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Students of Boise State University

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Caught in computer limbo

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 system finally went on line 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 Christensen, 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.

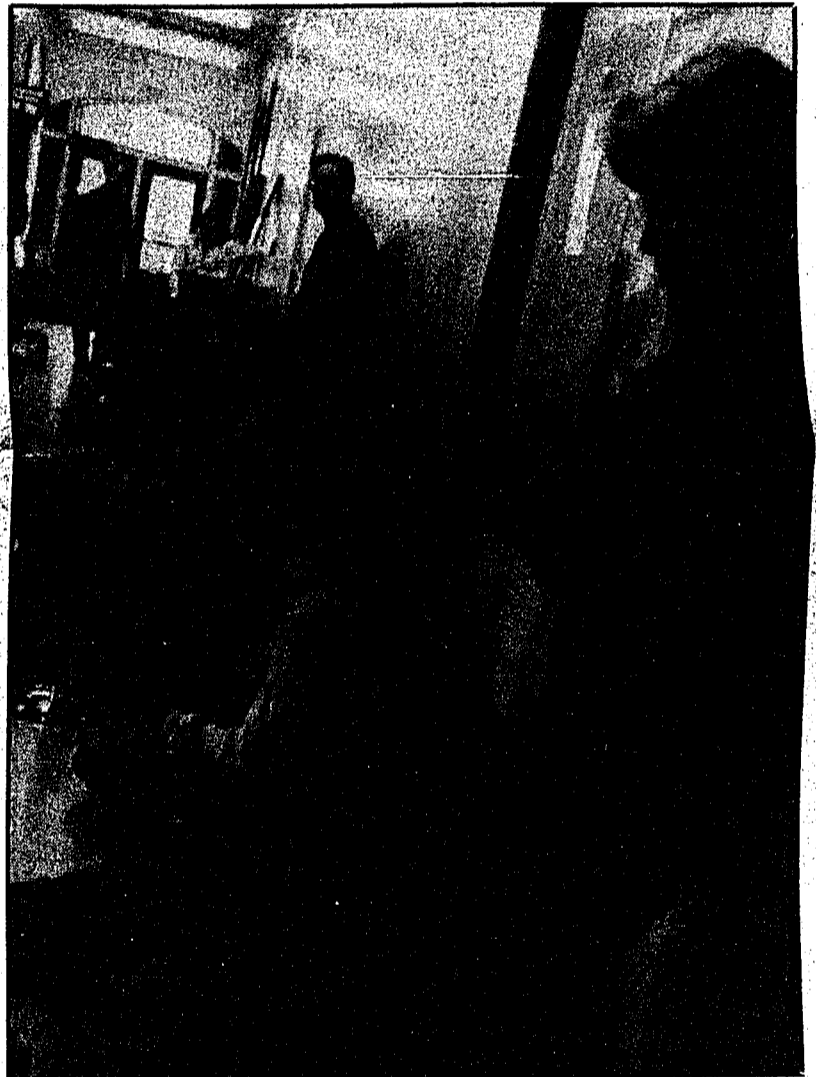
The registrar's office responded to the line of students in the Administration Building by having a tray of Marriott coffee and snacks put in the hallway. While the students sat on the floor, lining both sides of the hall from one end of the building to the other, their legs almost met in the middle 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

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Students maintain a holding pattern in the Administration Building during Nov. 23rd's computer crisis.

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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 was sent to a subcommittee of the Affirmative Action Committee after Hecker received some negative feedback.

If the visual display committee never

AAC chair justifies
procedure
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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 AAC.

"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 dis-

plays. The president would have to approve the visual display committee if it were a policy change. As it stands, it does not create a new policy, but instead creates 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 Wollheim, communication professor, in a memo to Hecker.

The Wollheim memo was circulated

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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 Schmidt, 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 more square feet when KAID-Channel 4 vacates their ground-floor space to move to new quarters off campus, said Janet Strong, orientation librarian.

KAID will be relocating to the building currently occupied by the Central District Health Department located on Orchard near the Connector, said Strong.

According to Schmidt, the expansion is being funded by \$4.7 million appropriated by the State of Idaho, and \$6 million donated by Joe Albertson and Albertson's Inc. The library will be renamed the Albertson's Library.

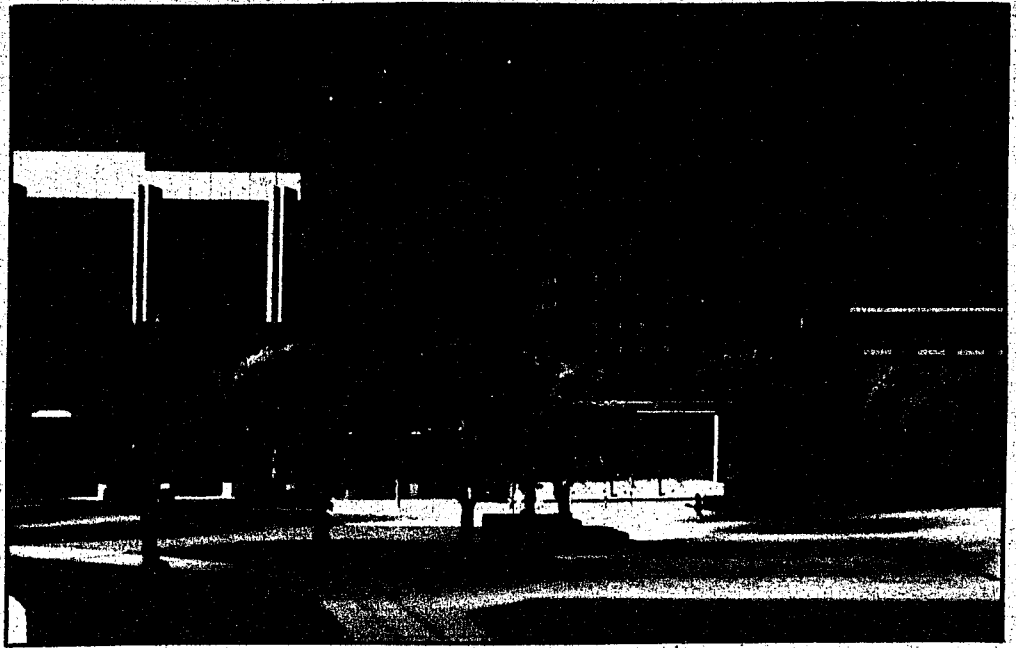


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Plans for a \$10 million dollar, 50,000 square foot expansion to BSU's library have been delayed in Idaho Public Works. Ground breaking is expected to proceed in April, after final approval has been given.

The money will also renovate existing areas, including: \$750,000 for asbestos removal, \$900,000 for lighting improve-

ments and \$550,000 to purchase new furnishings or renovate existing ones.

The library will announce

plans in the spring to minimize the difficulties students will face during the remodeling, Schmidt said.

Math-Geo revamp slated for spring semester

Raub Owens
News Writer

Asbestos removal and renovation in the BSU Math-Geology building will freeze students out of the building in January.

Temporary shelter will be provided for the homeless students in eight mobile classrooms, the Communication Building, the University of Idaho Technical Building, and the Biblical Studies Center.

The \$1.7 million renovation will be completed by September of 1993, said Steven Schmidt, associate vice president for administration and director of insti-

tutional research.

The remodeling will improve lighting, add a stairwell to meet life-safety requirements, and improve ventilation. Offices will be moved to the second floor, and classrooms will be concentrated on the ground level.

Students will need to pay particular attention to their class schedules when they return to class next semester to be sure where their classes will be held, said Schmidt.

The Math-Geology building currently houses the Geosciences and Mathematics departments, classroom and laboratory space and the Graduate College.

Campus crime log

Thursday, Nov. 19, Grand Theft (auto), 1190 University Drive (Bronco Stadium)

Friday, Nov. 20, Grand Theft, 1700 University

Drive (SUB)
Sunday, Nov. 22, Theft, 2257 Yale Lane #201 BSU; Malicious Injury, 1421 Campus Lane (parking area)

Compiled by News Writer Vance Griffin

BSU 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.

BSU 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.

Conference sponsors included: Owyhee Construction, Russell Corp., Lea Electric, CESCO Equipment, McAlvain, Avery Construction, CM Co., Sedgwick James of Idaho Inc. and Reliance Surety Co.

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 bachelor's of science degrees upon completion of the program. About 100 students are enrolled in construction management, which is offered through BSU's School of Engineering Technology.

Adopt-a-river begins Saturday

The Adopt-the-Boise-River Project will kick off at noon Saturday, Dec. 5. Refreshments will be available from 10 a.m.-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.

For more information, call ASBSU President Todd Sholty at 385-1553, or the BSU Department of Military Science at 385-3500.

Shellye 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 BSU horticulture students, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

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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 brought up on misdemeanor battery charges in late September.

Damon "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 magistrates hear 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 Towers 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 foot-

ball 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 stands unchanged, he will have a jury trial Jan 12, 1993.

