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Students of Boise State University

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Death of the four-year degree
Top Ten least desirable Christmas gifts this year

by Asencion Ramirez
Opinion Editor

10. Doggy chew toys for boys and girls.
9. Dictionaries of any kind, no matter how well they’re wrapped.
7. Power Wheel’s Unsinkable Titanic Kiddy Boat.
6. Tommy and Pamela Lee’s “Merry XXX-Mas” home video.
5. “Rock ‘em, Sock ‘em, Bite Their Ear’s Off,” Mike Tyson’s tabletop boxing game.
4. Tickets to the Humanitarian Bowl.
3. Table Rock Cafe’s Indestructible Fruit Cake.
2. December ski passes to Bogus Basin.
1. The new book on Houston Nutt, “How to beat the University of Idaho, or one year in paradise.”

Congratulations to Kara Brown, outgoing photo editor. Party on in the real world!

Jonny ponders the universe?

I knew forthright that some were more deceptive than others, but why construct such fallacies when truth is the greatest gift of all?
last year it was "Tickle-me-Elmo," this year Christmas craze is about bringing social fraternities and sororities to campus. cynics saw through the Elmo-Craze as a money making scheme, but what's with the sudden interest in bringing more fraternities and sororities to campus?

This year various fraternal organizations have visited or are planning to visit the campus. The ASBSU executive journeyed to a Florida conference to learn how to attract the organizations that are, for the most part, absent from the largest of Idaho's campuses. An informational meeting was held in the Senate Forum for those students who were interested in joining a new fraternal group. Student Residential Life is looking to dedicate a floor or two in one of its halls to housing a fraternity/sorority, against the wishes of the Residence Hall Association.

So it seems that this is bigger than Elmo, not just a passing fancy, and a sign of bigger things to come. What are the motives, though, behind the sudden activism? Ask those involved and they'll probably say things like making the campus more traditional, getting students more involved with campus life, and providing more "fun" activities for the students. I guess it's all well and good, but the ulterior motives should get some equal airtime too.

ASBSU President TJ. Thomson represents a break in recent tradition. Since 1994 the ASBSU presidency seemed entrenched in hands of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The groups close-knitness provided for a quickly-assembled campaign machine, free labor at hand and connections across the campus. TJ.'s break though, seems more accidental than an actual change in the status quo. He was a member of the Fraternity until last year's student body elections got into full swing, TJ. wouldn't comment on if then for The Arbiter. By the way, both of the opposition ticket last year were Kappa Sig members.

Perhaps today, TJ. is looking to open up a political power base that isn't tied to his old group. The Student Residential Life decision seems more akin to the Elmo situation, in that it is based on financial issues. The end of the Asia University at America Program and the usual slew of small semester departures leave rooms to be filled in the various halls. SRL has done a lot to make its accommodations more appealing: the D-Wing addition to Chaffee Hall, renovations in Morrison and Driscoll Halls, and not raising room fees over the last few years. Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on perspective, SRL has to compete with the largest housing market of any city in Idaho. Many local students have chosen to live at home. Others have chosen to rent from the many available housing units, or, for those moneyed few, buy homes in area.

If SRL does provide a floor for one of the new fraternal groups, it will provide a living unit that current fraternities have been unable to maintain due to financial or other problems. Plus, alcohol-related stigma, that fraternities across the nation have encountered, would hopefully be avoided under SRL's watchful eye.

Speaking of stigmas, don't look for any direct help from the men at the top of the BSU food chain. When the issue of attracting fraternities was brought up at last month's President's Round Table, Vice President Dr. David Taylor said that the burgeoning Greek system that once existed at BSU was damaged by the stigmas associated with fraternities. Incidents of alcohol poisoning and hazing have tarnished the public's image of Greek groups. He also added that students were choosing to spend their free time on other clubs and organizations on campus rather than with fraternities and sororities. Taylor didn't say it, but he looked like the Round Table- that also includes President Rugh, Provost Daryl Jones and Vice President Buster Neel, didn't want to touch the subject with a tenfoot pole.

Whether or not some folks' stockings are stuffed or not remains to be seen. The next year will surely hold sugar plums for some and lumps of coal for those who deserve it.
Traffic problems no laughing matter
by BARBARA HELLEN NAAUMANI
Guest Columnist

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s I walk or drive around campus, I am amazed
that students, instructors, or the general public
are not killed, maimed or injured in droves
every single day.

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With 21 pounds of books on my back and my bicycle
on top of me, it was hardly likely that I was going to
spring jovially to my feet and dash out of the streot.1

The first time I was hit I called the police and it took
them an hour and fifteen minutes to get there. They
had higher priority problems to take care of. By the time the
officer took statements, first from the witness that was
willing to stick around, then from me, an hour and forty-
five minutes had passed. As he was preparing to leave he
turned to me and said, "By the way, would you like me
to call an ambulance?" Talk about comic relief. So it
would seem that the police choose to turn a pretty blind
eye to the goings on around campus as well.

On the same note, Campus Security, refused we have left our own humanity behind? Perhaps
we are so in need of comic relief that

They directed the lady who was kind
enough to help me the first time, to call
the Boise Police. I guess if I had been
bleeding in the middle of the street,
that is where I could have stayed as
far as the students, security, police
and everyone else was concerned.

As I progress from class to class I
see so many near misses that it makes
my head spin. Students walk out in
front of speeding cars, cars tailgate other
cars, and they inch up so close at stop-
lights that if there were an inch between them I would be
surprised. They speed, fail to signal, cut others off, don't
look, and in general take risks I would never dream of
taking, especially considering that when ever anyone
gets behind the wheel, they are preparing to operate a
lethal weapon.

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SALE CONTINUES
Students help brighten Christmas a little brighter for children

Susan wants a pair of Rollerblades. Mike wants a chemistry set. Donna would like a new pair of shoes. These are just a few of the gifts that low-income children have requested from the Boise State University Volunteer Services Board and the Salvation Army.

