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Faculty says change grades

Grade averaging policy recommended

by Christina Latta
the Arbiter

The Boise State Faculty Senate recently passed a bill that could mean good news for your grade point average. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the Faculty Senate approved a bill to replace the current grade averaging policy with a revamped grade replacement policy. Since 1995, Boise State has used grade averaging to determine a student's grade. Previous to 1995, grade replacement was used.

With grade averaging, students can retake a failed course, but then the grades of those two (or more) courses will be averaged together to determine the final grade.

Grade replacement also allows a student to retake a class. The grade of the most recent class is then used to compute the student's GPA. In the majority of cases, the most recent class has the better grade.

While grade replacement can improve a student's GPA, all courses, including failed ones, are shown on transcripts.

After lobbying efforts by the Student Senate last year, the Faculty Senate asked the Academic Standards Committee to look into the policy of grade averaging.

Several factors were involved in the proposal to change the policy. The committee found that many students, because of personal circumstances or other concerns may have done poorly in a class or in several classes. With grade averaging, students often found it impossible to catch up and maintain a good GPA.

Circumstances that hinder students' academic performance can be a problem on a campus like Boise State, where there are many non-traditional students. When not following a strict four-year plan, many students face obstacles that can lengthen the period it takes to obtain a degree.

"A grade should be measuring not how quickly you learn," said Jack Hourcade, member of the Faculty Senate. "It should measure how much you learn."

Another contributing factor in the proposal was that the majority of universities across the country use grade replacement.

Also, comparative GPAs from a school with grade averaging can often be lower.

"A student from the University of Idaho can have a higher GPA than a Boise State student with the exact same course content," said Hourcade. "It's not fair to Boise State students."

Some students even find grade averaging tends to discourage them from retaking a class.

"Where's the incentive to go through a hard class again if your grade might not improve that much?" asked ASBSU Senator Nick Leonardson.

Leonardson lobbied the Faculty Senate last year to reconsider the grade averaging policy.

Richard Pompian, chair of the Academic Standards Committee, found that Boise State faculty was greatly in favor of grade replacement.

"We polled faculty members about what they thought the best policy was," said Pompian. "The plurality wanted grade replacement."

The grade replacement policy will likely go into effect for the Fall 2001 semester.

Tree-free campaign grows

Student activists ask for reduction in campus paper use

by Devin Kelly
the Arbiter

Activist students at Boise State decided to start a tree-free paper campaign on campus. They are attempting to persuade students and the administration to stop using paper products purchased from Boise Cascade, one of the primary companies they say is responsible for logging and destroying old growth forest areas here and abroad.

The campaign, started by the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, went into full swing on Nov. 29. Activist students gathered in the Quad to erect a forest of homemade cardboard trees, each displaying a message about logging or the environment. The group handed out flyers printed on tree-free Kenaf paper, attempting to show passersby viable alternatives to traditional paper use.

The students approached BSU president Charles Ruch and university administrators Nikki Hampton and Greg Blaising with samples of tree free paper and an informational campaign statement. The students demanded in the statement that BSU switch to tree-free paper for all of the printing and office supply uses on campus. The statement stressed that BSU immediately halt all purchase of paper supplies from the Boise Cascade Corporation, saying the corporation contributes to old growth logging and large scale environmental destruction.

Micaela de Loyola, a BSU student involved with the action, said, "In this day and age, with so many paper alternatives like Kenaf, cotton, straw, hemp, and other fiber. There is just no justification for turning the world's few remaining old growth forests into paper."

Other fibers are all known to be more versatile, longer lasting, and more renewable than paper created from trees.

This kind of action isn't localized just to BSU. The IPSA is representative of a growing

national movement of students demanding that their campuses use only tree-free products

"Our campaign is nationally significant because Boise Cascade's headquarters are in our hometown. Universities, which are some of Boise Cascade's biggest customers, will be watching BSU closely", added Justin Dobbs, a BSU student.

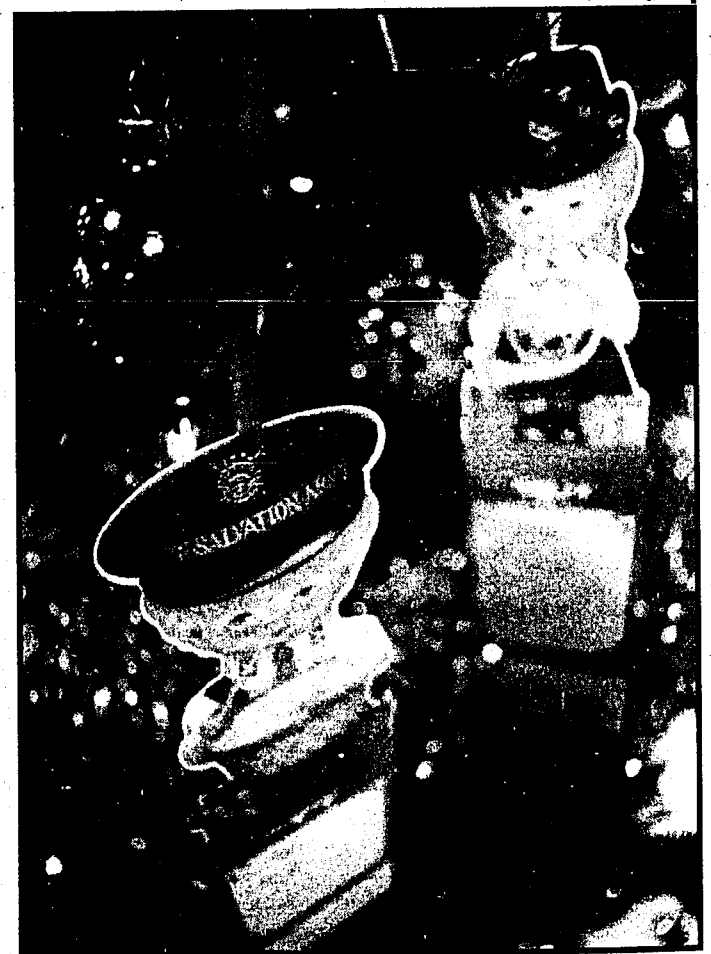
The University of Indiana, Southern Oregon University, and the University of North Carolina are also all involved with the tree-free campaign. Tree-free paper activists say if efforts are successful, BSU will prove to be a great example to

other concerned campuses.

Only 20 percent of the world's old growth forest and five percent of the U.S. old growth forests remain. The majority of forest loss has occurred in the last 30 years, in large part due to logging. From 1994 to 1998 Boise Cascade was the number one purchaser of timber from forests. By 2010, it is estimated that two-thirds of the world's plant and animal species will be extinct. By continuing to purchase products from Boise Cascade, activists say BSU is directly contributing to the problem.

Tree-free trees: By using tree-free paper, student activists say Boise State can serve as an example for other universities concerned about reducing the effects of logging in old growth forests.

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Violence against women inspires march in the night

Violence against women 'systemic of patriarchy'

by Laura Wylde
the Arbiter

"Take Back the Night and the Day," an educational protest and rally to the Capitol on Dec. 7, aims to raise awareness about the threat of violence toward women.

"The threat of violence to women and girls is a big problem," said Lee Flinn, organizer from The Idaho Women's Network. "We have a lot of

tion.

"Domestic and sexually violent acts are quite underreported," Herzfeld said.

Over two-thirds of violent acts against women are committed by someone known to them. Out of that number, a little under one-third of the women reported the attacker was a husband or boyfriend. Of the women attacked by a familiar person, 35 percent of the women were attacked by

with the hopes of educating women that violence is not just isolated incidents. Rally organizers say violent assaults are an omnipresent threat to women in our society. Herzfeld explained violence is "a systemic problem of patriarchy."

Though the event is focused on women's issues, it is not limited to solely women. Men are encouraged to attend, to participate in the rally and understand how to become allies for women.

Nicole Persinger, A student at BSU said, "the (recent) killings (in Boise) have been going on for well over a year now. It is about time they have programs for education and awareness for women."

The groups involved in organizing the Women's Take Back the Night are the Idaho Women's Network, Boise State's Women's Center, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Planned Parenthood of Idaho, Boise State Alliance for Dismantling Oppression and SAGE, a campus gender equality group.

an acquaintance. The remaining five percent of women reporting violent episodes were attacked by relatives.

On average, each year women experience 572,032 violent crimes at the hands of an intimate acquaintance. Most women victimized by an acquaintance did not report the crime for fear the perpetrator would strike back.

"The Take Back the Night and the Day" event is more than a rally - it is organized

"We are responding to the continuous threat of violence toward women."

different groups focusing on this event, we are all committed to working together."

"We are responding to the continuous threat of violence toward women," said Amy Herzfeld, from The Idaho Women's Network. She explained that, though Boise has recently experienced many high profile crimes against women, the majority of aggressive acts toward women seldom receive atten-

News Bucket

Compiled by Arbiter Staff

Professors reminded to keep dead week dead

Daryl Jones, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, recently circulated an email reminding BSU Faculty and administrators about the university's policy regarding "dead week," the policy that exams may not be given the week before finals.

The university policy (BSU 2540-B) stipulates that "No test or examination will be given during the last seven calendar days preceding the first day of the officially scheduled final examination period of the fall or spring semester, except in those lab or performance classes where it is necessary. No take home test or exam may be made due during this period although a take home final test or examination may be distributed."

Further, the policy stipulates that "Take home final exams for a class may not be made due before the beginning of the officially scheduled final examination period for the class. In-class exams will be given during the officially scheduled final examination periods. Exceptions will be allowed only on an individual basis, to be arranged at a time agreeable to the faculty member."

Jones requested the faculty's cooperation in respecting the policy.

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Student associations unite lobbying clout

Group aims to 'become a primary political catalyst for lobbying in the state for higher education'

by Laura Wylde

the Arbiter

ASBSU, among many other student associations from campuses all over the state, met the weekend of December 1-2 to discuss plans for an organized statewide lobby working toward the improvement of higher education in Idaho.

This is the first formal attempt to unify the universities in Idaho under one official organization. Universities involved include Boise State University, University of Idaho, Idaho State University, North Idaho College, and Lewis and Clark State College.

The purpose of combining the individual university associations as one larger group is to organize the students to mount an effective, organized lobbying effort. By expanding the mem-

bership base of associated students and campaigning for higher education, benefits can be reaped statewide.

The meeting focused on ratifying the Associated Students of Idaho constitution and bylaws, which have been in the works since spring semester, 2000. Matt Bott, former president of ASBSU, and Nate Peterson, current ASBSU president, with the legislature at the University of Idaho, have been working toward the creation of a student organization.

This is not the first effort to initiate this type of organization, but as Bart Cochran, ASUI President at the University of Idaho said, "We want to re-create this organization to make it last."

Cochran said, "So far, in establishing a student association, we are taking huge steps

in the right direction. I think we have done increased work on organizing our ideas for the constitution."

