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Students of Boise State University

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ASBSU introduces last-minute legislation

BY BARRY FRANKLIN
News Writer

The Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) introduced four pieces of last-minute legislation at its meeting Monday in The Forum. Senators are considering coordinating $3,000 in the College of Business and Economics for a mural painted on the south wall of the lobby and the ceiling dome in the Multipurpose Building.

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At a Nov. 25 birthday party, Augusto Pinochet, who has been the target of rights prosecutions, suffered a heart attack early Sunday morning. Pinochet underwent emergency heart surgery to clear a blocked artery and was hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

Pinochet has been on the defensive on several fronts as Chilean judges pursue numerous charges against him, including for financial corruption, executions committed during his regime and for complicity in the disappearance and torture of Pinochet's mother-in-law.

Osvaldo Agostini, a friend of Pinochet's, told reporters: "We hope that he lives so that he can face up to his crimes and take responsibility for what happened during his time in power. The statement said he was giving the last rites at the Hospital Militar in the Chilean capital, Pinochet family friend Giorgio Accorinti said.

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Police are considering adding suicide barriers to stairwells this fall. Skyberg said there have been four "weird for us to have two back-to-back incidents in such a short time span." Skyberg noted that a red-rumped swallow, normally seen only around the Mediterranean Sea, had taken up residence on the east coast of Scotland. Word spread fast and dozens of birders gathered to see the swallow.

The Ada County Sheriff's Office is investigating several incidents in which women jumped from an upper level of the garage. In October, another woman suffered serious injuries after jumping from the roof. "I want to avoid any other jumping," said John Skyberg of the University of Idaho's University Police Department. "We want to avoid any other jumping." Skyberg said the university is considering adding suicide barriers to garage stairwells and act as a deterrent.

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New 2007 visitors' guide released

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BY MARTEE ORTIZ News Writer

Campus Publishers have announced the release of the "Second Edition" visitor's guide. This revised, two-color guide will allow incoming freshmen, visitors or anyone interested to easily plan their visit to the beautiful and popular Boise State University campus. Pockets and writer attention will benefit from this revision as well. Boise State's two original guides were "hot off the press," but this visitor's guide has new information and has been updated. It was helpful for about a week because I didn't know where I was going," Poindexter said.

Although produced by Campus Publishers, a publishing company based in Boulder, Colo., published the guide. The Office of Communications and Marketing provided test photographs and graphic design for "Visitor's Guide 2007." This guide features Boise State's student life, must-know information, women for entertainment, academic facilities available on campus and a campus map. "The purpose of this guide is to provide Boise State University information to all students," Poindexter said.

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11/18/06 - Vandalism - A vehicle drove away on a sidewalk next to the Morrison Center Parking Lot and hit a sign. Report taken.

11/26/06 - Burglary - A ceiling projector was stolen from a room in the Kinesiology Building. Report taken.

11/27/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect took money from a wallet at the 19th Avenue Building. Report taken.

11/27/06 - Bike Theft - An unsecured bike was taken from the Education Building. Report taken.
With others on campus to organize the "No Up Against Violence." The $4,000 tab for the T-shirts, which had already been purchased and distributed to students, was cut in half, and $2,000 and returned the bill to Ortmann and the Senate for consideration. "It was a simple matter of prudence. When the crime was fabricated, the cost or that the "hate crime" was itself a fabrication. l,000 T-shirts was not necessary for a success- ful protest."

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Although the crime was fabricated, the idea of an ASBSU member's confrontation with prudence. And while we also are giving ourselves the gift of feeling better by "helping" the rest of the country, we are also helping to push the madmen who are still going to have a balance on their Pharos pages, to put the paper in my printer at home. I'm going to keep donating."
Holiday greetings from cyberthieves

BY ERIC BENDROFF

Chicago Tribune

The season is a sure sign that reading greeting cards, and a growing number of consumers, will once again receive via the Internet. That's only logical: Some of the e-mails that suggest you have an unsolvent relative or friend or family member may instead be from scammers intent on obtaining your Social Security number. They may have even been snared in an unsavory Web trap.

There's only one problem: Some consumers believe these e-greetings are
true that they hold your post-dated first loan quickly adds up to a hefty amount that is actually larger than you were initially charged for the loan. And, as you're about to see in this week's financial feature, the small fees that could be truer than when speaking of payday lenders.

