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Faculty pursue policy reforms

Eve Costello
Staff Writer

Tougher academic guidelines for students could be the result of three major policy changes approved by the Faculty Senate at its last meeting.

BSU President Charles Ruch requested in his Presidential Address last August that the Faculty Senate review "a number of academic rules and regulations" to encourage

"sound academic practices" in BSU students. The response of the Academic Standards Committee under the Faculty Senate was three recommendations, which the Faculty Senate approved in December.

The three approved changes deal with registration and GPA calculation.

The first change will allow a student to register for a class a maximum of three times, including enroll-

ment in equivalent classes at other colleges and registration under an audit or withdrawal status. Courses dropped within the first 10 days of class, however, will not count toward the maximum.

Current policy allows students as many registrations for a class as they wish to make, but limits the number of times a class can be taken for a letter grade.

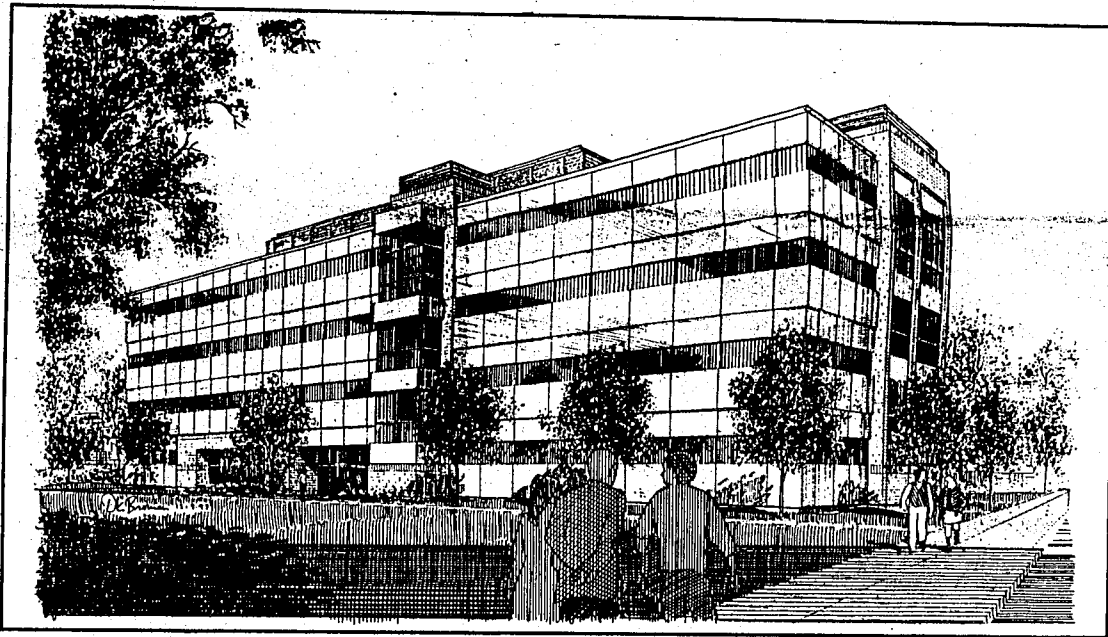
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A generous year?



Artist's conception of a proposed 55,000-square-foot classroom building for the BSU campus.

BSU eyes payoffs from \$70 million state budget surplus.

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Safety plan to increase lighting

Dawn Kramer
Editor-in-chief

Better campus lighting and more emergency phones mean better campus safety for the future, so BSU is making illumination a main project for 1994 and beyond.

The Physical Plant is working on a project which will increase lighting across campus. This is good news for the Campus Sheriff's Office, according to Sgt. Dick Kersting, who believes lighting is a main part of campus safety.

A project to add more lighting began in 1983 when random lights were installed based on complaints of bad lighting in certain areas of campus. Last year, a stoplight was added at the intersection of Joyce Street and University Drive, but the biggest parts of the project are still in the works.

The Physical Plant is currently working on a comprehensive lighting plan which will be completed over the next several years. The State Board of Education approved the lighting improvement project last year.

More lights will be installed along University Drive. When the project is completed, Capitol Street to Broadway Avenue will be

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Week takes personal focus

Activist Bond to headline MLK events

Jon Wroten
Staff Writer

Organizers of the Martin Luther King Jr./ Human Rights Celebration want to continue their tradition of getting students to confront their own personal fear and ignorance.

Student Activities Adviser Rob Meyer said the theme of the event was chosen so that people would look inside themselves and deal with any prejudices they might have.

"We need to look inward

about our own personal fears and ignorance about other people and confront them," Meyer said.

The celebration, which honors civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has grown from a three-day affair in 1990, its inaugural year, to a week-long event this year.

It began in 1989 when Eric Love and the Black Student Union organized a protest in front of the Business Building asking the state to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In 1990 the Black Student Union organized a march to the Capitol Building that drew over 500 people. A speech by Gov. Cecil Andrus was the impetus for the holiday's official recognition by the state in 1991.

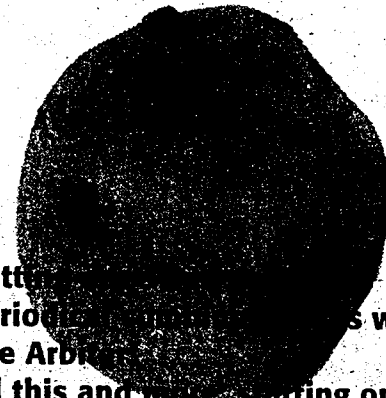
Attendance and the number of

events have also grown over the years. There were 10 events in 1990, highlighted by a speech by Idaho civil rights leader Bill Wassmuth that attracted more than 800 people. There are 25 events planned for this year. In addition, about 2,000 people are expected to attend a lecture by civil rights activist Julian Bond at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

Other highlights of the week include a multicultural panel of former and present BSU students on Tuesday about their experiences confronting fear and ignorance on campus, a look at the rhetoric of hatred Wednesday and showings of the acclaimed movie "Mississippi Burning" Wednesday and Friday.

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Team outlines plan for ethnic diversity

David Boothby
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the third of a four-part series on the BSU WICHE project for increasing ethnic diversity on campus.

BSU WICHE project team members have developed plans for the academic component of increasing ethnic diversity on campus. These plans include:

- Increasing recruitment and retention of ethnic minority faculty and staff;
- Encouraging the integration of multicultural perspectives across the curriculum;
- Expanding the curriculum to confront the issues of racism, prejudice and bias;
- Encouraging higher priority for diverse cultures on campus;
- Expanding the library collection to better represent ethnicity;
- Developing new courses which focus upon diverse cultures;
- Encouraging research, scholarship and creative activity in cultural diversity;
- Requiring all students to

take a course on cultural differences.

The plan would require the university to provide as many sections of the cultural differences course as sections of English 101. This amounts to 29 sections. No specific plans for funding this proposal were available. Student reaction to the proposal was mixed.

Kevin Whitesides, president of the Honors Student Association, said it should be required, but only if the university can solve the funding problem.

"If they can't come up with the money to make it a required course, they ought to at least make it available as an option," Whitesides said.

"I'd feel better about it if it was optional," said Adam Rush, a junior communication major.

The plans also call for developing relevant faculty development programs, including seminars and workshops, to assist faculty in becoming more sensitive to diversity and the ways in which it may be included in their classes.

Students hold overnight vigil for drop/add day

Corky Hansen
News Editor

Quite a way to spend a Sunday night in January!

At about 11 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, students began to take their places in the shadow of the BSU Administration Building, in hopes of getting a particular class on the first drop/add day of the spring semester.

The fear of not graduating on time motivated some students to stay out in the cold.

"Now it's coming down to either I get it or I don't graduate, so I have to," said senior Kim Fryhover.

Sleeping bags, tents, blankets and even heatlamps—as well as every form of winter attire—were used by students to keep the cold away.

But despite the cold, an optimistic outlook was not lost with some students.

"One good thing about it is that it hasn't started raining yet," Mary Connell said.

"It's the coolest experience you'll ever have in your life," said junior English major Scott Taylor, who was enjoying a game of Scrabble when contacted at about 4 a.m.

"I just came here all alone, and I have friends here [now]," Taylor said.

Junior accounting major Nick Raganit, who took his place near the front of the

line around midnight, said it was worse last year on account of snowfall.

"It's just something you have to go through," he said.

Raganit was one of a number of students who went to the vigil well-prepared. To increase his chances of getting the two classes he needed, Raganit attempted to get through to the Registrar's Office by cellular telephone while he was waiting in line.

