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Last night months worth of controversy and bickering came to a head as Idaho Public Television aired Its Elementary, a documentary on discrimination against homosexuals.

The Idaho Christian Coalition spearheaded efforts to stop the program from airing, and vows to continue its fight by soliciting legislators to support pulling funds from the station.

The ACLU stood on the free speech side, claiming the documentary should be aired and efforts to do otherwise would spell censorship.

But the issue also divided the community and political leaders who criticized the documentary but would not outright support censoring it.

The issue has been filled and fueled by emotion throughout the Boise area, including Boise State University.

This week's premier Pro/Con opinion section pinpoints that division with two very different sides from a pair of BSU students.

The section is designed to serve as a way students can voice their opinions on issues that too often are decided without our input.

If there is a controversy you'd like to see debated in the Pro/Con section or would like to voice your opinion, please fax your comments to 426-3198 or email to arbiter@email.boisestate.edu.
PeopleSoft does more harm than good for Financial Aid students

PeopleSoft causes major slowdowns and tired workers.

Lines at Financial Aid remain the norm.

Therefore, many tasks had to be performed manually.

"This was time-consuming," Kelly remarks, "considering financial aid receives about 13,800 applications a year."

They also experienced problems with data conversion from the old system to the new. Award letters were sent out about two months later than usual so students didn't receive aid as expected. Many were concerned about loans since promissory notes had to be processed, then signed and returned to Financial Aid before money could be released.

However Kelly doesn't feel BSU experienced any major difficulties. Approximately 6,300 applications had been processed at the end of August last year, compared to this year's 5,500.

"It's amazing when you take into account all the challenges employees had to face with the integration," says Kelly. Students may feel differently. One female senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, remarked that faculty should have known about obstacles beforehand and prepared for them.

Another student was angered that he received the promissory note for his loan on Aug. 31, eight days after school had started. This sophomore, who also asked that his name not be published, felt frustrated with service he got in the Financial Aid office.

"One person would tell me something and three days later someone would give me different information!"

Financial Aid director Lois Kelly wants to remind students that this marks the beginning of something positive. She claims these setbacks shouldn't be blamed on PeopleSoft.

Independent auditors are currently working to find why the program is costing the university more than twice the 1997 estimate. The project was supposed to run only $5.6 million but now the price tag has hit $12.6 million.

Boise State officials say that's because of all the training that has had to be done along with the purchase of hardware and other computer accommodations. The original software contractor went bankrupt, leaving the school to implement PeopleSoft in just a few years and fix Y2K problems.

The auditors' report could be completed by the State Board of Education's next meeting on Sept. 23 in Pocatello.

Officials hope this system will eventually provide better information faster. If all goes well, students will someday be able to register for classes over the Internet. Kelly says this system seems a toddler now, and "once it is an adult, it will be a good system."

In the meantime, for those still experiencing difficulties, Kelly suggests speaking to a counter representative or scheduling an appointment with a financial aid counselor. She also encourages patience, since the number of people standing in line in the hall match the number of those waiting on the phones.
Plants go to prison in new cooperative venture

Jessi Loerch
associate editor

The walls of the warden's house at the Old Boise State Penitentiary are foot-thick sandstone and the north windows offer a view of the path crossed foothills. Just to the east, two ancient barns embody the history of the old prison. And further south, a section of barren land waits for the green thumbs of BSU's students. These three areas will soon house BSU's horticulture program in a cooperative effort with the Idaho Botanical Garden.

The horticulture program, part of the College of Applied Technology, has known a new location would be necessary for several years. The previous place allowed no room for the program to expand, as it was boxed in by the tennis complex. The athletic department provided the final impetus for the move. In order to comply with Title IX gender equity requirements the BSU athletic department needed the land which was formerly used by the horticulture program for two new women's soccer fields.

Gary Moen, instructor of horticulture, says the capacity to teach the subject will be expanded by the move. The department relocated before the lease was signed, causing some concern for Moen. But officials signed the papers during the last week of July and the move began the first week of August.

Resources at the new location will include two greenhouses, classrooms in the warden's house, a small library with professional journals and a wet lab. Additionally, the students will be given the chance to develop land to the south of the Idaho Botanical Garden.

Leslie Blackburn, horticulture program head, believes this new location will allow the program to grow dramatically. It should "bring us up into the real world," she says. She hopes the new spot will help attract research money and testing grants and allow for plant trials, an important part of the industry.

Ten classes have already moved to the warden's house, and construction on the building should reach completion soon. The greenhouses, which will provide double the area available at the previous location, are scheduled to be finished in December.

Moen appreciates the land and its "outdoorsy environment." The area to the south will greatly increase the number of horticulture concepts that can be taught hands-on. This will offer students the chance to plant and manage turf and trees and also fruits, none of which were possible at the old site. Moen explains that since so many people prefer to use sod the students rarely get a chance to grow grass from seed, an important skill.

"The liaison [with the Idaho Botanical Garden] is one of mutual benefits," Moen explains. Students will develop an outdoor classroom for the facility, gaining knowledge and using the Idaho Botanical Society a new classroom.

New evening services make life easier at BSU

Amy Wegner
news writer

Changing classes or getting financial aid usually requires a substantial time commitment, as many students who stood in long lines this fall know. And squeezing time in between classes, homework and a job can prove difficult.

Now Boise State University offers a new choice for administrative services. The Evening Service Center provides an office where a student can register for classes, apply for financial aid, get general information, pay fees, receive academic advising and even drop classes from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Mark Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment Services, played a major role in getting the center started.

"I'm amazed that this service has not been offered here before because hundreds of students are still on campus after the clock strikes five," says Wheeler. "Students should not be inconvenienced just because they can't make it to administrative offices during regular hours."

Officials in the Administration Building send representatives to room 110, where they combine resources so students can have a variety of needs met in one room.

"The people working in the Evening Service Center are excited about this new opportunity to learn other aspects of the admission process and hope to eventually blur the boundaries between the separate administrative positions," says Wheeler.

The Evening Service Center opened its doors on the first day of fall classes, Aug.23. Since opening, the center has averaged 100 students a night.

Freshman Jennifer Stevens says she loves the evening opportunity. Because she works until five every night, her only other option was to get to the Administration Building early in the morning.

"It's perfect for me because I just entered the office, sat down and didn't even have to wait."

Even when the center gets busy a student might have to wait only five minutes to drop a class, a far cry from the hour many have to wait during the day.

The five-minute wait, however, seems rare.

"Usually a student can enter the room, spot a free computer terminal and office employee and get right down to business," says Wheeler.
Nursing student visits New York, London on fellowship

Justin Endow

While many students busied themselves this past summer with part-time jobs, Boise State nursing student Karla Churchill traveled to New York and London. She didn't just sight-see and shop though, as she made the two-week trip to fulfill the obligations of a Helene Fuld Fellowship.

"I've learned how truly important it is to take advantage of opportunities as they come along. Everything I've done has really paid off."