"Loansharks: Payday lenders are on the prowl" by SANYA CALLAHAN BOWIE

Young Money magazine

Are payday lenders legal? Illinois, as well as seek to save postage these days, with 91 percent of adults sending holiday greetings from cyberthieves. 7/
Cybertheives

In October, for instance, visits to stores managed by American Greetings, where there are e-cards for holidays or birthdays, increased 14 percent over last September, according to ComScore figures.

"There's more personal information about people online these days," Elefant said.

At YouTube, for instance, many people who post videos also include a picture of themselves along with other personal information, such as an e-mail address.

A crook may then send a message to that user and write, "Hey, I saw your video at YouTube about skateboarding."

If you want a secure skateboard, come check out the deals at my site," Elefant said this is a common technique used by sexual predators but interestingly is being used for financial scams.

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The survey found that 74 percent of people do not install a hardware firewall and 85 percent don't see a software through their computer.

Only 22 percent have utilized a proper suite of security software, according to the survey.

So it's more prevalent this time of year, and this year it's more prevalent than anything it's ever been."

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Cold War

During bomb-carrying planes aimed at some of the country's biggest cities, it's virtually impossible to pinpoint the status of each of the missile structures or how many are still intact.

The federal government sold most of them to the private sector, but other sites are owned by federal agencies, state governments and other entities.

Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said many of these structures have environmental concerns that need to be addressed, such as contamination from substances like trichloroethylene, a colorless liquid used to clean the metal parts of missiles.

In addition to the missile bases, the U.S. Army worked, ate and slept. Smoking in bed, "The facility is enormous, with those giant elevators around it," Pipes said, for lowering that RV into the elements.

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"Many of the logos painted on doors, and an inspection report dated 1968. "RVs, boats, classic cars, you can contact via phone if necessary.

Do not click on links to Web sites embedded in e-mails. These links can direct a user to a phony e-commerce site that looks like a legitimate site.

- Make sure your software is up to date. If you use Wi-Fi, make sure your wire less network is secure.

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They're 60 feet long and hold as much as 60,000 pounds. Pipes said, he knows that if you see that RV, you're going to know it.

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Even sorority girls... part II

BY HADLEY RUSH

Culture Columnist

After the first sorority girl vanished was such a disaster. I knew if I was someone not attached to a public person, or someone not by the Sorensen and instantly dismayed by my best friend I decided the next step was to end the season in a way that would make a will with a whimper, but with a bang.

And because I have been delightfully deviant stories about the sorority "philosophy" I decided to have them appear in a fake book. The title of this Drunk Sorority Girls.

Behind our sorority house there was a small parking lot, and behind the lot was a fraternity house (which (and by hit, was none other than listening to Too Drunk Sorority wasn't mine.

I changed my story. I couldn't help but wonder if Pretty Boy Frat). ' I decided the best way to go out was with an unexpected ending. For effect I didn't add for effect. An effect I didn't.
Bryen Wener  
The Orange County Register

As I write this, listening to Gwen Stefani's new solo album, "The Sweet Escape," for the third time, I'm finding it hard to properly analyze it, let alone write about it. Part of the issue is, in some Pandemic 2020, we might be feeling like that guilty pleasure "Love.恨. Play" is the standout, a slam dunk that manages to be both silly and smart, to stay steady in the Goku breath while also pushing the boundaries of the sub-genre... Gwen is an efficiency expert. She's the deftly skilled worker who always lands another walk-on in a biopic. But wait, I was telling you about the second part of the conversation. All right, I'm just getting started. Gwen Stefani, the lead singer for No Doubt, is headlining her own solo tour. But before we delve into the specifics of Gwen's solo tour, let's take a step back and consider the bigger picture. What is the impact of Gwen's solo tour on the music industry? Is it a sign of the changing landscape of the music industry? Or is it just another stepping stone in Gwen's career? Gwen is a force to be reckoned with. She's been a staple of the music industry for over two decades, and her ability to consistently deliver hits has earned her a devoted fan base. So, what can we expect from her solo tour? Will she be showcasing new material, or will she be relying on her past hits? Only time will tell. But one thing is for certain: Gwen will be bringing her signature style and energy to every show. So, if you're a fan of No Doubt or just a fan of Gwen Stefani, don't miss out on this opportunity to see her perform live. It's going to be an unforgettable experience.
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What's coming to
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BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

Holiday travel can bring on fear of flying

BY KATHLEEN PARISH
The Morning Call

For some people, going home for the holidays is just another stressor. But for others, it's a source of anxiety and fear. This Christmas season, especially, it could be a particularly challenging time for those who suffer from a phobia of flying. When a loved one has to travel, it can be overwhelming for them to think about all the things that could go wrong.

