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Ruckus Society, direct action hit campus

National group held non-violence workshop

by Stuart Bryson the Arbiter

With a name like "Ruckus," you might expect chaos, but the national organization is actually dedicated to the principles of non-violence. Trainers from the Ruckus Society, like Lynne Stone, are dedicated to educating activists in environmental and human rights organizations to use civil disobedience and direct action as a means of achieving social change.

"If your goal is to make yourself feel better, then do something violent, but I am not on that page," Stone said.

Stone and fellow trainer Jennifer Krill held a five-hour workshop for local activists on non-violence and civil disobedience in the Lookout Room, Saturday Oct. 21. About 15 members of different groups attended the workshop, which focused on diffusing aggression and working as a group during protests or other types of "direct action" that bring protesters face to face with police and potentially angry citizens.

Stone has been organizing activists since she was 10 years old when she protested the destruction of her Lexington, Mass. elementary school to build condominiums. She has worked for the Ruckus Society since 1998. In the past 18 years Lynn has been involved in all sorts of environmental, human rights and civil rights organizing including the preservation of ancient forests, opposing apartheid, and anti-whaling issues with groups ranging from Physicians for Social Responsibility to the Sea Shepherd.

Stone's experience in Nicaragua during the Contra War solidified her resolve to work within the United States for change.

"As I have been hoping for a long time, there is a burgeoning movement that is addressing corporate and global injustice," said Stone.

She sees direct citizen action as an integral part of instituting social change and educating the public.

Local activists attending the non-violence training included Idaho Progressive Student Alliance member Amanda Rich. She believes that trainings of this type are necessary to prevent conflicts between protesters and the police, such as occurred downtown Boise on Sept. 26. At that event, 17 were arrested protesting the policies of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. While she agrees that police may have overreacted during the protest, Rich believes the protesters could stand for some training.

Rich sees the role of non-violent protest as an essential part of promoting social change. She says that sometimes the truth takes awhile to get out, and sometimes protesters are not given credit until history shows that they were right.

"No one today would say that Martin Luther King was a radical idiot, but lots of people said that in the 60's," she said.

Dialogue on Race series to promote reconciliation

by Stuart Bryson the Arbiter

BSU's Multi-Ethnic Center is sponsoring a Dialogue on Race Week from Oct. 8 through Nov. 2. The four-day event is a part of the U.S. Department of Education's initiative to promote racial reconciliation and dialogue, "Many Paths, One Journey: Building One America."

Multi-Ethnic Center coordinator Tam Dinh says the main goal of the event is to raise understanding about diversity.

"A lot of students on campus are not aware there is a race issue," she said. "Race relations is a sensitive topic that many do not want to bring up, however it is a very real problem in our community."

According to Dinh, a recent survey by Channel Seven, the Idaho Statesman, and Idaho Public Television indicates that four out of 10 Idahoans do not want their neighborhoods to be ethnically diverse.

Dinh, who has worked in Seattle on similar issues, is concerned about Idaho's future. She sees the mission of the Multi-Ethnic Center as being primarily educational, and says that only education will help prevent the racial divisions that have occurred in many urban areas.

She claims that diversity not only includes ethnicity, but also gender, sexual orientation and life experience, as well as appreciating different ideas, methods and ways of thinking.

"That's what makes America so great," she said.

The event uses a variety of media that organizers hope will foster dialogue about race issues among students, faculty, staff and administrators. These include:

Oct. 30-Picket signs with diversity facts posted throughout campus are intended to encourage passers-by to stop and think about diversity issues.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2—Local and regional speakers will talk on diversity issues to people who gather in the Quad. Speakers include Martin Orr (Oct. 31), Dennis Smartt (Nov. 1) and Sam Byrd (Nov. 2).

Oct. 30—November 2: A 'Potato Foll' in the Quad and in the Student Union will serve as a visual representation of discriminatory acts that occur on campus.

Students write about discrimination they have experienced and then put a potato in a bin to represent the hurtful act. The potatoes will be donated to the Idaho Food Bank.

Nov. 2—A roundtable meeting identifies and examines institutionalized racism on campus.

Campus Briefs

Expert on student behavior to speak Nov. 8

Gerald Amada, a nationally recognized expert on student misconduct in the classroom and on campus, will make two presentations/workshops for faculty and student in the Special Events Center. He will present "Coping With the Disruptive College Student" from 9-11 a.m. and "Coping With Misconduct in the Classroom" from 2-4 p.m.

A retired professor of psychology from City College of San Francisco, Amada has written more than 30 articles and reviews on the subjects of mental health and psychology. He helped found the City College of San Francisco mental health program and his books on college student behavior are standard texts in the field.

Admission is free and faculty and staff are welcome to either or both sessions. Two additional workshops will be offered during the spring semester. The first will bring together Boise State professionals in a workshop on the student code of conduct, disciplinary judicial procedures and the services available to assist students. The second workshop will explore the role of advising and instruction in creating a climate of respect on campus. Dates and locations to be announced.

For additional information, contact Kent Neely, extension 1414, or Blaine Edick, extension 1585.

Safety seminars on campus heighten crime awareness

by J. Patrick Kelly Special to The Arbiter

The Ada County Sheriff's office will give a safety seminar on Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. It is sponsored by the Boise State Women's Center, and co-sponsored by Delta Beta Nu and BGLAD. The event is open to both women and men.

The seminar will offer street-smart tips, the proper use of Mace and pepper sprays, and what students and faculty should do in an emergency situation.

The Cop Shop, a local store that specializes in self-defense and police related merchandise contributes to the seminars by giving away free whistles. Sheriff's deputy Britton Stuart leads the seminars.

"These whistles are very high pitched and loud, a great deterrent," Stuart said.

The seminars also offer instruction on how to properly discharge pepper sprays.

"It's amazing how a little Mace can go a long way in preventing an attack. And when purchasing Mace and pepper spray it's important to buy a high quality brand with a safety guard," Stuart added.

Pre-registration is required, but not required. For more information, call 426-4299.

Publication board seeks student representation

The Publication Board is seeking five students to fill empty seats. Currently only one of the six student representative seats is filled. The Publication Board, which meets once a month, provides financial oversight for Boise State University's student newspaper, the Arbiter. In the spring, the board selects the editor-in-chief for the upcoming academic year.

For information, contact Peter Wollheim at 426-8582.
**On campus**

**BSU Counseling Center can relieve anxiety**

by Roxanne Nichols  
*Special to the Arbiter*

Is school driving you crazy? Do you need someone to talk to? You can go to the Counseling and Testing Center to get help.

The Counseling and Testing Center is available to any enrolled student, said Dr. Jim Nicholson, the director of the center. All counseling is free, but testing may cost, he said.

Senior staff members who are either licensed psychologists or counselors provide counseling. There are four counseling graduate students who also work in the center, Nicholson said. None of them prescribe medication, but the center works closely with the Student Health Center, he said.

Students can schedule unlimited appointments, based on the student’s need and arrangements made with the professional involved, he said. Appointments usually last 50 minutes.