Along with only 19 other nursing students from across the country, Churchill first worked on developing relationships with other recipients and clarifying their personal vision at the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in New York City.

Facilitators engaged the fellows in group dynamics activities, leadership seminars and personality tests. The students took cultural diversity training courses and visited the Chinatown Health Clinic, which serves Asian immigrants.

Churchill absorbed a mass of information in one week but believes it was well worth it.

"This experience was incredibly good preparation for what I'm doing this year," Churchill says. "We had some wonderful opportunities to fine-tune our leadership skills."

The students had a little time to take in some of the sights in New York as well. Churchill saw Ragtime on Broadway and sat in the very seat Meg Ryan occupied at Katz' Deli in the film When Harry Met Sally.

After wrapping up the training sessions the students flew to London for the centennial conference of the International Council of Nurses. Churchill heard numerous important and influential speakers, including the director of the National Student Nurses Association, the president of the American Nursing Association and Christopher Reeve, the honorary spokesman for the ICN.

The conference also supplied the students with a wealth of useful information. Notably, the Fuld fellows had the opportunity to learn about the British socialized health care system through lectures and site visits.

"We traveled to the Office of Public Management for a detailed explanation of the British health care system," Churchill says. "It was a nice supplement to our site visits because we learned exactly how the system worked."

Churchill toured the mother/child ward at St. George's Hospital, which provided her the chance to see socialized medicine in action.

"I was amazed at the high percentage of babies delivered by midwives, rather than doctors, in the U.K."

In her spare time, she toured London on a double-decker bus, saw Julius Caesar at the Globe Theatre and took in the Florence Nightingale Museum.

Churchill begins this semester with renewed excitement for the program she's involved in. She will return to New York in October for a weekend capstone retreat, and she's also been assigned to co-facilitate a leadership project funded to make home environments safe for families.

"I've learned how truly important it is to take advantage of opportunities as they come along," she says. "Everything I've done has really paid off and opened other doors."
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Michael J. Brown has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA.

At the camp, cadets in either their third and fourth years of college completed a five-week course of intensive military leadership training. The course also included evaluation exercises in communications, management and survival training.

After successfully completing advanced camp and graduating from college, the cadets will commissions as a second lieutenants and serve in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

Brown is a 1990 graduate of Centennial High School, Meridian, Idaho.

Dean Bake and Stoney Tuckness, two Boise State University engineering students, have earned scholarships from CSHQA, a Boise architectural firm.

Bake, a senior civil engineering major, also earned a Brown Engineering Scholarship.

He has worked for National Restoration in New Mexico and as a microbiology laboratory technician.

The son of Van and the late Ellen Bake of Parma, he has a wife, Suzanne, and a daughter, Ellen.

Tuckness, a senior mechanical engineering major, has interned at Diamond Z Manufacturing in Nampa and currently works at Quadrant Consulting. A member of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for engineering students, he served as vice president of the Boise State chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is the son of Pat Ivey of Nampa.

Each student receives $1,000 spread over two semesters, and a paid summer internship. The scholarship agreement with Boise State was set up by CSHQA President Jeffrey Schneider in 1997.

The National Science Foundation plans to award 900 new Graduate Research Fellowships to support graduate studies in math, science and engineering.

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Lesbian drops attempt to adopt her partner's child

A lesbian woman identified only as Jane Doe has dropped attempts to adopt her partner's child after Fourth District Judge George Carey ruled the Idaho legislature "didn't intend" that a child could be adopted from one same-sex partner to the other.

An appeal of that decision was supposed to occur this week but the woman, without a stated reason, dropped the attempt.

The child was conceived through artificial insemination in 1994 and two North Idaho lesbian's had planned to raise it. But an attempt to make Jane Doe an official custodian of the child failed in Ada County Court two years ago and also in front of Fourth District Judge George Carey.

Tougher seat belt laws in the works for Idaho

Experts and emergency personnel will try once again to convince Idaho legislators of the need for tougher seat belt laws this winter.

Supporters want to see a $10.50 fine for those who don't wear their seat belts which, tacked onto court costs, would run up to a $43.00 violation.

Current law says failure to buckle up is a secondary violation with a $5.00 fine.

Only front seat occupants are required to buckle up under Idaho law.

Idaho water quality measures out of date

Idaho has not reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about its water quality violations.

Federal officials say the lack of reporting weakens steps to protect drinking water.

Idaho officials say they hope to have it current by the end of the year.

Federal officials say Idaho is one of several states that has not kept its records up to date.

They say they are continuing to keep track of the most serious threats to drinking water in the state.

Suicide Prevention hotline seeks volunteers

The Idaho Suicide Prevention and Hotline Service needs more volunteers to answer the public on call.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 18, in the basement of St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian. The training is offered at no charge and with no obligation to join the hotline.

Idaho suffers from one of the highest per capita rates of suicide in America, and a young person in this state is twice as likely to die of suicide as they are in an automobile accident.

Volunteers work one six-hour shift per week and can take calls in their homes.

BSU students may receive practice, internship or independent study credits for taking the training and participating as a volunteer.

For more information call Peter Wolheim at 426-3552.

Drilling error interrupts Idaho phone service

Telephone customers in the Northwest, including Idaho, couldn't make long distance phone calls last week because of a drilling problem in Colorado.

Officials estimate that 330,000 AT&T and USWEST customers were without service for four hours Sept. 2, due to the error which started when a company drilling underneath a Colorado freeway hit a fiber optic cable.

Officials say the incident was isolated and shouldn't affect future service.

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It's time to split the Ninth Circuit

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ould the administration of justice be uniform throughout the United States? Or should we have two justice systems—one for the east, another for the west? Those are the fundamental questions behind the debate over the future of the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The real problem with the Ninth Circuit is not political, it is logistical. The Ninth Circuit is simply too big to operate efficiently and responsibly.

This is not merely an academic discussion. The federal circuit Courts of Appeals serve a tremendously important function. These courts resolve issues appealed from the lower federal courts within the circuit. Additionally, they often have the final say in state criminal cases. Unless overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court, the court of appeals decisions become the “law of the circuit.”

Structural flaws in the Ninth Circuit

Currently there are 12 federal circuit courts of appeals. The Ninth is, by far, the largest. It encompasses Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, the Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands. The Ninth Circuit includes a population of 51 million people living in an area of 1.3 million square miles. The Fifth Circuit, with half the population of the Ninth and only one fourth the geographical area, hears cases from only three states: Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Justice moves slower for Americans in the Ninth Circuit than for any others. The median time for completing a case decision in the Ninth Circuit is 14.4 months. The same appeal would be resolved in 9.9 months in the Fifth Circuit or 8.5 months in the Second Circuit.

