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**BSU parking a relative bargain**

Corky Hansen
News Editor

Despite complaints about parking from disgruntled members of the BSU community, comparisons indicate the following: BSU students have got it good.

"Everyone says, 'gosh, you guys have it great there,'" Parking, Safety and Transportation Committee Chairwoman Leslie Pass said. BSU students are allowed better parking spaces than students at other Idaho universities.

The university strives to make it equal for everyone," BSU Campus Safety Director Bob Selbott said.

According to University of Idaho and Idaho State University parking officials, most of their convenient parking lots are reserved for faculty and staff, leaving students to vie for more remote spaces.

Not only are BSU students given a share of the best parking on campus, but they pay a lower price for the quality of parking spaces they are able to buy.

"You find out [permits at BSU] are so under-priced," Pass said.

The best permits available to students at the University of Idaho and Idaho State University are reserved for faculty and staff, leaving students to vie for more remote parking spaces.

In addition to constructing and enforcing uniform statewide policies, Andrus encouraged a dedication to increasing alcohol awareness.

The SBE will look into establishing guidelines for dealing with the issues brought about by last month's incident.

"Our goal is to investigate our policy regarding alcohol on campuses and see if the policy needed changed or strengthened," Hinckley said.

"The current policy does not address the questions that have been raised by the incident at the University of Idaho," SBE member Ray- "The problem is going to get larger and larger," he said.

"We need to go to the legislature and talk about funding BSU. We need to see that you get the educational facility that you need," Coles said.

"Coles and I are looking for ways to foster communications between the city government and Boise State University," ASBSU Vice President Brent Hunter said.

In his address to the student senate, Coles announced that 6,400 jobs had been created in 1992, and in the next 22 years 149,000 jobs will exist between Canyon and Ada counties.

"The opportunity to get your degrees and be employed where you live is very significant," he said.

On a lighter issue, Hunter raised the question of the city supporting BSU during Blue and Orange Days.

"We are excited about showing our support as a community for BSU," Coles said.

"Most cities strongly support their universities, and we are seeing the beginnings of that," he said.
BSU seeks entrants for Oct. 9 parade

Show your true BSU colors by joining the bands, floats and other entrants for the 1993 BSU Homecoming Parade.

The theme of the Oct. 8 parade is "Axe the Jacks -- Judgement Day." Bands and floats must be in formation by 6:30 a.m. Saturday at the corner of 13th Street and University Drive.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. from the parking lot of the Boise Cascade Building at 11th andus St. streets. It will travel east on Main Street before ending at The Grove for a special Alive After Five party featuring The Trunchcoats.

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Executive for GM to present seminar

Future businessmen and women, sharpen your pencils! An authority on forming and maintaining successful companies is coming to BSU.

Dr. Tony Hain, general director of personnel planning for General Motors Corporation, will present a seminar on "Creating High Performance Businesses" Sept. 21.

The workshop will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the BSU campus. A registration fee of $149 will be charged to those who attend the workshop.

Hain will point out the difference between successful and unsuccessful firms using real-world examples. Strategies that lead to a sustainable competitive advantage will also be taught.

Volunteer fair eyes willing students

Community groups will seek volunteers among BSU students, faculty and staff this week.

Representatives of nearly 30 organizations, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the YWCA, will staff booths in the Quad on the BSU campus Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They will offer information about each organization and solicit volunteers from the BSU community.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register for the projects and internships offered by the groups.

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Health center under heavy load, criticism

Jon Wooten
Staff Writer

BSU Student Health Services provides too few hours and services, according to some students.
The center, which is funded by $25 from each full-time student's fees, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

"I feel they need more hours. You can't plan an accident. I also thought they lack the services that St. Al's does. I had to go to St. Al's for something they lacked last year," said senior Joe Langen.

Student Health Services provides medical care, including prescriptions, immunizations, and diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases for any full-time BSU student. There is no per-visit cost on most services.

But with only two physicians serving around 100 students a day, answers to problems in the center are as tough to find as a parking space on campus at 10 a.m.

ABSU President C.M. Martin says he has possible solutions to the problem. Martin plans to begin a health center advisory board by the end of the semester, a program already in effect at other state schools such as ISU.

"This will be the first step toward incorporating student dialogue on the health center and the student insurance policy," said Martin.

Martin also is in favor of expanded hours at the facility, an issue that has been a sticky topic with past administrations.

Martin said he has two possible ways to pay for the increased cost of more hours. The first of these is a fee increase to help fund more staff. Another option is charging students an after-hours visitation fee. But according to Dr. Lester P. Nyborg, medical director of Student Health Services the only thing expanded hours will produce is longer hours for the staff.

"More hours would be fine if we had more staff and a bigger facility, but right now we're pretty much loaded," said Nyborg.

The only cure, he says, is an increase in the size of the facility, which would be the state's responsibility to fund.

Nyborg is not pleased about his facility being overcrowded, but he is happy with the direction it is headed, he said.

"I'm pleased that we're able to render medical care, including providing medical care for something they lacked," he said.

Dawn Kramer
Editor-in-Chief

Weekend University, like the rest of BSU, is jammed.

Last fall, BSU began offering Saturday classes. The program was so successful, BSU's Division of Continuing Education expanded it to offer Friday night classes beginning this fall.

It is a popular alternative for overcrowding and for 9-to-5 professionals.

Last year, the program attracted 800 participants in the fall and 900 in the spring. This semester there are about 1,000 participants in the program.

There are 20 weekend courses offered this semester. The sign-up was so high over the summer that Continuing Education decided to add about 20 new sections of the courses.

"Even so, we're still just jammed," said Bill Jensen, dean of Continuing Education.

Weekend University was originally structured to serve part of BSU's community college function by allowing people who work fulltime during the week to take classes.

However, an increasing number of traditional students are finding themselves involved in Weekend University, either due to work schedules or because regular weekday classes are full. Jensen said about 40 percent of last year's participants were traditional students.

