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By Amber Meserth Summer Reporter for the UI Argonaut

The days before the opening of Fall semester are going to be a very busy time for freshmen. You will most likely either go through Greek Rush or residence hall ori-

entation during the week before school. This will be exciting, but the weekend is going to be a blast! It is guaranteed to be jam packed of fun activities to welcome you to the University of Idaho.

Starting the Saturday before classes begin is the fifth annual Palousafest. This event is the annual "welcome back" for all University of Idaho students,

but its also a great wa f 0 new students t 0

become familiar with some of the Universities organizations and the perfect time to have a little fun before classes begin. Every year Palousafest hosts ing for a lot of fun! live bands, food, vendors, and

lots of organizations ready to give you information and free hand outs. This year's festival is supposed to be even bigger and better than past years!

At 4 p.m. local bands will kick off the music, culminating with a performance from Moscow's favorite celtic rock band, the Clumsy Lovers. Between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. people can entertain themselves with free amusement games including sumo wrestling and jousting. There will also be children's games such as hoop shooting and Ellie the Elephant.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. you may get the opportunity to hook up with your dream person in the UI Singled Out game. This is a take off of MTV's Singled Out and should be a lot of crazy fun for participants and spectators. At 7 p.m. the band Stranger Neighbor will start playing some tunes and at 8:30

p.m. the Clumsy Lovers (formerly known as The Six Million Dollar Band) will take over. These free

concerts should not be missed. Food will be in abundance by local vendors as well as free snacks provided by the university. So come hungry and look-



Evan, Cam and Chris.

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# Stranger Neighber in the heed

#### By Zach Boyle Reporter for the UI Argonaut

Doug Cameron, lead vocalist and guitarist for Stranger Neighbor is walking around John's Alley with an insouciant smile on his face. "It feels good to be back home," said Cameron, whose band left for bigger and better things in picturesque Boulder, Colorado, two months ago.

Like the dichotomy that defines this former cover band turned original ensemble, the dark and sordid atmosphere of John's Alley is a deep contrast to this bright and blazing hot July afternoon. Inside, the members of Stranger Neighbor: Doug Cameron, Casey Miller, Ryan Gibler, John Fricke, and Darren Smith are preparing for their first show in Moscow since they left two months ago.

"People have been really supportive so far," said Cameron, when asked about audience reaction away from their home turf. John Fricke added, "This makes us

appreciate getting to a gig where we have a lot of friends." Friends and fans is definitely one thing that Stranger Neighbor has in Moscow. They built up a loyal following slugging away every weekend for two years as the house band at the Capricorn. Instead of resting on their laurels and mindlessly pounding out cover tunes, they began writing songs and recorded their debut CD "Memories of This" earlier this year.

When asked how Stranger Neighbor fits into the current musical climate, one infiltrated with one-hit wonder alt-pop bands and second rate Puff Daddy imitators, Doug Cameron calmly responded, "We're kind of warm." Fricke also stated, "We're writing real happy music, grunge is over. That whole piss in your Mom's mouth mentality is a bit tired." Cameron gleefully retorted, "It's the Hanson thing!"

"Memories of This" is a highly impressive first effort, especially considering the band has only been writing together for a little over a year. Produced by Steve Dawson of Vancouver's Spirit Merchants, "Memories" shines with a brilliant and deep production that is rarely found in independent releases. "We've learned each other's styles," said Gibler. "This band...it's just been hugely tight, maybe I'm just thinking about the rhythm section."

Trying to pigeonhole Stranger Neighbor's unique sound is a daunting task. Of course one can hear the Dave Matthews influence, but like any great artist, Stranger Neighbor internalizes their influences and turns it into something uniquely their own. "It's been described as folk-funk, improv-jazz jam," replied Cameron when asked to describe their sound. One unique aspect of the band's sound was stumbled upon somewhat fortuitously. Fricke explained, "I had a mute that plugged into a delay pedal, and listened to it over some headphones and thought it sounded really cool." Two years later John Fricke's trumpet playing and unique use of effects such as delay, chorus, and reverb is an integral part of the band's sound.

Night has fallen on a peaceful and quiet summer evening in Moscow, but John's Alley is jumping.