McDade pleaded not guilty to the charge at his arraignment Oct. 19.

More news in brief

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 new 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, 2407 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. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Farnsworth Room of the SUB.

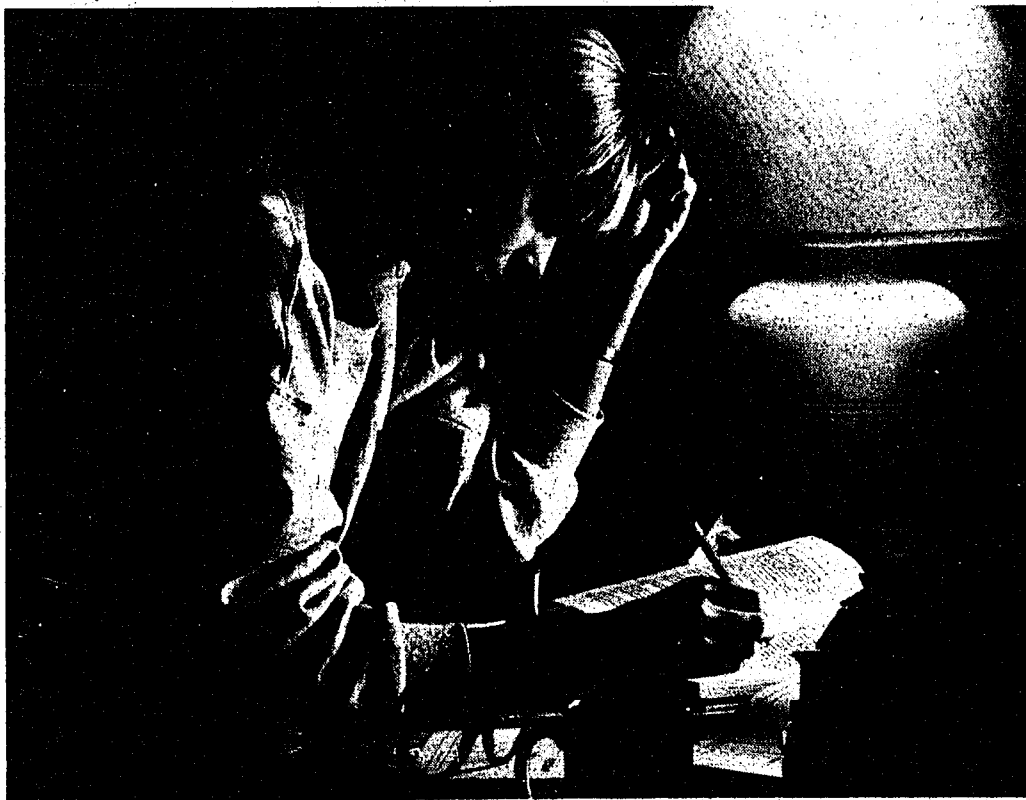
What is the Applied Cognition Research Institute? What is it supposed to accomplish? These questions will be addressed by Dr. Linda Annooshian, Dr. Drew Betz, Dr. Garvin Chastain and Dr. Pennie Seibert.

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 meet 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.



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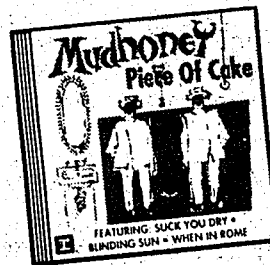
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Chaos pries open old computer debate

Rick Overton
Editor-in-chief

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

Although the nine hours the system was down Monday, Nov. 23 represents only one thousandth of its year-round running time, the malfunction came at such a time as to inconvenience thousands of students.

Critics say that ancient software languages and rigid system designs make the system prone to failure and difficult to use. Advocates defend the system, pointing to the necessity for a large mainframe at a university this 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 computers used at that time was replaced by a single IBM mainframe computer in January 1991. Although the new machine cost more than \$1 million, according to Steve Maloney, associate vice president for data processing, a state of educational emergency was declared 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 opened to a competitive price bidding process.

Today the campus mainframe serves mainly the administrative function of the university, maintaining a large database of information on the 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, a university systems 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.

"How are you going to register 16,000 students on a PC?" asked Plowman.

Not everyone is satisfied with BSU's elephantine computing ability and its immense computer hardware.

"Certainly in the '50s it was a more reasonable technology," said Alex Feldman, BSU computer science professor. "By 1980, I think, when looked at from a purely technical point of view, the IBM mainframe offered nothing at all."

"Everyone must be aware of how rapidly computer technology has moved along in the past years. There are still places, particularly input and output, where there are bottlenecks, but even those bottlenecks have loosened up somewhat. These much smaller machines running much more modern operating systems can outperform an IBM mainframe. It's not a very good technology and it's vastly overpriced," Feldman said.

What computer wonks refer to as the "dryware" component—the human user is called "wetware"—consists of hardware and software. In the case of BSU, the IBM mainframe is the primary item of hardware. The university's software—the coded instructions which tell the machine what to do—use the COBAL and IBM Assembler computer languages for most of its programming, including the student registration system, a decision which also has drawn some criticism.

According to Feldman, COBAL is a simple language, but difficult to make changes to once a program is written. Feldman said IBM Assembler, a language unique to the IBM corporation, has similar drawbacks. "Once you've written a code in this very difficult to understand language—you know what it meant then

but you will never figure out what it meant later. But also it welds you into that architecture. They must buy an IBM mainframe to run any of this software, it can't run on anything else."

Steve Bailey, manager of network systems at Montana State University, agreed about COBAL. "The whole world is moving away from COBAL, but it may take 15 years," he said.

Plowman was skeptical about the wisdom of making a change to a new language. Aside from the logistics of changing thousands of programs, he was concerned about cost. "If you can get them for under \$100,000, you got a bargain," he said.

Maloney acknowledged that there are aspects of the system software with which he is dissatisfied. "Our financial aid system has not been as reliable as we would have liked it to be," he said.

Part of the trouble with financial aid may have risen from federal regulations. According to Plowman, the university must amend its financial aid procedures twice a year in response to constantly changing federal rules.

The Data Center may simply be overworked. Steve Grantham, chairperson of the department of mathematics, described an episode which revealed to him the lack of responsiveness in the BSU system.

"I wanted what I thought was quite a simple change in the way it handled prerequisite checking for certain courses," said Grantham. "I met with people in the registrar's office and explained my request which seemed to me like if the program had been designed in a structured, well-documented fashion, it should have just been a matter of finding one module, changing a few lines of code. That should take maybe an hour or two of someone's time. John Plowman replied that he thought it would take

one man-month of someone's time to carry out that change."

That shouldn't come as news to Plowman. According to him the programmers in the Data Center have three years of work on their desks right now. Seven programmers work on the student systems such as registration, while six are devoted to maintaining the financial aid software.

"The so-called rigidity is our people resources. If you have the people, time and resources you can do anything," Plowman said.

Maloney and Plowman both referred to glowing reviews the university's registration software received from outside consultants. A group of computer scientists from Brigham Young University was invited to campus last year to evaluate the way BSU did things.

"BSU has the Cadillac of systems," said Plowman, paraphrasing the BYU group. BSU's ability to do prerequisite checking and shopping for available classes were cited in the BYU study.

Maloney was aware of the irony of the endorsement. Big computer systems with plenty of features may be referred to metaphorically as Cadillacs, but they also come with a Cadillac's turning radius and gas mileage. Maloney said performance sometimes comes at the expense of the ease of maintaining and modifying the system.

When asked if BSU would consider starting from scratch with a new system, Maloney responded with: "These things tend to be evolutionary rather than revolutionary." The current system, then, is the result not so much of a master plan as a series of circumstances and medium-sized purchases.

Maloney said that simply looking at the computer side of the problem was only to get half of the story. He insisted that the computer can only do so much when there aren't enough seats in classes to accommodate all the students trying to get in.

"BSU has always been growing beyond our resources," Maloney said.

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forms, numbered to reflect a student's place in line, and their schedules would be entered when the system came back up.

Many students came back the next day to find that they had been successfully registered. Many others found that, although their schedule needed some fine tuning, the mainframe places an automatic priority on the registration system. Even though the registration computers flooded the mainframe with input Tuesday and Wednesday, transactions took place swiftly. The down-side of the registration priority, however, was that other users of the

mainframe were prevented from using it.

"Throughout Tuesday financing and other jobs got put behind the registration priority," said Barry Burbank, SUB business manager. "It has put us in a position to defer our weekly [campus ID] update until next week. We'll pick it up on Monday."

Accounting supervisor Mark Kroll ran into similar barriers. "Our system is running extra slow because registration is getting priority," said Kroll.

The registration priority is not unique to this failure, that portion of the system has long enjoyed a favored citizen status. However, with three days of registration flooding the computers in two days, nor-

mal delays were compounded.