The two organizations have teamed up to help make Christmas a little more special for less fortunate families.

Several special requests have been written down on gift tags and placed on Christmas trees in the BSU Student Union, dorms, faculty, staff and the general public are encouraged to stop by the Student Union and pick up a tag that lists the name, age, sex and Christmas gift wish of a child.

Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the BSU Student Activities Office in the Student Union by this Friday.

For more information, call Dianna Duskett at 385-4240.

Art department makes some positive changes

Art students at Boise State will find it's more practical to earn a general art degree, said Gary Boine, Chair of the Art department.

The department has made changes to the program in order to make it more accessible to students.

Students will still choose an area of emphasis, such as photography or printmaking. However, the areas of emphasis can be more easily defined, especially when it comes to specific required courses.

The Art department has added an interdisciplinary emphasis to the degree. For example, students can combine two studio areas, such as painting and drawing or sculpture and ceramics.

The Freshman Orientation class also marks an addition for incoming students. It is a one-credit course taught in their foundation year. Various art instructors teach in their foundation year. Students will still choose an area of emphasis, such as photography or printmaking, and the general public are encouraged to stop by the Student Union and pick up a tag that lists the name, age, sex and Christmas gift wish of a child.

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Photograph of Collister House donated to BSU College of Health Sciences

A large, framed photograph of the Collister House, the building in which the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital was founded, has been donated to the College of Health Sciences at Boise State University.

The donation was made by Dr. Wally Pond, a Boise psychologist and former director of psychological services at the Elks Hospital.

The Collister House was the home of the late George Collister, a Boise physician who willed the house to the Elks following his death. The donation, which was located on 20 acres near where the Collister shopping area now stands, later became the first facility for the rehabilitation services offered by the Elks Hospital, which is now located on Fort Street near downtown Boise.

Pond purchased the photograph in the mid-1980s. He presented it to the College of Health Sciences and department of respiratory therapy during a recent ceremony in the Health Sciences Riverside Building, where the building

Senate wraps up semester with talk of Greeks, shuttles

The push to bring fraternities and sororities to Boise State dormitories is on the move. Matt Boll, Chief of Staff to the Executive Branch, announced to the ASBSU Senate that Student Residential Life plans to pursue the change.

Just a few weeks ago, however, the Residence Hall Association voted not to support the housing of any type of Greek organizations on campus. S.R.L.'s plan ignores the R.H.A.'s wishes. For starters, it wants to have Alpha Kappa Lambda, a new fraternity coming next spring, housed somewhere in one of the four dorms on campus.

In other senate news, Senator Christine Starr reported that she and student ideas have not gained much attention at recent library board meetings. She said that the board feels increasing the facility's hours is not a priority, and the board refuses to listen to student concerns.

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One solution would be to eliminate numerous stops and set up a shuttle to drop off and pick up students in one place only. A solution that comes fast enough, Starr said, for if ridership does not increase, the shuttle system will be shut down.

The Senate Resolution No. 4, which calls for an open break on campus, was passed by the Senate and sent to ASBSU President T.J. Thomson for signing. The Senate also elected Anne Taylor as the new Pro-Tem. She fills the spot held by Christine Starr.

Albertsons Library is on the World Wide Web

Boise State's Albertsons Library invites Internet users to check its services on the World Wide Web.

From the library's home page, located at http://library.idbsu.edu, a user can access Catalyst, the online catalog, and locate other libraries in Idaho. Users also will find links to various Internet journals. The site also provides a link to Uncover, an index to approximately 17,000 periodicals.

Additionally, there are links to three indexes available only from computers on campus—EI CompendexWeb, the web version of Engineering Index, the Human Relations Area Files, anthropological and cultural information, and, for a limited time, a trial subscription to ABI Inform (business) and the "Idaho Statesman."

"References Sources on the Internet" also provides excellent links to sources in business, art, astronomy, the Earth, health and wellness and music.

For questions regarding the Albertsons Library web site, contact Dan Lester 385-1235.
"Can for Kids" brings in hundreds of dollars

by KELLY MULLINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

Sitting on the pot took on a whole new meaning last week when students, professors and community members volunteered to raise money for children living in Boise’s Community House. Volunteers sat for one hour apiece on a blanket-covered toilet in BSU’s Quad and collected donations from passers-by. Sponsored by the Social Work Club of BSU, “Can for Kids” brought in almost $500.

The money buys non-gender specific Christmas gifts for children living in the Community House, said Schmitz with the Social Work Club explained. The gifts must cost no more than $25 each.

Joy Buersmeyer, Interim Executive Director of Community House, called the fund-raiser “great and very unique.” She explained that Community House employees will set up a "store" where parents of children living in the shelter can choose an appropriate gift. They then move to another "store" to wrap the gifts. Personalizing the gift-giving, said Buersmeyer, makes the parents feel as though they are able to give their children a better Christmas.

When Community House kids are in school, Buersmeyer said, “they hear other kids talking about what they’re getting, so they withdraw. They know the bikes aren’t going to be there ... it’s troublesome for the kids because their folks don’t have their lives together.”

Schmitz brought back the “Can for Kids” idea from Idaho State University, where, with a similar theme, he and some fraternity brothers raised money for needy children.

Not counting pledges that need to be collected, Schmitz said the volunteer effort has raised between $400-$500.

Robin Allen, a professor in the School of Social Work, was one of dozens of people who sat on the toilet for nearly 48 hours straight. Allen is President of Boise radio station 103.5 "The X," Miss Boise Tammy Fannon and Idaho Representative Max Black were among the other volunteers.

Buersmeyer emphasized that “our needs go year-round, not just during the Christmas season. We have kids throughout the year.”

Boise coalition remembers homeless who've died here

by ERICA HILL
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season infects Americans, including Boise residents, with a sense of goodness and charity. Holiday donations such as Thanksgiving turkey dinners and Christmas “Toys for Tots” account for more than 75 percent of donations each year. And according to the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition, therein lies the problem.

