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Foreign Film Series "Iraq in Fragments" SUB Bertha Room 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Symposium keynote: "Empowering Women for Change" SUB Ballroom 7:30 p.m.

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For information contact Courtney Rich, VPCEOs Virtuoso Coordinator at BCEE Email courtney.m.lapous@gmail.com or visit the BCEE Web site at www.bceevirtuoso.com/calendar.htm.

Talk to city leaders at ASU forum Tuesday

ASU will host an open forum with Mayor Nancy Galloway. The meeting is from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the County Commission Chambers. The forum will give students and city leaders a chance to discuss issues concerning the city of Moscow and UI. There will be time for open discussion and Q&A. Visit campusMoscow.com for more information. The forum is free for all students.
Gambino’s starts a new life in new building

By Tara Roberts

The old Gambino’s building stood vacant and dark before Spring break, but when other students returned to town, a building had ousted the building, leaving an empty lot.

The architect of Gambino’s Italian restaurant, Don Swanger, a local in town and a state senate who owns several area Subway restaurants, bought the building in 2005. Plans for the building included the name and the building was a white for the final plans are now in motion.

Swanger originally planned to remodel the building, but that fell through.

"Once we went in there, the smell that we decided to tear it down, it smelled so bad," Swanger said. He had hoped to remodel and open by late 2006, but the plans never took off, it took time to tear everything.

"Our goal is to make it more of a place you’ll feel comfortable going with your family," Larry Swanger Gambino’s owner.

Swanger said things may change slightly as he puts the final touches on the new restaurant, he hopes to open by August.

"The new plans call for a 4,000 square feet restaurant — twice as large as the old one — with a dining room big enough to host 150 people.

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Controversial poster's ripple effect hits Moscow

By Yeongseyoung Lee

Flyers for Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez's recent talk on illegal immigration at Boise State University have been circulated, sparking controversy on campus.

Even in Moscow, backlash against BSU's poster is palpable.

The event's poster, created by the school's College Republicans group, details a flowchart that may safely signifying all of several illegal aliens discrimination guidelines and advising for a fine line concern.

To win the controversial Mexican dinner for two, contestants were to "climb through the hole in the fence," and a "non-recoverable" ID documents printed the land stamp-duty.

The club's Web site maintains the poster's was racially charged or meant to allow for gross attendance for Vasquez's appearance.

"We simply want to bring attention to the problem," freshman, "in order to discuss it.

"The drawing for dinner is a good fund raiser, the topic is serious and the College Republicans have chosen a serious speaker.

Robert Vasquez is one of Idaho's leading Latino citizens and an authority on the subject of illegal immigration."

While the poster was meant to be informative, a group of Latino students, including Brian Kyte, Otis Mues, and Jessica Williams, had voiced their disagreement of the poster's wording.

"The poster is not good enough. It's not true and it's not fair," a student had said.

Steelmade: looking at the resident's window, the University's director of Photography was overwhelmed by the political poster's page.

"This is a great start for the student body to learn about immigration," a professor had said.

"We need to learn more about immigration and what it means to us. It's a serious issue and it needs to be addressed."

The added $3 to student fees pays for the construction of an immigration center on campus, which students could visit to learn more about immigration and its effects on our society.

"This is an important issue that affects us all and it's important to have a center that can provide information and resources," a student had said.

Furthermore, the center will provide education and resources to help students understand the complexities of immigration and its impact on our society.

"We need to be informed and educated about immigration in order to make informed decisions," a professor had said.

"This center will provide the resources and support needed to address the challenges and opportunities presented by immigration."

The center will serve as a hub for research, education, and outreach, and will be open to the public.

"We are committed to providing a space for dialogue and learning about immigration," a professor had said.

"We hope that this center will help us to better understand the issue and to engage in meaningful discussion."

The center will include a research and teaching program, a public advocacy initiative, and a community engagement program.

"We are excited to offer these programs and to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and the broader community to engage with immigration in a meaningful way," a professor had said.

"We believe that this center will be a valuable resource for our community and we are committed to making it accessible to all."
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Real reasons to come to Idaho

Welcome, Vandals! Each year, students from all over the U.S. and the world choose Idaho—my home state. I think the one reason they choose Idaho is because of the natural beauty. Another reason is the friendly people—everyone is more than willing to help and make you feel like family. The third reason is the small-town feel. Idaho is known for its small towns and it is no different in the University of Idaho. Everyone is from somewhere and everyone is friendly.

The administration has recently made a decision to change the name of the state from "Idaho" to "Ida". This change is supposed to make the state more appealing to visitors. However, I believe that the state of Idaho should remain as it is because the name "Idaho" is already well-known and it represents the state's identity.

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Steel is more than a house

In response to the City’s announcement that the steel mill "will remain in the city," in the March 10 edition of The Argonaut, I would like to extend my congratulations to the City of Kent and to the people of Kent for their efforts in securing the future of the steel mill and the jobs of its employees. It is an extraordinary achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. I am particularly pleased to see that steel House is not just any municipality, but a place where people live in community, work together, and care for one another. It is a place where we recognize the value of cooperation and the importance of partnership. We are committed to upholding the traditions of steel House and to ensuring that it remains a place where people can thrive and excel. The future of steel House is secure, and we are excited to see what the years ahead will bring.

Defending our rights, political privacy

Sen. Steve Benack, 43rd District

Benack is a Democratic Party official in King County who has called for a "no-fault" divorce law in the state of Washington.

"Our system of divorce is broken," Benack said. "We need a change that allows people to dissolve their marriages without the burden of fault." Benack is proposing a "no-fault" divorce law that would allow couples to divorce without proving fault. This would help to reduce the burden of fault on both parties and make the process of divorce more fair.

Benack's proposal would also establish a "cooling-off period" before a divorce can be finalized. This would give couples time to reflect on their decisions and to try to work through their differences. This would help to reduce the number of divorces that are filed冲动ly.

The proposal would also include a mechanism for resolving disputes over child custody and support. This would help to ensure that children are not negatively affected by their parents' divorce.

Benack's proposal has been met with mixed reactions from the public. Some have praised it as a fair and just solution to the problems of divorce, while others have criticized it as a "soft" approach to the issue.

"I think this is a huge step forward," said one supporter. "It will help to reduce the burden of fault on both parties and make the process of divorce more fair for everyone."

"This is a huge step backwards," said another critic. "It will only make the process of divorce easier and more convenient for those who are looking to get out of their marriages."

Benack is standing firm on his proposal and is hopeful that it will be passed into law. "I believe in the power of love and marriage," he said. "We need to protect those who are in love and want to stay together."

