Drug convictions could affect financial aid eligibility

"It's not become much of an issue here and I think that speaks well to our students ... I have no concern about trying to convict people of drug offenses, but is the financial aid is the appropriate mechanism?"

BY TONY WEBB
DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL AID

Under a new law passed by Congress, students who have a drug conviction may lose federal financial aid eligibility. The law, which was signed into law in 2006 to be applied to aid awarded on or after July 1, 2008, was included in the omnibus spending bill signed into law at the end of January. According to the U.S. Department of Education, for the purposes of federal financial aid, an applicant is ineligible for federal financial aid for one year after the date of conviction for one or more felony drug offenses or two or more misdemeanor drug offenses if the aggregate term of imprisonment for such offenses is at least one year. An applicant is ineligible for federal financial aid for two years after the date of conviction for a single felony drug offense, a single misdemeanor drug offense if the aggregate term of imprisonment for such offense is at least one year, or a combination of one or more felony drug offenses and one or more misdemeanor drug offenses if the aggregate term of imprisonment for such drug offenses is at least two years. An applicant is ineligible for federal financial aid for three years after the date of conviction for a single misdemeanor drug offense if the aggregate term of imprisonment for such drug offense is less than one year.

The penalty for the sale of illegal drugs is more severe. The Department of Education says that if an applicant has been convicted of selling drugs, he or she is ineligible for federal financial aid for five years from the date of conviction for five years for a first offense, and indefinitely for a second offense. The penalty for a conviction on an acceptable drug rehabilitation program may be to allow the federal financial aid eligibility to be restored after successful completion of such a program.

A question on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid asks if the applicant or any family member has been convicted of any drug-related activity. The applicant or any family member who is convicted of a drug-related activity will not be eligible for federal financial aid for a period of time determined by the amount of the drug offense and if the applicant or family member is eligible for federal financial aid for five years after the date of conviction for a first offense, two years for a second offense, and indefinitely for a third offense.

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Senator speaks for non-traditional, off-campus students

by Amberly Heinke

Recently appointed Senator Carrie Huskinson said she is not on the ASUI Senate to make friends. "I'm here to represent students," Huskinson said. At 24, Huskinson is far from the typical ASUI Senator. While she has lived in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, for just over a year, she has lived in China and England. Despite being raised in two high schooldropouts living in poverty, she saw the importance of an education early on.

Later, a high schooldropout herself, Huskinson managed to complete herGED. After being in foster care, Huskinson was able toafford her college education.

This past fall Huskinson put at home State University, but immediately reported to the University for herfall semester. "I'm a senior with a 3.7 GPA, majoring in Nursing and Public Health. My plan is to attend law school after her graduation."

"I was in the Senate to bring diversity," Huskinson said. "Diversity is not just the color of your skin or what religion you are. It is only to your age, sexual status or belief systems.

On Oct. 1, Huskinson was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the ASUI Senate. Huskinson said she finally getinvolved with ASUI because she was involved in as many other campus organizations, such as Students for Equal Opportunity in Education, the journalists Committee, and Student Support Services.

Huskinson is willing to bring fresh eyes into the role of an ASUI Senator. Because she was appointed mid-term, she will not be given the opportunity to write legislation, but she will have a variety of opportunities to attend and vote on meetings. Huskinson represents a new generation of students, and she hopes to make the student body more aware of their needs, especially those who are non-traditional.

"I believe the problems lie with the conflict that can come when non-traditional students are not represented," Huskinson said.

She doesn't believe a student who has always lived on campus is faithfully represent off-campus students, whose lifestyles and experiences may not be fully understood.

Huskinson also believes that ASUI Senators should be prepared to move agency seek the involvement of off-campus students. "It's required of us as students to communicate with ASUI, and they are our representatives," Huskinson said.

"ASUI Senators must be off-campus students. We come to bring their voices to ASUI meetings. According to ASUI regulations, students representing off-campus students are required to set up a table at the SUB and library and hand out at least one per semester to allow students to sign up for the e-mail system.

"I believe that we have to make our presence felt."

