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#### A bunch of What the's?

Yes folks, we did it. A full page of What the's. We here at The Arbiter feel that education may be the best way to avoid repeating unfortunate, foolish and humiliating events.

While the awkward experiences of others may be entertaining, we recommend that our readers avoid repeating any of the actions listed below, ENJOY!

#### Look, I was on my break

A police officer in Hugo, Texas, was fired after a citizen photographed him having sexual relations with a woman in the front seat of his cruiser in broad daylight.

# Hey mon, I da' know what i'm sayin' now

Doctors diagnosed a case of foreign accent syndrome after a woman in Newcastle, England, suffered a stroke and began speaking like she was from Jamaica.

# Drinking? What makes you say that officer?

A driver in Des Moines, Iowa, crashed into six parked cars and some mailboxes before slamming into an oncoming car. Leaving his front bumper and license plate on the street, he drove off, ran a stop sign and rear-ended another ear.

After stopping to check the damage, he drove home-hitting two more mailboxes, running over his dog in the driveway and crashing into his house. He was laughing when the police came to arrest him for drunk driving. He told them that he had not been drinking.

# I know, a real bargain; now just ring it up.

A man was charged with shoplifting at a Wal-Mart in Boonton, N.J., after he put a \$70 price tag on a \$1,395 television set and presented it at the checkout counter.

#### Oh, don't be such a twit

Six American soldiers on their way home from Iraq were strolling around Ennis, Ireland, after their plane developed mechanical problems. An Irish anti-war activist confronted them and placed them under "citizen's arrest" for violating Ireland's neutrality act by appearing in public in uniform.

The activist then called the cops, but was angered when the officer on duty not only refused to take the soldiers into custody, but "made light of the matter"

#### Uh, book? What book?

A murder suspect being questioned in a Minnesota police interrogation room told detectives he couldn't have committed the crime because he is legally blind.

After the officers left the room, the man took out a paperback book and began reading.

He was surprised to learn that all suspects in interrogation rooms are videotaped at all times

#### I'm home ... what th...?

The husband of a sheriff's dispatcher arrived unexpectedly at their Lakehills, Tex., home to find his wife engaged in group sex with other members of the law enforcement community including several Bandera County Sheriff's deputies and a Texas ranger in various stages of undress.

An angry confrontation ensued, after which the wronged husband produced a camera, photographed the scene, and fled with lawmer in hot pursuit.

An investigation has been launched.

# I.D.? Why would do you need to see my I.D.?

Three burglars broke into a home in Sylvester, Ga., and stole the checkbook belonging to the homeowner, who is an employee of a local bank.

Then, in a stroke of very bad luck, they went to that bank to cash one of the checks.

# Just trying to rekindle what we once had, honey

In order to get back at his ex-wife who cheated on him and took their house in the divorce, an Illinois man hired a drug addict to kidnap the couple, pretend to beat him up and "force" the ex-husband to have sex with the woman, police say. "I guess he missed her," the addict testified at the man's trial.

## Nobody is more ineffective than me

A man, found guilty of capital murder in Montgomery, Ala., appealed his conviction on the grounds of ineffective counsel. He had acted as his own attorney.

#### Yes, officer, that envelope does look familiar

A man robbing a bank in Riverhead, N.Y., passed the teller a note demanding money on the back of a bulk-mail envelope that featured his name and address.

### And remember, knees together young ladies

Alarmed at the incidences of drunken behavior by young ladies, police in London have issued guidelines for responsible drinking.

They advise the lasses-some of whom pass out on the nightclub floor, causing their skirts to ride up -to wear modest and substantial panties, and be sure they "have a wax."

### I'm back and I've brought some handcuffs home

A few weeks after a sheriff's deputy came to her home to investigate a noise complaint, a woman in Aloha, Ore., dialed the 911 emergency number to ask that he return because he "the cutest cop I've ever seen." The officer did return and arrested her for misusing the police emergency system.

### Did I say Manson, officer? I meant Mason.

Police in Illinois took a man into protective custody because he was heavily intoxicated, but he didn't want the cops to know that he had a warrant out for his arrest, so he gave them a phony name. Unfortunately, the name he gave was of a man who was also wanted by police.

# And I say it is a triple ... (WHAP!) ... WORD ... (WHAP!) ... SCORE

An argument broke out during a game of scrabble in Rotorua, New Zealand, during which one player repeatedly bashed the other with a baseball bat.

#### The rest of it, he wasted

An Aspen, Colo., man was convicted of stealing almost \$500,000 from a friend. He spent \$90,000 of it at a strip club in Denyer.

# Don't act suspicious, dude, they'll never know

Two young men in a car, smoking a gigantic marijuana cigarette, pulled up to a Kentucky Fried Chicken in Chicago to order some takeout chow.

Alas, two plainclothes detectives from the Narcotics Squad were inside when the driver rolled down his window, sending a cloud of smoke into the establishment.

. The two narcs recognized the odor and sprang into action.

# I'll have a whiskey, ouch, and two beers

A ban on smoking in pubs in Scotland has had an unanticipated effect.

Large black flies, which hate cigarette smoke, are now invading the barrooms in swarms and biting all the drinkers.

### Could they steal it again and check the brakes?

Police in Rangiora, New Zealand, recovered a 20-year-old car a week after it was stolen.

The owner reports that the thieves had replaced the battery, tires and steering column, and that vehicle runs much better that it did before it was stolen.

Unlike befóre, it starts right up in cold weather.

# First of all, I never made any sort of promises

A Web site was created for women who have had bad dating experiences to say negative things about the men who did them wrong.

But after two ladies claimed on the site that he cheated on them, a Pittsburgh attorney has sued the site, claiming he has been defamed.

# WHAM! Silly!? Who you calling silly!? WHAM!

The government of New South Wales, Australia, has proposed allowing people to vote in local saloons.

Opposing politicians have labeled the plan "silly."

# COUGH COUGH, I got the stuff, COUGH COUGH

Thieves in Los Angeles have taken to burglarizing homes shrouded in canvas tents while they are being fumigated with deadly chemicals.

# And after that, it really got bizarre on the road

A car hit a horse on the Interstate in L'Anse, Mich., and, after police arrived to investigate, a second car hit the horse as well.

Then, an ambulance that came to transport one of the injured drivers hit a moose on the way to the hospital.

# Call Joer Lath Ofn

#### BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN News Writer

For most students, college is filled with feelings of joy, stress, excitement, anxiety and tension. Learning to balance a healthy lifestyle doesn't only begin and end with physical or mental exercise, but spiritual as well.

With over 160 student clubs and organizations, Boise State offers 20 different religious student clubs.

Each religious student club remains unique and separate from the others, but ultimately retains one commonality: the goal of maintaining a purposeful establishment for all students at BSU.

In a predominately Christian culture, most clubs at BSU are Christian driven, but others are available as well.

The Muslim Student Association maintains four main purposes for their organization: generate a better understanding of the Islamic religion, make information available, encourage participation of MSA members in this and guide Muslims to practice the laws and

teachings of Islam. MSA strives to create an understanding of the Islamic religion by providing public information and conducting presentations about Islam to the followers of other faiths.

BSUCRU is a part of Campus Crusade for Christ, an international and interdenominational Christian movement active on 400 college campuses and 172 countries.

This group of students comes together to: develop a personal relationship with Jesus, receive training for the ministry of evangelism and discipleship, provide opportunity for Christian fellowship, and meet other Christians to have fun and hang out with at BSU.

Not affiliated with a specific church or denomination, believers are encouraged to participate in churches where Jesus and the Bible is honored. BSUCRU holds weekly meetings and organizes other activities such as training groups, retreats and offers summer opportunities.

Another large student religious group, the Latter-Day Saint Student Association, regards itself as the largest and most exciting organization on campus.

With over 1,000 members, LDSSA participates and sponsors on and off campus activities involving service projects, social events, student government, etc.

Its purposes as a club are to provide students with an opportunity to stay closely affiliated with religious instruction while pursuing a college degree; help students succeed in their studies and achieve a balanced collegiate experience while attending BSU; motivate and encourage students to be a powerful influence for good on campus and provide students with fun, meaningful and exciting activities while maintaining high religious standards.

LDSSA, was a recipient of the University's Outstanding Service by an Organization award for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The LDSSA, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and administered by the Boise Institute of Religion helps students associate socially, culturally and spiritually with others who have similar ideals.

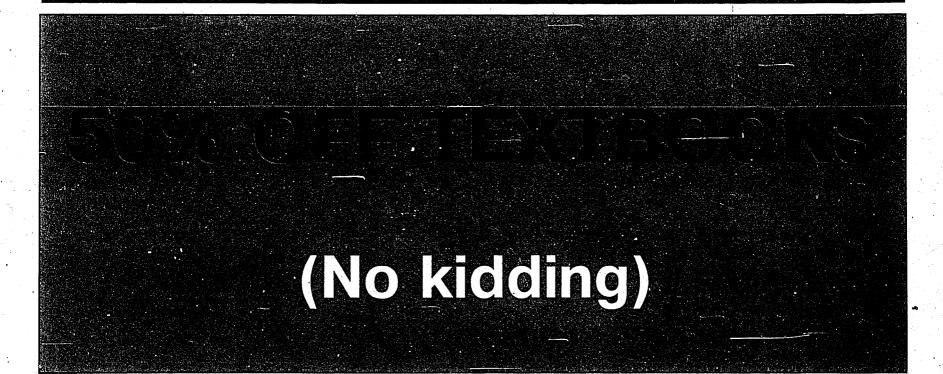
Daytime and evening classes are taught twice weekly and all are invited to participate in and attend LDSSA activities. Another group unique and dynamic to BSU is the Cornerstone Ministry.

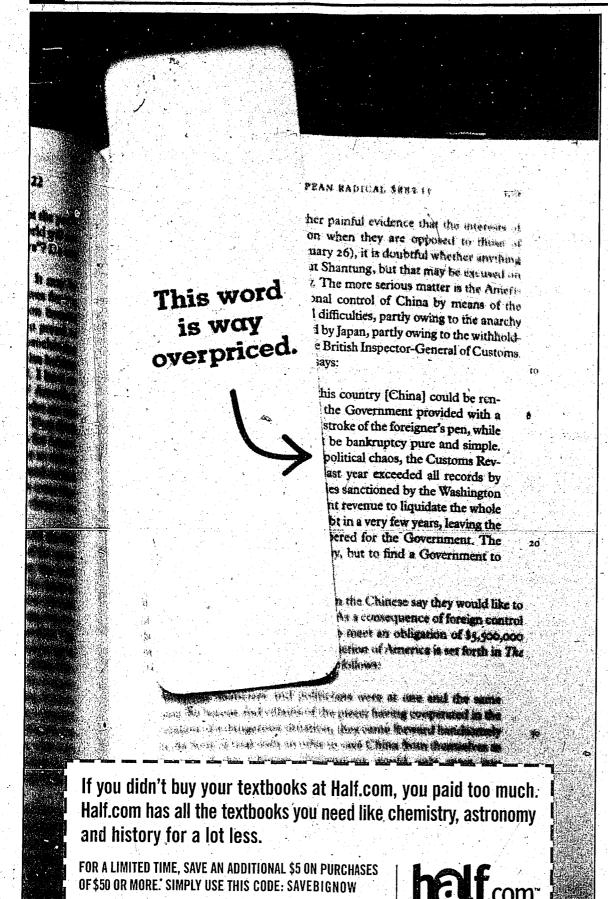
Located on the west end of campus near Capitol Blvd., the Cornerstone Bookstore maintained by Steve Barry offers an exciting and challenging environment created to build of the body of Christ.

