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Idaho professors ask Gov. for pay increase

Kempthorne makes no promises

by Carissa Wolf

A group of Idaho professors say they are not likely to earn a living through their university salaries. Last week, the professors urged Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to include $2.5 million in his proposed 2001 budget to make their salaries more competitive. Kempthorne refrained from making any promises.

Kempthorne met with members of the Idaho Council for Higher Education Faculty (ICHEF) after state university presidents asked the Governor to make faculty pay improvements a top legislative priority.

Boise State University Faculty Senate President Alex Feldman said, "I was impressed with how thoughtful the governor was... he seemed to want to improve himself by learning." But Feldman did not leave the meeting with many answers.

"I'm not spending my raise yet," he said.

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Surprise, surprise: ASBSU Senate votes in favor of raising own pay

ASBSU President vows to veto legislation

by Sean Hayes

Senate Bill Number Two, a bill that would raise the pay of the ASBSU Senate, Judiciary and Executive Branches, passed by one vote in the Senate last week. For supporters, the bill was a needed measure to reflect increasing costs. For opponents, the legislation calls into question ASBSU's priorities.

Senator Pro Tem Nick Leonardson quickly to criticism saying that arguments he heard in committee were invalid.

"Senate awards should increase. I don't think they should remain fixed," he said.

"That doesn't reflect the changing world.

The timing of the bill was called into question as it was the first piece of legislation to be passed this semester and sent on to ASBSU President Nate Peterson. Leonardson felt that the change would have been the same regardless of its timing.

Sen. Jenni Plewa was distraught with the fact that Vice President Rachel Wheatley opened the meeting saying that most Senators had not made their office hour requirements for the month of September.

"There is no such thing as American corporations, they are transnational, accountable to no one, to buy and sell governments in a minute, and they will continue to do so until we demand to be at the table," Maestas said.

A ruling class practices a strategy of divide and conquer, said Maestas, urging coalition building to combat the strategy. Pointedly he cited the Idaho legislature's unwillingness to extend rights to farm workers.

"Workers in this community (don't) even have the right to earn a minimum wage," Maestas said, "Free labor will make you rich, just ask some of the ranchers down south of here."

According to Maestas, something has gone terribly wrong when 85 percent of young people, 18 to 25, do not care to vote. He declared the consistent disparities of education, health, wealth and social mobility as un-American.

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Boise State to host SWE conference this week

"The Global Workplace in the New Millennium" will be the theme when the Boise State University chapter of the Society of Women Engineers hosts the organization's regional conference Oct. 20 and 21 on the BSU campus.

About 50 engineering students and professionals from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Alaska are expected to participate.

Former SWE national president Jill Tietjen will be the keynote speaker and several workshops dealing with financial planning, negotiating skills and professional development will be held during the two-day event. More information is available on the Web at www.swe.org/SWE/RegionJ =/RegionJ.html.
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BSU hosts project to raise awareness about domestic violence

by Arbiter Staff

The Boise State University Women's Center is joining with the Women's and Children's Alliance to host the Clothesline Project Oct. 17-20.

The project is a visual display that bears witness to the pain and suffering of women, girls, and other members of the community that have been the victims or perpetrators of domestic violence. The project is a way for survivors to express their pain and support the healing process while raising awareness, organizers said.

A variety of materials will be available for the shirts, including paint, markers and items that can be glued onto the fabric. Other events include Oct. 17-19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: A booth set up in the Student Union will share information and resources about dating and domestic violence. A "Silent Witnesses" display will also be set up: a row of seven blood-red figures representing the seven adult domestic violence victims killed in Idaho in 1999. Each figure will bear a shield with the name and story of the victim. Oct. 18, noon: There will be a brown-bag lunch in the Student Union Gipson Room featuring information on domestic and dating violence.

Other sponsoring organizations include: The Boise State Counseling Center, Boise City and Ada County Victim Witness Coordinators, Boise City, Ada County and Canyon County prosecuting attorney's offices, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and Alpha Chi Omega. For more information, contact Melissa Wintrow, Women's Center Coordinator, at 426-4250.

Delays continue on indoor swimming pool

by EvyAnn Neff

Swimmers may have to wait until the end of fall to use a fully operational pool at Boise State. The BSU indoor swimming pool will not be fully functional until the end of this month or early November.

A delay in the delivery of two key components of the pool pushed the scheduled opening date back.

Since the fall semester began, the Kinesiology Department has attempted to keep the pool open as much as possible. However, it has not been easy because of certain compliance that must be maintained. The kinesiology department, which maintains and administers the pool, will continue to take alternative measures to make the pool available to patrons as much as possible.

A temporary system has been implemented to move heated water into the pool to make the pool available for classes and lap swimming.

Swimming has been cancelled after 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day Friday through Sunday to allow the contractor to work on the project.

Pool conditions are far from ideal, but it is the best we can do with what we have to work with," said Jenny Nigrini, assistant recreation director.

"We do not have firm dates from the contractor yet, but it looks like during part of the third week of October the pool will be closed for several days while the heat exchanger, dehumidifier, and a transfer station are installed. After that there will be some minor tinkering which should not affect patrons too adversely," said Nigrini.
The Harvey Neef Mane Line Dancers: then and now

by Christy Coon Ho
Special to the Arbiter

For those who regularly attend Boise State University football or basketball games, the Harvey Neef Mane Line Dancers are as much a part of half time as that mustard and ketchup-laden hot dog. But there was a time, 17 years ago to be exact, that a BSU dance team was unheard of.

Julie Stevens, co-owner of Dance Dimensions dance studio, coach of the Capital Golden Girls, and then PE teacher at Capital, wanted to add a professional touch to BSU sports, while providing an opportunity for Boise Valley dancers to unite as a group and perform. In 1985, shortly after the grand opening of the BSU Pavilion, she submitted her proposal to BSU. One year later, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier and former BSU President Dr. John Keiser hired Stevens to head up a spirit squad and a dance team for Boise State similar to the one at UCLA.

Local media, BSU officials and experts in the area of dance "mane" refers to the mascot's mane (a bronco horse's mane). The word "line" refers to a line of dancers. The name stuck but most importantly to the work of the creator and director, Julie Stevens, who hopes to continue leading the team for many years to come.

"I see the team becoming stronger each year with the talent increasing," Stevens said. "I think this gives young ladies the opportunity to let their talents get them help with their college tuition. I hope the Mane Line Dancers can be an inspiration to young girls in the dance field."

In addition to participating on the team when students at Boise State, members of the alumni also reunite for breakfast each year in order to foster camaraderie. This year alumni members joined alumni from the BSU Spirit Squad for a three-day reunion during Boise State's Homecoming Week during the half-time showed when the two groups perform together.

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Astrobright goes bye-bye:

New student senate resolution hopes to ban hard-to-recycle material

by Christina Latta

The Boise State campus may be a little less colorful if a new resolution in ASBSU passes through the executive branch. Senator Brad Saito sponsored Senate Resolution Number One of the year, which passed unanimously, to discontinue the use of Astrobright materials from campus.

Astrobright is the vivid, colorful paper used by many organizations around campus to advertise events, fundraisers, and various other functions.

"I don't really see the actual purpose behind Astrobrights," said Sen. Saito. "Why use them when there are better materials out there?"

Saito and ASBSU's Recycling Director, Arielle Anderson, are working to enact the change for several reasons. Astrobright materials are not cost-effective to recycle, even though they are made with 20-30% previously recycled materials. The local trash collector, BFI, does not collect colored paper for recycling. Also, even though Astrobright materials can be recycled at high cost, there are very few post-recycling uses for it.

"We're going to need the campus as a whole to cooperate," Anderson said. "As long as there's no demand, they'll take it off the shelf."

In order to bring awareness to the importance of recycling at BSU, she plans to meet this week with BSU President Charles Ruch to discuss the issue and is even considering placing one day's worth of recyclable material for public view on the Quad to show how much students consume each day.

Andreson added that while ASBSU has made recycling a top priority, there is "no support at all" from BSU as a whole for recycling programs.

Alternatives do exist for those organizations or students who might normally use Astrobrights. Pastels and whites are readily available and much easier to recycle.

"How effective are Astrobrights really?" Saito said. "I don't think people will notice if there are no Astrobrights around campus."

