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Student Leadership Newsletter

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Dedicated to ISU student leaders who challenge themselves to serve others and who s-t-r-e-t-c-h themselves to get the most out of the learning laboratory of ISU.

Hottest Ticket In Town: ASISU Elections

Students at ISU may have noticed the recent March Madness which is prevalent on campus. Posters, billboards, signs, and flyers abound advertising not the final four, but the final thirty-four. You guessed right --it's election time at ISU.

There are 34 students running for 20 open senate seats, the Idaho Falls President, and Pocatello President and Vice-President. Some colleges have more competitive elections than others. There is no doubt the election will be hard fought in the College of Arts & Sciences with 14 candidates vying for 6 open seats. The College of Technology is facing the opposite problem with 3 open seats and no candidates listed on the ballot.

The College of Health Professions should have a smooth transition with 3 open seats and 2 candidates, as should the College of Education with 2 open seats and 2 candidates. The College of Business, Engineering, Graduate Studies, and Pharmacy will be closely contested races with each college having more candidates than open seats.

Senate seats are not the only items students are voting on.



Real Reality Shows:

Community Cinema 2007-2008

March's Community Cinema event brings a lot of pop to the big screen with an expose about one of America's largest cash crops, corn. *King Corn* follows two recent college graduates on a mission to see where America's food comes from--by growing it. In Iowa two friends plant a single acre of the nation's most

In Pocatello Matt Spencer and Carrissa Butticci are running on the executive ticket for ASISU President and Vice President. In Idaho Falls Cortney Dickinson is running for Vice President.

As for those uncontested seats, don't think they will go unfilled. There are two competitive write-in campaigns progressing for the College of Technology as well as an active write-in campaign for the executive ticket in Pocatello. Students are always able to vote for someone not officially listed on the ballot by utilizing the "write-in" option.

Voting officially begins March 18 at 8:00 am and continues through March 19 at 5:00 pm. Students may access voting online through the MYISU Portal. Students unable to access their portal are welcome to cast a paper ballot in the ASISU Offices located in the Pond Student Union.

More information can be found on the individual candidates at <http://www.isu.edu/asisu/vote/candidates.shtml>.

powerful crop--corn--and then set out to follow it from a seed to the dinner plate.

The film will screen Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 5:15pm in the Bengal Movie Theater. A brief discussion will follow this film. Admission is free to ISU students, faculty, staff, and the general community. Free soda and popcorn provided!





“TIGER BY THE TAIL”

Student Leadership Profile

Name: Brian Taylor

Current Position: Treasurer - Campus Civitans

What other leadership positions have you held? Volunteer Service Co-ordinator – Student Activities Board, Retail Management, several different Church assignments, fatherhood

What motivated you to take these positions? My biggest motivation was a combination of my love for people and the desire to support my family. I found that no matter what I was doing, I was more happy and successful the more I showed care and concern for people around me. I also really wanted to get involved here at ISU so I did more than go to class and go home, I decided to see what kind of difference I could make.

What is your field of academic training? Physics and Computer Science

What are some of your most significant past accomplishments? When I started at GameStop, I was a part-time sales associate and within three years, I was managing my own store (they moved me here to open the store in Chubbuck) and we ranked in the top ten stores in the Western Region, composed of over 1,200 stores, the last year I was there. My proudest accomplishment (yes, I know it's cliché) is definitely marrying my amazing wife, Lisa, (I told my best friend the day I met her in 8th grade that I had met my wife that day) and having our two superhuman children, Jonathan and Annalisa.

What are your most significant current challenges? My biggest challenge right now is trying to find time for everything. With three campus jobs for 40 hours a week, 15 credits, clubs, SAB, Church assignments, and of course my family, I don't have a lot of time for breathing, let alone anything else. Throw a little Facebook in there and I'm toast, hee hee.

Who do you admire the most as a leader? Why? Three people get the nod here: Jason Schlegel (former boss), Ches Barnes (current boss), and Kris

Ewert (my 6th grade teacher), and all three for the same reasons. As my leader, each of them has gently shown me how to improve myself in more ways than just those pertaining to my assignment, always been quick to forgive my faults and mistakes, and generally just made me feel more able to handle whatever life could throw at me with a better attitude. In short, they taught me how to be successful.

What do you think are the most important qualities or characteristics of a leader? Why? Leaders, more than anything, need to recognize and give credit to those who have contributed to any success enjoyed by the leader. Also, I believe that the most effective leaders are those who serve right along side with their followers. To lead without serving is being a dictator, not a leader.

Do you have an interesting personal story about leadership?

When I came to Chubbuck to open a store for GameStop, I was brand new to the area and I had to hire a whole new staff of 15 people and try and make a team out of them. I was a little daunted, as this was my first experience like this. So, to start, I just pulled everyone into a store meeting and laid down some ground rules and expectations. I had each new associate take a few minutes to talk about how they felt about the rules and expectations, as many of them were brand new to retail. I really tried to help them feel involved in the “birth” of our new store. I also emphasized “our” store. I encouraged pride in “our” store, and it really worked! We hit the ground running, and before we knew it, we were the #2 store in our district of 15 stores in our first December, which was really a big deal for us. We enjoyed a lot of success, and I think my favorite part about my stint as store manager was that with the way I ran the store, it just worked so well that I was manager for a couple years and never had to fire or seriously discipline any employees. I was really happy about that!

What advice can you give to other leaders? Never feel like you are somehow superior to those you lead. If it weren't for them, you wouldn't have anyone to lead, so remember to treat them like they're important, because they are.

Do you have any favorite quotes?

In times of change, learners inherit the Earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists. –Eric Hoffer

You do not lead by hitting people over the head - that's assault, not leadership. – Dwight D. Eisenhower

It's hard to lead the cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse. –Adlai Stevenson



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