The Counseling and Testing Center is located on the sixth floor of the Education Building. It is open on Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Rock the Vote offers alternatives**

*Third party candidates to meet students*

by Sean Hayes  
*the Arbiter*

This afternoon, students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from the many third party candidates currently on the ballot in Idaho. Some third parties competing for the vote are the Greens, the Libertarians, the Natural Law Party and the Reform Party.

“We’re trying to offer students an alternative way to be involved in politics outside the mainstream,” said ASBSU President Nate Peterson.

ASBSU Lobbyist Brook Smith will sponsor the event. Peterson suggested it as a means to arouse student curiosity by dressing ASBSU Senators as former presidents and offering students photo opportunities.

The ‘Alternative Rock the Vote’ will be held today from 11:30 a.m. to about 4 p.m.

This event comes on the heels of last week’s Students Vote 2000, sponsored by the College Democrats and College Republicans.

The rally was able to host the following candidates for local election: Linda Pall for Congress, and state legislative candidates George Klein, district 15, Ward Hower and Lee Carey, district 15, David Sneddon, district 15 and Linda Emery, district 17.

Representatives for, but not the congressional candidates themselves, Butch Otter and Mike Simpson, also were in attendance.

College Republicans member and ASBSU Senator Brad Saito addressed the ASBSU Senate over his dissatisfaction with the turnout of Republican candidates for office. Saito said that the Republican Party billed itself as a “party of youth.”

“When it came time for them to put their money where their mouth was,” Saito said, “They put it in some other orifice.”

Saito said he will maintain his involvement with College Republicans nonetheless.

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**TICKETS ARE FREE TO ALL FULL-TIME BSU STUDENTS. CALL 4-BOISE-ST FOR INFORMATION!**

Go Broncos!
Community service is a requirement for athletes as part of the C.H.A.M.P.S. program: Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success. C.H.A.M.P.S. was created by the NCAA to support the student development initiatives of its member institutions and to enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience within the university setting.

Each student-athlete is expected to do no less than 10-15 hours of community service per semester. "It doesn't only help the kids; it also promotes growth in the student-athletes and gives them confidence that they can do more than sports," said Fred Goode, senior academic adviser for athletics. "It helps people be more involved in the community and the university."

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The athletes act as anti-drug role models for the children because they have a year-round presence as the athletic seasons change," Goode said. "We can show them that if they take care of their education, work hard in their sport, and stay away from alcohol and drugs then they, too, can be successful.

Red Ribbon Week ended Saturday at Boise Towne Square. Athletes were there from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. handing out D.A.R.E badges, red ribbons and M.A.D.D. stickers. When Goode was asked to be involved he decided to include Boise State's student athletes in the effort. "It doesn't only help the kids; it also promotes growth in the student-athletes and gives them confidence that they can do more than sports," he said. "It helps people be more involved in the community and the university."

Questions? Contact Thy Hua at 510-273-0171 or email thhyua@cns.gov

A week of educational awareness designed to elicit dialogue between students, staff, faculty, and administrators on campus.
Low voter turnout at U.S. elections

Voter turnout in the United States is one of the lowest in the world. The figures below are from the latest election as of early 1995. "PR" refers to a having a form of proportional representation. "District" refers to use of winner-take-all, single-seat districts electing one representative. "Mixed" refers to a mix of systems.

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* 50% by single-seat, plurality election
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Source: The Almanac of European Politics (Congressional Quarterly, 1995)
League of Women voters lead citizens in political participation

by Judy Kim
The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - Carrie Chapman Catt, a Ripon, Wis., native, reorganized the national suffrage movement and suggested the organization of the League of Women Voters to inform the 20 million new voters created by women's suffrage.

"Carrie Chapman Catt was the founder of the League, one of the key women in the suffrage movement in passing the 19th Amendment," said Beverly Speer, office manager of the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

"Wisconsin played a huge part in the suffrage movement because Catt was from Wisconsin and started the league," Speer said. "Around 15 states (had) passed the amendment already, but Wisconsin was known to be the first state to sign and ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution."

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization that encourages participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy, was founded by members of the National Women's Suffrage Association at their last convention in 1920.

Eighty years after its founding, the league continues to build on its activist roots, espousing beliefs that both men and women should play a critical role in advocacy, said Kathy Johnson, president of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. League members are still encouraged to be political by educating citizens about government and lobbying for social reform legislation.

"Our vision is to inform the public and ourselves about governmental issues and qualifications about candidates so the public can make up their own minds when election time comes," Johnson said. "We're reaching people in new ways. Anyone can click on Dnet (Web site) from grassroots.com to find information on the candidates, local and national."

Dnet provides candidate statements on a variety of issues. The league sends out questionnaires to all candidates registered for each office, and the responses are published verbatim for public review, Speer said.

After 80 years of informing the public, the league is celebrating its anniversary this year with a special exhibit at the Madison Public Library, 201 W. Millin St., about women who played a part in the suffrage movement titled "Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers 1900-1980."

"We encourage people who don't know much about women's influences to go see it," Johnson said.

But the league also stays busy during non-election times.

"Election is pretty year-round, like this year, where we have two spring and two fall elections," Johnson said. "During the other times, we have more speakers and issue meetings. We also get ready for the next election by working with naturalized citizens. We educate them on how to vote and use the system. We try to influence the citizens in their role for democracy."

However, there are still citizens who are not doing their part for the community.

"We don't have enough people participating," said Virginia Sapiro, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Less than half of the men and women in the U.S. vote."

To improve participation, the league also registers voters and holds public forums and statewide meetings that pertain to county and state issues and relationships. Johnson said it takes positions and influences legislation throughout the year, advocating topics that its members care about — like family issues, reproductive rights and land use.

"One of our key issues is, and will be, campaign finance reform. It's the key issue for the national league as well," Johnson said.

Although the members of the leagues are predominantly female, a few are males, who are generally spouses of women members.

"There are probably 5 percent or less male members, but it's still growing," Johnson said.

"We wanted to change our name to the League of Voters to accommodate for the male members, but we didn't want anybody else to take our name."

Anybody is welcome to join the League of Women Voters, Johnson said. Because it's a volunteer organization, an individual would just have to join and pay dues, which are $50 per year for the Dane County and Wisconsin league branches.

Once someone joins, he or she becomes a member of all three levels — local, state and national.

The league especially welcomes young and diverse groups of people to join, which Speer says is a problem for the league.

"Diversifying our membership is one of our efforts," Speer said. "It is made up of predominantly white, middle-class females."

Tara Domine is currently the only UW-Madison student volunteering with the league. Domine, a junior, said she discovered the league's link on her political science Web site her freshman year. The link sparked her interest, leading her to volunteer for three months that year. Now she works part time at the league's office.

"It's not feminist, and that's what I liked about it," Domine said. "I think people sometimes have the wrong impression on what the league is about. They think it's a feminist organization, but it's different. People should come here and look at the issues we work on. We do so many great things. A lot of people turn to the league for good information about debates and the candidates."

