State Board addresses student fees

BY ANGELA CURTIS

Idaho students face "substantial fee increases," according to State Representative James R. "Doc" Lucas, R- Moscow.

Lucas called the Argonaut Thursday night from Pocatello, where the State Board of Education was meeting. State Board meetings continue today.

Lucas told the Argonaut that State Board Chief Fiscal Officer Ed Ciek, under the guidance of George Alvarez, board finance committee chairman and Richard Sperling, made an unexpected presentation to the board concerning student fees and higher education spending.

The presentation drew information from an 18-page document which stated that Idaho is 13th in the United States in spending for higher education for full-time student equivalent, while it is 47th in the nation in student fees.

Lucas said that "while the presentation was not explicit, it seemed to be a precursor to a fee increase."

"Our fees are going to go up plenty," he said.

He quoted Ciek as saying that the "University of Idaho could raise fees and not lose a student."

Senate gives $698 to ISIL, waits on student handbook

In Wednesday night's meet-
g, the ASUI Senate agreed to appro-
the Idaho State Inter-
derate legislature, although the
that are delinquent fees
that ISIL can't trace.

After calling ISIL, ISH, go-
ions were discussed at State College,
and the budget fees must be
for Idaho's delegation to
have good standing.

However, ISU President
had so stressed that those
delinquent funds are the fault of
that ISIL's past ISH delegation
not the ASUI.

"I don't want it spread around that the ASUI is a bad bor-
"Cuddy said.

After approximately 90
minutes of debate, Senate Bill
allocated the money to Idaho's delegation, passed 7-3 with
Nios, Jon Ekerson, Tona Kazu
and Christina Hendricks dis-
suming.

And Thursday night, the Ac-
Board denied a $200 re-
request from ISIL to fund $10
spring session registration fees
25 members. Board Chair-
man Mike McCollum said that prior
to this week, ISIL has not made
an effort to raise funds.

He said the board usually pays registration fees for clubs
when the members pay their
own travel expenses. However,
the registration fees ISIL re-
quested were for a conference
held at the UI, eliminating the
need for travel expenses.

"They're getting everything
on a silver platter and asking for
the platter too," Mick said.

He said ISIL's request from
the Senate included funds they
had already sought from the
board and that while ISIL is a
worthy club, the local dele-
gation has not been organized in
its funding requests.

In other Senate business,
ASUI Attorney General John
Hansen spoke to the Senate in
support of a proposed gun ban
university property, especial-
ly living groups.

Hansen also addressed delays
in publishing an updated stu-
dent handbook, saying the First
Amendment and a disclaimer at
the beginning of the handbook
invalidated arguments that it may
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Major gets top vote

BY JILL CHRISTINE BECK

Warm spring weather and stud-
up Student Association members
away from the polls Wednesday,
according to Steve Clardy, chairman of the Pol-
itical Concerns Board.

According to Clardy, approxi-
mately 800-1000 students, or less
than 15 percent of the total student
body, voted in the ASUI General
Elections yesterday. The official
numbers will be available Monday,
Clardy said.

"(The turnout) isn't really low
compared to last spring," Clardy
said, but added that when it com-
pared to the number of students
attending the University of Idaho,
that the number was very low.

Seven senate seats were on the
ballot yesterday, for which 11 stu-
dents were running.

Re-elected to office was Sen.
Evan Major, who led the race with
335 votes. Also elected were cur-
rent Sen. Molly Weyen, with 489
votes; Steve Smart, with 479 votes;
Brian Cassady, with 494 votes; Jeff
Friel, with 445 votes; Jason Albrecht, with 364 votes; and
Brian Workman, with 352 votes.

Charlene Johnson came in a
dead heat with 351 votes, only
one vote behind Workman.

Election of officials recognized
the votes for Workman and Johnson,
but found only one mistake, giv-
ing Workman the seat.

Two representatives were elec-
ted to the Faculty Council, Marc
Thied, with 394 votes and Cheryl
Umakka with 393 votes.

Also on the ballot was a referen-
dum to ban all ASUI campaign
materials on the University Class-
room Center. The referendum
failed to pass by more than 100
votes. Only 371 voted in favor of
the referendum, while 476 voted
against it.

SEE PHOTO PAGE 6

Question:

It has been said that the current job market is becoming more international in nature. How should the University of Idaho be preparing its students for this?

Jared Jessick

They should offer more international courses, and have speakers or hold seminars on other countries.

