

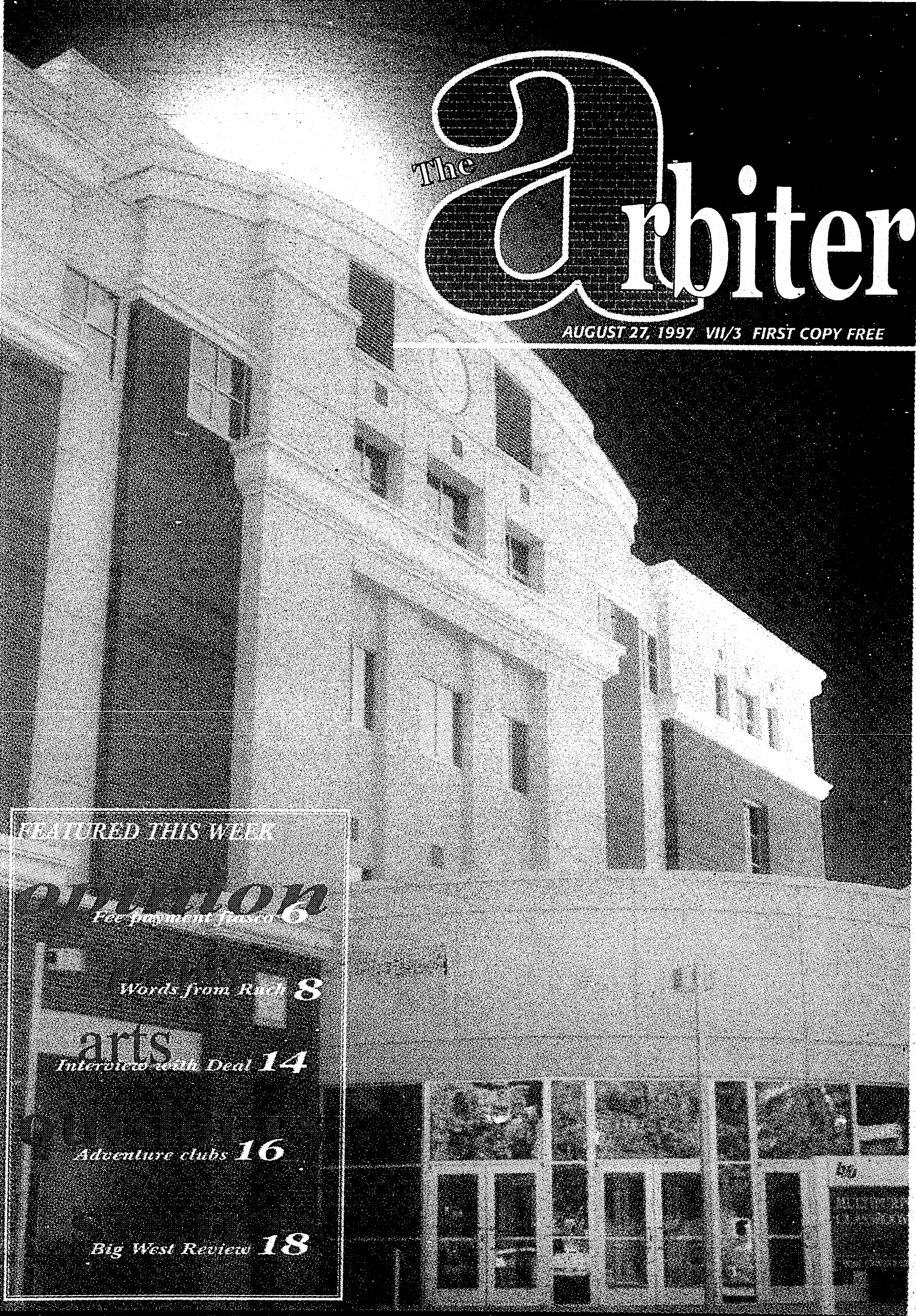
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# Your UNREAL Horrorscope

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by Mark David Holladay  
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Welcome back to another fun-filled semester at BSU. I just wanted to let you know that I still channel the horoscope directly from the stars without filtering their unconventional wisdom. No alterations of any kind are made to the relevant information passed on to this papers demographic chosen.

**Virgo:** (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) Everyone has a story about why BSU is bad. Your kind is always involved.

**Libra:** (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Beat the mass transit conspiracy! Make sure you have a parking spot by showing up every day before dawn.

**Scorpio:** (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) When a bronco made of pine is left outside your door don't forget the Trojans.

**Sagittarius:** (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) Now that Moxie Java has barstools you can get a caffeine rush and spin all day!

**Capricorn:** (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) Back to school can only mean one thing—new soft rawhide chew toys!

**Aquarius:** (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) There is a fine line between fishing and a man standing on the bank.

**Pisces:** (Feb. 19—Mar. 20) Network television has all the answers to your inane questions.

**Aries:** (Mar. 21—Apr. 19) Break out of the normal semester cycle by becoming involved in a bizarre love octagon.

**Taurus:** (Apr. 20—May 20) See what your student government is doing for you!!! Ask why class registration is so terrible. Visit their weekly meetings and take pictures.

**Gemini:** (May 21—June 21) Make a list of all the take out and delivery places before you're forced to eat at the SUB.

**Cancer:** (June 22—July 22) If you are lost on campus the best thing to do is hop on one foot and scream, 'I'm lost! For the love of God will someone help me?!'

**Leo:** (July 23—Aug. 22) Just because your blood is not required to sign up for credit cards in the SUB does not mean that the devil is not involved.

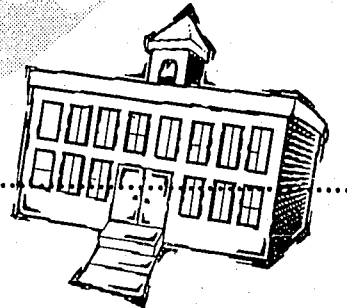
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### reasons why students should be glad they chose to come to BSU

by Asencion Ramirez  
Opinion Editor

10. ASBSU President T.J. Thomson says, "Coffee, try it again for the first time." Leave it to T.J. to improve America's relations with Columbia!
9. Buster Bronco, he's just a mascot, not an expression!
8. Student Programs Board Director Cori Barerra promises an exciting year. Lobby her now to bring Sigfried and Roy Clark to campus. "Ah'm a plucking the gueecetar!" "And I am making the ze tigers disappear!"
7. Even Congressman Helen Chenoweth would have to agree that Boise is warm enough for a tropical guy like me.
6. BSU is the only one of Idaho's universities whose football team doesn't play in a potato cellar.
5. The intramural field, just south of the tennis courts, has recently had its status upgraded from Sarejevo to downtown Beirut. If all goes according to plan the field will soon have fewer holes than Interstates 15 and 84 combined.
4. BSU President Charles Ruch doesn't insist on being called Señor Generalissimo, although he's one of a few men who could wear that title well.
3. The SUB is a certified E-Coli free zone! Support Local #432 of the American Freedom Fighters Union.
2. Rumor has it the new classroom building secretly houses an entrance to the Bat-Cave.
1. \$1,050 worth of administrative fees doesn't really qualify as tuition, anyway.



## Welcome back

Even though classes have barely begun, we here at the Arbiter have already been doing a lot of homework. Our two Summer issues helped iron out some kinks, and we've been working like mad to get this first weekly issue to the streets.

I have to say that so far, I'm pretty happy with the results. In Sports, editor Terry Christensen has prepared a mammoth preview of the Big West Conference, with a team-by-team breakdown and some prognostication. Arts Editor Mary Doherty shares with you some of the funner aspects of her job, like talking to Kelly Deal one afternoon. News Editor Kelly Millington has organized three articles that will highlight some of the recent and upcoming changes on campus- the renovated food court, a new off-campus college bookstore and President Ruch's outlook on the institution. And as usual, Out Of Doors editor Clint Miller will share opportunities for enjoying our stretches of wilderness, and the concerns that go with it. And last but certainly not least, R.J. Grooms continues to develop a strong design concept, one that I think will only get better.

Like you, we will learn from our experiences, and make changes where necessary, but what we really need is some feedback from you, our readers. Please let us know what you think about the articles, the new look, or anything we might be missing. And oh yeah, get to work.

JC

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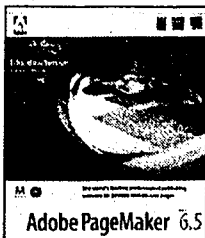
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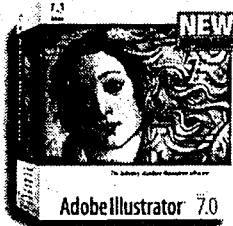
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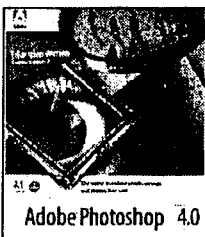
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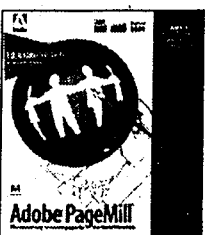
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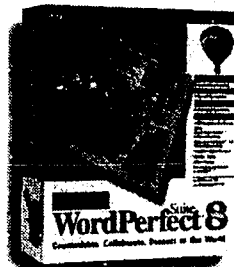
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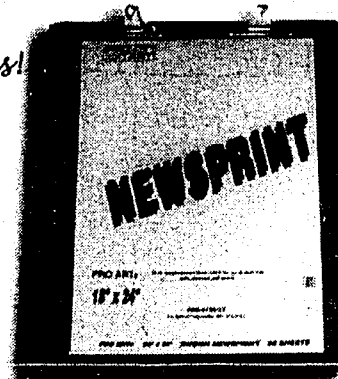
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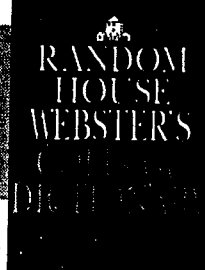




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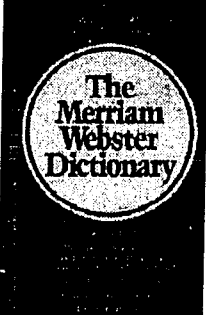
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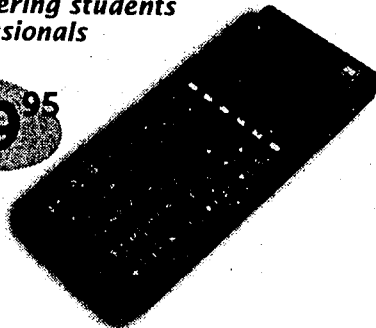



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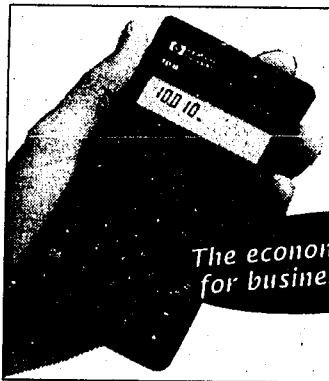
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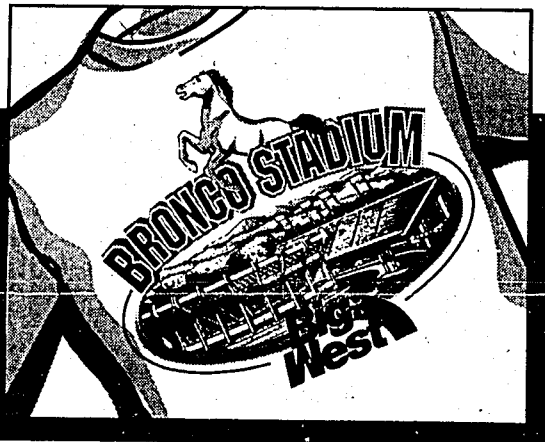
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# Happy Thoughts for your first week

by Asencion Ramirez  
Opinion Editor

Things have happened and choices have been made in the last few years that will greatly affect any course BSU hopes to chart. How BSU comes through into in the new millenium will be a direct reflection of the work of administrators, state officials and student leaders. While there are things that can happen out of the blue, like wealthy benefactors quietly donating millions and millions of dollars without strings attached, there are other happenings the bear close watching and examination.

