"Weedbusters" to take on herbicides

By Cheri Davis

Some Moscow residents are growing concerned over the use of chemical herbicides to control noxious weeds within the city. But to many, there doesn’t seem to be an alternative.

Greg Meyer is one of twelve local citizens who were concerned enough to make an alternative. The group calls itself “Weedbusters” and its goal is to control some of the city’s weeds manually.

Meyer said he came up with the idea of “Weedbusters” one day when he saw a Shovel Brothers spray truck parked outside his home.

"They were spraying some kind of herbicide around the city’s maintenance shop," he said. "I asked them if they intended to spray along the fence line which runs along my driveway.

That was their intention. Meyer said he was concerned about possible adverse health effects of herbicides and the fact that neighborhood children, including my own daughter, were walking along that fence line all summer." Meyer then offered to manually control those weeds along the fence line. "I consider that to be the first job for the "Weedbusters."

Meyer said. "My housemate and I were able to control the remaining weeds on both sides of the fence, the city’s side and our side."

Out of that incident grew Meyer’s interest in forming a group of people interested in providing their labor as an alternative to the chemical control of noxious weeds.

Noxious weeds are defined in the state noxious weed law as "any plant which has been determined by the director of the state department of Agriculture to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or other property."

According to Gary O’Keefe, supervisor for Latah County Weed Control, 30 percent of the weeds in this area can’t be controlled efficiently without chemicals.

He said most of the problem weeds in the city are "perennials" and even if they are destroyed above the ground, their root system keeps growing underground.

O’Keefe said he couldn’t think of a weed that could be controlled without chemicals unless people worked religiously to stave off the weeds. According to Field Biocontrol, Prevention and Control, a publication supplied by O’Keefe, "repeated destruction of topgrowth will eventually deplete the food reserves in the roots, causing the perennials to die."

"It would be nice if we could win the battle their way," O’Keefe said. "But you just can’t. We’re even losing the battle our way. We’re just looking at control, not eradication."

The battle for control the elimination of existing weed populations by chemical means and the promotion of competitive vegetation to fill in the areas where weeds have been killed. He said.

But the "Weedbusters" are concerned about the toxicity of the herbicides.

"Right now we’re interested in identifying areas that are being sprayed where plants might be exposed to the chemicals being used, like in parks for example. We’d like to attack those problem areas first and try to limit exposure to children," Meyer said.

"The children have to be kept away until the spray dries," O’Keefe said. "There’s no way an individual can control or be free of herbicides after the chemical has died."

O’Keefe said he’s been spraying since 1958 and has been drenched daily at times with no ill-effects.

"I don’t know of anyone in the industry that has gotten sick as a result of herbicides," he said.

But according to LuAnne Scott, coordinator of the Island County Regional Council of NCAP, there are examples of farmers and applicators with health problems from exposure to pesticides.

"People contact our office for referral to physicians and attorneys," she said. "The problem is that these chemicals is that the longterm effects are unknown. Maybe "Weedbusters" may not have any problems now but how does he know 20 years down the road? I mean the cancer rate is one in four and going up."

Scott said he was working with "Weedbusters" as a local prototype.

"The Weedbusters" recently got a call from a woman who has a field of thistles. According to Scott, the woman had to get rid of the weeds or the county would spray them and charge her.

She offered to pay the "Weedbusters" to do the job.

"The most we can probably do this time of year is just cut the seed heads off and dispose of them," she said. "Then in the spring we’ll have to go back and cultivate when the plants are most vulnerable. I’ll have to go out and check to see what kind of things she has. Cultivation is a feasible method of eradication, but you have to stick with it. We’re hoping to get a lot of support from the community."

Meyer said the idea was that "the "Weedbusters" would be willing to work on a volunteer basis, if the situation was appropriate. "If it was public property for example," he said.

The next step for the group is to contact the city and offer their services to them; then they will begin advertising and offer services to homeowners in Moscow.

"What we would really like to see in neighborhood groups formed to solve the weed problems in their own neighborhoods," Meyer said.

