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## May 13, 2002

# Buying a university education: Real business in the real world

## Part III: Service denied

Analysis by Carissa <mark>Wolf</mark> The Arbiter

At a time when state lawmakers hand universities fewer and fewer dollars, business donations can make or break a program.

Programs that advantage businesses are seeing unprecedented growth.

increased tions Department' Engineering's budget by over \$23 million since 1997.

"We wouldn't be where we are without that money," College Engineering Dean Lynn Russell said.

the tend to funnel toward programs that service the needs of the business community. The bottom line and business priorities mean some departments and programs are left out in the cold.

In tough economic times, arts and science depart-

ments are "going to strug-gle," said Boise State said President Charles Ruch.

Rarely does the university get to spend business donations as they see fit. "That's one of the frustra-tions in higher ed," Ruch said. Targeted donations mean some "departments get richer than others."

This leaves some disciplines bearing the brunt of state budget cuts with few places to turn. "They're going to depend more on state dollars," Ruch said.

#### The right to refuse service

A large segment of the Boise State student population is denied the perks and benefits corporate donations afford others.

Ruch said the university makes an effort to direct unrestricted donations toward programs and departments that typically don't see any dollars from the business community. But the public wouldn't know about many of these efforts

All donations to the unifur.neled versity are furneled through the Boise State Foundation. Once a check is written to the university, students may never know who wrote the check and

where that money goes. The Foundation is classified as a private entity, and unlike the public university, all records and documents produced by the Foundation are exempt from public disclosure.

A request for financial records was denied by the Foundation in 1999 citing statutes of the Freedom of Information Act which allow private institutions to disclose information at their discretion.

Under the Act, the U.S. Military and corporations are the only other institutions allowed to operate under such secrecy.

While the Foundation denies requests for information and corporations receive media attention for their charitable contributions, adjunct philosophy professors teach students from nearly every major for little pay, no job security and slim, if any benefits. And they do this semester after semester because the College of Arts and Sciences believes every student deserves a "broad liberal education.

Corporate money means researchers and engineers from around the country

see SALE page 5



Bryan McDonell checks out the blackboards assembled in front of Albertson's Library. The Shrary will be open 24 hours Saturday through Wadnesday night for students cromming for finals.

# Professor evaluations online?

## **ASBSU** takes another swing

By Ted Harmon

ASISU Sen. Aaren Calkins and ASISU Vice President of Financial Affairs Brad Christenson are pushing for an online database of professor evaluations so students can get the most for their Foise State dollar. They feel the current professor evaluation process may fit the administration's needs but falls short of stu-

We're the coxes the university is here for. We should be able to find out about them before we take the dass" Calkins said.

The university policy manual states that teaching is the single most important role of the facul-

Calkins said the problem is not wiseing, with box insurance although the database would assist with that issue. He says whether or not a professor is good or net othern depends on students preference of heading styles

"It's not that one is better, they rejust different "be said.

Christerson said evaluations peted online would be based on a

expanate set of questions that better address students' needs. The quesa this abolic ratio blue aids as teaching and grading styles, he

"We'll ask questions people want to answer," he said.

Calkins said some professors are wary about this because they view it as only negatively affecting professors, but thinks that there are just as many people who want to write good things about their instructors

What do they have to fear?" be asked. "If they're a bad professor they're not going to want them. And if they're a bad professor, we don't want them."

Vice President of Student Affairs Peg Blake said ASBSU has talked about making a computer-ized database since her arrival at oise State in 1990

The information could be valuable to students she said, and the idea has resided well with the student government. However, she did point out that it is a long term and complex commitment.

Calkins admits that it is a big ich but said that ASISU has taken on by projects before.

This going to take an all-out effort to place it as a priority," he said. "It people worked on it, it could papper.

ASBSU attempted to get evaluations on-line during Nate Peterson's presidency. Nate Chambers, former faculty relations director for ASBSU, said the first idea was to publish the evaluations students already fill out at the end of the semester.

Chambers said after talking deans of various colleges, this idea was dropped due to legal reasons.

The majority of the deans believe that they are considered private records by the state board," he said. Following several deans' suggestion. ASBSU hired a student to formulate a new evaluation to be distributed alongside the university's Chambers said. However, ASBSU's evaluation was never finished because the student quit the job after a couple of weeks, he said.

Christensen acknowledged previous problems with the project, saving that instead he favors having students input directly into a Web site that would be linked to ASBSU's Web site. The Web site would display evaluations based on statistics and a log of more direct statements made by students he said.

This year it's going to be as simple as putting someone on it who knows web design," he said.

# Study says higher ed costs see larger growth than income

**By Erin Willis** 

A new report suggests that at a time when a college education is more important than ever, the costs for that education have become less affordable for many

American families. "Losing Ground," released earlier this month by The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, examines the growing impact of college costs on a family's annual income.

Researchers defined several national trends that have developed over the last decade placing a greater burden on a college student's ability to afford an educa-

The study found increases in tuition have made colleges and universities less affordable for most American families. Tuition and other college-related expenses have outpaced inflation and family income over the past 20 years. As a result, a larger portion of income must go to cover those

This trend hits low-income families the hardest.

According to the report, the lowest-income families spent 13 percent of their income in 1980 at public four-year institutions. In 2000, the portion of their income allocated for tuition climbed to 25 percent.

At the same time, federal and state financial aid for students has tailed to keep up with huition

Despite federal and state gove emments' increased support of aid programs, the purchasing power of such programs, like the federal Pell Grant-the largest need-based program in the country-has decreased.

Researchers found those grants

cover a smaller portion of tuition at public four-year institutions now than they did 15 years ago.

People have turned to other sources to cover these deficiencies, say researchers. The study suggests more stu-

dents and families at all income levels are borrowing more money than ever before to pay for college.

Financial aid awards in 1981 consisted of 45 percent in loans and 52 percent in grants. In 2000, those figures swapped to 58 per-cent in loans and 41 percent in

Additionally, for the period 1989 to 1999, fourth and fifth-year seniors at public institutions increased their average cumulative debt considerably. Those students in the lowest-income bracket enlarged their debt from an average \$7,629 to \$12,888.