Big West, Big Deal? BSU is one of 112 schools fielding a football team at the Division 1-A level. The move carries good and bad connotations. BSU now has more scholarship money with which to go after more high school and junior college athletes, but it also has to compete against 112 other schools who have their eyes on those same prize athletes. Luring those athletes to compete in Boise is a difficult task at best.

The school can also market athletic events to larger television audiences. The question is, "Who wants to watch?" There will be 56 football games played on most Saturdays during the season, of those 56 few will appeal to major networks and the chances of BSU's name

being called out by broadcasters from the big three networks, even ESPN or CNN, are slim.

Boise now gets to host the Big West bowl game, only after the old host city decided it could get its dollars worth from hosting the event. The Big West champion will meet an at-large team, because the Middle America Conference decided it didn't want to play the Big West, on December 29.

Boise = Big Time? There's a 30,000 seat stadium that needs to be filled, an indoor arena that's very empty and a performance center that might soon find itself a venue without applause. BSU used to be the kid with the biggest and brightest toys on the block. Bronco athletics used to be the only ticket in town, but now there are other sweaty people vying for Idahoan's money. Minor league hockey and basketball are coming to the area. Most sports fans are going have a hard time getting their entertainment dollar to stretch its way back to campus.

Sporting events aren't the only migrating events. Slagwagon, the Flecktones, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Sheryl Crow, ZZ Top, Ziggy Marley, Kenny Loggins, and the Allman Brothers Band; guess how many of the aforementioned musical acts are going to play on the BSU campus? Here's a hint: the numeral that's the correct answer is also the numeral that most resembles a doughnut.

With the opening of the Bank of America Centre and the re-opening of the Union Block, the

Pavilion and the Morrison Center are becoming less attractive venues for concerts.

Why? Well, it's difficult to do anything more than tap your feet at the Morrison Center, and the Pavilion sacrifices coziness that some bands find necessary, plus it's hard to find 5,000 or more people who are genuinely entertained by bands that like to set their roadies on fire.

Also there's a slight detail that can be found at the bottom of some concerts advertising: "All ages show. Full bar with I.D." As long as the campus remains, reasonably dry, you can bet your bottom dollar that concerts with that disclaimer will be playing anywhere but campus.

It walks like tuition, smells like tuition, but it's a duck and it's getting bigger. Student fees, i.e. that thing you get billed for that looks like tuition but supposedly isn't, this year was nearly a hundred dollars more than it was last year. And it got bigger last year, and the year before that, and the year before that. Earlier this year State Board of Education member Jerry Hess of Nampa said he wouldn't vote for fee increases again, "simply because the [Idaho] Constitution is supposed to guarantee free education for students." College students should elect that man humanitarian of the year.

Here's another thought: the next young politico with his eyes on the ASBSU ought to promise to fight fee increases to the bitter end. That's one way to genuinely endear himself to his peers.

## Cashier's office makes mistake on fee day

by Josh Casten  
Editor in Chief

In all my years as a BSU student, I have almost invariably waited until the last day to pay my fees. Like hundreds of other students, I usually show up at the Ad building in the middle of the afternoon and get in line to pay, knowing I'll be stuck in line for a while.

And every time I stood there in line with all the other procrastinators, I would mentally kick myself every time somebody walked by me over to the cashier's office drop slot and stuck in the official return envelope that comes to students with their bills for the upcoming semester. I would stand there in the August heat in a crowded hallway and watch as other people, who obviously had it a lot more together than me, would just breeze in and out, like it was just a little errand, instead of a black hole of an afternoon, like it always was for me.

This year, though was different, for a number of reasons. Scholarship money meant I had a zero balance, so all I had to do was take the bill to the cashier's office and drop it off. I didn't have to pay, so I didn't have to get in line, either. I just had to get my signed bill into the hands of the administration. A perfect occasion, I remembered one day with a pleasant surprise, for the good old drop slot.

Yes, now I would be one of those who waltzed in, nodded politely to the people in line, dropped the envelope into the slot and walked off with a smile on my face. It would be great. It would take five minutes.

I was very impressed with myself.

I showed up at the Ad building at 4:30 p.m., August 14th and walked up the stairs. This would be easy,

and fast, and I would be on my way home. When I got to the top of the stairs, I was glad I had remembered the drop slot. The entire hallway, from the cashier's door all the way back to the glass doors of the payroll office, was one big breathing, sweating mass of humanity. It was hot, like 100 degrees or more, and muggy as hell. I hadn't seen a line like this since freshman registration. It was just downright ugly.

My heart went out to all those people stuck in line. It was, without a doubt, the longest fee payment line I had ever seen. I pardoned my way through the crowd, and made it over to the drop slot.

I froze.

There was silver duct tape covering the slot, and a large, handwritten note taped to the wall read: "Do not use." I looked around at all the people, suddenly feeling very small, and realized I shared their fate. I had no choice. I got in line.

But which line? There were four of them, two going down the hall and two coming back up. Thinking I might be lucking out, I joined onto the line that ended halfway down the hall. It took over an hour to get to the end of the hall and back to the cashier's office door. Then, I realized with horror what the two lines meant: one line was leading straight into the cashier's office, while the other one was making a U-turn back to the end of the hallway. These were not two separate lines, but one long spiral, and I was smack dab in the middle of it.

I was not even halfway through the line. Now, with the envelope in my hand wet and soft from my grip, my stomach rumbling and my meter expired, I got angry. At first, I had been bewildered, and had humbly ambled in line with everybody else. But now — now I was pissed.

A few moments later, I was explaining my situation, that I was going to use the slot, and so on, to another person standing in line.

As I was talking, a short, curly-haired lady was walking through the crowd, and she stopped and looked up at me. When I was done complaining about the lack of dropoff service, she said "No, we're not doing that today." She was wearing a BSU name tag, but I didn't get to read it in time. I stared straight at her and said "Yeah, I know. WHY NOT?"

She didn't answer me. Instead, she turned and drifted into the crowd. Our student "fees" paid for that fine piece of customer service. I want a refund.

Now I was really steamed. On top of everything, someone in the cashier's office gives me attitude, virtually insulting my intelligence, instead of maybe explaining to me why I'm stuck in the heat, half soaked in sweat. That's all I wanted — a simple explanation. I could have been content after that.

Anyway, my torture was ended prematurely by a group of cashier's office employees who filtered out into the crowd with empty boxes and envelopes. People who had checks, or a zero balance, could leave their bills in the boxes. They must have realized that at 6:30 p.m., with the hallway still full, they were going to be there until at least 8 unless they did something.

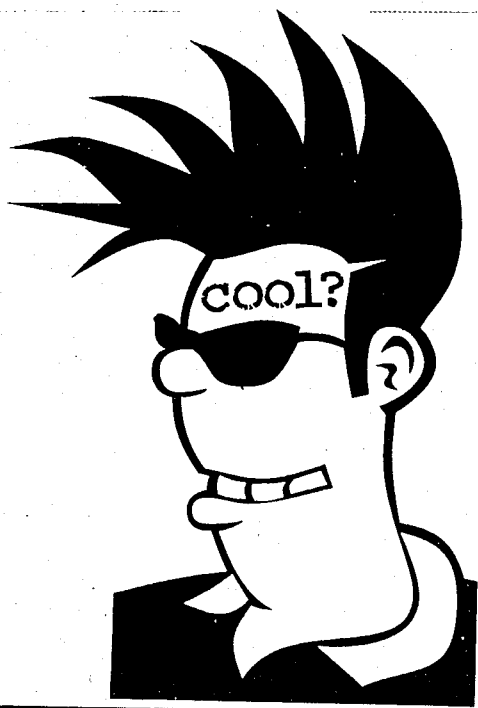
How brilliant.

So, at least six hours late, they finally allowed students to drop off their bills. I understand that there were probably reasons why the cashier's office chose to close off the drop slot, but it was done with arrogance, attitude, and without foresight. Next time, unless you let people know ahead of time, and you explain to them why, just leave the damn slot open.

# Thank you 'Rolling Stone' for making me "cool"

by Asencion Ramirez  
Opinion Editor

**Editor's note: This editorial was written while I was still living in Powell, Idaho.**



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The days are getting shorter, marking the time of an annual migration, my migration out of the North-Central Idaho's woodlands and back to the halls of academe. This summer, besides the usual financial aid homework; i.e. W-2s, 1040s, and WD-40s, I've got a three foot stack of homework that needs to be read. This "homework" probably — nix that — definitely won't help me academically, but I'm hoping to score points socially.

Every summer, for the past three years, I have traveled to the remotest reaches of Idaho to work in a National Forest. How remote is my work station? Well, horror of horrors, I can't get cable and the aerial antenna only brings in one T.V. station, two if you count CBS, both out of the booming metropolis of Missoula, Montana.

And as if that weren't torture, I was also forced to endure Missoula radio. That puts two radio stations, four if you count the country stations, on the airwaves. One station, Z100, proudly claims to be "Missoula's Best Rock." What the "Z" conveniently neglects to mention is that they are, in fact, Missoula's only rock.

So, where am I left after being bombarded by all this pro-Montana propaganda? Upon returning to school I find myself 'out of the loop,' uninformed and unable to cope our rapidly changing world, sort of.

That will not happen at the end of this summer, however, because I will do my homework. The three-foot stack of homework is every single issue of "Rolling Stone" from the last three years.

Oh yes, I will be hip this year. I'm sure of it, because I've seen "Rolling Stone" at work. My crew boss, Dave, has moved from wearing white high-top sneakers to sleek black athletic shoes. He's gone from looking like the old-school James Hetfield of Metallica to more like Dexter Holland of the Offspring. Me, I'm shooting for Zach de la Rocha of Rage Against the Machine fame.

You see, "Rolling Stone" has the uncanny ability of drawing out all things cool. Its writers seek out coolness, declare coolness, and on occasion declare uncoolness and they make no secret about it either. If you doubt what I'm saying pick up any copy of the magazine and flip to the last page. There, in a simple graphical layout you will find the coolest music of the moment, i.e. the Bill Board Top Twenty. Using rudimentary deductive skills anyone can figure out what album to buy, and if they've bought the wrong album. Admittedly, I've been cooler. As a freshmen not a week went by when I didn't own at least five of the albums in the top twenty.

