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## Administration vows more student housing

### Glut of student housing applicants leaves some students sleeping in lounges

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbitrator

Some residence hall denizens were greeted this semester with what administrators hope is a temporary situation. Late applications and an over 100 percent occupancy rate has left some students sleeping in converted lounges.

The BSU administration has responded, hiring a consulting firm last January to study the need for on-campus housing. That study, as well as this semester's residence hall surplus, has led to an undeniable conclusion.

"We just don't have enough space to accommodate everybody who wants to live on campus," said Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs.

The campus currently has 880 beds for students, as enrollment figures have soared past 16,000.

Blake also says that cultural changes and the needs of non-traditional students have changed the nature of student housing.

"There is a demand not for traditional residence hall rooms, but for suites, more

apartments for singles and more apartments for families," she said.

Blake says that students today are accustomed to having had their own bedrooms, or sharing with only one sibling, whereas it more common in the past for several siblings to share a room. This is one reason students have now become more wary of "gang" showers and bathrooms. A demand for single student rooms also arises from the need for quiet study time.

John Ringle, director of student housing, says that residence halls try to match students in double rooms with compatible roommates, and have residence hall advisors to smooth out touchy situations.

However, with the amount of applications, roommate pairing often only comes down to gender. He says that though it's possible for students with strong ideological differences (such as a conservative republican and a drag queen) to end up rooming together, college is a time to grow and expand horizons.

More student housing options, however, should be able to better place students into the types of living situations they would prefer.

The plan to build more student housing will require the approval of the State Board of Education, and will likely not be completed for a couple years. The new space for halls, Blake says, will likely be in the same area where the Chaffee and Morrison halls sit now.

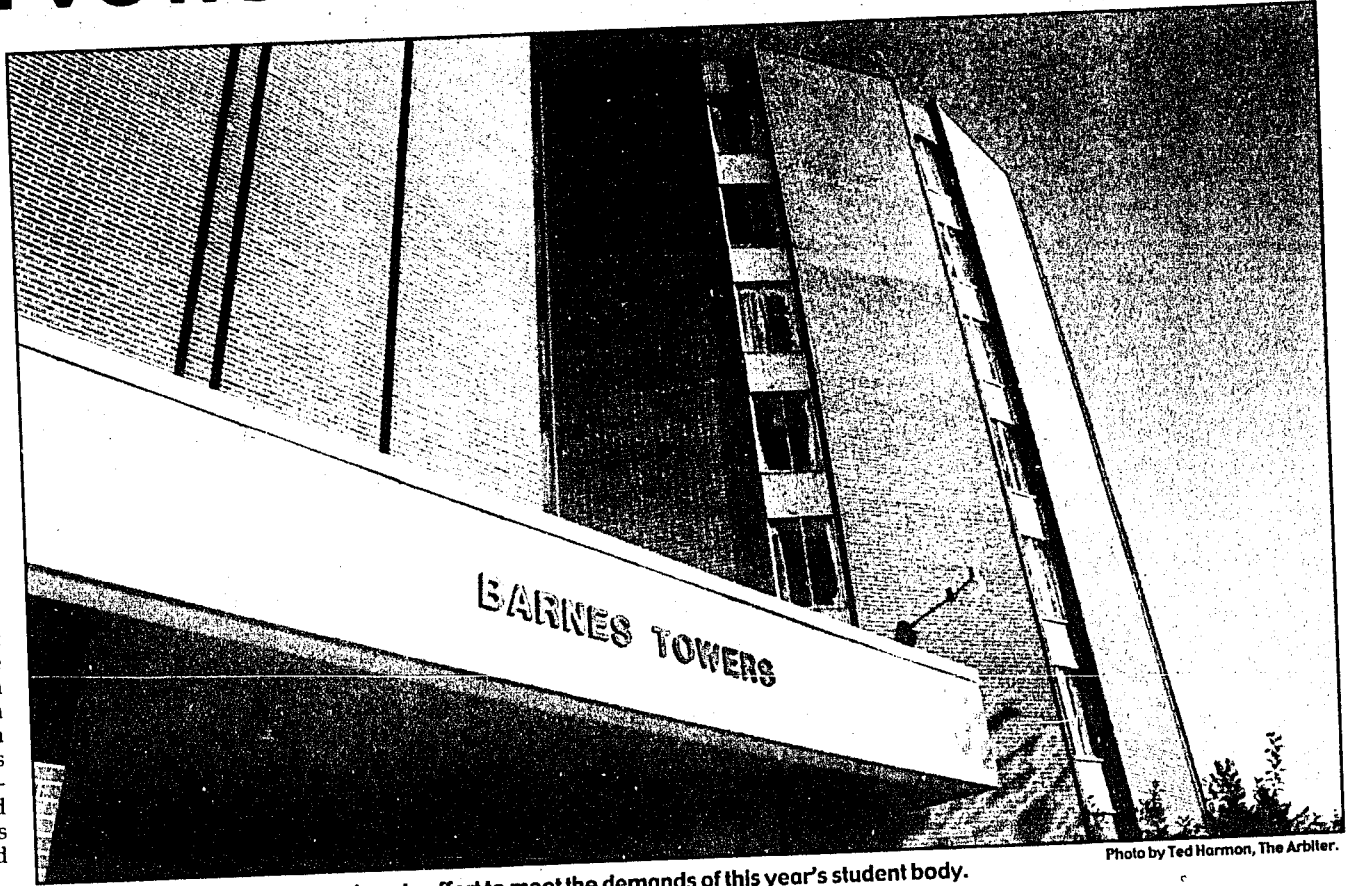


Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbitrator.

BSU is stacking dorm residents deep in effort to meet the demands of this year's student body.

The question lingers as to what will become of the students currently living in dorms, and those who apply for subsequent semesters, as the trend shows little sign of slowing down.

Dana Kelly, assistant director of student housing, says that the students currently living in lounges are predominantly late applications. She

says those lounges have been converted in the past on a regular basis.

"It's not as if they've never been used as student rooms before," she said.

While Blake mentions that she has never seen the residence hall numbers soar so high in her tenure, there have been surpluses in the past. Ringle says that at times the

university had to rent out hotels - such as the nearby University Inn - to accommodate surplus students.

He also says the current situation is temporary. A drop-out rate, even this early in the semester, should be enough to get students into rooms for the present semester.

"We're hoping by the end of (this) week, we can find per-

manent spots for them," Ringle said.

Ringle says student housing is valuable because it is not simply near campus, but on campus, leading to a greater sense of the college experience. He says it is particularly valuable for freshmen to develop a sense of community as they arrive on campus.

## Fee retraction demand backfires



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbitrator.  
Campus Recreation Director Joyce Grimes.

### Student leaders attempt to retract their criticism of administration

By Brandon Fiala  
The Arbitrator

Members of the Associated Students of Boise State University recently attempted to retract their criticism of administrators after learning their claim was inaccurate.

ASBSU President Nate Peterson and other student

government leaders claimed last week that university officials should return the \$10 student fee increase for the maintenance and operation of the still-under-construction Student Recreation Center.

The center, scheduled to open this semester, won't open until January due to construction flaws. Members of ASBSU claimed that administrators were misusing the student fees because there is no center to operate or maintain.

"Students were charged an increase in student fees for the recreation center on the basis that the increase would go to maintenance and operation costs," Peterson said early last week. "Now that the center isn't open for fall semester, we need to get the money back that we paid."

Other ASBSU members supported Peterson's claim.

"The simple problem is that (administrators) didn't tell us that they're using \$160,000 of our money," said Imran Ali, ASBSU chief of staff.

Peterson said that he used the student fee increase as a test to determine the openness of administrators.

"It's hard to fathom what we don't know about - what else (administrators) aren't telling us," he said.

Peterson and Ali both said they hadn't talked to administrators before charging them with financial irresponsibility, but were confident in their judgement.

"We want full information, when we were not approached by people using our money, we take a reactionary role primarily because we feel that when small things aren't discussed there are many inconspicuous things we don't know about but should," Peterson said.

But after talking to administrators, Ali and other ASBSU members attempted to retract their comments to the Arbitrator. Ali requested that earlier comments be ignored, and that publishing them would be unethical. New information had been received, and views had changed.

Ali declined further comment Friday.

Kara Janney, ASBSU vice president, said Friday that she agreed with Peterson, although she didn't have detailed information about the student fees.

"(Peterson) does a great job creating student interest," she said.

Joyce Grimes, campus recreation director,

Peterson didn't understand the situation.

"There has been a big misunderstanding, we're not just spending the money, but we're using it to get ready," she said.

Grimes said that the student fee increase didn't generate \$160,000, but closer to \$100,000 because only full-time students pay the full fee.

In addition, the roughly \$100,000 won't actually appear until the latter part of this semester or in January.

Peterson said that the increase was to pay for maintenance and operation, but it actually pays for new staff salaries in addition to maintenance, such as custodial salaries.

"We can't wait until the doors open to hire people, we have to certify instructors,

train students and get programs ready," Grimes said.

"We want programs ready the day we open."

If the recreation center had opened on time, personnel would have been hired during the summer - just as staff were hired recently for the January opening, Grimes said.

In order to pay for current expenses, Campus Recreation has penny-pinched and rolled over savings into new budgets, said Jenny Nigrini, associate director for programs.

The money is needed to help offset a projected deficit of nearly \$500,000 during the first year of operation.

Added programs, additional staffing and higher operating expenses are projected to balloon the 2002 budget to \$1.4 million from the \$443,554 in

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Here's what you'll have to pay to use the new Student Recreation Center:	Annual Semester Summer		
	Annual	Semester	Summer
Full time student	Free	Free	Free w/3 credits or more* \$28 < 3 credits
Part time student (less than 8 credits)	N/A	\$45.50	See above
Student spouse-partner (full or part time)	N/A	\$91	\$28
Faculty-staff	\$210	\$100	\$40
Faculty-staff spouse-partner	\$210	\$100	\$40
Payroll deduct (25 pay periods)	\$8.40-pay period		
All dependants** (less than 16 years old)	\$105	\$50	\$40
All dependants (16-22 years old)	\$210	\$100	\$40
Alumni	\$315	\$150	\$60
Alumni spouse-partner	\$315	\$150	\$60
Affiliate***	\$210	\$100	\$40
Affiliate spouse-partner	\$210	\$100	\$40
Emeriti	\$210	\$100	\$40
Emeretti spouse-partner	\$210	\$100	\$40
Departmental guests****	\$20-week		
Guest day pass	\$5-day		

\* Summer student: Must have been enrolled in previous spring semester and registered for fall semester.  
 \*\* Still subject to approval by the Student Recreation Board of Governors.  
 \*\*\* Affiliate: An employee under the jurisdiction of the state board. Must request this status and have approval by the provost.  
 \*\*\*\* Departmental guest: Visiting performers and guests of the university sponsored by a campus department or office.

SOURCE: Student Recreation Board of Governors

## Budget inequity affects student fees, programs

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbitrator

An independent study contracted by the Idaho legislature, released in June, concluded BSU is not receiving equitable funding in comparison with Idaho public institutions.

The independent study by MGT, a higher education research company from Austin, Texas, concluded that, "Based both on the analysis of peer data, and also on the analysis of Idaho-specific data, the allocation of resources to Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State College, and the University of Idaho was determined to be inequitable." (page C-16)

Nate Peterson, ASBSU president explained the University of Idaho receives around \$3,000 more per student.

"Our goal is to educate students and influence the legislation to address and solve the issue in a way that best contributes to equity," Peterson said.

Presidents of Idaho's four-year colleges have been directed by the State Board of Education to formulate a plan to create more equitable funding for the schools. "The State Board asked us to meet and come up with recommendations," said BSU President, Dr. Charles Ruch.

Administrators within the

system have known about the funding inequity for a long time. "It took 10 or 12 years to reach this stage. We needed concern among legislators and an independent study to make it a public issue," Ruch said.

The Board expects a report from the Presidents in September.

"This can be a recommendation, or a progress report," said Ruch.

The current formula for state university funding does not take into account a period of rapid growth, such as what is occurring in southern Idaho.

"Economic development shifts where the population base is and this impacts how funds should be allocated," said Stacy Pearson, BSU associate vice president of finance and administration.

"Ada and Canyon counties are the fastest growing in Idaho, and BSU serves them," Pearson said.

One suggested change would be to modify the state's system of funding universities according to base budgets, which make up over 90 percent of their budgets, according to the report.

"Even if universities get similar percentage increases, the rich get richer due to unequal base budgets," BSU Provost Daryl Jones said.

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## Petty marketing practices banned from Student Union

By Laura Wylde  
The Arbitrator

Credit cards and other miscellaneous solicitations involving free gimmicks for signed contracts are now banned in the SUB due to efforts pushed by ASBSU President, Nate Peterson and ASBSU Senator Brooke Baldwin.

Measures passed enforce restrictions prohibiting any party renting space in the Student Union to either offer gifts for a contractual agreement of any commercial nature, and such signed contract may not be received by a party on campus perimeters.

