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WSU worker dies in crash

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A WSU employee was killed on the Moscow/Pullman highway at 4:45 a.m. Thursday when her car collided with a cement truck by the rock quarry about a half-mile west of Pullman.

Christine E. Jones, 38, died instantly when her Pontiac T-1000 crossed the center line and was hit by a Central Premix truck, Washington State Patrol officers reported.

Daniel L. Welch, driver of the truck, suffered bruises and minor injuries

The Pullman fire department was later contacted to get into the Pontiac with special equipment. Trooper Terry Parker of Washington State Patrol said workers had to cut the top of the car off, move the steering column back and stretch the door to reach Jones

"It was probably one of the most heavily impacted accidents I've seen, at least for a few years," Parker said.

Investigation continues as to why Jones entered the oncoming lane, but any reasons now are only speculation, Parker said.

Jones, a Pullman resident and administrative secretary at WSU's Agricultural Research Center, strayed into the path of the truck on a curve to the right as she traveled westbound on State Route 270.

Accident reconstruction confirmed that the collision took place in the eastbound lane, according to the State Patrol.

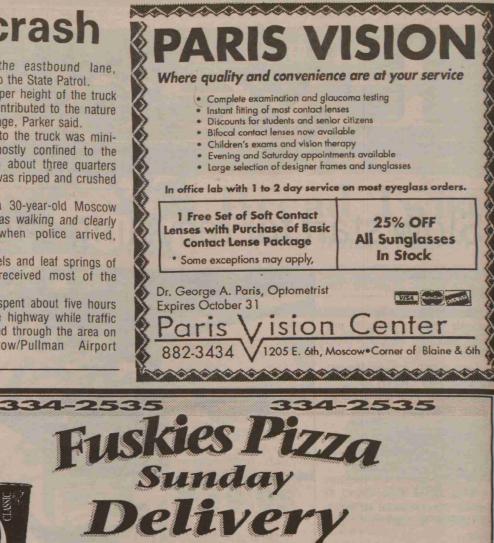
The bumper height of the truck probably contributed to the nature of the damage, Parker said.

Damage to the truck was minimal and mostly confined to the base, while about three quarters of the car was ripped and crushed severely

Welch, a 30-year-old Moscow resident, was walking and clearly not hurt when police arrived, Parker said.

The wheels and leaf springs of the truck received most of the damage.

Officers spent about five hours clearing the highway while traffic was rerouted through the area on the Moscow/Pullman Airport Road.





• Student Nutrition Awareness Club meets at noon today in FSHN 155. Call Trina at 332-1289 for information.

• Air Force Officer Qualifying Test - Any students graduating in '95 or beyond who want to pursue an Air Force commission through the two-year Air Force ROTC program should take this test Saturday. Call the Dept. of Aerospace studies at 5-3546 for reservations or more information.

 Singapore Students' Assoc. is having a social at 7:30 tomorrow in Chief Joseph's Recreational Center. All students are cordially invited to attend. Call William at 334-6877 for information

· Friends to Seniors will be going to the Palouse Hills Nursing Center at 3 p.m. Sunday. Call Louie at the YWCA, 5-3916, for more information.

• Baptist Student Ministry Hayride: Meet at 5:45 tonight at the Bookie if you need a ride to the church, or meet at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Call 334-4233 for more information.

Pre-Med/Pre-Dent Club meets 8:30 p.m. Sunday in Morrill Hall.

· National Society of Black Engineers will be holding its first meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday at Godfather's Pizza. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come.

· Gateway to Pullman design charette sponsored by AIAS at 11:30 a.m. Sunday on the 4th floor of Carpenter. Free for members, \$1 for non-members.

 The WSU Gay and Lesbian Assoc. (GALA) meets regularly. For information about events or if you want to talk to someone, call 5-4311. Confidentiality is assured.

· Campus Christian Fellowship meets at 7:30 tonight in CUB 212. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and friendship that will encourage you throughout the school year.

• National American Indian Day: In recognition of this day, the UI Native American Student Assoc. is sponsoring Joanna Shenandoah in concert at 7 tonight in the Administration Auditorium on the UI campus. Call 885-7058 for more information.

Sigma lota Fat Bat BBQ at 4 p.m. Saturday in Kruegel Park.

 Mandatory Mortar Board meeting from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday in CUB B11-13 for all members. Call Amy at 332-8873 if you will be unable to attend.



 Mom's Weekend Committee applications are now available. Pick them up in CUB B-19B. Returning members need to reapply.

 Echo and the Bunnymen, WSU's Chapter 12 and Sleepy Handful will be performing tonight at 8 in the CUB Ballroom. Tickets will be on sale today at the west entrance of the CUB.

· Voter Registration: an opportunity to register to vote for those Pullman residents unable to register during weekday business hours will be available on two Saturdays: Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Safeway, and at Dissmores from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 The Daily Evergreen will publish your announcements free. Drop them off at the Student Publications office on the bottom floor of Murrow at least a day before your event. The Evergreen publishes announcements on a first-come, first-serve basis,

Correction

Capital budget numbers in a story titled "Planned renovations may clog WSU's inner campus," in Thursday's edition of The Daily Evergreen, were incorrectly stated as \$1.56 million, rather than \$156 million.