Coalition member Dana Hardy explained that during the two-month holiday season, people increase their focus on poverty and homelessness, but seem to forget about homeless people themselves.

The homeless, poverty-stricken and welfare-bound, however, cannot forget. After the holidays wrap up, the Boise homeless population is left to compete for the limited resources available.

Raising awareness about the lack of Boise resources for homeless people forms the focus of the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition’s project on December 22. In response to National Homeless Person’s Day, the coalition plans to hold a night vigil to remember those who have died homeless in Boise.

The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has sponsored this memorial day since 1990. Each year the NCH asks state and local groups around the country to participate in commemorating the occasion. According to Hardy, 1997 marks Boise’s first year of participation. Hardy, a member of the advocacy committee on the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition, found the NCH’s information over the Internet and brought it before the committee.

The coalition voted to hold an evening vigil on a Monday night from 5 to 7:30 p.m., a time more people are bound to notice. “We want people to see the vigil while they are coming out of work,” said Hardy. And to gain the most recognition from policy makers, coalition members will hold the event on the steps of the Capitol building.

The memorial’s agenda includes speeches by people who have lost a homeless friend or family member, and a soup line will represent the type of food Boise shelters provide.

Hardy explained that this should give people an idea of what homeless people must eat day after day. “I think most people will be surprised by the lack of flavor the food has,” said Hardy. “It certainly doesn’t look or taste like the turkey dinners you see being served on Thanksgiving day.”

The coalition’s mission, however, is not only to commemorate the numbers of homeless people who have died in Ada county, but also to show that something more must be done. Although donations may seem at their peak—illustrated by extensive news coverage of good-hearted Boise families—the fact is that donations have declined in 1997 by 15 percent. The need for assistance, however, has increased nearly 18 percent, according to a local food bank.

In addition to a lack of shelter and warmth, homeless people face a major obstacle from malnutrition. Boise’s Rescue Mission only allows homeless people one visit each every two months for about four days’ worth of food. With only three food banks in Boise, that makes up about two weeks’ worth of sustenance.

The ‘Men’s Memorial’ agenda includes speeches by people who have lost a homeless friend or family member, a speech about the plight of homeless people in Ada County, a West Vandal Memorial, and a Memorial for the Homeless.

The first floor, known as the emergency night floor, holds barricade-style bunk-beds and costs $3 a night. The second floor holds family units for $5 a night and the third floor contains temporary housing for those doing well in the program. The third floor housing units consist simply of one room with a kitchenette and costs about $240 a month. Each occupant is required to work, keep rooms clean, do chores, pay rent on time and follow other program requirements.

At the moment, however, the program faces a standoff. Buersmeyer said that because Community House does not currently provide case managers. Due to a funding crunch, the staff was cut from 35 to 17 and almost all were licensed social workers. A majority of Community House funds come from the city, which receives them from the federal government. Community House also relies on city finances through the Idaho Housing and Finance Commission, United Way and fund raisers. The smallest donations come from the community.

Though the program does provide one of the only housing resources for homeless people, according to those who have lived there it is a “prison for the poor.” One such man has been without a home for four months. He explained that Boise shelters require occupants to pay on a regular basis, which means he must find a job and sometimes that isn’t possible.

“They expect you to pay but when you don’t have any money to begin with, what are you supposed to do? I just stopped going because they would run up a tab and want your money but I didn’t have any. Now I just sleep in parks. Sometimes I get arrested. I feel like it’s illegal to be homeless in Boise, but what can I do?”

Some Boise residents have been reaching out to the homeless population this holiday season, but many area organizations feel two months out of the year simply isn’t enough. Urging community members to recognize homeless peoples’ needs forms the basis of the vigil.
Art students carry on Ethiopian tradition

by DOREEN MARTINEK
NEWS WRITER

Students in Tom Trusky's Introduction to Book Art class have found a unique way to make a book. Borrowing from symbolic Ethiopian traditions, students have created scrolls, which act as a protective layer or second skin, between the owner of the scroll and the outside world.

Traditional Ethiopian scrolls started with the sacrifice of a sheep, goat or gazelle. The sacrificer was then bathed in the blood and stomach contents of the animal. The dried animal's skin was then used as the scroll. Extremes in making their scrolls, Trusky is "delighted with the variety of materials used." Instead of animal skins, he explained, they used canvas, paper, waterproof paper, butcher paper and even brown paper bags.

 Scrolls range from three to ten inches wide, and must be as long as the creator is tall. A string is used to measure the person by being brought up over the head to the nape of the neck and then going down to the toes. In covering the head, Ethiopian tradition teaches that the scroll then offers better head protection.

An Ethiopian wise man commonly draws images at the top, center and bottom of the scroll. Text, consisting of prayers, is written in between the images. Cylindrical red leather cases hold the scrolls.

Some Ethiopian people hang their scrolls on their walls to cure illness, then put the scrolls in a cupboard when healed. While sleeping, other Ethiopians put scrolls under their pillows or under a body part that hurts, then carry the scroll during the day. On their New Year's Eve, some bury the scrolls and dig them up the next day, believing it ensures their effectiveness the following year.

Trusky's students designed their own scrolls, choosing the parchment, images and text. Students then personalized the scrolls by designing images and writing text that was important to them.

One student connects with nature through her scroll. Another uses her scroll to keep her from housework and another uses his to help ward off commercialism. And one student, content with what she has, uses her scroll to honor a friend who recently died.

The students who worked on designing the exhibit call the scrolls the "ultimate individualized self-help books." They show "people diagnosing, healing and protecting themselves" from illness or evil.

The students' scrolls are displayed in cases on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building.

Senator fights possible sanctioning of alcohol on campus

by ERICK CARLSON
SPECIAL TO THE DIABY

Joseph Pearson, College Senator of Social Sciences and Public Affairs in the ASBSU, is heading a petition to block any move allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold on the Boise State campus.

