 5:30
to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednes-
days at the USM Leonard
Building in room 107 and
from noon to 4 p.m. on Sat-
urdays. VITA will take all tax
returns until April 14.

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from the Office of Undergraduate Recruit-
ment. Last year, 1,300 students registered to
attend and 1,352 students actually attended.
This year, 1,470 students registered to
take and attended 1,300 students,
which is an 8 percent increase.
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Vandal Friday? No problem

Consorting recruiting allows for a calm semester

Vandal Friday seems like a drag, doesn’t it? If only one day. But there are still a lot of kids everywhere, a tremendous line at every food outlet and a trillion less room in the Idaho Commons. Big deal.

It’s good thing the university tries to saturate us with much of the recruiting process just to make up for that. When it comes to be somewhat disruptive, it passes quickly and is a necessity for University of Idaho students to attend, to enjoy the relatively inexpensiveness education available. It means Greek, and dorm students aren’t constantly being surrounded by prying students. Now that would be a real disruption. It’s interesting though, how easily recruiting means freely navigating busy parts of campus such as the Commons with relatively ease most days — free of 40-foot long trails of 17- and 18-year-olds watching the recruiting game and have a low-key day at school.

This single day out of our lives is an important experience for potential incoming freshmen. They get a chance to see what it might be like to be studying under the first floor or fourth floor. There’s a chance to see what one of the nicest towns in Idaho has to offer to someone making the big college decision experience.

So go ahead and complain all you want to your friends when you’re just trying to grab your coffee before class — talk is cheap.

And thanks to the importance of Vandal Friday to the overall health of the university.

— CC

Learning to let go

I’ll be honest — I tend to hold grudges. I’m not typically an angry person, but when it comes to situations where I make up my mind to make or people that hurt me either directly or indirectly, I am so mad at the world that I want to let things go. I’m so mad at a girl from the past part of my school days when I was sick for a few days, I worked hard for friends now, and she doesn’t keep in touch with me. I’m so mad at a part of me is still an ornament to be noticed. Stranger days. I was only one day. And I was the least of the problems.

If I take a lot to get me to point where I’d hold a serious grudge, but I’m so grateful to learn that’s easy.

Wheatberries

“I wish I had the opportunity to go downtown more often. I just choose not to. Wee and coffee at Wheatberries are seriously amazing, it is time for farmers Market to come back yet?!” — Erika

Cookies

“I found a group of Girl Scouts in Spokane by breaking cookie law. Twenty dollar bill later, I have enough of a sugar rush to last quite a while.” — Jennifer

Shopping cards

Stores need to stop giving out club cards. I get it, I just get more cards and more costly to have a card, but more can get a free candy card so why pay for it in a club member system.

— Rice

Chai tea

Attention: chai tea is the greatest drink on earth. That is all.

Losing your voice

It isn’t easy — Elizabeth

The river wild

Over break I was in Spokane, and I noticed my previous apathy for the lake change. I believe the first time I ever saw someone drink a coffee on the lake. I mean, there’s a huge impromptu water sports organization, and not just when I was there. It seems like a lot more people are being around there inside of instead of just from. To that is something I admire. — Jake

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Reform here to stay

In the year it raised, the oversight and reform legislation that has been so badly de- bated and delayed finally passed both houses of Congress. President Clinton signed the bill on March 31, and the American people can look forward to a policy and a popular stance that will be worked out in the years ahead.

I was under the impression that it was not, once legislation has passed, the time for the details. It is, of course, the next issue and we all have to see how the people use it. If it works (though that may be too much to hope), then it is at least a step in the direction of making the government a place where the people are considered. That is, in the long run, what the people have been demanding. What I have learned is that the vote was made as a result of the popular movement in Congress. The majority party that was voted in last November was swept out by the American people, and that party has been chosen because it represents the will of the people. We have a majority party that is going to carry out the program of the people.

I think it is a step in the right direction. If we all work together, we can make a difference. The American people have spoken, and their will is being done.

March 31, 2010

Adams Wengers

FAILURES

deficit since World War II to go along with an impressive $1.4 trillion national deficit. The deficit is still growing, and it is expected to reach a peak of $1.5 trillion in 2011. The federal government is expected to have a cash surplus of $130 billion in 2010.

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Dancers Drummers ‘Dreamers’ a hit

Kelli Hadley
Argonaut

This weekend, the Hartung Theatre will be packed with students and patrons excited about the annual “Dancers Drummers Dreamers” concert that dancer Heather Boni calls “lively and high spirited.”

Every spring, the Lionel Hampton School of Music collaborates with the University of Idaho Music Department to create DDD, a live performance in which both departments and nonstudents, including nonstudents, perform. It is co-directed by dance professor Greg Halloran and music professor Daniel Bukvich, but the composing and choreographing is done entirely by students. This weekend, March 25-27, the students will carry out their work in the 408-seat Hartung Theatre. Since its debut in 1991, DDD has become a much-anticipated event for the Palouse community, and the students usually perform in a sold-out audience. This year’s show is titled “COMPOSE:NOTES,” reflecting the lack of theme and the random ideas for each piece.

Perhaps the most anticipated performance is “Sing Sing Song,” choreographed by graduate student Sherry Zunker. Zunker has starred in the famous piece, “Dances” by Bob Fosse and also co-founded the Tower North Dance Company in Chicago. The dance department received a grant from the Idaho Northwest Foundation to have Zunker as a guest choreographer and the show is a tribute to her work.