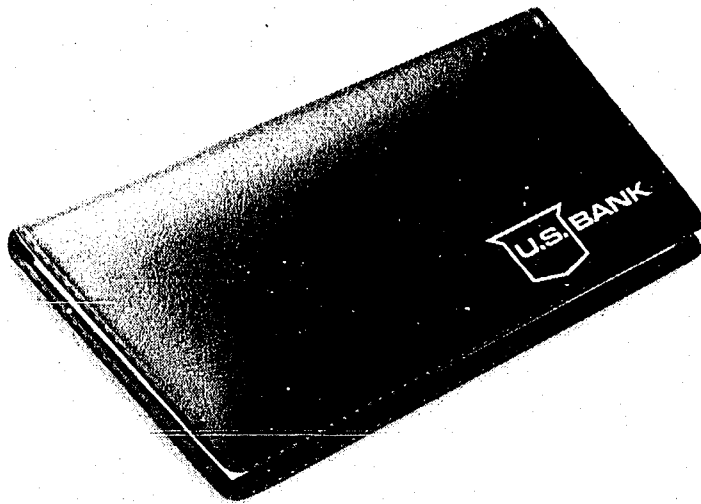
"Rolling Stone" doesn't stop with music though. They talk up television, politics, society and film, giving advice on all the important things in life and even how to look good too.

The people of "Rolling Stone" sure are nice to offer up such a great service. They're direct about it too, no pussy-footing around for these guys. One issue professes to know the 200 greatest rock and roll albums ever. A quick inventory of my stock revealed that I owned only two of them, a situation that requires a rapid remedy. Another issue proudly issues this command: "What to watch, Where to go, Who to listen to."

It's funny, but now that I think about it my mom and dad used to tell me the exact same things, but they're not nearly as cool as "Rolling Stone." Besides, mom and dad don't travel the woods of North-Central Idaho as well as the Cameron Diaz issue. That, and they're fuddy enough to actually like Missoula.

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## Ruch outlines upcoming year, emphasizes continued growth

by Kelly Millington  
News Editor

If you've been in Boise this summer, it was hard to miss the "real world" BSU commercials - 30-second spots lauding the benefits of a BSU education. That's exactly what President Charles Ruch wants people to perceive. In his annual faculty address last week, Ruch outlined ways he plans to entice increased numbers of quality students and faculty to BSU, and how he wants to develop the university as it prepares for the 21st century.

### Looking back

Ruch had few negative words for the 96-97 school year, calling it "the most productive year ever." He did admit, however, that construction on the new multi-purpose building and the stadium was a hardship for everyone. And he added there will be more inconvenience over the next year as officials begin to carry out the campus master plan.

One reason last year was so productive, Ruch said, was that he passed the revised discrimination code that now includes sexual orientation with the list of other protected groups. Five years have passed since B-GLAD leaders first petitioned Larry Selland, then interim BSU president, and it's taken about two years for Ruch to sign and implement the amended code. He said he wants people to abide by it so others will recognize "the civility of our university."

Ruch also cited the renovation and expansion of the Canyon County campus and growth of the Distance Learning network to ten districts as contributing to last year's productivity. In addition, he said, this fall, BSU will have its 30,000 seat stadium and an Athletic Hall of Fame. And he said he's proud to announce the opening of the food court in the SUB which has, he was told, "the largest Moxie Java on the planet."

### Issues to face

The upcoming year has its share of issues to tackle, Ruch said. After the engineering department finished last school year with a "most successful rookie season," Ruch said the remaining step in BSU's academic goals will be to receive accreditation as a doctoral-granting institution.

He then addressed money for professors. "Due to an uneven economy, lagging tax revenues and natural disasters," he said, "we couldn't award increased faculty salaries." But he said this year should be different because the 97-98 budget will support those increases. Ruch stated raises are a top priority to the State Board of Education and himself.

### Goals to achieve

Ruch presented four objectives he wants to reach this school year, suggestions he's come up with to better the university.

First, he wants to "aggressively tell BSU's story to Boise and Idaho," working with officials and colleagues to convene a "Higher Ed Round Table" this fall. He said many "key opinion leaders" from across the state will sit at the table, to discuss the present and future of Idaho's higher education system.

As part of this round table, Ruch said he will expand the Alumni Legislative Network, what he calls a fundamental voice on behalf of BSU's efforts to lobby for higher ed.

And Ruch will heighten the media campaign currently running so the public will see and understand the contributions BSU makes to Idaho's economy and quality of life.

Next, Ruch says he'll continue to implement the campus master plan. That includes developing the infrastructure of the Canyon County campus, restricting the Greenbelt part of the Boise campus to pedestrian traffic only and encouraging the use of alternative transportation.

The master plan also possibly includes a new student recreation center. Ruch said he's asking several officials and student leaders to examine the feasibility of

the center, and recognized it's been "the highest priority for ASBSU leaders for the past several years and deserves attention this year."

He wants the officials and student leaders to "revisit actual costs for the proposed structure, available resources with current and proposed student fees, land availability and potential construction dates." Ruch said he would like a decision on the center this year.

Ruch then added continued implementation of the master plan will mean the realignment of parking fees and possibly construction of the "first of a growing number of parking decks." He acknowledges the inconvenience of more construction, but called it "inevitable and necessary if we are to improve our campus."

The president's third focal point for the year will be to study the impact of increased arts and entertainment competition in the Treasure Valley. With the advent of the Idaho center, the Bank of America Center and the re-opening of the Union Block, Ruch says he's convening a year-long arts and entertainment venues seminar that will study the increased competition, and how venues such as the Morrison Center can compete.

But it's not just entertainment Ruch views as competition - technology could get the better of traditional schooling, as evidenced by the newly-established Western Governor's University. He plans to have members of the Higher Ed Round Table look into the issue.

Last, Ruch, unsure of how professors understand and use technology in the classroom, is asking Provost Daryl Jones and several organizations to examine the feasibility of requiring all incoming, year 2000 freshman, to own laptop computers.

"I am convinced that technology, specifically computer applications, is going to have an impact on teaching and learning," he said. Ruch admitted it puts long-range institutional planning in a difficult light, and that's why he wants to study whether computers should be standard. Ruch pointed out the upcoming year will be both challenging and rewarding. He asked faculty members to keep an eye on Congress and the decisions representatives will be making about funding for higher education. But he concluded BSU will continue to grow, improve and become an institution fit for educating students who will live in the next century.

## Renovated food court promises pleasing variety

by Erin Burden  
Staff Writer

Almost as soon as university officials chose food supplier Fine Host over Marriott, the new company dug into the Student Union Building and began renovating the food court. This closure — the second in two years — was an attempt to "raise the quality" of the service and "create a more inviting atmosphere," explains Patti Petitelcerc, Fine Host's marketing manager.

Fine Host wanted to expand meal and snack options to students, and that expansion houses gourmet sandwiches from Rapz, rotisserie cooking by Owyhee Roaster, a larger Moxie Java, the Snake River Grill, plus a Fresh Express convenience store built into the already-present Pizza Hut. Fine Host also offers Pizza Hut delivery on-campus only.

Fine Host has also taken over and remodeled the Subway in the Education building, as well as the concession stands in the stadium and Pavilion to create cleaner areas that offer more food varieties. The company has spent nearly \$1 million in order to "raise the level of food service," Petitelcerc says, and officials have brought in corporate inventions such as Owyhee Roaster and Rapz.

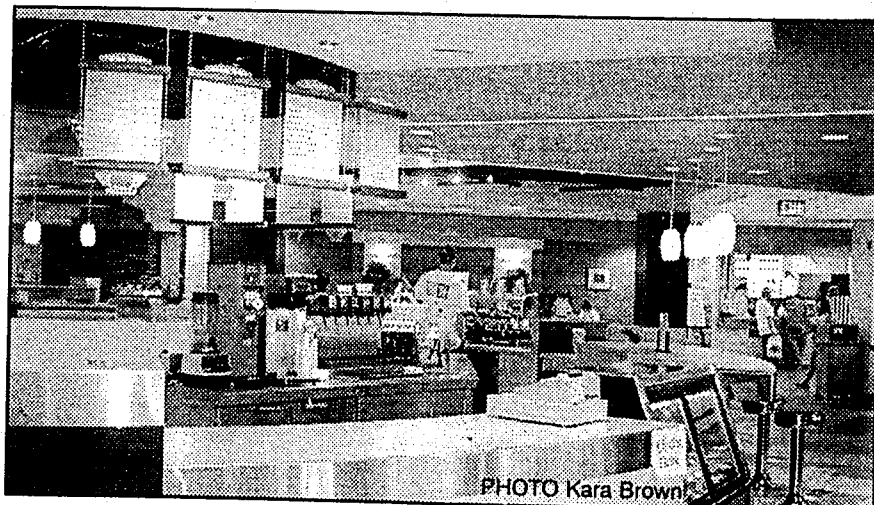


PHOTO Kara Brown

# New Bookstore gives students options for books but head of BSU Bookstore says he's not worried

by Kelly Millington  
News Editor

Books, software, art supplies, little necessities - both claim to have it all, and the fairest prices, to boot. It all equals competition, and it looks as though the new Bronco College Books might have an edge on the BSU Bookstore's monopoly. But Hervey Gulledge, Bronco's manager, says he's not here to "have malice toward the BSU Bookstore." He contends he's in Boise to provide students with an alternative, and that he has the right to do so.

## "BSU students, now you have a choice!"

That's what Bronco College Books' radio ads proclaim. But Bill Barmes, supervisor of the BSU Bookstore, asserts students will find the best deals and selection inside the Student Union Building. He says the university bookstore only carries texts by wholesaler Nebraska Book Company, and the Bronco College Books doesn't inventory any titles sold by Nebraska Books. Because of that, he says, "the competition is not beating our pricing."

But Gulledge refutes Barmes' statement. He says he buys texts from Nebraska Book Company and about 19 other wholesale suppliers, and even though his assortment is fairly small right now, he plans to have a full selection by next semester. In fact, Gulledge says, "I have accounts with about 20 wholesalers and will have large quantities of used textbooks."

## Waging the price war

Even though Bronco College Books poses a challenge for the BSU Bookstore, Barmes says pricing won't "substantially change" when it comes to textbooks or supplies. He does admit, though, the Bronco store's presence is "going to affect ... a certain amount of our sales." But, Barmes says "Students will see we'll pay the highest price for their used books."

Meanwhile, Gulledge, who emphasizes he doesn't want to say something bad about anyone, says he'll pay students half of what they paid, if their texts are in demand for the next semester. However, he says, "there are always exception to the rules."

## Where are they coming from?

Stemming from Florida, Edward Lemox owns a string of bookstores, including Bronco Books that compete with university bookstores. The Lemox company also owns the Lemox Wholesale branch, another source Gulledge uses for textbooks. Gulledge has worked for Lemox about ten years, and moved from Florida to operate the new store. He says he'll match the BSU Bookstore's hours, and "if people come knocking on my door," he'll remain open as often as necessary.

Gulledge only hires BSU students, and during peak rushes, he employs 20 to 25 students temporarily. Officials at the BSU Bookstore also rely on students to work for them.

