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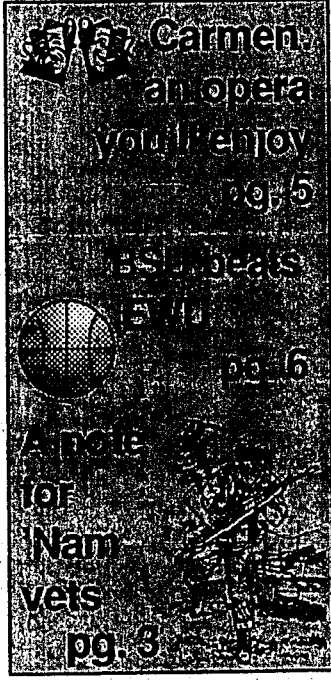
Students of Boise State University

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New housing proposal to raise student fees

By Adam Rush
Staff Writer

The Student Residential Life office is in the process of recommending expansion on University Heights Apartments, an addition on Chaffee Hall and the construction of a new residence hall.

The proposal, which comes in the midst of tough economic conditions, would require full-time students to pay an additional \$65 each semester for 30 years.

Boise State University owns 2.2 acres of land on Boise Avenue, adjacent to University Heights. The university architect projects the feasibility of 66 apartments on the site. Construction costs are estimated at about \$4 million. If the proposal is passed, each full-time student would pay \$10 a semester. Part-time and summer students would pay \$1 for each credit hour. Rental increases will be needed if the apartments are constructed.

A third resident wing added onto Chaffee Hall would create 133 new spaces. The cost of the addition is estimated at \$2.1 million. Full-time students would pay \$10 a semester

for the addition. Part-time and summer students would pay a dollar for each credit hour.

Plans for constructing a new residence hall housing 316 students across from the Student Union Building are being discussed. The hall would be five to six stories tall and would house four students in each double room. The total construction costs would be about \$9 million. Full-time students would pay \$45 for each semester, and part-time and summer students would pay \$4.50 for each credit hour.

Dick McKinnon, director of Student Residential Life, said the demand

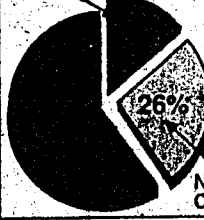
for student housing at BSU is high. "I don't feel like the residence halls can be stretched any further. There's a waiting list of 193 people for the family apartments," he said.

McKinnon citing funding from the state as the reason for construction costs. And even though enrollment has increased, there's still not enough money, according to McKinnon.

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Where the \$ will go

66 new apartments on Boise Avenue



If the proposal passes, students will be paying for three new additions to the current residential system. \$2.1 million will go to build new apartments; \$4 million will build a new wing for Chaffee Hall.

\$9 million will be spent on a new hall.

Vandals cause \$3,000 damage to elevator in Towers residence hall

By Stuart Bryson
Staff Writer

On the evening of Friday, Jan. 24 between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. an unknown person or persons caused an estimated \$3,000 of damage to the north elevator in the Towers residence hall.

Peter Boll, Towers residence hall director, said the car stopped working between the fourth and fifth floors when someone hit the back of the inside of the car. The jar of the impact caused the car to stop moving automatically.

"You can stand in the car and see where the rail was bent in," Boll said. He said the guilty persons may have been rough-housing in the elevator. Boll said that the person(s) in the elevator then forced the doors open, causing further damage. The vandals either climbed out on the fourth or fifth floor. Boll said he thought it was most likely they climbed up to the fifth floor, because it would have been more dangerous for someone to drop down to the fourth floor. In order to do that, a person would have to swing over the open elevator shaft and run the risk of falling, he said.

Flyers have been posted in the hall by Student Residential Life offering a \$200 reward for the identification of the person(s) responsible for the damage.

The flyer states: "This act, however unthinking, was perpetrated

against each resident in the hall. It is totally impossible that this act went undetected or unnoticed. To damage the elevator in such a fashion would have generated an incredible volume of noise. It is only just and fair that the individual(s) responsible be held accountable for this act rather than the entire hall suffer."

According to the flyer, several rooms need new mattresses or new fixtures. It states: "the cost to repair the elevator represents a sizable amount of the entire budget for the spring semester. It is doubtful that there will be enough money left for any additional capital improvements this semester."

Apart from being an economic concern, a broken elevator is also a big inconvenience. There are two elevators serving Towers, and the single remaining elevator is often overcrowded. "It delays the time it takes to get to classes," said Angela Thompson, a seventh floor resident.

The stairs are not a good option either. Hannah Joy, a second floor resident of the hall, said the stairs are often locked from the outside. "You can use them going down, but not coming up," she said.

The guilty culprit is definitely not popular in the hall. "Whoever did it is a real asshole to cause all of these problems for Towers residents," said Maura Stevens, a second floor resident.

Ghosts haunt Campus School

There are ghosts in the Campus School.

And there is only one man on campus brave enough to face these ghosts on a daily basis. People call him a "ghostbuster." His name is David Oravez, and he is an associate professor of art.

These so-called ghosts are actually images on lithograph stones created by art students and have to be ground out before they can be used to make another print.

"They reside in the litho-stones as light spots," Oravez said. "We have to get rid of the ghosts of the past."

Oravez haunts room 105 A-B in Campus School. He walks from room to room with paint splatters on his glasses, plastic apron and in his hair.

"We are literally grinding away the past," Oravez said. "Then we use this potion to bring them out."

According to Oravez, busting ghosts from the litho-stones has been a problem for artists since the 1800s.

The litho-stones are wiped with asphaltum to see if any images are present. The images appear as light spots when the asphaltum is applied. To rid the stone of the image, nitric acid is applied and the two stones are ground together until both are free of the images. When this procedure is finished, the stone can be used for another print-making project.



Photo by Katy Kreiler

David Oravez helps a student draw an image on a lithograph-stone, used for print-making.

"The only way to get rid of them is to grind one stone on the other, until you exorcise it," Oravez said.

Ironically, Oravez spends part of his time teaching students to make these images and part teaching them how to destroy them. "We make

them in one room and kill them in another," Oravez said.

He said the process is tedious but necessary for print-making and said he tries to make the most of it.

Students hit the streets to aid needy in the community

By Melanie Delon
Staff Writer

ASBSU President Tamara Sandmeyer is working to form a coalition that will bring students face-to-face with major domestic problems.

Into the Streets is a program that will allow students to "give a little back to the community," Sandmeyer said. The program's purpose is to form student outreach efforts to battle problems such as homelessness, AIDS, campus safety and several other issues. Sandmeyer was approached by Idaho State Uni-

versity with this idea and has been working to get funding for the project for this semester.

Sandmeyer said she is interested in forming a coalition made-up entirely of students, without the student government being the central operator. Sandmeyer said she would like to integrate diversity and has made the effort by talking to student organizations such as Dama Soghop, Circle K International, Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos and other groups. "I would like to encourage any group or organization that would be inter-

"[The Program] will give a little back to the community."

—Tamara Sandmeyer

ested in the coalition to get a hold of me," she said.

The coalition would spend time training students to volunteer with other community programs such as the United Way and church organizations. Sandmeyer said she hopes the program will eventually become

self-sufficient and rely entirely on students.

Internships, independent studies and community service would be provided through this program. Sandmeyer has talked with several deans who have already given their approval. The program would give students a chance to "make connections in the community, and have something to build a resume," she said. She also said it would be a great chance for students to fulfill classroom extension requirements.

"Social work, education, business, and science are just a few of the

majors that can benefit from this program, not to mention the entire community," she said. Into the Streets has been designed so campuses can set it up any way they choose. Sandmeyer said she would eventually like to see the program funded entirely through the university's administrative budget. Into the Streets currently relies on grants.

