Finalists for agriculture dean to be interviewed
UI President Richard Gibb announced last week that two finalists have been selected to be interviewed for the dean's position in the College of Agriculture. One of the two, A. Larry Branen, has been serving as acting dean since the position was vacated last fall. The other is Charles W. Pitts, head of the department of entomology at the Pennsylvania State University. Interviews will be conducted this week and the next week.

Branen, an Idaho native who graduated from UI with a bachelor of science degree in 1967, earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1967. He served as associate dean and director of resident instruction with the UI College of Agriculture prior to being named acting dean last September. Branen, 41, came to the UI in 1983 from a position as professor of food science and technology at the University of Nebraska. His previous experience includes teaching and administrative responsibilities at both the University of Wisconsin and Washington State University.

Charles W. Pitts, 52, has served as professor and head of the department of entomology at the Pennsylvania State University since 1978. An entomology graduate of Mississippi State University, he received both his master's and Ph.D. in entomology from Kansas State University.

During his tenure at Pennsylvania, Pitts has established the school's gypsy moth research center and was instrumental in the development of the federally-funded national gypsy moth research program.

Pitts is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Entomological Society of America.

FICA refunds in the works
UI students who went to school full-time before being transferred to the UI between 1979-85 will be reimbursed for the Social Security payments that were withheld during that period of time, according to UI Payroll Officer Jeff Eisenbarth.

The refunds are the result of a long process that began with an audit of the state of Iowa's fees with the UI by the Social Security Administration in 1982. Although the state of Iowa did not have a clause stating that full-time students were excluded from FICA withholdings, Social Security guidelines imply that full-time students should not have to pay FICA tax. The audit found that the state was not reimbursed and withheld the social security tax.

The UI has been withholding Social Security since 1955, but because there is only a three-year statute of limitations, the refunds—which should provide an average refund of $40 per student—only go back to 1979. According to Eisenbarth, the UI can't begin its reimbursement process until a representative from Social Security headquarters in Baltimore notifies him that the clearing process, which checks to see if all the claims are in order, is completed.

The process, which normally takes several months, includes an initial notification that informs the student of the refund amount and requests the student to fill out an address correction form, since most of the students have graduated and relocated.

The plastic ties securing the cable leading from KUID's transmitter atop the SUB balcony are replaced with metal ties last week by Mark Richery, student producer (left), and KUID Engineer Jeff Eberling.

Fees to help fund athletics, intramurals and SUB
White calls increase 'not smart'

By Ed Ulmen

UI students will have to pay $620 to $720 in fees per semester during the 1986-87 school year due to a controversial $15 fee increase implemented by the UI administration recently.

The increase, which takes advantage of the $15 cap the Idaho State Board of Education allows, will be distributed between the Athletic Department, Student Union Building and Intramurals.

The Athletic Department will receive an extra $95.00 of student money per semester, generating $122,144 in funds for the school year. The SUB will receive an extra $4,95 per student with a projection of $57,864 for the year, while Intramurals will receive $1 per semester, representing $12,850 extra for the department.

ASUI President Gino White, however, perceives the fee increase as ill-timed, considering it stems from a student board which said raise fees were "ok" two years ago.

"Generally speaking, I don't think it's a smart time to do it or a smart thing to do," White said. "Two years ago they [students] didn't have Gramm-Rudman on the horizon or more stringent student loan applications. Fees have been on the rise continually since 1971 in big dollar amounts since 1979 when fees were less than half of what they are now.

Originally the administration sought a $25 fee increase, explaining that it reflected inflation, but a student and parent letter-writing campaign initiated by White resulted in the Idaho State Board of Education's cap on fees.

White also suggested the administration refrain from putting the responsibility of making up for shortfalls on the backs of students. "They [administration] could talk to Auror or go to the legislator, which might be futile," White explained, "but the administration knows that the people that really have to pay are the students.'

The lack of student voice against the increase only aggravates the problem, according to White. "When a student doesn't come back you don't have to see him. The student who doesn't come back doesn't complain," White explained.

The controversy actually stems from the fact that while students will be paying $620 in support of athletics for one semester (a total of $120 for the entire school year), the average student does not and can not take advantage of this money, White said.

"I don't think that I spend $60 in athletic tickets to athletic events," White said.
Irregular help workers without rights, says Hall

By Ed Thomon  
Staff Writer  
Editor's note: This is the second article of a two part series. It deals with the problems of irregular help people face and the conditions they work under. 
UI irregular help employees essentially have no rights, according to UI Physical Plant Manager Ken Hall.