Mia Bailey

"It should be required that students know a foreign language.

Scott Zorc

"There are good opportunities for foreign exchange; we need to promote that program.

George White

"It's not up to the UI to prepare us, it's up to the individual student.

Wade Miller

"We should have international days to get UI students involved in other cultures."
**NEWS**

**Former dean donates art to namesake hall**

Marjorie Neely, former dean of women students, was present Tuesday for the unveiling of a piece of art she donated to the women of Neely Hall. The artwork, done by a former member of the US faculty and friend of Mrs. Neely, will hang in the 8th floor lounge of Neely Hall.

ARGONAUT/Loren Orr

**Date rape awareness promoted**

The ASUI will be sponsoring a Date Rape Awareness Week, featuring films, presentations, living group visits and a radio talk show.

Date Rape Awareness Week begins Monday with advocates from Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse speaking at living groups. Also beginning Monday and running throughout the week will be a booth offering free literature on date rape. The booth will be located across from the information desk in the SUB.

Other activities throughout the week include:

- Tuesday—film and presentation followed by a question-and-answer session at 7 p.m. in the Borah Theater of the SUB.
- Wednesday—lecture about victims’ rights by Latah County Prosecutor Craig Moore at 12:30 p.m. in the University of Idaho Women’s Center.
- Wednesday—call-in radio show featuring Betsy Thomas on KUOI, FM 93.3, at 7 p.m.
- Thursday—film and presentation followed by a question-and-answer session at 7 p.m. in the Appaloosa Room of the SUB, and Friday—living group visits from advocates from Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse.

**Kast and others honored**

Kelli Catherine Kast has been named recipient of the top award given to a graduating senior by the university of Idaho, the Truophysius Award.

She is active in student government, having served two years as an ASUI senator and as president of her living group. She is a residence hall resident advisor and is an active member of SPURS, sophomore service honorary. Kast was also the 1987 homecoming queen and has been named to the Dean’s List in recognition of academic achievement.

Other top awards given during the assembly were Guy Wick’s Awards to Brian Long and Chandra Zenner, the Outstanding Senior Woman Award to Anne Marie Moore, and the John George award to the outstanding senior in the College of Mines and Earth Resources to David W. Cook.

Long has served a one-year term as ASUI President and has been an ASUI senator for two terms. Long has been active in Campus Young Democrats, served an internship in the Idaho governor’s office and served as a member of the UI Foundation Board of Directors and the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Zenner has been very active in Greek living group government, having served the Alpha Phi sorority in a variety of offices, including house president. She is a member of Mortar Board, senior scholar-honorary and has received the Order of Omega award for scholarship.

Moore has been a member of the UI women’s varsity track and field team for four years. She has also received honors such as the College of Letters and Science Dean’s List recognition for academics and the Phi Beta Kappa Award.

Cook is a senior major in geography.

- All of the awards were presented during the annual spring Awards Assembly Saturday, April 9. The assembly is traditionally part of the yearly Parent’s Weekend at UI.

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Fijis, Gamma Phis grab top spots in Greek Week action

BY LAURIE DISTELDORF
STAFF WRITER

In current standings for the fraternity-marshals race in Greek Week, Fijis are in first with 102 points, in second is Farmhouse with 93.5. Close on their heels with 92 is Delta Tau Delta, and in fourth are the Lambda Chi with 89.5. The Gamma Phi Betas are in first for the sororities with 119 points. Close behind are the Phi Delta Phis with 118. With 105 points are the Delta Gammas, followed by a two-way tie for fourth between the Alpha Chi Deltas and the Alpha Phi with 94 each.

These standings do not include points from the golf competition or Greek night participation. On Monday, the Fijis took first in the Pyramid race followed by the Delta, Farmhouse in third and Tau Kappa Epsilon in fourth. The Theta Chi and the Delta tied for first in the mattress race with Farmhouse in second and the Betas in fourth.

Sprint this year had a centennial theme and songs varied from the B-52's "Private Idaho" to "Penny Lane" to "Louie, Louie." The Delta Chi and the Gamma Phis took first place with "On Broadway" selections. The Fijis and the Delta Gammas were second. In third were the Kappa Sigs and the Pi Phi, and in fourth were the Lambda Chi and the Kappas. The Lambda Chi were first in Songfest participation points, followed by the Delta Sigs, Farmhouse, and the ATOs. Security competition that day also was intense. The Alpha Phi took first in the Pyramid race followed by the Gamma Phis, the Phi Phi and the Deltas.