Boni, one of the dancers in Zunker’s piece, is double major in dance and psychology. This is her third year participating in DDD and her first year as a choreographer. She said her piece, titled “Dance Questionnaires,” is a combination of jazz, tango and ballroom.

There are three dancers in it, and it’s a very strong and sensual kind of dance,” Boni said. She said there are about 10 pieces-total in this year’s concert, but an annual highlight of DDD is the percussion ensemble, which is a piece completely focused on drumming. Boni said it is somewhat like the popular show “STOMP!” but with musical instruments. “It’s fun and upbeat, and it’s a family show,” Boni said. “It’s unlike anything you’ll see anywhere else.”

Daniel Potts, a music education major, is a percussionist composing for this year’s show. He said the musicians put in more than 30 hours in the final week before the performance, but this week is his favorite part of the whole DDD experience.

Potts said if a music student is interested in composing for the show, they must write the music and take it to Bukvich. Dancers discuss their ideas and what they are hoping to choreograph in, and then professors meet and decide which pieces to put together. The composer is then in charge of finding musicians for the piece.

The event is a part of the experience and getting to be a professional at see DANCERS, page 12

A ‘Nite’ of culture and entertainment

Blissmore Rines
Argonaut

India Nite, an event more than decade old, offers University of Idaho students an opportunity to learn a mix of culture and entertainment from a foreign country, with the big draw being the food, music and traditional dancing.

India Nite starts at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building ballroom and will go until 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students, $10 for nonstudents, $10 for children from 5 to 12, and children under five years old are free. Traditional dishes will be served, including a chicken and vegetable entree, rice and desserts. The Indian Student Association does the cooking and preparation for the event. Bollywood music and dances and more traditional dances will be performed.

Graduate student and events coordinator Priyanka Roychoudhury said she is involved with the event’s planning and execution for her second year and is hosting this year’s event. Roychoudhury said the dance was very relevant to contemporary. They will be traditional dance performances, such as Bharatanatyam, along with others.

“India is kind of the Indian belief,” Roychoudhury said.

Bharatanatyam will be part of the entertainment along with a modern Bollywood dance. The entire right is powered in traditional

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Rocking the NuArt

Swimmers of West Oz debut their first EP album

Lauren Paterson
Argonaut

Swimmers of West Oz is heading out of the garage and into the NuArt Rock
downtown Moscow.

The local band came together in 2006 and began when guitar player Leila McColl was deciding on whether she wanted to stay on campus, put the band’s drummer, Chad Johns, said.

“My band had a common interest, we are all West Oz natives, and we had written a song that I played drums on and was lacking in playing in a band,” Stephens said. “He felt a note and we met up, and through some friends we met Weston, who just happened to live down the hall and came over by plays keyboard.”

“His a big time commitment and it’s tough to balance between being a full-time student and playing in a band,” he said.

Many people have asked about the name, and Stephens said naming the band is always a big deal since it represents the group, but it is often hard to agree on.

“We all came up with four names that we liked and we locked ourselves in a room until something was decided on,” he said. “The story behind the name is that the band members are the only people who were on this. The only people who were on the Wildcat Room of the West, since the story came in on a fire of water. We found out a few weeks later that West Oz is in Australia and is one of the best surfing spots in the world.

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“We all came up with four names that we liked and we locked ourselves in a room until something was decided on,” he said. “The story behind the name is that the band members are the only people who were on this. The only people who were on the Wildcat Room of the West, since the story came in on a fire of water. We found out a few weeks later that West Oz is in Australia and is one of the best surfing spots in the world.

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Tuna, a delicious treat

Fish is one of those foods that gross many people out, and canned tuna can be the worst offender. I didn’t eat tuna for a long time, as looking at the flaky fish reminded me of cut fish. A friend of mine from high school spent some time working at a sub sandwich restaurant, and remembering the overwhelming stench of fish, I knew tuna was her vice. Tuna often goes with mayonnaise, another food some find repugnant, and it can make for a big mixture of smells.

Keeping all of this in mind, I didn’t think mixing tuna with pasta and white sauce would be terribly appetizing. Tuna out it’s great in tuna noodle casserole, one of my favorite dishes.

My mother first learned about tuna noodle casserole when I was a tiny tyke. She was accustomed to plain fish, perhaps battered and fried or lightly sautéed. When a coworker brought in a goopy casserole one day, she ate it and loved it. She immediately found a recipe and it became a family classic.

Tuna noodle casserole can be very easy or very involved, depending on how much the cook make from scratch. The original tuna noodle casserole is made with cream of mushroom soup but this often adds a great deal of sodium to the dish, making it rather salty. I prefer to make it myself, or white sauce, but for the sake of convenience I sometimes use the soup.

Since tuna noodle casserole is so easy, I gave the recipe to my friend, who’s never made anything more complicated than Hamburger Helper. It’s the only thing he knows how to make, but I made sure he put some variation in by occasionally using salmon instead of tuna or varying the crunchy topping. I use a perfect first recipe for the novice cook. No wonder it was so popular with ‘50s housewives.

Old Fashioned Tuna Noodle Casserole
For quicker preparation, use cream of mushroom soup instead of white sauce. Try different crunchy toppings, such as toasted, whole pieces of bread or canned fried onions, or try using canned salmon instead of tuna.

Butter for greasing casserole dish
2 cups uncooked bow-tie pasta
4 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup flour
2 1/2 cups whole milk, warmed
1/2 cup olive oil
1 red pepper, chopped (optional)
1 cup mixed frozen vegetables (optional)
6 ounces white mushrooms, sliced (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cook pasta in large saucepan, drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

Melt butter in saucepan over very low heat, then stir in flour and cook for one minute. Whisk in milk. Simmer until thickened, about three to five minutes. Remove from heat, cover and set aside.