Information for the project will be available to students at an advertising booth in the Student Union Building every third Thursday of each month beginning Feb. 20.

Opinion

A change in attitude

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

The prophetic words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ring true today in North Idaho.

While our nation (with a few exceptions) celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some of our more misguided brethren spent the holiday spreading their message of hate.

As if they couldn't think of something more efficient to do with their time, a group of so-called "skinheads" spent their morning passing out hate literature. These kids, too young to know anything but the hate that's programmed into their impressionable heads by a group of gutless cowards, passed out flyers espousing Hitler's message.

Now, we can dismiss these pamphlets as the typical antics of misguided, bored youths, but we have to realize that these kids spoke for a minority of people who don't really understand the need for a human rights day. I'm tired of hearing these ignorant people spew hatred at everything they don't understand.

Sometimes it's hard to believe this is the same country that abolished slavery. We are supposed to support equal rights in America, but it seems that rule only applies to a select few.

My biggest question is this: Why does this still exist? It is hard to believe that some 30 years have passed, and we are still fighting the same battles. This nation joined in solidarity a year ago in support of the Gulf War, but we are still

taking sides over equal rights. I'm tired of the fighting.

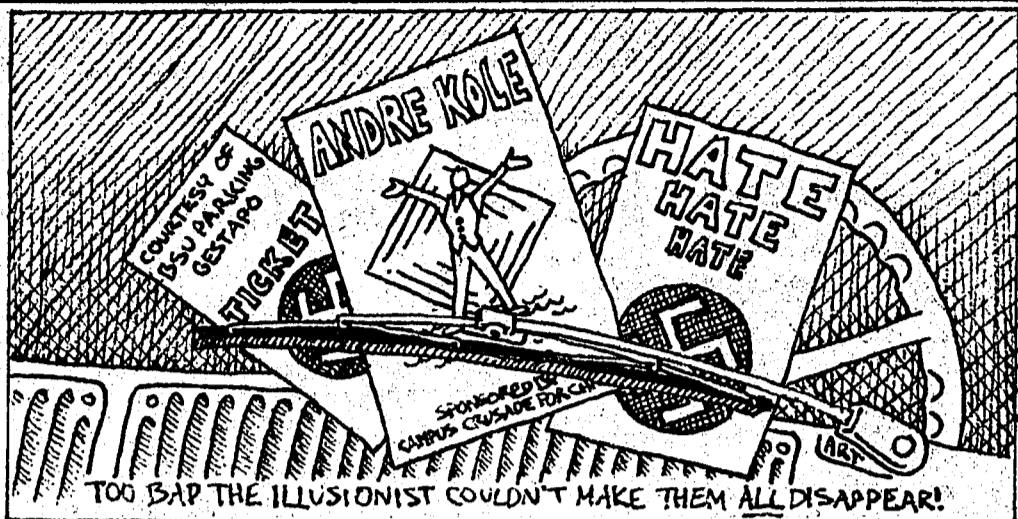
I once heard someone say "Never argue with a fool," but how should a person respond to such hatred and anger? The first step is to spread a message of peace instead of hate. Instead of playing their violent games (and I know how tempting that can be), try to fight racism by contributing to the equal rights movement. Don't laugh at those tasteless jokes that are spread at the expense of minorities. If someone tells such a joke in your presence, let them know that you are offended.

"Watch the world argue, argue with themselves, who's gonna teach me peace and happiness." In the mid-80s INXS wrote these words to express their confusion about human relations. Today the same message can be applied to our local struggle for equality. Remember, we all have to live in this world together.

Finally, and most challenging, remember they have as much right to speak out as you do. If you don't agree with their point of view, try spending some time sharing some of your own ideas.

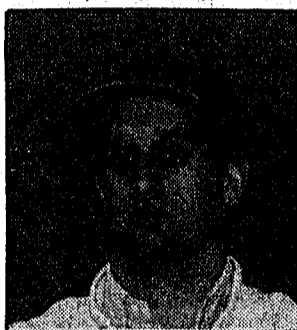
There has to be a change in attitude. Imagine what this world could be like in another 30 years if this hate and ignorance were allowed to grow. It's not the type of situation I would want to live with. Then again, imagine what the world could be like if we made a change. We'll never know what might happen until we start making things happen. Now.

Chereen Myers



Old Man Rex...

Men need a movement, too



Sam Gerberding columnist

The 60s brought us the peace movement, full of incense, long hair, protests, a cornucopia of acid, dead heads and conscientious objectors. The 70s rallied to outdo the 60s, thus developing the women's movement, overflowing with burnt bras, bruised men and a dead cause—which brings me to the 80s: The Reagan Movement, destroyer of every movement. Quite the decade. We managed to pass through 10 years of eternity without developing anything except an exorbitant debt and power hungry Bushman. Now we're in the 90s, and we have every kind of movement. The women are back, Native Americans now exist, and Afro-Americans have some rights. Trees have a say, and so do animals. Only Kurds are disposable.

Frankly, I'm excited about all these movements; granted, they have a long way to go, but they are

alive at least—even at BSU. If I've sounded cynical about these movements, I'm sorry; I'm just cynical about their future. Really, I think everyone should have a good movement.

One movement interests me in particular: the men's movement. This is a movement to help us impoverished and down-trodden males. It's even for Bush, and he could really use a movement. Honestly, it's about time someone recognized us as human beings, too. During the 60s, confused gun-toting men were called hippies. No one really knew what a man was. In the 70s, no one cared. In the 80s, there was only one man and his trusty steed: George. So, now I can be a man. Good.

I am worried about it, too. I admit openly its need and urgency, but I dread its repercussions. If the movement is not careful, it will establish precedents and role models for men of the future, which no one will live up to. The problem, as I see it, is this title: the men's movement. Once again, we're trying to tell people how to be a man. Likewise, the women's movement is trying to define a woman, if they ever get complete rights to be one. Both lead to cookie cut-out models. The problem lies in separating categories.

I really liked these commercials I saw a few years back about the "Up With People" project. They were against drugs and all, but no commercial can be perfect. What I liked

was the focus on people instead of sexes, socioeconomic standings, or anything.

I'd like to see a movement created that's called "Up With Chaos." Really, start a movement based on the unpredictability of life. For instance, no one really knows anything. We go around all the time trying to create nice, neat patterns to help get through the day and go to sleep, feeling in control. When people feel crazy, or upset, or depressed, we say they're out of control. Well, so are we. The key is to accept this chaotic life we all live and learn to accept we may never mesh with anything. That way people won't stress about every little thing different than their life plan. On the basic level, maybe I wouldn't hate republican ignorance, but rather accept it. Likewise, maybe the Republicans wouldn't go around playing little Nazi police with the world.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying to lie down and be complacent with our crazy world. I propose developing a confidence in our inability to control the world and then developing the ability to rationally discuss each of our separate interpretations of this chaos. This could lead to the best part of chaos: Others might become totally different than they were, and so may we, but we could then constructively use this chaos's energy and momentum to live healthy, exciting and inexorably out-of-control lives.

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Letters to the editor

Troubled about tipping

I feel that I must respond to two of the statements made in the Jan. 28 issue of your paper. The first is of relative inconsequence, yet must be brought forth so that mistakes of this kind do not occur again. I am referring to the article by Todd Sholty. In it, he states that the line, "Be afraid, very afraid," is the tag line from "Alien." That line is, in fact, the tag line from the remake of "The Fly," starring Jeff Goldblum and Geena Davis (she's the one that said it). The tag line for "Alien" was "In space, no one can hear you scream."