The purpose of this club is to provide ministry resources to other Christian clubs on the Boise State campus; promote a greater interaction and awareness of each other between the already established Christian groups; and administer lectures, discussions, small student groups, discipleship groups and fellowships for students at BSU.

All religious campus groups encourage involvement from students and welcome participation and inquiries about the club.

Information about other religious clubs on campus can be found at www.union.boisestate.edu.





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# Find what you're looking for at the SUB

Courtesy Boise State Student Union

Boise State is a campus filled with opportunity and extracurricular fun.

To find out your many options head straight for the Student/Union Building and the Student Activities Office. Located on the first floor, Student Activities supports many of the programs and organizations that make student life possible. From Greek life to student government, it's easy to think outside the class-

Following are just a few examples:

If you like planning and producing events that include comedy, film, lectures and concerts, join the Student Programs Board (SPB) to help promote campus community and pride through education and entertainment. Attend their annual "Up All Night" at the SUB, August 25, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am, to meet new people, enjoy great food and great music. Lots of activities are planned, and it's free! For details, call 426-1551.

Give something back by scheduling time for Service Saturdays with the Volunteer Services Board (VSB). Work with the Idaho FoodBank, the Idaho Humane Society or the American Red Cross. Lend a hand to the homeless, or assist in the Boise River clean-up. By helping others, you help yourself. Call 426-4240.

The number of Student Organizations increases each year and is currently at an all-time high of 207.

Develop leadership skills, and identify and hone professional and interpersonal strengths by joining a club or starting a new one. Call 426-5951.

At the Cultural Center you'll find the whole wide world in one place. The Center works closely with ethnic student organizations to bring authentic cultural festivals and celebrations to campus. Call 426-5950.

Students who favor the political arena are encouraged to check out the Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU).

Elected positions include president, vice president and senator. Students are appointed to the ASBSU judiciary, executive staff and other campus committees. Call 426-1440.

The Bookstore is also located in the SUB, and is the primary source for textbooks, general books, art and computer supplies and BSU logo wear.

Buy paper, notebooks, pens and planners. It's convenient. It's all about serving you. Call 426-2665 or visit boisestatebooks.com.

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The Student Union provides a variety of games for student relaxation.

The SUB sponsors many other events.

The Art Gallery, for example features exhibits year 'round that includes artwork by students, faculty, local and national artists.

For more information about Student Activities, entertainment, and other programs and services, call 426-1223 or visit sub.boisestate.edu.

# Does your professor make the grade?

BY RYAN RASMUSSSEN **News Writer** 

Technology has given students an advantage when it comes to deciding who is going to influence their educational experience. There are now websites that allow students to search for their professors and find out what other students have said about them. Two of these sites are ratemyprofessor.com and pickaprof.

Students going onto these sites can look for a future professor or class and then find out what other students have thought about them by leaving comments and filling out rating boards.

The more popular website, pickaprof.com, has a rating system that is based on a five-star scale. Students can see how many stars a professor got overall as well as from individuals and their thoughts on a professor.

Other features of this website include the grading history of a

specific class a student will be taking by giving a list of professors from past semesters and comparing and contrasting them with each other. Contact information is also available for some

"I used it for a marketing class and I read the teacher was bad, but had no other choice ...but I still ended up dropping the class because the review was right" said Vanessa Smith, a senior and accounting major.

Students can also have a schedule made up for them based on the courses they fill in. A university chat service is also set up on the site so students of the same class can interact with each other and set up online study sessions to help them prepare for an exam in a particular class.

The site offers an online bookstore where students can sell books to others and possibly get more money back. For buying books, students just enter the info of the book they need and the site searches their store as well as other bookstores online like

Amazon.com to find the best buy with a time-saving search.

" It's never been wrong for me on reviews, people have always been right, and if I don't use it I usually regret it," Smith said.

Pick-A-Prof is a website that does charge for its service. There are several different types of packages that can be purchasedthe cheapest is five dollars for a semester, the maximum is \$40 for five years. The website however just made a deal with ecampus.com that at the end of every semester picaprof.com will send a coupon of the amount spent to be used at ecampus.com where books, DVDs, apparel and other items can be purchased at a possible discounted price.

The website ratemyprofesssor.com is similar, but is a free service. Here, students can see a professor's level of helpfulness, easiness and clarity. For those who insist on learning from "attractive" people they can see the "hotness" level of a professor as well as a list of funny ratings. However, this site does not contain as much detail or have as many features as Pick-A-Prof does.

# Students can choose their own political adventure

**News writer** 

Three political parties (College Democrats, College Republicans and Students for Liberty) have clubs on the Boise State University campus and are available for students to join.

According to their constitution, College Republicans have a philosophy to "Provide a forum and outlet for political activity for republican students of Boise State University." They are active across campus in bringing local government officials to BSU for speaking engagements, community service and in learning more about Idaho government.

The College Republicans are not simply an academic community, but a place for students to form a solid career path. Their home website offers members the ability to "make important

contacts with local government officials, business leaders and many others."

College Republican President Brandon Stoker said he sees this semester as a chance to

"Really help out some candidates here in southern Idaho."

He, along with other College Republicans, look to get more students involved in local elections. "This is an election year. It's a great opportunity to see how government works," Stoker said.

There are other avenues for students to explore when searching for a politically-affiliated group to join.

Students for Liberty, representing the libertarians on campus, have a concise mission statement: "Students for liberty want people to be aware of their options when voting.

As treasurer, Ross Givens focuses on the in-

"We have the political ideology where people govern themselves. If you're not informed please reconsider voting," Givens said.

Brian Amberg, currently majoring in both Political Science and Economics at BSU has been active in campus politics.

"I think it was my first semester. I was looking for a place where I could debate with people" Amberg said.

Political groups on campus "seem like worthy organizations," Amberg said.

When asked if he would actually join, Amberg said "Maybe...I don't know...I go to school to

Like the other two affiliations, the College Democrat's constitution offers an avocation of "certain principles of philosophical and political concern to members of the organization

and its political allies."

They are also active across campus in bringing the democratic student voice to the forefront of college life.

Bipartisanship is an illusive concept for these groups.

"As far as working together...we're [Students for Liberty] about as marginalized as any small third party group," Givens said.

Stoker admitted that the groups have competing ideologies, but they try to work together whenever possible.

"I don't think there really is such a thing as bipartisan," Amberg said.

In order to join these groups, students must be full-fee paying. The clubs are required to meet at least five times throughout the semester and each has different times and places

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# Your guide to student organizations

Boise State University has a rich representing the full gamut of interests.

From the Arabic Club to the Zurkies, something is bound to pique your interest. More than 200 organizations are waiting to service your itch for involvement.

The Arbiter invited these organizations to submit club descriptions and contact information, and those who responded are featured below.

We have also provided a comprehensive list of the remaining groups organized by category.

Organizations fall into one of sev- provide opportunities for members to assortment of student organizations eral categories, including: academic/ professional, which focus on academic interest; and university housing, which disciplines and career networking provide governance and social activities opportunities; cultural/ethnic, which for students living in University housing. promote a sense of community and support for students and provide an outlet list and find a few clubs that interest you. for cultural study and expression; Greek, which are primarily social in nature, are officers for more information. represented by Greek letters, and are exclusive to one gender; honor societ- will greatly enhance your college experiies, which recognize students in specific academic disciplines who have demonstrated high academic and extracurricu-

meet, educate, and share in a common

Take a minute to meander through the

Once you are hooked, contact the club

Participating in a student organization ence by introducing you to new friends, providing opportunities for leadership, and allowing you to apply your education lar achievement; special interests, which . in fun and meaningful ways.

#### **AMBASSADORS**

We are seeking Boise State Ambassadors for 2006-2007! Are you a campus leader? If so, consider becoming a Boise State Ambassador. We are still looking for qualified students to serve as 2006-2007 Boise State Ambassadors.

Ambassadors is a select group of students who advance and represent the university at a variety of high-profile campus events. This prestigious group is comprised of the best and brightest students Boise State has to offer and serves our community by assisting with events hosted by the President, Foundation and other top adminis-

Boise State Ambassadors have proven their leadership through involvement in student organizations, personal reliability and contributions to the community. Student Ambassadors portray the image that Boise State strives to achieve and exemplifies the best that Boise State has to offer. For more information on how you can get involved check out ambassadors.boisestate.edu or call Jocelyn De Jong, Ambassador Advisor at 426-4113.

#### BISEXUALS, GAYS, LESBIANS, AND ALLIES FOR DIVERSITY

If you can relate to the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender or Accepting community, we are here for you! Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity is the Gay/Straight Student Alliance on the Boise State University cam-

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity is the Gay/Straight Student Alliance on the Boise State University campus. If you are LGBT, or you know someone who is, please come and it in BGLAD.

We are open to all individuals regardless of your sexual of entails gender identification. We have regular get togethers where we make friends, help each other, watch movies, each or group Join us and have fun!

As one of the more active groups on campus and in the suffernment of the major events (LGBT Diversity Week, Drag Shows, etc) or to reach out and educate students and the public of government of the major events (LGBT Diversity Week, Drag Shows, etc) or to reach out and educate students and in the suffernment of the group of the LGBT community, provide an open, safe, and casual environ of the community is to provide a positive image of the LGBT community, provide an open, safe, and casual environ of the community is to provide a positive of the needs and concerns of each other and become a source of strength comfort for one another we also promote discourse and education in tolerance, create alliances which promote general alliances which promote general environment of the community of the provide liter ture and information on safe sex, LGBT issues and LGBT specific financial aid. We also provide apport and assistance to our fellow student organizations, university departments, and community organizations when called upon then such apport upholds our purpose and mission statements.

Join us every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union in Fong Room or check us out at www.bsuglad.org. You can also reach us at 426-3774 or email us at bsuglad@hotmail.com. Welcome to Boise State University. This is going to be a

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#### **CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

Campus Bible Fellowship at Boise State University is an interactive group that meets for the purpose of investigating the truth of God's word and the relevance of it to our lives today. We welcome people with any background: religious, non-religious, anti-religious-whatever! Our focus is not on any specific religion, but on the truth.