In first for the Mattress Race were the Alpha Phis. The Gamma Phis took second followed by the DGs and the Tri Deltas. The Songfest participation competition was won by the Alpha Gammas. In second were the Phi Phis followed by the DGs and the Gamma Phis.

Monday the Greeks were tossing kipas and eggs. First in the Egg-Spoon race for the fraternitywas Farmhouse, followed by the Fijis, the Lambda Chis and the Pinows. The Gamma Phis took first for the sororities followed by the Phi Phis, the Alpha Gammas and the DPs.

Egg tossing proved to be the ATO specialty as they took first in that competition. There was a three-way tie for second between Farmhouse, the Lambda Chis, and the Phi Tau.

The Phi Phis must have taken lessons from their brother fraternity since they also took first in the Egg-Throw competition between the sororities. The Alpha Gammas, Al- pha Phi, and Gamma Phis tied for second. Egg tossing brought out a lot of grunting as participants strained for distance.

In first for the fraternities were the Betas. Tied for second were the Lambda Chis and Farmhouse. And in fourth were the Fijis. The Phi Phis won the sororities with the DGs, Gamma Phis, and Alpha Chi right behind. On that night the Greeks got to show their "Brain Power" in the Greek Bowl (similar to College Bowl).

In first for the fraternities were the Sigma Chis followed by the Deltas. For the sororities were the Gamma Gammas, followed by the Deltas and the Tri Deltas.

The Songfest participation competition was won by the Alpha Gammas. In second were the Phi Phis followed by the DGs and the Gamma Phis.
Pay me now or pay me later... just gimme that gratification

Edward Banfield, a prominent conservative author, once wrote that the difference between the lower class and upper class was their orientation towards satisfying desires. Banfield contended that poor people tend to seek instant gratification while upwardly mobile people tend to defer present gratification for some future goal.

While Banfield's theory is meant to apply to individual behavior, I believe it also applies to nations and societies. If this is so it would be reasonable to infer that a society which demands instant gratification will make less progress, or even suffer a decline, when compared with nations which defer gratification.

In America's case there are two problems which clearly must be solved if we are going to maintain our standard of living. These issues are the budget deficit and the environment. Each problem will have to be dealt with at some point in time; the questions is "when?"

Perhaps we would be instructive at this point to examine the various positions associated with the Republican and Democratic parties to examine the respective orientations of each party.

Regarding our trillion dollar budget deficit, Republicans such as George Bush have hastily stated they will not raise taxes. Their solution is to reduce federal spending. Reagan and Bush tried to do as much last October when they established the policy that persons or families that received a meal in a soup kitchen, or spent a night in a shelter, would have the value of that meal or bed deducted from their welfare payments.

In contrast, the Democratic position is that this burden may be necessary if we are to reduce the deficit and maintain social justice. The Democratic position is that it is children who are usually hurt the worst by cuts in social programs. Democrats believe that if anyone should bear the burden of paying for our deficit it should be the persons who will suffer the least.

If one thing is clear, it is the Democrats who are pushing for increased funding of programs from day-care to work-force which are intended to improve the conditions of poor families and their children.

The Democratic philosophy is that our country will be stronger in the long run by taking care of our children now, simply by insuring continued prosperity for wealthy individuals and corporations.

The environment is another area where Republicans and Democrats see the world differently. The Reagan administration has traditionally pushed for increased expenditure programs such as acid rain, toxic waste, and depletion of the ozone layer. The Democrats, in contrast, have worked to increase funding for programs to deal with these problems.

If Reagan has popularized it's because he has given Americans what they wanted, i.e. continued prosperity, without having to make any hard choices. Now, eight years later, we must choose another president. Will we stay with the same popular course, or will we direct the issues now which threaten our children's future?

Either way, it will be a statement of our nation's orientation towards satisfying present desires or deferring such gratification.

Perhaps we should be reminded of the automobile maintenance instruction to which the mechanic says: "you can pay me now, or you can pay me later."
Proposed solutions on gun control

Editor:
I read with some interest the recent article concerning firearms in the U of I dormitories. It is refreshing that each side recognizes that the other has a legitimate interest in the matter. In this spirit, I wish to offer a program which I believe would be effective, simple to administer, and acceptable to both sides.

1) Gun locks are available for most guns which prevent accidental firing. These locks would be provided by the University. The gun could then be safely stored in a dormitory room.