“Fear has no regard or sympathy. It doesn’t save you from anything. The worst part is knowing that you could die in a plane crash,” said Diane Donaher, whose husband, Stu, flew because he was afraid. “From that one experience, I knew I had to fly again. But that doesn’t happen.”

Faced with having to board a plane, Beverly Bley and United Airlines therapist Arnold, who operates TheAirway, a program that uses relaxation techniques coupled with basic aeronautics education, said it was “overwhelming.”

“Hits on the Web site increase dramatically during the holidays,” he said. “I see people getting on the airplane feeling Sick about it. They don’t know what the weather will be like or what kind of plane they’ll be on. It’s like a madhouse.”

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The hardest place on earth to keep your mouth shut.

The Holiday

Two women, who have both experienced problems with men, decide to go on a cruise around the world together. While on the cruise, the two women (Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz) become involved with a wealthy nightclub owner (Orlando Bloom) and a crooked politician (Benicio Del Toro).

Unaccompanied Minors

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Korey Hall was named the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year, earning his third consecutive First Team All-WAC honor. Hall is a four-year starter for the Broncos after sitting out a redshirt in 2002. Hall is the second BSU player in all-time All-WAC history. smartphones' Qantik Mulkey won the award in 2002.

**WAC names seven BSU players to all-conference team**

The Western Athletic Conference announced its all-conference team on Tuesday and Boise State highlighted the seven Broncos named to the WAC's nine-player team. Boise State had five players named to the second team.

The team was announced on the WAC's website at www.wacsports.com.

**Charity raffles off Fiesta Bowl tickets**

BY JAKE GARCIN

Sports Editor

What's better than winning a prize, holding tickets to the prestigious Fiesta Bowl? how about winning all of that and contributing to one of the most giving organizations in the state of Idaho?

"Great Idaho Alzheimer's Association" is selling off a Fiesta Bowl prize package to help raise money for the Boise Alzheimer's Association. The organization is selling 500 tickets at $100 per ticket, with proceeds going directly to Alzheimer's work in the state of Idaho.

Paul J. Snyder and Jeff Caves of Snyder Caves Auctioneers will announce the winner Dec. 21. The prize package includes two roundtrip airline tickets, hotel accommodations, ground transportation to the games, admission to Boise State's football game the weekend in December, transportation to the games, and two tickets to the Boise State football game the weekend in December.

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If I; pilino, Thompson lead Broncos to win the Boise State women's basketball game and two wins in the past week for the team. The most recent win helped BSU to a 70-65 victory, improving the women's record to 5-3 on the season.

"They were a little short on us, but this was actually the first time we played that we were actually a little bigger," Bronco Coach Gordy Presnell said. "I think they tried to match the ball, to get us unbalanced and get her going. She did a nice job on us. She had 15 points and five rebounds to go along with it."

"Thompson is a good job on the floor and she's really3 off the bench," Presnell said. "She even played a little point guard for us. She can do some things with the ball and we've got a lot of pick-and-roll with her."

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c
d job for us," Presnell said. "She's a very good player and we're fortunate to have her."
Steelheads hockey tries to stay on top of the West Division

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER
Sports Writer

Coming off a three-game losing streak, the Steelheads entered Friday's game against division-rival Phoenix Road Runners with a record of 11-5-1-1. Going into Wednesday's game the Steelheads were leading the ECHL West Division with an 11-6-1-1 record. The Steelheads are currently in third place and only four points behind Idaho Steelhead coach Derek Laxdal said the Road Runners are dangerous because of their recent acquisitions.

The Wranglers scored two goals in the first period after finishing a strong road trip prior to the series against the Steelheads. The Steelheads beat the Fresno Falcons in the first game of the road trip and got another win against the Stockton Thunder. Laxdal is pleased with his team's effort, but knows that having a strong home record is an important part of a successful season.