The Ninth Circuit has a notoriously poor track record in the U.S. Supreme Court. In the 1996-97 term, for example, the Supreme Court overturned 28 of the 29 Ninth Circuit decisions it reviewed. The result is further delays in justice and higher costs for Idaho taxpayers. After waiting 14 months for the Ninth Circuit’s decision, litigants must wait another year to see if the decision will withstand Supreme Court scrutiny. In the interim, no one is certain what the law is and important decisions are postponed.

The Ninth Circuit has more judges (28 authorized) than any other. The Ninth Circuit’s own judges have complained that the court issues so many orders that they cannot keep up with the circuit’s case load. Further, it is not uncommon for Ninth Circuit judges to issue conflicting rulings. In other circuits such conflicts are resolved by conducting en banc hearings in which all the judges of the circuit hear the case together. Due to the size of the court, the Ninth Circuit has never conducted a true en banc hearing.

Structural Remedies

Congress is considering proposals which would leave the Ninth Circuit intact while creating three geographic divisions (northern, central and southern) within the circuit. This approach not only fails to solve the existing problems, it also creates a new set of dilemmas when the divisions disagree.

Rather than adopt the en banc process the Ninth Circuit would insert yet another layer of judicial review, creating a different brand of justice for citizens of the western states. Divisional conflicts would be heard by a select panel of judges from all three divisions. As a result, a majority of these judges would not come from the division where the case originated. The divisional experiment was attempted two decades ago in Fifth Circuit. It failed and a new circuit was created. Divisions, if adopted, will also fail in the Ninth Circuit.

The real problem with the Ninth Circuit is not political, it is logistical. The Ninth Circuit is simply too big to operate efficiently and responsibly. The most logical approach is to create a new Twelfth Circuit Court of Appeals to hear federal appeals from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you as I recognize the need to express my feelings regarding your coverage of President Ruch’s recent decision to propose serving alcohol at non-BSU sponsored football events. I would like to begin by sharing with you that I have a great respect and admiration for Dr. Ruch and the wise and insightful decisions he makes as the president of Boise State University. I hold him in high regard both as a man and a leader. However, that does not mean I necessarily agree with each and every one of his choices—and in this matter, his choice and mine conflict.

Nonetheless, I still admire his talents and accomplishments.

Dr. Ruch has made a decision lately that has created a buzz around not only the BSU campus, but around Boise, and perhaps a good portion of the state. I noticed that your coverage of this decision was followed by a selection of four students expressing their lack of concern over this decision and even their support for it. I wanted to write you and express that I DO CARE about the decision and my feelings are NOT IN AGREEMENT with those students represented in your Aug 26, 1999 paper. It might appear to some that you did not seek a broad array of opinions. I would hope that when you choose to do your sampling in the future you would be careful to print a more accurate representation of the diversity of opinions among the Boise State student body.

Thank you,

Anna Cash
Senior, Boise State University

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This week’s episode: Personal Holidays for All to Enjoy

Hello on this fine sunny Wednesday, unless of course it’s your birthday, then it’s “Oh god, my hair is thinning, I’m still not married, I’m fat and what’s the point Wednesday.”

If you have never read us, good for you, but now you are so we thought we should introduce ourselves.

Well, on this day 21 years ago, a little pink bundle that was Dale arrived on this planet. Since then, not much has changed.

I’m Ira, black market baby, Brady Bill supporter, purveyor of fine and exotic foods, beer bonger and an overall asexual human being.

I’m Dale, birthday boy.

Well, on this day 21 years ago, a little pink bundle that was Dale arrived on this planet. Since then, not much has changed. Dale still drinks from a bottle and messes himself, though he hasn’t seen a nipple in years.

On this fine day we’ve decided to write on the birthday: what does it mean? What is it about? Where did it come from? What is it trying to tell us? Why do we celebrate this utterly meaningless and personal egocentric holiday? We were all born, and we’ll all die. Why not celebrate the fact that Jupiter has a slightly off-center orbit, or that television was invented in Idaho by Philo T. Farnsworth?

We’d like to make sure that you realize the celebration of birthdays is completely self-centered and accomplishes nothing except killing a few brain cells and making your next morning miserable. So birthday people, if you’re reading this, we have a few ideas on how to anti-celebrate your next birthday and let others know you don’t want it to be recognized.

1. Call your mother and make sure she knows that you never asked to be born. Use phrases such as, “I never asked to be born,” or, in extreme circumstances, “I hate you for bringing me into this world and your birthday check is late.”

2. Try breaking the law, just a small little one but enough to get arrested. Smoke a cigarette and throw the butt out the window; tip a cow; have sex in the city limits with someone other than your wife/husband. Then see if you can talk your way out of a summons by explaining that it’s your birthday.

3. Anytime anyone says “Happy Birthday!” to you, say “I hate you. I hope you or someone close to you dies soon.”

We’d like to make sure that you realize the celebration of birthdays accomplishes nothing except killing a few brain cells and making your next morning miserable.

4. Throw a big party for yourself. Then, when everyone gathers around to watch you open gifts, arrange them in a nice stack on the table, shut out the lights and make yourself a present bonfire. With your face dramatically lit by the flames, proceed to tell them all how much you don’t want to be here, and that if they were real friends the presents would be gift certificates for plastic surgeons, Hair Club for Men or liposuction doctors.

5. Try confusing inquisitors about your birthday. When they ask if today is your birthday say “What’s that?” or “I wasn’t born, I was found. Don’t remind me.”

6. Go to school or work naked.

7. Do something on your birthday that gives you a 50% chance of dying. Start smoking, play Russian Roulette with three bullets in the gun, or give a Glock to a small child and ask him to play.

These rules should apply to everyone but, as usual, don’t follow them today. Start tomorrow: Wish Dale a happy birthday. If you see him kiss him, pinch him on the bum, give him a toy. Everyone—have a good week.

Wisdom Nugget:
“Don’t knock masturbation, it’s sex with someone I love.” —Woody Allen

New Word:
Pubic: Scruff or stubble not on the face.

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This week’s topic: Should prayer be allowed at football games? A recent decision in Texas says yes, what do you say?
Bring your submission to the address listed below by Wednesday, September 15 at 5 p.m.
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Killing Us Softly

Lesleigh Owen  
Columnist

“Our only interest is in protecting you.” (Tambrands Inc., ad, 1972)

When Tambrands Inc. (then Tampons) introduced tampons in the 1930s many church-goers expressed nothing short of horror. Not only did the inserts look well, suggestive, but who knew what kind of trouble women and girls could get into once they let their fingers do such south-bound walking?

Now, sixty years later, women have laughed off such mentalities and embrace their menstrual functions as normal, natural and life-affirming. Okay, maybe not, but at least we can say the word “tampon” without blushing and giggling. At least most of us.

Last week, when I learned of the lack of federal regulations governing the manufacture of tampons, I decided to finally bite the bullet. Although a good little patient who always researches the medications her doctor prescribes, I’d never before taken the time to examine the contents of my feminine hygiene products.

