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Students of Boise State University

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Hardware problem grounds network during registration

Rick Overton
Editor-in-Chief

A computer wiring problem delayed the registration of about 1,000 freshmen last month, and slowed down the campus mainframe for days. The malfunction knocked out the student registration system all day Monday, Nov. 23, affecting more than 120 students an hour and causing delays throughout the campus-wide computer system.

Steve Maloney, associate vice president for Data Processing, said Data Center employees discovered the problem at 7 a.m. Nov. 23. A string of hard drives serving Financial Aid, Payroll and the student registration system were not responding to the campus mainframe. A repair technician was on campus by 8 a.m., but could not repair the problem until 3 p.m. Maloney said that the problem finally went online after 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, hundreds of students were bottlenecked for hours in the Administration Building hallway, waiting their turn to register. Coffee and cookies were served while the students waited in vain for the system to come back up.

The computer malfunction served to compound the fact that freshmen take longer to register anyway. Debbie Christiansen, assistant to the registrar, said more freshmen are scheduled to register per hour than upperclassmen, and their schedules usually require the most work because many lower-division classes are full by the time freshmen register.

Monday's rush may have been compounded by students who missed their registration times on earlier days, as well as those who were displaced during a short software malfunction on Friday, Nov. 20.

The registrar's office responded to the line of students in the Administration Building by having a tray of Marriott coffee and snacks put in the hallway. While the students sat on the floor, lining both sides of the hall from one end of the building to the other, their legs almost met in the middle of the narrow hallway. Many held on to the hope that the system would come up at any moment.

Freshman Sara Wimbush was afraid of losing her place in the long line. "Right when I leave the computers will probably come back on," she said.

Sophomore Cindy Hills appreciated the response of the registrar's office to the delays. "They're really nice about it," Hills said. Hills suggested a list of full classes be posted where people who had yet to register could see it.

At 1:30 p.m. it was announced students could leave their registration in limbo continued on page 4

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Public reaction may spell doom for planned visual display panel

Dawn Kramer
News Editor

After opening debate concerning a committee to review visual displays, Betty Hecker, Affirmative Action director, said the negative feedback may kill the idea. The response has been about 80-20 percent against the committee, Hecker said, and she is still receiving letters. The procedure went to a subcommittee of the Affirmative Action Committee after Hecker received some negative feedback.

If the visual display committee never forms, complaints would continue to be handled through the old process of filing a grievance under the sexual harassment policy to be dealt with by the AAG.

"I'm not convinced the university needs a policy on this matter," said Interim President Larry Selland. He said he would like to see the deans and department heads deal with visual displays. The president would have to approve the visual display committee if it were a policy change. As it stands, he does not create a new policy, but instead a procedure to enforce the existing sexual harassment policy.

"Please note my strongest possible objections to the "Proposed Procedure and Guidelines" for evaluating visual displays," wrote Peter Wolheim, communication professor, in a memo to Hecker.

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Library ground breaking delayed until April

Public Works approval for Library plans has been slow in coming

Raub Owens
News Writer

Ground breaking ceremonies for the $10 million library expansion originally scheduled for January have been postponed.

Progress of the project's plans through the Idaho Division of Public Works has been slow, said Steven Schmitt, associate vice president for administration and director of institutional research at BSU. The plans are expected to move forward in February, when contractors' bids are opened.

Ground breaking should begin in April, Schmidt said.

The library now consists of 129,000 square feet. A new, three-story addition will serve to integrate the existing two- and four-story sections, while adding approximately 50,000 square feet of new space to the library, bringing the total square footage to almost 180,000.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs will occupy about 11,700 square feet created by the expansion. In September of 1993, the college will also gain 11,600 square feet when KAI-D Channel 4 vacates their ground-floor space to move to new quarters off campus, said Janet Strong, orientation librarian.

KAI-D will be available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. students; $750,000 for asbestos removal, $900,000 for lighting improvements.

BU contractors place second in conference

Central Washington University placed first overall in competition held Oct. 29-31 at the ninth annual Student Northwest Associated General Contractors Convention at BSU.

BU finished second.

About 50 construction management students from eight schools attended the conference. In addition to BSU and CWU, participating schools were Montana State University, University of Washington, Oregon State University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Brigham Young University and California State University at Chico.

The competition included four areas estimating, surveying, student chapter presentations and quantities survey.


The conference was hosted as an extracurricular project by the 25-member BSU Construction Management Association. Students in the group are majoring in construction management, a four-year academic program that includes coursework in calculus, physics, engineering, business and construction. Graduates receive the opportunity to complete programs.

A adopt-a-river begins Saturday

The Adopt-a-River Project will kick off at noon Saturday, Dec. 5. Refinements will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Julia Davis Bandshell.

After the kickoff, participants in the project will clean their assigned areas along the Boise River. The Boise City Parks and Recreation Department will provide trash bags and garbage pickup on Saturday.

Organizations are still needed to assist with tree wrapping to protect trees from beaver damage, and to clean areas requiring special consideration.

Sponsors for the project are The Boise & Idaho Electric Co., Boise River, The Boise City Parks and Recreation Department, the Idaho Department of Lands, and Boise State University.

For more information, call BSU President Todd Shelly at 385-1503, or the BSU Department of Military Science at 385-3550.

Shelley Wilson

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE TO BE HELD THIS FRIDAY

Dress up your house for the holidays with fresh wreaths, poinsettias, house plants and table centerpieces available Friday, Dec. 11 at the annual Holiday Plant Sale at BSU.

The sale, sponsored by first-year student Union Horticulture, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the horticulture program and a student tour of the horticulture industry in Portland. Students also gain valuable retailing experience through the sale.

For information, call 334-3152.
Trial dates set for two BSU athletes charged with battery

Melanie Delon
Assistant Culture Editor

Jury trial dates have been set for two BSU athletes charged with misdemeanor battery charges in late September.

Barrister "Scoop" Archibald, guard for the BSU basketball team, will appear before an Ada County Traffic Court magistrate at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Barrister courthouse. The magistrate is expected to rule on various motions at the hearing.

In Ada County, Traffic Court magistrate hosted misdemeanor cases. A jury trial date has been set for Feb. 25, 1993, at which time Archibald will answer two misdemeanor charges filed against him by two female Towes residents. Archibald pleaded not guilty to both charges in September and was released on his own recognizance.