Compounding this issue, say researchers, are tuition costs rising at times when students and families are least able to pay.

The steepest increases in public college tuition have been imposed during times of greatest economic hardship.

The report suggests that during economic downturns, appropriations for higher education often absorb disproportionately larger cuts than other state-funded services.

Researchers claim that the common means to compensate for these state budget cuts is to precipitously increase tuition. When this happens, students pay a higher portion of institutional budgets while state governments' contributions represent far less, despite their increased financial support over the past two Trends over the last ten years in Idaho:

Tuition and Fees:

year institutions increased 23% (from \$1,139 to \$1,406).
• Tuition at public

four-year institutions increased 63%\* (from \$1,671 to \$2,732).

• Tuition at private four-year institutions increased 36% (from \$10,339 to \$14,050). Income:

 Median income increased 15% (from \$47,837 to \$55,251).

Appropriations:

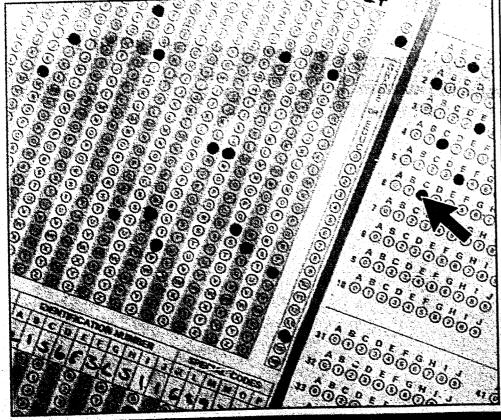
• Appropriations per student increased 6% (from \$5,551 to \$5,906).

Student Financial Aid: • State grant aid per student increased 19% (from \$19 to \$23).

 State spending on aid to low-income students equals 2% of federal Pell Grant aid distributed in the state

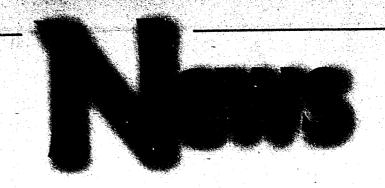
Information obtained from Losing Ground, a report published by The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, were higher business. ducation.org

This figure repress the country's third high fundion increase but Arkansas (77%) Hawaii (79%)









# Selected sites feature free parking this week

By Amy Wegner The Arbiter

The BSU Parking Office is showing a softer, gentler side during finals week. Until Friday, all unpaid parking tickets will be reduced by half.

To take advantage, tickets must be paid during parking office business hours in person or over the phone. Payments sent through the mail will not with the be credited reduced rate.

Parking Operations Manager Dan Griep said, Operations This helps everybody out, the students as well as us."

Griep said the last time BSU offered this reduction in parking ticket fees was five years ago, and stimu-, lated more ticket payment than usual. He also said it has not become a planned, regular occurrence.

With all of the parking citations on the books, it's helpful for students who are trying to tie up loose

ends to take care of their tickets before summer starts," he said. It also saves our department money from not having to saves send out letters."

The amnesty occurred as a result of Autumn Haynes, student activities coordinator, who proposed the plan in the parking and transportation committee meeting last month.

She also supported a plan that would allow open parking anywhere on campus during finals week.

Although Haynes' second proposal didn't pass, it was adopted in a revised form.

Free parking will be offered at all parking meters, on the fourth floor of the Brady Parking Structure by the Multi-Purpose Building, and open parking in the east stadium lot between Broadway Ave. and the Stadium. Parking in these sites will be available with or without a permit.

"We tried to open areas that won't usually affect normal parking. That's why we didn't open the entire campus to free parking," Griep said.
The committee thought

too many people would park on campus, leaving no room at all for the students with permits.

"There is no time limit, but we'd like to think that students won't park their vehicles there all day," he said.

Griep said one complaint has been filed concerning the reduction of parking fees: a student who believes the policy is only hurting law-abiding stu-dents who pay their tickets promptly.

But BSU doesn't see it that way.

"It's like a sale at a store. They aren't penalizing the people who pay for the item at full price," Griep

# The budget crisis ain't over yet

Increased student enrollment and state revenue shortfall combine to

pinch Boise State By Andy Benson The Arbiter

Last month, Idaho's tax receipts fell \$60 million short of projected collec-tions, and the ramifications are reverberating through

Boise State. The state expected to collect \$236 million in taxes but only received \$177 million. As a result, Governor Kempthorne has ordered a hiring freeze, put a hold on merit increases for state employees, and stopped equipment purchases.

Boise State is feeling the pain as administrators scramble to cut unnecessary expenses and travel.

Stacy Pearson, associate vice president of finance administration said details are sketchy at this point, but BSU's budget crunch can only worsen.

"I don't too much yet, but I know that it won't be good news," Pearson said.

University leaders are still waiting for directives from the Governor's office, but have already begun to

tighten their belts. In addi-Governor tion Kempthorne's hiring freeze, any university purchases over \$1,000 must now be approved by a university vice president.

Administrators are also reexamining BSU accounts to determine where further cuts may be made.

Compounding already severe budget issue is record growth in student enrollment. Summer registration has increased 46 percent, and approximately 10,000 students have registered for summer classes to

In addition to the sum-

mer enrollment, Pearson said preliminary estimates show that fall enrollment to date is already 9 percent higher than during the same period last year.

"We could potentially have 18,000 students on campus next fall," Pearson

said. The heavy increase in students may stress the university at a time when it is least able to support the demand.

"People seem to be returning to school in droves," Pearson said. "We need to have the operating funds to handle this. However, if state revenue

doesn't pick up, Pearson said the university could face another budget crunch next year.
"If May and June tax

receipts don't increase, we could face another cutback for the next fiscal year,' Pearson said.

Pearson said the budget crisis is a result of the \$100 million tax cut passed last year and the nationwide economic downturn.

