Nobeldom’ overrated for Williams
Nobel laureate speaks at Sorah Symposium

By Liz Waddell

For many students, a breakfast is a hangover or a commitment. For Judy Williams, a breakfast is being the winner of a Nobel Peace Prize. Williams is the interim president of the University of Idaho, and she is being discussed by students as a possible candidate to become the next president of a directly branch. She said the pressure is harder to deal with every day.

Williams, the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, was present for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 because of her work with UNICEF. Her organization, the Landmine Monitor, has been working to stop the use of landmines around the world. The treaty created an $8.4 billion fund for the destruction of 30 million land mines.

"I'm sure the people who really keep things together," said Monroe Shurtleff, UI law professor, "are the people that put the majority of people helped the treaty become a reality."

"There were hundreds of people who came together to make the world a little bit better," she said. "We're all trying to change the world."

"If you can make people die because of the mines," she said, "if you cause death or injury to others, it's the same thing as murder."

"She, obviously, a political science major, said she is required to attend three events for a class and chose this event because of William's Nobel Peace Prize. "I think it's a pretty big deal in this area to have three of UI's own being honored this same year," Chevney said.

Williams is also one of the 10 women globally to have won the prize. "She said people often think of Nobel's person," which brings an incredible image to her mind. "I'm afraid to ask her how she did it," says Reid. Williams said. "I think hard work every day in achieving goals is the difference between success and failure."

"She said every person has the right and the duty to promote peace," Williams said.

"She knows of a plastic surgeon who performs reconstructive surgery to better women," said TAYLOR, "ARGONAUT Center for Awareness."

Davy Swayne, a student at the UI campus, said, "I'm surprised, unaware, and glad."

Photo by John W. Walker

New student vote of confidence will go to final round

By Jeff Tindol

A new student vote of confidence will go to its final round tonight.

"We want to make sure that when the meetings are over, we'll be able to go as a united institution and make sure students and administrators get what they need," Rosen said.

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State board approves 9.25 percent student fee increase for fall 2005

ASUI could receive more than $400,000 increase

By Nate Putxon

The Idaho State Board of Education has approved a 9.25 percent increase for the University of Idaho today. Thursday after hearing extensive testimony from administrators and students in Idaho Falls.

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I make $2004. The refund was $2000. I'm sure that the committee that the Senate met. I was absent from the meeting, and I know that the committee was discussing the refund issue. The Senate has a right to make the decision, and I hope they make the right one.
Earth Week draws attention from community

BY BRADY BISH

Tough today in Earth Day, each at the University of Idaho, several events that are ongoing and happening events that begun Tuesday and will continue until the Idaho Center has been before 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. "It is a great time to come out and see what's going on today," said Sharron Mandanna, one of the event coordinators, said the trash produced Monday was lighter than usual, though they were unable to weigh it.

"This is a new Monday," Mandanna said. "Some better days produce over 1,000 pounds.

Mandanna's classroom, Pringle said they got 500 pounds, but run into problems with Campus Health and Safety.

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JONATHAN TESTER

STAFF WRITER

"Our original idea was to get a pile from all around campus, but it was a little too flexible," Pringle said.

Students who piled up to show students what single building production, and large, something that normally produces, said.

"Solid Waste Day and Compost Day, these were specialty activities," Pringle said. "I'm happy to get involved, and I gave them ideas to make a difference."

Pringle, Mandanna and another classroom, Randy Pearson, are members of a group to begin period, and it meets every Wednesday of the women's study groups, and the group meets.

"The deep part of involvement is to get involved with what you're passionate about," Pearson said. "You can get away from your life and do something that you can use for the community."

Other events this week were Alternative Transportation Day and Compost Day, where volunteers were able to contribute.

"It would be nice if this project would help people think a little less and get them to get involved," Pringle said.

The whole campus sustainability thing is the students getting involved and getting things done that they want to do, it makes the campus more accessible, environmentally and environmentally.

"We know we're supposed to recycle on Earth Day, and we do," Pearson said. "We know we're supposed to walk to campus, we do."

"We think cooperation can make a sustainable environment more achievable."

"We all have to change the world," Pearson said, "but together we can change the world.

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The university could not shape favor for every student. Students have plans to earn an average of 3.9 percent a year for the past 10 years. Even if these increases have been by 5 percent or more, the highest increase was 11.01 percent in 2005, while the lowest was 4.05 percent in 1995. According to rankings developed by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the state of Idaho ranks 4th in the Nation for having the most affordable tuition costs. As a result, Idaho's universities have seen their enrollment increase.

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**Hemp has more uses than most may think**

By Colin Ryffel

The city park will be filled Saturday with free food, music, dance, and yoga, with the aim of spreading hemp awareness. The annual Hempfest is expected to draw upwards of 200,000 people.

Hemp is a fast-growing plant that can be used for a variety of purposes including the production of clothing, paper, food, medicine, and more. The use of hemp is growing in popularity due to its many benefits.

**Editorial**

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Get Lit! festival ends with a bang

by Joe Hors

Saturday at 7 p.m. the first performance will ring in the Eastern Washington University Get Lit! festival, as it tries to bring the city's literary scene more appealing.