Wayne McDade Jr., a defensive back for the BSU football team, has been ordered to appear before an Ada County Traffic Court magistrate at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 so the prosecutor and defense attorney can discuss reducing or dismissing a charge of misdemeanor domestic battery against a female Chaffee Hall resident. If the charge is dropped, he will have a jury trial Jan. 12, 1993. McDade pleaded not guilty to the charge at his arraignment Oct. 19.

New workshop on healthy aging offered

"Healthy Aging," a workshop on the health needs of our aging population, will be offered Jan. 21-May 6 at BSU's Canyon County Center in Nampa.

The two-credit, pass/fail workshop offered by BSU's Division of Continuing Education is designed to help nurses and caregivers expand their awareness of the concerns and needs of the elderly. The instructor is Constance Matson, a registered nurse and BSU nursing professor.

The course will cover the physiological aspects of aging as well as economic, legal and psychological aspects. Discussion will include cultural and ethical issues concerning the elderly in this society.

The workshop will be Thursdays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Nampa center, 2607 Caldwell Blvd. Cost is $136 or free for full-time students. Registration continues through Thursday, Jan. 21, but space is limited so participants are urged to register early.

For registration information, call the BSU Division of Continuing Education at 385-3492.

Panel meets Thursday on new institute

The Department of Psychology will participate in a presentation and panel discussion on the newly formed Applied Cognition Research Institute Thursday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. in the Farmworth Room of the SUB.

What is the Applied Cognition Research Institute? What is it supposed to accomplish? These questions will be addressed by Dr. Linda Annooshian, Dr. Drew Betz, Dr. Garvin Chastain and Dr. Donna Selbert.

The major goals of the institute are:

- To maximize productivity and promote research,
- To increase the quality of science education at the undergraduate level,
- To meet the most community needs for consulting and training in applied cognition,
- To serve as a coordinating body for grant and development work, and
- To put renewed focus on the academic accomplishments and goals of BSU.

The panel is co-sponsored by Psi Chi, an honorary organization for psychology majors and the Applied Cognition Research Institute.
Chaos pries open computer debate

A long-term computer failure last month revives an ongoing debate about the function and usefulness of the BSU mainframe computer.

Although the nine hours the system was down Monday, Nov. 23 represent a small percentage of the system's year-round running time, the malfunction came at a time such as to intensify previous anxieties.

Critics say that ancient software languages and rigid system designs made the system difficult to modify. Advocates defend the system, pointing to the necessity for a large mainframe as a university's size, and emphasizing the services BSU enjoys through the mainframe.

BSU moved from an index card method to on-line computer registration in the fall of 1987. A pair of IBM mainframes cost BSU $1.1 million, according to Steve Maloney, associate vice president for data processing.

The state purchase was declared an emergency and the state purchasing department allowed BSU to buy the mainframe without going through a formal bidding process. In most cases, any university purchase over $5,000 is required to be bid to a competitive price bidding process.

The days of the campus mainframe server, extremely the administrative function of the university, maintaining a large database of information on tens of thousands of current and former BSU students, operating extensive accounting systems such as payroll and accounts payable, overseeing the distribution of financial aid, and twice annually registering all of the full and part-time students.

According to John Plowman, university analyst, more than 8,000 software programs currently run on the campus mainframe. The size of the computer and number of programs is due to the large volume of computer use at BSU. "If you figure the 16,000 students in a PC," asked Plowman.

Not everyone is satisfied with BSU's mainframe. John Feldman, BSU computer science professor, "By 1980, I think, when looked at the compromises of technical ineptitude, the mainframe offered nothing at all." Feldman said. "You must be aware of how rapidly computer technology has moved along in the past years. There are still places, particularly in input and output, where there are bottlenecks. But even those bottlenecks have been looked up somewhat. Those much smaller machines running much more modern operating systems can far surpass the IBM mainframe. It's not a very good technology and it's vastly overpriced," Feldman said. 

According to Plowman, who refers to the "dryware" component—"the human user is called "wetware"—computer hardware and software. In the case of BSU, the IBM mainframe is the primary item of hardware. The "mainframe" is a large, complex machine with coded instructions which tell the machine what to do—use the COBOL and IBM Assembly language to accomplish most of its programming, including the student registration system, a database, and online accounting systems.

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How'm I doin'? ASBSU President Sholty draws positive reviews

Chris Langrill Feature Editor

So far, so good. This is the message from ASU students and administrators after 7 months with Todd Sholty as ASBSU President.

The majority of administrators and student leaders who have worked with Sholty feel that he has been dedicated and hard-working to this point of his term in office.

Last spring Sholty defeated CJ Martin in the ASBSU elections for the office of president. Instead of resentment, Martin-Markiwell said, "I am not certain students realize how much they have worked with Sholty. I think we have increased student participation in campus radio that Sholty quickly initiated after the beginning of his presidency last summer.

Martin wasn't the only student who disagreed with Sholty's actions. Student Programs Board director Melissa Klug also expressed dissatisfaction with Sholty's decision. "I support him on most issues, but disagreed with him on the OnePercent," Klug said.

Sholty's stance on the One Percent Initiative seemed to be one of the few issues that garnered any criticism about his performance as president.

Overall, most people agree that one of Sholty's strengths is the support and time he dedicates to the position. His partner, ASBSU President Lisa Sanchez is quick to talk about his dedication. "He doesn't do anything half-assed. When he takes on an issue or cause he gives it his all," Sanchez said.

Another popular decision was the push to get more students involved in campus radio that Sholty quickly initiated after the beginning of his presidency last summer.

Chris Langrill Features Writer

Todd Sholty has been serving as ASBSU President for the past year, and his one-year term will end in April. The Arbiter recently talked with Sholty to discuss the accomplishments he has already realized, the goals he might still like to accomplish and just how much the role of being ASBSU President has changed his life.

Arbiter: What did you envision the job of ASBSU President being as compared to the realities of the position?

Sholty: I will be perfectly honest with you. I pretty much expected what I am doing right now. I really felt that I would be doing a lot of work, whether in committees, representing students or trying to get students involved. Pretty much it has stayed true to that. I have been pretty satisfied with my expectations, but it shows that people need the motivation. All the people need is the motivation. As for any other accomplishments you would like to mention?

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ASBSU post offers few surprises for chief

ASBSU Sen Gary Myers backed Sholty on the radio project. "I think it's a good idea to get students radio back in the hands of students," he said. Sholty also is viewed by some as a leader who appreciates the concerns of the students. Selland said it is important for a student body president to be a voice for the students, and he believes that Sholty has done so.