However, Pearson said that it might be hard to get politicians to address the issue since they are entering a primary election later this

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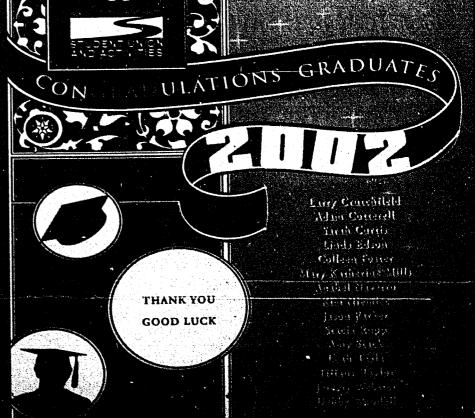
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# Less distracting, more helpful relief this week

By Julie Underwood Special to the Arbiter

After interviewing students about what would provide real finals relief, Student Activities Coordinator, Autumn Haynes, decided it was time

for some changes.
"We've tried to be a little student-friendly. Students told us that they didn't want to be entertained distracted. or Instead, they wanted help getting through their finals," Haynes said.

With this information, Haynes set about working to provide services that would make all the aspects of studying easier.

As a result Alberston's Library will be open 24 hours a day during finals for studying only. Licensed providers will provide free childcare through Wednesday in the Cataldo room of the Student Union. On-site tutors will be available in the Student Union until Wednesday for varying hours.

The idea for on-site tutors was a real "brain child," said Haynes. "We thought about the process of studying and realized sometimes you have a math formula that you just can't figure out and you just want someone to help," said Havnes.

Relaxation was another area students emphasized,

Haynes said.
"We will continue to offer free massage and we have ordered lots of food, small toys, bendy pens, bubbles and stuff like that to help people relax," said Haynes

Another problem stu-dents identified was the lack of available computers in computer labs, Haynes said. With the help of ASBSU funds, Haynes said computers were made available in the Student Union Gibson room last week. Haynes hopes to extend this offering next semester if resources are available.

"We can't remedy the situation but we can try to alleviate it a little," Haynes

Haynes observed that students' responses to the computers have been favor-

"I think that it surprises them that it (computer room) is here," Haynes said. "The response has been, 'Hey, this is great I don't have to go across campus to use a computer."

Another way Haynes found to take the stress out of finals week was to work Parking the Committee to try to allevi-

ate parking woes.

Although all did not go as Haynes had hoped, she was able to negotiate free metered parking during finals week and the East stadium lot will be open

parking with no permits required.

Haynes also learned that in an effort to encourage students to pay their parking tickets, the Parking office offered to discount all fees by half for those who pay their fines from Today antil Thursday.

With these programs in place, Haynes felt it was important to get the word out to students and made an extra effort to produce a "user-friendly" publication.

"It wasn't in our budget to do these (finals relief info-schedules) but we students thought that weren't getting the infor-mation on what's going on," Haynes said. "So, we scraped up some money and printed 500, next semester we hope to do

Plans are already being made to extend the Finals Relief offerings next semester, Haynes said.

"We're really excited about doing some work with the new recreation center next semester. Not only extending their hours but possibly offering bicycling classes or something like that," Haynes said.

For more information about Finals Relief, pocket info-schedules will be available at all Fine Host food service outlets, The Bookstore, and the Student Union Information Desk.

Boise State radiologic science students zap compe-

Joe Campbell, Claudine Sipili and Lisa Ford, all second-year students in the Boise State University radiologic sciences program, fared well in intercollegiate exhibit competition sponsored by the Idaho Society of Radiologic Technologists at the organization's annual conference last month.

The exhibits were originally produced to fulfill an assignment for the radiologic science department's "Medical and Surgical

Diseases" course.
Campbell took first place
with an exhibit titled—"Pet Scan," Sipili placed second with an exhibit titled "Laminitis: A Horse's Nightmare," and Ford earned honorable mention exhibit for her on Spinal Cord "Traumatic Injury."

Boise State's Trusky takes Idaho's Castle to England

The art books of autistic, self-taught Idaho bookmaker James Castle will be exhibited at the University of the West of England in Bristol, England, as part of an exhibition co-curated by Tom Trusky, director of the Idaho Center for the Book at Boise

State University.

"Reputedly Illiterate: The Art Books of James Castle" will be the first exhibition at new display facilities at the university's library and will run May 15-June 15. It is supported by the Center for Fine Print Research at UWE.

Trusky will present 'Provenance in the Wild West: James Castle and the Icehouse Books," a lecture and video presentation, at the opening ceremonies on

May 15.

"Reputedly Illiterate" also features translations of Castle's early "Icehouse Books," so named because the books were found hidden in the walls of the family's icehouse when the building was dismantled in

Castle, born in Garden Valley in 1899, created multimedia art throughout his life. Although Castle was long thought to be deaf, new research by Trusky confirms he was in fact autistic.

extensive Trusky's research has also led him to believe that Castle was indeed literate, but that he chose to communicate in other ways.

"Castle relied on visuals," Trusky said. "He had a very sheltered and basic lifestyle, but he was extremely inventive and creative."

Castle has gone from obscurity to eminence since his death in Boise in 1977. Some of his work is now found in leading galleries and archives, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and his pieces are insured for as much as \$50,000.

For more information about the exhibition in Bristol, contact Tom Trusky by e-mail at ttrusky@boisestate.edu, or exhibit co-curator Sarah Bodman at Sarah.Bodman@uwe.ac.uk.

#### SALE from page 1

can use a state-of-the-art clean-room on campus, while arts, science, and social science departments turn away students because there aren't enough professors to teach them.

The wish lists of these departments look more like necessity lists: professors, classrooms, and labs top some departments needs, and the likelihood that external sources will give them a helping hand seems

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Phillip Eastman said the university isn't likely to grow if arts and science departments don't grow.

students. He said students, regardless of their major, get almost half of their education through the College of Arts and Science through the core curricu-

Although engineering students depend on the math and science departments for courses required by the Engineering department, corporations aren't interested in sharing their wealth with the rest of the university.

"That's not at the top of out funding priorities," said Karen Vaulk, executive director for Micron's foundation said about donating to other colleges.

Department Philosophy Chair Andrew Schoedinger said the shortchanged liberal arts departments reflect a national

trend. "There's always been a push in America toward pragmatics ... education is a business and we're in the business of competing.