During the semester, we have varied programs includ-

- A weekly dinner, Bible study and open discussions: Sunday nights 6:30 p.m. at "The Cornerstone" 2239 University Dr.
- "One to One Discipleship" courses
- · Singing, sharing, food and FUN!
- Just plain "hanging out"
- · Retreats and parties
- Guest Speakers

For more information contact us at (208) 631-0799 / rowlandcbf@juno.com.

#### CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Boise State University offers an incredible variety of experiences, relationships, academic pursuits, and opportunities for personal growth. However, the spiritual area is a part of life that is often neglected during these years. That's unfortunate because God has some incredible things to say and teach during your college journey.

BSUCRU is an interdenominational Christian organization made up of BSU students from many different backgrounds seeking to understand whom God is, whom we are, and why we are here on Earth. We hope to be a community of students who want to encounter God and experience authentic relationships.

We want to invite you to come check things out at our free BBQ on Friday, August 25, from 6:00-8:00pm in Julia Davis Park by the tennis courts.

We offer a variety of ways to get involved.

For more details, check out our website www.bsucru.com or call Billy at 859-5817.

#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Campus Ministry, an official Boise State University club, is a group of students committed to a relationship with God, and to friendships with other people. We practice accepting people as they are and being consistent and reliable friends as we serve the needs of others.

We are a diverse group, coming from varied backgrounds, and at different stages of knowledge and spiritual growth. We don't know everything. We don't do everything right. We do not always treat each other as we should. We haven't arrived-but we're on the journey. You won't " have to look very far to find our failures. But you will find people who love Jesus and love one another.

The Biblical Studies Center is located two blocks south of Bronco Stadium and serves as a student center. Its many features include pingpong, foosball, and pool tables, wiffle ball stadium, a large kitchen, library, study room, classroom, office space, and free parking. We invite you to come by, check it out and meet some of our students any time during the school week.

For more information call 342-2182 or email us at cmmail2@juno.com.

#### **COLLEGE DEMOCRATS**

The Boise State University College Democrats provide a forum and outlet for political activity for Democrat students of BSU. They advocate shared principles of philosophical and political concern held in common by the members of the organization and their political allies. The BSU College Democrats also provides an organizational base for political action and/or response to advance the interests of the organization and its political allies. Meeting dates will be announced at the start of the semester.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact faculty advisor Jim Stockton at 426-2127 or jstockto@boisestate.edu.

#### **COLLEGE REPUBLICANS**

Interested in politics? Want to network with the influential leaders of our community, state and nation? College Republicans is the club for you.

We provide an outlet for political activity at Boise State University by advocating for the conservative principles and political initiatives of our organization and its allies. Our members have unique access to internships, scholarships, and opportunities with important political campaigns, Congressional offices, the media, non-profit groups and other influential organizations.

Last year we helped coordinate a presidential visit, met with Idaho's Congressional delegation, and coordinated an exclusive legislative internship program. Think of us as the action arm of the Republican Party. We are routinely called upon to help out with important political happenings.

In addition to community politics, we are actively involved on campus fighting for intellectual diversity, freedom of speech, and defending the founding principles of our nation. Our efforts have been covered by Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Michael Reagan, Human Events and other local and national media.

If you want to get involved with an organization whose bounds extend beyond the campus community, take advantage of the sundry opportunities available with College Republicans. We are the movers and shakers of the future.

For more information, visit us online at www.bsurepublicans.com, or e-mail us at bsurepublicans@hotmail.com.

#### CORNERSTONE

What Is The Cornerstone? A Boise State University student club and a unique facility serving as: a bookstore, resource library, place to study with wi-fi access, and a place to hang out with friends.

Cornerstone is meant to be a place where ideas can be discussed freely, truth can be sought, and people can learn and share with each other. We sponsor a variety of regular and special events led by The Cornerstone Ministries, a non-denominational resource center, or by various patterns clubs.

University Dr. (next to Quizno's) to check out the facility. Sign up for our weekly email or see our website: www.cornerstoneonline.com, e-mail: stev e@thecornerstoneonline.com, or call 345-1757.

#### **CONSERVATIVE STUDENT COALITION**

Are you frustrated by radical left-wing ideologues—"professors"—who use their position to indoctrinate students? How about the insolent, America-hating radicals who parade through campus assaulting freedom and virtue?

You're not alone! The Boise State University Conservative Student Coalition is a non-partisan student organization dedicated to promoting the free exchange of ideas in an intellectually diverse environment. We seek to provide students with a balanced educational experience by creating a forum for discussions, debates, protests, guest speakers, social activities, service projects and other such events. We promote conservatism in that we honor the heritage of our nation, namely the virtues of liberty, faith, free market and the American way. We take it as our mission to expose the inadequacies of radical liberalism which permeates academia and to articulate an alternative viewpoint.

The students of the CSC are working to combat intellectual intolerance, bigotry, ideological indoctrination, discrimination, hatemongering and other forms of abuse promulgated by intolerant liberals. We strive to promote a balanced education, equitable funding, and the free exchange of ideas for all students on campus. If you want to be a part of the vast right-wing conspiracy, look us up! We hold regular meetings and social events and there are plenty of opportunities for leadership and involvement.

For more information, contact us at bsuconservatives@hotmail.com, or call Jason at 353-6918.

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

The Environmental Studies Association is a student club established in 2004 by students of the new Environmental Studies program at Boise State. Our mission is to support and provide activities and opportunities for students to socialize and make a difference in their community, especially regarding environmental concerns, and to encourage continued expansion and recognition of the Environmental Studies program.

We are currently looking for new officers for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving, please send an email to jodyhull@mail.boisestate.edu. We also have several activities lined up for this fall including a campout tentatively scheduled for September 8-10 and a cleanup of our Adopt-A-Highway section of Highway 55. Please visit our website for more information and to join the club!

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#### **IMPACT UNITED**

Impact United is a student organization determined to understand and pursue intimacy with God, through the life of Jesus. We welcome all students to join us as we search for ways to know God better, as a community. We understand that God is at work in the life of every individual, and it is our hope to help you discover not only how God is at work in your life, but to help you pursue a deeper, intimate relationship with the Creator of the Universe.

Our philosophy? It is unique, though we wish it were not. Many "Christians" today seem to have the order of life a bit confused. We are trying to bring clarity where there is confusion as we also seek and find the true way of following the life of Jesus. To do this adequately, we need your help.

Here's our philosophy:

Impact Ministries International is about impacting the university campus and the world for Jesus Christ through prayer and God's Word. IMI measures success in terms of developing intimacy with God. We believe that an individual who is developing intimacy with God will make an impact for the Kingdom of God. We further believe that a team of individuals who make an impact for the Kingdom of God will have a fruitful ministry. We do not aim for "making an impact" and we do not aim for "fruitful ministries." We believe that these two situations supernaturally occur when an individual develops intimacy with God.

For more information, visit our website at www.ImpactBSU.org.

#### **INTELLIGENT DESIGN AND EVOLUTION AWARENESS**

The teaching of Intelligent Design has become a very controversial topic in previous years, just as its relative - scientific creationism, was in decades past. Even in freedom-loving Idaho, last fall the president of the University of Idaho declared that no viewpoint other than Darwinian evolution would be tolerated in the science curricula. Realizing that the origins issue is a closed subject for many on both sides of the debate, it is nonetheless hardly fair to smother all scientific discussion so forcefully.

Opponents of ID are quick to assert that doubts concerning macro-evolution are purely religious while Darwinian evolution is arrantly scientific. They are also quick to attribute dissent to ignorance, stupidity, insanity and even wickedness. I argue that the case is not closed.

Many scientists, backed by research in many fields, are expressing concerns about whether macro-evolution is as effective as it is claimed to be, and in particular, whether the Darwinian method is at all capable of producing the vast diversity of life on earth. Just as we are able to notice design in man-made objects, Intelligent Design scientists use scientifically rigorous criteria to assess the evidence for intelligent design found in nature.

The IDEA club at Boise State University was formed as a local chapter of the national IDEA center, and exists to promote and foster open scientific discussion of the origins issue in an environment where all viewpoints are welcome. For more information about Intelligent Design, go to www.ideacenter.org. If you're interested in the Boise State IDEA club, contact ideabsu@gmail.com.

#### INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS

Are you an Electrical Engineering student? Do you have any interemates and professors, along with industry members? Are you an unanswered "yes" to any of the above questions, IEEE is for you!

The BSU student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electric

Electrical Engineering, computers, robotics, controls systems, power systems, etc? Are you looking to connect with your fellow classman workering, an agree of the Area of t

neers We interesting technical and non-technical meetings, fun social activities and generally getting hopeways learning activities with professional speakers, networking opportunities

E-mail us at IEEE@boisestate.edu, visit our website at www.coen.boisestate.edu/eeclub, ask an EE professor, or look for our fliers around campus for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The International Student Association--It is not just for international students. It is for anyone interested in meeting people from other countries and cultures. Come join us!

The International Student Association: orients international students to United States life and culture, provides opportunities for the building of friendships between United State and international students, plans student trips and sponsors extra-curricular activities, sponsors an annual International Food Song & Dance Festival for the local community, endeavors to make international students aware of their rights and responsibilities as students of Boise State University, works to overcome and prevent cross-cultural misunderstandings within the community.

ISA will elect new officers and get rolling again in September. For information, please send an email to internationalinfo@boisestate.edu.

#### LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

Lambda Alpha Epsilon is a national association affiliated with the American Criminal Justice Association. Delta Psi Chi is the local chapter of LAE and provides individuals the opportunity to participate in activities related to criminal justice, develop contacts within the criminal justice community, and to socialize and meet others with the same interests. LAE membership is open to all individuals with a desire to become involved in the criminal justice field.

Activities of this chapter include bi-monthly meetings, social activities, guest speakers from various fields within criminal justice, participation in community projects, participating in regional and national conferences and fundraising. The monthly meetings are designed to plan and keep members informed of uncoming projects and events as well as provide an opportunity to associate with other individuals with similar interests.

Our fundraising activity is unique; we operate a fireworks stand during the week immediately prior to Independence Day. The funds we raise benefit all members in many ways. The top two benefits are to offset the member's cost of attending either the regional conference or the national conference. However, the funds are also used to sponsor social gatherings as well.

LAE's community involvement currently includes the collection of reading material for school age children for the Books for Israel program. This program is in conjunction with our sister society Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. In addition to Books for Israel, we also participate in Service Saturday or other volunteer projects within the criminal justice field.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member can contact a current officer: President Suzann Lathrop at lae\_bsu@yahoo.com, Vice President Joe DeMay at jdemay904@yahoo.com, Secretary Jennifer Bachtold at JenniferBachtold@mail.boisestate.edu, or Treasurer Becky Rodgers at ak2kid2003@yahoo.com. You can also stop by the Criminal Justice Administration Department or visit the website www.cja.boisestate.edu/Pages/LAE.htm. Applications are available in the CJA Department, Library room 166.

#### MUSIC EDUCATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Do you love music? Do you wish there was continued music education all the way through high school? Did you love being a part of a band, orchestra or choir?