He participates in the president's cabinet and attends board meetings. All of the situations where I've observed him I've found him to be very considerate, very understanding of the issues, and again, a good advocate for the students," Selland said.

Kathleen Kreider, Jon Wreten, Shelley Wilson contributed to this article.
Visual arts controversy demands clarification

Suzanne McCorkle
Special to The Arbiter

"When in danger or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout." While good advice in a Heinlein novel, the practice hasn't been very productive in discussions of the proposed visual arts policy campus. Granted, the original memo from Betty Heckler could have done a better job of framing the issue and educating about the sexual harassment grievance policy. It's a policy that needs some revision. Beyond that, what's the issue all about?

I've heard the rumors that this is one of those "female things"—probably created in some smoke-free, pastel-colored room. Sorry folks, the realities and responsibilities that post- and other displays can be harassment was a group of mostly old white men at the Supreme Court. Since 1986, employers have been responsible for providing a workplace that is not a hostile work environment based on one's gender. University administrators can't be held legally responsible to not discriminate against any student because she (or he) is a member of a particular sex, race or religion. Let's divide the issue to see what it means for employees and for students. BSU is a workplace for solicitation, custodians, managers, cooks and, yes, professors. No employees gave up their rights to protection under the law just because their place of employment is a university. Under the law, any employee, whether we pass this internal policy or not, equally should be protected from having to work in an office or shop where persons of their group are verbally or viscerally demanded. It's the law.

Public entities that designate fine men/women as more sexual beings that as employees see the work of things the courts have held to be objectionable. Most employers simply have told their managers to "professionalize" the workplace and take private art which may be offensive to the employer's work environment. As one boss put it, if you really love those posters, take them home and put them in your living rooms.

What about students? Students also are protected by law. Beyond the usual protection against uniqueness and sincerities in their work environment,BSU is a workplace with a man in your group's race or religion may be illegal. What does this mean for professors and students? Professors, if there are educational matters for what we are doing that if everyone has an equal opportunity to be offended, we can say and do just about anything. It's we're uniquely offending one group that has BESC protection, those behaviors may be illegal. Students, if your professors are picking you out of the group in a demeaning way just because you're part of a minority group, that action may be illegal.

The events in this debate has proved one thing to me. BSU has a long way to go in finding as an entity, educators about sexual harassment law and policies. I suspect affirmative Action is running on a rather murky term. In an educational environment, naming all students so they start to think in different ways should be the norm. The harassment of any one group because of their sex, race or religion should be discarded by the entire academic community.

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The Arbiter would like to say that we are visibly pleased to announce photographer extrusion. The Boise State University Drive "E"-week has been a great sport this semester after being sent out on numerous assignments which somehow doesn't manage to get in the paper. Plus, she does a great job. Thanks, Shavon.
Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to an article which ran in the Nov. 17 edition of your paper. The article was written by Jon Yoder of the Associated Student Body, the ASIBSU Senate's appropriation of $1,000 for the pinning ceremony, as the Department of Nursing.

After discussing the students involved, I have determined that most of the information was either misreported or taken out of context. That is an issue that I think you should all look at seriously. Guest expect to become reliable, responsible journalists. Further comment on this topic is outside the purpose of this letter. My main reason for writing is to set the record straight on the Department of Nursing's perspective.

The pinning ceremony in the nursing profession is a right-of-passage, so to speak. It is a ceremony that has waned and waxed in popularity over the past 100 years or so. BSU nursing students received the ceremony in the past ten years and both the faculty and I supported them in planning and conducting the activity. It is a time during graduation week when the students share with family, community and university the public acknowledgment of their professional accomplishments. It goes hand-in-hand with graduation, which acknowledges their academic accomplishments. It is a time for all who delight and celebrate with new professionals to come together and focus on passing from students to professionals.

The article of Nov. 17 made the ceremony sound like a "party" or "gift" from the department. It is neither. Refreshments are provided for over 1,000 people who attend the ceremony. The students pay those expenses as billed by the Marriott Food Center. There are no extra expenses such as audiovisual charges from the SUB, decorations, music, etc. that make up the balance of the budget. The students buy their own pins at cost of $40-5100, depending on the type of metal. The last point that must be clarified is that this is not a required, department-initiated activity. It is an activity that was planned and supported by the students who are to be pinned. The Department of Student Affairs Committee student and faculty representatives plan all activities. No department appropriated funds are used to support this activity, as it is not a part of the academic program. The department, through local funds, and individual faculty have donated money to help students pay for the ceremony.

The Nursing Student Association has also given money to support the event in past years. Occasionally there have been fund raisers initiated by students to help pay for their ceremony. On the advice of the Student Union director, Greg Blasting, the Nursing Student Association and the Health Science Senator introduced a bill to the ASIBSU Senate to request funds for this very large, very expensive student activity. It was not the intent of the students in the Department of Nursing to ask for funds from student activity fees to "purchase cookies."

The intent was for the student club to ask for support for a very large, very significant ceremony that honors our students' professional accomplishments.

Anne Payne, R.N., B.D. Associate Dean, College Health Science

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News story on nursing pinning ceremony innacurate, misleading

Dear Editor:

At first, it was just Annie Furchak, a Meridian High School teacher who had sought to impose strict sanctions upon the Meridian High School teachers for having allowed a lesbian to lead a classroom discussion to help facilitate a student's project. But, now there are two:

The principal at Boise High School, Stan Turk, has lowered her iron, flat of censorship on the students' newsletter and has postponed its publication until its editors have removed a review written by a student who had lashed Madonna's new album, "Like a Virgin."

Turk defended her action by saying the student's review was inappropriate in that it recommended the purchase of a sex-related explicit product in a school-sponsored publication. And, yes, she does have this authority.

The issue in the above two cases is not that these women have overstepped their legal authority—either by thwarting the students' efforts to liberalize their curricula or by overturning their subsequent attempts to openly and freely express their ideas and opinions. The issue is, that who has granted these women the moral authority to decide for others what is or what is not in their best interests?

But regardless of this matter of authority, haven't the editors and administrators of our public schools yet come to learn from the invaluable lessons taught in the early 1960s—the ones which demonstrated that the oppression of academic freedom within a democratic society can only serve to bring about resentment and contempt for authority?

A case in point in the late 1950s, our government introduced into our public schools a short film clip titled "Refrer to Pass." In which the use of marijuana was depicted as a choice which invariably led to crime, desperation and, in the end, total madness.