Assorted beer signs adorning the wood paneled walls are vibrating and shaking, as is the crowd. A mix of hippies, greeks, and townies are bouncing up and down joyously to the phat grooves being laid down by Stranger Neighbor. "We like the energy of our music to spread like mayonnaise," said Ryan Gibler, the usually taciturn bass player. "I'm happy to get a chance to see these guys live," said Scott Cargill, guitarist for the new house band at the Capricorn, Hat Trick. "They're one of the best bands around."

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That statement pretty much encapsulates the opinion of most of the people that came out to hear this great band. Although you can't see them every weekend at the Cap, Fricke promises, "We'll try to get back here as much as possible, we love playing in Moscow." Stranger Neighbor will be returning to Moscow to play Palousafest Aug.(), and will be back at John's Alley Aug. 24. If you can't wait until then to hear them, their CD is available at Paradise Ridge, and Sam Goody.





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# UI Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_ Eager for your business



By Charlotte West Reporter for the UI Argonaut

Wallets always seem a bit thinner after trips to the UI Bookstore, but maybe not as much as you would think.

Larry Martin, bookstore department manager, estimated that most students spend \$300 to \$350 on books every semester, but stressed the amount varies with majors and class schedules.

He said the amount paid upfront is not as high if students participate in the book buyback program. "It's an opportunity to recycle books at the end of the term," he said.

They buy back books which will be used again the next semester, said Martin. He also said students can save money by purchasing used textbooks.

Martin said the bookstore prices are 5 percent less than the publisher's recommended list price. He said used books are marked at 75 percent of the original price. If a new book had a \$10 list price, it would be sold for \$9.50. If the same book were sold used, it would cost \$7.50. He said that if the book could be reused the next semester, the bookstore would buy it back for half of the original price, or \$5. "Students could rent a used book for \$2.50, a quarter of the original publishing price," he said.

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Martin said used books purchased with a UI Vandal Card are reduced another 5 percent. He said sometimes even if the books are not going to be reused on the UI campus or if the bookstore is overstocked, they may be defaulted to a national wholesaler and shipped to a warehouse. However, he said the wholesalers will not usually pay much more than 20 percent of the original price. He said sometimes students are better off to keep their old books if a newer edition has been released.

"When books stay here on campus, the buyback is more beneficial," Martin said.

At the end of spring semester, students collected \$370,000 from the 23,000 books they sold back to the bookstore. Martin estimated fall semester buyback was equivalent. He said total bookstore sales during the calendar year from July 1997 to June

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1998 was more than \$3.3 million. He said that approximately 37 percent of all books sold were used. These had a total of \$1.3 million in sales.

Martin said the bookstore is a university owned and operated department, but it is expected to pay its own way. He said profits from the bookstore go to pay salary and wages, utilities and building costs. He said they also add money to scholarship funds and pay for administrative services as well as putting some in a reserve to pay for future costs. Extra revenue is deposited into a general university fund.

If students purchase the wrong books for classes, the bookstore will accept extbook returns through the first two weeks of the semester or two weeks from the date of purchase, whichever is longer. Returns must be accompanied by the original receipt or invoice. C

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#### The Transportation Question

#### By Amber Meserth Summer Reporter for the UI

Argonaut I don't know how they do it, but believe me, if you are parked on campus without the proper permit you will get a parking ticket. There are very few street parking spaces that don't require permits. So if you own a car the best thing to do is plan on buying a parking permit as soon as you get to Moscow. The permit is a colored sticker that you'll place inside the windshield of your car. All the parking lots on campus are color coded with signs at the entrance informing you which permits are accepted. The residence halls are surrounded by silver parking lots, which are specifically for residence hall students. These permits are \$25 and are only accepted in Silver parking lots. Other students may purchase a Blue parking permit for \$30 or a Red parking permit for \$70. Permits are available in the North Campus Center at Parking and Information Services.

transportation is the bicycle. There are plenty of bicycle lock ups all over campus so you can even ride it right to class. There are also inside lock ups for the winter. For safety purposes all bicycles must be licensed through the Moscow Police Department. You may do this at the Campus Police Station or at

#### **By Amber Meserth** Summer Reporter for the UI

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Living in a residence hall is a terrific way to get involved, meet a lot of people and learn a lot about yourself at the same time. The Residence hall system has worked hard to make sure that there is a hall that meets the needs of everyone. If you are interested in a cooperative residence you can join Targhee (for men) or Steel House (for women). These residents exchange janitorial and kitchen duties for lower room and board payment. Both of these halls are actually houses which create strong

family-like ties and traditions that keep going year after year.

