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BSU President Ruch hosts roundtable student discussion

Multi-ethnic concerns, Fine Host main topics
by Sean Hayes

Boise State University President Charles Ruch, along with Vice President of Student Affairs Peggy Blake, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Daryl Jones and Vice President of Finance and Administration Buster Neel hosted a roundtable discussion last week to hear student leaders’ concerns on a variety of topics.

About 20 students attended the meeting, including ASBSU President Pete Peterson, members of the Black Student Alliance, several representatives of multiethnic organizations and club officers representing interests from broadcasting to engineering.

Ruch opened the meeting urging students to take an active interest in the political system. He said he is currently talking with unopposed senators and plans to do the same with those elected in November.

“You have a stake in the election,” Ruch said. ‘Whether or not we vote, the legislature will still meet and we’ll still have to deal with political reality Sitting on the sidelines does not stop the machine.”

Ruch then opened the meeting to student concerns, a surprising amount of which came from representatives of multiethnic organizations. The organizations were unhappy with BSU’s exclusive contract with Fine Host, which does not allow the clubs to prepare ethnic foods in a traditional manner and serve them on campus. Fine Host controls all food service on campus, including vendors like Moxie Java and Subway.

Ruch said that an exclusive contract keeps costs down for students.

“Now you’re not paying for food to campus,” he said, “just selling it.”

He also joked, “(Fine Host) could use some new recipes.”

Representatives from multiethnic clubs were also upset that the Multietnic Center is under the Student Activities wing, they said that including the Center under Student Affairs would help broaden its educational base. Officials of the Center say that placing them under the Activities branch makes the Center look similar to the Student Programs Board.

“I want to teach you about my culture,” a member of the Black Student Alliance addressed the four BSU officials, “Culture should not just be an activity.”

The student, from Africa, also said she has encountered problems with faculty who did not understand the special needs of those learning English. Blake, Provost, is working on a second language.

“There are faculty in this school that do not know how to deal with multiethnic students,” she said.

Jones told her that he intended to hire a coordinator for cultural and ethnic programs in the English Department to address concerns for ESL students and a national search is currently underway.

“We realize also that we don’t have enough resources in that area,” Jones said.

A representative of the Broadcasting Club shifted gears and expressed interest in developing a student radio station, in which programmers could receive internships and be paid as they are at the Arbiter. She also advocated for more daytime hours, and playing student radio in the SUB.

“We don’t get credit, we don’t get money,” she said. “We do it because we enjoy it.”

Other issues brought up by students in attendance were parking, lack of club involvement among students, and statewide educational standards.

Overall the four BSU officials seemed cooperative, friendly and willing to work to address student concerns. Ruch said that he tries to hold similar roundtable discussions each semester.

Sorority fund-raiser part of campus-wide effort to promote breast cancer awareness

by Christina Latta

On average, one in nine women in the United States develop breast cancer during their lives.

Delta Beta Nu chose October as the month to begin their drive because this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Several organizations on campus are involved in the effort to raise breast cancer awareness.

The Women’s Center and The Wellness Center have sponsored several events. “My Left Breast,” presented in conjunction with the Student Programs Board, was a story of a woman’s bout with breast cancer presented on Oct. 7. A class about understanding breast cancer was offered on Oct. 4.

Throughout the month, the Wellness Center and the Women’s Center have been distributing breast self-exam pamphlets and guian.

A unique opportunity was presented on Oct. 10, when St. Luke’s Hospital brought the “Mobile Mammmogram Wagon” to campus. Women could make appointments and get exams done at their convenience. The Mobile Mammmogram Wagon will be coming to campus again on Oct. 31. Call The Wellness Center for information on available appointments.

Delta Beta Nu plans to continue and expand their breast cancer philanthropy efforts. The money they raise will go into a fund that will be donated locally at the end of the year.

“Every woman is at some point affected by breast cancer,” said Grien. “And because of that, so is every man.”

Economist addresses issue of forest fires

Suppression not cost efficient

by John Threet

Thomas M. Power, chair of the University of Montana’s department of economics spoke to more than 60 people on the economics of forest fire suppression on Sept. 19, at the Student Union Building at Boise State University. Every morning, during the height of the fire season Power would "wake up gagging" from the smoke, and he, like many others, feared for his safety and his property.

"Having lived through it, the most emotionally threatening aspect was the primordial fear that our homes and communities might burn," he said.

However, for this expert on the economics of natural resources, proposals for salvage logging of burned commercially valuable trees and extensive thinning of timber stands can not be justified economically.

"Once thinned, at considerable expense, forests will require thinning again in five to 20 years," said Powers. But, "Nobody is looking at crunching the numbers of the forest thinning solution in the mountainous unroaded areas," he said.

The benefits of thinning, however, do not include the protection of homes and communities, according to Power. Power displayed pictures of entirely destroyed homes surrounded by green trees hardly affected by the "forest" fire.

As Power explains, the fire moves through the forest litter of needles, leaves, and brush onto the grounds of homes. If the homeowner has not removed combustible materials, nor fireproofed the home, the loss of the house quickly results.

Power suggested a six-point rational economic response to the threat of forest fires.

1. Mechanical reduction of forest fire threats limited to near homes and communities.
2. No attempt to fireproof forests, but instead, fireproof existing home sites and restrict building in fire prone areas.
3. Abandon the single safe forest model, because fires are required for healthy forests.
4. No expansion of commercial logging with the excuse of forest suppression.
5. Fuel reduction efforts are too costly, inefficient and require continued expenditures when forests grow back.
6. Humidity. Fires are a force of nature and humans rarely are successful at overcoming the sheer power of nature.
Iranian opposition leader to speak at Boise State

by Arbiter Staff

Ebrahim Yazdi has repeatedly been denied the right to run for president of the Islamic Republic of Iran since the revolution.

His talk, titled "Democratization in Contemporary Iran," will discuss the current situation as well as the struggle for power that has taken place in the Islamic republic in the years since the revolution.

There's been an ongoing struggle for power in Iran, and I believe this combination of Islamic vision and a parliamentary democracy represents one of the best hopes for the future," he added.

Yazdi also spoke about Iran's relations with the United States to the Boise Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Boise State President Charles Ruch is a member, on Tuesday, Oct. 5. He will meet with several classes on the Boise State campus as well to discuss the subject of Islam and the West after the Cold War.

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Boise State University students placed second overall out of 50 schools from five states at the Lewis and Clark College Pioneer Invitation forensics tournament in Portland, Ore., last month.

This was Boise State's first tournament as a Division I school in the Northwest Forensics Conference (students competed at the Division II level for the last 14 years). Whitman College finished first with 26 competitors and 144 points, Boise State earned 188 points with only 11 competitors, and the University of Oregon was third with 87 competitors and 107 points.

Best finishers in debate for Boise State were: DF Junior Division Debate: Imran Ali (Boise) & Kate Sullins (Boise), second DF Senior Division Debate: Brooke Baldwin (Idaho Falls) & Tobin Steinkal (Blackfoot), third. DF Novice Division Debate: Joe Buckles (Meridian) & Carla Emery (Boise), fifth.

Best finishes in individual events were: DF Persuasive Speaking: Tobin Steinkal, first; Joe Buckles, fourth. DF Speech to Entertain: Brooke Baldwin, first. DF Prose Interpretation: Carla Emery, first; Joe Buckles, third; Brook Smith, sixth. DF Poetry Interpretation: Kati Sullins, second; Erynn Neff (Blackfoot), second; Rachel Wheatley (Rigby), sixth. DF Informative Speaking: Imran Ali, second; Brook Smith (Heyburn), fourth; Michael McCombs (Boise), sixth.

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Wellness Center sponsors stair climb challenge

by Arbiter staff

The BSU Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring a stair-climb challenge for university employees and students. In addition to climbing stairs, the center is challenging employees to get co-workers, friends and students involved. As an incentive, the person who signs up the most people will receive a prize. Just make sure your name is on the entry form.

In addition, there will be a first-place prize for the competitor who climbs the most stairs as well as second- and third-place prizes. Raffle prizes will also be given away.

The registration deadline is Oct. 27. The contest begins Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 15. Any climbing logs not received by 5 p.m. Nov. 15 will not be counted.

The names of the winners of the stair-climb challenge will be announced at the BSU Health Fair Nov. 15 between 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For your rules and climbing logs contact the Health and Wellness Center at extension 2222 or wellness@boisestate.edu.

Everyone's a Winner

New web registration at BSU is a success

by EvyAnn Neff

Nearly 8000 students went online to help BSU test its new online registration system from Oct. 5-11. The new system will give students the ability to check on their school schedule, add or drop classes, and register for school all from the convenience of a computer.

“We are encouraging students to register from computer labs on campus this November,” said Mark Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment Services.

To encourage students to participate in the web registration test prizes were given to four students drawn at random from those who logged on to Bronco Web. Angie Campbell won a reserved parking permit, Daniel Redmond got a scanner, Angela Keller received a $200 gift certificate to the BSU Bookstore, and Priscilla Lynn walked away with a Micron Laptop.

Wheeler said for now it is slow to connect to the Bronco Web from home because they still need to add hardware. He said the school “will be adding more T-1 connection for faster access for students from home.”

Over time they plan on adding on to Bronco Web to allow students to check what requirements they have left to fill to complete the major toward which they are working.

For now the Bronco Web test shows that 87 percent of the participants found it very or somewhat easy to begin the registration process. Many test participants complained that adding courses with lecture and lab was problematic. Wheeler said that comments made about the test would help them make the system easier for students to use.