"The most salient aspect of this deed is not to limit commercial activity or inhibit individual choice, but merely to put an end to petty marketing practices," Peterson said.

Three years ago, in ASBSU

Senate, Peterson began the adventure of restricting all commercial activity.

"This university is not a mall," Peterson said.

The resolution includes a requirement that marketers with sponsorship renting a booth from the Student Union pay a flat fee up front.

"Credit card and cell phone companies in the past have skipped out of paying student organizations sponsoring them," Peterson said.

Student organizations will sponsor a marketing booth such as credit card recruitment, or cell phone offers with the agreement of payment for the number of signed contract.

"Now, these clubs will receive money for these companies simply occupying space, whether they get zero or two million signed con-

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# News

## ASBSU reveals visions for upcoming year

By Laura Wylde  
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The Associated Students of Boise State University plan on focusing this year around improving policies and activities geared toward the students. Members of ASBSU acknowledged similar goals for this year's activities being based around student involvement, improved communication with administration, and implementing policies geared toward students.

**Nate Peterson**  
ASBSU President Peterson plans to centralize his efforts towards academic programs, student services, funding, and activities improving campus life.

"Involving student services, we are attempting now to provide a second alternative for students to get books for class," he said.

Peterson envisions a book swap to provide a medium between students to buy, sell or trade books with one another.

"Kim Phillips of the Bookstore needs to receive credit for her role to facilitate the organization of this event to be most effective," Peterson said.

Peterson mentioned plans of establishing an Internet site where students will be able to post listings for the book swap, and vote on-line.

"We are putting the finishing touches on the internet site where students can vote on-line, and when that is finished we will integrate other services," Peterson said.

He mentioned hopes to have students able to vote on-line for the fall elections.

Later this semester, Peterson is working on installing services to help students with tax season. Currently students are

able to receive help with tax information, but Peterson hopes to expand by providing financial advising and resources for students.

Peterson is working on amending previously passed issues including grade replacement.

"It is unfair to punish students attending BSU during the four or five years the grade replacement was abolished," he said.

Peterson is also adamant about parking issues being amended.

"I would like to see a controlled number of general permits for sale," he said.

Currently BSU offers an unlimited number of general parking permits, on the assumption people will be utilizing lots at different times.

Peterson said he would like to see parking to be less of a revenue function than it has previously been. He is trying to eliminate ticketing on

Sundays and after 7 p.m. on weekdays.

**Kara Janney**  
ASBSU Vice President Janney and Peterson share views regarding secular activities on campus.

Where Peterson said, "organizations should not be discriminated against because of religion," Janney said she has goals to do projects that benefit the whole campus.

"Unfortunately ASBSU Senate in the past existed mainly to dole out money for the most popular clubs on campus, and this will not be happening under my vice-presidency," she said.

She has goals of spreading this word out to students on campus.

"Senate wants to be more visible and accessible," she said.

Janney also has set aside an

Emergency Relief Fund for all students. Funds would be appropriated to students in dire need of money, such as those who cannot afford books.

"The application process for this is shifty right now," Janney said.

She will be working with financial aid to develop the logistics behind this plan.

Janney will be the only contact for the appropriation of funds because, "I do not want students to be embarrassed about using the fund," she said.

**Brooke Baldwin**

"It is a personal goal to work with administration to lobby the legislature regarding the MGT Study, and the funding inequity," Senator Baldwin said.

She said the state board and legislation must take Boise State more seriously.

Baldwin is also passionate about making the campus safer. She is working for more lighting in the quad, and the Communication Building.

"Safety is not a big enough concern on this campus for people to consider spending huge amounts of money," Baldwin said.

She hopes to create an understanding of the availability of secured escorts at night. "It is hardly utilized at all," she said.

Baldwin also plans to work with the Cultural Center and Women's Center.

"We allocated funds last year, to help these centers get projects started, and I would like to help them more this year," she said.

**Imran Ali**

Chief of staff Ali firstly fills committees with Personnel Selection Director Trevor Irish. Secondly, he represents students in the Presidential Cabinet and Facilities planning.

"I am becoming a voting member, and providing discourse to represent student's ideas," he said.

Ali also works with the Grant fund which consists of \$6,000 to be dispersed to clubs or organi-

zations when the institution finds itself under-budget due to extenuating circumstances.

**Trevor Irish**  
Personnel Director for ASBSU, Irish is currently working on recruiting all student leaders in ASBSU and students at large to sit on all committees.

"I am doing this so we all have a say on what takes place," He said.

Irish is also trying to keep all positions filled with students.

"One thing amazing about this year," Baldwin said, "is that all sixteen senator positions are filled, we have a full forum."

Additional positions include over 10 spots to fill the Executive committee, and the Judiciary committee, holding five members.

"Biggest call is to get students on committees," Irish said.

When a position comes available to sit on a committee, ASBSU advertises for two weeks, and applications are sent to Irish for review.

To apply, a student must have a minimum GPA of 2.25.

"These committees are heart and soul of university," Irish said. "People need to stand up for student rights, get things done, be firm in the winds of politics," he continued.

**Nate Chambers**

Acting as the Faculty Relations Director, Chambers is a liaison between ASBSU and the faculty.

He works with the Faculty Senate in regards to the actions Peterson is planning in order to voice concerns of ASBSU in front of the senate.

"Peterson and I still have to get together within this next week to go over everything I will be working on," Peterson said.

-To find out more about ASBSU, contact 426-1440

## Boise State loses \$1.4 million in Kempthorne budget cutbacks

By Stephanie Bodden  
The Arbiter

In an announcement Wednesday, Aug. 29, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ordered budget holdbacks of \$36 million in order to counteract generous spending by the Legislature. This represents a 2 percent cut-back in state spending in a two-month-old fiscal year. These budget cuts result in a \$1.4 million reduction for BSU.

**Idaho Democratic Party Chairwoman**

Carolyn Boyce says, "The voice of caution, raised by Democrats in the legislature, was lost in the din of Republican rhetoric during the tax-cutting frenzy that swept the Statehouse. This just proves what we have said all along - Republicans are not fiscally responsible."

Kempthorne defends his decision saying that state agencies are coming off a year in which the legislature treated them well. He anticipates that adequate funding will continue to accommodate the demands of continuing proper education of children, keeping Idaho safe, protecting the environment, and expanding the economy.

Republican Dolores Crow, House Revenue and Taxation Committee Chairwoman, claims that the 2 percent spending cuts "just won't be missed. It sounds like a lot of money, and it is a lot of money, but in the perspective of a \$2 billion budget, it isn't."

At the same time, the governor, though cutting education spending, is spending \$64 million to renovate the Statehouse.

Although Idaho began the year with a surplus of \$330 mil-

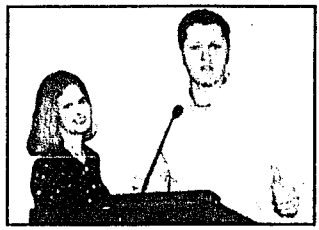
lion, the money evaporated into tax cuts and other initiatives. Kempthorne's look at the state's worsening revenue situation forced his decision as tax collections continue to fall. He required that agencies submit their plans to the State Controller's Office by Sept. 24, with the holdback effective Sept. 1.

At BSU, the current budget appropriates \$198,174,900 for expenditure by the school. A \$1.4 million reduction in the budget leaves BSU officials laboring to meet the demands of the budget with less money than anticipated.

Stacy Pearson, associate vice president of Finance and Administration, explains that it's too soon to tell if this will affect students directly. At this point Finance and Administration has lessened the operating travel capital which may put a hold on equipment purchases, but it should not be much of a burden at this point.

The administration has also imposed a limited hiring freeze, in which approval must be granted for advertising, interviewing, and hiring of new employees. The official census, she stated, will be out next week, at which time, the need for new professors and other faculty will be assessed.

"Right now, our first priority is to put instructors in front of the class," she says. Budgeting reviews are done on a monthly basis, so it shouldn't be hard for the administration to stay on top of the cuts and the solutions. Some hope the legislature would learn from this example.



Kara Janney and Nate Peterson

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# Centanni's enthusiasm infectious

## BSU biology professor plans talk at Borders

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbiter

Four rescue workers hold the largest condom in the world like a safety net on a poster on the door. The comfortably cramped office sports plenty of papers and volumes. A white lab coat hangs on the back wall. A frog made from compressed, disinfected dung sits atop a desk piled with books and journals and stares me down.

The tall, bearded professor of biology leans back into his chair and with a gleam in his eye begins to tell me a story about a bunch of spores, a crop duster and Salt Lake City. "In four days we could have 125,000 dead... in ten days, 60 percent could be dead, and President Bush wants to build Star Wars. It won't be an ICBM that takes us out, it will be a terrorist with a suitcase of spores."

On Tuesday, Sept. 11 Dr. Russell Centanni will speak at Borders about just such a scenario. The event is sponsored

by "Partners in Crime," a national organization dedicated to supporting readers and writers of mystery, suspense, and thriller fiction.

"They were interested in me because of my HIV and emerging pathogens work," says Centanni. "They thought it might be interesting to their work."

Centanni plans on gauging his audience and telling stories that fit their interests.

"The bioterrorism notion is very real," says Centanni,

"Anthrax represents the single greatest biological warfare threat." Anthrax spores can be grown in a culture as simple as beef bouillon. "It's the same idea as what they're cooking in the meth labs," says Centanni.

"The trick is to tell if the infection is a chronic or an acute threat. Whether the idea is to devalue a population or to knock 'em off," he says. In an acute infection, such as the outbreak of the Ebola virus, Centanni explains, "a bunch of people get sick, and a bunch of people die," but the disease remains localized. A chronic threat, like that posed by anthrax is a different matter.

Centanni explains why a Planned Parenthood scare in which a letter threatening exposure to anthrax and containing brown dust was such a

big deal: "The culprit was smart enough to use a biological agent. If it had just been sugar, it would have been easy to look under a microscope and tell that it was benign, but these were spores," says Centanni. By the time the sample was determined to be harmless puffball mushroom spores, a period of six hours had passed, an eternity in the biological containment world. According to Centanni, biological warfare issues are not the only disease issues that we face. He explains a demonstration in which 18 percent of his class is singled out, representing the percentage of males and females who carry the sexually transmitted disease that causes the majority of cases of cervical cancer in women.

"There was an incredible hush," he says. "And then I ask, when you're out there jockeying for position, because that is what we are doing, should we be interested in screening for sexual histories?"

Centanni has no plans to end his almost 30-year career at BSU any time soon, "As soon as I can't get excited about what I do, it's time to do something else."

There is little chance of that as his infectious enthusiasm surrounds anyone within earshot.



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter.

Hypochondriacs may want to miss Dr. Centanni's lecture on bio-terrorism at Border's Books and Music September 11th.

## BSU Selland College builds customer care curriculum

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbiter

Boise State's Selland College of Applied Technology has received new donations totaling \$70,000 to fund the development of the Customer Care Specialist program.

The donations to the program are earmarked for computer hardware, software, and telephone systems, and cash donations for scholarships and advertising. Some of the donations are in-kind, including the advising and expertise from industry professionals while developing the curriculum.

The Selland College provides job-specific programs designed to educate students in technical careers based on industry demands for training. Customer Care Specialist is a

generic title for the people who tend to customers over the telephone in call centers and are often a customer's first experience with a business.

According to Selland College Dean Dr. Larry Barnhardt, a Purdue University study indicated that if the trend continues, 75 percent of all customer contacts would come through the telephone or the Internet.

"Just the other day, I was looking for a floor mat for my chair," said Barnhardt, "and I called an 800 number and talked to a Customer Care Specialist."

Currently, there are 27 call centers in the Treasure Valley employing about 8,000 people. Local call centers include Capitol One Financial Services, DIRECTV, Idaho Power and Sears Regional Credit Center.

Barnhardt reports rumors of two new call centers to come, bringing 500 new jobs in the industry.

"It doesn't matter where the person is who relates to the customer," said Barnhardt of the number of call centers in the area, "The Treasure Valley is attractive to the industry because of its quality of life and high-tech telecommunications infrastructure."

The Customer Care industry suffers from a high rate of turnover, largely due to people being unfamiliar with job duties after being lured by relatively high wages. Customer Care Specialists in the Treasure Valley make between \$9 and \$11 per hour.

This attrition creates an industry need for 200 new jobs every month. The program would expose potential

employees to the nature of the job and possibly lower that aspect of the turnover rate.

This is what the industry is counting on by donating to the college. "Our research has revealed that more than \$60 million are lost annually by area call centers through turnover," said Kent Ivanoff, vice president of Capitol One Financial Services in a Boise Metro Economic Development Council news release.

"We believe that students at BSU would make excellent customer service people," Barnhardt said.

Students are attracted to call center work because of the flexible schedules that the industry offers. Senior citizens who are not looking for full-time employment are also good candidates.

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2001, according to the Campus Recreation 2001-2002 budget forecast.

Grimes said that she has gotten students the best deal by not increasing student fees as much as needed.