Heat three tablespoons of olive oil in large skillet until hot. Add the chosen vegetables and onion until soft. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Add pasta, white sauce and tuna to skillets with vegetables. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and bake until bubbly, about 20 to 25 minutes. Cool five minutes and serve.
St. Patrick's Day in Savannah

Ellizabeth Rudd

Starting the day early

Arrival at 7:30 a.m. seemed early for a parade that did not begin until 11 a.m., but driving down the street 30 minutes after the parade in Savannah, Ga., the crowd was already forming. Despite the early hour, the sidewalk was lined with people, ready for the day's events. People of all ages set up chairs, some even set up tables and pulled out coolers. A group of people from over all into the historical south-oriented town. Miles of streets were lined with cars and parking garages were packed. Even the storefronts along the street people could see over the parade's colorful floats, bands, and the parade itself. The parade was a sight to see, with floats representing different organizations and groups. People were dressed in green, and the streets were filled with the sounds of music and the clinking of glasses. The day was filled with joy and excitement, as the parade moved through the city.

Parade through the town

Despite the drizzly feel caused by the overcast skies, the parade continued with music and all aspects of the parade. The floats were decorated with colorful flowers, and a dog was spotted among the participants. The parade ended at the River Street Bridge, and the crowd continued the celebration. Savannahites said they were happy to see the parade return after a year of no events due to the pandemic. With everyone's participation, the parade seemed to come together for a wonderful day.
Students from sororities and fraternities at the University of Idaho came to check in their letters outside the Commons as part of Greek Week.

Music:

Usher
Raymond T. Rayynd
The seventh album from this R & B artist follows the success of his platinum release Here I Stand. Raymond T. Rayynd is another chapter in Usher's journey as his coming of age evolves even further while he balances his life being both a sex symbol and superstar entertainer.

Alan Jackson
Frightful Tales
It has been 20 years since Jackson wrote and recorded his first hit. Some might say Jackson is synonymous with country music. Frightful Tales is his 18th album and has 12 new songs. Many of the songs were penned by Jackson and in tribute to Vern Gosdin, who passed away last year. Jackson enlisted fellow country artists Lee Ann Womack to record, "Fill the Fear." Gosdin's 1977 duet with Janie Fricke. Remixed Ladies

It has been a while since this multi-platinum artist and pop rock group put out a new album — this will be their first in over five years. Since their inception, they have racked up eight Juno awards and multiple Country Music Association nominations, sold more than 14 million albums worldwide, written a plethora of hit singles and arranged an international fan base reaching into the millions. All in Good Time; their 13th studio album, was produced by longtime collaborator Michael Phillip Woolfords and mixed by Bob Clearmountain.

Movies:

"Sherlock Holmes"
Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law put memorable footprints in this bold new reimagining. The film makes the legendary sleuth a daring man of action as well as a pint-sized man of intellect. Bullying clowns, astonishing Holocaustian deductions, noble repentees, one catch-your-breath octopus after another — director Guy Ritchie brings the excitement and mystery of the great detective to the world.

"Alice in Wonderland" (Two-Disc Special Un-Anniversary Edition)
Celebrate a very merry un-anniversary in the whimsical, fun-filled world of Walt Disney's masterpiece of animation, music and fantasy. The Special Un-Anniversary Edition of "Alice in Wonderland" is a two-disc set complete with never before seen bonus features, spectacular songs and dancing animation. "Alice In Wonderland Special Un-Anniversary Edition" is a time- less classic the entire family could love. Robin Williams "Weapons of Self Destruction"

Robin Williams — comedian, writer and Academy Award-winning actor — returned to NBC for his first solo TV show since 2002. The show was filmed at Washington, D.C.'s DAR Constitution Hall on its sold-out "Weapons Of Self Destruction" national tour. Williams covers such topics as global warming, health care in America and some personal topics such as his recent open heart surgery. Bonus features include clips from Williams' previous events, some dating back to 1978, as well as highlights filmed all along the 2009 tour.

Video Games:

"Quantum Theory"
PlayStation 3
This dark fantasy is a third-person action shooter where the player uses characters Syd and Ellys to navigate a treacherous tower. This tower is infested with Dakshorns, further menacing soldiers and making the area a dangerous environment. With a shape-shifting battledleth, this game will be reminiscent of most role-playing games but with the third-person shooter feel. "Secret Files: Tunguska"

"Secret Files: Tunguska"
iCreate for Wii
This game is a point-and-click adventure for Nintendo Wii in which players investigate one of the great real-life scientific mysteries of the 20th century — the obliteration of the Siberian region of Tunguska. Playing as fictional heroes Nina Kalerkala, players utilize Nintendo Wii Remote motion controls, as well as additional search options to uncover clues and coordinate items in an expansive game world encompassing detailed locations from around the globe. Additional features include a cooperative two-player mode.

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DANCERS
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this level still in college," Pitts said.
Students and community members hop-
ing to see and perform can get tickets from
the university ticket office. Tickets are $8 for
UL students, $10 for non-UI students, chil-
dren and seniors and $12 for reserved seating.
The show will take place Thursday, Friday
and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday af-
fternoon at 2 p.m.

Students in the Lionel Hampton School of Music and the University of Idaho Dance Department will be performing Dancers Drummers Dreamers March 25-27 at the Hartung Theatre.

