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The second regular session of Idaho’s 55th legislature got back to business Monday after a week-long delay due to the untimely death of Senate President Pro-Tern Jerry Twiggs.

What many college students hope is that when lawmakers return, they don’t forget them. Some possible measures that might affect BSU students include providing scholarships and imposing a one-year moratorium on fee increases. State Representative Ken Robison is one lawmaker pushing for such changes. Check out his guest editorial in our opinion section this week.

Providing the university with more funds to help out students may present a challenge, however. BSU already has to face the music next week, with its presentation to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee concerning the costs of the PeopleSoft conversion. The expenses for the new system have doubled the estimated budget set in 1997. BSU officials have some explaining to do. So milking more cash out of the state for students doesn’t seem likely given the conservative majority in the State’s legislature, and the anticipated tension between budget writers and the university after next week’s presentation. But who knows? Maybe students will be surprised with a move of generosity. In the meantime, however, I’m not taking any chances. I’ll be saving up even more for tuition next semester and hopefully graduate before I become even more broke.
Ruch responds to growth

Boise State purchased 150 acres for the West campus, which is actually larger than the 140-acre main campus.

It "could be as big as this campus or even bigger," Ruch says.

The facility will help to ease pressure on Boise State's Canyon County Center, located on the west side of Nampa on Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard. Eventually, it would replace the Canyon County Center.

Currently, the center's available space is about 60 percent utilized between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. However, it gets fully utilized in the evening.

The main campus feels similar pressures. During the day, its facilities average 95 percent utilized, while evening use comes to 63 percent.

"There's not a whole lot of room left in the inn," Ruch says.

Which leads to a problem: if funding for the new facilities isn't approved, there likely won't be space for everyone at Boise State.

"If we sit around doing nothing, our growth will exclude folks," Ruch says.

If not, students may find there isn't space available in classes they need, or there aren't enough faculty members to go around.

"We're going to work like the devil to avoid it," Ruch says.

As Boise State grows, a need for more parking spaces continues to manifest itself, a situation that the university is dealing with by building parking garages. The first one is under construction. Soon after construction finishes, the university hopes to build a second garage, attached to the first.

The issue remains funding. Boise State needs to find a way to pay for the building with the revenues it generates, which may mean taking out bonds.

Eventually, a third parking garage will be built somewhere around University Drive and Lincoln Ave. Boise State hopes to receive federal money to fund that facility.

Boise State isn't the only university in the Treasure Valley dealing with growth. Albertson's College in Idaho has seen its undergraduate enrollment increase from 598 students in 1995 to 747 in 1999, its largest class in over 25 years. Approximately half the university's student body comes from the Treasure Valley. Albertson's goal is undergraduate enrollment of 1000, which could be accommodated by its physical facilities.

Boise State will ask for $3.5 million from the legislature to finish the infrastructure of the West campus and $500,000 to plan the first building.

If we get those two classroom buildings, we certainly would be set for a period of time," Ruch says.

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However, two new classroom buildings—the Multipurpose Building addition and a classroom facility in Nampa—would address that issue.

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Summit to discuss meat and potatoes of Idaho-Canada trade relations

Jim Steele

"The Canadians are a very important trading partner for the U.S.," Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Sara Braasch says, "but we'd like to expand on that. Our goal is really fair trade."

With an Idaho-Canada trade summit scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19 and Thursday, Jan. 20, trade representatives will find a venue to discuss their differences.

Most of the summit, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, will be held in the Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom and is open to Boise State students. It will deal with livestock and potato trade issues between Idaho and Canada.

"We're really excited about the opportunity to sit down with our neighbors to the north and try to work through these things," Braasch says.

On Wednesday, a welcome reception and dinner for delegates will be held at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel. Among the speakers are the Honorable Roger Simmons, the Consul General of Canada, and Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

Thursday, industry sector committee meetings, which will deal with livestock and potato trade issues, will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Most likely, the summit won't result in big decisions. However, the participants can work toward understanding both sides of the issues better and laying a groundwork for future negotiations.

Idaho-Canada Agriculture Summit

When: Wednesday, Jan. 19, during the evening and Thursday, Jan. 20, during the day

Where: A welcome reception and dinner for official delegates will take place at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel on Wednesday. The events on Thursday will be held in the Jordan Ballroom at Boise State's Student Union Building

Who: Gov. Kempthorne and Bruce Newcomb, Speaker of the House of Representatives, will speak at the welcome dinner. Earl Fry, a former Boise State professor, will present information.
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When will Idaho's primary elections going take place?

Primary elections allow voters to choose which candidate will represent each party in the general election held in November.

Idaho's primary elections are scheduled for May 23, later than many other states. The Republican primary decides which candidate will receive votes from Idaho's 28 delegates at the national convention, where the Republican presidential candidate will be finalized.

However, for the Democrats, the presidential primary election amounts to little more than a beauty contest.

Instead, the Democratic delegates will be chosen in a process that begins March 7, when each county will hold a caucus at 7:30 p.m.

At the county caucuses, anyone who shows up with an application will be voted on by whoever comes to the caucuses to attend the state Democratic convention as a delegate.

A total of 382 delegates will go to the state convention.

At the state convention, the 23 delegates will be picked from the 382 statewide delegates to represent Idaho at the national Democratic convention.

Any registered voter can vote in the primary elections and participate in the Democratic caucus.

To vote, a person has to have lived in the same place for only 30 days prior to the day of the election, meaning that most Boise State students can vote.

To register, call the elections office at 364-2323 and they will mail a registration card. Registration at the primaries, with a photo ID and proof of address, is also available.

Primary voters in Idaho do not have to be registered Democrats or Republicans.

At the primary, voters pick a party and then vote strictly for members of that party.

Although elections for president at the Democratic primaries seem somewhat meaningless, they still have relevance for the party.

If more than one Democrat runs for the seats currently held by Congressmen Helen Chenoweth-Hague and Mike Simpson, the candidate who will ultimately represent the party in November will be decided at that primary.

Date will represent each party in the general election held in November.

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PAPA JOEY'S
BSU program offers students chance to apply knowledge

Boise State students can now connect what's learned in lectures with off-campus experiences through the service-learning program.

The program was created to involve students in academically-based community service. It's offered in conjunction with selected classes at the professor's discretion. Students put the skills they learn in the classroom to work benefiting a non-profit organization.

Service learning courses link students with local non-profit agencies based upon the agency's needs. Faculty who offer the service learning option with their courses typically partner with a non-profit agency whose needs match with the skills students are learning through that course.