For seniors worried about getting the classes they need, Wheeler said that students will still have preferential registration times based on their class standing, and Bronco Web won’t allow people to register before that time. Bronco Web is accessible from any computer with Internet access, and Wheeler said the Bronco Web will be up and functional by Oct. 30.

PSA collects canned food for second annual ‘Trick or Eat’ drive

Proceeds to go to Idaho Migrant Council

by Sean Hayes

Most people going door to door this Halloween will be collecting candy, but for members of the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, the mission is more complicated.

IPSA members will canvas mainly North End residences this Halloween in its second annual “Trick or Eat” food drive. The canned goods will be distributed to Idaho’s migrant families by the Idaho Migrant Council, a local non-profit group that advocates for farm workers.

“One of our campaigns as an organization is seeking justice and economic equality for farm workers in Idaho,” said IPSA member Brad Schmitz.

Working toward an equal wage for farm workers, an estimated 98 percent of whom are Hispanic, has been a major campaign of IPSA for the past two years. Statistics distributed by the group show that farm workers draw a mean of $6,500 a year, while the per capita income statewide, according to 1995 estimates, was $19,880.

The group generated 600 to 700 pounds of food in their first drive last year. This year, the group hopes to expand their efforts with a similar drive held for the first time in Caldwell.

“I think it’s important for people of all heritages and backgrounds to give, and I think that PSA doing this is making a statement,” said member Tobin Steinkel.

Halloween fits into the equation, members say because it’s about the only time it is socially acceptable to go door-to-door.

“It is the one night of the year where it’s legally grassroots banging on doors,” explained Schmitz.

Last year, 12 to 15 people participated, but this year Schmitz anticipates far greater attendance. The group will meet on Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Hyde Park Stinker Station. For more information, contact Steinkel at 485-8455.
Parking woes, vetoed legislation and a few extra days to study for finals

The week in student government
by Sean Hayes the Arbiter

Parking Committee faces ASBSU garage boycott if it does not make one floor general permit

The Parking and Transportation Committee met last week and faced sharp criticism by ASBSU President Nate Peterson, and Senators Trevor Irish and Jenni Plewa.

The meeting did bring forth several pieces of good news. The committee is currently working toward eliminating parking restrictions on holidays and days when school is not in session. Secondly, general permit space is expected to be made available near the BSU Children’s Center, to allow parents to spend time after dropping off their children. Third, the $5 Morrison Center parking fee will be waived for student-run performances.

Good news aside, Sen. Irish told the committee that if there was not a satisfactory proposal on the table to rectify the current controversy over the flat-rate pay-as-you-go parking garage policy, which is the same for students and the general public, that ASBSU would initiate a boycott.

The parking committee will hold its next meeting Oct. 80, earlier than originally expected to address the issue.

"There are definitely people on the committee who really care about the students,” said Plewa. “But there are also those who really don’t care.”

Plewa said that those people need to know that students are angry about this issue, and willing to initiate a boycott if at least a portion of the garage is not opened to general permit holders.

In explanation of his veto, Peterson said, “For this bill to warrant passage, purpose and substance must be consistent, necessary and proper steps must be taken with regard to equity, and timeliness must be taken into consideration.”

Peterson also criticized the disparity of the pay raise between President and Vice President, and questioned why some of the cabinet positions he created were not included in the list of increases. He further described the pay increases as “arbitrary and inequitable.”

Calendar committee to offer three “dead days” before finals

After his success with the parking committee, Sen. Trevor Irish was further pleased with a report by Vice President of Student Affairs Peg Blake, updating the Senate on the meetings of the Calendar Committee.

Irish, as well as several others have run on a platform of offering a week free of classes the week before final exams. The Calendar Committee, which by year’s end expects to finalize the academic calendar through 2009, will now offer the Friday, Saturday and Sunday before finals as days free-of-class to study.

ASBSU will also gain an end in enforcing the current dead week policy, which says that tests may not be given the week before finals. Soon, if a professor is found in violation of this policy, students can bring complaints to student government leaders.

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National colleges are wasting away in Margaritaville

New study warns increased binge drinking a growing problem

by Sam Garcia

According to a survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education, alcohol-related arrests on college campuses increased by 24.3 percent in 1998, the biggest jump in seven years. Crime experts and law enforcement officials have attributed this increase to heavier drinking among college students and tougher enforcement coupled with better reporting.

Boise State University’s Campus Safety office reported 90 liquor law violations on campus in 1999. According to the Residential Facilities and Student Housing Rental Properties offense category, 9 out of the 11 total liquor law violations occurred in the Towers Dormitory this year.

Police Captain Dale Burke of the University of Wisconsin-Madison said, “Alcohol abuse is the No.1 problem on every college campus in this country, and I don’t care how big they are or how small they are.”

On the 39,700 student Madison campus, they reported having the highest amount of liquor violations — 792 — out of the 441 four-year colleges surveyed. Meanwhile, Michigan State University, with 42,000 students, ranked second in alcohol arrests with 655.

According to Doug Tuttle, a policy scientist and past public safety director at the University of Delaware, the Harvard School of Public Health released a survey this year that found 25.7 percent of the college student population admitted to frequent binge drinking in 1999. This number is up from 19.8 percent in 1998 and 20.9 percent in 1997.

Frequent binge drinking is defined for women as at least four or more drinks in a row (or for men as five or more), at least three or more times in the past two weeks, for the survey. Particularly this survey included 14,000 students at 119 colleges. Overall, 37 percent of college women and 50 percent of college men qualify as binge drinkers.

So, what exactly qualifies as a drink?

12 oz. of beer is equal to 4oz. of wine and a 1oz. shot of 100 proof distilled alcohol. Generally, this is the amount of alcohol a person can metabolize in one hour, although other factors may effect this process.

Henry Wechsler is a social psychologist and Harvard researcher who led the study. He noted that until the past decade, alcohol abuse was the “little secret” of college campuses.

“Colleges do have traditions where drinking is part of their culture, and that needs to be changed.” Captain Tony Kleibecker of the Michigan State University Police and Burke of the University of Wisconsin said that many alcohol arrests come after football games or special events such as concerts.

It is important to note that alcohol often plays a role in other crimes, particularly sex offenses, said Nancy Schulte, coordinator of drug education services at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. As a result, she said, colleges are beefing up alcohol and drug awareness programs.

They need to be asking themselves, “How am I vulnerable?” she said.

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U of I artist pressed to find minority photos, doctors' photograph

Officials say photo will be removed from web site

by Wyatt Buchanan
Idaho Argonaut

MOSCOW, Idaho - University of Idaho administrators removed an image from the main UI web site Thursday, 10 minutes after the UI Argonaut made inquiries about its authenticity.

The graphic stemmed from a nine-student photograph, originally taken in 1997. An Information and Technology Services graphic artist altered the picture by replacing two students' heads with the heads of a black male and an Asian male.

Graphic artist David Embleton said he made the image because he could not find a picture in the UI photo archives that had students of different races together.

"It is important that we show the diversity in the University of Idaho," Embleton said.

UI President Robert Hoover said superimposing the faces of minority students over the faces of the original students was an exercise in poor judgement, plain and simple.

"I understand it was done in the interest of reflecting our commitment to diversity at the University of Idaho, however, it will never happen again," Hoover said.

Mark Wilcomb, the UI Web services manager, said he could not identify all the students in either image. He said the black male was taken from UI promotional commercials.

The images on the web site are not approved or checked by anyone outside his office before they are published, Wilcomb said. Before seeing the image, Hal Godwin, vice president for student affairs, said he knew of no UI pictures that had ever been doctored to include minority students. After seeing the images, Godwin said he was very surprised.

"To my knowledge, it is not the policy of the university to change images in this way," Godwin said.

Godwin said it was a blunder that would be reversed quickly. ITS replaced the image, which had been posted on the university's external web site for several weeks, with a picture of the Kibbie Dome.

Wildy said the image is not probably not the most ethical thing to do; it seems like they're kind of faking it.

Evey said it was not a big deal, but he said he didn't think it was the smartest move.

"It doesn't show very good professionalism," he said.

UI's web site image alter-

"The African American male definitely looks like he has the same Caucasian neck," Wildy said. "It looks like the neck was darkened and the head was changed."

"I am very disturbed by this."

Wildy said to a degree, cropping, lightening and darkening images are all accepted practices within photography and photojournalism. However, there is a threshold of acceptable straight photography that should not be crossed beyond that, he said.

Wildy said it was the smartest move.

At UW, a picture of a crowd of white students at a football game was altered when the admissions office inserted the head of a black student into the crowd. Officials at the school said they decided to alter the image when they could not find a picture that showed diversity at the university.

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New report shows more women in science

by EvyAnn Neff
the Arbiter

Women have started to break out into new fields of study, and in the past 30 years the gap between the sexes has started to narrow. A National Center for Education Statistics study shows that although they continue to be the underrepresented sex in science and engineering careers, and in higher education programs, they have made significant steps toward filling the gap between the sexes in these areas in recent years.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, "In 1966, women earned 55 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded by U.S. colleges and universities and 47 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded in science and engineering programs."

Over the last two decades women's representation in the science and engineering workforce has also improved. The study shows that in 1996 only a quarter of the science and engineering bachelor's degrees were awarded to women and by 1996 the percentage had nearly doubled. For Master's and Doctorate degrees the percentage tripled in the same time period.

Women have taken many steps toward gender equality recently and the numbers indicate that they will continue to show their talents in science and engineering, which have typically been male-dominated fields.