Once the constitution is ratified, the Idaho Student

Association Congress will convene once a year for efforts to organize future actions. "We want to become a primary political catalyst for lobbying in the state for higher education," Peterson said.

Ratifying the proposed constitution is the first task on the agenda. Other goals were to educate the various delegates on organization, lobbying, and hearing from other associations from various states on strategies and policies.

Huy Ong, a representative from the Oregon Student Association spoke Friday.

ASBSU President,
Nate Peterson

photo by: Rafael
Saakyan *the Arbiter*

"The Oregon Student Association has a strong student and political base," said Brook Smith, ASBSU Lobbyist. "They do not look at merely higher education, they tackle political issues, which is great."

The Idaho Association of Students hopes to one-day be strong and large enough to attack political issues, but for now, "we have to mesh together and all agree," Smith explained.

"We want to come up with common ground for everyone to agree on, and work toward," Smith said.

Concerns regarding the future of the Idaho Student Association are the differences between schools in the state. Both ISU and BSU are mostly non-traditional campuses, while U of I and Lewis and Clark

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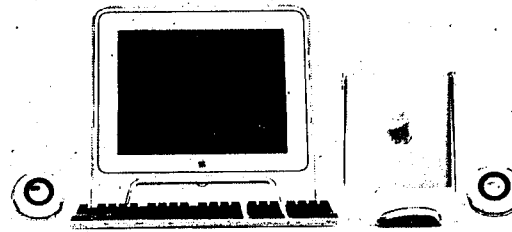


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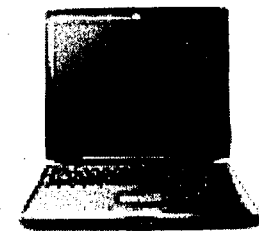


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"Think different"

Helping others helps self

Volunteering puts values, beliefs in action

by Wendy Venable

the Arbitrator

Jillana Slocum, Volunteer Services Board director, says the three basic reasons students should volunteer their time are personal, professional and academic.

It's "an opportunity to put your beliefs and values into action," she said. Slocum has been a member of the board for two years and has served as director since May.

"It's a powerful learning and growing experience; feeling useful, needed and appreciated," she said. Also it is a "super way to strengthen your résumé, sharpen your edge," and it also "shows employers you care."

The VSB is always welcoming new volunteers for numerous types of service, and the holiday break gives many students time and opportunities to make new friends and to be a part of a broader spectrum of society. The main argument against volunteering is that people do not feel they have much free time to spare. But Slocum encourages even the busiest of students. "A little bit of investment can give you a huge return," she said.

The VSB caters to every individual's needs, as long as you are honest with yourself about your interests, abilities, time and commitments. Even an

hour a week can make a difference in someone's life, she said. To volunteer, visit the Board in the SUB student organization offices. Students can look through the book of referrals, decide what fits their needs and fill out referral cards.

In January the VSB sponsors Martin Luther King, Jr. week and will have an immediate need for student volunteers. There will be a Black History Museum on Jan 16 and a Soup Kitchen Jan. 18-19. For those who really want to make a difference, but are unable to afford even a small amount of time, they are also sponsoring "Can It," a canned food drive and "The Giving Tree" with gift tags for needy children at Christmas. The food drive bins are located in various spots around campus and the giving tree is in the main hall of the SUB.

The VSB also has three coordinator positions available for environmental issues, youth and education, and marketing. The appointment terms are yearly and requirements are

for students to be enrolled for at least three credits and have a GPA of 2.25. Responsibilities include attendance of the Monday meeting and 10 hours of service per week. Internship credit is available, as is a service award of \$125 per month.

"Just in general, volunteering is fun," said Slocum. "You have a chance to pursue your interests, to meet people that have the same values and concerns." And most of all, it gives you that "warm, fuzzy feeling" inside.

Jillana Slocum, Volunteer Services Board director

photo by: Ted Harmon *the Arbitrator*



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College are traditional, creating different issues and areas of concern for the individual campus legislation. However, Peterson explained, "As students, we disagree on a lot of things, but we all agree that we need access on improving education in the United States."

Offering aid to the newly forming group was Julia Beatty, from the United States Student Association. The USSA tackles issues such as censorship, inequality, and other social issues on a national scale. They also offer support to state associations in the fighting of legislative battles, or in understanding factors in organization.

During Beatty's discussion she emphasized the need to change the relationship of power between students and decision-makers. "Mobilizing the potential and collective force of power is what brings about change," she said. She also mentioned the important role of proper organization.

"Good organization is building a strong student association," she said, informing the group that a strong alliance across the state is the catalyst for shifting power.

Also brought up for discussion was USSA's role in influencing federal funding. "Federal funding affects state funding,"

Beatty explained. Two percent of the federal budget is spent on education, and that allotment is not solely contributed to higher education. The USSA is "always on the hill," Beatty said. "We are lobbying to get more funding."

Peterson addressed the problem of the decreasing amount of money given to higher education saying, "there is no better way to increase the piece of the pie than to organize and increase student involvement."

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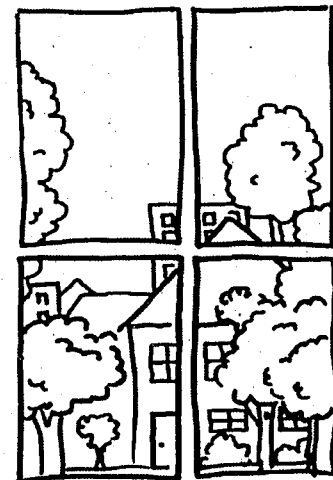
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Emergency phones get a boost

by J. Patrick Kelly
the Arbiter

Eight new emergency phones were added to the campus landscape this semester. The phones are located in the new parking garage, raising the total of these phones to 30. More phones are planned for installation soon south of campus on University Drive, between Lincoln and Denver streets.

BSU began installing these phones (with the flashing blue lights) in 1992. Eight were set up then, with an additional 14 added in the fall of 1994. They were initially installed because of student and faculty concerns about campus safety.

All the phones include enhanced 911 at the touch of a red button, which allows law enforcement officers to pinpoint the location of the call automatically.

Only three of the old phones have just 911; the rest have 911 plus a regular telephone keypad. The new phones have two buttons only; a black button for the Ada County Sheriff and a red button for 911. Eventually, all of the phones will be updated with these latest features.

Sgt. Gary Rouse, of the BSU sheriff substation, has mixed feelings about the limited features of the new phones.

"I wish the keypads would remain because they actually get used by faculty and BSU employees for non-emergency situations. They are quite helpful for priority calls on campus," Rouse said.

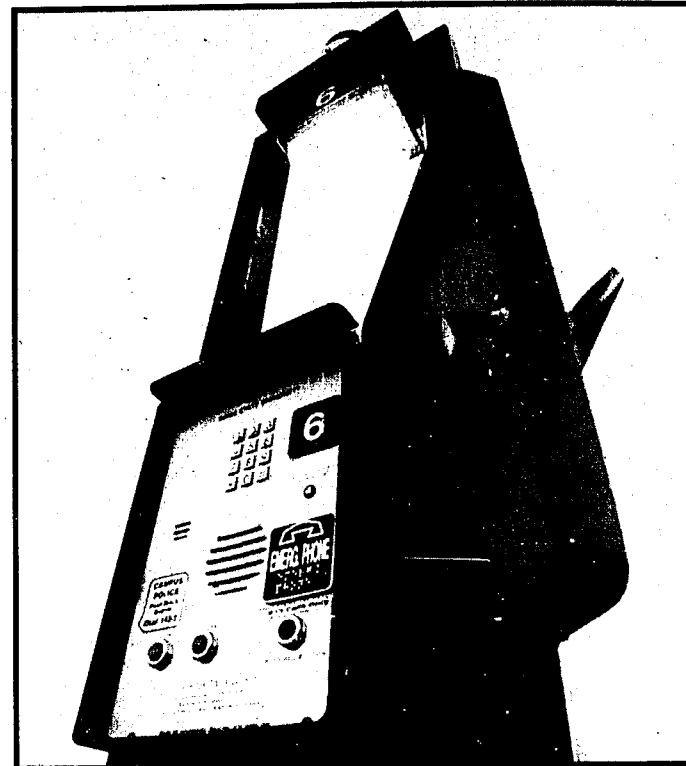
The phones are checked twice daily by campus security. When non-functional phones are discovered they are repaired by BSU telephone services, which also provide regular maintenance. Currently all the phones are operational.

Glen Bock, campus security officer supervisor, said students and faculty seldom use the phones for emergency situations.

"Usually, the phones along Campus Way (adjacent to the river) are the only phones that get used, mostly for emergency extractions of people from the river. Other than that, they are never really used," Bock said.

Despite this, Bock feels the phones are important features on campus. "Violent crimes are rare, but not non-existent. The phones are reliable and conveniently placed for people to use if need be," Bock said.

Both Bock and Rouse encourage students and faculty to use the emergency phones if they feel they are in a dangerous situation.



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Vietnamese New Years sparks budget dispute

ASBSU ponders how it should fund club activities

by Sean Hayes

the Arbiter

The Vietnamese Student Association was recently recognized as an official ASBSU club, but ASBSU Senator Francisco Pedraza felt the club had shown more initiative than many clubs that have worked on campus for years.

He sponsored a bill to give the club over \$1300 to help fund the Vietnamese New Year's celebration, which the club plans to hold on Jan. 20.

However, the money ASBSU Senate is allotted to offer assistance for clubs was drastically cut by the current Nate Peterson/Rachel Wheatley administration, who felt that so-called Senate discretionary funds were used too liberally last year. When former Sen. Trevor Irish

(who did not seek reelection last term) slashed the VSA's request to \$600, it triggered a debate spanning a week and leading to allegations of racism from the bill's sponsor.

When Pedraza attempted at the following meeting to reamend the bill to give \$900 to the club, it set off an hour-plus debate on the benefits of the event and the usage of discretionary monies.

"I think it will be a great event, and I think it will be really neat and I'd love to go. But I don't feel comfortable funding it for \$900," said Sen. Jenni Plewa.

Senate has about \$4000 of discretionary money this semester, down from \$10,000 last year. Peterson vowed he would not cut clubs' budgets when he entered office in April. It is the prerogative of an ASBSU president to

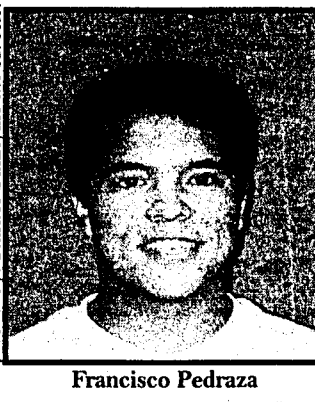
alter budgets given to clubs in the spring term by the Financial Advisory Board. Peterson felt if he did not reduce club's funds at the onset, fewer clubs would seek help from ASBSU Senate later.

The VSA is a new club and was not given money at last semester's FAB hearings. Furthermore, dissension was caused by a recent bill which used \$1000 of the discretionary fund to fund the "Face Off" band competition sponsored by Sen. Matt Vander Boegh, which will be held in the SUB on Dec. 7.