Some traditional students took Saturday classes because other classes were full, while other students - Weekend continued on page 9

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Campus scrambles for office supplies

State contract forces faculty, staff away from Bookstore

Nancy Gray
Assistant News Editor

While contending with the headaches of launching a new school year, BSU faculty and staff had to adjust to a new method of procuring Post-its, pencils and pushpins.

Running over to The Bookstore to pick up supplies became a thing of the past due to a contract signed with Fisher's, a Boise-based firm to provide all state agencies with office supplies.

The change to Fisher's Office Supply has drawn ire from some members of the BSU family.

They also have to wait for Fisher's to deliver.

"Using The Bookstore was a matter of convenience," said Janis Fritz, administrative secretary to the Student Union director's office.

According to Fisher's service representative Janice Fritz, many of the problems faculty and staff have experienced are normal when dealing with a new system.

"Things are beginning to settle in," said Fritz. "I think it's going very well from our standpoint."

"I think it's a matter of them and us learning to deal with each other," said Gary Mahn.

Mahn said that there are 150 delivery points on the BSU campus alone. He has 60 employees and five trucks working full-time to fill orders in Ada and Canyon counties.

This is the first time the state has contracted for supplies.

Previously, Idaho had its own bureau of supplies, but the state decided the system tied up too much money in inventory.

Fisher's, a locally owned company, bid with the state and was given a one-year contract to furnish all state agencies with office supplies.

Fisher's has stores in Boise as well as in several other areas of the state.

"We're breaking our backs to supply the best service we can," said Mahn, "and we welcome any ideas on how we can improve service."

Josh Gillmore unloads a van of goods destined for BSU. Gillmore, a Fisher's warehouse employee, is delivering during the busy season.

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SUB considers teen ban

Corky Hansen
News Editor

Junior high and high school students could be banned from the Student Union.

A policy restricting the use of the SUB to persons 17 years or older was adopted last spring by the SUB Board of Governors to curtail vandalism and other forms of abuse to the building.

Under the restriction, individuals of 16 years or under would be denied use of the SUB unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or they are invited by the university to a specific event.

According to Board of Governors Chairman Ted Arellano, the policy passed by one vote, with one abstention.

"It was virtually a tie," he said.

The policy has not yet been implemented.

"We're going to wait and see," said SUB director Greg Blaesing, of the enactment of the adopted policy. "We will do that as a last resort."

Last year problems surrounded the Student Programs Board activity Two Bands For Two Bucks, which attracted mostly 13-to-16-year-old students, some of whom vandalized the SUB, said Blaesing.

Blaesing spent $1,000 to employ extra security in an attempt to control the damage done to the SUB during the Friday night activity.

"I don't think that's prudent use of fee dollars," Blaesing said.

Student Programs Board Director Melissa Klug said the program might be discontinued because SPB will be responsible for employing extra security for Two Bands in the future.

Attending on-campus events like Two Bands is positive for youth because the activities make campus life less intimidating to them, Klug said.

"We think it's a good program," she said.

Although about 75 percent of the concert-goers were not college-age students, a small group of 13-to-16-year-old youths was apparently responsible for the damage done to the building, according to a written statement distributed by Student Union officials to SUB patrons.

"The few [are] making the many suffer," Klug said. "We don't want to shut [the youth] out."

Arellano also considers a ban of youth undesirable.

"[Parents] drop them off here because it's a safe place," he said.

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OSAD prepares for fun, awareness, service

David Boothby  
Staff Writer

A new student group incorporating African-American and native African students" kicked off the semester Sunday, Sept. 5 with a picnic at BSU. "Hot food and cool music highlighted the picnic, attended by about 50 people. The Black Student Union and the African Student Union, combined last semester to form OSAD, the Organization for Students of African Descent. Increasing cultural awareness on the university campus and in the community is one of the group's primary goals.

"What we're about is coming together, having fun, educating the public and doing volunteer work in the community," OSAD President Annette Knight said. Knight cited several examples of the work the organization has completed so far. Projects have included volunteering at Treasure Valley Nursing Home and helping to staff the American Diabetes booth at the Western Idaho Fair. The group plans to continue the nursing home project this year. OSAD also plans to participate in the Into the Streets volunteer program in November.

"What we do is bringing local high school students onto the campus to learn about college life," Knight said. "We will also participate in many of the workshops and other activities." February is Black History Month at BSU. The group will sponsor a program Feb.

17-18 called Black to the Future. "What we do is bring local high school students onto the campus to learn about college life," Knight said. "We hold workshops and panel discussions covering such issues as obtaining financial aid, developing good study habits, utilizing university services and accessing the various facilities on campus," she said. "We also take the students on a tour of the campus, so they don't get lost their first day!"

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Weekend University is not meant for students with short attention spans, though. To be full-time, a weekend student would have to start with a Friday 6-to-9 p.m. class. They would then have to rise early the next morning for an 8-11 a.m. class. Students who currently are not able to get the classes they need to graduate by exclusively attending night and weekend classes. Jensen said they may be able to in the future as the program expands. The College of Education is close to offering enough night and Saturday classes to allow students to graduate.

Weekend University of Idaho, equivalent to general parking at BSU, costs students $60 each year. A permit equivalent to stadium parking at Boise State costs $30 yearly. At ISU, general permits cost students $32 annually, or $20 for a semester. Boise State students pay $65 annually for a reserve permit, and $15 annually for a general permit. But some BSU students consider $65 too much for a permit for a parking lot without any open space.

One student, a senior economics major, stood in line all night to buy a reserve permit only to find that her parking lot was full come class time. "It's a zoo," Seibolt said. After the first few days of school the 1,175 reserve permit holders are able to find places in the 933 reserved parking spaces in 20 lots, he said.

According to Seibolt, who has seen students stand in line overnight to buy leftover reserve permits each of his 13 years at BSU, the price of permits should be raised to meet their demand. "Permits need to have a value attached to them," he said.