**Residence Halls: the Breakdown** 

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The Scholars' Residence has always been occupied by students with high goals, serious attitudes toward school, and the knowledge of how to have a lot of fun! Scholars residents are out to make the most of their college experience with guest lecturers and performers. This Coed residence requires a 3.5 high school GPA and students living in this hall must maintain a 3.0 college GPA.

The Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences Hall is specifically for students within these departments. This living hall in the Wallace Complex is perfect for discussions on common challenges and similar interests. This hall

is also coed and is conveniently located for students in these departments.

The Global Village is coed and also located within the Wallace Complex. The diverse environment promotes interaction among international and American students. People from all over the world reside in the Global Village, giving ample opportunities to learn more about other countries and customs and teach some as well.

The Wellness Hall is Olsen Hall. This Coed hall promotes healthy living habits and a substance-free environment. Residents tend to be active in intramural sports and community activities.

There are traditional men

halls such as Gault, Upham, Borah, Lindley, Snow and Graham that all offer their own unique atmosphere. Traditional women's halls are Campbell, Carter, Forney, French, Hays, Houston, McCoy, and Neely.

Just like the Greek system the residence halls have tradtions which mean fun for everyone such as the GDI(gosh darn indepedence) week and Springfling. You are sure to find what you are looking for if you decide to live in the residence halls. Most halls are smoke free and some are alcohol free. There are quiet floors and quiet halls. All of the halls have computer labs as well as study and social areas.



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# Skaters of Moscow unite!



By Shawn Rider University of Argonaut Online Editor

The Skaters' Association of Moscow has made some significant headway in their effort to build a skatepark to benefit the skaters and rollerbladers of the Palouse.

The movement began last summer, spurred on in large part by changes in the University of Idaho skateboarding and rollerblading policy. The policy effectively eliminates recreational skating on campus. Boarders and bladers are not allowed to ride on any surface less than eight feet wide, which means no more K-grinds or big air over the stairs.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of a handful of dedicated skaters from the Moscow Junior High School, the city has adopted the project. Seven thousand square feet of land has been set aside next door to the Eggan Youth Center, at the corner of D Street and Mountainview, for the project, and the city has offered to match up

to 25 thousand dollars of donations. The Moscow School District has also pledged ten thousand dollars to the project.

The skaters have been setting up a booth at the Farmer's Market, held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and have raised over one thousand dollars this summer.

These efforts bring the total amount raised for the project, with matching funds, to just over 30 thousand dollars. The total estimated cost of the project is 60 thousand dollars.

The Skaters' Association hopes to get the actual construction of the park underway during the spring of 1999, but in order for that to happen they need more volunteers. Both adult and youth volunteers are needed, and the skaters point out that college students can be incredibly valuable to the movement.

If you would like to get involved with the Moscow Community Skate Park Project, take a look at their web page:

www.wdog.com/skatepark





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#### Friday, August 21, 1998 Watch out for GHB on campus

By Charlotte West Summer Reporter for the UI Argonaut University of Idaho administrators and staff are stepping up on

safety awareness education this fall.

Dean Bruce Pitman said UI is a very safe campus, and he'd like to keep it that way. A recent survey of graduate alumni reported a 98 percent satisfaction with personal safety.

In a forum last April, Pitman said it is important to provide students with safety messages during the first few weeks of school. "Our emphasis is to personalize it to the living groups," he said.

Pitman and others are following up on that goal. Valerie Russo, sexual assault education specialist, said the Women's Center is planning several programs for freshman orientation. "There's quite a bit going on," she said. Sorority rushees will be present-

ed "Through the Eyes of a Predator" during rush week. Russo said it is a sexual assault avoidance program with a theater piece in the middle that illustrates the stages a rapist goes through during an attack. "It's pretty extensive," she said.