A few years ago the university launched a campaign that focused on providing a practical educa-tion. Brochures for Boise State technology programs and the Center for Workforce Training touted that they provide a "real education for the real world."

"What is the real world?" Schoedinger asks. The restricted status of

over 98 percent of business donations means that programs with little to offer the business community rarely see a cent of the money.

Just ten years ago, Boise State Foundation board members represented a mix of educators, arts patrons, university administrators and corporate representatives. Today, most board members have corporate

affiliations. William Domhoff's Who Rules America (Mayfield Publishing, 1998) suggests the corporate gain from such directorates is unavoidable. He shows that when business inferests directly steer the agenof any institution

through board membership, the interest of business almost always pre-

When Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne allocated \$1.5 million in technology grants to the university on a conditional basis in 1999, his intentions weren't solely in the interest of educa-

In 1999, Kempthorne's spokesperson, Mark Snider, said the \$1.5 million allocation was also a service to his corporate supporters who would benefit from a pool of potential employees with additional technological skills.

Much like Micron's \$6 million donation to build the engineering building, Kempthorne's appropria-tion was dependent upon a match from the university.

In a 1999 interview, Boise State University Provost Daryl Jones said this conditional basis forced the university to reallocate its budget and find programs and services that would not miss \$1.5 million.

Though Jones assured only maintenance and utility costs suffered from the reallocation, this corporate service held consequences for students in the form of reduced campus employ-ment and work-study opportunities.

As corporations stand to gain substantial profit from the financial crisis facing American universities, it seems likely business-university ties are not coincidental.

Domhoff suggests the leasing of universities to the business sector is the result of long standing ties between the state and corporations.

Whatever the source of the booming corporate patronage at Boise State and universities across the country, businesses are the satisfied customers.

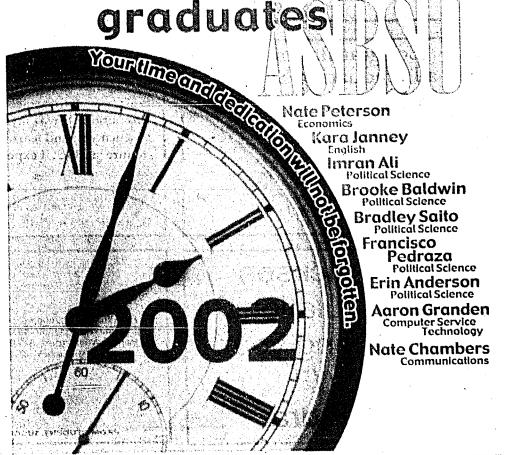
In 1999, BSU Foundation Director Bob Fritsch said it's the corporate customers that matter.

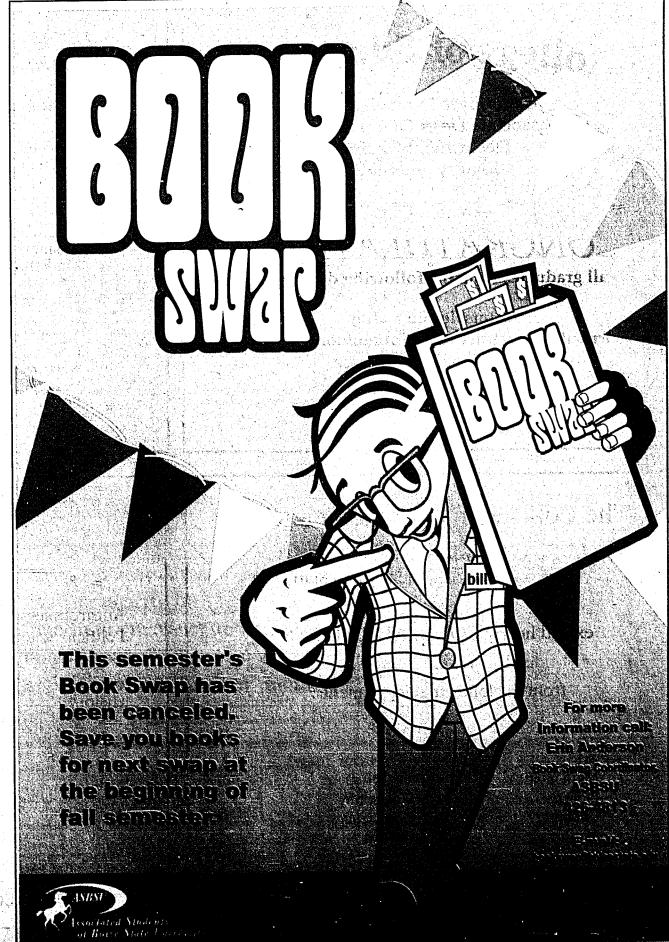
"It doesn't matter what we need, what we want. What matters is what the donors need."

This trend leaves universities looking less and less like the universitas of yesterday. The pursuit of inquiry has given way to the pursuit for profit and corporate influence now thwarts student control.

When it comes to customers, the university's most profitable service is sold to business. Follow the series, **BSU** for Sale: Real business in the real world online at www.arbiteronline.c om.

Log on to read Wolf's analysis in its entirety and view a complete bibliographical listing of sources, documents and web links.







# Closing Salvo: Some predictions for next year

lounge, thinking about next year. This May I'll graduate from BSU and my editorial musings will cease here at the Arbiter. I under-stand that the eloquent Suzanne Rosario will be writing in these opinion pages next year; Mr. Thomas, the self-declared rival of all that is not Right, will not. In with a fresh, reasoning voice, and out with the hoarse, belligerent ranting of reactionism,

Outside of Arbiter staff changes, however, it seems likely that much will remain the same here in our Appleton tenlittle ivory tower of academia. President Ruch will being the mos continue working for the Chamber Boise Commerce, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, and his fellow esteemed business peers on the St. Luke's Hospital board of directors. ASBSU officers will be replaced with new faces who will do a better or worse job of screaming at

dutifully pointing out their inefficiencies and blatant student back-stabbing. As usual, no one will be surprised at the administration's behavior and nothing

a result of student protest. names engraved on the buildings across this campus are a good indicator of whom this institution exists to serve—the courts

will change as

recent symbol of state-business symbiosis.