Pass said a fee increase was considered by the Parking, Safety and Transportation Committee three years ago. It has been suggested to the administration every year since, but no action has been taken.

Success acknowledged the negative factors related to an increase, including the difficulty to students, faculty and staff of paying a higher price for parking. He also recognized a price increase as an effective tool to encourage drivers to use alternate forms of transportation.

Pass agreed. "I think students should really get behind [the use of] alternative transportation," she said.

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BSU ties with Boise are worth the effort

BSU and the Boise community enjoy a partnership that is to be envied, particularly by other schools in Idaho. This partnership must be nurtured if we are going to continue to enjoy it.

While we may not always get our “fair share” from the State Board of Education, and our alumni lists fall to stretch as far back in time as those of U of I, the community of people that surrounds BSU makes up for those potential disadvantages.

Myriad local companies have contributed to educational programs at BSU. One good look at the names of some of the buildings on campus tells of the financial support we have received.

Additionally, BSU students, faculty and staff depend on the community for affordable housing, for reliable transportation and for job opportunities.

The Boise community also benefits from BSU. Members of the BSU community are consumers who represent business opportunities for the Treasure Valley, particularly in essentials such as food and clothing.

BSU provides training for professional positions and thus attracts companies to the area, increasing employment opportunities. BSU provides space for music and sports events, and encourages professional artists and intellectuals to visit the Boise area.

BSU and the surrounding community are interlinked. Boise’s housing and transportation questions are our own. Boise’s improving economic health and increasing cultural awareness will aid us in our journey to academic excellence only if we continue to work together.

Through communication, perhaps BSU can continue to develop with the Boise community. The integration of our needs and the sharing of our resources is a practice that will benefit all parties concerned if it continues to happen.

The Arbiter Editorial Board is made up of Editor-in-chief Dawn Kramer, Managing Editor Adam Forbes, News Editor Corky Hansen, Features Editor Nancy Gray, Culture Editor Melanie Delea, Sports Editor Scott Samples and Chief Copy Editor Eve Costello.

Baked beans incident recalls racial reality

Living in this North American society makes a person of color do bizarre things.

It’s not really our fault, either. To many people whose ethnic ties are evident by their skin color, language, and dress are “encouraged” to blend into one... crayon. Usually, the color of that crayon is white.

Sounds like a difficult task – to make white from vivid colors like copper, sienna, olive, and cocoa, huh? But, some of us manage to do it—to “blend in” and make the ride known as “living in America” more than a trip to the bathroom.

Until this summer, I was pretty sure I had finally fooled folks into believing I had completed my metamorphosis from being an individual brown crayon into a shaving of that huge white crayon. It took a white man from Boston to make me realize that neither he nor anyone else but me was fooled.

I worked at the Brick Oven Bakery this summer during the height of the River Festival. The Festival’s current pull was in some pretty intolerant characters (OK, let’s stop being nice—racists!) to our Boise banks.

I met one of these... people. He had a pretentious thick Bostonian accent and I think his answer was, “Oh, never mind! You don’t speak English, anyway!”

Mr. Boston then spun on his heel and left me wondering why he would think that I didn’t know English. I thought, “Oh, well. I have dishes to clear anyway.” That was when I saw it.

I saw the deep brown color of my arms as I reached across the bar to clear away some dishes. That’s when I realized that the brown—the Mexican on the inside of me—had a matching exterior. I wasn’t ashamed of being a Mexican woman.

At first I thought he was joking fun at the name of the restaurant. Well, he wasn’t. I laughed a pathetic little “oh, how cute—you made a funny” laugh and then he repeated his question, this time with a little more fervor and a lot less smile.

“Do you have belled beans?” Thanks to his purposeful pronunciation, I finally realized that he was asking if the restaurant served BAKED BEANS!

Before I could reach for the menus to answer his question, he spits out, “Oh, never mind! You don’t speak English, anyway!”

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The Arbiter recognizes Scott Samples as ‘Bite-er-of-the-week. Samples has endured three unusually trying weeks. Next week we’ll try to get you some real pictures, Scott.
El Ecuador, el subdesarrollo y la sociedad

Durante el verano tuve la oportunidad de visitar el Ecuador, de ver a mi familia, saludar a mis amigos y regresar a un mundo de mis propios deseos. Este viaje va a la vez sirvió para encontrarme con la dura realidad de lo que significa pertenecerse a un país del Tercer Mundo, pequeño y subdesarrollado. La pobreza creciente de la mayoría de la población y la caída de más y más gente en niveles de absoluta miseria es una impresión que uno recibe en cualquier parte del país. Una de las principales razones para que el Ecuador, al igual que cualquier país latinoamericano, viva en una situación de recesión económica es la falta de un adecuado control de la inflación, de la falta de inversión extranjera, del alto nivel de desempleo y subempleo y de la falta de un gobierno con responsabilidad social. Los hechos hablan por sí solos. Mientras un alto porcentaje de la población económicamente activa viven en el desempleo, el gobierno intenta recortar los gastos presupuestarios con el desprecio manguardio de empleados públicos: 50,000 hasta la fecha. Al mismo tiempo que la desesperanza crece, la falta de fe se transforma en violencia. En principio es una violencia personal que lleva a una mucha gente joven a buscar en la delincuencia, en los drogas y en la prostitución el dinero que en otros lugares les es imposible obtener.

La denigración del ser humano no termina allí. En las calles de la ciudad, la presencia de niños trabajadores crece desenfrenadamente. Muchos niños durante todo el día limpián zapatos, venden el periódico, caramelo o cualquier banatija, piden comida, y venden flores. Los ancianos aumentan el triste cuadro de la ciudad con sus trapos viejos y sus rostenos mendi- nos que exigen un poco de justicia. Cuando al fin la inquietud envuelve a la esperanza, la violencia deja de ser individual para volverse colectiva. El Ecuador, país que antes era conocido por ser una isla de paz en medio de un mar de bor- mentos desastrosos en los países veci- nos de Colombia y Perú, ha empezado a mostrar síntomas de convulsión social. Las paredes de la ciudad empiezan a mostrarse huecas. La capitulación del país tiene, a la vez, servido para encontrar a la vez, sirvió para encontrar a los jóvenes, como en este caso, en el estado de revuelta. Deseo tener el tiempo de poder hablar de la miseria, de la pobreza, de la falta de esperanza y de fe en el futuro.