But when the college students of the early 1960s found out (as they inevitably would) that their own government had been filling them full of gross exaggerations and blatant lies concerning the use of marijuana, they took it personally, and an enormous backlash ensued. This backlash manifested itself in the form of a mass movement which succeeded not only at "the establishment," as our history books will attest, but also in the public schools.

So, how does one, on one day, tell a class of 15 to 30 high school students that they are not allowed to deal with the harsh reality of the real world and then, a short time later, throw them out into this "real world" and tell them, "Now you're really only ready to vote, you're ready to serve on a jury, and you're ready to be drafted into the Armed Forces in the next 10 years."

Somehow, it just doesn't make much sense. We say that a prime function of our high schools is to prepare our students for the future, that we're not making a test, and yet we fail to educate them on how to handle unpreparedness and those of us who are responsible riders. I know that this dilemma affects many students and I am extremely concerned by it. Hopefully something can be done about it.

Scott Rasmussen BSU student

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Bicyclists need to learn manners

Dear Editor:

I'm a typical student attending BSU, and I have noticed that many people who ride their bikes along campus have either forgotten some basic ethics of bicycling or are just plain negligent. Before going any further in detail, I would like to point out that I know I am a very experienced and dedicated mountain biker myself, and I hold no prejudice against riding bikes in general. However, I haven't experienced one semester day this semester on campus where I (for somebody else hasn't) isn't some victim to a bike with a bad attitude.

As a matter of fact, this morning I was riding up the descent from the Hemingway Western Studies Center when I was passed by a bike rider who lived the individual to a bike rack near by. He had the nerve to tell me that people like me are "no fun. If you keep riding (down the sidewalk) you should stay out of the path of riders.

Since then, I have been supposed to clear off the sidewalk to make way for bicycle riders with bad attitudes! I have been faced by pedestrians and were prohibited from riding on sidewalks. And in situations on campus where one has no choice but to ride on a walkway I'm always courteous enough to stay clear of pedestrians...

I believe that there are some fairly simple solutions to problems such as this. First of all, there are a number of suggestions that need to change their attitudes and have more respect for others.

One suggestion would be to have campus security and volunteers mounted on bikes to patrol the campus and hand out tickets to those on bikes who may be a threat to others. These tickets could consist of small fines that could help the college financially. As well, a good suggestion that may not make a threat to others. These tickets could consist of small fines that could help the college financially. As well, a good suggestion that may not make a threat to others. These tickets could consist of small fines that could help the college financially. As well, a good suggestion that may not make a threat to others. These tickets could consist of small fines and other consequences for those who are riding on the property. Regarding the banning of bicycling on campus. This would hurt many students who rely on bikes for transportation and those of us who are responsible riders. I know that this dilemma affects many students and I am extremely concerned by it. Hopefully something can be done about it.

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At this point I feel it is most relevant and add a comment made by Mr. Murr in his letter to the editor. The comment regarded his support of his Student Affairs Committee for fund to this paper, and thus this article that he found offensive. It made me think of all the government programs and organizations that my tax dollar fund that I don't necessarily support. Whether it be the anti-Cod curriculum, or loans in our public school systems or the National Endowment for the Arts blackplopping and degrading everything that many of us hold sacred, such as life, I'm sure Mr. Murr can even think of a few things.

I have written this article and I'm looking forward to seeing it in the future. Thank you, Arbeiter, for adding this column, I enjoy representing two of more people. It has definitly boosted my interest in the paper.

Charles Mangun
I've noticed that people who use language to dominate others are often able to open, reasoned discourse. This was true in the three hundred years or so in which nine million women were tortured to death because they were suspected of being witches. And it seems to be true today in the Meridian School shooter's case.

Once, women who enjoyed their sexuality, or women who chose to practice the healing arts, or women who pleased in the company of other women, or women who aspired to teach or study language, or women who appeared too pretty, or women who simply rubbed the wrong people the wrong way were accused, "tried," tortured, and killed.

Women who refused to submit to patriarchy were considered evil, unnatural. The holy books proclaimed it, the church proclaimed it, and the laws of the land proclaimed it.

So, if your mother or your sister or your daughter was accused of witchcraft, did you speak up and say, "wait a minute, let's discuss this rationally"? Did you question the wisdom of the sacred texts, the sacred church, the sacred leaders and the sacred laws that proclaimed certain behaviors by women to be wrong, to be perverted—to doubt the wisdom of all these authorities was to question the very foundations of your faith.

To question these authorities prohibited the limits of appropriate behavior to women was to risk one's own life. Because rational discussion about witchcraft was not allowed. Open, reasoned, questioning of authoritarian claims to truth was not allowed.

The systematic persecution of women who were perceived to be evil and dangerous, and the systematic shaming of those who loved them was perpetuated by strict rules regarding what could be discussed and what could not. When we question the ethics of domination, whether those efforts to silence dominated women, we question the ethic of domination, whether those efforts to silence dominate with su-

preme courts or school boards, priests or parents.

When you question the ethic of domination these days you are more likely to lose your livelihood than your life. Sure, questioning author-

ity is risky, and, as Lillian Hellman wrote, "It is consid-
ered unhealthy in America to remember mistakes, neurotic to think about them, psycho-

dic to dwell upon them." Perhaps we should not rush to put the Meridian School shooter's attempt to silence reasoned discourse behind us.

For 1992, we should remem-
ber exactly how so-called fam-

ily values were used to justify the killing of domestic violence victims. By the way, happy holiday to those of you who celebrate the Festival of December, Lesbian Love Day! Enjoy!

Dear Editor:

Hey, Darling, you are growing older! Me too!

In the closing decade of this century, the num-
ber of people over age 60 will increase more rap-

dily than any other age group in Idaho and the

U.S. We are a "greying society." There is nothing we can do about the pro-

cess of aging, but there is something we can do about providing sensitive services to this popu-

lation. The Interdisciplinary Studies in Aging at Boise State University offers an opportunity for students in any academic major to gain a perspective about aging, the process and con-

sequence of aging in a youth oriented society and to contribute to the future.

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poses students to aging from the viewpoint of a number of disciplines. The student has an opportunity to learn about health and aging, the psychology of aging, the sociology of aging, biology of aging and servicing aging. Those who choose to may earn a minor in gen-

erontology.

What you say, would a business major need to know about these facts? In the BSU catchment area about 35 percent of the population is 60 years of age or older. That market can be substantial. New products and new service techniques will be essential for productive enterprises, but how can you plan for those needs if you are unaware of the population and its needs?

