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Associated Students of Boise State University

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James “Crash” Crawford, Candidate for ASBSU President

There were some important programs initiated this year. Through my work on the Senate, I have been in direct contact with them, and therefore am best qualified to continue this work. We’ve laid the groundwork towards establishing a dental health program for BSU students. It’s important that we don’t let this issue drop. The same with our lobby effort. Lobbying for higher education is of vital importance to our academic future.

The suit against the State Board of Education is not really debating alcohol. It involves state agency restrictions of individual rights. Students 19 years of age can drink legally, but not on campus. The issue here is an individual’s right to freedom.

Parking is a problem that’s going to come up every year. No system is going to make everybody happy. Other than a completely open system, scholarship parking is probably best since it at least provides for scholarship money. What we really have is a laziness problem. It only takes ten minutes to walk across campus, it’s ridiculous for students to complain about not being able to park right in front of the door.

One of the biggest problems with student government is that the same people are involved year after year. I want to encourage on-campus students to get involved. Those involved in the fraternities and sororities and those who live on campus. We need to bring in some new blood.

I’ve been studying the effectiveness of the Idaho Student Lobby Association, trying to justify the $800 we pay out of student fees for this service. If I find that it has no merit and accomplishes little, then it should not be funded.

I would like to see a student government with the emphasis on the student, not the government. It never has been a real government and never will be. What I propose is establishing a corporation with the students as stockholders. We would be directly responsible to the students and therefore more in tune with their needs.

I want to see more efficiency and control exercised over the budget. Before we allocate any money to any organization, they’re going to have to show exactly where that money is going to go and how it is going to benefit the students. No more hidden slush funds. Many groups, such as the Programs Board, need to strive to be more self-supporting. It is an educational experiment in learning how to manage. To be self-supporting makes the experience of working with these programs all the more valid. We need to be more realistic and think about what we’re doing instead of counting on student money to bail us out.

We need more adequate funding for student services. Since that is the most important department we have. Serving the student is what it’s all about. A dental care program is an excellent idea and I would support a Day Care Center if it provided maximum usage by students. I would like to see a student loan fund established as well as an organizational loan fund.

I’m in favor of settling the alcohol issue by going to court. The State Board ruling, which made alcohol on campus illegal, has been an unenforceable issue. We have to pursue this to a court decision in order to prove our point.

I’m very interested in the Greek system on this campus. We need to find out what their needs are and how we can help involve them in the university community. We’ve lost contact with too many social and service organizations. There’s been too little communication between the students and their elected representatives. One way to conquer this problem is by establishing a President’s Council, which would include students-at-large, representatives from Vo-Tech, athletics, academics, organizations, etc. We could all sit down and talk about the issues and problems which come up during the year and in that way the students would know what the government is doing and the government would know what the students want.
Dave Pearson, Candidate for ASBSU President

I'm tired of this bullshit. I've been here off and on since 1968, and this University is nothing but an extension of high school. It's like an intellectual wasteland. Student government has not catered to the wish of the students, it does absolutely nothing for the students. If I am elected, I would consider it my responsibility to see that the needs of the students are met. I think more issues should go to the students in the form of referendum elections before the student government lays out any money for anything.

I say "no" to a student funded Day Care Center. This is an institution of education, not a baby-sitter.

Scholarship parking is a big bunch of bullshit. Students shouldn't be paying for other students' educations. Everyone tries to park on the street to avoid a $30 parking sticker. It's a ridiculous utilization of space and a hassle for the city. We should have open parking with the only reserved spots for handicapped students.

I'd like to see student funds used for a Women's Center. The women's movement is upon us. They are a minority which needs someplace where they can work together to gain a sense of identity.

I think the best ASBSU President would be a vicious Doberman Pinscher that would snap and growl at people who come in making ridiculous demands. We need someone in there who's not afraid to stand yelling "bullshit." I can do it.

Mike Hoffman, Candidate for ASBSU Vice-President

Student government has the potential of having an incredible amount of power and influence on University policy, particularly if we don't go to extremes and maintain our credibility. We cannot force the administration to give students their rights. Student rights need to grow out of the administration's recognition of our ability to accept responsibility.

As Vice President, I will attempt to keep our level of credibility high. From my term on the Student Senate, I have seen that we need to define our power and determine our goals early in the year. The Senators come into office really green and inexperienced. The biggest problem the Senate had this year was a lack of direction. I can provide them with direction.

I'd like to see the Day Care issue settled. It's been kicked around a long time. It's time to do it or drop it.

I would continue to pursue the alcohol issue. I don't want to see the things the past Senate started dropped when the new Senate comes in.

I would like to use the funding for the Recreation Board doubled. We need to educate our bodies as well as our minds.

The power of the Academic Affairs Board needs to be expanded. As it stands now, if a student has a problem with a grade, this board can investigate and change the grade. I would like to see their power expanded to cover all academic areas. They can protect students from poor teaching methods and unfair grades.

