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# The Arbiter

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## News Bucket

### Police plan saturation patrol

Campus police will conduct a saturation patrol on campus Thursday watching for traffic and pedestrian violations.

"We're going to be looking to cite people for failing to yield to pedestrians, and also pedestrians not using crosswalks," said Deputy Britton Stuart of the Ada County Sheriff's Department.

In addition, police will enforce speed limits, Stuart said.

"Hopefully, we can get people to realize they need to yield to pedestrians, as well as get pedestrians to understand they must use crosswalks," he said.

The Ada County Sheriff's Department and the Boise City Police Department are participating.

### Boise State adopts draft for terrorism response

Boise State's Office of Risk Management and Audit Services recently completed a draft plan that now includes specific contingencies for acts of terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction.

The plan is in response to a recent order by Gov. Kempthorne. Members of the campus community are invited to review the document and make comments and suggestions to Dean Schurger, occupational health and safety officer. The document can be reviewed on the Web at <http://www2.boisestate.edu/ehs>.

### Business internships available for spring semester

Applications are now being accepted from students wishing to apply for the spring 2002 semester of BSU's Kauffman Entrepreneurial Internship Program.

This program matches students from business-related study areas with local small businesses that wish to have an intern to assist with special projects. Full-time students who will be juniors or seniors during the spring 2002 semester are eligible to apply. Successful internship candidates will agree to work 150 hours for their host company and will receive \$9.50 per hour and three credit hours for their efforts. There is also a classroom component to this internship. Students may apply now by submitting a cover letter, resume with their GPA, and three letters of recommendation to the Idaho Small Business Development Center (located at 1021 Manitou, across from the BSU engineering complex).

The application deadline is Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. Questions may be directed to Rick Vycital at extension 3792, Shelly Houston at extension 1839, or Keith Ward at extension 1888.

### Accounting students place in top 20

A team of four Boise State accounting students placed in the top 20 undergraduate teams nationally in the 10th annual Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge held Oct. 19-21 in Seattle.

The contest, held at eight universities across the country, brought together 99 teams from 78 universities to test their tax knowledge.

Boise State's honorable mention finish netted a \$500 scholarship for the accounting department.

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## ASBSU mulls student government shutdown

Move would allow student leaders to focus on fee increase issue

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbiter

With talk of fee hikes costing students hundreds of dollars, ASBSU President Nate Peterson is considering suspending normal functions of student government and focusing solely on the fee increase.

According to Peterson's plan, the ASBSU Senate will push through legislation for the next three weeks, then abandon formal Senate meetings.

Peterson says his main goal is to streamline procedure, abandon formality and focus on one issue a day.

"If this issue is a complex and as imperative as it could be, we should probably consider streamlining things here and working on the one issue that's most objectively relevant to students on campus and that's finances, student fees and the budget," said Peterson.

In order to accomplish a government shutdown, he said that ASBSU would disengage from nonessential activities and representative roles on campus. He said, however, that major programs such as the Bookswap and the upcoming Senatorial elections will proceed as planned.

He also said that the Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. Senate meeting times will still be held, and will remain open meetings that anyone can attend. The main difference, he said, would be that these Senate meetings would no longer be set up for "legislation passage."

Though Peterson's goal is that the Senate will not be "bogged down in procedure," this aspect could be contentious for Senators wishing to accomplish other campus-wide goals.

Senator Brooke Baldwin said she agreed that the fee issue was important, but it should not supercede any focus on other relevant campus issues.

Questions remain also as to what power student government has over this issue.

"Formally, there is very little we can do outside of myself and the other representatives from ASBSU that sit on the Executive Budget Committee who can express student opinion," Peterson said. "I guess if that carries any weight, that might mean something."

He said that the informal powers of ASBSU are far more significant. "We are going to do anything we can to broaden the discourse and get away from this dichotomy of students versus faculty and add to the equation the bureaucracy here at Boise State," he said.

He also said that he feels legislators listen to ASBSU more than the BSU administration.

## University waits on expanding SUB

Students may avoid \$35 fee increase

By Brandon Flala  
The Arbiter

Expansion of the Student Union Building is now on hold in the wake of budget cuts and a recession.

Full-time students would have been paying \$60 per semester next academic year for SUB expansion - a large amount, especially considering a possible fee increase of 15 percent.

Leah Barrett, Student Union director, said she is 98 percent certain she won't seek additional fee increases for SUB expansion.

In a time of budget cuts - and a possible university-wide cut of up to 10 percent - SUB expansion is no longer a priority, Barrett said.

"I think we need to look at delaying the project somewhat because I'm more concerned with faculty and staff jobs being cut," she said. "SUB expansion can't be the university's No. 1 priority."

Full-time students paid \$25 this semester for SUB expansion, and will continue paying \$25 each semester.

An additional \$35 increase was planned for next fall semester - bringing the total to \$60 per semester.

But it appears students won't be saddled with the additional \$35 increase. The current \$25 fee, which covers engineering and design costs, is permanent, Barrett said.

Construction on the project originally was slated for summer 2003 with completion in 2005.

A start date is now uncertain because of the economy.

Barrett said she might wait until the economy turns around before seeking more student money, or could look at scaling back the project to reduce an additional increase.

"There are several scenarios," Barrett said. "We could go forward with fiscal year 2004 with \$20 and FY 05' with \$15. We could go forward with FY 04' with \$35. We could take it over 04', 05' and 06'. There are hundreds of scenarios."

ASBSU President Nate Peterson said Barrett should be 100 percent certain she won't seek a fee increase next

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## Administrator says budget cuts should reflect inequity

Blake suggests under-funded universities should get immediate consideration

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbiter

Boise State administrators are discussing unorthodox ways to solve university-funding inequity despite state budget woes that threaten to put off a positive solution for several years.

Peg Blake, BSU vice president of Student Affairs, suggested if the State Board of Education requires university budgets to suffer holdbacks, it should be done with equity in mind.

"I believe if you take an across-the-board cut, it is unfair," Blake said. "If the State Board appropriates 10 percent less to university budgets next year across the board, she said, the inequity is actually made worse."

According to Blake, if the Board cut the BSU appropriation less than it cut the other schools, it would begin to address the fact that Boise State students receive less funding than students at other Idaho universities.

"It's bad for everybody, but we shouldn't be taking it in the shorts here," said Blake.

State Board officials have said they will not take money away from Idaho universities to solve the inequity.

"We want to bring those universities that get less up to the levels of those that get more, not bring the top down," said Keith Hasselquist, chief fiscal officer for the State Board of Education.

He said a State Board committee decided equity should come from new money and not take away from funds universities already have.

"Those that have been identified as being unequally funded will get more money in the long run," said Hasselquist.

He said the Board has not discussed any different funding ideas.

The inequity balances will likely not be funded next year, due to a faltering Idaho economy.

He said it is likely the inequity will not be funded for two or three years and whatever money is due will be noted as an IOU.

The Board has been given the authority to solve the inequity problem by the Idaho Legislature, if it reaches a solution in a timely way.

"The Board has said 'we will solve it,' but we may have to wait for the economy to turn around," said BSU President Charles Ruch.

Even if the Legislature decides to step into the mix, the State Board will still have to allocate the funds.

Ruch said the equity issue is a step between what the Legislature gives to the Board and what the Board gives to institutions.

"Board policies have caused the inequity in appropriations," Ruch said. "The inequity became an issue after the Legislature requested a study, performed by private auditors MGT."