The purpose is to develop a positive connection from the classroom to the community.

Sylvia Dana, the graduate assistant currently in charge of the program, says several key elements in service learning are required to make the program work effectively.

It must meet a community need, be coordinated through the education system, and integrate or enhance the curriculum of the student participating.

The one element, though, that seems to set apart the service learning program, is its emphasis on reflection. Students are encouraged to think about what they have learned.

"Service learning is an educational movement. Research shows that it creates a greater social awareness and more connection to the community."

by meeting regularly throughout the semester for group discussions with other student participants. Dana says the reflection remains critical, without which "it would be like walking through your life and never looking back to see how far you've come."

According to Dana, "service learning" is one of the most misunderstood programs at Boise State. "Is it learning to serve or serving to learn?" Well, it's both. Unlike an internship, which some degrees require, service-learning is completely optional. It generally requires 40 hours per semester and is unpaid.

The program "encourages faculty innovation" and helps each students "become an active participant in society."

Psychology professor Linda Anooshian, who incorporates service learning into her classroom, agrees with Dana. "I think it's a wonderful program for students. It works both ways. What they're learning has some relevance."

Anooshian says the program can benefit faculty as well, by allowing them to become better acquainted with their students.

According to Dana, that's the point. "service learning is an educational movement. Research shows that it creates a greater social awareness and more connection to the community."

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Electronic exhibition offers intriguing look at Boise’s past

Janelle Brown
News Services

You don’t have to drive to campus—or even leave your own home—to take in a new art exhibit presented by the Hemingway Western Studies Center at Boise State University. All you need is reach a wide audience and to try out some new ideas.”

Shapiro, a former Boise State adjunct art professor, adds, “There’s always a question of how people identify with the past. The intimacy of place is very tangible in these photographs.”

The exhibition offers a dramatic view of Boise’s changes since the early 1900s, along with some pithy reminiscences from long-time residents. It leaves viewers with a sense of what has changed—and endured—in Idaho’s capital.

For example, visitors can click on a map site for the Chong Wah Low Restaurant to view a 1927 photo of a man and his wife standing in front of the building at 719 Grove. An accompanying photo shows the Boise Centre on the Grove that sits there today. Another page features the original Natatorium with its elaborate Moorish towers and arches completed in 1892, next to a photo of the more modest building on the site today. A 1910 image taken at Seventh and Main of the Capitol under construction is paired with a modern view of Boise City office buildings, with the Capitol dome behind.

Some landmarks are easily recognizable because they’re still part of the landscape. The Union Block on Idaho Street, the Egyptian Theater on Capitol and Main, and the Idaho Building on 8th and Bannock are shown next to horse-drawn carriages and bicycles in historic photos, and fronted by cars and trucks in modern shots. The emergence of the automobile and its effect on city development is among the themes explored in the photographic essays.

Shapiro and Boise State students Shawn Records poured through archives at the Idaho State Historical Society for historic photos and oral histories, and Records then shot photographs to show how the locations look today. Boise State art professor Stephanie Bacon designed the site.

The on-line exhibition should interest anyone who lives in or occasionally visits Boise, according to Trusky and Shapiro. And it may be of special significance to those interested in Boise’s history and the development issues the city currently faces.

“The richness of these images and their capacity to transport us to another time can lead us to a false nostalgia. An image of the past in black and white that suggests that life was less complicated,” Shapiro writes in the commentary that accompanies the exhibition. “The intention here is to produce a more critical mode of seeing the relationship between past and present.”
Two students receive computer science internships

Boise State University students Lorinda Curry and Brooke Wilmoth have been awarded the 2000 Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Computer Science Power Fellowships.

The INEEL selected Curry and Wilmoth based on research interests, background and other academic material. The fellowships include a $3,000 scholarship for payment of tuition, fees and books, and will be applied in two equal segments of $1,500 for the 2000 spring and fall semesters. Additionally, the INEEL will provide each student with a 10-12 week summer internship at the site that will pay a stipend of approximately $400 per week.

Curry, a junior computer science major, also received the Laura Moore Cunningham scholarship. Wilmoth is a senior computer science major.

Five diesel mechanics students receive scholarships

Thanks to the Caterpillar/Western States Excellence Fund Scholarship program, five students in the Boise State University diesel mechanics program each received a $1,000 scholarship and tool set from the fund, which was established two years ago to attract qualified students to the diesel technology profession.

The Caterpillar Foundation of Peoria, Ill., awarded the scholarships, and Western States Equipment Co. of Meridian contributed the tool sets, valued at $1,500 each.

The scholarship recipients are Alex Beal of Arco; James Martin of Emmett; Jaime Ponce of Wilder; Clay Simons of Boise; and Deanna White of Nampa.

Western States’ Kurt Flora, services manager, and Fred Turner, director of human resources and training, represented the donors during a ceremony earlier this month.

According to Gary Arambarri, manager of Boise State’s industrial mechanical technology division, the program plans to use the scholarships to recruit high school seniors and automotive technology students who wish to advance to the diesel mechanics field. The program is administered by Boise State’s Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology.

The Arbiter would like to recognize students who have received or done something special. If you know of anyone who deserves a mention, contact us with their name and accomplishment by emailing:

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New faculty member to develop specialty in computer engineering

Bob Evancho
News Services

An electrical engineer who headed up a team that developed the first operational desktop computer using Pentium chips will join the electrical engineering department at Boise State University in January.

Joe Hartman, a former vice president at Unisys, will help develop the new specialty in computer engineering in Boise State's College of Engineering beginning this semester. His position also includes collaborative research and consulting with industry.

At Unisys, Hartman oversaw development of all that company's small computers that affect our daily lives such as cars, airplanes and electrical power systems are developed by large teams of engineers and are typically controlled by computers. Computers, Russell noted, increasingly manage more household appliances. Today they operate microwave ovens and telephones; tomorrow perhaps the billing of utilities, controlling window shades and watering lawns depending on rainfall.

Hartman has extensive experience in these systems and was a pioneer in the use of integrated circuits in computer-controlled telephone switching systems, which millions of subscribers daily. In addition, he innovated the use of commercial off-the-shelf computers packaged for harsh military environments. This innovation has saved the country billions of dollars in reduced procurement costs, Russell notes.

"We are fortunate to have Joe join us," Russell adds. "He served as a member of our engineering advisory board while working at SCP Global Technologies. Now he will bring both practical and theoretical computer engineering experience to BSU."