Sociedades con tremendos niveles de inseguridad, con el terrorismo propio donde se siembran odios, envidias, desencantos y deseos de venganza.

Mientras los Estados Unidos y las otras grandes potencias del mundo escapan en el cielo, los países de los países del tercer mundo, los pueblos de que nuevos Vietnam, Somalías, Etiopías o Yugoslavia se repitan en el mundo existen y son un estigma para el futuro de la humanidad.

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Censorship group tackles tough calls

What does child abuse have in common with high school curriculumsetting? Maybe nothing—maybe a lot. Maybe both activities involve censorship. A new organization called the Voices for Censorship Awareness, will soon begin to explore such questions. It has begun the formidable task of investigating the nature of censorship.

I hope the members of this group will discover the connections among communication, control, and oppression. If they succeed at understanding those connections, they will have crossed that invisible line between the regions of control and freedom, and will have accomplished the most important task that a scholar can attempt. They will have recognized the difference between communication and control. They will have leap over the edge. Obviously, I feel very passionate about the issue of censorship.

I suspect that the other members of Voices for Censorship Awareness feel passionate about the issue too, but they must disagree with my perspective on censorship.

But that's OK, because VCA welcomes diversity of perspectives. Members of the organization, both students and faculty, educate themselves and the public about censorship—even though individuals in the group are free to disagree about the definition of censorship.

There are no dues or fees for membership in VCA, which brings to mind a question I have about censorship.

When particular members of our culture are denied access to forms of communication because of financial constraints, is such denial a form of censorship?

Just what are the boundaries of censorship? Is censorship ever appropriate or necessary? What about pornography? If VCA seeks to educate, it must address these questions—and more. An advocate group, People for the American Way, reports that censorship attempts in public high schools—mostly book-banning efforts—increased significantly last year. I also keep hearing that there is a grass-roots movement putting Christian fundamentalism on school boards across the nation. These events serve to censor thousands.

Vets announce trivia winner

The Veterans Forum wishes to congratulate Larry Eason, the winner of our October trivia contest. In reference to the old Opaline schoolhouse, located near the Communication Building, our trivia question was: "Where is Opaline, Idaho?" Larry won the most correct answer of, "Opaline is a small community east of Marsing on the Snake River—about five to seven miles. There's an Opaline pumping station. The Blackstocks are one of the original families." Larry won a BU coffee mug.

For the fun of it, can you name the current BSU professor whose mother taught at the Opaline school at its original location? Stay tuned for our future trivia contests.

Censorship group tackles tough calls

What does child abuse have in common with high school curriculumsetting? Maybe nothing—maybe a lot. Maybe both activities involve censorship. A new organization called the Voices for Censorship Awareness, will soon begin to explore such questions. It has begun the formidable task of investigating the nature of censorship.

I hope the members of this group will discover the connections among communication, control, and oppression. If they succeed at understanding those connections, they will have crossed that invisible line between the regions of control and freedom, and will have accomplished the most important task that a scholar can attempt. They will have recognized the difference between communication and control. They will have leap over the edge. Obviously, I feel very passionate about the issue of censorship.

I suspect that the other members of Voices for Censorship Awareness feel passionate about the issue too, but they must disagree with my perspective on censorship.

But that's OK, because VCA welcomes diversity of perspectives. Members of the organization, both students and faculty, educate themselves and the public about censorship—even though individuals in the group are free to disagree about the definition of censorship.

There are no dues or fees for membership in VCA, which brings to mind a question I have about censorship.

When particular members of our culture are denied access to forms of communication because of financial constraints, is such denial a form of censorship?

Just what are the boundaries of censorship? Is censorship ever appropriate or necessary? What about pornography? If VCA seeks to educate, it must address these questions—and more. An advocate group, People for the American Way, reports that censorship attempts in public high schools—mostly book-banning efforts—increased significantly last year. I also keep hearing that there is a grass-roots movement putting Christian fundamentalism on school boards across the nation. These events serve to censor thousands.

What about when children in our culture feel afraid to talk about their child abuse experiences because they know that their stories will then become even more difficult? Is that a kind of censorship?

What about when lesbian and gay parents learn that they better keep their sexual orientation a secret—or risk losing custody of their children? A judge in Virginia just took a child away from a mother because the mother lives with a female lover. Will the judge's decision serve to censor thousands?

Students and teachers who care about academic freedom, who feel concern about censorship, who see connections among censorship, control, and power, who want to increase awareness about these issues—or who just want to watch the fur fly—will meet in the SUB on Wednesday, Sept. 22, for an interesting communication event: the first official meeting of Voices for Censorship Awareness.

Watch out. The rhetoric will be moving fast. Come and help us catch it before it blues.
Users give kudos to shuttle bus system
Ideas to improve program include more stops, faster service and later running times

Nancy Gray
Features Editor
Dave Fotsch
Staff Writer

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Use of the shuttle bus has gone up from 107 riders on the first day to about 260-270 daily.

"The ride is very relaxing, and it's nice not to be rushed trying to get to class," said Tyann Drake, a Social Work major.

She did agree, however, that changes in the times and improvements in the route were needed.

"Once they try it, they like it," said Rene Bolivar, who has been driving the shuttle since day one.

According to John Franden, executive assistant to the president, the numbers prove Bolivar's observations.

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Currently, the average is between 260 and 270 riders per day.

Social Work major Tyann Drake uses the shuttle to get from one end of campus to the other between classes.