The MGT study discovered that Idaho universities were inequitably funded, mainly stemming from outdated practices of base budget funding.

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Illustration by Ryan Hancock, The Arbiter



Follow the President

## Ruch prepares cost-cutting measures

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbiter

As part of a continuing effort to cut costs in the face of state budget woes, BSU President Charles Ruch has submitted a summer energy conservation proposal for the State Board of Education meeting later this month.

The proposal aims to cut energy costs on a "flex-time" schedule.

Under this plan, summer classes will be consolidated into a few buildings instead of dispersed around the campus.

Unused buildings will

then be closed and not temperature-controlled.

"We can save a significant amount of money if buildings can shut down in the heat of the day," Ruch said.

University employees will also work different hours, if the plan is approved, modifying the standard eight-hour day.

Employees would work for nine hours from Monday to Thursday, and work a short four hours on Friday.

Summer classes would also be held for four days per week instead of the usual five.

Ruch doesn't think the

reduced days will affect classes.

"It depends on how you package and present them," he said.

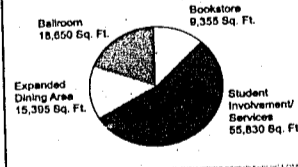
He said belt-tightening in any circumstances can be a bit disruptive, but good management helps to ease the strain.

"Engineers are putting together the plans for this right now," said Ruch. "We'll have to be more flexible."

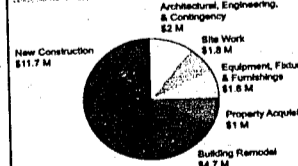
The plan goes to the University Council today for approval before it is submitted.

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## Dia de los Muertos



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A colorful display in the Student Union Building features the Day of the Dead as it is celebrated in Mexico. It is believed that on the 1st and 2nd of November that the dead return to the realm of the living to briefly enjoy some of the comforts they left behind. Families set up altars at home or at the cemetery that hold offerings of food, incense, or various mementos. - See story on page 3.



# Student entrepreneurs set own hours

By Matt Neznanski  
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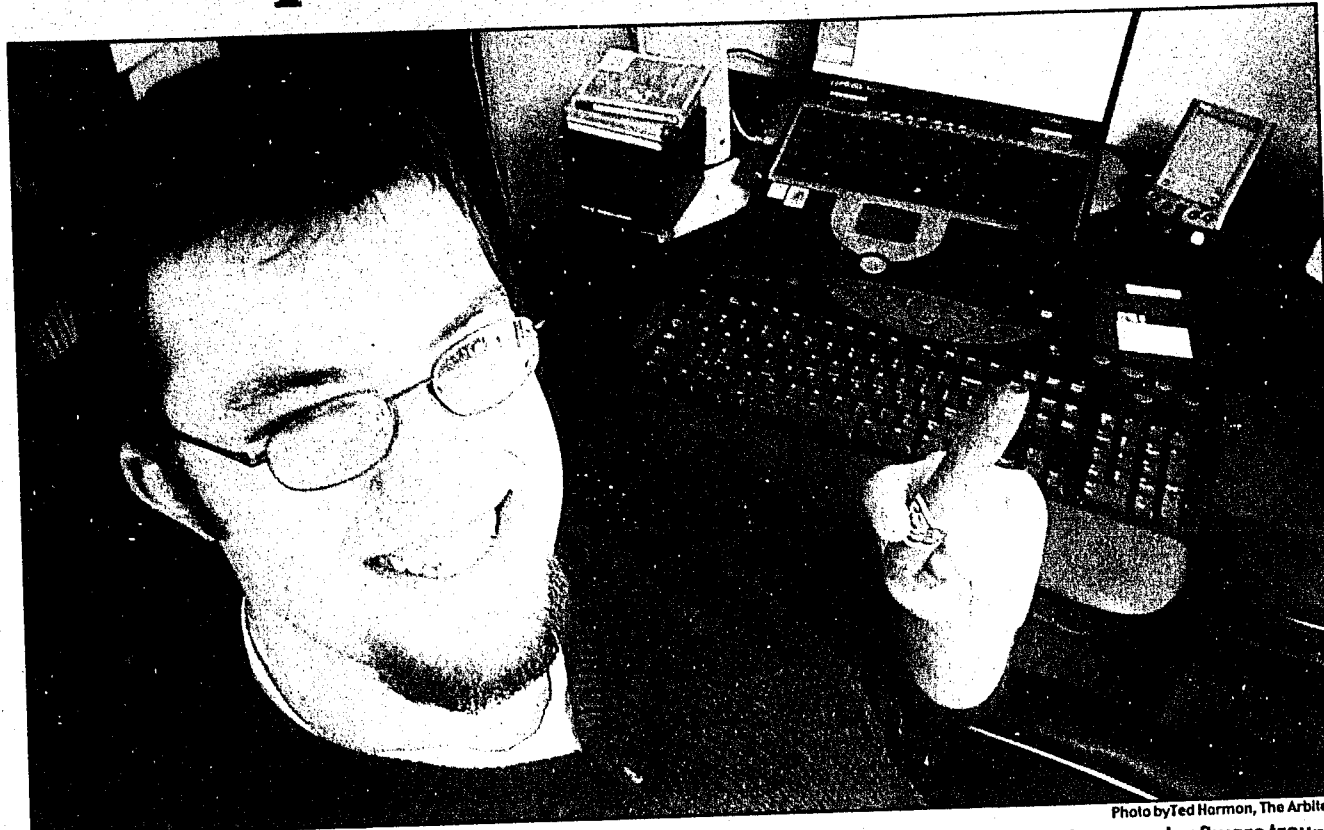


Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter

**Movin' on up:** Scott Smith, BSU student and entrepreneur is looking to turn his on-site computer hardware and software troubleshooting business from something he does on the side into his main source of income. If you are in need of his services you can contact Scott by phone at 850-9209 or by email at scottysmith@hotmail.com.

There are people in your midst who set their own hours, take vacations when they want, and have complete control over what they do for work.

These are students who have decided the normal employee-boss relationship is not for them and have chosen to strike out on their own.

Scott Smith is one of these students. Smith troubleshoots and does repairs on home computers for his own business venture.

He has been operating this business for about seven years on the side, and recently decided to make the step to full-time.

Smith transferred to Boise State from the University of Le Torneau in Texas where he was an Electrical Engineering major.

"I would have been miserable doing that," said Smith. He is unsure of his major right now, but is taking classes toward a minor in math.

"I'm not directional right now, but I'm just one step above it," he said. Smith has been advertising by word-of-mouth, and has plans to build a web site to promote himself, as well as taking out print ads.

Jamie McGinnis, another entrepreneur, originally from Coeur d'Alene, offers her time to fellow students with children. If a student has tests to

take or just wants to have a night out, McGinnis is there to watch their children.

"I love kids, so I don't mind staying home on a Saturday night," she said.

An Education major interested in bilingual education, McGinnis also works for the Boise School District as an after-school tutor.

She works with a group of second and third graders and is required to make up lesson plans for them.

"It's good experience for me," she said. McGinnis had worked for the Boise Towne Square Mall before leaving to concentrate on school and her own business.

She found working for a company made it difficult for her to get the time she needed to do schoolwork, and travel back home.

"At Christmas, I would have had to have left on Christmas Eve because of work," said McGinnis.