“I was a great road trip for us,” Laxdal said. “Our road record has been pretty good this year. We need to continue to prove it at home here. You have to make sure that you're not just 30-9 on both parts, and obviously your home record needs to be very good.”

The Steelheads have a 6-6-6-6 home record and they'd like to be better, but it has not been a season of bad bounce in Saturday's game against the Wranglers. Las Vegas got up 2-0 early in the game on two unorthodox goals. Las Vegas scored its first goal without reg-

ing a single shot on goal. The puck bounced over Steelhead captain Darrel Hay's stick and hit the back of the net right between Idaho goalie Steve Silverthorn's legs.

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“Very rare that you have that in 20 years of hockey, playing and coaching,” Laxdal said.

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The game played pretty well,” Laxdal said. “I thought the advertise, we battled back and then we just couldn't pull it in. We have to build on the positives of the weekend.”

Laxdal also added that one of the weekends' positives was hav- ing D'Arcy McConvey back on the team. McConvey was out with a lower body injury for the past two games, but Laxdal is pleased with the way the player showed in Saturday's game. The Steelheads are currently in third place and only four points behind Idaho Steelhead.

“The team showed in Saturday's game,” Laxdal said. “We fought through injuries and call-ups, Considering the situation, Laxdal is happy with the way the year is going, and our team improving over the course of the season.

“We are going to have guys playing up on our hands and have that balance,” Laxdal said. “We're only getting better, We just got to keep going. If we go, we could end up in the top five.”

Boise hosts pro tennis

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

World famous tennis player Pete Sampras is coming to Boise Friday Dec. 9 for a three-match grand slam raising American tennis star and Washington Governor Gregoire. Sampras is officially retiring from professional tennis, but agreed to play two fundraising exhibitions matches against Gregoire. The will augur in the 12th annual Boise tennis tournament presented by Idaho Open Tennis and Boise Open Tennis.

The event will kick off at 3 p.m. and will feature a small segment of junior tennis competitions. In an end-of-season match at the main event, the Boise State tennis teams will face the Boise High School tennis team.

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Today’s Birthday (12-07-06) You’re so charming this year; you’ll talk yourself into all sorts of great things. Many of these adventures will turn out well, so follow your heart. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating, the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is 1 - Beat your best time. Catch a bigger fish. Do everything better. Sometimes it’s a good time to launch yourself on a cruise around the world. Or go to the moon. Somebody’s got to do it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is 0. You love your family. Heaven knows, but don’t let them push you around. Listen to what they think is best for them, and then you decide.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8 - Be confident event though you know they’re still in the learning process. Your intelligence, cheerful crispness is opening important doors.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 - It’s amooring to be so much old costume over the weekend. Think about the wealth you’re accruing and you’ll have a lot more.

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2,959-foot vertical drop  
2,800 ride-able acres  
104 trails, 12 lifts  
500 inches average snowfall  
www.snowbasin.com

**Park City**  
Approx. 369 miles  
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 8 minutes  
3,100-foot vertical drop  
3,300 ride-able acres  
104 trails, 15 lifts  
355 inches average snowfall  
One superpipe  
www.parkcitymountain.com

**Snowbird**  
Approx. 366 miles  
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 13 minutes  
2,047-foot vertical drop  
1,200 ride-able acres  
64 runs, 12 lifts  
500 inches average snowfall  
www.snowbird.com

**Solitude**  
Approx. 366 miles  
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 8 minutes  
2,047-foot vertical drop  
1,200 ride-able acres  
64 runs, 12 lifts  
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www.skisolitude.com

**Oregon**

**Anthony Lakes**  
Approx. 147 miles  
Estimated travel time: 2 hours 25 minutes  
900-foot vertical drop  
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21 runs, three lifts  
300 inches average snowfall  
www.anthonylakes.com

**Mt Bachelor**  
Approx. 317 miles  
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3,565-foot vertical drop  
3,603 ride-able acres  
71 trails, seven lifts  
370 inches average snowfall  
www.mtbachelor.com

**Mt Hood Meadows**  
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2,777-foot vertical drop  
2,150 ride-able acres  
85 trails, 16 lifts  
430 inches average snowfall  
www.mthoodmeadows.com