"Weedbusters" work with the Northwest Coalition for Alternative to Pesticides (NCAP), which will provide them with information to better control the weeds. They continue to look for volunteers, and jobs. The number at NCAP is 882-6063.
Bills await Senate vote

By Douglas Jones

The passage of six bills, which were sent out to ASU senators last week, will add to the return of the ballots, said ASU Vice-president Mike Trail. The bills concern raising KUO-FM management salaries, restructuring the photo bureau and the Lecture Notes Program, and funding for the Entertainment Department and the Leadership Training Program.

Two bills (B1A and B1B), one submitted by Trail and the other by Senate Finance Chairman Scott Speelman, seek to raise KUO-FM management salaries. Both bills would increase the salaries of the station's program director and chief engineer from $50 per two-week pay period to $75. Each also establishes a paid position of news director, to be funded at $50.

The bills differ in that Trail's bill raises the station manager's salary $35 to $110 per pay period, while Speelman's bill raises the salary by $75, to $150 per pay period.

ASU President Jane Freund said, in a memo sent to the senators, that she supports "the full $75 per pay period increase." Speelman's bill also sent with the bill to the senators was a memo written by KUO-FM station Manager Greg Meyer explaining the need for the pay raise. "Raising a salary that is ridiculously inadequate by any percent is not unreasonable," Freund wrote, adding that, "This is precisely the situation we face when looking at the manager's salary of KUO-FM."

Freund said that since the senators have two bills dealing with the same subject, they may only vote in favor of one of the bills, not both. "If, in fact, both bills pass," Freund wrote, "I will veto one of them."

Another bill allocates $241 to the photo bureau. Director Bob Bain for the work he is to do over the summer because the Idaho Argonaut is publishing summer editions.

Photographs run in the Idaho Argonaut are contracted through the Photo Bureau. Idaho Argonaut's Photo Program is funded $3,351 in another bill. That money, which pays the bureau, is to be a 10 percent student fee dollar per semester, will be divided between the Idaho Argonaut personnel and living group presidents.

One of the bills, if passed, will give the Lecture Notes Program self-sufficiency by having the SUNI's Copy Center copy the notes. "This proposal would allow us to save the hours of time and distribution of notes (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., M-Th. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fr. and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.)" wrote Freund.

The Copy Center would take over the payment of the Lecture Notes administers the money budget. In the notes, leaving the lecture tapes administrate the time to concentrate on advertising, note quality, and number of the reasons for the offer."

Freund's memo said.

Video course enrollment on rise

In the use of the program by industry, according to Chris Freund, assistant executive director of the division of instructional media. The University of Idaho is interested in a Media Based Continuing Education for Engineers (AMCEE), she said.

According to Hathaway, the CREE program is for universities and corporations. UI would accept students for 28 universities with AMCEE for sales last year, he said.

The University was also one of 18 accepted by The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTU) which, according to Hathaway, is a spinoff of AMCEE. NTU gives engineers the chance to earn a master's degree through the telephone, tapes and satellite communications.

The reason for the increase in the use of the program by industry, according to Hathaway, is because engineers are often times called to do projects that will deter them from their work. This way they can hold on to the tapes and eventually get caught up, he said.

Eventually UI may get an "uplink" into the instructional media system, explained Hathaway. "NTU courses may be beamed up through satellite television transponded by industries who have paid to take the course," he said.

Approximately $150,000 of the one-quarter million dollar budget is from state appropriated funds, according to Hathaway. The rest comes from sales.

A big client is Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) in Idaho Falls, he said. The Air Force has been sending people register for courses.

Tapes are sent all over the world, according to Hathaway. But because of the time lag in mailing, it becomes difficult to schedule ordered, she explained.

The Engineering Outreach program is available in about eight, according to Hathaway. "One of the attractions to this job is a smooth running organization with a lot of good people," he said.

Although various universities have similar programs, UI predicts the future size of the program, explained Holden.

Before being transferred to his current position, Hathaway worked primarily in transportation systems, for almost 25 years.
Most finals to be Friday

Final exams for summer school classes are next week, and for those students who are in the summer session for the first time, finals will be scheduled to take place three days before the end of classes, which is Aug. 2, although there is some variation, according to Sid Eder, director of U's Summer Sessions.