She has yet to receive any calls regarding her business,

but she has posted fliers on campus and have had several of the numbers taken off them.

"I'm financially sound if it doesn't work out," she said. "But it's nice to have extra money."

## OELA celebrates Dia de los Muertos

By Laura Wylde  
The Arbiter

OELA, BSU's Latin-American club, gathered food, flowers, a backdrop and an altar to present a display for the Day of the Dead last week in the Student Union Building.

Day of the Dead is celebrated from Nov. 1-2 as a time where dead family members return to the world of living family members to enjoy the luxuries left behind.

Fanny Vidales, OELA's secretary, said, "in Mexico, they usually bring music, or some kind of band for the celebrations. It is not a sad celebration, they are celebrating their family members who are coming back to spend a few hours with them."

Adornments on the altar represented items enjoyed by deceased family members.

"We were supposed to put up food these people who passed away enjoyed," said Vidales. "I put apples on the altar because they represent Washington, where I was born. I was doing that for a friend of mine."

Alma Gomez, a professor at BSU and the counselor for the College Assistant Migrant Program, created the backdrop.

The backdrop celebrated Mexico's past, Vidales said. Historical figures included Francisco Villa and Benito Juarez, both part of the Mexican Revolution. An Aztec warrior was also depicted on the colorful collage because of the history of Mexico.

"I just hope everyone at Boise State enjoyed seeing a little bit of what our culture celebrates, and I hope they look forward to our Cinco de Mayo festivities," Vidales said.

Student Union and Activities presents Noon Tunes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Public Forum Lounge. The event is free.

Student Programs Board presents the film "American History X," at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Special Events Center. The event is free for BSU students, faculty and staff, and costs \$1 for the general public.

Boise State women's basketball will play an exhibition game at 7 p.m. Wednesday in The Pavilion. For more information, call 426-4737.

The WAC Tournament for Boise State Soccer runs Wednesday through Saturday in Dallas. For more information, call 426-4737.

The Student Programs Board, Fine Host and the Student Union and Activities presents the Moxie Java Concert Series from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Union Braval Stage.

Wednesday through Friday, the Boise State art department presents "Object." The display is an exhibition of digital photography by Laurie Blakeslee. Students can see the presentation in the Visual Arts Center Gallery 1, Liberal Arts Building.

An opening reception starts at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free. For more information, call 426-3994.

Book Arts displays, by students in English professor Tom Trusky's Book Arts class runs Wednesday through Friday in the Liberal Arts Building hall display cabinets. For more information, call 426-1999.

Charles R. (Dick) Lee exhibition begins Wednesday and will run through Nov. 21 in Student Union Gallery.

Registration for continuing students for spring semester 2002 ends Nov. 21.

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## Airlines: Tight security, tighter legroom

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbiter

I honestly thought when I set out to fly last week that it'd be the last I'd see of Idaho and good old Boise State. I called my mother, friends, bare acquaintances telling them all that - according to the '80s Mike and the Mechanics hit - is best to say in the living years.

My mother drove me to Boise Airport, headed to Denver and on to my conference in New Orleans, and filled me with horror stories of the airport being some kind of Nicaraguan police state. I could expect to be strip-searched and probed on the merest evidence that I was attempting to sneak potentially lethal metal items aboard.

It did not help that the two passengers ahead of me were checking in military-style duffel bags and violin cases that I imagined could hold some kind of automatic weapon. In the terminal, when I was tempted to visit the restroom and leave my bag behind, the P.A. system every 30 seconds admonished me not to leave my bag unattended lest it be "confiscated and destroyed."

It was scary enough that I'd managed to get through the metal detectors wearing a big metal belt buckle. Honestly, I didn't know what they'd construe as a weapon. Would they confiscate my notebook at the security checkpoint, in the event that I unwind the metal spiral and stab somebody in the eye like Jamie Lee Curtis in

"Halloween?"  
Once aboard the airplane, I noticed little change. Even at the size of Calista Flockheart, I still had nearly no legroom. I can't imagine what a six-foot tall, or god-forbid stocky, individual must go through.  
Flying has changed since I last ventured to the friendly skies in the early '90s, in that regular old United Jets now have TV screens, where we were treated to multiple ads for the doomed series "Inside Schwartz," the less risqué of Jay Leno's Headlines, and on my journey from New Orleans to San Francisco a badly edited version of "Legally Blond," where words like "butthead" were inserted in place of profanities.  
The surprising thing about

air travel was that once you face the initial hour-long lines and scrutiny at the first airport's security checkpoint, you're pretty much home free until you get to your final destination. Because only ticketed passengers are allowed into airline terminals, once you get through security in one airport, you don't have to worry again about being manhandled or strip-searched until your flight home.  
There is the slight indignity of the random searches, in which passengers are selected in an unfortunate lottery, and then frisked and security-wanded like Robert Downey, Jr.  
I was told that if called, be grateful that the airport is doing its job. However, seeing the ordeal that random passengers went through, and knowing my

neuroses, I expected if called to be about as pleasant as Whitney Houston after a fifth of Cuervo.  
I also dreaded having my name called lest fellow passengers glance up excitedly expecting to see the Emmy-winning star of "Will & Grace."  
Despite my fears, the worst part of the air journey was the morning flight out of New Orleans. The lines for the security checkpoint spanned for seemingly half a mile in the very early morning, after I'd just gotten off Bourbon Street - celebrating my birthday, no less - hours before.  
I learned on the San Francisco/Boise flight, sitting next to two incognito United employees, that the mornings are the worst time to board, because the line begins before

the security checkpoints officially open. I heard tales of people having to bribe others to stand in line for them while they went off to the restroom.  
What are we waiting for here? Madonna tickets?  
We're standing in line for an hour or two waiting to be crammed like canned fish into seats built for munchkins. There is nothing like trying to eat a cheeseburger, which requires assembly, without having any means of disposing of the trash on your plate, nor any room to move your elbows.  
The irony of it is, also, that after all that screening for lethal weapons like nail clippers, the airplanes give you a metal fork!

## Street Wise

By Dan Wolf

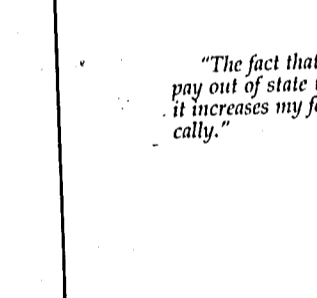
### How would a 15 percent student fee increase effect you financially?



"It's probably not necessary, but I'm not going to let it determine if I go to school next semester or not."

Waldo Wallase, Sophomore

"The fact that I have to pay out of state tuition ... it increases my fees drastically."



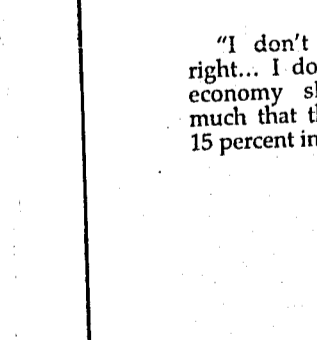
Jessica Quier, Senior

"Yeah, it will. I'm on financial aid I have a grant right now... It seems excessive to me and I'm not quite sure what the money is going to... Every semester I've gone they've always talked about increasing tuition and stuff, and I'm not quite sure what the reasons are for it."



Sam Thiel, Sophomore

"I don't think it's right... I don't see the economy slipping so much that they need a 15 percent increase."