Things may have been much worse. If the same accident had occurred about a week earlier several other systems could have been affected. The error would have fallen during the processing period prior to the Nov. 20 payroll and, according to Burbank, might have affected the campus ID system update and prevented some students from getting tickets to the football game against the University of Idaho.

BSU began registering students by computer in the fall of 1987. Prior to that, students had to navigate through the so-called "bull ring" registration in the Pavilion. The old system relied on index cards students gathered while stand-

ing in line for each department offering classes a student wanted to take. Using the entire floor of the Pavilion, the entire campus could be registered in a week, but with considerable frustration and time commitment by individual students.

Although the on-line system has reduced the amount of time it takes each student to register, it has also exposed the process to the danger of computer failure.

"Whether it's a mainframe or a PC-based system, sometimes things go wrong," said Susanna Yunker, registrar. "Yesterday things went wrong."

According to Maloney, an uninterruptible power source (UPS) was installed in March,

and administrative systems such as student registration have been available 98 percent of the time.

Although the UPS prevents disruptions due to power outages, there are no inexpensive ways to ensure against equipment failure.

Fault-tolerant computing systems—such as those used by financial markets, defense industries and airlines—are available, but Maloney described them as "prohibitively expensive."

"If you are willing to put the bucks down, and you are willing to work a lot of people, then you'll probably get 100 percent up-time," said Allen Schmoock, university manager of information technology.

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among faculty members after Affirmative Action released a memo detailing guidelines for the visual display committee.

"The temptation to censor persons and information out of a sense of moral outrage or displeasure is one of the great dangers of contemporary society," Wollheim said. "Resistance to such temptations should mark the ethical

and intellectual differences between academe and society at large."

"I do believe BSU needs some sort of malicious harassment policy," said Tom Trusky, English professor. "But I see no need for a poster display committee."

"I think we're all adults here and should be afforded some basic freedoms," said Trusky. "We're not trying to turn the world into color-coordinated Bon Marche living rooms. I want to throw in a florescent otto-

man on occasion."

Trusky said he suggested the students who agree with the procedure enroll in Meridian High School.

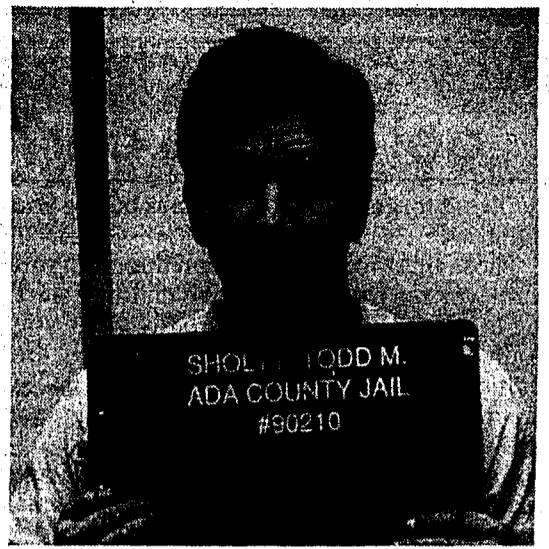
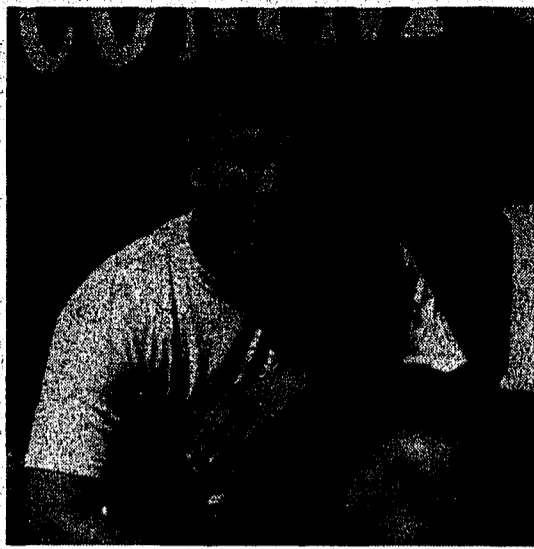
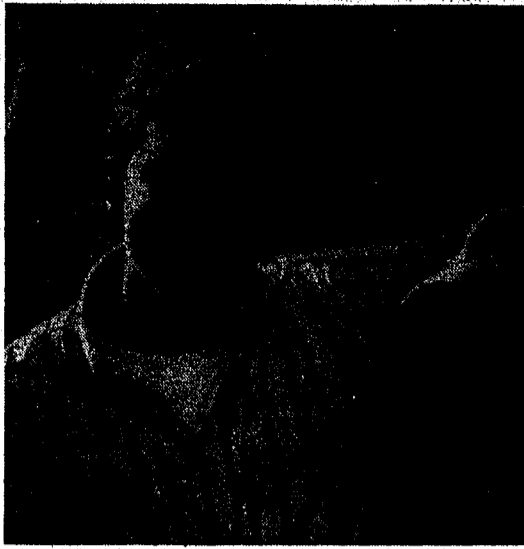
"I think that it's wrong to set up this kind of procedure. The potential for the abuse of people's First Amendment rights is very, very high," said Michael Blain, sociology professor. "I have a Hieronymus Bosch picture with nude people in my office and I'd find it a violation to take it down."

"It violates the spirit of academic rights," said Blain. "We are already controlled and censored too much in our society."

Blain said he sympathized with victim's rights, but said the committee was the wrong way of going about things.

Susan McCorkle, communication professor and Affirmative Action chair, favors the procedure. Another supporter of the procedure is *The Idaho Statesman*, which endorsed it.

Feature



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

Chris Langrill
Feature Editor

So far, so good. This is the message from BSU 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, now an ASBSU senator, feels satisfied with Sholty's performance so far. "I'd rate Todd pretty high. He's done a good job. He's been an active advocate for students on many different issues and has had their interest in heart when he's

addressed those things," he said.

While Martin is pleased with Sholty's job performance, he expressed disappointment about the ASBSU bill that Sholty spearheaded, lending ASBSU's financial support to the opposition of the One Percent Initiative.

Martin wasn't the only student who disagreed with Sholty's action. 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 One Percent," Klug said.

Sholty's stance on the One Percent Initiative seemed to be one of the few issues that gar-

nered any criticism about his performance as president.

Overall, BSU President Larry Selland summed up the attitudes of most of those interviewed when he said, "I think Todd Sholty has provided good leadership for the

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— Greg Blaesing

students and ASBSU. He has shown a genuine concern for all students, and I think he has been a good advocate for the students."

Greg Blaesing, director of the SUB and student activities,

said that Sholty is among the most dedicated student government leaders he's seen. "I am not certain students realize the tireless energy he puts into his job," he said.

Most people agree that one of Sholty's strengths is the effort and time he dedicates to the position. His partner, ASBSU Vice 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.

ASBSU Sen. Gary Myers backed Sholty on the radio project. "I think it's a good idea getting student 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. And all of the situations where I've observed him I have found him to be very considerate, very understanding of the issues, and again, a good advocate for the students," Selland said.

Kathleen Kreller, Jon Wroten, Shelleye Wilson contributed to this article.

ASBSU post offers few surprises for chief

Chris Langrill
Features Writer

Todd Sholty has been serving as ASBSU President since last semester, 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 satis-

fied with what my expectations were as opposed to what has actually happened.

A: What would you consider your major accomplishment while in office?

S: I think a major accomplishment, first of all, was Lisa (Sanchez) and I winning last year and showing that you can come out of deep left field, near the warning track, and still win an office. That tells people that maybe they can do that, too. We had an increase in candidates and voter turnout with the Senate-at-Large races, and even things like the Homecoming King/Queen races. That is encouraging. That tells me that maybe the message that I'm sending is that people realize that you don't need to be an elite type to get involved in the student government, or any other organizations. It sounds like a Knute

Rockne pep talk, but it shows that all people need is the motivation.

A: Any other accomplishments you would like to mention?

S: Making students feel like they have a say. I think we have increased that a little bit. Not a great amount, but a little bit. As far as different programs, I'm proud of the fact that we're getting students on the air with KBSU, and that the students were able to have some input on the presidential selection, but I guess we'll never know just how much of an influence that input had.

A: What kind of goals do you have before you leave office?

S: To be able to say that I have done this, that and the other thing, as opposed to wondering 10 years from now what impact I made. To be proud

of myself and the job that Lisa and I have done.

A: What are some of the biggest challenges you have had to face so far in office?

S: I think one of the biggest challenges I had was to try to convince the existing ASBSU organization that we were not creatures from the black lagoon. That was the tough part. Luckily, we have accomplished this and we work well with these people now. We're friends and we get along well. At least I feel we do. Maybe if you talk to some of them they will tell you differently.

A: How would you rate yourself so far as ASBSU President?

S: I would have to say that I have been better than *Cats*, but not quite up to the *Music Man*.



Editorial

Why did the chicken get hit by a car?

"Don't forget to look both ways before you cross the street."