NUART
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None of us surf, but we
can all swim.
The concert at the Nu-
Art will be debuting the
band's first EP, The You-
ning Tree. Stephens said the
band spent September in
Florida recording and ac-
quiring the CO2, and the 15
minutes between spent writ-
ing the material.
"The three of us have
been playing together for
almost four years now; so
writing music isn’t as en-
joyable," Stephens said. "We
found that a lot of work
goes into songwriting and it
takes your abilities
beyond your ability. Moving
around during hand prac-
tice is one thing, but when
the clock is ticking, the
microphones are on and it’s
time to play this song, the
best you can — it adds
some pressure." Stephens said much of
their material isn’t set in
stone and the flexibility
keeps things interesting.
"All of that changes when
you have to play the
same track the same way,
over and over again," he
said. "Otherwise it was a
great learning experience.
Our engineer Bart Budvig
knows our stuff and is re-
sily open to trying things.
In the end we think it came
court sounding great. A local company,
QuestArts.com, did
signed the CD and they
did a stellar job with help-
ing us to get what we need-
ed. We’re really happy to
have a product that you
would see in a store."
All digital media major
Kyle Hubler said the band
has an interesting style.
"I like them. Their
sound has a lot of vari-
city across their different
songs which makes listen-
ing to each one refresh-
ning," Hubler said.
The band is pre-sell-
ing tickets for $8, which
includes a copy of The
Young Tree. Bart and the
Beardiggers, along with Runaway Track Camp,
will perform at 7 p.m. April
2 at the NUART in downtown
Moscow.
As for the future, Stephens said it’s buggy
for now. They plan to continue
to write music and play
shows, but the area isn’t
as least the next year. If
then the band will
have to make a decision
from them on what to do
with the band," he said.
"You never know what
will happen between now
and then, but we’re keep-
ing our options open. Our
main goal is to get out
playing live and have a
good time."

CULTURE
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clirling for a better view into Indian culture.
IDA is also hosting a fashion show including a cat-
walk to show the traditional Indian dress. Models and
dancers will include both Indian and non-Indian students.
Reid says she would like attendees to have a
good time, enjoy themselves and learn a little bit about Indian
culture.
There are limited numbers of people organizing the
event because the Indian community on campus is
small, but there is great support and many volunteers who come and help. In past years, the event has sold
out, and ISA predicted it will sell 400 to 500 tickets. ISA
is a nonprofit organization and the proceeds from
the event will be donated to charity.

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Looking for a repeat

Riya Puchlik

A ball-hurry with under a minute left. An amazing catch. A two-point conversion, and it’s game for Vandals strong to the field and celebrate.

That inspiring win at the Humanitarian- week game against the Stanford Cardinal, last time Vandals fans saw their rags-to-riches tonality. The cold weather of that diarrical fall day has nearly 50 national after the warm rains of the sun and chirping of birds. Spring training will continue. Friday, Troy Akey, two-point Troy Akey, two-point Troy Akey, no doubt like any other way. It’s almost time to help the ball-hurry take flight.

Akey said with a huge smile on his face. Akey has hopes high for spring training this week with some key starters. "We have some great depth of winter. A player in particular is that Akey is looking forward to the spring season. The Idaho Vandals are always excited to have players along with big game talent, Akey said

Cleveland is a natural choice for leader- ship for that Vandals quest. "It was talking to him (Cleveland), and then asked "Akey we like to have this kind of group?" Akey said. "I’m counting the new group of players that we’ll have in this season, and I think that they’re going to be really good players on the team. With a talented recruiting class as well as a strong group of seniors on the team already, Akey said he is ex- cited to see how his young and-coming players are, especially when it comes to the new offensive line. "We’re anxious to get to that group put together," Akey said.

Akey and his team is ready to go, and for sure, the Vandals are ready to start their spring training.

Vandals running back Dwayne" Diesel" Wodrich looks out to run back to past Bowling Green and Ole Miss Akey on December 6th. Wodrich scored a four minute bowl after the big, the Vandals begin their spring training this week.

The sport of kings

Little-known club one of six in the nation

Lana Short

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Thou shalt fish
Know and obey the Outdoor Commandments

Boise showdown
Preparing for the BSU Invitational

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Boise State University's Reed Championship Center headquarters for the upcoming WAC baseball tournament.

The Idaho State Bengal's will be defending their WAC baseball championship title from last year's tournament.

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The how-to for prospective college hunters

Michael French
Agkos

Trudging slowly down a deep, snow-covered deer trail, I skirted the meadow meeting at the bottom—a perfect funnel for white-tailed deer.

A few minutes later I caught my eye, not down the trail but over a 100 yard bank up the drainage. I raised my custom .30-06 and made a second point blank shooting, which carried him on his way down the meadow.

I quietly dodged the heaves of the tipped and slide into a prone position. As the first calms settle on the back, a deep-throated deep-throated grunt as I pick up the trigger. The buck freezes as the sound, starting downrange, searching for the door that darts to challenge his.

I aim it for the rest of my life no matter how much she was happening.

To my surprise, most people say they hunt when they come to college. Most had more than excuses for not allowed on campus, and they don't know anyone to hunt around here.

Personally, I think that's a whole bunch of people who just need a few pointers. For all of them, possession of legal weapons in the right of the person they, are to state historically fa. — Urbane Nebraska, Illinois, and of course.

But not me.

In the 1980's alone, traveling hundreds of miles, I hunt roughly 70 minutes from Moscow. Residents of Idaho are privileged to have hundreds of miles of state and federal lands that hold more wildlife than any. There is less room of easy driving distance to Idaho. They are available to those that will get out and make the effort.

