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Students of Boise State University

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Ruch applauds Kempthorne’s budget proposal

Gov. pushes for scholarship, faculty pay funding

by Carissa Wolf
the Arbiter

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ushered in last year’s legislative session giving scant attention to higher education in his State of the State Address. One year and an expected $800 million state tax surplus later, the governor laid out what Boise State President Charles Ruch called the “most ambitious” proposal for higher education he’s seen.

“I was very impressed with the governor’s proposals and initiatives,” Ruch said. “I was really impressed to hear (the governor) articulate his ideas on higher education.”

For the first time, Kempthorne asked lawmakers to approve a budget category of salary equity for faculty at institutions of higher education. The recommendation comes after years of raised concerns by faculty and students at colleges and universities across the state.

“We all believe in the marketplace. If you have a successful professor who is offered more, then that person may move on. But I ask you: how long can you say you’re going to have the best educators if you see them leave?” Kempthorne asked lawmakers in his State of the State Address Jan. 8.

Last October, members of the Idaho Council for Higher Education Faculty (ICHF) asked Kempthorne to make faculty pay improvements a top legislative priority. Members of ICHF urged the governor to include $2.5 million in his 2001 budget proposal to make faculty salaries more competitive.

The governor earmarked $2.3 million for a 2 percent salary equity increase for faculty at all institutions of higher education in his 2001 budget proposal. “This will be in addition to the Change in Employee Compensation.” Kempthorne recommended a 4.5 percent salary increase for state workers, including a 3.5 percent C.E.C. based on merit, and an additional 1 percent for salary competitiveness.

Ruch said Kempthorne’s proposal, “It’s a good first step,” in bringing Idaho professor’s salaries out of the lowest ranks in the nation. The National Educational Association ranks Idaho faculty salaries at 44th in the nation.

Appropriations for improved professional education, new buildings and additional funding for scholarship initiatives also dominated the governor’s proposals for higher education last week.

Last year, the legislature approved the establishment of the Promise Scholarship, however, the funding for the initiative was not appropriated. “In my supplemental request, I recommend $8 million, and in the ongoing budget, I recommend $5 million. Now that’s an incentive for our kids to do well in school by offering them a $500 bonus at high school graduation to further their schooling in Idaho.” Kempthorne said in his address.

Kemphorne asked lawmakers to appropriate nearly $60 million of the $900 million surplus to fund building construction on campuses across the state. He also suggested Boise State receive the entire $3.5 million requested for permanent buildings, and $9.5 million for a first building on Boise State West Campus.

The governor heeded the advice of the Science and Technology Advisory Council and requested an additional $2.6 million for faculty, “to increase the number of graduates and provide increased professional education in areas of science, engineering, health professions, and law.”

BSU President calls faculty and staff to action

Politics and parking dominate Ruch’s priorities

by John Threet
the Arbiter

One week before the anniversary of his ninth year as president of Boise State University, a jovial Charles Ruch delivered a welcome back speech to faculty and staff which focused heavily on politics and parking.

Ruch’s Jan. 8 speech at the Student Union Building occurred only a few hours before Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne asked the state legislature, “But I ask you: how long can you say you’re going to have the best educators if you see them leave?” in his State of the State Address.

“Faculty and staff compensation is the number one operating cost priority,” Ruch said in his speech.

Ruch told those assembled that he, Boise State Faculty Senate President Dr. Alex Feldman and other Idaho college and university presidents had talked collectively with state legislators telling them, “higher education is key to the economic future of the state.”

Hours later, Kempthorne told lawmakers, “For the first time, I’m recommending to you the category of salary equity for faculty at our institutions of higher learning.”

Governor’s State of the State address opening the 2001 legislative session.

“Ruch urged the faculty and staff in a call to action on behalf of themselves and the university to get informed, share what they were learning and communicate with elected officials because, “they need to know where you stand.”

The perennial problem of parking and the search for solutions also dominated Ruch’s eighth spring welcome speech.

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new reserved parking spaces on the upper deck of the University Avenue parking structure, a “flex use” for the recently completed SUB visitor’s lot, the addition of some additional small lots in the near future and the hiring of a consultant on parking were touted by Ruch as efforts to find solutions.

However, Ruch warned that the people living in the neighborhoods adjoining the campus “are probably going to be less tolerant” of illegal and nuisance parking because of the recent on-campus parking improvements.