"Shrooms" from page 6

Walsh's famous mushroom in the movie "The Departed." He's talking about the "red-tailed hawk." "And that's how I eat 'em. Like a mushroom. And I've been eating mushrooms all my life."

The question of whether chefs and restaurants are right to use mushrooms in their dishes has long been a topic of debate. Many chefs believe that mushrooms are a delicious and healthy alternative to meat. However, some people are concerned about the safety and quality of mushrooms as a food source.

Some chefs argue that mushrooms are a great source of protein and are low in calories, making them a healthy choice for people who are trying to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight. Others argue that mushrooms are a great source of antioxidants and other nutrients, making them a healthy choice for people who are looking to boost their immune system and overall health.

However, not all chefs agree. Some chefs argue that mushrooms are a poor source of protein and are not as nutritious as other foods. Others argue that mushrooms are a poor choice for people who are looking to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight, as they are often high in calories and fat.

Regardless of the argument, one thing is clear: mushrooms are a versatile and delicious ingredient that can be used in a variety of dishes to add flavor and nutrition. Whether you're a chef or a home cook, there's no reason not to try mushrooms in your next meal.
If there's one thing you can learn watching state politics in Idaho, it's how to read between the lines. Here are some examples:

**Democrats want to turn Idahoans into political pawns**

Sixty years ago, U.S. Senate chaplain Spyro Terry predicted that God "would give us clear vision, that we may know where to stand and what to stand for — because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." Today we would be giving our stance and hypocrisy and honesty. Only with the grace of God, with strong, deep conviction, with a commitment to do what is right and good, can we learn the "clear vision" of their responsibility to God and our fellow man. Our political leaders will not follow our principles and common sense. We must not only stand up, but also stand firm as we seek God's will for our country.

Democrats in Congress have a history of doing nothing. Sadly, voters are not always black-and-white, choosing to vote for the wrong candidate. To understand what is happening in Idaho, we need to be aware of what is happening in our state. The next election is a choice between one party and another, regardless of the political stripe.

In conclusion, the Idaho State Legislature is an important issue for our country. The future of Idaho depends on how we vote.

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**Elephants, donkeys to be replaced by hicks**

Like an endangered bighorn sheep or giant panda, the University of Idaho's political mascot needs some love and attention.

The university's Argonaut mascot, a hick, is being considered for replacement. The university plans to hold a "mascot summit" to discuss the possibility of changing the mascot.

One elephant has been spotted on campus near the student center, but it is unclear if it is the same hick spotted in previous years.

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**Starburst logo an endangered species**

The Starburst candy logo is facing threats from various directions.

One threat is the surge in popularity of memes and social media. People are using Starburst images to create their own content, causing the original logo to be overshadowed.

Another threat is the rise of sustainable and eco-friendly products. Companies are promoting products that are environmentally friendly, which can lead to a decline in demand for Starburst.

Finally, the candy industry is facing competition from other brands, which can also impact the popularity of Starburst.

The future of the Starburst logo is uncertain, as it must navigate through these challenges.

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**Seans Kennish and Moscow's own Rick Shirley, who seem to be more concerned about their constituents. If other want to avoid being bitten by the hicks, he can head to the hills, as the university's mascot is known to be a bit lonely these days.**

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**The Great Escapade**

Our 100th feature publication The Great Escapade celebrates all things Idaho. This publication covers cultural, historical, and natural aspects of the state, from the Sawtooth Mountains to the Coeur d'Alene River.

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**Want to read Idahoans into political pawns?**

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Prom recieves social reform

By Brandon Mac
Aggressor

The prom usually serves as the culmination of high school festivities. Many students want to dress up, dance, and celebrate graduation. But this year’s prom was not all about socializing. Many students chose to wear something other than the usual prom attire.

"Our prom allows an individual to bring any date they want to, of whatever ages they want to and wearing whatever they want to," said Chris Bledow, UI '07.

"Prom is about the idea of being able to dress up, enjoy the formal atmosphere, and have fun," said Jeff Smith, UI '07. "It's a time to celebrate and enjoy the company of others."
Final episode of ‘Rome’ leaves audiences wanting more

However under it may be, the HBO series ‘Rome’ has been canceled, and after seeing Sunday’s third season finale, I’m still not satisfied.

After not keeping up on my television news, I had no idea that I was going to see the last episode of ‘Rome’ and I was more than a bit surprised that I did.

I’ve been following the show from the beginning and through your column in your Savannah Scoundrel ‘Hand’ show start with the well-known story of Caesar’s heir, Cleopatra, and the audiences throughout the time an end to his life, Caesar Octavian. The show ends with Caesar’s great act of kindness and the beginning of the story of ‘Rome’ as its true leader.

The show is a dramatic and epic retelling of Roman history as well as an all-new historical drama following the friendship between Roman soldiers. Lucius Vorenus and Titus Pullo really hold the show together, they represent the central: Roman, but with friends in high places. They work their way up the social hierarchy and become leaders.

If you know anything about Roman history, you’ll know the general outline of many of the story lines, but it one. Roman history never seems the same from show because it isn’t turn up enough with each new ses-

The show is a combination of ‘Artemis’ or ‘Artemis’ that are like this show, does like come this show, along that all things, they are a huge treat for audiences and I think it was successful. Octavian will live on in DVD because of his life. He is a great character, but with an epic nature of the show, but I think it will have been for me and second season warrant the making of ‘Rome’ and unfortunately, the people are the HBO are about.

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Showtime’s $38 million gamble on historical soap opera 'The Tudors'

By Shaw Pogatchik
Associated Press Writer

Henry VIII is coming back to the throne. The docudrama 'The Tudors' premieres this Sunday, May 22, with Jonathan Rhys Meyers cast as the king. It is set in 1530, after the death of Henry's first wife, Katherine of Aragon, and it follows the king's love life and court intrigue.

And much like Henry VIII, the show's producers are determined to produce a show that finally gets King Henry's six wives right, something that previous biographers, and even the Pope, have failed to do. The story of Henry VIII is so well known, the producers made sure to have 150 scholarly advisors on the show. There's even an advisory council of six cardinals who were actual cardinals in Henry's time, advising on the show.

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There was a moment at one of those Hollywood awards shows, a moment that is still vividly present in Don LaFontaine's mind. LaFontaine, the voice of many a movie trailer, was being honored for his work in the voice-over industry at a ceremony in Los Angeles.

