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Arbiter, March 5

Students of Boise State University

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 By JOSLYN SALOW
 News Writer
 "I have seen many situations where older people have turned to us for a prescription or to do geriatric hos-"
The headline: Cuban festival draws cigar aficionados.

For some Americans, Cuban cigar festival is an enticing reason to go down to Havana to explore the U.S.

A cigar-loving president has long said that he'd like to see the country visit Cuba.

The festival, whichfew years ago drew more than 5,000 aficionados from more than 40 countries for the first time, was held in Havana.

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**GET THAT IN WRITING! Speech-to-text software**

BY LUCINDA SUTHERLAND

T he three most used technologies at BlzTech Inc. that allow people to turn speech into text are Dragon Naturally Speaking, Imagic Dictate and VoicePro. There are also several other programs being developed by other vendors, such as a speech-to-text program for computers that can also be used as a dictation tool. The problem is that even though these programs are widely available, they are not always easy to use, and it can sometimes be difficult to turn speech into text.

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George Clinton funks the Big Easy

BY MICHAEL MCLASKY Assistant Culture Editor

George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars rolled into the Big Easy this weekend, bringing their signature brand of soul, funk and hip-hop to the Lousiana State Fair. "We're just happy to be down here," said Clinton, "and we're excited to play for the crowd."

The band's performance at the fair was a testament to their longevity and influence, as they have been entertaining audiences for over 50 years with their unique sound and style. "We've been doing this for a long time," Clinton said, "and we're still having fun."

The performance began with a rousing rendition of "Funkadelic," with Clinton leading the band on lead vocals. The audience was electrified as the band played hits like "Cold Sweat," "T Funk," and "Get Up and Get Down."

Kung Fu Hustle was still there, singing and dancing on the stage, performing a rousing version - complete with a negative point. Most clothing items start at $24 and can reach $100. The show was a hit, with audience members cheering and dancing along with the band. "This is what we do," Clinton said, "and we're proud to do it."

Urban Outfitters - known for selling clothes and housewares in cities like Portland, Seattle and New York City - arrived in Boise last week, ready to introduce residents to a new definition of style.

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By Matthew Boyle
Cultural Writer

Noting Alimony, honor and age in himself was not enough for the Inquisition to get them. They have to go to the gym to get some weight and the factors that can cause people to be overweight; they have treadmills, ellipticals, rowing machines, stair climbers, recumbent bikes, and even a soccer field just kidding.

The prisoners already in jail, mostly men, decide to "hold a trial" to see if they should be convicted and their sentences increased for their escape attempts. Some are put on a musical play, using all of the wrongs of the many other prisoners to act as scenery. The role of Aldonza, a promiscuous servant being thrown in jail by the whore, is a male role in the musical. ’

Miguel De Cervantes! puts on a musical play, using all of the prisoners as actors and actresses. The role of Aldonza, a promiscuous servant being thrown in jail by the whores. The plot develops in such a way that the unexpectedly noble "Man of La Mancha" finds true honor, pain and courage in the prisoners and questions the meaning behind his commitments.

Boise State University Theatre has been granted a chance for defense against the Spanish Inquisition for placing a man on a Catholic Church that was unforgiving.

BY CARRIE FANNIN
Archer Staff

As we have been talking about weight and the factors that can cause people to be overweight, there's an interesting study that has been released over the last few weeks. I thought I might share with you the statistics on our weight at Boise State.

First of all, let's define obesity. Obesity is def...
The candidates debate and I wonder why

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BY BARRY FRANKLIN
Editor-in-Chief

As I sit in the Student Union Building last week, dutifully fulfilling my job as a student, I get lost in the give and take of the ASBSU debate. I even wonder why I was there in the first place. I wrote notes furiously and tried to catch every word they said. I paid attention to their platforms and gave them the respect due. That respect is important, most of all respect for later accomplishments. Dive into the inner workings of the university with an open mind and all your energy.

The candidates debate and I wonder why

BY CHRISTOPHER HONDRUS
Copy Editor

On Wednesday, several students came to talk about the candidates for the annual ASBSU elections. Senator Holdaway and Ortmann were the two candidates for the vice president position. Senator Stolley and Ortmann were the candidates for the president position. Senator Holdaway is running for the position of vice president. Senator Stolley is running for the position of president. Senator Holdaway is running for the position of president.