She said the program can help women be informed about how to deal with a rapist and possibly escape by learning how to react. She said one rape victim was able to talk her assailant out of killing her after he raped her because she understood a rapist's psychology.

Russo said men would also benefit from the program, "It's important to involve men in the responsibility," she said.

Pitman said they will also be discussing safety issues at the residence hall orientation program on August 21. The resident directors and resident assistants are also planning safety eductation programs.

Corporal Tery Haldeman of the Moscow police department said one of the biggest concerns for campus safety is not violent stranger rape but date rape. He said "One of the difficulties with acquaintance and date rape is the lack of willingness of the victim to report it," he said. "The problems for us are behind

closed doors," said Russo. "That leads us to other things such as education and prevention."

Haldeman and other police officers will be visiting various living groups to hold safety discussions. He said one the major issues he will talk about is gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a drug that has been reported in the Moscow area. He said the recipe for GHB can be found on the Internet and it can be manufactured at home. Haldeman said it is an extremely volatile, unbalanced substance that can cause serious side effects. He said the drug heightens tactile responses and severely reduces inhibitions. He said it can cause people who would normally say "No" to sexual contact to say "Yes." "Our fear on campus is that it is moving out of the recreational phase into the date rape stage," he said. He said it is a clear liquid that could be easily slipped into a drink. "It can be done very quickly," Haldeman said. He warned that if people go to parties, they should never leave drinks unattended. "GHB and alcohol are not to be mixed," he said.



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#### Page 11 THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO ARGONAUT Labuser printing privileges withdrawn: costs soar over \$35,000 in five months

#### By Michelle Kalbeitzer Former UI Argonaut Staff

Using the generic login "labuser" will no longer provide University of Idaho computer users access to printing jobs.

As of June 1 the printing capabilities given with the labuser login was disabled due to high paper and toner costs. However, "labuser" is still available for logins and other computer programs.

Chuck Lanham, Computer Services customer support manager, said in a five month period labuser logins printed 712,000 pages from UI computer labs. At 5 cents a page, that calculates to about \$35,600.

"I think it's a very good move just from the money aspect," Ryan Inman, Help Desk consultant, said in agreement with Lanham. Inman said the Help Desk has received a few complaints about the change, but nothing abnormally large.

Initially the labuser login was a promising solution to "ghost logins"

Lanham said. In other words, a user's login would be lost in the system, thus preventing the user access to his or her computer account. Lanham said "labuser was devised to help alleviate the problem."

In addition, there were several people enrolled in courses that used UI computers during class time that didn't have an identification login. Again, the labuser login provided a solution to the problem. Lanham said cost became a concern when Computer Services realized people who did have accounts were using labuser to print rather than logging in on their own account. He added that many users found it more convenient to bypass their account name and password with the generic "labuser".

Computer Services has also instituted a printing quota as another method of reducing costs. Each individual is allotted 500 pages per semester, and 300 pages during the summer months. The number is reset at the beginning of each semester.



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By Shawn Rider ten years, popular for its some-Online Editor for the UI Argonaut times cynical and always outrageous brand of humor. The Argonaut welcomes Matt Just as The Simpsons grew out Groening's comic strip, Life in of Groening's life experi-Hell, to ences, Life in Hell our is also semi-auto-QUIT STARING weekly biographical. AT MY EAR. comic Bongo, the one-eared lineup. protagonist of the strip, is The analogous to Groening, who strip has also appears as a scruffy-beardbeen a ed rabbit-figure. staple in Keep an eye out for Hell in the college Argonaut, twice a week. and







## New Orleans: Blues and brews on the bayou

By Shawn Vidmar Outdoors and Travel Editor of the UI Argonaut

My brother, sister and par-

ents stepped off the plane into the air-conditioned New Orleans airport last February, all within one hour of each other. It was my parents 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and we were to spend it in the Crescent city. The New Orleans airport is different than most because you can get any drink you want from the moment you arrive AND you can walk around with what my father calls "a



our hotel, I expected to see plantations, Colonel Sanders enjoying a Mint Julep with a hound named Belvedere lounging on the veranda. Instead, I saw raised cemeteries of the Anne Rice variety, flashy signs for river boat gambling, swamp tours, the French Quarter and ads for the forthcoming Mardi Gras.