The Campus Copy Center supplies clubs and organizations with Astrobrights in spite of concerns about recycling. Saito made recycling part of his platform when he ran for the Senate and he plans to pursue this resolution until his goal is met.

"The one argument against this is that Senate Resolutions don't have any real legal backing," he said. "I won't let that stop me."

The Astrobright resolution went before the Senate on Thursday, Oct. 12 and passed unanimously. As ASBSU has made recycling a top priority within the current administration, ASBSU President Nate Peterson is expected to sign the resolution.

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BSU professors’ book documents solutions

by Scott Hurting

Guns in school lockers and blood in the cafeteria are only the most obvious symptoms of an American malady that has tremendous costs at all levels of society from preschool to prison. Much of this violence is unnecessary and preventable, according to BSU professors Robert Barr and William Parrett in a newly revised edition of their book, “Hope Fulfilled for At-Risk and Violent Youth” originally published in 1990.

In the aftermath of a rash of school shootings across the country, the message of “Hope Fulfilled” rings as a call once again. Barr and Parrett note that there exist proven effective programs to identify children in the inner-city or inner-city children who are more definitive risk for future violence. But their place in society is the earliest step to providing them with the help they need to succeed at all levels of life.

There’s been an absolute avalanche of research since 1990, said Barr, referring to the 20 percent revision of the earlier edition, “Hope at Last for Violent and At-Risk youth.” The book is a comprehensive resource that addresses numerous research methods, theory and hands-on programs that have proven effective in identifying and treating violent and violence-prone students. The work explains why and how these programs work and has sections dealing with the aspects of the problem confronting educators at the elementary, secondary and high school levels.

The primary message is that the sooner the children can be identified and provided with the help they need to overcome impoverished and/or adverse home environments, the greater their chances of success.

The book lists in chilling detail specific indicators which, when taken together, provide profiles of those children who are predisposed to violence. These are children who become caught in a vicious spiral of failing to learn, failing self-esteem, failing social skills leading to frustration, rage, violence, even mass murder.

These indicators include the presence of drug or alcohol abuse in the family, poverty, frequent change of schools, poor emotional connections with peers, adults, and parents, an absent or unwilling father, English as a second language, poorly educated mother, teenage mother, family criminal history, sexual promiscuity, poor nutrition and other factors.

By far the worst case scenario is when several of these negative factors coincide in the life of a child, resulting in a sharply rising likelihood of risk. However, one or more of these may not necessarily place a child at risk; especially if these exist in other children, equally if not equally identifiable, who are not identified from the worst of the negative influences. These are children in a critical emotional home with at least one adult on their side, and community programs, or community programs and one to one teaching, or even a fundamental belief in the power of primary care. And even with a family, these protective factors can literally save a child’s life.

The irony is that it is most often the children who have had the best educational approach has been proven to be effective until the time it is widely accepted as the new “traditional wisdom” is the norm. There are literally hundreds of studies proving what doesn’t and what does work in the rehabilitation of these “problem students.”

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No one seriously challenges their assertions that nearly every one of these students can be taught to read at the age-appropriate level, nor that the means to do so are well known. But it is the will that is lacking, and increasingly the money. The fact that money by no means all, of these children come from the lower economic strata typically possessing little political power and less educational advocacy makes change that much more difficult.

In a time there are even programs at the secondary level to address the problems of at-risk youth. Especially effective are alternative schools such as Mountain View and Compass.

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Professor Robert Barr
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Middle School in Boise and the Meridian and Eagle Academies. These schools can effectively address the problems of at-risk youth, sometimes with great success, but Barr stresses that by far the best approach is to reach children as young as possible.

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Hate crimes still a national threat

Universities not exempt from intolerance, students look for solutions

Authorities inspect rock-throwing case at Penn State U.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - A third person may be charged this week in connection with rock-throwing at Pennsylvania State University's Shulze Hall on Sept. 29, according to a Centre County assistant district attorney.

The charges stem from an incident in which three black students told police that two white men threw rocks from the roof of the eight-story dorm. The victims told police the rocks might have been targeted at them because of their race.

Last week, police charged two men, Evan J. Gugliuzza, 18, and William P. Loftus, 19, with recklessly endangering another person, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Both are listed as students in the Penn State directory.

Gugliuzza and Loftus were scheduled to have their preliminary hearing yesterday morning in Bellefonte, but the hearing was postponed until next week so additional charges could be filed.

The additional charges will be against a third suspect, not Gugliuzza or Loftus, said assistant district attorney Karen Kuebler.

The person is likely to be charged at an arraignment later this week, Kuebler said.

Penn State Police Services wouldn't discuss any additional rock-throwing arrests Wednesday, but a supervisor said the case is still under investigation.

Hate crimes an ignored issue in Utah state legislation

SALT LAKE CITY - The Associated Students of the University of Utah covered campus with signs this week reminding students of the Oct. 18 voter-registration deadline.

But Utah senators said Tuesday they want students to remember to vote on something besides a proposed tuition hike — hate-crime legislation.

Representatives from both the Democratic and Republican parties spoke on the importance of hate-crime legislation during the Women's Resource Center's power luncheon in the A. Ray Olpin University Union East Ballroom.

The five panelists emphasized the need for U students to become aware of the hate crimes in Utah, but U students' opinions on the importance of such legislation varied.

"I think everyone should be held accountable for their actions," public relations major Katherine Austin Tullis said. "If putting hate-crime legislation into law to show people there are other ways to handle problems, I would absolutely vote 'yes.'"

Communication major Keegan Hill said he would initially support punishment for people who commit hate crimes; however, this decision would require more law enforcement and more money.

"Hate crimes are hard to prove because they deal with personal feelings," Hill said. "Getting the perpetrator to admit to the crime is going to take more investigation and more tax dollars."

Hate crimes based on race, religion, national origin, gender, disability and sexual orientation have increased over the past three years.

The FBI reported approximately 8,000 hate crimes in 1997.

Panelist and Utah State Rep. Jackie Biskupski, D-Salt Lake, said more than 1,100 of those were related to sexual orientation.

"There has been a 14.5 percent increase in sexual-orientation hate crimes alone," Biskupski said.

The murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming based on his sexual orientation is a perfect example of a hate crime, she said.

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Columbus Day sparks human rights forum at U. South Florida

TAMPA, Fla. - Oct. 9 marked Columbus Day, a day to recognize the discovery of the Americas. But several activists view Columbus Day as a time that should be anything but celebrated.

A panel of four activists on indigenous rights told the crowd of 50 in the Marshall Center that history needs to be retold truthfully and the rights of native peoples need to be respected. Sheridan Murphy of the Florida American Indian Movement likened Christopher Columbus to a disease.

“Columbus is a virus, a virus of the head,” he said. “The American Indian Movement tries to inoculate the people against this virus.”

The panelists shook their heads in unison as Sheridan spoke on the way countries honor Columbus, whom many hail as one of the world’s greatest explorers. Sheridan said the 15th century conquistador eradicated whole populations, yet there are monuments to him everywhere.

“What would happen if a statue of Hitler was put in Israel?” he asked. Junior Kelly Benjamin said he could not understand celebrating Columbus Day. “I completely feel it’s a travesty that we celebrate Columbus Day,” he said. “It’s a product of a sick society.”

According to Sheridan, Columbus sparked the events leading to most of the new world’s conflicts after his discovery, namely the dehumanization and eradication of indigenous peoples.

“Columbus left behind the mentality of ‘They’re just Indians, not human beings,’ he said. “We’re programmed to think they’re not humans.”

The indigenous people of Central and South America have lived difficult lives as a result of the Spanish conquest, said Central American Activist Maria Elena Salazar. She told of her people’s struggle in El Salvador and said the fight isn’t over.

“The power’s still in the hands of the upper class, but we shall keep fighting,” Salazar said.

Former USF women’s hoops players allege racism by coach

TAMPA, Fla. - Two more former women’s basketball players filed civil rights lawsuits against the University of South Florida and women’s basketball coach Jerry Ann Winters Oct. 10.

LaTonya Greer and Patrice Coleman became the third and fourth former players to sue the university, claiming they were discriminated against because they are black.