**Mt Hood Ski Bowl**  
Approx. 457 miles  
Estimated travel time: 7 hours 49 minutes  
1,500-foot vertical drop  
960 ride-able acres  
65 trails, four lifts  
300 inches average snowfall  
www.skibowl.com

**Wyoming**

**Jackson Hole**  
Approx. 383 miles  
Estimated travel time: 7 hours 24 minutes  
4,130-foot vertical drop  
2,500 ride-able acres, 19 lifts  
402 inches average snowfall  
www.jacksonholewy.com/winter

**Montana**

**Big Sky**  
Approx. 442 miles  
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 15 minutes  
4,350-foot vertical drop  
3,812 ride-able acres  
180 runs, 15 lifts  
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www.bigskyresort.com

**Bridger Bowl**  
Approx. 476 miles  
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2,600-foot vertical drop  
1,500 ride-able acres  
71 trails, six lifts  
350 inches average snowfall  
www.bridgerbowl.com

**Discovery Basin**  
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1,670-foot vertical drop  
620 ride-able acres  
83 trails, six lifts  
200 inches average snowfall  
www.skidiscovery.com

**Washington**

**49 Degrees North**  
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2,523 ride-able acres  
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www.go-washington.com/49-degrees-north

**Bluewood**  
Approx. 289 miles  
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355 ride-able acres  
24 trails, three lifts  
300 inches average snowfall  
www.bluewood.com

**Crystal Mountain Ski Resort**  
Approx. 500 miles  
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2,871-foot vertical drop  
2,300 ride-able acres  
50 trails, 10 lifts  
385 inches average snowfall  
www.skicrystal.com

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Bogus, Brundage and Tamarack:
Local ski resorts offer new attractions and student deals

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Writer

The holiday season has officially arrived and tagging along is the start of a new ski/snowboard season. Local ski areas are watching the snow gradually pile up. Some are offering new excitements and services while others are simply upholding their original standards of excellence.

The only concern preventing skiers and snowboarders from hitting these slopes right away is snow, a necessity that could never be too plentiful in the early weeks of the ski season.

"We don't make a whole lot of snow," Bogus Basin Spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson said. "We're very limited on our water and power supply. We don't make our own snow except for in the loading and unloading areas of the lifts."

The ski areas have not experienced excessive early snowfall. "We've had forecasts of five inches of snow where we get two feet and we've had forecasts of two feet of snow where we get five inches," April Russell, of Brundage Mountain, said. "Mother Nature is in the driver's seat here."

Bogus Basin has received only a couple inches of new snow in the last week and Brundage has not added much either. While Tamarack makes a lot of snow by machine, the mountain has slowly been receiving more natural snow and has built up a base of more than 25 inches at the summit.

Not many additions were made at Bogus for this ski season. However a "moving carpet" in the learning area will provide less frustration for first-time skiers and boarders.

At Brundage, modifications to the lodge will be the most noticeable improvement. The work that has been done will ensure faster lines in the rental shop and will get customers on the mountain quicker. The bar area has also been remodeled, a change that will give more entertainment after a day of recreation.

"We've expanded our bar to most of the second floor of the restaurant," Russell said. "We're going to have live music every single Saturday in there. It should be a real fun place to come up to ride all day and then hang out in that area for a little after-skiing entertainment."

Tamarack has made the most recreational additions, including 5,000 acres of backcountry terrain and 265 acres of new lift-accessed runs. The resort also added a 1,700 square foot snowmobile shed at the summit of the mountain for community and guest storage...

There are many special deals for the public as well as college students this year. At Bogus, Boise State University students can buy a season pass for only $229 at any time during the season.

Another discount that may attract students is a night skiing deal. If anyone fills up with at least eight gallons of gas at a Chevron station, they will receive a voucher for two-for-one night skiing. That comes to about $10 each for more than five hours of fun. Brundage is offering a package deal called the "Ski Bum Special." Starting at $67 per day, this special includes a lift ticket, three meals and bunk lodging at the University of Idaho campus in Ponderosa Park.

College students can also buy a season pass for only $199. Tamarack is also offering discounted prices for college students, including season passes for $299 and daily passes for $38 - $20 off the regular price of $58. Remember that for most of these deals, a current college ID is required. So don't forget it at home.

All three of these ski areas are sure to provide a thrill for the Boise community.