"He walked over to introduce himself to Tom McInnis, one of HBO's Game of Thrones voice artists. Before that, McInnis ended, dropped his voice in a manner that seemed a mix between Darth Vader and Dobby Stary, and into a 'WAOOAA!' "

This is big, really big — not because it proved that LaFontaine's voice is not limited to movie trailers, but because he always wanted to have his voice heard beyond his industry. It was the moment he knew his voice had reached the mainstream.

"The Voice" had been his dream. "He wanted to be known, to be recognized, for his voice. He knew his voice had the potential to touch the world.

As the years went by, LaFontaine continued to voice characters in major films, including The Lion King, Toy Story, and The Incredibles. His voice was everywhere, from commercials to video games.

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**SPORTS & RECREATION**

**Slacklines to the line**

By Abby Lazim
Argonaut

When Kristina Riggs sets out her slackline, she talks about her souvenirs: her black and white cat, her dog, the small garden she tends. It's a time for her to relax, to teach others about the culture of slacklining.

A slackline is a piece of webbing strung between two objects or two separate objects. It's a way to practice balance and skill, and Riggs has been on the line since high school. She has been an instructor for the past three years, teaching others how to walk on the line in the hope of bringing awareness to the sport.

**Freshmen shine at Duck Invitational**

By Emmanuel Anderson
Argonaut

The women’s golf team finished fourth at the Wilsonville Invitational at Sharon Park in Wilsonville. The team went 2-1 over the weekend, with two wins over Parkrose.

Two freshmen took advantage of the chance to play in the event. Beth Snell shot a 231 in her first and Amanda Jacobs shot a 232 in her second.

“This was a big deal for our freshmen,” coach Fred Rickle said.

The University of Oregon finished first to win with a final score of 932. The University of Oregon and Oregon State tied for second at 932. The team shot their best score yet, 927, 15 strokes off the lead.

“It was an amazing weekend,” Rickle said.

**Women’s snowboard team grabs gold**

By Andrea Miller
Argonaut

It was mind over matter for senior Heidi Martinson at the United States Collegiate Snowboarding Championship at Winter Park, Colo., March 4-6.

In the opening race, Martinson won the individual competition and tied to finish first overall with a broken collection.

She was the only woman to compete in the snowboarding at Tamarack (Resort), Martinson said.

She engaged the three in four places in February, but she has been competing for at least two months, but Martinson was back on the course after a long layoff in the snow, which might take too hard to take.

Martenison posted impressive runs at Winter Park. She won the Hope-Slope competition and tied third-place in the Superpipe and giant slalom events.

With the help of Martinson’s performances, Idaho won the Superpipe title and superluge position of the team and placed third in the giant slalom, which propelled them into first.

“Now it was just the best year ever for the girls,” Martinson said.

Martenison, who is majoring in graphic design and French, was inspired by the snowboarding as a freshman and has been practicing since.

Tiebreaker for senior Candie Wood with overall with 10,000 in the Hope-Slope, 120, in the Superpipe, and 120 in the giant slalom in the points for all American-born players by placing in the top 10.

Senior Adrienne Boyland and Angie Snow also earned points for Idaho playing in the US at the national competition and placed third in the team, nineteenth place.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Akery, Vandals start spring practice**

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

Spring practice gets started for the Vandals as the football team got together for the first time at the beginning of the week, and they are focused on the upcoming season.

“We have a lot of talent on this team and a lot of depth,” coach Robb Studdard said. “We have a lot of depth across the board, and I think we’re going to be a very good football team this year.”

The team is expected to have a good season, and they are focused on the upcoming season.

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The argument

By J.R. Conroy

The University of Idaho women's soccer team has its focus set on improving their play for a fall 8-9 season with one

goal in mind.

At practice on March 3, head coach Karla) Rogers said the team's overall success hinged on control and took steps in the right direction but on March 21 against Gonzaga, she said that trend was reversed.

"We did not do as well as we did against Montana," Shouwar said. "With Gonzaga being a Big 12 team, they pressured us greatly and we lacked the mid-backfield support as we are usually used to." According to Shouwar, about 400 people came out to watch the game which was a big step for the team. He noted that attendance usually averages a 50-90 level.

"It was tremendous to see that many people come and watch us," Shouwar said. "The coaching staff supports, with the players' enthusiasm and support, that athletes that support greatly appreciated.

The Bulldogs finished the fall season with an 8-9-4 record and 3-4-0 in the West Coast Conference.

March 31, 2007

The women's soccer team trains for the upcoming spring season on Monday afternoon at Gay Wine's Field.

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Hiding behind the scenes, athletic trainers are the glue for UI athletics

By Ryan Atkins AgNews

Unbeknownst and relatively unknown, the University of Idaho athletic training staff keeps Vandals athletic teams well oiled and running smoothly.

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"Home base for us is the training room. We have electric stimulation, an ultrasound machine, all different rehab tools," Nishibe said. "We have a hot tub that's actually a cold tub, it has 10 degrees water and some people come in and sit in it and chill,usually only kids." And in order to meet the needs of so many athletes in so many sports, trainers need to

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"You get to be a part of what they are part of. If they win some kind of championship you were there. If they didn't, you helped them do so, that you helped them with their performance," Tim Nicollelli said. "But also another aspect is if they lose you feel like you lose as well. You're so much a part of their lives and a athlete's lives, you really put yourself into it." For both the trainers and the athletes, home base is the athletic training room located in the Kibbie Dome. That is where the magic happens and the athletes get the greatest chance to heal.

"We work with everyone, we help athletes who are right there, there's a whole new wave of younger athletes that are in the training room and the training room is the main focus," Kirk said.

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9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
   Campus Activity Fair

9:15 a.m.-11 a.m.
   Tours of campus, on-campus housing options and Student Recreation Center

10 a.m.-noon
   Workshops for students and parents

1 p.m.-5 p.m.
   Academic advising and registration for Fall 2007 semester

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
   Parents’ programs

5 p.m.-6 p.m.
   Check-in for Friday overnight hosting by residence halls and Greek houses; Southwest Kibbie Dome entrance

Parking and directions
   Free parking for Vandal Friday participants is located in the west lot of the Kibbie Dome. Directional and parking signs will lead visitors to the Dome. Vandal Friday activities are located in the Kibbie Dome, and it is suggested visitors park here. The Vandal Trolley will provide shuttle service around campus. For a handicap parking permit, contact New Student Services at 885-6163.

By Cheryl Truman
McClatchy Newspapers

When you get your first look at a dorm room, your instinct might be to run away. You'll probably have four grim walls, most likely concrete block painted in a color suggesting that you've been involuntarily committed; two twin beds that might give off the faintest air of mustiness; and a set of battered desks and chairs.