## Similarities and differences

Gulledge points out that, besides providing similar art, book and software supplies as the BSU Bookstore, he runs his store in a way he considers more customer-friendly. "There's a counter across the store," he describes. "It's not self service - you tell employees what books you need and they get them for you. We feel we can get the customer in and out quicker." Without that extra help, "it can be a jungle," he says.

## Vying for student attention

Both the bookstores want to be active presences in the BSU community. Bill Barmes says examples

of the BSU Bookstore's presence include paying rent to the SUB, which helps defray student fees. He also says the SUB is a community center, and with the bookstore in the middle of it, more people patronize businesses inside the SUB. "We also support faculty and staff organizations, go to meetings, give out gift certificates and have fundraisers," Barmes says. And he adds certain amounts of bookstore profits are returned to BSU.

Like Barmes, Gulledge wants to become "an active part of the university community." He says he intends to keep the bookstore in Boise "forever, as long as you'll have us."

To celebrate its opening, Bronco College Books will give away a television Sept. 5, and a local radio station will be on hand, as well.



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## Several grads accepted to medical schools

Six 1997 BSU graduates have been accepted into medical or dental school this fall. Each student hopes to practice in Idaho or the Northwest.

Sean Amsbaugh of Wallace has been accepted at the Medical College of Wisconsin. While at BSU, Amsbaugh majored in radiological science and was nominated as a Top Ten Scholar. He wants to specialize in family medicine.

Christe Bruderlin of Boise will be attending the University of Washington. She earned her masters of science in interdisciplinary studies while at BSU. Bruderlin's medical focus will be in obstetrics and gynecology, and she would like to practice in the Boise area.

Matt McLaughlin, Caldwell, has been accepted to the University of Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, MO. McLaughlin played football for BSU from 1988 to 1992 and graduated with a history degree in 1993. He returned and graduated in 1997 with a biology degree.

Peter Morey, Boise, has been accepted at the University of Washington. While at BSU, he majored in psychology and earned a minor in chemistry. Morey plans to practice medicine in Boise.

Shawn States of Boise will also be attending the University of Washington this fall. States was a health sciences major at BSU and was nominated as a Top Ten Scholar. His medical interests lie in immunology, neurology or anesthesiology. And Todd Walker, Boise, has been accepted to the University of Minnesota. He majored in environmental health at BSU and wants to be an orthodontist.

## Take those problems to a conflict resolution workshop

Social workers and other human service professionals have the opportunity to enhance their conflict resolution skills at a one-day workshop at BSU. The School of Social Work will hold the conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 in the Jordan A Ballroom in the SUB.

Suzanne McCorkle, associate dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, leads the workshop. She also runs the Office of Conflict Management Services and specializes in interpersonal conflict. McCorkle has also consulted with business and service agencies throughout Idaho and served as a member of Gov. Batt's 1994 Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution in State Government.

The workshop stresses that conflict resolution skills are increasingly important for social workers and professionals such as family therapists, adult and juvenile court workers and counselors in schools. Using these skills can enhance professional abilities, promote effective communication and is useful in making decisions concerning management and leadership positions.

Because of this, the workshop will help participants understand collaboration and multi-level negotiation, develop a case-analysis ability and understand the advantages of consensus-building.

Register by Sept. 12 and cost is \$95. After that date, participants pay \$115, with a buffet lunch and course materials included. All who take the course earn six Continuing Education credits, and academic credit may be available. Contact the School of Social Work at 385-1568 for more information.

## Physics professor receives large national research grant

The Arizona-based Research Corporation has awarded Dr. Charles Hanna, an assistant professor of physics at BSU, a two-year grant of 35 thousand dollars. Applicants for the grant face national competition, and Hanna has received the Cottrell College Science Award for his work with the electronic properties of layered semiconductors.



His project, titled "Multilayer Semi-conductor Structures in the Quantum Hall

Regime," focuses on the electronic properties of layered semiconductors in very large magnetic fields at temperatures near absolute zero.

Hanna says "Extremes of high magnetic fields and low temperatures allow scientists to produce new states of matter. These states have some dramatic and unusual properties, most notably, quantized electrical resistance."

Hanna began working on the quantum Hall effect about four years ago as a post-doctoral researcher at the IBM Watson Research Center. He will collaborate on this project with Indiana University Distinguished Professors Allan McDonald and Steve Girvin, who are world-renowned experts on the quantum Hall effect. BSU undergraduate student Dylan Haas, a senior physics major, will assist Hanna in his research.

The Research Corporation is a foundation for the advancement of science. Cottrell College Science Awards support research in astronomy, chemistry and physics at public and private colleges and universities. The program supports significant research, which will lead to the development

of undergraduate faculty and their students.

Scientists throughout the United States and Canada submit competing proposals to the program. Applications are then reviewed by international academic scientists and experts.

## Computer science program reaccredited

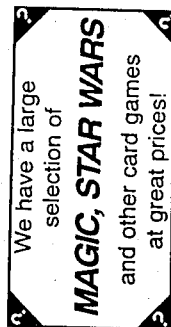
The national accrediting commission for computing sciences has given the seal of approval to BSU's computer science program. The program has been reaccredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission (CSAC) of the Computer Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB).

BSU's program is among 151 such programs currently accredited by CSAC.

The computer science program was instituted in 1990 as part of the department of mathematics and computer science. Graduates of the program are trained to work in areas such as software engineering or system administration.

"We are very pleased to have our computer science program reaccredited," says Phil Eastman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "What it means to the public is that our program meets or exceeds the same standards that identify the best programs in the country."

In June, the State Board of Education approved a graduate program in computer science. Those courses will be offered for the first time this fall.



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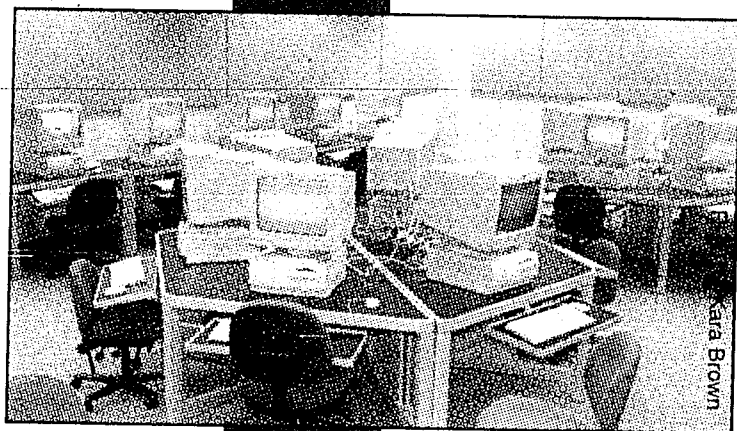
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COVER  
STORYMulti-Purpose  
Classroom facility open  
for classesby Josh Casten  
Editor in Chief

More than two years after plans were announced for a new classroom building, students will finally take instruction in the recently completed Multi-Purpose Classroom Facility, located between the Science-Nursing and Liberal Arts West/Public Affairs buildings.

The 64,000 square foot, four story building was designed and built with a variety of applications in mind, ranging from small seminar rooms, capable of seating no more than 30 people, to the large auditorium that will hold around 170. The building also contains a small auditorium, standard lecture rooms, and larger rooms capable of accommodating up to 60 people.



Sara Brown

"We knew that we wanted to generate a facility that would be multi-use," says BSU Architect Victor Hosford, who oversaw the building's completion. Indeed, the new building's classrooms will be largely open to all departments to schedule classes in, if the need arises. "Anybody who has a particular need based on size or type of classroom, all departments could schedule classes" in the building. Aside from the Physics department occupying the fourth floor, the building is not the specific turf of any other department, said Hosford.

Aside from merely adding classroom space, the Physics department's move to occupy the fourth floor of the new building will allow the Biology and Chemistry departments to consolidate on the third floor of the Science/Nursing building.

The building was completed two weeks ahead of schedule, and some of the \$500,000 that BSU kicked in to provide

the large lecture hall add-on will be left over. Hosford estimated the total cost for the building at \$6.9 million.

For now, the building's mouthfull of a name will remain as is, but Hosford implied there had been some discussion of renaming the building, in order to give it a more user-friendly tag. Most likely, it would be dedicated to a person, and renamed after them, but that change would require approval by the Board of Education.

Hosford, who has been an institutional architect for 40 years, said the process of getting the Multi-Purpose Classroom Facility was relatively easy. "The luxury of this building for the university is that it's a new building from the ground up. Major renovations are always more complicated. This has been one of the nicer ones," he said.

Hosford knows all about the rigors of renovation. His first task as the BSU architect was the remodel and add-on of the SUB, and he has subsequently monitored the remodeling and renovation of the library and Canyon County Center, as well as the construction of the new day care center and College of Technology building, among many other smaller projects.

Hosford and his staff have been busy this summer, also overseeing the remodel of the food court in the SUB and the stadium expansion. Now, they are turning their attention to "19 or 20 projects," that have recently been budgeted to a total of \$1.7 million, mostly consisting of widening and improving walkways, including the Quad area. After that, crews will repave the Morrison Center and East Stadium parking lots.

"We can begin some implementations, and people should notice a real change in the walkways and bicycle racks, for instance," said Hosford.

The Campus Master Plan also looms large in Hosford's office, as the plan now becomes more of a reality. The most significant changes will be made along the banks of the Boise River to the north side of the campus, where automobile access will be limited, if not restricted outright, and walkways will be changed.

"All of those changes, we're going to try to integrate with the Boise city Green Belt master plan," said Hosford.

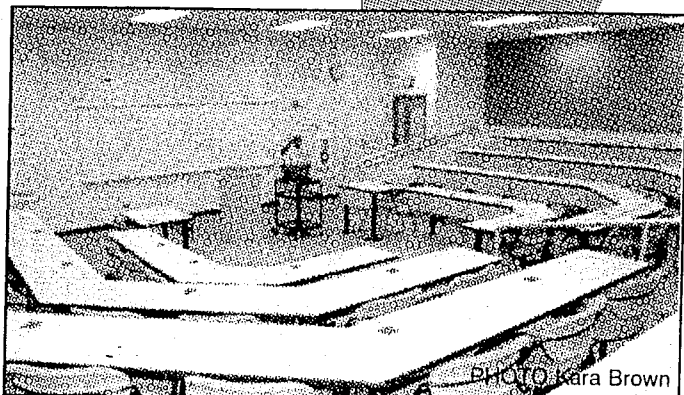


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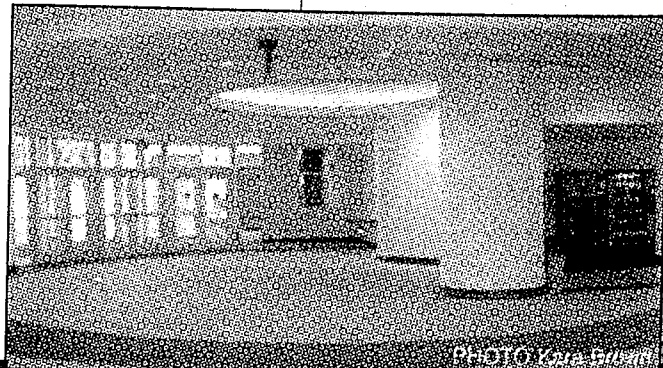


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### Why did the Group Admission Tickets for the movies increase in price?