Gary Erickson, chair of the Boise State electrical engineering department adds, "Joe's appointment now gives BSU four experts in computer engineering in addition to those we have in the production of integrated circuit chips. We plan to develop programs in computer engineering that will provide strong support for our industrial partners in the Boise area."

I am excited to be joining this new department and help continue the development of a computer engineering expertise here in Boise," says Hartman, who received his doctorate in electrical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.

Speaking about the computer engineering field Hartman says, "The public will buy these systems, but will want them to be very reliable—certainly more reliable than our computers today. When I worked in industry, we hired thousands of excellent engineers and programmers, but normally had to train them in additional techniques required for coordinating the efforts of over 100 engineers working simultaneously on a single project."

The faculty plans to teach students the techniques to work in coordinated teams and to design ultra-reliable products.
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Bronco Wrestlers post third straight win

The Boise State University wrestling team had little trouble winning its third straight dual match as the Broncos downed Cal State Fullerton, 40-6, in Pac-10 Conference action last Saturday.

Posting victories in nine of the team matches, the Broncos improved their overall dual match record to 4-3 on the season, and now rank 2-0 against Pac-10 teams. The win also completes a successful three match swing through California. On Jan. 12, Boise State handed Fresno State a 21-15 defeat. The Broncos picked up their second win of the weekend on Jan 13 in a 22-18 victory over Cal Poly.

Two of Boise State's individual wins against Cal State Fullerton came in the way of pins. NCAA All-American Larry Quisel, ranked eighth by Amateur Wrestling News and tenth by Intermat, pinned Ben Nakamura at the 6:40 mark of his 157-pound match, while Cash Edwards pinned Yzidro Lago in 4:55 at 184 pounds.

Bronco Kirk White, the defending national champion at 165 pounds, recorded his tenth win of the season with a 9-4 victory over Kenneth Murray. White is 10-3 this season and ranked third by AWN and Intermat.

Boise State's other nationally ranked wrestler, Rusty Cook at 197 pounds, improved his overall record to 17-5 this season with a 7-2 win over Babak Nejadmaghaddam. Cook is ranked sixth by AWN and eighth by Intermat.

Boise State, which is ranked 19th by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and 21st by Intermat, travels to Provo, Utah, for its next match on Saturday against Brigham Young University.

Bronco football team hires assistant coach

Boise State head football coach Dirk Koetter has announced the hiring of Kenny Lawler as the team's new defensive backs coach. The 40-year old Lawler joins the Bronco coaching staff effective immediately.

Lawler comes to Boise State from Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., where he served as Co-Defensive Coordinator and defensive backs coach from 1995-1999.

During his time at Mt. SAC, Lawler helped lead the team to a 1999 Mission Conference championship, an undefeated and national championship season in 1997 and a Southern California Bowl championship in 1996.

"We're excited to have a coach of Kenny's caliber and with his qualifications join our staff," says Koetter. "Our outstanding secondary play shouldn't miss a beat under his tutelage."

While at Mt. SAC, Lawler coached 15 players who went on to receive either Division I-A or I-AA scholarships, including two players who earned junior college All-American honors. One of his former players, Chris McCalister, was taken in the first round of the 1999 NFL Draft.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me," says Lawler. "It's a new challenge for me, and a step I wanted to make after spending five years at Mt. SAC. Boise State's program is a great fit for me, and I'm excited to bring the same spirit and commitment to Boise that I had as a part of the great things we accomplished at Mt. SAC."

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Top 10 Movies of the Century

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a&e writer

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Dorothy runs away from her farm in Kansas with her dog Toto. A tornado sweeps her up, transporting her to the magical and colorful world of Oz, accompanied by the Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion. The Wizard of Oz combines musical elements with the introduction of Technicolor while transporting a child's world even more graphically. Shot in black and white and loaded with symbolism, High Noon offers a timeless representation of its genre.

Psycho (1960)
Rated R 109 min.

The masterpiece of Alfred Hitchcock. Psycho is so powerful that it remains scary, even through the third watching. Marion Crane sees a way to escape her boring life and flees to her lover with $40,000, but on the way she stops at the Bates Motel. This film includes the infamous shower scene. Hitchcock may have been more artistic in Vertigo or Notorious, but in Psycho he exploited both the viewer's expectations and fears to the maximum. The black and white adds to the sense of creating horror by minimal means.

The Graduate (1967)
Rated PG 105 min.

And here's to you, Mrs. Robinson! Mandatory movie for all seniors. Benjamin Braddock graduates with no clue about his life. Trapped in an adult society where he feels outcast, he starts an affair with the attractive, married Mrs. Robinson, but ends up with her daughter. Unforgettable music by Simon and Garfunkel in a movie featuring Dustin Hoffman in his first major role. As Mrs. Robinson's advice to Ben shows, The Graduate was a reflection on the materialistic society of the 1960s: "I just want to say one word to you... Plastics."

Bonnie and Clyde (1967)
Rated R 111 min.

A controversial movie that changed Hollywood forever. Bonnie (Faye Dunaway) leads a bond life in a small Texas town. Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty) is a bank robber and her ticket to freedom. Together with his gang, they rebel and break taboos, enjoying headlines and fame. The film sways back and forth between comedy and tragedy, but serves as social commentary throughout. Its greatest importance: the production of Bonnie and Clyde was taken away from the studios by Warren Beatty. It also presented a 180 degree turn from the conventional stories told in Hollywood up to that point. And it captured the sentiment of the hippie movement and inspired many more movies of social victims turned criminals (Theba & Louisa, Natural Born Killers).

The Godfather (1972)
Rated R 175 min.

Marlon Brando is the Godfather, Don Vito, in this powerful depiction of Mafia life. Yet The Godfather comes across as a movie about family ties rather than crime. Amazingly, Vito becomes a sympathetic and larger-than-life character. Masterful dialogue, a fittingly dark cinematography, and great acting make this movie a popular favorite. Also starring Al Pacino, Diane Keaton and Robert Duvall in perhaps the most-quoted movie ever.

Pulp Fiction (1994)
Rated R 154 min.

Arguably the best movie of the 1990s. With his unconventional technique, Quentin Tarantino started a new trend in Hollywood. True to pulp fiction, the movie weaves together four different stories about two hit men on their job, a mob boss and his wife, a boxer at the end of his career, and a gangster duo getting in trouble. A masterful performance by Samuel L. Jackson overshadows the great acting of John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Harvey Keitel and Bruce Willis. Most memorable: the dialog, with discussions about foot massages and the French name for Quarterpounders.
Have the Broncos performed a vanishing act?