"To support an annual budget of \$1.4 million to operate the facility and program, we needed an actual fee increase of \$24, however, the department made the decision this year to ask for a \$10 increase

"Our reason for only asking for the partial fee is to have the opportunity to have a year of operation to see how much revenue we are able to generate through recreation card memberships, sponsorships,

rentals and guest fees," Grimes wrote in a Campus Recreation fee proposal dated March 13, 2001.

"The big picture is that we still have a deficit regardless of the \$10 student fee," Grimes said. "We're not sitting on that money, we're using it to help us give students what they paid for."

The recreation center is behind schedule because a wall of bricks didn't match and had to be replaced, misshapen concrete walls and bad weather, Grimes said.

BSU officials and contractor Record Steel & Construction Inc. are negotiating a completion date and possible financial penalties, Negrini said.

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Under the present system, the State Board of Education allocates a lump sum to the schools every year based on their base budgets. These allocations are present to allow for inflation, not enrollment growth.

"The enrollment workload adjustment only funds at one-ninth of the rate of growth, hence the inequity," said Pearson.

"The faster you grow, the faster you fall behind," said Jones.

"The best example is the compound interest example," said Ruch, "If the base budget doesn't grow as fast, and the numbers I have to divide it into keep getting bigger, the per-student number gets smaller."

Until the Presidents decide how to solve the inequity problem, it is unclear how the funding changes will affect fees for students. "There is no way of calculating the difference at this time," said Ruch, "It's an enormously complex issue."

According to Pearson, however, the situation has many implications in terms of programs available for students. "This inequity has built up over years," she said, "It hampers our ability to meet

students' needs." Administration uses the money in the base budget for adding additional class sections and hiring adjunct faculty. With an expected increase in enrollment at BSU this year, the needs of current programs may not be met.

"Students at the University of Idaho get a better education because they are getting a bigger piece of the pie," said Imran Ali, Chief of Staff of ASBSU.

Ali said the funding gap is visible in other areas, such as fewer financial service employees, resulting in longer lines.

The budget inequity directly affects the amount of student fees. "Yes, our fees are low, compared to other schools in the region," said Pearson, "but so is the legislature report for university programs."

Pearson hopes the presidents will address the matter with a plan to will help the students. She expects fee increases will continue for students, but those increases are affected by funding by the legislature.

"If the legislature doesn't increase funding, guess where we have to go? To the students," she said.

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tracts," Peterson said.

Peterson originated his ideas three years ago as an ASBSU Senator. He inferred students are forced to leave the university because of growing personal debt, and wants to halt trends making it easier for a student to enlist in credit.

"This policy promotes a healthy environment but does not inhibit students from being individual consumers," he said.

Baldwin is pursuing further actions combined with ASBSU staff to prohibit marketing tactics offering free gimmicks for signed contracts throughout the University.

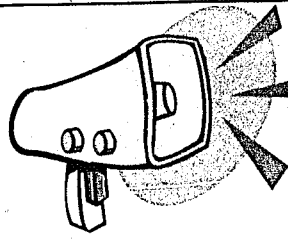
"The Student Union does not have enough authority to

regulate what goes on in the entire campus," she said.

Her goal is to have credit card companies provide information on debt education and annual interest rates to inform students of what they are getting in to.

Baldwin submitted a resolution to student government allowing restrictions to encompass the campus as a whole.

"We have met with an ASBSU attorney to make sure we are not inhibiting free speech," Baldwin said. She continued, "we are just limiting what marketing tactics companies can do so students have to think if they really want a credit card."



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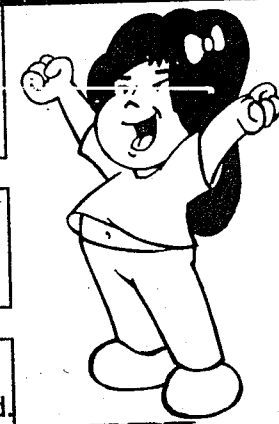


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Chris Peters
USC Sophomore
Columbia, SC

Arbiter misuses the word "their"

Dream on, Renae. Gamecocks win 31-7. BTW, you need to confer with your editor — when you said "they don't look like their doing much good," I think you really meant "they don't look like THEY'RE doing much good." If you're going to try and rip somebody, at least get the spelling right. We like grits down south — but we like dic-

tionaries, too!

John Thompson
Bellingham, Wash.

-Editor's note: Sue us, we missed that article in editing. However, Mr. Thompson, you misspelled the name of your own town.

letters to the editor

You're as idiotic as the people you make fun of

Fantastic. You've managed to sound as idiotic as the people WE make fun of (if you could imagine any specie of people lower than USC fans). Too bad, really; most of us had grown to really like the people with whom we've interacted from BSU. Do us a favor. Write some more like this, insulting a bunch of people you've never met. But next time, why don't you deliver the message personally....

J. Bost
Washington, D.C.

Not politically correct

So they actually have a newspaper for special-ed students?

Duncan
Columbia, SC

Gamecock fan doesn't speak for all

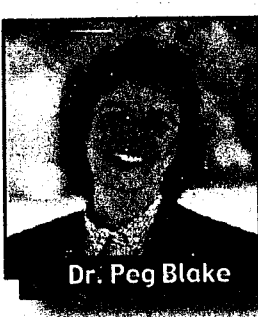
I am embarrassed, to say the least, by what was written by David Cloninger of the Carolina Spectator (whatever that is) Mr. Cloninger sure has a lot of nerve but not much sense when bashing another college football team when our beloved Gamecocks are basically .500 for life. I love the Gamecocks and our fans, but Mr. Cloninger's comments paint us narrow-minded johnny-come-latelies. Thanks a lot Mr. Cloninger for showing the country your great sportsman-like spirit.

Mark Beaty
Winter Park, Florida

-What do you think of this week's campus events, news and opinion? Letters to the editor may be submitted to letters@arbiteronline.com, dropped by our office in the SUB annex or faxed to 426-3198.

A great new year at Boise State!

Welcome Back! We have been working hard all summer to prepare for the new semester and what appears to be another record-breaking enrollment this fall. All the same, the semester started too early for me, and probably for many of you as well. But there is excitement in the air as we kick-off this semester, with all kinds of plans in the works that you should know about. A run-down of some of the changes in the wind:



Dr. Peg Blake

offered in our existing recreation facilities. Visit the recreation web site at www.boisestate.edu/recreation to learn about all of the fitness and recreational offerings available to students this semester.

4. New Student Housing Options: Due to an increasing demand for on-campus living opportunities for students, we hope to begin planning and designing new student housing options (suites and apartments) later this semester.

5. Expansion of the Student Union: A student-focused planning team will begin working this fall on the design of the Student Union Expansion, to incorporate the Women's Center, Cultural Center, Arbiter, computer lab, expanded food service options, and more student study, meeting and programming spaces.

6. Improved Student Health Insurance: This year's student health insurance plan offers more and better coverage for students (and their dependents) while remaining a low-cost insurance plan. Visit the Student Health and Wellness Center's web site at www.boisestate.edu/studenthealth/ for detailed information about the insurance plan. Also remember that all BSU students are eligible for services provided by the Health and Wellness Center; you do not need to have the student insurance in order to access the excellent

medical care available at the Center.

7. Jobs for Students: The Career Center's BroncoJobs on the web now provides 24 hour/day, 7 day/week access to job listings for on- and off-campus student employment and internships, as well as career employment listings for graduating students. Go to http://career.boisestate.edu to access BroncoJobs and other helpful information on choosing your career and finding employment.

8. Leadership and Communication Efforts: I appreciate the commitment of the student leaders who participated in student leadership retreats prior to the start of the fall semester, and I look forward to continuing our discussions at ASBSU meetings and through the variety of other opportunities I have to interact with students and student organizations each semester. Through our continuing, open dialogue, we will work together to increase opportunities and enhance the educational experiences of BSU students.

So, in spite of the Governor's announcement last week of a two percent budget cut (which amounts to nearly \$1.5 million being taken out of the BSU budget), we look forward to a great new year. Please know that I welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. Best wishes for a terrific semester!

-Peg Blake is the vice president of student affairs. You can contact her at pblake@boisestate.edu

Construction makes a fine greeting from the administration

By Trevor Klein

As many of you can obviously tell Boise State University has been turned into construction zone. I have not seen this much yellow caution tape since the days of O.J. Simpson.

The entire campus is filled with heavy equipment and jackhammers, it reminds me of the gold mines outside of Elko, Nevada. And no one in the administration seems to be able to say when this construction will cease to exist. Larry Blake the director of Planning Facilities made a statement in Thursday's edition of the Arbiter, referring to the Tennis court project "we are behind schedule." Then goes onto say that it will take another three months for the project to be complete, making another statement: "however a few more months will be needed to build the adjoining structure."

Clearly, I think Larry Blake could tell us as the students that he does not really know when the project will be com-

pleted. And this leads to the discussion of the recreation center that supposedly was going to be ready for the fall 2001 term. Well, this structure is also behind on schedule due to some contractual errors. What has happened to be \$10 fee increase we as the students were forced to pay this semester for the maintenance and operation of the new building? I can speculate that some of the money is being used for the newly acquired fitness instructor and intramural sports director who are and I quote the assistant director of Campus recreation Jenny Negrini "are walking over one another" in the office space of the old recreation center.

Although, I might ask that Campus Rec. is doing what they see fit for the time being in bringing new programmers to the University so they do not have to do a last minute hire when the new recreation center but no can give you a specific date, just a quick beat around the bush with an answer that seems to get away

from the point. Just admit that you don't know, instead of dodging the question.

And what about the other construction zones on campus such as the Liberal Arts Building, or the parking lot that is going in by the Library, and the kiosks. Do all of these projects need to be behind their original schedules? What was wrong with doing these projects over the summer?

Taking nothing away from the beautification or the hard work going into these projects and the people performing their jobs to the best of their abilities. But it does make an impression on the students here that have to deal with the various construction delays day in and day out. Will the students remember what they learned this semester when they discuss their classes or will they talk about the deep dark dirt pits that burden them on a daily basis?

Trevor Klein is the student relations director for ASBSU

Bush puts Clinton to shame

By Jerel Thomas
Special to the Arbiter

Welcome to all new students and a big hello to all returning students from the right wing voice on campus.

This year plans to be an exciting one with a good republican in the White House and a bunch of leftists and spineless moderates in Congress. Before we get started, I would like to take some time to encourage everyone to get involved on campus and join some of these fantastic clubs. College Republicans would be my first recommendation, but there are many other fine clubs around as well.

So, as I mentioned before, we have a good Republican in the White House now. But even I had no idea how good he was until Hillary Clinton made headlines saying, "Everything we accomplished in eight years has already been undone."

Now, I knew that President Bush was good, but really, does this comment prove how good Bush is or how bad Clinton was? Bush has only been President for eight months and he has already overturned everything that happened during the Clinton era? I would suggest that Hillary has just admitted how inept the Clinton's were at run-

ning things.

To put this in comparison, Ronald Reagan, the greatest President we will ever see in our lifetime, was also President for eight years. Leftists are still trying to undo the policies of Reagan 13 YEARS after he left office! Leftists still can't get taxes up to the 70 percent range they were at before Reagan. Leftists still cannot topple the military or turn us all into tree-hugging communists! The left has had 13 years and the legacy of Reagan still stands. Clinton's "legacy" (other than his perjury and being impeached) is abolished after 8 months!

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## The skinny on Dinwiddie

### Facts and figures from the Boise State Athletic Department

Ryan Dinwiddie, #7, at 6 feet tall and 192 pounds, enters fall practice as Boise State's number one signal caller after working with the number one offense the entire spring season. In Boise State's three spring scrimmages, Dinwiddie completed 23-of-38 passes for 388 yards and three touchdowns. He ended the spring season on a high note, throwing for 142 yards and two touchdowns (19 yards and 62 yards) in just nine attempts in Boise State's annual Spring Game. In 2000, Dinwiddie was Boise State's number two quarterback behind record setting senior Bart Hendricks. He saw action in eight games, completing 11-of-19 passes for 137



Ryan Dinwiddie

yards and two touchdowns, and threw scoring passes to Jay Swillie (5 yards) against North Texas, and then wrapped up Boise State's scoring against Idaho in the regular season finale with a 44 yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Tim Gilligan. He had his best game against North Texas, completing each of his four passes, including the scoring throw to Swillie. Dinwiddie ended the season with a quarterback rating of 153.2. In 1999, red-shirted during the 1999 season, his first with the Bronco program. He entered the 2000 season in a race for the number two quarterback slot, backing up Bart Hendricks. He had an outstanding red-shirt season working with the Bronco scout team, and carried that into spring drills. In Boise State's annual spring game, Dinwiddie completed six-of-12 passes for 103 yards with the number two offense, before going two-of-three for 14 yards in one series with the number one offense. He threw for one score during the scrimmage, a 67-yarder to wide receiver Jerry Smith. Dinwiddie put up incredible

numbers in his two years as starting quarterback at Elk Grove High School in 1997 and 1998. In those two years, he completed 248 of 403 passes for a 61.5 completion percentage and passed for 4,358 yards and completed 56 touchdown passes while throwing only 10 interceptions to lead his team to a 27-1 record. Converting those statistics to the NCAA collegiate rating system, and Dinwiddie's two-year rating would be 196.3 (The NCAA Division I-A passing efficiency leader in 1998 was Shaun King of Tulane University with a rating of 183.3). Dinwiddie was named the Delta League Offensive Most Valuable Player in 1998, and also earned first team all-state, all-city and all-league honors his junior and senior seasons. He also rushed for 16 touchdowns in his two-year career, making him responsible for 70 touchdowns. Dinwiddie's high school football coaches were Ed Lombardi and Dave Hoskins.