Jarrod Bush, Sophomore

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## Media is conservatively biased

By Nate Williams

Bias in the media has been promoted from an issue for politically minded folk, to a question of life and death for Afghans.  
As a nation, we must no longer blindly swallow the idea that our news is "objective, accurate," and "fair" (from a billboard in Boise); recognizing instead, that it is crafted by a source with a specific agenda and investment in the status quo. An understanding of the inherent conservative bias in our mass media system is essential; it allows us to deconstruct the watered-down, non-critical messages we are receiving about world events, and begin to make up our own minds about U.S. actions in Afghanistan.  
We must begin to assume responsibility for our actions as a citizenry, and demand justice from our government. Understanding the bias in our major sources of information is the critical first step.  
Mass media are nothing more or less than a group of extremely large, extremely profitable corporations, reportedly nearly 50 percent profit (this information comes from a lecture given by Michael Paranti here at BSU a few years ago). They are owned by capitalists whose power relies on the perpetuation of the capitalist system, as well as on continued profits, which come from the advertisers who buy air-

time or newspaper space.  
If media corporations want to stay alive they must protect these two cornerstones of their existence. That is why we don't hear about news events that threaten the legitimacy of the status quo and why supposedly expert opinion ranges from the moderately conservative to the extremely conservative - no critical leftists to be found.  
As proof that media executives keep an eye on what their companies are putting out to make sure that it doesn't mess with their power, I offer this quote from a major media executive. When asked about how much he controls the output of his stations he replied, "Considerably, quite a bit. I make the final decisions." (This information comes from the same lecture).  
Of course, we don't need to ask media executives if there is a conservative bias in the media. We can see it for ourselves. The recent coverage and commentary on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S. is an excellent example. A liberally biased media would've swamped us with critical-leftist analysis of the situation. We would've never stopped hearing about the global economically and culturally oppressive system of U.S. capitalism that is partly responsible for all this; the importance of protecting of our civil liberties here at home; and the necessary long-term changes in U.S. foreign policy.

What we have seen instead, are attempts to stir up "patriotism" or bipartisan support for our President; solemn reports of our success in the war so far in Afghanistan, and skirting of critical issues which place the U.S. in the center of creating these atrocities.  
Corporate/conservative control of our major media outlets leave so little room for any deviation in opinion, in fact, that one columnist was fired simply for criticizing Bush's actions on the day of the attacks. Bill Maher, the host of "Politically Incorrect" had to apologize for suggesting that the U.S. should've sent in ground troops to do our killing, rather than using air strikes (which he suggested were "cowardly").  
His suggestion was hardly a point of contention, yet a censored one nonetheless as advertisers pulled their commercials and two network satellites threatened to drop his show. The boundaries of acceptable opinion (even within the rightist camp) are frighteningly narrow indeed.  
This phenomenon is not new. It existed when the corporate owned media refused to report such newsworthy events as the U.S.'s role in putting Saddam Hussein into power in Iraq; the fact that communist Cuba has only six political prisoners, while U.S. backed and funded Turkey, has 100,000+ Kurds in jail; or the fact that three Senate committees have found the CIA to be involved in drug trafficking (these facts,

again come from the Paranti lecture). Any of these events are newsworthy from a liberal perspective yet none of them made their way into the media.  
Capitalists are, by definition, conservative because they have incredibly high stakes in conserving our economic system (and the inequalities it perpetuates). They will not give airtime to ideas, opinions, or facts that threaten their power.  
Finally, I find it ironic that the arguments for a liberal media bias come from guys who have ample access to the media themselves (i.e. Rush Limbaugh who has his own TV show and is carried by 200+ radio stations, as well as 200+ newspapers. Compare Ralph Nader, a prominent leftist figure who manages to get his column into only 20 or so small circulation newspapers).  
The people making these claims make them only because a defensive media is an obedient media. Challenges to the status quo (i.e. massive corporate power) will not appear if media outlets are worried about appearing too "liberal".  
I will believe that the media is liberally biased when it starts critiquing capitalism, acknowledges and persistently works to eliminate structural poverty, racism and sexism; and begins to faithfully report the actions our government and corporations take daily which oppress millions of innocent people across the globe.

### Rod Beck for mayor

Students - gouged again. This time it's a rent hike. What's happening? Property tax in older Boise residential areas are jumping - on average - 18 percent Dec. 20.  
Landlords will have to raise rent to pay the tax. Other landlords seeing what's happening - could follow suit.  
One candidate for mayor wants property tax relief: Rod Beck for mayor.  
You can register at the polling place with proof of address - like a phone or power bill or driver's license.  
Hey! Legislators are more likely to pay attention to students' lobby if they see students vote.  
Glenn Miles, Boise BSU alumnus  
It's Great to be a Native, Part II  
It's great to be a native because we get to spend a lot of our time trying to enlighten other people about what it means to be a person indigenous to the American continent. I can't begin to tell you how much fun it is to deal with ignorant and mean spirited people like Jerel

Thomas, who wrote the "It's great to be native," piece in the Nov. 1, 2001 Arbiter. The only thing that was new and surprising about his racist opinion piece is that it appeared in a university student paper. I am more used to seeing this kind of editorial drivel left on my doorstep here in Boise by moronic Nazis from Northern Idaho, than in the Arbiter.  
Academic freedom is a very special thing, for both students and professors. It is a policy that allows us to explore new intellectual ground without encumbrances that could jeopardize the free exchange of research, discoveries and knowledge. I take my own Boise State students to task and do everything I can to teach them that there is a process in place that allows them to embrace their own points of view and to do the research and present credible evidence that supports their particular stance.  
What is ironic is that I often have a hard time getting students to take some kind of stance and to defend their position(s) with solid academic research. I teach them that their conclusions need to be supported by their research in a manner that can be substantiated, and in this manner, opinions are eliminated

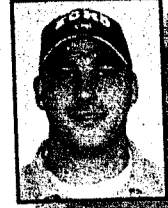
from what is factual and what could most accurately be characterized as nothing more than a self-indulgent rant.  
Unfortunately, the editorial by Jerel Thomas is nothing more than an ignorant rant that snubs the idea of academic research, or real knowledge about the subject he ranted about. This is more troubling to me than his rant was; that is, that the Arbiter has little or no standards that are able to distinguish between something that falls under the headings of personal opinions, academic freedom or the rantings of an ignorant racist. The fact that the racist editorial was printed points to the fact that it really doesn't matter to the Arbiter if an editorial is an ignorant racist rant, or a thoughtful reflection about critical issues.  
If I were traveling through Boise State University today and read this, I'd have serious doubts about the intellectual rigor of their institution.  
Does this person represent a larger group of people? If so, we're in bigger trouble than we think we are and not only because of its overt racist sensibilities.  
Regardless of whether you

teach, are a student, or staff person, you have a perfect opportunity to learn more of the facts of what it means to be an American Indian, or as some members prefer to be called, First Nations People. We are organizing a First Nations Conference for March 14 to 16, 2002 here at Boise State that is designed to be attended by students, professors and staff, regardless of their background. The conference is designed to help cross the imagined and real gaps that exist between cultures. We are presenting a forum with which to exchange research, views and information and need your participation to make it a success. The conference is designed to help educate people like Thomas, so that he can be informed about the facts of an issue, and he won't have to feel obligated to write an ignorant, uninformed opinion piece about an issue in which he has demonstrated very little expertise.  
Don't let yourself be put in Thomas' position of racist ignorance. Come to the conference, get yourself more informed about the issues, and in so doing, help to make our world a better place to live.  
Larry McNeil,  
Assistant Professor  
Member, Tlingit and Nisga'a Nations

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# Sports

## Louisiana Tech swamps Broncos

**By Darrin Shindle**  
The Arbiter

The Boise State Broncos finished 25 yards short of winning a weird, yet amazing, game Saturday in Ruston, La., losing 48-42.