Josh Jordan
Sport Columnist

As recently as last week, they were "WOL," due to a series of bad breaks in the early part of the season. A loss to Utah and Washington, both ranked in the top 10, in particular, leaving a sour taste in the fans' mouths. But perhaps the biggest blow was the team's first conference loss to Notre Dame, a team they had been predicted to beat. The Ironmen are no longer the dominant team in the WOL, and it's not hard to see why.

Boise State men's basketball head coach Rod Jensen

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Boise State University's men's basketball team is struggling this season, facing a variety of challenges. The team has lost its way after a series of poor performances, including losses to ranked opponents and a first conference loss to Notre Dame. The coaching staff, led by Rod Jensen, is facing the challenge of turning things around and bringing the team back to championship form. The fans are hoping for a turnaround in the team's fortunes, but the road ahead is sure to be a tough one.
unhappiness with his role on the team. A meeting with his father and Jensen resulted in Armstrong deciding to return to the squad the next day, but the hasty decision didn't help the team's already fragile psyche.

Despite a decent 6-8 record the team has been inconsistent during the entire season. After a controversial one-point loss to talented San Francisco on the road, the Broncos came home and lost 53-52 to a bad Pacific team which had been winless on the road in five tries before coming to the Pavilion. So, the question that must be asked is how a program that looked promising just last season can have tumbled so quickly and abruptly.

The answer might lie in the coaching style of Jensen the likable head man who came to Boise State 16 years ago as a part time assistant and took over as head coach for the 1995-96 season. Jensen preaches intense, in-your-face defense and a motion offense that's about as exciting as a Friday night in Firth.

These philosophies are hard to sell to young players in this day of highlight reels, hang-on-the-rim dunks and lazy defense. A close look at Jensen's recruiting shows just how hard it is. Washington was a Bobby Dye recruit; Bergersen followed his high-school coach Ed Boyce to Boise; both Abe Jackson and Clint Hordemann are local kids who garnered few Division 1 scholarship offers. Even next year's star in waiting, USC transfer Quincy Wiker, is a cousin of Bergersen. The two players asked to fill the point guard shoes of Washington this year combined to average just 4.1 points a game. More significantly they average more turnovers, 4.2, than assists, 4.1. This leaves Woods as Jensen's only seriously impressive recruit and now he isn't even allowed to sit with his teammates on the bench.

Under former coach Dye the Broncos made it to the NCAA tournament three times and received three NIT invitations in the eight-year span from 1987-1994. Since Jensen became head coach the team has failed to reach either tournament despite his popular quote, "One thing drives this program. We want to spend our March playing in the NCAA Tournament. Everything we do at Boise State is built around reaching that goal."

This is undoubtedly how fans and boosters felt also, but the words have begun to ring a bit hollow. Last season was Jensen's perfect opportunity to achieve his goal. With a roster chalk full of go-to guys and hard working role players, the Broncos lost in the conference tournament to a New Mexico State team they had beaten twice in the regular season, and watched the post-season tournaments from the same place others did—the couch.

People are quick to point to the Big West Conference as a step above the old Big Sky, and have been patient as the program builds into a contender. If this were football that would undoubtedly be the case but the truth is the Big Sky at least compares to the Big West when it comes to hoops. This season Big West teams stand a combined 7-12 against Big Sky squads. The Big West is 10-45 on the road this season, not exactly a mark that frightens opponents.

Over the past few years, as the football team struggled through numerous problems, the basketball program had an opportunity to become the biggest show on campus. Instead, attendance records show that fans have begun to tire of the Broncos' slow offensive tempo. Numbers are down this season by almost 1,100 people a game despite averaging in the 11,518 who came to watch Cincinnati. The problem-people don't get too excited for a defensive struggle in which the Broncos might prevail 55-50.

The defense does keep Boise State ahead against more athletic teams such as San Francisco and Washington, but the archaic motion offense allows lesser teams like Idaho State and Northern Arizona to stay in games that the Broncos should win handily. Young, promising players like freshman perimeter shooter Scott Fraser-Dauphinee end up spending the early portion of their careers struggling to understand the complex defense and their role in the offense. Long stints watching from the bench form regular aspects of many players' freshmen year. Despite acknowledging the need to play underclassmen in the early season to prepare them for the
conference schedule, Jensen continually sits players after minor mistakes. The result appears to produce players who hesitate on the offensive end for fear of long periods riding the pine.

People have even questioned Jensen's ability to adjust to the competition. Boise State has held a lead at halftime in 10 of its 13 games. Opposing teams average 35.1 points in the second half while only 23.8 in the first. Field goal percentages rise from 37.4 to 46.8 and turnovers drop to 6.9 from 10.8 after opposing coaches get a chance to adjust to the Bronco game plan. If this isn't a result of Jensen's lack of adaptability, it might represent a sign of player fatigue, both mentally and physically.

There's little doubt the Broncos' intense defensive pressure requires hard work, combine this with the possibility of players' frustration over offensive stagnation and it's easy to see why Boise State struggles in the second stanza.

All these problems came to head in the Pacific game last Thursday. Boise State staged a ferocious second half comeback, keyed by their signature defense, to take a 52-47 lead with just 49 seconds remaining in the game.

After Tiger guard Peter Heizer made one out of two free throws, Bronco Clint Hordemann allowed a costly turnover in the backcourt, resulting in a layup by Pacific's Clay McKnight. The lead was cut to 52-50 with 37 seconds left. An angry Jensen immediately pulled Hordemann from the floor, replacing him with freshman Joe Skiffer.

On the Broncos' ensuing possession, Heizer fouled point guard C.J. Williams, who missed the front end of a one on one. Pacific guard Tom Cockle got the rebound and pushed the ball upcourt before dishing to Nathan Davis, who made a wide open three-point shot, which gave the Tigers a 53-52 lead. Boise State called a time out, one of the three they had remaining, to set up a play. Midway through the stoppage, Hordemann, the Big West three-point percentage leader, rushed to the scorers' table to check back into the game, but it was too late.

This left the Broncos with only one true offensive threat, Abe Jackson, on the court and their second leading scorer sitting on the bench because of Jensen's quick temper and poor substitution management.

With two time outs remaining the Broncos inexplicably chose to leave the lineup on the floor. Everyone in the Pavilion, especially the Pacific Tigers, knew who was going to take the final shot for Boise State. When the Broncos tried to run a play to Jackson he had three defenders on him and no way to get the ball.