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Guest opinions of no more than 500 words may be submitted for publication on any topic. Letters to the editor must not exceed 300 words and must include the writer’s full name, city, state and (if preferred) phone number. All submissions are subject to editing. Both guest opinions and letters to the editor may be sent via e-mail to letters@arizonasun.com. The Arizona Sun cannot verify the accuracy of statements made in letters to the editor; they reflect the opinion of the writer(s). Opinions expressed by guest and staff writers and columnists reflect the opinions of the individual writers and columnists and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the student government.
Ballot Proposal 1
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Article 1, Section 3
To take effect upon passage. The move of the amendment is to allow each branch leader to decide when to remove a member when they do not meet the requirements for ASBSU office. This move will provide ASBSU leaders the discretion to decide if a member's activity is detrimental to the organization, or if they fall below minimum standards.

All executive officers, student justices, and senators of the ASBSU, elected, appointed, and hired, must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale. All executive officers, student justices, and senators of the ASBSU, elected and appointed, who receive a service award, must undergo training as designed by Student Involvement Activities staff. The heads of each branch are allowed to approve alternate training methods for members of their branch. The heads of each branch are further allowed to administer any community service that the ASBSU Executive Staff may assign to any of the previously mentioned requirements. An administrative removal shall not occur greater than the number of full and fall semester hours, nor shall administrative removals occur while an academic grievance, filed by the officer in question, is underway.

Ballot Proposal 2
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Article 2, Section 3
To take effect upon passage. This amendment is to simplify the constitution and clarify the duty of the Vice-President.

Section 3. The Vice-President of the ASBSU shall be the President and Chair of the ASBSU Senate, and shall have no vote, unless the ASBSU Senate is equally divided so maker or break a two-thirds majority.
BY TATE CASTLETON

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**SUDOKU**

Sudoku by Michael Mepham

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  6  8  1  4  
  5  7  3  2  
  4  9  2  1  
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*Level* 9/9

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- You're trying to get your bearings; you need to sort through your foggy thoughts, you're working with friends.

__Cancer (June 22-July 22)__
- Your work is better for partying now than it was over the weekend. Unfortunately, you're not the only one. Everyone has to work.

__Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)__
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__Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)__
- You're just about ready to take a long vacation. If you decide to make the trip, you'll get someone to help you, and you'll earn a lot of money.

__Aries (March 21-April 19)__
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the 2007 ASBSU elections

16 empty seats...

Who will you vote to fill them?

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Mariah Fowler
Position campaigning for: Senator from engineering
Age: 23
Year in School: Junior
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Political affiliations: N/A
Experience in government: Single Parents' Club treasurer.

Fowler said it is an honor to be representing such a great university and that senators should act accordingly and look out for students. According to Fowler, tuition and fees are rising every year, so it will represent all Boise State students.

Tyler Gaylord
Position campaigning for: SSPA Senator
Age: 23
Year in School: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Political affiliations: N/A

Gaylord said he is prepared for the demanding time schedule that comes along with being a senator. He currently is taking 15 credits, as well as working nearly full time all while maintaining a respectable GPA.

Terry Hurless
Position campaigning for: Senator for the College of Business and Economics
Age: 22
Year in School: Junior
Major: Psychology

Hurless is an active member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and has been affiliated with the Men's Lacrosse Team, Boise State's College, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society.

Kayleigh Jack
Position campaigning for: SSPA Senator
Age: 21
Year in School: Junior
Major: Marketing/Human Resources Management and an Economics Minor

Jack said she would like to work reform or abolish the plus/minus grading system, due to the fact that the student majority voted against implementing the system.

Tim Kistle
Position campaigning for: SSPA Senate Chair
Age: 23
Year in School: Junior
Major: History/Social Studies with option of Secondary Education

Kistle said the main issue that prompted his campaign was that Boise State's current government does not seem to be very concrete and to the student body lately and is not voicing anyone's opinions or their own. We need to unite the student body and government," Kistle said.

Denis Parshin
Position campaigning for: COBE Senator
Age: 21
Year in School: Junior
Major: Finance/Math

Parshin feels that his past experience in student government while attending the College of Southern Idaho will help him to make changes to the students at Boise State. As a member of the Orange Party, Parshin has several ideas for changes to be made in government on campus.