As outlined by Ruch, the SUB visitor’s lot will become available for those possessing campus parking permits. Under the new plan, when no campus parking event is scheduled which is anticipated to fill that lot, a soon-to-be-erected sign will notify motorists of the availability of the visitor’s lot for parking.

Ruch said on Feb. 6, an open forum of both the President’s Cabinet and the Parking Task Force will publicly hear the recommendations of consultant Walker and Associates for the placement and availability of parking.

Traffic flow on University Avenue will be improved thanks to a $150,000 federal transportation grant according to Ruch. The grant money will fund the construction of a bus turn out lane in front of the Administration Building, freeing a lane of traffic which normally backs up when buses pickup and discharge passengers. Also funded: construction of six new bus shelters.

Ruch noted that despite free passage on Boise Urban Stages (BUS) busses for students, faculty and staff upon showing their university identification, the BUS estimates only 140 riders arrive on campus by bus.
Books on African life discussed during Literature for Lunch

Books that present historical and contemporary views of African life will be discussed during upcoming sessions of Literature for Lunch, a monthly book discussion supported by the Boise State University English department.

The series, open and free to the public, kicks off on Friday, Jan. 26, with a discussion of "Sacred Hunger" by Barry Unsworth. The group meets at 12:10-1 p.m. at the WCA, 720 W. Washington.

Unsworth's novel is a gripping story of a slave ship builder in Liverpool in the 18th century, and the slave trade off the coast of West Africa and in the southern United States. Winner of the Booker Prize, it explores race, gender and the rise of capitalism.

Upcoming books include "Maru" by Bessie Head on Feb. 28, "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver on March 21 and "The Joys of Motherhood" by Buchi Emecheta on April 25. Books are ordered through the Vista Book Gallery, 890 S. Vista Ave. in the Vista Village shopping center, and a discount is given to group members for all selections except "Maru." Books are also available at discount at the BSU Bookstore.

Over the past 20 years, Literature for Lunch has discussed some 175 books, and attracted hundreds of book readers ranging from in age from 20 to 80-plus. As many as 60 people show up for monthly meetings, and the current mailing list tops 500. While group members have come and gone, there a few who span the group's entire 20-year-history. For more information, contact Boise State English professor Carol Martin at 426-1179 or email her at cmartin@boisestate.edu.

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Semester-in-review reveals accomplishment of students, staff and university

by Casey Burkett
the Arbiter

Here at the Arbiter, we strive to provide our community with relevant and accurate news, features, sports and entertainment. As the weeks, months and semesters roll by, issues are published, read and archived. To keep perspective, and wrap up the end of this semester we would like to look back to see what we've accomplished and what has been important to the student body. In the essence of this, a jamboree of the past semester's top stories has been compiled just in case you forgot.

The editors

V14 11 August 16, 2000
Cyber Café keeps students wired
Five new Internet browser stations in the Student Union are the latest innovations in real-world connections on campus.

Library fire damages electrical system
A precious visit to the library to finish an important paper becomes impossible for frustrated and now scrambling students.

Touring Vans warped memories
Another symbolic adolescent step toward figuring out who you are.

How safe is your daughter at BSU?
Boise State student Samantha Maher, age 25, was on her way to class on the sunny morning of July 6 when she was abducted by a suspected rapist and murdered.

New parking structure has students paying twice
Boise State's first parking structure is supposed to ease tension for commuters. However, the 650-space structure has student advocates searching for equity and institutional democracy.

How much is your daughter worth?
Judge Williams says yes and no on Idaho's new law
Twenty-nine states across America have some form of parental involvement laws for abortion, requiring teens either to notify or have their parent's permission before having an abortion. Friday's Federal Court decision confirmed Idaho as one of the states with a parental consent law for now.

The Granddaddy of Boise theater companies
BSU student directs children's production
The Boise Little Theater (BLT) celebrates its 80th season of quality performances this year.

New parking garage brings new rules
Do not expect to park in the new garage at Boise State University with a bill larger than $5, the meters will not accept them.

Minors must have parent's consent for abortion
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Multi-million dollar SUB renovation will add space for student groups, ease meeting room crunch
University officials and ASBSU President Nate Peterson hope expansion of the SUB will ease the meeting room crunch at Boise State University.

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Recreation center on schedule
Veteran administrator on project
Tammy Grimmes, with 25 years of college recreation administration experience, spearheads the plan for the new campus recreation center across from the SUB parking lot.