"I'm using today's technology," he said.

Debra Christensen, assistant to the registrar, said drop/add and registration went very well compared to last fall. Last fall they ran out of appointments to give to students in line, but this time they stopped handing out appointment slips at 11 a.m. because there was no longer a waiting line to the Registrar's Office, Christensen said.

Christensen said the registration deadline of Jan. 24 has made it possible for the Registrar's Office to be more organized in its treatment of student registration and changing of classes.

"But spring semester is usually a lot lighter anyway," she said.

Ten additional employees were hired to handle telephone registration. They took calls from terminals in the Pavilion, which freed up more of the registration staff to handle walk-in registration, Christensen said.

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- Applications for both positions should have a cover letter, at least two letters of recommendation and references. In addition, applicants for editor should contain at least three writing samples.

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Budget surplus sparks funding optimism

Corky Hansen
News Editor

According to administrators, the BSU community has good reason to be optimistic about the university's future.

"I think we can be optimistic and we can feel good," said John Franden, executive assistant to the president, in an administrative address to faculty and staff last week.

Much of the optimism springs

from a \$70 to \$75 million surplus in the Idaho budget.

Because of the surplus, the BSU administration is optimistic about obtaining the funding for a 55,000-square-foot classroom building, which would contain an estimated 30 classrooms and six laboratories. Franden said the building would be located where the temporary modulars were placed last year.

"I'm hearing some favorable things," Franden said.

Daryl Jones, interim academic

vice president, said in an interview that much of the surplus will most likely be dedicated to one-time projects.

"Most of the legislature is committed to using it for one-time purposes," Jones said.

According to the BSU 1994 Legislative Report, the university is asking for a \$7.1 million increase in its operating budget for the fiscal year 1995, including \$4.2 million to maintain its current operations and \$2.9 million in

enhancements. The increase is a 12.81 percent increase over BSU's fiscal year 1994 budget.

Franden said the legislature might be able to give the university what it is asking for, including the funds to increase faculty salaries.

"Revenues haven't looked as good as they do right now," he said.

"We may for the first time in many years see a decent salary increase," Franden said.

Students gain e-mail access

The Center for Data Processing announced last week that a new student electronic mail system will be operational on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The student e-mail system will be available to all students at BSU and will provide students with one e-mail userid for the course of their enrollment at BSU.

The system will help eliminate the multiple userids that many students must have for each semester. All campus computer labs will have a menu item for accessing the student mail system.

The Data Center will provide dial-in access to the student mail system at a later date.

The student mail system will provide students with e-mail communications to BSU faculty, staff and other students as well as Internet e-mail access. The system does not replace the need for an account on the BSU mainframe or RS6000 system.

To sign up for a student mail account, students must fill out a userid form at the Data Center, Business building B-106.

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academic career, excluding classes dropped in the first 10 days of class and complete withdrawals from the university.

As the policy now stands, students may drop as many classes as they wish until the 10th week of classes with the signature of the person who teaches the class.

The policy changes are aimed at freeing class space for dedicated students and making the most of limited resources, said Faculty Senate Chairman Charles Davis.

"To withdraw late denies someone else the chance to take the class ... In times of restricted resources, being a

little more careful is necessary," he said.

Davis said he supports the policy changes approved by the Faculty Senate, but added the changes are still in a process of discussion.

"In general I support the idea. I think we've had policies that are far too liberal. Whether these are the right changes I don't know," he said.

Davis said the Faculty Senate wants faculty, administrators and students to comment on the proposed changes and others which will be discussed in the senate in upcoming meetings.

Daryl Jones, interim academic vice president, said he supports the intent of the proposed changes. "I'm supportive of enhancing academic standards and therefore supportive of students getting the most of their degrees," he said.

Jones also said that he will wait to approve the changes until all proposals from the senate are considered.

"I know the senate will be considering some additional changes ... We want to look at them as a package, not piece-meal," he said.

CJ Martin, ASBSU president, said he did not agree with the changes proposed by the senate.

"The problem on this campus is that we need new classroom space, not new

academic policies," he said.

Martin said he disagreed with the proposed change in GPA calculation.

"We shouldn't penalize students the second time they take the class. The penalty is that the F is on the transcript," he said.

"It's important for you to be able to adjust your academic load," he said about the proposed policy on withdrawals.

"We should encourage people to give their best effort the first time around ... (But) if we have poor academic standards, we didn't get here overnight, and I think it's a mistake to get out of it overnight by instituting a bunch of new policies," said Martin.

Martin said he would propose to the senate to limit the number of withdrawals in an academic career, but not limit the number per semester.

He also said he would prefer not allowing students to retake classes for which they have received a C or better to address the issue of efficient use of classroom space, instead of averaging all grades in the GPA to penalize students who do retake a class to improve a D or an F.

"This is probably one of the most significant issues on the campus this year," he said.

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fully lighted.

A second phase of the project will include increasing the lighting in on-campus parking lots. This project will utilize existing poles and circuits, but will upgrade lighting and illuminate dim areas.

A third phase will include better lighting from Broadway to Capitol along Campus Drive, the Greenbelt area.

The fourth area is increas-

ing illumination around existing buildings on campus.

"Cost is going to dictate this whole thing," said Physical Plant Director Gene McGinnis. There are currently no estimates on what the entire project will cost. Hearings on the project will be held in late February or early March and figures will be released at that time.

The City of Boise has given \$11,000 for the project. Other funding will come from \$150,000 of Department of Public Works funds.

"If I had enough money left, I'd go out into the community," McGinnis said. He said he would eventually like the whole community to be well-lit so students have a safe route when walking to and from campus.

Installation should begin in April of this year. No completion date has been set.

Part of a separate safety project includes increasing the number of emergency

phones or "blue light specials" throughout the university.

In 1994, 26 more phones will be installed, which will bring the total to 36. The phones can be used to make local phone calls and 911 calls free of charge. They are each equipped with a flashing blue light.

Also, in the future the Physical Plant will install a computer tracking system which will allow the campus police to locate the exact location of an emergency call.

The tracking system might eventually be extended to the entire university phone system.

The phones should be installed by fall semester of the '94-'95 school year, McGinnis said. The Physical Plant planned to spend about \$28,000 on the added phones, but the first bid came in close to \$50,000 which slowed the project. It will be re-bid in March.

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Meyer said their two biggest organizing challenges have been finding students to help plan for upcoming years and raising money for the celebration.

He said the committee that plans the event has grown from 10 members in the first year to 47 this year. But the financial aspect of the annual occurrence has remained tough.

"We have to beg every year for money. We're on a shoestring budget," Meyer said.

In addition to making students aware of their own prejudices, MLK/Human Rights Week Coordinator P.K. Kulandasamy said he would like to make students aware of the diversity of cultures at BSU.

"We would like to make people aware of different rights of people, expose them to different rights. Basically to overcome the discrimination that we see," Kulandasamy said.

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Jon Wroten
Staff Writer

Most students might expect an engineering professor's life to be packed with nothing but facts and figures. But BSU's Donald Parks is hardly the average professor.

From an office filled with pictures of hockey teams and of the Payette River to a teaching philosophy that rewards the average student, Parks is clearly a different breed of teacher.

Parks, who grew up in Denver, Colo. completed his undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in 1966.

It was in Denver where he first discovered the passion of his life: hockey. He grew up only three blocks from the University of Denver hockey arena and remembers watching the team practice. It's a sport he would like to see come to Boise, but only if it is done right.

"It needs to be a team where everyone is more interested in learning the game than winning the fight," Parks said.

Other than hockey, Parks said he enjoys fishing and taking pictures at his Garden Valley cabin. He said the peacefulness of the mountains allows him to ready himself for the frenzy of classes.

"Other than hockey, that's my passion, to be up there. I can relax and get my mind ready for classes on Monday," Parks said.

Parks, who has taught energy and engineering classes at BSU since 1974, said he likes the university because the administration fosters an environment where the student is more important than the research grant.

"I like an environment where teaching is the most important part of a faculty job and where research is rewarded, but somewhat optional," Parks said.

Parks, who likes to reward students who attend classes regularly, said he wants to see his students leave his classes with a knowledge of energy issues, rather than simply a step closer to a degree.

"I'd like to have my students come away with something useful that they can apply to their life, rather than just getting credit to graduate," Parks said.

Controversial NAFTA looks good for Idaho

Corky Hansen
News Editor

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on the effects of NAFTA on Idaho. Next week, specific concerns over the agreement will be treated.