Nicole Ridgeway
Position campaigning for: College of Arts and Sciences Senator
Age: 18
Year in School: Freshmen
Major: Music Education

Ridgeway said she spoke to Senator Amy Ortmann about the time commitments before deciding to run. If I could not fully commit to ASBSU, I would not be running," Parshin said.

Cameron Wiemerslage
Position campaigning for: Health/Science College Senator
Age: 19
Year in School: Freshmen
Major: Nursing

Wiemerslage would like to focus on several key issues including stress and sexual health. He also plans to increase the awareness of the available counseling center on campus, and work to increase physical fitness of the students through correct workout plans and diet planning. Other than his own plans, Wiemerslage said he is open to the student's input.

"I'm really approachable," Wiemerslage said. "I'm always open to any ideas… anything can be investigated."

March 5, 2007
Senator at-large candidates

Angelica Garcia

Age: 20
Year in school: Sophomore
Major: Music Education and Pre-Medical Studies
Political affiliations: Team Bronco

This election, if elected, she will work to make some scholarships available to students, remedy the parking problems on campus and allocate funds for additional professors.

Garcia is a member of several organizations including Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity, a national honorary band fraternity, the Pre-Med Club and the Spanish Club. She does not have any past experience in government but does not see this as a problem.

I'm excited about participating in student government," Garcia wrote on The Arbiter's questionnaire.

If elected, Garcia said she will be dedicated and available to the students as an informer.

Experience in government: N/A

Edward Meriwether

Age: 27
Year in school: Junior
Major: Pre-Speech/Language Pathology
Political affiliations: Moderately Liberal
Experience in government:

A friend asking for support for Team Bronco and realization of the opportunity to make a change inspired Angelica Garcia to run for the Senator at-Large position this election.

According to Senator at-Large candidate Daniel G. Gibson, he wants to be involved in social issues such as making the university more unified, creating more equality, and promoting more involvement.

"Leadership is something I love," Gibson said.

Gibson said one of the things he wants to do as a senator is make sure all different populations are all included, as well as making sure everyone has a voice.

"Everyone deserves equality," Gibson said.

I want to hear what everyone wants."

According to Gibson, leadership and being involved in social issues is his passion.

I will give my whole heart in the service of their needs," Gibson said. Gibson is a member of Phi Alpha, the National Social Work Honors Society Fraternity, and DSSW, which is an organization affiliated Phi Alpha.

Evan Meriwether

Age: 18
Year in school: Freshman
Major: Political Science
Political affiliations: Liberal
Experience in government: N/A

Candidate Evan Meriwether first became involved in politics and government over the three years he spent on his high school on a debate team. I've always had an interest in government," Meriwether said.

I really see what goes on with the students. Martin also has several points of her own, including making sure everyone feels they have a voice that can be heard and continuing towards environmental sustainability.

I'm going to try to represent everyone," Martin said.

Being a senator, takes a large amount of time and this is something that Martin understands.

"I am really dedicated to things I take on," Martin said.

I want to work for the student's interests and do what's best for them." If elected, Meriwether wants to increase incentives such as scholarships to encourage students to take leadership positions. Meriwether is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, the Boise State Forensic Team, as well as the Civic Leadership Residential College.

Jessica Martin

Age: 20
Year in school: Junior
Major: Political Science
Political affiliations: Team Bronco
Experience in government:

OGEE, Honors Student Association.

Wanting to be a part of the changes that are occurring on campus pushed Jessica Martin to run for the Senator at-Large position. "I think BSU's awesome and I want to take on more of a leadership role," Martin said.

I'm going to try to represent everyone," Martin said.

If elected, Martin is running with Team Bronco, as a group that would like to focus on academic success, campus safety, establishing campus tradition and increasing accessibility of the student government to the students.

Martin said, he would actively participate in the rebirth of ASBSU, making it more transparent and responsive.

"As a senator I will always put the students' interests first with the students' voice," Lawatch said.

I want to see this as a problem.

Vander Boegh said. "If you're not representing everyone, you're not representing everyone's interests. "

If elected, Meriwether wants to make Boise State one of the most safe communities. "My platform is to make Boise State more of a safe community," Vander Boegh said.

