

# Argonaut

## University violated nepotism policy

by Jim Spiersch

Dr. Thomas E. Richardson, U of I student and administrative affairs vice president, says the administration did violate the university's nepotism policy four years ago in appointing the U of I golf professional's wife as assistant course manager.

However, Richardson played down the incident since university officials had approved the appointment. He said, "There were some technical violations, but not of consequence that warrant any action."

The ultimate responsibility for the violation falls back on the Board of Regents, meaning that the board is in violation of its own nepotism policy.

The *U of I Handbook on Policy and Procedure* under "employment of relatives," says, "No individual may function as judge or advocate in specific situations involving members of his or her immediate family (such as the employee's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-

in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law). Faculty/staff members should neither initiate nor participate in institutional decisions involving a direct benefit (such as initial appointment, retention, promotion, salary, and leave of absence) to members of their immediate families."

Patricia Snyder, wife of golf course manager Richard L. Snyder, was appointed assistant manager in the summer of 1973.

Snyder said his wife was hired on his recommendation, but mainly through an "agreement" made with the SUB General Manager Dean Vettrus.

Vettrus approached Elbert M. Barton, director of personnel services and arranged the position for Mrs. Snyder.

Barton said he looked into her situation with the state retirement system. He said, "that position was created primarily so that Mrs. Snyder could collect retirement benefits." Barton explained that the job was arranged so that she would not lose some

18 years of accumulated service to the state retirement system.

At the time Mrs. Snyder was hired as assistant course manager, she had been off the state payroll for nearly five years and was in danger of losing retirement benefits.

Barton admitted that he or Vettrus should have notified superiors of the possible nepotism violation and sought a waiver, but "at the time, I didn't consider it to be a problem," he said.

Snyder, Barton and Richardson all admitted that Snyder agreed to a one-quarter cut in his own salary so that his wife could get on the state payroll.

Richardson was assigned to investigate the matter by U of I President Dr. Richard Gibb. Richardson, having completed his investigation, says that "there was nothing misleading, but that it should have been brought to the attention of the Board of Regents." Although his investigation warrants no action, the final decision lies in the hands of President Gibb.

## Regents' alcohol policy defined

by Kristen Moulton

The new alcohol policy passed by the Board of Regents in December will mean essentially a "no container" policy for the ASUI-Kibbie Dome and will require that dormitory and Greek house residents drink alcohol only in private areas, according to Dr. Tom Richardson, student and administrative vice-president.

Richardson will make recommendations to President Richard D. Gibb before the end of the week on changes that need to be made on this campus to conform with the new policy.

"We'll have to treat football games as all other indoor public activities," Richardson said. "I think it will mean significant changes...special efforts will have to be made to change the tradition," if the university is to comply with the new policy, he said.

The new policy prohibits drinking in areas open to the public.

The policy applies not only to students but also to faculty, staff, guests, and visitors.

The drinking that goes on whenever and wherever the hall and Greek residents want

to is not within the spirit or direct intent of the Board's policy, he said.

But, he said, there are some positive alternatives that would be enforceable by resident advisors and sensible for the students.

"I think we'll be able to identify some areas that are significantly private and not in the public flow where hall resident groups could have private functions," he said.

Richardson sees two advantages to the idea of an area available to group parties. It would encourage entertainment on a responsible basis, allowing students to drink within a social atmosphere and would not force the students into their rooms to drink alone, he

said.

Greek residents would be required to hold all functions where alcohol is served inside their houses and not in public areas.

The student code of conduct which lists drug and alcohol regulations together will have to be rewritten, Richardson said. The new alcohol policy will be included in the regulations and the drug policy will remain the same.

After the administration formulates the new rules, it will attempt to make all persons on campus aware of the rules. Though the policy is actually in effect now, it will not become fully operative until next fall, Richardson said.

## Tax booklets available from area public libraries

The Moscow-Latah Library has several booklets useful for preparing income tax returns.

The booklets include government pamphlets as well as material by J.K. Lasser, H. and R. Block and others. General information about

property taxes is included in a 1977 book, *You Can Get Your Real Estate Taxes Reduced*, by Ronald Gettel.

The books and pamphlets are available at the Moscow, Potlatch, Genesee, Juliaetta and Troy libraries.



An unidentified U of I music student found the sunshine irresistible and practiced outside the Music Building Monday afternoon. Photo by Jim Johnson.

## Wiley and Gault-Upham set new evacuation records

Two U of I centers accomplished their best evacuation times in recent times during this semester's round of fire drills.

U of I Safety Officer Arnie Broberg told the *Argonaut* his records date back to 1971. According to those records, Willey residence and Gault-Upham set new records for evacuation.

Broberg noted several factors enter into the evacuation rates of various living groups. Two main factors are the number of occupants in a residence plus the distance traveled to get out. For example, people in a center with a couple of floors are likely to get out faster than in a multi-storied building such as the Tower.

Another factor is the reaction time of the occupants. Broberg noted some people became

conditioned to false alarms. It takes these people longer to realize the alarm is a real drill rather than another prank, Broberg said.

Drills are held once each semester. This semester's results are as follows:

Gault-Upham: 2:06 (now best) Previous best 2:15

Wiley: 1:45 (best ever)

Previous best 1:56

Stevenson Wing: 3:40

(current) Best 2:05

Gooding: 4:39 (current)

Best 2:34

Ballard: 3:07 (current)

Best 2:00

Shoup: 1:52 (current) Best

:59

McConnell: 1:12 (current)

Best :53

Theophilus Tower: 4:02

(current) Best 3:35

Targhee: 1:48 (current)

Best :36

Ethel Steel: :52 (current)

Best :45

## Faculty Council to meet

Faculty Council meets at 3:10 p.m. today to consider a report from the Budget Liason Committee, the proposed establishment of an Emeritus Faculty Association, leave for faculty and staff and a preliminary proposal for an inter-university women's studies project.

The proposal to establish an Emeritus Faculty Association requests that an ad hoc committee be appointed to decide if the association

would be worthwhile, and, if so, what structure and function the association should take.

The women's study proposal suggests that the teaching of courses in women's studies should use the combined resources of the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Boise State University. Course descriptions would be cross-listed in each university's catalog.

## Harding quizzed by campus press

The proposed fee increase, ASUI appointments, and the role of the ASUI were some of the subjects covered by ASUI President Bob Harding in a question and answer session with members of the campus press Friday afternoon.

Harding was the guest on *Media Analysis*, a weekly program on KUOI-FM.

Harding explained that the proposed \$17 fee increase consists of \$10 for improvements and equipment in the Kibbie Dome, \$2 for

men's intercollegiate athletics, \$2 for intramurals, and an additional \$3 for the ASUI.

He is a member of a committee formed by the ASUI Senate to study the fee increase. "The committee is trying to analyze what the administration is trying to do with this fee increase and what the student benefit is going to be out of it," he said. Harding said he is not yet ready to take a stand on the increase. "With no background, I'm not going to

support or deny support for anything yet," he said.