Now, on to the meat o' the matter. Sam, you've really let me down this time! In your article, you tell people that they should stop tipping a server (that's the PC term nowadays, and quit buckling under! If you don't like PC, which sucks, I might add, don't use it!) as a part of the effort to make greed-

oriented service a thing of the past. That's bullshit! If people want to stop the act of tipping, they should contact the appropriate people (congressmen, managers, owners, etc.) and explain the situation to them. If guests stop tipping, the only person it affects is the server; the manager collects salary and doesn't give a rat's ass what happens to the server's pockets. So, while I agree that tipping needs to be reviewed in society, don't take out personal grudges on your foodserver when they do a good job. If your friends tell you to tip even when service is bad, it may be time to start going out to eat with different friends.

Sean Lee Brandt

Response to Reagan

Edward Reagan (LTE 1-28-92) is correct, 50-year-old examples are not appropriate. When taken in context of the original condom article, using an example that dates

to a time when other sexually transmitted diseases were untreatable might be acceptable.

Addressing concerns for recent evidence, I direct Mr. Reagan to publications that have shown latex condoms to be effective mechanical barriers to HIV (JAMA 1986;255:1706), herpes simplex virus (Sexually Transm Dis 1984;11:94-5), cytomegalovirus (J. Inf. Dis. 1984;150:155-7), *Chlamydia Trachomatis* (International Society for STD Research; 1983 Abstract No. 176); and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (Sexually Transmitted Disease World Congress; 1981 Abstract No. 77).

As a biology, secondary education major, Mr. Reagan should consider developing the mind set that prevention is the most effective strategy for controlling the spread of infectious diseases.

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Boise's growth produces mixed blessings



Shelby Reno columnist

Are you one of the many Boise State University students who took a good four hours out of your Christmas break to stand/sit/sleep/snore in the infamous Drop/Add line on Jan. 6? I thought I recognized you as part of the snake of drowsy students who wound heinously around the Administration Building's narrow hall. Going into my fourth semester, I have been a victim of this experience three out of the four. This is ridiculous! I arrived on campus at 5:45 a.m. to find myself adding to the already lengthy line. In a mere 10 minutes, the line doubled in length. Freshmen through seniors were all part of a quickly-forming line. And each year the line gets longer, and because of this, people are forming lines outside in the wee hours of the morning while most of the city sleeps.

Speaking of the city, its rising

population is contributing to our overpopulated campus. Our growing city, however, is not out of control, but it is supplying us with more bodies to enroll at BSU. An expanding Boise results in an expanding BSU. This has both a good and bad side to it. The more students BSU accepts, the more funds it has to play with. But, on the other hand, we get lines like the aforementioned as a consequence of too many people trying to get into a limited number of classes. The problem is easily identified: BSU is lacking in balance among students, faculty and facilities.

In the Jan. 26 Sunday edition of the *Idaho Statesman*, in an article illustrating Boise's decade of expansion, it was revealed that Boise's population from 1980 to 1990 has risen 23 percent. It went from 102,457 to 125,738 in a single decade. Within the next 10 years, the 125,738 figure is predicted to jump, too. That means by the year 2000, there will be 30,000 new warm bodies occupying what used to be a very small capitol city. In my opinion, the growth is positive, as long as crime, pollution and landfill trash is kept at a rate as slow as it is today.

Our crime rate has fallen, and the Ada County work force has risen 34.1 percent. Further statistics show there are fewer people on welfare, and the air is cleaner. Oh, and BSU's enrollment is up (take note) 25.5 percent. In 1981, enrollment peaked at 11,273. Today, there

are almost 3,000 more students roaming the campus. Just think of that in terms of 3,000 more cars competing for on and off-campus parking.

BSU's parking has a history of congestion, but now we are looking at the student-teacher ratio. In other words, we are lacking in the number of professors compared to the number of students. In addition to the short number of profs, there is not an adequate number of facilities available. Consequently, this all leads back to the suicidal Drop/Add line, which displays a mural of students against the Admin. wall, that is usually a common display in the second week of school. They spend much time here—all in hopes of getting at least one of their top five choices to fill a time slot in their schedule. Even sadder, a great number of these students wind up walking out of the registrar's office not picking up any classes.

This struggle stems from the lack of money to spend—much like everything else seems to. Space might be part of the problem, too, which then leads to spending more money in order to add on. The way things are progressing today, I wouldn't plan on Boise getting any smaller—let alone staying the same size. My gripe isn't that the city is expanding, the problem lies in that too many students and not enough instructors, or rooms, are available. Any brilliant ideas? Raising tuition is being pondered. Are we ready for another fee jump?

Speak Out...



Eve Costello
ASBSU

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of columns for "Speak Out." All campus organizations are encouraged to submit a column to inform readers about the goals and upcoming events of their group. Columns will accepted on the basis of timeliness and space.

Greetings from your student government! My name is Eve Costello. I represent the college of Health Sciences in our ASBSU Senate, and this semester I hold the office of Senate President Pro-tem. Spring is upon us, and we, as student leaders, are looking forward to a productive and inspiring semester.

The Senate consists of 16 senators. I chair our Tuesday meetings while V.P. Matt Burney leads every Thursday 4 o'clock session. Each of us on the Senate has, of course, our own personal agenda, but a few key issues have especially caught our attention. Within the next three months, we, as a student voice, hope to have a considerable impact on three primary issues: food service, child care and state legislation concerning education. By focusing our energies on these matters, we plan to leave our mark on this campus, for the better.

We may be a bunch of ragged idealists, I admit, but we are also delving into such university mysteries as parking, bicycle paths, fee increases, bookstore outrages and student activism. No small amount of space in this column could give me enough room to talk about "the details," but if you have an issue close to your heart, please come to me—whether you're asking questions, offering solutions, screaming obscenities, or silently fuming. My door is always open. I give you my word: If you can't get a hold of me at 385-1440, leave a message, and I WILL call you back.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Government ignores homeless Vietnam vets

By Stan Oliver
Staff Writer

On the Jan. 17 edition of *Good Morning America*, it was announced that one-third of America's homeless population are U.S. Armed Force's veterans. I was not, at all, surprised.

Of the hundreds of thousands of young men who were drafted during the Vietnam War, most were uneducated (or under-educated), lower class and lower, middle class Americans. The Dan Quayles, professional athletes and those fortunate enough to remain in college were conveniently exempted from the draft. All of the rest were inducted for one purpose and one purpose only:

To become cannon-fodder for the war effort.

But, this isn't what they were told. (I know; I was there.) We were told that our efforts were for

glory, duty and ma's apple pie. And, a lot of guys believed that malarkey. So, when many of them began to come home at the end of the war and found out they'd been "had"—it just didn't sit too well with them.

From the cornfields of Nebraska to the barrios of Los Angeles, these young men had been plucked. And, most (like myself) were provided with a only a 10-week, "basic" education, which consisted mainly of two things:

- 1.) The most efficient way to kill another human being, and
- 2.) How to keep from being killed, so that one could live to kill and kill again.

Some education, huh?

Again, I was one of the more fortunate ones—and not just because I didn't have to go to Nam. I was fortunate because I knew what kind of a game was being run on me. But, most did not. They

naively believed they would go off to war, and if they survived, would return to a hero's welcome and to a generous society that would help them readjust to civilian life.

But, this was not to be the case. Instead, when they returned from the war, they were treated to a

"The U.S. government allowed a lot of individuals into the ranks of the military who really didn't belong there..."

"beggar's banquet." Scraps were tossed to them like starving dogs in a kennel. Is it a wonder, that for many, their self-esteem was lost in the shuffle—many having had little or no self-esteem to begin with?

It makes sense to me that because of the greatly relaxed, minimum recruiting standards created by the war, combined with a great deal of recruiting pressures among the services, that a large number of, otherwise unqualified, American recruits were ushered into the Armed Forces, with little thought of just what they would do with these men after they had outlived their usefulness.