“Unfortunately, we will soon have more USF (women’s) basketball players in court than on the court,” said their attorney Jonathan Alpert, who also represents former players Dione Smith and Avia Les. Winter could not be reached for comment.

The university has repeatedly said it does not tolerate discrimination and retaliation.

Opportunity Affairs is conducting an investigation about Smith’s allegations, while former Florida Supreme Court justice Joseph Hatchett is conducting an investigation into the handling of allegations of racial discrimination and retaliation.

Alpert said these lawsuits won’t be the last actions taken by his clients.

He said he wants the university to take responsibility for its actions and filing the lawsuits were the last option his clients had.

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Harvard sweatshop report paints bleak picture

by Robert K. Silverman

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Harvard University released a major report examining worldwide labor conditions in the apparel industry Friday, and the findings are bleak.

Harvard, along with four other universities, hired a team of consultants to visit seven countries to evaluate whether manufacturers of college apparel abide by local labor laws, comply with established industry codes of conduct and meet standards to ensure a fair and safe environment for workers.

"Sub-par working conditions exist in apparel factories in all of the countries visited," the report concluded.

The consultants found widespread health and safety violations, illegal labor practices, a lack of freedom of association and instances of workplace discrimination.

The report also stressed the difficulty of monitoring the factories themselves.

The team of consultants, including the Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) Education Fund, the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) and Dara O'Rourke, an expert in worldwide labor standards, gathered information by speaking with government officials, trade unions, non-governmental organizations, factory owners and other industry stakeholders in each country to identify problems in the workplace. They then conducted factory inspections, two per country, to test the reality of these problems.

"We got a general, perhaps theoretical picture of what the problems are (from interviewing stakeholders), and in many cases that information was corroborated by the factory visits," said Meg Voorhes, director of the social issues service at IRRC.

The consultants hired international business firm PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct the factory inspections, a decision that has sparked much controversy.

Last week O'Rourke published a critique of Pricewaterhouse's inspection methods, concluding that they were "significantly flawed."

Pricewaterhouse officials denied the charges.

Randal H. Rankin, Pricewaterhouse's global leader of the contractor compliance practice, said O'Rourke's report was based on incomplete information and "contains inaccuracies and inconsistencies."

But at points, the report itself is critical of Pricewaterhouse. The several-hundred page document chides the corporation for not effectively consulting workers, for overlooking significant violations and for favoring the testimony of factory management.

"We had all observed various shortcomings in the monitoring protocol," Voorhes said, although she said her final assessment was not as harsh as O'Rourke's. "It's not a perfect monitoring organization, but it is improving."

The consultants visited and inspected factories in China, El Salvador, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand and the United States—regions responsible for producing much of the nation's college-licensed apparel.

Licenses participating in the process include Champion and Gear for Sports, the two largest suppliers of Harvard apparel, as well as Adidas-Salomon, Jansport, Nike and others.

Robert K. Silverman is a reporter for the Harvard Crimson at Harvard University. Article reprinted with permission.
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Events

OCT. 18
Career/Job Fair, at the Student Union in the Jordan Ballroom at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Boise State Career Center. More information: career.boisestate.edu/jobfair.html or call 402-1747.

OCT. 19
District III marching band festival, performs at Bronco Stadium.

OCT. 20
Human Rights Celebration Committee holds meetings weekly on Fridays from 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Forum. All are welcome. For more information call 402-1283.

OCT. 21
Theatre Arts Fall Performance in the Special Event Center at 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

OCT. 22
Boise Philharmonic at the Morrison Center Main Hall at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Featuring Geoffrey Trachoff, violinist. Free pre-concert lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $15-$40. Call 402-1766 or www.idahotickets.com for more information.

OCT. 23
Senior recital, Becky Turner, soprano, performs at the Morrison Center Recital Hall at 4 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. This event is free. Call 402-5980 for more information.

OCT. 24-25
Idaho Dance Theatre at the Special Events Center at 8 p.m. and Oct. 25 starting 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $12-$16 adults, $8-$12 for students, seniors and Boise State faculty and staff at Select-a-Seat, Call 402-1700 or www.idahotickets.com for more information.

OCT. 26
Symphonic Blockbusters," Morrison Center Main Hall. 7:30 p.m. Boise State University / Community Orchestra. Presented by Boise State music department. Tickets are $5 general, $3 seniors and free to students, Boise State faculty and staff. Call 402-5980.

OCT. 27

OCT. 28
"Project Grizzly," Student Programs Board presents a film at the Special Events Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are $2 general and $1 for students at the door. Call 402-6636 for more information.

OCT. 29
Noon Tunes -Angie Ritzler performs at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB.

OCT. 30
Cultural and Religious Awareness Month booth in the SUB from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OCT. 31
Cycling Club meeting in the SUB at 4 p.m.

Student Organization and Club Meetings

OCT. 18
Ranger Club booth open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OCT. 19
BGLAD Weekly Meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

OCT. 20
Alpha Kappa Psi meeting in the SUB at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

OCT. 21
Boise State volleyball vs. Weber State, at the Bronco Stadium starting at 7 p.m.

OCT. 22
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Leadership meeting in the SUB at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCT. 23
Pre Med Club meeting in the SUB at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OCT. 24
College Republicans meeting in the Special Event Center at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

OCT. 25
College Democrats will have an event in the Special Event Center at 7 p.m.

Lectures and Presentations

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month booth in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Campus vigil remembered Shepherd

Students called for community action

by Lesleigh Owen

Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Allies for Diversity (BGLAD) sponsored the vigil and its speakers, which ranged from an economics instructor to a woman who introduced herself as "Mirena... or Judd." One by one, speakers seated on the stage and within the audience walked silently to the on-stage lectern and read aloud from a prepared script. Female and male, gay and straight, Latina and Anglo, the voices rose and fell like ghosts as they alternately read from the Bible, led moments of silence, and encouraged everyone to shine them at the ceiling in a show of unity and strength. The lights dimmed, leaving the remaining speakers to talk in the glow of the audience's flashlights. Music interspersed many of the speakers. A live band churned out heartfelt, Sarah MacLachlan songs, while Etheredge's song "Scarecrow" followed the emotional account of Shepherd's victimization.

Toward the end of the rally, BGLAD handed out flashlights and encouraged everyone to shine them at the ceiling in a show of unity and strength. The lights dimmed, leaving the remaining speakers to talk in the glow of the audience's flashlights. These final speakers encouraged the attendees to likewise shine their lights in the community, not only as people who refuse to hate but as people who refuse to accept others' hatred as well. "People are paying with their lives for who they are, and we want that to end," the Economics instructor emphasized.

For information on how you can become involved in illuminating and eliminating hate crimes in Idaho, contact BGLAD at 426-3774.
Broncos return for homecoming win in a TKO

by Pete Erlendson

Last week the Broncos couldn't tackle. This week they couldn't run the ball as BSU gained a pathetic 19 yards. But the run yardage didn't matter as BSU threw for 333 yards and showed Eastern Washington why Boise State has no intention of playing a 1-AA opponent ever again.

While BSU may not have shutdown or overpowered the Eagles, the Broncos technically knocked out Eastern Washington 41-23.

A welcoming home crowd of 25,493 cheered on the Broncos as they returned to Bronco Stadium for the first time since Sept. 9.

The Broncos started the game in exciting fashion with a freshman David Mikell 44-yard opening kickoff return, but that was it for BSU's first offensive possession.

Senior linebacker and all-star candidate Kareem Williams hurt his knee in first quarter and it looks as though he will be out the rest of the season.

The Eagles of Eastern Washington scored the first points of the game on a 46-yard field goal. EWU led 3-0.

On BSU's second possession senior Bart Hendricks completed an 80-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Lou Fanucchi. The drive lasted five plays, 97 yards in 2:06.

BSU 7, EWU 3.

Boise State would score on its next three offensive series. BSU kicked off to EWU who returned to the 12-yard line before junior Greg Sasser forced a fumble and BSU recovered. The Broncos started the drive at the EWU 34 and went on to score on a 2-yard TD with 33 seconds remaining. BSU was up 10-3.

But the Bronco offense couldn't get the job done. A run play resulted in a loss of 4 yards. Then Hendricks was sacked for a 2-yard loss. And then on third-and-16, Hendricks' pass was intercepted and was forced to make the touchdown-saving tackle at the EWU 21-yard line - the senior quarterback's lone tackle for the game.