Harding was asked if the administration may be trying to "buy off" support for its \$14 increase by supporting the \$3 ASUI increase. The possibility had not occurred to him, he said, but "that may very well be what they're trying to do."

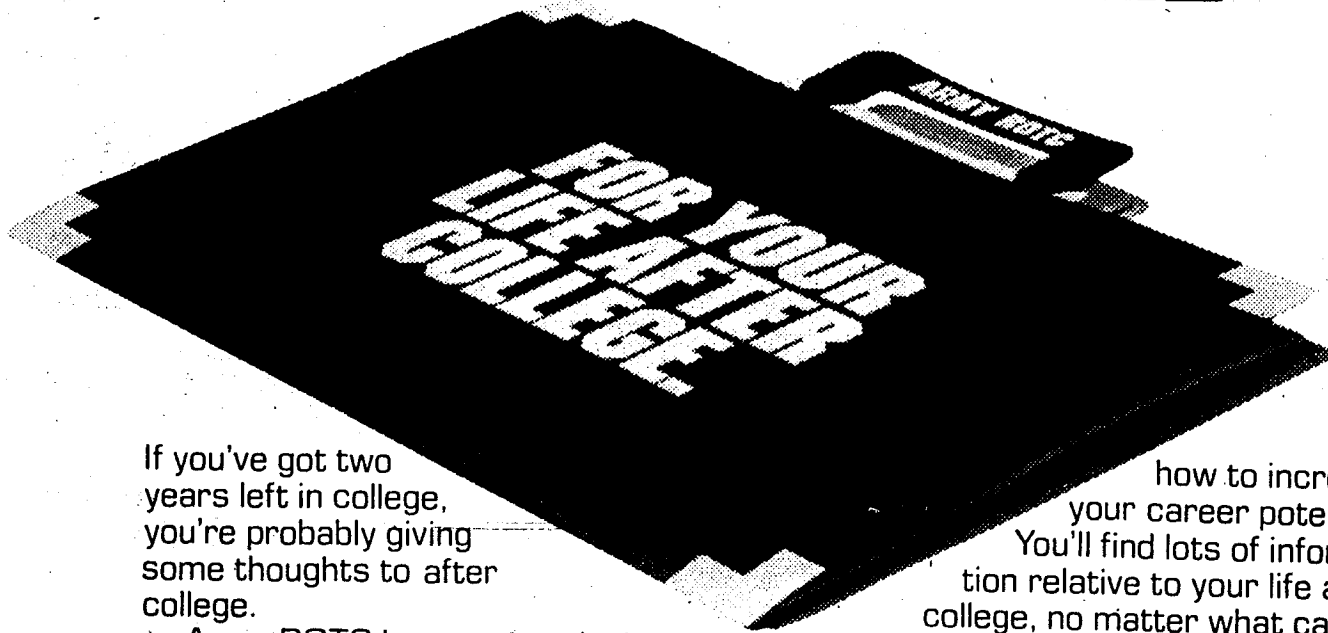
Harding was asked if he felt Faculty Council was justified in voting to allow student-faculty committees to function without student members if none were appointed within three weeks.

"I understand the purpose behind that, and I think it was justified," he said. He noted that the faculty council just wanted to insure that the appointments would be made quickly. "I would have done it as fast as possible; they just made sure I did," he added.

Harding was asked about the ASUI's future in lobbying, now that it has left the ISA. "Right now, all we're trying to do is get through this legislative session," he said. He added that in the future, lobbying could possibly be coordinated through interns from the political science department. Tominaga is currently acting as the ASUI's lobbyist in the legislature.

Harding also asked about bills for over \$2,000 sent by the ISA to the ASUI. Harding said the ASUI received a bill for \$110 for its part in a convention held here, in addition to a bill for \$2,000 for "half-year dues." He said the ASUI has in turn billed the ISA for around \$176 in expenses incurred during the convention. The ASUI will not pay the \$2,000 dues, he said.

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## Tax News

**PENALTY, INTEREST FACE LATE TAXPAYERS**  
by H&R Block

In most cases if a taxpayer files his income tax return late, he is likely to have to pay interest or penalties on any tax due. H&R Block points out.

It is sometimes possible, however, for a taxpayer to file his return after the due date and still avoid a penalty if he is granted an extension by the IRS or has special circumstances which would be considered reasonable cause for delay. But even in that event the taxpayer must pay the interest due, which is computed at a rate of 7 percent a year on the tax.

A penalty for failure to pay taxes when due of one half of one percent of the unpaid taxes will be imposed for each month, or part of a month, beyond the due date that the tax remains unpaid. The total penalty is limited to 25 percent. If you can show the IRS that your failure to pay is due to a reasonable cause, the penalty will not be imposed.

# Survival school: learn not to freeze

by Phil Baechler

Eight feet of snow is not too good for walking on unless you have snowshoes, but participants in last weekend's winter survival school found it excellent for making a variety of snow caves and other emergency shelters.

Hemlock Butte near Bovill was the site of the weekend exercise, and members of the Latah County Search and Rescue Council, U of I Search and Rescue Club, Snow Drifters snowmobile club and Army ROTC took part.

Participants were transported from a base camp to the top of the butte by snowmobiles and a weasel, a tracked snow vehicle used by ski lodges. At the top, they found conditions excellent, temperatures ranging in the 20's and plenty of snow.

The snowpack on the crest of the butte was close to ten feet in places and only the roof of the hikers cabin at the top was visible. Steps were dug in the snow going down into the porch of the cabin, communications headquarters for the school.

When they reached the top, the "survivors" donned snowshoes and began scouting the area for a likely place to set up camp. The snowshoes doubled as shovels, and several awkward walkers

swore that was about all the webs were good for.

Working in a light overcast that blended the white of the snow into a white sky, the group broke into teams and began building a variety of shelters. The snow was predominantly powder, unsuited for igloos, so snow trenches (and several eskimoes) and caves were the prevalent type.

Trench builders favored locations near trees, using the trees as a structural support and source of raw materials (much as dogs do). Layers of branches formed reinforcement for roofs, with snow from the trench interior piled on top for insulation. Another layer of branches served for a cushion inside, forming an air layer between snow and sleepers.

The most elaborate shelter was a snow cave dug by four ROTC students. Dubbed the "Wilderness Waldorf," the cave was dug into the side of a steep snowbank. An outside porch served for cooking and adjoined a three foot high door into the cave.

Inside, the cave widened out into an area about the size of a small room, with a domed roof about four feet above the floor. Two small holes in the roof provided light and ventilation.

As Saturday afternoon waned, participants toured the area, comparing notes on shelters. A TV crew from KUID filmed a few of the shelters, and staged a "rescue" to demonstrate winter survival techniques.

Saturday night on the mountaintop was like anyplace else in some respects: people gathered at the cabin to talk, warm themselves around a bonfire, and boogie a bit to some radio music.