That means there should be more people with that attitude toward students on campus," said Franden.

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Requests by students for more stops, faster service and later running times have been heard. The shuttle will add the promise of timeliness.

A promise of timeliness.

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Bronco Shuttle meets promise of timeliness
Dave Fotsch
Staff Writer

In an attempt to gauge the efficiency of the Bronco Shuttle, the Arbiter did an informal study on Thursday, Sept. 9. What follows is a typical circuit of the Bronco Shuttle on that day.

11:33 a.m. — The Arbiter reporter arrives at bus stop in front of the Administration Building on University Drive.

11:39 a.m. — The shuttle arrives at the stop, where two riders disembark.

The Bronco Shuttle keeps its promise to make the campus loop in 13 minutes, which driver Rene Bolivar says is pretty good.

The average trip takes 15 minutes in a clockwise circle of the BSU campus, depending on traffic and the number of stops that must be made.

Since there are two buses running during regular shuttle hours, timing should work out just about right for the shuttle to also keep its promise to have a bus at any particular stop within seven minutes.

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The driver's seat.

The intersection at University Drive and Grant Street is another point of contention.

It takes 5 to 6 minutes just to get out of the parking lot, half the amount of time it should take the shuttle to make a complete loop around campus.

A stoplight posted at the intersection was suggested by many of the students.

But students also noted modifications would have to be made to the University Drive left-turn lane and residential streets would have to be widened to eliminate many of the route problems.

Truxel, who commutes from Caldwell, said she rides the shuttle every day.

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Franden said he has heard students complain about the shuttle's afternoon hours a lot.

"Why is it that students don't get to campus before 2:30 p.m. on a Monday?" he said.

The shuttle service stops between 1:50 and 5:10 p.m. every day except Friday, when service stops altogether at 5:15 p.m.

Franden said the problem is simple. "I've only got so much money to work with," he said.

It might be possible to decrease evening shuttle hours to provide more daytime hours, said Franden.

He said a change in the schedule would be easier than trying to find more money.

Within a few weeks Franden said Parking and Safety will be able to determine what peak ridership hours are and then adjust the shuttle schedule accordingly.

"They're very nice and very considerate. They really make you feel good in the morning. There should be more people with that attitude toward students on campus," said Truxel.

Pleasant, smiling drivers just might be what the bus needs to make running out those little bugs a lot easier for students to tolerate.

Meanwhile, BSU and BUS officials encourage students to ride the shuttle. They also suggest students call them to let them know how the shuttle system is working.

Contact Bob Seibolt on campus at 385-3226. Students can reach Boise Urban Stages by calling 336-1010.

One last word on the shuttle: Students do not have to flash their ID to ride around campus. An ID is only needed when riding the city transit routes.
Chains to play intimate concert

Melanie Delon
Culture Editor

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rammy nominees Alice In Chains will bring their brand of hardcore in-your-face grunge to the BSU Pavilion on Sept. 19—the last date of their Dirt tour. No one can say Alice In Chains is a lazy group. Since their union in 1987, they have called the studio and tour bus home. They've put out three albums, toured with acts such as Megadeth and Van Halen, and performed on multi-act festival tours such as Clash of the Titans and, most recently, Lollapalooza '93.

Sunday night, Alice In Chains will delight Boise audiences by performing songs off their past albums, along with appearances on ABC-TV's "In Concert," and "Entertainment Tonight.

The group's performance in Boise will not only carry on their visual style, it will also support the need for medium size concerts in Boise. At the request of Alice In Chains, only 3,500 tickets were issued for sale.

In a city where the choices are huge, performing by a big name college grunge band is beneficial to those who like to mix the intimacy of a private club with the rockfest atmosphere of large arenas.

Opening for Alice In Chains will be alternative music rookies Tad. Tickets for the concert slated to begin at 7:30 are available at Select-a-Seat outlets for $16.50 general admission, $15 for BSU students with BSU ID.

Sabbath to Addiction, Jackmormon plays it all

Judy Carroll

Staff Writer

Jackmormon is a band name that could offend, but is intended to be a good-natured poke in the ribs about religious systems. "All our band members have their own belief in God as the Creator, but religion makes it a big problem," explained Gary Glase mann. "It causes wars, it causes fights. I believe in one God. It's organized religion that have a problem with..."

Jackmormon has carried their satirical nameplate for a year, keeping with their traditional tongue-in-cheek look at religion. In the past, this has included a plethora of names including Dashboard Mary and Gravy Image. Their new song, "Laughing In Tongues" deals with questioning the religious concept of speaking in tongues.

Although Jackmormon takes a serious look at the subject of religion, they take their rock 'n roll as fun. On Sept. 15-18 Jackmormon will rock Graeme's Basement bringing a mixture of cover tunes by bands such as Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and Jane's Addiction as well as their own originals. Jackmormon's musical taste leans heavily toward Seattle's grunge bands, but they don't want to be pigeonholed as such.

One of their most popular sets is a tribute to Black Sabbath. They honor other great '60s classic rock influences with the dedication of musical sets that include Thin Lizzy and Robin Trower.

Although members of Jackmormon have other jobs, their main focus is their music. Plans are in the works for a demo CD to be released in November or early December. Jackmormon frequently performs at Graeme's and has opened for Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat at Bogie's.

These guys have a different take on success. Listening to their desires for it might give you an understanding of why they do what they do: "I don't care about being famous, but if I could make enough money to support my fishing habit..." said Glase mann. "Basically I want to go across the world to fish where I want, and pay for it with my music. That's my goal.

Hurricane o' fun sweeps Boise

Melanie Delon
Culture Editor

In this glorious month of September, several openings will breathe new air into Boise.

The Blues Bouquet opens its doors for a second weekend at 9 p.m. on Saturday night the Blues Bouquet played host to live music by Chicken Cordon Blues Band and The Hoochie Coochie Men.