The coaches apparently hadn't counted on this as no second option appeared on the play. Justin Lyons finally got the ball to Jackson with five seconds remaining. His hurried shot with several defenders rushing at him missed everything as the final horn sounded.

After the game Jensen tried to explain his decision to bench Hordemann as if he hadn't even tried to get him in for the last play.

"Probably could have been another shooter I guess if we had him on the floor," explained Jensen. "But after the turnover I don't know if he would have been ready to shoot the basketball anyway."

The fact is, there is no excuse for leaving Hordemann on the bench. The team's most consistent player watched as the Broncos lost to an inferior Pacific team. Granted, the late turnover was a costly mistake but sitting the heart and soul of the young team certainly looms as a larger one.

Things may improve next year. Wilcher will bring some much-needed athleticism to the squad and a team with only one senior will have gained another season of experience. The following year is when the program's weaknesses should appear. Boise State enters the Western Athletic Conference beginning in the 2001-02 season. The WAC is home to several consistent top 25 teams, including current #19 Tulsa, who will undoubtedly be looking to exploit the Broncos weaknesses like no other conference has before.
Innuendo Non Troppo melds philosophy, absurdity in Boise Art Museum exhibit

Jessica Holmes  a& e writer

Posted at the Boise Art Museum are red-letter warning signs. "Caution! Strobe lights are used in this exhibit," they inform. "Do not attempt to touch sculptures. They are spinning very fast and will cause injury." The signs stand on black partitions and pulses of light and odd sounds seep out underneath.

Enter the surreal world of Gregory Barsamian. In "The Scream" a man opens his mouth until the pink inner cheek swallows his head. A stereo emits the inhalation sound of sucking. In "Dipping Digits (Always Get Wet)" sixteen pairs of green hands dip into the pages of a liquid book and lift out a lizard. In "Putti" a helicopter spinning on the ceiling transforms into a cherub.

The exhibit, Innuendo Non Troppo, melds philosophy and the absurd details of dreams with machinery. Barsamian's art is like a 3-D flip book. In an early experiment Barsamian used pictures of a man walking, cut them out and, as he explains, "matted them on a wheel, synchronized a strobe light to it and sure enough, the paper cutouts walked. It was at that moment that it dawned on me that they didn't have to be two-dimensional. I could animate wholly three-dimensional objects."

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Fabric, clay and foam layered with bright acrylic paint spin on Barsamian's wheels. If "The Scream" was unplugged, and the motor and strobe light stopped, each head would be seen as a slight variation from the one preceding it, one head with mouth closed, one open as in a yawn, one gaping wide. Spinning at up to 30 miles an hour, the strobe light flashing in time, the head appears to be in motion.

Barsamian's past comes out in his art. A mechanical inclination stems from his father's fixed-up autos. "If you know a car," Barsamian notes. "You know most machinery and their assembly technique."

A philosophical bent stems from a degree received from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The words of Nietzsche flash by in "Cake Walk." A cut out semi-truck runs over a slumped clay figure beneath the words "Die at the right time."

A fascination with the inner world of dreams led Barsamian to keep a tape recorder by his bedside. On waking he talks into the tape describing absurd images. These details become his art. In Die Falle (The Trap) a naked human form emerges from a sleeping man's head. The form slides upward and transforms into a tire, a square, then sheds the rubber to become a human form again. The naked man is then led to a bed in the form of a mousetrap.

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Touring groups, from elementary schools to adult programs, step in and out consistently.

"It has been well received," Allen notes. "It is breaking attendance records. We've had 9,000 people in four weeks. All ages respond."
I will, though, say that track two, titled "Wounded," did catch my attention, as it has many radio stations because of heavy marketing. Even the flyer accompanying the CD, for merchandise available to all their lucky fans, offers a hat and a tee-shirt for this "soul searching" and "deeply moving" song.

Third Eye Blind's self-titled first album, while still not one I would choose to accompany me on a desert island, was significantly better. While I could say that a bold statement was trying to be heard and had just been misfired, I'd feel surprised if that was its actual intent.

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throw it away if it were given to me. I wouldn't even use it as a coffee coaster. And if you don't mind paying fifteen bucks on an album that you may only actually enjoy two or three of the songs, I completely recommend Blue.

us and us only

The Charlatans UK
rating: 4.5 of 10

Webster's defines a charlatan as "one making showy pretenses ... a pretender and or a fraud". How fitting, I thought, as I hit "replay" to listen to this CD one last time. If Tom Petty and Oasis were to have a forbidden love child, it would be The Charlatans UK.

Their unoriginal sound is unfaithful to any one style. That isn't necessarily bad, but this album reeks of commercialism. Each song seems to mimic some other from some band doing obviously better than The Charlatans. One song sounds almost identical to Ben's Fold Five, another like Aerosmith, and yet another resembles a pre-pubescent Nine Inch Nails. The attempts to make this CD marketable were obvious and overdone. Trying to have at least one song that almost anyone would like demonstrates the insincerity of one's music.

There were moments when my mind fluttered at the possibility that perhaps this would be the song that would redeem this album. Track two "Good Witch, Bad Witch 3", has an almost Bjorkian techno taste and was almost reminiscent of the Butthole Surfers "I had a Dream Last Night". Track six begins with a low breathy harmonica and rhythmic chimes from a church organ, but all too soon the lead singer's warble begins and dissipates any hope I had for this CD.

Like many groups today, The Charlatans count on asserting that they are as deep and disturbed as any other, but I have a hard time believing that, or any other marketing ploy.

This British group uses dehydrated and overused lyrics "Told I was good for nothing/ I see my true love coming, my little bundle of joy/You're all I need you and my philosophy/ and "Love is all there is." Nice try Charlatans but even if you rip off their lyrics, you'll never be the Beatles.

The sad thing is that these lyrics are not even theirs. You would think that more personal investment would be poured into something that supposedly represents their art. Even their cover is reminiscent of the popular Jim Morrison shoot, and about ten million other CD's.

It was impossible for me to take these guys seriously. So, for the feeble-minded drones subscribing to the notion that all good music comes from the British Isles, think of the Spice Girls, and then think of The Charlatans. Enough said.