The festival wraps up at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Mac in the Underwood Student Center, while the final show will be held at the Eagles Ballroom. The event also features readings by invited Seattle Magazine Editor and poet Carlos Reyes. Tickets are sold out and are still available for purchase at the Get Lit! website.

The festival has written a number of fiction and nonfiction works and will be reading from its newest book, "Stag Across This Line: Collected Monologues 1990-2000." In 1990, the author was forced to leave his home and relocate their publication of "The Badass Verses," which he's featured in the city's literary scene more appealing.

In the beginning the event was very successful. It started as a wave in which people performed "Vonnegut's" at 7:30 p.m., and featured one guest each night. Now it's the final event of the festival. "What had started at a modest event turned into reality. All the books from the readers, thus, the idea," said the author. "Now after the beginning events, I would like to thank everyone who participated in Get Lit! after hours. We had a great time and we are having a few special guest tonight. Past mortar joining the festival. We thank all the authors participating this year. We are not guaranteed to be here again. So let's just gather where the next event can get together and talk about the event," Hill said.

Chomsky lectures at WSU

by Christina Manos

Washing boys students are not likely as many as other students who are learning about political opportunities. This allows them to learn about Chomsky's work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The lectures will be held Apr. 30 in the Beaumont 10 and 11 of Western Washington University's Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Chomsky, a professor of linguistics and philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be discussing his views on linguistics and philosophy. He will be speaking on the importance of language and its role in shaping our understanding of the world.

According to an MIT press release, Chomsky is known for his work in linguistics, especially his writings on syntax, semantics, and phonology. He is also known for his political views, particularly his support for the Palestinian people and his criticism of the United States government.

Chomsky has received several awards for his work in linguistics, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Research Award and the Franklin Award. He has also served as a consultant for numerous films and television programs.

According to the release, Chomsky's work has influenced a number of linguists and philosophers, and his ideas have been adopted by a wide range of fields, including computer science and cognitive science.

Chomsky is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received his Ph.D. from MIT in 1955 and has taught at MIT ever since.

Springfest comes to Washington State University

by Tom Banks

The year's Springfest moment at Washington State University is being billed as a "happy moment," with performers from the school's various arts departments. The festival's centerpiece is a "taste test" of the various arts departments, which will feature an array of activities, including music, dance, theater, and poetry.

The bands performing are Citizen Cape, Melanotic, Saluki, and Caramel. Citizen Cape is a unique blend of diverse sounds, from hip-hop to punk rock. Melanotic is a soulful, urban band that blends rock and roll with R&B. Saluki is a pop rock band with a catchy tune, while Caramel is a folk/rock band that has been praised for its heartfelt lyrics.

During the festival, attendees can enjoy a variety of activities, including a poetry workshop, a dance class, and a music workshop. They can also enjoy a variety of food, drinks, and other refreshments.

The festival is free and open to the public, and it will be held on the WSU campus on April 30 and May 1.

"We're not operating on the same level," said the author. "But we're trying to get it a little bit more interesting and a little bit more engaging. We're trying to make it a little bit more interesting and a little bit more engaging."
Almost a tradition of excellence

Women's sports have had, and maintained, a long tradition. Though they started in the 1930s, women's sports at WSU were really not a significant part of campus life until 1967. Until then, women's sports were marginalized and overshadowed by men's athletics.

The first intercollegiate sports for women were tennis and volleyball. Women's basketball was not a varsity sport until 1967, but when it started, it went to the NCAA championship in 1973. Women's soccer, although it started in 1967, was not a varsity sport until 1987.

The first woman to play football at WSU was in 1968. The first woman to win a varsity letter in football was in 1974. The first woman to win a varsity letter in soccer was in 1974. The first woman to win a varsity letter in basketball was in 1975. The first woman to win a varsity letter in volleyball was in 1976.

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One semester for 20 minutes: adventures in making a student film

If for some reason you want to keep your sanity during the final weeks of the semester, don’t take ADMS 212.

The Theate Film Production course serves as a captive for many UC’s (digital) Media studies. Student enthusiasm is at an all-time high, and professors are enjoying the fresh crop of students and graduates.

One of the biggest challenges in the course is figuring out what’s worth the time of work. How do we keep the students motivated and engaged in our creative Olympus project? The idea is to blend in ideas that will be meaningful to the students who are involved, but also to keep them interested in learning about the process of making films. The biggest challenge is making sure that everyone is engaged and participating in the project.

People are going to see my movie and not judging it, so it was important that I keep their interest and that their work would be noticed. I believe that the students were the ones who ultimately decided how good it was. But once the script was written and cast, the semester was already done.

Then enter the pre-production phase: conceptualizing actors, finding locations and shooting a storyboard. The script should be as story-driven as possible, without a planned schedule of how things would go. It was amazing to be able to create a process that actually worked. It was well worth the effort. One’s way of working, actually seeing visually what really works, right.