To the one hunting, being born into a family, it is customary to provide meat for the family which is what I was going to hunt for the rest of my life no matter how much she was happening.

Outdoor hunting is a great experience to be enjoyed by all.

Steve Delnevo
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Outdoors hunting is a great experience to be enjoyed by all.

The great outdoor is a spectacle for exploring that is readily experienced by many that have left their doors.

Kevin Blaggan
Agkos

Being a student at the University of Idaho, I consider myself lucky to have so many outdoor activities close at hand. The Palouse has a wide variety of opportunities that would make any outdoor enthusiast happy.

Yet it seems students are spending more and more time inside watching television and playing video games instead of being outdoors.

Many students say they come to Idaho or Idaho and the West in order to have the opportunity to be outdoors. But many of them do not have the opportunity to be outdoors.

For many who haven’t, it may be easy to see the attraction they feel toward the outdoors. More than just having fun outside, for them, it’s a relief from two.

When I’m outdoors, I experience all of the above. And so do many others.

When I think of outdoor activities, I think of an outdoor experience that makes the West a part of the region. For many students who are new to the area, the outdoors are unknown and experience the following.

The outdoors is what Idaho is all about. It may not be easy to pull into the road in a remote area of the Palouse and really leave as a nice area. However, from the city can be a very easy to walk or bike.

The city of Moscow has many parks for those who want to catch some fresh air. Moscow Mountain or Kootenai Butte are perfect for those who wish to bike and camp.

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The team heads to Irvine, Calif., on Monday for the Anteater Invitational at Dove Canyon Country Club, a course the Vandals have played well on before and feel comfortable on. The course favors a good ball-striking team, which the Vandals consistently have shown by getting the ball into the right places on the green.

University of San Francisco, San Diego State and UC-Irvine will be the top competitors against Idaho. The Vandals played well in the tournament last year with many of the same teams, but will need to bring another solid performance.

Johnson said they haven't reached their peak yet, but hopes it will come right during post-season. Playing well at conference and regionals is what the team needs to do, but focusing on the mental game is what will get them there.

After this, the team competes once more before heading to the WAC championships.

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we're a growing program and we don't want to give the Pacific Northwest a bad name."

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it's been in years, and he expects great things from this squad. Winning the Humanitarian Bowl was just the start, Akey said, and he intends to prove to the WAC that it was no fluke. Akey said he expects Idaho to be in another bowl game next fall.

"Last year's senior class left with one bowl ring on their fingers," Akey said. "Can this year's senior class leave with two?"

The Vandals will spend a week competing in Virginia before returning to Moscow to plan for next year's polo season. The team hopes to get both the men's and women's team to nationals next year.

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The Vandal nation will have to wait and see if Akey's dreams are realized, but in the meantime fans can catch their Vandals scrimmaging and practicing as they officially open spring football at 3 p.m. on Thursday.
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Welcome to Vandal Friday
Friday, March 26, 2010

7-8:15 a.m. Check-In – Kibbie Dome Southwest entrance
8:30 a.m. Welcome Rally – Kibbie Dome Floor
9 a.m. Program Orientation
10 a.m. Parent’s Academic College Workshops
10-11:30 a.m. Student Information Sessions, Campus Tours, University Housing Tours, Greek Tours
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch – Kibbie Dome Floor
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Academic & Activities Information Fair - Kibbie Dome Floor
1 p.m. Prep for Registration- Kibbie Dome Main Stage
2 p.m. Fall 2010 Class Registration - Kibbie Dome Floor
2-3:30 p.m. Parent Information Sessions - Kibbie Dome Floor
4 p.m. Department Open Houses
5-6 p.m. Overnight Hosting Check-In – Kibbie Dome South Concourse

UI administrators explain housing rule

Marcus Kelli
Argonaut

The University of Idaho’s dean of students and housing director would like to make it perfectly clear: the new requirement that freshmen must live on campus is not motivated by financial concerns.

“It is a statement of our expectation about (students’) level of engagement in learning and in the campus experience,” said Bruce Pitman, UI dean of students and vice provost for student affairs.

The new rule mandates most freshmen live in either UI residence halls or officially recognized fraternities and sororities.

Exemptions are available for many kinds of students: parents, married students, those at least 21 years old, those with a substantial number of transfer credits and those living with their parents.

Ray Gasser, the director of UI’s housing department, was a key player in the decision process. His doctoral research was on student retention, an area that UI officials cited as a key justification for the new rules.

“What folks have to understand is the UI is interested in fostering student success,” Gasser said. “What we’re trying to do is raise our overall retention rate. ... It doesn’t benefit any of us to have students failing out.”

According to the presentation, UI administration made to the State Board of Education, residence halls can accommodate about 460 more students and the Greek system can fit about 200 more.

Most of the stated availability in the Greek system appears to be in fraternities — sororities are near capacity.

Pitman said parents were supportive of the rule, even to the point of wanting it instated as “leverage.”

“Every one of the parents who were a part of the discussion acknowledged that living on campus was, from their perspective, a better educational experience for their sons and daughters than living at home (or at an apartment),” he said. “They felt that there were times that they, as parents, needed more leverage in their conversations with their sons and daughters on the issue.”

A cursory reading of the exemption form suggests freshmen have a way around the rule — but it’ll be costly.

The document reads, in part, that “students not receiving an exemption and (who) do not reside on campus will be billed for room/hall board and all fees associated through the student’s bursar account.”

Responding to a question on enforcement, Gasser said, “We’re not going to have folks out policing to the point of being able to track down whether or not you’re living with your parents.”