"We're sponsoring rock concerts for \$900," argued Sen. Brooke Baldwin, "but when an event of such cultural significance comes to the table the bill is amended down and I think that's sad."

Vander Boegh countered with the argument that discretionary

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Francisco Pedraza

funds, under the Peterson/Wheatley administration's vision, should be used for outreach events by the Senate and not only to fund clubs.

"The 'Face Off' concert is an ASBSU event, whereas this is not really," he said.

Baldwin disagreed with this philosophy and said that the primary purpose of ASBSU is to

help clubs and organizations.

The ethnic nature of the event was brought up, at times Pedraza expressed irritation with the Senate and said that they were operating from a cultural bias and failed to see the significance of this event to Vietnamese students.

"How many Vietnamese students are there at BSU," Sen. Thomas Tuerman questioned Baldwin and Pedraza. "How many students will benefit," he said.

Baldwin said that there were 29 students in the club, and the event was not only for Vietnamese students.

Pedraza addressed the Senates criticism with a charge of race bias, "are the origins behind your opposition because they are Vietnamese?"

He reiterated Baldwin's criticism that funding "Face-Off" was

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Group for gay faculty and staff created

A new faculty and staff group, tentatively titled "OUTfield," will be starting at Boise State next month. The group's purpose is to provide gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender faculty and staff a place to congregate, interact and plan events.

Organized by Mike Esposito, student organization program coordinator in the Student Union, the group hopes to evolve into an organization that will provide programming on gay issues to the university.

The initial meetings of the organization will be open to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. Future meetings may include allies.

If you are interested in participating in such a group, contact Esposito at extension 1590 or e-mail him at mesposit@boisestate.edu.

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Budget agreement collapse hurts Ed funds

U.S. Dept. of Education reports Congress went home, left higher education funds to Idaho in jeopardy

by Carissa Wolf

the Arbiter

The decision by the Congress to end work on the federal budget for FY2001 and go home until after the election left in jeopardy a significant increase in education funding nationally. The proposed funding includes an increase of at least \$27.8 million for Idaho, according to an analysis conducted by the Department of Education.

"It is a shame that, at the very last moment, the congressional leadership put at risk this bipartisan budget agreement," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "To pass it would have been the right thing to do for children in Idaho."

Riley said he hoped Congress would, "Move forward with this budget and go one step further to pass school modernization legislation." He said, "The bipartisan bill now has the support of 231 members of Congress, a clear

majority of the House, and it would help Idaho pay for the construction and modernization of needed classrooms."

Congressional negotiators reached agreement on the budget early Oct. 30, including substantial new investments in education such as funding to reduce class size, provide emergency repairs for run-down schools and increase access to funding for college and help families pay for college. At the last minute, the agreement, negotiated on a bipartisan basis, was scuttled by the majority congressional leadership. As a result, Idaho funding increases in education are jeopardized in a number of areas, including:

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (Provides grant assistance to low-income undergraduate students): \$202,055

Federal Work-Study (Helps undergraduate and graduate students pay for college through

part-time work assistance): \$223,592

Pell Grants for College (Provides grant assistance to low-income undergraduate students.): \$7,800,000

By Nov. 14, Congress planned to resume work on the education budget and reach a final agreement. Congress re-convened on Nov. 14, but U.S. Department of Education spokesperson Jim Bradshaw said Congress had not

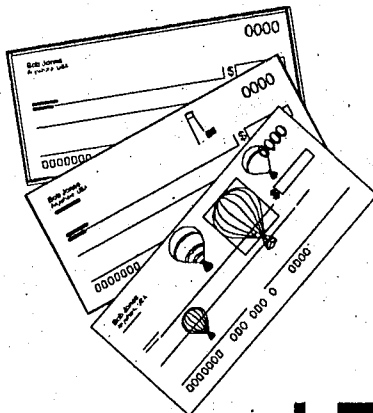
resumed work on the higher education budget, further jeopardizing funding increases. "The budget is still pending. All of our programs depend on the budget figures that they lay out," said Bradshaw.

College	#/%	Current Annual Salary of 1992-93 and 1993-94 Graduates What is your current annual salary?									total
		<\$15,000	\$15,000 - 19,999	\$20,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 29,999	\$30,000 - 34,999	\$35,000 - 39,999	\$40,000 - 44,999	\$45,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 or more	
Arts & Sciences	#/%	40 / 30%	31 / 23%	26 / 20%	10 / 8%	9 / 7%	6 / 5%	4 / 3%	2 / 2%	5 / 4%	133 / 100%
Business	#/%	18 / 6%	37 / 13%	53 / 18%	73 / 25%	40 / 14%	20 / 7%	13 / 5%	9 / 3%	25 / 9%	288 / 100%
Education	#/%	24 / 12%	53 / 27%	45 / 23%	23 / 12%	21 / 11%	18 / 9%	7 / 4%	1 / 1%	1 / 1%	193 / 100%
Health Science	#/%	13 / 9%	17 / 11%	21 / 14%	32 / 21%	34 / 22%	18 / 12%	9 / 6%	4 / 3%	4 / 3%	152 / 100%
Soc Sci & Pub. Affairs	#/%	48 / 19%	33 / 13%	56 / 22%	52 / 21%	28 / 11%	15 / 6%	10 / 4%	2 / 1%	5 / 2%	249 / 100%
Engineering Technology	#/%	8 / 12%	4 / 6%	5 / 7%	3 / 4%	5 / 7%	12 / 18%	12 / 18%	4 / 6%	15 / 22%	68 / 100%
Applied Technology	#/%	36 / 27%	42 / 32%	27 / 21%	13 / 10%	5 / 4%	4 / 3%	2 / 2%	0 / 0%	2 / 2%	131 / 100%
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Services are available for end-of-the-semester crunch

It is not too late to rescue your GPA

by Casey Burkett
the Arbiter

Are you stressed out? Suffering from test anxiety? Failing classes? Are you confused about options offered by Boise State? The end of the semester may cause fears and questions, but there is help available. BSU offers an assortment of services for students who seek help. But where do you start?

First, BSU's Gateway Center is abundant with resources for all students. At the center they offer advising for any student. Although they specialize in undecided majors, they will counsel any student and can refer you to services available in your department. While it may be too late to utilize them this semester, tutoring services are also available. The center is a good place to search out other options, too. Through the center, and your advisor, you can obtain information about university policies such as withdrawing from classes, satisfactory academic progress policy, academic adjustment and appeals, and probation/dismissal/reinstatement.

Melissa Lewis, a Gateway advisor, suggests a student's first priority should be obtaining an academic advisor. Her next suggestion is to talk with your professors.

"Too many students slip through the cracks," says Lewis. "The most important thing is to have a support group." She also recommends visiting the Career Center, the Women's Center and the Multi-Ethnic Center for

support. For students in academic distress the end of the semester is probably the worst time to pursue relief, but all hope is not lost. There are steps you can take if you are failing a class. Although it is now too late to withdraw from a class without an appeal, you can still talk with your professor. On a case by case basis, a professor can substitute a grade of incomplete for a failing grade. This gives you the opportunity to make a contract for fulfilling the course requirements past the end of

support, as well as workshops on stress management, relationships, self-esteem, and test anxiety. Tips from the Counseling Center on surviving stressful times, such as the end of the semester, include:

Keeping a balance between school, work, and relationships.

Remembering to take care of yourself, don't forget about the things that make you happy and keep you healthy, such as exercise or relaxation.

Stay connected to the important people in your life.

Be selective with activities,

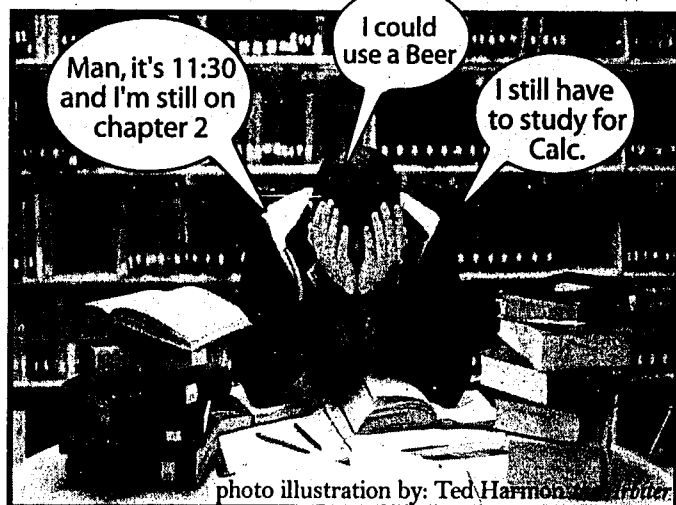


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the semester with the professor. If you fulfill the contract, you will receive a passing grade. This action is totally dependent on your willingness to put forth the effort to save your grade.

If you are suffering from feelings of frustration, stress, anxiety, or depression try visiting the Counseling and Testing Center. The center offers personal, couples, and family coun-

don't overindulge on food intake or alcohol consumption.

Make time for yourself, practice stress relief or spiritual techniques.

Call the Counseling center, they are more than happy to assist you in anyway they can.

The Wellness Center is a good resource for students prior to the end of the semester. Their resources are aimed more towards learning and maintaining a healthy lifestyle and not crisis intervention.

With most BSU centers, walk-ins may be accepted. However, the centers are extremely busy, and it is strongly recommended you make an appointment for prompt service. You can also visit web sites pertaining to each center for further information on services offered.

Counseling and Testing Center - 426-1601
6th Floor of the Education building
Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<http://counseling.boisestate.edu/>

Wellness Center - 426-3364
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<http://www.boisestate.edu/wellness/>

Gateway Center - 426-4049
1910 University Drive
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indicative of American cultural values. "Because Matt is sponsoring something that the dominant culture says is cool, it's okay. But because not all of us know Vietnamese culture, because not all of us participate or recognize it," that it would not be a relevant bill to sponsor.

"For me, if this were a Greek organization, I would still vote against it," said Kappa Sigma member and Sen. Nick Leonardson.

Wheatley criticized Pedraza's use of what she called "emotional appeal."

After further debate, the bill was passed under its original cut to \$600 by former Sen. Irish.

Tam Dinh, coordinator of the Multi-ethnic Center later said she was disappointed that the bill was cut, because the celebration provided education to the campus at large about a foreign culture.

She said that the New Year falls in Vietnam, based on the lunar calendar, and will fall on Jan. 24. The club will sponsor the event on the weekend date of the twentieth. Other cultures in Asia also recognize the event on this day.

"This is a new year that is celebrated by half the people on this earth," said Dinh. "It's a three-day event, this is very important for the Vietnamese culture."

The festival on campus will include singing and dancing and cultural activities and food. The dancing will be ballroom style, said Dinh, because of the French influence on Vietnam.

Dinh said the Vietnamese people are superstitious, and clean their houses before the New Year. They also believe that the first guest in the house brings the karma for the rest of year.