Parking meeting brings little relief
Despite hot pink flyers distributed by ASBSU announcing the Sept. 18 meeting of the Parking and Transportation committee, only a few students showed up to voice concerns over the controversial handling of parking issues on campus.

Classic performance series bring international performing artists to Student union
Now in its fourth year, the Classic Performance Series is offering a season ticket of just $15 for BSU students.

V14 I 7 September 27, 2000

House bill axes $9.9 billion from education
Idaho loses $14.5 million
"Even though Idaho is working to implement important reforms to help students learn to new high standards, by refusing to provide needed federal support, the Congressional majority's message is clear: schools and colleges should fend for themselves." -- U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley

BSU students get limited airline with variety of programs
Boise State students do not run their own radio station, but they can still be heard over the airwaves.

V14 I 8 October 4, 2000

Peaceful protest breaks leads to student arrest
Protesters allege police violence and lack of protocol
"We will not sit idly by while big business destroys our earth and the lives of millions..."

Committee to decide academic dates
Five year calendar in the works
Sen. Trevor Irish has long advocated a "dead week," in which no classes would be held the week before exams.

Frank Church Keynote Speech
A journey through paradoxes
"Our practices are causing other counties to isolate us." -- Theodore Sorensen

V14 I 19 October 11, 2000

ASBSU Senate's second bill of the year
Gives themselves a raise
Although $231 a month does not seem like a lot of money ASBSU has the distinction of having among the highest paid student government officials in the nation.

Rights and responsibilities rip rifts between renters and landlords
Ownership one solution to renters problems
To whom it may concern:
I have been living in this apartment for eight years of college recreation

Collections may finance next structure
"I don't understand why we can split the atom but we can't differentiate between students and visitors at the parking garage." -- Sen. Derreck Woodbury

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Maestas: Institutional racism blocks Idaho diversity
Inequity still pervasive, Inclusiveness Symposium speaker says
"Lunatics and merchants of hate made Idaho famous," says Roberto Maestas...

Surprise, surprise: ASBSU votes in favor of own pay
ASBSU President vows to veto legislation
"We've only been here a month, people," Plewa said to Senators during open debate. "I don't think we've proven to anyone... this is justifiable."

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Ruckus Society's direct action hit campus
National group held non-violence workshop
Rich sees the role of non-violent protest as an essential part of promoting social change.

Dialogue on Race series to promote reconciliation
Multi-ethnic center coordinator continues on pg. 8
Students who don’t attend class could be forced to repay federal aid

by Julie Finley
Special to The Arbiter

OXFORD, Miss. - Students who stop attending classes last semester and receive federal financial aid may be asked to repay the money.

A new interpretation of the federal aid requires universities to prove that students who receive the aid are in fact attending class. This requirement has left many universities with a problem since professors and instructors are not required to take attendance.

The University of Mississippi has begun a process of going through a list of all students who receive federal financial aid then looking to see if they had a passing grade in any class. Students who earned either an F or an incomplete must then be checked by their instructors to determine the last day they attended class. Teachers who do not keep roll must use assignments or final exams to prove that the student has not “unofficially withdrawn.”

Director of Financial Aid Larry Ridgeway said financial aid is distributed through the university at the beginning of the semester, and students who are not going to class will be asked to pay it back.

The university is subject to audit for all federal aid. A student must have “unofficially withdrawn” from all of his classes before they will be asked to pay money back. As long as one professor or instructor can prove that a student attended class or took the final exam he meets the requirements.

The provost’s office has asked the deans to address the matter with their faculty and develop a way to handle the problems this year and prevent it in the future. “It’s going to mean having our faculty and instructors do a better job of keeping track of when students are attending,” Associate Provost Maurice Eftink said.

Dean of Liberal Arts Glenn Hopkins said the matter was discussed with the department chairs at their regular Curriculum and Policy meeting, but no other steps have been made. He said the departments which have large classes are looking into ways of keeping better roll. “I hope there won’t be any problems; we will monitor the progress and see if it meets the university’s requirements,” Hopkins said.

“Relatively few students are impacted, but if you are one of them it is a huge deal,” he said.

“The message the feds are trying to deliver is that students have an obligation and they must live up to that obligation.”

Julie Finley is a reporter for the Daily Mississippian at the University of Mississippi. Article reprinted with permission.
ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 17 Cultural Organization — Hula-O-Aloha will be performing in the SUB from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Jan. 19 Student Recital, Laura Berg, mezzo-soprano, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3960.