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Politics try their hand at converting disillusioned youth

by Sarah Roberts

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Statistics may show trends of apathy among young people, but Rob Sanjabi revels in bucking that stereotype. Sanjabi, 16, was one of more than 300 students from area high schools and community colleges who gathered on campus to meet with politicians and explore the political system.

His event, one of more than 300, was part of Youth Government Day, an annual event held in Illinois and other states to encourage students to participate in the political process.

Sanjabi, who is co-president of the Student Government Association at the University of Illinois at Springfield, said he wanted to help students get involved in government.

"We are all moving together in this world, and you should think about your potential role in public policy," Durbin said. "We change the world because we open doors and get ideas out there. You have a chance at them, and the whole world could change the right way."
ASBSU: It’s not just for frat guys anymore

Why students should care about their student government

by Sean Hayes

There is not a day I don’t hear somebody on campus complaining about this or that policy, sometimes rationally and sometimes off-the-wall irrationally.

At the heart of the matter are many honest faults with Boise State University. Why is it necessary to enforce parking restrictions at 3 a.m. on Christmas? Why can’t you walk across the grass without losing your shoe in a foot of mud?

BSU is controlled by committees; the Parking and Transportation Committee decides on parking, the Calendar Committee decides when spring break will be held. And they all send their recommendations on to BSU President Charles Ruch. Ruch, in turn, is at the mercy of the State Board of Education. If you wonder why you can’t get a beer at a campus event, look no further than the State Board. The speck on the bottom of the ladder is you, gentle reader.

We, as students paying the fees that helps keep this university afloat, do have some power. For one thing, ordinary students may sit on all committees. Secondly, student senators are elected to represent student interests on committees.

Currently, some of those senators have slipped into office with less than 10 votes. I’m not kidding, 10 measly votes.

Reporting on ASBSU, sitting through every single meeting of the Senate, for about a year—I’ve learned the power structure at the University, and how little impact students really have in that system.

I’ve never met a senator, or any ASBSU official, whom I got the distinct impression did not care about students. The problem is, most students don’t care about them or about the inner workings of the University. And that is the reason your fees increase and you can not find a parking spot.

Of the 16,000 students at BSU, less than 10 percent voted in the last ASBSU executive election. In unopposed races, senators won with two to five votes. It seems that not only do BSU students not care to do anything themselves, they also can not be bothered to spend one minute voting for someone who is motivated to do something.

The BSU ennui has also affected its student government. Nine applications have been turned in this year to fill eight vacant seats. That means the five Senators left over from last November’s election or who have since been appointed stand almost no chance of being defeated.

It’s a wonder Senators are as committed as they are, they could spend their meetings playing miniature golf and ordering pizzas with student fees, and if I did not report it in The Arbiter, 98 percent of BSU students would never know about it.

If BSU can be seen as a microcosm of the world at large, it is depressing to think about how mass laziness and flakyness screws us all over. As Ruch said in a roundtable discussion last month, not voting does not stop the political machine.

For those interested in being a part of ASBSU and/or the committees that control students’ lives, contact the ASBSU secretary at 426-1440. Elections will be held Nov. 8 and 9.

Sean Hayes can be reached at shayes@arbitermail.com

Self-defense Training

Tues, Nov 7th 4-6 pm
SUB Jordan Ballroom

Hosted by Ada County Sheriff’s Dept.
Sponsored by ASBSU and the Women’s Center
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LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

NOV. 1
Donald Asher, nationally known speaker, will talk on how to get into the graduate school of your choice at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the Engineering-Technology Building. Sponsored by Graduate Admissions and the Career Center. Call 426-3903.

NOV. 2
Literature for Lunch, WCA, 770 W. Washington St. 12:10-1 p.m. Topic: "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy. Free. Sponsored by Boise State English department. Call 426-1179, 426-1233 or send e-mail to cmartin@boisestate.edu or jwjdmyer@boisestate.edu.

NOV. 3
College Democrats will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dialogue on Race will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vedic Philosophical & Cultural Club will have a booth open in the SUB from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alternative Vote 2000 will be held in the SUB from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. IPSA General Meeting will be having meetings in the SUB from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Kappa Sigma will be holding a meeting in the SUB from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Delta Beta Nu will be holding a meeting in the SUB from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Kappa Sigma Pledge will be holding a meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

NOV. 6
ASBSU Executive Meeting will be holding a meeting in the SUB from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. College Bowl will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. College Democrats will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Self-Defense will have a booth open in the SUB from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

STUDENT CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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STUDENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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Political Forum will be holding classes, workshops and seminars in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

NOV. 2
Mid Service Training will be holding classes, workshops and seminars in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NOV. 6
Elementary Education will be holding classes, workshops and seminars in the SUB from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Debate will be held in the SUB from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

NOV. 1
Treasure Valley Concert Band, Meridian Middle School. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

NOV. 2
Student trumpet recital, Greg Cox, Lindsey Hobalt, Justin Smolichger. Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

NOV. 4
"Sean Lake," Morrison Center Main Hall. 8 p.m. Presented by Ballet Idaho. Tickets: $15-$35. Call 426-1110.

NOV. 5
David Saunders, horn, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 4 p.m. Faculty Artist Series performance presented by Boise State music department. Tickets: $8 adults, $3 seniors and free to students and Boise State faculty and staff. Call 426-3980.

NOV. 6
STUDENT RADIO will be having a special event in the SUB from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

STUDENT UNION MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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ASBSU Elections will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. LDSSA will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NOV. 6
College Bowl will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Nine students campaign for eight seats in ASBSU Senate

Elections to be held Nov. 8 and 9

by Sean Hayes, the Arbiter

Though dozens of election packets were picked up by interested students, only nine followed through to the end in pursuit of the eight ASBSU Senate positions.

Among those running is incumbent Senator Brad Saito, a political science/biology major from Weiser who has served in ASBSU since last November's election. His priorities include supporting expansion for the Multiethnic and Women's Centers, expanding recycling programs, initiating a commitment toward recycling, the issue has also made it to Francisco Pedraza and Brooke Baldwin's candidate platforms.

Pedraza, also elected to Senate last November, calls for institutionalizing a recycling program at Boise State. His platform also calls for a means of publishing teacher evaluations, sponsoring community activism, and promoting a student-run book buy back system. ASBSU President Nate Peterson recently hired a coordinator for a book exchange program. If successful could spell the end of $90 textbooks.

"If you try to get rid of the parties, if you try to get rid of all that fun stuff, you're not going to get anybody, but we really need to make more of a concerted effort to push in that direction. That's what I mean by strengthening the Greek system." - Leonardson

He also advocates having a "rowdy section" at football games, or a special reserved section for students to be close to the action and "go crazy and not annoy others around you."

Brooke Baldwin, a political science major from Idaho Falls, appointed to Senate earlier this semester now hopes to win her seat this election. Her platform, similar to Saito's, includes recycling and expansion of the Multiethnic and Women's Centers. The platform also includes adding more women's sports.