The Student Union Info Desk is one of highest volume distributors of GATs in the area. Approximately, 5,000 tickets are sold monthly. There are other distributors in the area, such as credit unions and other businesses. Most of these places deal in a much lower volume. A few of the low volume outlets still have old stock with a face value of \$3.25. Some are charging \$3.50 or \$3.75 for these tickets. Many are now charging a service charge.

Until February 1996, Cineplex Odeon paid their own shipping charges. The Student Union only had to absorb the cost of paperwork and the shrinkage that comes with any retail sales business. Cineplex Odeon chose not to increase the ticket prices but instead began charging the buyers shipping fees. In December of 1996, we were informed that Cineplex Odeon would be raising the ticket prices to \$4.00 each. We sent in two orders of 5,000 each, one week apart. Cineplex Odeon will not allow us to purchase more than 5,000 at a time and they will not fill double orders. We ran out of those orders in April. As was stated before, a few other small volume retailers still have old stock and that is the reason for the cheaper prices.

As the 96/97 school year was coming to an end, the Administration of the Student Union took a proposal to the Student Union Board of Governors requesting a service charge be placed on movie tickets. This charge would help reduce the expenses associated with a nonprofit service. When the costs for the ticket service were shown to the Board, the response was "Yes, impose the charge or the service may have to be eliminated."

The Student Union believes this to be a fair and reasonable solution as opposed to the alternative. This increase will not completely absorb all costs related to the theatre ticket sales, but it makes the balance easier to accept. We know that nobody wants prices to increase, but in some cases it is the only way to continue a particular service that is in such high demand. Many people have come to use our service on a very regular basis. We extend our biggest "Thank you! Your business is most certainly appreciated and we hope we can continue to serve you well." To help accommodate the many people who need more than four of one kind of theatre ticket at a time, we have increased the maximum to six.

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## GETTING REAL WITH DEAL

by Mary Doherty  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Former Breeder Kelley Deal has released her second CD with the Kelley Deal 6000 on Nice Records entitled *Boom! Boom! Boom!* A follow up to tkd6k's debut *Go to the Sugar Altar*, Deal offers the familiar sing-song vocals and spontaneous yells notorious in any Deal project, but this one has an obscure appeal to it that Deal herself describes as "weird."

*Boom! Boom! Boom!* heads off with a quirky bubble-gum tune called "Shag," then jumps into the distorted indie-haze track "Future Boy" with its overtly noisy guitar riffs and monotone, almost incomprehensible story-telling lyrics.

"Baby I'm King" is a hypnotic trance with a low guitar repetition and space-age keyboard sound overlaid with Deal's voice barely above a whisper sweetly singing "Baby I'm King" over and over again.

Unique to anything I've heard from the tkd6k is the bluesy novelty "Where Did the Home Team Go." Deal's random lyrics are accompanied with a rhythmic hook that keeps you hitting "repeat" after the first listen.

I interviewed Kelley Deal via telephone from her recording studio in Minnesota on August 12. A synopsis wouldn't do the conversation justice, so this is basically how it went:

**Q. How did you meet your fellow band members?**

**A.** I met Jesse Roff, another guitarist, in rehab (at the halfway house). We started jamming and he didn't laugh at me, so we kept playing. He later left the band because of a Yoko Ono mishap. Then I met Marty Nedich at a 12-step meeting. The rest of the guys (Nick Hook and Steve Salett for *Go to the Sugar Altar*, and Todd Johnson, Jed Luhmann, Todd Mund and Jimmy Swan on *Boom! Boom! Boom!*) were all friends who joined along the way. "I guess our 'big break' as the Kelley Deal 6000 came when we opened for the Grifters. I played the bass."

**Q. Was your rehab successful?**

**A.** "Oh yeah, definitely. Very successful."

**Q. Why did the Breeders break up?**

**A.** "They didn't exactly break up, that's still Kim's project. I actually just came back from visiting her in Dayton. I played with them for a benefit show recently, but I guess now it's basically the Breeders minus Kelley."

**Q. Do people differentiate between you and Kim?**

**A.** "They used to mix us up but most people know the difference now, especially since we live in different cities and have different bands."

**Q. How did you and Kim become rock stars?**

**A.** "I'm not really sure what made Kim want to do it, but for me, I saw 'The song remains the same' about Led Zepplin when I was a teenager. I decided then that that's what I wanted to do. I came home and told her about it, then we just sort of encouraged each other along the way."

**Q. Did you ever have professional singing instruction?**

**A.** "We did for three months when we were younger. I've just always loved to sing, but I also wanted to be good at it."

**Q. You've often estranged your band to make cameo appearances on other releases, for example the *Scream* soundtrack and the *Supersuckers Must Have Been High*. Is that something you think you'll continue to do despite progression of your own band?**

**A.** "You heard that stuff? The Supersuckers were great. I love getting a chance to work with bands like that. It's just fun for me. Who knows who I'll end up singing with next?"

**Q. How is the Kelley Deal 6000 different from anything you've ever done before?**

**A.** "I'm more in charge of my own thing. I write and produce all the music and do my own artwork for the covers. *Boom! Boom! Boom!* is different, because it's weird. I don't sit down and think, 'I'm going to write a weird record, I just do what I like, but this one turned out weird.'"

**Q. How do you think it's weird?**

**A.** "Well, the war song ('Total War') was inspired by an HBO special I saw on Satan worshippers. The special began with this guy asking in a strange voice, 'Do you want total war?' I couldn't get it out of my head, so I had to write it down in a song."

I wrote the 'stripper' song after watching *Striptease* with Demi Moore. I think it's interesting how a lot of people leave the arts to become strippers. But in a way, I guess stripping is art."

**Q. Do you get a lot of your inspiration from the media?**

**A.** "Yeah. I get inspiration from a lot of things: the media, movies and stuff that's all around me."

**Q. What do you see in the future for the Kelley Deal 6000?**

**A.** "We're beginning our Northwest tour, and will be touring up until December. I still plan on working on this band."

Unfortunately, the Kelley Deal 6000 will not be coming to Boise (go figure), but you can find *Boom! Boom! Boom!* in record stores this fall. I highly recommend it... even though it's weird.

## UNION BLOCK REOPENS WITH DANDY CONCERT

by Mary Doherty  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Those crazy Canucks known as the Barenaked Ladies chewed up Boise and spit it out on the hard wood floor of the Union Block club downtown on August 5.

Their from-the-hip lyrics took the crowd through a myriad of rock performers, with parodies of everything from the Beastie Boys to Vanilla Ice, nearly every one taking shots at Boise and surrounding areas in a hilariously slapstick way.

Originally from Toronto, these goofy fellas mixed a Hawaiian style of music with ska and skat that left Boiseans rolling on the floor.

Ken, the accordion player, hailed Boise with his bare burnt chest from a hard day's work "somewhere down that Boise River." This band had a fresh spontaneity that made me giddy all night long. Heck, even the security guards were laughing and bobbing their heads.

The anecdotal lyrics were accompanied by an upright bass, an accordion, a guitarist, and a percussion set consisting merely of a snare and two cymbals. I don't know whether or not to call these guys stand-up comedians or brilliant artists. Either way, the show was unforgettable, and the Barenaked Ladies played with skill and ease and had a hell of a great time while they did it.

The fans seemed to love the jumpy, reggae-esque sounds, but Boiseans missed the boat again on audience participation points. A silly tradition back in the Canadian

homeland is macaroni hurling at Barenaked Ladies shows. The props were amply supplied, boxes of the Kraft delicatessen were strategically placed alongside the stage, but did anyone tear open a box and throw noodles at the performers? No.

All that could be rustled up from the audience was the traditional "All we know how to do at a concert in Boise is mosh" crowd. Maybe someday this town will learn how to skank, or do a jig, or something besides slamming bodies together towards the stage in angst. With that said, the Barenaked Ladies were extraordinary and to miss them next time through Boise would be a crying... no, a mournful wailing shame.

Opening for the Barenaked Ladies was Dog's Eye View. A few years ago these guys made a break on the "Dumb and Dumber" soundtrack, getting dismissed as one-hit wonders. I was actually surprised at how good they were on stage. They played a relatively clean set with poppy tunes and songs your mother would like, but they didn't offer much in the originality category.

Aside from a little bit of folksy twinge, Dog's Eye View are a recycled, early '90s, Toad the Wet Sprocket-without-the-song-writing-ability, REM-without-feeling band. The vocals, the guitar and even drum cadences were, for the most part, ambiguous rip-offs of American Top 40 hits. Every song ended with a traditional drum roll to a climactic last guitar strum.

The crowd was a bit reserved until the overplayed Magic 93.1 favorite "Everything Falls Apart" was played and people started singing and screaming. Other than that, we were all anticipating the Barenaked Ladies' appearance, which I'll mention again, didn't disappoint.

# Entertainment Calendar

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## Wednesday, August 27

Tom Grainey's- Rebecca Scott  
Decision  
J.T. Toad's- We B 3  
The Interlude- Divit & Mambo  
Shakespeare Festival- Macbeth  
NeuroLux- Stich  
Blues Bouquet- Ramblers Blues Band

## Thursday, August 28

Tom Grainey's- Rebecca Scott  
Decision  
Shakespeare Festival- The Taming of  
the Shrew  
Blues Bouquet- Hoochie Coochie  
Men

## Friday, August 29

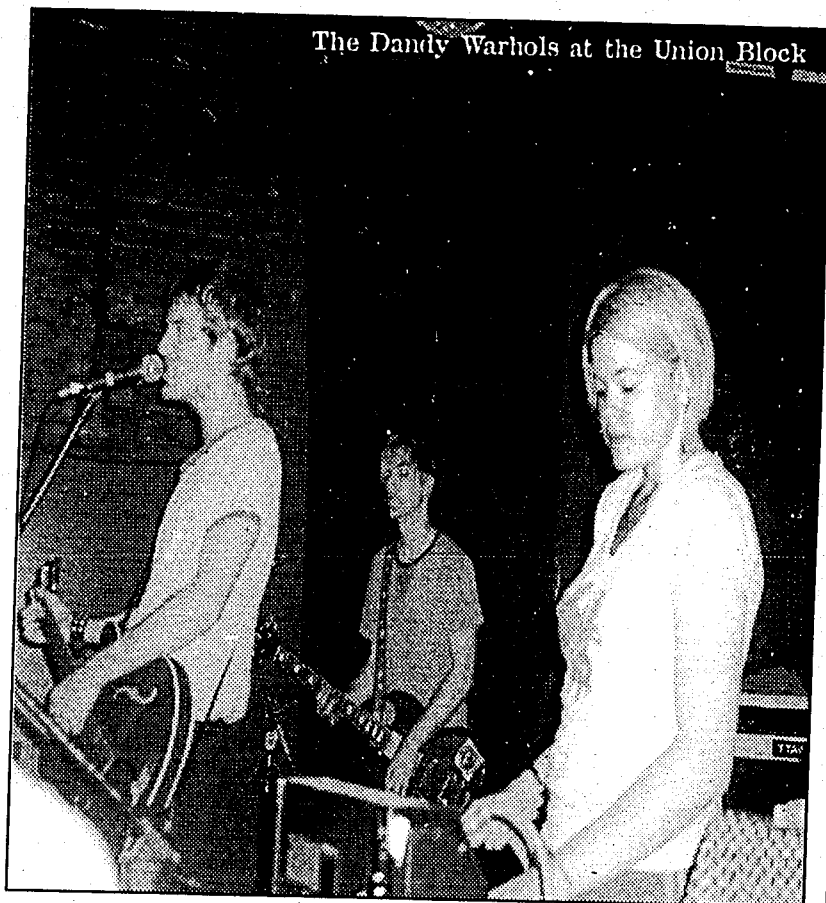
Tom Grainey's- Fluffer &  
Hummer  
J.T. Toad's- SKINNY BOY  
Shakespeare Festival- The  
Taming of the Shrew  
Blues Bouquet- The Delta 88  
Revival