It didn't take long for Eastern Washington to score. On second-and-14 the Eagles scored on a 26-yard pass completion. EWU trailed 20-10.

Once again the Bronco offense stalled and had to punt.

The Bronco defense stopped Eastern Washington on third-and-one and the punting game continued.

Quintin Mikell returned the Eastern punt 43 yards to the EWU 55. The Broncos went for all the yards. And when EWU went to the air all that resulted was incompletions or negative yardage.

Eastern Washington settled for a 49-yard field goal with 1:37 left in the second quarter.

BSU 20, EWU 13.

The Boise State offense finally woke up.

A 20-yard Hendricks to Jeff Putzier connect resulted in a touchdown. The Broncos lead 27-13.

BSU kicked off to Eastern Washington and guess what? The Eagles fumbled and Nurse recovered a second fumble with 29 seconds remaining.

A BSU Hendricks to Fanucchi 5-yard TD with 8 seconds remaining in the first half rapped up a high scoring first half.


But the Bronco drive wasn't the last time BSU would take possession of the pigskin.

A Bronco kickoff and another EWU fumble. This time recovered by freshman safety Josh Comte with three seconds left in the half. Boise State had the ball on the Eagle 80.

With only time for one play the Broncos went for all the yards, but Hendricks was sacked for a loss of 5 yards.

BSU entered the locker room with a 34-13 lead. The Broncos would return for their homecoming win in a TKO.

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- Speak with many different representatives - they are attending to provide students with valuable information regarding their organizations.
- Representatives are excellent resources to help in your career decision making. They were in your shoes once. Take some extra time and talk with them.

Career Fair Tips...

Use this event as a networking opportunity - have a positive attitude and talk positively about yourself.

Research the organizations that will be attending:

Visit the Career Center's Website: http://career.boisestate.edu/carfair.htm for a list of the organizations coming and for links to several of the organization's Websites.

Prepare questions ahead of time to ask the representatives (see list of questions to ask on the next page).

Make a great first impression!
- Make eye contact
- Smile
- Shake hands firmly
- Remember their names

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Sample Student Questions to Ask Career/Job Fair Representatives

Provided by the Boise State University Career Center

For Students NOT Graduating This Year

What courses would you recommend that I take to make me more employable with your organization or in this field?

What other things can I do (internships, volunteering, part-time employment, etc.) to become more employable with your organization or in this field?

Does your organization offer any internship opportunities?

Does your organization have part-time positions related to my field in which I can work around my classes?

What opportunities are available for college graduates in your organization?

What opportunities are available for students graduating this year?

Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.

What is the outlook for growth in your organization? Do you see the role of your organization changing?

Are your employees required to relocate and/or travel?

What fields of study are most employable within your organization?

What types of skills are the most important to your organization?

What are typical career paths for college graduates starting in an entry-level position in your field?

What is the outlook for growth in your organization? Do you see the role of your organization changing?

Are there any special qualifications required for these positions besides a degree?

Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.

How should I apply for a position within your organization?

How frequently do you require employees to relocate and/or travel?

How do I obtain additional information about your organization? Do you have a website?

For Graduating Students

What fields of study are most employable within your organization?

What are typical career paths for college graduates starting in an entry-level position in your field?

What types of people do you see the role of your organization changing?

Are your employees required to relocate and/or travel?

What fields of study are most employable within your organization?

What types of skills are the most important to your organization?

What are typical career paths for college graduates starting in an entry-level position in your field?

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Following are some of the things you will need to bring with you to the job fair:

Resume - Yes, you are required to bring one. And it better be an outstanding one because at the end of the day it is often difficult for recruiters to sort out the bad from the good. Bring at least two copies of your resume for each company you plan to speak with. This is a good time to use colored resume paper (colored, yet conservative). If you have multiple job objectives, bring multiple resumes. And do not bring a cover letter—you are the cover letter to your resume.

Letters of Recommendation - Make copies of your top three letters of recommendation multiplied by the number of companies you plan to meet with. Make sure all of the companies you are interested in get copies of your letters of recommendation. It will force them to file you differently from the rest of their stack of resumes.

Portfolio - Your 9"x12" leather-bound or vinyl-bound portfolio will be used to store your resume and letters of recommendation, and for taking notes after talking with each company.

Briefcase - The amount of information you pick up at a job fair can sometimes be rather daunting. A briefcase gives you a mini-office which to operate, including storage for extra copies of your resume and letters of recommendation. It also provides a much more professional look than the plastic bag most job fair attendees walk around with, loaded their information cache of the day.

Dress - Image is crucial at a job fair—even more important than at a normal interview since decisions are made much more quickly. This is the time to model the latest in campus fashions. Make sure you wear a classic business suit. Keep it conservative so that their focus is on you, not your clothes.

The Major Job Fair Error Nearly Every College Student Makes They get in line. If there is one reality of life that college provides excellent training for, it is standing in lines. Whether it's waiting in line at registration at beginning of the year, waiting in line outside the bookstore for your textbooks, waiting in line for lunch, or just waiting in line outside your professor's office with the other three students who flunked the midterm, college is very good for developing the "there-is-a-line-let's-go-stand-in-it" mentality.


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room gaining only 2-yards rushing in the first half. EWU came out in the second half and scored at the 7:36 mark on a 99-yard field goal. BSU, 84, EWU 16.

Late in the third quarter the stud of the afternoon continued his success. Mikell ran for a 28-yard punt return and in the process set a Bronco punt return record with 159 yards, braking the old mark of 114 yards set back in 1983.

The Broncos were so excited about the record that on BSU’s second play of the possession Hendricks completed a 94-yard TD pass to sophomore Jay Swillie. Boise State ended the second place in career touch-down passes trailing Tony Hilde with 60 TDs. Hilde has the record with 70 touchdown passes.

Head coach Dirk Koetter agreed: “We need everybody to raise it (their playing level) up a little bit for conference.”

Some notes of worthy mention: senior cornerback Dempsey Dees grabbed his first interception of the season tying for sixth-place in career interceptions for a Bronco.

Bart Hendricks moved into second place in career touch-down passes trailing Tony Hilde with 60 TDs. Hilde has the record with 70 touchdown passes.

Contact Pete at Pete@arbiter-mail.com

Pete’s Player of the Game

Sophomore Quintin Mikell had a record setting day with his 126-yards in returns. He also led the team in tackles with 14 and had one qb sack. The Eugene, Ore. native received All-Big West Conference honors last season and will likely make first team this year.

“Quintin is our quarterback,” said defensive coordinator Brent Guy. “It all starts with him in the secondary. He makes a lot of checks for us ... and we give him a lot of responsibility.”

“I just go into every game trying to help my team win,” said Mikell. “I don’t specifically try to take everything into my own hands, but I just try to put my team into the best situation to win. If that’s me returning punts, or me making tackles, or catching picks I’m just going to do what my team asked me and what my team wants of me.”

Pete’s Picks

This week marks the kickoff of all Big West teams playing conference games. Boise State has no room for error as each team plays only five conference games. Just one loss could prevent a team from winning the conference championship and heading to the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl.

New Mexico State comes off an upset of Tulsa last week and will beat Arkansas State handily — Idaho will beat Utah State in Logan, Utah — The Broncos will beat North Texas for the first time as an I-A member. BSU has lost two consecutive years to the Mean Green. The Broncos will win 34-20.

Homecoming royalty

The 2000 homecoming king and queen are Casey Boothby and Megan Sorvaag. Boothby is a sophomore from Baker City, Ore. majoring in Secondary Education/Biology. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, BSU Ambassadors, and the Residence Hall Association.

Sorvaag is a senior from Susanville, Calif. with a 4.0 GPA. She is a major in Psychology. She is a member of the Association of Psychology Students, Alpha Chi Omega, and is also in the Boise State University Honors College.

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Crucial.com HUMANITARIAN BOWL

by Ted Harmon
Two new runners lead the way for Boise State

by Lena Brainard

Boise State cross-country is off to a good start this season and they are being led by freshman Michelle Carmen on the women's side and junior transfer Mike Ciampini for the men. Carmen came to Boise after an outstanding career at her high school in Elmira, 20 minutes west of Eugene, Ore. In her junior year of high school she finished fifth in the 3000m and sixth in the 1500m at the state meet. She did even better her senior year finishing fourth at the cross-country state meet and moving up to claim second out of a competitive field in the 3000m.