Pitman said he and other decision makers began consideration of the idea in June 2008, as one of many proposals to emerge from a retreat on the first-year experience, but Gasser reiterated that the proposal is not novel.

“There’s 30 years of research that goes behind this proposal,” he said. “This has been one of the most studied retention efforts across the U.S. on college campuses, specifically starting off your first year in college living on campus.

“It’s really, really about student success and student retention.”
Change comes to Wallace

Gregory Connolly
Argonaut

There's no doubt Wallace Residence Center was somewhat antiquated, which is why University Housing Director Ray Gasser worked hard to bring in upgrades.

Gasser, who became director in 2008, envisioned a complete overhaul of Wallace, where the rooms were modernized and featured new furniture.

"My best guess is that significant renovations are a couple of years away," he said.

Currently, Gasser plans to install all new furniture, as well as several flat panel televisions and video game consoles for students to use. The furniture includes new lofted beds and mattresses in each room. The lounge will also include a full kitchenette unit.

"The new lounge will be open 24 hours a day," Gasser said. "We're trying to make it a better place for students to live."

Sophomore Coleman Beasley said he thinks the planned upgrade to Wallace's basement is a good idea.

"It's an old building, and it definitely shows," Beasley said.

Beasley said he would like to see the desk in his room replaced, because it's old and gouged from several years of use.

"Housing would love to do all of the renovations now," Gasser said. "I think everyone recognizes that Wallace hasn't had any wholesale renovations in a long time."

University Housing has used them in the past to fund other projects. The bond is paid off over a long period of time, which makes it a feasible way to fund a major project. Gasser said he also plans to replace the cabinets in the sink area of the Wallace rooms with new ones built by the university. Thirty rooms can be upgraded within one summer, although that number would increase if bond money were available from the University of Idaho.

Gasser is preparing for the time when the money will be available. For the last two years, there have been concept rooms in Wallace remodeled and fashioned the way all the rooms would look in the event of a major renovation.

"We've collected feedback from the students living in those concept rooms," Gasser said. "When we have the financial resources, we'll be able to put in all of the best stuff that will last the longest."

Eric Peterson/ File Photo

Among other changes, Gasser plans to install all new furniture, as well as several flat panel televisions and video game consoles for students to use.
My five freshman wishes

1. Explore all options before purchasing textbooks. It took me about a year to realize that the bookstore could drain your bank account and might refuse to buy your books back at the end of the semester, leaving you with an Introduction to Sociology book you never wanted in the first place. Books can sometimes be bought much cheaper from Websites like Amazon.com, Abebooks.com and cheapbooks.com. But be aware of prices that are too good to be true. I tried to cheat the system when I bought a book online for $1. It arrived two weeks later looking as though someone had dipped it in battery acid. Lesson here: read the book quality review first.

2. Always double-check the sexual orientation of the person you’re about to make out with. My freshman year I went a little crazy in the spit-swapping department. Don’t judge me, everyone else does too. Since then, not one, but two of my make out partners have ended up being gay. Not that there’s anything wrong with that; it just would have been nice to know beforehand.

3. Likewise, never assume that someone in a mask and full costume on Halloween is attractive. Overall, use good judgment before touching tongues with another person.

4. Don’t always trust the Commons food court. Not that the food isn’t delicious — it’s only a warning. Cheap seems like an awesome idea at the time, but you might end up visiting the bathroom with severe diarrhea later that day. And the pizza from the Commons is everything greasy and wonderful until you spend the next week wondering why your jeans don’t fit.

5. Sickness in the dorms will spread like wildfire. Does someone up two halls and down six doors have a cold? Then you will too. Just embrace it from the beginning and treat your immune system accordingly.

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Getting to know Moscow

Where to shop and what to do

Going to college can be intimidating. For most people, it’s the first time they’ve been on their own. It probably also involves moving to a new city and all the challenges that go along with that, unless you’re a townie who’s living in another state. Moscow, ID is not too far away.

When I chose the University of Idaho for grad school, I knew nothing about Moscow except where it was on a map, and I never saw the place until the day I moved here. It took me a year to figure out some things out, but I’d like to save any incoming freshmen some trouble and give you a head start on life in Moscow.

Upon arrival: Hit up Goodwill and the Salvation Army immediately. They will soon be deluged by everyone else and all the good stuff will be gone quickly. If there’s anything you need that you don’t care about getting secondhand, you’ll want to check them out. There’s also an antique store on the south end of town called Now and Then with a huge selection of tables, chairs and the like. There are a few other consignment shops across the border on Pullman. Bottom line: If you need anything, make this your first priority. In the meantime, keep your eyes open for garage sales — for some reason there are about 12 a day in August.

If you can’t find what you need in the stores, check out Websites like Craigslist (http://pullman.craigslist.org) or Vandal Trading Post (http://asui.uidaho.edu/trading/index.cgi). Again, these are first come first served, so act sooner rather than later. I found my apartment through Vandal Trading Post and couldn’t be happier. And of course, if all else fails, there’s Walmart.

For groceries, we have four main outlets: WinCo, Rosauers (pronounced Rose-Hours), Safeway and the Moscow Food Co-op. WinCo is your best bet price-wise, so you’ll be going there often. But do check the other stores if you have the time, as they all have their sales. For some reason, soda is always way too expensive at WinCo. Make sure to visit the Co-op at the beginning of the school year, as they give member price discounts for a limited time. At least they did last year.

Check out downtown Moscow as soon as you get a chance for a nice variety of cafés, restaurants, shops and hangouts. BookPeople of Moscow is my favorite. Make a point of stopping by Friendship Square in the middle of downtown on Saturday mornings for the Farmers Market. There aren’t words to describe how nice it is to wander down there, even just for a little while.