Eder said that the actual date of the final is decided by the individual instructors. Some tests, therefore, might be scheduled for a different date. There is no actual schedule.

"Some instructors may give the exam the last day of the class period, while others want to give it on the last day of class," Eder said. "But most of the tests will be Friday. The most essential distinction between summer school and the fall and spring semesters is that there isn’t a dead week during the summer.

Grade reports from instructors to the university are due Aug. 5. The grades will then be sent to the students' permanent home address about one week later. Administration officials said.

Parking ticket fines lead to lot improvements

By Megom Guido

The next time you must pay for a parking ticket on the UI campus, don’t be sad, be glad. "Your payment of the fine is getting you a place to park."

The money generated from parking fines this fiscal year was about $75,000, according to Tom Lapointe, UI parking coordinator, and it’s all going towards improving two UI parking lots.

The two lots receiving work from the fines are number 46, the Alumni Center lot, and number 46, the Ibis Steel lot between the Stewart House and the music building.

"Physical Plant will act as property manager of the improvements," Joanne Reece, director of facility planning, said parking lot 46 will not be expanded. Rather, work will be put into the existing boundaries, "We will restructure the layout and increase the capacity from 57 parking spaces to 84 in total."

The entry drive will be widened from 18 to 24 feet, so that two cars can enter and exit at the same time safely.

Also new landscaping will be done, the lot will be paved and parking lot lights will be added.

Number 46, the Steel lot, will be used to double the capacity. It will be extended out to the west closer to Blake Street, changing the number of spaces from 34 to 70.

Because of the expansion, evergreen trees currently located midway through the lot will be removed. "People want to know where the parking lot is behind removing trees," commented Reece. "Every effort will be made to relocate the trees on campus."

Right now, the Steel lot is set back from the street and a thick wall will help with the privacy," said the lot.

"Women have said they will not use this lot because of the dense shrubbery for safety sake," said Reece.

To provide a screen and yet avoid a chance of anyone hiding in the bushes, a combination of three foot Evergreens and deciduous trees will be planted. Reece said, "This won’t create a landscape wall creating those feelings of insecurity." This lot will also be paved and lights installed.

The designers of the projects are Larry Hodge and Associates Engineers from Moscow. Construction on the lots will begin, according to Reece, as soon as a bid is made by the contractor.

Bids will be received July 30. Reece said work on the two lots will be finished by August 30.
Take the 1-AA train

A career as a "Vandal Football Fan" requires great mental toughness, stamina and resiliency. It is a year- in, year-out roller-coaster of hope and gloom.

The hope eternally springs with the annual Silver and Gold scrimmage. It blossoms with recruiting reports in the newspapers. Pre-season practices build into the fall through the end of the season, when the glory cry, "Wait till next season!" has been traditional.

The "next season" is upon us, and for a change, the outlook is positive.

The University of Idaho football team completed last season on a very high note with a 3-7 victory over our archrivals, the Boise State Broncos, at Boise. In three seasons, coach Dennis Erickson produced the UI's only winning Big Sky Conference record since the team's entrance into the league. And it looks as though he will continue.

The annual Big Sky Football Coaches-Media Kickoff was held last weekend. Erickson's peers pointed to the Vandals as a primary contender for the top spot. This is especially significant, since the Montana State University Bobcats are the reigning NCAA Division I-AA champions.

The conference will release the results of both the coaches' poll and the sportswriters' poll something in August. Argonaut Sport's Editor Greg Kilmer presents elsewhere in the paper his view of how the Big Sky race will end up.

But sportswriters are not the only persons who can make predictions. Retenence has never been a virtue of this writer. And for the record, I also have selected the Vandals as my first place. This judgement is less a rational consideration than the hopes of an eternally-optimistic Vandal fan.

The I-AA National Championship game will be held this year in the Tacoma Dome in Washington state. There is a strong possibility one of the two teams will be from the Big Sky Conference. Dare we hope the Vandals will be the team?