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Legal alternatives for unfair landlords

Dear Editor:

A useful coping skill is that of suing your landlord. Your management company is probably DBA (Doing Business As) which you will find at the courthouse. They can tell you who owns the business. Your rental agreement is usually with your landlord or another DBA. You must sue the "owner" on your rent contract. Look up that name at the courthouse if it is a DBA or at the Secretary of State if it is a corporation. If you sue the agent instead of the real owner, the judge will usually delay your case and allow you to amend it.

The City Directory published by the Chamber of Commerce is useful in searching out your rental agreement owner. It lists many businesses and their employees and/or owners. Other sections list people by phone number first, and also in street order.

Even if this is true, the identity of the actual owner(s) may surprise you. Often they are law firms or large real estate companies. This may be the reason why so many property managers are so arrogant.

DBA's are a good way to conceal the identity of an individual. On the back of the form in the courthouse, only first initials are given, last names and box numbers. A clue to full names can be found in the Ada County Courthouse in search of the registered owners needs of the student body are being under served. Others that have associated with, worked with, or are the same people with which you have rent contracts.

Serving papers on the owner requires enough information and being sure the server is reasonable sure that he has the right person. You will need to know approximate age, physical description, home and business addresses, type of car (year, model, license plate number), and final place of work of both defendants and spouse along with home phone and work numbers. The box for the defendant's race is outdated and should be left blank.

Under recent reform laws tenants can claim triple damages if the landlord knowingly and maliciously ripped you off by retaining your deposit more than thirty (30) days. You can also sue to new a maximum of $3000. With a little work and your records in order you can sue for repairs requests of problem areas mailed and un-opened to yourself, inspection forms and photos and video you should easily win your case.

Tomas Wilhite A

Registration leaves student in lurch

Dear Editor:

So, the registration circus is nearly over. No longer will jolly BSU students be clustering everywhere but the first floor of the administration building, waiting for our wonderful computer system to turn from the first ever Land of Overmatch. Never mind the frustration of oversubscribed classes and work to wait in line for four or five hours to enroll in more classes. Students such as myself (with declared majors) have a prescribed course study to follow. In general, the need for certain classes has not been fully evaluated or made available. Once again the needs of the student body are being neglected.

Specifically, in my case, I need two semesters of Chemistry. I took 17 credits in my first semester, with classes both days and nights. It was brought to my attention that the evening lecture class was restricted and one night class dropped. All sections are now full. An override signed by my professor is ineffective. My only hope for getting into second semester Chemistry is drop-add.

I suspect that if the administration plans rely on a throw of the dice—on winging it. If I can't get it in drop-add, my only other options are summer school or waiting two semesters to pick it up. If I wait two semesters, I will have to pay overloads fees for that semester. In the meantime I must fill my schedule with classes that don't need me to lose my funding. In all cases, I am forced to waste time and money in my effort to get an education. Does this sound familiar to you? I had planned to complete two semesters of studies in two actual semesters. What a radical concept! It appears that the Administration wants to waste my time and money by not providing me with the classes I do not need.

I am a freshman, and by the time I got to register for this freshman level class, it was full. Who are all these upperclassmen that have taken my spot? Obviously they are fellow students whose needs have been neglected in the past by improper evaluation. This is an ongoing problem. A fellow student in the masters program says get used to it. I refuse to get used to the problem that the administration refuses to evaluate and solve. There are too many options of fitness classes available to me, yet there are only two second semester Chemistry classes. I pay my fees like everyone else and I expect to be able to take the classes I need. I declined my major on day one, so my need for certain classes should not come as a surprise to anyone.

I would really like some answers to this mess and I am not alone. There are other students that are shipwrecked and thus accomplish their agenda: the radical feminists and the anti-American electorale to seduce the American electorate, with the American electorate, with the American electorate.

Charles Uhenkett
Grangeville, Idaho

We will miss Bush, pro-life stance

Dear Editor:

An open letter to President Bush: I and all Pro-Life people were overjoyed with utter disbelief and deep regret following the elections of Nov. 3.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for your exemplary performance as President of the United States.

I specifically thank you for your courageous and unequivocal defense of the sanctity of unborn human life. Surely there are many little kids alive today because of your resistance to the radical pro-abortion forces in our country.

To be defeated by a candidate who has no personal or moral integrity or character, and who has propelled to victory by a vicious and biased media, is not defeat at all.

You, your family and your administration were laughed at by the media, the academic elite and the radical feminists because of your unwavering defense of the unborn babies. The economy and other peripheral issues were only a ready tool to seduce the American electorate, and thus accomplish their agenda: the defeat of President Bush.

Thank you to your wonderful wife, Barbara, for the many years of patriotic service to our country.

God Bless you and God Help America.

Charles Uhenkett
Grangeville, Idaho
The Chairman of the Board

Board chief headed new direction in coming year

Kathleen Kreider
Feature Writer

The higher education system in Idaho has weathered many challenges in the last year, not the least of which are perceptions about the president of the State Board of Education.

Karl Shurtliff has had a controversial and turbulent tenure as president of the State Board of Education. Frank and outspoken, Shurtliff said he is often misunderstood.

Indeed, Shurtliff’s exploits and public statements are often fodder for political pundits, editorial writers and news editors statewide.

With the coming of the new year, Shurtliff expects a rebirth of sorts, once accused of being enigmatic.

“I’m really surprised people think they know me by the little bit they see or read about what goes on with the board,” he said.

But both critics and fans alike say Shurtliff has done things we’ve never seen before where he goes.

“These people (the board) are being taken apart,” Shurtliff said. “This is taken as a great deal more than what I’ve done to shake things up. We won’t come up with the answers if we don’t ask the questions.

He says he asks questions out of curiosity, and creates dialogue to find information, not to create controversy.

“I think the status quo was too safe and too soft,” he said.

“Some board members don’t want to rock the boat.”

Jim Fisher, the managing editor of the Lewiston Morning Tribune, said Shurtliff’s methods are often misunderstood.

“Generally, I think he’s been good for that board,” Fisher said.

Shurtliff said many people in education trend to be threatened by the prospect of change.

He said his outgoing nature and tendency to ask questions has earned him notoriety.

“I find myself in trouble when I’m really just looking for information,” he said.

Frankly, in the governance structure there should be some tension between faculty and the State Board, Shurtliff said.

“But a general notion of mistrust is too general for the board,” he said.

John Freemuth, BSU Political Science professor, said mistrust between the board and the administration is not directed directly to his actions, but the way he goes about them.