Owner Barney Southard, the drummer/vocalist for The Hoochie Coochie Men, plans to feature the best in live and recorded music at his club. The club's slogan is "the blues, the whole blues, and nothing but the blues." Southard plans to use the Blues Bouquet's vast music collection to further the education of Boiseans in blues music. Recorded blues musicians to be featured include BB King, Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Etta James.

Shifting from classic blues to courtroom drama, the action in Boise is ongoing as the ACLU-sponsored production Inherit the Wind makes an appearance Sept. 16-17 and, 24-25 in the BSU Special Events Center at 8 p.m.

Former Idaho Attorney General Tony Park will star as Matthew Harrison Brady in the 1925 drama based on the Scopes Monkey Trial. The trial resulted from Scopes' deliberate violation of a Tennessee law which prohibited the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution. In the original case, the ACLU funded Scopes' defense.

Inherit the Wind should not only be taken as entertainment, but also as a lesson on academic freedom—something important to the ACLU. Tickets for the event are available at Select-a-Seat outlets for $10 general admission and $8 for BSU students with BSU I.D. at the door.

Going from championing the cause of human rights to the cause of animal rights, Between Pictures: The Nell Shipman Story will open this week at the Idaho Historical Museum.

Nell Shipman, a 1920's silent film star, established • Fun continued on page 15
**MUSIC**

Blues Bouquet 345-6605. 1010 Main. Doors open Monday-Saturday. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Music by the Hootie Coochie Men at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursdays and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Banfi 385-1223. Sponsored by Student Activities. Located on the first floor of the Student Union. Admission is free. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17; contemporary folk into Triad.

The Cactus Bar 342-9732. 517 W. Main. Doors open at 9 p.m. Ages 21 and over. Mondays and Thursdays are open mic nights.

Crazy Horse 394-9330. 1519 W. Main. All ages welcome. All events are $5 at the door. Sept. 17; Technique with DJ Tido.


**ART**

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival 336-6211. Located on Park Center. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Sept. 16-17 and 24-25.

**THEATER**

Between Pictures: The Nell Shipman Story 345-9860. Sponsored by the Idaho Historical Museum. Admission is $5 general, $2 seniors, and free to BSU students, faculty, and staff. Sept. 17: guitarist Joseph Baldassarre and George Thompson at 7:30 p.m.

**RECAP**

*Party In The Park by Johnny the K 346-7312. Sponsored by Kid's Knickets. Tickets are $6 with discounts for families and groups. The show will begin at 1 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Special Events Center.*

**STUDENT PROGRAMS BOARD (SPB)**

Student Programs Board Performing Arts Series 336-3565. Tickets available at Select-a-Seat are $7 general admission, $3 BSU students, faculty, staff and seniors. Season tickets available until Sept. 16 are $20 general, $12 BSU faculty, staff and seniors and seniors.

**MISC.**

Brews Bag Series 334-2120. 610 N. Julia Davis Drive. Sponsored by the Idaho Historical Museum. $1 donation is requested. Programs begin at noon and run for one hour.

Compiled by Staff Writer Judy Carroll
Seattle saturation point hits all-time high

Melanie Delon
Culture Editor

When Sleepless in Seattle came out, I thought I was going to be sick. This cheeky movie was one example of the great exploitation of Seattle.

I had wanted to move to Seattle since I was 15 years old, but since everyone and her dog is either planning to move, or has moved, to Seattle, this jet city doesn't seem appealing anymore.

Seattle has fallen victim to the harsh whip of corporate greed, turning the culture of Seattleites into America's latest fad. People migrate in droves just to get in on the amusing lifestyle, but this proved to be no match for thelocals.

At this year's Endfest, an annual day-long concert benefit for a Seattle alternative radio station, Hammerbox was the only Seattle band to play. As vocalist Carrie Akre said, "Seattle is sick of Seattle."

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I have wanted to move to Seattle for a Seattle alternative music scene, and have come to build a career in the film industry, and as an artist. I have built a film studio on the site of the old movie theater, and as an artist, I have built a movie studio on the site of the old movie theater. I have been a master at revealing the importance of food in Mexican culture, the importance of food in Mexican culture.

Like Water for Chocolate is a fictional story about Tita and her family. When Pedro comes to ask Mama Elena, who is a master at revealing the tacit role of food in Mexican culture, the importance of food in Mexican culture.

In the first chapter Tita is confronted with the cruel consequences of an old family tradition with which she is the youngest daughter. She must never marry and she must take care of her mother until she dies.

The first part of the family tradition is something of an inconvenience because she has already fallen in love with Pedro Muzquiz.

When Pedro comes to ask Mama Elena, who is a cross between Cinderella's Evil Stepmother and Leona Helmsley, for Tita's hand in marriage, she instead agrees to let Pedro marry Rosaura-Tita's older sister. Mama Elena is pretty peeved at Tita for even considering marriage, so she punishes Tita for her boldness by putting her in charge of the preparation of her sister's wedding banquet. She disallows Tita to display her true emotions of love and grief.

Poor Tita does a pretty good job of keeping a firm upper lip until it is time to frost the wedding cake. Tita's tear, a concentrated liquid carrying her stifled sadness, splash into the frosting and are the first signs of Tita's extraordinary culinary talents.

When the guests at the wedding party eat the tainted cake, they are overcome with feelings of longing, frustration and pain. Tita's untentional revenge comes when the guests are racked with fits of physical pain and retching.

Tita continues to use food as a way to express her true feelings and to exert some control in her closely-guarded life. There is plenty of humor in the book to contrast the sadness, and it is especially funny.

Esquivel is accomplished at weaving the magic and traditional sayings of Hispanic culture with the emotions that exist in all families and cultures: love and loss. Like Water for Chocolate is a great read. It showcases what Latinos have known for moons—there's more to our salsa than just jalapenos, and as Tita would say, "The most important step in cooking is to do it with love."
Mentoring eases shock of returning students

Very Important Protégé program familiarizes the nontraditional with the classroom

Kathleen F. Orcutt
Staff Writer

Along with hosting the ongoing Nontraditional Student Support Group meetings, BSU Student Special Services is initiating a new mentoring program to ease the return to school for nontraditional students.