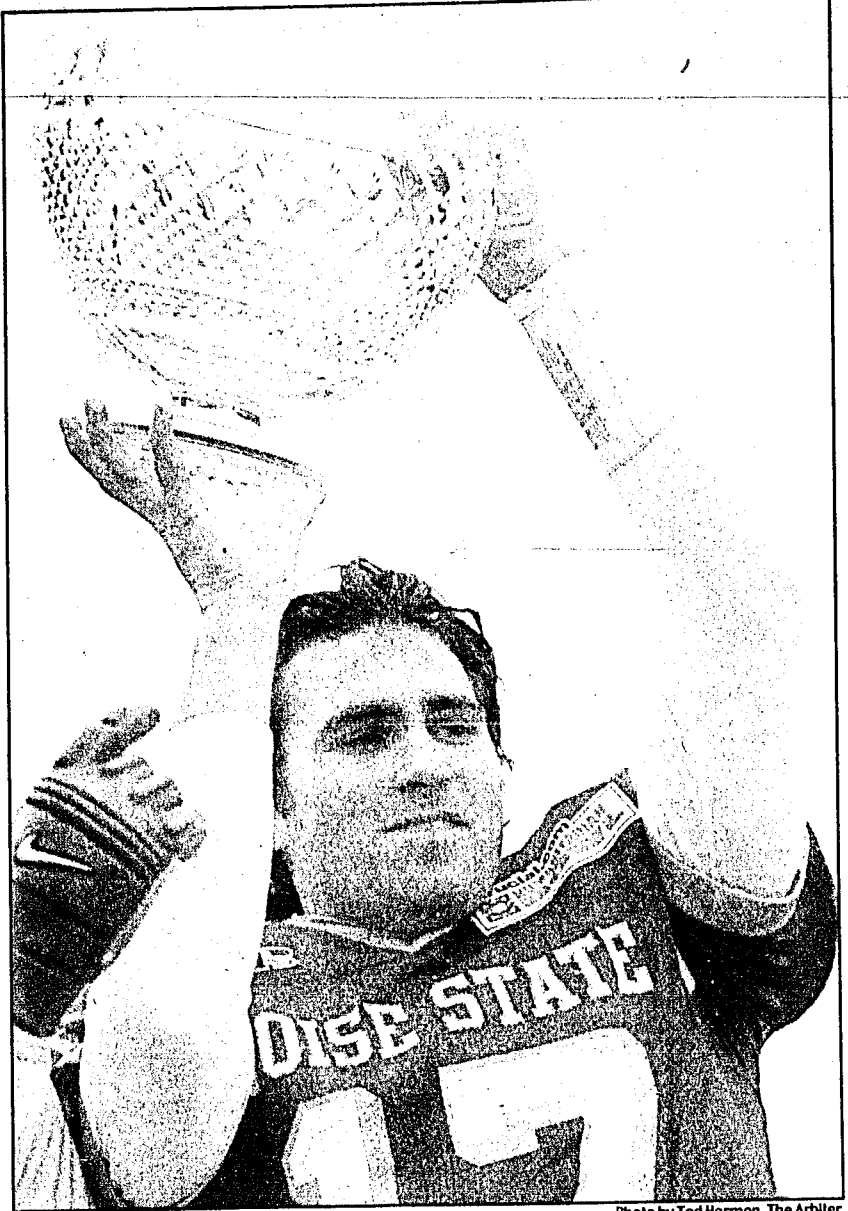


Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter  
 With Hendricks at the helm the Broncos kept the Humanitarian Bowl trophy in Boise last year. Watch the Broncos this Saturday to see how they are shaping up.

## Bronco football hosts Washington State Saturday

By Max Corbel  
 BSU Athletics Dept.

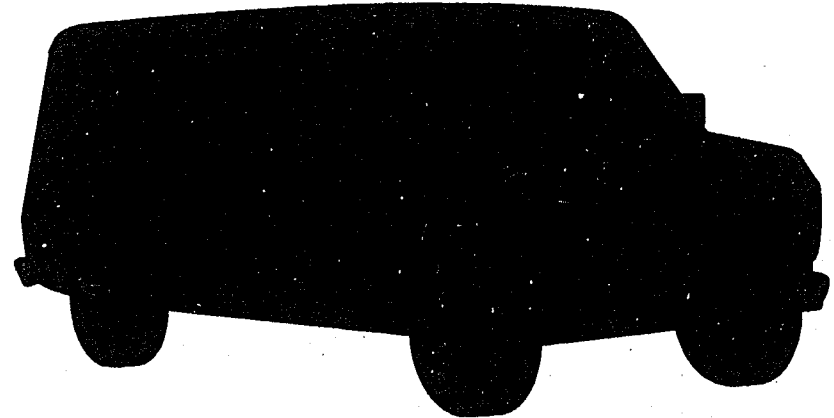
Dan Hawkins is looking for his first win as Boise State's head football coach this Saturday when the Broncos host Washington State. Hawkins dropped his Boise State opener 32-13 at No. 21 South Carolina last Saturday. Hawkins was the assistant head coach for the Broncos the past three seasons. During that time Hawkins helped Boise State to an overall record of 26-10 (72.2 winning percentage), and back-to-back Big West Conference football championships, and two straight Humanitarian Bowl victories. Hawkins is the eighth person to direct the Bronco foot-

ball team since the program began competing at the four-year level in 1968. Hawkins replaced Dirk Koetter who was named the head coach at Arizona State University following the 2000 season. Boise State has a 14-game home winning streak with its last loss coming during the final game of the 1998 season when the Broncos lost to Idaho 36-35 in overtime. The Broncos have won four consecutive home openers, including a forfeit by Cal-State Northridge in 1997. Boise State kicked off its home season last year with a 42-17 win over Northern Iowa. In 1998 the Broncos beat Southern Utah 35-27 and in 1998 BSU knocked off Northridge 26-13. The Broncos

last loss in a home opener came in 1996 when Central Michigan won 42-21 in Boise State's first Division I football game. Boise State will look for its break-through win against a Pac-10 team when the Broncos take the field against Washington State. The Broncos are 0-6 in games played against Pac-10 teams including 0-3 against the Cougars. Boise State lost at WSU 42-35 last year. The Broncos also lost to the Cougars at home in 1998 (33-21) and in Pullman in 1997 (58-0). Boise State's other losses to Pac-10 teams came at UCLA (38-7) in 1999, and against Oregon State (34-3 in Corvallis) in 1986 and (37-30 at Bronco Stadium) in 1989.



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## Broncos Lose 32-13 at South Carolina

by **Todd Miles**  
BSU Athletics Dept.

No. 21 South Carolina broke open a tight game with 19 unanswered points en route to a 32-13 win over Boise State Saturday night in Columbia, South Carolina. The loss put an end to the Broncos' seven-game winning streak.

Rashard Faison scooped up a blocked Nick Calaycay field goal on the last play of the first half and returned it 82 yards for a touchdown giving the Gamecocks a 19-7 lead at the half.

South Carolina pushed the lead to 26-13 on the first drive of the second half. Derek Watson capped the 79-yard, 14-play drive, with a six-yard touchdown run.

"Obviously it was a back-breaker," Boise State first-year coach Dan Hawkins said about the blocked field goal. "We went from being very close to them to having them pull out ahead of us by quite a margin."

It looked like South Carolina might run away from the Broncos early building a 13-0 first quarter lead on a Watson 16-yard touchdown reception from Phil Petty on the Gamecocks first possession and a 5-yard touchdown run by Andrew Pincock on their second possession.

The Broncos climbed back into the game recovering a Corey Jenkins fumble on the last play of the first quarter. Brock Forsey pulled the Broncos within 13-7 seven

plays later when he scored on fourth-and-goal from the Gamecocks one-yard line.

It looked like Boise State would go into the locker room down by just a field goal and with the momentum.

But Langston Moore blocked the Calaycay field goal attempt and watched Faison scoop it up, avoid Calaycay, and race into the endzone for a touchdown.

"All teams can play well when things are going good," Hawkins said. "When things are going poorly that's a test of your character and that's a test of the kind of team you're going to be. That's what I told them (at halftime)."

Things continued going poorly for Boise State in the second half. The Broncos had the ball for only three plays (2:32 seconds) in the third quarter as the Gamecocks' offense controlled the ball.

South Carolina scored on all of its second half possessions except the final drive that ended at the BSU 25 when the clock ran out.

Boise State was able to cut into the South Carolina lead late in the fourth quarter. Sophomore quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie connected with backup tight end Kevin Louwsma on a five-yard pass to make the score 32-13.

Dinwiddie, making his first start at quarterback for the Broncos, finished the day connecting on 18-of-31 passes with a touchdown and an interception. Jay Swillie caught four passes for 46 yards, while Forsey finished with 113 all-purpose yards.

"I thought he did a nice job," Hawkins said about Dinwiddie's performance. "He showed some poise and made some good throws. He ran

with the ball. I thought he was poised in there. I think Ryan is going to be a good player."

Freshman linebacker Andy Avalos led the Broncos with 14 tackles, including three for a loss. Junior safety Quintin Mikell added 11 tackles.

Boise State (0-1) opens its home season next Saturday against Washington State (1-0) at 6 pm at Bronco Stadium.

The Broncos have a fourteen-game home winning streak. BSU lost at WSU 42-35 last season.

## Boise State Soccer opens season with 4-2 victory over arch-rival Idaho

by **Doug Link**  
BSU Athletics Dept.

The Boise State Broncos rallied from a slow start to defeat their arch-rivals, the Idaho Vandals, 4-2 in the opening game of the Bronco Diadora Cup, and season, at the Simplot Sports Complex, field 19.

Idaho started fast by scoring a goal in the second minute of play only to see the Broncos rally with three first half goals.

The two teams bumped up the defense in the second half as they traded goals for the final two goal advantage for Boise State. Kaziah Hill led the Boise State effort with two goals while Tara Milligan added one and Megan McCoy in her first game as a Bronco scored the game winning goal.

For the Vandals two players scored goals, Emily Nelson and Mandi Mollerstuen.

Boise State 4, Idaho 2

Scoring Summary: 1. 1:56, UI, Emily Nelson (Laura Humphreys) - From 7 yards out; 2. 18:59, BSU, Kaziah Hill (Tara Milligan) - from 7 yards; 3. 33:18, BSU, Tara Milligan (Megan McCoy) - from 12 yards; 4. 40:30, BSU, Megan McCoy (Nicole Feuz) - from 18 yards; 5. 62:42, UI, Mandi Mollerstuen (Emily Nelson) - from 6 yards; 6. 87:15, BSU, Kaziah Hill (Megan McCoy) - from 12 yards.

Shots: Idaho 11, Boise State 19; Shots on goal: Idaho 7, Boise State 11; Saves: Idaho 7 (Jenell Miller 7), Boise State 6 (Jeanne Orm 6).

Game Participation: Starters: Idaho - Laura Humphreys, Chris Rennick, Jaci Pelton, Melissa Martinazzi, Megan Cummings, Stephanie Burgmeier, Dawn Mueller, Emily Nelson, Katie Swajkoski, Jennifer Kiebel and Jenell Miller - Substitutes: Sarah April, Jamie Lewis, Ashley Cox, Sarah Melby, Mandi Mollerstuen and Christina Anderson. Boise State - Dayle McNabb, Abbe Roche, Tara Milligan, Brooke Smith, Amy Dunn, Megan McCoy, Christy Messenger, Kaziah Hill, Debbie Rubel, Libby Johnson and Jeanne Orm - Substitutes: Jamie Young, Abby Bernards, Coby Meikle, Nicole Feuz and Annie Gorski.

## Boise State Volleyball team drops final three matches of Washington State Tournament

by **Lori Hays**  
BSU Athletics Dept.

The Boise State volleyball team had a tough opening weekend, losing its final three matches of the Washington State Tournament.

The Broncos lost to host Washington State in three games (21-30, 13-30, 18-30), to Pacific in three games (30-24, 30-24, 30-20), and Bradley in three games (22-30, 23-30, 14-30).

In the Washington State match, freshman Kelly Hadd put down six kills and added eight digs, junior Chera Sommer had 13 assists, and sophomore Jacqueline Heler had 14 digs. Sophomore Joy Baldwin added five kills and five digs.

Against Pacific, Baldwin had eight kills, sophomores Megan Tranter and Heler had 16 digs a piece and freshman Mindy Bennett had 20 assists. Freshman Jessica McDonald had six blocks.