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I love watching homeless people. When I see a guy in the rain holding a wet piece of illegible cardboard, my spirits soar. I reflect cathartically upon my good fortune and grammatical acumen. Don't misunderstand me—my sympathy for the house-free members of society is genuine and deeply embedded in my soul. Sometimes I give them money. I like them. In fact, I'm thinking about getting one. I hear they're great with kids. It's just that their plight-ridden journey illuminates my relative glide down easy street. The Germans have a word for such perverse pleasures: "schadenfreude." It refers to the delight we extract from the misery of others. But a pestilent trend in public policy threatens to limit my moments of precious schadenfreude.

Recently, two mayors—Michael White of Cleveland and Rudolph Giuliani of New York—enacted new homeless policies. They ordered police to direct beggars elsewhere and to remove the ever-present sleeping rabble from the sidewalks. The changes were implemented the day after Thanksgiving (traditionally the most irritating day of the year), because the mayors wanted to render the shopping season more pleasant for people who really deserve it—people who have to deal with the harsh burdens of life such as leaky roofs and squeaky faucets.

It's a little strange that the homeless choose sidewalks as their place of rest. I mean, as a spectator, I'm happy about it but concrete is obviously uncomfortable, not just because it's made out of concrete, but because people amble up and down sidewalks ceaselessly. It's just not conducive to a good night's rest. Can't they find a nice forest to sleep in? An alley? An abandoned building? A bridge? Hell, that's a roof—and you don't even half to worry about disturbing the neighbors upstairs. Or they could scout out an apartment complex and climb into an empty dryer for the night. Of course, then other problems would arise. What if your clothes got mixed up with someone else's homeless guy? I guess you would notice the mismatch when you began to separate the socks from the shirts, but then how would you handle the moral quandary—put him back in the dryer for the next person to find, or fold him nicely and leave him on the table?

Furthermore, sleeping is an embarrassing activity. It's impossible to look cool while sleeping. To test my theory, select anything you do when you're asleep and try doing it when you're awake. Drooling suggests rabies. Rolling around trying to get comfortable with one arm behind your head looks a bit epileptic. And if you snore during the day, people will think you're just plain broken. ("What happened to him? He was working fine yesterday, and now he makes weird aardvark sounds. Maybe he has a cold.")

So why would you want to sleep in public? What happened to dignity? It doesn't exist, because we have forgotten about the function of shame. It used to be shameful to do private things in public, and the avoidance of shameful activities elevated people to a common standard of decency. Nowadays, people go on daytime talk shows and tell the whole nation that their sisters aren't very good in bed. No wonder it's acceptable to sleep in the street.

Besides, you can't take anyone seriously who's sleeping. I recently saw one of my former professors asleep in a bookstore. I used to respect him. I recalled sitting humbly before him as he eulogically related Aristotelian principles of logic to a cerebral engaged classroom. But when I saw him asleep, breathing out of his mouth like a kid with no attention span flunking remedial English, I was suddenly compelled to poke him with a stick. And now, simply because I caught him in an episode of public slumber, I think of him as nothing more than a big, crying, pooping baby.

Which brings up another point: sleeping renders you vulnerable to attack. If Mike Tyson were sleeping, Woody Allen could kick his ass. Reflect upon your adolescent years. When did you inscribe horrible graffiti on your friends' faces? Unless we're talking about a real pantry, it probably occurred during the hours usually reserved for sleeping—either that, or following a drinking binge. Nobody has ever said, "I can't believe you guys shaved my eyebrows off when I was in court." Eyebrow shaving can only happen when the target is passed out. As I said, sleeping equals vulnerability. That's why fraternity morons are able say things like, "Hey, man, remember when we got those pictures of you making out with that donkey?" It's because the donkey was sleeping.

So getting back to my main point, we don't need to remove bed-impaired people from the sidewalks. We should, instead, take advantage of the homeless while they're sleeping. After the initial bouts of shock and anger, victims of practical jokes tend to feel like they've been welcomed into a group. Consequently, with a few simple pranks, street people will become less alienated and feel like members of the fraternal order of humanity. If we truly want to make Christmas shopping more pleasant for everybody, the mayors of each bum-strewn city should order the police to seek out sleeping homeless folks and decorate them. It's only January. If we start now, the policy can be implemented nationwide by Christmas.

What a festive time it will be! Imagine the sight of giggling cops sneaking up on a snoozing homeless guy and sticking a corn-cob pipe in his mouth. If he stirs, the cops will dart into an alley and stifle their laughter. Then they'll return to affix a button nose and couple of eyes made out of coal. We would all share a good laugh the next morning as we're accosted on our shopping rounds by dozens of homeless people dressed up like reindeer and snowmen. ("Hey, buddy, can you spare a dime ... or at least help me remove these stupid antlers?")

Also, my plan allows for the possibility of a genuinely heart-warming Yuletide story. Years down the road, as we settle into the new millennium, people will be telling their kids about Santa Cop and the time that his headlights went out. Visibility was poor, so he couldn't see well enough to chase down and capture the crack-addicted Grinch who stole a Chrysler. But then, Randy the Red-nosed Hobo jumped on Santa's hood. His nose illuminated the road brilliantly. The streets were kept safe for Christmas, and everyone lived happily ever after.
Won't work for food

Lesleigh Owen
Columnist

Ever notice how the harder a person works, the less she or he gets paid? Sure you have! Every time you call a business and ask to speak to someone uppity-up, through whose paperwork bridges and filing cabinet gates must you pass if not the receptionist? Not to mention when they yanked your tonsils out in the third grade. When you were phine like a heroin addict for screaming for a shot or more whose paperwork bridges and filing cabinet gates must you "Best Grip" or "Best Foley in a filing cabinet?"

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Or course, it might not occur to Dirk just then, but when he orders a Quarter Pounder that night he probably won't see the irony in accepting his food from a seventeen year old high school student who earns minimum wage in one of the top-grossing restaurants in the good ol' U.S. of A. Furthermore, he might not want to think about where the lettuce, pickles and onions on his burger came from and how agriculture contributes $170 billion annually to our national economy.

"What's the difference between the fry-vat boy at Micky D's and a migrant field laborer?" some of these radical people may even ask Dirk. I applaud the question but offer them a slightly different answer than they might expect. The difference lies not in our legislators' racism and our farm owners' well-spent political dollars. Rather, it stems from the difficulty level of farmwork and its vitalness to our economy as compared to other jobs. Don't get me wrong: flipping burgers doesn't rank up there with wine-tasting as one of the cushiest jobs. Still, nothing beats sweating in the fields or orchards for sixteen hours a day with no benefits, no overtime pay and no guaranteed wage to prove how invaluable farm workers truly are.