"They must do more to reach gender equity." She also says she will not use student fees to increase her pay. A recent bill that would have raised ASBSU salaries was vetoed by President Peterson last month. The issue has also made it to the platform of Brad Christensen, a candidate vying for his first term in Senate.

"I see no need for a raise in pay for ASBSU officers," Christensen said, "$19 times five could be used more effectively elsewhere."

$19 is the amount Senate pay will go up if Senate overrides the veto.

The Sophomore Communication/English major from Idaho Falls also lists recycling, encouraging participation in athletic clubs, finding parking alternatives and publishing teacher evaluations as main concerns.

"Oftentimes the evaluation done at the (end of the) semester is too late for students who've already thrashed their GPA," he said. "I move that we do something about it."

Jordan Kowallis, a political science major from Soda Springs appointed to the Senate...
earlier this semester, lists safety as a big concern. "I don't think that everything is being done with what we currently have," she said, adding that increased patrols and lighting would help alleviate some of the issue.

Her other platforms include adding more bike racks, more change machines and better promotion of student activities. "So many time at Boise State I haven't known about things that I would have liked to attend," she said. She suggests Senate take an active role in making students and faculty aware of campus events.

Entertainment is also a priority for communication/journalism major Lee VanderBoegh whose brother Matt currently sits on Senate. "We have all these activities and so people will show up out of a campus of 15,000," VanderBoegh said. "Even at the football games the student section is the smallest of the bunch it seems like."

He says event planners should explore the kind of activities that students want on campus and gear programs to their demand. "Even if we have a great program set up if it's not to the liking of the population as a whole it's not going to work out too well," he said.

His main platforms include increasing student involvement and hosting more on-campus entertainment. He also wants to represent concerns of those living in residence halls and promote safety awareness.

Thomas Tureman, an exchange student from Germany is making his first effort to run for election. The criminal justice major's priorities are to work to lessen high student fees and textbook prices. "I have a very big problem with the high book prices," Tureman said. "You buy a book for $50, $60 and get $5 back on it."

Tureman also wants to work to better health insurance coverage for students struggling in low-wage jobs. "You have to raise healthy students because your future relies on these kids," he said.

SEEKING TO BOOST NON-TRADITIONAL student involvement in ASBSU is Jim Sherman, an English/education major who graduated high school in Midvale in 1975. Sherman, could not be reached by press time, but lists his concerns as steep textbook prices, financial aid dilemmas, non-traditional student issues and the old standby parking. "The students and teachers need more parking," his platform states.

Any registered student is eligible to vote. The elections will be held on Nov. 8 and 9. Poll stations will be posted around the entire campus.

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History holds true as Broncos win another nail biter in Las Cruces

LAS CRUCES, NM – A three-yard scoring pass from Bart Hendricks to wide receiver Lou Fanucchi provided Boise State with a narrow 34-31 victory over New Mexico State on Saturday night, in a game which featured plenty of drama and an impressive fourth quarter for the Broncos.

After giving up consecutive touchdowns to the Aggies in the third quarter, and trailing 31-27 heading into the fourth period, Boise State's offense chewed up nearly 11 minutes of the final period clock, while the Bronco defense was successful in holding NMSU on its only possession of the fourth quarter.

Boise State's game winning drive actually started after a missed Dario Aguiniga field goal, and New Mexico State holding the momentum after turning a 27-17 early third quarter deficit into a 31-27 fourth quarter lead. But, the Broncos turned that momentum around thanks to a 14-play, 77-yard drive that ended up being the deciding factor in a tremendous Big West Conference football game.

On the game winning drive, Sophomore tailback Brock Forsey rushed for 36 yards, while Bart Hendricks completed passes to three different Bronco receivers. Hendricks also converted a key third down play from the New Mexico State 35-yard line with a five yard run, with Forsey converting a fourth and one from the NMSU 21-yard line with a powerful pitch run. The lengthy drive ended with Hendricks finding Fanucchi as he ran through the middle of the end zone and cleared uncovered to complete the three-yard scoring play.

"We seem to run that play a lot down there in the end zone," said Hendricks of the final scoring pass, his seventh touchdown throw of the season to the Aggies. "It's a great route versus any coverage, and Lou just happened to get open there."

Although the Bronco defense gave up 317 yards rushing and 31 points to the Aggies, the group came up with the big stop after Hendricks and company regained the lead with just over eight minutes to play in the game.

New Mexico State returned the ensuing kickoff back to mid-field, but moved just 15 yards in six plays before being faced with a fourth and seven situation from the Bronco 38 yard line. Rather than go for the first down, NMSU head coach Tony Samuel elected to kick and attempt to pin the Broncos deep. But, the punt rolled into the end zone for a touchback, and New Mexico State never saw the ball again.

Three first downs and 10 play later, Boise State had worked the final 4:57 off the clock and celebrated by taking a knee on the final three plays of the game. Hendricks and Fanucchi hooked up again to help seal the game, on a deep 41-yard pass and catch that moved the ball from the Bronco 21-yard line to the NMSU 9-yard line and picking up the first first down of the drive. Hendricks would also complete a clutch 15-yard pass to Jay Swillie on a third and nine, while Forsey sealed the game with a three-yard gain on a third and one play with 1:25 to play.

"I really did think we were going to find a way to win," said Boise State head coach Dirk Koetter, as his Bronco team improved to 6-2 on the season and 3-0 in Big West play. "This is a huge win for our team. It keeps us on track, and I'm just very proud of our guys. There were so many plays that could have gone either way, and we were fortunately able to make the bigger plays down the stretch."

Hendricks ended the game completing 25-of-36 passes for 375 yards and three touchdowns, just three yards shy of a career high. Fanucchi, Putzier and Swillie combined for 17 of those receptions, including 116 receiving yards by Fanucchi and 109 yards by Swillie. Putzier nearly made it a 100 yard hat trick, finishing with 96 receiving yards. Combined with Brock Forsey's 106 rushing yards, and Boise State rolled up 541 yards of total offense for the fourth time this season and scored at least 30 points in the 14th straight game.

But, it was New Mexico State that controlled the game early. Behind its inside power running and outside option attack, New Mexico State jumped out to an early 7-0 lead just three minutes into the game. Boise State scored just three points in the first quarter, before adjusting to an aggressive NMSU defensive front.

In the second quarter, the Broncos scored on three of four possessions, including a four-yard touchdown run by Hendricks and a 10-yard screen pass from Hendricks to Forsey for another touchdown. It led to a 20-7 Bronco lead at halftime.

The lead that was extended to ten points early in the third quarter as Hendricks hooked up with Swillie on a perfectly thrown 27-yard out pattern at the front of the end zone. Boise State looked well in control of the game at that point, but New Mexico State answered with touchdown drives on the next two possessions, setting up the drama of the fourth quarter and the Bronco come from behind win.

Compiled by Pete Erlendson from wire reports
Contact Pete at Pete@arbiter-mail.com

Pete's Picks

The Vandals return to action after a bye last weekend. Idaho will face North Texas, the same team Boise State dismantled two weekends ago. Idaho will need this game to gear up for New Mexico State the following week as the Vandals cannot lose again if they hope to go to the Humanitarian Bowl.