Then join the music teachers of today to become better teachers of tomorrow. In today's society where music teachers are being pushed out of the school system, a more informed teacher needs to join the workplace.

MENC stands for Music Educators National Conference, and they are celebrating their 100th year of supporting music teachers. They provide job opportunities, extra resources and advocate music in the government. This club promotes continued learning by fundraising to send students to a yearly conference.

All students can spend a weekend in February going to Portland, Ore. and listening to speakers from all over the nation on how to improve their music education. They have classes for Band, Choir, Orchestra, and General music teachers who educate K-12 students. For more information on this national organization, visit menc.org.

MENC meets every second Tuesday of the month in Morrison Center C215. Our first meeting, September 12, will be a pizza party behind the Morrison Center where we can get to know you. Questions? Contact rebekahbishop@mail.boisestate.edu.

#### MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Who says education can't be fun? Model United Nations gives you various opportunities to learn and be involved with international politics. Last year, we sent seven students to New York to represent Boise State at the week long National MUN Conference and we hope to send even more this year!

Boise State University offers a two-credit Model United Nations course each spring, which is taught by the director of the Frank Church Institute. The course prepares delegates for success at the National MUN Conference, which runs March 18-24.

We will be staying at the Marriott Marquis, a renowned four-star hotel located in Times Square. Expenses for the trip are minimal (approx. \$850) and you are guaranteed an experience of a lifetime.

Upon our return, we plan to host our own conference for local high schools. So, if you are civically minded, interested in global affairs, or want to meet thousands of students from around the world, Model United Nations is your ticket. Send questions to TrevorJack@mail.boisestate.edu.

#### NETWORK OF ENLIGHTENED WOMEN

Tired of radical feminist propaganda? Join the Network of Enlightened Women!

We are dedicated to fostering the education and leadership of conservative university women. By promoting conservative ideals and intellectual diversity, NEW seeks to expand the voice of traditional women at Boise State

Ever heard of "The Vagina Monologues," or had a professor degrade men, matrimony, and traditional lifestyles? Guess what—these are acts of a radical fringe movement. We are here to provide another perspective and to educate students about the virtues of marriage, motherhood, and a balanced working lifestyle. In the spirit of the original feminists—the suffragettes—we advocate for equality, virtue, and familial success.

With an "out with the NOW, in with the NEW" spirit, ours is a unique organization rapidly expanding throughout the country. Founded just two years ago in Virginia, we currently have more than a dozen chapters nationwide. Our efforts have been featured in the "Washington Times," "Time Magazine," and other publications. Help us reclaim the voice of women in America!

For more information, contact us at: bsunew@hotmail.com.

#### **ORGANIZATON FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND EDUCATION**

The Organization for Gender Equality and Education works to promote social change and human rights. We strive to achieve gender equality through community organizing, activism, and education on the Boise State University campus and the larger community. We are looking for people who share our goals and are driven to increase the access of human rights to all people.

This year we will be working on the Idaho Votes No Campaign, to help fight the anti-gay amendment on the ballot in November. We will also be increasing knowledge of the HPV vaccination in Idaho.

more information contact Johnson. whitneyjohnsonl@mail.bossestate.edu.

#### PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

Ladies, are you looking for a unique way to connect to your college campus or just want to meet other great people? Greek Life as a member of the connect to your college campus or just want to meet other great people? for you! The rewards of being in a sorority are numerous, including: forming lifelong friends hips with other women who share your same pority at Boise State University might be the thing in the help with your academics, access to leadership, scholarship and philanthropic opportunities, networking with alumni in the professional community and connecting you with camp ommunity activities to make college a memorable

There is no better support system than being part of a sisterhood! Throughout the year, sororities host many events such as formal dances, car and so much more! There are three sororities at Boise State University: Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, & Delta Beta Nu. s, can food drives, clothing drives, barebecues

Fall is one of the most exciting times for sororities! This is when we welcome girls into our organizations through the recruitment process. Red sessions about individual sororities, which allows you to choose if Greek Life in a sorority is right for you. Please join us for one of our information it days are full of fun and in-depth information This year's theme is Hawaiian Paradise! Keep your eyes open for our information booth in the SUB and on banners and fliers around campus! You can also email questions to bsupanhellenic@hotmail. com, or fill out an interest card at www.clubs.boisestate.edu/greekrush.

#### SIGMA LAMBDA BETA

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity is a social fraternity that was founded in 1986 at the University of Iowa. We believe in the principles of fairness, opportunity and in the equality of all men no matter what their race, culture or ethnicity. Our biggest goal is to see that all of society can realize the importance of these three principles. In order to achieve this goal we all strive to model these behaviors and present ourselves in a gentlemanly and educated fashion.

The best and the brightest student leaders pledge Sigma Lambda Beta. Why? Because we offer what no other organization can: a true nationwide brotherhood reaching all four corners of the country. For more information, contact Estureto Alonzo at Estureto Alonzo@mail.boisestate.edu.

#### SNOWBOARD/SKI CLUB

The Snowboard/Ski Club was formed to provide morally boosting activities for those interested in snowboarding and skiing. Organized sessions will be offered that focus on the improvement of basic snowboarding and skiing fundamentals, as well as extending the knowledge and appreciation of nature's environmental opportunities. Regular fundraisers will be held to help offset costs for the above activities.

We have almost 50 members, a competition team and receive many good deals on gear. For more information, contact Travis Miller at bsu\_skiandsnowboar dclub@yahoo.com.

#### ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Catholic Community, SPC2, is a community of faithful Catholics seeking the help of God and wanting to help one another in our lives at Boise State University. As a community centered on Jesus Christ, we nurture spiritual growth, personal development and a sense of belonging in each of us. We also reach out to others as we help those in need, foster social justice, and speak out for Christian principles.

Meaningful liturgies, quality catechesis, lively discussion groups, small faith sharing groups, direct help to the less fortunate, education and advocacy for social justice and gathering just for fun are activities that characterize our ministry and build our community.

St. Paul's is located at 1915 University Dr. across the street from the Administration Building: For more information about our activities and our facility check out our website at www.stpaulsboise.org.

#### **TEACHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Be a part of something big. Connect with public school leaders, policy makers and fellow education majors and receive valuable publications that will keep you informed of top education issues. Join the Teacher Education Association.

One membership fee in this professional organization covers local, state and national dues for a full year. If you are currently student teaching your membership is complimentary. We are an active club that sponsors interesting speakers and community service projects geared toward building your resume.

We encourage all education majors to check us out at our Celebration of Education event on September 20 from 4:30-6 p.m. on the SUB Patio. Join us for free food and great raffle prizes.

For membership information contact Brenda at bsutea@cableone.net, pick up a form in room E326 or apply online at www.nea.org/student-program/membership.

#### TRIATHLON CLUB

The Triathlon Club at Boise State University consists of graduate and undergraduate students, BSU alumni and community members. The club is supported by the BSU foundation as well as the support of the community. The purpose of the BSU Triathlon Club is to promote the sports of Triathlon; Swimming, Cycling and Running at both the recreational and competitive level.

We have all levels of athletes in the club from complete novices to Ironman triathletes. The club facilitates opportunities for student leadership, time management and healthy lifestyles all within a positive social setting.

As a club we strive to send athletes to compete at designated events such as Collegiate National Championships and Ironman Couer d'Alene. We also hold clinics for skill development in each of the subdisciplines.

#### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES BOARD** (VSB)

Who we are: The Board is a group of highly energetic and committed students chosen to represent the interests of Boise State University's student body that pertain to volunteering opportunities and social issue awareness.

Our mission: to inspire, provide, promote and expand volunteerism at Boise State University for the purpose of developing active community members via direct service and social issue educa-

It's our 15th anniversary this year! Come and help us celebrate! We have expanded our programs beyond direct community service to provide and promote the deeper meaning of volunteerism. To be effective, we'd love to hear from you about your interest in volun-

For more information about our programs for spring 2007, please contact our Outreach Coordinator Yolanda Juarez at 426-4240 or vsboutreact@boisestate.edu,

# More Student Organizations at Boise State

For more information on the various student organizations at Boise State University, visit: http://clubs.boisestate.edu/.

#### **Academic/Professional**

Alpha Kappa Psi (Business) American Advertising Federation Association American Chemical Society Student Affiliate American Production and Inventory Control Society American String Teachers Association Anthropology Club Archaeological Students Association Art Metals Club Associated Students of Computer Technology Association of Information Technology Professionals Association of Psychology Students Balloon Research Involving Students Engineers & Educators Program Bets Alpha Psi (Accounting)
Bilingual Education Student Organization Black Holez Astronomy Club **Business Professionals of America** Civil Engineering Club Computer Science Club
Construction Management Club Council for Exceptional Children Delta Epsilon Chi (Marketing) Drafting Club **Economics Association** English Major's Association **Environmental Health Club** Environmental Studies Association Financial Management Association Forensic Science Club German Club Graduate Students in Communication Health & Human Performance Club Human Resource Association Idaho Flute Society

Pre-Dental Club Pre-Law Society Pre-Med Club Psi Chi (Psychology) Ranger Club Recreational and Small Engine Repair Respiratory Therapy Students Sculpture Club Skills USA Societas Biophilia (Biology) Society of Exploration Geophysicists Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Society of Women Engineers Club Student Association for Radiologic Technologists Student Athletic Trainer's Association Student Consulting Group Student Nurses Association Teacher Education Association Theatre Majors Association University Symphonic Winds Visual Arts League

#### Cultural/Ethnic

Arabic Club
Black Student Alliance
Boise American-Filipino Relations Club & Diversity Association
Chinese Club
Hui-O-Aloha
International Student Association
Intertribal Native Council
Japan Club
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos
Scottish-American Society
South Asian Student Association
Vietnamese Student Association

#### Greek

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority
Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity
Alpha Xi Delta Sorority
Delta Beta Nu Sorority
Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Men of Vision
Panhellenic Association
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity - Colony

#### **Honor Societies**

Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society (Criminal Justice)
Engineering Honor Society
Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society (Electrical Engineering)
Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
Golden Key National Honors Society
Honors Student Association
Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Education
Lambda Nu National Honor Society (Radiological & Imaging Science)
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Order of Omega
Phi Alpha Honor Society (Social Work)
Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society (History)
Pi Kappa Delta Honor Society (Forensics/Debate)
Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (Political Science)
Selland College of Applied Technology National Technical Honor Society
Sigma Gamma Epsilon Honor Society (Geosciences)
Sigma Camma Epsilon Honor Society (Construction)
Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society (English)

#### Housing

Chaffee Hall Council John B. Barnes Towers Hall Government National Residence Hall Honorary Residence Hall Association

#### Religious

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# Want to create your own club?