This is where the farm workers have gone wrong. Not only have they made themselves priceless to our economy but quite simply, they just work too hard. Instead of spending their time on the golf courses, at cocktail-hour work "functions" or surfing the Internet for that perfect quote to end their speeches, they actually and painstakingly toil for hours after hot, sticky hour. No sick or vacation time for them, no mental health days to help them better swallow the bitterness of scarcely-compensated labor. Nope, these foolhardy migrant farm workers rise early, labor for as little as $1 per hour for countless hours, and then actually get up the next day to start the process all over again.

This cycle must stop, and we all must help. Rather than worrying about the perpetuation of racism in our grand state and the high mortality rate of these workers, rather than contacting our legislators and urging them to end the restriction banning these workers from earning minimum wage, I say let's offer farm workers the only realistic advice we can. Let's tell them to stop working so damn hard.

Oh come on now. It's a simple matter of logic: as soon as they stop breaking their backs and other body parts working for their mast—oops, employers, we'll all have to stop taking them for granted. Like doctors, executives and legislators, we'll start realizing how truly invaluable farm workers have become just as soon as they stop working so diligently.

Instead of sending Idahoans for Farm workers monetary donations or leaving a pro-migrant farm worker message with your legislator's clerk, why not go straight to the source and send the workers themselves some water coolers and golf pants? That way, they can gather together and discuss Monday Night Football and MTV videos while wondering how soon they can ditch work for the golf course.

Oh sure, some of you will probably choose to attack this issue head on, marching for farm workers, attending rallies and helping to increase visibility of the whole issue. Me, I intend to sit back and stop reminding myself of the essential nature of these workers and stop relying on them to provide consistent and dedicated work. When they start earning wages comparable to a secretary or even a schoolteacher, whose mailbox do you think they'll fill with thank-you notes?
To the Editor:
I am writing in response to Mr. Steele’s article in the December 8, 1999 issue of the Arbiter. Mr. Steele reported that students who receive Pell Grants will have to pay back 50 percent of the grant if they do not complete 60 percent of the term. More Idahoans need to pursue two-year professional-technical training or university education if they are going to compete for the good jobs available in this century. And more trained and educated graduates will be needed to meet the need of Idaho technical and other industries.

So it makes sense for the state to invest in:
1. Expansion of professional-technical programs.
2. Expansion of community colleges and state universities.
3. More scholarships for students and a reduced rate of growth of student fees.

Student fees at Idaho universities and Lewis-Clark State College have more than doubled in the last decade, and in recent years have increased at an average 7.7 percent. After legislatures adjourn without providing adequate funds the universities ask the State Board of Education for another round of fee increases to help close the gap.

While Idaho’s fees are relatively low compared to other states, they are a significant barrier for students. Most students borrow heavily and many graduate with extreme debt loads.

I am skeptical of Ms. Kelly’s thinking that the new changes will put a hardship on our most financially needy students. First of all, these needy students will only face hardship if they drop out of college. If they stay in school and earn their degree, than they have nothing to fear, right? All the new rules will accomplish is that they will give an added incentive for lower income students to finish school. What is the harm in that?

Pell Grants are awarded based primarily on how much money a student’s parents make. If a student’s parents make above a certain amount, then that student qualifies for a loan only, not a Pell Grant. As all of us with loans are aware, we are required to pay back all that money, whether we graduate or not. Because this money has to be paid back, this provides great incentive for loan recipients to finish their degrees because the ability to repay the loan is increased after one attains their degree to maximize their earning power.

There appears to be no incentive for Pell Grant recipients to remain in school. I personally know of one individual who has been receiving Pell Grants off and on for the last six years. He is only a sophomore because he attends school one semester, takes a couple off, decides to go back to school and drops out again. All this time he is wasting Pell Grant money. He has absolutely no incentive to finish school. If he was eligible for loans only, he would at least have to repay this money.

I also question the claim that students who withdraw for medical reasons would still have to pay the money back. First of all, how often do students withdraw due to medical reasons? I’m not saying that doesn’t happen, I’m just saying that it happens rarely. I would also have to question what happens when a student loan recipient withdraws from school due to medical reasons. Common sense would seem to dictate that the same procedures would be in place for a student loan recipient withdrawing for medical reasons as would for a Pell Grant recipient.

While the current revisions of the Pell Grant system are a welcome sight, the reform must not stop here. I would like to see the Pell Grant system eliminated. It is inherently unfair to give some students a free ride to school, while others must take out loans to pay for school. Our country is based upon equal opportunity for all. We have been taught that children should not suffer for the mistakes of their parents. We all agree with this. Why is it then that we are so quick to reward the children for the mistakes of the parents? My parents did what was necessary to make sure I was prepared to go to college. Once I enrolled in college, I was told that it was my education, therefore I was expected to pay for it. The message learned here is simple: Be self reliant. Do not depend on others for your success! This message is lost when Pell Grants are given out. This message of self-reliance is replaced with one that says, “You, by yourself, could not make it. It’s a good thing our big-brother government is here to make up for you shortcomings.”

I know that most people will suffer knee jerk reactions when reading this. I firmly stand behind this idea. If anybody cares to debate me further, contact me at republican@uswest.net. Hope to hear from you.

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A Florida man almost went to jail for keeping sharks in his backyard pool. Authorities dropped criminal charges against Steven Robertson after he agreed to enter a misdemeanor intervention program. Robertson also donated seven bonnethead sharks, three sand tiger sharks and 40 tropical fish to the Florida Aquarium in Tampa.

A Canadian woman was told she owed the utility company $2.4 million in overdue charges. Along with Megan Hobbs’ shocking notice was a letter stating she could pay it off at a dollar a year. Union Gas officials say they don’t know what computer glitch caused the mistake and Hobbs’ balance is actually zero.

Golden, Colorado officials want their residents to take a bath, or even two or three. It seems the storage tanks are holding too much water after city leaders decided to have extra H2O on hand in case of Y2K problems. The city manager says if the water isn’t used soon it will go stale and officials may have to turn on the fire hydrants to get rid of the excess.

An Arizona man wanted to change his skivvies so badly, he burst into a Wal-Mart on Christmas Day to find some better-fitting underwear. Michael Stone admitted to breaking one of the glass doors at the store but he’s not being charged with theft or burglary because he made an even exchange. He does, however, face a criminal charge for busting the door.

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Road rage revenge—now just a phone call away

Column provided by Deputy Todd Bowermak of the Ada County Sheriff's Dept.