Huskinson would like to see a twice-monthly open house for off-campus students. Although other ASUI Senators would be required to attend this meeting.

Senators who did not attend these meetings would be subject to sanctions. According to ASUI regulations, senators who miss more than two meetings requires a special writing from the ASUI Senate. According to ASUI's regulations, senators who miss three meetings requires a public letter of reprimand.

Huskinson will represent Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Tau Delta, Whitman Hall and off-campus students.

The Student Senate Bank was contributed to this article.
News briefs

Volunteers pull weeds in local park

About 80 volunteers turned out to help pull weeds last Saturday at the North Idaho College Performing Arts Center. The volunteers were providing help to the Spokane chapter of the North Idaho College Performing Arts Center. Problems with weeds at the center have been a concern for some time, and the volunteers were happy to lend a hand.

Donations for Meals on Wheels

The Spokane chapter of the North Idaho College Performing Arts Center is currently accepting donations for Meals on Wheels. The center is located on the north side of the city and is available to seniors and those with disabilities. Donations can be made at the center or online.

Churches warned to stay impartial

Protesting from the pulpit and publishing editorials can be very effective for bringing attention to different things, according to the Idaho Interfaith Alliance.

Four hundred churches statewide received warnings from the alliance that they risk losing their 501c-3 status by taking a position on political or social issues.

"We've got to get involved in political affairs," said Joe Initials. "But we have to do it in a way that's consistent with our mission.

He said the alliance had written over 200 letters to churches statewide warning them of the risks involved.

First Interfaith Alliance Meeting

The first meeting of the newly formed First Interfaith Alliance was held today. The meeting was held to discuss ways to work together on issues of common concern. The alliance is made up of local churches and synagogues from around the area.

Annual Taste Fair gives new food options

By Lindsey Rider

The Moscow Food Co-Op held its annual Taste Fair last month, allowing patrons to try samples of all the different foods available at the store.

Foods such as tofu, quinoa, organic yogurt, and seaweed were all available for tasting. Patrons enjoyed the variety of foods and were excited to try something new.

The Co-Op has also recently added a few new items to its menu, including some beer and wine options.

Live in Concert

The University of Idaho Department of Music is proud to present "Live in Concert," a free event featuring the University of Idaho Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be held on September 27th at 7:30 pm in the UI Concert Hall.

The Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Dr. Matthew Lott, and the program will feature a wide range of music from different eras and styles.

September Calendar

TUESDAY

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FACULTY COUNCIL meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Commons Parsons Room

GUARDIAN ANGEL workshop at 7 p.m. in the Commons Parsons Room

Career Services Workshop: Preparing for the job interview. Workshops at 11:00 a.m. in the UI Commons, 12:00 p.m. in the UI Commons, and 1:00 p.m. in the UI Commons.

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End of Year Banquet

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**Our View**

Remember who you are, especially during elections.

The truth be told, the American people don’t want a nice Al Gore, a cool Joe Lieberman, or a smart Bill Clinton. They want a leader who will stand up to their government and tell them what they need to hear. Yet, instead of providing real solutions to our problems, our leaders choose to focus on personal attacks and cheap rhetoric. This is why we need to remember who we are, especially during elections.

While our political leaders may be busy with their own agendas, we must stay focused on the real issues that affect our lives. Whether it’s our economy, healthcare, or the environment, we need a leader who will act in our best interests. Let’s remember who we are, and hold our leaders accountable for their actions.

**Opinion**

Study on Joe Vandal shows emotional spectrum

Joe Vandal, a popular character in the world of pro wrestling, has revealed that he experiences a wide range of emotions. A recent study published in the Journal of Emotional Spectrum shows that Joe Vandal’s emotional spectrum includes anger, joy, fear, and sadness, among others.

The study, conducted by a team of psychologists, involved a comprehensive analysis of Joe Vandal’s on-screen behavior and dialogue. The researchers observed that Joe Vandal’s emotional spectrum is not static, but rather varies depending on the situation.

For example, when faced with a villainous opponent, Joe Vandal displays a strong sense of aggression and determination. However, when surrounded by his loved ones, Joe Vandal shows a softer side, expressing love and affection.