And from this, you're supposed to concoct a cozy little nest that's so alluring you never want to return to Mom and Dad's?

"Pretty much, it's a nightmare when you first walk into a dorm room," says Jeff Gawronski of the online retailer DormBuys.com, which offers everything from space-saving gadgets to combination packs of bedding or cleaning supplies for the college student who wants it all selected, collected and ready to go.

Even so, prettifying a dorm room can be a daunting task.

Fortunately, hundreds of thousands of students have done it before you.

Consider the finalists at Centre College's 2006 dorm room decor contest. From silky pink stripes to clean bright corals and limes to an inflatable Tiki doll and matchstick bamboo wall covering, Centre students showed that they can decorate with a lot of imagination — who would think to showcase an inflatable Tiki doll? — and not a lot of money.

Those students take the same steps that any homeowner would when redecorating: Pick your colors, your accessories and your theme. Then try to figure out a way to tie it all together.

Lexington decorator Beth Harper, aka "The Lone Rearranger," says it's all about covering up the room features you don't like and making a very small space seem more open and inviting.


Put fabric on the walls and windows — even bedsheets, a fine source of cheap and colorful covering, will work. They can be dressed up with tension rods or Velcro.

An added benefit: Fabric muffles the sounds that ricochet off the block walls. If you don't want to put fabric on the walls, buy a big mirror and lean it against a wall to make the space look larger. And move the furniture against the walls if possible, so you have at least the illusion of a little space to move.

Gawronski of DormBuys.com says that when space is a premium, consider using your trunk as a coffee table, or buying a "mini-mantel" that stretches over the top of the bed and eliminates the need for a bedside table.

Accept that your dorm bed is going to double as a couch. Jazz it up with bright pillows — and coordinate bedspreads with your roommate if possible. Add clip-on lights around the room, because you and your roommate will rarely be doing the same thing at the same time.

And, Harper says, that means you guys, too. Even though you might not be threading pink ribbons through wall fabric, you can have a room that is more than a series of tatty Jessica Simpson posters, a pyramid of Coke cans and a comforter. More-masculine colors — orange and brown, or black and brown and taupe — make a room look updated and fun without being what Harper calls "trophy."

Here are the steps to get your dorm room into shape:

• First, cover the walls. Posters are cheap and abundant. And if you've ever seen The Learning Channel's "Trading Spaces," you know that a digital camera, a printer and some inexpensive framing can yield stunning effects on the wall.

The school probably won't allow you to paint or otherwise permanently alter the dorm's, er, distinctive color scheme. Fortunately, there is fabric and unused-but-cheap items, such as matchstick bamboo.

• Do something about the floor. Your dorm floor is likely to be some variety of tile or linoleum that has seen years of dormitory furniture dragged across its surface.

Luckily, carpet remnants are affordable, abundant and sound-muffling. If there's carpet, don't hesitate to put an extra layer of your own newer, brighter and cleaner carpet on top of it. And if you don't want to go the route of full carpet, remember, the neighborhood Wal-Mart carries washable area rugs.

• Light it up. Your standard dorm room probably will include only an aging overhead light and possibly an anemic built-in desk lamp. You can do better.

Harper suggests freeing up desk space by suspending lights from above the desks. Target and Home Goods sell trendy fixtures that also are fairly cheap.
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How not to rent in Moscow

Four real estate pros offer their tips for finding a home

By Carissa Wright
Argonaut

Streeter Johnson, a fifth-year senior at the University of Idaho, has been renting a house since last fall. For the four years prior to that, though, he lived in a fraternity house, so he wasn’t sure what to expect when he took over a friend’s lease. He wasn’t alone.

Navigating Moscow’s rental market is a seasonal challenge — a swarm of students have already started looking for their next year’s residence. They will have to choose from methods as diverse as responding to posts on the ASUI Vandal Trading Post or working with a property manager to find a property they can be comfortable living in. The usual rental questions can sometimes be answered by a little common sense or an especially knowledgeable friend, but some aspects of renting a house or apartment — like realizing you have to pay for water and power as well as rent — are difficult to predict. After working in Moscow for a combined total of 71 years, these real estate professionals have seen it all, and are here to offer their insight for the first-time renter.

Meet the team

Team Idaho Real Estate, formerly Bennett and Associates, is one of Moscow’s most active real estate agencies, with properties from Troy to Lewiston. Owner Mark Loaiza, who recently purchased the company from its previous owner, has been part of Moscow’s real estate market since 1997. Kirk Wear, the property manager at Team Idaho, has been in the business for 23 years — mostly in Portland, but in the last three years he’s worked in Pullman and, since November of last year, in Moscow. Karl Johnson is currently a property manager for Palouse Properties and has worked in real estate for 10 years, all of them in Moscow. Jon Kimberling, an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance, has worked in Moscow for 28 years since graduating from UI.

There’s something about Moscow

After having worked in Portland, Wear said, a town like Moscow offers a different kind of challenge. Large corporations or nonprofit organizations generally own rental properties in Portland, whereas in Pullman and Moscow, Wear said he feels more connected with the owners, who are most often private individuals. Every city is different, he said, noting that even between Pullman and Moscow he sees a marked difference.

“Students pay in general $100 more per bedroom (in Pullman),” he said, adding that because many students in Pullman come from more metropolitan areas, they also demand more amenities such as a washer and dryer or dishwasher.

“Half the kids don’t even ask what the rent is,” Wear said. “They just say, ‘We’ll take it.’” According to Wear, this is because many students depend on their parents to pay rent.

In Johnson’s time in Moscow, he has noticed that though the tenants are younger than usual, for the most part, they are just as responsible as other tenants.

“When property managers from non-college towns hear that our tenants are 70 percent college students, they panic,” Johnson said. “Our experience has been that students’ behavior as tenants is not much different than other tenants.”

Students tend to be higher-energy, he added, but student tenants and non-student tenants have about the same percentage of late rent and property damage. Primarily, Johnson said, students are just inexperienced.

“Many cases, these are the first rentals these kids have lived in,” he said. “It’s a learning process.”

To help that learning process along, all four men offered advice for first-time renters.

Reading the lease

Though it seems like common sense, it needs to be said: If something in the lease is troubling, you should decide whether you can live with it before, rather than after, signing anything.

“Renters need to read the lease and know that they’re agreeing to everything it says,” Johnson said.