Those final words of caution are often muttered from worried moms when their children start walking to school. But when you go to college you're on your own, and often, passing motorists aren't as cautious as good ol' mom. As we move into winter, the importance of extra caution between motorists and pedestrians is even more crucial.

From the windows at *The Arbiter* office it is easy to see the daily struggle between human and machine. Everyone is guilty. Pedestrians sometimes defiantly cross in front of a quickly moving vehicle and assume all cars will stop. If they make this assumption, they are sadly mistaken.

On the other hand, cars that race through crossing zones without allowing time to stop for pedestrians need to remember the law: whether you like it or not, when someone uses the crosswalk, they always have the right of way.

Many students have admitted it is easier to jaywalk than to use the crosswalks because motorists (at least most of them) are more likely to stop, but it should never get to that point.

Other students have taken matters into their own hands. A BSU junior recently talked about crossing University Drive when a car drove directly into his path. Instead of getting out of the way he exercised a form of pedestrian vigilantism; he slammed his book bag into the side of the speeding car. Extreme? Maybe, but sometimes students are left with no other choice.

To put it simply: just slow down. We're all in a hurry to get to class, but now is the time to plan ahead for bad roads and bad drivers. Allow for more travel time to and from class so drivers and walkers can get to their destinations without risking life and limb.

Especially during the winter months, when the roads are icy, motorists and pedestrians should remember to slow down and do something we all learned in grade school: be courteous and look both ways before crossing the street.

Plan for MLK Day now

Before classes begin in January, BSU will have already begun one of the most important celebrations of the year.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Celebration—a festival of tolerance, diversity and discussion—begins Monday, Jan. 18 with the traditional march from the SUB to the Capitol to join in the state's official noon hour observance. Be at Maggie's Cafe at 10:30 a.m. to join the parade.

The theme of the week-long celebration is "Walk the Talk" and features poet, historian, activist Maya Angelou as keynote speaker.

For complete celebration details contact Student Activities (385-1223) and watch for the Tuesday, Jan. 19 edition of *The Arbiter*.

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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 on campus. Granted, the original memo from Betty Hecker could have done a better job of framing the issue and educating about sexual harassment; granted, the policy 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 radicals who determined that posters and other displays can be harassment was a group of mostly old white men—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. Universities have equivalent legal responsibilities not to discriminate against any student because he/she 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 secretaries, 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, already should be protected from having to work in an office or shop where persons of their group are verbally or visually demeaned. It's the law.

Posters or cartoons that define men/women as more sexual beings that as employees are the sorts of things the courts have found to be objectionable. Most employers simply have told their managers to "professionalize" the workplace and take private art which may be offensive off the business' property. As one boss put it, if you really love those posters, take them home and put them in our living room.

What about students? Students also are protected by law. Beyond the usual protection against unwelcome sexual advances or admission discrimination, the courts are moving to protect students from abuse in the educational system. Activities which systematically advantage one group while demeaning another group based on sex, race or religion may be illegal.

What does this mean for professors and students? Professors, if there are educational reasons for what we are doing and if everyone has an equal opportunity to be offended, we can say and do just about anything. If we're uniquely offending one group that has EEOC 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 comments in this debate has proved one thing to me. BSU has a long way to go in informing employees and students about sexual harassment law and policies. I suspect Affirmative Action is an equally murky term. In an educational environment, annoying all students so they start to think in different ways should be the norm—harassment of any one group because of their sex, race or religion should be disdained by the entire academic community.

There is no "freedom to harass" in the way the term is used by the Supreme Court and the EEOC. Similarly, the AAUP states "intimidation and harassment" are inconsistent with the maintenance of academic freedom on campus" (Redbook, p. 113).

Sexual harassment is illegal and contrary to existing BSU policy. Harassment is not a matter of choice or academic freedom, it is an illegal activity which robs some individuals from their equal opportunity to work or learn. Harassment cannot, and will not, be tolerated at BSU.

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The Arbiter would like to say that we are visibly pleased to announce photographer extraordinaire Shawna Hanel as the "biter-o-the-week." Shawna has been a great sport this semester after being sent out on numerous assignments which somehow don't manage to get in the paper. Plus, she does a great job! Thanks, Shawna.

Opinion

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News story on nursing pinning ceremony inaccurate, misleading

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 Wroten and discussed the ASBSU Senate's appropriation of \$1,000 for the pinning ceremony in the Department of Nursing.

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

The pinning ceremony in the nursing profession is a right-of-passage, so to speak. It is a time honored ceremony that has waxed and waned in popularity over the past 100 years or so. BSU nursing

students revived the ceremony in the past ten years and both the faculty and I support 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 acknowledgement 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 these 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 this ceremony. The students pay those expenses as billed by the Marriott Food Service. There are other 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 a cost of \$40-\$150, depending on the type of metal.

The last point that must be clarified is the fact that this is not a required, department-initiated activity. It is an activity that is planned and supported by the students who are to be pinned. The Department 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 Blaesing, the Nursing Student

Association and the Health Science Senator introduced a bill to the ASBSU Senate to get support from student activity 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., Ed.D.
Associate Dean, College Health Science

Thanks for Mr. Harden's column

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you regarding a column that ran recently in *The Arbiter*. "Truth or Dare" is about the last column I expected to see in this paper. To be honest, I loved it!

Where did you find this guy and why didn't you find him sooner? I thought Mr. Harden did an excellent job of showing how a belief in God and Christian values isn't weird or wacko, but very normal and probably still in the majority in America and in Boise. This is one reason I was so surprised to see a letter to the editor last week opposing this article.

We live in a world so diversified that anything you write is sure to offend someone. So, as my dad says, don't be offended easily. I sometimes wonder if some people just look for things to be offended by. Then there is always that profound option: If you don't like it, don't read it.

At this point I feel I must reference and address a comment made by Mr. Murri in his letter to the editor. The comment regarded the small part of his tuition going to fund this paper, and thus this article that he found offensive. It made me think of all the government programs and organizations that my tax dollars fund that I don't necessarily support. Whether it be the anti-God curriculum taught in our public school systems or the National Endowment for the Arts blaspheming and degrading everything that many of us hold sacred, such as life. I'm sure Mr. Murri can even think of a few things.

I very much enjoyed Mr. Harden's article and I'm looking forward to seeing it in the future. Thank you, *Arbiter*, for adding this column that may represent the views of more people than you realize. It has defiantly boosted my interest in the paper.

Charles Mangun

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 on campus have either forgotten some basic ethics of bicycling or are just plain negligent.

Before going any further in detail, I would like everyone to know that I am a very experienced and dedicated mountain biker myself, and I hold no prejudices against people who ride bikes in general. However, I haven't experienced one day this semester on campus that I (or somebody else) hasn't become a victim to a biker with a bad attitude.

As a matter of fact, this morning I was nearly knocked over by a biker who was traveling at a high rate of speed in a crowded area near the Hemingway Western Studies Center. Needless to say, my fuse snapped and I followed the individual to a bike rack nearby. He had the nerve to tell me that people like myself (in other words, a typical person walking down the sidewalk) should stay out of the path of riders.

My question: Since when are pedestrians supposed to clear off the sidewalk to make way for negligent bikers with bad attitudes? I thought those riding bikes were supposed to yield to 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 one. First of all, there are a number of cyclists that need to change their attitudes and have more respect for others.

Another solution would be to have campus security and volunteers mounted on bicycles to patrol the campus and hand out violations to those on bikes that pose a threat to others. These tickets could consist of small fines that could help the college financially and promote safe bike riding. I know that this practice is done by many other college campuses and it seems to be quite effective. It is certainly more practical than resorting to the banning of bicycling on campus. This would hurt many students who rely on bicycles as their only means of transportation, and those of us who are responsible riders.

I know that this dilemma affects many other students and I felt that it needed to be addressed. Hopefully something can be done about it.

Scott Rasmussen
BSU student

Stan's World

Turk joins ranks of censorship elite

At first, it was just Annie Furchak, a Meridian School Board member who had sought to impose stiff sanctions upon three Meridian High School teachers for having allowed a lesbian to address a classroom forum to help facilitate a student's project.

But, now there are two:

The principal at Boise High School, Blossom Turk, has lowered her iron fist of censorship on the students' newspaper and has postponed its publication until its editors have removed a review written by a student who had lauded Madonna's new album, *Erotica*.

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

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

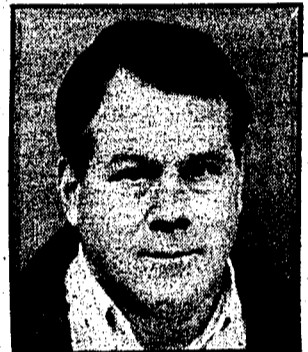
But regardless of this matter of authority, haven't the educators and administrators of our day yet come to learn from the invaluable lessons taught in the early 1960s—the ones which demonstrated that the oppression of academic liberties within a democratic society can only serve to bring about resentment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

A case in point: In the late 1950s, our government introduced into our public schools a short film clip titled *Reefer Madness*, 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 massive student revolt aimed directly at "the establishment," as our history books will attest.