Idaho will beat North Texas – New Mexico State will knock off conference undefeated Utah State in the Aggies versus Aggies match up – The Broncos travel to Arkansas State and will crush the Indians 51-7.

North Texas (0-2) and Arkansas State (0-3) are out of the running for the H-Bowl. Idaho (1-1) and New Mexico State (1-1) both have one conference loss and would need both BSU and Utah State to lose. The Broncos (2-0) and Utah State (3-0) are undefeated in conference play and are in the drivers seat.

If BSU and Utah State are undefeated when they meet up in Bronco Stadium on Nov. 11, the winner will be headed to the Humanitarian Bowl.
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In the hunt for the H-Bowl

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Letters to the Editor

The Free Mark Lankford

**I am a friend and supporter of Mark Henry Lankford, a man being held in the State of Idaho, in solitary confinement since October 1983. Mark has been sentenced to death for crimes that were committed and confessed by his younger brother, Bryan S. Lankford. Bryan was also in death row, but was moved and given a lesser sentence. Mark remains there, fighting for his life and the fairness that every human deserves.**

The State of Idaho made a deal with Bryan in 1988, that he would not get the death sentence if he testified against his own brother. The prosecutor lied to the jury and court, saying there was no such deal, but in 1995, The Idaho Supreme Court ruled that there was indeed such a deal. However, they did not apply this ruling to Mark’s case, only to Bryan’s, making it seem, for all practical purposes, that it is legal in Idaho to lie to a jury with the judge’s knowledge that one is lying.

The prosecution committed perjury, obstruction of justice and conducted a malicious prosecution against Mark Lankford. There has been no punishment for these illegal acts, for Mark remains on death row, subjected to living conditions that violate the UN’s Minimum Standards of Confinement! This cannot be allowed to continue, it must be stopped! Mark is innocent!

I ask you to assist in this fight for freedom and fairness. You can write to Mark, his attorneys or your government, to ask that they get involved. Get educated on this travesty of justice. You can find out more by visiting Mark’s web sites on the Internet:

- [http://hjem.get2net.dk/micrash/free/mark.html](http://hjem.get2net.dk/micrash/free/mark.html)
- [http://www.ban-found.u-net.com/camp247.htm](http://www.ban-found.u-net.com/camp247.htm)

Please understand that all the Arbiter’s opinions are just as abhorrent as the murderer’s. However, if you do not agree with me, I ask you to assist in this fight. Your UNRECOGNIZED degree, premeditated murder on Mark Lankford! You may contact Mark at:

- Mark Henry Lankford  
  C-Block #80489  
  PO Box 51  
  Boise, ID 83707-0051  
  USA

Yours sincerely,  
Jennifer Pfeifer

Rape is no joke

I would just like to express my opinion of the woman who faked her sexual assault on the Greenbelt Saturday. This kind of behavior is a disgrace to women and a detriment to our society. Women who use “rape” cries for attention, media exposure, or any non-assault reasons are just as ahorrent as the man who commit rape. Her single action will make the next REAL victim’s experience even worse. The next victim will have a difficult time getting people to help her, getting believed, and getting the prompt response that is needed for these cases.

Rape is not a nebulous, fleeting entity; the aftershocks continue throughout your life and affect every aspect of your life. These tendrils don’t last for 15 minutes like fame and then you go on with your life as if nothing happened. Anyone who considers using a rape cry for revenge on an ex-boyfriend, to cover a guilty conscience, or to get attention should think twice. Our society should not tolerate such behavior any more than we should tolerate sexual assault in general.

I hope this woman is prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I also think she should have to do community service at the rape crisis center. Hopefully, she would realize the insidious nature of her crime if she spent time with women who have been raped and survived.

Lynda Leppert  
Boise

Job steers clear of corporate world

This is a parking attendant’s response to The Arbiter’s October 4, 2000, Your Unreal Horrorscope, Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Slaughterhouse, garbage collector – been there, done that. Both jobs rolled into one. I was a paralegal and legal secretary for a large corporation. This (parking attendance) job gets me out in the air away from the killer-shark egomaniac corporate lawyers and brings health and sanity back to my life. There are pretty clear lines of right and wrong in the parking enforcement business – no trying to figure out what the word “is” means.

Health and sanity have a value far in excess of success on the corporate ladder.

Maryann Merrick  
Parking Attendant, and Fellow Student
Corporate sponsors fund campus recycling

by Arielle Anderson
Special to the Arbiter

A s you are all aware, the recycling program here is next to null and the amount of money that I have to work with is also very sickly. If you can believe it, Coca-Cola actually sponsors the program. If you subtract the $470.00 that I have to give to BSU, then the recycling program here is by far the most marginalized campus program at all!!!

And yet, they expect someone to come out this enormous task-someone who is not only working a part time job off campus (yes, I have bills too), involved in school organizations; and oh yeah, working on a double major- to somehow sprinkle magical fairy dust around campus and create a program that is "environmentally sound.

Now, do not think that this is a bitch feast, because it’s not. Rather, I just want the people that are not holding true to their obligations (BSU) to step up to the plate and take charge. It is time for the University to take the blame for the lack of support that they have given past directors and present ones.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping me out in the recycling arena, please contact me at x4813 or e-mail at Mirjali@microm.net. And if you guys are really pissed off about the lack of support, let’s get together and form a group of people that would like to help me put all the recyclable material in front of the Quads sometime soon.

Thanks again, and I encourage anyone to call me and ask questions or just chat.

Arielle Anderson is the ASBSU Recycling Director.

Privileged minority maintains world debt

Faithful unifiy to eliminate world debt

by Scott Bonner
Special to the Arbiter

T oday, 19,000 children will die of preventable causes. It happened yesterday, too, and the day before. And it will keep happening — 19,000 innocent lives snuffed out each and every day — until debt relief becomes a reality. This is not an exaggeration. It is the result of a 1997 study by the United Nations Development Program. Debt repayments divert money away from basic life-saving health care in the world’s poorest countries.

Many humanitarian organizations all over the world, most notably Jubilee 2000, have been calling for the cancellation of the unpayable debts of the world’s poorest countries by the end of 2000. Jubilee 2000 has collected more than 18 million petition signatures from 120 countries.

So why hasn’t it happened? It is because the privileged minority who run this world — the wealthy elite, their huge multi-national corporations, and their enforcer (the International Monetary Fund) — flat out refuse to let it happen. These greedy fat cats have their boots firmly planted on the necks of the poor, and they have no intention of letting up. For if significant debt relief did occur, many of these poor countries would no longer be beholden to these morally bankrupt corporations. They could longer be coerced into opening up their borders for the rape and plunder of their resources. That means no more dirt-cheap labor for the likes of Nike.

The workers wouldn’t have to toil for hours upon hours in dangerous sweatshops that pump out clothing for The Gap, Old Navy. The people would demand livable wages, decent working conditions, and health benefits.