The entire point of what I'm getting at is, rightly or wrongly, the U.S. government allowed a lot of individuals into the ranks of the military who really didn't belong there. And, now they are faced with the unpleasant reality of just what to do about them.

Admittedly, many of the men and women who were taken into the service during the Vietnam war had severe problems before they were inducted. But, this was through no

fault of their own. And, in many cases, the ordeal of the war and the rigidity of military duty only served to exacerbate their preexisting conditions.

Should these matters, I ask, somehow absolve our government of its responsibility to these men and women? Or, more importantly, should the consciences of the American people be absolved simply because they were unhappy with the results of the war? Yes, one-third of America's homeless population are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. But, does this fact make them any less American? It is a sad state of affairs, I say, when a government, and its people, become so ashamed of themselves and what they may have done, they are no longer willing to care for their own.

HUMBUG!

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Abstinence and sexual intercourse with one mutually faithful uninfected partner are the only prevention strategies when STD's are the topic of discussion. In the absence of these two options, the sexually active individual must consider SAFER behavior, that safer behavior involving the use of a latex condom and nonoxynol-9. It is interesting to note that when condom failures are examined, the failure rests more often with the user rather than the product (MMWR 1988; 37:145).

Russell J. Centanni, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology

Don't Dictate

Dear Mr. Gerberding,
I appreciate your desire to express your views and to voice your opinion. That's great! I would ask

you to do one thing. Do not express moral statements such as:

"But dammit, I do not have the privilege of dictating others' actions because I do not agree with those actions," without acknowledging that you are doing that which you seem to abhor. Perhaps you do not realize that you yourself are dictating the action of speaking against the actions you think are OK. Let us all adhere to these words, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and Prophets."

Your Friend,
Robert Weisel

Step down, Sam

After reading Sam Gerberding's column last week, I figured that the editor of *The Arbiter* would have enough sense to never let Mr. Gerberding's trash-talking, pointless columns grace the pages of her paper again. I was wrong. Not only

did Mr. Gerberding's mug once again rob *The Arbiter* of valuable advertising space, but he even managed to top last week's feeble effort.

Mr. Gerberding opens up his article with his usual babble, then he gets right down to bashing the Christian religion, a popular past time, by saying, "...I am tired of Christians telling others what to do." He then makes the point that, "Even if sex is a sin, let me commit the sin. It's not anyone else's problem if I sin." Here is another stab at the dreaded Christian faith. My response is, when was the last time a priest knocked down your door and forcibly held you and your woman friend apart? Christians don't tell people what to do, they suggest a way of life. It may not be for everyone, and that's their business; but, Christians believe that if you have not accepted Jesus, your soul will be damned forever. Aren't

Christians just awful for wanting to save people?

Mr. Gerberding, there is a word for a person such as you, but I won't say the "H" word. One week after writing an entire column on how pathetic BSU students were for not standing up for what they believe in, you write another column about how tired you are of Christians who do stand up for what they believe in.

Mr. Gerberding, please step down from your position as columnist. This will open up a space for another columnist with some talent, like Mr. Sholty. Don't quit the paper though; I'm sure they need some capable people to deliver the paper to its appropriate receptacle. Unfortunately, until you cease writing, that receptacle will be the waste basket.

Don Watts

Smoking is hazardous

I won't get into the smoking or non-smoking controversy in this

letter. However, I wanted to bring something to your attention in Adam Rush's column. Chris Pugrud states, according to Adam: "There's 5,000 smokers at BSU, and this is how they choose to treat us...to put us out in the cold and endanger our health. They expect us to go out and freeze to death."

Chris, you don't have to go out into the cold to endanger your health. Have you read the side of your cigarette package lately? I think it says something like, "Smoking is hazardous to your health." Your health is already endangered, and if you are so concerned about your health, don't smoke. Death from hypothermia is quicker and less painful than that of smoking. The only unpleasantness is that of the uncontrollable shivering just before you go to sleep forever. Besides, it just leaves more fresh air for the rest of us.

Jay Heward

News

BSU to host communication conference

By Mack Sermon
Staff Writer

Boise State has been seeking to host a Western States Communication Association Conference for 20 years, according to Communication professor Harvey Pitman.

And this February they will get the chance.

WSCA is a professional organization that has over 1,200 western communication educators and researchers as members, Pitman said. Conference workshops will be held at the Red Lion Riverside, Feb. 22 through 25.

"We have been courting them for years and the answer was always 'Boise who?'," said Pitman, a conference organizer. "But now we have the prestige and ability to host an outstanding conference. It is quite

an honor for our department and the university."

Mary Catherine Bateson, daughter of anthropologist Margaret Mead, will be featured as the keynote speaker for the conference. Her speech in support of her book, *Composing a Life* will be open to the public.

Issues to be discussed will include the changing nature of the communication field and recent funding challenges to communication departments throughout the west.

Pitman cited the de facto elimination of the communication department at the University of Oregon as a matter of concern for the participants.

The conference will also feature a large speech and debate tournament in which defending Northwest Conference champions Boise State



Photo by Mark Barnard

Kendra Hoper and Brandi Barrett practice together for interpretive speaking competition.

University will compete. The BSU team is looking forward to having the best schools in the western

United States on their "home court," said Kendra Hopper, a debater. Some conference events will be

accessible to the public, while most will be professional workshops specifically for WSCA members.

Gymnast springs back despite open heart surgery

By Leslie Teegarden
Staff Writer

Voted MVP on the BSU Gymnastics team in 1991, Liz Seeley has had to reluctantly slow down her pace because of her recent open heart surgery.

Seeley is a redshirt senior this year. Although she has resumed her vigorous practice schedule, she will not be able to compete until next year.

In August of 1991, Seeley visited a doctor with the complaint of frequent dizzy spells. The news of an Inner Atrial Septum Defect was not what she was expecting. Seeley was faced with open heart surgery to fix a hole the size of a quarter in her heart.

Functionally, the heart is two chambers. The right side of the heart is responsible for reviving de-oxygenated blood received from the veins. This blood is then pumped into the lungs to receive oxygen and eliminate carbon dioxide. The left side of the heart is responsible for pumping oxygenated blood from the lungs throughout the entire body. The septum, which divides the two halves, is where Seeley had a hole. Consequently, her de-oxygenated blood was mixing with the oxygenated blood and reducing the efficiency of her heart.

Seeley's surgery was in August, and within three months she was back at practice. "At first, I didn't want to accept not doing gym

nastics," Seeley said. "But I believe I have matured a lot in the last five months."

Seeley started participating in gymnastics at the age of eight. She



Liz Seely

moved to Boise from Sacramento, Calif. to attend BSU on an athletic scholarship. She has one more year at BSU to compete in the Western Athletic Conference. "I am almost 23 and still competing," Liz said. "That is old for a gymnast." Seeley said her favorite routine is the floor exercise. However, she won leading score on the beam in 1991, and in 1989 she won All Conference at the WAC.

Realizing gymnastics will end when college does, Seeley is pursuing a degree in clinical psychology. She said she plans to attend graduate school in two years. "Life is too short to sit around and let things happen," she said. "You have to make them happen."

Although she loves gymnastics, she said she is looking forward to new experiences.

Residential cont. from front

About 1,000 students live on campus at any given time. Although non-resident students will pay for the fee increase if the proposal is passed, students in residence halls and apartments pay for the operation of student-used facilities, such as the Table Rock Cafe.

Matt Burney, ASBSU vice president, disagrees with the proposals for construction. Burney cited current student housing conditions that need work. "Food is not available at all times. They need to coordinate it a little more. I really don't think they are being serviced the way they should," he said.

Last year Burney attempted to have phones installed in individual rooms. McKinnon voted against the proposal, according to Burney.