It's been called more names than a bad referee. It's 2,000 pages long and many analysts argue that it is misunderstood by even its drafters. Some label it triumphant, some, disastrous.

It's the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA], and although there is controversy over most of the agreement's major provisions, no one dares call NAFTA insignificant.

The agreement, which became effective the first of this year, laid the foundation upon which cross-border trade between the United States, Canada and Mexico will be deregulated and liberalized. Because the United States and Canada already had a free-trade agreement, the major issue became the expansion of trade between the United States and Mexico, already the United States' third-largest trading partner.

Viewed by NAFTA proponents as a major victory for the Clinton administration, the agreement will abolish all import tariffs over a 15-year period. The levies on half of more than 9,000 products will be phased out immediately. Also, tariffs and quotas on many agricultural products will be lifted in the 15-year period.

The United States will be allowed to invest more freely in Mexican service industries including banking, communications, transportation, insurance, publishing and retailing.

"[NAFTA] is a blueprint for the more efficient reordering of industrial pro-



duction on a continental scale," said journalist William A. Orme in an article in *Foreign Affairs*, a journal published by the Council on Foreign Relations.

BSU Marketing Professor Gary McCain said U.S. companies will move to Mexico if they can do it more cost-effectively.

"Whoever is relatively more efficient will wind up doing the work," McCain said.

"Here [are] some real opportunities that are just in their infancy," said David Christensen, administrator of the division of international business for the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Christensen said many corporations will seek to form alliances with American, Mexican or Canadian companies, which would then look to a third market of trade, such as Europe or the Far East.

"NAFTA is really going to hit home to us ... and we better be aware," Christensen said.

Steven Loughrin-Sacco, modern languages department chairman, said international trade has boomed in recent years, and there is much more to come:

"We've only seen the tip of the iceberg," he said.

McCain said NAFTA will bring both advantages and disadvantages to local and state commerce.

"In our local area there will be both winners and losers," he said.

Christensen said Idaho is in great shape from a manufacturing point-of-view.

"Everything that we're really big on, Mexico needs," he said.

"From Idaho's perspective, it's all a plus."

Kelly Olson, administrator of marketing and development for the Idaho Department of Agriculture, said Idaho agriculturists have reservations about NAFTA, but hope to fare well under the changes.

"I think everyone is optimistic," she said.

Wheat growers are the most preoccupied because Canada is able to ship wheat to Mexico at a lower price than the United States can. According to Olson, the lack of competition among Canadian wheat-shipping companies allows Canadian growers to consistently beat the U.S. price.

President Bill Clinton agreed to begin talks with Canada immediately, and investigate their shipping practices through the International Trade Commission if no solution is reached, Olson said.

Olson said open access to the Mexican marketplace is the most favorable result of the agreement, especially in the potato, beef and dairy industries.

"Mexico could quickly prove to be a very big market for us," she said.

"There's just all kinds of opportunities down there," Olson said.

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Editorial

New policy falls short of solution

On Dec. 14, the Faculty Senate passed three major registration policy changes recommended by the Academic Standards Committee. While we agree with the senate and President Ruch that BSU's registration policies need to be revised to discourage the costly repetition of courses, we believe the changes passed by the senate do not adequately address the problem.

The first change states that students may enroll in a course a maximum of three times, including audits and withdrawals. The second would require all grades to be averaged for GPA calculation—in other words, courses may no longer be repeated to improve a grade by eliminating calculation of the first grade. The final revision would allow students to drop only one course a semester to a maximum of 10 in an academic career, excluding complete withdrawals from the university.

Instead of allowing students to repeat a class three times, we propose allowing retakes only for students who have received a D or F in a class. This would serve the purpose of freeing up class space while allowing students to redeem themselves for non-passing grades, and encouraging students to perform to their best ability the first time around.

We also propose that instead of averaging grades for retaken classes, students should be allowed to drop entire semesters, good and bad, off their academic record if they have been out of school for at least three years. This will reward students who are motivated to excel when they return to school after time away.

Because BSU is predominantly a non-traditional campus, many people are going back to school after short and long hiatuses. Those who are going back to school should not be haunted by an academic record they received right out of high school.

Finally, there should be no limit to the number of classes a student can drop in any given semester. Particularly because we are a non-traditional campus, students must be given the freedom to adjust their schedules to accommodate uncontrollable circumstances. However, limiting the total number of withdrawals allowed for an academic career would free up registration space and would discourage people from dropping a class for irresponsible reasons. This part of the policy should be implemented. Because many students have families and work, there is the possibility that they may need to withdraw from more than one class in a given semester due to a crisis.

The Arbiter Editorial Board is made up of Editor-in-Chief Dawn Kramer, Managing Editor Adam Forbes, Opinion Editor Jon Knapp, News Editor Corky Hansen, Culture Editor Melanie Delon, Sports Editor Scott Samples and Chief Copy Editor Eve Costello.



Letters to Ed II
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5th-grader searches for some info on Idaho

Dear Readers,

My name is Gwen and I am a fifth grade student at Charles Hay Elementary School in Englewood, Colorado. Our class is studying geography and history of the United States. We would appreciate it if you would send us a postcard from your state so we can learn more about our country.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely Yours,

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Time to acknowledge divine nature of Earth

Dear Editor,

RE: Delmar Stone's Kids Books Miss Heart of Lesson (The Arbiter, Dec. 7)

In regards to your criticism concerning environmental children's books, I would remind that the so-called "un-eternal planet earth" has been around eons before you and hopefully with or without your help eons more.

The Earth is the only thing keeping you alive. You might want to start looking at the Earth as God. Quit blowing dust off your Bible and play a game called reality. We abuse this planet too much already and those of you who justify it by divine excep-

tion or divine right, do nothing but worsen things. Until God decides to step in we are accountable to ourselves.

I agree there is a lack of love in society, but a filthy planet can not sustain love. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors we borrow it from our children and their children. Someday your children and my children and their children will be living on this "un-eternal earth." Let's do them a favor and leave them a planet worth living on.

Scott Shane

God's crowning work is a disappointment

Dear Editor,

RE: Delmar Stone's December 7, 1993 column:

Delmar, your column is horrifying. If we are the most intelligent creatures on earth, why aren't we doing better? If we are capable of the highest morality, why don't we practice it? You say that human beings are God's crowning achievement. How disappointing!

There may be plenty of room for us to multiply, but what about other species or don't they count? Would you like it if someone built a mall in your backyard? Where are we going to grow food if we gobble up all the land for "little boxes" for your 25 kids and 625 grandkids? Food, as you know or must relearn, has to be grown; it cannot be replicated (yet). Love can't feed the starving if there is no food or build shelter if there is no land. I recommend you build an ark.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Shipley

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The Arbiter heartily thanks all the brave souls who are sticking with us this semester and all the new people who have joined up. They're all Biter's of the Week. Good luck to those who are moving on.



The return of issue rock

Boomers don't have a monopoly on music with meaning . . .

Joe Relk
Staff Writer

As rock music evolves into ever-widening and intermingling sub-groups it continues to amaze me how some baby boomers delude themselves into thinking the music of their youth has exclusive domain on meaningful lyrics.

Then they spew great litanies to explain the noble rebelliousness of the '60s music, motivated, of course from spontaneous virtue, not fear of dying in Vietnam or bored affluence, then contrast it with today's empty meaningless Generation X banter.

I didn't even know I was a member of Generation X until recently, but I do know while the '70s and early '80s music marks a wane in lyrical relevance, the pendulum is swinging back to deeper political and social subjects. If boomers would put their 8-tracks down for a second they would see this.

Metal music had been political for years before it gained popular appeal in the late '80s; witness

Metallica's *Master of Puppets* release in 1984, an entire album of anti-war and anti-drug songs.

Rap emerged from disaffected blacks who felt oppressed by white society and left out of '80s prosperity. Rap allowed black fears about police brutality to be vented and other concerns to be addressed which, according to Chuck D of



Dr. Dre

Public Enemy, became "the CNN of black America."

Another political voice rising rapidly to the top of the charts is alternative. Though often told through personal narrative, alternative nonetheless wanders into some pretty bleak territory. 4 Non Blondes overtly complain about government in "Dear Mr. President" and the Stone Temple Pilots deliver heresy in "Sin" and "Naked Sunday," claiming "holy water clouds my thinking." All these bands are increasing in both political reference and popularity.