And this scares the living daylights out of the privileged class. Because if these corporations could no longer exploit workers in other countries, they would have to stay here in America and pay us decent wages. And that’s just not very profitable! The CEO of Disney, Michael Eisner, might have to take a pay cut, because he, too, relies on overseas sweatshops. (Don’t worry too much about him, though, because he’s currently being paid hundreds of millions of dollars a year.)

Time is running out. The piling corpses are just as real as the newspaper this is printed on. Everyone can and should help with this effort. It is a moral imperative.

A good place to start is by contacting senators, representatives, and the president, and telling them that it’s NOT okay to let 19,000 children die every day so that the rich can get richer.

Jubilee 2000 has more information on their web site, and many other ways to get involved. It is time for the ‘University to take the blame for the lack of support that they have given past directors and present ones.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping me out in the recycling arena, please contact me at x4813 or e-mail at Mirjali@microm.net. And if you guys are really pissed off about the lack of support, let’s get together and form a group of people that would like to help me put all the recyclable material in front of the Quads sometime soon.

Thanks again, and I encourage anyone to call me and ask questions or just chat.

Arielle Anderson is the ASBSU Recycling Director.

Cheap bicyclists sport pricey body parts

by Megan Marchetti
the Arbiter

T he majority of the time I am bailed. My best friend and I have decided that we are aliens. Really. I know it sounds cliché, like something from the X-files, but I am sometimes embarrassed to be a part of the human race.

I am appalled by how I am looked at as being inappropriate because I do not have an electronic leash (definition: cell phone, pagers, etc.) or an unexcusable and exorbitant Pathfinder to drive on my one and a half-mile commute. I do not have cable or read "Vogue" or even have an Internet Provider Service in my home.

Since I do not read "Vogue" I have absolutely no idea how to dress exactly like everyone else, nor do I have “One Hundred and One ways to please my Man” memorized. I have no idea how to apply makeup unless it is for a costume party and then I use it to change who I am for a specific reason, not because I think my lips should be redder and my eyes more oval. I used to think that having dreadlocks meant that the person cared about the earth and the inhabitants on it. The bumper stickers on their SUV’s say to “Love Our Mother” and I could swear it had a picture of the earth next to it!

The other day this girl told me that I needed to accept things the way things are. She also told me she did not buy her textbooks yet because she got a new “Cellular Plan” that added 100 more minutes. Sis Boom Bah for you sweetie!

My mother tells me “it must be nice to think everything has the possibility to be ideal.” What is wrong with wanting things to be unrefined? What is wrong with blue? Now it has to be azure, cerulean, sapphire, turquoise are some BS like that. Why can’t we take something natural and appreciate it without having to give it bigger boobs or dye it?

What I want to know is when did humans start becoming androids? Everyday the dimwits that drive in the North End reaffirm the selfishness that makes me want to go back to my mother ship. It is my understanding that when I got my driver’s license I was agreeing to follow ALL the rules in the Idaho Driver’s Manual. Not just the ones I thought were good ideas or fit into my schedule. Here are the rules stated in said manual about bicycle’s rights:

Chapter 12
Bicycles

They must yield to any vehicle that presents a hazard (Which is all of them) But after slowing to a reasonable speed may cautiously make a turn or go on through the intersection. (This is why white lines at stop signs and stoplights are not optional). A bicyclist approaching a red light must stop before entering the intersection. HOWEVER, after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right of way, a bicyclist may cautiously make a right hand turn without stopping, or make a left-hand turn into a one-way roadway without stopping. (This is why right on reds are legal but not REQUIRED?)

A couple of things not mentioned but make sense to me are that bike lanes are for bikes. They are not extended parallel parking. And yes, you do need to look before you open your car door next to a bike lane because some poor saps actually ride their bike to work because they enjoy it.

Perhaps I am bitter. I was hit by a car two years ago and racked up a $4,000 bill with St. Luke’s because the car did not stop. Not even when my hip cracked did they brake. Probably better thought that they did not stop because I would have probably gotten a ticket for damaging their precious car. To hell with my body!

So, I guess the “cheap question” this week is how cheap do we think humans are?

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Digging up Halloween
Cultural and historic richness behind All Hallows’ Eve

by Lesleigh Owen
the Arbiter

All Hallows’ Eve in all
Throughout my childhood,
my mother puffed the whole Halloween subject: It wasn’t Christian, she suspected our neighbors of spiking the mini-Snickers with broken beer bottles, those Michael Myers/ Jamie Lee Curtis movies gave my older sisters nightmares, etc., etc. I used to dread the annual trek through our neighborhood, greedy for yet more Tootsie Rolls and Milky Ways but blushing miserably under layers of green gauz as I lumbered down the street, awash in the headlight of my mother’s car.

No devil-worshiper would get the chance to nab her baby by God.

It’s a miracle I still celebrate the holiday. In fact, once I freed myself from my mother’s stern finger-shakings and the yellow glare from her Buick Skylark’s headlights, Halloween quickly ascended to the pinnacle position of My Favorite Holiday. It’s not just the scented candles and pumpkin pie or the opportunity to surrender myself to the seductive and cathartic thrill of fear. Nope. I dig the whole concept of All Hallows’ Eve in all its cultural and historic richness.

I tried to explain this to my mother, trying gently to disabuse her of the notion that Halloween sprang, fully grown and garbed, from Lucifer’s head.

“I hate Halloween,” she sighed the other day. “What possesses these kids to dress up like freaks and risk life and limb for a piddly sugar high?” (I didn’t consider her use of the word “possess” coincidental.)

“You know, Mom, Halloween actually has a pretty cool history,” I said. “Did you know it traces all the way back to ancient pagan cultures?”

“Gee, really?” she asked in a classic “duh” tone.

“Way back before Christianity had even popped out of Judaism’s womb, the ancient Celts used to divide their years into quarters, kind of like today’s four seasons. They cooked up holidays to mark the passage of each season of birth, life and death. The Celts considered Samhain [pronounced “sow-in”], which means ‘summer’s end’ and represents the birth of their new year, the holiest of these celebrations.

“On Samhain every year, the Celts celebrated their land’s harvest and its subsequent death as it prepared for the new season of life and death. During this time, these folks believed the veil that separates this world and the spirit world grew gauzy, allowing them the opportunity to commune with deceased ones, divine the future and see most clearly into the past.”

“The dead people told them their fortunes?” my mother asked.

“I don’t think that was the idea. Unlike us, these people didn’t conceive of time as some kind of unilinear shoestring that…”

“A shoestring?” Mom asked.

“Okay, okay, the pagans understood time as moving in a circle, while modern Western civilization envisions it as a straight and narrow highway to heaven, so to speak. They believed their new year represented the point of intersection between the once-was, the now-is and the will-be. Divining future events and looking up with representatives from the past didn’t seem so crazy.”

“Okay, so how did this pagan holiday become the Halloween that I know and love?”

