HOGs expand fund-raising activities to week:
C.W. HOG, the Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group, has expanded its fall fund-raising activities to include an entire week culminating in the annual Pig Out, plus a golf scramble. Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase will proclaim Sept. 9-14 as C.W. HOG Week at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Pond Student Union Building Ballroom followed by a presentation, “All Abilities Trek to Everest Base Camp.” Other activities will be a Sept. 11 tribute, wheelchair basketball, critical mass bike ride, and a car wash. C.W. HOG’s largest annual fund-raiser, the Pig Out, is scheduled Sept. 14 on the lower level of Pocatello’s Ross Park. Complete details can be obtained from the C.W. HOG office, (208) 282-3912.

Pharmacists study possible addiction antidote:
Drs. Sudip Das and Nandita Das, faculty members in the College of Pharmacy, have received a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for approximately $122,000 over the next two years to conduct research on the drug buprenorphine. Previously approved by the FDA as a painkiller, buprenorphine has potential value in the treatment of drug addiction since it has limited side effects and allows successful “weaning off.” Presently, the major drawback of the drug with respect to addiction therapy is its availability only in an injectable dosage form. The researchers have designed a tiny tablet that adheres under the tongue and remains gently attached to prevent swallowing, a proposal the NIH dubbed “highly innovative.”

Psychology clinic director certified:
Dr. Tony Cellucci, associate professor of psychology who has directed the ISU psychology clinic for the last four years, recently obtained Board Certification in Clinical Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Certification is a lengthy process of credentials review, submission of work samples, and an oral exam. Cellucci was recognized as a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology at an ABPP ceremony at the annual American Psychological Association convention, where he and associate professor Dr. Peter Vik presented a paper on motivation to change among women methamphetamine users.

International ‘friends’ sought:
ISU expects to enroll more than 300 international students this fall, and more friends are needed to accommodate new student applications to the friendship program, a way for international students to become friends with community members that allows them close contact without living with the individual or family. Friendship partners commit to including the student in an activity or a meal at least once a month. They invite the students to their homes for holiday celebrations, and the program hosts get-togethers for all participants two or three times a year. For details, contact Susanne Forrest at 282-2963 or forrsusa@isu.edu.

Local artist’s work displayed at Oboler Library:
ISU’s Oboler Library is displaying the artwork of local artist Tim Norton through the end of September. Norton, who has a B.F.A. degree from ISU and teaches at the Sho-Ban Junior/Senior High School at Fort Hall, paints “plein air,” or outdoors, giving him an opportunity to use the entire experience for interpretation. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. Call 282-4325 for more information.