Even CD sleeves are becoming political. Artists as diverse as Robert Plant, U2 and the Grateful Dead endorse their favorite causes, complete with an address fans can write to. Stone Temple Pilots devote an entire page to calling the public a "dead and bloated nation of sleepwalkers," among other insults.

Rock's repoliticalization can also be shown through issues, such as war. With a starkly disturbing video, Metallica uses the song "One" to

demonize war by exploring the thoughts of a man disfigured, paralyzed, blinded and deafened by war. In "Civil War" Guns and Roses are screeching that governments sell soldiers "in a human grocery store," and war "feeds the rich while it buries the poor."

Even the Persian Gulf War, the war everyone seemed to like, produces critical songs: Soul



U2

Asylum's "Black Gold" from the alternative camp, metal rockers Tesla spoke of "Freedom Slaves" and the Rolling Stones came up with "Highwire." All these songs attacked the power of oil and the failings of U.S. foreign policy.

Songs about racism are making a comeback in rock as well, with many artists, black and white, standing up against the "politics of hate."

Still, not all songs about race were calls for hand holding. In the Guns and Roses song "One in a Million," there are references to "niggers...immigrants and faggots," who "think they'll come to our country and do as they please...and spread some fucking disease."

Many artists defend societies' victims. Midnight Oil present their pet cause for aborigine land rights in "Beds are Burning," John Mellencamp stands up for family farms in "Rain on the Scarecrow," and Ozzy Osborne and Aerosmith blast child abuse in "No More Tears and Mr. Tinkertrain" and "Janie's Got a Gun."

Popular folk singer Tracy Chapman had a number one hit with "Fast Car," a song about alcoholism, broken families, and economic despair. A Soul Asylum song, "Runaway Train," has unexpectedly led to scores of runaways returning or contacting home.

Benefits are also on the rise, what started with the concerts Band Aid and Live Aid has mushroomed into kaleidoscope rock causes including a bevy of benefit albums.

MTV did its part by sponsoring Rock the Vote, an attempt to register young voters, which expanded into a special-interest group lobbying congress. Perhaps rock's new fixation with charity is a resurfacing of the altruistic spirit of '60s rock.

However, not all in new music is shiny and happy. Though rock musicians are interested in exposing injustice, they don't seem to have any faith in things getting better. In the music of many groups such as

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Editor says 'bye with list of good, bad

Since there are so many things I'd like to say about a number of topics, I've decided to put it in a cheers/jeers fashion.

Cheers to the audience at the Nirvana/Breeders/Melvins concert. The bands were fabulous, but the audience made the show great. I haven't seen a crowd as pumped as the Nirvana fans since the Metallica show in May of '92. Good work and a big congratulations to my friend and BSU student, Brian Usige, who did the best and only stage dive of the evening.

Jeers to Michael Deeds for writing, once again, a negative review of the show. I would be absolutely in awe



Melanie Delon-Johnson

if Michael ever wrote a good review of anything. In fact, I'd send him a "get well soon" card. I especially don't appreciate this,

because it has taken Idaho a long time to get on the map when it comes to popular tours. To compare Nirvana, which has more of a centralized audience, to Garth Brooks, whose audience is very broad, was really a stupid and misleading thing to do.

Cheers to Power 100 and Magic 93.1 for adding local music to their programming. Timothy Timm's Generation X broadcasts on Magic 93.1. It contains local and underground music as well as some of the more popular stuff. Power 100's show Live Underground dedicates a couple of hours just to Boise music and features an on-air interview with a different

local band each week.

Cheers to everyone who hung amazing Christmas light arrangements up during the holidays. I didn't see as many in Boise as I would have liked to, but the ones I did see were absolutely beautiful. To the owners of the decorated houses, you have my deepest admiration and my sincerest sympathies for your large power bills.

Jeers to the 19 credit hours I will be taking this semester. Due to my desire to have a BA in four years, I have had to work overtime and give up a few of the things I love the most, such as extra money and excess fun time. Now, because I'm on my last year and a half, I

must retire my career at *The Arbiter* to move on to intense study and other projects.

Cheers to all of the writers, photographers, editors and graphics people at this wonderful newspaper and its readers. It has been a hard road to recovery from the bankruptcy state which *The Arbiter* was in when I first started writing for it two years ago, but now it's here, hopefully, for good.

There are not very many legitimate ways student views can be expressed on campus and *The Arbiter* is, by far, the biggest student advocacy vehicle, so stand behind it.

Thanx a million and farewell.

Culture

Get 'Lost' as Simon play comes to town

Melanie Delon-Johnson
Culture Editor

In 1942, Arty and Jay were sent to live with Grandma Kurnitz. They got lost and you can get lost with them, in Yonkers, as Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Lost In Yonkers* comes to the Morrison Center.

Lost In Yonkers has garnered several awards during its life including four Tony Awards, among them one for Best Play, four Drama Desk Awards, including Outstanding New Play and three Outer Critics Circle Awards, just to name a few. What does this mean to those who see it? A good time with great theater.

The story begins when Arty and Jay are put in their grandmother's care while their father goes off to sell scrap iron in the South. Grandma Kurnitz, played Elaine Grollman, star of the Canadian production of *Yonkers*, is an overbearing mother whose protective ways have turned her four children into losers. Personalities clash on stage as everyday life turns helplessly into a struggle of wits between the elderly woman and the two young men.

Other characters in the picture are Grandma's daughter Bella, played by Broadway star Dee Dee Friedman; Uncle Louie, played by Daniel Oreskes, and Stephen Singer as Arty and Jay's father, Eddie.

Lost In Yonkers is one of several acclaimed accomplishments by playwright Neil Simon. Simon's earlier works, such as *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Odd Couple* and *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, caught the loving eyes of harsh Broadway critics and audiences. Other Simon award-winners include the New York trilogy *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Biloxi Blues* and *Broadway Bound*.

Despite the trendy motion picturization of Simon's plays, the theatrical versions are just as exciting to watch. The road production of *Lost In Yonkers* brings together the original Broadway production team and promises to delight the entire Morrison Center audience.

Tickets for *Lost In Yonkers* cost \$33, \$29 and \$26 at Select-a-Seat outlets, and with all IJA Productions, Inc. plays, student tickets are half price on the day of the show with a BSU ID card.

The program begins at 8 p.m.

SCRAPE THOSE PETRIE DISHES!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME CULTURE!

New years call for new things. In this new year the Culture pages of *The Arbiter* will have space reserved for original works of poetry, short fiction (400 word limit) and maybe some visual arts (we can take photos of sculptures and such). We also need a couple new writers. If you have anything to offer, please stop by and talk to Jon Knapp or Dawn Kramer.

LINER NOTES

Music

Blues Bouquet 345-6605. 1010 Main. Doors open Mon-Sat, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Tue-Sat music by the Hoochie Coochie Men at 8:30 p.m., Tue-Thu and 9 p.m. Fri & Sat.

Crazy Horse 384-9330. 1519 W. Main. All ages welcome. All events cost \$5 at the door. Jan 21: Authentic live music by Hive with el dopamine and guest. Jan 22: The return of Graveltruck with King Pancake and Potato Potato.

Grainey's Basement 345-2955. 107 S. 6th. Open 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Ages 21 and over. Jan 19-22: Felt Neighbor.

Hannah's 345-7557. 621 W. Main. Doors open at 3 p.m. on weekdays, 5 p.m. weekends. Ages 21 and over. Wed nights are ladies' nights. Tue night: Suicide Clutch. Wed-Sat: Rocci and The Agents.

The Interlude 342-9593. 213 N. 8th St. Ages 21 and over after 9 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon-Sat and 10 a.m.-end of the game on Sun. Jan 20-21: Rhythm Mob. Jan 22: Boneflower and Splinter.

Koffee Klatsch 345-0452. 409 S. 8th. 18 and over after 9 p.m. No cover charge. All shows begin at 9 p.m. Jan 20: Acoustic trio Maria Tindal at 9 p.m. Jan 21: Acoustic rock by Greg Martinez and John Berryhill at 9 p.m. Jan 22: Folk and blues by Serious Casualties.

Neuroflux 343-0886. 111 N. 11th St. Ages 21 and over. Doors open at 9 p.m. Mon-Sat. Cover charges vary. Live DJ's every night. Jan. 18: Unplugged open mic jam. Jan. 19: Three Day Drunk with Tek Tek and Graveltruck. Jan. 20: DJ Timothy Timm, no cover. Jan. 21: DJ Tide, no cover. Jan. 22: Boneflower. Jan 24: Poetry readings. Jan. 25: Unplugged open mic. jam.