“Karl Freemuth, who is now a member of the Faculty Senate, said that Shurtliff may have a larger function for high education but its content for now is an outspoken personality.

More recently he was seconded by other board members for proposing policies without first consulting the board.

Amy Anderson, student body president at the University of Idaho said he is in the limelight often because he does it to himself with his outspoken behavior.

“If you are controversial it may be because sometimes you’re saying things that need to be said,” Freemuth said.

Shurtliff took the brunt of the backlash when former BSU President John Keiser was fired. Questions were raised about the manner in which Keiser was treated.

He was later fined and given six months probation for taking 450 cigarettes to a client in the Ada County Jail.

Shurtliff said he made a mistake, but thinks it wouldn’t have been covered by the media so intensely if he hadn’t been for the Keiser fiasco.

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Fremuth said.

“He was at the border of something he criticized John Keiser for. If you don’t like a behavior why approach it yourself?”

Freemuth said the rest of the board is surprised a lot from some of these issues.

“Shurtliff must feel that’s at least empowered to some point by the governor because the governor doesn’t want to seem to get involved that much,” Freemuth said.

“Shurtliff and other board members know that if the governor has no problem with it they have to be circumcised about what they might oppose Mr. Shurtliff on.”

Fisher says while Shurtliff and Anderson are old friends, the governor wouldn’t give Shurtliff any instruction, nor would Shurtliff accept any.

“A lot of people perceive I’m carrying water for him,” Shurtliff said. “That’s just because I’d do what he’d do.”

Shurtliff, a Menan, Idaho native, was appointed to the board by long-time friend Gov. Cecil Andrus in March of 1990.

He is a former U.S. attorney and served a controversial tenure as the Whitewater Committee. Shurtliff holds a bachelor’s degree from Idaho State University and a law degree from the University of Idaho.

If you haven’t seen much of Shurtliff while he’s on campus for one of the traveling board meetings, get prepared. He says he plans on getting to know more about student and faculty concerns than he has in the past.

“Shurtliff is a man for bureaucracy,” Anderson said. “I’ve been able to talk to him. He is very honest and that’s why I like him so much. You don’t have to find out what his agenda is.”

Karl Shurtliff

Karl Shurtliff has had controversial tenure as president of the State Board of Education. His outspoken personality has generated much media attention.

The following time line begins his colorful career within the board.

Sept. 20, 1991 — BSU President John Keiser fired with a 6-1 vote by the State Board of Education. Board won’t discuss reasons for dismissal.


Sept. 26, 1991 — Shurtliff accused State Board of Education of not being fair with Keiser’s firing because he was suing a football player for libel.

March, 1991 — Shurtliff won a Court of Appeals lawsuit in March of 1991, seeking more than $7,000 in damages from reserve BSU Linebacker Bob Gates.


Jan. 8, 1992 — Board member Gary Foy sent a letter to Gov. Cecil Andrus and State Board calling for Karl Shurtliff’s resignation. Shurtliff refused to quit and said he would continue to encourage discussion of the issues.

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Aug. 15, 1992 — Shurtliff says he’ll temporarily take a proposal to equalize benefits for classified employees at the state’s universities and allow their comments. The proposal was made in June of 1992.

Sept. 16, 1992 — Board says Shurtliff surprised them up by saying the board office should eliminate jobs to save taxpayers’ money. Shurtliff proposed cutting $10,000 from the $1 million budget, cutting seven full-time positions, adding three full-time positions and one part-time position.

Sept. 19, 1992 — Shurtliff and other board members blasted for scheduling BSU presidential finalists’ dinner at the Boise River Club. Some board members upset because the club has few women and minority members.

Shurtliff proposes consolidating education colleges at state universities. He contends the board has four different schools of education.

Sept. 29, 1992 — Board blasts Shurtliff for flying to Richmond, Virginia to check out new BSU President Bruce Rusk. The BSU president had accused Shurtliff of being in the state for a $850 plane ticket and took the trip with no consulting the board.

Dec. 2, 1992 — The Associated Press reported Shurtliff took seven trips to education conferences outside the state costing $4,100 in three years.

Dec. 9, 1992 — Shurtliff scolded by the State Board for talking about issues before he was a member of the Public Utility Commission.

Compiled by Feature Writer

Kathleen Kreider
Get out there and make the most of your yuletide

Chereen Myers
Culture Editor

The long, cold winter has only just begun. But before you decide to hide out on the sofa armed with a bag of Cheetos and the remote control until the beginning of the spring semester, consider some of the holiday events scheduled on and around campus.

**Messiah Sing-along**
When: 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5
Where: Morrison Center Main Hall
Cost: Free

Christmas is often associated with music, and the "Messiah" is one of the best known Christmas musicals. Celebrate this tradition by singing along or just listening to "Messiah," performed by the 50-piece BSU Community Orchestra under the direction of Michael Samball. BSU faculty soloists include Kanna Ishisaka, soprano; Catherine Elliott, alto; Glen Grant, tenor; and Lynn Berg, bass. If you don't bring your own score to the musical, don't worry; a limited number will be available at the door.

**Jungle Book**
When: 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6
Where: Special Events Center
Cost: Admission is free to anyone who brings a toy in good condition to be donated to needy children. Admission without a toy is $1 for a student with a child, $2 BSU faculty/staff, $3 general.

The film Jungle Book will be shown for a worthy cause in the Special Events Center. In addition to the classic Disney movie, Santa will be available to greet children and give out candy.

**Christmas Concert**
When: 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6
Where: Morrison Center Main Hall
Cost: Tickets are $4 general admission and $2 for seniors, available at the door. Admission is free for BSU faculty, staff, and all students.

The 12th annual Christmas concert features "Joy to the World," "Magnificat Mysticum," Handel's "Canzata," "Silent Night" and other selections performed by BSU Student Programs Board, Family Activities and Films.

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**Spirit of Christmas**
When: 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9
Where: Special Events Center
Cost: Tickets are $5.50 for students, seniors, BSU faculty and staff, $10.50 general admission at Select-A-Seat outlets.

Seattle's Washington Brass Ensemble can put you in the holiday spirit with festive chamber music. The quintet has been touring the Northwest extensively since 1973.

**Holiday Lights Tour**
When: Tour runs daily, Dec. 12-31 at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Where: Meet at West Park Towne Plaza on Milwaukee Avenue between Emerald and Franklin.
Cost: Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for seniors and $4 for children at Select-A-Seat outlets.