With Vandal football, it is never too soon to have faith. So we must plan ahead. It is unlikely the hoteliers of Tacoma and its suburban Seattle would be willing and able to accept room reservations for something so terminal (their provincial minds) as the Vandals showing up for a national championship game.

The best (and most fun) solution to this housing problem is to avoid it. This could be accomplished by early planning, and the chartering of a special "football train."

Imagine the response by students, alumni and fans to a twenty-car moving party, leaving from downtown Moscow, picking up more fans (and cars) in Spokane, and highballing to the Tacoma Dome (if it is closer to its railway station than ours is. Suitably fortified, we cheer the Vandals on to victory, and return to Union Station for the return trip short ride.

And if for some reason, our Vandals were not victorious, it would be much more tolerable to commute to Idaho, to the way home, anesthetizing each other against the pain and grief, than to stay in a city of strangers who neither understand nor sympathize.

Coach Erickson has started a new tradition of Vandal football victory. It's up to the rest of us to create a tradition of Vandal victory parties.

John Hecht

Breeding ill will

Lewis Day

Anyone who listens to the prattleings of State Department officials must wonder whether the nation's foreign relations are being handled by haphazard amateurs or certifiable idiots.

To hear the secretary of state speak, the best answer is still subject to the toss of a coin.

Speaking to members of congress, George Schultz has vowed all kinds of retaliation against "terrorists." From the security of his glass office, no doubt.

As a member of one of the world's largest terrorist organizations, the Reagan administration, Schultz has dedicated himself to the terrorizing of much of the world. Schultz, a perennial cabinet officer and sometime corporate executive, has no comprehension of what goes on in much of the world. Of course Schultz's boss has little more experience in matters international. Clearly a case of the blind leading the ... er ... more blind.

Seriously, though, the current administration's foreign policy has done immeasurable damage to the country, damage which will take years to overcome. The two most current examples of the Reagan/ Schultz blundering can be seen in their handling of crises in Nicaragua and South Africa.

Spokesmen for the government have been fulminating in earnest against the Nicaraguan revolution since January 20, 1981. The people of Nicaragua, who overcame a lifetime of US imperialism and the rule of the Somoza family were never given a chance to live in peace. The mayhem that has been the state department could not allow for a popular revolution to succeed; the way might be shown for the people of the rest of Central America to begin to run their own lives.

The failure of the Reagan doctrine to measurably damage the success (in human terms) of the Nicaraguan revolution has in- furiated imperialists of all stripes north of the Rio Bravo (Rio Grande on the north shore).

Reagan's shrill condemnations of President Ortega's trip to Moscow (and Rome. Paris, Rome and much of the rest of western Europe) have been joined by Democrats and those who claim to have been initial supporters of the overthrow of Somoza. But they supported the revolution just as they support the right of the Azanian people (that's South Africa) to live free.

Azania, the name the majority of South Africans have for their land, is the second major region in which the White House is blundering. Even more than in Nicaragua, the scars left by the current mishandling of this problem will run deep.

After forty years of legally enforced racism, the world has become weakened to just what apartheid in South Africa involves. Despite the obvious nature of the evil — in humanitarian and religious terms — of apartheid, the world is told the only solution to the problem lies in "constructive engagement" and defending an ally against "communism."

The problem with the Reagan approach toward Azania is simple — deep in his heart of hearts, Mr. Reagan finds little that is abhorrent in apartheid. If not, his conscience would force him to end all ties with Pretoria. Racism is not dead — it thrives in US foreign policy.

The cause of freedom in South Africa is, for the rest of Africa, more than just that of one country's birth; it signals the final end of colonialism, a bogeyman more fearsome than the amorphous threat of Marxist-Leninism.

The failure of the United States to confront the issue honestly places us in the reciting camp y at a time when the old colonial powers are realizing (and coming to grips with) their own past mistakes.

Azania will be free. Nicaragua will be free. These are certainties. Will Americans be able to celebrate with these people when it happens? Not with things the way they are now.