Their Web sites provide daily snow conditions as well as information on ticket prices and upcoming events. With weather systems quickly moving towards the Northwest, it is sure to be a season full of excitement so get geared up, be safe and have fun.

Ski, snowboard club hits the slopes

BY ADAM ADER
Sports Writer

The beginning of December means a lot of things are happening on and off campus. There is a myriad of holiday traditions to prepare for. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the New Year are days ahead, while many other sacred holidays are celebrated around this special time.

Basketball is starting to hit its stride, football is winding down and just as the stores are flooded with holiday shoppers the slopes of Bogus Basin are flooded by skiers and snowboarders. This is the time of year when the Boise State Student Recreation Center Ski/Snowboard Club really gets going. While some people are stampeding through store crowds to get their hands on the PlayStation 3, the members of the ski club are gliding down mountain slopes just for the pure, simple rush they get from traversing the mountainside.

All they need is the wind in their faces, the fresh powder flying up and the whoosh of the air as they hit their jumps. Oh yeah, a pair of skis or a snowboard is nice too.

Nobody has to be an expert to participate in this club, however. According to the Boise State Recreation Center website, this club is about boosting morale and teaching about the various opportunities available during the winter season.

There are even sessions to teach people with less experience who don't want to hit the slopes too hard.

"They're really a social group," long time Ski/Snowboard Club Advisor Geoff Harrison said about the club members. "They get people together and hang out."

Although competing is definitely not the main focus of this club, it has its place.

For those athletes not satisfied by a leisurely day on the hill building camaraderie with others, more skilled members have the opportunity to display their abilities against others.

"Competition is part of it but it's not solely a competitive club," Harrison said. "We do some ski racing; some members do (things) like the border cross or the half-pipe - more modern type of competitions."

Skiing and snowboarding are great ways to get outside, have fun and relieve some stress as the school semester winds down and tensions run high. Everyone is encouraged to join the club.

"The club meets on an annual basis," Harrison said. "They meet more often in the wintertime."

To join, each year, contact the club president, attend the meeting and I think it's a $25 fee. They get a T-shirt, they get discounted rides and they do social rides together.

To get involved and more about the Ski/Snowboard Club you can find contact information at the Boise State Rec Center Club Sports Web site: http://rec.boiseestate.edu/clubsports/snowboard.asp
All aboard!
Next stop: a winter wonderland

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

Looking for something different to do with family and friends during winter break without the frostbite? Try something new with a traditional flare, like a comfortable train ride that follows the beautiful Payette River. This soothing and scenic trip magically whisks you away through the lush mountains of Boise County. The rider might even catch a glimpse of bald eagles and deer.

This railroad was not always used as a recreational escape for the city folk, in fact more than a century ago the railroad’s main function was to haul gold and other such amenities in the growing West. Now the Thunder Mountain Line fills the hearts of hundreds with the joyful experience of an old-fashioned train ride.

There is nothing like riding through the wintry mountains in a train. A sedan or an SUV will never compare to the chugging sounds of the train’s wheels or the unforgettable horn as the train departs.

The Thunder Mountain Line has five themed rides scheduled just in time for the holidays. These rides are great for people of all ages. The rides include: The North Pole Express, the Christmas Dinner Train, the Christmas Train, the Holiday Train and the New Year’s Train.

If you want to take the kids on a local trip they’ll never forget, then the “North Pole Express” is just the ticket. They’ll enjoy milk, cookies and Christmas stories as they make their way to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus.

Carolers are on board, filling the train cars with Christmas spirit. The train picks up in Horseshoe Bend and travels to Montour where families can step off the train to take pictures with Jolly Ol’ Saint Nick.

An estimated 250 people make reservations for the “North Pole Express.”

Maybe a nice dinner with the family in an old-fashioned venue is what you need. Make reservations on the Thunder Mountain Line. Serving all your holiday favorites from turkey and cranberry sauce to stuffing, catered by Boise’s A Lively Chef.

Reservationist Shannoh Hamley said, “The ride is full of holiday and Christmas spirit. We love watching our guests and especially the children enjoy themselves.”

Going out of town for the holidays? Not to worry.

Thunder Mountain Line also has rides for Easter, Halloween and Mother’s Day. Other themed rides include wine tasting and murder mystery dinners with performances from The Starlight Mountain Theatre.

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