Educational opportunity linked with social status

Financial woes keep students out of college

by Stephanie Bodden
the Arbiter

According to a new report issued by the Center for the Study of Higher Education, an alarming number of Americans are not enrolled in an institution of higher education. A low socioeconomic status may account for much of the problem, and there are several on-going research efforts to counteract this growing epidemic.

"As educators we must assume responsibility for helping to reverse the cycle of poverty in which poor children are trapped in our society. We do have a choice," the report said.

Socioeconomic status can often be defined based on family income, parental education level, parental occupation, and social status in the community (which generally includes group associations, community's perception of the family, and contacts within the community).

This text spans a broader spectrum than the classifications of yesteryear, where SES referred simply to the amount of income a family has and/or to the social standing of a group in American society. The more extensive the classification of SES, especially of those on the lower end, the more inclined government officials, educators, and educational facilities are to help.

As an ongoing effort, Youth Indicators have been tracking a group of students to determine the progress (if any) they have made since they graduated from high school in 1992. The study published in 1996, found that as of 1994, 11.2 percent of those in the low-level bracket were attending college only. Close to 25 percent were students while working and an overwhelming 51.6 percent worked exclusively, struggling to survive. Race seemed to have no effect, as all ethnic groups had numbers in all three areas within a few points of one another.

As with many issues, socioeconomic effects can be seen in childhood. Those who can afford to do so often begin preparing their children for school early on because they typically have access to a variety of resources to promote and support young children's development. Poor and poverty level children receive little or no health-care, have high levels of lead in their blood (which can lead to irreversible learning disabilities) due to in adequate maternal nutrition while in the womb, and inadequate nutrition during the critical years of brain development.

They exhibit a high incidence of emotional or behavioral problems, limited English skills, inaccessibility to transportation, and are subject to a lack of understanding or knowledge on the educator's part.

"Educators who come from middle- and upper-class backgrounds may not be aware of the class and cultural differences that working class and poor children face in school and they may attribute students' behavior to lack of intelligence, motivation, or self control, according to the report.

As an ideal, the report says that education should be the "key that unlocks the gate between the social classes and helps students along the uphill path out of poverty." The report is available at www.edu.psu.edu/cshc/index.htm.
Handy tips to avoid the flu, for those who haven’t succumbed already

by Susan Thompson
Special to the Arivster

Did you know that the living conditions typical of a college campus are breeding grounds for the flu virus?

Our dormitories and campus classes are very close quarters; some holding up to 350 students in a single room. Something as simple as a sneeze can spread the flu, as well as droplets on doorknobs and desks. The flu season is just around the corner and the flu shot is your best defense. If you have neglected getting a flu shot in the past, my decision was not based on one of the following myths:

Myth #1: If I get the flu shot I will get sick.

Fact: The only type of influenza vaccine that has been licensed in the United States is made from KILLED influenza viruses, which cannot cause infection.

Myth #2: The flu shot is expensive.

Fact: The BSU student insurance plan covers the cost of the flu shot. For students who don’t have insurance the cost is only $8, and it is only $18 if you are faculty or staff at the University. Besides, consider the price of being out of commission during finals, holidays, skiing and snow boarding season.

Myth #3: The flu shot hurts.

Fact: The flu shot hurts not much more than a pinch on the arm, and many people don’t even feel it.

WHERE DO I GET THE FLU SHOT?

You can get your vaccination on campus at the Health and Wellness Center, 2108 University Drive. Watch for a banner outside of the building announcing when the flu shot is available. The Health and Wellness Center phone number is 210-1469.

HOW DO I PREVENT GETTING SICK?

In addition to the flu shot the following “Things You Learned in Kindergarten” will help you avoid contracting the flu, as well as other illnesses:

• Cover your mouth! Use a tissue when sneezing and dispose of the tissue, don’t leave it lying around.
• Wash hands! Frequent hand washing is one of the best methods of prevention.
• Eat your fruits and veggies! It is the best way to get your vitamins.
• Drink plenty of fluids! Dehydration begets fatigue.
• Take a nap! Don’t ignore your requirements for sleep.
• Play with your friends! Exercise, fresh air, breaks and relaxing activities reduce stress and are vital for a healthy immune system.

The staff at the Health and Wellness Center cares about BSU students and wants you healthy and feeling good.


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People

(Just Like) Starting Over

Profile of ‘non-traditional’ student Robin Young

by Lee M. Vander Boegh
the Arivster

Robin Young fits the traditional college student stereotype like leather Isotoners fit O.J. Simpson. As a 25-year old single mother, business owner and full-time student, she seems more qualified to portray a superhero than an undergraduate. Due to Superman’s last-minute cancellation of a few weeks ago, I’ve never until now had the chance to sit down and chat with someone of this stature.

As I pulled up to her Meridian homestead, I couldn’t help but notice the immaculate condition of the outside of her house. Either she spends a great deal of time keeping up appearances with her neighbors or Meridian grass only grows to a whopping inch. The freshly-manicured lawn led to a stained-wood door where Young welcomed me to her castle. With Sting playing in the background and Norton’s Anthology of American Literature within reaching distance, we sat down to a beautiful wood table in a painstakingly clean house to chat about school, life and the importance of proper soda mixing.

I wasn’t sure what to expect from the woman who heads the BSU Writers’ Guild and belongs to Sigma Tau Delta, the honors arm of the English Majors Association. I didn’t even have a lot of questions to ask. I had managed to stumble through a couple of generic inquisitions when her eight-year old daughter, Chloe, came parading through the dining room on her way outside to a group of cousins waiting on a trampoline.

“She’s never been to a day care,” Young pointed out. “She just doesn’t like them.”

As it turns out, the two share continued on pg. 12
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the strongest Mother-daughter bond I've seen since the reconciliation of the Judds. Robin makes every effort to see Chloe off to school in the morning, and to be there for her at night, despite a school schedule that often requires her to be on campus for up to nine hours a day.

Between sips from an "essential" soda cocktail of four parts Coca Cola, one part Diet Coke, the aspiring creative non-fiction writer laid down the skinny in terms of attending school at an older age.

The advantage of going to school later in life is that you know what you want to do," she said.

In fact, she feels confident that upon graduation she'll be able to put her technical communication certificate to use in the job field.

"I just hope it doesn't suck my creativity out," she said.

Still shocked by her amazing juggling act, I asked about advice for people in situations similar to hers. Bashfully, she responded with a strong anti-multitasking message.

"You've got to focus on one thing at a time, get it done, then move on," she said. "You've got to focus on what's important at the time."

She also mentioned that temporarily lowering your standards after careful examination can simplify life enough to accomplish grueling multiple tasks.

Young also attributes her laid back outlook to a daily trip to the gym, a healthy idea that should benefit anyone victim to time crisis, or those with size 78 pants.

Although now she demonstrates a level of determination rivaled only by the likes of Michael Jordan, her lifestyle wasn't always that admirable. She made the "classic mistake" (her words, I swear) of marrying early out of high school; followed by a period of 12-15 years where she "went absolutely nowhere," (again, I just write the stuff). Five years ago, she realized that she wasn't doing anything and decided a lifestyle change was a must, hence the return to school.

Leaving with a sense of awe, I asked how she has made it through these last four years without significant stockpiles of Rogaine. She responded as smoothly as a quick-witted lawyer, "Exercise, a maid, and take-out food."
Alcohol is a contributing factor to many risks that affect one's health. Among them, alcohol poisoning, depression and suicide, alcoholism and sexually transmitted diseases are most prevalent.

Alcohol poisoning: This is a common result of binge drinking. Basically, this happens when one drinks too much too fast and passes out from the overdose. Alcohol poisoning is a medical emergency that requires medical attention. Some symptoms to look for include:

- Will not wake up and does not respond to being shouted at, pinched or poked.
- Slow, abnormal breathing
- Rapid pulse rate or irregular heart rhythm
- Skin feels clammy
- Vomiting in their sleep which can cause them to choke

Depression and suicide: Person has a relationship with alcohol abuse. This is how it works. The toxic effects of alcohol manipulate the brain's neuro-transmitters, which are responsible for judgement and moods. Drinking can plunge you deeper into depression and bring about thoughts of suicide. It can also develop into a continuous cycle of drinking where the more you drink the more depressed you become and feelings of hopelessness, self-reproach, self-pity and social withdrawal ensue.

Alcoholism: The most insidious consequence to abusing alcohol is alcoholism. Alcoholism can be defined as a chronic, progressive disease that causes a person to lose control over his or her drinking. If you're an alcoholic, you may be aware of the negative effects drinking has on your life, but you are unable to stop.

Anyone can develop alcoholism. There is no single factor shared by everyone who abuses alcohol. An alcoholic can belong to any socioeconomic class, age group, profession, ethnic group or gender. Some signs to look for concerning alcoholism:

- Heavy social drinking
- Alcohol interfering with any aspect of your social life—emotional, professional, financial, legal or physical, to name a few.
- Drinking large amounts of alcohol at certain times, such as weekends.
- There is a need to drink alcohol to cope with strong feelings positive or negative.
- You neglect people and events that don't involve alcohol.
- You gulp drinks to feel their effect faster.
- You drive under the influence.