Today we will try to show you how to take some of the stress out of your life. I want you to relax and picture a situation in your mind. You are driving your car out on the Interstate. You are in the left lane of travel, slowly gaining on a semi-tractor trailer rig, traveling in the same direction in the right lane.

You watch in your rear view mirror as a small pickup truck, several cars back, changes from the left lane into the right, and begins to overtake you. The pickup driver swerves back into the right lane and no accident occurs, but the driver looks over at you and flips you off with that nasty middle finger.

Do you think you deserve that? Are you sorry the other driver feels that way about you? You may wish that this person would pull to the side of the road so that you could express your deepest apology for being such an inconvenience to the man.

Or...is your blood boiling over not finding a way to get this guy back. You even understand why those people shoot other on the roadways in other states. You're probably thinking if anyone deserves it this guy does, right?

You have just experienced what is commonly referred to as road rage. KTVB Channel 7 news recently did a story which claimed that road rage is responsible for 56 percent of traffic fatalities in the United States. That statistic is pretty frightening but that still doesn't change the fact that you want to get back at this guy.

Suddenly all your thoughts focus on finding a way to get this guy back. You even understand why those people shoot each other on the roadways in other states. You're probably thinking if anyone deserves it this guy does, right?

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Actually, I'm not offering the solution it has always been there. It's just that most people don't know how to use this avenue, or aren't aware of it. All you need is to take down the license plate number of this vehicle. Already, you begin to feel better. You write the number down on a ketchup stained McDonald's napkin laying on the passenger floor. Now you can do one of two things: you can call 377-6790 or 911 on your cell phone, if you have one, or you can call when you get home.

Tell the nice dispatcher that you wish to sign a complaint against another driver. The dispatcher will contact an officer in your area and have him/her enroute. If you're on your cell phone and without breaking any laws, try and keep the other vehicle in sight until an officer can make the traffic stop for you. The officer will have the dispatcher request that you stop your vehicle behind his patrol car. Right then and there, you can sign a citation that is fitting for the driving offense and then the nice police officer will serve it on the perpetrator. This is immediate gratification.

Now, on those occasion where you are not able to keep the vehicle in sight long enough for help to arrive, or an available officer is just too far away, you can meet with an officer at a location you designate. You will need to write out a statement telling your side of the incident, and answer any questions the officer may have for you. You can sign a citation, and the officer will locate the other driver at his home and issue the ticket to him. Fun stuff, huh? Not for the other guy, but you're feeling better right?
Not everyone wants to write out a statement or sign a citation. Some people may just want to have the officer track this guy down and verbally warn him for his driving behavior. The preferred action is to go the citation route, but most officers will be happy to verbally bash the other driver for you. We don’t really bash them, but they do get the point that as long as they have a license plate on their car there is nowhere to hide.

See how easy this all seems? I mean, all you have to do is write a plate number down and make a phone call, and everything will be fine. Now, keep in mind, we are not writing a citation for being rude. The citation will be for an actual traffic violation. Also, if you do sign a citation you may have to appear in court to testify your side of the story, as the other driver is probably not going to plead guilty to the ticket. In the best case scenario, the driver will admit that he was driving. In the worst case, you are not able to identify the driver, and no one will admit to driving. In that instance, we may not get to serve the citation or verbally bash anyone for you.

Well, there you have it. The topic for today has been, “How To Have A Good Day After An Incident With An Idiot.”

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to The Arbiter at arbiter@email.boisestate.edu.

Until next time, let’s be nice out there. And next time you wave at another driver, be sure to use all your fingers.
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Job Title: Teller
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3595
Wage: $6.00 to $7.00 per hour
Hours/Week: Very flexible schedule around school; 20 hours per week between the hours of 11:00am to 10:00 pm Monday through Saturday.
Primary Duties: Food preparation.
Minimum Qualifications: Will Train.

Job Title: Part Time Cook
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3600
Wage: $8-10 per hour
Hours/Week: M-Th 2 hours per day and Friday 8-5. Primary Duties: This position is responsible for assisting the Claims Operations Manager, COO, and HR Coordinator. Duties will include maintaining and updating spreadsheets, creating reports, filing, copying, scheduling, and other clerical duties.
Minimum Qualifications: Excellent knowledge of Excel, Word, and Outlook. Previous office experience preferred. Experience creating spreadsheets and reports required. Must be reliable and independent.

Job Title: Administrative Assistant I
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3601
Wage: $9.22-12.45
Hours/Week: M-F, 8-5. Primary Duties: Responsible for filing and setting up training classes. Support HR Consultants. Prepare presentation material for HR Consultants. Maintain various databases and documents. Contact with clients.
Minimum Qualifications: 2-4 years related office experience. Bachelor's degree preferred. Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills required. Must be accurate and reliable. Experience in Excel, Word and Outlook required.

Job Title: Marketing Assistant
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3602
Wage: $7.00 - $8.00 per hour
Minimum Qualifications: Prefer marketing or communications major. 3.0 GPA or higher. No previous experience necessary. Must have excel in something. It does not have to be strictly academic. It could be sports, the arts, community services, etc.

Job Title: Marketing Intern
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3603
Wage: $7.00 - $8.00 per hour
Hours/Week: 25 hours per week. Primary Duties: Marketing CollegeClub.com presence on campus. Expand CollegeClub.com presence on campus through promotions and events. Internship credit available. Minimum Qualifications: Some business or marketing experience preferred. CollegeClub.com member a plus.

Job Title: Developmental Therapy Assistant
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3606
Wage: $6.40 per hour
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Job Title: Records Clerk
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3615
Wage: $7.05/hour
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Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3624
Wage: $7.50-8.50 per hour
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Minimum Qualifications: Motivated, able to lift 50lbs; hardworking.

Job Title: Radio Talk Show Producer (work afternoons in Payette)
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3631
Wage: $6.00/hour
Hours/Week: 3-6pm M-F (may be some other hours as needed for research, etc.). Primary Duties: Work under the executive producer; operate and monitor the switchboard while the show is on air; some field interviews and research; help come up with show topics...the show (“NW Today”) covers a variety of topics, including psychological/mental health/political.
Minimum Qualifications: Related interest, drive, and dedication.

Job Title: P/T Floral Designer
Start Date: ASAP
Job Number: 3623
Wage: $6.00 D.O.E.
Hours/Week: Flexible, will work around schedule. Primary Duties: Floral arranging and customer service. Minimum Qualifications: In shop experience is helpful but not necessary; will train.

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