Before going on to film, you need to be very familiar with the script. How do I feel about it? I was worried about my script, for sure, and desperately needed to prepare for it. People were going to see my movie and not judging it, so it was important that I keep their interest and that their work would be noticed. I believe that the students were the ones who ultimately decided how good it was. But once the script was written and cast, the semester was already done.

The process of making a film can be very stressful, but it’s important to keep your sanity and stay focused. It’s also important to have a good script and a great cast. The students were the ones who ultimately decided how good it was. But once the script was written and cast, the semester was already done.

Tennis heads to Big West finals

BY BRAD CAPPETTY / ARGONAUT STAFF

Coming off a productive weekend, the Argonaut women’s tennis team is currently in contention with a lot of momentum. From their last weekend of the regular season they scored 17 team points to keep them at the top of the conference. Their first dual meet of the season was the first loss of the year. The Argonauts will take on the No. 9 team, UCI Riverside. The winner of the match will host the UCI UC Davis.

Robert’s, a sophomore at the University of Idaho, is traveling to Las Vegas with her team for the Powerlifting Nationals. She is going to be competing against women who are 10-19 years old. She is excited to see other girls who are interested in powerlifting and wants to learn more about the sport.

Interactivity is the secret to senior success

BY KATE BOWMAN / ARGONAUT STAFF

Focused on her senior year, Kati Singh has found a balance between her academic commitments and her volunteer work. She has been able to stay friends and maintain a strong work ethic.

Powerlifter to compete in Senior Nationals

BY JIYON ROBY / ARGONAUT STAFF

International students in Ashley Roberts’ high school were only taught English in English class. She chose to continue her studies in English, which she says will be an advantage in the American Penman (April 15) competition. Roberts is competing in the 110-pound class and expects to place in the top 10.

ASHTON ROBBINS

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"Powerlifting is not driven by money. It’s driven by desire," Roberts says. In competition, Roberts competes in the 110-pound class and has been focusing on improving her consistency. She has been working on her technique and has noticed improvements in her scores.

Men in white

UI students involved in local cricket club

BY MATTHEY HAY / ARGONAUT STAFF

Twenty-two UI men were seen wearing white uniforms, representing their cricket club, during practice on Saturday afternoon at the University of Idaho’s field. The team has been playing a match with several students from the University of Idaho and involved them in their practice sessions. This is the first time the Argonauts have played cricket in a tournament, and the Argonauts are looking forward to attending more events.

Vandals face tough competition at Nike Portland Spring Invitational

BY MAEKENA STONE / ARGONAUT STAFF

Consistency through repetition is the focus of the Vandal basketball players after the Nike Portland Spring Invitational April 18 at the University of Portland. Idaho played against four leading schools in the region, but they were focusing on winning or losing its games. "We have a big game planned for Saturday," Idaho coach Debbie Buchbinder said. "We're not too concerned about our record, but we're trying to get experience in different situations, and it is an opportunity to allow our players to play in front of a crowd and to get comfortable with the system in the fall," Buchbinder said.

"The things we have been working on this spring are coming together. The spring is about breaking it down and focusing on the little things."
The University of Idaho finished 7th in the NCAA West Regionals with a score of 2,819, which included a total of 89 birdies and one eagle. The Vandal golfers have already qualified for the NCAA West Regional Championship this week and are currently ranked 22nd in the nation. The team will compete in the NCAA West Regional Championship at the Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, California, from April 28th to May 1st.

Vandal Wrap-Up

Skidmore takes first at Big West Championships

Rene Skidmore caught her seniors' day in a big way Saturday as the Idaho high school girls' golf team took first place in the Big West Conference Golf Tournament at Palomar C. University.

The Vandal golfers are currently ranked 22nd in the nation and are currently one of the top golf teams in the nation. The team will compete in the NCAA West Regional Championship at the Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, California, from April 28th to May 1st.

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Without Shaq, West opens up for Spurs

BY DAVID MESSR

(EDIT) No matter what anyone says, the Los Angeles Lakers would have been the Western Conference champions if Shaq O'Neal hadn't had one major flaw to his game — he didn't have West Coast friends.

But despite the lack of a close relationship with any local team, the Lakers are 1-0 and are a serious threat to make a deep run as a No. 8 seed. The West is wide open, and the Nuggets are the favorite to win the title.

Shaq O'Neal's absence means the Lakers will have to rely on their veteran leadership, which is their strength. They have won four championships in a row, and they have the experience to avoid any potential upsets.

Nikola Vucevic, the Lakers' leading scorer, has stepped up with 25 points and 12 rebounds in the team's win over the Warriors. He has been a force on both ends of the court, making the Lakers a team to be reckoned with.

In the end, it's all about talent, and the Lakers have plenty of that. They have a deep bench, and they can play small ball, which is their strength. With Shaq out, they can also rely on their defense, which is their weakness.

The Western Conference is wide open, and the Lakers are a force to be reckoned with. With Shaq out, they have become a more balanced team, and they have the talent to make a deep run.

"It's going to be a heck of an affair for fans. It's going to be great." - GREGG POPOVICH

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... AND THINK HOW THE SCHOOL BOND WILL AFFECT MOSCOW
UI journalism students produce special section

This section is the product of work by nearly 30 University of Idaho journalism students. It has been an opportunity for them to apply textbook principles to a real-world project: explaining a complicated public policy issue to Moscow's citizens.