"If you have bad luck for the rest of the year, you can blame it on that first person - a bad luck person," said Dinh.

She said that the club is actively raising money to make up for the shortfall in their request for ASBSU funds.

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BSU joins anti-sweatshop group

Student activists work to improve third world working conditions

by Stuart Bryson

the Arbiter

“You Idiot! You Whore! You Pig!”

In an Indonesian factory in Jakarta, supervisors routinely use this abusive language to reprimand workers who are paid two dollars per day to manufacture athletic apparel. In this and other third-world factories that manufacture goods for U.S. companies, workers are often forced to work extreme overtime in hot, polluted workrooms. Investigators from several organizations allege workers are subjected to degrading verbal and physical abuse including having ears pulled and buttocks slapped if they work too slowly or break factory rules.

Sheri Chase does not like the idea of such sweatshops workers making clothes for Boise State University students. As Bronco Shop employee who orders apparel, she is conscientious about which vendors BSU orders from. According to Chase, BSU signed on as a member of the national Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) this year. The WRC is a non-profit organization that supports and verifies manufacturer compliance with apparel codes of conduct. These codes of conduct, which have been developed by colleges and universities across the country, ensure that goods are produced under conditions that respect the basic rights of workers. “We want to be sure the clothing and apparel we bring in support this issue,” Chase said. “If the vendor is not meeting the criteria, then we will buy elsewhere.”

WRC code prohibits forced labor, child labor, harassment, abuse and discrimination. It regulates hours of work and overtime, requires a safe and healthy working environment and respect for the right of

employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining, with a separate provision for women’s rights. WRC code also requires licensees to pay wages and benefits that comply with applicable laws and regulations, and to establish a living wage. A living wage is defined as a “take home” or “net” wage, earned during a country’s legal maximum work week – no more than 48 hours – that provides for the basic needs of an average family unit, divided by the average number of adult wage earners in the family unit.

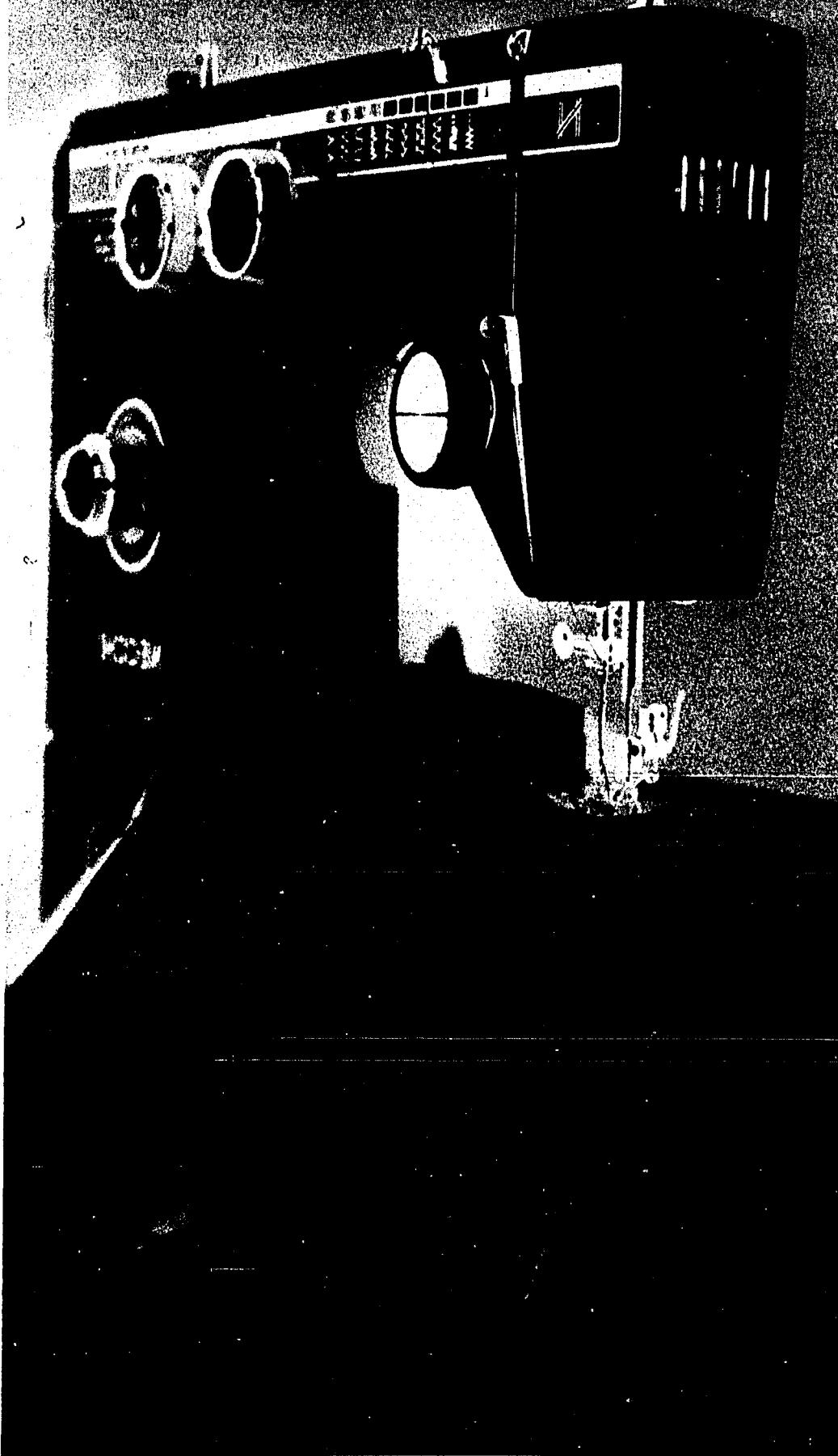
Press coverage in the last ten years has made people in the United States increasingly aware of sweatshop issues. Several major news agencies have broken stories about appalling conditions and mistreatment, including child labor, forced contraception and abortion, harassment and physical abuse, and lack of safety standards. This increasing awareness, and lack of accountability from corporations attracted to cheap foreign labor and lax environmental standards, has given rise to several groups that want to see major changes. One such organization is United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), which was instrumental in the creation of the WRC.

Global Exchange, a human rights group that promotes fair trade standards, said that since 1996 USAS has become the vanguard of the sweatshop movement.

Global Exchange note they “took on individual companies like Nike, pressured the U.S. Department of Labor to enforce standards, critiqued watered-down monitoring proposals, hosted garment workers on their campuses, and demanded that workers be paid a living wage.”

In addition to the Workers’ Rights Consortium, many uni-

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versities belong to another organization, the Fair Labor Association (FLA). Similar in its aims to the Workers' Rights Consortium, the FLA is establishing standards and monitoring procedures for factories that produce university garments. While some universities are members of both the WRC and the FLA, there are significant differences between the groups. Proponents of the FLA, which has a membership of 148 colleges and universities, criticize the WRC for having a lack of standards, for being adversarial towards corporations, for vague policies on monitoring and inspections, and for having unrealistic expectations.

On the other hand, many activists see the FLA as a group that ultimately represents corporate interests. University of Oregon is at the center of this debate, and has a very active anti-sweatshop campaign. According to a Sept. 25 *Oregon Daily Emerald* article, campus activists protested the unilateral decision by University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer to add the University to FLA's roster, likening the monitoring of the FLA to "having the fox guard the henhouse." In spite of the fact that Sam Brown, the FLA's executive director, has a strong record on human rights issues, activists are critical of the fact that apparel companies on the FLA board of directors will choose which monitors will inspect the factories that produce their brands. In addition, they are point out that the FLA will determine which factories are monitored, and that some factory inspections might be announced ahead of time.

The University of Oregon also ran into trouble this spring after they joined the WRC. The decision caused Nike's CEO, Phil Knight, to announce on April 24 that he was ending his personal donations to the University of Oregon.

The dropped support included a reported \$30 million pledge to help expand Autzen Stadium. While university president Frohnmayer admitted that in hindsight, the decision to join the WRC should have been considered more carefully, the university has stood by its decision. Nike has repeatedly been criticized for not doing enough

to monitor overseas companies that manufacture its apparel, and for promoting misinformation about its manufacturers' policies.

While the college market represents a fraction of the garment industry, anti-sweatshop groups say the precedents being set for independent monitoring are important. The college market, however, is different than other retail businesses. Chase says that although the majority of colleges and universities are concerned with where their apparel is manufactured, she doesn't believe this trend is true for the rest of the market. Chase believes there will always be people willing to purchase goods manufactured under any conditions, as long as they are cheap. "As long as there's a customer to buy the product, then price is the bottom line," she said. She sees the issue as primarily the responsibility of the nations that have sweatshops. She points out that at one time, Americans had to win their own freedoms in these areas. "There were 10-year-olds in factories in this country," she said. She said that the governments of many nations are not willing to stand up and enforce human rights and labor laws.

Chase is correct in noting that workers in the U.S. faced similar challenges. In 1911 a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York killed 146 garment workers. The event was a catalyst that helped end the commonplace abuse of workers in the United States. After the fire, over 80,000 people took part in the funeral procession up Fifth Avenue. Eventually this groundswell of support led to new rights for workers and safer workplaces in the United States. In 1993, an event that was strikingly similar led to the deaths of 188 workers at the Kadar Industrial Toy Company in Thailand. Workers at the factory faced locked doors and no fire safety equipment.

Many activists feel that the responsibility lies more with the manufacturers and consumers of products, as well as policies and organizations that set trade standards, than the governments of third-world nations. The governments are often burdened with debts that prohibit development of fair labor polices, and the problems are

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worsened by free trade agreements like GATT and NAFTA. Activists say that the problem of labor industry abuses is rooted in the history of colonialism and industrialization that has put many nations into positions of extreme financial duress. They claim that organizations like the World Trade Organization and the World Bank exacerbate the poverty in these nations with stringent debt repayment programs, forcing them to compete for foreign business by compromising labor and environmental regulations.

On the other hand, many argue that corporations provide jobs that are badly needed in third world countries, and companies that manufacture clothing offer better pay and working conditions than other jobs available. Although supporters of this standpoint argue that standards of living in poor, third world countries are lower, groups like USAS disagree. They contend that while the wages in other countries may be lower, the point is that sweatshop workers are not earning a living wage, and many receive starvation wages. They point out that these countries frequently set very low minimum wages in order to attract companies who bring jobs. This competition for the lowest manufacturing cost has been termed "the race to the

bottom," which leads to exploitative human rights and environmental policies.

While corporate executives recognize conditions are not ideal in many third-world factories, they say they are working to compromise and meet the demands for better conditions the best they can. But according to USAS and other groups, companies can afford to improve conditions and pay higher wages. Other groups point out that companies like New Balance can afford to manufacture the majority of their products in the United States; and if they can do this and still make a profit, surely other corporations could afford to improve working conditions in factories that manufacture their goods.