Jan. 19-20 Idaho Dance Theatre, Special Events Center. 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 20. Tickets: $12-$15 adults, $8-$12 for students, seniors and Boise State faculty and staff at Select-a-Seat, www.idahotickets.com or call 426-1766.


Jan. 21 Women’s Center. Student Union Barnwell Room, 4 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Student Performance Center Main Hall. 7 p.m. Jan. 21-24, 2001. Call 426-4787.

Jan. 21-22 Faculty Artist Series — Lorraine Johnson Coleman will be performing in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jan. 21 Les Bois Piano Quartet, Kline, viola; Wally Bratt, cello; Del Parkinson, bass; Linda Purdy, violin. Morrison Center Recital Hall. 4 p.m. Free. Call 426-4636.

Jan. 22 Faculty Artist Series — Les Bois Piano Quartet, Craig Purdy, violist; Linda Kline, viola; Wally Bratt, cello; Del Parkinson, piano. Morrison Center Recital Hall. 4 p.m. Free.

Jan. 22 Student Piano Recital, Johann Vargas and Alexis Feo, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

Jan. 24 Boise State women’s basketball vs. Utah State, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Call 426-4787.

SPORTS EVENTS

Jan. 16 Boise State gymnastics vs. Utah State, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Call 426-4787.

Jan. 16 Boise State wrestling vs. Cal Poly, 6 p.m. Call 426-4787.

Jan. 19 Bronco women’s basketball vs. Pacific, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Call 426-4787.

Jan. 21 Bronco women’s basketball vs. Long Beach State, The Pavilion. 9 p.m. Call 426-4787.

LECTURES

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WORKSHOPs and SEMINARS

Jan. 17 First Nations Identity: Multiple Worlds... will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 1:40 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Career Strategies for Non-Dominant Group — Members will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 17-18 Dept. Labor Basic Supervision III will be holding workshops and seminars in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jan. 18 Workshop Training - First Aid will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 Barbizon Modeling will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jan. 19 Workshops and seminars in the SUB from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Jan. 20-21 Mountain Cove Graduation will be held in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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MEETINGS and EVENTS

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Finance Upgrade Overview will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

H R Class will be having workshops and seminars in the SUB from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Glitches lines at new parking garage

by Erin Foss
Special to the Arbiter

"If we spent so much money on a parking garage, it needs to be fully functional," said Jennifer Okerland, a senior at Boise State. Okerland said one day she waited in line for one machine to pay for her parking in the new garage. When the machine did not accept her dollar bills, she found that the change machine was also out of order. 

"(Functional) means all four machines are working properly. If not, they need to add more machines," she said.

Bobby Martin, a junior, said the new garage has caused more problems than solutions. He feels that the garage is too expensive and encounters frequent problems with faulty machines.

"I have been late to class many times because I parked in that garage, it just seems like a waste of money," Martin said.

Many students feel that with the parking crunch on campus they have few options open.

"Although I don't like the garage and find that it is a pain when I'm waiting in line so long to pay, I park in the garage all the time, and find that it helps me out a lot," student Eric Dunn said.

Boise State parking officials say problems are bound to occur with any new structure.

"The machines are getting attended to as soon as they can be. They work fine, but with any type of technology, there are bound to be glitches and problems."

According to Martin, all new technology and changes are hated at first, they soon grow on you.

Black Panther Party founder to bring message of environmental and civil action

Bobby Seale, founder of the Black Panther Party, will bring his message of environmental and civil activism to Boise State University at a public lecture on Jan. 24, in the Student Union Ballroom. The lecture is sponsored by the Boise State Student Program Board.

In his talks, Seale transports the audience back to the turbulent 1960s when civil rights protestors filled America's streets and young Black Panther Party members sold the party's newspaper, law books and legal guns for defense. In 1968, along with Huey P. Newton, Seale founded the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in response to the murders and brutalization of civil rights activists involved in non-violent protests.

The Black Panther Party also instituted a "Ten Point Program" aimed at improving employment, housing, medical care, economic issues and other civil and human rights. Seale was jailed in 1969, along with the Chicago Seven, and eventually released after winning a politically charged trial.

Seale's message for the 21st century is one of democratic, ecological and economic empowerment. He is currently the community liaison for the department of African American studies at Temple University. He is also the creator and director of REACH, an organization advocating environmental, ecological and economic empowerment.

Seale's lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 426-1225. For more information about Seale, visit www.bobbyseale.com.