Here’s what I learned: Just three corporations—Tambrands Inc., Playtex and Johnson & Johnson—control ninety percent of the tampon market. Of all their varieties of tampon sizes and shapes, all but one type contain rayon as the main absorbing ingredient. Not just rayon, mind you, but super-synthetic, chlorine-bleached and chemically-treated rayon. Although we know it as an eye-cleansing experience in neighborhood pools and a scrumptious addition to Boise tap water, chlorine also produces such recognized carcinogens as dioxin. Add surfactants (an absorbent, if toxic, additive), some body-irritating perfumes and toxic shock concerns, and we have an entire menagerie of health concerns, all packaged neatly in those little pink boxes.

“There are no significant dioxin levels in our product.” (Bruce Garren, Tambrands Inc. spokesperson)

Rayon, a wood pulp derivative, comprises the majority of absorbing fiber in tampons. Since wood pulp inconveniently refuses to conform to our culture’s need for sterile whiteness, manufacturers frequently use chlorine to bleach it. Unfortunately for us, a recent EPA study links chlorine with cancer and damaged immune and reproductive systems.

Even the synthetic and durable rayon fibers themselves often remain imbedded in vaginal tissue long after a woman withdraws her tampon. These fibers create a cozy playground for the growth and development of the Staphylococcus aureus bacteria, harbinger of the infamous Toxic Shock Syndrome Toxin-1. According to the Terra Femme Tampon Health Survey conducted in the mid-1990s for over one year, twenty-five percent of women reported experiencing four of the six symptoms necessary for an official diagnosis of TSS.

If the threat of TSS isn’t enough to wrinkle your socks, try dioxin on for size. Even as far back as 1987 the FDA stated, “It is critical to an adequate risk assessment that the level of dioxin in tampons, sanitary pads, diapers and other medical devices be measured. The capacity to measure such levels exists within the FDA.” By 1997, however, and despite their “capacity to measure such levels,” the FDA had failed to follow up on plans to measure the levels of dioxin in feminine hygiene products.

About ten years ago dioxin’s alleged toxicity might have been questioned but according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the time for speculation has ended. Even in small doses, the IARC maintains, dioxin can cause headaches, endometriosis, birth defects, lowered sperm counts in men and cancer. In 1997, Bill HR 2900, or the “Tampon Safety Research Act,” provided for the study of “the extent to which the presence of dioxin, synthetic fibers and other additives in tampons and similar products used by women with respect to menstruation pose risks to the health of women.” Not if or whether, but the extent to which.

Dioxin, known in science labs as tetrachlorodibenzodioxin or TCDD, fits snugly in the organochlorine family along with such beasts as the contaminant in Agent Orange. Concerns about dioxin’s polluting effects sparked international action: Germany, Spain, France, Canada and dozens of other countries have already passed legislation requiring significant decreases, if not the elimination of industrial organochlorine discharges. Only the U.S. continues to twiddle its thumbs.

Neither spokesperson for two of the three major companies denied the presence of dioxin, only its seriousness. Since animals, including humans, commonly store dioxin in their fatty tissues, many scientists, including some of the FDA’s, conclude that it’s the frequency of exposure rather than the actual amount of dioxin that poses the greatest danger. A woman who menstruates for thirty-five years and uses five tampons during every day of her five-day period will unwrap a grand total of 11,375 tampons in her life. How’s that for frequency?

“I guess there’s something slightly naughty about menstruation. It’s a dirty little secret.” (Harry Finley, owner of Maryland’s Museum of Menstruation)

Who’s worse, the tampon manufacturers for knowingly infusing their products with carcinogenic materials in order to make them more attractive to their ignorant consumers, or the FDA and EPA for delaying the testing they promised almost a decade ago? Until these companies break some laws that haven’t yet come into existence, they won’t stop pumping their products full of synthetics and noxious chemicals.

Unfortunately, the issue has failed to dredge up the attention and controversy it warrants. After all, we may not giggle at the mention of the words “tampon” and “period,” but how often do we discuss them with our friends, our classmates, our significant others? The tampon industry’s harmful behaviors rely on our embarrassment, thrive on our quick plucks from the shelf, our covert stashing under our bathroom sinks.

Tambrands Inc.’s motto, “If it isn’t broke, fix it anyway,” beautifully describes the subject of menstruation. As long as it remains a hidden subject, a source of shame, many of us will continue to perceive our reproductive system as a leak we need to plug.

In Britain in 1989, a short letter-writing campaign convinced the major tampon manufacturers to switch to oxygen-bleached, all-cotton products. Remember, as your fingers do some walkin’ (all over your keyboard, that is), your single letter can represent hundreds, even thousands of others who lacked either the time or the drive to write it themselves.

The only thing our silence has accomplished is the companies’ continued, uncaring and fatal practices.

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Should It's Elementary, a documentary on homosexual discrimination, have been shown on Idaho Public Television?

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Sean Hayes

Opponents of It's Elementary would have you believe that there is no discussion in our public schools, elementary or otherwise, about homosexuality. I believe there is too much dialogue about homosexuality, but almost all of it centers around ignorance, bigotry and name-calling.

I can recall the first time I asked my mother what the term “faggot” meant. I'd heard it and variations of it on the playground for as long as I could remember and never really knew what it meant. Even at that time, in third grade at Longfellow Elementary in Boise, I had been frequently called “girl” and “fag” and everything of that ilk. It was only through a perceived and unintentional girlish appearance and demeanor that I came to be identified by even my elementary school classmates as gay. If gay is a choice it was a choice I had not yet made, but was forced to live with its consequences.

I attended high school in a middle class suburban area of South Carolina and, far more than the region’s famous racism, I heard remarks based on sexual orientation. “Faggot” this, “faggot” that, “gay” this, “gay” that. I frequently heard young men brag about what condition they would find the corpse in if any gay man ever dared flirt with them, and recent attacks on gay people show that this is not always just big talk.

I had very little self-confidence throughout high school, and am to this day near terrified walking past or associating with any teenagers or young people in groups. My images of teenagers and Americans and suburbanites have been ones of inordinate cruelty, people who would and have literally crossed the street to heckle, harass and insult me. I was apprehensive entering into the work force for fear of harassment, and depression and lack of self-worth are constant struggles. Many gay and lesbians had worse experiences than me; I have met and read about students who were beaten up, spit on, pissed on and/or expelled for being gay.

I cannot help but think that a documentary or any piece of information with the message of spreading tolerance for homosexuality would be a blessing for gay and lesbian teenagers and children who have not yet embraced their sexual identities. Programs like these do not promote homosexuality as a lifestyle; no man or woman attracted to the opposite sex will suddenly find themselves attracted to the same gender because of anything at all presented in the media. All the positive images of heterosexuals in the media haven't turned me straight.

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Ashley Horne

The ACLU quotes Voltaire in defending free speech: “I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” “And to pay for it too” must be added to this quote in the debate of Idaho Public Television’s airing of It’s Elementary.