"Such a small percent of students live on campus, and a lot of students complain about housing now," Burney said.

Burney also said BSU students pay the highest residence hall rates in Idaho. There has been a resident fee increase yearly for the past five years, according to Burney.

Mark Wright, a resident adviser at Morrison Hall, expressed concern about living conditions there. "We don't have individual control over heating. They use shower curtains for window curtains." Wright also cited the lack of telephones

and the lack of carpeting in some of the rooms as conditions needing attention.

BSU is also planning to install safety features. Exit signs, emergency lighting and door replacements are some of the features to be installed. The estimated cost for these features is \$987,000.

Formal hearings concerning the construction proposals will take place in mid-March. Interim President Larry Selland is expected to make a decision by early April.



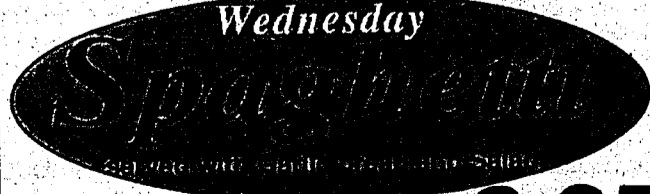
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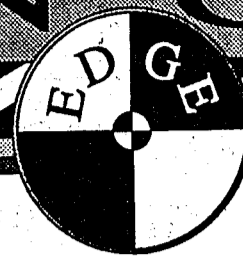
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Dharma Bums are a "Welcome" change

By Chereen Myers
Entertainment Editor

Dharma Bums, arguably one of the hottest bands ever to emerge from Portland, Oregon, have just completed their third album entitled "Welcome." The only problem is they just can't seem to shake that Grange hall thing.

Their second album, "Bliss," was recorded in 16 days in a Grange hall in rural Oregon. Although this was a much talked about record, the Bums say the best is yet to come. "This is our best record. We are all really behind the record and we all believe in it. Our goal was to make a record that all four of us really liked and I think we achieved that goal," said lead vocalist Jeremy Wilson.

The album is exceptional because of the band's focus, Wilson said. Recorded in 11 days, "Welcome" combines the best of both worlds. "One of the coolest things about this record is that it has the prettiest and the slowest stuff we've ever done and at the same time it has the heaviest and most driving stuff we've ever done. A good half of

the record is really moody stuff and the other half is super heavy," Wilson said.

While the sound quality is the best of the three albums ("Welcome" was recorded in a studio in Portland) it still contains the unmistakable sound of the Dharma Bums. "Stylistically it is still us. It's the same band. The songs are just better and they flow better. This is a high quality album," said guitarist Eric Lovre. The quartet is completed with bassist Jim Talstra and drummer John Moen.

Another contribution to the album's fine quality lies in the production. Seattle's Ed Brooks came to the Dharma Bums highly recommended and soon became a valuable asset to the band. "He had so many great ideas. He really contributed to the record and helped us focus. He helped us make this really cool record," Wilson said. Brooks will serve as second engineer for R.E.M.'s next album.

After the March 24 release of "Welcome" the Dharma Bums will hit the road for their first European tour. While the two-week tour is a

sure sign of success, it is the plane trip to Europe that tells the tale for Lovre. "I've always had this measure of success for the band. You know you've made it when you get on a plane with your band to go somewhere," Lovre said.

The alternative scene is the focus of the moment in the music world, and the recent success of college bands like R.E.M. and Nirvana crossing over into the top-40 camp has inspired some critics to write this genre off as sell-outs. Not so, say the Dharma Bums. "What is selling out? How can you define it? You talk about Nirvana or R.E.M., they may be selling lots of records, but they are still the same people. They didn't change, they just sold a lot of records," Lovre said.

Why ask why, adds Wilson. "Everyone has to have categories for everything. Our big joke when we are talking about alternative music is to say 'Alternative to what? Music is music and rock 'n' roll is rock 'n' roll. I would love it if our music could reach that many people. If Nirvana's music can be

bought by eight million people, then more power to them," Wilson said.

Reaching people comes as naturally as breathing for the Dharma Bums, who have an almost cult-like following in the Northwest and beyond. They made a special trip to Boise State University's Ada Hatch Ballroom Friday night to give Boiseans a first-hand listen at their talents. The show was sponsored by the Student Programs Board Concerts Committee.

If you have never experienced the Dharma Bums live, you are missing the opportunity of a lifetime. The energy this quartet radiates on stage could bring life to the lowest of souls. Wilson jumped about the stage, like a man possessed, stopping only long enough to jam with the other Bums. Together they shined like the north star, drawing the all-age crowd into a moshing frenzy. I challenge anyone to attend a Dharma Bums show and remain motionless.



DHARMA BUMS

The relationship the group shares is obviously harmonious, based on their performance on stage. Their energy was contagious, and Friday's audience was treated to about 80 minutes of soul-stirring, body slamming rock.

Sawyer Brown hits the road

By Chereen Myers
Entertainment Editor

When a band is on the road 12 months out of the year, it's safe to say that they have mastered the fine art of time management. Country music act Sawyer Brown will spend one day out of their demanding schedule in Boise performing at the Pavilion Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Finding the time to do something besides record or perform isn't easy with a non-stop tour schedule, but this lifestyle suits the musicians just fine. "It is energizing to be working all the time. The momentum increases when you are on the road a lot. I guess we are workaholics," said Sawyer Brown drummer Joe Smyth.

Hard work is paying off for the group. Sawyer Brown has been dubbed the "Grateful Dead" of country music because of their loyal

following. "People will come up to us after our show and tell us that this is the fortieth time they have seen us this year. Some people will even schedule their vacations around our dates. It is very flattering, but there isn't anyone we would drive that far to see. Well, maybe Jimi Hendrix," Smyth said.

In addition to loyal fans, the group also has loyal families. Three out of the five members are married, but the constant travel isn't a problem. "We try to spend quality time together whenever we can. We are used to the separation, and we were married before we were doing this (touring as a band) so we could adjust to the change in our lives," Smyth said.

Adjustments are also required for recording. Because they are always on the road, Sawyer Brown hits the studio whenever they have time.

This is an advantage to the band, Smyth said. "It gives you perspective because you get to take tapes on the road and live with them awhile." Although scheduling time in a recording studio is difficult, Sawyer Brown manages to release a new album every year.

Sawyer Brown broke new ground in 1988 when they became the first country act to perform in China. "People in China are really reserved, but they were about ready to come out of their seats by the end of our show. People related to the energy of what we do and had a good time. We played to a full hall, so audience size wasn't a problem," Smyth said.

Not bad for an act that got their start by accident. It all started when the group's agent sent them to an address to shoot what they thought would be a promotional video, but



it turned out to be an audition for *Star Search*. Three days after they auditioned they received a call to appear on the show. They won the competition, and the rest is history. "It helped in the original notoriety. We used it as a stepping stone and it

accelerated the process of getting signed," Smyth said.

The process is complete; Sawyer Brown is enjoying the merits of their eighth album and are ready to start on number nine. "We are always in the process, always," Smyth said.

Carmen: the creme de la creme of operas

By David Scott
Staff Writer

I must admit, when my editor suggested I review *Carmen*, the famous opera by Georges Bizet, I freaked out. The idea of moi attending a French opera was more outlandish than George Bush's economic recovery plan. I told her I had to floss my teeth, but it was too late. It was official. I had to go to some big, dumb yucky opera. Boy, was I stupid. No one told me operas were, you know, exciting and entertaining. I thought people went because someone made them. I feel like such a fool. Just so you don't make the same mistake, let me fill you in on what you've been missing.