She has continued to succeed at Boise State after winning the first two races at Eastern Oregon and then at Northwest Nazarene. Carmen finished seventh in her third race which was in Portland and against some tougher Division I schools.

"I'm really happy with how my season is going so far," said Carmen. "I ran a very good time at NNU. I had a big personal best." Carmen has personal records of 10:31 in the 3000m and 4:51 in the 1500m. She will be trying to break those records on the track this spring. As far as her plans for this cross-country season, "I hope to go under 1800 and to place well at conference and go onto regionals. I also really want the team to go to regionals, so I want to help out with that." Carmen has qualified for nationals where he finished third in the 1500 in 1986. That same year he went to cross-country nationals finishing seventh, missing a spot on the world team by only one place.

Ciampini took a year off after high school and then went on to CSI where he qualified for nationals in the 800, 1500 and the 3000m on the track during his sophomore year.

"The last couple of years have been work, run, school, it took a while to get my head on straight again," said Ciampini. But he is on a roll now winning his first two races this cross-country season for Boise State, and like Carmen he finished seventh at the Portland race.

"I've found the right medium. I don't feel over trained and I don't feel under trained. It's good coaching. My coach has adjusted the training to what type of runner I am." Ciampini who in the past has considered himself to be more of a track runner is having a great season.

"It started off I just wanted to use cross-country as base work for track but now I find myself in a position where I can qualify for NCAA nationals," said Ciampini. "I've been feeling good and light like I did in high school."

In track Ciampini will concentrate mainly on the 1500. He has already run competitive times of 3:54 in the 1500 and 1:54 in the 800. His goals are to finish the cross-country season strong and to bring his times down in track.

"Each workout I feel stronger. I feel confident that I can run with the top guys in the conference and in the country." And it is that confidence that just might get him there.

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Restraint indicates a mature public

by John Threet

Sober response to USS Cole attack

A general lack of finger pointing and animosity towards any ethnic or national group indicates a positive restraint on the part of the public.

by Brett Cottrell

A Retort from the Left: Right Field’ way off base

The dogmatic claptrap exhorited by Jerel Thomas in the column “from the right” on Oct. 4, 200 is so contradictory that it would be comical if it were not issued in earnest.

Rather that respond to every fallacy, let us examine a few of the most egregious examples. For example, how are we to interpret the statement “Every law passed encroaches upon the liberty of the individual?” Are we to assume that rape and domestic violence laws encroach on individual liberty? Furthermore, can it be inferred that arson statutes, or arson laws encroach upon individual choice? Surely even the most austere conservative would not argue that child predation statutes are an affront to individual liberty.

The forgoing examples either prove the arguments nugatory, or illustrate the radical extremist and potentially dangerous ideas espoused by the author. Moreover, I find it ironic that immediately after noting the abhorrent nature of laws the author takes pride in legislation enacted by republicans in Congress. The contradiction is all too evident.

No reasonable person would doubt that the Constitution’s preamble states a desire to protect life, liberty and happiness. However, nowhere in the constitution is there mention of potential life. There is no mention of sperm, eggs, or zygotes. If potential life were to be protected by statute, would we assume that expulsion of sperm for anything other that procreation would be a crime, or that the law would punish the monthly ejection of an egg by the female? Moreover, over 75 percent of all fertilized eggs are spontaneously aborted by the female body, are these women guilty of murder?

These examples may seem extreme, yet they are nonetheless the logical conclusion of the author’s premises. I would be remiss however, if I did not mention how the mother is at stake as well to leave the living, breathing, and born human beings out of the sphere of constitutional protection would seem to render the Constitution meaningless.

Universities, at least in theory, are supposed to teach critical thinking skills and at the very least an ability to see obvious contradictions. It is apparent that the author of “from the right” has learned neither.

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Boise protest only one of thousands

IMF and World Bank prompted, dedicated local resistance

by Devin Kelly
the Arbiter

On Sept. 28 there was a global phenomenon that affected everyone. This was the worldwide protest against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. What happened in Boise was nothing compared to the rest of the world.

We gathered in the park across from the Capitol shortly after 5 p.m. After awhile we realized that our message would be heard if we took to the streets. We blocked some traffic, we handed out some literature (admittedly not nearly enough), we sang, we chanted, we talked to strangers and police. We sat down on the intersections of Front and 6th Streets, blocking traffic to Broadway Ave. and tried to unblock people’s perceptions.

The police brought out the riot gear, pepper spray, green protective vests, helmets, shields and they brought out the best in us. We responded with louder voices and NO VIOLENCE WHATSOEVER: we retaliated with peace.

Onlookers watched as several armored and armed police tackled single persons and wrestled him/her to the ground. The violence of the police (from Boise, Meridian, Garden City, and Ada County) proved our point for us.

The IMF was meeting in Prague, in the Czech Republic, to decide the future of the world economic system, with essentially no input from the majority of the people that system affects. Protesters from all over the world went to Prague and their local capitols to speak out against the IMF. People in Boise marched on the Capitol.

The IMF was supposedly originally designed to aid developing third world nations, and those nations crippled by World War II. The Fund gives loans to developing nations in times of crisis. Most people would view this as a beautiful attempt to aid those nations, but the beauty is only skin deep.

The loans offered by the fund are dispersed among the richest and most powerful in a nation. The masses of these nations never reap the benefits. Multinational corporations move their manufacturing bases to these areas, with little regard for the environment and thousands of people are made subject to conditions illegal in more advanced economies. These include substandard wages in countries where the minimum wage is already too low, extremely long workdays, lack of benefits, ecosystems being ravaged, indigenous farmers driven out of business by large fruit growing multinationals.

The news media portrayed us as uninformed college kids, and angry, potentially violent youth. We may have been angry, but I guarantee we were at least violent people in the area. Many of my friends questioned our actions, but people in Challis now know what the IMF is. Many people have told me that the cops were just doing their jobs. We were just doing our jobs.

I feel that the information we were dealing with speaks for itself. Visit these web sites if you would like to learn more:
www.widensharedproject.org
www.inslynmedia.org
www.imf.org for the real scoop.

The Governor compared the aftermath of the forest fires to what easterners experience after a major hurricane, Having visited the firelines at the Clear Creek Fire in Salmon, I can concur with that analogy. The Governor also briefed the committee on the firelines at the Clear Creek Fire in Salmon, I can concur with that analogy. The Governor also briefed the committee on the firelines at the Clear Creek Fire in Salmon, I can concur with that analogy. The Governor also briefed the committee on the firelines at the Clear Creek Fire in Salmon, I can concur with that analogy.
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Boise Towne Square Mall next to Dillards
Candidates can’t teach

Gore obviously won the debate, but lost on personality. But, neither of these candidates know the first thing about education (public or private). Subject matter competency is no real concern for a quality teacher. A good teacher can instruct any (almost any) subject with the resources of that subject. In fact, the learning may be more significant if the instructor is NOT a master of the subject.

The primary purpose of Headstart is to develop social skills and sharing, not for reading readiness. Most of the students (if not all) are not capable of focusing down to the printed page, nor concentrating on words and their relationships. They may learn their alphabet and numerals, but not necessarily in printed form.

In Kindergarten, the children are still not “Reading Ready” for the most part. They learn to print their name, and the shapes of letters and numerals, and the meanings of some simple words on paper.

And, both candidates want to penalize schools with a population of slower learners, because they do not achieve to an expected level, rather than providing a more realistic time-line for those students to learn. Bush even wants to put Army troops in the classroom to control discipline (I believe). Many of the “grunts” in the Army have not even graduated from high school.

“To teach”, has the connotation of transferring knowledge from an authority figure to a subject’s brain and memory. That simply is not the case.

Elmer E. Hunt, Jr.

“Good Life’s” humor bad journalism

As a general rule, I never write to newspapers with one exception: when I read a factually-incorrect article, I feel it is important to point out errors. The opinion piece on Oct. 4 regarding student clubs, while funny in places, was not only inaccurate, but slanderous as well.