My public affairs reporting class conceived the project last fall. Students chose the Moscow School District's facilities planning process as the subject of an in-depth report. They attended meetings, visited schools and interviewed students, teachers and parents. Their stories examine strengths, needs and challenges of schools across Moscow.

When the semester ended, the school facilities committee hadn't concluded its work. Five students elected to continue following the process. After the committee made its recommendation to the School Board in mid-February, students sought reaction from three stakeholder groups: teachers, high school students, owners or managers of downtown businesses.

The task of organizing, illustrating and presenting the stories fell to students in Shawn O'Neal's news editing and production class. Working on a tight schedule, the students shaped their cohorts' writing into the section you hold in your hands.

This is intended to offer a variety of perspectives collected over the past six months that may provide additional insights to voters before the April 26 election.

Kenton Bird, Interim Director
School of Journalism
and Mass Media

BOND ELECTION: FAST FACTS

WHAT: Special election by Moscow School District
WHEN: Tuesday, April 26, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Exhibit building, Latah County Fairgrounds, 1021 Harold St., Moscow
WHO CAN VOTE: Qualified electors 18 or older who have resided in the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election. Voters can fill out a registration form and sign an elector's oath at the polling place on Election Day.
HOW MUCH: $29 million to be repaid over 21 years.
WHY: The Moscow School Board seeks voter approval for constructing a new high school, remodeling two elementary schools, and renovating the existing high school for other purposes.

For more information: Moscow School District, 882-1120
Planning process years in making

by Tony Ganzer
JAMM 427

Many ingredients have been thrown into the process for the Moscow Schools Facilities Planning Committee, but the outcome may not satisfy everyone.

With years of planning, meetings, and discussion for a major bond in Moscow, voters will give their verdict on April 26.

"Others are amazed at how long our process took. In my view, it takes as long as it takes, and with Moscow's diversity of thought on this issue, I worry we haven't spent the time to build enough support," committee member and University of Idaho sociologist J.D. Wulfforst said. "I hope I'm wrong.

Wulfforst is the external communications coordinator for the committee, and was a major figure in the $1.1 million operating levy effort in April 2002, an effort that earned 63 percent of voter support.

The April 2005 bond effort is slated for $29 million, and requires a majority of 66.67 percent, according to Idaho law.

The 24-member facilities committee was brought together after Chairman Bill Goesling submitted a diverse group of names to the Moscow School Board.

"About two years ago it was determined the committee was overloaded with in-house people, and not enough community representation. So I was charged to identify the various constituent groups that had an interest in this school district," Goesling said.

"I think it was clearly made more representative, but if you look at demographics of the community, it didn't cover everybody. With any committee, you can't cover every possible position," Wulfforst said.

Involved in the committee are school principals, parents, maintenance personnel, and other concerned community members.

University of Idaho College of Natural Resources faculty member Bill McLaughlin was asked to be the committee's facilitator, to steer the committee and keep it focused. McLaughlin has worked with committees and discussion groups with the U.S. Forest Service.

"It seems like all the interests are there, and often times you don't see that," McLaughlin said.

The diversity of the committee prevented one particular interest group's wants from overriding any opposition.

"There probably isn't any idea out there that we haven't solicited, looked at and evaluated," Goesling said.


The school district hired Boise firm Hummel Architects in the summer of 2002, and then began laying its infrastructure.

"One of the things we got to think about is Moscow schools over a 25-year time horizon," McLaughlin said.

The legacy of difficulties with bonds for Moscow schools provoked the committee to plan its steps carefully, and establish working rules of order.

Committee members spent months visiting schools, discussing with experts and consultants, and taking in information before working with architects to draw up building options for the schools.

The committee had been overwhelmed with options and diversity in perspective. With 39 possible building projects and three final project options, members spent many months sifting through proposals.

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Trail family offers to donate land for new high school

by Morgan Vaughn
JAMM 427

Trail family representative David Trail said the family plans to donate a 30-acre piece of their 500-acre property, east of Mountain View Park, to the Moscow school district. That is if the school district purchases 10 acres at fair market value.

The school district plans to build a $20 million high school on the 40-acre piece of property, which will serve grades nine through 12 with better parking, more room and updated classes, if the bond passes.

Trail, 66, a Charted Life Underwriter at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, represents the financial interests in the Trail property.

According to Trail, about four or five years ago, the school district approached his family about acquiring some land needed to build a new high school. The Trails agreed to the proposition late last year, and decided to gift 30 acres with the stipulation that 10 were purchased at fair market value to be determined by a nonpartisan assessor.

Trail said the family property has never been, and won't otherwise be sold within the current generation of the family, with exception to a former sale of two percent of the 500 acres they own.

The property is currently leased to farmers and is highly sought after. According to Trail, he gets phone calls almost weekly inquiring if the family would be willing to sell a piece of their land.

"It's very prime land," Trail said. "I can't even tell you how many times I've turned down. We're not interested in selling it, but I could sell it tomorrow morning if I wanted to."