Lewis Day, a student of history, would love to visit free Azania.
This could be a good one

By Greg Elmo

Ah, beautiful Sun Valley! Idaho’s answer to the big time.

Beautiful mountains, beautiful forests, beautiful skiing, and of course those beautiful people.

I got to play blueblood this past weekend when I attended the 5th Annual Big Sky Conference Football Kick-Off at Elkhorn in Sun Valley.

I lost a few winches waiting for this trip. I’d been excited for weeks. Three days of sun, golf, barbeques, social hours and rubbing elbows with the hierarchy of Idaho sportswriters.

The Big Sky office pulled off a dandy of a weekend, and everything went great for me. Despite getting edged out for a close-to-the-pin prize, I didn’t play too badly in the golf tourney—banged a couple birdies and didn’t lose a ball on Elkhorn’s notorious Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Golf Course.

I even won what I know is a very expensive bottle of Western Airlines J F J California Champagne, complete with easy opening plastic cap.

But we all knew I didn’t go down there for all this terrific fun. It was to sit through 12 hours of eight head coaches being as optimistic as they could possibly be.

All kidding aside, I learned quite a bit over the weekend. The Big Sky is the best Div. I-AA conference in the nation and one of the most competitive—check the record books.

One man who knows, Dave Arnold of defending national champions Montana State said of his conference, ‘We’ll go to war with anyone who says the Big Sky isn’t the best I-AA conference in the nation. It’s tougher winning the Big Sky championship than the national crown.”

It looks like it will be pretty much the same ol’ thing this season as several teams have a shot at the top spot in the BSC.

Although the official count will not be released until August, three teams seemed to pop up most for pre-season favorites: Montana State, Nevada/Reno and Idaho.

Although my first ever Sky writers ballot followed the flow of everyone else, I, as a comic strip writer, didn’t see the need for a bad trip to pull in first but I truly believe this could be the best Vandal team I’ve seen (and I’ve seen more than my share). After recovering from injury trouble, Scott Lashhanske was no good if not better than anyone in guiding his team to four consecutive victories.

Don Brul does maintenance on the UI Lew Building. New bricks and mortar were needed to fix some of the cracks.

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LETTERS

Who are you?

Editor,

North Idaho certainly does have its problems, and the prigishness reflected in Doug Werth’s letter is among them. How ironic that Werth would choose to come from the anonymity of the law school to attack Chlan Davis.

Over the course of the last four years, I have watched as Davis became involved in many issues—issues of local, national and world import; I have neither seen nor heard of Doug Werth. If Werth would become involved in the important issues of the day, he would have little idle time in which to attack truly public-spirited individuals.

Lewis Day

Social set

Editor:

This year, for the first time, there will be a costume contest as part of the Latah County Historical Society’s Ice Cream Social at the McConnell Mansion on Sunday, July 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Prizes will be given for authentic costumes of reproduction from each of the eras.

These are pioneer; Victorian, or Gay Nineties before the First World War; the flapper and tailored military look through World War II and the fifties look and mini-skirts through the 1960’s.

There will also be a "best of show" award for the costume that best interprets the Society’s theme of "An Old-Fashioned Summer’s Day." Hosts and hostesses will be wearing period costumes, and we encourage everyone to join in the fun.

Delores Szauch

Ice Cream Social Committee

Mac’s back

Editor:

Call me crazy! Call me unethical! Call me at my office if you must! But, dare I say it? I am glad to see "MacKlink" back. I personally did not care for the "cartoons" the Arg chose to replace this "good ol’ boy.

Macklin makes us see the humor in the otherwise overly-dramatized situations that occur throughout this campus. Over the years, Macklin has had the position I hold, I have even had the thrill of seeing a cartoon version of myself in the comic strip.

Karin Marquette

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Rendezvous a big success in park

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Saturday night was jazz night and included pianist Barney McClure and his jazz trio, jazz pianist John Atkins and the American Festival Ballet.

Classical music was the theme for Sunday night, and included soprano Lyle Druzin, concertmaster, and Rumi West and Naomi Rin playing the koto and harp respectively.

According to McClure, former Washington state legislator and mayor of Port Townsend, Wash., the arts are a good way to generate funds in a certain area.