“Most historians trace the history of American’s Halloween back to the 1890s, when Irish women and men settled into America to escape Ireland’s potato famine. They brought with them their ancient myths and rituals, including the celebration of Halloween, now so called because the Roman Catholics couldn’t abolish the pagan celebration and instead renamed it All Saints’ Eve, All Hallows Eve and eventually Halloween. Calling it All Saints’ Eve allowed them to pretend the holiday celebrated their dead saints instead of serving as Europe’s Dia de los Muertos.”

“Uh-huh,” Mom said, trying not to look irritated, “so if the church supposedly turned it into a holy day, how come our kids still dress up like devils and vampires and drain all the candy out of the neighborhood?”

“Ah, another Scottish tradition of ‘souling,’ in which the living disguised themselves as spirits or maybe just to symbolize the changing of seasons.”

“As for trick or treating, some say it’s a remnant of another Scottish tradition of requesting spirits – liquid ones. Others insist it models itself after the ninth century, Catholic tradition of ‘souling,’ in which beggars ambled from home to home, promising to pray for the souls of the families’ dead relatives in exchange for some sweet cakes. Still others recall the ancient Celts’ tradition of leaving a plate of grub to nourish their dead relatives’ journeys to and from the spirit world.”

“Most historians and neo-pagans seem to agree that the ancient Celts placed candles inside hollowed out turnips in order to light their loved ones’ journey home from the spirit world.”

“So,” Mom slowly began, “we have a holiday that celebrates the pagan new year, marks the time when benign and evil spirits move between their shoestring and ours and encourages our kids to dress up like demons, beg for sweets and scare one another into crying fits because they want to pray for our souls while high on chocolate. Before that night, though, we’ll scop out a pumpkin’s guts and carve a sadistic visage into it, all to flag our ancestors and invite them to haunt us.”

“Um, kinda,” I said. Why did it sound so much better when I said it?

“Thanks, sweetie, for lifting that cloak of gloom from my shoulders,” Mom said sweetly. Okay, I failed to embrace my mother within my circle of enthusiasm, but I have next year to convince her. After all, honoring the past and making plans for the future pretty much sums up the whole idea of Halloween, doesn’t it?
Nell Shipman Film Festival calls attention to 1920's Idaho filmmaker

by Kate Hoffman

October 22 was a day when the magic of the silent film was revived with the screening of "Something New," a black and white silent film produced in 1920 by an Idaho woman filmmaker. A beautiful, live "soundtrack," performed by Boise organist Doug Lemon at the richly renovated Egyptian Theatre, accompanied it and four other once-lost treasures of 20's filmmaking. Today, her work and life are more of interest. Nearly twenty years ago, Tom Trusky, a Boise State English professor and the world's leading expert on Shipman, discovered some "badly photocopied essays" written by her which recounted her experiences of working and living in Idaho.

Although her films were believed to have been lost, Trusky recovered five of them over a number of years and has seen several of them released on video. In conjunction with BSU's Western Writers Series, he edited and published Shipman's autobiography "The Silent Screen and My Talking Heart." He is currently at work editing her correspondence from 1918 to 1970 - the year of her death.

Shipman moved to Priest Lake in northern Idaho, where she filmed six movies. Her entourage included a menagerie of 70 trained animals which acted in her films, including horses, dogs, opossums, deer, a cougar and a bear. Shipman "was ahead of her time in many respects," says Trusky. She treated her animals humanely, treated the land with respect, and used female heroes in her films.

Then her lover's foot became gangrenous and he nearly died. He took off on a delirious jaunt across the frozen lake, but Shipman chased him down and got him medical attention.

A media attack alleged that she mistreated her animals because many were dying due to the extreme cold and the lack of food brought on by Shipman's poverty. Although she was never again a successful actress (she had starred in all but one of her movies), she wrote screenplays such as Cary Grant's 1934 "Wings in the Dark," novels, and articles for "Redbook."

A Canadian movie company's documentary crew filmed the Nell Shipman Film Festival. Their documentary includes footage from the festival and interviews with Trusky, as well as material from BSU's Idaho Film Collection. Representatives of Goldie Hawn Productions, interested in producing a feature film on Shipman, also attended. Portions of the proceeds from the festival will go to support the Egyptian Theatre Organ Society.

Earnest Orange rocks Blues Bouquet

Local band returns for more November 9

by Brandi Bruno

Monty Python is their hero. Several of them once occupied a fries-sauce-colored, haunted house. They are obsessed with finding a "spiritual leader." These are the musical men of Earnest Orange, and if you're looking for a good time in the Boise area, you are your ticket.

They come from Twin Falls, a town that has produced its own fair share of musical talent over the years (Sometimes Y, for example). The band first started receiving attention in Boise early last spring, when they landed a steady gig at the Blues Bouquet. Since then, they have traveled throughout the Northwest in search of appreciation. And they're starting to earn it. They are already playing twice a month at the Blues Bouquet, and have performed from Spokane to Big Fork, Montana.

On October 18, at the Blues Bouquet, they rocked the house. Extreme versatility and flexibility marked their performance: whether you prefer reggae or bluegrass, jazz or rock, or anything in between, they played it.

One of the most entertaining parts of the night came when Earnest Orange donned cowboy hats and broke into hardcore Kentucky bluegrass. Not only did the band themselves get to smile, but the diverse crowd went absolutely wild.

Each band member is an extraordinarily talented musician. Eric DeWitt's creativity on the saxophone, blended with Shelby Rollin's strong bass line, lays a strong foundation for Zach Turner's appealing vocals, and Jacob Florence's innovative beat on the drums is a fantastic foundation for all of their music. Each member shows mastery of his instrument.

Regardless of your musical tastes, these guys cater to every flavor. They do a terrific job of individualizing cover songs ranging from KC the Sunshine Band to Sublime, and even a little Cake. They have an electrifying stage persona and connect amazingly well with their crowd; it is obvious they love what they do.

Earnest Orange will be performing at the Blues Bouquet again on November 9 and 10. For other information about upcoming performances, or information on the guys themselves, check out their website at www.earnestorange.com.
Boise Opera rocks me, Amadeus

"Figaro" still a hit, two centuries later
by Scott Horting

If your idea of opera is limited to the old cliché of Brunnhilde in her horned helmet and steel-jacketed breast plates — if you think that opera is either deadly dull or deadly serious business — think again.

Boise Opera’s production of Mozart’s “The Marriage of Figaro,” performed Saturday Oct. 28 at the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts could permanently cure anyone of thinking of opera as either dull or serious.

Opera is inherently larger than life — brighter, louder, more exaggerated in every way. Add to this the over-the-top genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the vice-versification, the buffoonery (Figaro’s birthmark shaped like a spotula)!

All of which is good but the music is what makes it something special. And it takes a singer to make the song which leads us to Terri Richter, in lead role of Susanna, who is so good as to seem unfair to everyone else on stage. She’s got a great part but she also makes even the least of her lines something special.

Not so is Grant Youngblood in supporting role of Count Almaviva. He’s good enough in the major places but his robust baritone sinks into the background when blending with other voices. Bass-baritone Derrick Parker as Figaro did not have this problem; his voice had little problem carrying out space for itself.