Some residents within a quarter to half a mile of the property have expressed concerns toward having a school in the vicinity. Increased traffic could become a problem on Mountain View Road, originally an old country road, and the building may affect wetlands and views of Moscow Mountain.

Scott Straubhar, a representative of Hummel Architects, who will be in charge of the school's construction if the bond passes, said the wetlands area won't be a concern. He said they may be able to improve the wetlands areas within the property.

Straubhar said most state-of-the-art high schools need 40 acres to accommodate all the necessary playfields, parking, and classroom areas.

The new school plan would also eliminate the need to bus students back and forth between the high school and the junior high school to use its fields; an issue both Trail and the school planning facilities committee felt should be addressed.

"(The school) was obsolete 40 years ago when I was first there," Trail said.

Trail said the main focus is to help with school issues.

"What you have to gain is pride in helping the public system," he said.

The $29 million bond to restructure the Moscow school district -- $20 million for the high school -- will be proposed on April 26. Trail said if it fails, future costs will be even higher because of inflation. He calls it "the cost of waiting."

"Our decision was an emotional decision and not a commercial decision," Trail said. "I don't know of any better offers."
Russell Elementary due for a change

BY ELIZABETH DALESSIO
JAMM G7

Seth Hamilton has a busy morning. When the sixth-grader is picked up by a school bus on Indian Hills Drive, he heads for West Park Elementary School. Only, he doesn't go to school at West Park. Hamilton, who attends Russell Elementary School, has to transfer to another bus that takes him and other older students to the correct school.

"We sit on the bus and wait for the other bus in the mornings because sometimes it is late," he said.

Hamilton, 11, is one of many students who attend fourth through sixth grade at Russell. Kindergarten through third grade students attend West Park Elementary.

Hamilton said he likes West Park better because of the bigger gym and grass on the playground.

"The gym at Russell is tiny. It needs to be bigger.

He is one of many who feel that small improvements are necessary to make the school a better place.

Hamilton's mother, Edie Hanson, attended Russell from 1968 to 1973 and said her biggest concern for her son is the grade configuration.

"My oldest son went to West Park all the way through school," Hanson said. "I liked that because he developed stronger bonds with his classmates and his peers."

A re-configuration committee has been formed to discuss options at both Russell and West Park. The team consists of teachers, parents, both school principals and other members of the community.

Jeanie Gayler, who has a son in the fifth grade at Russell and a daughter in third grade at West Park, said she doesn't mind the grade configuration.

"They both have had excellent teachers," she said. "Socially, I don't believe that my third grader needs to have sixth graders to look up to."

"My kids don't know any different so they don't mind. They just accept it as the way it is. There are any number of configurations to choose from, and much research to support each of them. What I do believe is that the grade configuration should be the same for all schools district wide."

Carole Jones, the principal of Russell Elementary School, said the reason the Moscow School Board split the configuration of West Park and Russell was due to shifting enrollment from parents who attend the University of Idaho.

"The high cost of keeping two full elementary schools operating during a time of declining enrollment also caused the split," she said. "Both Russell and West Park are inadequate to house a K through six program with two classes per grade level. At present, there are not enough students to fill each school."

Russell was built in 1928 and celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2003. However, in 1928, education was different than it is now.

"No more do we simply have a classroom full of students and one teacher," Jones said. "We have special education, gifted/talented, Title I and instruction for non-English learners."

According to Jones, maintenance and classroom sizes are two of the biggest concerns the elementary school faces.

"The classrooms need storage, wiring for technology, room for computers and learning stations and science labs. The vintage 1928 classrooms are not outfitted for today's student/teacher style of instruction."

The library at Russell is a converted classroom which Jones said severely limits the capacity. A 1928-style classroom is approximately 75 percent of the size of present day school classrooms.

The boiler used at Russell is the original model. There is also no running water in classrooms for drinking or science experiments.

"The electrical system has had to be upgraded to meet our tech needs," Jones said. "There is no elevator for non-ambulatory staff or students."

Russell also uses portable See RUSSELL, Page 6

Photo Anne Drobish-Dehhat
The Russell Elementary building has not changed much since 1928 (above). Today (left), the school's playground and gym facilities are of particular concern.
Substandard technology in schools may affect education

BY TIM KNOX
JAMM 427

Presently, some of the school buildings in Moscow may not be considered technologically efficient.

All of the buildings are in need of some technological help, Chic Ha, a network support specialist for Moscow School District, said.

Candis Donicht, superintendent of MSD, explained that part of the problem is the electrical wiring within the buildings.

"When we look at our facilities, we see that in almost all of our schools our electrical systems are mated because of the increased use of instructional and management technology," Donicht said.

Donicht is referring to Idaho's new program called the Idaho Student Information Management System. This system is designed to be a wide-ranging resource that will include information on student progress, attendance, homework assignments, testing, teacher goals, course curriculums and other educational tools.

ISIMS is being implemented as a part of the Statewide Plan for Technology in Idaho, which is designed to help bring Idaho into compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

"With ISIMS comes a whole new way of doing business," Hiatt said. "We are going to be putting an enormous strain on the network and the machines (computers) we currently have."

