Welcome to the Fall 2010 Anthropology Club newsletter. In this newsletter we have a couple of articles one written by Ejvend Nielsen about the leaf rake up service project we did in Fall 2009 and one by Keesha Renna about Graduate School.

We have some exciting events that we are looking at for this year. First is a talk by one of the coordinators of the International Rescue Committee about the work they do with immigrants. We are also going to try to have speakers that have a local connection to the field of anthropology come and speak. I hope you all have an excellent semester and enjoy the events that we plan for you.

Sincerely,

Mason Ireland
President of the Anthropology Club
Archaeology Service Project

By Eric ‘Ejvend’ Nielsen

In November Fall ’09 the Archaeology club joined efforts with the Chinese Language Club in raking up Montour Park and Campgrounds in Black Canyon Reservoir for the Bureau of Reclamation. Normally the county prisoners would do this job; however, thankfully the Boise students and friends proved to be better and friendlier.

Approximately 17 students and friends showed up to help. It took about 5 plus vehicles crammed pack to drive up to Black Canyon Reservoir early in the cool brisk Saturday morning. Upon arrival it took about an hour or so till we figured out where we were to start. With all the winds and turns of the beautiful country side roads we ended up in nice little park out in the middle of no man’s land surrounded by multiple seasonal bird hunters. Leaves as far as the eye could see were spread out across the floor of the park. Some places were ankle deep. Our work was cut out for us. With the occasional sounds of shotgun blasts, about six hours of extraordinary team work built up over 100 large bags of leaves heaped on a trailer. Upon the next work day I was told that there were so many bags that it took two trips to haul the leaves to the dump. The Supervising Ranger was very impressed and couldn’t believe the amount of work done. With all the work and sweat put into this effort about $1,702.80 in man hours wages were saved.

The Supervising Ranger gives his genuine thanks’ to Jason Bogstie, Rose Saxton, Michael Bishop, Jade Jesser, Mason Ireland, Elizabeth Renner, Lily-Anne Felton, Tami Cox, Clay Cox, Ejvend Nielsen, as well as the Chinese Language Club and any others for a job well done!
Graduate School Preparation

I know, you just threw up a bit. That's normal.

If you're serious about enrolling in a graduate program, don't take the decision too lightly.

Mental Preparation:

- Consider your direction, interests, passions, and goals.
- Evaluate your abilities, skills, talents, and weaknesses.
- Evaluate your commitment level.

Choosing Programs:

- Research like you've never researched before:
  - Research the top ten programs and their requirements.
    - Discover each program's true focus.
    - Consider the quality of the programs.
    - Research the faculty and their backgrounds.
    - Examine the professionals this program has produced.
  - Consider the networking opportunities- will this open more doors?

Funding:

- Don't limit yourself geographically-
- Anthropology Degree + Idaho (Educationally under-represented state)
- Recruiters may find you more valuable than you think!
- Research fellowships.
- Consider selling your lung.

Apply:

- Talk with your advisor!
- The sooner you get your advisor involved, the clearer the process will become. Tell them about your interests.
- Let them know the direction you want to go. Ask for their opinions and feedback. They are valuable resources with refreshing points of views and first-hand experience. Good luck!