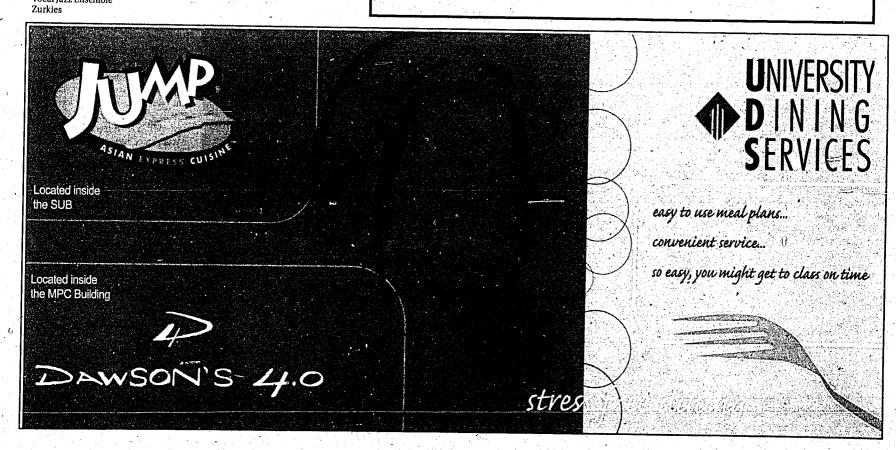
If you can't find an organization that suits your interests, create a new one! There are many perks for having a new student club officially recognized. First, student organizations have exclusive access to the Student Union facilities. With only a few exceptions, students can reserve meeting rooms, banquet halls, ballrooms, dance floors, lecture halls, amphitheaters and classrooms free of charge. For a minimal charge, other amenities such as lecterns, white boards, digital projectors, laptops and other audio-visual equipment can be provided.

Second, recognized student organizations receive financial support from student government. In addition to free copies, U.S. mail postage, banners, paper and office supplies, student organizations are eligible for up to \$3,000 in matching funds each year. Matching funds provide two dollars for every dollar fund-raised by the student organization. In other words, if a club is eligible for \$3,000 in matching funds, they only have to raise \$1,500 to receive the additional funding, leaving members with \$4,500 to spend at their discretion. Of course, this money is contingent upon completion of community service and satisfaction of a few prerequisites. Finally, recognized student organizations are eligible for office and storage space in the Student Union Building. That's right, your very own pad in the SUB! This space is invaluable for informal meetings, last-minute get-togethers, clerical work and storage.

The official recognition process for new student organizations seems daunting, but there are people and guides to help you along the way. Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. You will need at least four people to begin a new student organization. Make sure they are ambitious-they will be your club officers.

- 2. Pick up "The Source" guidebooks from the Student Activities desk on the first floor in the west wing of the SUB. The Information Desk can you point you in the right direction if you get lost. The books are also available online at www.asbsu.org/ orgs/the\_source.cfm. These guidebooks will help you every step of the way, from recognition to recruitment and event planning. They are invaluable, albeit exhaustively long.
- 2. Contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities Mike Esposito at 426-1223, or via e-mail at mesposit@boisestate.edu. He is the student organization guru and can answer any question relating to student organizations.
- 4. Draft a constitution, mission statement and any necessary by-laws to govern your student organization. Mike Esposito will gladly provide you with an easy fill-in-the-blank constitution. These documents will then need to be approved by the Judiciary of the Associated Students of Boise State University. Once approved, you're official!
- 5. Recruit, baby, recruit! The more members the merrier, and the greater justification you have to request additional funding from student government.
- 6. Bust out the puppy eyes, you need to request some money. First, you should request a start-up grant from the ASBSU Grant Fund, Contact the Student Activities Desk, Mike Esposito or an ASBSU senator to begin this process. The Grant Fund can provide up to \$750 to each new club. Second, hit up friends and relatives through fundraisers. Car washes, bake sales, direct mail solicitation, telephone calls and social fundraisers are all great options. "The Source" guidebooks have plenty of information about fundraising—don't skip over it. Good luck!



# The bucking BroncoCard spices up BSU life

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

Stop. Do you have your student ID card on you? If not, then you're missing out on a critical BSU survival tool. The student ID (named the "BroncoCard") shouldn't just collect dust in a wallet, since it can act as a ticket to a variety of botspots.

"There are a lot of different uses that the card has," said Tony Keife, manager of the Campus ID (which is located in the SUB across from the Games Center). "Specifically the library. That is probably the most utilized part of the card." Keife also said that most other facilities on campus, including student housing and computer labs, require the BroncoCard in order for students to access them. Other activities, such as purchasing football and basketball tickets, require the flash of a student ID. Students can also use "Bronco Bucks," a debit plan specifically for the BroncoCard to buy food on campus or supplies from the bookstore.

But don't think the BroncoCard's powers are limited to the BSU campus. It can be used

for sweet benefits all around Boise. "There are some local merchants who give discounts for the student ID," said Keife. "Edwards Cinema, and some various restaurants around town basically." Additionally, the BroncoCard comes in handy at the Brick Oven Bistro, Boise Contemporary Theater, Papa Joe's on Capitol Blvd., and Papa John's Pizza. Keife added that Bogus Basin Ski Resort gives out discounted passes with a BroncoCard.

The Boise Art Museum also embraces the student ID by offering free admission to students with a valid BroncoCard during the school year

"It's a unique educational experience for students," said Melanie Fales, Interim Executive Director and Curator of Education for the Boise Art Museum, "It's unusual that a university would have a museum of the Boise Art Museum's caliber so nearby. It's a really good way for students to extend their education to the museum."

Fales included that students can get free access to special events and exhibitions. For instance, she said there will be a reception specifically for BSU faculty and students at the museum on October 3 from 5-8 pm. Furthermore, the BroncoCard will allow students to participate in Art Talk on Thursday evenings, again without cost. Art Talk gives students an opportunity to communicate with artists and curators.

Another convenient advantage of the BroncoCard is that most students only need to receive one during their entire stay at BSU. "Currently, the student ID cards expire every six years," Keife said. "We set it up so technically if the average student is here for five years, it gives them that five years plus a little extra time."

Pictures are taken at the Campus ID office or at orientation. The cards are produced and processed by student employees.

Many current BSU students are already enjoying the BroncoCard's perks. "I use it all the time," said Lacey Megorden, a returning sophomore. "The benefits rock." New students can enjoy these same perks by getting their IDs as soon as possible. So run to Campus ID, flash those pearly white teeth for the camera, and



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The Information desk is a great place to get the 411.

voila! The BroncoCard is yours.

For additional information on the BroncoCard, check out: www.boisestate.edu/broncocard, or visit the Campus ID office.

# Boise State features many dining options for students

BY ANDREA OYARZABAL

Culture Writer

Eating nutritiously is sometimes a hard task while on the run in between classes, but following a balanced diet is a great way to maintain energy. Many dining options are available to students on campus and nearby.

The Student Union Building is home to many dining locations, while a few other buildings on campus house options as well. The Student Union holds the Tablerock Café, Moxie Java, Freshens, Snake River Grill, Jump Asian Express Cuisine, Tortilla Fresca, and Fresh Express. Other Moxie Java locations include the MPC and Business buildings. Vending machines on campus have recently been outfitted so that the right hand columns of all machines feature healthy snacking options.

Fresh Express, located near the food court in the SUB, is basically an on-campus convenience store. It has the usual convenience store items such as chips, soda, bulk candv. microwavable meals and energy drinks, but it also has an array of nutritious snacks at a low cost. Clif bars, Powerbars and Nature Valley granola bars (even though Nature Valley has a higher sugar content) are great portable snacks to stuff in a backpack and transport all day to classes. Fresh Express also offers garden, chef, and Caesar salads ranging from \$1-\$2.95 in price.

Get a caffeine boost at Moxie Java with a skim latte, or try a soy latte for added protein. Most sugar-free syrups and sauces are now made with Splenda, making them more healthy because they don't contain any calories and aren't made with Aspartame like other sugar substitutes. Moxie also offers grilled Paninis for \$4.99.

Rumor has it that Moxie locations will soon be called Dawson's 4.0, featuring coffee from local coffee roaster Dawson Taylor. An added bonus for BSU students is that Dawson Taylor coffee punch cards will be good at BSU locations as well as the Dawson locations off campus, according to Dawson Taylor Downtown ManagerArwen Laz.

Tablerock Café, located upstairs in the SUB, has cafeteria-style dining that is a cut above normal cafeterias. Prices are: breakfast \$5.50, lunch \$7.50, and dinner \$9.35. Tablerock offers the most bang for your buck because of their buffet style all-you-caneat dining option. For breakfast there is a cereal bar, milk machine, omelets, waffles, toast, fruit and yogurt. For lunch and dinner there is a hot food bar, which changes daily (check the SUB dining website for menu availability), salad bar, sandwich bar, a hot grill (featuring burgers, lean turkey burgers, veggie burgers, and salmon patties) and a dessert bar with pudding, hard and soft serve ice cream and fruit.

Freshens Smoothie Company, in



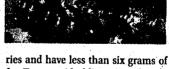
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With Table Rock Cafe and the SUB's food court, students have a variety of food choices.

the food court at the SJB features fruit smoothies. All regular-sized smoothies are just \$3.49 and Freshens offers no-sugar-added smoothies with less than 155 calories.

For a less nutritious, higher fat and calorie comfort food option, try the Snake River Grill. Snake River Grill serves up burgers and sandwiches for \$3 to \$5 and you can add fries and a drink for just \$2.

Subway, located in the Education Building, offers sandwiches low in fat and calories at the reasonable price of \$3 to \$5. Several sandwiches that Subway offers are less than 300 calo-



ries and have less than six grams of fat. Try to avoid adding extras that increase fat and calorie intake, such as mayonnaise.

Off the beaten path, Boise offers many options within walking distance for students. University Drive contains a Starbucks, Quiznos and Panda Express. On Broadway Ave., students will find Baja Fresh, Taco Del Mar and Lucy's Coffee and Espresso.

For students with their own transportation or who are willing to walk the extra mile, Boise Co-op offers member pricing to students who show ID. The Co-op deli offers amazing sandwiches loaded to the crust for a very minimal price. Thomas Hammer, an independently owned coffee shop located at 298 N. 8th St. offers BSU students two-for-one espresso drinks and bottomless cups of coffee, Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. and all day on weekends. The Thomas Hammer drive-thru locations on Broadway and Fairview Ave offer BSU students one free extra espresso shot, syrup flavor, or 10 percent off of their beverage.

Students aren't alone on campus when seeking help with nutritional information. The Health and Wellness Center at the Student Recreation Center offers a nutrition Q & A class on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Fitness Training and Wellness Room.

A nutrition counselor is available by appointment at the Health and Wellness Center for an access fee of \$5 for full-time students by calling 426-1459. For part-time students the cost of making an appointment with a nutrition counselor is more expensive. Nutritionists are helpful for students seeking skills in weight management or meal planning.

Whether you choose to dine on or off campus, BSU and Boise offer many restaurants and cafes for students to enjoy. To save money, search around for places that will offer a student discount with a valid student I.D. and before venturing off campus to eat, check local publications for coupons.

# Back to School

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ Assistant Culture Editor

The time of the year is approaching when college students across the country prepare for their freshman year at a university.