The study’s findings have significant implications for the portrayal of Joe Vandal in future stories. It suggests that the character’s emotional spectrum is rich and multifaceted, offering a deeper understanding of his motivations and actions.

The results of this study are expected to be widely discussed and analyzed by fans and industry professionals alike. It is clear that Joe Vandal is not just a one-dimensional character, but a complex and dynamic figure who continues to evolve and surprise his audience.

**Letters to the Editor**

Don’t excuse the abuse on the Palouse; help available

You may think abuse rarely takes place in our area, and it seems peaceful in the Palouse. Keep in mind that violence is rarely visible, but the signs are there. Violence in the Palouse has been documented in our community.

A person who is frequently angry, easily8 upset, and unable to control their temper needs help. There is no shame in seeking help when you are experiencing such emotions. It is important to understand that help is available.

Please contact the Domestic Violence Shelter in your area, or call a local mental health provider for assistance. The Palouse is not immune to the problems faced by other communities. Remember, help is available.

**Letters Policy**

Agreement welcomes your ideas on the issues affecting the Palouse and welcomes letters in a civil and articulate manner.

Letters should be less than 350 words typed.

Letters should be signed, include your name and a phone number.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Buff women draw viewefers to pro wrestling**

L is it just me, or has the mainstream media been much more focused on pro wrestling recently? I think we can all agree that the network television ratings for the newest wrestling promotion seem to have increased significantly during the past year.

In recent years, wrestling has become a mainstream attraction, drawing in viewers from all walks of life. With the rise of reality TV and the increasing popularity of mixed martial arts, pro wrestling has managed to maintain its place in the spotlight.

I believe this phenomenon can be attributed to the fact that wrestling provides a unique form of entertainment. Unlike other sports, wrestling allows for a great deal of viewer participation and prediction. Fans can engage in discussions about the matches and upcoming events, and often make their own predictions about how certain outcomes will unfold.

Furthermore, wrestling has been able to attract a diverse audience, including women and younger Millennials. The rise of female wrestlers, such as Becky Lynch, has been a significant factor in the promotion's success.

The promotion's success can also be attributed to the fact that it is not limited to traditional television. With the rise of streaming services, wrestling matches can be watched on-demand, allowing fans to enjoy content at their own convenience. This has helped expand the promotion's reach and attract a new audience.

In conclusion, I think it is safe to say that wrestling has entered a new era, and mainstream media is now more focused on it than ever before. I believe this is a positive development, as it allows for a wider range of viewers to enjoy the sport and its many benefits.
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**Ladies Man** follows SNL predecessors

BY CHRISTY VICTORENSIS

Saturday Night Live has crossed yet another movie based on one of its most celebrated characters entitled “The Ladies Man.”

The movie follows in the footsteps of other series-turned-films such as “Wayne’s World” and “Superbad.” The film also stars Kayo, London’s “Fresh Prince of Bel Air” and “Will & Grace” star. The movie revolves around the character of Michael, a ladies’ man who will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

pher might have his prayers answered when he meets a...
PlayStation 2 to be released next week

BY ERIC FEDO
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The PlayStation 2 will be released Oct. 29, and Sony expects the release to be huge, although it carries a $299 price tag.

The PlayStation 2 was released in Japan on Sept. 25 and fast moved, selling more than 1 million units in its first week. Almost every store that carried the system sold out in the first hour. Todd Green, the manager at Video Game Headquarters in the Westgate Mall, said the PlayStation 2 is so popular that it is hard to tell what the system is going to do in the United States. "I'll say nothing like a lot of money, but it really is a good deal," he said. Budde, the manager of Greg's Game Room at the corner of Main and Nevada, said he has no idea how many games will be released, but it will be much more than six video games. "I'm going to change entertainment," Budde said.

The PlayStation 2 will be able to run both PlayStation and Sega Dreamcast games on the same system. The two systems share a similar look, and both can run 3-D polygons. The PlayStation 2 will have the ability to download digital music and video through the Web. Along with these new video game technologies, "the gaming power will be unlike anything in the market today," Budde said.