2) Two keys to each lock would exist. One key would be retained by a designated Residence Advisor, the other would be kept by an organization allowing twenty-four hour access to the key. This could be campus security or a police organization. This would allow the student use of the gun if the RA is unavailable.

3) To provide secure storage of the keys, the designated Residence Advisor would have a small safe installed in their apartment. This safe would hold keys to the guns and ammunition belonging to the student.

4) Keys and ammunition would be identified by code. This would prevent anyone gaining unauthorized access to the keys from learning the location of the guns. Short-term records of key use and ammunition inventories would be kept. Records would be used to prevent non-owner use of the weapon, and to protect ammunition stocks from pilferage.

5) The firearms policy would be clearly posted in dormitory areas, and included in residence contracts. A system of fines designed to encourage compliance would be developed.

I believe this system would solve most problems. The students would be able to keep their guns, so the university would not be liable for theft. With the gun locked and separated from its ammunition, an inappropriate discharge would be unlikely. By keeping keys in two separate locations, there is less chance that a student would be unable to use his rifle, pistol, or shotgun.

This proposal is not perfect. Administrative details would need to be worked out. I believe it is a good idea, and hope that those involved will consider its features, using those features as they see fit.

James K. Hickman

Damage my car - but leave my undies out of it guys!!!

Editor:
This letter is directed to the individual(s) who insist on causing my personal property harm: Thank you very much! Not only was I happy to find that the rear end of my high performance sports car was smashed and my antenna bent, but I was ecstatic to find that the day after I repaired the above damage, I found that the windshield was cracked in several places. That’s pretty good for a car that is only two months old.

Just when I thought it couldn’t get better, you people tore the emblem off the front of my car. I still get laugh-cramps thinking about it.

I must also thank those responsible for trying to break into my trunk. It cost me sixty happy dollars for a new lock.

To top it off, you had to steal my clothes, particularly my underwear, out of the laundry room in the dorms. The undergarment salesperson and I had a good chuckle over that.

I hope I gave you as many good times as you gave me, and I know you’ll be happy to find out that everytime I pay my disgustingly high automobile insurance bill, I think of you.

I really enjoyed your exploits this semester and I hope that you have something big planned for the end of it (perhaps my death). Until then, please accept this letter of gratitude and find someone who’s literate to read it to you.

Kyle Rose

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DWEEZIL
by C.S. Farrar

APPLICATIONS DUE AT 5:00 Wednesday, April 20. Pick one up at the main ASUI office in the SUB.
Alpha Gams hit 30th

BY LAURIE DISTELDORF
STAFF WRITER

The Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta is having an International Reunion Day Saturday to celebrate its 30th year at the University of Idaho. A luncheon will be held at the Alpha Gam house at noon to honor the charter members of the women's fraternity. Charter members are the women who originally started the chapter here at the university. Approximately 25 alumnae are expected to show.

Catherine Hyslop will be the special guest at the International Reunion Day. While acting as the third Grand Vice President for the International fraternity of Alpha Gamma Delta in 1955, she was instrumental in founding theUI chapter.

New alumnae will be re-dedicated at the reunion, new officers will be installed, and charter members will receive outstanding member awards at the luncheon.

The Alpha Gamma Delta colonized at the UI in April of 1958 with 19 undergraduate initiates. Since there were no alumnae in the Moscow area, eight women were also initiated as alumnae into the chapter to provide support for the newly colonized sorority.

There are still a few charter members in the area who will be attending the luncheon, Margaret Fosberg, and Virginia "Vay" Snyder, who both work at the Student Health Center, are two of the eight alumnae that helped get the house going. Two other alumnae who still reside in Moscow are Frances Burch and Kay Swenson.

The house that the charter members first lived in used to be on Blake Avenue but no longer exists.

AS the polls closed, volunteers counted student votes to determine new ASU Senators.

(ARGONAUT/Dan Moyer)
Ladies track at Boise

BY JOHN FRITZ

Lady Vandal tracksters head for the season this spring under the direction of head coach Scott Lorek to participate in the Bob Gibb Track Meet.

For the first time this spring, Coach Lorek will be placing all his emphasis in the events he sees as the most important for the eventual conference meet at the season's end. Leading the way is Bobby Purdy, who put together a strong season in the hurdles at the WSU meet recently and also anchored the 4 x 100-meter relay for the Lady Vandal. Purdy's hurdle time ranks among the top five in the conference so far this season.