There are many points to be made on this so-called “censorship” issue. I will defer to Dr. Thomas Sowell, arguably the brightest man in America. In Sowell’s excellent book The Vision of the Anointed: Self-congratulation as a Basis for Social Policy, he writes:

“...so called ‘public television’—taxpayer—subsidized television—is in fact the least responsive to the public’s desires and most reflective of the vision of the anointed.”

Failure to use tax money to finance items not liked by the tax paying public is routinely called censorship. If such terminology were used consistently, virtually all of life would be just one long, unending censorship, as individuals choose whether to buy apples rather than oranges, vacations rather than winters, or furniture rather than mutual funds. But of course, no such consistency is intended. This strained usage of the word “censorship” appears only selectively to describe public choices and values at variance with the choices and values of the anointed. And because either the librarian or the taxpaying public does not like it, that is called “censorship”—even though the book remains freely available to all who wish to buy it. However, no library can possibly purchase even a tenth of all the books published, so discretionary preferences are inevitable and the First Amendment does not guarantee either an audience or money.

No one is censoring homosexual promoters. The Idaho Christian Coalition suggested that the homosexual community buy commercial broadcast time to air their How To program. Other public television stations have chosen not to broadcast this program. Are they engaged in censorship too?

I have seen the video and something that strikes me as odd is the fact that even though it supposedly promotes tolerance, respect and diversity, anyone who does not embrace the homosexual lifestyle is categorized as a Nazi, Hitler, closed-minded, bigot and of course “homophobic.” It seems they want to tolerate everyone’s beliefs except those who don’t agree with them.
Social fraternities and sororities face more scrutiny following recent Idaho Supreme Court decision

And that danger includes alcohol poisoning, alcohol-induced comas and sometimes even death. The National Center for Health Statistics claims excessive alcohol consumption and the resulting behaviors cause more than 100,000 fatalities annually in the United States alone.

But how prevalent is the problem here in Boise, and do BSU fraternities and sororities promote drinking during Rush Week as a form of initiation?

"No way," says Brian Walsh, president of Kappa Sigma. "That would be a form of hazing and we're totally against that."

But drinking certainly was on the agenda for the week's events, which included a toga party at the Capital Grinder, 1025 S. Capitol Blvd. That event quickly broke up after a fight in the parking lot, and so did last weekend's "70's party" that ended after police determined that underage drinking was going on.

Walsh admits such parties form a part of Rush Week but don't determine whether members will be admitted into the fraternity.

It demonstrated that four out of five, or 80%, of fraternity and sorority members qualified as binge drinkers (five drinks in a row for men and four drinks for women).

"We get to know them during the dry events like volleyball games and pizza parties, but we don't have alcohol contests or anything like that."


A study of Greek-letter social group members (153 males and 168 females)
found significant correlations between their levels of involvement and psychosocial development. Members rated themselves as extroverted and seeking a sense of community.

Subjects were also asked to self-stereotype by rating themselves regarding negative and positive characteristics including conformity, partying and drinking to excess. Examiners found the members' self-stereotypes indicated they tended to strive for better social identity, which could lead to conforming behavior such as social drinking.

And it's that kind of drinking that can cause more serious alcohol-related problems according to Shelton, who claims alcoholism represents a serious problem in this community.

"It's available and socially acceptable. College life is a part of it too because kids are away from home and 'Hey, it's time to party.'"

That kind of partying has come under close scrutiny following the August 1997 alcohol poisoning fatality of Benjamin Wynne, a fraternity pledge at Louisiana State University, and the similar death weeks later of Scott Krueger, a pledge at MIT. Those two tragic deaths spurred a Harvard study that surveyed 14,000 students at 130 colleges to find out the extent of drinking problems on campuses nationwide. It demonstrated that four out of five, or 80%, of fraternity and sorority members qualified as binge drinkers (five drinks in a row for men and four drinks for women). Only 44% percent of all college students qualify as binge drinkers.

Shelton says the emergency department at Saint Alphonsus is deluged with people who exhibit such alcohol problems.

"It's a poison and a depressant to the part of the brain that remembers to breathe," he explains.

But Shelton believes the college drinking problem here doesn't seem as prevalent as it is at other universities.

"Boise State is a commuter college and not a typical setting where students move away from their parents, unlike the U of I."

But steps to improve the current problem in local fraternities and sororities are continuing anyway. Some Kappa Sigma members have already signed onto the Select 2000 program, designed to encourage members to go dry in the next millennium.

And the chapter as a whole offers new initiatives, emphasizing personal responsibility.

Alpha Chi Omega promotes engaging in community service activities rather than drinking.

"It's more of a sisterhood, having someone you can count on. We know we can do so many more activities that help us bond, such as community service and retreats to focus on personal development," says Mahler.

And although 57% of fraternity and sorority members in the 1996 study said they believed Greek organizations in general drank too much, and 65% said members were "good partiers," local chapter leaders say these behaviors aren't as widespread here.

"I don't think it's a problem on our campus. People shouldn't want to join because of drinking. It's much more than that," emphasizes Mahler.

"Not a problem here... (burp)" say BSU Greeks.
Interdisciplinary studies student uses harps to help the dying

Justin Endow
news services

A woman sets up her harps in a darkened hospital room. The dying patient breathes audibly, and his assembled family members hold onto each other and watch. She touches the man's hand and then whispers to him.

She begins and he relaxes and closes his eyes. She plays progressively slower and softer, and the patient's breathing slows as he falls into the first heavy slumber he's had in days. The pain he constantly endures has faded, if only for a little while.

A certified music thanatologist uses the soothing harmonies of small, portable harps to decrease patient stress and pain levels. As the specialist plays, the patient tunes in to the music and their body responds by slowing down its rhythms, such as heart rate and breathing, in accordance with the music.

"The idea is to bathe the person in music," Bolin said. "There are few words spoken, but there may be touching or eye contact."

Currently there are only 70 to 80 people practicing music thanatology in the United States. Some are hospital staff in pastoral services, but most work independently, serving in hospices, churches and rest homes. Occasionally, individuals may hire a specialist to provide this service in the home.

Bolin believes the procedure can work with equal effectiveness whether the patient is awake or comatose. "Hearing seems to be the last thing to go, so though patients may be unconscious they still respond the same way as conscious patients."

She has been combining studies in gerontology, psychology and music for five years to earn a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinaty studies, a program she will complete at the conclusion of the current academic year. But to be certified, she must also finish two years of postgraduate work at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Mont., as part of the Chalice of Repose Project. This program has been set up to provide certification in music thanatology for students who meet the educational requirements.

Though students are not allowed to use music thanatology until they've nearly completed graduate school, Bolin has watched it done and eagerly awaits the time when she can help a dying patient.

In order to get there, Bolin packs a wide variety of classes from multiple fields into her education. She had few electives and feels that even though she's graduating in May, she missed out on a lot of classes that would have supplemented her education. "I just didn't have time to take them all," she says.