Pearson started the cause after attending a meeting where the topic was bringing alcohol to campus for "non-campus entities" in the Student Union Building and Pavilion. These school arenas found that they have to compete with new kids on the block such as the Bank of America Centre, the Union Block and the Idaho Center. Hawking alcohol at BSU would boost another campus selling point and raise revenue.

Although the ASBSU senate bill may pass showing support for alcohol on campus, the Idaho State Board of Education would need to hand down final approval. The State Board has, in the past, stated that all state institutions will be dry campuses.

But Pearson does not even want to see the issue go as far as the State Board. He wrote a letter explaining his stance and sent one to each student organization. So far, Pearson said, he has over 250 signatures in support of a non-alcohol campus. He plans to bring his proposal before the senate next semester, along with the resolution that BSU students will support the State Board's past declarations.

Pearson also sent a letter to Fine Host and the directors of the Pavilion and the SUB. None were available for comment.

Pearson said that any change to the current code would be "state-sponsored alcoholism. I can never support that."
League of Women Voters lacks student members

by CARISSA WOLF
NEWS WRITER

E very American college student has a voice, an opinion, a right to be heard — and given the uppereast and east coast college students, they would happily rant and rave about the social, political and democratic shortcomings that they feel plague America.

But instead of ranting and raving at the poll booth, most college students are content to let older white males be the democratic voice of America, while they sit back paying little attention to political issues, offering only a whisper of criticism here and there.

The Boise chapter of the League of Women Voters wants to louden young peoples’ whispers and offer students at Boise State University the chance to shout.

Mary McGown of the Boise chapter of the League of Women Voters, said she feels that the younger generation could contribute largely to the face of the political agenda, and she would like to see some college students join the League’s force.

“We try to get people to understand that we can make a difference,” McGown said.

The League of Women Voters, conceived in 1920 from the women’s suffrage movement, aims to educate the public on political issues, as well as the importance of each citizen’s involvement in the political process that makes democracy function.

Currently, young peoples’ involvement marks a key missing component in American democracy. The voice of the younger generation has the potential to serve as a vital resource in democracy, McGown said.

“There may be views that we over look,” she explained. “[Young people] may bring other issues to the floor . . . they may have other ideas as well as energy.”

According to Dr. Dennis Donoghue, Professor of Political Science at BSU, students usually distance themselves from politics at any level due to lack of time and disinterest in political affairs.

“Most college students are not political or economic animals, so they aren’t very plugged into politics. [College students] are more worried about getting into a party and what’s on their next test,” Donoghue said.

Political participation for 18 to 24-year-old registered voters remains low and has steadily dwindled over the years. According to a study conducted by the Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Census, 80 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds are apathetic voters, paying no attention to political issues and rarely — if ever — voting. This leaves the majority of the decision making to the elite political gladiators — who, said Donoghue, constitute only six to 10 percent of the American population and who are primarily of older, economically prosperous, males.

Boise State students are swimming right along in the pool of voter apathy. Although 18 to 24-year-olds enrolled in a school are 10 percent more likely to show up to the voting booths than 18 to 24 year olds not enrolled in a university, ASBSU voter turnout rates sit below the national average for presidential elections. For example, in 1994, 26.7 percent of university-enrolled 18 to 24-year-olds reported voting in the 1992 presidential election, while less than 10 percent of BSU students voted in November’s ASBSU senator-at-large elections.

Both Donoghue and McGown cite time as one of the reasons for keeping students away from political participation. However, Donoghue isn’t quick to blame the 10 percent dive in voter turnout since 1964 on a lack of political issues such as war or women’s rights.

“If we have the environment to fight for now, don’t we?” Donoghue reasoned.

On the other hand, some members of the League of Women Voters theorize that young women seem to be less politically-active in the 1990s because of the lack of predominant women’s rights issues.

Unlike their mothers and grandmothers, many of today’s young women don’t know the feeling of not having the right to vote or have an abortion.

This doesn’t mean, though, that the League of Women Voters has trouble finding issues worth fighting for.

Instead, said McGown, the League is very issue-oriented, and tends to focus on individual privacy rights and progressive legislation. This past year, the League worked closely with BSU political science students to conduct candidate forums. Education issues, tax credit laws and abortion legislation top the League’s agenda for 1998.

The Boise League consists of a small handful of articulate women who speak with passion and conviction on a variety of issues. Although the group is small, members carry an inspiring message that collectively, people can get things done in the political arena.

During 1998, the Boise chapter of the League hopes to raise its voice louder than that of Rep. Sen. Stan Hawkins. League members plan to actively challenge Hawkins’ ultra-conservative abortion law amendments, which members say are “intended to expose and embarrass the woman.”

The League of Women Voters intends to promote its pro-choice stance to the public by educating and demonstrating. Boise League members are currently choosing some literature they would like to use in educating the public. They will also be a loud presence at the Roe vs. Wade celebration rally on Jan. 21.

The League of Women voters does not support or endorse any political party or candidate, but, rather, examines issues and takes action based on the votes of its grassroots membership. According to McGown, the League actually spends a large amount of time researching issues before taking any action at all.

The Boise chapter meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Flicks. The Jan. 6 meeting will include discussion about local League issues and will preview proposed legislation for the 1998 legislative session.

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**The four-year**

by MARY DOREHRY
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Many bright-eyed, bushy-tailed freshmen come to college with the preconceived notion of departing the institution in four years. The reality is, most students attending universities in the Northwest will have been enrolled five or six years before graduation.

According to this year's enrollment report created by Boise State Registrar Susanna Yunker, BSU is the largest state university in Idaho with a current academic enrollment of 14,730. Director of Institutional Research Steve Schmidt said that as of 1996, it took an average of 5.8 years to graduate from BSU. The numbers have fluctuated in the past decade between five and six years, with 5.6 as the average for 1995; 5.7 for 1994; and 5.9 for 1993.

The results show that, generally speaking, students who graduated from Boise State in this decade weren't able to do it in four years. Schmidt claims there are several reasons why students take longer to graduate, but a four year degree isn't out of reach.