Sexually transmitted diseases: Among one of the highest risks relating to alcohol abuse. Studies show that alcohol abuse is a factor in 90 percent of all STDs. Alcohol contributes to spontaneous, uninhibited behavior. Some people experience an overwhelming sense of confidence when drinking, you see the possibility for action and you react without thinking about anything except the gratification of the moment. Alcohol consumption impairs your judgment and loosens one's sense of social restraint. It may increase your willingness to take certain risks, such as engaging in sexual activity without a condom or having a one-night stand with someone you wouldn't normally think twice about when sober.

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This weekend brings a little The road trip brings a little deja vu to Boise State as BSU has been to both Arkansas and Mexico with a win. On Sept. 16 BSU fell a foot short of sending the game into overtime versus the Razorbacks of Arkansas.

Now for BSU to get past T-minus four they have to beat New Mexico State (2-4, 1-0). The Aggies come off an overtime win against Arkansas State (0-8, 0-3).

The Broncos have beaten the Aggies in all four meetings between the two.

One loss for any team in the Big West conference could mean they will be home watching the Humanitarian Bowl on the television rather than playing on the blue turf.

This weekend proved almost devastating for the Vandals as.

Idaho lost 51-14 to Utah State. With the Idaho loss there are only three Big West teams without conference losses - BSU, Utah State, and New Mexico State. After this coming weekend there will likely only be two teams without a conference loss. Utah State (3-4, 2-0) hosts Arkansas State and should win.

Idaho was thought to be the conditioner with Boise State for the championship, but with the loss to Utah State the front-runner again appears to be the Broncos.

Don't count the Vandals (3-5, 1-1) out though. Idaho has proven it can score with just about anyone in the nation and will look for revenge on Nov. 16 in Bronco Stadium as BSU blasted the Vandals 45-14 last season.

But the Broncos won't be looking ahead as head coach Dirk Koetter won't allow it.

With only four games remaining in the season for the Broncos it is time to look at who the opponent for the Big West champion will be in the H-Bowl. The post-season match-up will be between the Big West champion and the second or third place team from the Western Athletic Conference - the same conference Boise State will be joining next season.

The WAC has an agreement with three bowls. The first is the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Texas Christian (6-0, 5-0) is the leading candidate for that bowl which will play against a Conference USA team.

Second on the bowl list for the WAC is the first year Silicon Valley Bowl in San Jose, Calif. The new bowl game will match up a second place WAC team or the champion if the team is Fresno State, San Jose State, Nevada, or Texas-El Paso. Hawaii has a contract that could land in Boise since San Jose State (4-3, 3-1) or Fresno State (3-5, 2-1) would be the

Bay area favorites to play in the Silicon Valley Classic.

With all that explained Boise State still has four more Saturdays of football to play and if all goes well the Broncos could be playing on a Thursday in December.

T-minus New Mexico State ... Arkansas State ... Utah State ... Idaho ... and we have full booster ignition ... liftoff. The Boise State Broncos are headed for the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl and an exciting trip into the new Millennium.

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Pete's Player of the Game

Red-shirt freshman David Millel came to Boise State from Sacramento, Calif. as a talented two-way player from Natomas High School. Mikell rushed for over 3,000 yards and scored 34 touchdowns. He also had 110 tackles and one interception as a senior on his high school team. Mikell is the fastest Bronco on the team and showed what he is all about Saturday as he ran for 122 yards in 22 carries and 3 TDs.

"Today was just my day," said Mikell. "The O-line was opening up holes and I was just hitting them hard.

Pete's Picks

Idaho lost to Utah State and has to spend two weeks thinking about it as the Vandals have a bye this weekend. Utah State surprised some people with the upset and could be right in the hunt for the H-Bowl until the very end.

Arkansas State will lose to Utah State - North Texas will beat Louisiana-Lafayette - BSU will end New Mexico States hopes for a trip to the Humanitarian Bowl, as the Broncos will win 45-13.
In the hunt for the H-Bowl

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Self-defense Training

Tues, Nov 7th 4-6 pm
SUB Jordan Ballroom
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RSVP Preferred but not required: 426-4259
One out of every two women

Two women’s stories could be any woman’s story

by Carissa Wolf

A cool wind whipped dozens of white T-shirts lined up one next to the other. Stains of ink and bloody paint replaced the white newness. Students passed. Some passed twice, three times. Some returned again and again, holding a water-eyed gaze at the painted memories of love, power and pain.

“It brings what happens to so many women to much more of a reality,” sophomore Randi Duncan said during the last hours of the Clothesline Project display last week.

The reality is that one out of every two women have been, or will be victims of domestic violence. In reality, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to US women aged 15-44. Every fifteen seconds a woman gets beaten. Every day four women are killed by their abusers.

“If you sit and look at one of these shirts, you know it’s from a woman who has been through a lot. You can see the anger and emotion coming out,” Micaela Deloyola said of the eighty-plus T-shirt made by Boise State students and other Boise women who have survived abusive relationships.

“Seeing (the shirts) out in this arena is amazing,” sophomore Felicia Rocks said between fielding questions about domestic abuse as a volunteer for the WCA. “These women are survivors.”

Behind her waved a ripped T-shirt splashed with blood-red paint. It read, “I love my husband.”

Haley Robinson loved her husband. Between sips of soda at a 24-hour café, Robinson remembers when night blurred into day and she was a woman her current friends would have to strain to recognize.

“He said, ‘you’re beautiful’ and that’s all it took. One word. And the only time he said it was when I first met him. I followed him for five years because he called me beautiful.”

She never mentions his name. “He” is just a he. “I don’t like using his name.”

Haley twists a silver wedding ring around her finger. The first ring — the ring from the man that restrained and sodomized her in the hospital and stole her freedom is long dead. This ring, represents something different — a new life, independence, safety and the ability to trust again.

“When I first got into this relationship, I was very naïve...so when he said a man can do whatever he wants in a marriage, I believed him.”

Haley’s new partner, Sam looks at the table and ceiling. He’s heard the story before. The story explains his relationship with Haley. As Haley describes the man she fell in love with when she was just a teenager, Sam listens again.

Haley and her abusive husband began the relationship as normal “horny teenagers.” But the abuse slowly crept in. “He once said, ‘You have such a light that shines in you. I want nothing more than to extinguish it.’ He couldn’t stand any light in me, any goodness.”

Haley, now 26, remembers living in a dark house five years ago. In a speed-high paranoia, “He” boarded the windows against the outside light. Abuse came in the day and the night, but she never knew which was which. She remembers lying in bed high on amphetamines a lot. She remembers being woken from sleep and forced into violent sex with the husband she hadn’t seen for days. She remembers her resistance ignored. She remembers the taunts, the emotions, the badness, and the blood. How she ended up in the hospital seems less clear.

“Some things are fuzzy, some are so clear, like a fresh wound.”

Lani Shands weaves her way through the tables at a coffee shop. She greets people. She stops to talk to a friend. The friend remembers trying to hide Lani from an abusive partner. Lani remembers the day it would have been impossible to linger in public or leisurely talk with friends without risking her safety. Lani also remembers the long process that lead to her choking in a bathtub like it was yesterday.

“It came really slow and kept pushing me down into this little hole — and I didn’t see that.”

He was so charming when she first met him. He would shower her with attention. He would tell her he didn’t want her to leave. He always asked if she missed him. He said she didn’t need friends when she had him. “They make you feel like you’re so important and special.”

The two fell in love, had a kid. Then it slowly crept in, first with words.

“I was getting pushed down further and further emotionally, and my self-esteem was getting pushed down more and more all the time. When the abuse really started, I just kept thinking if I could be good enough or if I could take his pain away, maybe he’ll change. Or maybe he’s just going through a phase. He didn’t really mean it.”

In the clearest detail, Haley remembers the night she was restrained and sodomized. It wasn’t the first time he raped her. It wasn’t the first time his words hurt. She couldn’t remember when it happened, if it was day or night. It was always dark. He awoke her from her sleep. She was always sleeping.

When it was over, he threw her into the shower. Streams of blood swirled with water down the drain. Wet and bloody she sat silent.
People have asked Lani why she didn't leave. "They don't understand. There are so many reasons why women don't leave."

Lani speaks with a wisdom beyond her 29 years. Her wisdom tells her it's never a woman's fault she's in an abusive relationship. Her wisdom says it's not her fault she couldn't leave.

"I had no skills. I had nothing. I had no money. I had no family. I didn't want to go back to them - they weren't supportive." I had nowhere to go. The worse the abuse got, the worse I felt about myself.

Lani was scared, ashamed, embarrassed. She wanted the perfect family. She thought she could fix things. She thought if anyone knew about the abuse, she would lose her son.

"He would get my paycheck and he would leave. Then I wouldn't see him for a few days." Haley cannot talk about "Him" or the abuse with out talking about money. She loved him, trusted him. She wanted to be his partner, to share her life with him. For Haley, sharing finances was just part of being married.

Her sharing was slowly replaced by his controlling, until her paycheck became his drug money and ramen noodles were all that was left to eat. As her money went up his nose, she kept hearing, "If you leave, no one else will want you."

Lani was gagging in the bathtub when her two-year-old son wailed in, "He just started screaming. Then something snapped." Before the toddler's eyes, his father was trying to kill his mother. He held Lani's face under cold water and a knife to her throat. "He wanted to kill me. He knew that I wanted to leave him."

He withdrew the knife to the sound of her son's screams. "When I saw the look in my son's eyes, that was enough."

"It finally dawned on me that I didn't need someone there and I could do this by myself. It also dawned on me that if he weren't in the picture, I would have more money."

A series of "kicks" helped wake Haley up. She had no friends at the time. "I was embarrassed of him. I didn't want him and my friends to meet." Eventually, "the friends I had fell off the face of the earth."