Having a degree in journalism, I know the opinion page is a useful forum to inject humor into a normally serious publication. Certainly that was the attempt to the Oct. 4 article (I laughed about the NSync club). But when a newspaper makes up facts about real student organizations, even in the attempt to be funny, they cross a journalistic line and not only do harm to the club, but leave themselves liable.

The comments about nontraditional students and theater majors drinking were in poor taste, certainly. But more serious were the comments on the Role Playing Club.

The assertion that club members spent $2,000 in BSU money on Dungeons and Dragons materials and John Cougar Mellencamp posters for club members’ rooms is a flat-out lie. It isn’t a joke, it isn’t a misstatement and it isn’t funny – it’s slander, even in an opinion piece.

Having researched with the ASBSU accounting department, there is no evidence that the Role Playing Club ever spent such money.

While I doubt any readers took you seriously, harm was still done. In the future, if you want to be funny, don’t make up facts about an actual student organization.

Mike Esposito
Student Organizations Program Coordinator

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Paul B. Rowe, Editor

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A good high takes some searching
Activism high hard to kick
by Lesleigh Owen

Warning: May Cause Euphoria

We huddled around the table on those long-ago Friday nights, glorying in the heights to which we’d ascended. Looking around the table, I often saw my own face-splitting grins and frigidity reflected on the faces of my sister and brother. We passed conversation, ideas and praises around the room, inhaling the camaraderie and reveling in the solidarity spreading throughout our systems.

I was a baby feminist then, involved in my very first exposure to progressive activism. I became hooked after the premier meeting, after the other members and I first dipped our toes in the headiness of proactivism. Those bi-monthly rendezvous quickly escalated into weekly ones, but before long, even those weekly meetings no longer satisfied my cravings. I eventually crammed other activities — rallies, film viewings, marches, protests, political campaigns and educational booths — into the gaps yawning between these weekly get-togethers. I couldn’t get enough. Every single meeting, every event, every preparatory and post-event get-together: I attended them all, taking time off work and sacrificing my weekends when necessary. I performed a desperate and precariously juggling act between school, work and activism, all the time allowing enough room to add more and more commitments.

I have to strain my activism-fried brain to recall a time when I counted myself happier.

Warning: Extended Exposure May Be Habit Forming

Once an activist, always an activist. Every time I crawl on the wagon of non-action, I attend “just one more” rally, march or workshop and once again find myself hopelessly snookered on the sense of community.

Just this July, in fact, I joined in the Pride festivities, waving heavy fists, screaming various chants and laughing at the “Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve” protesters. Later, maneuvering through the tight crowds, smiling and hugging every other person I encountered, I grew light-headed with the camaraderie. High on the sense of solidarity, I looked people in the eye, giggled with vendors I’d never before met and exchanged phone numbers with virtual strangers.

Come September, I fell off the wagon again, this time landing in the first meeting of Student Advocates for Gender Equality (SAGE). I copped a contact high the second I walked in the room.
Votes are meaningless... except one

by Ryan Davidson
Special to the Arbiter

Jim Toweill is right. Your vote is meaningless. (Rant Sept. 19). Speaking as a political candidate, I can attest to the fact that you are not represented in Idaho, your concerns fall upon deaf ears, and you will continually be subjected to laws you find "ridiculous and unjust.

Even if your dream team of President, Congressmen, Senator, State Legislator etc., was elected, how would it be before their policies were implemented? And how would the laws be written down by compromise would they end up face it: there will never be a majority in the State Legislature that reflects your unique new world. So voting this November is pointless, really. Pointless... well... except for one tiny little thing you may have overlooked. WE STILL ELECT OUR SHERIFFS.

Perhaps you've never given much thought to this, but it's time that BSU students took a second look at the office of the County Sheriff. Our elected Sheriff provides checks and balances to the entire statewide power structure. Consider this: Our legislators can pass any and all laws they want to, but as to who enforces those laws? As an elected official, the Sheriff is only accountable to the people themselves, and not to the lawmakers.

Nothing shocks me anymore. As I watched Boise police officers overreact and brutalize peaceful IMF protestors, my mind drifted back a couple years to the shootings, the charges of excessive force, and my own bogus arrest. As I said, one more example of an abuse of police power doesn't shock me, it only angers me. What happens to the shootings, the charges of excessive force, and my own bogus arrest. As I said, one more example of an abuse of police power doesn't shock me, it only angers me. What happens to the shootings, the charges of excessive force, and my own bogus arrest. As I said, one more example of an abuse of police power doesn't shock me, it only angers me.

Stalled traffic is a small price to pay for freedom. I truly hope the protestors have the strength of their convictions to plead not guilty and see this through to the end. I also must point out that if you are opposed to the IMF but are paying federal income taxes, you are a hypocrite. By paying the tax, you are voluntarily funding the very organization you claim to despise. Now, who among you is brave enough to stop paying your taxes?

Jim Toweill is right about a lot of things. His anger over the speeding ticket is completely justified, and I'm sure he's tapped into the feelings of hundreds of folks who've gotten tickets in their life. He was driving 11 miles over the limit an empty street. No one was victimized by the act, no property was damaged. Does he "deserve" that ticket? Of course not! He's no criminal. In fact, in his rant he unknowingly revealed the true criminals in all of this - the traffic court judges and the law breakers who wipe their butts with the Constitution on a daily basis. All traffic tickets are based on "Infraction law," which is a "hybrid" of civil and criminal law, but has the protections of neither. You have no right to a jury or a public defender under infraction law, and you can be found guilty with no evidence against you. In a typically extortionary fashion, traffic court judges personally profit off your guilt. Out of every 10 tickets issued, 1 will be paid by a judge's retirement fund. Why would they ever want to find you 'not guilty'? Talk about a conflict of interest! Don't for one second believe the government when they say that "we're just trying to encourage safety." Because all of a sudden we live in a very dangerous world. Everything is unsafe. And they are pocketing a lot of our money because of it. Warren O'Dell, in a letter to the Arbiter, tries to pick apart Jim's arguments but fails miserably.

I am running for Sheriff for some very specific reasons. There is no law that requires anyone to pay an income tax. If you can find one I'll pay you $5000. I will kick the IRS out of the county the day I take office. No one will be forced to pay the tax after that.

I will eliminate all traffic tickets until the system is completely reformed. Unsafe drivers will be taken off the road, but they will not be ticketed. I will arrest judges who violate your rights. They will be dragged off the bench in cuffs.

I will arrest any member of a peaceful protest. I will arrest Boise City cops if they violate your rights.

I have been invited by Professor Moore to give a guest lecture to his Mass Media and Democracy class on Oct. 19 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. If you are able to attend I highly recommend it. Mr. Toweill, I would be honored to have you be a part of this, if not chair it.

I'll leave you all with a quote from a federal judge (Case No. 2:96-cv-009-I 1997): "...the duly elected sheriff of a county is the highest law enforcement official within a county and has law enforcement powers exceeding that of any other state or federal official."

Now get out there and vote for me!

Ryan Davidson is the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Idaho and is a candidate for Ada County Sheriff. To learn more visit www.lp-idaho.org

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the women and men around me talked and joked like old friends as we passed our names and personal histories around the circle of chairs.

I left that meeting so high on enthusiasm and potential, I couldn't help but smile at everyone I passed. Most people rolled their eyes in response to my fuzzy gaze and wobbly grin. "Geez, what's this woman on?"

Warning: Effect is Heightened with Other Medications

Like any good ideological junkie, I find myself as eager as a revivalist preacher to enfold everyone within my heavenly haze. Sure, feminist strategizing sessions may not dilute your pupils, but something out there will. Photography push your buttons? Canoeing float your boat? Does envisioning yourself writing, lobbying, rock climbing or playing chess make your pulse soar? Find a group, jump into the fray and wait for the ecstasy to whisk you away.

Or, if a group dedicated to your passions doesn't yet exist, cook one up. On- or off-campus, I guarantee other wackos exist with similar passions for the martial arts, drying fruits or worshipping felines. Imagine yourself as a distributor of sorts, a pusher for your brand of exquisite highs.

Warning: May Affect Different Persons Differently

Although divine, the high itself may not contain the rush that unites the group. You may, in fact, find half the joy in the community itself. While learning Russian or knot tying may serve as the pocket for you and your newfound buddies, you also might find your closest allies, your strongest network of support and empathy, within this circle of addicts.