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. Mon night is blues night featuring Chicken Cordon Blues. Tues night is jazz night featuring Opus Pocus from 8:30 p.m.-close. Jan 19-22: Dread Beats.

Recitals

Faculty Artist Series 385-3980. Sponsored by the BSU department of music. All recitals held in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. Admission costs \$4 general, \$2 seniors and free to BSU students, faculty and staff. Jan. 21- and 23: Piano duo with Del Parkinson and Madeleine Hsu at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22: Percussionist John Baldwin at 7:30 p.m.

Concerts

Sawyer Brown 385-3535. With special guests Diamond Rio featuring Clay Walker. Tickets are available at Select-a-Seat for \$20 general admission and \$19 for BSU students, faculty and staff. The performance will be held Jan 21 in the Pavilion.

Theater & Musicals

Lost in Yonkers 385-3535. Presented by IJA Productions. Tickets cost \$33, \$29 and \$26 at Select-a-Seat. Student tickets are half price on the day of the show with a BSU ID. The performance begins at 8 p.m. on Jan 19 in the Morrison Center.

Spinoff 342-2000. Presented by Stage Coach Theatre. Tickets cost \$6 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. The comedy will begin at 8:15 p.m. on Thu-Sat and run through Jan. 29.

Art

A Booker's Dozen 385-1999. Located in the Hemingway Western Studies Center. Sponsored by the BSU department of art. Admission is free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The exhibit containing Idaho artists will be on display Jan. 1-31.

Compiled by Culture Editor Melanie Delon-Johnson.

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Guns N' Roses, Metallica and NWA authority is actively destructive, hence a crisis of legitimacy.

There is a disturbing lack of faith and direction in many songs. In "Revolution Calling," by Queensryche, the main character, who "once felt that only America's way was right," feels he can't trust the media, "has no love for

politicians," is tired of shady preachers' "bullshit," and feels "the holy dollar rules everybody's lives, gotta make a million doesn't matter who dies."

These dark views of government, authority and social degradation are the norm in which songs emit a feeling of helpless desperation, contrasted to '60s hopefulness. The authors seem captive in a world beyond their control or salvation, where life is reduced to an

intense, but empty, dark primal struggle.

Rock isn't dead and though the content of the message can be debated, the fact content exists cannot. Not unlike the boomers themselves, rock has grown up maturing into a balanced psyche of idealism tempered with a sense of realism.

This is rock today, after three decades of evolution; maybe it can't change the world, but it should at least try.



THANKS FOR THE CHALLENGE !

Many business and individuals issued challenges to BSU Radio members during the Fall '93 membership marathon. These challenges were responsible for raising over \$30,000 towards the \$125,000 goal.

As long-time BSU Radio members know, our radio service is a grass-roots operation, with the vast majority of our members supporting us at the \$60 level. That's why challenges are so important: they motivate large numbers of individuals to pledge their support at relatively modest levels. That's how we keep the "public" in public radio! Be sure to thank our challengers. . .

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Sports

No. 23 Broncos roll to easy wins

Scott Gere
Staff Writer

The Boise State women's basketball team is riding high this week.

After turning in a 66-54 win over Northern Arizona last Thursday, the Broncos crushed Weber State by a 28-point margin on Saturday.

Their recent success has culminated in a few indicators of the team's talent.

First, BSU is ranked 23rd in the Associated Press women's basketball poll, based on their performance so far in the season (12-2 overall, 2-0

in Big Sky Conference play).

The Broncos are riding a seven-game winning streak, including a win against a ranked team (Western Kentucky) and wins against two Pac-10 Conference teams.

Second, last weekend's games were conference competitions and both were on the road, making them even more important.

Boise State is currently even with Montana—ranked 22nd in the nation—for the Big Sky lead at a perfect 2-0.

Third, the women are getting solid performances on both ends of

the court and from every player.

Offensively, the team has been productive, shooting a conference-leading 44 percent from the field.

Defensively, BSU has held their opponents to under 35 percent shooting for several games.

Individually, the players are shining as well.

Tricia Bader, the Bronco's 5-foot-4 point guard, led the team in scoring against Weber State, racking up 19 points.

She also swiped six steals from the Wildcats and in Thursday's game she pulled down an impres-

sive 16 rebounds to lead both squads.

All-American center Lydia Varbanova scored 19 points against NAU with 9 of 11 shooting from the field and added 17 more against Weber State on 8 of 12 shooting, tying teammate Angie Evans to lead BSU scorers.

The Broncos, who have spent a big portion of this season on the road, return to the Pavilion Wednesday for a 7 p.m. game against Eastern Washington, then hit the road to Pocatello to take on Idaho State.

Men's track team opens big

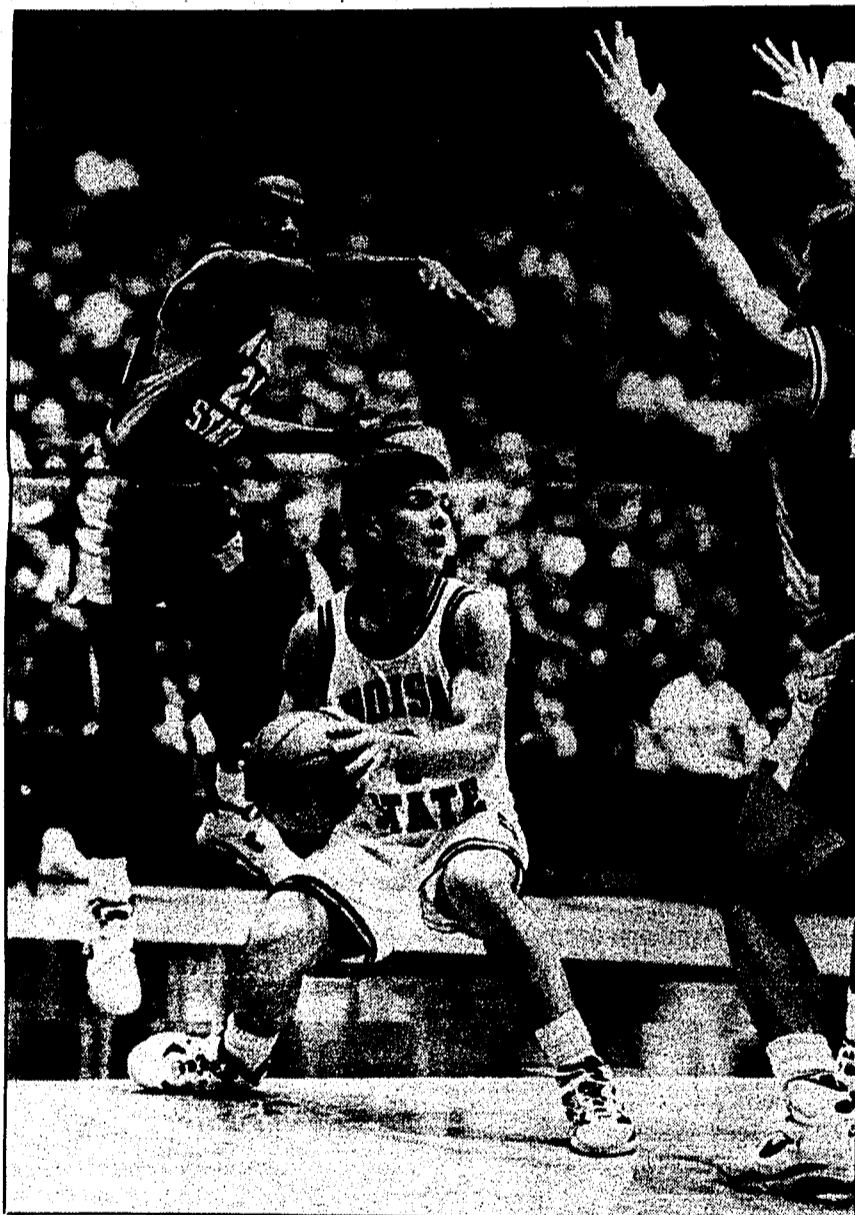
The BSU men's indoor track team started its season off right last Friday with a win over Idaho State in a dual meet.

The Broncos, led by dual wins from Chuck McTheny and Kerry Lawyer, beat the Bengals in Pocatello 85-76. On the women's side, ISU edged past BSU 71-65.

McTheny took first in the shot with a throw of 57 feet, 8 inches, and the 35-pound weight throw with a distance of 50-01/2.