Lenny Hertling, Candidate for ASBSU President

I want to be Vice-President of the ASBSU and chairperson of the Senate because I have an ability to get people to work with me. The Vice-President should not impose opinions upon the Senate, but should try to get something accomplished. The trouble with the current administration is that they have tried to impose their ideas upon the Senate and therefore have accomplished little.

I would like to see a system of student advisors established. Most faculty advisors don't have the time or don't take the time to really help the students they supposedly advise. Many aren't capable of providing guidance to students. This is particularly hard on freshmen, since they have no previous college experience to draw from.

Student advisors know where it's at from the students point of view, and could provide more realistic advice.

Dr. Barnes is considering a $19 increase in student fees. If this happens, I want to see $5 of that increase go to the women's athletics program. I also would like to see some money for a Women's Center.

I feel the Health Center is a great idea, but could offer more. It is very poorly organized, and it obviously is not their prime concern to take care of students.

I think it would be a bad idea to cut the Programs Board's budget. ISSU is just getting to the point where we can offer students an interesting variety of lectures, concerts and films. This University should offer more than academics.

Lenny Hertling, Candidate for ASBSU Vice-President

As ASBSU President, I would like to carry on the progressive attitude that has developed in student government. I feel we're headed for a change, a student government that is geared toward the student needs. During my two terms in the Senate, I have worked on stadium seating, alcohol, parking, and have served as chairperson of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

We can't dictate the State Board, but we must work with them, especially when it comes to allocating funds for specific areas. I think women's athletics needs a more adequate budget, and I want these student fees go to pertinent programs that directly serve the students.

The President doesn't control the power strings, but I would like to see the Programs Board's budget increased. They offer students a fine entertainment program, and a funding increase would only improve these services.

I would like to see the ASBSU purchase the Outdoor Activities Center. OAC is a growing, self supporting organization. By placing it under student control, we could generate more revenue for the ASBSU.

The Athletic Department has been the victim of unwarranted attack recently. People have not been looking at them with open minds. They have given us some very valuable public relations, and have done a lot for this school.
Howard Welsh
Candidate for ASBSU President

Howard Welsh - The critical issue of this election is whether student government shall be perpetuated as a token which only pretends to represent full-time students. It is the contention of this candidate that the ASBSU should be restructured as a real government which represents all of the students regardless of the number of credit hours they may choose to carry. The predicament of the existing student government is obvious: less than 20% of the full-time students it pretends to represent even voted during the 1975 general elections. Over three thousand students were not entitled to vote because of their part-time attendance at BSU. In effect, the ASBSU fee of $17.00 per semester has become a poll tax. This is particularly ironic when one considers that mandatory collection of the fee from full-time students directly violates Section 33-2817 of the Idaho Code which prohibits the charging of tuition to Idaho residents. Even if all students had the right to vote, the mandatory fee with which they would have to pay for this right would be irrational under the circumstances of the existing student government. This dilemma is not to be taken lightly because many students including this candidate actually pay more taxes to the student government than to the state government. Yes, as an additional twist to this subject, the student government is legally situated as a mere agency of the state government!

To make a long story short, there are a number of sensible ways to get out of the predicament of the existing student government. First, the "Associated Students..." should actually take the step of becoming "associated." This candidate believes that the ASBSU should be instated a viable legal entity in its own right and that the way to accomplish this is by making the ASBSU a non-profit cooperative association, thereby facilitating the business functions of the government. Second, the business functions of the government should be separated from the representative functions of the government. In this way the right to vote can be extended to all students even though they are not compelled to pay the ASBSU fee. The students who wish to pay the fee shall gain shareholders' privileges and the rest of the students shall regain their rights as citizens.

A worthwhile premise of our society is that taxation should not occur without representation. A similar view held by this candidate is that representation should always precede taxation. In the context of student government this means that the students should know about the priorities of the ASBSU budget before it is finalized. Public hearings should be conducted on the budget and all other policies of the ASBSU. Only after amore democratic tradition is established in the student government shall the question of fee increases for parking, the proposed Student Union Building Annex, etc., be addressed by the student senate. Meanwhile, the question of what can best be done to induce efficient management for the student body funds. In closing, I will mention that it matters immensely whom we vote for, and we as students need to elect individuals that we think are the most beneficial to our ASBSU government.

Gerald Michaelson
Candidate for ASBSU Treasurer

Gerald Michaelson - As candidate for Treasurer of ASBSU, I have four objectives.

1. Maintaining an accurate, verifiable record of the spending of student funds that every individual can examine at his discretion anytime.
2. Having the Treasurer take a more active role in regards to student concerns, in order to expand the office into one more than just a glorified bookkeeper.
3. Using my experience as the present ASBSU Business Manager to pursue better control over revenues and expenses from funded ASBSU departments and organizations. As an example, the Recreation Board currently has a budget of $51 per student, or about $10,000. It will have another $10,000 or so in collection in the next fiscal year starting July 1. That's $20,000 of our student money that is not under control of the ASBSU Treasurer's office, but should be. Instead, this money can potentially be spent at the whim of one man for whatever he deems "necessary."

Therefore, I intend to see to it that these funds come under ASBSU auspices. I am already acquainted with this procedure policy experience I am already acquainted with as Business Manager.