A simulated rescue highlighted Sunday's activities. A "victim" was placed in the woods with an emergency locating transmitter (ELT) sending a radio signal. Using a radio direction finder, a rescue team set out on snowshoes to search for the victim.

Following the radio signal, the search team located the victim and administered emergency first aid. Directions were radioed to snowmobile equipped rescue units. While the victim was being made comfortable and treated for wounds, a sled-equipped stretcher unit was brought in.

The victim was gently moved onto the stretcher and towed by hand to where a snowmobile could complete the transport.



A cup of hot chocolate is readied for "victim" Jean Hanson during a simulated rescue in the snow. Photo by Phil Baechler.

# Idaho-Washington pot laws differ

by Jim Spiersch

Although Washington is only a few minutes' drive from Moscow, its marijuana laws differ from those in Idaho. Idahoans are subject to those differences.

In Idaho, anyone who possesses, uses or cultivates marijuana for private use in an amount not to exceed three

## WSU schedules recycling study

The Washington State University Environmental Task Force will sponsor a community recycling workshop Thursday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Heald Auditorium. The workshop is designed to create increased awareness of recycling processes and facilities available for recycling.

The workshop will feature presentations by Palouse Recycling and the WSU recycling programs. The presentations included a slide show, films and literature about recycling. A question and answer session will end the program.

Admission to the program is free and open to the public. Further information is available from Larry Hall at 335-1854.

ounces dried weight is guilty of an indictable misdemeanor.

Upon conviction he/she is subject to one year of imprisonment and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.

A second offense constitutes a two year imprisonment and/or up to a \$2,000 fine.

Anything over three ounces is considered a felony and constitutes up to five years imprisonment and/or up to a \$15,000 fine. A subsequent offense may carry up to ten years imprisonment and/or a \$30,000 fine.

Just eight miles west of here (Pullman) any person who possesses, uses, or cultivates marijuana for private use in an amount of up to forty grams (1.43 ounces) dried weight is also guilty of an indictable misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to ninety days incarceration and/or up to a \$250 fine for the first and second offenses.

Anything over 40 grams is considered a felony and carries a sentence of up to five years incarceration and/or up

to a \$10,000 fine.

A second offense would constitute up to 10 years in jail and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

Scott West, Washington State University police sergeant, said, "Any person from Moscow, or anywhere else is subject to Washington laws and such cases may not be transferred from state to state."

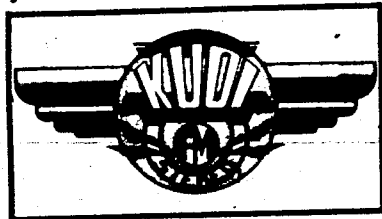
West said the exception to this is in the case of juveniles.

Bill Hamlett, Latah County Prosecutor, said juveniles receive special treatment in Idaho, also. He said, "If two persons were arrested, say one is 18 and the other 17, the 18-year-old would be treated a heck of a lot differently." Hamlett added, "That's not to take anything away from our narcotics laws, it says something about our juvenile laws."

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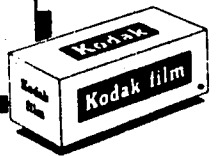


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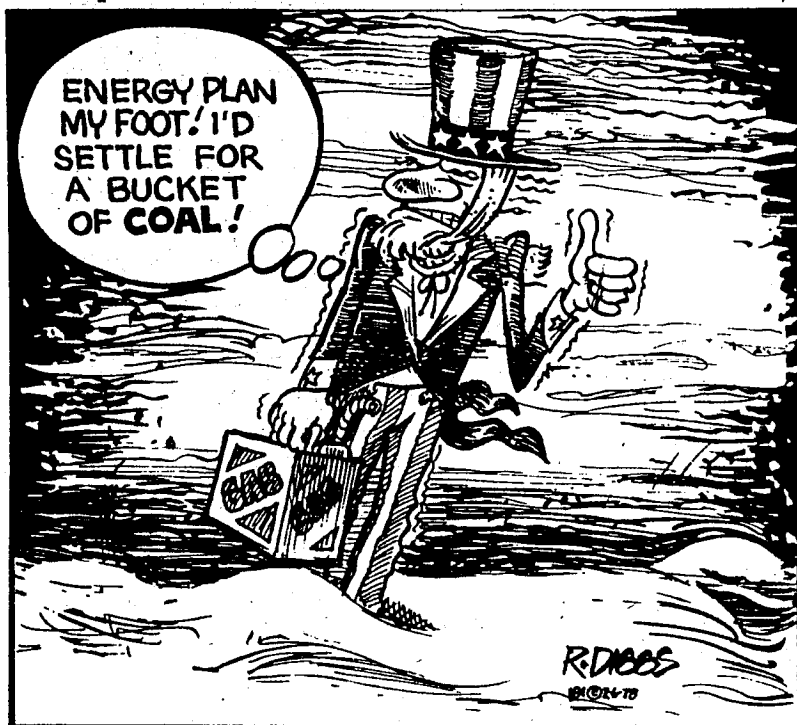
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# Opinion



## Sorry, Dr. Brown

My apologies to Dr. Harold O. J. Brown.

Several people got up and walked out on Brown's lecture on abortion Thursday night during an ASUI Issues and Forums program.

I certainly agree with those people's right to disagree with what Brown had to say, and I feel they have a right not to hear what he had to say.

But the fact that the walkout was pre-meditated turns things around somewhat (We were tipped off a half hour beforehand, which is how we had a photographer there. Check the back page).

By walking out, those people were being as narrow-minded as they claim their opponents are. They left, never even intending to hear the other side of the argument.

In addition, they were just plain rude. Rude to Brown. Rude to the audience that sincerely wanted to hear what Brown had to say. Rude to us all.

While I agree with the walkers'-out views and goals, I cannot condone their methods. A cause without people like that is a much better cause.

Again, my apologies to Dr. Brown. Please do not judge the entire University of Idaho by what you saw Thursday.  
J. Borden

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## scripture misinterpreted

With a B.A. in theology and archeology, it is perturbing to observe the blatant and cursory misinterpretation of scripture evidenced in a number of the *Argonaut's* letters to the editor. For example, one letter from the Feb. 7 issue stated: "For a woman to present the Bible as proof of the rightness or wrongness of homosexuality is as irrational as using the Bible to tell us the place of Woman: '...and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands in everything.' (Eph. 5:24)." The tacit implication here is that if the Bible is so obviously incorrect regarding the place of woman (or more correctly the place of the Christian wife), how can it speak authoritatively regarding the morality of homosexuality. A clearer non sequitur could not be found. The argument fails on two accounts.

First, the author misconstrues the Biblical view of woman. This much is apparent from his employment of Eph. 5:24. Even the most elementary course in Biblical exegesis teaches that a verse must be interpreted contextually in a number of ways: literally, hermeneutically, culturally, and linguistically. Space only allows for a general application of these principles to Eph. 5:24.