"It is possible," Schmidt said. "People do get done in four years, but it's getting fewer and fewer all the time. A change of major can set you back, as well as transferring schools.

Adam Nichols, a secondary education-English major, experienced setbacks due to a change in schools, change in major, and inadequate advising. Working through his fourth year of college, Nichols says he has no idea when he will graduate. He transferred from Northern Arizona University, was a declared business major for a year before changing to art, and finally decided to go into teaching. After losing credits from changing schools, then substituting majors, he said he feels lost as far as knowing what it will take to graduate.

"I felt that academic advising wasn't cohesive between the English department and the College of Education," Nichols added. "When I went into the English department, I didn't know what I was doing."

Like most students, Nichols said he planned to graduate from college in four years.

"I think everybody expects that. But . . . I'm not in a situation to blame anybody," Nichols said. "I haven't really gotten on the ball, and I wasn't really clear on what I wanted to do."

BSU student Chris Widdison is working his way through school at the Student Union Rec. Center. Widdison began BSU in 1992, but spent two years as a part-time, non-declared student. He decided to declare a second major, physical education, in his senior year and has been enrolled full time since, but it will still take him five years to complete his major (seven years total). He has taken between 12 and 18 credits a semester, despite having to work while attending school. He said those two years of not knowing what he wanted to become added to his extended college career.

"The courses I took before [he declared his major] were pretty much a waste of time and money, because they didn't pertain to what I'm doing now," Widdison said.

She will complete her college career, which began in the fall of 1993, this May. Like Widdison, Lane began as a part-time student, then jumped to a full-time course load. Despite working about 25 hours a week and living off campus, Lane has managed to figure out her own academic agenda in order to graduate in five years (including her part-time semesters). Lane said she realized it would take her longer than four years to graduate once she began looking at her credit requirements.

She did not have stipulation about BSU's advising system: "I think everyone should be assigned an advisor once they reach upper-division status, instead of being able to choose your own. If each of the upper-division advisors had a certain amount of students, appointments wouldn't be so difficult to set up."

Communication major and non-traditional student, Daren Agnew claimed the core requirements hold students back from obtaining a timely, quality education at BSU. Agnew entered college in the Spring of 1988. He too went part-time for two semesters, before going full-time for three and a half years. He left school for four years to work, then returned this semester to finish his last 29 credits for a bachelor's degree.

"Core requirements held me back," Agnew said. "The State Legislature told me what I needed to take in order to graduate. Unfortunately, some of those classes had anything to do with my major."

Agnew suggested that core classes don't teach anything worthwhile, vocationally speaking. He said the 100-level core courses are designed, and taught, in a manner in which everyone is determined to eventually pass. He believes in a well-rounded education, but thinks students should be able to pick their electives based on interest, not on "basic physics, for students who don't care about physics." His reasoning is that the information will be taught on a deeper level if the instructor is aware the students attended because they genuinely want to take the class, not because the legislature told them they had to so BSU could receive its funding.

From the statistics it appears that students at other Idaho schools are taking just as long to graduate as BSU students.

Idaho State University currently enrolls 11,887 students. Director of Institutional Research Barbara Lawrence said it takes an average of 5.6 years to graduate from ISU. She said that number represents an improvement from years past, when the average was between six and seven years.

"There are things to take into consideration with ISU," Lawrence added. "We have a lot of pharmacy students, a program which requires at least six years to complete the curriculum, and most of our students work a fair amount and cannot take more than 12 credits a semester."

The University of Idaho is a slightly smaller campus, with a current academic enrollment of 11,700 students. According to Archie George, the Assistant Director of Institutional Research at UI, the students there are considered more campus-oriented. For example, the majority of students are full-time, live on or near campus and do not maintain full-time jobs. However, the average graduation rate is 5.2 years. At the 1997 graduation ceremony, only 14 percent of the graduates entered the university in 1993 (completed in four years). Forty-eight percent of that same graduating class enrolled in 1991 and attended for six years.

Students in universities outside of Idaho are also experiencing difficulty in obtaining four-year bachelor's degrees.

The University of Washington Seattle campus is the largest public university in the state, with a current enrollment of 35,367 students. Of the students who enrolled in 1990, 70 percent took six years to graduate. U of W spokesperson Ann Wunderlin reported that fewer than 30 percent were able to complete in four years according to the last cohort study.

Neighboring Oregon students are faced with similar odds: The University Oregon campus boasts an enrollment of 17,207. Of O's statistics Pete Bauer said Oregon's averages appear comparable to those of other Northwest universities. He additionally found 35.3 percent of the students who began enrollment in 1991, 35.3 percent graduated in four years. A previous study showed that of the students who entered the college in 1989, 35.1 percent graduated in five years; and 32.3 completed after six years.
graduation myth

Bauer, Schmidt and George all mentioned other problems that hold students up from graduation, such as classes not being offered or full when you need them and not enough professors for students. This term, there is one faculty member per 19 BSU students. At the U of O, the ratio stands at 17 students per faculty member, and ISU features an 18/1 ratio. U of W's average is 13 students for each full-time teaching employee, and the U of O has 15 students per teacher (teaching faculty means both professors and adjunct employees).

Private universities typically offer smaller enrollments and better faculty-to-student ratios. As a result, graduation statistics for many private colleges in the Northwest look much better than those for public schools.

At the University of Puget Sound, statistician Carol Wittner reported the current enrollment at 2,717, with a 121/1 student-to-faculty ratio. Wittner didn't cite an exact number, but asserted that over 70 percent of the Puget Sound students graduate within four years (nearly double the percentage of state university graduates).

Gaye O'Donahue at the Albertson College of Idaho said the school has a current enrollment of 671 undergraduates. There are ten students per faculty member, and the last completed study showed that 71 percent of Albertson College students graduate in four years.

Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington has an undergraduate population of 1,608, and a student-to-faculty ratio of 16/1. Spokesperson Gary Whitesand stated the results of the last cost study which showed that of the students who entered the college in 1991, 63 percent graduated in four years, 28 percent completed in five, and only 9 percent took six years to finish.

Pacific University's percentages were up to par with other Northwest private schools. Pacific currently has 1,854 undergraduates, and a 13/1 student-to-faculty ratio. John Snodgrass, registrar, said that the last six-year study revealed that 75 percent of the students graduate in four years.

Snodgrass had some suggestions regarding contrasts between public and private higher education institutions. He said that 98 percent of the students attending private schools are registered as full-time. He mentioned that because of the higher cost, it doesn't pay to extend education out. He also said that while public universities are subject to state cutbacks despite increases in enrollment, private universities expand their faculty in accordance with the student population.

"Students are able to get the classes they need when they need them, because there is adequate faculty," Snodgrass said. "We have a willingness to let a class go with five people, whereas most public universities would cancel the class."

Snodgrass added that the upper-division advising works well because professors have a closer connection to the few students with whom they interact. They also have a better idea of when courses will be offered so they can advise the students accordingly. Pacific students also enjoy the option of using an approved independent study to substitute for a required class. He said another factor is maintaining the quality of the college catalog and whether students understand their requirements clearly.

D. Michael Blain, professor of sociology and chair of the department, has worked at BSU for 10 years. Blain commended that the socioeconomic status of students at Boise State differs from those at elite private schools.

"Our students are from working class households. We don't have an upper-class student body like private universities." Blain added. "Students at private schools have parents who pay their way. They don't have to battle with academic frustrations alongside frustrations of having to work part time, struggling with finances, being in debt with loans, some have families, etc."

Blain posits that sociologists who study higher education and the role of education in modern society find that students at private schools come from families where the parents are well educated and professional. Sociologists claim that those who come from an upper-class, educated background enter the system with a built-in advantage because they were reared in an environment of collegiate "pedigree." Blain noted that these students get by better, independent of merit or how hard they work. The more elite schools boast a disproportionately number of these upper-class people to begin with.

"Students at BSU come from diverse positions and backgrounds in terms of class and culture," Blain said. As far as overcrowded classrooms and lack of professors per students, Blain admitted to administrative problems along those lines. He noted that the higher education budgets in most states are declining. This creates bottlenecks because the university can't keep up with enrollment in terms of faculty and classes.

Despite these challenges, Blain said, "The faculty at BSU is making efforts to make our academic program as high quality and available for students, and at the same time maintaining the integrity of our professions."

He mentioned that every faculty member sets aside six hours a week to remain available for students to drop in. However, professors and advisors can't be responsible for everyone. He claimed students have to learn to survive in a bureaucratic environment.

"The university is the first large bureaucracy most students are involved in. You have to be an entrepreneur and work the system to your advantage," Blain said.

As an academic advisor himself, he hasn't run across problems that couldn't be solved, but says it's a matter of the students working cooperatively with their advisors. All large universities suffer problems with classes being full and fluctuating numbers of students per faculty members.

Blain summed it up when he said BSU students shouldn't expect to have the same advantages of students in elite private schools because, "There are complex economic issues, cultural issues and circumstances in public universities making them different than private universities."

Dr. Bill Ruud, chair of the College of Business, said, "It takes to graduate shouldn't pose such a big concern. He said the rates are changing because society is changing.

"It's the working world - no longer an industry sanctioned for four years," Ruud said. "Employers are looking for graduates with experience."

Ruud claims that in most metropolitan schools, timing is not critical. If a student takes five years to graduate, but in that period maintains a job and acquires experience through internships, their education coupled with experience proves more valuable. He also said the business world doesn't care how long it takes students to graduate.

"Society says it's o.k., as long as you have supporting evidence for use of the extra time (i.e. work and internship experience). ... Content and knowledge override some arbitrary assignment of time," Ruud suggests. "Your ability to acquire knowledge while you do other things will show just as much about your character as a potential employer."

Ruud also noted that life expectancy is much longer in society today. An extra year of school isn't a big deal if one lives to be 100 years old. He added that earning is a life-long process; no longer restricted to four years. Most of the students who obtain degrees end up in some form of continuing education program eventually, such as a master's degree or other advanced certification in their field.

Ruud also mentioned that special considerations are taken for students who take longer than four years to obtain a degree. Athletes, for example, are sometimes allowed an extra year of eligibility if they become red-shirted (injured) for a season.

As far as federal financial aid goes, for each eligible student. Students on a national level aren't expected to graduate in four years.

So, if it takes longer than four years to graduate, don't stress. Most students who work through school can't finish a bachelor's degree in less than five years. Meanwhile, make the most of your education by experiencing other opportunities alongside your college career.
Loud Pulp has dedicated this last issue to opinions of sorts, donated by the arbiter staff:

The top 10 bestest and worstest

**Top Ten Best Lines or Phrases in a Song**

by MARY DOHERTY
LOCAL GODDESS

1. "You know that it would be untrue/You know that I would be a liar/If I was to say to you/I didn't set your dress on fire," from the song "If You Love Someone Set Them Free" by The Dead Milkmen. (Punks who play off Doors songs are cool.)

2. "If I were John and you were Yoko, I would gladly give up my musical genius/Just to have you as my very own personal Venus," from the song "Be My Yoko O" by the Harvested Ladies. (I respect a band that can relate to John Lennon and text of passion.)

3. "If I get drunk and I'm passed out on the floor baby/You won't bother me no more," from the song "www..." by Reel Big Fish. (Every great ska band sings a great relationship song incorporating beer.)

4. "You'd look great on my yacht," from the song "Pick Up Lines" by the Dance Hall Crashers. (Elise Rogers and Katrina Denike are ska vixens too smart to fall for lame lines.)

5. "Burn down the disco/Hang the blessed DJ," from the song "Panic" by the Smiths. (Burn all your Morrissey, protest until you give up the solo career.)