Carmen first premiered on March 3, 1875. It told the story of one strong-willed temptress with a death wish: Carmen. This isn't some Julie Andrews character. In the first act she stabs a girl, is arrested and promptly escapes by seducing the guard. The guard, Don Jose, has it bad for Carmen, but he tries to deny it and makes plans to marry a girl on the right side of the track: Micaela. But Micaela skips off to see Don Jose's mother, leaving poor Jose unprotected from Carmen's charms. Eventually, Carmen reels Jose into her

gypsy world. The tryst is short-lived, however, for Micaela returns to tell Jose his mother is dying. (Ah, the old 'your mother is dying' trick.) But mere circumstance cannot keep these two apart. Fate draws them together at a bullfight where Jose breaks down and pleads to Carmen to return to him. Carmen refuses and taunts Jose to kill her. Well, it is a tragedy folks; you figure out the ending.

This opera was extremely moving, entertaining and easy to understand. No, I'm not well-versed in French, but the translated supertitles above the stage were wonderful—an absolute godsend. Raymond Dooley, the director, went out of his way to make this opera accessible even to a schmuck like me, who has a problem following a *Lethal Weapon* plot.

Carmen was presented by the Boise Opera and boasted a wide array of talented singers, musicians and actors. Reveka Mavorvitis is perfect as Carmen. No—she is Carmen. Her beautiful expressive voice captures the essence of the character. She has starred in more operas than I can count and has won many awards, as well. She could probably sing out of a dictionary and make you cry. Another standout is Tod Kowallis in the role of Don Jose. He has a stage presence

made strong, not only by his powerful voice, but with his acting skill as well. Although he sometimes falls into the thankless role of straight-man for Carmen's antics, he plays it all with the inner strength and vibrancy that comes with experience. Yet another talent is Maria Lewis, a Boise resident and a Boise State University student, who plays the role of Frasquita. Although she has a smaller role than the aforementioned players, she makes her time on stage count. It is to her credit that she not only stands out as a great performer, but she works well with the rest of the ensemble and is careful to not outshine them. Lewis was an Opera America Fellowship national semi-finalist, and it shows. She has worked on many BSU productions, including *Gypsy*, *Showboat* and *Mame*. She is one to watch. Seek out her performances.

I was pleasantly pleased by *Carmen*, and I cannot wait for the next Boise Opera production. If you have reservations about attending opera, but have never actually gone to one—give it a try. You're really missing out on a unique entertainment experience.

Sports

Broncos win despite illness and injuries

By Scott Samples
Sports Editor

They knew they had to win. But winning hasn't come easily to the BSU men's basketball team this season, and Saturday's 60-56 victory over Eastern Washington University was no exception.

The injuries and illnesses that have crippled Boise State all year took their toll last week, allowing only eight Broncos to suit up for the game against the Eagles.

Junior guard Lance Vaughn and freshman forward Derek Stone both were out with the flu, and 7-foot center John Coker is still out with a knee problem.

That left Boise State with only three people on the bench for the entire game.

The lack of bench depth could have been a problem for BSU, but four Broncos scoring in double figures solved the problem. Dan Jones scored a game-high 15 points, Jermaine Haliburton had 12, Tanoka Beard tossed in 11, and Billy Fikes added 10.

For the Broncos who were able to play, the game was a rigorous one.

Haliburton limped off the court with a twisted ankle but returned four minutes later and Archie Wright was late coming out for the second half, also because of a sore ankle.

"It was very difficult to play, very physical," Beard said.

But a win is a win.

"I am thrilled with our guys," BSU head coach Bobby Dye said. "We needed a win so bad and I didn't care how we got it."

While the victory was important for the Broncos, it certainly won't be remembered as the prettiest game ever.

Boise State shot a woeful 1 for 13 from the three-point line and only 45 percent from the field.

Even Beard, who was averaging 17.9 points per game and shooting 55 percent from the field coming into Saturday's contest, was having problems putting the ball in the bucket.

But he made up for his diminished scoring by pulling down 15 rebounds.

"The best way to get out of a slump is to do the other things," Beard said.



Photo by Brian Becker

BSU's Tanoka Beard (50) battles for the ball with EWU's Jason Steele (30).

The win came a week after BSU lost two heartbreakers in Montana. Boise State lost to Montana State 60-56 and to Montana 53-48. But this week was different—this time the Broncos won the close one.

"I think that we played a lot better than we have played lately,"

Beard said. "We came back after a tough loss in Montana and got a win."

Wins have been hard to come by for Boise State. In their last two games, the Broncos have only shot 5 for 31 from three-point land and less than stellar free throw shooting

has hurt them in the close games. But this is a team that has had its problems.

"I think when you're struggling, that's the way it goes," Dye said. "It has been a struggle since the beginning of the season. Nothing has come easy."

BSU ends slump with 20-point win

By Scott Gere
Staff Writer

The Boise State women's basketball team broke out of a two-game losing slump on Saturday with a 20 point beating of Eastern Washington.

After leading by 26 points in the second half, BSU went on to win the Big Sky Conference game 93-73, boosting their conference record to 6-2.

The win solidifies their second place standing, which is still challenged by Weber State, a close third.

The game featured balanced scoring for BSU and a hard attack

on the boards. BSU outrebounded Eastern Washington 48-37, led by center Lidiya Varbanova with nine.

"(Rebounding) is something we've worked on all year," BSU head coach June Daugherty said. "Our guards have helped out a lot."

Freshman Irena "Torrie" Torrolova led the team in scoring with 19 points, shooting just under 50 percent from the field. She also led the team with five assists.

Varbanova accounted for 16 points on 6 of 9 shooting. While her point production has dropped somewhat, Daugherty says it doesn't reflect a reduction in abilities.

"She plays better than she ever did," Daugherty said, citing her team high nine rebounds against Eastern Washington. "But she's getting more help from her teammates now."

"We get tremendous help off the bench."

Following close behind Varbanova was Janet Soderberg with 14. Freshman Tricia Bader and April Cline put in 12 points each, nine of Cline's points coming from behind the three-point line.

"We're really pleased with a lot of our freshmen," Daugherty said.

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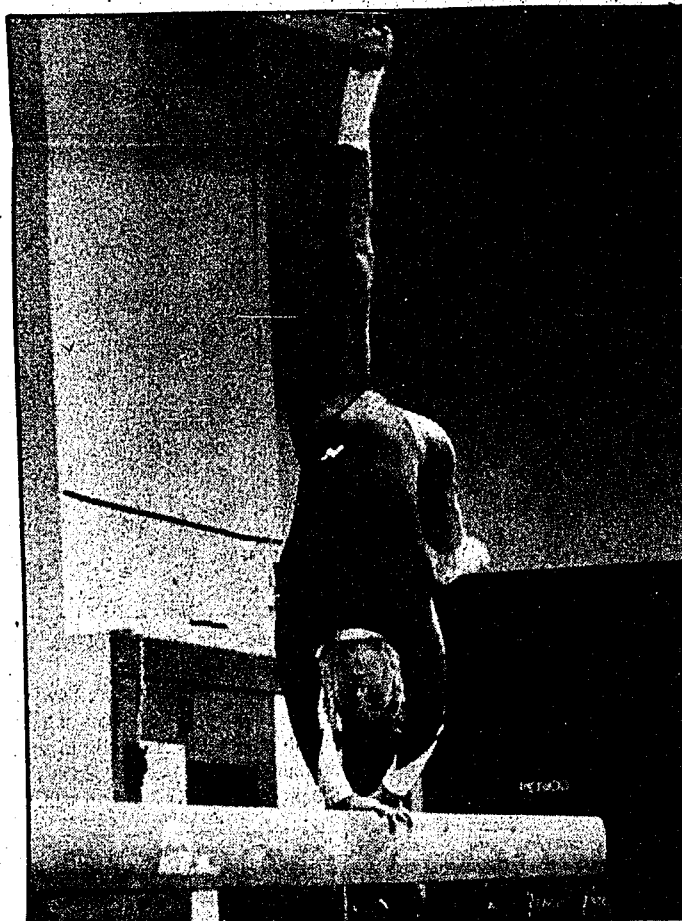


Photo by Brian Becker

Freshman gymnast Julie Wagner performs on the balance beam.