Vander Boegh has worked as a Page and an intern for Idaho representatives. She was involved in student government while in high school. According to Vander Boegh, she represents the whole student body.

If you're not representing everyone, then you have a bias opinion," Vander Boegh said.

I've had the opportunity to have real world experience," Murphy said.

Senior B. Murphy

Age: 25
Year in school: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Political affiliations: Moderate Conservative
Experience in government: N/A

Senator At-Large candidate B. Murphy said on of the reasons he is running for the position is that he wants to help students be aware and well prepared for the rising costs of tuition as well as books and health care.

Murphy said. According to Murphy, there is not only going to be an increase in fees and tuition, but also an influx of cultural diversity as well, which he wants to prepare the school for. "We're going to have cultural diversity at the school," Murphy said.

Regarding the rising diversity, Murphy said he wants to make sure that all organizations receive proper funding. Murphy said he wants to look at the whole of the student body and establish goals to unify it. According to Murphy, he represents student body as a whole, not just the majority but also the minority and all-inclusive. According to Murphy, he traveled the country a little before settling down at BSU and also owned a business for a while. "I'm 25 and I've had the opportunity to have real world experience," Murphy said.

Gabe B. Murphy

Age: 20
Year in school: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Political affiliations: N/A
Experience in government: N/A

Intern for Idaho representative High School Jr. class president Sophomore vice president National Honors Society Secretary.

According to Senator at-Large hopeful Lacey Vander Boegh, one of the most important things being a communication major taught her was to listen. More, she emphasizes that everyone and anyone can come talk to her because she wants to make a difference with them.

I am running for this position to make a difference on campus. I will listen to people," Vander Boegh said.

"My platform is to make Boise State more of a safe community."

Vander Boegh said. Even though being involved in ASBSU is time demanding, Vander Boegh said she is well prepared. She is a member of the Blue Thunder Marching Band and belongs to the Civic Leadership Residential College. Vander Boegh said if her life weren't busy, she wouldn't be living.
The Student Organizations Office is accepting applications for the Student Organization Complex closets, cabinets and offices.

Applications are due **March 16** to the Student Organizations Office.

Visit http://clubs.boisestate.edu/forms/ for the application, or stop by the Student Organization Office, second floor SUB. 426-5951.

Elections brings amendments to ASBSU Constitution

This year, as students choose who is going to represent their voice and opinions in student government, they will be casting their votes online for the first time.

Voting will take place Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8 from 7 a.m. to 11:59 p.m at http://blackboard.boisestate.edu.

In addition, students will also be voting on six ballot proposals, which all seek to make amendments to ASBSU's constitution, as well as a ballot question. They are listed below as they will appear on the ballot, courtesy of ASBSU:

**Ballot Proposal 1**
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution Article 1, Section 3

To take effect upon passage.

The intent of the amendment is to allow each branch leader to decide when to remove a member when they do not meet requirements for ASBSU office. This does provide ASBSU branch leaders the discretion to allow students serving in the military, or who suffer detrimental emergencies to remain on ASBSU, even if they fall below minimums.

All executive officers, student justices, and senators of the ASBSU, elected and appointed, must be full-fee paying students. All student personnel of ASBSU, elected, appointed, and hired must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 grading scale. All executive officers, student justices, and senators of the ASBSU, elected and appointed, who receive a service award, must undergo training, as designed by Student Involvement Activities staff. The heads of each branch is are authorized to approve alternating training methods for members of their branch. The heads of each branch are further authorized to administratively remove any member of their branch for failing to meet any of the previously mentioned requirements. An administrative removal shall not occur prior to the tenth day of the fall and spring semesters.

Section 3. The Vice-President of the ASBSU shall be the President and Chair of the ASBSU Senate, but shall have no vote, unless the ASBSU Senate is equally divided or to make or break a two-thirds majority.

**Ballot Proposal 2**
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution Article 2, Section 3

To take effect upon passage.

The intent of this amendment is to simplify the constitution and clarify the power of the Vice-President.

Section 3. The Vice-President of the ASBSU shall be the President and Chair of the ASBSU Senate, but shall have no vote, unless the ASBSU Senate is equally divided or to make or break a two-thirds majority.

SEE Amendments (page 5)
Amendments (from page 4)

Ballot Proposal 3
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Article 3, Section 4
To take effect upon passage.