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**Top Ten Best Boise Bands**

by MARY DOHERTY
LOCAL GROUPIE

Disclaimer: Although there many great bands in Boise, these are the ones I have been repeatedly drawn to go back and see.

1. The Dead Milkmen (sorry y'all, but at least you guys are Boise and 100% punk.)
2. The Harvested Ladies
3. The Meatmen
4. Table Rock with a party ball
5. The Parking Lot of a Cancelled Motely Crue Concert
6. Any High School Parking Lot
7. Wal-Mart
8. The Bowling Alley in the SUB
9. The Mall
10. Your parents house

**Top Ten albums in Erica's collection**

1. Autum Haines' Super Cool Critic
2. The Charlatans Up to Our Hips
3. Leftfield Lefitism
4. Scott Hardkiss Yes
5. Morrissey Kill Uncle
6. Bjork
7. Fleetwood Mac The Dance
8. Mixmag live! Plastikman
9. Sarah McLaughlin Fumbling Towards Ecstasy
10. Yoshitoshi's House We Trust

**Knock 'Em Dead Theatre announces auditions for Carousel**

by ERICA HILL
ARTS WRITER

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10. Bob Marley Legend - On my list last year, this year and next year. The timeless music suitable for any occasion cannot leave my CD player.

9. Ultra Lounge Cocktail Capers - Lounge music had a resurgence this year and this compilation best represents the genre. For those who couldn't get enough of Saxingers, I suggest you have a listen.

8. Alice in Chains Unplugged - One of the best unplugged performances captured.

7. Fleetwood Mac The Dance - Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham never sounded better than on this live reunion disc. Clearly an undertaking reflecting their love of the music and not the profit motive, it's great to have them back once more. They still can't break the chain.

6. David Lee Roth Best Of - I know this one is going to make a few people go "Eeewww." I maintain that his deep, gravelly voice and vaudevillean wit serve both hard rock and his forays into big band equally well. Anyway, it's MY list. Write your own.

5. Eddie Grant Best Of - The Caribbean's best export since Bob Marley, Grant fuses reggae and dance music with politics to produce a great effect. Songs like "Gimnyc Hope Jo'anna" and "Electric Avenue" place him well above the dreadlocked masses.

4. Blind Melon Nice - The posthumous release of out-takes and rarities, the last to feature Shannon Hoon's rich, distinctive voice.

3. David Bowie Earthling - The thin white duke turned 50 this year. You'd never know it by this collection of great industrial tinged dance tracks. He always reinvents himself in a way that Madonnaand T.A.F.K.A. Prince can only dream of.

2. Chemical Brothers Dig Your Own Hole - This hard edged techno experience permeates the senses and provides the sonic equivalent of ecstasy.

1. U2 Pop - So what if it wasn't up to par with Achtung Baby? They still deliver the goods like no one else. Tracks like "Discotheque" prove their ongoing relevance.

5. "Twin Town" - Revenge is the word of the day here, in this hilarious comedy with a biting edge. When the clue snuffing twins' dad is denied worker's compensation from his employer, the seek justice. Word of advice: When treating other unfairly, better watch your poodle.

4. "Cats Don't Dance" - The most overlooked children's movie this year, much better than anything Disney or anyone else has done lately. Features great animation, humor, and catchy show tunes. Highly recommended.

3. "The Full Monty" - Fat, middle-aged male strippers? You came to the right screen for this one as well as a hysterically funny comedy.

2. "People vs. Larry Flynt" - Another pornographic exercise in pornographic Americana. This film brought a high minded civil liberties perspective to the cinema. "People" let Woody Harrelson show some acting range and let Courtney Love be herself.

1. "Boogie Nights" - What can I say? The best movie this year. The seedy porn industry and the emotional turmoil of those bumping and grinding across the blue screen presents a wonderful dark edge to the American Dream. For those who liked the "70s music, a second volume of the soundtrack is forthcoming.

10. "Dream with the Fishes" - This year's best buddy movie. Fantastic story, realistic premises, and excellent cinematography make this one worth watching a couple times.

9. "Maybe, Maybe Not"- Top-notch German comedy about sexuality and confusion. Based on the comics of Ralph Konig, this film definitely deserves renting.

8. "The Star Wars Trilogy" - The remastered, enhanced science fiction epic hit the screens and solidified its status as the top-grossing series in history. The technical wizardry of George Lucas and the space age mythological tale is forever part of our culture. I can't wait for the next installment.

7. "The Godfather Trilogy" - Cleaned up for its twenty-fifth anniversary, the definitive mobster classic collection reeks the viewer into a world where justice is served with an eye for an eye. You want good family values? Look no further than the words of Don Corleone, played by Marlon Brando, "A man who doesn't spend time with his family is no man at all."

6. "The Pillow Book" - Peter Greenaway adds to his stellar legacy of film works with this beautiful, complicated drama. You'll become a new person, at least for a few hours after viewing.
### DECEMBER CALENDAR

**Wednesday, December 10**
- Interlude- Divit and Mambo
- Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision
- J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader
- Neurolux- Racing Vent, 8 Ball Break and Crown Rouge
- Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

**Thursday, December 11**
- Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision
- J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader
- Neurolux- Caustic Resin, Allegro and Harlots
- Hastings at Boise and Apple- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

**Friday, December 12**
- Interlude- The Usual Suspects
- Blues Bouquet- House of Hoi Polloi
- Tom Grainey's- The Tourists
- J.T. Toad's- Los Mosquitos with Rhythm Mob
- Neurolux- A Might Be Funny Experiment in Comedy from 8 to 10
- Morrison Center Recital Hall- Joseph Baldassarre, “The Romantic Guitar” (7:30)

**Saturday, December 13**
- Interlude- The Usual Suspects
- Hastings at Overland & Five Mile- House of Hoi Polloi
- Tom Grainey's- The Tourists
- J.T. Toad's- Los Mosquitoes with Rhythm Mob
- Neurolux- Retrospect Holiday Fashion Show
- Flying M- Flyer
- Old Boise Holiday Market- Capitol City Public Market 10-2 p.m.
- Hastings at Overland and 5 Mile- Story time (1:00)
- Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Fat Joe and the Three Slims
- Hastings at Boise and Apple- Riff