However, many high profile companies such as Nike have huge advertising budgets. They often sponsor entire university teams and endorse sports stars like Tiger Woods in advertising campaigns that cost billions of dollars a year. A USAS report found, "Currently, production labour costs account for only about 4 percent of the price of a pair of Nike shoes. If Nike cut their worldwide marketing outlay of \$975 million by only 4 percent, they could pay a living wage to all Indonesian Nike workers. A decent wage for Nike workers wouldn't even put a dent in Nike's bottom line!"

Locally, activists believe we

have our own labor issues to contend with as well. BSU student Jake Nelson points out that the campaign to get minimum wages for farm workers is similar in some ways to the sweatshop issue. "The most important thing is to start tackling problems close to home," he said. Nelson hopes the anti-sweatshop campaign might help raise awareness about our own workers' rights issues in Idaho.

While university students are opinionated about sweatshop issues, the general public does not seem to be as concerned.

Tom Chelstrom, general manager of Boise's Recreational Equipment Incorporated (REI) store, said customers in Boise are generally more concerned with the price and quality of goods than anything else. While he admits there are certain consumers concerned with working conditions in factories that make the goods they buy, it is not a major factor for most. Chelstrom notes, however, that REI leads the industry in monitoring working conditions in factories that produce REI brands. "We have strict policies for vendors and REI brand merchandise," he said. "Many companies in the industry have followed our lead."

Although both university activists and corporations agree steps need to be taken to improve sweatshop labor conditions and factory standards, how that needs to be done is a point of contention. Many feel that corporations are paying lip service to the issue, but not taking definitive action. They question the legitimacy of claims that companies are monitoring factories and improving conditions.

Events like the recent repeat of World Trade Organization protests in Seattle have drawn together environmentalists, labor and human rights leaders in the complicated struggle for social justice, in a global system that places profits before people. Disenchanted by the policies and efforts of trade groups, governments and corporations to make effective changes, socially conscious demonstrators and students are taking the issues into their own hands with groups like the WRC.

Hendricks, Mikell, Koetter win top Big West Conference awards

by Arbiter Staff

photo by: Ted Harmon *the Arbiter*

Bart Hendricks was named the Big West Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Quintin Mikell was named co-Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Dirk Koetter was named the Big West Conference Coach of the Year as Boise State University dominated this year's All-Big West Conference selections.

Hendricks, a senior from Reno, Nev. and Mikell, a sophomore from Eugene, Ore. were also named to the league's all-conference team as 10 Broncos received first team honors, five second team honors and two honorable mentions.

Winning offensive player of the year award for the second year in a row, Hendricks leads the nation in three different offensive categories. He is the top-rated passer with an efficiency rating of 170.6, first in touchdown passes with 35, and first for points responsible for, with a per-game average of 22.90. This season he completed 210 of 347 passes for 3,364 yards and 35 touchdowns. He also set five Boise State season records, and five Boise State career records this season. Hendricks was also ranked third in passing yards per game among I-A quarterbacks this season with a 305.8 average, and fourth in total offense with a 330.3 per-game mark.

Mikell received co-defensive player of the year honors along with University of Idaho tackle Wil Beck. Mikell led the Big West Conference in tackles this season with 118, 76 unassisted. He also had three quarterback sacks for a loss of 21 yards, and a total of eight tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 33 yards.

Koetter was named the Big West Conference Coach of the Year for the second straight season after guiding the Broncos to an overall record of 9-2 and the school's second straight league championship. In the past two seasons, Boise State has an overall record of 19-5 for a 79.2 winning percentage. The 19 wins tied Boise State with Marshall University for the fifth most wins in I-A football the past two years. Florida State has the most with 23.

Bronco players named to the first team include quarterback Hendricks, wide receiver Lou Fanucchi, offensive lineman Scott Buttice, place kicker Nick Calaycay, defensive end Zach Weber, defensive end Jeff Copp, safety Q. Mikell, cornerback Dempsy Dees, cornerback D. Ross and punter Jeff Edwards.

Locally, Koetter has announced the individual winners of year 2000 team awards. The awards were presented at the annual football banquet Nov. 19.

Following is a list of the award winners and some statistical information on the winners.

Special Teams Player of the Year — Nick Calaycay (So. - Keizer, Ore.)
Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year — Donny Heck (Fr. - Meridian, Ida.)

Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year — Julius Roberts (Fr. - Los Angeles, Calif.)

Special Teams Ironman Award — Greg Sasser (Jr. - Salem, Ore.)

Matt Stroffhus (So. - Denver, Colo.)

The Valor Award, A Denny Erickson Memorial — Jeff Copp (Sr. - Idaho Falls, Ida.)

Academic Achievement Award, A Pat Fuller Memorial — Bart Hendricks (Sr. - Reno, Nev.)

Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award — Scott Buttice (Sr. - Walla Walla, Wash.)

Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award Bradly Phillips (Sr. - Kelso, Wash.)

Most Valuable Offensive Player — Bart Hendricks (Sr. - Reno, Nev.)

Most Valuable Defensive Player — Quintin Mikell (So. - Eugene, Ore.)

Captain Awards (Season) — Bart Hendricks, Dempsy Dees and Kareem Williams

The Broncos will next play in the Crucial.com/Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 28 (Thursday) against a team from WAC Conference.



Bart Hendricks

Coach Koetter makes his move to Arizona

Players say the team will go on

by Renae Hall

the Arbiter

There will be no more wondering if Coach Dirk Koetter will go to Oklahoma State University, Arizona State University or stay at Boise State, because the final decision was made at a press conference on Dec. 1. He will be going to ASU.

A place where the sun shines 85 percent of the year and a salary that reportedly extends to \$700,000 a year is what awaits Koetter. Not only do the sunny skies of Tempe, Ariz., wait for him, so do the eager ASU Sun Devils. A number of starters and award winners will return next year under the reign of Coach Koetter.

These are all things that await him, but what about the team that he still has at BSU and the fans here who still want to see great things come out of the Humanitarian Bowl? Fans have an understanding of why he is going and wish him luck: however, the question that might feed many people's thoughts is the players. How are they going to react to losing their coach right before the biggest game of the year?

Avid sports fans of the Broncos are told not to worry by several football players. "I

don't think it will affect our play on bit," stated bluntly by Travis Burgher.

The general consensus is that the boys are still going to play with the same amount of passion as they did before for Koetter.

"He'll be there coaching and it'll be the same," said number 30 David Michaels. "I'll just play my heart out."

The general thought of every player is playing their best and giving it their all, regardless of the coaching situation.

Senior Shernard Harts will play his last game of college football under the wings of Koetter at the Humanitarian Bowl. He is this close and states, "I didn't come this far just to quit, and I'm going to give it my everything."

The general view of the team is that they are not playing to keep a coach or for the coach, they are playing for the championship. The Broncos desire the championship just as a young cub desires the milk of its mother. They want it, they feel it, and they are going to go for it no matter what.

"We've got a family to take care of," stated Harts as he talked about the team, "And we're going to take care of it, life goes on after the coach."

No remorse or grudges are

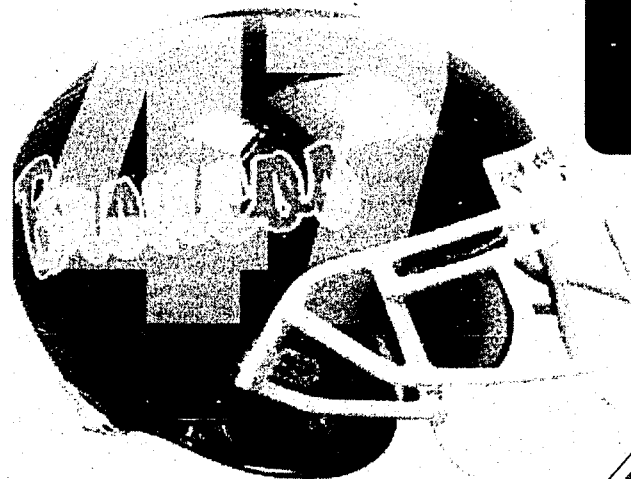
held towards Koetter. Michaels said this kind of thing happens, and you can't be mad because someone got an opportunity and also a chance at more money. If you used an analogy it would be like getting mad at Jake Plumber for leaving Boise and going to play at ASU and then on for the Cardinals. It is just something that you have to tip your hat to and say good luck and be happy for that person.

Now returning Broncos have to face a new coach next year and the same quote comes up every time the question of how they feel about it was asked.

"I'm going to be here next year and I'll just play for who is here, and play my heart out, it doesn't matter," said Michaels. And from the rumors that are floating around, Michaels and others might be playing for Dan Hawkins, the assistant head coach on Koetter's staff.

As Boise State Broncos wait to see what will happen of them, the players, as well as students, faculty and avid sports fans of the Broncos wish Coach Koetter the best of luck in Arizona. We are sorry to see him go.

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December Activities

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ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

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Senior recital, David Z. Frantz, saxophone, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

Noon Tunes -BSU Women's Chorale will be having a performance in the SUB from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DEC. 6-9

"Take Out Theatre," Morrison Center Stage II. 7:30 p.m. Theatre majors showcase presented by Boise State theatre arts department. Tickets: \$4 general admission, \$3 students. Call 426-3980.

DEC. 7

"Communion of the Bands," Student Union Hatch Ballroom. Also, art display in Bergquist Lounge. 6 p.m.-midnight. Presented by Student Union and Activities, the Arbiter and ASBSU. Call 426-1223.

"Take Back the Night ... and the Day," march and rally starting at Julia Davis Park footbridge. 6 p.m. Sponsored by Boise State Women's Center and community organizations. Call 426-4256.

DEC. 8

Winter Formal Dance, Student Union Jordan Ballroom. 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Presented by Boise State Residence Hall Association. Call 426-1258.

Mural unveiling and reception, history department office, Library 192. 2 p.m. Free. Refreshments will be served. Call 426-1255.

DEC. 9-10

"Nutcracker," Morrison Center Main Hall. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Presented by Ballet Idaho. Tickets: \$8-\$35 at Select-a-Seat, www.idahotickets.com or call 426-1110.

DEC. 10

SPB Film: Sane Man & 7th Day of Waco in the Special Event Center 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. General \$2 Students \$1.

DEC. 12

"Romper Stomper," Special Events Center. 7 p.m. Student Programs Board film. Tickets: \$2 general, \$1 students at the door. Call 426-4636.

DEC. 13-19

"Channel Your Super Hero Strength" finals relief, Student Union. Snacks, massages, video games and much more. Free. Presented by Student Union and Activities. Call 426-1223.

WORKSHOPS and CONFERENCES

DEC. 6

Andrus Center Conference will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Economic Summit will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stress Management will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Personnel Selection Interviewing will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DEC. 7

Communications 302 will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Andrus Center Conference will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Literature for Lunch, WCA, 720 W. Washington St. 12:10-1 p.m. Topic: "Letters from Yellowstone" by Diane Smith. Free. Sponsored by Boise State English department. Call 426 1179, 426-1233 or send e-mail to emartin@boisestate.edu or jwidmayer@boisestate.edu.