So, how does one, on one day, tell a class of 15 to 18-year-old high school students that they're not mature enough 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 ready; you're ready to vote, you're ready to serve on a jury, and you're ready to be drafted into the Armed Forces in the event of war?"

Somehow, it just doesn't make much sense. We say that a prime function of our high schools is to prepare our citizens for the responsibilities of adulthood. But, at the same time, we deny them the opportunity to have hands-on experience and to learn for themselves what is right and what is wrong. And finally, we ask for their trust but cannot at the same time give them ours.



Stan Oliver

Opinion

Board starts witch hunt

Over the Edge



Robin Miller

I've noticed that people who use language to dominate others often object to open, reasoned discourse. This was true in the three hundred year timespan 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 District.

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?" As a loved one of an alleged witch, did you seek to discover the underlying assumptions and fears beneath the accusation? Did you attempt to create an at-

mosphere in which all participants could question the truth, sincerity and appropriateness of the claims made by the accusers?

Of course not.

To doubt the wisdom of the sacred texts, the sacred church, the sacred leaders and the sacred laws that proclaimed certain behaviors by women to be perverted—to doubt the wisdom of all these authorities was to question the very foundations of your faith.

To question what these authorities proclaimed about the limits of appropriate behavior by women was to risk your own life. Because rational discourse about witches 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 silencing of those who loved them was perpetuated by strict rules regarding what could be discussed and what could not. When we question the efforts to silence reasoned discourse, we question the ethic of domination, whether those efforts to silence originate with supreme 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 authority is risky, and, as Lillian Hellman wrote, "It is considered unhealthy in America to remember mistakes, neurotic to think about them, psychotic to dwell upon them." Perhaps we shouldn't rush to put the Meridian School Board's attempt to silence reasoned discourse behind us.

Perhaps we should remember exactly how so-called family values were used to justify the ethic of domination.

By the way, happy holiday to those of you who celebrate the fourth of December, Lesbian Love Day! Enjoy!

More letters to Ed

Get involved in Aging studies program

Dear Editor:

Hey, Darling, you are growing older! Me too! In the closing decade of this century, the number of people over age 60 will increase more rapidly than any other age group in Idaho and the U.S. We are a "greying society."

There is nothing we can do about the process of aging, but there is something we can do about providing sensitive services to this population. The Interdisciplinary Studies in Aging at Boise State University offers an opportunity to students in any academic major to gain a perspective about aging, the process and consequence of aging in a youth oriented society and to contribute to the future.

The Interdisciplinary Studies in Aging exposes 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, the biology of aging and servicing aging. Those who choose to may earn a minor in gerontology.

What, you say, would a business major need to know about those folks? 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 marketing 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.

Hey, you say, why worry? Those old people have all sorts of programs: Medicare, Social Security, the senior citizens centers, card parties and bingo. I say, how about your grandmother or grandfather, your mother or father? Who will care for them or about them?

For the future personnel managers, sensitivity to the process of aging can be a boon to effective use of human resources. The wisdom, skill and ability of a "seasoned citizen" can be a treasure to any organization. The need to work with employees who are nearing retirement will require a sensitivity to the needs of retirees. To be aware of the growing demand on employees to care for elderly parents comes from an awareness of what aging entails.

Want to get a head start on your competitors? Consider the Interdisciplinary Studies in Aging and a minor in gerontology. Not too interested in the full minor? No problem. Take some of the classes and be better prepared to enter the next century when older citizens will be about 29 percent of the population.

Interested in learning more? Call me at 385-3409, or Glenda Hill at 385-3832.

Pat Dorman, Ph.D.
professor of sociology

Coverage lacking for Comm Lab project

Dear Editor:

I was shocked and angry to find that "Make a Difference Day" was not covered in this or the last issue of *The Arbiter*.

I did find that the Nov. 17 issue covered "Into the Streets," a student volunteer activity on Nov. 7, and I found a report on the bike race and Fun Run from the "Hull's Gulch Celebration Day" on Nov. 17.

For your information, Nov. 14 was "Make a Difference Day" nationwide. The Communication Lab students worked very hard on mak-

ing the project, the first of its kind in Boise, a success. The project was covered on at least three separate dates by *The Idaho Statesman* and by several TV stations in Boise on the day it took place.

Therefore, I cannot think of any valid reason you would have for not reporting such an important piece of student news. I find your lack of interest in such a newsworthy item distressing and damaging to your credibility as a valid news organization.

Susan D. Baker
assistant project leader-Communication Lab

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Even more letters to Ed

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.

If you have made it this far, the identity of the actual owner(s) may surprise you. Often they are law firms on Parkcenter Boulevard, politicians and real estate connected occupations. 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 court house, only first initials are given, last names and box numbers. A clue to full names can be found in the Ada County Courthouse in another ream of computer paper which lists street addresses and the registered owners. Often the registered owners have associated with, worked with, or are the same people with which you have your rent contract.

Serving papers on the owner requires enough information for the process server to be reasonably 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 finally place of work of both defendant 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 landlords knowingly and maliciously ripped you off by retaining your deposit more than thirty (30) days. You can also sue up to a new maximum of \$3000. With a little work and your records in order (sealed repairs requests of problem areas mailed and un-opened to yourself, inspection forms and photos and videos) 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 cluttering every available space on the first floor of the Administration building, waiting for our wonderful computer system to return from the Never-Never Land of Overload. Never mind the frustration over missed 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 of 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 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 lab 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 am upset that my second semester 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 overload fees for that semester. In the meantime I must fill my schedule with classes that I don't need or I will 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 anyone? 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 a problem that the administration refuses to evaluate and solve. There are four pages 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 declared 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 with me in this chemistry boat. We are hard-working, full-time, fee-paying students and we deserve to get the classes we pay for. I'm sure there are other roving bands of forgotten students whose educational doors have been slammed in their fee-paying faces. To those students I say: write to the editor,

talk to the Deans, sign petitions, write your state legislators and the Governor—make noise.

I want an education. I want answers. Isn't that what college is all about?

Angelia M. Martin
Pre-Forestry
and Wildlife Management major

We will miss Bush, pro-life stance

Dear Editor:

An open letter to President Bush: I and all Pro-Life people were overcome 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.

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The Chairman of the Board

Board chief headed new direction in coming year

Kathleen Kreller
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, expect a rebirth of a man 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 shakes things up wherever he goes.

"These people (the board) are shook up by very little," Shurtliff said. "But it takes 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, an editorial page editor for the *Lewiston Morning Tribune* said Shurtliff's methods have been effective.

"Generally, I think he's been good for that board," Fisher said. "It needed shaking up."

Shurtliff said many people in education tend to be threat-

ened by the prospect of change or new ideas.

He said his outgoing nature and tendency to ask questions have given him a bad rap.

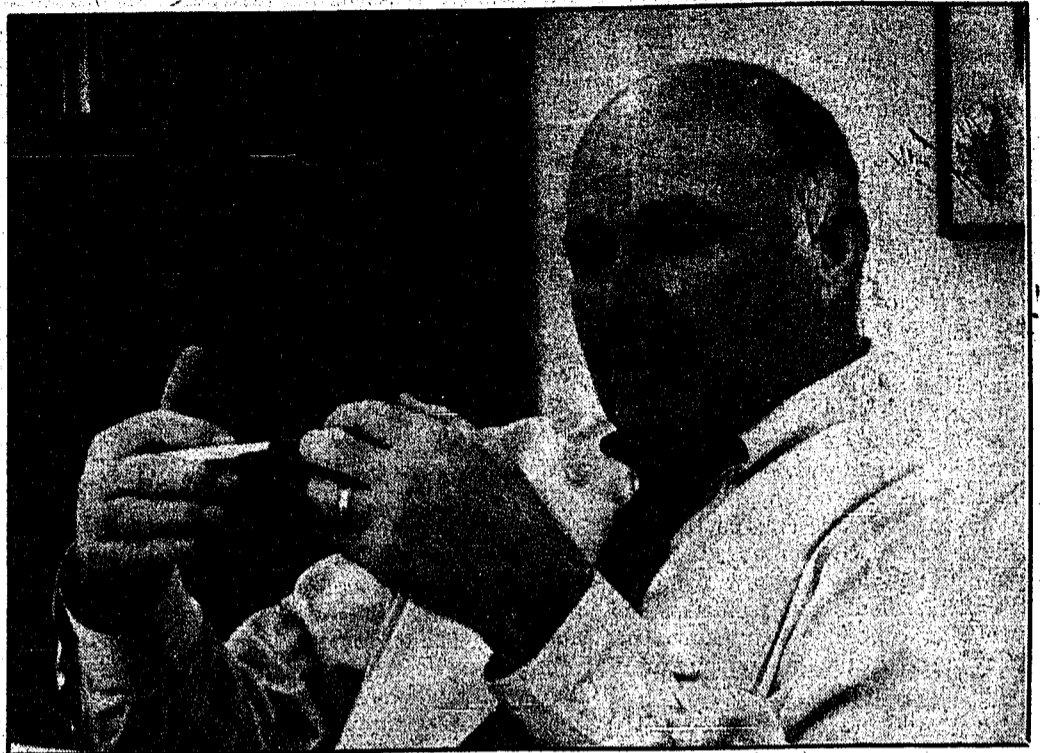
"I find myself in trouble when I'm really just looking for information," he said. "I learned very early that a question is not an answer."