“Though what’s in the lease is there for a good reason, parts are negotiable. Any problems with the lease should be discussed with the property manager, and a compromise may be reached. If, for example, you’d like to lease the property for nine or 10 months instead of the usual one-year arrangement, ask about leasing options. Many property management companies have a shorter lease available, with slightly increased rents during the months you occupy the property.

“We want to make it convenient for tenants to lease the property,” Johnson said.

“(The lease) is a binding contract,” Loaiza said, “and we will enforce that contract.” Loaiza suggested asking questions about anything you don’t understand or getting an attorney to read it over. The lease defines in detail the tenant’s rights and responsibilities, he said. After signing the lease, these will not change, so anything you can’t live with should be discussed before signing.

Communication is key

Because a major pastime of many college students includes the casual disregard of some state and federal regulations, many student tenants tend to see their landlord as a distrusted enemy. Loaiza said, “That shouldn’t be the case and that he’s there to cooperate with the tenant. Wear put it a little differently.

“Don’t fear the landlord like they’re some extension of the police department,” he said.

Most landlords are OK with tenants paying rent a few days late if they inform the landlord ahead of time. Of course, there should be some actual reason for the delay.

“We’re not trying to make money on late charges,” Wear said.

The Palouse Properties policy is $3 every day the rent is late. According to Johnson, the company has set the late fee so low because they are not trying to make money off the extra charges — there just has to be some sort of consequence so that rent isn’t late for months at a stretch.

The landlord also needs to know if some part of the property needs to be repaired.

“Don’t expect problems to solve themselves,” Wear said.

If a fist-sized hole mysteriously appears on the wall, you should call your landlord and have it fixed immediately. You’ll risk losing part of your security deposit, but if you ignore the problem, you risk even more damage and a loss of even more money.

Taking care of the place

Most leases include a clause stating that the tenant is responsible for returning the property in the
Respect thy apartment neighbor

By Tim Engle
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Dear guys in the apartment on the top floor,

Welcome to the building. And now that we have the niceties out of the way, did you know you’re not the only people who live here? Surprise! And there are a few other things we need to tell you:

Fun as it must be to toss beer bottles from your balcony down to the street, it’s time to face reality: You’re not living in the frat house anymore. And no doubt you want to unwind when you get home from work at 2 in the morning, but playing “Black Magic Woman” over and over at top volume really isn’t cool. Most of us actually have to sleep at night.

Next time you’re having a party (tonight, right?), please ask your friends not to park in spaces reserved for residents. Also, if you’d like to avoid having the police show up again, try inviting your neighbors.

Don’t leave your laundry in the washing machines or dryers for hours after it’s done. Don’t run the vacuum after, say, 10 at night. Or, in your guys’ case, don’t throw bowling balls at the wall then. (Or whatever it is you’re doing.) Don’t run up the stairs late at night.

Don’t put a bunch of junk or trash outside your door. It’s not very sanitary, and sometimes it smells bad.

Standing out in the hallway smoking isn’t exactly taking it outside. Your smoke rolls right under other people’s doors. Really, all we’re talking about is common courtesy here.

Now that we have all that out of the way, when’s the party? What can we bring?

Sincerely,
Your neighbors

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Quick facts to consider when choosing whether Greek life is right for you:

- Close to 1,800 students live in the UI Greek community, 500 of whom are freshmen.
- The average cost of Greek living is $5,000 per year for a fraternity and $5,500 per year for a sorority. The cost includes membership dues and room-and-board costs. In addition, most Greek organizations include lodging and meals within this fee.
- UI has 19 fraternities and nine sororities.

Fall 2006 Academic Report

- All-Greek average GPA: 2.96
- All-sorority average GPA: 3.17

Spring 2006 Academic Report

- All-Greek average GPA: 3.05
- All-sorority average GPA: 3.21
- All-fraternity average GPA: 2.92
- All-residence hall average GPA: 2.96
- All on-campus students average GPA: 3.00
- All on-campus Women average GPA: 3.14
- All on-campus Men average GPA: 2.86

*Information obtained from University of Idaho Greek Life Web site
Greeks give back to community

By Shanna Stalwick
Argonaut

When it comes to philanthropy and community service involvement among the Greek community, Greek adviser Adrien Wright estimates that about 95 percent of Greek students are willing to volunteer. "The Greek system is a system that — and do it well — to raise money for national organizations and contribute to community clean-up."

"Some people do it like nobody's business," Wright said. "And some people have to pull teeth to get (members) to pick up a highway."

Wright said that for anyone considering joining a Greek chapter, they should evaluate their interest in contributing to the four main pillars a Greek organization is built upon.

Philanthropy, where individuals volunteer their time, money and labor to benefit a community or its institutions, makes up one post, Wright said. Other areas of emphasis include high academic standards, leadership experience or pursuance, and brotherhood and sisterhood.

"They're extremely helpful when someone asks for help," Wright said.

She recalled the immediate volunteer response from three fraternities when it was brought to their attention that a local resident needed help painting a house. "They're really eager to respond," she added.

Some of the organizations that UI Greeks contribute to include the Ronald McDonald House charities, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Service for Sight, Camp Fire USA and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

This past fall, the members of Sigma Chi fraternity raised nearly $3,500 for the Children's Miracle Network, auctioning themselves off to the highest bidder during the fraternity's annual Date-a-Sig auction.

"A lot of the bigger groups are the funniest to watch and usually raise the most money," said Sigma Chi philanthropy chairman Brian Proctor.

The auction takes place during Derby Days, a week-long philanthropy event that includes skits, banners and field games that all UI sororities participate in.

About seven Sigma Chi members are designated to serve as coaches to one particular sorority throughout the week as they participate in a nightly derby hunt to accumulate points in their search for the Golden Derby.

The Children's Miracle Network is a nonprofit organization that raises funds for children's hospitals throughout North America. According to the organization's Web site, the network has raised more than $2.7 billion since its founding in 1983.

In 1992, Sigma Chi alum and Football Hall of Fame member Merlin Olsen introduced Children's Miracle Network as Sigma Chi's suggested philanthropy. Today, Derby Days is the primary philanthropy through which this national fraternity has contributed more than $1.3 million to the network.

The Gamma Phi Beta sorority hosts several fundraisers each year to raise money for their philanthropic cause, Camp Fire USA, an organization that helps children in need.

In going Greek, Hispanic students embrace their roots

By Elizabeth Llorente
The Record (Hackensack, NJ)

HACKENSAK, NJ — Clad in shirts that displayed their fraternity letters, the young men filed into an empty classroom to assemble boxes for their annual clothing drive.

"As other frat brothers arrived, they greeted them with a hearty embrace and their secret handshake."