Hall said that Physical Plant Policy number five, which deals with irregular help employment conditions, is "on a guideline" and does not grant the employees any rights.

On March 19, 1985 all irregular help employees were given the Physical Plant Policy number five to sign and all new employees have to sign the policy before they can begin working at the UI. The policy was "published in order to inform all persons of what is expected of irregular help employees during their course of employment," the policy states.

This policy, however, was first introduced as one which must be signed. If a worker refused to sign it would mean the withholding of his pay check and a subsequent firing, a UI employee who wished not to be identified said.

Six Asbestos Abatement workers who filed a safety concern in a memorandum issued to Hall and UI Safety Officer Bob MacPherson in May 14 were laid off the following day. Without notice and with work still to be done. The crew foreman was not laid off and did not take part in filing the safety concern.

Paragraph seven of the policy states that "irregular help employees shall be given as much notice as practical before layoff. However, conditions may be such that short notice (minimum of 24 hours) is all that is possible." But the six workers were not given the "minimum of 24 hours." They were "laid off without notice the day after the memo was delivered," John Kaufman, who was one of the workers, wrote in a letter to the Idahoan.

After the layoff, on May 16, the removal of asbestos at the night (where safety was a concern with the six workers was completed by UI Safety Officer Bob MacPherson and a makeshift crew which included crew foreman Jim Peterson. The program, which had been suspended for restructuring, was continued, proving that there was work still to be done, according to Kaufman.

Paragraph one states that "irregular help employees working for the Physical Plant will be released whenever there is no work or when budget constraints force the division to reduce the work force."

"I don't understand why you can't voice concerns without reprisals," Kaufman said. But according to paragraph eight of the policy, workers should have the right to make grievance complaints that "shall apply up to the point where the grievance has been heard by the Director of the Physical Plant," the policy states.

But undertitled is this disclaimer: "It is not intended nor implied that this paragraph gives the irregular help employee access to the university grievance procedures."

"He (Hall) said, if you came up against a safety problem, stop what you're doing and let someone know what to do about it," Phil Groves, one of the laid off workers said.

"We just wanted it known that it was unsafe," fellow crew member Loren Thomson added.

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Outdoor Program offers summer series

By Louise Levy
Staff Writer

In order to provide abundant recreation opportunities for summer outdoor enthusiasts, the UI Outdoor Program will be holding a "summer series" of mountain and water sport activities.

According to Outdoor Program director Mike Beiser, the summer series provides a progression of exposure to various activities, as well as the chance to learn skills, from the most basic to advanced. The mountain series or the water series can each be taken as a whole, or single events can be added to a participant's existing knowledge.

The trips within each series are also cooperative in nature, meaning all participants share in decision-making and planning of the trip. Sportsmen are responsible for their own gear (rental equipment is available from the Outdoor Program, and food is included). "They're not guided trips," Beiser said. "Everyone shares the responsibility for the outcome of the trip."

The mountain series, which will teach skills ranging from basic mountain climbing to advanced mountaineering, begins today (Thursday) with a rock climbing field session at Granite Point on Moscow Mountain. The activities will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. and there is a 82 fee for transportation.

The mountain series will offer a chance for more hands-on experience, while it continues June 27-29 with a mountaineering trip to the Kachemak Glacier in Canada. This weekend trip will teach the basics of snow and ice travel and will include an attempt on a major peak. It is a prerequisite for the final trip of the series, a summit climb of Mount Rainer August 15-17.

For those who don't mind getting their feet wet, the water series will offer instruction and participation in kayaking, rafting and sailing. The series will begin July 2 with a kayak pool session and will culminate with a sailboarding and sailboating trip July 23. Venues for the series include the upper Clearwater River, the Salmon River and Boyer Park on the Snake River.

According to Beiser, the water series is not as much as a progression as the mountain series. The topics offered in the water series are "all separate entities," Beiser said. "But taken as a whole, it has some progression to it."

Writing workshop revised

The schedule for the writing workshop and the study skills workshops open to all students on a space available basis has been revised.

The writing workshop is offered on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Diabetes lecture offered

The diabetes support group meeting in the area is presenting another educational lecture, this time on "The Subject of Diabetes and Exercise.

Dennis Dolny, director of the Human Performance Laboratory at the UI, will be the guest lecturer. Dolny's specialty is exercise physiology and he also directs the Faculty and Staff Wellness Program at the UI.

Dolny will speak at the Moscow Community Center June 24 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture, sponsored by Gritman Memorial Hospital, is free of charge and open to the public.