Senate passes resolution to improve student safety

by J. Patrick Kelly
the Arbiter

ASBSU recently passed a Senate resolution to heighten awareness about student safety. The resolution promotes the accessibility of Campus Safety escorts for students and faculty and encourages the use of the courtesy phones located in all buildings. Campus Security provides the escorts by calling the Ada County Sheriff's office on campus.

ASBSU Senator Jenni Plewa sponsored the resolution. In the wake of recent criminal activity in Boise, Plewa wants students and faculty to know about the escorts for such use as being walked to their vehicles, campus apartments, or classroom buildings at any time.

"We (ASBsu) have discussed implementing a grass roots, student-run escort provider, but we already have the professional resources, so people should use them," Plewa said.

Plewa would like to see people use the courtesy phones to request escorts and is pushing for the telephone number to be posted by all the phones. "Nameplates by the courtesy phones with the number of the Ada County Sheriff would enable students to make the calls, and they shouldn't feel embarrassed to use the service because that's why it's there," Plewa said.

Plewa also said that most students are not aware of the courtesy phone locations or the telephone number to call for the service, and feels that Campus Safety and the Ada County Sheriff should advertise the number. Currently 911 is the only number posted by the phone, which should only be used in emergency situations.

Sgt. Gary Rouse of the sheriff's department campus substation, encourages students and faculty to call for escorts if they have any doubts about their personal safety.

"People should definitely not hesitate to call and we will send somebody their way. I feel with the recent violence close to campus that the students' psyches have been damaged when it comes to personal safety, and this service puts some of their fears to rest," Rouse said.

Glenn Bock, from Campus Safety, takes many of the calls. "Some people use the service and it's really no problem for us to come to the assistance of students. We pick them up in our vehicles and take them where they need to go," Bock said.

Campus Security always has officers available to provide the escorts for students and faculty. Plewa is also concerned that there isn't enough police presence on campus after nightfall. "I live on campus and rarely see Campus Security and Ada County sheriff's deputies patrolling at night, and people are out and about until late in the evening, especially on weekends."

Rouse said that deputies do patrol the campus in cruisers and on bikes at night. "Officers are definitely around campus, not only when they are radio-dispatched, but in general, to ensure campus safety for everyone."

Some students say they do not notice any police presence on campus after hours. "I've never seen a security person at night. Do they exist? It's really dark walking to my car, and it would be nice to see Campus Security," said student Jen Whitteman.

Debbie Paxton who takes night classes said, "I've had night classes for two semesters now and I've never seen anybody but students after leaving class."

Comments like these concern Plewa, who would like to see an increased police presence on campus at night. Sheriff's deputy Briton Stuart, who works the night-shift, said he patrols the campus regularly and supports the provided escorts.

"It's a great (service) for people to use. I know of a few students who use it all the time, and if you have any doubts about your safety, make the call. There's no way to prevent crime, but the escorts most certainly help," Stuart said.

Plewa's senate resolution is directed to BSU's president Charles Ruch, Campus Safety, Ada County Sheriff's office, and the resident directors of all student dormitories on campus. Plewa is hoping for a safer campus for everyone and encourages the students to help themselves.

"If the service doesn't get used, then what good is it? We all want a safer campus without the fear of physical violence," Plewa said.

Rouse said the safety of students and faculty is the main goal of the sheriff's department on campus. We are here, so give us a call anytime." 

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Applying to grad. school
by Lesleigh Owen
the Arbiter

In the spirit of holiday giving, I'm foregoing ties and lavender-scented body spray in favor of helping you prepare for the harrowing process of applying to graduate schools. No post-holiday thank you cards necessary.

My first word of advice for those who intend to deck the hallowed halls of graduate school: don't underestimate the length and breadth of this process. In fact, you'll need to start buckling down at least three to four months prior to the admissions deadlines in preparation for the Graduate Record Exam (known fondly to its victims as the GRE). Most college programs require general or subject GRE test scores. Know which test(s) to take, invest in a GRE-prep book or two, and then start your mental engines. Study the vocabulary, logic, and math problems like a person possessed. Stuff your noggin full of useless mathematical formulas and tedious acronyms. Take practice exams. Memorize prefixes on your college programs require general or subject GRE test scores.

In addition to soliciting your professors' words of advice and wisdom, you'll want to spend time researching universities' location, size, gender and racial mix, extracurricular opportunities, reputation, and -- not least -- the graduate program itself.