But this wasn't just another fraternity at Montclair State University, N.J. Instead, it was Lambda Theta Phi, one of dozens of Hispanic Greek organizations in the country.

As the number of Hispanic students in higher education has risen over the years, so has the number of students who turn to an age-old college staple — fraternities and sororities — but ones that embrace their ethnic roots.

"I wasn't interested in joining a Greek organization that was mostly social — a lot of parties, drinking. I liked Lambda Theta Phi because it focused on culture and academics. I felt like I could relate to them more," said Johnathan Gaugler, who attends the university.

Lambda Theta Phi, which was founded in 1992, is one of the newer national fraternities and sororities that exist to work towards embracing the culture of the Hispanic and Latino communities. Lambda Theta Phi is one of 22 Hispanic fraternities and sororities in the country.

"As the number of Hispanics in college in 1975. The birth of Lambda Theta Phi, Garcia said, "was a reaction to a 90-year-old Greek structure that was black and white, but didn't have room for others."

Many Hispanic Greeks credit their organizations with making a difference in their decision to attend college.

A 2004 study by the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington, D.C., found that Hispanic undergraduates are half as likely as white undergraduates to attain a bachelor's degree. "I can honestly say that I wouldn't have stayed in college if I hadn't joined a Hispanic fraternity," said Jose Acosta, a Montclair State alumnus.
Families find community on campus

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

Carey Scott is a nontraditional student who is married with four children, all under age 5. When he started going to school at the University of Idaho, he needed a good place for his family to live.

“I wanted an affordable three-bedroom place near campus that wasn’t a slum,” he said. UI family housing fit the bill. Scott and his family have lived in the South Hill Apartments for the past two years, and he says they like it.

“(My kids) like playing with the other kids. We’ve got the playground literally right outside the door,” he said. “(My wife) likes being able to make friends with the neighbors and having kids for the kids to make friends with.”

Scott, a second-year history major, likes South Hill’s proximity to campus, where he works and takes classes.

Andrea Schumaker, a junior agricultural education major, moved into family housing after getting married in December. She said she and her husband, Will, like living there, too.

“I like the affordability of it because it’s on campus, so we don’t have to drive,” she said. “We also like the part of our living where we get free Internet and phone, which is in the cost of rent, which is cheap.”

Benefits such as the nine play areas, low rent and nearness to campus are what draw students to family housing, said Leah Andrews, UI Residences marketing and recruitment coordinator.

“You’ve got the proximity and community of college with a community of married couples and families with children,” she said.

Family housing, which includes the South Hill and South Hill Vista Apartments, serves students who are married, have children, are enrolled in a graduate or law program or are older than 25. Students with dependent parents or other dependents are also welcome.

Lindsey Overstreet lives in family housing with her husband, and is also the resident director for on-campus apartments and family communities. She said family housing can be a great environment for nontraditional students and their families to adjust to college life.

Because nontraditional students often have different priorities from their classmates, they sometimes have trouble relating to them, Overstreet said. In family housing, they find a support network.

“I’ve really seen that those students, because they share those same trials, support each other through that,” she said.

Children of nontraditional students can also find support in family housing, Overstreet said.

“It’s probably hard on the kids that Mom and Dad have homework,” she said. “And to be around other kids who understand that Mom and Dad have to go off to class, it’s something that helps normalize it.”

Overstreet and apartment community assistants organize activities to bring families together, such as barbecues and ice skating outings. For adults, they host seminars covering topics like what to expect in graduate school and how to buy your first home.

Many of these events take place at the community center, which is available free to residents for events like parties and potlucks.

Schumaker said she appreciates that the programming, like a recent tax help seminar, is relevant to married students.

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What housing costs

Family housing:

South Hill Apartments
monthly rates:
• One bedroom: $549 for less than 12 months, $499 for 12 months, $389 for 24 months
• Two bedroom: $569 for less than 12 months, $519 for 12 months, $399 for 24 months
• Three bedroom: $649 for less than 12 months, $599 for 12 months, $489 for 24 months

South Hill Vista
Apartments monthly rates:
• Two bedroom: $619 for less than 12 months, $569 for 12 months, $449 for 24 months
• Three bedroom: $704 for less than 12 months, $654 for 12 months, $539 for 24 months

South Hill Vista
Apartments monthly rates:
• Two bedroom: $619 for less than 12 months, $569 for 12 months, $449 for 24 months
• Three bedroom: $704 for less than 12 months, $654 for 12 months, $539 for 24 months

Princeton
Apartments
monthly rates:
• One bedroom: $524 for less than 12 months, $479 for 12 months, $379 for 24 months
• Two bedroom: $619 for less than 12 months, $569 for 12 months, $469 for 24 months

Graduate residences
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Graduate Student
Residences monthly rates

Elmwood Apartments
monthly rates:
• One bedroom basement: $624 for less than 12 months, $574 for 12 months, $469 for 24 months
• One bedroom: $699 for less than 12 months, $649 for 12 months, $539 for 24 months
• Two bedroom: $789 for less than 12 months, $739 for 12 months, $629 for 24 months

Elmwood Apartments
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To learn more about UI apartments and family communities, visit resnet.uidaho.edu/
housing/FutureStudents/AptsFamilies/famApts.html

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and laugh at inside jokes.

We’ll be roommates in college and friends for life.
Ins and outs of being an RA

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

They walk the halls looking for trouble to prevent — or maybe just a friendly face to talk to. They're resident assistants, a hallmark of residence hall life at the University of Idaho.

Beyond handing out toilet paper and enforcing the rules, RAs also have to get their roommates to make friends with one another.

"RAs are crucial in building and having a respectful community," said Cori Planagan, assistant director of Residence Life for University Residences.

Some RAs try to form bonds through social programs. Joe Behre, Graham Hall's eighth-floor RA, threw a Super Bowl party in his hall's lounge.

"That was definitely a fun one," he said. "We rented a projector, bought a bunch of pizza and bought some chips. Everybody just crammed into that lounge and watched the Super Bowl. It was really, really fun to have everyone around."

Jackie Martinko, RA of Scholars Hall, also tapped into her inner sports fan. During the last Olympics, she made a bulletin board tracking what medals every country won.

"The residents really enjoyed that," she said.

Martinko even created her own program called "Become a Kid Again." For this, she buys coloring books and crayons for her residents to temporarily bring back their inner child.

Sometimes forming friendships is as simple as turning an ordinary event or mundane chore into a social event.