Literally, the verse appears in a passage analogizing Christ's relationship to the church with that of the husband to the wife. Verse 25 enjoins the husband to "love

the wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her." Thus, in order to understand the husband's relationship to the wife, one must first know how Christ related to the Church.

This question leads into hermeneutics, the analysis of verses in light of a Biblical interpretive construct. Essential here is the recognition that Christ's concept of leadership was redemptive servanthood: "whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as (I) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give (my) life a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:27-28). Thus in Eph. 5:23 when Paul speaks of the husband being the head of the wife, he does so in the context of a type of love which asks, "How may I be of service?" Ultimately, the scriptures teach that a husband should be willing to lay down his life for his wife. The Biblical concept of a husband's headship is not the domineering macho image portrayed by our culture but rather a responsibility premised on love.

This points up an inherent problem in modern Biblical interpretation—namely, that many of our misconceptions are culture bound. Our society is infused with social hierarchies. Constant exposure to this, has caused us to interject our personal cultural biases when attempting to understand scripture. Consequently, the statement, "Wives be subject to your husbands" brings visions of a dictatorial relationship. But this is not

the Biblical concept of headship. Rather it is our warped perception of it.

Linguistically, the Greek word for "subject to" has the connotation of a voluntary yielding in love or a willingness to submit out of respect. Eph. 5:24 does not carry any connotation of menial subservience on the part of the wife or of absolute dominance on the part of the husband. In a Biblically founded marriage, the question is not "What are my rights" but rather "What are the needs and desires of the other individual?"

Second, even assuming the Bible is "unreliable" in "telling us the place of Woman," it does not follow that it speaks unauthoritatively regarding homosexuality. If a book presents two distinct facts, A and B, proof that A is unreliable does not thereby disprove the authenticity of B.

In no uncertain terms the Scriptures condemn homosexuality as ethically reprehensible. (Lev. 18:22; 20:13, I Cor. 6:19, Rom. 1:24-28). The key distinction here is between what is legal and what is ethical. Insofar as morality cannot be legislated in entirety, it may be one's legal right to be a homosexual but Biblically speaking, it is not one's ethical right. Homosexuality may be one's right in that society may no longer legally punish it, but the threshold realization is that another standard transcends society's. Breach of this standard, will result in a day in court but before a different Judge.

## Letters

### Donors thanked

Editor,  
On behalf of the ASUI Red Cross Blood Drive Committee, I thank all of you brave donors who rolled up your sleeves to help save a life at the recent blood drive. Our quota was 300 pints. It was exceeded by 57 pints, for a total of 357 pints.

A special thanks goes out to Circle K, I. K.'s, Valkyries, Spurs, Faculty Women, District Nurses' Association, The Wallace Complex Staff, The Spruce, Rathskellers, and all living groups who donated cookies.

You will be proud to know that, thanks to all of you, U of I has won the award for the best blood program on the Snake River Region which includes most of Idaho, a small part of Oregon and WSU.

The next blood drive will be in the SUB Ballroom

April 4-6. If you are interested in joining our committee, contact me at 885-6646 or the Programs Department at 885-6484. We would be glad to have you.  
Suzanne E. Groff  
ASUI Red Cross Blood Drive Chairperson

### Inmate plea

Editor,  
I am incarcerated in the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla. One of our main goals here is to have correspondence with the outside world. At the present time I have no correspondence, and I would like you to put this advertisement in your newspaper.

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### Pro choice

Editor,  
Interesting that the Issues and Forums Right-to-Life speaker inferred that abortion leads to bloodshed like Germany's Buchenwald—but he failed to mention that ONE OF THE FIRST things Nazis did on coming into power in 1933 was to completely outlaw abortion, making it a capital offense for both woman and her abortionist.  
Patsy Miller  
Pro-Choice

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# Letters

## Crabshell

Editor,  
We are writing to the *Argonaut* in order to dispel the notion that there exists a "radical anti-establishment coalition" in the Moscow area. To the contrary, the CRABSHELL ALLIANCE is a newly formed group of persons who are opposed to the proliferation of nuclear energy. We feel that there exist several alternatives (solar energy and wind power for example) that will enable us to meet the world's energy needs in the future without having to resort to the inefficiencies and extreme dangers of nuclear power. Recently the "Soviet satellite incident" has shown the world how dangerous and unpredictable nuclear power can be. CRABSHELL is committed to education and openness in all its activities, and being a new organization in the area we encourage everyone (including Dixie Lee Ray and Steve Symms) to attend our next meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the SUB Appaloosa Room. Dean Lueck  
Steve Catir  
Crabshell Alliance

## Athletic funds

Editor,  
This letter concerns the "new" proposed student fee increase. I would be more than willing to support another fee increase, if such an increase would benefit academic programs as well as athletic programs. Considering most of the students attending the U of I are here for a "higher education" and also considering that most of the U of I's athletes are students, I would be very excited to see the administrators of this institution straighten out their financial priorities. I don't doubt that the athletic department is in need of more money, since many departments are. I also don't doubt that the entertainment organization is also in need of financing. But, I believe it is long past time that someone remembered our library's needs. It's a little inconvenient to me to run to WSU every time I need

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current research information on various subjects (at least more current than 1960). It is also unfair to WSU when U of I students keep having to borrow their materials. It would seem more logical to me to expand our own facility and stop taking unfair advantage of WSU's generosity (not to mention the savings to U of I students in gas, time and exasperated nerves).

Our library was one to be proud of when it was first built, but it has outgrown its space and is severely suffering from neglect. Please, Dr. Richardson, remember that neglecting the academic needs of the students at the U of I could result in a severe decrease in enrollment which could ultimately lead to a very small demand for any athletics on this campus.  
K. J. O'Connor

P.S. Maybe we could start storing library materials in the Kibbie Dome?

## Racist investing

Editor,  
The Black Student Union of Washington State University has been researching the university's stock portfolio, and has discovered that W.S.U. holds over \$1.6 million of stock with corporations doing business in South Africa. In light of President Carter's campaign for human rights around the world, we find it deplorable that W.S.U. is benefitting financially from a regime which the United Nations has singled out as one of the most unjust, and inhuman in the world.

The Black Students and concerned parties will be sponsoring a rally, and press conference on the W.S.U. campus, Wednesday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m., in the Minority Conference Room, Wilson Hall 107, on the W.S.U. Campus.  
Michael L. Taylor  
Black Student Union  
President

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## Anti-Prohaska

Editor,  
I think that Senator Prohaska needs to read a book on how to be a senator.

If he was to do so, he would find out the following principles:

1. A senator is supposed to represent his constituents, in this case, his living groups.

2. When a senator presents a bill, he should have some backing for his ideas.

3. If a bill is important to you, then you yourself go out to muster support for your ideas.

4. It is great to write legislation and it shows initiative, but **only** if you are representing your constituents.

In all four of the above cases, Senator Prohaska has been negligent. He has not represented his living groups with the presentation of the campaign statement slogan bill. In fact, he has tried twice to force this bill on the student body without even first seeing his own living groups to get their input or support.