It was a win that would have given the Broncos sole position of first place in the WAC.

Instead, the Broncos fell short after mounting a fourth quarter comeback to get within three points after trailing by as many as 17.

Boise State quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie's pass with the Broncos trailing by six points to Jeb Putzier bounced off the Bulldogs' Jamie Nichols head and was intercepted by Brandon Avance to seal the game with 30 seconds left.

"Give them credit," coach Dan Hawkins said of the Bulldogs. "They made the plays."

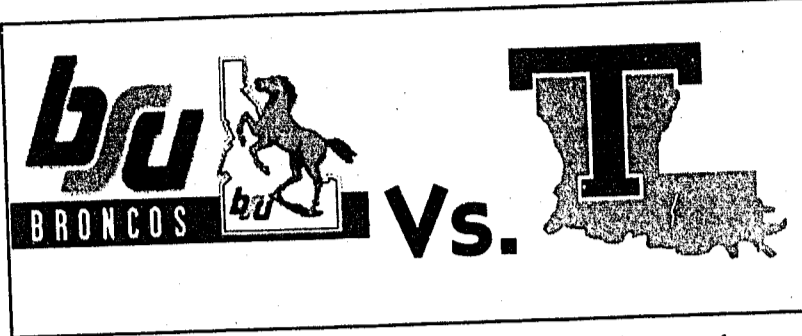
Louisiana Tech made a lot of plays racking up 516 total yards, with 464 of them coming through the air. The Bulldogs had scoring plays of 56, 67, and 68 yards.

This game was a game of scoring runs as Boise State had stretches of 21 and 14 unanswered points, while Louisiana Tech put together a run of 31 straight points.

The Broncos fell behind 7-0 after the Bulldogs Joe Smith capped off a seven-play 58-yard drive with a 9-yard run. Louisiana Tech mixed in the run just enough to keep the Broncos un-balanced as Smith had runs of 11 and 13 yards on the drive.

Boise State got on the board as Ryan Dinwiddie hit Jeb Putzier for a 13-yard touchdown completion. The Broncos looked good on this drive as Putzier came up big with three completions.

After the Broncos defense held Louisiana Tech to a three and out, Tim Gilligan set up another score with a big punt return down to the Bulldog 35-yard line. Dinwiddie hit Putzier again on third down to give the Broncos a fourth and one. Dinwiddie dove over the right side of the line to



convert the fourth down and keep the drive alive. Forsey capped off the drive with a nine-yard touchdown reception to give the Broncos the lead 14-7.

Louisiana Tech started their next possession on their own eight-yard line. After a big third down conversion the Bulldogs were forced to punt, but that didn't go as planned. The snap went past the punter and Quinten Mikell landed on the loose ball to give the Broncos a first-and-goal on the Bulldogs seven-yard line.

It only took the Broncos one play to score as Gilligan took the ball around the end on a sweep and walked in untouched for the touchdown.

That was it for this part of the Broncos run. Next up Louisiana Tech.

Louisiana Tech promptly scored on six of their next seven possessions, while holding the Broncos to only one score during the run.

They started by answering the Broncos rally with a quick strike to D.J. Curry from Luke McCown for a 67-yard touchdown. It came on the "swing-ing gate," a play the Broncos couldn't stop all day. This made the score 21-14.

On the ensuing kick-off, the turnover bug hit the Broncos again as Forsey fumbled and the Bulldogs recovered on the Broncos 21-yard line. The Broncos defense took the chal-

lenge on this possession and drove the Louisiana Tech offense back 15 yards before they settled for 48-yard field goal.

Louisiana Tech ended the scoring in the first half with a one-yard run by McCown with 38 seconds left. The Bulldogs took the lead into the half 24-21.

Louisiana Tech scored two more touchdowns before the Broncos could get back on the board in the third quarter. McCown hit Simon for an eight-yard touchdown, and then hit Curry again for a 68-yard touchdown giving the Bulldogs a 38-21 lead.

Boise State managed to get in a score on a 30-yard screen pass to David Mikell. The score was again made possible after a big third down reception by Putzier.

The Bulldogs answered again as McCown tossed a 56-yard touchdown pass to Allen Stark. Louisiana Tech extended its lead back to 17 points at 45-28.

Just when the game looked

out of reach for the Broncos, they got back up on another run. Mikell scored again, this time on the ground, with an eight-yard touchdown run. After the teams traded punts and Louisiana Tech was set up to punt again, Kameron Merritt blocked the punt and Wes Nurse took the block in for the touchdown. Boise State suddenly found themselves down only three points at 45-42.

The Bulldogs added another field goal and then stopped the Broncos on their last drive at the 25-yard line.

"Give our kids credit for hanging in there," Hawkins said.

The Broncos had 506 total yards. Putzier had another terrific game with seven catches for 112 yards and a touchdown. Dinwiddie was 30 of 49 for 351 yards. He had three touchdown passes and two interceptions. Forsey had 71 yards rushing and Mikell added 66.

The loss drops Boise State to 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the WAC.

## Lady Broncos drop two at home



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter

Outside hitter Nicole Christensen dives in attempt to return a hit by the Bulldogs.

**By Steve Gowans**  
The Arbiter

The women's volleyball team hosted a pair of conference games on Thursday and Saturday night as they welcomed the Bulldogs of Fresno State (13-7, 7-4 in WAC) and the 10th ranked team in the nation, Hawaii (18-4, 10-0 in WAC) into the Pavilion.

The Broncos (1-20, 1-10 in WAC) got off to a strong start against Fresno as they scored four quick points and seemed to be clicking offensively. Fresno State however, calmed down and referred back to their tenacious defense as they limited the scoring opportunities the Broncos had been getting.

"We knew coming into the match that this wouldn't be an easy game for us since the Fresno defense is probably one of the best we've seen," sophomore middle blocker Jacqueline Heler said.

The offense that was working so well for the Broncos began to fall apart as they committed several errors and seemed to suddenly fall out of sync.

The Bulldog offense then took advantage and made a surge of their own as they wracked up point after point and won the match to the final of 30-15.

The next two games told much of the same story as Fresno's relentless defense refused to let BSU ever take control. Boise State went on to lose the second game 30-13, and then the third 30-16. Despite the losses, Boise

received great play by Joy Baldwin who had 7 kills, 3 digs, and the only block of the game for BSU. Megan Tranter added 9 digs and Mindy Bennett finished with 16 assists.

The Bulldogs were led by Kristen Fenton who had 10 kills and 6 digs for the match.

The week definitely didn't get any easier as 10th ranked Hawaii came in on Saturday and throttled the Broncos in dominating fashion. Hawaii wasted little time beating BSU as they more than doubled Boise in every statistical category. The Broncos fell in 3-straight, 30-13, 30-13, and 30-17.

Hawaii as a team had an astounding 44 kills, 40 assists, 49 digs, 16 blocks, and 8 aces compared to Boise State's 24 kills, 22 assists, 29 digs, and 7 blocks.