Fisher said there's a general paranoia with faculty about the state board, and often mistrust.

Shurtliff said he's aware of a perception of mistrust between faculty and the state board, but hasn't been able to get any specifics.

"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 to get a grip on."

John Freemuth, BSU Political Science professor, said mistrust can possibly be attributed not directly to his actions, but the way he goes about them. But Freemuth, who is also a member of the Faculty Senate, said Shurtliff may have a vision for higher education but is content for now as an outspoken personality.



Arbiter/Shawna Hanel

Karl Shurtliff says he plans on more contact with students and faculty.

"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 methods used to oust Keiser.

He was later fined and given six months probation for taking 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 it hadn't been for the Keiser fiasco.

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

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

"His behavior ought to be consistent with what he demands of others, and the perception was that it wasn't," Freemuth 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 his issues.

"Shurtliff must feel that he'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. "And the other board members know that if the governor has no problem with it they have to be circumspect about what they might oppose Mr. Shurtliff on."

Fisher says while Shurtliff and Andrus 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 a member of the Public Utilities Commission. Shurtliff holds a bachelors 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.

"He's not 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."

TIME LINE

Karl Shurtliff has had a controversial tenure as president of the State Board of Education. His outspoken nature has generated much media attention. The following time line illustrates his colorful career with 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. 23, 1991 — Karl Shurtliff held a press conference citing 11 reasons the board ousted Keiser. Many Keiser backers remained unswayed.

Sept. 26, 1992 — Shurtliff accused of wrongly participating in Keiser's firing because he was suing a football player. Shurtliff had filed a lawsuit in March of 1991, seeking more than \$7,000 in damages from reserve BSU linebacker Rob Gates.

Oct. 18, 1991 — Discus-

sion about search for a new BSU president begins. Board holds a meeting in Boise.

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

March 12, 1992 — Shurtliff cited for taking cigarettes to a client in the Ada County Jail. Faces up to 6 months in jail and a \$300 fine on a misdemeanor charge.

April 7, 1992 — Shurtliff pleaded innocent to misdemeanor charge of smuggling cigarettes into Ada County Jail.

April 10, 1992 — Karl Shurtliff voted president of the State Board of Education. Only vote against Shurtliff was entered by Joe Parkinson. Shurtliff had previously served as the board's vice-president.

May 1, 1992 — Shurtliff said he favored splitting the State Board of Education. He contends the board spends more time on higher education than public schools. His comments came during a taping for KTVB's "Viewpoint."

June 4, 1992 — Shurtliff pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of smuggling cigarettes into the Ada County Jail. He reversed his plea from an earlier innocent plea.

• Shurtliff sentenced to 6 months probation and fined court costs of \$132.

August 12, 1992 — Shurtliff says he'll temporarily table 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 taxpayer's money. Shurtliff proposed cutting \$150,000 from the \$1 million budget, cutting seven full-time positions, adding three full-time positions and one part-time position.

Sept. 18, 1992 — Shurtliff and other board members blasted for scheduling BSU presidential finalists' dinner at the posh Arid Club. Some board members upset because the club has few women and minority members.

• Shurtliff proposes consolidating education colleges at state's universities. He contends it is wasteful to have four different schools of education.

• Board tells Shurtliff to talk things over with them before proposing ideas to groups in Idaho. He is criticized for having radical ideas.

Sept. 19, 1992 — Plans to have finalist dinner at the Arid Club are scrapped. Shurtliff only board member to vote in favor of keeping the dinner there.

Sept. 22, 1992 — Shurtliff says State Board of Education hasn't already picked a new BSU president. The BSU *Arbiter* had quoted anonymous sources claiming the board had already made its decision.

Sept. 23, 1992 — Shurtliff says effects of the 1 Percent Initiative on higher education would be horrifying.

Oct. 14, 1992 — Board blasts Shurtliff for flying to Richmond, Virginia to check out new BSU President Charles Ruch. He billed the state for a \$250 plane ticket and took the trip without consulting the board.

Oct. 29, 1992 — The Associated Press reported Shurtliff took seven trips to education conferences outside the state costing \$4,100 in three years.

Dec. 1, 1992 — Shurtliff scolded by the State Board for talking about issues before discussing them privately first with the board. Shurtliff says he doesn't intend to let the panel muzzle him about school reforms.

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Kathleen Kreller

Culture

Oh, the weather outside is frightful...

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 Christmas 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 Karma Echols, 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.



Left, American Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" features Rene Marie Irwin as Marie and Marco Carrabba as the Prince.

Below, BSU students, from left, John Robinson, Gina Stivers, Kevin Naethe, Lisa Ester and David Munk are among musicians performing at BSU's Christmas concert.

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.

The event is presented by BSU Student Programs Board, Family Activities and Films.

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 "Cantata," "Silent Night" and other

selections performed by BSU vocal and instrumental groups. Two pieces also will include ballet by Idaho Dance Theater.

Spirit of Christmas Brass

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 1975.

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 second annual Holiday Lights Tour offers a glittery glimpse at Boise's best light displays. It may be chilly outside, but you can stay warm while you tour Boise aboard a heated trolley.

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 \$6-\$25

Are visions of sugarplums dancing in your head? The timeless classic Christmas ballet, "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 Benjamin Kuzmichev, AFB's new choreographer and artistic director. Kuzmichev defected after 31 years as a professional dancer in Kiev, Russia.



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 Hoff, author of "The Tao of Pooh" and "The Te of Piglet" will read from his works in this presentation. A lecture and discussion on ways Taoism can be incorporated into daily life is included, followed by a book signing.

Heavy metal barrage heads for Pavilion

Melanie Delon
Assistant Culture Editor

"We're coming to Boise really quick, and we're going to kick your fuckin' ass!" said Mark Scott of Trixter.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9 the BSU Pavilion will play host to a triple entente of decadent heavy metal featuring Kiss, Great White and Trixter.

What do all of these bands have in common other than their love for the harder edge of rock n' roll? They all have new albums to support.

Great White is taking this opportunity on the road to promote their latest release *Psycho City*, which was co-produced by Great White's manager Alan Niven and guitarist/keyboardist Michael Lardie. According to Lardie the success of the album has been "so far, so good."

Psycho City somewhat pioneers in a different direction as more of the Great White's personal experiences are played into the music. Lardie explained the bitter and more in-depth content of the music as kind of like "talking to your friends about something that's really bothering you." He said, "even though it doesn't necessarily change the situation, for a period of time you do feel better."

Great White has spent the better part of the year recovering from substance abuse problems, divorces and a line-up change in which bassist Tony Montana left two weeks before the recording for *Psycho City* was finished. For this tour, Montana was replaced by ex Dio bassist, Teddy Cook.

Psycho City is "an amalgam of the last three [albums]," Lardie said. "It has the blues element in it which *Hooked* had a fair amount of. It has a couple of songs that have the energy of *Twice Shy*, but there's also some things people are picking up from the vibe we had on *Once Bitten* Lardie said.

Great White isn't the only one with a sensational new album. Trixter will rock the Boise crowd with some tunes off their new album *Hear*. The album got its name because, according to Scott, Trixter wanted people to accept the band for its music. It is the second release from these New Jersey natives.

"Anybody that takes a listen can really compare the first one and the second one, and say 'hey, there's something going on!'" said Scott of the differences between *Hear* and their self-titled debut. Scott also credits production quality and producer James "Jimbo"



Great White

Barton for the improvements on the second album.

Barton has produced albums for such artists as Queensryche and Rush, and has done several mixings for MTV Unplugged. According to Scott he improved Trixter's recorded sound by "leaps and bounds." Scott said the band

was very pleased with the results they heard on *Hear*, and the last album "lacked a lot of aggressiveness that this band has."

The headliners of this metal mayhem are what Scott calls the "kings of rock n' roll": Kiss. Kiss is on the road in support of their latest release, *Revenge*.

Since their formation in 1973, they have released a plethora of albums that take gut-splitting metal to the core. They've done several tours with the top names in heavy metal, and have had more lineup changes than a daytime soap opera.

Their latest lineup change came after the death of drummer Eric Carr. Eric Singer replaced Carr, and performed all of the drumming for *Revenge*. Singer, along with vocalist/guitarist Paul Stanley, guitarist Bruce Kulick, and bassist Gene Simmons will shower Boise fans with some of the old and some of the new.