After four days alone in the hospital, Haley knew the man who said he was the only one who would want her, did not want her. "He didn't care if I lived or died."

How Haley ended up in the hospital is still a little fuzzy, but she knew it came in a series of kicks. The kicks ended. A series of medical treatments, hours of surgery and days on pain medication ensued. The scars are numerous - across her belly, inside her memory, among the emotions with her new husband.

Haley asked her abuser to come for her when it was over. "He said, 'I can't. The cops are here.'"

"I thought being in the hospital, being hurt, he would come to me." She didn't. Haley's worst fear had come true. She established an apartment in a converted garage in Nampa. She let the light shine in and grew plants. The apartment came to symbolize what she stood for and what she achieved.

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"I feel a lot older than 26. I feel about 46. I feel like I've lived two lives. I am a survivor."

Some women have been changed to protect the person's safety.

If you or someone you know is in a violent domestic situation, help can be obtained from these organizations:

Battered Women's Center (WCA) 343-7025

Valle County Crisis Center (Nampa) 467-4130

BSU Women's Center 426-4259

"Haley had to secretly claim what was hers. She put the apartment in her name. She dropped his name from the car title. She kicked him out and kept the sawed-off shotgun. I finally said, 'No. This is it. I will have a paycheck. I will have a life. I will be by myself and I will be better off.'"

Haley said goodbye and started from scratch. When her abuser tried to get back into her life after she left him, "I'd answer the door with the shotgun."

While she lived in the dark house, she would look at magazines and say, "I'm going to have that. I'm going to have a house and a dog. I would look at my current situation and my dreams and think, 'wow, the two do not match up.'"

Haley regained her ambitions and slowly found her dreams. She established an apartment in a converted garage in Nampa. She let the light shine in and grew plants. The apartment came to symbolize what she stood for and what she achieved.

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Why Doesn’t She Leave?

by Lauri J. Owen
Special to the Arbiter

When I speak to others about domestic violence, the most common question I hear is, “Well, why doesn’t she just leave?” But it’s not really a question. It’s more of a judgment.

The United States has the highest rates of domestic violence, rape and spousal murder in the industrialized world. The latest statistics show that half of women you know have been, or will be, the victims of domestic violence at some time during their lives. That’s about the same as the divorce rate, and it’s similar to the percentage of females who will experience some form of sexual violence during their lives. It’s quite staggering, really, to learn that domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to U.S. women aged 15-44.

Is that their fault?

In this so-called land of opportunity, many of us have never paused to question the popular idea that individual strength and determination are the keys to personal success, happiness and safety. This way of thinking about the world encourages us to blame each other, and ourselves, if we don’t succeed, are unhappy and when we’re not safe. It doesn’t make provisions for circumstances that we don’t know how to control.

Is that realistic?

I consider myself a sort of expert on the subject of domestic violence. For a total of seventeen years, over half of my life, I lived in violent domestic relationships. They didn’t start off violently. Not all at once. It was only after I loved them, after we lived in the same household, that our arguments began ending violently. But violence cycles, you see. We had good days and good weeks; it wasn’t anything like the portrayals shown on television. We weren’t like that. That’s part of the glue that holds victims in their abusive homes. They feel ashamed, weak, and ever more alone. I learned later that batterers systematically alienate victims from the people who might help them. They undermine the victim’s trust in themselves, and then in others. They do it on purpose; maybe it’s because of their own fear and shame. Our culture helps them feel justified. From TV, the radio, magazines and the movies we’re all inundated with portrayals of anorexic, hungry, “beautiful” and very weak women. I already knew I took up too much space. And I learned that I was responsible for the success of my domestic relationships. From our media, many women learn that the vast majority of rapists are never convicted. Most know that Idaho legislators hesitate, and even refuse, to pass legislation against hate-motivated violence. It’s pretty clear that our lawmakers shrug off victims’ issues unless they’re not minorities, not women, and not lesbians/gays (who, too, are feminized). But, status aside, I was ashamed because I did argue and complain sometimes. Because I didn’t always do the very best I knew how to do, I knew that I contributed to their anger. So, even though I felt conflicted, and even though I knew that I didn’t deserve to be hurt, I felt ashamed of my situation, and I hid it. I painted over the bruises and distorted my face with a smile.

You don’t have to tell these esoteric women that if they leave their batterers, they face a 75% greater chance of being murdered by those men than the women who stay. They know.

And they know that there really aren’t any comprehensive community resources available for abused women and children if they do summon the courage to leave. In this country, there are three times as many shelters for animals than those for battered women and their children. The precious few shelters we have are short-term, strictly ordained, and as many of us know, getting out of the shelter means finding a job that pays enough to support yourself and your children. And trying to find that job is no easy feat when you’re struggling with Stockholm Syndrome and your psyche shows remarkable similarities to that of a POW’s. I think that once we’ve really thought about it, we’ll find ourselves asking, “How does she leave?” I learned to break the cycle, but I was lucky. I went to college. I learned about the cycles of violence, about the cognitive and emotional damage that victims suffer and that half of my sisters across this country have, or will, share my experience. I learned that it isn’t my fault. But it’s not over. When I became aware, I grew angry: Angry at the superficial portrayals of women in general, and of battered women and their victimizers. I am furious with the media, the government and the community for failing to educate and to provide resources for us all. And so, it seemed, it was up to me, in coalition with the women and men who do know, and do care, to educate our neighbors and ensure that our voices are carried into this community, and to the next. It’s been said that the surest way for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing. That’s why SAGE, BSU’s Student Advocates for Gender Equality, sponsored a Violence Against Women rally on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000. 60 or so people turned out in support. But we all must show support. We have to educate ourselves. Next, we must validate victims and help them understand that it’s not their fault. We have to tell them, and all the people we know, that no one ever deserves to be hurt. We must press our legislators and communities to increase funding, legislation and infrastructural support for victims. We must not stop screaming until violence is no longer a threat to any American citizen. Half of all the women you know have, or will, be victims of domestic violence at some time during their lives. Those women are your grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins, teachers and friends. They are everywhere. I am a sort of expert, but so are half of the women in this country. It might seem silly to suggest that a beaten woman “had it coming” because she didn’t leave, but that’s exactly what we’re doing when we ask why she didn’t.

Instead, let’s pose other questions: Why doesn’t he stop, and why in the world aren’t we helping them?

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Call of the Rally
by Leslie Owen
The Arbiter

On Sunday, Oct. 15, Boise joined several major U.S. cities and over 155 other countries in harking a global call to speak out on violence against women.

A little sick at heart over the Lynn Henneman tragedy, and a lot angry at a culture where women suffer at the hands of violence every day of their lives, BSU’s very own Student Advocates for Gender Equality (SAGE) spent an intense week organizing the Women’s World Rally 2000.

Drafting and distributing fliers, writing press releases and chants; compiling facts sheets; creating signs and noise-makers; organizing the Women’s World Rally 2000.

The number of rally attendees didn’t really faze me. Call it Idaho conservatism, call it lack of corporate sponsorship, but I’ve found that progressive functions don’t exactly garner the same attention and appreciation as your average “Seexiest Bachelor in America” airing. Still, my interviewer made me ponder just how many of our community members aren’t aware of the pervasiveness of violence in our culture.

Our second speaker, Sue, for example, told us how she finally escaped her savage ex-husband, only to find herself penniless, homeless and rejected by an overcrowded and impatient shelter. She spent a subsequent year on the streets, battling every moment of every day to keep her hair clean and her face shaven. By not providing her with shelter when she asked and food when she begged, our community committed a profound violence against her and her children as brutal as any beating she received from her ex-husband.

Cherljen, the third speaker, discussed the frequent practice of institutionalizing impoverished and disabled women simply to report abuse by their partners. She told us all about those disabled women whom housing authorities and community leaders rejected because they sullied the neighborhood’s image. Do you want to be the one to tell these institutionalized and publicly humiliated women that are lucky to have escaped their abusers? Me neither.

The final speaker shared her experiences with lesbian-bashing and homophobia and challenged us to get off our derrieres and fight to add sexual-orientation-motivated violence to the list of hate crimes in Idaho. Could this happen here? If so, what can be done to prevent it? I asked her.

I spoke on the body hatred and the women I’ve come to know and love. I’m also a gorgeous woman and I’ve told the people of our community have failed to properly educate them on the true, expansive definition of “violence.” Once these women and men understand that no woman, man or child is ever, escapes the clutches of violent acts, attitudes or imagery. I’m confident they’ll turn off the tube and do something about it, hugging their local feminist.

Now that the scales have fallen from your eyes, I have good news. Remember how you couldn’t make it to the Women’s World Rally 2000? As it so happens, SAGE and Idaho Women’s Network have teamed up to bring you Take Back the Night, a march and rally that protests more obvious and recognized forms of violence against women. We’ll keep you posted.

What can we say? We’re committed to thumbling our noses at that reporter and proving that everyone has an interest and a stake in eliminating violence against women.

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White supremacists infiltrate Arbiter with miraculously well-composed press release

by Sean Hayes the Arbiter

This summer, walking across the Friendship Bridge I noticed a series of fluorescent orange and green stickers littering the rails and lampposts and extending all the way to the library. I thought at first it must be an ad for a punk rock show, but the truth turned out to be considerably less groovy.

The National Alliance bills itself as the "United States' premier White nationalist organization," and has declared an all-out propaganda assault on the city of Boise, which began Sept. 22, to "educate" students about the dangers of sex with black men.