Okay, you have your list of colleges and your GRE scores pointed in their directions. What next? Review the admissions requirements, either by visiting the universities' websites or by eyeballing the information they sent you in response to your inquiry. Now, take a pen or a keyboard and make a list of required application materials. Not an anal-retentive, pocket-protector-wearing, hyper-organized person? Me neither, but trust me, you don't care.

Some of the desired materials typically include a personal statement, a curriculum vita, transcripts, GRE scores, and two or three letters of recommendation. Of course, some university departments may also squeeze writing samples, status cards, and a fancy-schmancy cover letter out of you. Ordering your transcripts want you to address such profound questions as "How has your undergraduate schooling prepared you for graduate studies?", but many send you on your way with a pat on your shoulder and some vague statement about "telling them about yourself." I panicked, until I stumbled onto some advice from the Berkeley web site: "We look for essays in which the quality of an individual's character emerges... We look for the following personal characteristics: creativity, intellectual curiosity and achievement; exceptional personal or academic recognition; initiative; motivation; leadership; and your ability to overcome or to manage significant challenges or obstacles." Good luck staying within the allotted one to three pages.

Now that you've warmed up your typing fingers, you'll sail right through the curriculum vita. A vita is quite simply a resume of your applicable scholastic and occupational accomplishments. Want to brag about making the dean's list, serving as an officer in a kick-ass student organization, or volunteering at the homeless shelter? Batter up.

Up until now, your success or failure has depended on your brilliance, organizational skills, and savings account. Now comes the true litmus test of the potential grad student: the letters of recommendation. As if it isn't bad enough that we have to crawl to two or three professors and beg them for words of kindness, we also place the success of our application process in their hands. One forgotten letter and we're crushed. I advise writing and dining them; plying them with cocktails, foot rubs, and pre-addressed envelopes; and offering to write, fetch, say, or do anything that will facilitate the process. See, this letter writing process isn't designed to determe who will stick up for you; it's a test of your servility. Grad students are little more than unpaid slave labor for professors, so testing your obsequiousness is primary.

The entire process sounds nightmarish, I know. That, my darlings, is because it is. By the time you've completed three or four application packets, you'll have reached new heights of humility stress, and impoverishment. That's not an accident, you know. The process is a character tester and builder, kind of a mini-graduate program in itself. Once you survive the application process, teaching assistantships, intense seminars, and thesis research will seem as complicated as taking candy canes from a baby.
African – American Cultural Contributions – Part II

From entertainer to activist: the 1920’s to the 1960’s

by Mike Winter
the Arbiter

Since the first installment of this series in last week’s issue, the 19-hour history of Jazz has burst upon the PBS television landscape. Part one of this series noted the evolution of the African American over the past century from entertainer to educator. In Jazz, there was a kind of education: the awareness that we, blacks and whites, have a great commonality.

“African American musicians created the music that became the emotional touchstone and release for many black and white Americans across several eras,” said New York Times television critic Judy Salamon. She could have added “across classes” as well. In the creation of the blues and jazz, the steps towards acceptance turned into strides across all barriers. Only the older generations disliked jazz, which of course just made it more popular.

Jazz had an advantage because music without lyrics is non-specific, therefore morally neutral. Thus music is about inclusiveness, about our common essence as human beings. Even the lyrics, as in the blues, are about the general human condition. In addition, jazz could take musical tradition and turn it upside down. Symbolically it was tradition itself being upended, a way of setting the old guard on its ear.

Not so with other art forms. They use denotation rather than connotation to convey meaning. The Harlem Renaissance, “The Mecca of the New Negro,” as one article declared, soon divided over whether, and how, black art should be an agent for social change. Poet Langston Hughes declared a revolution against the old guard, represented by author and activist W.E.B. DuBois, who co-founded the NAACP in 1909. Freedom of expression comes first, said Hughes, regardless of whether anyone, black or white, likes it.

Cultural critic Cornel West said “black art had a social dimension, but it is deeper and richer than that,” and to become so, the art had to “disregard the white normative gaze.” Black art had “a reach’s eye view of everything,” said author Amiri Baraka. “We saw life from the bottom up.”

Into the 1930’s the debate continued between protest art and the rest of African American art. Novelist and anthropologist Zora Thurston celebrated and portrayed African-Americans, focusing on how they lived in the rural south, not, as novelist Richard Wright declared, why they lived that way. Wright’s 1940 “Native Son” was a paragon of protest literature, while Thurston’s popular romantic novel, “Their Eyes Were Watching God,” depicted young black couple in love. Wright denounced this work, like anything that entertained white people, as being tantamount to minstrelsy.