But we mustn't fault ASBSU representatives for being essentially impotent. The student government apparatus created on the tails of the radical student movements of the 60s and 70s is nicely serving its function, with the current regime largely its victims.

I am sitting in Bergquist the administration and Those of us with the most time, energy, initiative, and financial ability to change something around here, have been co-opted and castigated through the vehicle of formal institu-

tionalization. But hey, at least they're trying, right? Most of us don't even care enough to vote on who our humiliated reps will be this year perhaps because we've recognized the futility of the charade. In

news, budget cuts will continue, with students and faculty (that is, thousands of real live people with

families and mouths to feed) bearing the largest brunt of the burden. Meanwhile, the President will continue compliantly obeying the bidding of the State Board of Education, driving his BMW to work, and cashing in on his \$150,000 bonuses. All that's required of him in order to

kcep these privileges is a monthly letter to the most significant BSU alums, assuring them that bourgeois-liberalism is well in hand at BSU—tempered thoroughly with a healthy dose of that down-home Idahoan conservatism.

Student workers will keep being fired by the grounds-crew heads at their willy-nilly discretion, with an eye for profit maximization. As in the "real our world," which brochures declare that we emulate, it is not about the 'customers" (e.g. students) whose skin might be scorched or singed because they reclined on toxic chemical-coated grass, but about profits and investors—in this case the and Republican State reps who delineate BSU's budget and gain their seats by pander-ing to the wealthy business class (who pays their campaign fees) and the frighteningly content middle-class, which nods in approval when they steal We can all rest assured, from the poor (children) however, that one industry

and give to the rich.

On a national scale—and this is hugely wishful thinking on my part—a social revolution, or at least a tidal-wave of popular opinion, will overwhelm our fascist-in-chief who, after the fever-pitch jingoistic patriotism is quelled, will be finally seen for what he is: a geopolitical nonsmart-person (to put it nicely) who is putting the U.S. in greater danger rather than less and who can in no way validly claim the backing of a Christian God who vehemently condemned the types of exploitation and oppression which our beloved leader so assiduously (or obliviously) doles out on the world's masses.

Idaho will remain a "right to exploit ... err, work" state, while the professors at BSU continue stonewalling efforts at unionization—even as they march for increased education funds.

We can all rest assured,

will flourish in these economic hard times; the meat market at downtown bars and on campus will doubtless suffer no setbacks as a result of recent economic downturns.

Finally, someone will denounce all this as a "candy-ass liberal rant" (ironically one of the for-mer members of ASBSU), failing to recognize that 800 words are not enough to elucidate five years of one individual's thinking on

social theory and practice.
Such is life at BSU. Thank goodness we all have the Arbiter where we can vent our feelings publicly; otherwise, the pent up frustration might lead us to do something really radical-like raise the social costs of administrative tyranny until something actually changed. On that last point I stand guilty as

# Promoting student health at **Boise State University**

By Angela Farmer and Frances Campbell

As BSU senior nursing students, we, Frances Campbell and Angela Farmer, enrolled in the nursing leadership course. have worked with the staff at the Boise State University Health and Wellness Center in a qualitative study to determine some of the health priorities and educational needs of BSU students.

Information was gathered from a sample population at BSU by conducting two focus groups. The data was compiled and given to the new Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services Director to possibly

create more services and programs to enhance or promote student health. The information from the study showed that BSU students' top health priorities were (from highest priority to lowest) 1) Exercise, 2)

Women's health issues and adequate amount of sleep, and 3) Anxiety, depression, stress, nutrition, family health, and social health.

The study showed the following hindered their overall health: lack of time to incorporate health-promoting behaviors in their busy schedules, lack of motivation to practice healthy behaviors, inconvenience

and cost of eating healthy foods, alcohol use, as well as sexual activity. While these are some of the behaviors that hinder health, the national report for Health Students 2010 has reported priority health risk behaviors to be: behaviors that cause unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, alcohol and other drugs, sexual behaviors that cause unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, dietary patterns that cause disease, and inadequate physical activity.

The Health and Wellness Center is concerned about student health and is interested in providing services unique to the health and educational needs of students at

BSU. Through participa-tion and research the Health and Wellness Center can identify the changing needs and concerns of the students which they serve. Through collaboration with other departments at BSU

and with student participation it is possible to develop and offer optimal services that are cost-effective, high quality, accessible, and tailored to enhance and promote student health. This may be accomplished through educational programs, as well as other health related services offered by the Health and Wellness Center.

# Title nine hurts funding for men's sports

Guest

By Abby Yaughan

Title Nine is hurting men's sports across the nation. Women's sports are receiving funds that were once spent on men's teams: wrestling, track, weightlifting, swimming, and baseball. The money is now used to budget women's sports, such as women's basketball, softball, soccer, swimming, and gymnastics.

baseball Men's wrestling squads are in a financial fight to stay alive. Schools are now dropping their smaller men's sports

programs i.e. wrestling, baseball, swimming and cross-country, because of the lack of fan, alumni and booster financial support. Here at Boise State we are lucky but schools close to us have had to make this sacrifice. Take for example BYU, at one point had a reat wrestling team, now the p not in existence.

Section 1681, of the Title nine education amendment of 1972 states that "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal finanial assistance.

There are many articles on this issue and they all state the problem with Title Nine. By giving women's sports an opportunity to achieve, the same people are taking away the chances and hopes of college wrestlers, baseball players, track stars, swimmers and weightlifters. These athletes who number in hundreds are forced to transfer schools, to schools that have

enough money to provide the athlete with such a program.

Most people have no problem with women's athletics. In fact the general public is in total agreement with Title

Nine and its effects on collegiate athletics. But this issue has to be looked at by both sides. The politicians who are trying to win votes by giving hope to women athletes are only taking the team away from

the dedicated male athletes.
Wrestlers in the United States are now trying to organize, raising funds from outside the schools and the NCAA. They are also trying to reverse the effects of title

# Unmasking the beauty in each of us

By Samleh Shalash Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

LEXINGTON, Ky. Maybe the best time to write isn't when you're up at two in the morning, tired but unable to sleep. But the day has been long. I'm restless and I'm starting to like this column-writing thing.