The BSU Student Programs Board, Family Activities and Special Events Center have teamed up for a holiday lights tour of downtown Boise, littered with glittering gourmet Boise's best light displays. It may be chilly outside, but you can stay warm while you tour Boise aboard a heated trolley.

**The Te of Piglet**
When: 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10
Where: Jordan Ballroom in the Student Union Building
Cost: $1 students, $2 faculty/staff, $3 general admission.

Searching for the perfect Christmas gift? Why not buy a good book. Benjamin Hall, author of "The Te of Piglet" and "The Te of Piglet" will read from his works in this presentation. A lecture and discussion on ways Taejen can be incorporated into daily life is included, followed by a book signing.

**The Nutcracker Ballet**
When: Monday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.
Where: Morrison Center
Cost: Tickets are $5-$25

Are visions of sugarplums dancing in your head? The timeless classic "The Nutcracker" is an ideal way to get into the holiday spirit. The American Festival Ballet performs this Boise Christmas tradition.

This year also marks the U.S. debut of Beniamin Hall, AFB's new choreographer and artistic director. Kuznetsov defected after 31 years as a professional dancer in Kiev, Russia.
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Sinead's roots

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Am I Not Your Girl?
EMI Records

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Assistant Culture Editor

Sinead O'Connor's latest release brings out blists from the past and echoes the soft-spoken question Am I Not Your Girl?

It's easy to forget what Sinead O'Connor does for a living. She has been the center of a lot of self-inflicted controversy, but after taking a listen to her new album, the reasons to what put this singer on the map suddenly come to mind.

Am I Not Your Girl? is not what you'd normally find on the shelf at the music store. Sinead remarks hits that she says "Are the songs that made me want to be a singer."

Her voice is very soft and gentle. There is no cry of controversy, and nothing that scraches an injustice. In fact, on certain songs, her voice tends to get lost in the roar of the instruments.

Speaking of instruments, the song "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" is done once with and once without lyrics, and both versions are an instrumentalsuccess. A brush horn section powers in as Sinead's voice follows in as a soft but stern addition to the existing wall of music.

All through Am I Not Your Girl, Sinead's Irish accent plays a nice complement to the softness of her voice. In songs such as "Secret Love," "Chlooney Sunday" and "Scarlet Ribbons," Sinead revitalizes tunes that in this day would be considered outdated. She adds a new edge of youngerblood that makes the older kind of fun to listen to.

In the song "Success has Made a Failure of Our Home," Sinead's vocals chime through the powerful bed of horns, woodwinds and electric instruments to make a statement about abandonment that can be applied to situations existing in homes today.

Am I Not Your Girl? is a great album to listen to if you've never wondered what kind of music was popular before the great age of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley and The Beatles. I doubt after listening to this album you'll want to be in the beehive for ballroom dancing, but little variety never hurt anyone.

For those of you who think the songs on Am I Not Your Girl? are "Before your time," you're in for a surprise. If you listen to, remember, the Doors, Led Zeppelin and the Sex Pistols are not of this generation. Has that ever stopped you from listening to them?

Bitchin' debut

7 Year Bitch
Sick 'Em
CZ Records

Chereen Myers
Culture Editor

If 7 Year Bitch could be packaged, the outside of the box would read: "Caution. Contains explosive material." The latest indie band to rise from Seattle's vast musical launching pad has had plenty of attention already—and their debut album Sick 'Em was only released in October.

It seems 7 Year Bitch has fate on their side, despite little bitter interruptions. The album was originally scheduled for release last summer, but just a month before the release guitarist Stefanie Sargent died. They decided to go ahead with the album's release in memory of Sargent. The album's dedication reads "This record is dedicated to Stef. Here I am - here I go." June 1, 1968-June 27, 1992.

The album was recorded by the four original members, but in the future you'll find a new guitarist, Reisin Dunne, in Sargent's place. The new four piece plans to tour Europe in early '93, followed by a U.S. tour.

Sick 'Em is exactly what 7 Year Bitch does with this album. It's a full-fledged attack on a male-dominated music industry with no apologies—not that they should apologize. If you still aren't convinced, just look at their song titles: "Tired of nothing," "You smell lonely" and "Dead men don't rap." These are far from sugar-coated Paul Abdul tunes.

Filled with aggression, vocally and instrumentally, 7 Year Bitch joins an already distinguished group of women who can rock just as hard as men. Hole and L7 share similar styles with 7 Year Bitch, but think twice before throwing these bands into one category. Gender is a very small part of what makes these bands heavy additions to the rock industry.

I dare you to listen to Sick 'Em with your Sony cranked to 10. If you do it, don't come crying to me when you find out you've done permanent damage to your ears.

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Sports

Search panel rushes to fill football post

Scott Samples
Sports Editor

The BSU football team is currently without a head coach, but the athletic department is weighing the time in its search to find one.

On Nov. 23, just two days after former head coach Skip Hall announced his resignation, BSU Interim President Larry Solland announced the formation of a 22-member search committee to find a new head coach. The committee consists of a wide range of members, including former players, faculty, students, alumni and more.

The committee should have a large number of applicants to choose from. Sports information director Max Corbet said there has already been a barrage of applications for the position.

Committee spans variety of disciplines

Here are the names of the 22-member committee in charge of searching for a new football coach:

- John Barnes, former BSU president
- Kipp Bedard, former player
- Tom Blaine, Alumni Association president
- Gene Bleymaier, athletic director and committee chair
- Booker Brown, former alumni president
- Alan Brian, philosophy professor and department chair
- William Campbell, former Bronco Athletic Association president
- Howard Edmonds, dean of the College of Health Sciences
- Rich Jordan, former BAA president
- Larry Sandmire, search committee member
- Carl Keever, former player
- Kay Lind, former BAA president
- Del Mearum, former BAA president
- Dyke Nally, director of the Alumni Association
- Jim Nelson, BSU Foundation board member
- Todd Sholtz, ABSSU president
- Larry Selland, Interim President of BSU
- Lyle Smith, former athletic director
- David Taylor, vice president for student affairs
- Dan Vogel, current BAA president
- Steve Vogel, Capital High School coach and former player
- George Wade, team physician
- Charlie Wilson, BSU Foundation board member
- former BAA president, and former player.

While the athletic department isn't naming names, the Idaho Statesman has listed five candidates who have applied for the job as of Sunday: Steve Burnette, an assistant coach under Hall, and a former Canadian Football League head coach; Norm Chow, an assistant coach at Brigham Young University; Herb Criner, BSU's assistant athletic director and a former Bronco assistant coach; Bob O'Mara, assistant coach at Occidental College; Gregg Smith, assistant head coach at the University of Miami and a former University of Idaho assistant.