What can the Idaho audience expect come Wednesday? Scott and Lardie both promised a lot of energy. "We do more than just shake our butts," Scott said. Trixter fans can expect "a couple of songs off the last one [last album], some off the new one. There's something in there for everybody," Scott said.

According to Lardie, Great White fans can expect "a pretty good spring clean of the last four" albums. When asked for a final message to all the fans Lardie said, "Thanks for digging the music, and we're going to be around for a real long time, so we hope you'll be right there with us."

Controversial movie X challenges viewers

Jenni Minner
News Writer

Within the first 30 seconds of *Malcolm X*, gruesome shots of the Rodney King beatings alternate with images of a burning American flag, warning viewers that *Malcolm X* might just be a tad bit controversial. And as is the case with most controversial pieces of art, it has a lot of insight to offer.

Malcolm X is the story of the fight for Afro-American social justice and the birth of an American icon. Director Spike Lee has plucked this important figure, a former spokesman for the Nation of Islam and milestone in America's history of racial injustice, from the past and brought his words back to life for today. This movie challenges the viewer to watch past injustices and the willing and unwilling submission of the black community to oppression.

Malcolm X serves as a reminder of the atrocities of modern society, and the possible solutions that were offered to Americans by the great leader over three decades ago.

To some, *Malcolm X* may be a threatening experience...the movie separates the races into categories, elevates Malcolm X to the status of martyr and stomps "whites" beneath a heavy burden of stereotypes. The white police are patronizing, pig-headed bigots. The FBI agents are sniveling morons hunkered over hidden tape recorders, and the white women are shallow, money-hungry sluts. The only helpful white person in the entire movie is a beatnik that looks naive compared to the sharp brilliance of Malcolm X.

The young woman donning the traditional beret asks what she can do to help the cause. Malcolm's curt reply is "nothing." Perhaps this is warranted, though. It certainly makes a point, and maybe it

will begin to make up for all of Hollywood's shallow portrayals of the grinning, mindless slave—always happy for his master's gain, and always a little bit to the left or right of center screen.

Spike Lee has offered this movie to the American public as a catalyst to social change. Blowing upon the dying embers of the Rodney King beatings and the LA riots, *Malcolm X* has much to say about the current state of the nation. A resurrection of the leader's teachings are directly applicable to such problems as gang warfare, drug abuse and the ongoing problem of racism. Malcolm X would have feverishly fought drug leaders, and single handedly stirred people from their current state of comfortable apathy (on every issue except for economics, and sometimes abortion). He would have continued to strive for badly needed justice in a nation with a confusing mix of riches, poverty and a curious strain of security and convenience addiction.

Many people may glance at the life story of Malcolm X, maybe even skim it. They may use certain quotes and the extremist quality of Malcolm X's speeches to excuse themselves for facing the urgent problems of society. Afraid of facing history, and willing to walk into the same traps, people may sit at home and watch their *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* and pretend everything's just peachy. They may smile and pat themselves on the back because they are part of a country where rap rules, and Bill Cosby's is the number one family. Those content to watch Hollywood's usual lineup of social pacifiers, ignoring the importance of *Malcolm X*, can be the first to embrace a society of mediocrity, hypocrisy and injustice.

Malcolm X is currently showing at the Cineplex Odeon Towne Square Cinemas at 130 N. Milwaukee; call 323-0430 for a listing of show times.

Music

Brava! 385-1223. Every Friday night shows start at 7:30 p.m. on the first floor of the SUB. Free to the public. Dec. 4: contemporary pop band Paul Hroma.

Crazy Horse 384-9330. 1519 W. Main. \$5 at the door. Doors open at 9 p.m. Dec. 4: Dirtboy, Bricklayer & Psyop. Dec. 5: Baldo Rex (from Denver), Polecats & Wirehead. Dec. 6: Technorave Party with DJ Tide, \$3 at the door. Dec. 11: Snake River Alliance Fund Raiser featuring Graveltruck, Caustic Resin & Boneflower. Dec. 12: Logjam, Dirt Fishermen & Splinter.

Dino's 345-2295. 4802 W. Emerald. Doors open at 9 p.m. Ages 21 and over. Nov. 30-Dec. 11: Euthoria. Dec. 14-19: Passion. Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Peleisis. Grainey's Basement 345-2955. 107 S. 6th. Open 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Ages 21 and over. Dec. 2-5: Dashboard Mary. Dec. 9-12: Hoi Polli. Dec. 16-19: Felt Neighbors. Dec. 22, 23, & 26: Trauma Hounds. Dec. 29-Jan. 2: Dashboard Mary.

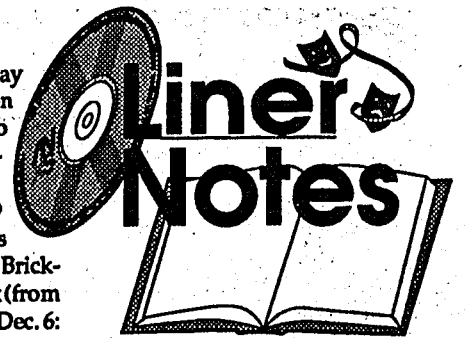
Koffee Klatsch 345-0452. 409 S. 8th. 18 and over after 7 p.m. No cover charge. Shows start at 9 p.m. Dec. 3: Poetry at 8 p.m. with Lee Scharf, Charles Potts & Bruce Embry, \$2 at the door. Dec. 4 & 5: Dinner theatre presents *Aidsplay*. Tickets are \$5 in advance \$7 at the door. Dec. 12: Kristen Hall.

Lock, Stock N' Barrel 385-9060. 4705 Emerald. Open 8 p.m.-midnight. Ages 21 and over. Tuesday-Saturday: Tauge & Falkner.

Pengilly's 345-6344. 513 W. Main. Ages 21 and over. Every Monday night is acoustic jam night featuring John Hansen.

Special Events Center 385-3655. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Season tickets available at the Student Union ticket office for \$28 general admission and

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\$14 for students, seniors and BSU faculty and staff. Dec. 9: *Spirit of Christmas Brass* featuring holiday chamber music by Seattle's Washington Brass Ensemble.

Suds 345-9656. 1024 Broadway. No cover charge. Ages 21 and over. Shows start at 9 p.m. Dec. 5: Caustic Resin, Haggis & Psy-op. Dec. 12: Deep Down Trauma Hounds. Dec. 19: Blanket Sunday featuring Substructure, Dirtboy & Splinter.

Tom Grainey's 345-2505. 109 S. 6th. Open 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Ages 21 and over. Sunday nights feature rock n' roll with Boi Howdy. Monday night is blues night. Tuesday night is jazz night from 8:30 p.m.-close. Dec. 2-5: Kathy Miller Band. Dec. 9-12: Felt Neighbors. Dec. 16-19: Trauma Hounds. Dec. 22, 23 & 26: Hoi Polli. Dec. 29-Jan. 2: Trauma Hounds.

Film

Special Events Center/Quiet Listening Lounge 385-3655. Films start at 7 p.m. \$3 general admission, \$2 BSU faculty and staff and \$1 BSU students with I.D. cards. Dec. 4 & 7: *The Shining*, Friday in the Jordan Ballroom & Monday in the Special Events Center. Dec. 11 & 14: *Short films by Christopher MacLaine and Andy Warhol*, Friday in the Special Events Center & Monday in the Quiet Listening Lounge.

Sinead's roots

Sinead O'Connor
Am I Not Your Girl?
EMI Records

Melanie Delon
Assistant Culture Editor

Sinead O'Connor's latest release brings out blasts 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 today. Sinead remakes 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 screeches 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 instrumental success. A brash 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 compliment to the softness of her voice. In songs such as "Secret Love," "Gloomy Sunday" and "Scarlet Ribbons," Sinead revitalizes tunes that in this day would be considered outdated. She adds a new edge of younger blood that makes the oldies 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 strong 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 ever 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 kids will trade in technorave for ballroom dancing, but a little variety never hurt anyone.

For those of you who think the songs on *Am I Not Your Girl?* are to "before your time" to 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 life's 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, Roisin 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-domi-



7 Year Bitch

nated 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 rape." These are far from sugar-coated Paula 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 wasting little 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 Selland announced the formation of a 22-member search committee to find a new coach. The committee consists of a wide range of members, including former players, faculty, students, boosters and more.

The committee should have a large number of applicants to choose from. Sports

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; Klipp Bedard, former player; Tom Blaine, Alumna Association president; Gene Bleymaier, athletic director and committee chair; Booker Brown, former alumni president; Alan Brinton, philosophy professor and department chair; William Campbell, former Bronco Athletic Association president; Eldon Edmundson, dean of the College of Health Sciences; Rich Jordan, former BAA

president; Carl Keever, former player; Kay Lind, former BAA president; Del Marcum, former BAA president; Dyke Nally, director of the Alumni Association;

Jim Nelson, BSU Foundation board member; Todd Sholty, ASBSU president; Larry Selland, Interim President of BSU; Lyle Smith, former athletic director; David Taylor, vice president for student affairs; Don 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.

information director Max Corbet said there has already been a barrage of applications for the position.