Dreams and ideas are fleeting. Waking up to my alarm clock in the morning. I often try to hold on to whichever dream had been pleasantly filling the void of reality. Watching a pink elephant onstage dance amongst a throng of people is much more exciting than stumbling out of bed to drag a brush through your hair and toss some clothes on before heading out to defrost the car and make the daily trip to campus. Perhaps my morning routine is a little more refined, but waking up early to perfect my hair and make-up is certainly not a priority.

been amazed by the lengths people go to make themselves seem more attractive. Beauty comes from within. Sure, that sounds terribly close to something a swan would say to an ugly duckling to make him feel better. People brush it aside just as such, and boom! - tanning beds, salons and makeup counters are swarming with women looking for an answer to life's problems. Pick up a copy of any magazine geared towards teenage girls and you'll find articles such as "28 tips on tweezing your eyebrows just right, among other inane "journalistic" endeavors.

Where is the room for intellectualism in that? Whatever happened to teaching young women what they actually need to know? Sure, eyebrows are right there, the pair arched above our eyes in all their magnificent glory. Their shape, although somewhat

For some girls, it is. I've intriguing, shouldn't be a source of distress or debatable discussion.

I've always been an advocate of clean cut, goodsmelling, nicely dressed people. Superficiality need not accompany those attrib-utes. Some women are unrecognizable without makeup since we have become so attuned to seeing them with their masks.

What are they hiding? And more so, why do they feel the need to venture out

each and every day with their "face" on? Make-up is a million-dollar business, with a palette of colors available in every shape and form imaginable. Sure, some of it is cool — and some of it is outrageously expensive. I'd rather save my money for a nice dinner than plunk down cash for a tube of lipstick to smear across my

Not everyone has money to throw around like the stars who spend astronomi-

Pick up a copy of any magazine geared towards teenage girls and you'll find articles such as "28 tips on tweezing your eyebrows just right," among other inane "journalistic" endeavors.

cal (no pun intended) sums on products to enhance their physical appearance. It's become an expectation to see them always fully made up, their cleanly scrubbed faces hiding something from

the public. When George Bush took the reign of power in the United States, the media had a field day with his wife, first lady Laura Bush. She wasn't refined enough, she was too ordinary, and, god forbid, she didn't wear brand name makeup. People magazine, a weekly publica-tion devoted to celebrities, found the fact that the First Lady uses drugstore makeup such as Cover Girl worthy of being exclaimed on their cover.

That is a demonstration of the sad state of society's obsession with the physical. Women are bombarded everyday by images the media glorifies — the sitcom stars, the supermodels, the actresses and singers who

have gigantic teams of makeup and hairstylists that paint and style them into perfection. The plastic versions of these women grace the screen, cover glossy magazine pages and twinkle at us from an almost surrealistic vantage point.

Striving to imitate them contributes to a world where everyday women suffer cancer from tanning, have their noses collapse from rhinoplasty and suffer fatalities from liposuction. Instead, be proud of who you are. There's nothing wrong with wearing makeup, and hey, a little mascara or lip-gloss has never hurt anyone. There is no obligation to always be covered in a layer of superficial color, to hide your true self from the world. Scrub your beautiful face clean and let your natural self shine through.

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# HANDS

#### A story by Barbara McEvoy

The alarm goes off at five: BEEP BEEP BEEP The morning melody is complete with long and anaphoric repetition. Upon waking, I notice the onomatopoeic sound reverberating in my empty head; bouncing off the inside of my skull and nearly missing its perfect

rhyme: Sleep Sleep Sleep Sleep.

They volley in an obtrusive way until my body decides to put a stop to it. My hand, pale and milky white—hidden from the sun during these endless winter months-- reaches up and a finger taps a rectangular bar two inches long. The snooze button languishing above a hand-

Soon it is six a.m. and laundry is tumbling in the dryer. Coffee is hissing; leaking aromatically into a glass carafe. Outside, darkness is lifting its black skirt rising to reveal the shapes placed upon this part of the earth by industrious hands of designing men and women: Squares of lawn, wooden houses painted in the colors of the year, cars on the tar and pebble street, a mail box, a fence, a flower bed. Hands are dutiful, eager to build, incite, and delight. A face will turn a head, confront a lover with a smile; hands will write notes. I write my daughter a note:

Take out the garbage Scrawled upon a square of white space found on the back of a piece of junk mail hand delivered by the mail carrier several days before and left fingered, unopened, and purposely abandoned on the kitchen table among 8 x 11 sheets of paper and note books layered and askew. I pick up a book and begin reading an essay about man who hiked near a river in the dark and silent night: The essay feels poetic, charming— spiritual. The words carefully measured for affective digestion. Written by invisible hands that had fumbled through low-growing bushes and felt the rough edges of barked tree trunks while the river washed the

I crack my knuckles and prepare my fingers for their day. I've been thinking of constructing a poem about my college career: The frame of my living between the years 1997 and 2002. I have to ask myself if my life is poetry or prose. I look at my palm and notice a sweeping curve skirting my thumb: My lifeline. Unsure of its significa abandon the scrutiny and bring my eyes to this screen. Poetry or prose? hands...?

earth beside him.

The digital conveyance of my memory type: I have always been lousy with mechanics. I am a poor typist. A worse printer. A defiant scriptist. My thoughts usually exceed the impulses that reach my fingers as they clamor for position on the keyboard.

Before entering the university, I worked as a riveter in a back-up-alarm factory. I rivet-

ed my thumb. I was a cosmetologist for awhile...I have scar upon scar between my pointer and index finger on my left hand from a constant clipping of the thin, translucent web-bing. I tainted blondes with blood streaks and removed countless gloves that ran with the deep-purple ooze that dribbled down my wrist. I have permanent blue dots upon the backs of my hands from grade school pencil stabs. Two jammed thumbs: One from a misinformed endeavor to night ski on ice, alone. One from

dancing while under the influence of red wine and the after effects of a wedding reception. I have a scar nineteen stitches long inside my right hand because of an attempt to retrieve sharp metal from the bumper of a 1979 Honda

Sometimes they swell. Sometimes they go to sleep and forget to wake up.