## Saturday, August 30

Tom Grainey's-  
Fluffer & Hummer  
J.T. Toad's- Skinny  
Boy  
Memorial Stadium-  
Sheryl Crow  
Blues Bouquet-  
Rebecca Scott  
Decision

## Sunday, August 31

Blues Bouquet- New  
Electric Peaches



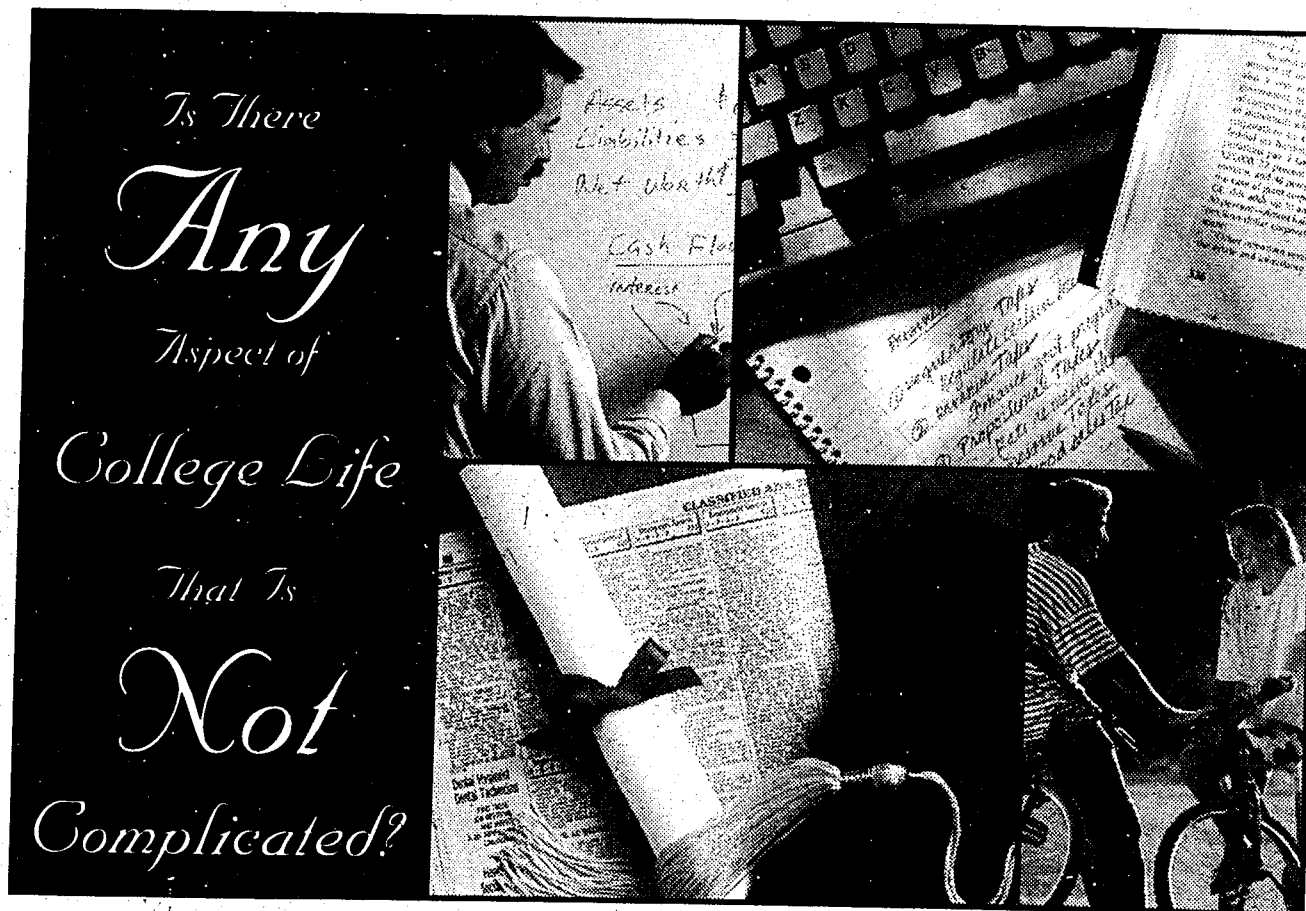
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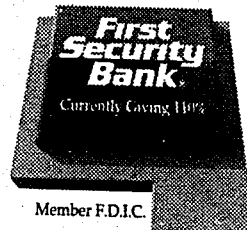


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# out of doors

## Looking for Outdoor Adventure?

by Clinton Miller  
Out-of-Doors Editor

Welcome to the camping, rafting, cross-country skiing, first-aid prepared, environmentally concerned page known as Out-of-Doors. Let me take some time to introduce you to the organizations and clubs focused in the pursuit of outdoor adventure.

### O.A.P.

The Outdoor Adventure Program (OAP) gives students a safe environment to learn different outdoor activities. Classes such as rock climbing and kayaking are taught under the watchful eye of an experienced instructor, giving students a place to try out all sorts of new activities.

The OAP offers pool time for a person to improve on their kayak rolling skills. The BSU pool is open for rolling sessions on Monday from Nov. 3 to Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Following the roll sessions, paddlers team up for kayak water polo. This exciting game gives kayakers the chance to work on turning, accelerating and stopping in their kayaks. The kayak polo sessions are from 7:30-8:30. It will cost \$3 for the roll session and \$3 for the polo play.

A 16 hour wilderness first-aid course will be offered through the OAP in November. The date for the course will be announced in the near future. The Wilderness Institute will teach the course. On completion of the course a student will be recognized as a first aid provider. This course also re-certifies Wilderness First Aid card holders. A class fee of \$125 is required. This is a

### Listing Won't Stop Steelhead Fishing This Fall

by Clinton Miller  
Out-of-Doors Editor

Steelhead fishing this fall will not be affected by the recent listing of wild Idaho steelhead under the Endangered Species act.

The federal National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced August 11 that Idaho's wild steelhead would be included in its listing of many Northwest steelhead runs under the Endangered Species Act. The move has long been anticipated and opposed by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

"We do not expect any adverse effects on fishing opportunity in the short term. If there are negative effects, they will most likely come (later) as restrictions to our ability to produce and stock hatchery steelhead in the numbers and places we need to stock them to optimize returns to the sport fishery," Fisheries Chief Steve Huffaker said. "We feel we have taken sufficient measures to protect wild steelhead, and will continue those efforts. We will work cooperatively to correct any legitimate concerns over harvest of juvenile steelhead in trout fisheries, but will very strongly resist any unnecessary restrictions," he added.

great chance to learn skills to keep a group safe in the wild frontier.

Last winter I had the opportunity to take a sea kayaking adventure in Mexico. For four days my band of kayak friends lived on a small desert island filled with hiking, snorkeling and kayaking at every opportunity. This adventure can be yours during spring break. Call McKay Shakespeare at 385-1374.

This is only a taste of what the OAP provides students. Other classes on Dutch oven cooking and finding edible, useful plants are taught throughout the year. To learn more about the classes and schedules call Kelly Rogers at 385-1374.

### Outsiders Adventure Club

Outsiders Adventure Club of BSU gives students the opportunity to explore the wild. The Outsiders brings together students interested in the outdoor activities and environmental concerns. The trips are unguided common adventures, giving the participants decisions over the destinations of where to go.

It has been an exciting summer for the Outsiders who have been hosting raft trips down the Payette and the Kaberton rivers. For \$7 students floated through the river's natural roller coaster. Both rivers are ranked as Class Three, i.e. with one rapid that can possibly tip a raft. An experienced pilot will splash through holes, take hair-pin turns through rocks, and avoid stagnant eddies and turn the dangerous rapid into a rolling, exciting experience.

Idaho outlawed harvest of wild steelhead after the 1984 fishing season. Where wild steelhead might be caught, barbless hooks are required and wild fish must be returned to the water immediately and unharmed.

Idaho fisheries managers and Governor Phil Batt often have pointed out that listing Idaho chinook salmon under the Endangered Species Act has not helped the salmon recover and, because the causes of the steelhead decline are the same as for salmon, they do not expect listing to help wild steelhead numbers. Improved migration of juveniles downstream in the Pacific ocean is seen as the most vital factor in recovering steelhead as well as salmon.

Now that school is back, the Outsiders look forward to a year full of camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, and anything else a person can do in the wild. Some of the Outsiders trips already planned include mountain biking in Moab during spring break, a winter rock climbing trip to Joshua Tree in California, and a cross-country ski trip in the back country of Idaho. It will be a year filled with high adventure. The first official meeting will take place Mon. the Sept. 1. Call Clint at 385-4541.

### Climbing Club

Experienced and novice climbers come together during climbing club meetings. In the warm months the climbers take trips out to the Black Cliffs along Highway 20. During the winter the club stays in the rock gym located on campus. Either way, a climber has the chance to meet other climbers and improve in his or her climbing skills. Contact Brian Whitney at 345-9340 for more information.

In the pursuit of adventure, look into these clubs and the OAP to find other people interested in the outdoors. Happy Trails!

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## 1997 Big West Football Preview

by Terry Christensen  
Sports Editor

On July 24-25, members of the Big West Conference, its media and football coaches gathered together to play and talk about two things: the Sports Humanitarian Bowl, and the upcoming football season. After lunch on Friday, one conclusion had become clear — Nevada is the team to beat this season. According to the polls of coaches and media, Nevada was number one, followed by Utah State, North Texas, Idaho, Boise State and New Mexico State. Here's what to look for from your favorite team:

**NEVADA:** Head coach Jeff Tisdell feels excited and rightfully so. His quarterback John Dutton is being likened to a young Roman Gabriel. The offense has seven returning starters and figures to score a lot of points. Dutton completed 222 of 334 passes for 2,750 yards and 22 touchdowns. His quarterback rating of 153.77 was good for fifth in the nation. Receivers Damond Wilkins and Geoffrey Noisy combined for 212 catches and 13 touchdowns. Chris Lemon had 867 yards rushing, for the pass happy offense. Lemon averaged 21.9 yards per return on the special teams. With an average of 527 yards per game, Nevada was the most prolific offense in the nation in 1996.

With much of the attention going to the offense, the tendency is to overlook a good defense. Led by NFL prospect Deshone Myles at linebacker, the Wolfpack D could be as strong as their offense. Myles has 396 career tackles, number one on the all-time Wolfpack tackles list. Mostly unnoticed, except by opponents, is defensive tackle James Cannida who led the team with ten sacks in '96. The weak spot on the defense comes at the secondary. The only starter returning is Don Morgan. He will have to help guide JC transfers and inexperienced freshman and sophomores.