MSD currently utilizes a mostly wireless antenna-radio based computer network, with wireless Internet access through First Step.

"The system is several years old and does not meet our needs as far as stability or bandwidth," Doyle said.

Alternative school's growth halted by lack of resources

BY MORGAN VAUGHN
JAMM 427

If the April 26 school bond passes in Moscow, the Alternative High School will no longer operate out of an old convenience store. It will change venues from a former Circle K building to the current Moscow High School building, which many people believe will be a great step forward.

Former student Amy Graves graduated from the alternative high school program in 1995. At that time it was still a program run by the Moscow High School. She said the setting of the alternative program was much more intimate, with no more than 20 students per teacher. This allowed the students to get more individual attention.

"Things could go back to this if the bond passes and more space is created."

The principal of Paradise Creek Regional Carole Jones said "the program works great," but she thinks they need room to expand, and most likely would if more space were issued to them.

"There's a lot of possibilities," she said. "They want to get some professional/technical classes, and possibly more teachers, but can't do that if the program is stuck in the old building."

At an October school board meeting, the alternative high school's presentation impressed several board members, said J.D. Wulfhorst, a University of Idaho rural sociologist and school facilities planning committee member.

"I think their facility situation is as much about equity and doing the right thing as it is physical space," Wulfhorst said.

The alternative school is a successful option for students who cannot conform to the normal high school lifestyle as well.

Facility and faculty size limit student enrollment to between 30 and 40. The number will most likely increase if the bond passes, said Joe Swanson, who is a secretary and aide at Paradise Regional. Swanson said most students feel they are getting a good education at the alternative high school. He said generally, there is improvement in most areas, though not as much in math and science as in reading and writing.
Downtown businesses fear loss of students

BY TONY GANZER
JAMM 417

Editor's note: The following articles are part of a perspectives package that express the thoughts about a new high school through the eyes of three key groups in the community.

The high school student is a community icon to many downtown Moscow business owners.

The sight of students browsing shop windows or grabbing a bite to eat at the Co-op or their lunch break has given many Muscovite merchants a familiarity and comfort with the city's younger generation.

Talks of moving Moscow High School out of downtown and onto 40 acres of land on Mountain View road may threaten to dissolve that symbiosis of merchant and student and create other problems in the process.

"If kids don't shop downtown as teenagers, they won't as they are adults," said Kenna Eaton, general manager of the Moscow Food Growers Cooperative. "It's nice to see them around," she said.

Students have made the Co-op a regular stop for lunchtime and after-school visits.

Eaton said seeing the teens in her store — and around downtown — enhances the community by not isolating the students. Rather, it welcomes them.

Bob Greene of BookPeople agreed.

Greene likes meeting student to recruit prospective employees. He said he feels more confident in offering work to the next generation after watching them walk by, or in, his bookstore.

He said he remembers the traditional image of a student — books slung over the shoulder, dressed and pressed for school. Over the years the image has evolved, but the idea of inclusion continues. It is an idea that is in danger of being lost if the high school moves.

"Keep it downtown," Greene said.

B.J. Swanson, vice-president of American West Bank of Moscow, said she worries the move might have a large economic impact on the downtown community.

Moscow Food Co-op general manager Kenna Eaton stands in front for the Co-op's dining area, which is full of Moscow High School students during their lunch hour.

"I had to be concerned taking 900 people out of downtown," Swanson said.

"Losing any kind of large population has a negative effect," said Paul Kimmel, executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce. Kimmel said the Chamber doesn't know the exact impact students have on downtown businesses, and can't take a stand on the

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Facility conditions top teachers' list of needed improvements

BY TIM KNOX
JAMM 417

No one is closer to the education process of Moscow's youth than the teachers, who work hard to ensure students receive the learning they need to succeed.

TEACHER PERSPECTIVE

Teachers in the Moscow School District have many concerns about the facilities in which they are required to educate the young people of Moscow.

Lori Maxwell, a first grade teacher at Lena Whitmore Elementary, said space is a large concern in the district.

One of the main issues is Moscow High School's cafeteria that seats 80 of the approximate 550 students attending the high school. Due to the size of the facility and student population, MHS also lacks sufficient parking, physical education facilities and requires the use of temporary classrooms at McDonald Elementary School.

"It is amazing we don't have more problems than we do with the kids all jammed together like this," said MHS assistant principal and activities director Jerry Jaques. "The kids deal with it great."

Maxwell said she believes facility improvements will provide adequate space, which can accommodate the wide variety of programs offered, and ensure safe and secure, code-compliant buildings.

Robing Barnes, a physical education and wellness teacher at Moscow High School, deals directly with these issues. PE classes are bused daily to and from facilities and playfields at the junior high and University of Idaho.

Barnes said students lose approximately 20 minutes of class time to busing.

"To have the new facilities would be better. We could offer more programs, better safety and wouldn't waste time," Barnes said.

Maxwell explained facilities are only one aspect of the education process, but will help teachers by providing the tools necessary for efficient and quality instruction.