Sarah, a member of SAGE, doesn't differentiate between the high and the context. She became involved, she said, in order to find an outlet for her progressivism. She grew sick of stuffing her ideas inside a slick, gel-coated capsule that allowed for easier public consumption. Her words are too potent, her ideas too intoxicating to continue to dilute.

Like Sarah, I remain committed to activism because the alternatives — stagnation, silence and living in the shadows of life's psychedelic brilliance — seem like too big a pill for me, as well, to swallow.

Warning: Take with Food and Drink

As the new members of SAGE introduced themselves, ingesting one another's tales of community and identity regained, my friend Lani joked, "Hi, my name is Lani, and I'm a feminist."

How appropriate, I thought. Like any good group, we bond through ritual and revelation, convening over food and drink every Thursday at the Folk's. We begin at seven at night and end whenever we've reached out limit.

You may want to partake in our high, or you might want to seek your own drug of choice. Either way, don't dismiss the only legal means to tinker with your reality and achieve a sixty-watt grin.

C'mon — everybody's doin' it.
Idaho Dance Theatre kicks off new season:
Program features two premieres and pianist Del Parkinson

In Idaho Dance Theatre kicks off new season: Program features two premieres and pianist Del Parkinson

Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night fine, funny and fresh

by Scott Horning

Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night is one of the most popular of his plays. The reason for its enduring appeal is partly due to the character of Viola, also known as Cesario. She plays a man named Cesario in disguise, and it is her gender that drives much of the drama. Yet Viola is not the only character whose gender is questioned in this play.

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Photo by Ted Harmon, the Arbiter
Football film provides social commentary and fights bigotry

by Kate Hoffman

"Remember the Titans" Denzel Washington Will Patton Directed by Boaz Yakin Music by Trevor Rabin Rated PG (thematic elements, mild language)

Based on a true story, "Remember the Titans" takes place in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971. The town is in turmoil because of the decision to integrate a black and a white school. The streets are filled with citizens opposed to the integration.

It's an ugly scene to watch, and likely the first thing Coach Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) sees as he moves his team into Alexandria from South Carolina. His welcome is less than warm as he moves his players back onto the team. Yoast reconsiders and brings them in on the team. One wonders how these Titans will ever play together, much less win a game. But here is the magic.

During rigorous practices, the Titans' a shorthand version of the existing coach, Bill Yoast (Will Patton). Yoast is a well-liked coach with a shot at the Hall of Fame. When he and his white players learn that the school has made Boone head coach over Yoast, there is an immediate revolt. Yoast decides to quit and his players vow to quit with him, despite his best efforts to keep them in the game. The person who takes this the hardest is Yoast's nine-year-old daughter Sheryl (Hayden Panettiere), a vivacious and hilarious character whose involvement in her father's job creates the brightest points in this movie.

The season starts off filled with tension and hatred as Yoast reconsiders and brings his players back onto the team. One wonders how these Titans will ever play together, much less win a game. But here is where coach Boone works his magic.

During rigorous practices, friendships are gradually forged between the white and black players, ties that will be sorely tested once they return to school to find a student body stubbornly resisting the integration.

On the surface, this is a slightly sappy movie about the black and white football players (and coaches) learning to see each other as people rather than as colors. Their fight to the state championship inspires the city of Alexandria to relinquish its hold on racism.

I couldn't decide whether the idea that football could change the world was silly or depressing, but I'm leaning towards the latter. It would be easy to dismiss this as Hollywood-ization were it not for the fact that the movie is closely based on the real story, focused on America's favorite distraction.

The main point of this movie goes beyond the plot. The camera focuses in on people on the streets and in the school hallways as whispered comments from behind closed curtains play through the speakers. You begin to get a very strong taste of the flavor of hatred. While many modern movies are pure eye candy, there are others that serve as valuable lessons. Movies like "Remember the Titans" let people feel the injustices and prejudices of our society from perspectives they could hardly imagine on their own.

This movie was created under the cooperation of many of the actual people portrayed. Herman Boone worked with Washington, helping him play his role as accurately as possible. Bill Yoast came on board primarily to see his daughter Sheryl portrayed on the silver screen. While in the movie an older Sheryl serves as a narrator, in real life she died at age 54 of heart failure.

Another element that makes this movie accessible is that the direction of photography came into production of 'Titans' having never seen a football game before. His cinematography avoids the cliched game footage. His cameras found fascinating angles, views that the average fan would never see.

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I've never felt so strong and capable.

Helping others was a family tradition for Amy Zaleska, of Massachusetts. So after getting her master's degree, she signed up for a year of service with AmeriCorps. She moved across the country to coordinate a hunger program in California, where she developed new skills and decided to pursue a career in nonprofit management. "My project affected so many people," Amy says, "Now I know that one person really can make a difference."

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Tea time with Wheatus
Funny, catchy and smooooth

by Brian Holler
the Arbiter

I’m sure you’ve heard it on the radio. The whiny, ear-piercing, high-pitched voice that sings, “I’m just a teenage dirtbag, baby!” Yes, it’s time to see if Wheatus can be more than a one-hit wonder. Their self-titled debut album is cut from the mold of other pop alternative bands such as Weezer, Dynamite Hack, Better Than Ezra and the Flaming Lips. Catchy choruses, funny lyrics, and smooth transitions make this album just like most of the albums by the groups that I mentioned earlier.

This is not to say that the album sucks. In fact, I liked it. Any group that can have songs like “Wannabe Gangstar” and “Punk A$$ B*tch” and get away with it, is cool with me. Actually, those two songs are a couple of my personal favorites off the album. As much as I hate to admit it, I’m hooked on “Teenage Dirtbag.” It’s got that transition from soft to hard that I love in much of this type of music, and a catchy chorus. It’s one of those songs that, even if you didn’t like it, you’d be singing it.

In addition, Wheatus also does a cover of Depeche Mode’s “A Little Respect,” which actually does that great song justice. I was very surprised to hear the respect and passion that Wheatus put into that cover song. All in all, a decent album if you like that pop/alternative genre. I’m giving it (out of a possible five) three teenage dirtbags. Although, I know many more in my neighborhood that I’d gladly get rid of. Oh well, can’t solve punk kids in a single article, but you can tell people that, if it’s your cup of tea, you’ll like Wheatus…go check it out!

Botch induces mass perspiration

by Jim Towell
the Arbiter

Recipe for a sauna: rent one medium-sized legion hall, mix in 50-plus rowdy music-loving people, add local hardcore bands A.I.D. and Breakaway, and most importantly, the secret ingredient—Botch, from Tacoma, Washington.

The American Legion Hall in Meridian unleashed this concoction on Monday Sept. 25, and it proved to be extremely potent.

Alliance In Defiance, who have probably been around long enough to be considered veterans of the Boise scene, whipped up the crowd into a humid frenzy; kicking out their grooving hardcore jams. Certain members of the audience did some interesting dances during Defiance’s set, including a few which involved ritualistic acts of male bonding, which might best be described as “playful ass-humping.”

The faux-sexual innuendo only added to the already sweaty atmosphere, and prepared everyone for the positive metal/hardcore juggernaut known as Breakaway. Recently constructed from former members of Dropsey, and their family and friends, these guys (and one woman) put on a brief but impressive performance.

Vocalist Matt Arriola careened around the room like an animated rubber band, screaming, shouting and handing the mike off for others to join in the fray. Delicious.

At this point the air in the poorly-ventilated venue was just about liquefied, and there was still one act left to be thrown into the mix—the mathematical metal monster known as Botch.

This four-man package came prepared with a choreographed light show, and the necessary guitar effects to pull off all the wizardry on their latest release, We Are The Romans. Botch turned the already hot, damp, thick air in the hall into a boiling mass of sticky sweat and breath.

Their thunderous off-tempo rhythms moved bodies over, through and on top of each other, occasionally resulting in a pile of people twisted up in microphone cables, screaming in unison with vocalist Dave Verellen.