The stickers, as well as a flyer distributed by the group, focus on statistics (I'll go on the basis that they're genuine) taken out of context from the Centers for Disease Control, which cite African American men as being 14 times more likely to be HIV positive than white men.

Rather than drawing the logical conclusion that perhaps more education and campaigns could help to solve the problem, the group's flyer reads, "Don't have sex with blacks. Avoid AIDS."

I have struggled as news editor whether or not, or how to give coverage to the problem of racist or bigoted propaganda on campus. On the one hand, I'm offering the group free publicity. On the other, here is an issue that deeply resonates in the state of Idaho. It should, however, be noted that the National Alliance lists its headquarters as West Virginia.

The group sent along with their media release profiles of four of its members: an Arkansas business professor, a housewife and mother, a firefighter and an Ohio State University student.

The housewife, Brandi Hesse of Hope, Mich., explains her rationale for joining the Alliance: "I joined the National Alliance because I want my children to grow up in a clean, healthy, White world, where they won't be a minority. I want them to go to White schools and live in a White community. I want them to have White values, not TV values."

The college student similarly feels that what is taught at universities is "dangerous and destructive." "I want to be on the side of truth," he said.

Which dangerous lies and TV truths they are referring to is made explicit in their propaganda. The group's literature blasts the "egalitarian and 'multicultural' propaganda from Hollywood, Washington and New York." The group also laments the loss of "cultural moorings" of white Americans and Europeans. It says that "no multi-racial society is a healthy society."

While groups like these may have some influence because some whites for one reason or another claim a loss of white culture, the group is not really suggesting that whites look to their ancestors and learn more about their national origins. The group is suggesting that because their heritage is Anglo-Saxon, they are better than everyone else and should have greater access to social privilege.

Ayn Rand wrote one of the best essays I've read about the origins of racism, included in her anthology The Virtue of Selfishness. Of course, Rand thought that the individual held all the answers and the public collective was inherently evil. Quoting Rand is not something egalitarian progressives want to do. But in this case, I agree with her.

The problem she said, in a nutshell, is that jackasses, knowing deep inside they are such, must link themselves with some special group in order to feel better. Therefore, these groups have a great influence on people whose lives are going nowhere by encouraging them to imagine that they are special-ly inclined by their very birth.

When I first encountered the group's literature, I intended to write a satirical piece about an entitled, "National group pitches in to beautify Friendship Bridge with colorful sticklers." But of course, the problem is heinous, far-reaching and bigger than life. It doesn't lend itself to humor.

Column off base

Meghan Marchetti's article about the deaf theater's production of "Peer Gynt" was fine, but her six-paragraph introduction, insulting Boise theater, is way off base. She says that the theater in this town "reebles the ego-inflated avant-gardist crap that Phil Atlikson cranks out." I can attest that Phil Atlikson is the biggest attacker of avant-gard theater that this town will ever see. Has Megan actually seen any plays Phil has been involved in, or is she solely referring to his movie, "Not This Part of the World?" If she ever goes to a BSU Theatre Department play, she'll most likely witness Phil's work in some capacity. In fact, Phil is the set designer for "Twelfth Night," which she is so excited to see. No wait, she's looking forward to a CLEVER production. I can't think of anything I'd rather NOT see in the theater. People trying to be clever. Oh yeah, and the best theater she's seen in this town was done by four guys who got drunk and came up with three hours of sketches that rip on everyone who doesn't hang out at the Neurolux. I know each one of the "Chinese Tunnels" guys personally, and their stuff was funny, but they've personally been involved in better theater here in Boise.

Get someone to write about theater that has some concept of what it's about.

Theatre Arts Major and "Twelfth Night" cast member
Scott Huntsman

Bush does not agree with Christians

When asked if he supported universal health care, George W. Bush stated that the uninsured already have "access" to health care at the emergency sections of public hospitals. So if an uninsured sick person lives 100 miles from a public hospital according to Mr. Bush, she constitutes "access" to health care.

This is an uncaring, selfish and un-Christian-like statement from a person seeking the highest political office in America clearly shows that Mr. Bush is an elitist. He believes that "access" to health care should be a privilege and not a right, while all other advanced industrialized countries treat it as a right.

Now, what about Mr. Bush's "access" to health care. Well, Texas' taxpayers pay for 100 percent of his excellent health insurance that includes a prescription drug benefit, and he has "access" to many doctors of his choice.

No person seeking the presidency should ever support treating the unfortunate 42.5 million uninsured Americas this way, 10 million of whom are helpless little poor children.

I challenge Mr. Bush to visit the emergency sections of any major public hospital in America so he can see for himself what "access" really means to America's uninsured. These unfortunate Americans are forced to obtain their health care from overworked doctors who know little or nothing about their medical histories, while many times having to wait for many hours because they cannot get appointments as Mr. Bush can.

Mr. Bush's views on what constitutes "access" to health care for the uninsured should disqualify him from being qualified for the office of the presidency.

These American Christians summed up this health care issue as follows, and I believe Jesus Christ would agree with them: "Healthcare is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity, and there is an obligation for society to realize this right," Cardinal Joseph Bernard, and, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane," Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Bush does not agree with these Christians, but Al Gore does.

Milton A. Braun

Lane Dallas, Texas
Mainstream media, politics impedes democratic process

**Green candidate captures attention of disillusioned, socially conscious**

*by Stuart Bryson*

**Special to The Arbiter**

In Madison Square Garden, 15,000 cheering fans greet the presidential candidate. Looking over the crowd, Pearl Jam’s Eddie Vedder states, “This is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen.” No, this is not a Republican campaign dinner—it is a Ralph Nader rally. And it is a far cry from the stiff posturing of Gore and Bush on a nationally televised debate, and the subsequent, equally painful, analysis and dissection of personality and presentation. After the debates between Gore and Bush on a nationally observed point. Democracy responds to hands-on participation. And to energized imagination. That’s its essence. We need the young people of America to move into leadership positions to shape their future as part of this campaign for a just society.”

Many voters who have come of age since the last election are behind Nader, as well as many who did not vote in the 1996 election for lack of a candidate they felt represented them. Many former Democrats are voting for the Greens because of the Democrats’ shift right, and the party’s abandonment of working-class and union supporters. While some criticize Nader as a “spoiler” and fear that he will swing the election to Bush, the debates have caused many to recognize the fact that Gore and Bush are more alike than different, and that by voting for Nader they are making a far more significant statement than by voting for Gore. As filmmaker Michael Moore put it, “(If you vote for) the lesser of two evils, you still end up with evil. You don’t make a decision because of fear: you make it on your hopes, your dreams, your aspirations...Follow your conscience. Do the right thing.”

Since being denied the right to participate in the presidential debates by the Commission on Presidential Debates, Ralph Nader and his running mate Winona LaDuke have been treated like lepers by the political machinery and the mainstream media. While Nader has managed to get on a few talk shows and has had a “Saturday Night Live” appearance, his campaign has not been addressed with seriousness by most television stations and newspapers. When Nader was barred from even attending the first round of debates, with ticket in hand, major news agencies hardly noticed. The short story was on page 5A of the Idaho Statesman. Not only has Nader been virtually ignored, so have the hundreds of protesters at the presidential debates. However, independent media websites and publications tell a different story, closely following Nader’s exclusion from the debates, his “super rallies” drawing tens of thousands of supporters (rallies for the Democrat and Republican candidates only draw hundreds), and his formal suit of resistance against the CPD for excluding him from debating and from even observing the debates.

Democrats and Republicans are afraid of the issues third party candidates like Nader want addressed. More than ever we need innovative solutions to our environmental, education, race, foreign policy labor and environmental issues. Nader’s views, because they serve the interests of the people first and corporations second, are unpopular with Bush and Gore as well as the mainstream media and the large corporations that endorse them. 

*Corporations were designed to be our servants, not our masters,* Nader said. “We’re going backwards, while the rich are becoming super rich.”

Gore and Bush both ostensibly agree with one another, but disagree with Nader, on all of these major issues. Ironically, all three candidates agree on the need for campaign finance reform—but huge amounts of corporate support, along with bipartisan politics, is what has kept Gore and Bush rolling in the cash and media support—and has in part kept Nader excluded from the political mainstream. The situation is once they have used a system they have publicly denounced as corrupt to get elected to office, either Bush or Gore will implement a plan to reform it. Meanwhile, Nader and LaDuke are actively practicing campaign policies they believe are more ethical, by not accepting “PAC money” or “soft money,” but instead relying on individual contributions.

“We’re very frugal,” Nader said. “We know how to get more out of a campaign dollar than Bush and Gore. We don’t have fancy political consultants or other paraphernalia. And we’ve got volunteers all over the country.”

Critics hardly question Nader’s integrity or his capability to run the country. He has worked hard for years as a consumer advocate, and has helped pass a slough of important legislation that holds corporations accountable in areas like automobile safety and environmental responsibility. This history of putting people before profits, along with his humble lifestyle, his lack of personal or corporate interest in the presidential campaign, and his Harvard education, make him just as qualified to be the next president as either Bush or Gore.

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**Nader’s political, economic and social views include:**

**Reducing military spending and intervention in foreign affairs.**

**Implementing a universal health care program.**

**Promoting plans to benefit the middle and working classes while limiting public subsidies and tax breaks for large corporations.**

**Ending the death penalty.**

**Implementing a higher minimum wage.**

**Rallying the opposition against potential trade to put human, labor and environmental rights before corporate profits.**

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photo by: Stuart Bryson the Arbiter
Nader's running mate, Winona LaDuke, is a Native American who lives on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota. She is a leader in the environmental movement and an advocate for Native American issues. Also a Harvard graduate, LaDuke has published several books and was recognized in 1994 by Time magazine as "one of America's 50 most promising leaders under 40 years of age." Together, these two are an experienced, highly qualified team.