"New and remodeled schools are about safety, security, space, and accessibility, which ultimately improve education but do not define a good education," Maxwell said. "When people build or remodel their kitchens they don't expect that it will make them better cooks. They build or remodel because they need more space, a better floor plan for convenience, and newer appliances which will ultimately facilitate good meal preparation."

"Our whole mindset of technology and chemistry has changed," Jaques said. "Times are different and the expectations are greater."

Bob Allenger, the Spanish teacher at the high school, agreed with Jaques.

"How many students 30 or 40 years

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Students give mixed views on possible move

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JAMM 427

The transition from middle school to high school can be extremely difficult for young students to overcome. In Moscow, though, making that transition seems pretty easy.

Here, freshmen remain at the junior high, but compete and participate in high school activities.

"There are days when the seventh and eighth grades don't have classes and we do," said Kyle Hamilton, a freshman athlete at Moscow Junior High School. "Sometimes we are alone and on completely different schedules."

Hamilton is one of the many freshmen who are considered a part of the high school, but still attend the junior high.

"We definitely need to build a new high school," he said. "The ninth grade needs to be included with the high school."

If the $29 million Moscow School District facilities bond passes on April 26, Moscow will construct a new high school, as well as make renovations and remodels to other schools in the community.

"The high school now is old and out of date," Hamilton said. "We need new facilities."

Hamilton said the biggest challenge facing the current high school is that of athletics. Student-athletes are forced to impose on the junior high to practice and play games because Moscow High School does not have any playing fields.

"The girls play games at the high school sometimes and that is pretty much it," he said. "It sucks that we have to go to a different school to play sports. We should be able to walk out of the door and have fields ready to go."

Moscow School District Superintendent Candis Donicht said she believes making changes to the facilities will enable the district to better deliver instruction.

"The facilities should be the skin around the program; they shouldn't drive the program," Donicht said.

Donicht said any issues concerning new and improved curriculum would be more easily addressed once the grade configuration is changed from 10th through 12th grade to ninth through 12th grade.

"The ninth grade teachers will join the rest of the high school faculty, contributing not only their time, but their varied backgrounds and certifications enabling a more diverse program with more class electives to choose from," she said.

Sarah Dickerson, a junior at MHS, said she feels education should be more of a priority in the district.

"We should be focused on the teachers," Dickerson said. "They should raise the teachers' salaries. Education should be the priority."

Dickerson said the science labs at the high school outdated, but doesn't feel she would receive a better education because of a new facility.

Other MHS students are concerned with the effects of a location change. The proposed new facility would be built at the northeastern edge of Moscow, north of a proposed extension of F Street and east of Mountain View Park.

The Trail family has offered to donate 30 acres if the school district buys 10 acres, creating a 40-acre site for the building, playfields and parking lots.

"I love the high school being downtown," said Jessica Streets, a MHS junior who takes advantage of the Moscow Food Co-op's close proximity to the high school nearly every day.

"If the high school were going to move it would be hard on the business downtown and students would have to drive more."

Driving is a concern for students in both situations.

Hamilton said he doesn't think the drive to the new high school would be bad, while Streets is concerned with losing the community aspect of the high school.

"We are centrally located," she said. "Anyone who wants to walk can do so.

"But, if there were better transportation in this town, we wouldn't have to drive. I would really like to drive less."

Students gather in the commons at the high school to eat lunch and talk.

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determined.

Though the $1.1 million expense wasn't originally factored into the bond proposal, Scott Straubhar, who represents Hummel Architects, said the firm will drop its commission from 7.5 percent down to 7 percent, meaning Hummel will take a $145,000 cut in pay from what was originally $2.17 million.

"It is important to note that the board has set a clear directive that the high school project shall not exceed $20 million," Moscow School District Superintendent Candis Donicht said. "Therefore, tradeoffs may happen inside of the project if any one aspect of it comes in higher than anticipated."

Straubhar echoed Donicht's statement, saying any extra money needed will have to come out of the quality of the building. Straubhar is confident the firm can cover the necessary costs with the commission adjustment and emergency excess-funding factored into the proposal.

Other on-and-off site costs total about $2.8 million. These include water, sewer, utilities, two bridges over Paradise Creek, on-site streets (loop and service roads), a parking lot, linking F Street to the property, and an intersection at Mountain View Road.

But getting to the area may present a problem.

"The transportation commission is concerned about the lack of major east/west roadways," said Walter Steed, the chairperson of the Moscow Transportation Commission. "You've got to have some east/west: you can't have a wagon wheel if you don't have spokes."

He said Highway 8 and Palouse River Drive are the only major streets that take traffic east and west.

"You can name street after street with problems," he said. "It becomes a barrier to east/west transportation."

Examples he gave included Third Street missing a bridge, a reduced curb-to-curb width on Sixth Street, and a bluff on D Street, near Polk and F street, not meeting Highway 95.

The transportation committee has long-term plans to build a "ring road" around Moscow. The road will address the east/west traffic issue, among other things. It is intended to be a 35-45 mph road with limited access to keep traffic flowing.

Most of the streets that go east and west are neighborhood streets. By putting the high school on the other side of town from its current location, increased traffic could plague residential streets such as Sixth Street and Third Street that were not originally designed for heavy traffic.