With the absence of a real stage, the crowd and the band melted or collided into one another frequently. Luckily no one was hurt, and nothing was broken, but each person in attendance probably lost a great deal of water weight.
Testosterone not required to enjoy action movies

by Kate Hoffman

"Blockbuster movies": An over-budgeted, summertime release, invariably of the action genre, sometimes set in the future or in a historical period. It is characterized by blood, gore, assassination, explosions, vehicular chases, sharp and/or blunt objects, and typically unmusical soundtracks. See also "movies for guys who like movies."

With this formula, one would think that the audiences for such films would be predominantly male. However, these movies don't make it to the top of the charts by courting only half the population. Women enjoy these movies every bit as much as men.

Why is this? How can the population that makes "chick flicks" possible justify an obvious zeal for movies like "Gladiator," "The Matrix," "Terminator"? What is the allure of Will Smith, Arnold Schwarzenegger, or any number of James Bonds for a female audience?

The answer is that most guys and many gals give is that women enjoy watching the male leads in various states of heroic nudity. While I won't refute that sexy stars are a selling point, I disagree that they constitute the full appeal of these movies to the allegedly fairer and gentler sex.

I, for one, will not pick out a movie, drive to Edwards, and pay seven dollars for the privilege of watching an overpaid actor's makeup- and computer-enhanced stunt double fall out of a window wearing nothing but a curtain and an Uzi.

The fact of the matter is that women - and I apologize to anyone who does not fall under this generalization - are romantic creatures. Men go to these movies because of the video game appeal, whereas women go for the stories and the adventure.

Take your average couple at a pirate movie. The man will savor the sighthearted and fisticuffs, leaving with fantasies about swinging that rapier or cutlass and chopping off extras' body parts. The woman will pick out the subtleties of the plot, make emotional alliances with the characters, and come away dreaming of running away with the pirates (who are, generally speaking, considerably more exciting than her date).

Women get inside the stories these movies tell, sympathize with the characters, and create a place for themselves in the plot. Action movies reignite a stifled sense of adventure, leading women to picture (if only briefly) themselves as pirates, storm chasers, jewel thieves, outlaws, freedom fighters, spies, intergalactic spacecraft pilots, or trench coat-wearing inter-dimensional liberators of mankind. They create a world without dull obligations, either by obliterating all responsibility or by transforming it into a grand, heroic duty.

Okay, so you're one of the women to whom I apologized two paragraphs ago. It's the last year of the twentieth century and, frankly, times have changed a lot since the dawn of the movie industry. Women have broken into practically every field, including (to some extent) the military. Does this indicate an increased female appetite for violence, or has this bloodlust existed all along, hidden by an ideal of feminine sensitivity?

I'm not a squeamish person but I find it painful to watch people being butchered. I enjoy a good adrenaline rush as much as the next person, but I find the audience's cheers and guffaws as guts splatter the screen seriously disturbing. What's so funny about death? Either there's something comical about these Hollywood massacres that I'm missing, or I'm growing up in a generation of psychopaths.

A great many young women claim to enjoy the carnage, for stress relief or a change of pace from shoulder-weeping Meryl Streep movies. I can sympathize with the latter but I still think it's disturbing to ask a roomful of girls why they like action movies, only to have them turn on you with hungry eyes and say "blood" in unison.

So why do women enjoy these testosterone-laden cinematic bloodbaths? Maybe it's a quest for the romance lost in our desensitized, clinical, computerized world. Maybe it's an expression of suppressed violent tendencies. Maybe these films just offer a chance to ogle some biceps. All I know is that next time I'm faced with a decision between a chick flick and an action movie, I'll be wearing a trench coat and leaving the Kleenex at home.
Morcheeba-
Fragments of Freedom

Donkeys utter more intelligent and poignant words

by Jim Tolwett
the Arbiter

Humm. Morcheeba. Is that a veiled drug reference that I'm not familiar with, or just some sort of weird British slang? I'm not exactly sure, but I'll give it my own definition. According to me, Morcheeba is Pakistani slang for potpourri, since this disc has a little bit of this, a little bit of that, and a little bit of everything else.

Fragments of Freedom is an accurate title for an album that is pieced together from various fragments of funk, soul, '70s pop, trip-hop, jazz, disco, electronica, rock, calypso, old school hip-hop, and probably several other types of music that I'm not savvy enough to identify. These guys (and a girl, who does have a pretty smooth voice), suffer from a strain of the "jack-of-all-trades-master-of-none" virus, which differs from the norm in that they have a knack for blending styles together without making a big mess of things. But Morcheeba simply don't have the genius of someone like Beck (the McGyver of rock), who can create new sounds out of whatever happens to be lying around. They could also find someone else to write the lyrics: "You and me/ were meant to be/walking free/in harmony..."

More intelligent and poignant words have been uttered from the mouths of donkeys. That said, this isn't bad overall, and it's quite catchy at times. And in case that Morcheeba somehow pick up the Arbiter and are reading this, the last track, which happens to be the best on the album, does show some promise.

Boise State Orchestras present "Symphonic Blockbusters" Oct. 22

The Boise State Chamber Orchestra and the University/Community Orchestra will present a program of "Symphonic Blockbusters" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Morrison Center Main Hall.

The orchestras will be directed by Boise State music professor Craig Purdy. The program will include some of the most popular works from the symphonic repertoire. The concert will present the overture to "The Barber of Seville," by Rossini; "Adagio for Strings" by Barber; "A Severn Rhapsody" by Finzi; "Old American Songs," by Copland and "Pines of Rome" by Respighi.

Boise State music professor Lynn Berg will be the baritone soloist in the Copland songs.

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Books

Just in case you didn't know, We've Got Issues

by Kate Hoffman
the Arbiter

Young people today are alienated from the political process. Although political decisions affect the world they will one day inherit, they consistently have an appallingly low voter turnout.

The average person in his or her teens, twenties, or thirties is more interested in "The Simpsons" than an electoral debate or coverage of international events. It seems that these generations have no idea what to care about or why to care.

Meredith Bagly's new book has (some of) the answers. The title really says it all: "We've Got Issues: The Get Real, No B.S., Guilt-Free Guide to What Really Matters." This 320-page book presents itself as a valuable resource for the young, concerned citizens of our country.

As Bagly states, "most of us aren't cynics at heart. We want to be part of something. We want to be proud of...the country to which we belong. And we do love issues."

This book defines those issues for the clueless, confused, or time-starved and explains why young people should be the most concerned about these issues. It might not be a bad idea to hand a copy to each college student as they walk in the door to their first class.

We've Got Issues is a quick and accessible read despite the fact that it explains in detail concepts ranging from the budget surplus to sexual inequality. Essentially what Bagly has done is taken the major issues of the day, explained what affect these issues have on the reader, and show the various viewpoints on the issue. She boils a problem as big as Social Security reform down to seven pages, yet manages to be quite thorough.

Many pages are devoted to the subject of education. According to Bagly, the United States' quality of education is falling far behind our international peers. Chapter 10, entitled "Public Baby-sitting," elucidates the weaknesses of our national education. "Is our nation producing a bunch of dumbed-down, drooling, real-life Bart Simpsons who can't find Canada on a map much less operate a cash register?" asks Bagly.

How can we solve this? She doesn't tell us, but she gives a wide range of possible solutions along with their pros and cons. Bagly also discusses the cost of higher education, a subject with which every student should be concerned.

For the most part, Bagly remains objective and fair in her presentation of differing solutions. As the book progresses one sees more of her personal biases, but in general she refrains from telling the reader what to think. Bagly presents (and often seems to support) some very controversial ideas; however, one is not supposed to agree with everything she says, but to develop an opinion from the information Bagly presents. The only true drawback to this book is its extremely timesensitive nature. A great deal of the book is devoted to discussing the platforms and per-sonalities of George W. Bush and Al Gore (and nearly as much time not-so-subtly sup-porting Bill Bradley). The foreign relations chapter refers to Jeb Bush as a "strong and in power" and, in fact, lists several facts that have since changed or may change any day. By the time this book finds its way to library shelves, much of it will be outdated. However, purchasing it can be counted twelve dollars well-spent. The information within the bulk of We've Got Issues merits it a place on every student's bookshelf.
Bronco fans: The Boise State University Homecoming game drew an eclectic crowd of fans. Between plays a fan (right) who identified himself only as Geno the Apeman fan drew stares and glares. The inflatable bungie jump has Nick Lenardson (left) enjoying Homecoming frivolity.
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