I came to college at the age of thirty-four in 1997. I guess that I was tired of scaring my useful appendages. I was once an auditor and punched a ten-key upside-down. The ten-key was upside-down, not me. My last job was as a Medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark, but before that I was a medicaid billing clark. Medicaid billing clerk, but before that, I was a technician's assistant in a medical lab. I handled blood. Poured it from one tube to another. Sometimes I shook it up, or spun it down, or took it to a freezer. My hands would hold the phone receiver when a doctor called to get results. And it was there my mother called and told me the news of my father's impending death. I noticed how my hands shook then of their own volition, telling me more about my panic than my spirit could.

I wanted to learn a new trade for my errant hands. I decided they could help me write. I had been thinking, "if only they could learn along with my nebulous brain to write, then maybe they might keep me from my troubles."

I have used them to come hundred's of books. I have used them to open hundred's of books

I have learned many things: How to structure an essay with a topic sentence. How to articulate in writing, in speaking, in actions, I can write a persuasive argument, construct a poem; create a piece of fiction. I can leave a good deal of white space.

I can recognize geologic formations; feel empathy for other cultures, and find books without the Dewy decimal system. I can interview, exposit, and express better than I would have imagined while stringing Bubblicious at the Wrigley's gum factory. I have built a foundation for my idealisms. I understand idealism. I can shape it, contour it to my ever-expanding perception.

When I decided to get a formal education I told my hands they would get a rest for a few years. They would not have to get caught up in machinery or have to remain gloved in latex while I mixed acids at an electronics laboratory; that they could rest while my brain went to work for awhile. I offered a reprieve for a job well done with a promise to employ them once more with a grander title. Perhaps we will become writers, I pledged, when I have soaked our hungry brain in the nutrients of scholarly subjects. We will learn sociology, geology, anthropology, literature, and for these obedient hands—writing.
Sometimes I type with my eyes shut and let

mug. Tink tink tink my hands know the rhythm of the daily routine. It is a slow stir, methodical and contemplative.

I pull my mind from the greening world outside and rejoin my hands in a cup of coffee. The clothes dryer stops tumbling and I sit a minute among the 8 x 11 papers and scattered pens upon my dining table. My right hand picks up a Gel Pen in a too-blue color. Instantly, I begin to make scratches in a corner of a notebook. Across the room a mirror in the shape of a window reflects my composure. I write: Yesterday Helios made an appearance long enough to redden my cheeks and leather the tender winter skin stretched across my face.

Not bad, my judgment says to my hand. Did you learn this in school? I peer down at my hands and can barely make out the words because the handwriting is so bad. Words. Tiny little secrets born inside my head then shared

with my tactile appendages.

Poetry or Prose? I ask the woman in the window. She lifts a hand to her chin and leans on her elbow amongst the debris of her college career. In the other hand a pink ceramic mug is drawn close to her nose and she breathes in the sweet exotic elixir. Both I believe, she replies, and then thinks of the ensuing graduation day: Soon she will receive a piece of paper that will have her name in bold black letters blocked

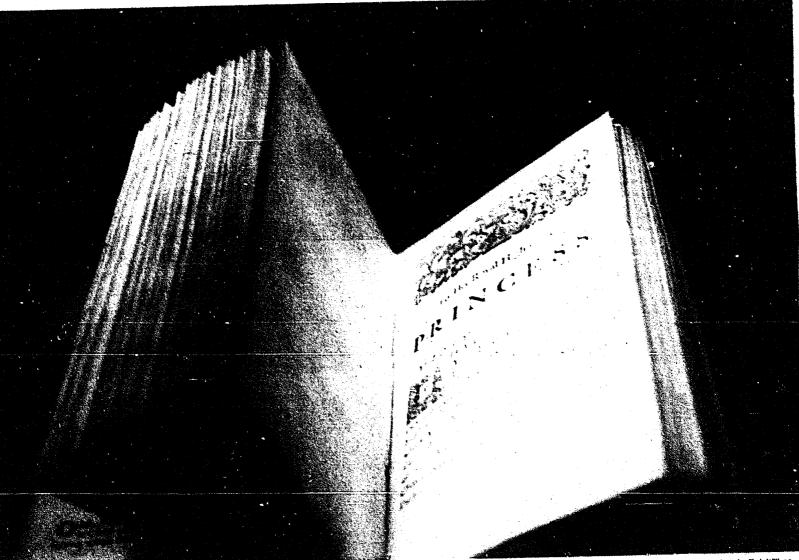
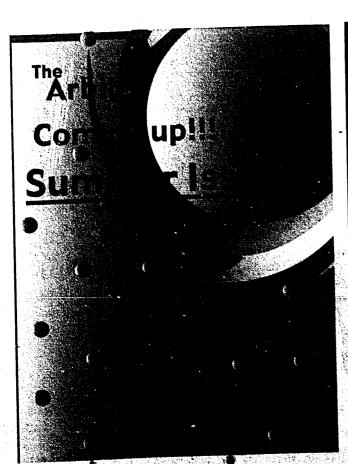
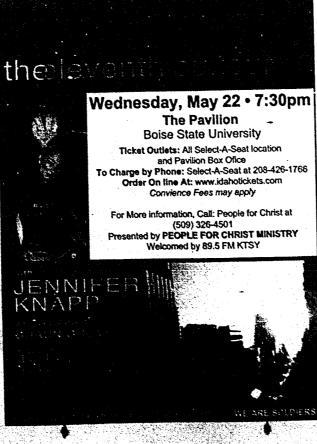