“The artist must take sides,” declared Paul Robeson, whose voice seemed as deep, wide and powerful as the river of which he sang in the 1930’s movie “Showboat.” Robeson was an activist artist, traveling the world, celebrating communism’s care for the common man while maintaining a great career as a singer and actor. The year 1939, sculptor and educator Augusta Savage received the New York World’s Fair. It depicted black women singing as one instrument, the strings of a celestial harp. The torch of protest was taken up in the war years by novelist James Baldwin, who had never seen the America his uniform was mean to represent. His novel, “Go Tell It On The Mountain” of 1952 presented a Christian context.

In the 1940’s blacks began to penetrate the halls of high culture, again in music, with the contralto Marian Anderson and baritone Todd Duncan, as did Jackie Robinson in baseball and Althea Gibson in tennis. This trend continued into the 60’s in other creative fields with the nation’s highest recognitions and awards going to actress Dorothy Dandridge, author Ralph Ellison, and poet Gwendolyn Brooks.

In ballet Dolores Brown showed a career of great promise, but she could only find employment in the New York Neg. o Ballet, which folded when its patron died. Arthur Mitchell, however, did find employment with a mainstream company, The Metropolitan.

In 1959 a play by a young black woman, Lorraine Hansberry, took Broadway by storm. “A Raisin in the Sun” was based on her father’s efforts to move into a white neighborhood in Chicago. The play became a popular movie starring Sidney Poitier. These advances seemed to promise a new era of opportunity, and a new era of listening by white society.

But racial violence erupted in the South, which would not relinquish its hold on segregation. Ballet dancer Raven Wilkinson, who toured the country as a soloist with the famous Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, was forbidden to stay at the same hotel as the company when it toured in the South. After years of training and achieving great success, it was suggested that Wilkinson leave the Ballet Russe and start a company for African dance. She left the company and the country. She fled to Europe, like many black artists during the century.

One of these was James Baldwin, who returned to America from Paris to lend his voice to the burgeoning Civil Rights movement. He toured the south with activist Medgar Evers, who was murdered. Baldwin was enraged by this and other killings. Unlike Martin Luther King, who was committed to peaceful revolution, Baldwin’s message was that change would happen one way or the other, either by the bible or by the gun. Baldwin’s essay “The Fire Next Time” and his play “The Blues for Mister Charlie,” had drawn a line in the sand. The tables were turned: now it was the whites who were portrayed as the pathologic race, the problematized people. According to cultural critic Gerald Early, this was the most significant contribution to the social awareness of the 60’s.

Next week’s story will look from the 60’s to the present day.
Concerts feature a wide spectrum of dance from five choreographers

by Mike Winter
the Arbiter

Idaho Dance Theatre will present the work of five choreographers for its Winter Performances Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Special Events Center.

Co-artistic director and BSU faculty member Marla Hansen will premier her newest work to the music of Benjamin Britten's "Simple Symphony" for string orchestra, and co-artistic director Carl Rowe will premiere his "Go- Getters," set to the music of American composer Michael Torke.

Guest choreographer Joel Van Sickle will perform her comedic work "More Than the Sum of Her Parts." Matthew Hope from Ballet Idaho will again bring his choreography to the IDT stage with "Flow," set to the music of Thomas Newman, used in the movies "American Beauty" and "Unstrung Heroes." IDT dancer Thax von Reiter's piece is an untitled modern work to the music of Irish vocalist Kate Bush.

Hansen stated that she has wanted to express the beauty of this symphony since high school. Of the symphony's four movements, the third, which she titled "Sentimental Sarabande," features a pas de deux she hopes will be especially moving.

By contrast, Carl Rowe wanted to tackle something contemporary, complex and challenging, similar to multi-tasking in our very busy lives. This piece is intended to express our over-packed lives.

Joelle Van Sickle has relocated to Boise from University of Southern Mississippi. Her piece is written from the viewpoint of a single, "dating-weary" female in New York. While it was inspired by her own experience during a low point in her life, Van Sickle uses humor rather than pity.

In 1995 Matthew Hope went on a tour of India, and the music of Newman depicts what Hope found to be "the swelling masses of animals, humans and cars at all hours of the day and night. Organized chaos. I try to move the way the music sounds." Von Reiter's piece is a return for him to his "modern roots" after choreographing in ballet style for IDT. He is drawn to abstract musical styles for more creative freedom.