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 Buratto, 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'Mera, 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

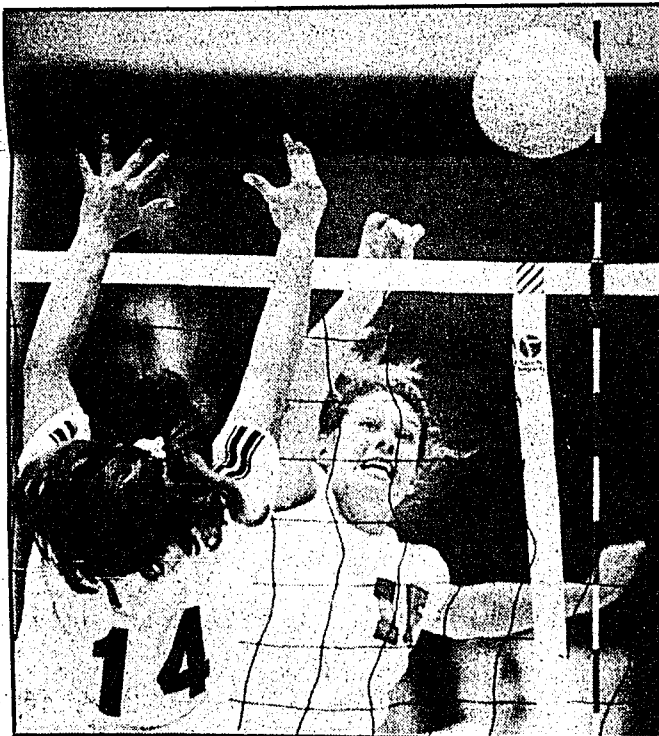
Throughout the past decade, BSU has promoted the ushering in of a gender-equal era in athletics.

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 athletes combined with the advocacy of wise administrators have taken Bronco women athletes from virtual anonymity to regional—and in some cases national—recognition.

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



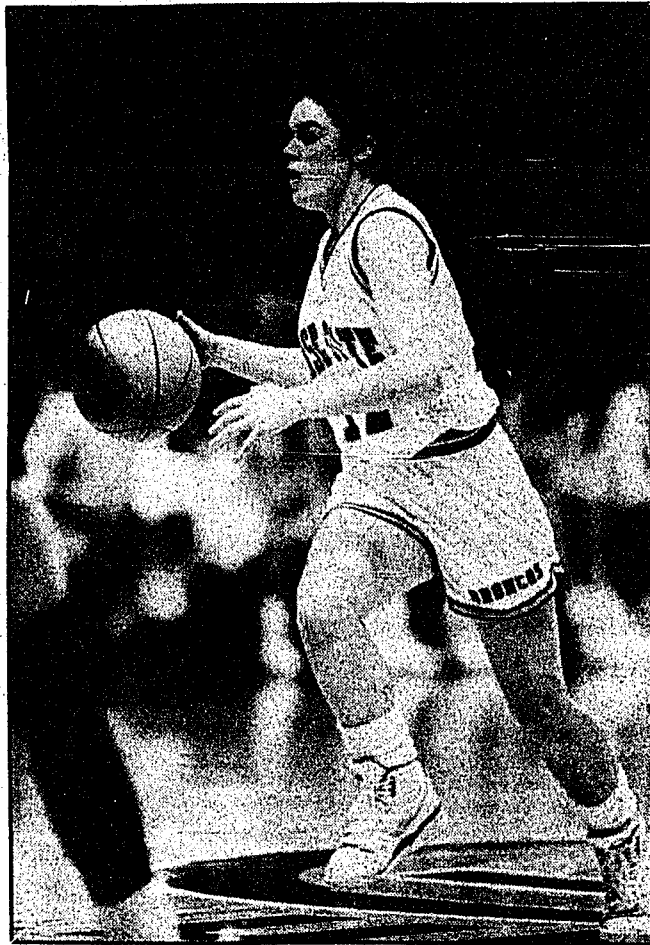
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Yvette Ybarra, above, and the volleyball team finished third in the Big Sky this year. Lyndsie Rilco, right, will lead the women's hoop team.

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

main in Boise affords stability to the program.

This "shoot for the best" philosophy is strikingly evident in volleyball, basketball and gymnastics, the major three women's sports based



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 last Friday with a five-game loss to Idaho in the first round of the Big Sky Conference tournament.

The Vandals, who defeated Montana on Saturday to win the Big Sky championship, knocked off the Broncos 15-12, 15-9, 10-15, 12-15, 15-7. 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 real 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 59 assists and 5 blocks.

"I was satisfied, I guess," she said. "I'd like to win the conference, but I was still satisfied that we were in the top three in the conference."

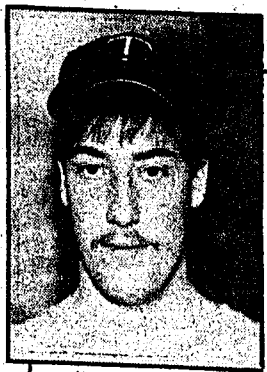
Boise State started the season off slowly, going 6-8 in the first month of play.

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

Dear Santa Claus,
Thanksgiving's over, there's snow on the ground and I've already seen *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* on TV, so that must mean just one thing—it's Christmas time.



Scott Samples

I know I don't write very often, but I figure you owe me big this year. Now, I haven't necessarily been all that good, but I never did get the 1991 model Elle McPherson I asked for last year. So this time around I thought I'd ask for more than I deserve. Just think of me as a Christmas version of Barry Bonds.

And since sports and beer more or less justify my existence, this will be my sports wish list for 1993. Here goes:

1. Kindler, gentler boosters and fans. During the whole Skip Hall saga of the past year

or so, a large number of football boosters and fans were calling for his head. Hall had a winning percentage of .600, had gone to the playoffs twice, but had lost to Idaho six times. 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's a high amount of influence, is it warranted?

The 22-person committee in charge of finding a new head coach consists of three current or former members of the Alumni Association and six current or former members of the Bronco Athletic Association. 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 Skip Hall thing. In a poll taken by the *Idaho Statesman*

about 85 percent of the voters blamed Hall's retirement on the media, that omnipotent being that gave Bill Clinton the presidency and the spotted owl a home.

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

3. More intramural and recreation facilities. When I'm not sitting on my butt watching sports I actually like to go play sports. However, BSU seems to have limited times and space for playing sports.

Newer, better, and more space is needed for the intra-

mural-recreation department. The weight room is crowded, the gym is stuffed and even the raquetball courts are usually full. I realize most everyone is clamoring for more space, but I 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 cancellation six years ago to a nationally-ranked squad in 1992.

When in 1987 the Big Sky Conference exterminated gymnastics from its agenda, the BSU athletic administration moved to the Western Athletic Conference rather than to pull the plug on gymnastics.

"It's been a really positive relationship between administration and coaches," said Sandmire. "They've given us everything they can."

Boise State finished 1992 ranked 20th in the nation and fielded its first-ever NCAA National Championship qualifier in sophomore Julie Wagner. In addition, almost 1,500 fans attended each meet last season, which ranked BSU in the top 10 nationally. For the first time in the history of the program, all home meets will be contested in the Pavilion this year.

"We feel like we (the team) have created a great product," said Sandmire. "Once people come and watch a meet, they'll come back."

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.

Pharmer was 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 benefit of a full-time assistant coach, who shoulders the time-consuming chore of recruiting.

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

Sandmire also has the benefit of full-time help in Bill Steinbach, and women's basketball coach June Daugherty has two full-time assistants.

Now in her fourth year at the helm of BSU's women's basketball squad, June Daugherty has led the Broncos to the top of the Big Sky. Last season Boise State was crowned Big Sky regular season champion, and was picked by conference coaches to finish at the

top again this season.

The Broncos have earned recognition nationally by going undefeated in four games against opponents from the better-known Western Athletic Conference last year and will test itself with an even tougher schedule this season.

The women's track and field team has quietly won more conference championships in the past decade than any other BSU varsity sport. The Bronco women, under the direction of Jim Klein, bested all other Big Sky teams three consecutive times in 1984-1986, and in 1988.

Big things are expected of women's tennis and golf in the near future. Mike Edles, first-year tennis coach for the women's team and Todd Bindner, who completed his first year as BSU women's golf coach earlier this season, are highly esteemed in their respective sports.

This fall BSU women golfers participated in their inaugural season, and enjoyed moderate success. Bindner will lead the Broncos into their first season of Big Sky championship play next fall.



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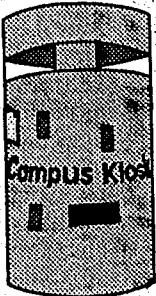
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