BSU interdisciplinary studies student Maura Bolin uses her musical skills to help the terminally ill.

"But like most good jobs, music thanatology will be a lifelong learning experience."
Hemingway's latest: Ernest or Patrick?

Justin Endow

L iterary circles buzzed about it. Fans clamored for it. Critics reserved judgment.

Earlier this year, Ernest Hemingway's son Patrick published *True at First Light*, a work he calls "a fictional memoir" based on an unfinished manuscript/journal that ran over 200,000 words.

The book focuses primarily on two plots: a small band of detained members of the Kamba Mau Mau tribe have escaped, and the Hemingway camp fears they will be attacked; and Hemingway takes a bright and beautiful African woman named Debba, thereby bringing to light the dynamics of this relationship and that with his wife Mary.

Patrick condensed his father's words into a work half that length. In the introduction, he writes half-apologetically that it is a book "which I have licked here into what I hope is not the worst of all possible shapes."

At least he was right on that score.

However, *True at First Light* doesn't feel like true Ernest Hemingway either. In both his short stories and novels, the elder Hemingway created a definite sense of character while at the same time submerging much of what they were really going through. He also possessed a strong ability to render everyday activities in scenes that were potent and interesting. In some ways this book fails to accomplish these in a way that matches up with Hemingway's other works.

One such example is his novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. In this book Hemingway builds up the characterization of his two or three primary players through gritty, meaningful dialogue and subtlety in their actions and attitudes. The first-person narrator, an American writer named Jake Barnes, rarely comments directly on the other characters, but his attitudes toward them, what he chooses to say and what they themselves reveal, all combine to develop precise individuals on the page.

Maybe it's because Hemingway couldn't maintain this kind of controlled narrative when dealing with actual people. Maybe he didn't want to. The chances are, son Patrick just didn't know how to put his father's work together in a way that maintained this strength.

Creating a sense of scene proves less problematic for Patrick, as the images of the African shamba and the lives of her people seem alive through most of the work, and he's able to bring out the tension the characters experienced from the impending threat of attack by renegade Kamba Mau Mau in the first five chapters.

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Eventually, the trained reader of Hemingway may raise a number of questions. First of all, is this Patrick or Ernest? Certainly the elder Hemingway would have pared his manuscript down differently. And while Patrick offers up the semi-disclaimer, it doesn't change the fact that it's his vision, not his father's.

The critics have been more concerned with Patrick's reasons. Why would Patrick publish this manuscript, they ask. Why introduce a work into the Hemingway canon that may not live up to the others? Money seems the only logical explanation.

It hurts to suggest that Hemingway's son would misuse his father's reputation for financial gain. *True at First Light* is not altogether a bad book. Patrick has given the world a taste of his father's life in Africa, a taste few would have received without this work. But it just isn't Ernest Hemingway.

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Justin Endow
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Joe Conley Golden, Dan Peterson and Jeffrey C. Hawkins will delight audiences of all ages and all Shakespearean backgrounds with their rendition of Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield's The Compleat Works of Wilm. Shkep. (Abridged). For the second time in four seasons, three of the most talented comedians of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival's cast will romp through two and a half hours of irreverence and utter hilarity.

Three years ago Golden, Peterson and super-funnyman Tom Willmorth brought The Compleat Works to the stage. Since then Golden and Willmorth's Green Shows have become a major attraction. They incorporate jokes about the Elizabethan period, Shakespeare's characters and plotlines and even local newsmakers, such as the Curtis Road extension or the Flying Wye.

So this time around, having seen what these guys can do together, people may get a little concerned about the absence of Willmorth's rubber-faced antics. Put your fears to rest—this show is as good as ever.

Director Charles Fee uses many of the segments from the production three years ago, but they come across as fresh as the first time. The play actually presents all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in one evening, no small matter considering that after the intermission they focus entirely on Hamlet, Prince of Denmark.

The actors bound across the stage, pull audience members into the fray and even poke fun at prominent members of the community. (On the first preview night, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was in the audience, which rendered him a constant target all night)

The production also touches on summer entertainment news. Look for references to (read: flagrant beatings of) the new Latin pop music scene, popular films and even the Beastie Boys. Nothing is sacred; everything these guys can ridicule or abuse, they do. And it's the funniest damn thing you'll ever see.

So you may not be a Shakespearean scholar; they'll make fun of that, too. But if you haven't experienced the Bard, there's no better way to initiate yourself. Then maybe next summer, you'll try the real stuff, and you'll like it.


Botched Love at Boise Little Theater

Russ Crawforth
a&é Writer

S een any good, live adult comedy lately? Boise Little Theater grants everyone this opportunity when Neil Simon's Last of the Red Hot Lovers opens Friday, Sept. 10.

The three-act, 90-minute play carries themes of adultery and casual sexuality. Authentically situated in the late 1960s, it depicts 47-year-old Barney Cashman attempting to join the ongoing sexual revolution. Incidentally, Cashman sports a gentle, decent soul, and his wife of 23 years presents yet another moral black hole.

In each of the three acts Cashman attempts and fails to seduce a different woman. But each introduces him to a unique, challenging situation. The first woman (the female lead role) leans on him, craving a deeply intimate experience. Not willing to engage in passionless sex, she desires the full package: feeling, touching, smelling, loving. But Cashman balks.

The second woman, only describable as a free-loving hippie, aspires to become an actress but her history with a porn producer mix-up and a Nazi-style vocal coach roommates intimidate him. Once again Cashman chooses failure in his third endeavor, attempting to seduce his own best friend's wife sends a shock to his value system and he stops short again.

With his elderly mother's apartment chosen as the love-making site, her old-fashioned and outdated '40s decor obviously clashes with Cashman's presumably 1960s moral looseness. This contradiction and the individual outcomes force Cashman and the audience to question his true purpose. Ultimately, the play presents wisdom about personal complicity and human nature.

Larry Dennis directs this witty and hilarious production September 10-11, 16-19, 23-25 at Boise Little Theater. Call 342-504 for tickets.

The actors bounce across the stage, pull audience members into the fray and even poke fun at prominent members of the community.
Bree Sharp knows how to get somewhere in this business. Just record an ode to a quasi-icon of the '90s and release it as your first single.

“David Duchovny” has garnered solid reviews nationwide, and even Duchovny himself has noticed the 23-year-old singer/songwriter. The actor has been known to play Sharp’s song in his studio trailer.

Her passion glistens on nearly all the tracks while the lyricism searches humanity more deeply than any of today’s successful acts, and the music strikes a careful balance between rock and folk.

She juxtaposes the requisite angst with hopeless romanticism and avoids merely tip-toeing in the footsteps of her predecessors. Sharp shows enough moxie and ability to forge her own niche.

She may have trouble breaking into the heavily-saturated female folk-rock genre. This branch of nice-girl-plays-evil-girl music has its share of voices. But if the public gives Sharp a shot, they’ll find a woman with something to say and one hell of a way of saying it.