Over 60 set sees UI for a week

After a week at the UI campus in Moscow, some 37 participants in the Elderhostel program will spend this week in McCall. Elderhostel, a program founded in 1972, is in its tenth year overall. Since it has had over 200,000 participants at over 800 institutions. Began in Vermont, Elderhostel now has programs in Ireland, Austria and Italy, as well as the United States.

The seniors who visited the UI last week paid an all-inclusive fee, which guaranteed them three academic classes. The classes this year's group attended were Microcomputers, Fossils and the History of Science.

Their week in McCall will be spent in classes in nature photography, wilderness management and plant identification.

Elderhostel participants were kept busy last week, with a schedule that included activity from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on most days. The classes took up 34 hours, and the university also scheduled visits to local attractions, including the Idaho Museum of Natural History and the salmon barbecue was a feature of the week, as was participation in the Summer Chorus concert and attendance at a performance of The Lion In Winter at the Hartung Theatre.

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by Mindi
Molière's play a timeless masterpiece

By Lewis Day

Molière died over 300 years ago, but the manners and mores he portrays are ones of which we can learn. His The School for Wives are as contemporary as the most recent dramatic literature. The similarities between the seventeenth and twentieth centuries are at times painful to witness, but the Idaho Repertory Theatre production of The School for Wives winks at the serious side, and makes us laugh at the most of the comedy in human nature.

Arnaud wants to wed Agnes, who wants Horace, who wants Agnes, but Arnaud wants him to want anyone other than Agnes, who is in his (or Molière's) true love. The School for Wives is the sort of farcical three-ring circus French dramatists made their own for several hundred years. The IPT production could have stepped off the stage in Versailles, so well does it capture the essence of Molière's uproariously funny tale of the fates disarrayed once too often. The chief disadvantage - perhaps temper is a better word - of the fates is Arnaud, the wealthy bachelor who has his eye on Agnes. Arnaud is a bumptious, self-absorbed man, and Mitchell Patrick's portrayal of him captures Arnaud's essential animosity. While embalming Arnaud with those qualities, Patrick maintains a separate relationship with the audience, his little excursions to the crowd are priceless.

A perfect Arnaud would be useless, however, without the right Agnes. And Joel Ewen is the right Agnes. If her performance in The School for Wives is any example of her work, there can be little doubt as to the reason she won the national Irene Ryan acting award; the performance is a gem, and should not be missed.

Agnes, fresh from her convent education - or lack of same, Arnaud hopes - is supposed to be a guileless innocent. Ewen plays her as such, but also gives the character a shrewd native intelligence. Agnes senses Arnaud's plans for her, but sets her sights on Horace, the young dandy she spies through her bedroom window one day. Ewen's characterization gives the audience a real treat on the one hand she is quiet, demure and almost sickeningly sweet, and on the other she is no one's fool. Agnes is the center of Arnaud's and Horace's universe, and Ewen knows it.

The third player in this peculiar message is Horace, played by Ken MacLachlan. MacLachlan's performance treats Horace as both a God-natured innocent and a single-natured young man. His lack of sophistication runs up against Arnaud's scheming, and the result is hilarity all around. Joins the three main characters are Jeff Klein and Karen Meyer as Arnaud's servants, Alain and Georgette. Their slapstick reactions to their master are wonderfully wry, and show a delightful sense of the understated yet crucial role minor characters can play in comedy. Klein's yeeping is not to be missed.

The Importance of The School for Wives, aside from the sheer enjoyment of some very funny lines, is how close to home Moliere's dialogue hits. The author's keen awareness of the foibles of human nature makes

Local "governor" candid with Arg

or John Evans and U.S. Senator Steve Symmes, and they have both expressed interest in running for office in North Idaho. Western, warns North Idaho voters, however, that both Symmes and Evans are merely "carpetbaggers." Governor Western feels he might have made suggestions to offer the governors at the Boise conference. "North Idaho has been on its own in making budget cuts, and I'm sure my colleagues will be interested in how we accomplish this," he says.

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