The Fires Next Time will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boise State University Foundation board dinner. Sponsored by Boise State University Foundation. Invitation only. Call 426-3276.

Del Parkinson's Area Concert Class will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Shared Leadership will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

DEC. 8

Shared Leadership will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DEC. 9

Alcohol and Traffic Safety will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

DEC. 11

SW Regional Education will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ASBSU Financial Training will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

DEC. 12

Holiday luncheon and auction, Jordan Ballroom 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State University Association of Office Professionals. Lunch reservations: \$8.50 by Dec. 7. Call 426-1631.

DEC. 11-13

Gateway Spring 2001 will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DEC. 13

Dept of Environmental Quality will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peoplesoft Training will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Campus Programming Session will be having workshop and seminar in the SUB from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CLUB MEETINGS and EVENTS

DEC. 6-7

IPSA will hold its annual toilet bowl charity fundraiser in the Quad. Donate your change for a good cause.

DEC. 6-8

Buffalo Field Campaign will have a booth open in the SUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DEC. 6-13

Gift of the Magi will be performing in the Special Event Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DEC. 7

AA meeting will be in the SUB from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Alpha Kappa Psi is meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BGLAD Weekly is meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SAGE weekly meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DEC. 9

BGLAD Retreat meeting in the SUB from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

DEC. 10

Chinese Students & Scholars will be having religious activities in the SUB from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Lambda is meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kappa Sigma Pledge meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

DEC. 10

Night Owl Breakfast in the SUB from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

DEC. 11

Food Service Rate Increase meeting in the SUB from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30

VSB Weekly meeting is in the SUB from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sigma Tau Delta is meeting in the SUB from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Baptist Campus Ministries are meeting in the SUB from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DEC. 12

AA meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Sexual Assault Response is meeting in the SUB from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senate Meeting is in the SUB from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Beta Alpha Psi is meeting in the

SUB from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Democrats weekly meeting in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Lacrosse Meeting is in the SUB from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

DEC. 13

Finals Relief Fall 2000 special event in the SUB from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Vedic Philosophical & Cultural Club will have a booth open in the SUB from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Noon Tunes -Mary Meade will be performing in the SUB from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Outsiders Club will be having a meeting in the SUB from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30

OELA weekly meeting in the SUB from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS

DEC. 9


Bronco women's basketball vs. Portland State, The Pavilion. 2 p.m. Call 426-4737.

Bronco men's basketball vs. Gonzaga, The Pavilion. 7:30 p.m. Call 426-4737.

LECTURES

DEC. 7

Pre-Med. Lecture will be held in the SUB from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



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The full event schedule can be viewed in the SUB in front of Moodle Java.

Event Schedule

Wednesday, December 13

FREE Characterist, Mktg Booth #1, 11:30-3pm
- sponsored by SU&A
Cram Snack, Brava! 9:30pm-gone
- sponsored by SU&A and Fine Host
FREE Massage, Wellness Stop, 11:30am-2pm, 7-9pm
- sponsored by SU&A

Thursday, December 14

FREE Characterist, Mktg Booth #1, 11:30-3pm
FREE Massage, Wellness Stop, 11:30-2pm, 7-9pm
Cram Snack, Brava! 9:30pm-gone

Friday, December 15

FREE Palm Reader, Mktg Booth #1
- sponsored by Student Programs Board
FREE Massage, Wellness Stop, 11:30-2pm

Saturday, December 16

Play dough, Mktg Booth #2
Dr. Fin Al Punching Bag, Ticket Office

Sunday, December 17


Night Owl Breakfast, Table Rock Cafe, 10pm-12am
- \$1.50 with student ID, Free with BSU meal plan,
sponsored by Student Residential Life

Monday, December 18

FREE Massage, Wellness Stop, 11:30-2pm, 7-9pm
Cram Snack, Brava! 9:30pm-gone

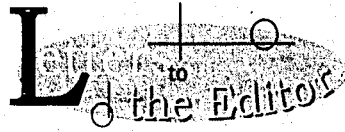
Tuesday, December 19

FREE Massage, Cinnamon
11:30-2pm, 7-9pm
Cram Snack, Brava! 9:30pm-gone



Dr. Fin Al has released his evil ally, Testress, on Boise State, but never fear, the Relief Duo is here to protect you from Dr. Fin Al's wicked scheme! No Doze and Informator unite in a Finals Relief battle to end all assignments during dead week.

Protesters, go home



While waiting outside the Business building, here on campus Wednesday, for Nino to give us our weekly spiritual message, I was distracted by a group of people with cardboard cut outs in the shape of trees.

I thought to myself, "Wow, is it Christmas time already?" I ventured on over and found it had nothing to do with Christmas at all.

On several pieces of painted cardboard, there were messages scrawled in black marker about the deforestation of America. I got to thinking, what is cardboard made out of? Oh yeah, trees.

Nice job fellas. Why not go ahead and protest red meat while you walk around in your leather Birkenstocks and stay warm in your wool sweater during an animal rights march.

I am so sick of protesters. Get a life. Stop annoying the general public. Go home and think about deforestation while you fire up your wood stove.

Or how about those markers you used to make your signs?

Do you know how much pollution is made when you make the plastic for those markers? I know I must sound bitchy, but come on, do we really need a bunch of Carol Bachelder Jr.'s running around?

Brad Kindall

Safety, dignity and personal choice

Seldom do articles of ignorance and bigotry frustrate and offend my sensibilities, as did the letter "Gays seek conformity, not diversity". It presented the same obviously stereotypical information that is usually presented by those claiming to "not have a problem" with homosexuals but refuse to grant them the basic rights to safety, dignity and personal choice. I think it is ironic that the writer urges us to honor the individuals who "have given their lives in defense of our freedoms" but he would only extend those freedoms arbitrarily.

I ask anyone believing this type of rhetoric to answer a few questions. Shouldn't the gay community be afforded the same rights to security of persons and freedom from attacks vandalism, assault and violence that the majority of society enjoys? If this is conformity then I'll be a Nike wearing, Starbucks drinking, Ricky Martin loving conformist, because I thought these were basic rights everyone should enjoy without labels. Moreover, what about the ability to openly display affection to others, despite gender? When was the last time you kissed, or hugged or held hands with your significant other in public?

It is clear that those who take that position, such as Thomas, are not for freedom; instead, they truly wish everyone to conform their narrow minded Pat Robertson-Christian beliefs that stifle true autonomy and diversity. Please leave your ultra-right, conservative agenda out of my school (you only further brand this state with stereotypes) and stop putting false labels on concepts about which you obviously know nothing. If you are "against" the "gay lifestyle", then, by all means, don't practice.

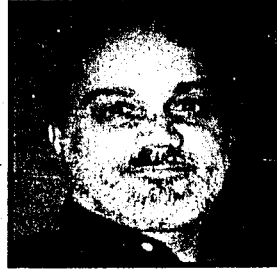
Brook Smith

PS: Pretty please, look up diversity in the dictionary. You might be amazed.

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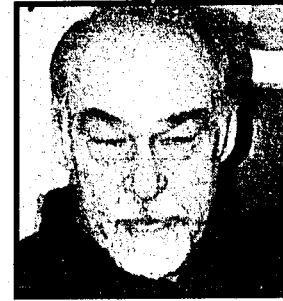
What advice would you give your students for finals week?

by Daniel Wolf
the Arbitrator



Bruce Ballenger, Director of Writing, English department

"One of the most important things is to seek each other out and collaborate. I know that's important. I think if I were to give my students advice for what it is worth, I would say don't isolate yourself, seek out and to share knowledge."



Anthropology professor
Max Pavesic

"Don't wait until the last minute. Do your readings and look at your notes."



Sociology professor Michael Blain

"The way I did it when I was an undergraduate student was to follow the professor's syllabus, study stuff independently, took notes and outlined readings for essay tests."

Guest Opinion

What makes America great?

This commentary is in reply to Jerel Thomas's guest opinion published in the Arbitrator entitled, "Gays Seek Conformity, not Diversity."

First, and foremost, I would like, on his behalf, to commend Jerel for having homosexual family and friends, and the fact that he does not hate homosexuals.

I have family and friends who are homosexual, black, white, red, brown, and once I even had a purple friend. I have friends who are conservative, liberal, and at every other end of the spectrum and even friends who do not know what

the hell they are. And, like you, I have no ill feelings towards them whatsoever.

However, I do have a problem with your agenda. I myself could care less that BGLAD was recognized as a student organization. Neither do I care about their life styles, and you are right: people do have a choice whether or not to join their club. However, your statement that

"The decision to recognize them on Veteran's Day seemed to be made in poor taste," seems to me to be in poor taste in itself.

Are you aware of the fact

that a Vietnam veteran can also be a homosexual and, therefore, the decision for BGLAD to recognize them on Veteran's Day was perfectly appropriate?

You write, "Any pre-game ceremony on this day should honor our service men and women who have given their lives in defense for our freedoms." This is exactly what BGLAD did on this very day.

The fact is that you do not know all Vietnam veterans and neither do I. But I would bet that there is at least one of them who is, in fact, a homosexual, and that one veteran can put your entire opinionated article in its place.

In response to the rest of your well-written article I would like to add that Gay activists are not asking you to tolerate anything you do not agree with, they are simply asking you to respect them. Respect is a well deserved right that

should be given to all human beings regardless of sex, race, gender, or, for that matter, sexual orientation.

BGLAD is not trying to convert anyone, even you. They are like any other activist club at Boise State University. They are trying to make a difference

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Idahoans: Unite and Take Back the Night

by Lesleigh Owen

the Arbiter

Come this Thursday night, Dec. 7, some of our community members will face a choice: stay inside their apartments, watching "Friends" while tucked snugly inside an afghan and munching on their partner's freshly-baked oatmeal cookies, or brave the dark and the cold to celebrate Take Back the Night, a march and rally dedicated to eliminating violence against women.

Believe it or not, some people would actually prefer to stay home.

Take Back the Night caps a year teeming with acts of violence and fear waged against the female half of our community: Lynn Henneman, Samantha Maher and two sexually assaulted teenaged girls, just to name the headliners. Meanwhile, some gloom-and-doomers have taken it upon themselves to urge the rest of us girly girls to remain locked inside our homes, shaking and cowering in the dark.

No way. Come December seventh at 6:00 on the Julia Davis side of the BSU footbridge, we'll sing, chant and shout our way through the streets in thunderous defiance of our relegation to house arrest.

Jeez, and some people would actually choose ogling Matt LeBlanc and Jennifer Aniston to this?

The Hspot

Take Back the Night's sponsors — SAGE, the BSU Women's Center, Idaho Women's Network, Planned Parenthood of Idaho and the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence — organized the event in hopes of educating community members on the roots and manifestations of women-centered violence while also providing a time and space for the co-mingling of activists, victims and resources.

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column highlighting the many faces of violence against women. After finishing up, I clapped the dust off my hands, patted myself on the back and bid the subject a fond *adieu*.