Versus Bradley, Tranter had 10 kills, Sommer put up 16 assists and Hadd added eight digs.

Boise State returns home to prepare for another difficult pre-season tournament Sept. 7-8 at the University of Oregon along with Cal State-Northridge and New Mexico State.

## Boise State Volleyball gains Wall of Fame assistant coach

by **Brittney Bryson**

Kristen Dutto-Haener begins her first season as an assistant coach for the women volleyball team at Boise State. Kristen will deal with all aspects of the Bronco volleyball program, while handling all of the administrative responsibilities as well.

Dutto-Haener joins the Bronco coaching staff after teaching in the Treasure Valley from 1997-2001. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Kristen coached the eighth-grade girls volleyball team at Eagle middle school from 1999-2000, and the girls' team at the Boise River Volleyball Club.

Dutto-Haener just so happens to be on the Bronco Wall of Fame. After graduating from Tulare Union High School in 1990, Kristen received a scholarship to Boise State.

Kristen was a four-year starter for the Bronco volleyball program as a middle blocker. Not only was she a Bronco athlete, but also she was also a three-time honoree on the All Big Sky Conference Team (1991, 1992, 1993) and named to the Big Sky All Freshmen Team in 1990. Dutto-Haener was also named to the big region team in 1991 and 1993.

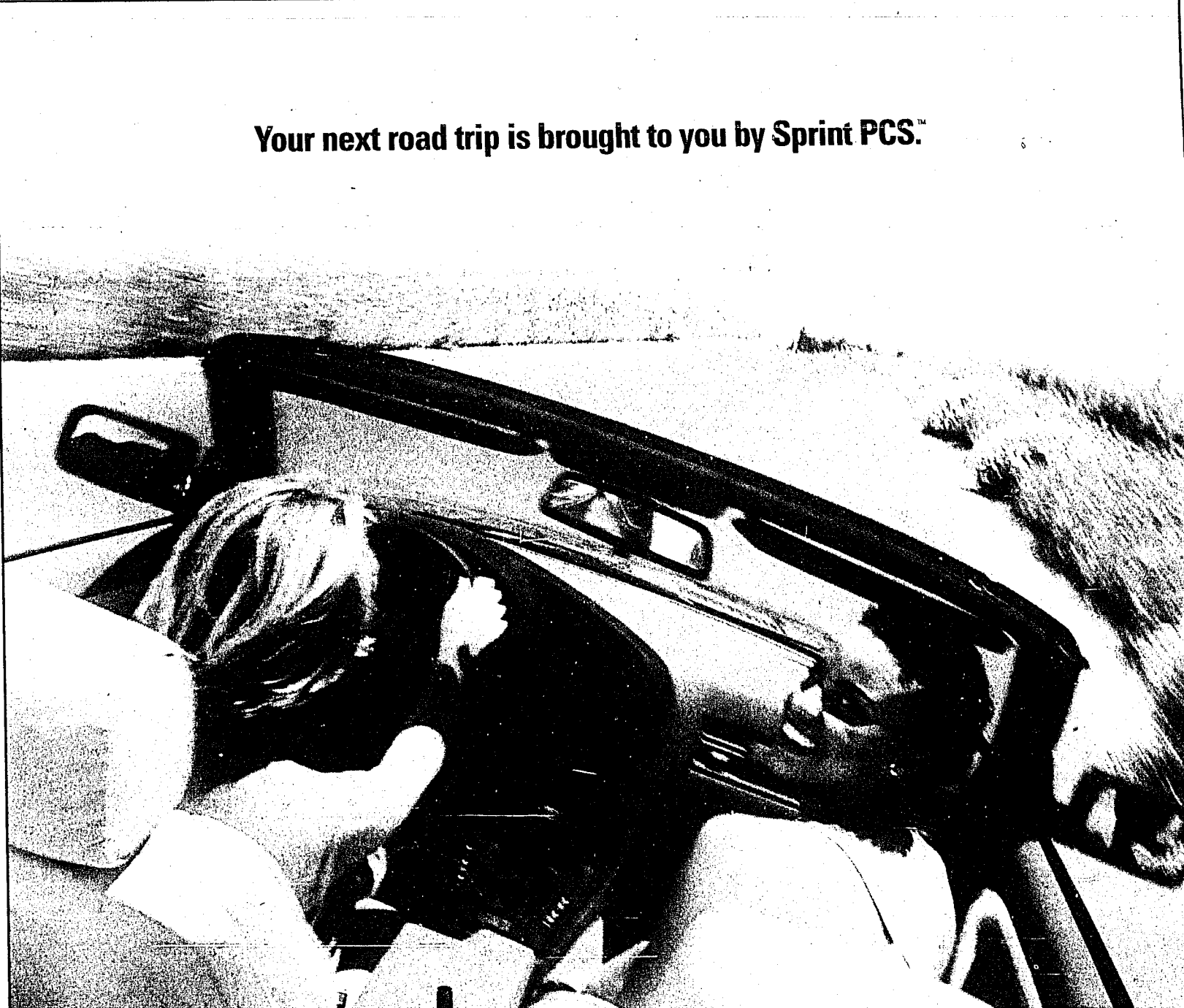
As a two-time conference all-academic honoree, Kristen earned her bachelors degree in health science in 1995. She worked as a coach at her prep alma mater for one year and then served as a graduate assistant to the volleyball program from 1996 through 1997. She earned her teaching certificate from Boise State in 1998 and is currently working on a master's degree in instruction and curriculum.

Boise State is thrilled to have her join their staff.

Head coach Sturm said, "She is a Bronco and we are excited to have her here working with our team, she has a lot to offer as she's 'been there' and she has so much to give to the players."

The Broncos match off in their first game of the season this Friday at Gonzaga University.

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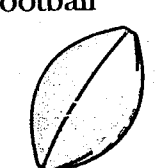
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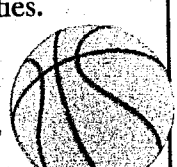
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By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

Boise State English professor, Tom Trusky has a strange request for his Introduction to Book Arts students this semester: He wants their underwear! Trusky is waging an all-out panty raid in order to accrue enough undergarments to pulverize into "panty paper" for his uniquely popular class. He also has notified his colleagues in hope of getting their underwear too. Trusky's obsession could be called a temporary fetish of sorts.

After his panty raid is completed, the skivvies will be pulped and mixed with other natural fibers such as syringa, milkweed, cattails, and lawn clippings to produce sheets of paper.

The underwear he so desires is preferably cotton, and most certainly clean. "The fabric of our life" is Trusky's first choice, silk and linen blends are acceptable too, but panties made from synthetic materials are not suitable for pulping because of their unnatural qualities.

"We will have to remove all synthetic properties from the cotton undergarments prior to the pulping process, elastic banding and such," Trusky said.

The panties will then make a short trip to Mountain Home, to the residence of a past student of his, Tom Bennick, who will teach a papermaking workshop to the students on Sept. 11. Trusky encourages others to bring their panties to Bennick's studio to be made into "panty paper" as well.

Most of Trusky's collected undergarments sit in a box in his office at the Hemingway

Western Studies Center. Lighter-colored panties are the most prevalent thus far, but a few outrageous selections stick out of the pile, like a pair of "Star Spangled Banner" boxers and a pair of silk panty's with a floral motif.

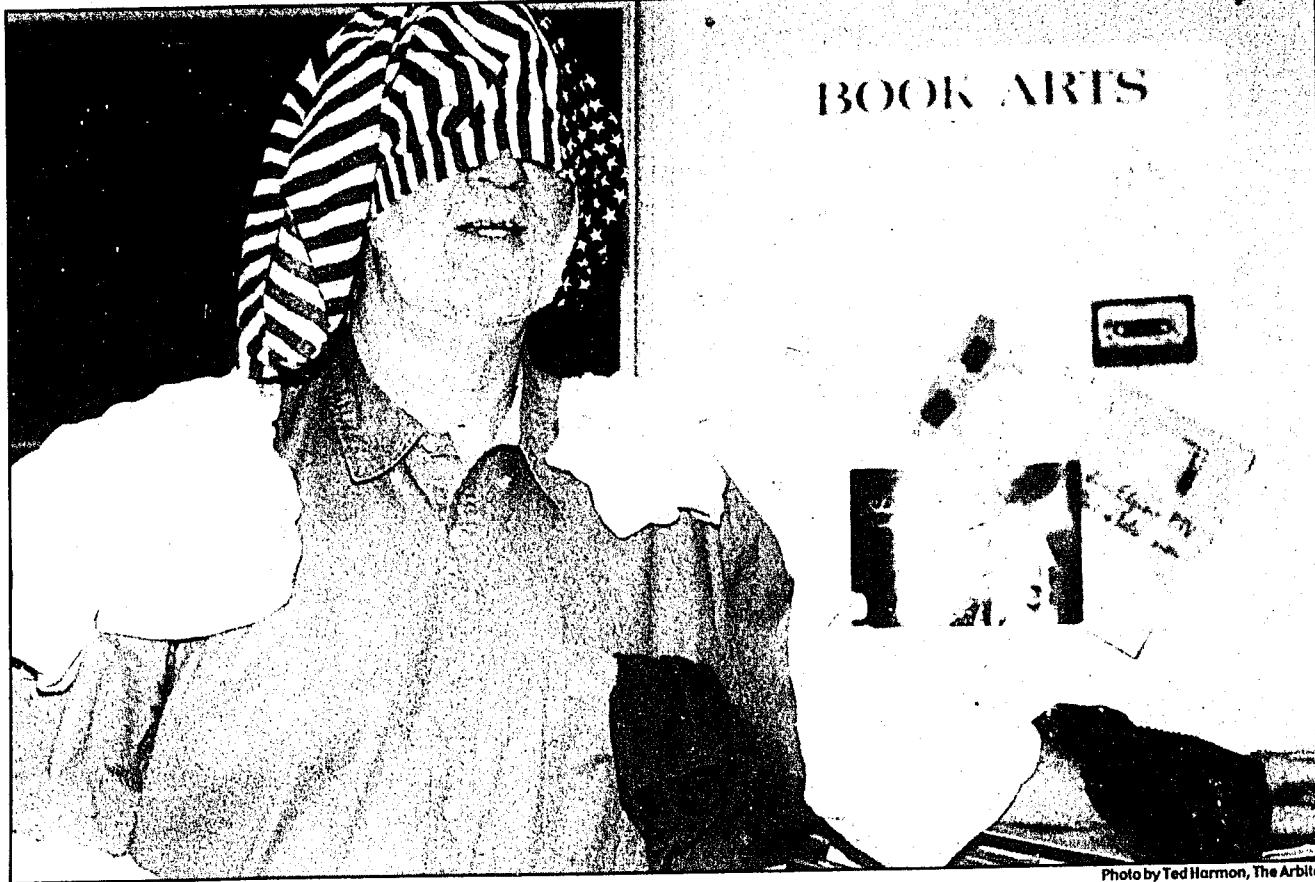
A piece of equipment called a Holland beater, specifically used in the art of papermaking, macerates the fabric into pulp form. The pulp is put into a water solution. A fine screen and a wood frame called a deckel are then used. The screen sits at the bottom the pulp solution, as the screen gets pulled upward, it passes through the deckel, producing a fine layer of wet pulp which is left on top of the screen. The pulp eventually dries into a sheet of paper, or "panty paper" in this case.

Once the paper makes the return trip to Boise, the work is essentially done. The students aren't required to do anything with the final product because the act of making the paper itself is the emphasis of the project.

"Some students print poetry and make chapbooks or watercolor on the paper, it's solely up to them," Trusky said.

But his students are required to print a small booklet on different paper, a brief autobiography describing their personal creative endeavors to be handed out to every student in the class.

Trusky has taught Introduction to Book Arts at BSU for five years. "I teach historically organized lessons, based on the origin of printing on such materials as wood, clay, and metal. We follow history to the advent of papermaking in China, then



TOM TRUSKY, BSU English professor, tries on some perfectly good underwear.

beyond," Trusky said.

Extremely thin parchment, Ethiopian scroll, and goatskin styles of papermaking have also been taught over the years.

Trusky defines papermaking as the "interweaving of cellulose fibers."

Introduction to Book Arts started out as a special topics workshop, but became so popular with English majors, artists, and people interested in the fine art of papermaking that a regular class was made

out of the workshop curriculum.

"The response has been overwhelming. Every semester there are at least two students whom discover they have a strong passion for papermaking, it just strikes a chord in them," Trusky said.

Trusky's class not only studies the art of papermaking, students also learn about bookmaking, including binding, printing, dyeing, book restoration, and the terminology involved.

"In the past students have learned to restore vintage and antique edition books, especially broken bindings," Trusky said.

One thing is for certain: Trusky's students' "panty paper" will stand the test of time because of its durable composition. Most paperback novel and newsprint paper easily self-destructs and fades to yellow in a short period of time, but as long the Hemingway Center exists, so will his students' paper pro-

jects. All of the panties should be pulped by Sept. 10 as planned by Trusky and Bennick. The students will attend Bennick's papermaking workshop on Sept. 11, then personally drive their "panty paper" safely home to Boise. The Arbiter is committed to follow this story. We'll keep you posted of the panties in progress.