Lorek feels his team is just beginning the real racing part of the season. From the Bob Gibb Meet on the women will be racing in tough contests up to and including the Mountain West Conference Championship in late May to be held in Moscow.

The emphasis is now performing rather than training. At this point the Lady Vandals are doing primarily quality and technical workouts to fine-tune themselves for upcoming meets.

Coach Lorek has high hopes for his distance runners, led by Paula Parcell, Pat Monnie and Anna Foreman. Also looking on for great things are sprinters such as Caryn Choute and Kim Gillis.

In the field events Debbie McMillan looks very strong in the shot put and Tammy Lesh will be competing in her first heptathlon of the year. Lesh, who is coming off some minor leg problems, looks to have a good chance at besting the school record this season.

LCSC squeaks by UI baseball

After leading 5-4 in the top of the ninth inning Tuesday, the University of Idaho baseball club lost to the Lewis and Clark State College JV's due to a disputed call and three unearned runs.

Team captain Tim Burdick said the controversy erupted when an Idaho fielder attempted a diving catch at a fly ball that would have ended the game. Burdick said his player caught the ball, but the infield umpire, an LCSC player, said the UI player had trapped the ball on the ground. The home plate umpire said the ball was fouled, allowing the player to bat again.

On the next pitch, the batter grounded weakly to second base, and the second baseman threw the ball away on the difficult play. This error allowed three runs to score, which gave LCSC the 7-5 edge.

The Idaho squad will host a five-team tournament next weekend.

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Sports

Pro baseball record-bound

Many pitchers singing 'The Balking Blues'

It happened Tuesday night in Detroit. It happened again on Wednesday night in Seattle on Wednesday night. What is it? It's The American League record for balks in a single major league baseball game. "It" was set in 1950 by New York Yankee Vic Raschi. "It" hasn't been challenged in nearly 40 years, yet "it" has been tied twice in the last week.

The fact that both Bobby Witt of the Texas Rangers and Rick Honeycutt of the Oakland Athletics have racked up four balks in games during the past week would tend to come as no surprise. What has caused the balk epidemic that has been spreading over the American and National Leagues. And that's not a difficult cause to pinpoint.

National and American League Presidents, Bartlett Giamatti and Bobby Brown have broken down to the league umpires to begin to crack down on the balk rule, which states that the pitcher must come to a complete stop before delivering the pitch. To further enhance the rule, league executives have said that it is "a disgraceful pause," as opposed to a quick bounce or change of motion.

The absurdity of this enforcement is surpassed only by the number of balks that are being called. So far this year, Major League umpires have called 96 balks in the first ten days of the season, opposed to the 356 that were called throughout all of 1987, which represented a major league season record. At this pace, that record will be broken sometime in May, with more than four months of the season remaining.

Quite honestly, this fiasco is baseball's biggest travesty since the pitch clock ruling. What do league officials hope to gain through this crackdown? Was the general sentiment toward balks causing all of the beanballs and fights and half-deserving problems? I think not. The only thing the players do effectively is jack up a pitcher's earned run average and slows down an already interminable game. It seems ironic that as league officials, the media and the fans turned up the volume of their complaints last year regarding the excessive length of ballgames, the league turned its right around and tightened the belt on a rule that will only continue to force baseball games to drag on and on.

How existing can a balk be anyway? I'm sure that ballplayers take ultimate satisfaction on winning a game because of a balk and not something chintzy like a grand-slam come run. I can see it now . . .

"Here we are folks, it's the seventh game of the World Series, where the New York Mets are with the Yankees in the bottom of the ninth inning! Met pitcher Dwight Gooden has loaded the bases with two outs, and has run the count to 3-and-2 against American League M.V.P. Don Mattingly! Will he wind-up by Gooden, the deliverance! A balk has been called on Dwight Gooden, and the winning run comes in! The New York Yankees are the new World Champions! Oh my, what a finish!"

Abhh . . . I can't wait.

Mike Lewis Commentary

Sporstshorts

INTRAMURAL ACTION

Frisbee golf

Applications are available and can be picked up at the Intramural Office in Memorial Gym today. Last day to register is April 21. The tournament begins April 24.

River Canyon Backpacking Trip

Attend a pre-trip meeting April 27 at 5 p.m. at the Outdoor Program Office. The trip will take place April 30-31.