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whose pages the sensitive ridges of my thumb and forefinger turned obediently. They have done a fine job at this. We have read fiction and essays and poetry; sometimes smoothing across barely perceptible raised inked letters. Trying desperately to touch what my eyes could and heart did. Sometimes holding a highlighter to remind me of a quote or joyously, excitedly, remarking upon the page what I wished to inscribe on my mind. I often let them draw sketches to emblazon the words into a concrete my fingers reflect what my learned mind compels them. I have learned to be permissive. To et go and become one with thought and action. My hands teach me patience daily. And trust. This morning I reached for the coffeepot while it gurgled good morning to me. Automatically my subconscious mind and hands conferred and brought out a pink ceramic coffee mug and opened a drawer to retrieve a stainless steel spoon. As my eyes wandered out the window with my awareness (trees in bud: spring is near) creamer and sugar began to swirl inside the

under Boise State University, Baccalaureate in English, Writing Emphasis, She will button on a black gown, tilt her four-cornered cap, and position a white tassel with 2002 daugling from it. She will shake some hands, wrap her arms around classmates and teachers, squeezing them tightly. She will sign documents and then wave goodbye, maybe horizontally maybe vertically. And then, when it is all finished, she and her hands will go home and write poetry and







# 'Spider-Man' nets big bucks at box office

By David Hinckley New York Daily News (KRT)

A crime-fighting teen-ager who spins webs to scale Manhattan's tall buildings catapulted himself from comic book hero to America's hero this weekend as "Spider-Man" became the first movie ever to earn \$100 million in its first three days.

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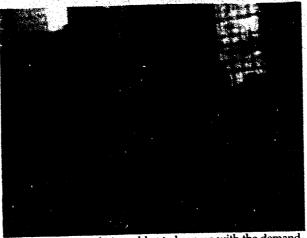
The film adventures of Marvel Comics' best-loved good guy rang up an estimated \$114 million from Friday through Sunday \_ shattering the previous weekend opening record of \$90.3 million, set in November by "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

"It's a movie everyone can like," said Jeff Blake, head of marketing and distribution for Columbia Pictures, which produced "Spider-Man." "Sure, it's got a superhero and great special effects, but it also has a lot of heart. It's a romance."

Industry insiders credited the love story between Tobey Maguire, playing Spider-Man and Kirsten Dunst for much of the film's spectacular success.

"Audiences love Tobey and Kirsten," said Paul Dergarabedien, president of the trade group Exhibitor Relations. "Their relationship broaders the film's appeal beyond fans of the comic book."

The spectacular showing of "Spider-Man" \_ it earned three times as much as the rest of the weekend's top 10 movies combined \_ fueled speculation that the new "Star Wars" movie,



opening May 15, also could crack the \$100 million barrier.

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Theaters across the country added extra morning and latenight "Spider-Man" showings

to keep up with the demand.

Blake said the audience was
evenly divided between menand women \_ and viewers both
under and over 25. "We got

rave reviews from both teenage boys and older women," he says. "Those are two groups that never agree on anything.

"Sure, there are hard-core Spider-Man fans who are already coming back to see the film ... But to get numbers like this, you have to go way beyond the hard core."

The pattern for many movies now is to open with a splash and fade quickly.

But Dergarabedien says "Spider-Man" could have as many legs as a spider. "This is not a flash in the pan produced by opening-weekend hype," he said. "This is solid."

Blake declined to speculate on how much "Spider-Man" could ultimately earn, but he noted that "Men in Black" earned \$51 million on its open-

ing weekend \_ and ended up with \$250 million. The all-time record, \$600 million, is held by "Titanic"

"Titanic."

Dergarabedien says "Spider-Man" already has changed the

game for Hollywood.

"A \$100 million weekend has been like the Holy Grail," he said. "This sets a new standard for everyone ... movies like these become events and you have to see them."

Executives at Columbia said the \$100 million opening weekend box office surpassed their "wildest dreams or expectations."

Columbia Chairwoman Amy Pascal said the studio already was making plans for a "Spider-Man" sequel.

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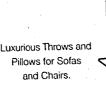
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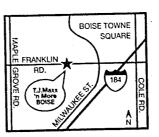
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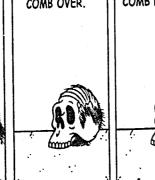
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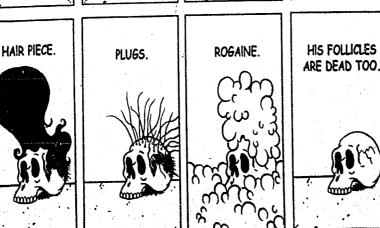


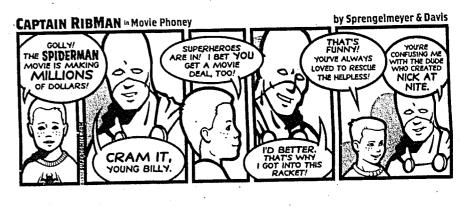


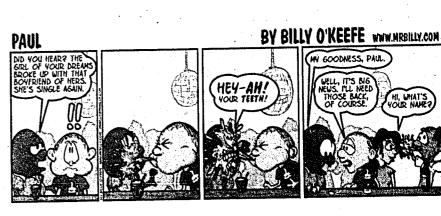


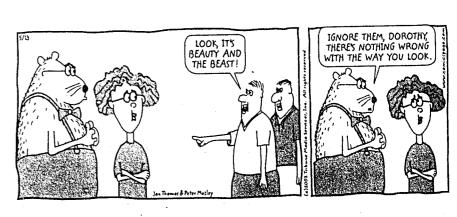


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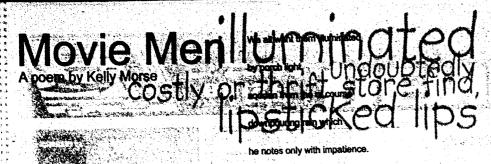












He is desperate for a peak, he shouts

one is reading something edifying.

not double-mirroring the flashes of TV light

and although we don't ride Amtrac nor even

billowy engines and it's not kosher we

are befurred and sleek in pillbox hats with

lipsticked lips alone cupping pages of emotion,

much less the eyes emphasized by smoke

It is that strong, that

There be love letters sans

perhaps

a transcontinental trip to this very stoop.

He does not care, or rather

he minds terribly, but

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