**Sunday, December 14**
- Tom Grainey's- Rebecca Scott Jam Session
- Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

**Monday, December 15**
- Tom Grainey's- Fat John and the Three Slims
- J.T. Toad's- Rocket Men
- Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

**Tuesday, December 16**
- Tom Grainey's- Fat John and the Three Slims
- J.T. Toad's- Rocket Men
- Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

**Wednesday, December 17**
- Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision
- J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader
- Neurolux- Left Coast, Godzoundz and 25 Wheeler
- Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

**Upcoming Events:**
- **December 22**- The Monkees at the BSU Pavilion (7:30), Tickets on sale at Select-A-Seat

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The BYU Cougars came into town last weekend with only two wins on their record—not this season, but in the last two seasons combined. BSU didn’t care, though, knowing this was still an important game.

For the third straight game, the Broncos never trailed their opponents. They held a commanding lead throughout virtually the entire game and ended the night with an 83-67 win.

The big story was Bronco center Kenny Van Kirk. The BSU post man racked up a career night, totaling 21 points as he led the team in scoring. Roberto Bergersen tossed in 17 of his own points, including 4 for 4 on three-point attempts.

BSU built up a 21 point advantage early on in the second half until BYU found some rhythm. A couple of three point shots and a lay-up by Caldwell native Danny Bower diminished that to 11. That’s as close as it got, though, as BSU made a run of their own and rebuilt their lead to a more comfortable 16 points.

BSU beat rival Idaho State earlier in the week in Pocatello. The score was 85-68, but the reality wasn’t even that close. The Broncos forced the Bengals into numerous turnovers for easy fast break points and some impressive slam dunks.

BSU now stands 4-1 on the season and plays host to Idaho State in the Pavilion tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

Boise State's record drops to 1-5 on the young season.

The Broncos go on the road again this weekend, tangling with a Cougar of a different kind...BYU. Saturday's tip-off will take place at 3 p.m.

Boise State's annual holiday tournament is scheduled for the weekend of December 20 and 21. The Broncos welcome Cal-State Northridge, USC and first-round opponent Virginia Commonwealth. Opening round games tip off at 5 & 7 p.m.
Last year for Werner
by DANA HILDEMAN
Sports Writer

Hather Werner is in her final year with the Boise State Gymnastics team and when the '98 season opens in January her focus will rest on breaking the Bronco floor exercise record. Werner came to BSU four years ago from Battle Ground, Washington, a small town outside Portland. When she was seven years old, Werner began gymnastics lessons because her older sister participated in the sport. Within a few months she passed her sister's ability level and knew she wanted to make gymnastics part of her life. Werner notes that she forms her own biggest influence, although her parents have always stood behind her. She knew early on that she wanted to participate in college gymnastics.

She trained at Battle Ground High School under Don Freeman and Heather Hostikka. She was a 14-time prep All-Americans. During her junior year she competed in Australia and New Zealand and in the U.S. high school national championships. In high school, Werner was also a member of the track team during her freshman year, the cheerleading squad as a senior, and the National Honor Society.

BSU interested Werner because of location, the gymnastics program and community support. She walked onto the team in 1995 and averaged a 9.293 on vault and a 9.375 on floor. She was also named the NACGCW Scholar Athlete for the year. She attended camps during the summer of '96 and accepted a scholarship before her sophomore year.

In 1996, Werner set the school record on floor with a 9.9 on March 23 against Utah State. She went on to take fifth on floor at the NCAA West Regionals and placed fourth on vault at the National Invitational Tournament. She was also honored as the '96 Big West All-Academic Team member and again a NACGCW Scholar Athlete. Werner averaged a 9.648 on vault and a 9.331 on bars during 1996.

As for the 1998 season, personally Werner would like to beat her own floor record and compete all around. The team's goal to make it to the Big West again and go to nationals.

Werner says it's different being a senior on the team. Her teammates look up to her and realizes there is no one for her to follow. She reflects on the past three years fondly, thriving on the support of the audience and her teammates, and can't wait until the Big West Conference is hosted by BSU in March of '98.

Werner, a senior nursing major, finds time between clinical rounds and practice to volunteer as a CPR instructor and teach first aid. She also enjoys shopping, spending time with friends and riding horses.

Keep your eyes on Werner when the season opens in January. She claims she'll be happy if she breaks her floor record by .25 of a point. So get to a meet and support Werner and the team.
by TERRY CHRISTENSEN
Sports Editor

In the final edition of the semester we leave with many interesting thoughts for the holiday season:

* Will Houston Nutt return as head coach of the Boise State football team? Nutt spent part of last week interviewing for the top Hog position at the University of Arkansas. The Little Rock native is said to be the odds-on-favorite to replace the fired Danny Ford. Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles (a long time personal friend of Nutt's) claims he will interview three other candidates before making a decision.

* If Nutt leaves, will the next football coach share the same focus on education as his predecessor? Four members of the football team were named to the Big West All-Academic team.

* Will the intramurals women's flag football team BABS win the national championship? They made it to the finals last season, and are in New Orleans making a run at the title again.

* Bronco forward Justin Lyons suffered a second-degree tear of the medial cruciate ligament in BSU's win over Idaho State. The senior from Tucson, Arizona looks to be sidelined 4-6 weeks.

* Will fans feel excited about the teams selected for the Humanitarian Bowl? Utah State, which won the Big West title but will lose their head coach (John L. Smith takes the reins at Louisville), takes on Cincinnati. The bowl committee courted the likes of BYU, Utah and Oregon, but selected the 7-4 Bearcats from Conference USA. They have not competed in a bowl game in over 40 years and agreed to purchase 10,000 tickets. Boise State and Cincinnati will also play home-and-home basketball contests.

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