Special teams are led by placekicker Damon Shea who set a Wolfpack single season scoring record of 115 points. Shea missed one PAT and two field goals last season. Jason McLean is the punter. He averaged 40 yards a boot, and Morgan is the punt returner with 435 yards on 36 returns and one touchdown.

Nevada is loaded with a ton of weapons. Their non-conference schedule is tough, with games against Colorado State, Oregon, and Wyoming. However, their conference schedule is

favorable. They go on the road twice, at Boise State, and New Mexico State. To beat Nevada will require a super effort from the defense, and ball controlling offense.

**UTAH STATE:** Sharing the Big West Conference championship with Nevada last year, Utah State would like to take the whole thing this year. The Aggies offense is led by senior Matt Sauk, who passed for 2,489 yards while splitting time at the quarterback position. He had eight touchdown passes, but was picked off 14 times. On the receiving end of things for the Aggies is Nakia Jenkins. Jenkins ranked fifth in the nation with 82 receptions. He also had 1,397 yards, despite being the number four receiver in the Aggie rotation. Demario Brown rushed for 700 yards on 119 carries for a 5.9 yard average, and scored eight touchdowns. The true strength to the offense could be the guys up front. Led by Mauricio Jourdan (6-7 295), a first team Big West selection, seniors Brandon Dyson (6-4 290) and Mark Rommel (6-5 312) plus junior Ken Watts (6-4 312) make the Aggies experienced and large enough to open plenty of holes.

The Aggie defense was hurt by graduation, and in particular the loss of linebacker David Gill who had 425 career tackles. The defensive line should be the key with three starters back including Ben Crosland (6-5 277) who accumulated 6.5 sacks last year. Junior free safety Johndale Carty (6-2 187) is big and hits hard. He was second on the team in tackles with 138.

Special teams is an area of great concern for the Aggies. Gone from last year are placekicker Micah Knorr, punter Nathan Morreale, and punt returner Jason Bandy. Their positions will be filled by whoever has the best two-a-day practices.

Much like Nevada, Utah State scores points in a hurry. Their defense could be suspect if they have to spend much time on the field. The Aggies non-conference schedule include games with BYU, Colorado State, Oregon State, and Utah. In conference play the Aggies will have to travel to Idaho, Nevada and North Texas. The Aggies need to have good games early to build confidence. If this happens they will contend once again. If they have difficulties early, the season might be long.

**NORTH TEXAS:** The Eagles are a confusing team. They are picked by the coaches and media to finish third in the BWC, and don't have a starting quarterback yet. The Eagles may spend most of the season sharing the quarterback position with who ever has the hot hand. But no matter who has it, the ball must end up in Hut Allred hand's. The junior came on

strong late last season and shows no signs of letting up. Allred ran for 100+ yards in each of the last four games for North Texas. The offense will need to find a way to get the ball to returning receivers Tubby Coleman, Kendrick Hollie and Bo Harrison. They are experienced and quick receivers that can make things happen on the field.

UNT's defense was its strength last year, and looks to be the same again this year. Ron Riley and Dhari Lewis are one of the top secondary tandems in the Big West. Riley had 70 tackles to finish third on the team, while Lewis finished fourth with 64. Linebacker Benny Cherry was a first team All-Big West selection in 1996, finishing fifth on the team with 63 tackles. This defense knows how to shut down opponents when it counts.

Both the placekicker and punter spots are open for the Eagles. The returner position is solid with Tubby Coleman handling both chores for UNT. He had 23 kickoff returns for 458 yards, averaging 20 yards a return. Coleman checked in with 27 punt returns for 200 yards and a 7.4 average.

Head coach Matt Simon has some key question marks on his team. If newcomers and JC transfers can fill the voids, North Texas could finish above .500 for the season. Their non-conference has games against Army, Oregon State, in-state rivals Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Vanderbilt. At home the Eagles will play Boise State and Utah State. On the road the task is harder with visits to Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico State.

**IDAHO:** The Vandals have always been strong at the quarterback position, and this year is no different. Brian Brennan will lead what should be another potent offense. The senior who spent most of the last two seasons on the injury list, hopes to return to the form he showed as a true freshman. Helping to share a great part of the offense with Brennan is senior Joel Thomas. Thomas led the Vandals with 1,148 yards in 1996. He needs 1,079 yards to pass Sheridan May for the number one spot on the all-time Idaho rushing list. When the Vandals are throwing the ball, the main target will be first-team All-Big West wide receiver Antonio Wilson. He finished last season with 65 receptions for 1,203 yards and seven touchdowns. The Vandals will have to find a replacement at the number two receiver slot for the departed Robert Scott who left for the greener pastures of Utah State. The offensive line graduated three of five starters, leaving Bill Verdonk (6-3 270) and Crosby Tajan (6-5 285) to guide the line.

In the pass happy Big West, Idaho feels good about returning all four starters in the secondary. Free safety Bryson Gardner led the secondary with 67

tackles last season. He also had two interceptions. Gardner is joined by seniors Arnold Gunn, Ryan McGinnis and junior Kevin Hill. Linebackers lost the number two all-time Idaho tackler: Jason Shelt. Junior Ryan Skinner will be called on to fill the shoes vacated by Shelt. On the outside Whitney Mayer was the fourth leading tackler last year, and Matt Jasik patrols the opposite side. Defensive line will be lead by four-year starter Tim Wilson who finished with seven sacks.

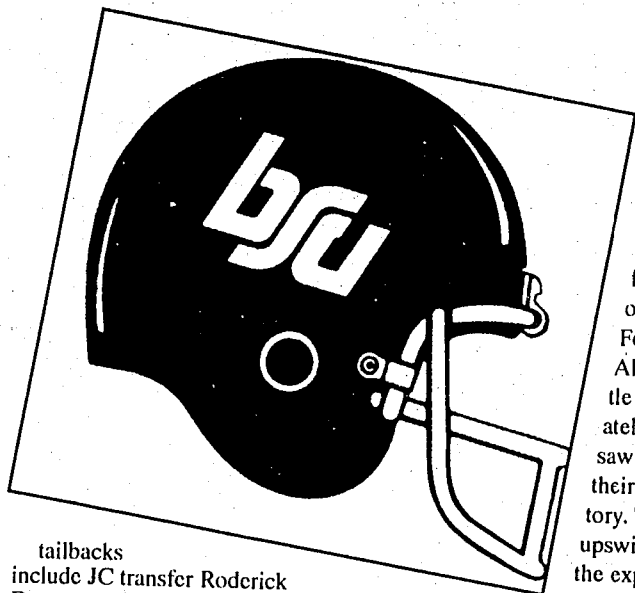
The special teams are led by punter Mike O'Neal. The senior averaged 37 yards a punt last season. The battle to replace placekicker Troy Scott will be decided by the end of training camp.

Idaho will be good on offense, and questionable on defense. The secondary looks to shine and will have a big role in run support for the Vandal defense. The offense will help the defense with their ability to score points. Idaho has the easiest of non-conference schedules amongst the Big West teams. Road games include Air Force, Central Florida, and Idaho State. Home contests are versus Portland State and UC Davis. Staying focused early on could be tough, if the Vandals lose sight of their goal, they could be snake-bitten.

**BOISE STATE:** Houston Nutt is one of two new head coaches in the Big West Conference this season. He too inherits a team with a great deal of question marks. One question that seems to be answered is the starting quarterback position. Nate Sparks is a JC transfer from Bakersfield, California. As a starter, his team went 18-1 over the past two years, with Sparks completing 149 of 282 passes for 2,663 yards and 36 touchdowns. The number two spot will be a battle involving freshman Bart Hendricks and Rafe Hewett plus sophomore Bryan Harsin. All have shown great potential and may see time later in the season.

When the ball is in the air, look for Tony Mamaril and Rodney Smith at the other end. Mamaril is the only experienced wide-out from last year. He had 19 receptions for 166 yards. Smith is a JC transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Newcomer Shaunard Harts, Antwain Wilson and Corey Nelson should help to provide depth. Tight end features former local prep star Jim Brekke. He finished last year with 13 receptions for 119 yards. Backing up Brekke should be JC transfer Brad Arbon from Eastern Arizona College.

Senior Reggie Etheridge will be the stallback. BSU's leading rusher from a year ago gained 811 yards on 206 carries for a 3.9 average and five touchdowns. Nicko Tatum saw action from last year during his freshman season and should get carries again this year. He had 141 yards on 35 rushes for a 4 yard average. Other



Wisconsin. The home games are against Cal-State Northridge, Louisiana Tech, and Weber State.

The last year for Boise State football fans has been nothing short of a rollercoaster ride. Former head coach Pokey Allen lost a courageous battle to cancer. This immediately followed a season that saw the Broncos finish with their worst record in team history. The ride started up on an upswing when work began on the expansion of Bronco Stadium from 23,000 to 30,000 seats. A peak was reached in

June when the Sports Humanitarian Bowl was awarded to the city of Boise and Boise State University. The game will take

tailbacks include JC transfer Roderick Brown, sophomore Davy Malaythong and freshman Zach Lawrence. Junior Jesse Chan should be the starting fullback, but Eron Hurley, another junior will also get a few plays.

The offensive line is the strength of this year's team. The tackle positions are held by senior Jermaine Belin (6-4 325), and sophomore Keith Dilworth (6-4 310). The guards should be sophomores Ryan Groneman (6-1 305) and Jeremy Mankins (6-4 324). Joey Horvat is the anchor of the line at center. Other linemen include: Josh Alvarez, Scott Buttice, Greg Klum, Derek Olley, Jarrad Renner and Joe Sarcinella.



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Defense is a big concern for the Broncos, with a lot of youth leading the way. Jeff Davis is a two year starter at free safety, he is joined by Ross Farris and Jason Payne at the cornerback slots. BSU added two big JC transfers to the secondary: Andre Griffin (6-3 215) and Isaac Henderson (6-3 200). Two defensive backs have moved to the linebacking corp: Ryan Brinkley and Kevin Chiles. Brinkley will like move to the "Whip" position and Chiles to the "Rover" position. Another move has put former running back Bryan Johnson to the inside linebacker. Ty Dayton is a JC transfer from Shasta College in Redding, California and will contend for a starting spot.

The defensive line is returning only two players, junior Jay Gibson (6-0 275) and sophomore Jon Rydman (6-2 270). Brian Steger moves from linebacker to defensive end and Chad Moore, a transfer from Nassau Community College figures at one of the tackle slots. Sophomore Dave Stachelski should start at defensive end opposite Steger.

Special teams return placekicker Todd Belcastro and punter Jeff Davis. Belcastro missed only one PAT last season, but was only six for twelve on field goal attempts. Davis had 74 punts for 2,853 yards and a 38.6 average, he also placed 14 punts inside the 20 yard line. Both return positions are up for grabs

This is one of BSU's youngest teams ever to take the field. If this team can develop chemistry and confidence early, they could finish above .500 on the season. If the team doesn't mature, and they don't catch a few breaks it could be a season equal to last years. Nutt has plenty ahead for him and his coaching staff, and BSU football fans aren't always the most patient. The non-conference schedule is mean, with road games at Central Michigan, Washington State and

place on December 29th and will feature the Big West Champion against an at-large opponent. The game will be broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

**NEW MEXICO STATE:** The other new coach in the Big West is Tony Samuel. The former Nebraska Cornhusker takes over a team that was winless in conference last season. Samuel will make lots of changes both on offense and defense. One area not in need of change is running back. Junior Dennis Manns returns for what should be another blockbuster season. Manns set the conference rookie rushing mark in '95 with 1,120 yards and followed with another record for yards rushing in his sophomore season with 1,086. He should also crack the top ten in Big West career rushing yards.