## Writers and readers slated to rendezvous

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

Boise State University's 10th annual Writers and Readers Rendezvous is happening Sept. 28-30 at Rapid River Ranch in Riggins. This Idaho literary tradition will showcase a weekend of workshops by some of the west's most talented writers.

BSU's Division of Extended Studies and English departments are sponsoring the three-day event. The weekend includes writers' workshops, publisher/editor presentations, author readings, Idaho folklore, and music.

Extended Studies Director Catherine Harris is excited about the retreat. "This is an intimate event where participants work closely with writers and publishers. This year we (Extended Studies and BSU department of English) have created some new 'hands-on' workshops for no additional charge," Harris said.

Plenty of space is still available for this year's Rendezvous, but the tickets are selling fast. "The amount of people registered so

far is up from last year at this time, we're expecting a great turnout in Riggins," Harris said.

The featured headliners are fiction writer Alyson Hagy and poet Sandra Alcosser.

Hagy, an English professor at the University of Wyoming has authored several short story collections such as *Madonna on Her Back* and *Hardware River*. She also wrote a novel, *Keeneland* in 2000.

Her stories have been published in *Ploughshares*, *Mississippi Review*, *Shenandoah*, and *The Idaho Review*. She has won several awards and fellowships, including the University of Michigan Hopwood Award, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and a Wyoming Arts Council Fellowship.

Alcosser is the director of the MFA Program in creative writing at the San Diego State University. She has been visiting writer-in-residence at the University of Montana and the University of Michigan.

Alcosser also directed Poets in the Park in New York City's Central Park, and has been poet-in-residence for Glacier National Park.

She has written several books of poetry, including *Except by Nature* and *A Fish to Feed All Hunger*. Her poems have appeared in *The American Poetry Review*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Paris Review*.

This year's line-up has an impressive list of featured writers, including BSU English professor Janet Holmes who has gained national notoriety for her books of poetry *Humanophone*, *The Green Tuxedo*, and *The Physicist at the Mall*. Her works have been published in *The Best American Poetry*, *The Georgia Review*, and *The Notre Dame Review*. She has won numerous awards such as 1999 Minnesota Book Award and Poetry Book of the Year Award by *Nimrod Magazine*. Holmes is also the director of Ahsahta Press, a local independent publisher.

Holmes is optimistic about

the new changes being implemented this year in Riggins.

"The organizers have completely reorganized the workshops so the participants can benefit from the writers experience in a unique environment. Last year an evaluation was taken asking questions on how to improve future events, it was definitely helpful," Holmes said.

Other featured writers teaching workshops at the retreat are William Johnson, Clay Morgan, Gala FitzGerald Muench, Lance Olsen, Diane Raptosh, and William Studebaker.

The workshops will highlight three genres of writing: Fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. On Friday and Saturday there will be an Open Mic, hosted by Bill Johnson and Janet Holmes respectively.

For more information about cost and registration contact Extended Studies at 426-3492 or register online at [www.writersandreaders.org](http://www.writersandreaders.org) (if you go... box)



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Janet Holmes, BSU English professor, will teach poetry workshops in Riggins this year.

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# Billy Idol's set to snarl in Boise

By Wendy Venable  
The Arbiter

Spike up your bleach-blond hair. Billy Idol is coming to town Monday, Sept. 10 at The Big Easy Concert House. The quintessentially '80s rocker is making a startling appearance for the first time in years.

If you missed his romantic performance in Fox's Ally McBeal singing "I'll Be Watching You," then you certainly are not going to want to miss this one. Come on, he still has the platinum hair and trademark snarl.

Idol was a pioneer of the '70s underground punk movement in Great Britain, which London punkers called the "Bromley Contingent." His first band, Generation X was formed in his hometown of Middlesex, England with guitarist, Tony James, but was short-lived and they disbanded in 1981.

After the break-up he found

himself in New York City, hooking up with Kiss manager Bill Aucoin, and guitarist Steve Stevens, who is returning on Idol's current tour.

Idol's first, self-titled album release in 1982 produced such timeless hits as "White Wedding" and "Hot in the City." His second album, "Rebel Yell," took him to the top, selling over two million copies, and pushing his career to the brink.

Idol's sexy and slightly controversial video release of "Cradle of Love," introducing Liv Tyler (Steven Tyler, of Aerosmith's daughter), is one of MTV's most popular music videos to date.

After a near-fatal motorcycle accident, a drug overdose, a couple of unmentionable lawsuits, and his introduction to techno-rock with "Cyberpunk" in 1993, Idol has survived it all and has mounted a successful comeback in the new millennium.

His latest release, "Greatest Hits," features old favorites such as "Dancing with Myself," "Eyes Without a Face," and "Don't You (Forget about Me)," which has been previously unreleased, and an alternative take of "Mony, Mony."

Idol has made several memorable appearances in movies over the last decade, including a cameo role in Oliver Stone's The Doors, the voice of Odin in Heavy Metal 2000, and a small role as himself in The Wedding Singer. Oh yeah, let's not forget that Ally McBeal episode.

Billy Idol is back, and Monday night's concert at the Big Easy should be an old-fashioned rock-n-roll show worth the warp backwards in time, especially if he lives up to his icon of the past.

For ticket information contact Ticketweb at 1-800-965-4827 or online at www.ticketweb.com



Billy Idol displaying his trademark snarl

Photo by Albert Sanchez

# Video and DVD pix

By The Arbiter staff

**Snatch**  
Starring: Brad Pitt, Benicio del Toro, Dennis Farina  
Director: Guy Ritchie  
Rated R



Ed Harris as Jackson Pollock

Some critics have likened British director Guy Ritchie (Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels) to Quentin Tarantino. Snatch definitely has some similarities to Tarantino's Pulp Fiction with its high-speed crosscutting and reverse-order sequence. In both films the extreme violence is paired with humorous dialogue, somehow making the hard-core nature of crime an easy pill to swallow.

Fundamentally, Snatch is about a diamond heist turned bad. Ritchie gets all he can out of his large cast, and has no problem killing them when needed for dramatic effect. He switches back and forth effectively between scenes, keeping the transitions easy to follow. All of the characters in Snatch are portrayed as stupid criminals, adding to the comical element.

Brad Pitt plays an Irish "Pikey" in the film. Pitt's gypsy character sounds like he has a mouth full of marbles and is constantly on the take like all of the other dimwit opportunists. While Snatch isn't for everyone, it's definitely worth the rental money for those who are into black comedies.

**Pollock**  
Starring: Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden, Amy Madigan  
Director: Ed Harris  
Rated R

The film Pollock is based on the Pulitzer-prize-winning biography, Jackson Pollock: An American Saga, by Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith.

Jackson Pollock (Ed Harris) achieved great commercial success as an abstract painter, but like so many other artists, couldn't personally manage himself. The film delves deeply into Pollock's world of alcoholism, which leaves him non-productive. As a young artist living in New York City's Greenwich Village, Pollock essentially paints and drinks hard. His drinking binges last

for days, and when he finally comes to he's disoriented and as dirty as a sewer rat. His lover, fellow artisan, Lee Krasner (Marcia Gay Harden) is seemingly always there to clean him up.

When Pollock's sober, he is one of the most prolific artists of his time, but when he's drunk he's a total asshole. In a sober episode, famous NYC gallery owner, Peggy Guggenheim (Amy Madigan) discovers his work, and after a Life magazine expose he becomes a household name. He's eventually overwhelmed with fame and dies in an ego-related drinking and driving accident. Pollock is grossly bleak, as was his real life, yet the film is still a must see for art lovers; plenty of excellent painting scenes make it visually enjoyable. Don't expect to be uplifted by this one!

**Hannibal**  
Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore  
Director: Ridley Scott  
Rated R

Hannibal has just been released, well, at least on video. Based on the novel by Thomas Harris, the movie continues the saga of The Silence of the Lambs. The original character Hannibal (Anthony Hopkins) "The Cannibal" Lecter is back and he's hungry. Clarice Starling (Julianne Moore) is the object of his desire once again.

Jodie Foster, who declined the offer for the sequel, played FBI special agent Starling in the first movie, but Moore performed excellently as the second choice.

Leaving off at Lecter's escape in The Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal's awaited conclusion brought its viewers to a covered and predictable ending as the movie finished without much climatic relief, but it was certainly more believable and realistic than the book's conclusion. The story line in Hannibal followed immensely well with Harris' novel, yet it seemed no one, not even the author could find a decent ending. Hannibal is definitely worth the entertainment dollars for its grisly and horrific plot.

# Comedians crack-up Boise State students

By Wendy Venable  
The Arbiter

Craig Carmean received a standing ovation by an audience of nearly one hundred Boise State students during his performance last Wednesday night in the Jordan Ballroom.

Carmean's act was sponsored by the Board of Student Programs and was free for card-carrying students.

His standing ovation was to be expected by this young, hyped-up crowd, which consisted of mostly underclassmen and new students. Carmean connected with this peer group as he performs ninety percent of his comedy in front of a college crowd, and his second showing in the last two years at Boise State proved to be just as well received.

Pat Mac, a local comedian who opens for comics at the Funny Bone, warned the crowd for Carmean's energetic, goof-ball act, which he supplements with his acoustical music talents.

Besides changing the lyrics of many of today's popular songs that he imitated, what seemed to make the crowd roar was his stint on "unintelligible bands." His impersonations started with Elvis then went through Dylan and the Bee Gees, exploring further

into the Fine Young Cannibals, Nirvana, and Pearl Jam.

He even took requests from the audience, but declined a solicitation to do a Rage Against the Machine song. Besides being amusing, his impressions were actually quite good, and humorously correct.

Carmean got a little down and dirty in a few places, which nobody seemed to mind, especially the few that didn't fully understand his material, but overall he emitted a pure quality, youth-oriented, energetic set.

It was a bit too much when he brought out Kermit the Frog, but made it worthwhile just to hear the Muppet talk street-rag and pimp to the "vibrator" girls in the third row. It brings new meaning to "tastes like chicken."

Carmean has been doing comedy for six years now at Campuses all across the United States, and made it clear to the audience that he flew all the way from Miami just to perform for Boise State students, and then on to Albertson College for a show.

"I love it," Carmean says about performing in Idaho, even after an all-day flight. "I have a really good time coming here."

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**The terrible truth about Ronald McDonald**

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbiter

"We cannot trust...non-conformists. We will make conformists out of them in a hurry...The organization cannot trust the individual; the individual must trust the organization."

These are not the words of a fascist dictator or communist revolutionary, but of a McDonald's executive, as quoted from Eric Schlosser's graphically disturbing 2001 expose, *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*.

Portions of the book offer hilarious takes on the venture capitalism gone nuts that is the fast food industry. A psychologist, for instance, insisted McDonald's keep its golden arches logo, because he said it was a Freudian symbol for a woman's breasts. I guess McDonald's expected a lot of trade from frat guys cruising around saying, "Dude, check out the rack on that Mickey D's!"

Speaking of the connection between breasts and fast food, KFC evidently doctored their chickens to have abnormally large breasts. Ultimately, the big-breasted poultry no longer met the federal definition of "chicken," instead they met the federal definition of "teen pop diva."

For those who miss the blood and guts, pre-Columbine slasher pics like *Nightmare on Elm Street* or *Friday the 13th*, Schlosser offers bone crushings, amputations, decapitations, roach-infested milkshake machines, and the shocking statement that with this nation's standards for meat preparation, you would be eating less fecal matter off the top of your toilet seat

than on a surface where raw meat has been prepared.

While chains like McDonald's claim to represent American culture, Schlosser makes it clear that the fast food chains not only fabricated, but

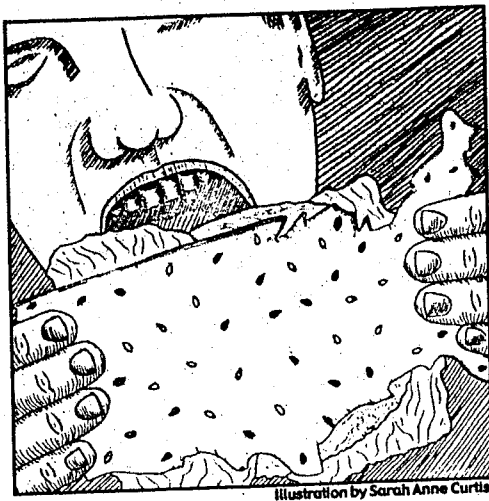


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destroyed many traditionally American facets of our culture. At the beginning of last century, for example, hamburgers were almost never eaten because they were considered cheap, and disease-ridden (a reputation evidently not at all undeserved). The mass-production methods demanded for the manifest destiny of innumerable fast food franchises has also been largely responsible for agriculture being produced by huge agribusiness firms, essentially driving small farmers and ranchers out of business.

Fast food has had a similar effect on the nation's economy. Ninety percent of new jobs are in the fast food industry, and only migrant farm workers are paid less. Fast food and restaurant interests bribe congressmen to keep wages low (some even seeking the elimination of the minimum wage), while meat and agribusiness interests bribe congressmen to eliminate food safety standards at filthy and wildly dangerous meat processing plants, which evidently have changed very little since Upton Sinclair wrote *The Jungle*.