Another problem for Third Street is the lack of a bridge over Paradise Creek. A bridge is being considered, which would connect Third Street to Mountain View Road, but city officials have been wary of doing this in the past because they don't want to turn it into a traffic collector. D Street is also getting improvements.

"Walking and biking represent freedom to a kid," Cook said, adding that many high school students will want to drive for the same reason.
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ago felt the need to continue their education and attend a university?" Allenger asked. "How much can you earn today with a high school degree?"

Allenger explained the outcome of high school has changed. Instead of being the end of education and classes, students are now going on when they finish high school, he said.

"Students feel the need to take college prep classes," Allenger said.

"Is this the best building to meet those needs? Probably not. Methodology of instruction has changed and we want to be able to provide the best education we can."

Another issue that concerns teachers is student grade configuration throughout the district's buildings.

The ninth graders currently attend school at the junior high building, even though they are considered high school students and participate in high school activities and sports.

"We are doing the ninth graders a disservice," said Penni Cyr, president of the Moscow Education Association and librarian at Moscow High School.

Candis Donicht, the Moscow School District superintendent, said she believes ninth graders are old enough to be at the high school and get serious about their high school career.

"Ninth grade is high school and people have come to the community meetings to say so," she said.

On January 25, Donicht made a recommendation to the school board regarding 'grade configuration and spoke in favor of a ninth through 12th grade high school.

With a new ninth through 12th grade high school the current seventh through ninth grade junior high would become a sixth through eighth grade middle school.

But LaDene Edwards, a music teacher at Lena Whitney Elementary, said she does not believe moving the sixth grade up to a middle school setting is a good idea.

"I feel that sixth graders could use one more year in an elementary setting for social and emotional issues," she said.

"It is felt that if one supports a nine through 12 configuration then questioning stops regarding what K through eight students need, but rather what facilities are left."

In her recommendation to the board, Donicht discussed taking advantage of having all of the sixth graders in one building. She said block scheduling and team teaching would give teachers more prep time and the ability to work together to meet the developmental needs of the sixth graders.

Edwards said she feels Moscow students do get a quality education and will continue to do so regardless of whether the bond passes or not.

"But, of course, if facilities are not maintained and upgraded, especially in this age of technology, that level of quality is harder to maintain down the road," she said.

Barnes agreed that Moscow teachers do an excellent job and said, "Our goal is to teach these kids life-long skills. There's so much more they learn that's not pencil, paper and grades."

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buildings placed next to the school as classrooms. Jones dislikes the use of portables in elementary school.

"I always hate to see them (portable classrooms) next to a building, especially a beautiful and historically significant one like Russell. I think it distracts from the school."

Russell is built on a hillside with an asphalt surface, making it impossible for a grass playground. On snowy days the surface is very slick, and in the winter the building is cold and drafty.

Hamilton, who enjoys outdoor activities at school, said the playground is the most disappointing part of the school.

"There is no grass on the playground," he said.

"More kids get hurt if they are playing football and stuff."

Through the years, Russell hasn't changed all that much, Hanson said.

"We used to have gravel on the playground, now there is asphalt. We used to not have any kind of air conditioners and we could throw snowballs then."

Jones said she is concerned with the limits the building has on her students.

"The cost to upgrade this building far surpasses the cost of building a new one. I very much like Russell. I like the history and tradition. Good teachers and teaching are a tradition at Russell also. I think the teachers and students need and

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through information.

To throw another variable into the mix, the Trail family of Moscow offered to donate 30 acres of land on Mountain View Road to support a new high school, if the district would purchase an adjacent 10 acres to make a 40-acre total lot.

As time crept toward April, after a hand-full of public forums, the committee made a presentation to the school board in February, offering its recommendation for a $29 million bond, including a new $20 million high school on the Trail property.

Wulfhorst said though the committee is diverse and considered many building options, the number of district staff involved in the committee, may impact how balanced some perceive the package to be.

"I wouldn't say the committee is stacked, but what it comes down to is who is willing to speak and who is willing to assert and advocate for a particular position.

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moving of the high school or on the bond issue until raw numbers are gathered and made available.

Eaton said students only spend about $100 a week at her store, but having them around her shop is still important to her.

"I don't see the need (for a new high school)," Eaton said.

The current high school could use a renovation and upgraded science labs she said, but a new building doesn't make sense to Eaton.

Other business people are divided on whether the $20 million high school is needed. And if it is, there is much doubt as to whether the bond can pass.

"I don't think raising taxes will hurt (businesses) that much," Swanson said.

She said a cohesive committee and process is needed to pass a bond, and she doesn't see that synergy in Moscow's process.

Swanson said the 39 project possibilities the committee sifted through were too many, and a solid plan is needed to pass a bond.

Kimmell likes the efforts the school board and facilities committee made to contact the community for input on project ideas and the process. It was an effort, though, not everyone was aware of.

Eaton said she doesn't feel included in the process, especially from the perspective of a downtown merchant.

"Never once have I been approached as a business person; I'm frustrated by that," Eaton said.