“Not since Jewel’s Pieces of You has a female artist drawn so much more moxie and ability to forge her own niche.”

Fall Funk to offer sumo wrestling and Cornfed Bobcats

Fall Funk comes Friday, Sept. 10, when students will congregate in every crevice of BSU to jive to music, sumo wrestle, laugh, and get comfortable with the community.

In a pre-season imitation of Spring Fling, Fall Funk begins its first year with Hawaiian comedian Kermit Apio, diverse local bands, film, games, and food.

“It’s like a fair or festival,” elucidates Samantha Wall, Special Events Coordinator for the Student Programs Board. “Hopefully it will allow students to get a change from their normal routine.”

The Funk begins at 3 p.m. and continues into the night. The featured bands include Comfed Bobcat, a group of three men with a mellow, acoustic sound; the Junkyard Dogs, a large band using lids of tin trash cans for instruments; and the Phunk Philharmonic, with a hot, pop beat.

Last year Spring Fling attracted 5,000 participants; Fall Funk will hopefully exceed that amount.

Games include jousting, a bungee run, gyro/orbitron, wall climbing, and laser tag. Students can dip their hands in wax and mold them in unusual shapes and colors. At 9:30, the amphitheater will show the film “All Power to the People” to close the day’s festivities.

Cafeteria food will be doused in favor of a genuine barbecue, courtesy of Fine Host.

Wall says she wants Fall Funk “to hit students early, to give them a start for fall.”

The festival will also attempt to promote the Student Programs Board. Every committee in the board is represented in the Funk, from comedy to film to music.

SPB has advertised heavily for this event, including hand-written posters in the corridors of campus. Last year Spring Fling attracted 5,000 participants; Fall Funk will hopefully exceed that amount. With both community and student participation, Wall hopes Fall Funk “will show that BSU is an active campus, that BSU is interesting.”
Boise State lacks passing attack

Pete Erlendson
sports writer

The greatly anticipated game against the Bruins of UCLA finally arrived. It was an offensive shoot-out, with a combined score of 45 points. Too bad Boise State was only able to contribute some of these, as the Broncos fell to UCLA last Saturday night, 38-7.

It was a night to remember as Paul Reyna's parents were named honorary captains for the game. This marked BSU's first game in the Rose Bowl and a match against a number 17 ranked opponent.

The Bronco's defense looked outstanding, absent a couple of apparent mental breakdowns. BSU gave up 38 points, but really 17 of those were because of offensive turnovers by Boise State. There is only so much a defense can do, and the Bronco squad most certainly did not receive any help from the team's offense, which was lazier than laziness. Quarterback Bart Hendricks didn't seem to want a first down, and neither did his receiving corps.

Hendricks went 17 for 35 passing, with 118-yards and three interceptions.

One bright spot for the offense was the running game as junior tailback Davy Malaythong emerged as the feature back for BSU. Malaythong made 18 carries for 103 yards of successful rushing.

The offensive line opened all sorts of holes for Malaythong and the rest of the backs, but failed to provide adequate protection for Hendricks. What is this—Boise State with a productive running game? When was the last time it could be trusted over passing strategies?

Senior QB Bryan Harsin relieved Hendricks in the fourth quarter to drive 99 yards for BSU's only touchdown of the game. The Bronco's score come on a 17-yard pass to junior college transfer Shaclan McDonough.

"It was kind of cool to catch my first real college football pass for a touchdown in the Rose Bowl, but I would give it up for a win," he said.

Harsin was 3 for 5, for 86 yards and one touchdown.

Granted, UCLA threw many reserves in later on, and the Bruins were not showing nearly as much defensive pressure as earlier in the game. But Boise State did prove to itself that it can move the ball against the big boys.

The Bruins blitzed the bananas out of Boise State, leaving Hendricks with few options but to make poor pass decisions and spend a lot of time grazing on the grass of the Rose Bowl. Hendricks passed so much time on his back, he may just become the new spokesperson for "Chia Pet."

Place kicker Brett Thompson enjoyed one attempt at a field goal and choked, missing a 28-yard three pointer. But he did make the extra point conversion following BSU's lone touchdown.

Junior punter Jeff Edwards also failed to have the greatest of nights, averaging 39-yards per punt. He most certainly got plenty of practice though, but was receiving some low snaps from BSU's long snapper, making it that much more difficult for Edwards to get off a good punt. BSU's punts just lacked hang time.

The Bronco defense attacked. They were led by senior linebacker Bryan Johnson and redshirt freshman free safety Quintin Mikell (pronounced "Michael"). Mikell was involved in just about every defensive play—he was all over the field, Junior corner- back Dempsey Dees nabbed...
two interceptions, adding to senior safety Marcel Yates’ other one.

“We talked before the game that we wanted UCLA to know we were physical enough to be here,” recalls head coach Dirk Koetter. “Anybody who was down close to the field, and saw some of that hitting, can attested that we did just fine in that respect.”

“I feel real proud of the way our defense played, and physically our offense played much better in the second half. We lost to a good team. They played better than us and deserved to beat us. We are going to be back and I feel encouraged by what I saw. Everything we did is totally correctable.”

This was a game that had to be played. Boise State stands only three years out of Division I-AA ranks but these games represent a requirement, important from a recruiting standpoint as well as the money-making issue. UCLA has hosted a big-time program for what seems like forever and BSU is only getting started.

William Shakespeare wrote, “Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.” Boise State appears by no means afraid, maybe just a little hesitant on the offensive side of the ball. Hopefully, that won’t last long.

Pete’s Player of the Game

The player of the game was undoubtedly redshirt freshman Quintin Mikell. Mikell knocked off 16 tackles and has filled the shoes of the free safety position better than anyone could have expected. He also led the team in tackles. The free safety position on the Bronco defense is one of the most vital positions, responsible for reading the offense and calling the defensive sets. Look for Mikell to enjoy a great game against Southern Utah, this Saturday night.
Ada County Sheriff’s Department joins efforts to commemorate Paul Reyna

Launched this Friday the Bronco Athletic Association will sell one-inch lapel pins in commemoration of fallen Boise State University football player Paul Reyna. The idea came from Sgt. Gary Rouse of the Ada County Sheriff’s Department, after witnessing grief-stricken coaches, players and students.

“He wanted to do something,” says deputy Dan Herrity. “Gary really spearheaded this effort and got everyone involved.”

Reyna was a freshman defensive lineman who came to BSU to play for the Broncos and study Criminal Justice. During the team’s first scrimmage on Aug. 18, Reyna suffered a brain injury that formed a blood clot in his brain. He died five days later.

“You always hear the negative press about the team but there are good kids and Paul was one of them.”

The pins will sell for $5 through the Alumni Office. Proceeds go towards the Paul Reyna Endowed scholarship for football.

The Sheriff’s Department Employee Association will sell 20 to the Reyna family in California as a keepsake item, and the Bronco Athletic Association is funding the 125 for players and coaches.