Tickets at $16 and $12, or $12 and $8 for BSU students, faculty and staff. They are available at Select-a-Seat outlets, idahotickets.com, or by phone at extension 1766. For more information, call IDT at 331-6592.

Another Round of Blues? No thanks

Blues Society CD is blues baloney

by Jim Towell
the Arbiter

African American author Ralph Ellison once said, "The Blues is an impulse to keep the painful details and episodes of a brutal experience alive in one's aching conscience, to finger its jagged grain..."

These words describe a musical tradition steeped in sorrow, a method of expressing genuine emotions of deep personal significance. The Blues was once something sacred, and often spiritual. The relative simplicity of its musical structure echoed the directness of the lyrics that accompanied it.

But today, "The Blues" is often nothing more than soulless party music for intoxicated puppies. And this extreme commercialization and bastardization of blues tradition is painfully apparent on the Boise Blues Society's compilation disc, "Another Round: A Collection of Original Northwest Blues Music."

The blunt, almost all the music on this disc is extremely derivative and stale. The chord progressions and scales are worn out and tired, the lyrics are often absurdly simple and stupid, and song after song passes by with barely a hint of real emotion. To call much of this 'original' music, is stretching the definition. Ripping off the riffs and vocal melodies of other artists doesn't qualify as 'original' in my book.

Even so, a couple of tracks on this disc stand out from the others. Neighbor Dave's "Blues Boomin" is a decent and authentic sounding acoustic blues number with some creative samples in the background. The other track worth mentioning is the very last, Area 51's 'Caught in Your Spell,' which isn't notable for its originality, but for the quality of Ed Hornung's voice, and some great instrumentation from Ken Harris and his Organ.

But overall, this is a very professional sounding compendium of Boise's finest bullshit. This might be something nice to throw on for the drunk customers at the local sports bar, but serious music lovers should avoid it like the plague. Go buy some Muddy Waters, Hendrix, Leadbelly, John Lee Hooker, or any other blues album with some substance.

Oregon bluegrass comes to Blues Bouquet

by Jim Towell
the Arbiter

On Saturday Jan. 27th, The Sugarbeets, a bluegrass/dance band from Eugene, will be making their way to the Blues Bouquet. According to their press release, "The Beets never fail to provide a great performance of high energy bluegrass/folk/rock music." The Boise Weekly commented, "...they have energetic tunes with tight musicianship." If bluegrass is your thing, then you might want to check 'em out. The show starts at 8:15 and the cover is $5 at the door.

Diversions

TVTV hits the air

by Jim Towell
the Arbiter

Are you interested in performing your sword-swallowing skills for a wider audience than your bathroom mirror? Want to produce a series loosely based on the exploits of your incompetent co-workers? Well, as long as your ideas don't contain obscene, libelous, or overtly commercial content, you've now got a forum to express them through the medium of television.

In case you haven't heard, the Treasure Valley has finally grown up enough to get its own public-access television station—elegantly named TVTV. Despite the fact that only cable television subscribers can view it, TVTV's administrators, Larry Regan and BSU Communication professor Peter Latze, want the station to be a forum for public voices that often get lost in the din of corporate-sponsored, commercial media.

The station will air seven days a week, but only from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m., so get your VCR ready. This makes it more difficult for some programs, and therefore some opinions, to be heard beyond insomnia.

Somewhere in the programs scheduled include BSU student productions, including a play, "Models out of Focus," programs from church groups, area High Schools, etc.

TVTV began broadcasting Friday, Jan. 12th, so those of you out there in TV land who are creative, ambitious, or even just pissed-off enough to produce your own show—do it! Training classes are $35, and local producers pay $30 annually to use the production facilities. TVTV's number is 343-1100.

The Arbiter would like to run a schedule and preview of student-produced programs airing on TVTV. To get your shot covered, give us a call at 345-8204, or email arts@arbiternail.com.

New faculty ensemble makes debut

The "Les Bois Piano Quartet" will give its premiere recital at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. The Boise State University music department's newest faculty ensemble is comprised of pianist Del Parkinson, violinist Craig Purdy, violist Linda Kline Lamar and cellist J. Wallis Britt.

Gennaro Delmastro's "Serenade," W.A. Mozart's "Piano Quartet in G Minor" and Gabriel Fauré's "Piano Quartet in C Minor" will be performed by the ensemble.

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