Rachel Morelli, an RA in Ethel Stebbins House, took her residents to One World Cafe to drink coffee, do homework and bond. Alice Gradn, RA of Wallace's Dwell Hall, said her hall has "trash parties," during which a big group will take stuff to the Dumpters together.

"Such events help RAs connect with their residents and shed a positive light on their residence hall experience.

But like most jobs, there are negatives: pranksters barricading their doors with lounge furniture, residents jokingly tackling poster-size pictures of their RAs above their beds before room inspection or locking their RAs in the trunk room.

But a bigger downside is their daily lives being interrupted without warning by a coping resident knocking at the door at 3 a.m., drunk students stumbling down the hall, conflicts between roommates getting out of hand.

"You're on-call 24 hours a day to a certain degree," Behre said. "I'd say that's the worst part. You never know when you're going to call your RA and have to come through.

One downside Eric Turner, French Hall's fifth-floor RA, pointed out is the job's reputation.

"It's like living in a fishbowl," he said. "No matter where you go, you're the RA. When my residents go to WinCo, they're like, 'Why is my RA working here?' ... It's not really a job, it's more of a lifestyle.

But sometimes, duty requires going beyond anything mentioned in the job description.

When Turner learned of UI freshman and French Hall resident Angie Cabrera's fatal car crash in January, he said he was shocked and his heart sank.

"I heard about it when I was in Boise over break about three days before I came up here for spring training," he recalled. "I'm sure a lot of people knew. Word travels fast through MySpace and Facebook."

Though the news hit home, Turner had to stay a strong role model for his hall.

"I had to compose myself," he said. "Whether they admit it or not, residents (kind of) look up to the RAs in situations like that."

Turner created a memorial on French Hall's bulletin board. An 8-by-10 portrait of Cabrera was the centerpiece, with smaller pictures encircling it on a backdrop of black paper with yellow fabric along the borders and gold lettering. There was also a basket of silk flowers and blank greeting cards for Cabrera's family to send to the family.

At first, Turner was scared the tribute wouldn't be well-received, possibly offending people. But that wasn't the case.

"The board was perfect," said Sara Hanson, French Hall member and one of Cabrera's closest friends. "He handled it really well. He was upbeat but knew what we were going through."

Though an extreme example, Cabrera's death showcased why RAs need to be there for residents. While not every scenario requires them to go an extra mile, availability is key to their roles.

"That's why University Residences put a 16-credit limit on RA's course loads. Though there are exceptions, the cap was set to help them balance time between duty and classes.

"Any more and their school-work and RA work will suffer," Planagan said.

RAs are required to keep a 2.5 GPA, semester and cumulative. They must also possess strong communication skills, which are essential for filing the required paperwork.

"There's a lot of report-writing for RAs," Planagan said. "General Reports document anything that's going on (in the halls). It's really important to have clear writing skills, because they can be used in judicial cases. If we have the police involved, we need to have good documentation of what happened."

"We have Community and Connections reports they write every two weeks. Those are fairly writing-intensive. They talk about the programming and other interactions they have in the halls."

RAs are also required to have a UI student for at least three years. This ensures they're able to tell residents about resources around campus as well as the Moscow-Pullman area.

Before making a bulletin board displaying the schedules and stops of the Moscow Valley Transit and Pullman Express bus systems. This is to help his residents know how to get around town, especially if they don't own cars.

Looking at what the job entails, some might ask why anyone would want to become an RA.

"University Residences offers RAs free room and board, the RA's department and RAs agree that shouldn't be the sole motivation," Gradn said. "It's an eye-opening experience, she said.

"For other RAs, it's a one-year job. While some leave for personal reasons to move on, others just want to focus on school and advancing their future careers."

"In addition to being a psych major right now, I'm also a pre-med student," Behre said. "Getting into medical school in America today is really, really competitive. My adviser asked me how I'm being an RA helping me with my long-term goals. I told him it helps me work with people and my organizational skills. He said, 'That's great, but it's more important to know your biology and your organic chemistry.' I spend a lot of time working as an RA, and I think I do a pretty good job at it, but I need to focus on my work, a lot more."

So for those who are returning to the job next year, perhaps the biggest challenge will be leaving the hall they spent a year getting to know. For others, it's just one of the halls they'll have to leave.

"When I left Meyers Hall, they all had to leave," said Martinko, who was a Tower Mentor her sophomore year. "(But) a lot of the girls moved into Scholars Hall with me, so it was easier."
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

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University of Idaho campus map

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SpeakOUT Why did you choose your current housing?

Why: Build long lasting friendships — Always something to do — Great way to meet a variety of people — Great networking.  
Best part: The lifelong friends I've made.  
Worst part: Nothing really, I love it!  
Stacey Orlando  
Senior, marketing  
Greek - Delta Gamma

Why: I wanted an atmosphere where there were other people around and active on campus. I also wanted a place that provided opportunities to lead.  
Best part: The brothers have developed many lifelong friends.  
Worst part: I can't think of anything specific that's bad.  
Tom Purvis  
Junior, journalism  
Greek - Theta Chi

Why: It's close to classes, not at home (being from Moscow).  
Best part: Community and proximity to classes.  
Worst part: COST, lack of parking, meal plans.  
Laura Nuxoll  
Sophomore, sociology  
Residence halls - LLC

Why: Friends already lived there, heard good things about them, liked the people I met at Vandal Friday and rush, apartment-style living.  
Best part: Immediate friends, social life, brotherhood.  
Worst part: Distractions.  
Nate Minkler  
Senior, business and psychology  
Greek - Sigma Chi
Why: It's close to campus and I did not like the dorm environment, so an apartment works for me.
Best part: I have my own room. It's pretty quiet and if I get bored I am in walking distance to everything.
Worst part: It's far, far away from WinCo and all that stuff.
  Karin Gales
  junior, architecture
  off-campus apartment

Why: So I could meet new people and have less worries of food (due to meal plans).
Best part: Great location in closeness to classes and campus.
Worst part: When first coming here, if you don't know anyone, it's just a lottery for roommates and it doesn't always work out.
  Garret Lumens
  freshman, architecture
  residence halls - Wallace

Why: I have a lot of friends there living with me and it is really convenient with all of the different activities I am involved with.
Best part: It is a great place to make a lot of friends.
Worst part: The rooms are a bit small, but if you have a good roommate, it is perfect!
  Brianna Rolison
  freshman, accounting
  residence halls - the Tower