This system is going to have a lot of potential," Budde said. "The PlayStation 2 is called on Etona Engine, a system that has 2,548 MHz, 32MB RAM and can display 68 million polygons per second. All of this will make up to a system that is like nothing on the market today."

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Vandals open Big West season with a win

BY THERESA PALMER

The University of Idaho wanted to send a message to the rest of the Big West Conference that its league begins its first season. This weekend, the Vandals opened the 2000 campaign with a 46-0 shutout victory over the visiting La Verne University.

The Vandals scored 21 points in the first quarter, then added an additional 18 points in the second quarter, and finally capped off the scoring with a final touchdown in the fourth quarter. By halftime, the Vandals were leading 21-0.

In the first quarter, the Vandals took over from the opening kickoff and moved the ball down to the La Verne 20-yard line. The Vandals drove down to the La Verne 1-yard line, where they scored the first touchdown of the game on a run by Chris Price. The extra point failed, leaving the score 6-0.

In the second quarter, the Vandals started at their own 3-yard line and moved the ball down to the La Verne 25-yard line. From there, the Vandals scored another touchdown on a run by Price, this time the extra point was successful, leaving the score 12-0.

In the third quarter, the Vandals started at their own 20-yard line and moved the ball down to the La Verne 1-yard line. The Vandals scored their third touchdown of the game on a run by Price, this time the extra point failed, leaving the score 18-0.

In the fourth quarter, the Vandals started at their own 25-yard line and moved the ball down to the La Verne 10-yard line. From there, the Vandals scored their fourth touchdown of the game on a run by Price, this time the extra point was successful, leaving the score 24-0.

The Vandals continued to dominate the game in the second half, scoring two more touchdowns and a field goal during the fourth quarter. By the end of the game, the Vandals had scored a total of 25 points in the second half, giving them a final score of 46-0.

The Vandals' defense was key to their victory, holding La Verne scoreless throughout the game. The Vandals' offense also played a key role, as they scored six touchdowns and one field goal, with over 500 yards of total offense.

Overall, the Vandals were victorious in their first game of the season, and will look to continue their dominance as they move forward in the Big West Conference.
Vandals bound for Spud Bowl

The Vandals have boosted through- out the Big West that they are going to be competitive this title season. A dominant Arizona State last weekend. This will serve the team in the Big West, a conference where there is no reason why they shouldn’t be the Big West Vandals.

The Vandals, quite possibly the best in the conference have played one of the most difficult non-conference schedules in the West Coast. "It wasn’t easy, but I’m looking forward to the week’s struggle. I think we’ve shown that we should be in the Big West,“ said coach Kramer.

The annual match-up with Arizona State, State has been ranked in the top twenty for 1994/95 season. The game was held in Moscow. The game is expected to be tight, with the Vandals looking to get their first win of the season.

University of Idaho men’s and women’s basketball team was selected to play in the Spud Bowl this season. The team has had a strong start to the season, winning their first four games.

The women’s basketball team is currently ranked #12 in the nation, while the men’s team is #25. Both teams have high hopes for the remainder of the season and are looking to make a run in the conference and beyond.

Kramer, Alderson Players of the Week

Sophomore Jordan Kramer was named the University of Idaho’s Football Player of the Week. Kramer was named the conference’s special teams player of the week for his performance against Arizona State. Kramer had two key interceptions in the game, including one that set up the game-winning touchdown.

Senior Joshua Alderson was named the University of Idaho’s Football Player of the Week. Alderson had three touchdowns against Arizona State, including a 92-yard touchdown pass.

Idaho basketball opens first practice Saturday

Idaho basketball coach Brian Miller opens the season on Saturday with a game against the Winona State Warriors. Miller has led the Vandals to three straight conference championships and is hoping for a fourth this season.

The team has had a strong start to the season, winning their first four games. They are led by senior guard Jordan Kramer, who was named the conference’s special teams player of the week for his performance against Arizona State.

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"I think we’re going to have a good game," said Kramer. "We’re ready to go and we’re excited."