The Very Important Protégé (VIP) Peer Mentoring Program has already attracted a great deal of attention among nontraditional students new to the BSU campus, said Diana Longoria, student assistant to the dean of student special services.

The program connects interested students, protégés, with nontraditional upper-class students, mentors. The objective is to help nontraditional students make the transition back to school “more rewarding, successful and fun,” said Longoria.

“Mentors are all successful students who will be sharing their time and expertise,” Longoria said. A large number of nontraditional students attending BSU last year wanted to help newcomers get through the hoops, so the program was able to start, she said.

Mentors provide protégés with information about classes, professors and campus resources, and help students with other needs.

“Mentors will be a personal friend on campus to share concerns with and help guide their protégés through a bewildering tangle of requirements and opportunities,” said Longoria.

Mentors are carefully screened and, if selected for the program, are provided training to bolster their counseling skills. Matches between protégés and mentors are made based on lifestyle, interests and the student’s major, said Longoria.

Mentors will meet with protégés every week on a one-to-one basis for the first half of the semester and every other week for the second half.

About 52 incoming students have expressed interest in the peer-assistance program, so more mentors will be needed to meet the demand, Longoria said.

There is no charge to students for the program and mentors can receive internship credit for their service.

At the end of the semester, both mentors and protégés will participate in evaluating the overall success of the program.

“The VIP Peer Mentoring Program is a service designed especially for the many nontraditional students new to BSU, many of whom have to balance on-campus and off-campus life. We hope the word gets out to them,” said Longoria.

Nontraditional student support group forming

Kathleen F. Orcutt
Staff Writer

You’re a nontraditional student in your third week of school. You’re still trying to figure out how to manage class time, study time and “you-better-leave-time-for-your-family” time.

You’re starting to wonder why you ever thought you could return to school and make it all work out.

According to Diana Longoria, student assistant to the dean of student special services, you are not alone.

Longoria is heading the Nontraditional Support Group for the second year.

“We want to make the nontraditional students’ first semester less stressful,” Longoria said. “Our purpose is to keep them in school to accomplish the dreams that they might otherwise lose along the way.”

Longoria said speakers scheduled for this semester will cover topics such as note-taking skills, test preparation/anxiety, stress reduction and financial aid.

“In addition, there will always be an informal discussion time at every meeting to address questions on any topic,” said Longoria. “New students can raise their concerns, and more seasoned students will be on hand to share their experiences in successfully handling similar challenges.”

Computer competency and family relations were discussed at the first meeting on Sept. 1, which 25 people attended.

Tiller Wilson instructed the group on computer lab use. “You must be computer literate before graduating from BSU,” he said.

JR Leigh explained how he successfully devised a working balance between the demands of campus and his personal life.

Both Wilson and Leigh are part of the VIP Peer Mentoring Program recently initiated by Student Special Services to provide one-on-one support between experienced and inexperienced nontraditional students. Several mentors will be at each Support Group meeting to help any newcomer who attends.

Longoria looks forward to seeing more nontraditional students at the next meeting, to be held Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Brink Room in the Student Union Building. Future meetings will be held every other Wednesday throughout the semester.

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Cross country squad full of potential

Boise State wound up with 59 points, taking second place Washington State, who had 61 points. The BSU men received several strong performances, with three runners finishing in the top 10.

Tom Read led Boise State, finishing fifth with a time of 26:56.27. Graven led the team, running 26:52.76:

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Sports Writer

Mark E. Woodall

After beating up on a weaker Rhode Island team in its season opener the BSU football team was bullied by Nevada, 38-10.

"When you lose, you gotta make it tough (on the other team)," BSU head coach Pokey Allen said in a television interview on KTVB.

The Broncos appeared lethargic from the start to finish. After Nevada scored a touchdown on its first series of the game, BSU responded with their version of the hurry-up offense—three downs and a punt. Boise State had 15 first downs to Nevada's 29.

The Broncos did manage to get on the board in the first half with a Greg Erickson field goal. Nevada answered the Bronco field goal with a field goal of their own to end the first downs to 10-

The Broncos quickly took charge in the first quarter, giving the Wolf Pack a 10-3 lead. The Broncos couldn't manage another score again until late in the fourth quarter. Tight end Del Graven scored the only Bronco touchdown on a 3-yard pass from quarterback Danny Langsdorf. Graven led BSU's receivers by catching seven passes for 111 yards.

Despite having a 3-1 record after the tough loss on Friday, the team stayed motivated for their match one game apiece with a 15-9 victory, but Utah came back and easily won the next three games, 15-3, 15-11, 15-4.

"We didn't play well against Sacramento State, but we played all right against Utah," Bailey said.

"The men, pretty much across the board, ran really well," Klein said. "It was a nice opener for us."

Boise State could have had an even better score if former Bronco Richard Lee was eligible.

Lee, an all-conference runner for BSU last year, ran unattached in the race and finished second overall with a time of 25:52.41. Washington State's Patrick Murti took first place with a time of 25:52.41.

Spikers stumble on first road trip

Sacramento State and Utah, were strong teams.

"We knew that (San Francisco) would be down because they have a new coach," Bailey said.

Sacramento State, Boise's first opponent, opened the match with a strong 15-8 win in the first game. The Broncos played better in the next two games, but couldn't manage a win, losing 15-12 in the second, and 15-10 in the third.

Boise State tried to bounce back in its match against Utah, losing the first 15-13 in the first game. But Utah came back and easily won the next three games, 15-3, 15-11, 15-4.

"We didn't play well against Sacramento State, but we played all right against Utah," Bailey said.

After the tough loss on Friday, the team stayed motivated for their matches on Saturday.