Students begin by purchasing the most fashionable pairs of jeans, along with efficient notebooks and trendy book bags to keep all their belongings organized.

Lastly, students make themselves promises that they'll put forth their greatest effort (as opposed to last year) to follow deadlines and manage their time in accordance to their school work load, because after all this is a new year and with every new year comes new opportunities for success.

That is, until about late October.

That is when the weather begins to cool and Halloween draws near. Memories of family and friends occupy your mind when you should be concentrating on that five to eight page argumentative essay for English 102.

Due dates become jumbled as you try to keep a countdown of days until Thanksgiving break.

Nevertheless, you've maintained your sanity, since you only hear your Sociology professor's voice coming through your cup of noodles on Tuesdays as opposed to every day.

Then December creeps upon you like the frigid Idaho wind and you're wearing sweaters and scarves everyday just to keep from freezing to death. Finals week is here and not even MAC concealer can cover up those lines under your eyes, plus you still can't figure out what that smell coming from your dorm room refrigerator is.

Alas, you are a survivor! But before you bust out into the Destiny's Child song, think about this - you could have gotten through this semester a lot easier by using resources right on campus.

Boise State University has a long list of resources to help you get through each semester without that twitch developing in your right eve.

**Campus Recreation Center** 

First, the Campus Recreation Center has plenty of activities for you to work off tension and sweat out your stress. Activities

vary and include swimming programs, chair massages, club sports and yoga. Swimming programs are great for staying in shape and reducing stress. According to

Lifescript.com, "Swimmingworks your whole body, improving cardiovascular conditioning, muscle strength,

endurance, posture and flexibility all at the same time." Lifescript. com adds that stress is also lowered since you are forced to maintain a breathing pattern while swimming. Plus, having a swimmers body is always motivation to

keep it up and works wonders for your self esteem.

Massages are miraculous! Who knew you could get a massage right on campus? BSU's Chair

Massage Program offers students a chance to receive a massage from a qualified massage therapist.

Also, students can learn to give themselves massages. A trained massage therapist will teach you the perfect tips to rub down those daily stressors.

Group exercise classes include Kickboxing, Cycling, Piyo, Step and Yoga. Yoga is the ancient therapeutic form of exercise known for its awkward stretches, but according to abc-of-Yoga. com, "(Yoga) helps you become more aware of your body's posture, alignment and patterns of movement.

It makes the body more flexible and helps you relax even in the midst of a stress-stricken environment." Most "Yogis" can contend that practicing the art form improves not only their physical appearance, but also their inner wellbeing.

Next on the list is the Student Union Building. Now I know what you're thinking: "How can I relieve stress at the SUB?" Easy! Take a break from your long hours of studying to partake in a game of air hockey or billiards. You'll relieve stress and

break a sweat all at the same time.

Study environment is very important. Where you study determines how hard you study and what you'll retain.

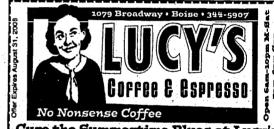
Most college students are very particular about where they study. Some like the extreme silence of the Albertson's Library, meanwhile your dorm room gives you a unique sense of comfort.

How about breaking up the monotony? BSU is lucky to be located along the Boise River. The ambience of the river and the gentle chirp from the native birds can lull you into such a relaxing state, perfect for studying or just to chill.

Lastly, the Health, Wellness and Counseling Center is always there to help. They have several tips, techniques, resources and workshops to help with all levels of stress.

The Health, Wellness and Counseling Center is hosting the Aromatherapy and Well-Being Workshop on Tuesday, September 19. The workshop is held at the Farnsworth Room in the SUB at 6:30 p.m. for only \$15. Call to register.

Feelings of stress are normal for college students, however it is important to remember that BSU offers plenty of resources for you to stay healthy and succeed.



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# Put a little OM i

BY HADLEY RUSH **Culture Writer** 

Today I realized why my life is so erratic, so disheveled. I possibly uncovered the mystery of my chronic ailments, my stagnant love life (ahem, sorry boyfriend) and my dearth of a concentration level. Tonight I studied up on. and then attempted to Feng Shui my room.

Feng Shui (pronounced fung shway) is the ancient Chinese art of placement. Mostly, though, I found Feng Shui is just dumb common sense. As explained in Skye Alexander's book "10 Minute Feng Shui," "The object of Feng Shui is to create harmony and balance in your environment. This involves applying practical solutions to everyday problems, such as establishing convenient traffic patterns through your home, positioning furniture in comfort-

able arrangements, and eliminating clutter in your living and work spaces."

Though I live in a two-story house with a roommate, I decided to apply the practices of Feng Shui soley to my bedroom. You can adjust this accordingly to your dorm or any living arrangement, really. The book I bought to aid me in my Feng Shui learning broke it down into four areas of one's life seeking improvement: prosperity, love, good luck/happiness, and health and well-being.

I decided I'd focus on overall happiness. And so my quest began. I looked around my room and instantly counted nine half-empty (or full?) dirty cups. In my corner sat a heap of desperate-looking laundry, and to my left was a suitcase which had been resting quietly near my closet for the past month and a half.

One of the first things the book told me to do

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is astonished to find I flip I was done appiness" portion of Feng Shui. I popped a Prozac and surprisingly, I was happier. Was it the upped dosage or the healthful benefits of Feng Shui? I'll never be sure.

Get Involved On Campus: A look at what's coming your way

August '06

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**On-Campus Student Job** Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Student Union Jordan Ballroom D. Free.

Campus REC Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Student Union Patio and Intramural Field. Free.

Greek Barbecue. 4:40 p.m. Quad, Free,

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Moon Festival. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., event begins at 6:30 p.m. Student Union Jordan Ballroom. \$10 general, \$5 students with ID, children younger than 6 free.

"Dating and Relationships" with MJ Garrett from MTV's "Real World: Philadelphia." 7 p.m. Boise State Amphitheatre. Free.

20: End-of-Summer Concert. 5:30 p.m. Quad. Free.

Info Tables. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Students can learn more about Boise State by visiting the information tables that will be set up around campus.

"Get Smart, Start Smart!" 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Students can get expert advice about study skills and more.

Intercultural Remix. 4-6 p.m. Student Union Cultural Center Lounge. Free. Features music, performances and food.

Service Saturday. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Union, first floor by the Brava! Stage. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be provided.

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28: Faculty/ Student Grill and Chill. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Quad. Free.

"Get an Education, Not Just a Degree." 7-9 p.m. Student **Union Special** Events Center.

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# On Campus Student Job Fair



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# Coffee and WiFi and Pastries, Oh My!

SHANNON MORGAN
Arbiter Staff

There are two things many students have on them at all time: a laptop computer and a thermos full of coffee. Like many of you I am a coffee fanatic. The essence of this beautiful black bean is as vital to most college students as the air we breathe.

One of the first things I learned at Boise State University was where the best place close to campus was to get an infusion of caffeine and a free wireless Internet connection for my laptop. Notice I say place that's close to campus because you can't find a decent brew on campus.

Going to the Student Union Building to acquire a cup of Joe from the Moxie Java is like stepping into the popular 90's TV show "Saved by the Bell." Gee golly folks, it's a swell place to meet the gang after English 101 for a study group and some laughs.

Not to mention the bad coffee. Yuck! I don't think Moxie Java should be able to label the warm water with brown food coloring they serve as coffee at all.

If you're crunched for time and have no other option, or don't have a laptop compute, and need access to the Internet, this is where I recommend you go. The SUB has several internet terminals available for students which you can use for a period of 10 minutes. There's also

the added benefit of being able to grab a bite to eat and not have to leave campus.

Normally I would be stationed happily at the Starbucks on Broadway caddy corner from the stadium. This location is nice because of the convenient drive thru window and the delicious cinnamon crumb donuts they serve. I've always been a fan of Starbucks coffee. When you ask for a dark roast that's exactly what you get at Starbucks. For a coffee snob like me that's a big deal.

While scoping out the store on my last visit my eyes were drawn to a beautiful orange ce-

ramic coffee mug, which I thought about purchasing before I flipped it over and read that it was \$12.95! "Holy Crap is this thing made out of Gold!?" I said out loud to myself. Moving on now...

Just then I looked out the window across the street to a little coffee house called "Lucy's Coffee" I had seen it before but never gone over because I was under the spell of the Venti Dark Roast and had never thought to stray from the herd.

- Walking into Lucy's was like a breathe of fresh air. It's locally owned and operated, not to mention environmentally conscience. This vibrant and energetic coffee house offers their customers a diverse menu with fresh baked homemade

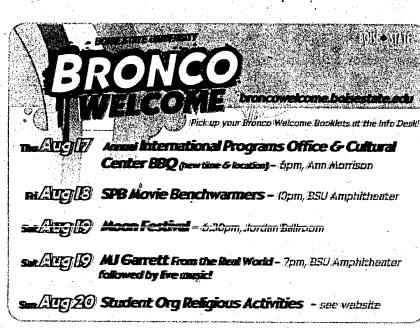
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What's your poison? Regular, Unleaded, Premium... not GAS! Coffee! Lucy's is ready to fill 'er up.

pies, muffins, and pastries. You'll have to stop in on Wednesday for the Open Mic Night between 7-10pm, where you can perform or listen to anything from music to poetry to short stories.

The best part is Lucy's has free WiFi and the coffee is delicious! I recommend you try the "Black Bull" which is mocha with chocolate covered coffee beans blended in. The menu reads, "Forget Wings, this thing gives you a rocket booster!" I can attest that statement is true.

If you're looking to get away from the warm coffee flavored water of Moxie Java, or Starbuck's \$13 ceramic mugs, I recommend you stop by Lucy's Coffee located at 1079 Broadway Ave and support a local homegrown business with your hard earned local dollars.



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# Get into the swing of things with club and intramural sports

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

If you are attending Boise State University and you want to play sports, you do have an outlet, even if you are not a scholarship athlete.

That outlet rests in the realm of Club and Intramural sports.

"They provide an opportunity for students to get involved on campus," Assistant Director of Student Recreation Alain Rodrigue said. "Research shows that student involvement makes students better in the classroom as well."

#### **CLUB SPORTS**

There are 25 club sports at Boise State, including Baseball, Bowling, Cycling, Jiu-Jitsu, Judo, Kayak, Kenpo Karate, Lacrosse (Men), Lacrosse (Women), Long Board, Rodeo, Rugby, Shotokan Karate, Snowboard/Ski, Soccer, Softball (Women), Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon and Ultimate.

Quite a selection eh? If you want to join a club sport, the best route is to contact the club presidents at the info box, kick 'em an email and join up. "These presidents-when they get these phone calls and emails concerning new players, they're all over it," Rodrigue said. "Their attitude is tremendous."

You can also go to the Student Activities office in the west wing of the Student Union Building and pick up a packet if you want to start up a new club sport on campus. Three years ago there were 16 club sports on campus. There are now 25. Some of those original 16 have dissolved, so if you want to start a sport, the opportunity is there. "A lot of those clubs are run like a business," Rodrigue said. "They have fundraisers, negotiate contracts, put schedules together, and make travel arrangements for 20 other athletes, depending on how big the club is."