4. Being familiar with the present procedure, I can devote time to matters more urgent, and that means two months just becoming familiar with the system.
Chris Hayne - If elected as Senator from the School of Business, I will, to the best of my ability, serve my constituents. I will work in the Senate to fairly represent all students. Any organization has as much power as people give it credit for. It is a stimulating challenge to make student government a powerful, efficient, educational tool for the betterment of a university. Toni Portmann is ready for that challenge. (Toni is a junior majoring in Aviation Management and am currently a junior.)

Larry Johnson - Through frugal use of student fees, I would like to improve the learning environment at Boise State. Student government should make sure that athletics do not supersede academics in priority. Programs which benefit few at the expense of many should be eliminated. (Larry is a junior majoring in Economics and Accounting.)

Burt Feldman - I'm running for Senator from the School of Business because I'm interested in this school and its people. I feel I can handle the office effectively. I'm an Aviation Management major and am currently a junior.

Robert Naugler - Student government needs energetic people to be involved and run a competent, answerable student government, but to be able to communicate on a level which benefits all students, and which will enhance his work with fellow Senators. I have served on the Personnel Selection Committee and Financial Advisory Board. Presently, I am a junior and am an accounting major. I am a student who likes to work hard and who wants to serve Boise State as a Senator for the School of Business.

Toni Portmann - I am running for Senator of the School of Business, not Senator for "Toni Portmann." Too often the ASBSU Senate has been composed of students voting for "what they want" and completely ignoring the fact that they are representatives, and should reflect the attitudes of those students they represent. One of my primary objectives as Senator of the School of Business is to seek out the student's needs and opinions, and support their beliefs. Any organization has as much power as people give it credit for. It is a stimulating challenge to make student government a powerful, efficient, educational tool for the betterment of a university. Toni Portmann is ready for that challenge. (Toni is a junior majoring in Office Administration.)

Tracy Miller - I believe that it is important to realize the effect the School of Business has toward the university community. I can say without a doubt that the School of Business provides Boise State University a prestige that is unmatched by any other school. This attitude should not become stagnant. Further progress is of utmost importance to maintain this high level of prestige for the business student. Student input is drastically needed to perpetuate advancement in our school particularly in the following areas: 1) An addition to the current business building. 2) More post-graduate degrees. 3) A more prolific program to develop career opportunities for graduates. These are things that cannot be accomplished within a single year, yet the foundations can be laid upon which we can build. A strong student activism is important to achieve as the final goal a well-prepared business graduate.

I am a sophomore majoring in finance. This has been my first year at BSU and am looking forward to the next two years in which I hope to accomplish some worthwhile measures as a senator from the School of Business.

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Senator candidates - Business - 5 seats

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There is another thing in the offering, and that is the implementation of Dental Health Care Program. It is clearly evident that a program of this sort is to the advantage of the students. These are only two reasons for my desire to continue as Senator for the ASBSU and continue to serve for the students of Boise State University.

Wade Nelson - I want to do something for Boise State. I feel that the best way is through Student Government. I have a lot of student government experience. I have a lot of new ideas that I think will help Boise State. I am a freshman majoring in Political Science. I plan on practicing law after I graduate and feel student government is a good beginning.

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Mike Kirkpatrick - I am a senior majoring in Music Education and have attended Boise for five years. Because I changed from a Science major a few years ago, I have an interest in both the Arts and the Sciences. My attendance here at BSU has enabled me to become aware of the beneficial programs and problems in the Senate. My reasons for running are to help, by the best of my ability, to improve the programs and the government at Boise State University.

Pam Kalfelch - I'm running for Senator from Arts & Sciences because I want to know what's going on at BSU, while it's happening, not after it happened. I want to feel like I'm more of a part of this university. (Pam is a sophomore majoring in Communications.)

Gaelo "Bud" Valdez - As an art student who is married, a veteran and bi-cultural, I especially would like to represent the needs of these groups of students on campus. helping to assure that all students have equal representation. I also would like to see the needs of handicapped students represented in student government. If given an opportunity, I will support awareness of and responsiveness to the needs of these students.

Diana Simpson - I have been involved in student government during the past two academic years as Secretary to the Senator. I have seen many resolutions (e.g., naming of BSU structures, Women's Athletic Program, Suit against the State Board of Education concerning alcohol on campus, proposals (e.g., Day Care, Alcohol on campus, Dental Health program), and other legislation come before the Senate. On various occasions, action was taken without student input. These are some of the goals I would like to accomplish: a. continual and factual student input, b. more Senate activity concerning academic and student affairs, c. a formulation of a Dental Health program, d. expansion of Arts and Sciences in the goals I would like to accomplish: a. continual and factual student input, b. more Senate activity concerning academic and student affairs, c. a formulation of a Dental Health program, d. expansion of Arts and Sciences in the

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Senator candidates - Arts and Sciences - 5 seats

Senator candidates - Vo-Tech - 1 seat

Robert Lawrence Dibble II - Time to step into a brave new world, and together, tell them what we think. (Robert is a freshman majoring in Drafting Technology.)

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