The Rainbow's were led by Maja Gustin who had 16 kills and 4 blocks.

Standouts for BSU were Joy Baldwin who had 7 kills, 6 digs, and 2 blocks, and Megan Tranter who added 5 kills, 5 digs and 2 blocks.

The Broncos now look ahead as they host two more Western Athletic Conference match-ups as Nevada and San Jose State come to the Pavilion at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 and 10.

"We're going to continue to stay positive as a team and all we can do now is take it one game at a time and try to improve from week to week," said Heler.

### WAC Football Standings

Team (overall)	W	L
Louisiana Tech (5-3)	5	1
Boise State (5-4)	4	2
Hawaii (5-2)	4	2
Rice (6-2)	3	2
Fresno St. (7-2)	3	2
San Jose St. (2-5)	2	3
SMU (2-5)	2	3
Nevada (2-6)	1	4
UTEP (2-6)	1	4
Tulsa (1-7)	0	5

### Top 25 Scores

1. Miami def. Temple 38-0
2. Nebraska def. Kansas 51-7
3. Oklahoma def. Tulsa 58-0
4. Florida def. Vanderbilt 71-13
5. Texas def. Baylor 49-10
6. Michigan lost to Michigan St. 26-24
7. Tenn. def. Notre Dame 28-18
8. Oregon def. Arizona State 42-24
9. UCLA lost to (16) Washington St. 20-14
10. Stanford lost to (11) Washington 42-28
11. Washington def. (10) Stanford 42-28
12. Va. Tech lost to Pittsburgh 38-7
13. BYU def. Colorado State 56-34
14. Florida St. def. Clemson 41-27
15. Maryland def. Troy St. 47-14
16. Wash. St. def. (9) UCLA 20-14
17. S. Carolina def. Wofford 38-14
18. Georgia was idle
19. Syracuse was idle
20. Purdue lost to (21) Illinois 38-13
21. Illinois def. (20) Purdue 38-13
22. N. Carolina lost to (23) Ga. Tech 28-28
23. Ga. Tech def. (22) N. Carolina 28-21
24. Texas A&M lost to Texas Tech 12-0
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# Diversions

## Students ride the big green wave

### Kayak Club visits Oregon Coast

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

A few weeks ago, 13 members of Boise State's Kayak Club drove all night to frolic in the breakwaters on the Oregon Coast. Their destination: Oswald State Park, south of Cannon Beach.

Club president Ben Davidson, who has been kayaking for nine years, helped coordinate the Oregon Coast excursion.

"With the water levels down in the local rivers, this trip was a great opportunity for us because the coast has excellent surf all of the time, and Oswald State Park has something for everyone," Davidson said.

Late in the night, the students packed into a Boise State van with their kayaks in tow and headed for the rugged coastline. There was only one problem as they neared the ocean, nobody had a map of the location, but luckily, one student had a GPS device, which enabled them to find their destination easily.

Of course, it rained the first two days of their trip as if often does in the shadow of the Oregon coastal range, but the weather didn't stop the kayakers from their mission: having fun in the ocean.

Ocean kayaking varies greatly from river kayaking because of the size and turbu-

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lence of the cresting waves. Davidson said that Oswald State Park is a perfect place to kayak because there is a calm bay for beginners to practice their skills and breaking waves farther offshore for more experienced kayakers to hone their technical abilities.

"Some of us got the chance to surf large green waves. One thing kayakers can do that surfers can't do, is after the wave breaks, it creates a foam pile, and we can play in that foam pile all of the way into the beach," Davidson said.

To add to the excitement, the students also enjoyed seals and others playing in their natural environment. Marine mammals weren't the only wildlife the students saw because raccoons invaded their campsite at night. One kayaker awoke after a masked bandit ate a hole in the tent and swiped his trail mix, and one diligent raccoon got the lid off of a Dutch oven and dined on the club's leftover



A kayaker prepares to play in the Pacific's waters off the coast of Oregon.

berry cobbler.

On the third day, the sun finally broke through the clouds and gave the kayakers one last chance to ride the waves and produced a beautiful golden sunset.

The Kayak Club currently

has a membership of 25 people, but Davidson encourages other kayakers to join. The club has weekly indoor pool sessions in the winter and when the rivers rise in the spring, they are planning weekly trips to the Payette

River and other locales.

Davidson is also setting higher goals for the club this school year by entering the kayakers in competitions, like the Boise County Throwdown and the Payette Whitewater Roundup, which take place in

the spring and summer. For more information about the Kayak Club, call Ben Davidson at 426-3655.

### Food Stuff

## Aladdin's rustic fare warms stomachs and souls

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

**Aladdin Egyptian Cuisine**  
111 Broadway Avenue  
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Tucked away inside a typical American strip mall on Broadway Avenue rests a hidden jewel of the Mediterranean: Aladdin Egyptian Cuisine.

In 1981, after owning restaurants in Saudi Arabia and Germany, Chef Ibrahim Ebed moved to America. Shortly after arriving in New York City, he was selected for a prestigious chef position at the United Nations headquarters, where he fed diplomats and ambassadors from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for nearly a decade.

Ebed brought his rustic Mediterranean fare to the Gem State in 1992. Next year, Aladdin is celebrating their tenth anniversary in Boise. Over the last decade, Aladdin has become a sanctuary for vegetarians in the Treasure Valley, which is historically better known for meat and potato menus. Aladdin doesn't intentionally specialize in vegetarian cuisine, but because of the nature of Mediterranean cuisine, the menu boasts the one of the best meatless selections in town. Regardless, Ebed treats lamb, beef and chicken with the same flair as he does the vegetables and legumes.

With winter approaching, Aladdin's cuisine has extra appeal because of their hearty and healthy offerings.

During a rainstorm last week, I took solace from

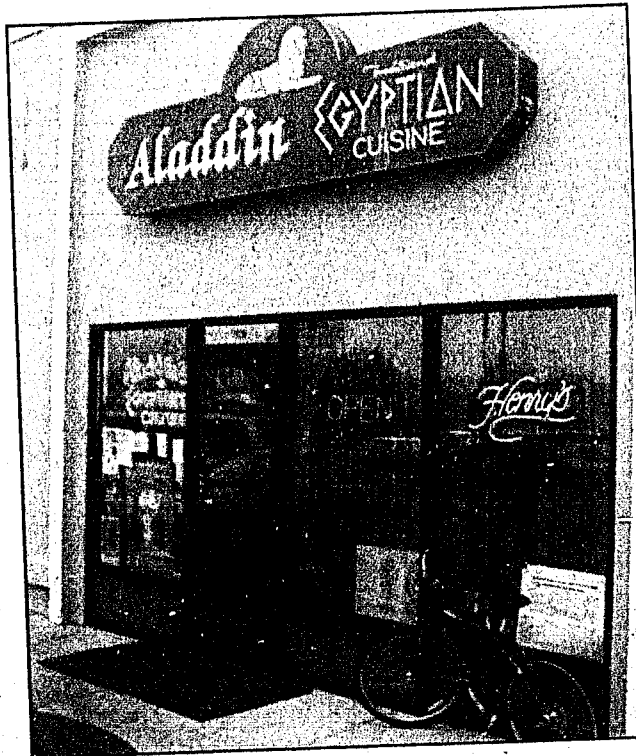
heavy traffic on Broadway and ducked into Aladdin for a tasty bowl of White Bean Soup (\$2.75-lunch/\$3.25-dinner), which is legume-laden with fresh herbs in a savory tomato broth. They also serve flavorful Lentil Soup for the same price that is also guaranteed to make your toes curl in delight.