The intent of this amendment is to make the language of the constitution consistent. Other areas of the constitution note the Vice-President will chair "non-caucus" Senate meetings. However, this section contradicts the rest of the document.

5. The ASBSU Vice-President shall serve as the Chair of all non-caucus ASBSU Senate meetings.

Ballot Proposal 4
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Article 5
To take effect in the 2008 election cycle. All officers elected in March 2007 shall serve until April 2008.

This amendment moves the ASBSU elections to April. The benefit of this will be that the ASBSU officers who manage the fee proposals will be the same students who present said proposals to the State Board of Education. Of all universities in Idaho, only Boise State, currently, has different student government officers managing the fee proposal process and the final presentation to the State Board. This change will correct that.

Section 2. Elections for the ASBSU President, ASBSU Vice-President and ASBSU Senators shall be held in the second (2) week of March April for a period not less than two consecutive week days but not more than five (5) consecutive week days, as determined by ASBSU Code. The ASBSU Judiciary may, if necessary, set different dates than what is provided for in this Constitution for any emergency purpose.

Section 3. All ASBSU elected officers shall be installed no later than three (3) two (2) calendar weeks following the last day of polling. This section may be temporarily suspended by the Judiciary should it be necessary for the general welfare of the ASBSU.

Ballot Proposal 5
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Amendment 1
To take effect upon passage.

The purpose of this amendment is to make current ASBSU's non-discrimination policy.

The ASBSU will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, disability, veteran status, political affiliation, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation in matters of employment, services, requests for funds, educational programs, or other activities.

Ballot Proposal 6
Proposal to amend the ASBSU (Student Government) Constitution
Amendment 3
To take effect upon passage.

The University, now, has expanded its recycling program on campus. All funds from ASBSU for recycling were moved toward the University managed process in 2006. To require ASBSU to have a recycling coordinator could conflict with the University's program, and could cost students more money through duplication of efforts.

The ASBSU will maintain and promote a campus recycling program. The program will function under the ASBSU Executive Staff personnel.

Ballot Question 1
The purpose of this question is to pool student opinion only. It is not a binding resolution.

When the Student Recreation Center was opened in 2002 an aquatic component (swimming pool) was put on hold due to financial constraints. Campus Recreation now has enough money to construct an aquatic addition, however does not have the funding for continual operation. Would you support a student fee increase of approximately $10 over the next 2-3 years to offset ongoing operational expenses?
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In the last few weeks, the members of this board have had the opportunity to meet these two gentlemen. They were a mystery. None of us had ever met them, or even heard of them before the elections.

The real thrill of these young men is that they have nothing to tarnish their pasts. They have clean slates because they've never had to work with the Associated Students of Boise State University before.

We are worried that their platforms are possibly unachievable. They want to revamp the Math Department, which doesn't fall under the guise of ASBSU. But it is something that interests students (GPAs drop when you fail classes). Who knows? Their influence might spark change within the BSU administration.

It wasn't their policies, which swayed us in their direction. It was their character. It was the fact that they have no idea how ASBSU truly runs and hence can run it how they want, without finding loopholes in which they can get away with being lazy, collecting checks.

They have drive and they have personality. Best of all, their resumes say nothing with ASBSU on it. We are ASBSU watchdogs. These sheep have led each other in circles and to the teetering edge of humiliation. And we recently called them on it, just when they thought they were getting away with it. The old adage states that familiarity breeds contempt, so does stagnancy. Even senators who don't show up get paid.

It is time for change. You can call it reform, because that's what it should be. The organization needs reform, from the ground up. Students need to participate and we need leaders who can get them involved. These men have what it takes. They are web savvy (check out BSU-2007.com). The ASBSU Website has been a disgrace for years. It is never updated and in this age of computer communication, the Website is a vital link to students. These guys say they will provide a link on the BSU site. We say they should rebuild it altogether and make it more accessible to students.

We may be wrong. These guys might not get elected, but we are willing to take the chance. Just because it is called student government does not mean it must be run by wannabe politicians, building resumes and hiring their friends. It needs to be run by young, intelligent people with the drive, diversity and distinction to force change, not merely sit and wait for it to come strolling along into their offices.