The backing for his bill has been almost nil. Upon questioning he and other senators, you will learn that only a couple of living groups were actually for the bill and only a couple of others were split on the issue. The rest of the living groups were either not asked or were against the bill.

But the most important mistake I feel he has made is that he was not willing enough to go out to get support behind this bill. If

he truly wanted to show the students that the bill was good for them, then he would have arranged to meet with living groups and give them reasons why its passage would benefit them. Instead, he has failed to do any footwork and has sat back, ignoring his own living groups, and tried to force a bill on the students of the U of I.

He has shown, through this bill, that his only interest is having bills before the senate and that as long as he provides legislation, then he does not need to visit his living groups, or in other words, represent his constituents.

I feel it is time for Senator Prohaska's constituents, and, in fact, all living groups, to notify the senators that they are supposed to represent the students and not just their own interests. Let's get these

senators on the ball and let's start telling them what the students want.

This is especially true of the off-campus students and the campus married-housing students (who are all included in the off-campus living group). You together comprise approximately half of the student body. It's about time your senators: Prohaska, Nuttman, Switzer and Wani know what your feelings are. Three of the four were advocates of the slogan bill.

It's about time you let them know what your decisions are, especially on the slogan bill. I encourage the off-campus living group to go to its meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 22 at noon in the Vandal Lounge. It's time to let your feelings be known.

Danell Coleman

## College Republicans meet

The University of Idaho College Republicans will meet Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the SUB, announced David Ritchie, club chairman.

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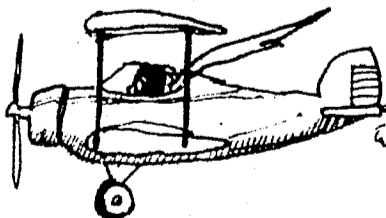
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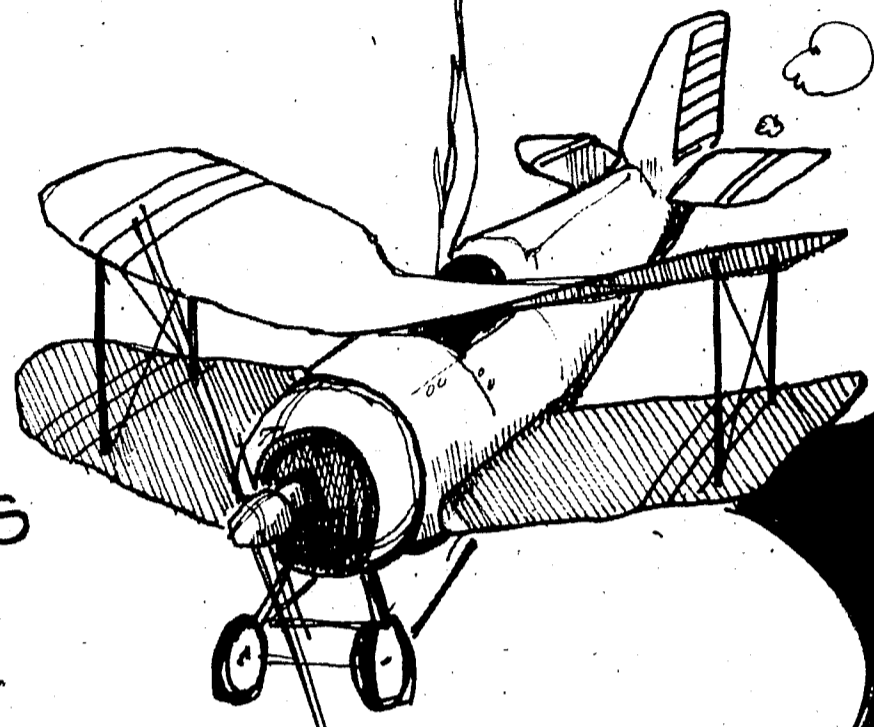
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# Sports

## WSU sinks Vandals in final meet

Idaho swimming ace, Linda DeMeyer, almost did it by herself Saturday afternoon.

Losing 87-53 to Palouse rival Washington State, DeMeyer captured three firsts in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle for the Vandals, then set a lifetime best in her leg of the 200 medley relay.

Kris Ablin also put in a good performance for Idaho

as she won the 50 and 100 meter backstrokes. In the 100, she posted a 1:07.0 to beat out the nearest opponent by five seconds, while in the 50 she clocked a 31.16.

Coach John DeMeyer is looking forward to regional competition

DeMeyer looks for "almost all" of his ten girls to do well

in Seattle but realistically thinks that Linda, his sister, Ablin, and 100 individual medley swimmer Debbie Stockwell have the edge.

"Debbie's got a good shot at the I.M.," said DeMeyer. "She's been out with a shoulder injury but should be ready. I think we're going to be competitive in the relay."

# Vandalsport

What happened

Friday: Basketball:

Men: Idaho 61, Boise State 90

Women: (jayvee) Idaho 55, Treasure Valley 47

Swimming: (men) Idaho 46, U of Montana 59

Idaho 26, Central Washington 79

Saturday: Basketball:

Men: Idaho 72, Idaho State 77

Women: Idaho 54, Boise State 67

Women: (jayvee) Idaho 49, Boise State 39

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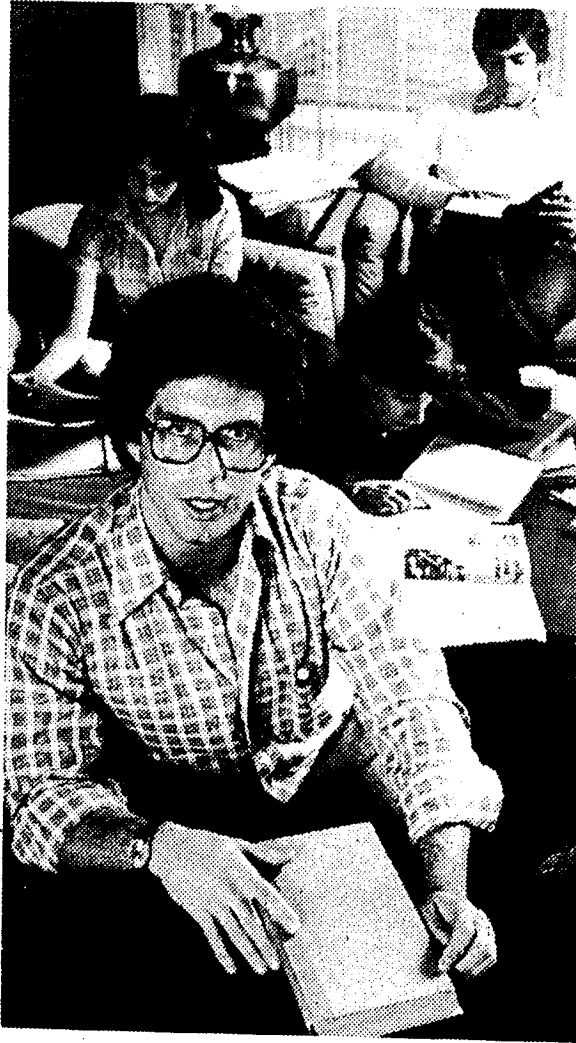
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## Swimmers dunked in final dual

The U of I men's swimming team received a dunking in its final season dual meet against Central Washington State University and the University of Montana here Friday night.