Recreational Kayak Trip

On April 28, there will be a pre-trip meeting at 5 p.m. in the Horsehoe Doulble Beag Play Sunday.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Today is the last day to sign up for the Annual Palomino Triathlon. Turn in entry forms at the Intramural Office in Memorial Gym by 5 p.m. Cost is $15 per team or $5 per team. Those looking for additional team members can refer to the Free Agent List in Memorial Gym.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Beginning Sailboat Session

There will be a water session tomorrow and Sunday.

Kayak Pool Session

There will be non-instructional sessions at the U.S. Swim Center on April 20 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

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Vandeleers tour Northwest

BY KIRK LAUGHLIN
ARTICLE EDITOR

Preparation is being made for the University of Idaho to spread itself musically throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The vehicles for this feat are the UI Vandeleers and the UI Cello Choir which will show their talents throughout the area during their upcoming tour. The stops on this annual Spring Tour will include the Tri-Cities, Olympia and Seattle in Washington and Portland, Ore. High schools along the route will also be visited by the groups.

This tour is merely a continuation of the tradition set by the Vandeleers.

The group has toured "virtually every spring since it was established over 20 years ago," said Harry Johnson, director of the Vandeleers and a UI Associate Professor of Music. "Students of the song-troupe and UI alumni chapters will be the focus of the Spring Tour, especially in the Tri-Cities, Portland and Olympia. Not to be left out of the activity which celebrates the UI memory? If you're expecting realism in either the performance, you're in for a surprise. The Vandeleers will be the show-stealer of the tour, especially in the Tri-Cities area. For some reason,.ui Vandeleers are respected by their peers and are given the attention they deserve. The Vandeleers will also be given a special musical experience for 'audiences,' Johnson said.

The tour will run from April 20 to April 25 and, on their return Johnson said, the Vandeleers will give a spring concert at the University. They will be the show-stealer of the tour, especially in the Tri-Cities area. For some reason, ui Vandeleers are respected by their peers and are given the attention they deserve. The Vandeleers will also be given a special musical experience for 'audiences,' Johnson said.

The two one-acts opened Thursday, April 25 and run through April 29. Tickets are $5 at the door or from Ticket Express in the SUB.
Chekhov's Three Sisters provides impact

By Julie Hartwell

"Ah, to go to Moscow, to Moscow!"

That was the desire of the three Prozorov sisters as Anton Chekhov's play "The Three Sisters" which opened at Washington State University April 7.

The upper-class Prozorov family lives in the provinces of turn-of-the-century Russia; they are bored and frustrated with their small town lives, and long to go to the big city of Moscow where there is excitement and activity.

Olga, the eldest sister, is an old maid school teacher who hates her work and is bored outside the school as well. The middle sister, Masha, is married to a commonplace twit who she thought would be her husband for life. She is imagination and has a brief affair with a concert member who is an old friend of the family.

The youngest sister, Irina, is the most idealistic of the sisters. She has longed all her life for love, which she never found, and is in Moscow. She reluctantly becomes engaged to a baron who was more years her senior, because he is a "good man" and he seems the only eligible fiancee at the time. He is later killed in a duel, and Irina falls back into her sister insensibly and languor.

The Prozorov sisters do have a brother, Andrei, who the sisters count on to help them achieve a meaningful life. But he turns on them, secretly mortgaging their property and marrying a country girl, Natasha.

Natasha, who is at first extremely inhibited by the rich existence of the Prozorov family, later becomes an absolute beast and drives the family off at the end in violent conflict of their lives.

So the sisters are forced to find meaning in work, which seems to them as meaningless as anything else. They are left at the end, still longing for a deeper purpose in life.

Among the better performances was that by WSU Professor of Anthropology Robert Littlewood who played the part of Commander Vershinin, and by Professor of Music Paul Wadleigh, who played the humorously hard-of-hearing old assistant to the family and fiancé of Irina. Wadleigh also provided all the music for the play, escaping from the scene occasionally to add a melodramatic spice to the piano.

Chekhov's play has been compared to "a sluggish river, not very exciting of itself to watch." But with exciting acting, the play can be a revealing, fearsome force for audiences. The performances by the WSU students and faculty were good, but required more to carry the message of the play and to hold the interest of the audience.

Performances will continue this weekend in the R.R. Jones Theatre at Dagg Hall on the Washington State University campus. Tonight and Saturday the performances will begin at 8 p.m. A 3 p.m. matinee is also set for Saturday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for students and senior citizens.

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