Record performances lead gymnasts over UW

By Scott Gere
Staff Writer

The BSU gymnastics team came within one point of setting a new team record Friday night.

In their first home meet of the season, Boise State scored 189.10 to claim the victory over visiting Washington.

"We've never started off a season scoring this high before," BSU head coach Yvonne "Sam" Sandmire

said, convinced that the team would break the school record of 190.0 before the season was over.

It was the second time in as many weeks that Boise State bested Washington. The weekend before at the Husky Classic, BSU placed more than 15 points higher than its host.

Leading the Bronco effort was freshman Julie Wagner, who took first in two of the four events and placed second in the all-around.

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Boise State's Lawyers negotiate an indoor track victory in Washington

The indoor track and field season kicked off last month, and in the most recent meet BSU competed in the Idaho Invitational in Moscow.

In dual meet scoring the men's team defeated Washington 60-42 and lost to Washington State 68-44 on Feb. 1.

Leading Boise State were top finishers Kerry Lawyer, Erik Brewington, and Dave Stuart.

Lawyer placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.52 seconds. He also earned a second place finish in the 55-meter dash at 6.33 and a third place mark in the long jump at 23-1.25.

David Lawyer of BSU turned in a second place time of 49.22 in the 400-meter, as well as a third place finish in the 200-meter at 21.82.

In the field events, Brewington leapt 24-2.5 inches in the long jump to finish first, and Stewart triple-jumped 48-5.25, a first place mark.

The women's team was defeated twice—first to Washington 60-42, then to Washington State 73-41.

Gloria Dillard took top honors in the shot put, with a 46-7.25 heave.

Earlier in January the men's team competed in its first meet at Pocatello. This was a meet of

individual competition, with no team scoring.

Kerry Lawyer's second place finish in the 55-meter dash helped earn him "Track" Athlete of the Week.

Brewington also joined Lawyer in Athlete of the Week honors following the Jan. 11 Snake River Open. In multiple field events, Brewington won the long jump (24-4), and placed second in high jump at 7-1.

Brewington's high jump was a NCAA qualifying mark which provisionally earns him a berth in the Big Sky indoor track and field championships.

To qualify, an athlete must have one of the top 12 marks in the conference, meet the Big Sky qualifying standards, or use one of two wildcards given each team.

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Wrestlers fall at home to 15th ranked Oregon State

By Scott Samples
Sports Editor

The BSU wrestling squad was a team on a roll going into last week's meets against Portland State University and Oregon State University.

The Broncos were 4-0 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 6-3 overall, and had just come off a win against 23rd-ranked University of Oregon a week before.

Boise State continued to roll along when it beat Portland State 24-16 on Thursday.

But OSU, ranked 15th in the nation, ended the streak on Saturday when the Beavers knocked off the Broncos 31-18.

"Oregon State was favored, and we were looking for an upset going in," said BSU head coach Mike Young.

In the pair of meets, the Broncos received strong performances from Nels Nelson, Paul Jackson and Tony Piva.

Nelson, ranked sixth in the nation for the 150 pound weight division, stayed undefeated this year, pushing his record to 16-0.

Jackson, who is the 10th-ranked wrestler at 177 pounds, won both of his matches last week.

Piva also won both of his matches, but it was his victory over OSU's Ryan Sugai, ranked sixth in the nation, that was most impressive. Piva beat Sugai in a 6-2 decision.

"We knew that to beat them we had to have a couple of upsets," Young said. "We got one of them but lost one we didn't think we would."

Against Oregon State things started off badly for the Broncos. Boise State's Larry Duran lost 9-1 at 118 pounds, and then teammate Chris Ward also lost.

The Broncos finally started to win back some points after Larry Garrison, Piva and Nelson won their individual weight divisions.

But aside from Jackson's 16-1 major decision at 177, Boise State did not win another match the rest of the night.

Things were a little bit easier against Portland State. The Broncos scored the first six team points and held the Vikings to only three points for the next four matches.

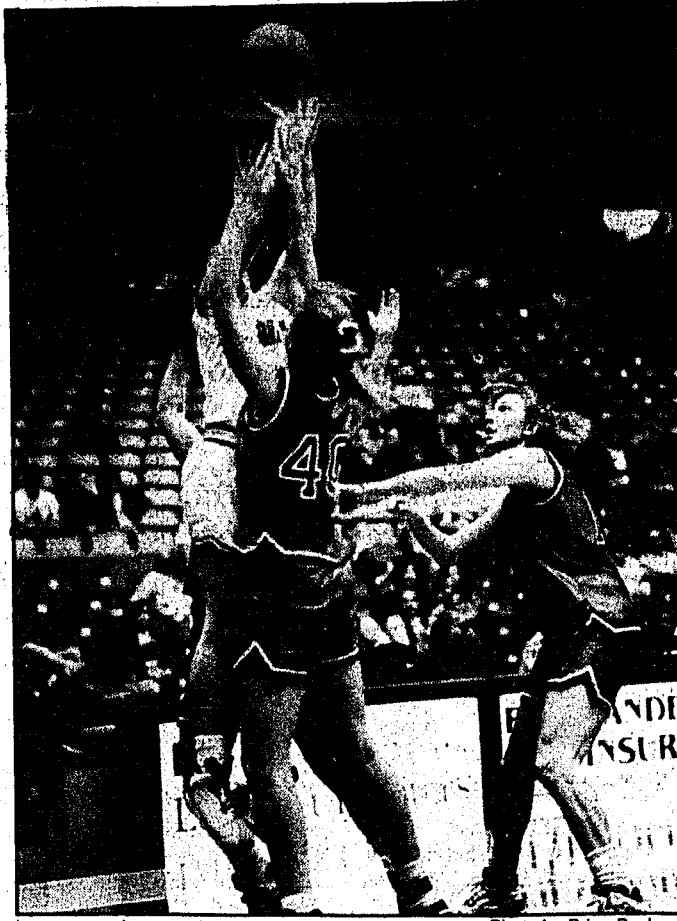


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A Bronco player (white) shoots over two Eagle defenders.

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"Bader and Torrolova are getting the minutes and producing."

Attendance was markedly down from the Bronco's last home game. Last weekend BSU packed over 9,500 into the Pavilion—this time, only 1,350 saw a more consistent and well-played game.

The loss dropped Eastern Washington to third to last in the Big Sky Conference at 3-5.

On Thursday of last week BSU dropped a non-conference game to the 18-2 Portland State Vikings 80-88.

Varbanova led BSU in scoring with 16 points. Cline and Bader put in 14, and Angie Evans scored 13.

As a team the Broncos shot under 41 percent from the field, compared to the Vikings 54 percent.

While BSU outrebounded their opponents and shot 91 percent from the free-throw line, Portland State made 27 trips to the line—BSU only 11.

The difference in free-throws scored equaled nine points in the Vikings favor. The difference in the final score was eight.

BSU will be on the road this week against University of Nevada on Thursday and Northern Arizona on Saturday.

Gymnasts

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Wagner tied the school record on vault—a record she also tied last week—with a 9.80, scored a 9.75 on her floor exercise and took third on the beam with a 9.70—all of which added up to 38.35 in the all-around.

Wagner's work was reinforced by junior Chrissy Koennecker who took third in the all-around (37.95).

Sandmire had high praise for Koennecker's steady performance.