The Vandals lost 79-26 and 59-46 respectively.

Coach Chet Hall said the team's overall performance with CWSU was about the same as their last encounter, but the Vandals had improved in their total times against the U of M.

Individual Idahoans highlighting the meet included Tom Zimmer, who turned in his best time in the 200 individual medley, Steve Cobb in the 200 free-style, and Jeff Vitamanti who placed second in the 50 and 100 free-style, according to Hall.

"(Wilson) Martin was way off because of the flu. Hopefully he will be in good shape for the regionals," said Hall.

## Tax News

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT  
by H&R Block

An employee not covered by a qualified retirement plan can set up his own retirement plan and get a tax deduction for the amount he puts into his retirement savings, up to a maximum amount of \$1,500 per year.

The deduction is permitted whether or not he itemizes deductions because it is a direct deduction from gross income.

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# Vandals drop two on southern trip

Idaho basketball took a one-two punch on the road losing '90-61 to Boise State Friday night, then 77-72 at the hands of Big Sky powerhouse Idaho State Saturday. It was the Vandals' fifth and sixth straight defeats, and dropped them to a 1-11 league record and 4-20 overall.

### IDAHO (61)

Hessing, 6-12 4 16; Jaussi, 5-19 0 10; Forge, 6-12 0 12; Gredler, 2-7 0 4; Lyle, 0-0 0 0; Langrell, 2-7 1 5; McCalley, 4-6 2 10; Brudie, 1-5 2 4  
Team totals: 26-68 9 61

### BOISE STATE (90)

Connor, 6-14 3 15; Powell, 1-5 1 3; Williams, 1-2 0 2; Hodges, 1-2 0 2; Johnson, 10-17 2 22; Barrett, 4-8 3 11; Holt, 0-2 0 0; Jones, 6-10 7 19; Mayfield, 1-4 0 2; McKenna, 3-3 4 10; Richardson, 0-2 0 0; Long, 1-2 2 4  
Team totals: 34-71 22 90  
At the half: BSU 43, Idaho 30.

"We just played very poorly," said Idaho Coach Jim Jarvis about the BSU game. "There were no high points for us. We just didn't play well as a team."

A crowd of more than 3,000

saw 12 Broncos come off the bench during the game, including seniors Trent Johnson who led the scoring column with 22. Idaho's best effort came from Bill Hessing who put in 16. The win practically insured BSU of a berth in the 4-team league playoff.

If the Vandals were killed anywhere, it was from the field. As a team, Idaho hit a poor 38 percent, compared to Boise State's 47. The Vandals were also out rebounded 54-33.

"We'll just have to get better prepared mentally for the ISU game," said Jarvis Friday. "We had a mental letdown."

Saturday night was a different story. Idaho hit 53 percent from the floor to ISU's 46. Vandal Reed Jaussi worked his way to 26 points, while the defense kept ISU net shredder Lawrence Butler to 20 points.

Idaho's roundball season ends Feb. 25 when the

Vandals travel to Ogden to meet Weber State.

### IDAHO (72)

Hessing, 4 2-4 10; Jaussi, 12 2-3 26; Forge, 5 0-0 10; Gredler, 1 0-0 2; Brudie, 4 2-2 10; Langrell, 2 0-0 4; McCalley 4 2-3 10.  
Team totals: 32 8-12 72.

### IDAHO STATE (77)

Corder, 3 0-0 6; Butler, 10 0-0 20; Bemis, 3 0-0 6; Wilson, 1 0-0 2; Cook, 3 5-6 11; Watson, 1 0-0 2; Gook, 1 2-2 4; Robinson, 6 2-2 14; Gomes, 0 0-0 0; Bowen, 1 2-6 4; McQuaid, 4 0-0 8.  
Team totals: 33 11-16 77.  
At the half: ISU 43, Idaho 34.



Freshman Jeanne Nuxoll of Grangeville rounds the bend in the mile Saturday at the U of I Collegiate Indoor coed meet. It was the first competition for the Vandal women this season. Photo by Jim Johnson.

## Final minute fatal to Idaho

The Boise State Broncos romped during the last minute of the BSU-Idaho game, running the score to 67-54 in nonleague women's basketball action.

The Vandals dropped to 6-7 on the season as BSU scored eight points in the final minute.

"We thought we did pretty well," Idaho Coach Bonnie Hultstrand said. "We played excellent defense." Idaho forced the Broncos to 18 turnovers.

"We were upset that we lost by so much when it was so close," she added.

Terry Janusiewicz lead Idaho with 14 points, followed by Betty Fiandaca with 13 and Jean Hayman Chamberlain with 10. Mary Flomer pulled down a season high 15 rebounds.

The junior varsity squad dumped Treasure Valley Community College 55-47 Friday night and Boise State 49-39 Saturday.

### GOVERNOR'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Governor's Summer Internship Program will employ twelve college students in positions within Idaho State government from June 12 through August 9, 1978. The goal of this program is to provide a learning experience in government through on-the-job training. Interns, who must be Idaho residents, will be assigned to a full-time position within a State department, and will attend weekly afternoon seminars on topics of interest.

Compensation will be \$2.65 per hour, or \$912 for the summer. Students are urged to obtain credit for their internship work through their individual advisors or Dr. Syd Duncombe, University of Idaho; Dr. Richard Foster, Idaho State University; or, Dr. Bill Mech, Boise State University.

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#### POSITIONS

**Advisory Council On Vocational Education:** annual report; **Budget Policy Planning & Coordination:** automated systems development; **Education:** curriculum research; **Employment:** (3 positions) training handbook, employee handbook, job placement analyst; **Fish & Game:** budgeting; **Health & Welfare:** (6 positions) day care homes - Idaho Falls, assistance programs research, Health Manpower Plan, community services research, training needs research, Child Care Conference - Moscow; **Historical Society - Old Penitentiary Site:** (2 positions) exhibit development, historical pamphlet development; **Industrial Commission:** budgeting; **Parks & Recreation:** (3 positions) water trails, display handbook, public relations; **Public Utilities:** (2 positions) public relations, utility finance research; **Secretary Of State:** elections research.

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... Sierra Club of Moscow will sponsor an illustrated talk by Jim Peak, U of I professor of wildlife management at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Gold Room.

... Esther Pashek and Cathy Tabaka will lecture on "Nourishing Space," a community of women living in the Arizona Desert, at noon in the Women's Center.