Aside from obvious health

safety and wage issues are the effects on society at large. Schlosser, in his epilogue makes his biases clear. He argues, as Bill Maher frequently says on *Politically Incorrect*, that perhaps fattening foods should face the same so-called sin taxes placed on cigarettes and alcohol. Obesity, he says, is a causation of health problems second only to smoking. America is the most obese industrialized nation in the world, and as fast food culture goes worldwide so does the trend of obesity.

It is truly frightening the way that other nations have embraced fast food, not just as a cheap food source, but as a hip representation of American culture. One Japanese fast food executive is quoted as saying that fast food will make Japanese people grow taller and develop blond hair. Schlosser says that after years of fast food infiltration, the Japanese have gotten no blonder but they are getting fatter.

**Woody Allen erases curse in 'Jade Scorpion'**

By Preston Jones  
Oklahoma Daily (U. of Oklahoma)



Woody Allen and Helen Hunt in *Jade Scorpion*

The consensus around Hollywood these days seems to be that Woody Allen, at 66, is getting a little long in the tooth to still be playing romantic leads in his films. But, at the same time, who else can play Woody Allen better than himself? Advancing age aside, *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* continues the tradition of smart, fast-paced comedy that viewers have come to expect from the Woodman over the years.

Set in 1940s Manhattan, *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* opens in a well-respected insurance company's main office and introduces us to flirtatious insurance investigator extraordinaire C.W. Briggs (Allen).

Briggs, known for his spectacular intuition and ease in solving difficult cases, has finally met his match in the form of Betty Ann Fitzgerald (Helen Hunt), an efficiency expert hired by Chris Magruder (Dan Aykroyd), Briggs' boss.

Fitzgerald and Briggs continue to butt heads until they fall under the spell of the hyp-

notist Voltan (David Ogden Stiers) at a 50th birthday party for a colleague. During a mystical ceremony involving the titular jade scorpion, Briggs and Fitzgerald are hypnotized to respond to certain words and do as they're told until the hypnosis is broken.

Soon after the party, a strange series of jewel robberies begins occurring and Briggs is hot on the trail of the thief, all the while not realizing there's a crucial piece of information right under his nose.

He soon becomes mixed up with the vampy Laura Kensington (Charlize Theron) and fights to keep his case away from competing detectives (Arthur J. Nascarella and John Schuck).

The whole plot twists and turns, building to a climax that is equal parts hilarious and heartwarming.

The cast is excellent, the standouts being Theron's Lauren Bacall-esque Laura Kensington and Hunt's alternately vicious and sweet Fitzgerald. The production design by Santo Loquasto and Zhao Fei's luminescent cine-

matography also greatly enhance the flavor of the time period. Allen's script contains zingers that prove dialogue isn't dead in this age of digitized blood and mayhem.

The film takes a while to actually get going, but once it does, it is thoroughly enjoyable.

Writer/director Allen's deft comic touch fails him at times during the film, but not often enough to make the film a waste of time.

Evoking an era reminiscent of classic films like his *Girl Friday*, Allen's new film is a refreshing comic romp through the snide one-liners and smart dialogue one has come to expect from Woody Allen.

In a summer packed to the hilt with reprehensible releases, *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* offers something rare: it's actually entertaining. Currently playing at The Flicks. Don't forget to bring your student ID in order to reap the savings (\$5-all shows).

**Boise State music professors form quartet**

By Arbiter staff

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Violinist, Craig Purdy is an assistant professor of music at BSU. He teaches violin, chamber music, and is the director of the University Orchestra Program. Purdy is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the New England Conservatory. He has studied with Joseph Silverstein, Sally O'Reilly, Leonard Shure, and the late Joseph Gingold.

Violist, Linda Kline Lamar is an assistant professor of music at BSU. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Viola Performance from the University of Memphis. Lamar holds degrees from Northwestern University and The Cleveland Institute of Music. She has performed

with the Memphis Symphony, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Erie Philharmonic, and the Spoleto Festival Orchestra.

Cellist, J. Wallis Bratt is an associate professor of music at BSU. He received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Idaho, a Masters of Music from the University of Utah, and has done post-Masters work at the University of Oregon. Bratt has worked with The Boise Philharmonic, Bach Festival Orchestra of Oregon, Summerfest Orchestra, and the Idaho Bicentennial Orchestra.

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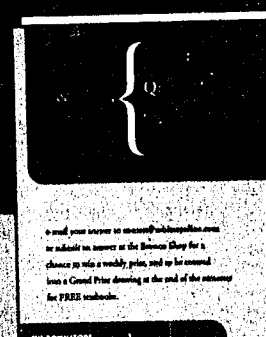
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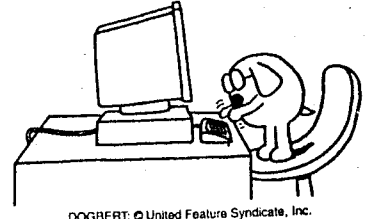
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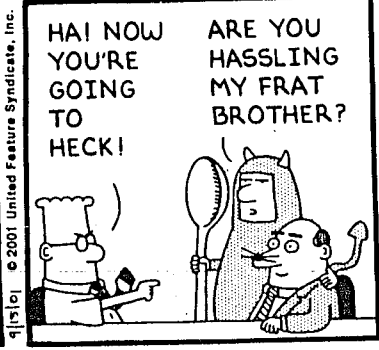
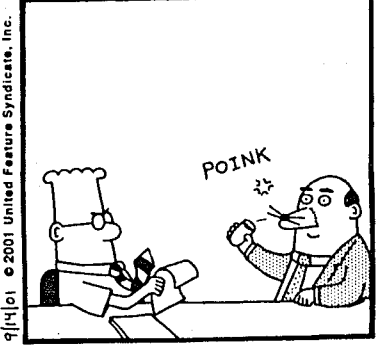
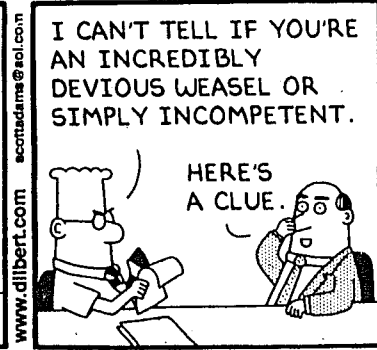
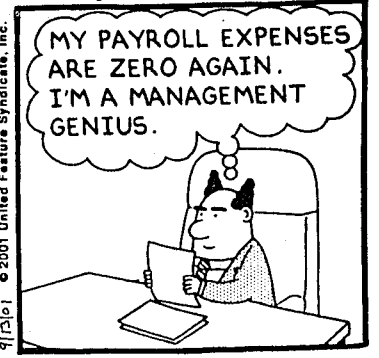
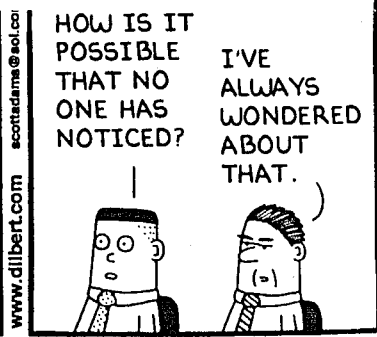
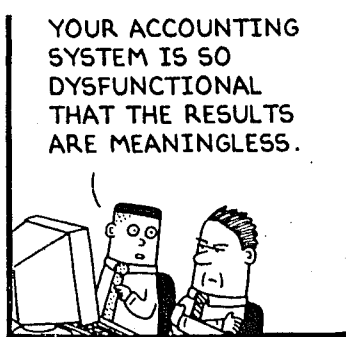
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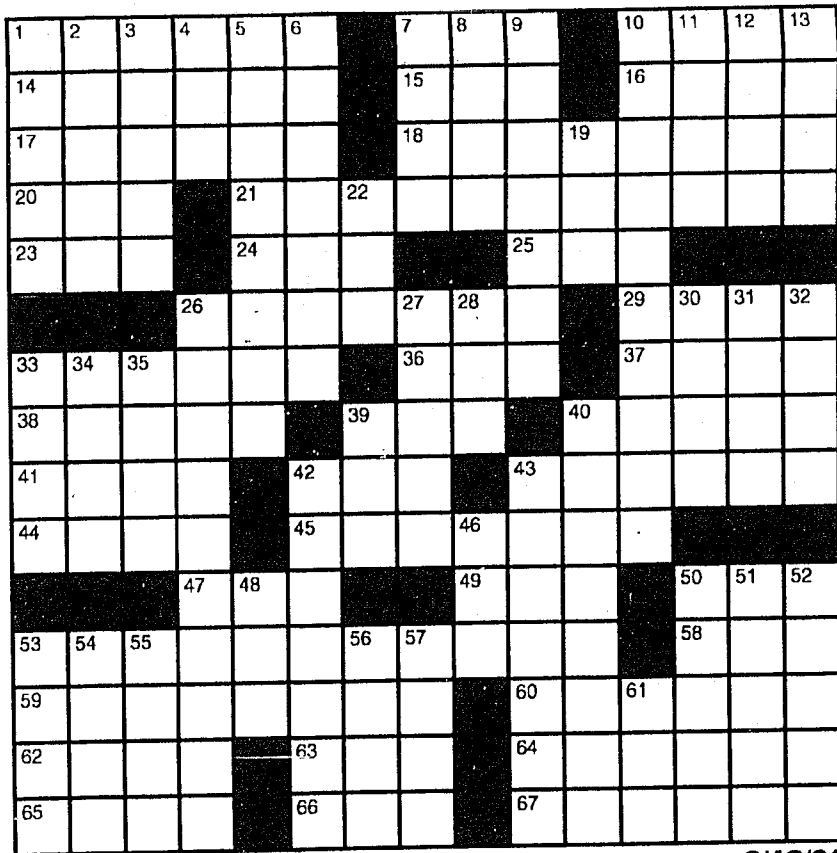


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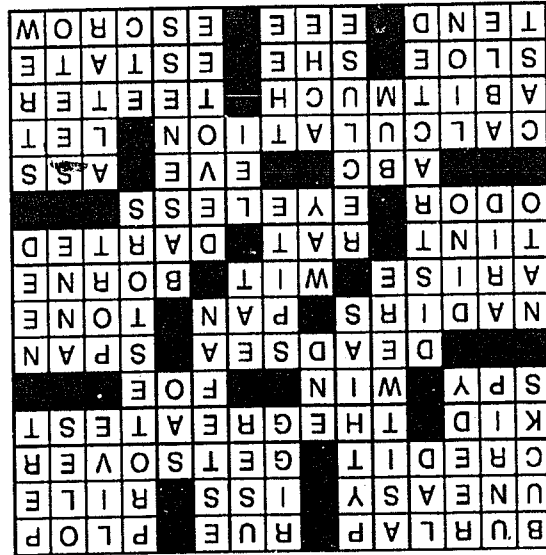
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  - Damon's friend
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  - star Diana
  - End-product purchaser
  - Singer Gloria
  - Demonstration group
  - In-person
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  - Having one's attention diverted
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  - W. alliance
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  - Pebbles' pet
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  - Inferior state
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### Solutions



- Kind of rap?
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- Quaker pronoun
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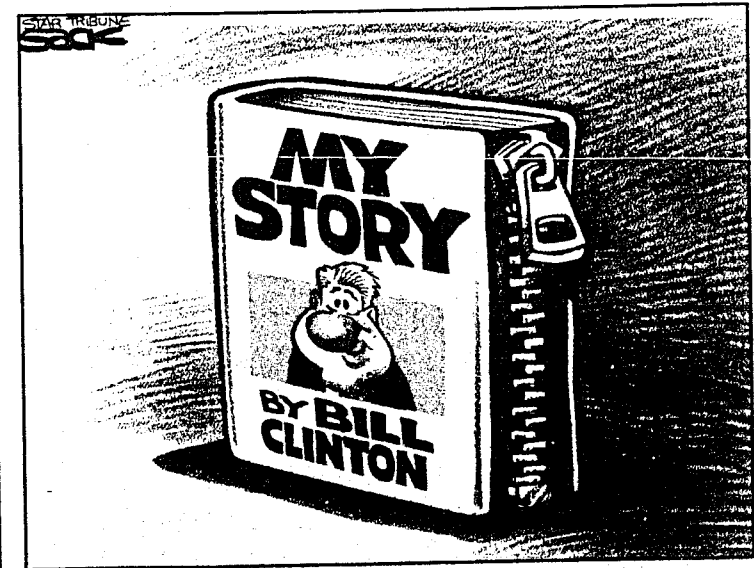
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**SHAME**  
from pg. 5

Or is it? Many people falsely say that Clinton's legacy is eight years of prosperity. These same people turn around and say that Bush has led us straight into a recession. This simply is not true. We are still in Clinton's economy, and here are some facts to prove it. First of all, we all must remember that before Bush was even sworn in the NASDAQ had already plummeted 70 percent. Economic growth and slowed

from 8 percent to 1 percent. Amazing. Leftists would have us believe that Bush ruined the economy. It was already on the way before he was even sworn in.