My mom loves New Orleans and was eager to show it to us. She loves the deliciously thick coffee, bi\_ets and the strong Parisian influence in architecture, style and attitude. She feels it is the most continental city in the US, and I tend to agree.

Never before had I seen so many different races and backgrounds mix so well. Where the south has its own charm that seems to exclude the notion of Politically Correct, what with its curio shops which sell pirate fare, Creole charms, voodoo paraphernalia and kitschy Aunt Jemima spice racks.

We stayed a stone's throw from the French Quarter, which was everything I had heard and nothing like I expected. My family strode down Bourbon street, trying to keep our mouths closed and a cool head on our shoulders. We eyeballed the street performers-mostly young boys tapping their little hearts out-mini-bars set up to sell soused slushy confections (a two-handed cup for \$5 and if that won't do you in, you get a free "shooter" to start you on your way). In between those storefronts, there are t-shirt stands, sex shops, nudey bars antique and stores-some legit, some pure trash. Every corner boasts a bar of varying



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ame from the street, it's the ourtyards and service which win you over. The litter, glitz and general andemonium of the French Quarter is enhanced by hisory and general bawdyness. Pubs like the Girod house, puilt in 1814 which now is called the Napoleon House because it was rumored that while he was in exile to Saint Helena, some of his patriots ordered a house built to bring him to the US. Napoleon died in 1821, two days before his planned departure to the states. Also there is the

Garnier House built in 1817 which now houses the popular bar Pat O'Briens.

We sauntered by the song sung house of the rising sun, given the name because of the ironwork between its balconies so freeloaders couldn't sneak in, as well as learned that New Orleans had the first legal red light district. We saw the difference between French and Spanish ironworks-elaborately detailed to very plain respectively. A local pointed out the proper

ways to tell if the second story structure was a gallery or a balcony, the first covers the sidewalk completely, the second only partially. Those very same balconies people throw the Mardi Gras beads at any woman willing to bear her chest, and with the constant flow of alcohol. that sight is not surprising. Especially since glancing into any bar you run the risk of glimpsing a scantily clad or "all nude" woman doing a pole dance or serving drinks.

To say New

Orleans is spendy, would be

an understatement. The food

is all delicious and certainly

worth every penny; howev-



One night we placated my brother with alcohol

and got him to agree to accompany his two sisters into a nudey bar. We glanced into each one, asked questions of the doormen and exiting patrons our age.



My brother

put his foot down on the live sex acts on stage and we slinked into a more traditional bar.

This experience was surreal. Take all the scenes you've seen in movies or on television, with nude bars and roll them around a bit, and that is superb Court what you see-smoky haze with nude girls garnishing tired looks on their faces connecting more

with the mirrored wall and center pole than making eye-contact with any patron. Overall it was somewhat D i s n e y

what I expected and also a bit disappointing. I guess I didn't think it would be that. well seedy.

The following morning, went to we

> Jackson Square, home of t h e St.Louis cathedral-the oldest in the US. То the left is the Presbytere and to the right the Cabildo-where

the Louisiana Purchase was conducted in 1803. Flanking these three impressive sites are the Pontilba buildings. They were built by a wealthy merchant's daughter who spared no expense in their construction. She wanted first class apartments located over shops, much like her cherished Paris. We dined at the

of Two Sisters, where the food and service are not to be described, I'll just say, Walt

couldn't have embodied what the south means to me any better. A nice Jazz ensemble grooved nearby and the mimosa's knocked my socks off.

We finished the trip with dinner at the House of Blues. Dan Akroyd's invention in tribute to great Jazz, Blues and of course John Belushi from their 1980 release of The Blues Brothers. He houses many local and popular bands. The club's patrons range from the highly affluent to starving musicians. This place is not to be missed. Forgo the Hard Rock and the Planet and go on over to the House, you won't be sorry!

Returning to Moscow, where I'm glad to know the rules and be a little bit more prim than in New Orleans; however I've got an insatiable hankering for some good Cajun beans and rice.

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