Since then, a few community members' ignorant ramblings have pierced my self-congratulatory haze like a 6:30 A.M. wake-up call. These demented diatribes took the form of one letter to the editor and a story in the Arbiter and a Statesman letter to the editor.

On the Arbiter's end, the letter addressed Carissa Wolf's domestic abuse article in the Oct. 25 edition, while the article discussed a self-defense training course for women. The sweet and condensed version of the letter to the editor:

Domestic violence ain't exactly a trip to Disneyland, but what can you do when those women just don't have the guts and self-esteem to up and leave? Likewise, in the article on the women's self-defense course, I could have done without the trainer's quotes that compared men's violent attacks on women to some kind of lion-and-gazelle-like enactment. Maybe men wouldn't attack, the trainer hinted, if nature and biology didn't compel them to hunt those small, weak, frail little ladies.

A Statesman letter to the editor agrees. It began innocently enough but soon snapped back to the tried-and-true, ignore-the-perps-and-target-the-women theme: "Adding additional police protection probably will not do diddly-squat to harness the actions of someone intent on murder." [Right on, I cheered when I first read it] "Women need to stop going to dark places alone. There is safety in numbers and in well-lighted places."

Let me get this straight: If I'm attacked at night (or in the day, or at dusk or dawn, as it were) by some power-hungry freak, I should shoulder the blame? If my husband decides my mashed potatoes are a little on the lumpy side and decides to grace me with a few of my own, I'm to blame for staying hitched? Not only that, but I'm supposed to remain locked

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Opinion

A Novel idea: Traffic laws for pedestrians

by Sean Hayes

the Arbiter

It consistently amazes me that people, who are manipulative control freak megalomaniacs behind the wheel of a car, can be so blissfully unaware and careless when they're walking.

I don't drive, so I fail to see the power of anonymity that must come from being enclosed within the steel walls of a machine. Is this protective surface why people, who would open doors for people and say 'please' and 'thank you' in the real world, become ranting profane lunatics on our roadways? I have seen drivers curse someone to hell for one moment's hesitation at a green light, make lewd suggestions about someone's mother for following one inch too closely, and use one hand to give a fellow motorist the finger and the other to dial a cell phone.

You'd think these neurotic standards that drivers expect others to strictly adhere to would apply outside the vehicle. However, walking across BSU campus, you're liable to be tailgated, side-swiped, forced off the sidewalk, or made to follow gabbing groups blocking everybody's path. Of course, if you respond to these minor injustices the same way people do behind the wheel, you're liable to be hauled off by men in white coats.

Consider this: coming out of a classroom this morning, I was blindsided by a fellow pedestrian travelling fatuously close to the wall and adjacent to the door. On a freeway, isn't there such a thing as a turn lane, where cars are provided an off-ramp to merge with faster vehicles? Why should the same principle not be applied to hallways?

How about slow lanes for people who insist on walking in rows and gossiping loudly with their friends? Would we tolerate cars driving ten miles an hour, stretched across the interstate, and blocking traffic? These people would be dragged out of their cars, nailed to their bumpers and crucified. Then their killers would sit down, feeling fully righteous, to a picnic lunch. Why should a pedestrian get off easy for the same offense?

Disney used to run a cartoon with Goofy, too gentle to hurt a fly, who became a raving demon when he sat behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. Why are those who fly off the handle at any minor error on the road so docile, dumb and thoughtless when they stop outside the safety of their vehicles? If we all walked around in encased plastic bubbles, would we be so gentle?

Diet advice: If you're too weak to walk up a flight of stairs or across the campus, just go ahead and eat that chocolate cake, you cow. You're not fooling anybody.

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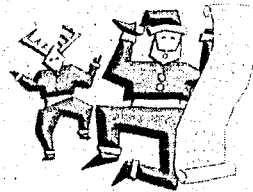
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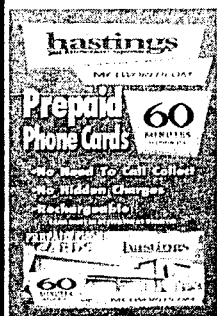
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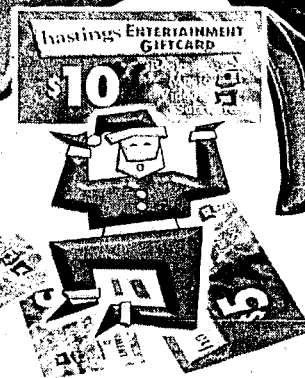


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inside my home at night just in case my mere presence should arouse in men the impulse to attack my doe-like vulnerability?

Gee, fellas, I don't mean to sound pushy, but shouldn't it be the other way around?

"I'm sorry, ma'am, that the other car blew the red light and hit you broadside, but really now, don't you know how dangerous cars can be? Maybe if you'd left it in the garage instead of bringing it onto the streets, no one would have had the chance to hit you."

See my point?

Reading with great dismay these articles and letters, I realized how very, very much some members of this community would benefit from a spoonful of the education TBTN will dish out come this Thursday night.

One half of the women reading this article will experience domestic violence. One-quarter to one-third will be raped. TBTN gives these women and their supporters a voice by allowing them a victim-blame-free space.

As the man in the Statesman so graciously advised, we're encouraging women and their male supporters to set the VCR to "record" and flock *en masse* to BSU. It's not in deference to the violence that some say should keep the female half of this community shaking in their fuzzy slippers at home. It's in defiance.

On Dec. 7, Idahoans will unite and Take Back the Night.

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within the school and within the community. They did not go out on that field expecting everyone to accept their homosexuality and they do not expect diversity to cease to exist.

Diversity will never disappear, because it is what makes everyone different; like you and I are. No matter how different we may be, that is what makes our country great. That people like you do not agree with a club, like BGLAD, being recognized at a football game on Veteran's day because you do not think any Vietnam veteran's could be gay does not make our country great.

Homosexuals do not want to conform people to accept and celebrate their lifestyle. They just want to be able to tell their family and friends about their lives without being abandoned. They want to live in a community where they will not have the word "faggot" written on their dorm room erase board. They want people, like you, to understand what it is like to be a minority; like so many people are in this country.

In regard to your comments on the Boy Scouts, don't you think limiting and excluding certain members of any organization will only weaken its strength? And why must we link ability to sexual orientation? Do you assume that one cannot complete a job nor are as useful because of who they engaging in sexual activities with? Do you not think that there are homosexuals in the Boy Scouts and perhaps they do not make this public because of the fact that they can be excluded from something they enjoy partaking in?

The fact is that it wouldn't matter if the Boy Scouts said no African-Americans, or no boys with brown hair, it's still a matter of segregation, and that is enough for any group, such as BGLAD, to take action.

After reading your article I really took some thought as to why I am even bothering to respond, and the answer I came up with is that I hope you realize that this goes much beyond being homosexual. It goes much beyond conformity or diversity. It has to do with acceptance and respect. If we cannot respect each other as human beings, we have nothing.

Again, BGLAD isn't trying to conform anyone, they are simply celebrating diversity, and to me that is what makes this country great.

Shar Dues

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Former BSU student crashes the Hollywood party

by Jim Towell

the Arbiter

Have you ever considered that your education at Boise State just might land you a career in Hollywood as a television producer? This scenario is actually taking shape in the life of one former BSU student, Sergio Meyers.

Some of you may remember Sergio, but since most won't, here's a little bit of background information. Four years ago Meyers was truly a man about campus: participating in student government as a senator (and losing a bid for president by 50 votes). He was a sports writer for the Arbiter, as well as a Communication major.

Meyers said that while he

received a good education from BSU, there were limited resources available and "BSU needs more professors with real-life experience in the television industry."

In addition to his campus work, Meyers produced a video called "In The Mix," which featured hip-hop artists from around the country. "In The Mix" was originally aired on public access, but later got picked up by UPN. His work with the hip-hop show eventually facilitated his jump to E! entertainment where he helped create a documentary about Margo Hemingway.

Meyers then decided to make the big move to L.A. and hopefully work for E! full time. He called E! every day for a month,

while directing and producing a documentary on the Heaven's Gate Cult, which is now out on video.

Sergio finally landed the job with E! and began producing "True Hollywood Stories," featuring the likes of Mia Farrow and Andy Kaufman. He's also done work for T.V. Guide's "Truth Behind the Sitcoms" and shows for Vogue and The Style Network.

Sergio is now creating his own reality-based TV show and is working on a movie, based on the book, "Mob Lawyer."

As if that isn't enough, Sergio has a hip-hop alter-ego—The Infamous Houdene. The Infamous Houdene has a record out called *Servant Of None* on Meyers' own label, Southern Manifesto. *Servant Of None* was recorded here in Boise, with the help of Todd Dunnigan and the AudioLab

To further keep his Boise connection alive, Sergio wants to help other local artists get national recognition with his label. Meyers stated that "Boise has a large population of talent that keeps getting passed over."

Besides being a professional, Meyers has a very socially conscious side, especially when it comes to race relations. This past year he traveled to South Carolina (the state where he was born and raised) to join the NAACP in a march against the state's confederate flag. Meyers, who is white, said that he was

ridiculed and spit on. His convictions filter into his work; Sergio created "In The Mix" because he's "always been influenced by hip-hop" and wanted to kill the racial stereotypes that exist within the genre.

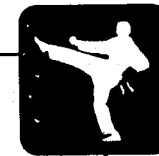
Sergio Meyers' education and work ethic have paid off, thus giving hope to anyone from BSU who's looking to fol-

low the same career path, and proving that there is room in Hollywood for those with moral convictions.

Sergio's production company can be found online at www.7ponies.com, and Southern Manifesto has a homepage at www.southernmanifesto.com.



Former BSU student,
Sergio Meyers



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Pops packs the Pavilion

by Mike Winter

the Arbitrator

Now in its fourth straight sold-out year, "Christmas Pops at the Pavilion," as it might be called, has become more than a concert and more than a tradition. It is a community enterprise, with a train of corporate support that gets longer every year. A ticket order form for next year's event enclosed in Friday night's program signaled that the marketing machinery is already gathering steam.

Where else can you get together with 10,000 of your fellow citizens and sing Christmas carols accompanied by the Boston Pops?

This is probably a very good thing, coming on the day that the U.S. Supreme Court met to lay out some ground rules for determining the next president, 25 days after the election.

In any year the idea of joining hearts and hands is what

Christmas is about. And this is what music conveys better than anything. Conductor Keith Lockhart made the point that, of all the elements of the season, it is the great, varied music that calls the Pops to action.

In our area, it doesn't hurt, either, if the music has a decidedly Christian bent. Witness the sold-out "Child of the Promise" at the Idaho Center last week. And Friday night the Pops, in contrast to past vocal soloists, featured a Christian crooner, country in flavor, for about a third of the program. If that's your cup of tea, the many-talented Rob Mathes is wonderful. Otherwise it was probably a good time to face the restroom lines.