... A student Bible study will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the SUB Pend Oreille Room.

... KUOI—89.3—Stravinsky, "The Rite of Spring," 10:05 p.m.

... KUID—91.7—Noel Pointer, "Hold On," 9 p.m.

## Wednesday...

... A panel discussion by women from Asia, Middle East and South America on foreign views of American women will be held at noon in the Women's Center.

... The Outdoor Program Center will sponsor a slide show of a canoe trip through Alaska's Glacier Bay at 7 p.m. in the SUB. There is no charge.

... Palouse Area Singles Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 457 N. Adams, Moscow.

... KUOI—89.3—Blues with a Feeling, 10:05 p.m.

... KUID—91.7—Lonnie Smith, "Funk Reaction," 9 p.m.

## Thursday...

... Friends of the Environment will present a slide show on the Pertage, Placet and Twenty Mile Rivers of South Central Alaska at noon in the SUB Gold Room.

... Attention former Lewis and Clark High School graduates. John Patton and the Dean of Students from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane will be at the SUB from 2-5 p.m. to talk with former graduates of LC. The intent of these discussions is to find out how well students graduating from Lewis and Clark are prepared for college.

... Women in Communications, Inc. will meet at 3 p.m. in the Communications Reading Room. All interested students are invited.

... The Crabshell Alliance will meet at 8 p.m. in the SUB Appaloosa Room.

... Young Life Rejects will meet at 9:30 p.m. at the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house.

... Days of Wrath will be shown at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. in Borah Theater. Admission is \$1.

... Margaret R. Asirvatham will speak on electroorganic synthesis at 11 a.m. in the Physical Science 111.

... KUOI—89.3—Cowboy, "Cowboy," 10:05 p.m.

... KUID—91.7—Gid Tanner and His Skillet Lickers, "The Kickapoo Medicine Show," 9 p.m.

## Wilde comedy plays here

"The Importance of Being Earnest," the next U of I theatre production, will run at the Hartung Theatre March 2-4 at 8 p.m., March 5 at 6:30 p.m., and March 9-11 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the comedy are \$2.75 for general admission and \$1 for students.

The scrambled plot of Oscar Wilde's comedy is concerned with an elegant wastrel named John Worthing who has invented a dissolute

younger brother named Earnest, whom he impersonates when he goes on a fling. His friend, Algernon Moncrieff, is a thoughtful young man who has invented a sick friend named Bunbury on whom to blame his own trifling offenses. The pitfalls accompanying their deceptions are hilariously exemplified when each pretends to be Earnest to please the ladies in whom they are interested.



Steve Baranco stands next to the sign which bears the name he originated for the Student Union Gameroom. For winning the "Name the Gameroom" contest, Baranco will

receive a certain amount of free gameroom time. The carved redwood sign was made in New Meadows, Idaho, and will be hung in the gameroom soon. Photo by Jim Johnson.

## Say goodbye, Marsha Mason

by N.K. Hoffman

"I love actors as long as they stay up on stage where they belong. Once they step down into real life, they really screw things up."

Like a rag wrung dry of everything but preprocessed emotions, Marsha Mason drips her red-faced way through *The Goodbye Girl*, despite the valiant efforts Richard Dreyfuss and Quinn Cummings put forth to support her. When she's not screaming, Mason has that kind of breathy voice that sounds as if she's practicing lines in front of a mirror when there's a demon sleeping in the next room.

*The Goodbye Girl* is liberally salted with jokes and gags, many of which work, although one viewer admitted that she "honestly didn't know why" she found herself laughing at them. This is the kind of movie to watch in a crowded theatre like Pullman's Audian on Saturday night. Even if there are aspects of the movie you can't stand, being part of an organism like a full house can infect you with laughter. *Goodbye Girl* will play the Audian at 7 and 9 p.m. through Feb. 25.

"I tell you what I like about you—Lucy. Lucy's your best part," Dreyfuss tells Mason at one point. Quinn Cummings, as Lucy, is one of the better facets of the film. She gets a lot of mileage out of using cuss words a ten-year old kid usually can't get away with; still, when she has to act, she's very capable.

Richard Dreyfuss is the film's greatest asset. Neil Simon has given him a role that calls for versatility, and

Dreyfuss has it: he plays Bogart, Groucho, and several versions of *Richard III* as well as the character of Elliot Garfield, an actor from Chicago who has come to New York for his first off-off-off Broadway role. As usual, he is delightful as all of them.

Simon's plot suffers from several maladies. For one thing, there is too much bickering. How can you sympathize with a character who's as picky as Paula MacFadden is? No wonder people are always saying

goodbye to her. "Crackers! You got a severe case of mental retardation," Elliot yells at her once, and you feel he has a point.

So why does he decide he loves her? "You know what I've always wanted more than anything else? My very own living room set," she says during one of their more tender moments. The woman is a leech. Her one talent seems to be spending other people's money.

Other than that, the movie is okay.

Herschel Bernardi and Walter Mathau star

## "Actor" portrays lifestyle

"Actor," an original musical play for television based on the colorful early years of actor Paul Muni, will air tonight at 7 p.m. on KUID-TV Channel 12.

The play was written by the well-known team of Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee of "Mame" and "Inherit the Wind" fame. It stars Herschel Bernardi and Georgia Brown as Muni's performing parents, choreographer-director Michael Kidd as the adult Muni, and Walter Mathau appears in a cameo role as the great Yiddish actor Boris Thomashevsky.

"Actor" opens with a scene from the night Paul Muni has won an Oscar for his performance in the "Life of Louis Pasteur," and takes the form of flashbacks as the actor fondly recalls his early life both on stage and off with his performing family. The family works as a troupe of "tingle-tangle" players,

performing songs and skits throughout the villages and fields of eastern Europe.

To reach Muni's father's dream of a "real theater, with a conductor in the pit," the family emigrates to America, hoping to find success in the Yiddish Theater in New York City. Unfortunately, the restrictions of the Hebrew Actors Union in New York make it impossible for the family to work there and they are forced to head toward the smaller theaters of Cleveland and Chicago.

Young Muni's natural acting ability is soon enlivening the productions his parents star in, and he decides to pursue a career as an actor to the initial disapproval of his mother, who wants a better, more stable life for her son. However, the boy's talent is undeniable, and Muni is soon on his way to the stardom and critical acclaim he will later receive as an actor on Broadway and in Hollywood.

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## Vandals tied for third place spot

It's a dubious battle most collegiate basketball coaches would prefer to lose.

But Idaho's consistent losses, including Boise State and Idaho State over the weekend now put the team in a race for the worst record in Division I.

Only Hawaii and Brown have more losses than the Vandals. The Rainbows are .045 on the season with a dismal 1-21 record while Brown is 3-17. At 4-20 Idaho ties at third worst in the country with Tulane, Richmond and Drake.