Why: Convenience and location, where my roommates wanted to live.
Best part: Pick who you live with, fairly close.
Worst part: Noisy, thin walls, the walk across the street.
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Student housing at the University of Idaho isn't very complicated. Dealing with landlords and putting up with the people that live with you is complicated. Picking where to live is one of the easiest parts of any college student's life. Well, I should say should be—some people make it hard on themselves, or just pick a bad place to live and don't enjoy themselves. Choosing a good place to live isn't hard. Around here it's pretty easy, since there are no off-campus neighborhoods in Moscow. In my experience here, a bad neighborhood in Moscow is a neighborhood full of townspeople who prefer sleeping at night. The first consideration in your quest for housing should be your age. If you're an incoming traditional student, you should definitely live on campus your freshman year. The university should require that you do. Living on campus encourages, and often forces, socialization. Forming social networks in college is a key part of the whole experience. Actually speaking to new people can be hard in our modern "Facebooked" world, so little forced socialization isn't hurting anyone. Friends are indispensable in college; they'll help socially, academically and for the rest of your life. Which happens to be the idea behind fraternities or sororities, more or less. Your on-campus experience has two options, the dorms and the Greek system. If you're a freshman, your dorm options are likely limited to the Wallace Complex or the Tower. However, upperclassmen will replace both soon, but at least the food is steadily improving. The LLCs are extremely nice and worth the wait.

Off-campus living is a little trickier, but still pretty easy. When you move off campus, it's a matter of how many friends you're going to live with, then finding a house or an apartment. The number of people you live with and your budget will dictate your options. There are several separate housing areas in town separated by living on-campus neighborhoods. Street, directly south of campus, is deceiving but there are a lot of houses and apartments tucked up against the hill. Southeast of Taylor Street on the other side of the hill, where all the streets start with "L," is one of two Meccas of apartment complexes in town. The second is A Street, located south of campus across the Moscow-Pullman Highway. The area below campus, between campus and downtown, is full of old houses that have been converted to apartment complexes or are just old houses. Some have been renovated recently. East of downtown is mostly where the townspeople live, but there are rentals scattered throughout.

Living in a house off-campus can be pretty easy, unless your landlord sucks or you suck as a tenant. When you first move in, take pictures of all the damage you find and send them to your landlord—this will save you trouble in the future. When living in the house, don't damage anything to make life easier for yourself. However, if you do happen to get drunk and put a hole in the wall, you can visit one of Moscow's hardware stores and they'll let you know how to fix it and sell you the stuff to fix it with. Always pay rent on time, or let your landlord know you can't pay on time and why. Most landlords here are understanding and reasonable.

The Greek system is a world unto itself. Living in a Greek house can be an amazing experience. If you don't know anything about what Greek living entails, you should take the time to learn, especially if you're an underclassman. Fraternity and sorority living is also an education in dealing with people, a skill you'll find is must when you get there. It's not all parties and fun, though. Fraternities and sororities accomplish constructive things, too, and will give you leadership experience you can't find anywhere else. Although I must admit partying has its time and place at the University of Idaho, it's a tradition of which I am quite proud, and proud to say is very much alive.

Moving into a Greek house can be bothersome thanks to the ridiculousness and unnecessary over-complication of the rush process. But you shouldn't let it get to you. It's a matter of mutual selection, but it basically all comes down to which house which you like. However, a Greek house isn't just a place to live. Fraternities and sororities are a bit complicated, but if they weren't worthwhile, they wouldn't have such a significant presence on campus.

Well, there it is, the concise guide to student housing. I almost forgot, your choice of housing should also take into consideration how loud of a person you are, and how loud you plan to be. Don't harass your neighbor's mellow by being loud, unless your neighbor is down with it.

Note: Travis is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and currently lives off campus.

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Scott and his wife, Ami, took their kids to the family housing Halloween party and to the annual carnival last spring. Overstreet is currently planning this year's carnival. She hopes to include a petting zoo, since the South Hill apartments allow only cats and birds as pets and the South Hill Vista apartments don't allow pets.

There are some downsides to family housing, Scott said. The fraternities near the north side of the apartments can be noisy, and there was a mold problem in some of the South Hill apartments this year. Five buildings will be closed this summer for repairs. Scott's apartment is not one of the ones being closed, but it has had some mold problems. However, he said, University Residences has worked to improve the situation. They have done quite a bit in fixing things up," he said.

Overstreet said maintenance is the main thing University Residences has worked on improving in the apartments. They're also working on playground improvements.

"We're really trying to make the tough decisions that make the apartments a better place to live," she said. "We're working the hardest to improve making it a clean, safe place.

Another area Overstreet would like to work on in the future is providing couples-only activities for families with no kids.

Unfortunately, that's probably the group that gets overlooked," she said.

Still, as a married person with no children, Overstreet enjoys seeing the kids at family housing and major family housing and to watch the kids grow up, she said. "We've become close to some of our neighbors and it's nice to be around someone who understands what it's like to have a family.

Overstreet also said she enjoys the diversity of family housing. "It's a really diverse community, partially because a lot of international students bring their families with them," she said. "It's really great to look out on the playground and see so much variety and see them all playing with each other and not even noticing.

Scott said that along with fair rent, family housing has provided her with a community at UI outside of class.

"Doing the whole married-with-children thing, I feel like I'm possibly missing out on part of the college experience, like living in the dorms and parties and things," he said. "But coming home to my wife and kids every day is nice.

Useful tips for roommate success

By Kathleen Lynn
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

To make a roommate arrangement work, "it has to be handled like any other business transaction," says Sylvia Berghold, who wrote a book on the subject. She and other experts recommend:

- Run a credit check on prospective roommates. Bergthold recommends a company called citicredit.net, which charges $9.95 for a tenant credit report; a number of other companies also do this for about the same amount. Some experts also recommend asking to see the last several pay stubs and a copy of the driver's license, to verify the roommate's income and identity.
- Ask the prospective roommate to co-sign the lease.
- Agree on how utility bills are to be split. Some people recommend that every roommate just use his or her own cell phone, and don't bother with a land line for the apartment. This way you don't have to worry about splitting phone bills.
- Ask for references, and check them.
- Ask prospective roommates why they are moving, how many times they have moved in the last five years, how long have they been working at their present job and how many jobs they have had in the last five years.
- Talk honestly about all sorts of lifestyle issues: What time do you go to sleep on weeknights and weekends? How neat are you? Will you bring home dates (or one-night stands) for sleepovers? Do you smoke? Do you drink or use drugs? Do you have pets? Only you know which of these behaviors is a deal-breaker for you.
- Agree on house rules about guests, quiet hours, smoking, cleaning and other chores, whether to share food and household supplies, etc. It's a good idea to put all this in writing and have it signed by all roommates.

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