Lawyer also won a pair of events, including a leap of 24-3 to win the long jump, and the 55-meter sprint with a time of 6.38 seconds. The Broncos also received wins from Richard Lee, who won the mile with a time of 4 minutes, 16.79 seconds, Jake Miller the 55-meter hurdles (7.85 seconds), Dave Stuart the triple jump (49-6), Walter Reed in the 200 (21.77), Brad Abbot the pole vault (16-6), Jon DeBerry the high jump (7-2).

For the women's team, Rubye Jones grabbed first place in the long jump with a leap of 18-11 3/4, Tosha Bailey the 55-meter hurdles (8.36), Ruth Brown in the 55-meter (7.26), Julie Jenkins won the high jump (5-7), Marti Arguelles the 400 (58.02), Jovita Davis the 200 (25.63), and Abigail Ferguson in the triple jump (40-2 3/4).



BSU guard Greg Lords looks for a pass against a pair of Weber State defenders on Saturday.

BSU splits Big Sky opener

Scott Samples
Sports Editor

Last year the BSU men's basketball team started off its conference season with a 1-1 split in its first two games. That team went on to win the Big Sky Conference tournament and advance to the NCAA tournament.

This year's squad started off the season in an identical fashion, after losing to Northern Arizona 74-62 on Thursday, then dropping Weber State 73-67 Saturday night.

Now the Broncos are hoping history will repeat itself.

But Boise State looked like it was in trouble going into last Saturday's game against Weber State after they fell to NAU in the season opener.

"Huge win," center John Coker said after the Weber State game. "It was a huge win for us."

The fact that BSU walked away from the weekend at 1-1 may not have come to a big surprise to many—after all, the team has been hit hard with injuries to starting guard Damon Archibald, as well as forwards Phil Rodman and Jason Sherrill.

But when the Broncos were thumped by traditional cellar-dweller

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Gymnasts ready for season

Scott Samples
Sports Editor

In a battle of the ages, the BSU gymnastics team of today upended a team of gymnasts from the past.

Boise State head coach Yvonne "Sam" Sandmire said about 50 former gymnasts and all but two ex-coaches showed up for Saturday's competition/reunion.

"It was a neat meet. It was really fun," Sandmire said.

The 1994 version of the team scored 186.65 points to beat the alumni squad, which racked up a total of 180.55.

Julie Wagner, a junior who took All-

American honors last year, won the all-around competition with a score of 37.8. Sophomore Leslie Mott finished second with a 37.75 and another sophomore, Amy Temcio had a 36.8.

Sandmire said her team looked fairly good in its first competition in front of judges and a crowd.

"I'm excited for the season. In most cases [the gymnasts] did as well or better than they've been practicing," Sandmire said.

Boise State is a relatively young team, with no seniors on the roster. But the Broncos are loaded with experience, a core of

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SPORTS LINEUP

Men's Basketball

Fri.—BSU at Idaho State, 7:35 p.m.
Sat.—BSU hosts Sacramento State, 7:35 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Women's basketball

Wed.—BSU hosts E. Washington, 7 p.m. at the Pavilion.
Sat.—BSU at Idaho State, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics

Fri.—BSU at the Husky Classic, in Seattle.
Sat.—BSU at George Lewis Invitational at Seattle Pacific.

Wrestling

Fri.—BSU hosts Portland State, 7 p.m., at Bronco Gym
Sat.—BSU hosts Oregon, 5 p.m., at Bronco Gym

Sports

Super Joe still working football miracles

The second coming is at hand, and the football messiah has returned.

His name, of course, is Joe Montana.

This is the only logical conclusion that I can come to after watching the legendary quarterback lead the Kansas City Chiefs past the favored Houston Oilers on Sunday.

Montana has always had a certain element of mystique about him, but often it was assigned to the team he played for — the San Francisco 49ers.

But now, that team is gone.

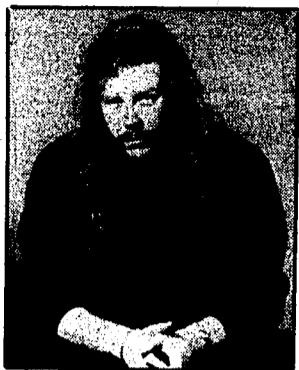
His phenomenal corps of

receivers is gone, certain Hall of Famer Jerry Rice included.

He's left with a team that has done well but not great and with men downfield who have one hand of glue and another of stone — not a consistent combination.

But wise moves by the Chiefs management led to the acquisition of Montana and running back Marcus Allen from the Los Angeles Raiders, which has put the Chiefs in position for a shot at the Superbowl.

Both Montana and Allen — a pair of old veterans who know how to win the big game — proved their



Scott Gere

worth on Sunday, but it was Joe's performance that outshined all else.

Playing with a broken rib from the previous week-

end's overtime win against the Pittsburgh Steelers, the quarterback operated his offense through the pain and through the fumbled passes and through the blindside sacks.

And won.

You can't help but admire the man who, over the years, has symbolized the All-American guy of the National Football League.

He's Super Joe, a man who has symbolized grace under fire. He has led his teams to come-from-behind victories in the fourth quarter nearly 30 times.

At 37 years of age, he's certainly no youngster any-

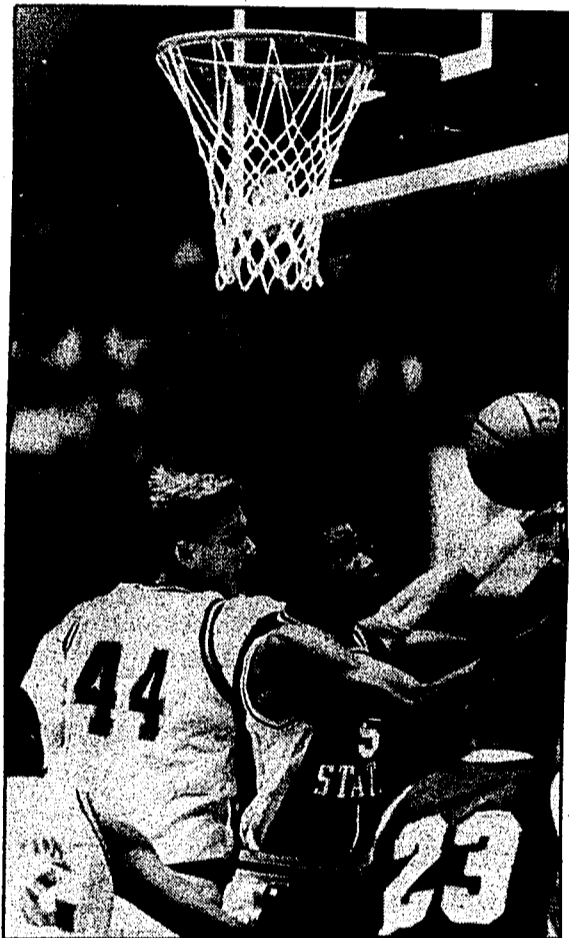
more, but his dedication to the game and his team is obvious.

He's led what was commonly considered the greatest team in the NFL — the 49ers — to four Superbowl titles.

And now Montana has the chance to lead again — this time a team that has made regular playoff appearances but has not made it beyond their conference in over 20 years.

As many prognosticators will tell you, the Chiefs are a relative long shot.

But Joe works miracles. Just ask any defense that's ever faced him.



John Coker (44), battles for a rebound against WSU's Kirk Smith Saturday night.

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NAU, then came back to beat a 10-6 Wildcat team that boasted wins over Utah and Utah State, it may have come as a surprise to some.

"That's a tough one, losing at home to Northern Arizona," Coker said. But he also added that the Lumberjacks seemed to have a stronger team than they usually do.

A big part of the BSU turnaround could be credited to the resurgence of Archibald, who played sparingly in Thursday's game but started Saturday and played for 30 minutes.

Archibald, who broke his shooting wrist earlier in the season, still can't shoot properly. Still, against WSU he made 4 of 7 underhanded free throws (the only way he can shoot from the line) and was 3 for 9 from the floor, including a 3-pointer that touched off a BSU run.

"I think he brings a confidence we so desperately need," BSU head coach Bobby Dye said.

The win should give the Broncos some confidence going into this weekend's game on the road against Idaho State—a team that knocked off both Weber State and Northern Arizona at home last week.

A win there would be big for the Broncos, but Dye knows it's still early.