## Parks and recreation summer jobs open

The City of Moscow is accepting applications for positions in the Parks and Recreation Department. Applications are taken at the Eggan Youth Center, 1515 E. D Street, and closing date is March 3.

Applicants for swimming pool manager, assistant pool manager and lifeguard/instructors must have a current water safety instructor certificate, and should have a current first aid card and experience associated with pool operations or similar aquatics experience.

Playground supervisor and playground aide applicants must have had instruction in first aid training and youth activities.

The Adult Softball Association Director must attend association meetings, operate and attend umpire clinics, set up schedules,

supervise games, enforce rules, assign umpires, handle press releases, and keep score sheets and standings. Applicants must have extensive knowledge of softball rules, regulations and scheduling.

Applicants for youth

### Van Horn to D.C.

## Washington workshop set

Phyllis Van Horn, U of I international student advisor, has been selected to attend a professional development workshop in Washington, D.C.

The March 5-11 session is sponsored by the Council of Advisors to Foreign Students and Scholars of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs.

Van Horn, one of 12 participants from the Northwest, will be given information developed for

baseball/softball supervisor need experience and knowledge of both baseball and softball. Duties include attending practice sessions, handling press releases, managing officials and enforcing rules for the Hank Aaron program.

those who work closely with students from the Middle East. The participants will study education, social structure, political and economic development, religion and language of the area, factors considered critical to the adjustment of students from the Middle East.

## Tax News

**INTEREST, FINANCE CHARGES DEDUCTIBLE**  
by H&R Block

According to H&R Block, the tax preparation firm, if a taxpayer purchases property on the installment plan, the interest payments can be deducted if they are separately stated or can be definitely determined and proved.

For example, if you have bought personal property such as clothing, jewelry, furniture, appliances, etc., on a store's revolving charge account, there is usually a separately stated finance charge. This amount is deductible as an itemized deduction on your tax return.

If you are a credit card customer, you also may deduct as interest the finance charges which you pay that are based on the unpaid monthly balances.

Amounts that are designated finance charges charged to your bank account under a bank credit card plan also are deductible as interest if no part of the charge is a service charge, loan fee, credit investigation fee or similar cost.

H&R Block points out the same tax rule applies to interest charged on payments to an institution of learning for tuition and lodging.

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# Counseling here stresses self-help

"We're not here to solve specific problems," said Don Kees, director of the Student Counseling Center. "We're here to give the students tools to deal with their problems themselves."

The Center processes about 700 students a year, giving 2,400-2,500 interviews. Four counselors and a secretary handle all the work.

Students have three basic problems, Kees said.

The first is vocational-educational. Maybe a student is not making progress in school. Some students want help planning what to do with their lives, Kees said.

The second kind of problem is personal—boy-girl problems, trouble with parents, personality clashes with professors.

The third sort of problem is marital. "Twenty-five percent of the student body is married," Kees said. "American marriages across the board aren't faring too

well, and when you have to handle school as well, things can get tough."

Group counseling is one answer to some of these problems, Kees said. The Center holds five to ten groups a year, with 10-15 students in a group. Groups meet once a week for two hours with a "facilitator" to keep the students working on what they want to work on.

Dr. James Morris specializes in "transition groups," for people, either married or living as couples, who suddenly find it's not working out, said Kees. Morris' model on transition counseling has attained national recognition, Kees said.

If a student wants counseling, the first thing he or she must do is make contact by phoning the Center or coming in. The student fills out a "personal record" sheet that tells the counselor something about the student.

The secretary starts a folder on the student; test scores, grades, and the record sheet go into the folder.

Next, the student gets an appointment with a counselor. During the first interview the counselor asks the student to state the problem. The counselor and student discuss what can be done about it.

If the counselor wants to clarify the problem, he may ask the student to take a personality test or a vocational inventory test. "Tests are always in cooperation with the student," said Kees. "There is no 'brainwashing.'"

If a student has a medical problem or if the counselor feels lost on a problem and needs help, the student may make an appointment to see one of two consulting psychiatrists on campus. All the counselors at the Center are psychologists and cannot prescribe medication.



Women staged a walk-out during Dr. Harold O. J. Brown's pro-life symposium on abortion last Thursday night. Photo by Clarke Fletcher.

## Idaho long-distance phone rates increased

Starting Monday, Feb. 6, long distance telephone rates between points within Idaho were increased to a level slightly below interstate toll rates, by order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

The rate changes were the result of a formal complaint filed by General Telephone Company of the Northwest. General Telephone claimed its share of intrastate toll revenues for 1976 were insufficient and that Mountain Bell, which administers the toll separation plan, had rejected requests to file a rate increase application with the commission on behalf of all companies operating in Idaho.

Under the toll separation plan, all intrastate long distance revenues generated by Idaho's telephone utilities are placed in a single pool, and the resulting funds are distributed to participating companies according to previously established percentages.

As a result of preliminary proceedings, Mountain Bell proposed new rate schedules. Public hearings on the proposals were conducted in Boise in August and October 1977 and January 1978. The

Public Utilities Commission approved the changes Feb. 2, 1978.

In granting the increase, the Commission recognized the new schedule would affect each telephone company differently depending on the extent of its investments in Idaho. The Commission decided it would be more reasonable to monitor the income of individual companies in the toll pool and make adjustments in local exchange rates to distribute revenue more fairly, rather than to abandon the uniform rate plan.

The amount of increase in intrastate long distance rates depends on which mileage band the distance between the call's two end points falls into. The rates within each mileage band are uniform for all utility companies operating in Idaho.

In addition, the commission widened the gap between the cost of direct dial and operator-assisted calls.

While the overall revenue to the state's telephone

companies should increase 20-35 percent, depending on usage with the new rate schedule, the Commission approved changes that will reduce direct-dial rates for short calls or for calls placed during off-peak hours.

Under the previous rate schedules, a direct dial during off-peak hours to Twin Falls, a distance of 114 miles, would cost a minimum of 50 cents for the first three minutes. Under the new schedule the first minute would cost 17 cents, the first two minutes 28 cents, and the first three minutes 40 cents.

Off-peak hours would include all day Saturday, Sunday until 5 p.m., and each night from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The Commission directed the companies to jointly propose an off-peak, statewide calling plan by May 15. Such a plan, for example, could establish a set fee for up to two hours of intrastate long distance calls per month.

The Commission rejected a proposed increase in charges

for the State of Idaho NETCOM service, which offers a lower rate for long distance calls on government phones, stating that the companies had been negotiating the rates and should continue to set them in that manner. The Commission also denied a proposed increase in METROPAC. METROPAC, a program offered to some companies, sets a flat fee covering up to two hours of calls a month, instead of charging regular long distance rates.

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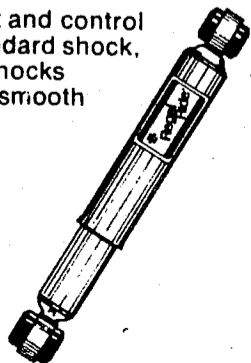
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