I paired the hearty soup with a Tripoli Mezza platter for two (\$6.50-lunch/\$7.75-dinner), which consists of Hummus (mashed chickpeas with tahini), Baba Ghanouj (garlic-powered pureed eggplant), Fattoush (minced greens, onions and parsley), fresh sliced cucumbers and

an ornate tomato rose. All Tripoli Mezza platters include perfectly golden Egyptian flat bread for scooping.

For meat-lovers, I recommend the Shish Kebab (lamb or beef skewers), Lubieh (green beans with lamb medallions in a rich tomato sauce) and a sandwich that is billed as Egypt's Gyro: the Shawarma (beef and lamb or chicken).

After dinner, I indulged my sweet tooth with a heavenly piece of Baklava and a steaming cup of mint tea. Kudos needs to be given to Aladdin for 10 years of culinary consistency. Enjoy



## Spitfire tour rallies Kent State students

By Jennifer Kovacs  
Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.) U-Wire

Musicians, including Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic and Dead Kennedys founder Jello Biafra, encouraged Kent State University students to become involved in political activism Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

The May 4 Task Force hosted the Spitfire Tour, which includes musicians, actors and activists speaking on global affairs. They talked to students about how to change the state of the world around them.

"We always have a fall program, and this year I wanted something big," said Kelley Garbett, co-chair of the task force. "It's an incredibly good show for the amount of money it costs, and it's incredibly unique. They all have an important thing to say."

Adam Werbach, former president of the national environmental group, the Sierra Club and the current host of the newsmagazine "The Thin Green Line," mediated the event. The musicians, who spoke on various political topics, were Novoselic, Biafra and singer and songwriter Jill Sobule, founder of the Joint

Artists and Music Promotions Political Action Committee.

Novoselic opened the show by urging students to participate in a meaningful electoral reform.

"The electoral process is like a rundown greasy spoon," Novoselic said. "You go in and there's one table but only two chairs, and they're reserved for Republicans and Democrats."

Novoselic promotes an inclusive democratic process that will make it possible for third-party candidates to successfully run in elections and for there to truly be no taxation without representation.

"I really liked what Krist had to say," senior English major Sue Savickas said. "The more informed people are, the easier it is to get younger people to make a difference."

Sobule has been for social reform since her song "I Kissed a Girl" was banned from many radio stations. "I felt like Ice-T doing 'Cop Killer,'" Sobule said.

She performed an acoustic set of songs of social commentary, including a love song to New York and one on the difference between drug laws for George W. Bush and a kid across the tracks.

Biafra also faced issues with censorship as a musician.

His Dead Kennedys album "Frankenchrist" was the first album ever to go to trial for content. Biafra's speech focused on the events of Sept. 11, and he argued against the resulting war in Afghanistan.

"I'm frightened of Bush saying 'You're with us or with the terrorists,'" Biafra said.

"We need to stand up and say, 'No, we're not with Bush or the terrorists. Is what we're doing now really the best way to solve the problem?' What happened to rethinking what made these people so mad in the first place?"

The speakers ended the show by taking numerous questions from audience members who wanted to know how they could become involved in political reform. One student asked how exactly to get an anti-war movement started at Kent State. Novoselic advised that all of the organizations on campus working for that very thing should unite and take action together.

"I think college students are extremely apathetic in general," said Matt Donowick, a junior anthropology major. "The show tries to get people mad and involved. It's only a matter of time before people stand up and start to do something."

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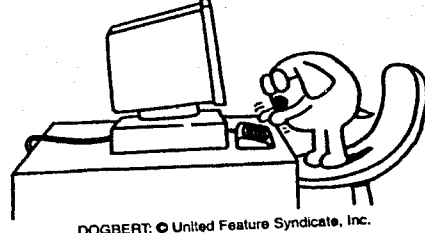
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20 Waiting in the wings  
21 Crow's cry  
23 Picnic invader  
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29 Irk  
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33 Truck compartment  
36 Cafeteria stack  
38 Water pitchers  
39 "Ben"  
40 "And I Love"  
41 Vegas  
43 Ready to go  
44 Delete  
46 "Thou not..."  
48 A couple  
49 Japanese horseradish  
51 Climbing plants  
53 Fire-safety device  
58 Unruly group  
60 Hanoi holiday  
61 Figure of speech  
62 Unsuitable  
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**REISER**  
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ride and a morning paper for the cost of a dollar. Reiser envisions increasing ridership 10 to 12 fold, but insists first that a radical educational and advertising campaign must be used.

"For the cost of one tank of gas a person could ride a bus for a month," said Reiser.

She is also interested in creating affordable housing for the city.

Looking at existing successful pilots such as the Oak Park Village, created by a joint venture of Tomlinson and Associates and Idacorp, is one step in ensuring affordable but safe housing, Reiser said.

"This model has been in place for five years and is showing sustainability and affordability," she said.

Reiser says this type of housing project avoids self-filling stigmatizing and aims

in changing survival into sustainability.

The approval of lighting in response to safety issues on the Greenbelt excites Reiser. However, she also suggests avoiding a 24/7 system, thus prioritizing neighborhood wishes. Reiser thinks solar power is a viable alternative to conventional Greenbelt lighting.

Education again plays a major role in ensuring landlords and tenants are responsible for avoiding "slums." She says landlords and tenants must be advised as to what the laws are, and this potentially is a manageable problem.

"I believe education can change some of the ignorance and contempt that has occurred in the past between landlords and tenants," Reiser said.

**PHILLIPS**  
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to check density areas and acquire transportation corridors, alternative transportation would be easy to access.

"We should not allow big urban sprawl with no urban services," he said.

He also said the city should look at mixed neighborhood growth. This includes housing for single family residents, rental units and various services.

He said this would aid in creating low-income housing. Other solutions include utilizing existing neighborhood infrastructure to lessen building costs. For example, it would cost less to use existing sewer and water lines than construct new lines.

"That way, the homeowner or renter does not have to bear that cost," he said.

Phillips feels that neigh-

borhood associations are important, affecting neighborhood safety and the upkeep of homes.

"We should incorporate a cooperation between neighborhood associations and law enforcement to make neighborhoods safer," he said.

Safety on the Greenbelt is another concern Phillips said he is interested in pursuing.

"The Greenbelt is a huge asset to the city, and it makes sense to improve it whenever possible," he said.

He said that the city budget was close to \$4.5 million, which, "is not a lot of money for a two year cycle. However, if the city were to sharpen pencils and cut back in areas it is not a problem to fund things the city needs, like lights for the Greenbelt."

**JORDAN**  
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said.

Jordan said Boise needs a percentage of housing that is affordable for the people who do not have the means for expensive housing. She suggests enforcing or increasing city codes for preventing neighborhood slums. She also has interests in making neighborhoods safer.

"As for increasing neighborhood safety, the neighbors need to look out for one another and get to know each

other better too," she said.

She said that increased city codes might be a way of protecting tenets from living in an unkempt house, but that both tenets and owners will be held responsible for violating the established codes preventing city slums.