Perhaps the biggest indicator that the economic downturn belongs to Bill is the fact that, besides the wonderful tax rebates, none of Bush's policies begin to take place until October. We are still on Clinton's budget folks! We do

not start with Bush's economic plan until October. All of this talk about Bush being to blame for the economic is sickening. The lies being told by the left, trying to blame republicans for this is appalling. But, as we will see in the upcoming semester, we are all used to the left lying to promote their cause.

By the way, get on your computers and read an article by Larry Kudlow of National Review. He documents further

about the economy and who should shoulder the blame. Check out the article at <http://www.nationalreview.com/kudlow/kudlow.shtml>. Live long and prosper.

## News bucket

### Free career advice available at Center for New Directions

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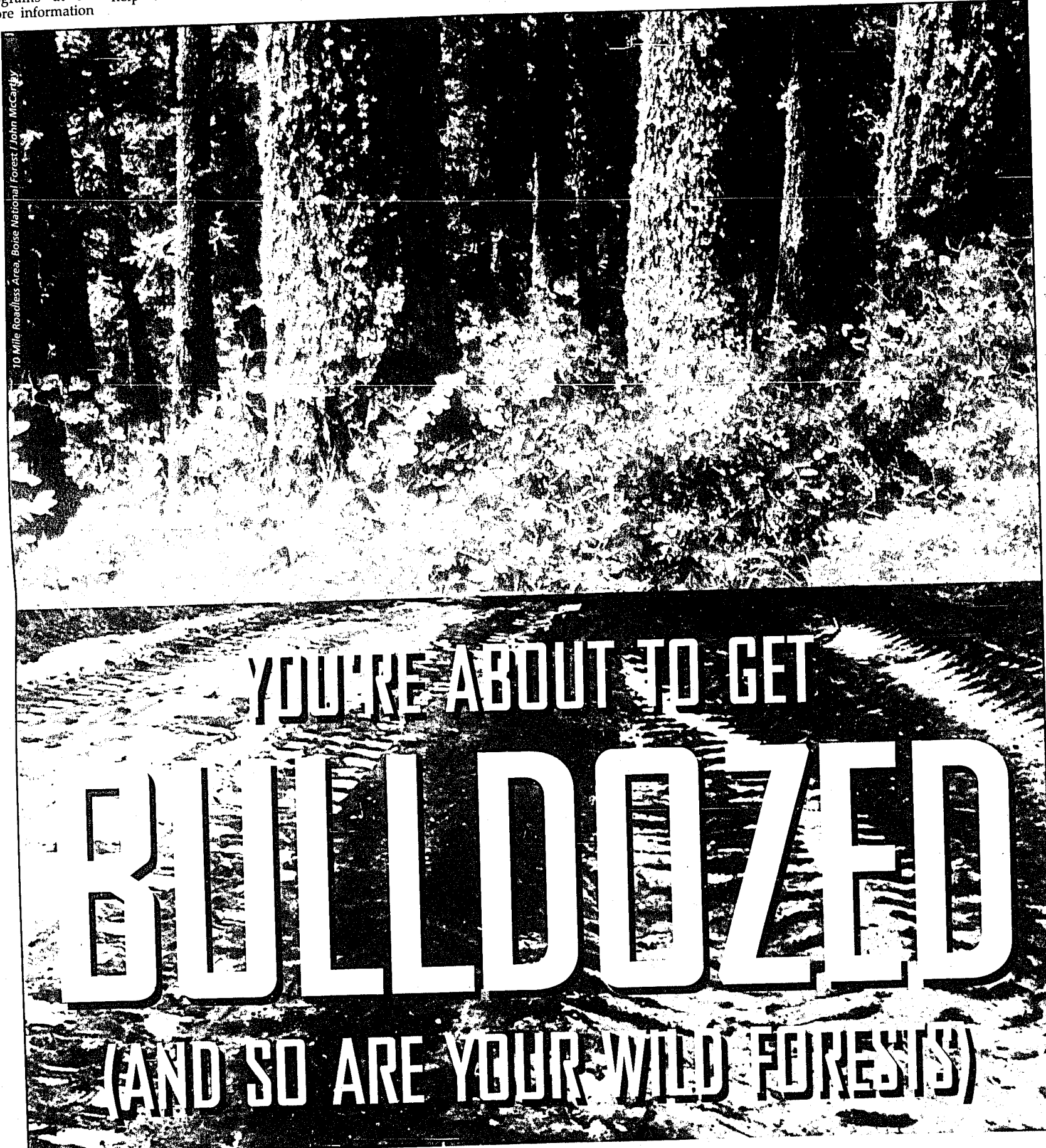
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# Campuses around the nation

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## MIT mental health clinic examined in wake of suicides

By Andrew J. Miller  
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - An interim report from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mental Health Task Force — created in the wake of six suicides at the university since 1996 — found fault with a number of the practices of the MIT mental health clinic. The task force recommended broad changes in its Aug. 28 report, many of which will be instituted this fall, including large increases in staff size and longer hours for the clinic.

According to the report, visits to the MIT clinic increased by 60 percent between 1995 and 2000, although staff size at the clinic remained constant. The report notes that MIT is also the only college studied that does not offer evening appointments at the clinic.

MIT chancellor Phillip L. Clay says the work of the task force will create "a broad and intense dialogue within MIT on ways to better support the individual growth and well-being of our students."

"The draft includes a number of thoughtful recommendations. They are sensible, and we are implementing some of them without delay," Clay said in a press release.

Beginning on Sept. 17, mental health staffing will be expanded to include the hours between 5 and 7 p.m., with additional on-call support between 7 p.m. and midnight and a phone hotline between midnight and 8 a.m.

"We're adding these evening appointments in response to requests from students, staff and the Mental Health Task Force for evening services that don't conflict with class, lab or work schedules. We know that most people in the MIT community have extraordinarily busy schedules, and we are going to make it easier for students and staff to get the care they need, when they need it," Medical Director Dr. William Kettle

said in a press release. Besides the expanded evening clinic hours, the institute is also expanding the psychotherapy coverage offered in their health plan.

The new coverage offers unlimited visits with no co-payment, one of the most comprehensive plans in the country.

Arnold R. Henderson Jr., associate dean and section head of counseling and support services at MIT and a task force member, is supportive of the new programs.

"I'm really enthusiastic about the fact that a number of people from within the institution are working on it," he said.

A final report is expected in October, and the interim report is not to be considered the final say on the subject.

Indeed, MIT has not accepted all the report's recommendations. The task force suggested adding between six and 10 more full-time mental health staffers. MIT has hired four additional resident life staffers, who will visit dorms and other living areas to supplement the work of graduate tutors and masters.

The report also includes plans for large outreach events, such as educational forums, awareness events and increased Web and print forums.

It also calls for a coordinator of mental health support services to oversee the mental health services.

In a student survey at MIT last spring, 74 percent of respondents reported having had a mental problem that interfered with their daily lives, though only 28 percent reported having used the mental health resources the institute provided.

Overall, 11 percent of students use the mental health resources at MIT, an increase from 7 percent a few years ago.

## Bouncers, clerks say fake IDs are easy to spot

By Elizabeth Bowen  
Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

LEXINGTON, Ky. - The upper part of the wall behind the cash register at the University Beverage Center on Atwood Street has a distinctive decor.

Approximately 600 driver's licenses are arranged in a large collage covering this space. Some are illegally manufactured, while others are actual IDs that belonged to over-21-year-old friends and relatives of would-be customers.

And all have been confiscated.

Labeled the "Wall of Shame" in black-and-gold lettering, the licenses — from Pennsylvania as well as other states across the nation — stretch behind the cash register for about 12 feet. A sign placed in the middle of the IDs reads "reserved for the first daughters," a reference to Barbara and Jenna Bush's recent shenanigans.

Clerks and bouncers at beer distributors, state liquor stores and bars and clubs have a number of ways of checking the validity of customers' identification.

At the University Beverage Center, manager Damon, who asked that his last name not be used, described some of the methods that he uses to spot fakes.

"Altered ones are real easy. You can tell just by looking," he said.

Tip-offs include blurry ink and holograms that don't look right.

Sometimes the difference between real and fake can be subtle.

"New York IDs make this swish noise when you run your finger over it," Damon said. "For some reason, the fake ones don't."

A simple signature and photo check can help a clerk to spot an ID that is real but does not belong to the purchaser.

To aid in their checking, the University Beverage Center uses a guide published by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board that provides photographs and descriptions of the proper identification for all 50 states. The guide is updated yearly.

In compliance with the Liquor Control Board, the University Beverage Center requires anyone under the age of 30 to sign a declaration of age card, stating that the purchaser is over the age of 21 and recognizes the possible penalties for presenting false identification.

At state liquor stores, clerks check IDs through a computerized system built into the cash registers. When a clerk swipes

the magnetic strips of a customer's ID, that person's name, address and other identifying information such as height and weight pop up in the computer and print out on a receipt.

The customer is then required to sign the receipt, acknowledging that he or she is that person, and the clerk has the opportunity to verify the information.

IDs from Pennsylvania as well as several other states, including Ohio and West Virginia, are scannable. State liquor stores use the Liquor Control Board's guide to verify IDs from states that do not yet comply with the computerized system.

Most bars and clubs do not have such high-tech systems. At Peter's Pub in Oakland, a bouncer checks IDs at the door after 9 p.m. During the day, the responsibility falls to bartenders and the wait staff.

Peter's Pub Manager Paul Vukmir said that the first thing that bouncers examine when checking IDs is the photograph, followed by eye color and height.

"People change so much that you really can't go on the picture alone," he said.

Vukmir said that most underage people opt to use the real ID of an older friend.

When bouncers at Peter's suspect this, they request backup identification, and may ask the person to sign a declaration of age form.

Vukmir said that Peter's turns people away because of false identification on a nightly basis. Even so, he added, "You can't catch all the fake IDs."

"There's just no way," he said.

## Report suggests 'hook-ups' not a good idea

By Jennifer Hoyt  
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

STORRS, Conn. - A recent report on college dating and the prevalence of sexual encounters without commitment, or more commonly, hook-ups, claims that college women tend to accept the practice of hooking up because they feel that the

only viable alternative is a "joined-at-the-hip" type of relationship.

The report, "Hooking up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right: College Women on Dating and Mating Today," claims that these intense relationships, which make up the other trend in college dating, are due to the prevalence of co-ed dormitories that "take the mystery out of male-female interactions and contribute to male passivity."

"I would guess that most colleges would say they are providing a neutral environment, but it seems to us that some of the ways they arrange social settings facilitate (hook-ups)," said Elizabeth Marquardt, co-author of the study and affiliate scholar at the Institute of American Values.

Cathy Cox, the south campus complex coordinator, said she thinks living in co-ed dormitories is a good experience for college students. "It's a realistic view of life," she said. "It's an environment that many of our students enjoy, so it's a positive thing."

The report states that while 83 percent of the respondents said that "Being married is a very important goal for me," and 63 percent want to meet their future husband in college, physical encounters without commitment are still widespread on college campuses, with 40 percent of the women stating that they had experienced a hook-up.

Some criticized the study, claiming that it was not a huge survey that lasted 18 months and involved in-depth interviews with 62 women on 11 campuses. These interviews were supplemented by 20-minute phone interviews with 1,000 college women. The study also lacks any male input on the dating scene on the campus.

"It can't be a true representation of college women because it's such a small study," said Jolene Nevers, health education coordinator at Student Health Services.

Nevers said that the data could also be skewed because its authors only interviewed heterosexual women.

"In this study, because they're talking about heterosexual relationships, half the component of the research is not being addressed," she said. She added that the study

implied that all men are looking for relationships without commitment.

Marquardt said that their research is large enough to be considered a national study, and that they did not interview males because they did not receive funding to do so by the Independent Women's Forum, which sponsored the study.

"It's clearly a limitation that we didn't interview men," she said.

Researchers also found that women from divorced families were more eager to get married, but less likely than women from intact families to believe that their marriages would last. They also found that 37 percent of women from divorced families participated in hook ups more than six times, while 23 percent of women raised in intact families hooked up that much.

"The lack of adult involvement, guidance, and even knowledge regarding how young people are dating and mating today is unprecedented and problematic," the study reported.

The study recommends that parents and social leaders should do more to guide young people in courting and mating practices and recognize that the majority of women seek intimate long term relationships, not series of "close relationships."

Yet Nevers said that by the time most people get to college, they have already developed dating habits.

"We should guide students to help them know what a healthy relationship is and how to obtain it," she said.

Lorraine Trippodi, coordinator of the violence against women prevention program at the Women's Center, said she thinks the study was politically motivated since it was sponsored by a conservative organization, The Institute for American Values.

"It's motivation is to maintain married and family life and I do think there are some obvious things in their study that are skewed," she said.

"We need to move to having more discussions about dating practices. I think there is always the potential to improve particularly when there is conversation."

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