I don’t need to tell you about restaurants, as I believe it’s more fun to find out for yourself what you like and don’t like, but I will say you must get to Ferdinands on neighboring WSU’s campus for their ice cream and cheese — amazingly good. While I feel it’s better on location, you can get Ferdinands’ ice cream from the Chill Box on Sixth Street. I’ll also mention Pizza Perfection as my preferred pizza repository. For the fact that if you get carryout it’s always two-for-one. While you’re at Pizza Perfection, walk next door to Cowgirl Chocolates. If you’ve never been, they’ll let you try some free samples of their wide variety of chocolates, which you will then want to buy.

Finally, on the important subject of movie watching, I personally feel the cinema here and the one in Pullman are substandard and expensive. Try going to the Kenworthy downtown for movies instead. For rentals, I prefer Hastings. You get two weeks of half-price rentals when you join and they have the best prices. If distance is an issue, you can walk to Howard Hughes downtown, but make sure that you go Sunday through Thursday when it’s cheaper. Be sure to check the library first, though, as it has a decent selection of DVDs itself.
Not just a house, a home

At this time two years ago, I cringed at the thought of anything regarding college. University campus tours, Greek lives, class sizes and the idea of dorm rooms all freaked me out. After multiple visits to colleges across the West Coast, I was discouraged. I hoped that maybe summer would grind me into more like a year. Sadly, my wish was not granted, and my father loaded me up into our Expedition and off we went to Vandal Friday.

We were greeted by helpful teachers, volunteers and events organized to cater to the apprehensive high school seniors. I must say, even with my intense urge to run back to my childhood, I was impressed. After registering early for my classes with help from the journalism department, my dad decided to break the news to me.

“You’re staying in a sorority overnight. Your mother and I think it would be great for you to get to know some girlfriends before you come back for recruitment,” he said.

Recruitment. It sounded more like an army boot camp than a sorority event.

My parents would never admit it, but they were worried about my choice of friends. I hung out with a lot of boys in high school, and my activities centered around fast cars, skateboards and the ability to one-up any boy who dared me to.

So, I did it. I cried. I tried to shrug it off, because tough girls don’t cry.

When I thought of sororities, I thought of what I have seen in the movies: boy-obsessed women wearing outfits that belonged on Barbie dolls.

But I sucked it up and spent the night at Gamma Phi Beta.

I will admit, I wasn’t the most gracious houseguest, but the women treated me like one of them, and I was grateful for it.

After that night, being in a sorority seemed like an option. I thought about it all summer, and let my parents drag me back to little Moscow with all my belongings in tow.

Recruitment, for men and women, can bring the individual to the house where they feel at home.

Home for me was Gamma Phi Beta.

Whether it was spontaneously dancing with my pledge class, going on a Pullman run to grab a bite to eat, or being able to stop by any room and strike up a conversation, I finally felt comfortable, even in a house with more than 70 women.

More than 70 women were my base of friends when I started my first semester.

More than 70 women helped me with my grades, and in getting out into the social world, even if I was shy at first.

More than 70 women have laughed with me until it hurt. More than 70 women have been there for me when the hurt was too much to take.

Now, as a sophomore, I wouldn’t have it any other way.

As a part of this group, I contribute to these women even when I least expect it, whether it is making a sister laugh or keeping her company.

I feel at ease here - if I am dressed up for a special occasion or in my sweatpants to workout.

I never knew I would wear Greek letters with pride as I walked to class, but I wouldn’t have it any other way.

The Greek system is something to consider when coming to the University of Idaho, even for those who think they are too tough for it.

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Off-campus freedom

The University of Idaho no longer allows traditional freshmen to live off campus. They must live in University Housing - an unfortunate entity that offers bottom-of-the-line living for top-of-the-line prices.

But for transfer students or non-traditional freshmen, the dream of independent living is not far away. Moscow has a very large, small apartment market that caters to students.

Of course, off-campus life is not for those who love cafeteria food. It’s not for those who enjoy living in a shoebox with four other people. And it’s definitely not for those who are too dependent to take care of themselves.

But off-campus living is for those who want to be independent - not under the thumb of residence advisers or random roommates. Of course there are drawbacks — you get to pick your own food, but you have to make it. You can make more noise than you normally would, but your neighbors can too. Your rent will be significantly less, but you will probably have to drive to class.

However, it is great for those with particular appetites, strange sleeping schedules or the occasional need to not be around dozens of people. But to find the perfect apartment is nothing short of a miracle.

Start off your hunt by knowing what’s important to you. Proximity to campus, price, “dinginess,” average utility bill, whether it has a dishwasher and the reputation of the agency all have vast consequences in the apartment hunt. With these qualities in mind, search every agency you can find to find the best deal — my third time through the process, a friend told me about an agency I had never even heard of before.

Ask friends about their experiences with different companies and check out landlord review Web sites — and act fast. The market opened early this year, and the likelihood of finding your dream apartment is quickly fading.

But if you do find it, read the lease very closely and don’t forget to pay the rent.
University Housing, dining rates to rise

The proposal to raise university housing rates by 3 percent and campus dining board rates by 5 percent for the 2010-2011 academic school year was presented Oct. 3, 2009 in the Living and Learning Community.

The new housing increase will only affect incoming freshmen — students currently living in residence halls will have a freeze on their rates. However, the 5 percent increase to campus dining will affect all residents.

Ray Gasser, director of university housing, says the increase will help make up the difference, now that residents have free laundry, microwaves and refrigerators.