**WETHERELL**  
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been handled.

"I think that Dr. Ruch has done a remarkable job of dealing with these issues in terms of simply public relations aspects, dealing with the city and dealing with the neighborhoods and trying to be a good neighbor."

When it comes to public transportation, Wetherell doesn't hold out much hope for improvement. He points to the lack of funding options available to cities for public transit.

"It is very easy to get up on your soapbox and say we need a public transportation system that has busses scheduled every 15 minutes, but the state of Idaho has provided no funding mechanism for local mass transit other than utilization of property taxes."

"Can I tell people that there is going to be a massive improvement in Boise's mass transit system? No. I'd be lying."

When asked about the issue of academic freedom for professors, Wetherell is generally supportive.

"If you mean by ultimate academic freedom, should university professors be allowed to form a cell of the Nazi Party USA, I'd probably say no. But in terms of the ability to express and discuss controversial and unpopular ideas, that is an essential role of the university, and is a learning experience. If we are afraid to defend or discuss our ideals, then they are never tested."

**MAPP**  
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On Greenbelt safety, Mapp feels that people need to be aware of the dangers involved.

"I think that we as a community have a responsibility on the Greenbelt," he said. "The first thing I think people should not necessarily use the Greenbelt at night by themselves. During the day there is enough traffic going back and forth so there may not be a concern."

Mapp does not oppose lighting the Greenbelt. However, he has some reservations.

"I don't have a problem with lighting, but the question is what kind of lighting,

is it where you light the sky but not the ground? Someone could be hiding in glare of the light."

He also said he would like to increase the availability of affordable housing in the downtown area for college students and low-income residents who work downtown.

"One of my issues is to establish an affordable housing area for downtown," he said. "We need more affordable housing for people who live downtown and work downtown. If we had more, students could afford to have a part-time job and still live downtown and go to school."

**HUBBARD**  
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tive effort, and says the city and local businesses benefit financially from 17,000 students who spend their money in Boise.

Although she encourages this interface between city involvement and BSU, Hubbard believes it is more of the responsibility of the State Board of Education in dealing with a majority of financial issues.

Hubbard believes in freedom of speech, however granting University professors ultimate academic freedom is a tough question.

"There are other ways for students to be exposed to controversial things than for professors to get up and tell them," she said. "It's a very tough question."

Affordable housing is important to Hubbard, and she will advocate affordable housing in dealing with growth as a priority.

"It is the Boise City Council's responsibility to encourage developers to create affordable but safe housing," Hubbard said. "It's a

responsibility to fix or revamp gray field areas, or areas that have fallen into disrepair and have a high vacancy rate."

She says forcing young people to live outside of Boise because they can't afford to live within city limits is wrong and preventable if investment in older neighborhoods became a priority in the Council's agenda.

Hubbard thinks Greenbelt safety is important and she encourages citizens to become part of safety volunteer patrols. It was her hope that lighting would have been approved earlier in the budgeting process. Money probably won't be afforded the Greenbelt in one lump sum she says, but continual upkeep is definitely a possibility.

"The Greenbelt definitely needs to be revamped, there is no way a person could roller blade on sections of this path, given the tree root damage and cracks," she said.

**SUB EXPANSION**  
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academic year.

"There is no way we can do it in a year like this," he said. "Right now, we need to keep students fees as low as possible given that students must absorb a higher matriculation fee."

Peterson also said he was concerned that students are paying money for a project that may not start for a couple years.

The \$25 fee, which generates about \$600,000 per year, may need to be used to offset matriculation fees or given back to students in a rebate, Peterson said.

Barrett said the money will be used to hire an architect and pay for design fees.

Peterson said there is one argument, however, for SUB expansion — profitability. The SUB is one of several universi-

ty departments that typically generate revenue.

"We turn 20 groups away wanting to use the ballroom each month because we don't have enough space," Barrett said. "There are days there are no places to sit in the food services area. The Bookstore is grossly inadequate for the size of our campus."

Besides money-generating services, the SUB expansion would also provide space for the Women's Center, the Cultural Center and the Arbiter, all of which are currently located in a SUB annex.

But in the meantime, students may prefer paying less and making do with current services.

"In times like this, everybody has to tighten their belt," Barrett said. "We've got to live with what we have right

**BUDGET CUTS**  
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The base budget system under-funds enrollment, which compounds the problem when a school faces large increases in student numbers.

The population explosion in Southern Idaho has put the strain on the system.

Hasselquist said the enrollment workload reimbursement would likely not be funded next year, either.

The enrollment funds would be added to the IOUs. BSU enrollment reached an all-time high for Idaho universities last year, and administrators say slow economic times tend to increase enrollment.

"The Board and the Legislature have acknowledged the inequity issue but have not reached a solution," Blake said.

At the last Board meeting, she said, the committee working on budget equity seemed to have a handle on the problem and was working to get changes made.

Blake said problems arise when the committee addresses the full Board.

"The process bogs down and the politics start coming out," she said.

Hasselquist said the university presidents came up with an initial agreement and agreed on several principles of change. When they ran the numbers, however, Ruch backed out of the plan because the solutions did not fit his expectations.

The committee is expected to provide another report at the November Board meeting.

The public may address the Board before any of its meetings. Hasselquist said he recommends contacting the Board secretary and scheduling a time to speak.

The board allows five minutes for each person who addresses the Board.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 14 and 15.

**COST-CUTTING**  
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ted to the State Board.

While the university may not need Board approval for this measure explicitly, Ruch said he feels it is important that when any major issue comes up, he tries to let the Board know about it.

"If we're going to have school for four-and-a-half days, they should know about it," he said.

Since a slow economy is reducing state revenues, many items are facing early discussion this year.

This is the reason fee increases were brought up in October.

"Everybody acts as though it were a done deal," said Ruch.

He said the reality is that the usual fee increase process will continue.

The process includes a call for Board hearings in January, followed by public hearings in February. The Executive Budget Committee will meet in March to formulate its recommendations, and proposals will finally reach the Board in April.

Ruch said the Board requires "fair warning" any time student fees are proposed to rise more than 10 percent.

The State Board also asked all Idaho universities to provide the budget office with contingencies for next year's budget, in the continuing struggle to predict the shifting Idaho economy.

"We were asked to provide 'what if?' answers when we don't know what the 'what ifs' are," said Ruch.

The details of the economic impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks are just beginning to trickle in.

Ruch said these factors make it difficult for individuals to plan, and it is equally difficult for institutions to do the same.

"If you read the business pages, listen to analysts, and watch the reports, you begin to see the effects of 9-11. It is just crazy," said Ruch.

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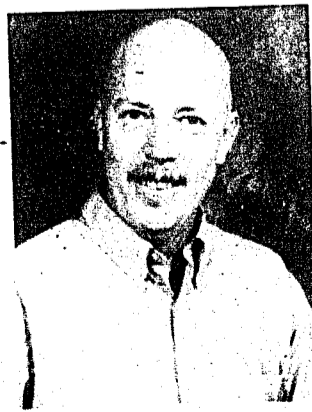
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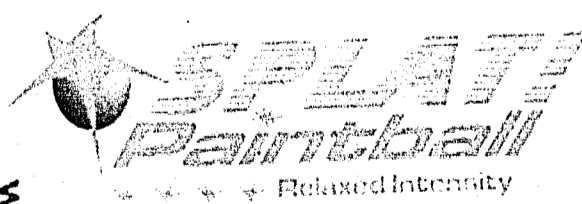
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