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The physical lay out of Moscow and Pullman is very different. Moscow is relatively light and university campuses and downtown are well integrated. Pullman is broken into four major hills, with WSU's geographic structure has brought some economic problems which have led to the formation of a Community Relations Forum to promote improved relations between the WSU and the business community, mainly downtown merchants.

As a resident of Pullman for nine years, I believe the economic problem between WSU and Pullman's downtown lies in the existence of the university bookstore, the Bookie. The Bookie has everything a student wants, from textbooks to jewelry. The problem with having such a well stocked convenience store on campus is no surprise, anywhere else, especially when it involves, for many, walking all the way down and up a very steep hill to get to downtown stores. Thus, the downtowners are frustrat ed. It has been a problem Pullman downtown merchants have faced for years.

Moscow merchants should be thankful that the UI Bookstore is smaller and lacks many conveniences and with the fact students only have about two blocks to get to the stores to buy the dresses and the herring. Pullman, however, has the competition of a store with everything and students who are willing to pay outrageous prices.

Moscow downtown merchants just have to worry about the mall. But Pullman downtown merchants, besides competing with the Bookie, are now faced with a new competitor, the Westland Shopping Center.

It's often surr ized me when I go to the UI Bookstore that I can't find anything but books, pens, and Vandy sweatshirts. But when you think about it these are the things that should be in every university bookstore and all that is really needed. The more frivolous products can be bought from town merchants.

But the Bookie outnumbers it has a captive market and wants to be competitive.

Hopefully, this forum created by WSU and the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, will achieve the goals it has set, especially the one providing a forum for debate and discussion of unfair business competition.

Moscow merchants, for all their complaining about the mall competition, should be thankful that they do not have to deal with a greedy school bookstore.

Megan Guido

Abortion a personal—not political—issue

I find it ironic that the same people who want a woman to be tried on the Supreme Court's 1973 decision regarding Roe vs. Wade, say an abortion is murder—are also supporters of larger budgets and increased nuclear armament. Although the enumeration and discussion of the continued nuclear armament claims there will be life after a "limited" nuclear exchange, Physicians for Social Responsibility maintain that life—as we know it—will cease. An increase in the complexity and number of nuclear weapons can only increase the potential madness of those weapons.

Whereas the decision to continue to build more advanced nuclear weapons and to develop Star Wars systems should be an international one, the decision of whether to abort a child that is developing within one's own body is a personal one and shouldn't be tampered with, especially by those who support what could result in such a procedure.

Although abortion—and pregnancy itself—doesn't only affect women, it may be easier for some men to defer medical decisions (including method of birth control) that would hopefully prevent the entire situation from occurring. To those women they are involved with. For the men, the only solution they offer to the women they impregnate is, "Get an abortion." In fact, it's amazing how many men will offer that advice to women they themselves didn't impregnate. But the Right to Lifers and their co-conspirators, the Extreme Right (including Moral "Major"")(get their way, that opinion won't be available. At least not legally. It will be back to the butchers for those who can't afford to leave the country to find a safe place to have the procedure performed.

I can understand why Right to Lifers want a reversal on the Supreme Court's decision. Many of them are potential parents who are frustrated by the lack of adoptable children. The fact that many unwed moms are choosing to rear their "illegitimate" children (or themselves)—now that it's an accepted lifestyle—only increases their frustration. So they want their frustration on a cause. That cause happens to be the Pro Life movement. Yet, taking away the personal freedom the right to abortion represents can only create "criminals."

Right to Lifers should strive to provide medical care for women who have discovered they are pregnant, rather than just convinving them to carry out their pregnancies. While an abortion can cost as little as $150, many medical expenses connected with carrying out a pregnancy average $3,000 in the U.S. today. And finding public assistance to cover the cost of the pregnancy alone is a difficult, if not impossible, task. Those who refuse to go and find a good job with medical benefits after they discover they are pregnant often find that their insurance won't cover pre-existing conditions, including pregnancy, so they end up paying the complete cost of carrying the baby anyway. Raising a child on your own is expensive enough without starting out in debt before the baby is even born.

It's amazing how a conser vative administration and its supporters can undo years of prior social stides. The damage that Reagan and his supporters have inflicted on America will take much longer to repair than the six (eventually eight years) they've had to accomplish them.

Megan Guido

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Coombs discusses mushrooms on National Public Radio

Don Coombs, University of Idaho School of Communications director, recently discussed wild mushroom hunting on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

Coombs, who publishes "Mushroom, the Journal of Wild Mushrooming" was interviewed about morels, a wild mushroom that is avidly sought after by many people in the northwest.