"Everything we're doing is pro-student," Gasser said. "So it's a win-win for you and a win-win for us."

Residence Hall Association President Matthew Baughman, a philosophy sophomore, said he has received positive feedback from residents about the proposition.

"A 3 percent increase is really low compared to last year," Baughman said. "Housing is trying to get more people to stay (in the residence halls) ... It's a good deal for what we are able to offer."

The money will also be used for remodeling projects in the Wallace Residence Center. Gasser said the roof will be redone at a cost of $500,000, and a $1.2 million fire alarm system will be installed.

"These are projects (that) need to be done because if we don't do them, people won't be able to live there," Gasser said.

Both Gasser and Baughman agree that more attention from administration, specifically UI President Duane Nellis, is needed in order to provide housing that fosters academic success and increases retention rates.

This school year, residence halls are at a 29 percent occupancy rate, with more than 400 empty beds.

"We need to get the president to understand the issues with Wallace," Baughman said. "I'd like to get the president, provost and ASUI more involved in (residence hall) life."

University Housing is allocated a $10 million yearly budget. Four million of that goes to mortgage payments — the Living and Learning Community won't be paid off until 2041 — while $5 million goes to operational expenses and $1 million goes toward various projects within the residence halls.

"There's continued support in being able to reinvest in ourselves," Gasser said. "The perception is that we're flushed with money, but if we were flushed with money, the buildings wouldn't be in the condition that they are."

Even though the increased rates will generate much-needed revenue, Gasser says that fundamentally it's all about students and retention.

"This was only motivated by retention," Gasser said. "People who say it was motivated by money are completely inaccurate."

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Be smart before hitting the beer bong right after five other people have, because whatever bacteria is festering in their mouths will certainly be transferred to yours. It especially sucks when you get strep throat during dead week and your roommates just keep walking past you, as nobody will talk to you. Not that it ever happened to me...

5. Your professors will do everything they can to scare you on the first day of class. But there is no need to panic and/or start dropping classes. They are just trying to get you to take the class seriously. They won't give you anything you can't handle. If you really are struggling, they will usually be happy to meet with you and provide extra help. Remember: Your professors are typically nice people who also live lives outside of school, and their main goal in life is not to ruin your GPA.
FALL

into change

Look for these recent and new campus life upgrades in the fall!

University Housing
- Free Laundry
- New Lofted Beds in Wallace
- Microfridges in Every Room
- Proactive Student Success Mentoring

Campus Dining
- Bob's Place Remodel
- NEW: Einstein Bros Bagels
- NEW: Denny's All-Nighter
- Re-Designed Food Court

For more information, visit us on the Web:
www.uidaho.edu/housing
www.uidaho.edu/dining
The dorm rooms in Wallace Residence Center look a little bit like jail cells. It’s no secret to call them small is an understatement. The tiled floor is always cold and the twin size bunk beds smell from hosting a revolving door of students. The carpet running the length of the halls is littered with suspicious-looking stains and most of the blue doors are spotted brown from missing chunks of paint. It’s a world where virtually everyone thinks their roommate is disgusting and dirty dishes pile up in the same place where residents brush their teeth. To an outsider, the nickname “dormies” for dorm-dwellers seems entirely appropriate.

Meanwhile, 11 p.m. Friday night on Greek Row is synonymous with one word — partying. The frat houses are booming with the latest Lil’ Wayne song, the beer pong tables are stocked with red cups and Keystone and girls teeter in on their highest heels. Dorm parties have to be hidden from the ever-roaming resident assistants ready to slap the hands of those who get caught. The choice of where to live seems like a no-brainer.

But...

If one is lucky enough to be picked for the same fraternity or sorority they choose, they may be submitting to live without privacy in a house with 50 other people, to do chores for those 50 other people, be told when to eat, when to study and what to wear. And who doesn’t want to share a tiny room with six others and dedicate large amounts of time to house functions? The dormies feel the dorms are the best way to meet a diverse group of people and get the most out of the college experience they’re looking for. Most of the halls are co-ed and the basement in Wallace is a popular hangout to play pong, pool and “Dance Revolution.”

Hama Hamazaspyan, a current resident of Wallace, said she prefers the dorms because there is the option for a single room and she and her friends can spend time together in the basement and at Bob’s.

“I think sororities make you live there for like, a year on trial or something like that,” Hamazaspyan said. Why would I want that?”

Most dorm-dwellers agree on their love/hate relationship with Bob’s, the food cafeteria stationed in Wallace. Bob’s has a reputation for being gross, but ask any student living off-campus and they’ll tell you they would take unlimited buffet-style food any day.

Chris Riddlemoser, now a senior, lived in a fraternity for his first semester in college and then moved to the dorms. He said he liked them both, but he still lives with two people from his year in the dorm because, “It was the people in the dorms that made it fun.”

“I didn’t like the set schedules in the frat—meals and all that. Just the Greek Row attitude in general felt too diquish,” Riddlemoser said. “My schedule didn’t really fit around the house schedule of doing things, between classes and work.”

This is not to say the Greek system is entirely lame. Fraternities and sororities are based on a history of morals and school commitment. Despite the differences between the Greeks and the dormies, it comes down to personal preference, time management and your ability to deal with minimal privacy. Jessica Dauenhauer, who lived in Wallace, knew living in a Greek house wasn’t for her, but still has a few friends in sororities and fraternities.

“I don’t get along with that many girls in one place,” Dauenhauer said. “It was too much of a commitment to the house. I wanted to have fun on my own.”