Nader (and other independent candidates like Pat Buchanan) fell short of the 15 percent support they needed in major polls to participate in the presidential debates. Critics have raised strong objections to the 15 percent threshold, questioning the methods used to measure and average the popularity rate. Critics also question the fact that the CPD, headed by the former chairs of the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee, is a bipartisan rather than a nonpartisan organization, and cannot be expected to be fair to third party and independent candidates.

The CPD's criteria leave very little opportunity for candidates who have not had media coverage enough to develop a campaign. Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader have filed lawsuits over their exclusion. They claim that the 15 percent policy leaves little margin at all for candidates who might raise their popularity in the debates, and who would certainly bring up issues that many people would like addressed, but that neither Gore or Bush will discuss. Both of these things happened in the 1992 race with independent candidate H. Ross Perot. Although Perot did not win the election, he certainly influenced the debates and the issues discussed by Republican and Democratic candidates. Many think that Nader could make the same type of contribution in the 2000 bid for the presidency. In recent polls, the majority of voters said that they would like to see Nader included in the debates, yet news coverage makes light of this fact, treating the election as though the only two choices are Bush and Gore.

Nader is suing not only the CPD and its co-chairmen for its unfair practices, but also a "security consultant" and a state police sergeant for not allowing him to watch the debates in Boston.

"Barring him access to this allegedly public forum, and using State Troopers to do it, was a violation of his civil liberties under Massachusetts law and the Constitution," said Elizabeth Wasson, a Boise Green Party organizer. Not only was Nader kept from "inspecting the debates; he was also prevented from participating in a subsequent, nationally televised Fox interview. Nader was selectively denied access again during the third and final debates on Oct. 17th in St. Louis.

Even though many feel the current presidential debates are a farce and an insult to democracy, citizens protesting the flaws in the system are treated with disdain. The mainstream media is afraid of the same reasons that the mainstream candidates are, and when they are forced to address the Green Party campaign, they do it in a way that is belittling and dismissive. It is evident that most reporters are lackeys to their corporate masters first, and journalists second. It is also evident that they are afraid of Ralph Nader. The same corporations that fund political in the United States fund the military, industry—and the advertising that keeps major media sources in business.

It is certainly not in the interest of large corporations, media or otherwise, to acknowledge that a powerful grassroots democratic movement is sweeping the nation. It is obvious that the media is in collusion with the corporate interests that own the Republicans and Democrats, because they own the media as well," says LSU English professor Louis Simon.

"It is not at all in their interest to turn Ralph Nader into a target. They fear that he would do it in one day."
THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW at Spontaneous Productions is a must

Boise Theatre is first to get performance rights

by Nicole Sharp

The Rocky Horror Picture Show was brought back and started on its way to the cult world. The audience grew when the show returned. Audiences started dressing up and talking to the screen, inserting comments. The charm for Rocky fans is the chance to react together, to get involved. By 1977, props were introduced, and eventually fans who lived for the Friday and Saturday night shows, started rushing the stage dressed as their favorite characters and re-enacting scenes.

The show is part parody, part homage to science fiction moves, Marvel Comics, and even old Frankie Avalon/Annette Funicello movies. It wasn't meant to be a brilliant, life-changing movie, but when you get involved with it, when you start dressing up, when you start bringing your own props...it can change you just a bit.

Spontaneous Productions, a local acting group in Boise, has been given the world community theater rights to premiere of The Rocky Horror Show on stage, just as it first was per-

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Guitarist and Flutist give classes and concert at Boise State

Arbiter staff

Guitarist Paul Grove and flutist Rhonda Bradetich will present a concert and master classes on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Morrison Center.

Bradetich will lead a flute master class from 10 a.m.-noon in Room C217 of the Morrison Center. Grove will lead a guitar master class from 1-5 p.m. in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. Both artists will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrison Center Recital Hall.

The concert will begin with a solo performance by Grove, then continue with Bradetich and Grove playing as a duo. These guest artists are sponsored by the Boise State University Guitar Society and music department.

Grove, who earned a doctorate in Russian music from the University of Arizona, has won awards in numerous national and international competitions, including the prestigious Guitar Foundation of America competition. He performs frequently and teaches guitar at Gonzaga University and Whitworth College, both in Spokane, Wash.

Bradetich, an Idaho native, was featured on the recently released compact disc recording, "Reflections." She has toured throughout the Northwest and Canada. Her numerous appearances have included the PBS television show "Palouse Performances," the Idaho Governor's Awards in the Arts, and performances as principal flutist with the North Idaho Symphony. The master classes are free. Tickets for the evening concert are $5 general admission and $3 for seniors, students and Boise State faculty and staff. For information, call 486-5980 or 426-1507.
Water closets of the world unite
You have nothing to lose but your chains
by Mona Morrison

This article is strictly for women, because I have a secret to share, Freud might be right! I do have penis envy — although certainly not for the reasons he supposed. No, my envy stems from the plumbing freedom that guys’ external faucets impart. But here, I’m getting ahead of myself. Let me tell you the whole story.

I am lucky to have friends who love to eat and drink as much as I do, and last October, during a typical bacchanal, someone suggested that all of us sybarites splurge and plan a trip to Italy. One thing led to another, and we booked a tenth-century palazzo in the Chianti region of Italy that was large enough for a troop of monkeys. Two weeks ago, sixteen of us took off for ten days of decadent communal living.

It was the inventive European plumbing encountered on this trip that provoked my envy. Even before leaving the States, I saw the most amazing thing in the Chicago airport, the restroom stall sported a little box on the wall with instructions to wave your hand in front of it, so I did. Lo and behold, a motor whirred softly, and a clean toilet seat wrapper marched around the seat surface! Magic! I tried it again, tapping my foot to the rhythm, before sitting on my freshly shrouded throne. I want this for my home! Little did I know, this was the tip of the iceberg in innovative commodes.

I have heard that Americans are hung up on their privacy demands, and I plead guilty. For example, have you experienced air turbulence at 40,000 feet while perched on a cold tin can over the Atlantic? I was praying the burly guy waiting wouldn’t come crashing in during a bad bump. Plus, I worried about the landing place of the frozen chunks the plane would be soon releasing into the world. I’ve heard horror stories of things killing horses in Des Moines, but had I inadvertently killed a whale? I’ll never know.

Once in Paris, I noticed that all the restrooms have bidets, as well as the “normal” style of plumbing fixture. I acknowledge being culturally limited, but I couldn’t bring myself to use bidets in the restaurants. What if I slipped, and had to walk back to my table with a soaking-wet backside? How gauche!

One restaurant was particularly nice because in lieu of paper towels, there was a stack of neatly folded hand towels, and a hamper to toss them delicately into when finished. Pass the escargot, my dainty fingers were ready! One group member named Rich flew in through London, and only his quick thinking saved a fellow traveler from an attack commode. Rich had just finished using the pay-toilet which required a couple of pence, and was exiting the metal cubicle, when a young fellow who apparently wanted to save the coin barged into Rich’s stall before the door had a chance to close. Trouble was, this toilet was set on an automatic deluge clean cycle, so every time the door opened (which Rich had done) and then closed, gallons of water showered from the ceiling in pitch blackness. Rich heard terrified screaming and pounding from the hapless traveler, so he popped a coin into the stall, thereby releasing the door latch. Out sprang the faucets, whirring and looking like a drowned rat. (Moral of the story: pay as you go!)

Italy presented new vistas too, plumbing-wise. For starters, our ancient villa’s communal bathrooms sported water closets whose tanks were mounted on the ceiling. Torrents of gravity-powered water, enough to scrub a wine vat, came crashing down with the pull of a rope. I couldn’t help but remember the little Tidy Bowl man who used to prowl inside television toilets on his raft, scrub-

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Boise Towne Square Mall next to Dillards
PirkQlaters keep SKA alive
by Jim Towell

Remember ska? The horn-laden dance music that reached the height of its popularity a couple years ago with the likes of Reel Big Fish, Goldfinger, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and countless others? Do you remember the days when you wouldn't leave the house without your suspenders and checkered underwear? Well, some people haven't had the decency to put those days behind them, and are trying to keep ska alive, or at least undead. Two of these people are members of local ska (with metal overtones) band, the PirkQlaters, and this is a conversation with them. Some parts have been edited due to their unsavory nature.

JT: Oh, what are your names?
Ryan: I'm Ryan Sampson.
Justin: I'm Justin (Andrews).
JT: What are your sexual preferences?