Speaking of lines, the Pavilion or the event parking staff should be credited for organizing the Boise Tour Train to help carry people from the cars to the concert. Of course it did little to solve the congestion created by years of

"build now, park later" mentality at BSU. There were three or four hundred empty seats at the on-time start of the two-hour concert. And there may still be cars lined up trying to exit.

But the Boston Pops package delivered as promised. The University Singers, of Cal State Fullerton, singing during most of the program, were superb. The orchestra's brass section is outstanding, from extremely articulate French horns in "Waltz of the Flowers" to jazz riffs in the trumpets. The arrangements were terrific, especially those of percussionist Pat Hollenbeck and well-known jazz arranger Don Sebesky. Sebesky's "Joy!" sounded like a super-charged "Handel's Allelujah meets Star Wars."

Sportscaster Marc Johnson provided an infectious narration of "Twas the Night before Christmas." After the audience sing-a-long came two encores: Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride"

and a jazzy "Jingle Bells" spurred along by David Mann's sax, Alfred Buoananno's, bass, and Tony Cruz's, drums.

The event has always been decorated to successfully transform the athletic arena into an almost cozy Christmas environment. But Friday's decorations and lighting were the best ever. White-light icicles hung from the ceiling; a dark blue backdrop behind the orchestra and chorus featured snowflakes and wreaths.

While the sights have improved, the sound has not. This year the amplification sounded boxy and very localized to the speaker clusters above the stage.

BSU students and faculty get \$3 off the published ticket prices of \$75, \$50 or \$25. Even if you end up in the high altitude for \$22 each, this event is the spirit of Christmas.

"The Nutcracker" comes to the Morrison Center

by Mike Winter

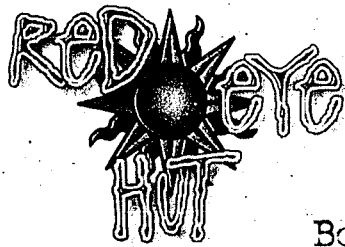
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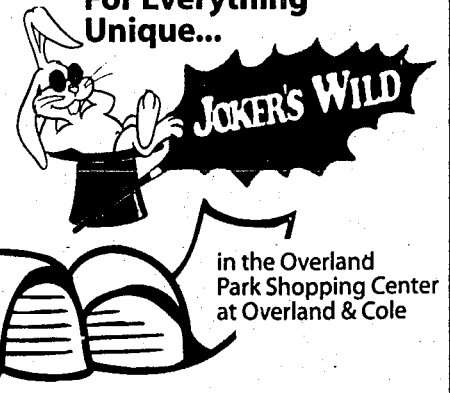
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Rancid/AFI powerful despite club problems

by Jim Towell

the Arbiter

On Friday, Dec. 1, a few hundred rabid fans of punk rock showed up at the club Sixth and Main (located at Sixth and Main Streets—duh) to watch The Distillers, AFI and headliners Rancid—some from as far away as Alberta, Canada. But many of those who showed up weren't able to see the sold-out show. A good portion of the fans who did have tickets missed the two opening performances.

Sixth and Main started the show at 6 p.m.—which is highly unusual for a concert involving only three bands. So, a long line of fans stretched down the street, even after 7 when AFI had already begun their set. Not to mention that the staff at Sixth and Main were less than expedient in getting fans through the doors. Some staff members weren't exactly courteous to their patrons, yelling at, and ushering them along like cattle. The venue has gained a reputation recently for employing bouncers who are unnecessarily rough and rude to the customers. Fortunately, this show seemed to pass without any major incident.

Once fans did get inside, they were crammed against each other

like sardines on the dance floor; sometimes with hardly any room to breathe, much less to move around safely. Cramped conditions like these are often prescriptions for disaster. Fortunately, most of the audience was well behaved, and there was a sense of camaraderie between those who sang along.

I wasn't able to see The Distillers, or even all of AFI's set. What I did catch of AFI was extremely energetic and entertaining. Make-up and plastic clad singer Davey Havok spent most of his time as part of the crowd, leaning over the steel barrier, often letting them share in his frenetic vocalizations. The other three members, bassist Hunter, drummer Adam Carson and guitarist Jade Puget remained on stage, but were no less enthusiastic about their roles—jumping, whirling around, and playing the melodic hardcore with passion.

AFI played a good mixture of songs from their repertoire, including a few tracks from their latest disc (which is, in my opinion, their best), *The Art of Drowning*.

It's too bad that some of the band's historical and socially conscious lyrics probably went over the heads of many in the young crowd, but most live performanc-

es are about fun—and there was certainly no lack of that.

After an excruciatingly long wait, long-revered punk veterans Rancid showed up on stage. Their last visit to Boise, at the '98 Warped Tour, was slightly disappointing, and didn't live up to the quality of their recordings, but this performance was much different.

Frontman Tim Armstrong bounced his skinny ass around the stage like a kid at Christmas, smiling and making hand gestures galore as he sang. Even the tough-looking guitarist Lars Fredriksen and bassist Matt Freeman looked as if they were having a damn good time. And so was the crowd, who danced (as much as they could with the limited space available) to old rancid favorites like "Nihilism", "Radio", and "Maxwell Murder", as well as new tunes like "Loki". The band took requests at the end of the show, without doing a real encore—which was refreshing since encores are so common and cliché nowadays.

So, despite the venue's lack of conscience and consideration for its patrons, the show was a success, thanks to a couple of rad performances.

Communion: Cheap wine for thirsty ears

by Jim Towell

the Arbiter

Are you out of money? Under 21? A fan of local music? Sexually aroused by the sight of sweaty musicians performing their craft? Dying to spend six hours in the Hatch Ballroom? If any of these things apply, you might be interested in knowing about the "Communion of the Bands".

On Thursday, Dec. 7, ten—yes, ten—Treasure Valley-area bands will take the stage at BSU to sonically wrangle the ears of anyone with the good sense to show up. Besides the gas it takes to get there, and the energy needed to walk up the stairs in the SUB, it costs absolutely nothing to get in.

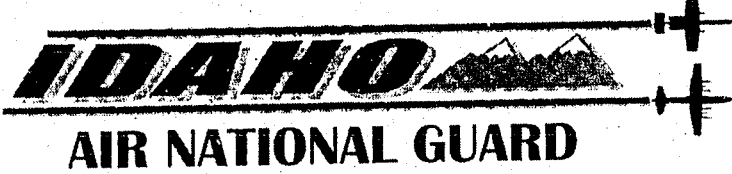
If that doesn't sound like a good deal to you, then music is probably not your thing. I'm sure CNN will be showing some more election updates you'd better not miss that night.

The people who put together this little shindig (who include ASBSU Sen. Matt Vander Boegh) have amassed a good lineup of quality bands. They include: Level 10; Sparky Parks and the Aardvarks (blues/jazz fusion); Static Street Idlers (all the way from lovely Ontario!); DJ Flow (spinning and manipulating the wax); Crash Four (they often get compared to the Dave Matthews band); Organic; Triphonic III; Fly2Void (I've been told they're pretty heavy); Sub*Vert (popular rap-core quartet), and the always entertaining PirkQlaters.

In addition, there will be art on display, including a selection of vintage concert t-shirts from the 50s and 60s. The show starts at six, and goes until midnight, so some endurance is going to be required of the audience, but the effort will be well worth the cost of admission. And if your legs can't hold you up for the entire six hours...well, no one will hold it against you.

There is a schedule of the bands' start and end times, but I'm not going to list it here—you'll just have to show up and wait for the band(s) you came to watch and be exposed to something new in the process.

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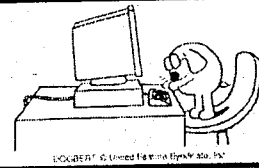
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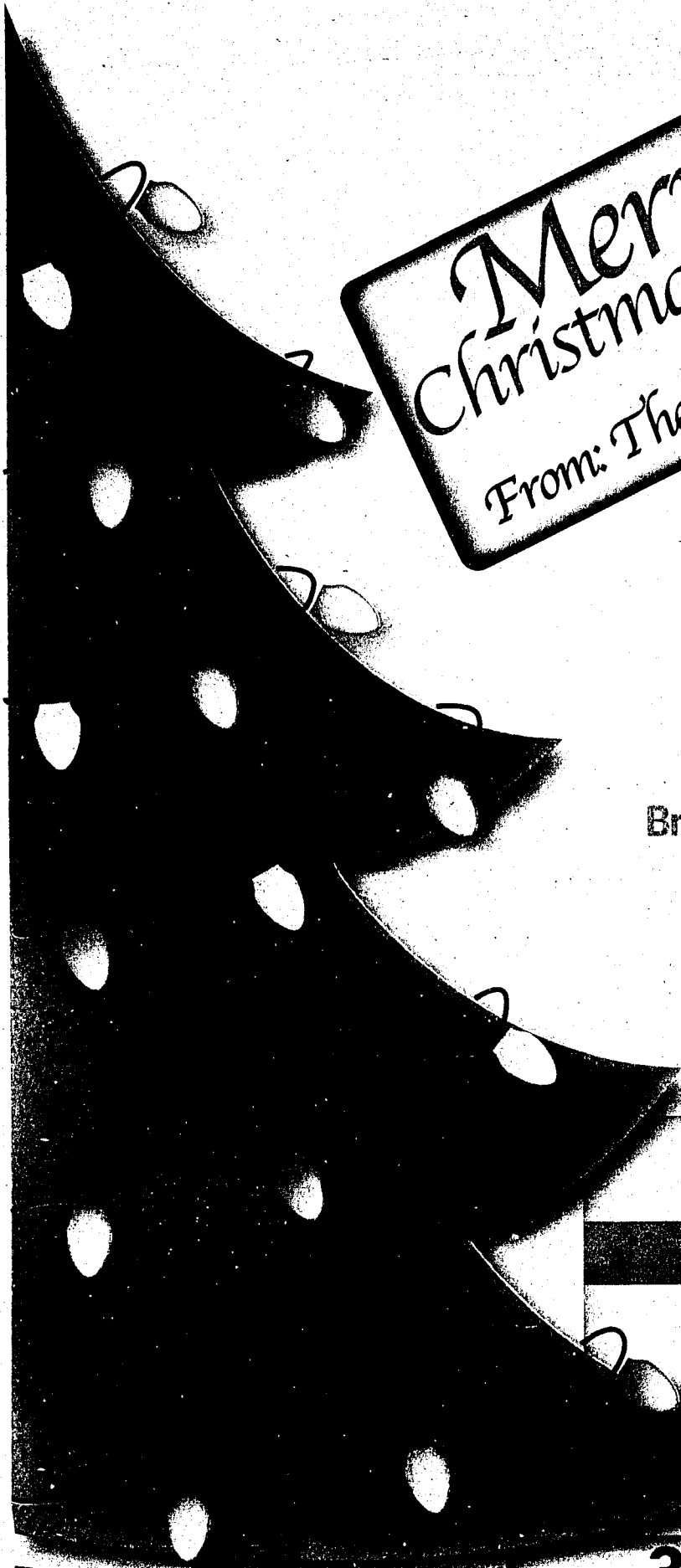
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