After Hall's resignation, BSU athletic director Gene Bleymaier said he would like to see a decision made relatively quickly and at least before Christmas.

So far things are right on schedule. Corbet said the committee may be able to select a new head coach within the three- to four-week time frame.

Women's athletics grow at Boise State

Corky Hansen
Sports Writer

Throughout the past decade, BSU has promoted the ushering in of a gender-equal era in athletics.

The growth seen in BSU women's athletics since 1980 is typical of the growth that has taken place around the nation. The adjustment was made possible in part by a simple change in the perception of women.

"Now we have a lot more respect for women in general," said BSU volleyball coach Darlene Pharmer, who added that "the respect that both men and women have for women athletes" will augment in the future.

A tireless effort by trailblazing coaches and administrative leaders has added to the vibrancy of wise administrators who have taken Bronco women's athletics from virtual nonexistence to regional—and in some cases national—recognition.

Boise State fields a successful team in seven women's varsity sports and a contributing factor in the success is the quality of its coaching staff.

"We try to find people that are committed to a goal to take their program, whomever they're in, to the top," said women's athletic director Carol Ludvig, who added that the willingness of coaches to re-

on marketing and attendance. Gymnastics coach Yvonne Sandmire has pushed a pro-

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Bronco spikers end year with loss to Idaho

Scott Samples
Sports Editor

The BSU volleyball team ended its season Saturday with a five-game loss to Idaho in the first round of the Big Sky Conference tournament.

The Broncos defeated Montana on Saturday to win the Big Sky championship, knocked off the Broncos 15-12, 12-15, 19-15, 15-2 in the loss gave BSU a 9-6 record in conference play, 14-13 overall.

For the two teams, it was a familiar outcome. The Broncos and the Vandals met three times this season. Idaho swept the series, winning each match in five games.

In the latest contest, the Broncos fought back from a two-game deficit to tie the match at two before falling in the final game.

"We didn't play well in the fifth game," BSU head coach Darlene Pharmer said. "We just didn't play well enough to win." The Broncos had their problems in five-game matches. Boise State pushed four matches to five games, but couldn't win any.

"One thing we didn't do is we didn't always play our best in pressure situations. Sometimes we did, but not always," Pharmer said.

Boise State may not have played well enough to win last Friday, but the team did receive strong performances from seniors Tina Harris, Kim Dodd, and Susan Bird.

Harris, who was named to the all-tournament team, had 23 kills and 20 digs. Dodd finished the match with 16 kills and six blocks, and Bird racked up 39 assists and 5 blocks.

"I was satisfied, I guess," she said. "I'd like to win the conference, but I was satisfied that we were in the top three in the conference." Boise State started the season off slowly, going 6-6 in the first month of play.

But things turned around once BSU got into postseason play, winning its next eight and losing just four.

"I was happy with the improvement of the team," Pharmer said.
Dear Santa, Here's what I want for Christmas

Scott Samples

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Sports

Dear Santa Claus, Thanksgiving's over, there's snow on the ground and I've already seen The Grinch Who Stole Christmas on TV. It's just too early for one thing—it's Christmas time.

I know I don't write very often, but if you figure me out big this year. Now, I haven't necessarily been all bad, but I never did get the 1991 model Elle MacPherson I asked for last year. So this year around I thought I'd ask for something I've always loved. Just think of it as a Christmas version of Barry Bonds.

And since sports and beer move in the same protective, this will be my sports wish list for 1993. Here goes:

1. Redskins, gender boosters and fans. During the whole Skid Hall saga of the past year, or so, a large number of football fans and fans were calling for his head. Hall had a winning percentage of .600, or gone to the playoffs twice, but had lost to Idaho twice. So after a 62-16 loss to Idaho, Hall bowed to the pressure and quit. Theoretically, the whole issue should have come to a close when Hall resigned two weeks ago. But it raises a couple of interesting questions. Just how much influence do the boosters and the fans have on the athletic department? And if it has a high amount of influence, is it warranted?

The 22-person committee in charge of finding a new head coach includes three current or former members of the Broncos Athletic Committee. That means about 40 percent of the committee is made up of alumni and boosters.

2. A nicer media, or at least one that doesn't get lots of blame. Again, this refers to the Skid Hall thing. I also take all of the Idaho Statesman about 85 percent of the voters blamed Hall's retirement on the media, that corpulent being that gave Bill Clinton the presidency and the spotted owl a home.

Sure, the media as a whole did a little overboard in its coverage of the football team and its events. But did the newspapers, radio stations and TV networks conspire to get rid of him? I don't think so.

3. A more intramural and recreational facilities. When I'm not sitting on my butt watching sports I actually like to go play. However, BSU seems to have limited times and space for playing sports. Now, better, and more space is needed for the intramural-recreation department.

The weight room is crowded, the gym is stuffy and even the popular courts are usually full. I really think everyone is crashing for more space, but I don't think this is a legitimate request.

4. Beer at sporting events. I know alcohol is illegal on campus, but selling beer at events would make the school some money and it would make the games more interesting to those who were drinking.

Well, Santa, that's the end of my list. I know it's kind of long, but I'm sure you can handle it. That's why you get paid the big bucks.

Thanks oh-so-much, Scott

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gram that was on the brink of Darlene Pharmer has compiled recognition nationally by being an integral part of BSU's women's team.

In 14 years at the head of the BSU volleyball program, Darlene Pharmer has compiled 278 career wins and a winning percentage of about 60 percent. She has been employed by the University in 1979 as women's volleyball coach, assistant to the women's basketball coach and sports information director for women's athletics. Not only is Pharmer now able to concentrate solely on volleyball, but she has the added title of a full-time assistant coach, shoulderers the time-consuming chore of recruiting athletes.

"That was renewed motivation for me," said Pharmer of the added help.

Sandine also has the benefit of full-time help in Bill Daugherthy, women's volleyball coach.

Now in her fourth year at the helm of BSU's women's volleyball squad, Daugherthy has led the Broncos to the top of the Big Sky. Last year Boise State was third in the Big Sky regular season championship, and was picked by conference coaches to finish at the top again this season.

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BSU Radio is looking for a few good students! We are now accepting program proposals for student-produced shows on KBSU AM730. If you would like to submit a proposal; forms are available at the ASBSU desk on the first floor of the Student Union Building. We are looking for students with original and creative ideas for broadcast. Internship credit is available.