Pins will also be worn by campus deputies throughout the football season.

“You always hear the negative press about the team but there are good kids and Paul was one of them,” says Herrity.

Student callers are needed from Sept. 28 - Oct. 28 to work two nights a week (you pick the nights) from 6-9:00 p.m.

Calling takes place on campus.

Contact: Tisha Martin, BSU Foundation, Education Building, Room 708, 426-1439.

Don’t wait positions fill up fast!!
• Club officer training will be held Sept. 9, 13, 14 and 23 in the Student Union Building. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for student organizations. For more information call Student Activities at 426-1223.

• Boise State Alumni Association’s pregame buffet kicks off at the Noble Hall of Fame. Call 426-1698.

• The Academic Departments and Student Services Fair begins at 4:30 p.m. until 6 in the Student Union. For a complete schedule call 426-4049.

• Fall Funk goes all day Sept. 10 starting at 3 p.m. Events include the organization fair, a barbeque, laser tag and music by the Phunk Philharmonic, Cornfed Bobcat and Junkyard Dogs.

• Evening hours are now available in the Counseling and Testing Center. Students who would like to see a counselor in the evening may do so as the Center remains open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and continues with Friday hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by or call 426-1601 for an appointment.

• A Spanish-speaking counselor is now on staff in the Counseling and Testing Center. Stephen Hill, a newly hired counselor, is available for appointments and ready to help students with personal or academic concerns. Call 426-1601.

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**SPORTS GUIDE**

Fri. Sept. 10 at 5 PM, Northwestern vs. Gonzaga in Bronco Gym.

Fri. Sept. 10 at 7 PM, BSU Volleyball vs. Montana in Bronco Gym.

Sat. Sept. 11 at 12:30 PM, Volleyball Consolation Match in Bronco Gym.

Sat. Sept. 11 at 3 PM, Volleyball Championship Match in Bronco Gym.

Sat. Sept. 11 at 7:05 PM, BSU Football vs. Southern Utah in Bronco Stadium.

Mon. Sept. 13 at 4 PM, BSU Soccer vs. NW Nazarene at Simplot Field #19.

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**Club Officer Training**

Organization Officers don't miss your chance to get informed. Information on services and funding will be presented.

Attendance at this meeting is MANDATORY for student organizations. At least one officer from each ASBSoU recognized student organization is required to attend to maintain official recognition status as a BSU student organization. Advisors are strongly encouraged to attend.

All meetings are located in the Student Union. For more information call the Student Activities Office at 426-1223.

The same information will be presented at each meeting. Please choose one session to attend:

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The study of the hidden significance of numbers and letters. Analyzing one's birthday and name helps us understand the Eternal OM and our place in it. (The stars and I think it's in the O part of the OM but we could be wrong.) It's said to go directly into our past lives and reveal soul's place in our personal evolution.

The Bible, Talmud, Koran and Egyptian Book of the Dead have esoteric numerological connotations in ways that require interpretation by people of sagacity. (Say that five times in a row, quickly)

The three major forms of Numerology in use today are the Chaldean (some astrology), Kabbalah (name only) and Pythagorean (some high school math). They differ slightly but all use number vibrations, thus being good for use in Numerology. Other methods for reducing one's identity to a number include Abracadabra, New Kabbalah and Starbucks.

The fundamental vibrations of Numerology (birth date and name) are 1 through 9, plus the master vibrations of 11 and 22. Vibrations above 9 can be reduced to their fundamentals by adding the individual digits together.

Example: Ten is a "1" because 1 + 0 = 1. Twenty-eight is also a "1" because 2 + 8 = 10, which is 1 + 0 = 1. Emergency code 911 is a master vibration of eleven because 9 + 1 + 1 = 1. Be sure to tell them up and tell them about this.

Numerology can help better understand yourself without costly therapy or the further annoyance of your friends. You may come to comprehend the needs and wants of your inner child and outer grownup, finding your strengths and weaknesses and the television remote.

Looking for answers in Numerology may reveal your self and your path. Have fun on the road less traveled.

Virgo: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This week you're a perfect ten! Nice to have those extra I.Q. points, yes?

Libra: (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The Chinese believe the number eight brings wealth, health and all things good. Consult your magic eight-ball for all major decisions this week.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Your personal PIN number reveals a lot about you. You kinky freak-nasty!

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This week your life will be dictated by numbers which are both too large and too small—your bills and your paycheck.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Numerology is great for getting a date. Just pick out a cute and ask for their digits.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The meaning of life truly is 42. Ah, the simple pleasures of six.

Pisces: (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) You're the bus driver. Divide your shoe size by half. Multiply by your birth month. Subtract the amount of coins in your pocket. Add the number of classes you've slept through this semester and the number of phone calls you've made in the past week. Square the total and subtract six. Who's the bus driver?

Aries: (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Your number this week is 420. Deny all non-believers.

Taurus: (Apr. 20-May 20) The stars have some advice for you—life is like a movie, but not so as to be over in two hours. Plan accordingly.

Gemini: (May 21-June 21) The number three represents the past, present and future. Drink, drink, and drunk.

Cancer: (June 22-July 22) Alone, Numerology allows you to party like it's 1999. Cancer's just wanna have fun.

Leo: (July 23-Aug. 22) Sometimes we all fret about life. Don't worry about knowing when your number's up. It's when the signs "Now Serving" dots match your little ticket.

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Stupid Criminals

Donut fugitive

Two police officers collided en route to a donut shop in Panama City, Florida. The accident wasn't the result of a mad rush for a sweet treat. The officers were responding to an armed robbery call at Le Cel's Donut Hut.

One of the Florida officers changed lanes in front of the other and the two crashed, causing $40,000 worth of damage to the two cruisers and minor injuries to the officers.

The armed robber got away.

Target practice

An innocent driver in Hagerstown, Maryland quickly became the victim of a drunken hit-man. The terrified man was in his pickup when Kenneth Ramsburg shot out the back window of his truck. Then, after noticing he was targeting the wrong person, Ramsburg apologized and offered to pay for the damages. He then passed along his business card and said he had to go kill three people. He found one butfortunately missed the shot and headed back the same direction where his mistaken victim was giving police the report. It didn't take long for deputies to make an arrest.

Court robber

Eleven years and three months was the sentence for a man who stole another man's wallet. It seems like a hefty sentence but it was justified, according to the Raleigh, North Carolina judge who owned the wallet. Apparently Andre Weaver broke into the judge's chambers and stole the wallet. The judge used the full weight of the law to sentence Weaver.

Dunuh

Finding the person responsible for robbing a convenience store in New Britain, Pennsylvania wasn't difficult. Police say a man walked into the Wawa convenience store acting as if he was going to buy something. As soon as the clerk opened the cash register, the man grabbed some money and ran. But he forgot one thing—his wallet with a photo I.D. and birth certificate inside. Police arrested 29-year old Abdullah Yazon shortly thereafter.
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