RS: I like candlelight dinners, hairy backs, and nice walks on the beach.
JA: I like Sampson.
JT: What instruments do you play?
RS: I am lead singer and lead...well, actually, guitar player.
JA: Saxophone, vocals
JT: How long have the PirkQlaters been playing?
RS: The PirkQlaters have been a band, officially, since July of 1999, officially from our first show.
JA: About a year and a half.
JT: Describe the PirkQlaters' sound.
RS: Huh huh. The PirkQlaters' sound? Originally it was kind of bubble-gum with horns, and it's slowly but surely turning into metal with horns. We still like to keep our roots to ska music. We started out as a ska band, we'll always be a ska band.
JA: I think collectively altogether we've tried to keep everything to the ska roots, but experiment with other things, like playing some hardcore, playing some really dub reggae shit, trying to cover a pretty wide spectrum to please ourselves musically.
RS: Cause if we're playing something that we don't like, why would we want to do it in the first place?
JT: What does 'PirkQlaters' mean to you?
RS: Um, it's not really the Descendents' form of PirkQlaters, which is the monster cup of coffee. I don't really know what PirkQlaters means to me. I found an old 60's PirkQlater in my Volkswagen, and that named the band.
JT: What do you think of the Flame? (Local club)
RS: Ohhh...I knew you were going to ask that. I uh...nothing against the people that work at the Flame, but they need a sound man. And sorry we can't be Christian. Well, I guess we can, but we just choose not to be.
JT: What's the most disgusting thing the band has ever done?
RS: The most disgusting thing the band has ever done?
RS: The most disgusting thing the band has ever done?
JA: We (censored) each other's (censored).
RS: Hey, get out of here!
JT: Yeah, no ex-members allowed.

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binging as he went. Mr. Tidy Bowl could never have lived through those tsunamis.

The shower in the palazzo consisted of a metal shower head that came straight out of the wall, and pointed to the middle of the floor. There was a set of folding doors that you had to close so that you could pull around you, to sort of corral the water, but basically you just stood out in the freezing room (there was no heat) and got wet.

The tubs had hidden dangers of their own from their twisty hand-held water wands. Spike was sitting on the comode, and in the interests of saving time, placed thewand in the tub and turned on the hot water to fill the tub while he was otherwise occupied. This water was really hot, though, and as it got hotter it made the cord more flexible. The cord came alive, and started whirling around the tub, poking its head above the rim like a cobra, spewing venomous vapors of steam over the entire room. All he could do was sit and watch helplessly until he was free enough to leap up, jerk the toilet pull-chain, and sprint to turn off the hot water. In his anxiety, he pulled too hard, and the pull-chain broke. Worse yet, as he plunged his hand in to retrieve the water wand, he burnt himself.

Things were more exotic in San Gimignano, an ancient walled city that advertises its Torture Museum. I walked into the co-ed restroom, which blessedly had stall doors clear to the floor. After waiting my turn and paying 1,000 lire, I opened the door to see—a hole in the floor! I have a bad back, and wasn't sure I could navigate this. No Italians were grumbling, however, so pride made me pretend holes were a lovely idea. (Why, I might just remodel my home, replace toilets with holes, and surprise my guests, maybe painting posies on the sides.)

Another place had a weird porcelain semi-throne that was rimless, and obviously never meant to be perched upon, but by that point all this posterior positioning had turned my leg muscles to iron. Even washtub-basins were fun: my favorite design had separate foot pedals for hot and cold water. I was good at those, once I quit looking for the clutch.

This brings me back to my first paragraph; plumbing devices were designed for people who stand upright to relieve themselves (Guess who?) So, if any of you hear of an invention that allows women to remain vertical and sanitary, please let me know. I'd love to resume sneering at Freud.

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Bookstore, Tablerock plan Halloween activities
by Katie Moore
Special to the Arbiter

Since the spirit of Halloween is right around the corner, various departments and organizations on campus are showing their ghostly spirits for the first holiday of the 2000-01 school year.

The bookstore will be hosting a "haunted story hour" for children from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. The story hour will take place in the newly decorated kids' corner of the bookstore, said Jan Johns, general book buyer for the BSU Bookstore.

Afterward, there will be a costume contest and games for the children and "a dark maze leading to 'glow bowling' in the recreation center," said Samantha Wall, Director of SPB.

On Monday, Oct. 30, children of students, faculty, and staff ages 1-12 can visit a haunted house in Chaffee Hall from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. The children are also welcome to go to Towers Hall for a night of trick-or-treating, starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

On Halloween Day, "students may visit the ghoulish creations of the Roadkill Cafe' (Tablerock Cafe')," said Robert Herr, Residential Dining Director of Fine Host. They will be serving "on the mainline, Transylvanian Oysters, Brain Souffle, Franky Fingers, Bat Wings, Fried Maggots, and Cheesed Cat Brains. Notions will feature Halloween cookies and Pumpkin Pie," he added. We want to "create excitement for students and faculty for this Halloween season," said Herr.

Fine Host will also host "The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest in Tablerock from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31," said Michelle Gearrey, Marketing Coordinator for Fine Host.

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Matchbox Twenty at the Idaho Center Shows Growth

by Nicole Sharp

I think concerts are better up in the front, sardined between sweaty fans. The excitement and anticipation there is catchy. I was up front last Wednesday night when Matchbox Twenty came to the Idaho Center.

I let the anticipation wash over me as Shelby Lynn warmed up the crowd. Shelby Lynn is a woman with soul whose voice just rings, like Bonnie Raitt's with a Janis Joplin edge to it.

Finally the lights dimmed. Everyone around me started to scream and jump, and just as suddenly, Matchbox Twenty lit up the stage with the downbeat of "Bent." The guy next to me thrust his fist in the air and screamed, "Rob Thomas, you rock!"

What I like best about concerts is being among the fans, the smile you can't hold back, the sound from the band so loud you can't hear yourself cheer, and the bass so defiant it resonates in your chest.

Matchbox Twenty, the Orlando-originated band, released their first record in 1996. And now four years later, they have sold more than a million copies of "Yourself or Someone Like You," their first album. They have an impressive list of awards.

But how can a band put out only one album and four years later not have become one of those "where are they now" stories? They do it by keeping themselves in the limelight.

Matchbox Twenty was never far from award shows, MTV, VH1, and TV shows. In 1999 when the band was taking a break from the road and in the studio recording their new album, "Mad Season," Rob Thomas's collaboration with Santana resulted in the song "Smooth." This song was the link the band needed to keep their name in the spotlight.

The "Mad Season" tour brought Matchbox Twenty to the Idaho Center. To date, the band has basically been touring since the release of their first album. And now with the release of their second album, it seems they plan to follow the same path as before.

Their new songs from Mad Season show how much the band has matured. Live, Matchbox Twenty conveys a power and expressiveness that seeps into the souls of their fans and will continue to keep them on the charts.

Treasure Valley Public Access Television finds new home.

Facility is available to anyone for television production

Arbiter staff

Following more than three years of hard work, public access television is a big step closer to reality for the Treasure Valley.

Treasure Valley Public Access Television (TVTV) has just signed a contract on a new site, which will house a community media center and broadcasting facility. TVTV Board Chairman and BSU Communications professor Peter Lutze is excited about the new facility.

"Almost everything has been on hold until we were able to finalize a site," explains Lutze. "Now that we have a site, we can schedule an on-air date as well as training classes and we can start shooting programs."

TVTV is a volunteer-based, non-profit cable television station formed to encourage community involvement by letting ordinary viewers become television producers. TVTV has the support of the faculty of the Communication, Sociology and History departments.

Presently TVTV plans to go on the air in December 2000. TVTV will be cablecast on AT&T cable channel 11 throughout the Treasure Valley.

The 2,700 sq. foot media center will be home to everything aspiring TV producers need to get their visions onto the airwaves. The site plans include a large studio for talk shows and other programs, editing suites and an equipment checkout room. The building will also feature a meeting room and a playback facility to connect to AT&T cable.

"Located at 6225 Overland Rd., 3/4 of a mile east of Edwards Cinemas in Boise, the TVTV building is easily accessible via the Cole Rd./Overland Rd./1-84 interchange from virtually anywhere in the valley."

For more information call (208) 348-1100 or visit the TVTV website at www.tvptv.org.

Information is also available through e-mail correspondence at info@tvptv.org.

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formed over 65 years ago. This is the first time the rights have been released to a community theater in the US.

Spontaneous Productions' group of actors are unpaid and do what they do simply because they love to act. Everything about Spontaneous productions is homemade. The lighting is all old track lighting, the sound system consists of speakers bought at the thrift store, and the rented theater is an old beauty parlor.

However homemade the production is, the cast did an extremely impressive job. The actors are better for their love of the play, and they have just the right amount of heart to make it wonderful. The role of Frank-N-Furter is played by Kirk Bradley. Bradley did an extraordinary job. Having acted since the age of ten, he understood that Tim Curry developed a character that must be copied right down to the last pearl around his neck, and Bradley carried it off with flying colors.

The Rocky Horror Show at Spontaneous Productions is a definite must if you and me want it before Halloween. (October 31 being the last show.) Take friends who know what's going on, or just go with a large group of people. Audience participation is greatly encouraged, but if you don't know what to take, they sell Rocky Horror Virgin Packets at the door. They include all the props you'll need. Tickets can be bought at the Record Exchange, or at the door. For ticket price information, directions, and times call 208-868-0405.
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Campus Clubs

The Scottish-American Society is a non-profit, community oriented group dedicated to promoting awareness, and celebration of Scottish and other Celtic heritages. Call 331-5675 for more information, or for the times and locations of upcoming meetings.

The Idaho Progressive Student Alliance would like to announce a general meeting November 1st at 5:30 P.M., to be held in the Chief Joseph Room of the Student Union Building.

Club announcements we'd like to see...

(For entertainment purposes only... Duh!)

The Oliver North Fan Club will be meeting soon. However, they don't recall the time or place of the meeting, and claim to have no knowledge of the purpose behind it.

The Arbiter Fan Club will be meeting on Oct. 24th in a broom closet of the Women's Center basement. The only known member is expected to attend and will also be speaking (incoherently).
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