As Countess Almaviva, Marcie Ley was fine; but it is in a duet with Richter (Susanna) that the qualities of their voices come into contrast. Ley’s soprano is more brilliant but less warm, responsive and powerful than Richter’s.

The orchestral accompaniment by the Boise Philharmonic, conducted by Timothy Lindberg, was less of a presence than it could’ve been. This is especially true in the finale at the end of Act III, Ecco la mamma...andiamo (Behold the dance...let’s go), in which the playing is a little slow and leaden compared to the version from the soundtrack to “Amadeus” by Neville Marriner conducting the Academy of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields.

Costumes and stage properties were rented from other companies, which allows, in this case, genuinely superior work to be more widely seen.

Maybe it was the cumulative effects of three hours of intense sight and sound, but by the end of the opera electricity was running up my spine and the standing ovation from the packed house was a forgone conclusion.

photo by: Ted Harmon

Grunde to grip Idaho Center

Did Pearl Jam start Grunge?
by Nicole Sharp

Pearl Jam was one of the forefathers of grunge. They are coming to the Idaho Center on November 3, and tickets are almost sold out.

Grunge. There seem to be a few debates about who started this movement.

In 1990 when Nirvana exploded from Seattle onto the MTV scene other bands jumped on the tourbus, Soundgarden, Mother Love Bone, and Pearl Jam. Nirvana was angrier; it kept them on top and they got more coverage from MTV.

Soundgarden didn’t fulfill expectations; Pearl Jam’s Eddie Vedder was too much a clone of Jim Morrison; and Mother Love Bone was a flash. It all falls out like this: Nirvana is an achingly memory and Soundgarden is disbanded, but Pearl Jam is still together ten years later, that makes them grunge kings of the rock.

Two members of Pearl Jam were first in Mother Love Bone, a cult favorite in the 80’s, until the lead singer died. Eventually, Jeff Ament and Stone Gossard helped to form Pearl Jam, and in 1991 the band signed with Epic records and released their first album, Ten.

Pearl Jam tours about every two years, and in past concerts the band has had a two-and-one half to three-hour set list. Eddie Vedder gets upset if the audience doesn’t pour their own energy into the concert (and also if fans throw things at the stage).

Pearl Jam still has the same mystique they started with; they still do the music for themselves. They are very fan-oriented, and not very commercially oriented, which is part of their attraction.

The band didn’t approve of the prices Ticket Master was charging their fans, so they sued them, eventually coming to a compromise. While the band doesn’t mind when people record their concerts, they do mind when those tapes are released to the public. The band figured they

Reading the future and the past

Psychic sessions with the seers
by Nicole Sharp

Remember the Psychic Friend’s Hotline infomercial? The one where Dion Warwick sat around commenting on the amazing powers of the psychics? I have a friend who likes to wonder, “If the Psychic Friend’s were so psychic, why didn’t they foresee their own downfall?”

With Halloween in the air, things such as palm reading, astrology and tarot readings draw more of an interest. I don’t know how much stock I put into these kinds of things, but I’ve had a few experiences this past year that make me wonder about the validity of such things.

A friend took me to a palm reader last year, just for fun, but after ten minutes I was convinced he called ahead and told the palm reader exactly what to say. It was very uncanny, and strangely cool. This summer, on a jaunt to Montana, I ended up at The Lamplighter Motel in Helena. Strangely enough, the caretaker of the motel, John Bogard, was an astrologer. He ended up reading my chart. But before he started, he gave me a fifteen-minute dissertation on how astrology was a science with highly intricate workings.

He went on about how the TV psychics and newpaper horoscopes were too generalized and only brought down the science of astrology. Eventually he read my chart, and I will admit, just like with the palm reader, I got a very eerie feeling. He hit too close to home when he told me about my life.

The obvious next move seemed to be to talk to someone who read tarot cards. So last Friday, I went to Crone’s Cupboard. I had my tarot cards read by Shannon Livingston, a BSU student. Shannon has her own deck of cards, a circular deck, called the Mother Peace Tarot.

Where exactly did tarot cards originate? The jury is still out on that question. Some people believe that Tarot originated in Egypt and India, but while historians have not dismissed the idea, none have supported it either. Another theory is that the Tarot came from Gypsies that wandered through Europe, yet the only known fact is that Gypsies introduced the Tarot and playing cards to Europe. The age the Tarot originated is uncertain as well.

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Apparently, the oldest surviving decks date from the mid-fifteenth century.

So what is so special about the Tarot that would cause people to pay to have their cards read? Shannon told me that the Tarot is more spiritual than it is magical. According to Anna-Marie Ferguson, a woman who wrote "A Keeper of Words," a book about Tarot, "The Tarot is just a path to greater spirituality and understanding and self-awareness."

When I asked Shannon about what it means to read a person's cards, she explained, "If the intent is there to look for answers to questions you have, you will find what you need." She told me that we all look for someone to talk to, to listen to us, to point us in the right direction at times, and she just helps with that. I think there is something to all of these things I have mentioned.

And as Shannon pointed out, you do get good palm readers, astrologers, and tarot card readers and there are bad ones. I've had amazing experiences. If you want to find out for yourself, Crone's Cupboard has someone on staff, call 208-383-0811 to set up an appointment. Or look in the phone book for other listings.

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couldn't do any better than that, so they stopped making videos. The band stands apart from the crowd, and they've never been a pet of MTV. In the last ten years they have put out six albums, and they have just recently put out 25 two-disk sets from their European tours.

So make sure you know where you hid your tickets. Pearl Jam is coming to town, touring for their sixth studio album, the "Binaural Tour." And among the die-hard fans there is a definite excitement in the air about the upcoming concert; this is the first time most of them don't have to drive to other cities to see the band. There aren't many tickets left, but you can try to call Select-a-Seat and see if you can't get that last ticket.

Free viewing of award winning documentary

Film by BSU professor reveals Japanese culture

by Arbiter staff

A free viewing of the award winning documentary, Heart of the Country, will be held on November 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in room 101 of the Boise State University Multipurpose Building. Produced by BSU Professor of Education William Parrett, Heart of the Country is the story of Shinichi Yasutomo, the extraordinary principal of a village elementary school in Hokkaido, Japan, and the collective passion of the teachers, parents, and elders to educate the heart as well as the mind. The documentary reveals the heart of Japanese culture and its cherished values for learning, mutual responsibility and trust.

Heart of the Country received a Judges' Award at the 24th Northwest Film Festival; a National CINE Golden Eagle Award. It was also a nominated feature at the 1998 Cinema du Reel International Film Festival in Paris, was a 1999 nominee for the International Documentary Association Pure Lorentz Award in Los Angeles; The film is being honored this year by the American Anthropological Association. The hour-long film will be followed by a 30-minute discussion with Dr. Parrett. The viewing is sponsored by the BSU Center for School Improvement and the BSU College of Education. Please contact Julie at 426-4555 or jhutchin@boisestate.edu for more information.

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