"(There's) a long way to go. Fourteen conference games. I think you just gotta try to get ready," Dye said. "It's a very boring term, but it's one game at a time."

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strong juniors including Wagner, Jennifer Martin, and Karrie Swanson. Added to that is redshirt sophomore Leslie Mott and sophomore Amy Temcio, who had a big freshman year last season.

The alumni meet provided the Broncos with an opportunity to give this year's team a chance to see how it would respond to the new scoring system implemented this year. Sandmire said the scoring changes every four years, making it harder to get a good score.

"Just because the scores won't be as high, that doesn't mean we're not as good a team," she said.

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Young Life 101
Sunday nights, 8:30 pm-9:30 pm
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Alpha Kappa Psi
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Thursday, Feb. 3, 7 pm
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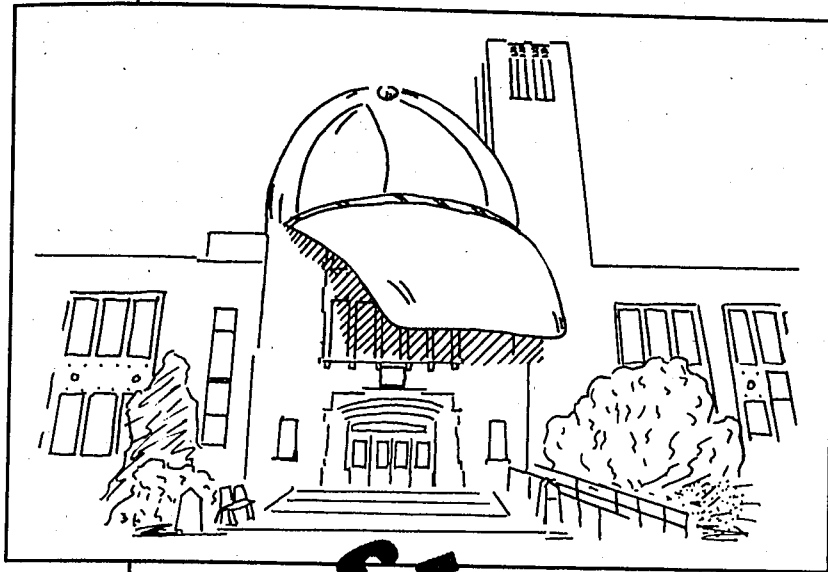
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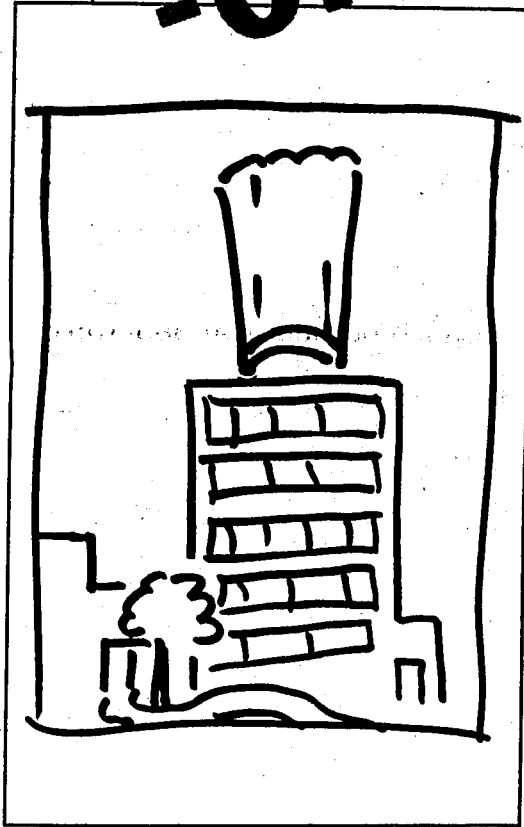
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Above, an artist's rendition of the administration-sponsored baseball enrollment cap.

Left, an elegant chef's hat capping the Education Building is favored by the ASBSU for both its monumental height, as well as its association with high-quality foodservice.

Cap That Campus!

By Corky Hansen
Chupamedia

If all goes as planned, an enrollment cap could be seen on the BSU campus as early as the fall semester of 1995.

The State Board of Education voted to allow Idaho's fastest-growing university to implement an on-campus cap as soon as the BSU administration is able to work out the details, BSU officials said last week.

Controversy about a possible cap built a full head of steam last year as administrators grappled with the responsibility of installing a cap in such a way that the needs of everyone would be met.

"We figured all along that we would be putting in some kind of cap—now we have to decide what kind of cap it will be," BSU President Chuck Rook said.

A committee of administrators, faculty, staff, students and anyone born on Feb. 29 of a leap year will determine what kind of cap will best serve the university. According to BSU officials the committee will recommend a type of cap, and the part of campus it should cover.

The committee, chaired by Bonnie Hatt, will also attempt to determine the exact age of each of those born on Feb. 29 of a leap year. ASBSU officials argued that Hatt was not qualified to head the committee, but the BSU administration said Hatt

is qualified despite the fact that she will not be 12 years old until Feb. 29, 1996.

Officials said the committee will not be swayed by the well-publicized debate last year between student government officials and the BSU administration over the style of cap that will eventually be implemented on the BSU campus.

However, Hatt said the committee will study the caps proposed by the two groups before making its recommendation.

According to Hatt, the BSU administration advocated a baseball cap be placed on top of the Administration Building. BSU officials said a marquee on the cap would display enrollment information for passersby.

The ASBSU government, while conceding the practicality of the "marquee logo," proposed a giant chef's style hat be placed on top of the Education Building. The addition would make the building Idaho's tallest, and bring notoriety to the university, ASBSU Resident PJ Martian said.

BSU administrators said a giant baseball cap placed on the Administration Building would be of more worth to students. The cap's bill would be placed over the east entrance of the building, which would shelter from the rain and snow those students who must stand in line all night during registration to get the classes they need.

Poll: BSU Headed By Neat Chief

-Students Reel In Horror-

Corky Hansen
Mama's boy

After one year as BSU president, all sources indicate that Chuck Rook is a neat guy.

In a poll conducted among students, faculty, staff and people who hang out in the SUB on Friday nights, those asked responded almost unanimously that Rook is a neat guy.

"I think this is a sound indication that people think Chuck Rook is a neat guy," Institutional Research Director Boris Schmeltheimer said last week.

When asked to respond

to the results of the poll, Rook shrugged his shoulders and smiled. Executive Office coordinators confirmed that Rook uses the non-verbal message when "he thinks something is neat."

Schmeltheimer said the neatest result of the poll, other than the 46 percent who were able to pronounce Rook's name correctly, was that almost everyone knew who he was.

Almost 85 percent claimed personal acquaintanceship with Rook, the highest figure of any BSU president. About 99 percent of those who hang out in the SUB on Friday nights claimed to know the presi-



Rook

dent. Although researchers suspect the testimonies to be exaggerated, they praised the SUB patrons for adding color to the survey, and called the testimonies "noble—absolutely neat."

"These declarations demonstrate that Chuck

-Investigations Planned-

Rook is a neat, neat guy," Schmeltheimer said.

An investigation is under way, however, to confirm the testimonies of several Friday night SUB patrons, who said President Rook can be found on almost any given Friday night playing pinball in the SUB.

"That Chuck guy is always here," said one SUB frequenter. "One night he beat me in pool—only he called it 'billiards'—and then he didn't even take my money. He's a neat guy."

Investigators said they have little to go on, other than the testimonies and the phrase "Administrative Cuts Suck" scrawled on the wall

of the men's room near the bowling center. They said the result of the investigation would not detract from the president's status as a neat guy.

"I would think that it was neat that he would spend time fraternizing in the SUB," Schmeltheimer said.

According to Schmeltheimer, a follow-up poll is planned for later this year. Researchers expect the poll to prove that Rook is a "neat, neat guy."

"The results of this poll have led us to believe that 'neat' doesn't even quite describe President Rook," Schmeltheimer said.

SUB Serenity Spoiled By Cereal Scuffle

Corky Hansen
Schmuck

A war has broken out in the SUB, as two campus factions battle over a planned change in the morning menu at Maggie's Café.

A group was formed by students last fall in reaction to SUB officials, who planned to change the menu to offer only hot cereal in the café between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

"We appreciate their concern over student health, but this [menu change] is definitely not in the best interests of most students," said BSU student Anthony Katt, who organized Patrons Opposed to Porridge last fall to lobby against the proposed menu changes.