Coombs discussed this year's morel season and tips about hunting for morels. He has been co-editor of Mushroom and an intrigued mushroom hunter for the last two and a half years.

The interview was conducted by one of the show's hosts, Noah Adams, over the phone while all of Coombs' responses were taped at KWSU. The tape was then sent to NPR's studio in Washington D.C. where Coombs responses were edited together with Adams' questions.

Coombs said that type of interview technique loses a lot of the usual dynamics of a face to face interview.

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The focus of the event is scheduled for the weekend when the Idaho Repertory Theatre will present a public preview of its four summer season shows, "The Fantasticks," "Dracula," "Arms and the Man," and "Brighton Beach Memoirs," a new Broadway hit.

Accompanying the entertainment will be a variety of specialty food booths from local restaurants. A new addition to this year's Midsummer's Eve Festival is a beer and wine tasting party at the Moscow Hotel. The party, which costs $5 per person, will feature wines from Idaho's Camas Winery, along with foreign and domestic beers.

Idaho Repertory Theatre's summer season begins July 8 with "The Fantasticks." Advance tickets will be available at the Midsummer's Eve festival. In the event of bad weather, the festival will be rescheduled for June 28.

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Commentary by Greg Kilmer

Zone. It’s quite disturbing to get splashed upon when trying for the ultimate tan.

But the main reason I frequent the largest cat privy around is that most people don’t try. This particular “sport” could be classified as an art. You must show patience, a lot of resourcefulness and a little acting talent.

I’ve always called it SKI HITCHING. Being around 12,000 news stories away from owning my own boat and loving to ski, one must do what one must do. What one does to make like little cuddly Dudley in 10 and stand around swim suit level in the surf. Only difference is that you face out toward the river. While standing there, you put on your best Little Orphan Annie face and look for the chance to talk to a boat owner.

One thing that helps a good ski hitcher is the boat owner’s machotsom for their boat. When they are taking a break from the river, head on over and tell them what a hot boat they have. They dig it. Ask them about the RPM’s and all that kind of stuff and then slip in that you never skied behind anything that’s “awesome.” They’ll jump at the chance.

Which brings up a problem that I have run into a few times. Not all boat owners are ski fans.

Don’t fret, I told you that you had to be resourceful. Before testing the depth of the local grocery store and checking out a decked out canoe shop, just get interested in buying it and say you would need to check it out. Whalla, you’re skiddin’ forlorn standing out in the surf. Back off, a deck at work should be left alone.

Moscot muse

Remember when you were a kid and your mom used to tell you to entertain yourself? That’s kind of how it is in Moscot.

Being a “newly arrived” myself, I’ve had to search out ways to beat the heat and a spot to camp out.

My first priority was to set up camp (after I spent every penny on that luxurious—compared to heating water—night at the Royal Motor Inn), and after a few false starts I was directed to Kamik Butte. Imagine stumbling onto计算机 and contemplating algebra by the light of a Coleman lantern and the warmth of a campfire. That’s what I spent my first week in “Moscot” doing, I have since found an old Victorian farm house to camp in while I (slowly) renovate it.

Commentary by Bev Lockhart

Beating the heat quickly became my next priority (incon- dency to attending classes as interacting with the VA advisor and Financial Aid Officer were making some inquiries (even grocery bag boys are an excellent source). I trekked out to Boyer Park on the Salmon River. It had been a worthwhile journey if I had remembered before I arrived that I had a half gallon of milk in my trunk. The water is still a bit cold, but for those with an aversion to public swimming pools, it will be worth the drive to 35-mile trip. Might be a nice spot to camp out for a weekend later in the season too. At $4 per night, you’ll save that much in gas if you want to spend two full days on Boyer Beach.

Of course, the next day it was still hot, and I still couldn’t afford to get the air conditioner in my car fixed, so I headed for the pool I had spotted on my way to class that morning. Although it had not yet opened for the summer, I have since discovered that the hours for the city pool at Ghormley Park (which is just off campus on the north side) are noon to 7 p.m. every day except Sunday. The pool will be open on Sunday for kids 13. Ages 13 and over can swim for $1; 12 and under pay 75 cents. Children under 2 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult 18 or over. If you get into swimming laps, you can do that between noon and 1 p.m.

There’s also an indoor pool on campus, but if you’re like me, you probably prefer to swim outdoors when the weather is hot.