A major difference for Manns will be the addition of a fullback in the backfield. That should help to clear bigger holes for the impressive running back. Gone from last year is starting quarterback Chad Salisbury. He will be replaced by the winner of Ty Houghtaling-Gregg Madsen battle.

Wide receiver will be played by three year starter Duane Gregory. He had 68 receptions for 890 yards last year. On the other side is David Patterson who had 30 catches, and 580 yards in 1996. Only two starters are back on the offensive line: George Hudson (6-4 320)

and Jared Schmidt (6-6 300). The rest of the line remains a question mark.

Defense will see changes too. Samuel coached ends and linebackers at Nebraska and will bring much of the same philosophy to the Aggies. The first change he instituted was switching from a 5-2 to a 4-3. He then had the outside linebackers move to the down position on the line. Enrique Ramirez and Jerry Atkinson should be those defensive ends when the season starts. Ramirez led the team last year in tackles with 56. Jamon Johnson will also Ramirez and Atkinson on the line. Linebacking corp is thin with the positions up to win. Secondary is a little more stable with Jobe Lewis, Haran Jackson and Jeffrey Thompson leading the way.

Special teams will see changes also, but have punter Germaine Harley and placekicker Brad Hopkins both returning. They will have to win their jobs for the year.

When Samuel first arrived in Las Cruces, he went out to the community where his team resides. He tried to rev spirits up about Aggie football, and early indications say it is working with 250 people turning out for a spring ball scrimmage. Samuel will have a tougher job at New Mexico State because of the confidence he has to restore in the community as well as his football team. There are bright spots for him to focus on, and to develop a team from. The battle could be long, but improvement is the key. They will be the kind of team that could play the role of spoiler in the Big West. Manns is a legitimate contender to break the all-time rushing yards in the BWC. The Aggies have a tough non-conference schedule with games at Arizona State, New Mexico and UTEP. Home games are with Cal State Northridge and Cal Poly Slo. Early games are critical for a team still trying to develop their confidence.

This could be a great year for the Big West Conference. Many of the teams have major opponents on their non-conference schedule, and the exposure from those games can only help the conference. Many pre-

season pundits have said that Nevada has a good chance of breaking into the top 25 nationally. Some of the weaker teams could find the season to be very long. The continuance of a bowl game for the Big West champion will keep the visibility of the conference up as well.

The BWC would like to expand with two more football teams in the near future. Expansion is going to be key to helping all the teams with more conference games.

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## New "stuff" in store for home games

by Terry Christensen  
Sports Editor

There is great anticipation in the air about this year's football team at Boise State University. This was made clear when 300 fans turned out to watch the Bronco practice/scrimmage two weeks ago. The addition of 7,000 more seats and a bowl game in December prompted the promotions department to spice up the flavor of home games.

Deborah Schultheis is the new director of promotions for Bronco athletics and she has plenty in store for fans this year. The slogan "30,000 for the 30" will help kickoff the completed expansion of Bronco Stadium. Besides the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, there will be music, sky divers, smoke, fireworks and a couple of other surprises. "We want to create a fun, festive atmosphere that the whole family will enjoy participating in," Schultheis says.

In addition to these events, KIVI Channel 6 sportscaster Dave Tester has formed the "Nutt Zone." KIVI will be passing out pictures of Tester to wear as masks. The masks will be given to the fans who sit in the south end zone seats.

Besides these event, the athletic department wants to make it easier on fans' wallets. Seats in the expanded part of the stadium will be on sale for \$6.00. Normal price for these tickets is \$13.00.

This season's focus of the promotion department will be to make the events more fan-friendly. There will be special promotions with all the sports on campus. Schultheis says "the excitement explodes on August 30th. Come join the fun."

## Pokey Allen's Autobiography Set For Release

by Dan Robbins  
Staff Writer

For those interested in learning more about the life of former Boise State head football coach Pokey Allen, a book that chronicles his life is about to be released. The book, *POKEY: The Good Fight*, provides a biography chronicling the life of the late Pokey Allen. The book will be available at bookstores sometime in late August.

The book explores the life of Pokey Allen, from his childhood days as a star athlete in Missoula, Montana, to his football playing career at the University of Utah. Allen talks about his MVP performance in the 1964 Liberty Bowl.

The book also details Allen's days as a pro football player and coach in Canada, and his years as an assistant coach at Cal-Berkeley, Montana, and Eastern Washington Universities. The book then goes into his trials and tribulations as an assistant coach in the now-defunct USFL, where he coached against popular athletes such as Steve Young, Jim Kelly and Herschel Walker.

The book then deals with Pokey as a head coach at Portland and Boise State Universities, and the tremendous success of his teams at those two schools.

And lastly, the book details the emotions and pain that Pokey suffered through from the time he found out he had cancer to the days immediately before his death. The book, published by Bootleg Books of Boise, can be purchased for \$14.95 and will be available at most area bookstores.

## Playtime for intramurals

Terry Christensen  
Sports Editor

The last thing a college student wants to hear about in their first week of school is more registration. When it is about intramurals, ears tend to perk up, though. The intramural department will once again have a ton of sports for the students, faculty, staff and alumni who have a current BSU ID. The sports available in the fall include: tennis, sand volleyball, flag football, golf tournament, bowling, 8-ball pool, indoor soccer, volleyball, three player basketball and wallyball. Special events for the week of homecoming are: punt-pass-kick, three player basketball and a chili cookoff.

For more information about these events, contact the intramural office at 385-1131 or stop by their office at PV 1510 (in between the tennis courts and Pavilion Entrance #3). The sports staff at the Arbiter, with the help of the intramural staff, will be providing weekly scores and standings to keep you informed.



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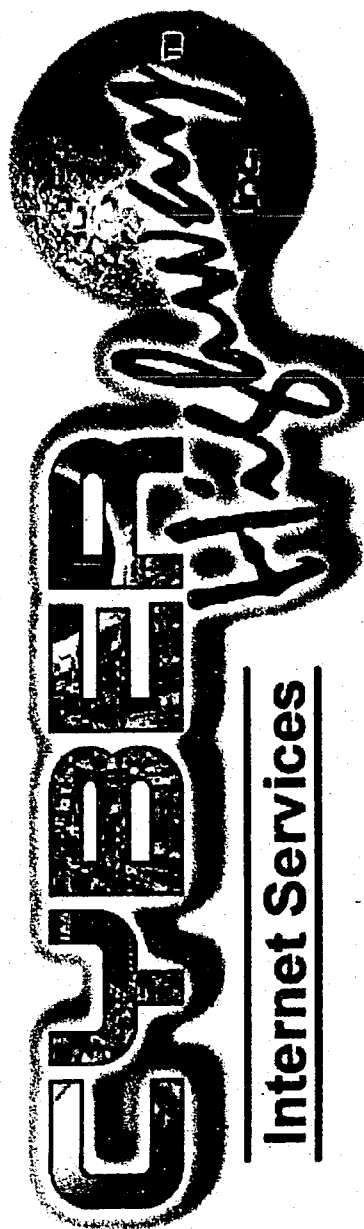
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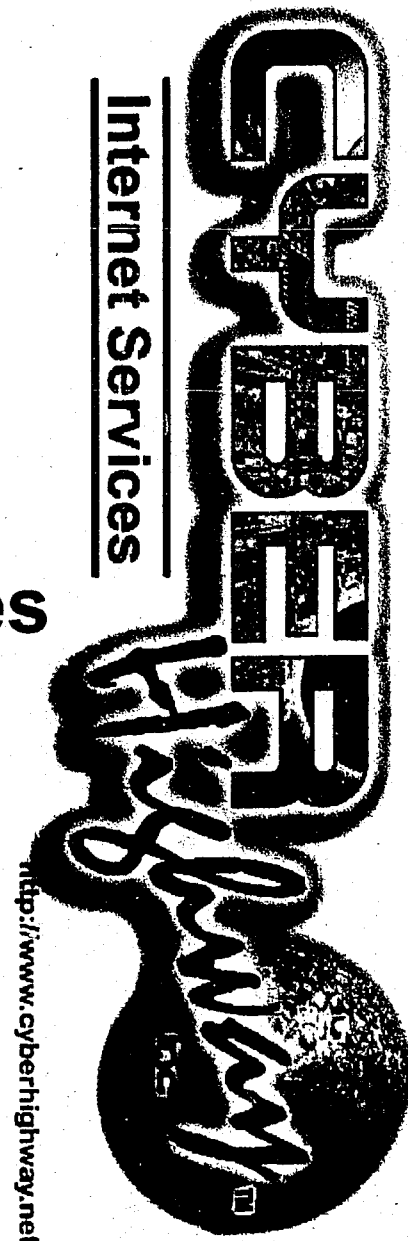
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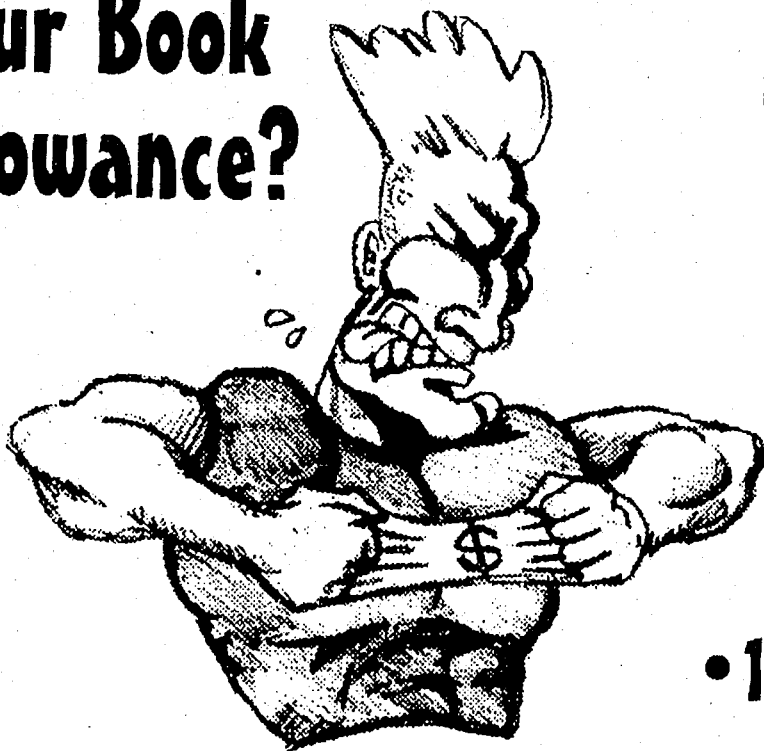
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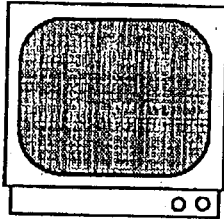
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