"We worked well together," Bailey said. "Most athletes don't rely on their coach for motivation. I obviously can't be on the floor. They motivated themselves."

The Broncos quickly took charge of the match with San Francisco, winning the first game 15-9. San Francisco came back and tied the match one game apiece with a 15-2 victory, but Boise State got the momentum back and won the next two games, 15-10, 15-10.
Beer, football go together

Opinion by Scott Gere

Sports Writer

The young man shotgunned his drink in a record 34.34 seconds. His companions cheered.

"Yeah!" he shouted.

"Gimme another Pepsi!"

Yes, my friends, this could be the tailgate scene at Boise State football games in the near future.

In light of the recent clamer raised by Gov. Cecil Andrus over an alcohol-related accident at the University of Idaho, BSU President Charles Bach is considering eliminating beer from football.

The man is a communist. Perhaps, when he's done with BSU, he would like to take a shot at Mom, apple pie, and Chevrolet.

I'll be the first to admit that alcohol can be abused. But college students are not children, and one 18-year-old girl is not the only one (nor the only minority that contributed) should not spoil the pleasure of thousands of others.

Such citizes state regulations prohibiting alcohol on campus as a basis for the potential ban. But I wonder why, if this rule has been in place for so many years, it has not been enforced in the past?

Your ticket. That's your answer.

University officials must know that a ban on alcohol would greatly diminish student involvement in BSU football. Right or wrong, said or otherwise, it's a fact. Only with heat applied from above, in the form of the governor, has Boise State shown much concern with drinking at football games.

Ruch cites state regulations prohibiting alcohol on campus as a basis for the potential ban. But what's the point? People will just imitate elsewhere and the ensuing situation may very well cause more problems than solutions.

Beer has always been a big part of college life, and part of being a student is learning to deal with it. People must make up their own minds about who they are responsible. But I have a theory. Perhaps President Bach cut a deal with the good people at Pepsi. After all, hammering a can of pop will give you a great headache, and at least you can be elated if you've been drinking beer.

So pass a Pepsi.

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quite awhile, Klein said. The Broncos finished 30 points out of second place, but Klein said it could have been a little closer.

"It's not a huge amount (of points), but it's not that close," he said.

The bad news for BSU is Richard Lee, an all-conference performer last season, ran out of eligibility and can't run this year.

But the Broncos will be led by Chris Hiatt -- another all-conference runner last year -- and Tom Roorda, who finished 15th, missing all-conference status by just one place.

The women's team, which finished seventh in the Big Sky last season, also has some solid leadership behind it.

The core of the squad -- juniors Cori Knuebler, Joy Sprague, and Allison Norell, as well as senior Tanya Thayer -- has been together for the past couple years.

Add to that group Nicole Femino, a 20-year-old Irish freshman who has competed internationally, and the team takes on a definitely experienced face.

"I think if the women are successful, it'll be because they're matured as a group," Klein said. "They've gone through a lot. You name it, they've done it. They've paid the price to be where they are now."

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On the women's side, Joy Sprague finished second to lead BSU to second place behind one of two George Fox teams. The Broncos finished with 37 points, one behind George Fox's 36.

Sprague finished with a time of 18:39.77, behind George Fox's Juli Cyrus, who crossed the finish line at 17:55.56.

Including Spragus, four other BSU runners wound up in the top 11. Cori Knuebler, Tanya Thayer, Allison Norell, and Nicole Femino's high placements gave the Broncos an impressive score that almost knocked off the George Fox squad.

The Broncos didn't use a couple of athletes in the meet, which should help the team down the road, Klein said.

"I think the women will be even better next time out," he said.

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HOW MANY OF YOU EVER WOKEN UP BEFORE YOUR ALARM GOES OFF?

YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT THE TRAFFIC, BUT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS!

A MUSTACHE....
"Hi! Can I take your order?"

"Yeah, I'd like several million acres of tropical deforestation, please.

"Or, would you like anything to go with that?"

"Uh ... yeah. Give me a side of desertification, some soil erosion, and a large order of Third World starvation."

"All right, and do you want anything to drink?"

"Ummm ... Give me a medium pesticide and a small gasoline."

"Is that to stay or to go?"

"We're still staying.

Sound like nonsense? Well, the next time you stop for a fast-food burger, in effect, that is what you'll order.

The Earth's 1.28 billion cattle, and the humans who breed and consume them, pose one of the largest threats to the environment the Earth now faces. Each hamburger produced in the tropics destroys six square yards of rain forest, and that barely begins the list of environmental evils beef unleashes upon the world. Consider the following:

- Since 1960, 25 percent of Central American rain forests have been cleared to create pasture land for cattle. Ranchers sell most of this beef to wealthy nations for use in fast food, processed meats and pet foods.
- Over one billion people could be fed on the grain now fed to livestock, a particularly ominous fact when considering the tens of thousands of people who starve to death every day in poor nations.
- It takes a gallon of gasoline to produce one pound of grain-fed beef.
- Beef ranks #1 in herbicide contamination and #2 (after tomatoes) in herbicide contamination.
- Beef consumption also leads to overgrazing, soil erosion and expanding deserts. Scientists now regard the cattle industry as a major factor in the release and accumulation of greenhouse gases.
- As if that doesn't give us enough grief, researchers have linked the eating of beef to a variety of chronic diseases, including heart disease, arteriosclerosis and colon cancer. New evidence suggests a link between high-fat diets and breast cancer, which would make beef a major factor in yet another deadly disease.

The cattle suffer, too. Every day, beef producers slaughter 100,000 cows in the United States alone. Accomplishing this requires massive factory-styled slaughterhouses (more common in the Midwest than in the West) which subject cattle to torturous conditions before being slaughtered.

So the next time you go out for a bite, think. Think black forests, gray prairies, black cows in red.

Lots and lots of reel.

As if that doesn't give us 'way to amaze your beef-eating friends with a veggie burger that is as fun to make as it is to eat.

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