"Chrissy is very consistent and always contributes to the team score," Sandmire said. "She's really valuable as a team captain—she's a real leader."

Other top finishers for BSU were Jennifer Martin on the uneven bars (tie for first, 9.75), and Kari Swanson on the beam (second, 9.75) and the floor (third, 9.65).

The Broncos put together an

impressive performance for a large BSU audience in the Bronco Gym. According to Sandmire the gymnastics staff used to have to turn people away for lack of seating, but the recent upper-deck addition has allowed for more room.

"It's the biggest crowd we've ever had in Bronco Gym," Sandmire said. "The crowd has a tremendous influence—it's a confidence builder for the girls to have that many people behind them." The contest was the first time BSU had been

able to put together a really solid performance.

"We're happy we put together all four events," Sandmire said. "In the past we did three of the four."

"I'm really proud of our whole team."

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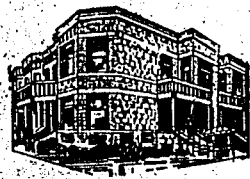
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Gay rights group charges discrimination

By David Scott
Staff Writer

At the Human Rights seminar "Is It OK to Hate Queers?" Jan. 23, John Hummel, board member and treasurer of the gay rights group Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors, said that two Boise businesses The Printing Press and The Thumbtack Express, refused to provide services to them because their group is a gay/lesbian affiliation.

About two weeks ago, Y.F.F.N. went to The Printing Press to print up copies of the organization's annual report, Hummel said. "Everything was fine until we told (the owner) it was a gay organization," Hummel said. It was at this point that the owner, Michael L. Peters, refused to do business with

Y.F.F.N, according to Hummel. Peters, when asked if his business discriminated against gay organizations, said "I don't get involved with those groups. There are a lot of groups I don't get involved with." He declined to comment on the other groups he was referring to.

Last June, Y.F.F.N. solicited of The Thumbtack Express, a local company that distributes flyers on area bulletin boards, to post notices for the annual Gay and Lesbian Free-

dom Parade. Similar to the treatment they received from The Printing Press, The Thumbtack Express refused to service the group once it was revealed that the group was a gay rights organization, Hummel said. Ron Aherad, manager of The Thumbtack Express, said the decision for refusing the group's business was not the decision of The Thumbtack Express, but of other local businesses. "The 100 bulletin boards are owned not by The Thumbtack Express, but by over 150 other busi-

nesses," Aherad said. "They tell us what they want and don't want. It's more a reflection of the community than my business. Personally, I have no problem and I don't think my business is slanted."

Currently, it is not illegal to discriminate against gays or lesbians in Idaho. There are five states in the United States with anti-discrimination laws in effect: Massachusetts, Colorado, Kentucky, Hawaii, and New Jersey.

Y.F.F.N. is a non-profit tax-exempt organization that was formed in December 1989 to reduce anti-gay and lesbian bigotry and to help gays and lesbians attain respect, according to Hummel. In addition, a main goal of the group is to educate and inform the public about gay issues. They have helped sponsor

several gay rights events such as the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Parade and Rally and the National Coming Out Day that occurs every Oct. 11. They also sponsor education events and presentations such as the "Is It OK to Hate Queers?" presentation. The group has approximately 55 members consisting of group heterosexual and homosexual members. "Your Family, Friends and Neighbors is open to anyone who believes in human rights," Hummel said. A regular membership is \$25, a student membership is \$12.50, and an organizational membership is \$100. All who buy a membership are entitled to a membership T-shirt or a membership pin.

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Out 'n' about

Tuesday Feb. 4 Career Planning and Placement will host a job hunting techniques seminar at 2:30 p.m. Sign up at 2065 University Dr. or call 385-1747.

ASBSU Senate Caucus: Senate Forum in the SUB 4 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 5 Career Planning and Placement will host a resume workshop. Sign up at 2065 University Dr. or call 385-1747.

VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Electronic Tax Refund Filing at the Trueblood room of the SUB. Assistance is available through April 15.

Thursday Feb. 6 ASBSU Senate Formal Session 4 p.m.: Senate

Forum in the SUB 4 p.m.

BSU men's basketball vs. University of Nevada, Pavilion 7:35 p.m.

Friday Feb. 7 Duo-pianists Madeline Hsu and Del Parkinson, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Leadership Quest, BSU.

Brava! concert, SUB 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Opening reception for BSU faculty exhibition, Liberal Arts gallery and Campus School 6-8 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 8 BSU men's basketball vs. Northern Arizona, Pavilion 7:35 p.m.

Invitational choral festival, Morrison Center. 7:30 p.m.

Musician Tom Chapin, Student Union Grand Ballroom 1:30 p.m.

National Velvet Student Union, Quiet Listening Lounge. 2 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 9 H.O.M.E. (Helping Ourselves More Emotionally) weekly support group. 7-9:30 p.m. in SUB Annex II 1005 Michigan.

Monday Feb. 10 Jazz choir festival concert, Special Events Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Feb. 11 Sawyer Brown with Diamond Rio and Hal Ketchum, Pavilion 7:30 p.m.

BSU Jazz Festival concert, Special Events Center, 7:30 p.m.

Student nominees to attend fourth annual Leadership Quest seminar

Leadership Quest, a seminar designed to enable nominated students to gain recognition as future leaders and to learn leadership skills, is scheduled for Feb. 7 in the Boise State University Student Union Jordan Ballroom.

Leadership Quest, a four-year tradition at BSU, will be hosted by Ray Myers, a motivational speaker from Minneapolis, Minn. Myers is the founder of MultiVersity Associates located in Minnesota, and has been making leadership training possible on college campuses for 18 years.

Myers brings a high-energy approach to leadership training and is often in high demand to train other leadership trainers.

The seminar will also enable students to realize how leadership skills can work to inspire active citizenry at BSU as well as in the community.

Maureen Sigler, assistant director of Student Activities said Leadership Quest gives student leaders the opportunity to interact with university and community leaders. "We hope Leadership Quest will tempt people to participate so they can be introduced to new ideas," Sigler said.

This year, 330 students have been nominated to attend Leadership Quest. Of the 330, Sigler estimated about 200 students attend.

To attend the seminar, a student must be nominated by a dean; a department head; a faculty member; an athletic coach or a student organization.

To be nominated for Leadership Quest, a student must either be an established campus leader, a captain, an officer or an emerging leader, showing enthusiasm toward leadership skills.

"It's just been great," said Noyam Hale, a senior psychology major who has attended four Leadership Quest seminars. "It is the only leadership training I've had. It's really made a difference in how I react in clubs."

Hale said Leadership Quest is beneficial because 250 people can attend for the price of sending three people to a leadership conference elsewhere. "Three different clubs benefit from my training," she said. "It has widespread influence."

Sandmeyer pitches Selland presidency

During the Jan. 30 meeting of the student body senate, ASBSU President Tamara Sandmeyer announced that she planned to nominate and forward Interim President Larry Selland's name to the position university president.

Sandmeyer, who is also a member of the presidential screening committee, asked the senate to compose a letter stating their unanimous consent in support of the nomination. If passed, the letter will be sent to the State Board of Education and the presidential screening committee.


Sandmeyer said she nominated Selland because of his interest in ASBSU and student concerns. Sandmeyer also cited his current performance as president of the university as an important factor.

"You never know until you put somebody in that office what they are going to do," she said.

Meanwhile, over 50 faculty members from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs have signed a petition asking presidential screening committee appointee Pat Dorman to step down from her position.

Dorman was placed on the committee by members of the State Board. Dorman, who helped create a process whereby faculty would be placed on the committee by nominations in individual colleges, said she does not plan to step down.

"I think it's a bit late (to step down)," she said. "If this was going to take place, I think it should have happened late in December."



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