Most of the clubs never cut players and only a few have tryouts, and those are only intended to discern where players should sit in the lineups.

A handful of club sports, especially Men's and Women's Lacrosse, play in intercollegiate leagues. The Men's Lacrosse team hosts an annual tournament on the intramural field by the SUB. The number of teams participating make the event one of the largest in the country.

Club sports do allow community members to play, but if the teams play in conferences then the players must be students in good standing with the university. Baseball, softball, Taekwondo and Rugby already play in competitive leagues. Soccer and cycling are looking for a league to join. Students wanting to participate in club sports can play a total of four seasons over the course of five years.

"Club sports is more organized," Rodrigue said. "I used to say it was the halfway point between intramural sports and intercollegiate

Students can participate in club and intramural sports like 3-oh-3 basketball and Lacrosse, Rugby and Tennis.

athletics, but it's getting closer and closer to being more like athletics, mostly because they are playing other universities. Many have coaches, some of them have tryouts. They're out there competing against other universities with Boise State logos on. They try to make it to a regional championship and if they win that they go to a national championship."

You cannot underscore the work that goes into running a club sport. Men's Lacrosse, for instance, has to raise around \$25,000 every year to go through its season.

There are costs involved in playing club sports. The ones which travel more have a higher fee to play the season, so that the team doesn't have to spend all its time fundraising. Each sport has a different fee. Talk to the club presidents to find out the costs. The clubs also work out payment plans, so you don't need to pay the whole sum up front.

"It's much like a fraternity," Rodrigue said.
"You pay X amount of dollars to join the fraternity, but here you are doing an activity. You are playing a sport."

#### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

The intramural sports program at the REC offers 12 sports and tournaments this fall. "Do it, sign up as a free agent, create a team of strangers, find out they click and use club sports to find friends," Rodrigue said.

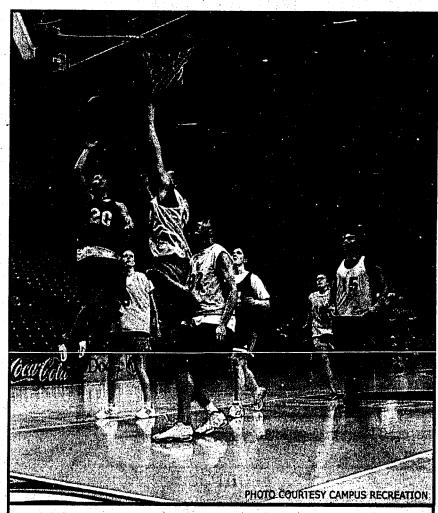
The sports include Tennis, Grass volleyball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, 3-on-3 Basketball and Billiards leagues. There are also individual tournament for Bowling, Dodgeball, Wallyball and of course The toilet Bowl.

The Toilet Bowl is a flag football tournament played every fall (Oct. 2) on the Blue at Bronco Stadium. The 16-team tournament will not expand, so if you really want to play, get your paperwork in on time.

Some of the teams competing in intramural sports have built a tradition.

"Teams practice recruiting to keep groups going," Rodrigue said. "Some Intramural sports have the same team name for years." But new teams also pop up every year. You can start your own team or join one that is looking for a few extra players.

For more information on Intramural sports deadlines and Managers' meetings, check out the website rec.boisestate.edu or page 29 of the REC Guide.



#### **CLUB SPORTS**

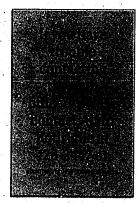
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# The game is on, got your tickets?

BY JAKE GARCIN Sports Editor

Whether you're seeking tickets to football, basketball or volleyball games, the Boise State Info Desk is a one-stop shop for all your sports ticket needs.

With a high demand for tickets to University events throughout the school year it's important to know where to go and when you can buy. Waiting until the last minute could leave you on the outside looking in.

The BSU Student Info Desk is in operation to help give students the vital information to all

their event questions. The info desk is located in the Student Union Building on the first floor by the Cyber Café. Students can purchase tickets directly from the info desk, but it is important to know there are other options if you can't make it during open hours.

Sporting events tickets for the Broncos can also be purchased at both the Taco Bell Arena and Bronco Stadium ticket office. The Morrison Center and the Payment and Disbursement office in the Administration Building will also be available as campus ticket venues.

The Morrison Center and the Payment and Disbursement office are available to sell tick-

ets during the same day-time business hours as the info desk. Taco Bell arena and Bronco Stadium will sell tickets all the way up until game time, making them ideal for anyone that is late on reserving a ticket. However, attempting to purchase tickets at the gate will never guarantee availability.

In addition, tickets will be sold at Bronco Stadium and Taco Bell Arena locations until halftime of the game, or until the student allotment has run out. Ticket office manager Shaela Priaulx warns students of the high demand for football tickets.

"We've sold out of student section tickets for every game except for two the past two years," said Priaulx. "One game was sold out last year and one game the year before that. My recommendation is to pick up the tickets earlier in the week."

Football game tickets will always go on sale a week before the upcoming game. BSU has three weekday home games this year, which will put tickets on sale Friday the week before a game.

For all Saturday games - ticket sales will begin on Monday, the week of the game. The first day of ticket sales for the football home opener against Sacramento State will be August 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Students are entitled to one free ticket as long as they have proof of their enrollment with their Student Identification card. Student ID's will be required at time of purchase and while entering the stadium on game day.

Full-time students will be able to purchase one additional guest ticket with their student ID card. Those enrolled as part-time students will be ineligible for a free ticket, but will be able to purchase a guest ticket at the student rate. Guest tickets will be sold for \$18 dollars per game.

A student can take as many as three ID cards to a ticket office and purchase three sets of student and guest tickets for a game.

An additional piece of need to know information is that the student section at both Bronco Stadium and Taco Bell Arena are general admission, which means there will never be assigned seating for any home games.

It is recommended that students arrive to games early if they hope to get seats closer to the action.

Gates open for football games one and a half hours prior to kick off.



# The REC gets you fit

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

If you triceps flap when you run, you break a sweat tying your shoes or if you want to move up a weight class, lose weight, get in shape, run faster, meet friends and fellow students, show off to that girl, show up that jerk who told you you were chubby, there is a place on campus to give you your wants.

The Boise State University Student recreation Center is located across University Drive from the Student Union Building and the joint has everything you could possibly need to change that flab into flex.

For full-time students it is free, as long as you bring your student ID card. You need the card to enter the building. But once inside, you are welcome to enjoy the array of exercise experiences. The REC has basketball, raquetball, volleyball and even badminton courts. It has a state-of-the-art weight room with dozens of machines and free weights.

It has more than 60 cardiovascular machines: elliptical runners, treadmills, stairs, bikes and rowing machines. One-third of the machines get swithed out every year and sold off to buy new equipment. This year, new running machines will be installed with 10-inch personal televisions, for individuals to watch Lifetime while they run. There's an indoor running track (11 laps make a mile).

The REC even has access to the swimming pool in Kinesiology Building (located next to Taco Bell Arena), where you can attend an open swim or swim competitive laps, play water polo or Marco Polo with friends and strangers also looking for a good workout, a good time.

The Facility also offers massage therapy (\$25 per half hour) and Rec Response, a benefit to students who require medical attention. Rec Response is free and you can request that someone be on hand at group gatherings or club sporting events. If you need an ankle taped or become, ill, they will set you straight.

You can rent towels and lockers. You can get Gatorade or powerbars, basketballs and Frisbees, pain medications and toiletries.

You need never pay to attend some other gym in town. The REC has it all, Your fee comes out of the cost of student fees, yet many student have never stepped through the door. That is good for those who do step up to build stronger bodies. You can go there and do your routine without the stress of comparing yourself to the professional body builder lifting Volkswagons in the mirror.

The staff is there to assist you. "I really like (helping people get in shape)," Lloyd said. "You hear stories of the person who comes in, who really didn't feel comfortable coming in because they were out of shape, then they came in and our environment doesn't lean itself toward those people who need to be in perfect shape to come in here." That's one of the best things that you can hear, that your facility has really helped out."

Students can also work at the REC. More than 120 people work in the total complex. Some scrub floors, clean carpets, fix the toilet that stops working and others are personal trainers and massage therapists.



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# The REC entices students outdoors

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY Managing Editor

If the gym becomes a drag, rise above it.

The Outdoor Program at the Student Recreation Center is selling adventure. All students are welcome to buy in. The above-rising vernacular is aimed at the rock climbing wall, installed inside the REC.

"It's very difficult for people to see what we do, because we don't do things here," Assistant Director of the REC Geoff Harrison said. "The climbing wall lets them see it and it's not just for lifetime climbers. You can use the wall for fitness. They might say, 'I want to focus on weight lifting, but I also want to work on my dexterity and balance'."

The wall is one of the largest collegiate climbing gyms in the United States. Newcomers must pass a Basic Skills class before climbing the wall. Classes for new climbers are offerered every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

"(The Climbing wall) provides a controlled environment for people to learn," Outdoor

Program Coordinator Jesse Sears said. "You can change it around all you want. You can reach people in their comfort zones and teach them the basic skills so that they're not freaked out when they're out there. And the more you work, the more you can expand their comfort zones."

The Outdoor Program is open Monday-Sunday from 1-7 p.m. The Outdoor Program offices are located in the back of the REC. If you don't want to walk all the way through the building to get your outdoor on, there is an entrance on the Northeast side of the building.

Besides the indoor climbs, the OP offers myriad climbing adventures, including Fall and Winter break trips, community climbs, the Reel Rock Film Tour (rock climbing films), Women that Rock (no boys allowed select Friday nights), trips to the Black Cliffs and a road trip to the City of Rocks near Oakley.

The City of Rocks climb takes climbers way out of their natural environment into the natural environment. The program has been taking a trip to the national moument off and on for the past seven years (they don't go everyyear so as to keep the experience from becoming routine). The Saturday-Sunday trip must be prefaced by a preclimb the Tuesday previous. Harrison said that the true value of the trip is unknown, students get real-life climbing experience. They get to rise a few thousand feet higher than Boise's elevation and hence get to catch fall in the Southern Sawtooths a full month earlier than they could

As the Outdoor Program expands, reaching 5,000 participating students every year, it chases to eliminate current boundaries.

The group already floats the Boise River, The Payette River (the Cabarton Stretch (the Upper North Fork of the Payette)), but desires a longer ride. The staff wants to take a trip down the lower Salmon River, a longer trip, multiple-days.

"The Treasure Valley is close to every thing you could need outdoors," Sears said. "Our goal is to get people involved, to help them have a healthy lifestyle."

The healthy advantage of outdoor recreation is more than what you could define in a doctor's evaluation. When you traverse the natural, you not only improve your physical traits, you massage your mentality, you put your soul on a treadmill, unplugged.

