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STUDENT SHOPPING FOR JOBS



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Alah Murray, sophomore in business management at Lewis-Clark State College, speaks with a recruitment coordinator for Coldwater Creek during the Job and Internship Fair Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom. The Job and Internship Fair provided students with the opportunity to present their resumés and talk with potential employers.

Mental health correlation

Idaho Council for Suicide Prevention highlights correlation between mental health, suicide

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The Idaho Council for Suicide Prevention is calling for awareness of the new Idaho suicide hotline and more focus on the correlation between mental health and suicide.

Kathie Garrett, chair of the suicide council, said approximately 90 percent of suicide victims have mental health disorders or substance abuse at the time of their suicide.

"It's critical to address the mental health needs in Idaho," Garrett said. "We are 51st in the nation on spending on mental health."

Idaho is below Puerto Rico when it comes to mental health spending and on average spends \$33 per capita.

Garrett said the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention hopes to inform legislators about the critical shortage of mental health services and professionals in all regions of the state.

"We would like to see better mental healthcare," Garrett said.

Garrett said Idaho ranked sixth highest in the nation for deaths by suicide, 49 percent higher than the national average.

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BELLY DANCING BEAUTIES



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Jessie Anderson leads Jay Bockmier (left), Brandy Farlow (right) and Stacey Anderson (center back) in a belly dance. The performance took place Thursday during lunch in the University of Idaho Commons.

Local artist enhances City of Moscow website design

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The City of Moscow's recent website updates feature a layout design from a local artist and user friendly navigation.

City of Moscow Information Systems Media Specialist Ryan Savage said he controls the site content and chose a layout by local web designer Susan Weaver.

"With these new changes we're trying to go for a more visually appealing site that supports the arts in the area, and we're trying to be as open as possible and communicate information as well as we can," Savage said.

Savage said the previous navigation was department focused and difficult to maneuver for people who are not fa-

miliar with the structure of the city facets.

"For the new website we tried to take the opposite approach, where if I was just someone from the public who didn't know that daily press logs came out of the police department, I would still be able to easily find them," Savage said. "Or if you were looking to pay or appeal parking tickets it would be easier to find without knowing where that function actually lives within the departments of the city."

Savage said the biggest change is the website moved into a content management system called SharePoint, which allows city departments to manage their own content.



City of Moscow Information Systems Media Specialist Ryan Savage, who controls the City of Moscow website shown above, chose a layout by Susan Weaver, a local custom web designer.

He said the general public wouldn't notice this alteration.

Savage said all feedback is anonymous and most of the comments have been posi-

tive. He said people noted that they really like the new images and colors.

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Winningly Virginia Wolf

UI Women's Center award for gender equity to be presented in March

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

It's all about making a difference and expanding the feminist family, Kay Keskinen said.

Keskinen, retired University of Idaho database administrator/MIS manager for the management information systems of information technology services, echoes the same feminist and gender equity-based values as the namesake of the Women's Center's award, Virginia Wolf.

Wolf was a physical education professor at UI from 1964 to 1982. Within those 18 years Wolf was at the university, she played an important role in addressing gender inequities through her work with the UI Women's Caucus, among other things.

Keskinen said the award is a continuation of Wolf's legacy as a feminist and fighter for feminist justice.

The award came about from the work of four women at the university. Jeannie Harvey, director of the Women's Center at the time, was planning a leave of absence beginning in 2003, but there was a student Harvey wanted to recognize before she went on leave.

"A young woman named Emily Sly was going to graduate from UI, and Jeannie wanted to recognize Emily for her work in starting the student organization called FLAME, Feminist-Led Activist Movement to Empower," Keskinen said.

Another student named Lori Van-Buggenum was also involved in the creation of FLAME.

"We considered the UI Outstanding Student Employee Award, but one never knows if one's nominee would receive the award," Keskinen said. "So I suggested that the Women's Center create its own award, so Jeannie could decide the criteria and who would receive it."

Keskinen's idea was a hit with Harvey, but a name for the award was needed. Keskinen suggested to Harvey she name the award after Virginia — or Ginny — Wolf, former professor of physical education at the university.

The history of how the women on campus and in the community fought for rights to open a Women's Center on campus is rooted deep within the Virginia Wolf Award. Then UI President Ernest Hartung appointed a committee and initiated a study on female students' high attrition rate, the low number of female faculty members and reduced salaries.

Wolf was also the chair of the UI Women's Caucus when the Conciliation Agreement — which detailed the steps the university would take in order to address the gender issues and imbalances on campus — was signed. The agreement promised the appointment of a director for a Women's Center, a female physician in the Student Health Center, equal starting salaries for male and female employees and more.

"I called (Ginny) to ask her for permission to name the award after her," Keskinen said. "She said yes, as long as the plaque with the names of the recipients hung in the Women's Center — it does."

With the new award created, all that was left was to present it to someone.

Keskinen and student Emily Sly were selected as the first two women to receive the newly created Virginia "Ginny" Wolf Award.

"I was very honored and surprised to be one of the first award recipients," Keskinen said. "Emily (and Lori) had become my 'feminist daughters,' as Ginny Wolf was my 'feminist mother,' or 'nurturer.'"

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