Peter Babichenko and Andrey Nosalskiy have our votes and they should have yours too.
Presidential/vice presidential candidates

Peter Babichenko  Position campaigning for: President  Age: 27  Year in school: Senior  Major: Political Science and Economics  Experience in government: Member of Young Republicans  Andrey Nosalskiy  Position campaigning for: Vice President  Age: 25  Year in school: Senior  Major: Psychology  Experience in government: Leader in local youth group  

I think Boise State needs a change. The current student government is not effective," Babichenko said.  The pair's platform includes reformation of the math department to combat the 70-78% failure rate. According to both candidates, the students are not to blame. They would like to see professors seek out additional training seminars in order to enhance their teaching capabilities.

Another area in which they would like to see reform is within health insurance. They propose that BSU's website give quotes from several other insurance companies.  As far as the current relationship between ASBSU and the student body goes, Babichenko feels that there is no "working relationship."  "I believe that BSU government needs to be more accountable to students," Babichenko said. "We need to show a better blend between students and government."  

In order to start this process, Babichenko suggests a link to the student government website being placed directly on the Boise State and BroncoWeb home pages. Babichenko has some buck ground in government and leadership positions. He used to be affiliated with Young Republicans in Portland, OR, and he is currently a board owner.  "I don't have any interest to use this [position] to my advantage to get a better job," Babichenko said.

Nosalskiy said that attending BSU the last four years has given him a chance to better understand the students.  Anyone who would like to know more about Babichenko and Nosalskiy can visit their website at www.bsus2007.com.

Lawrence Johnson  Position campaigning for: President  Age: 19  Year in school: Sophomore  Major: Business Administration  Political affiliations: Conservative  Experience in government: Prefect Committee man for student union board  Work with multiple state legislatures on the run for election  Constitutional convention for ASBSU appointed to Senate Seat by Wyatt Parke

Tony Volponi  Position campaigning for: Vice President  Age: Unavailable  Major: Unknown  Political affiliations: Unavailable  Experience in government: Unavailable  

Having been at BSU and involved in the student government for 4 years, candidate Britton Holdaway feels he has the most experience and this experience best qualifies him for the Student Body President position.  "I feel like I have the most credentials," Holdaway said. "I know what works and what doesn't work."  Jennifer Stolley, running beside Holdaway as Vice President, said she likes to listen to problems and fix them and feels there are a lot of issues on campus that need to be taken care of.  Stolley said one of those issues is that student government in general has not been the powerhouse it should have been in recent years at BSU.  According to Stolley, she worked with Holdaway to look at what they can reasonably accomplish as president and vice president and emphasized the importance of focusing on realistic goals that can actually be met.

What she feels they can do to make a difference is look at the students on a broad scale. "We can save the students money. We can give them more bang for their buck," Stolley said.  The four points that make up Holdaway and Stolley's platform include eliminating sales tax on textbooks, improving student health insurance, increase the quality of education, and implementing a drop-in daycare.

According to Stolley, they know that they cannot give students back a large chunk of money, "but every penny adds up." Stolley said she and Holdaway want to make sure the majority of students are benefiting from the money that is spent.

Evan Stein  Position campaigning for: Vice President  Age: Unavailable  Year in school: Junior  Major: Business Management  Political affiliations: N/A  Experience in government: Unavailable  

According to Johnson, the six things he and his running mate, Tony Volponi, would like to do for the school if elected is drop plus minus systems, fix the parking system, promote safety, promote student involvement, put park benches in the quad, and also have the Bookstore match the Idaho Promise Scholarship for students.

According to Johnson, he presents the idea of "unity," we promise to strive to improve academic successes for all students," Ortmann said.

Stein is the current Vice President of Alpha Kappa Lambda, and said he wants to make Boise State more for the students.  "I believe I can make a change," Stein said.

One of their ideas is to create a centralized tutoring center. They also would like to do everything they can to amend the plus minus grading system in order to bring back balance to academics.  In addition to academics, Stein and Ortmann would like to increase lighting around campus, add more "blue light" phones and increase security personnel on and around campus.

Lastly, the two of them would like to increase the accessibility of ASBSU to the students, and ensure that as BSU grows, excitement on campus is not lost. Stein said he wants the students to feel the same way about all other aspects of the university as they do about the football team.

Ortmann said she challenges all students to let their voices be heard.  "I am very passionate about Boise State and I want to be a part in making a difference," Ortmann said.