The Outdoor Program offers what Harrison termed "Lifetime Sports", such as canoeing, rock climbing, backpacking, hiking, camping, kayaking and more. "You can climb forever," Harrison said. "Those are the sports that allow people to realize all the wonderful things about Idaho, 68 percent of Idaho is federal land; it's wild land."

Most sports are demanding, not to bring down kayaking, but the pressures of the compition are less intense than contact sports. The program offers athletic ventures in which the only contact is with natural elements.

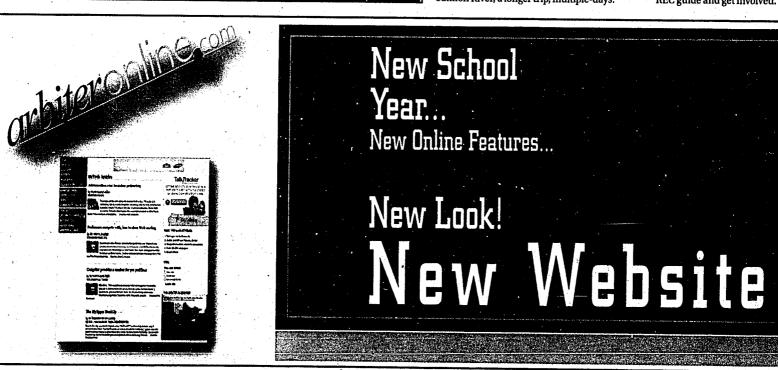
According to the guys, the life of the outdoors is beyond a positive. It is becoming a piece of the university. "It allows you to learn not only about yourself but about people around you and the natural environment," Sears said.

"Think about what we do here in college," Harrison said. "We are gathering knowledge, but it's also about learning about yourself and learning about what you do.

The Outdoor Program does cost a little bit of cash, but it is menial. It offers rentals of dozens of items you might need on your weekend escapades. It employs 25 student staff members. It is what it is.

For more information on the Outdoor Program, check it out at rec.boisestate.edu. The registration deadlines for activities are all on the website. Stop by and chat with the crew. Pick up a REC guide and get involved.





Shannon Morgan, a podcasts Jost at The Arbital Julianto record a

#### BY RYAN RASMUSSEN Arbiter Staff

Podcasts are the new wave of broadcast technology. Podcasting is spreading rapidly across the globe, and being used for both personal and business means. It is also a new tool in use at universities.

Boise State University President Bob Kustra has a podcast available on BSU Radio called "New Horizons in Education."

The weekly production features regular guests in specialized fields who discuss issues pertaining to higher education.

A Podcast is an audio file in mp3 format that can be downloaded to a computer and transferred to an mp3 device, such as an iPod.

Fans can subscribe to daily or weekly broad-

casts that are automatically downloaded to their computers.

There is a vast array of podcasts now on the Internet, ranging from art and cooking to government and movies. Great sources for podcasting subscriptions are podcastingnews. com and iTunes.com.

The Arbiter first used podcast technology to broadcast the ASBSU debates last semester so that students who missed them were able to download and listen.

In fact, there were more students tuning in to the podcast than attending the actual debates.

In the coming year The Arbiter will be posting more podcasts online, covering a wide range of subjects and including a large diversity of guests. Students can even start their own

podcast through The Arbiter.

Many BSU students already use podcasts in their daily lives.

"I have been using them lately as a new sourcing tool for some of my writing assignments," said Chrissy Lespade, an English major.

Marcco Cardiel, a Business Administration major, likes to download tutorials on cooking NBA playoff scores. "I missed some of the games because I needed to study for finals, so I downloaded highlights later on."

Several campuses across the nation are using podcasts in their curriculum, including: Duke, Purdue, Stanford, Brown, Washington and several other schools.

Many implement iPods directly into particular classes. Duke students enrolled in courses using iPods will be able to purchase one with a microphone at a subsidized price of \$99. Faculty teaching a course using iPods will receive one for free

According to the Duke Digital Initiative, "We will continue to support academic use of iPods, but will position the iPod as a course supply, much like a textbook," Professors can now record lectures as they give them and then post them after class. Students can then download the lecture to review notes, clarify difficult subjects, or make up a missed lecture."

Many Professors already use Power Point as a visual aid; podcasts now provide the audio accompaniment for class.

# Professors compete with, ban in-class Web surfing



PHOTO COURTESY KRT CAMPUS Pirates.

Internet surfing could be distracting to students and lead to a laptop ban during classtimes.

BY JODI S. COHEN Chicago Tribune

As professor John Decker reviewed bail guidelines and other criminal procedures one recent evening, some students in his DePaul University Law class had other things on their minds.

One student shopped on eBay for Cirque du Soleil tickets. Another switched between checking her e-mail and Fox News headlines. And, from the back of the room, a 24-year-old White Sox fan refreshed his screen to see whether the team was still ahead of the Pirates.

With universities rapidly installing wireless networks, Internet surfing has taken the place of the crossword puzzle as the most popular classroom distraction. Some professors are so fed up, however, that they're banning laptops or finding ways to shut off wireless Internet capabilities.

"One of my jokes is that I'm willing to compete with Minesweeper, but not with the entire Internet," said Michigan Law Professor Don Herzog.

Herzog said that when he first suspected students were checking the Internet during class, he sat in the back of his colleagues' classes as an experiment and saw that about 85 to 90 percent of students were doing so.

The problem, professors say, is that Internet use can be distracting not just for the user, but also for anyone sitting behind that student.

That's among the reasons why Harvard University Law Professor Bruce Hay banned the computers from his wireless-enabled lecture hall this past year.

"My sense is that the quality of classroom discussion has gone down in the past five or six years. I think that more or less corresponds with the widespread introduction of laptops," Hay said.

At the University of Chicago Law School, Professor Randy Picker has no intention of banning laptops or Internet access. About 90 percent of his students bring computers to class, and he encourages them to use the university's wireless connection to pull up his PowerPoint slides or research a topic raised during class discussion.

"Obviously the Web is something of a distraction, but there are a lot of distractions," Picker said. "My job is to make them want to pay more attention to me than what is on the screen."

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# Craigslist provides a market for pot peddlers

BY NATHAN HURST The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - The classified-advertising Web site craigslist has become popular in recenyears with young, tech-savvy city dwelle seeking apartments, jobs and for-sale items.

But it's also be a used as an Informati Age black market is the marijuana deale

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Eric says he denotes if any — but sells enough for free.

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Eric scans craigslist for ads placed by people who are seeking pot.

More often than not, he'll find someone posting an ad looking for marijuana using code names like "Mary Jane," "MJ," "the sticky icky," "the chronic" and "420."

Recently, however, Eric posted an ad on

craigslist indicating he was willing to trade marijuana for sexual favors from women or money from men.

Men who offered up a woman for sex would et a discount.

"It's not prostitution," he said, noting he ed completed a few transactions in response the ad. "It's like a date, just weed instead of oner."

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Police in other cities around the country have been increasingly vigilant against online crime via craigslist and other sites.

Last year, Boston police arrested five women suspected of running a prostitution ring that advertised on craigslist.

# The MySpace Hookup

BY BRIDGETTE WILLIAMS
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Back in the day, you had to explain away "HotDude77" and his daily e-mails only if someone saw them. You had to come up with an excuse for mysterious guys in your cell phone address book only if someone took notice.

But now there's MySpace, the no-work-required spy tool of choice for jealous boyfriends and suspicious girlfriends.

The MySpace place in relationships is sketchy. On the one hand, if you want to go skulking around the Internet, approving new "friends," that's your business, right? But on the other hand, it could be the first step into a hell of your own making, beginning with:

-Approval. MySpace encourages you scroll through pictures of various hotties literally lined up waiting for you to pick as many as you can handle. It's got a kind of brothel-like quality. You know, where the girls all line up and you can choose your "companion." We saw it on TV once, really late at night, after your bedtime if you're under 25).

Leaving secret messages. Nothing good can

come from you trading messages with some Internet floozy. We can't read what you're doing, but we know you're doing it.

-Internet people. Trading saucy e-mails with a chick miles and miles away may not qualify as adultery (good for you.) But if we can't go find the MySpace Man-stealer and beat her down, we have to take our frustrations out on someone (bad for you.) We could trust you, of course, but we aren't the one who approved her, are

-The Top 8. All it takes is one passive-aggressive shift from first to second place to set off a whole bunch of badness. First she'll freak out. Then she'll move you to second place on her Top 8.

Her best friend will notice the demotion and leave a comment on your girl's blog asking if the two of you have broken up. You'll read that conversation and work yourself into a testosterone fit and, in revenge, will change your status from "In a Relationship" to "Single." And the cycle starts all over again.

The days of doing your dirty on the down low are gone. Freakin' MySpace. I think I'll change my status to "Bitter."

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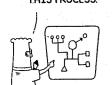
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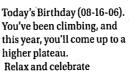




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with friends, recent accomplishments. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 9 - Do the reading and find another way to achieve your goals. You're not only gaining success, you're also gaining wisdom.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 - It's time to start pouring money into a household project. This is where your careful planning starts saving you plenty.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8 - The fog is beginning to clear. The story starts to make sense. You're on the right track. Keep pushing.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5 - Reading a book, in the privacy of your own secret hiding place, leads to an increase in revenues. Start by selecting the book.

# horoscopes

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 - Your mood improves as you find yourself surrounded by kindred spirits. Finally, you have somebody who understands and appreciates you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 - If you take on more responsibility, your life will be less of a struggle and more an adventure. Funny how that works.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5 - Don't try to impress your friends by spending a lot of money on them. They'd have a good time, sure, but then you'd have to do without something else. Let them help pay.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 5 - Don't count your money while the game's being played; wait 'til the others go home. Odds are good you've done better than expected. Don't tell anyone.

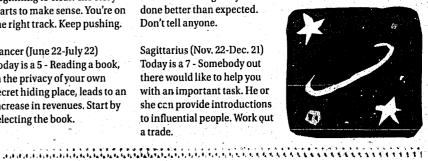
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 - Somebody out there would like to help you with an important task. He or she can provide introductions to influential people. Work out a trade.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 - You're getting into work mode now. You're acting like a squirrel, hiding away as much as you can for later. This is good.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6 - You're quite attractive now, and it's because you're feeling good. Others are charmed by your ambiance even more than by your words.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 - Conditions are better for change at home, and in your work routine. Suggestions you make now are more likely to be met with hearty applause.

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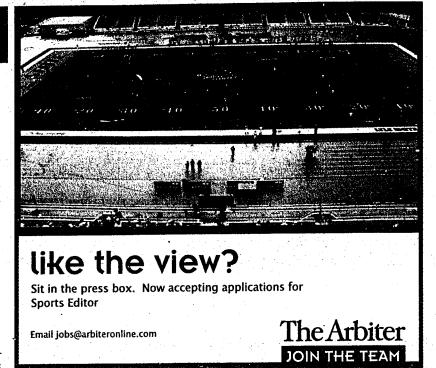
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