SUB Director Dreg Blazing said pressure from the BSU student government to contain costs at Maggie's

forced the change to a one-meal menu for each of the morning, midday and evening blocks. When officials were informed that the student government was merely joking about cost containment, they said since the change was already in place, "What the hell—why send out another memo?"

Blazing said they were encouraged when a group of students in favor of the menu change jumped into the fight also. Shortly after POP was formed last fall, Students Not Against Porridge was organized in the hope of "informing students about the positive effects of a well-balanced meal to begin the day," said SNAP spokeswoman Millie Goode.

Blazing said the group, although not completely in favor of a one-meal menu, did not discount the value of hot cereal on a cold morning.

"There are many students who come to campus looking for something to warm their stomachs before class on a cold morning—it's good to see some of them speaking out," he said.

According to Blazing, they opted for hot cereal because it is rich in nutrients, despite the study done last fall in Iowa documenting that over 45 percent of all hot cereal must be scraped from the roof of one's mouth before it is consumed.

But Blazing said their decision is by no means final.

"We've only begun to study this issue," he said.

BSU administrators said a committee chosen from among administrators, faculty, staff, students and people who refuse to read the information on cereal boxes while they eat breakfast will serve as mediator to settle the

dispute between SNAP and POP.

"We've decided to let a third party come between the two groups. Hopefully they'll help SNAP and POP settle their differences," administrators said.

The Customer Rights Administrative/Cooperative League will attempt to determine if hot cereal will be best for SUB patrons.

"What we want is for these three groups to come together and decide what we should serve during the morning hours in the SUB. We're confident that with SNAP, CRACL and POP on the case, this breakfast controversy can be solved very soon," administrators said.

According to officials, SNAP, CRACL and POP will meet in Hatch A of the SUB every morning next week. Interested students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

Frameup,
Or Blatant
Betrayal?

The Secret Shame!!!

Corky Hansen
That crazy kid

"From the Root" readers everywhere were rocked last week by a scandal involving "Root" columnist Jon Knapp.

Last week the a freelance photographer captured the avowed conservationist and vegetarian chowing down on a Big Mac® with extra cheese at McDonalds®.

Sources close to Knapp said they suspect foul play, citing threats Knapp received from enraged members of the beef-eating community after his column hit the newsstands last fall.

In the Sept. 14 article Knapp stated, among other things, that "the Earth's 1.28 billion cattle, and the humans who breed and consume them, pose one of the largest threats to the environment the

Earth now faces."

"It's obvious that Jon was set up somehow—why, the entire ordeal wouldn't make sense otherwise," said one of Knapp's close friends, who requested anonymity.

But leaders of the Idaho Cowpoke Association said Knapp simply was convinced of his error concerning red meat and the beef industry.

"Hey, we know that Jon and us have had our differences in the past, but the kid tried to clear things up the best he could," ICA President Redd Stakers said.

The ICA produced a retraction letter, type-written and apparently signed by Knapp, in which he confessed that he always has been a beef-eater, that he adores beef and that he even had a cow as a pet before sending it to the slaughterhouse. In the letter

Knapp also stated that he pretended to practice vegetarianism simply "to get chicks."

Despite the apparent validity of the letter, those close to Knapp persist with their charges of foul play.

"I refuse to believe that Jon has been eating red meat behind my back," said a close friend, who

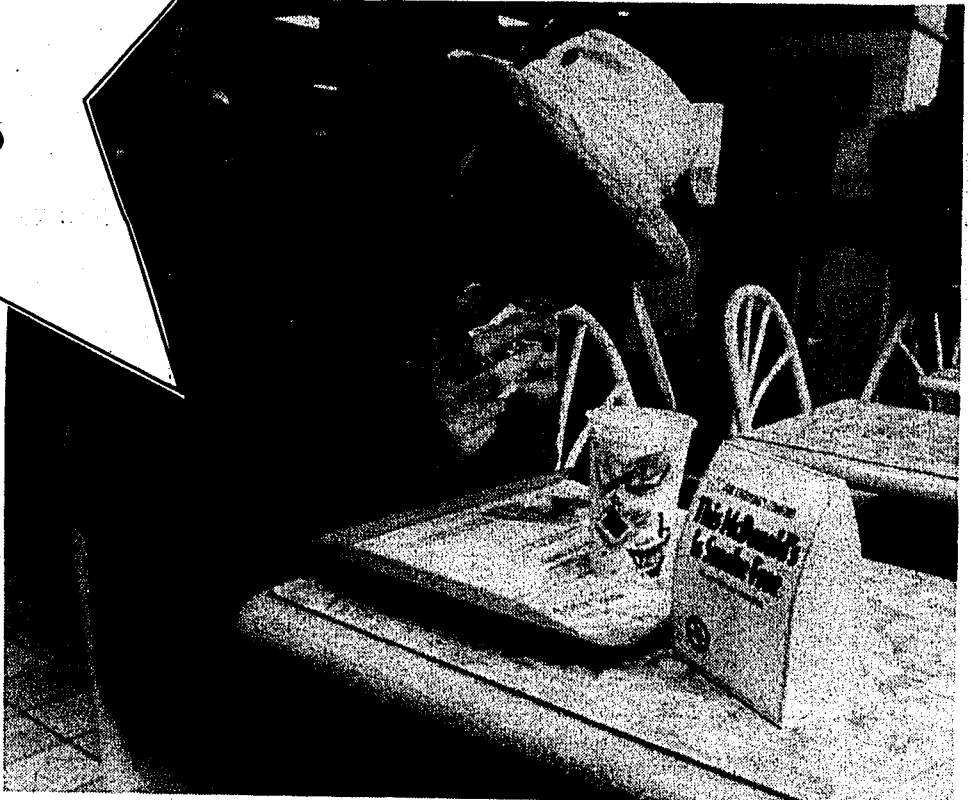
consented to an interview on the condition of anonymity.

But the photograph taken of Knapp in McDonalds® remains solid evidence that he simply made public his true feelings regarding the consumption of red meat.

Knapp refused to comment on the situation.

According to the photographer who photographed the columnist, Knapp was singing the following jingle as he sped away from the McDonalds® parking lot: "1.28 billion cows in the world, 1.28 billion cows, shoot one down, eat it shredded or ground, 1,279,999,999 cows in the world..."

Eco-Stud Caught Red Handed With Fist Full Of Red Meat!



Potato/Shawna Hanel

Researchers Uncover Truth Behind Dancing

Hollie Blankenship
Wall Flower

Recent studies show that a person's dance skills are directly related

to his/her sex life.

The BSU Sociology Department used a \$900,000 grant from MoTown Records to conduct a year-long study dealing with the connection between how people dance and ... well, what they do when the clubs close for the night.

The accuracy of this theory was proven by campus professors Bertie and Gertie Wilson. The professors consented to an interview and a demonstration of their theory at a

local nightclub.

"Too much hip action ... not enough in the shoulder," critiqued the experts upon studying the dance floor.

"I wouldn't want anything to do with a guy that dances like that," Gertie said, referring to the guy who couldn't keep a beat. "Guys like that don't know the first thing about ... well, you know."

When asked about if a person simply didn't like to dance, Bertie

and Gertie replied through uncontrolled laughter, "Then I definitely would never date that person."

Bertie said while attending certain nightclubs over the holiday season she conducted studies unbeknownst to those being studied.

"For the record, and my mother's peace of mind, these studies may be inconclusive since I never did actually go home with or have any Biblical knowledge of those studied," Bertie said.

I've Learned The Error Of My Ways

On Jan. 1, old calendars are replaced with new ones. Quite often old ideas are also replaced with the new as we have learned from our previous year's successes and failures. The New Year is the perfect time to reevaluate every belief which forms our world view.

I have examined my beliefs the past two weeks and was literally appalled by some of the things I had written last semester in this column. So, ashamedly, I write this article to correct the damaging, libelous, outlandish ideas I tried to lavish upon all of your exam-weary minds. And, hopefully, you will have the grace and compassion to accept me back into the fold of the Enlightened (including the Democratic Party which my family has been members of for generations).

Yes, I am guilty of trying to

by Delmar Stoned

lead thousands of you astray into that self-righteous camp of chubby Limbaugh fans called conservatism. I don't know why I didn't see the light after several of you pointed out my erroneous ways.

But, why dwell in the past? I made a mistake. I am sorry, and I know I have your forgiveness because, hey, we all know how accepting liberals are. It feels good to be part of this ever-growing mass of Americans and to be able to proudly watch my president on each news broadcast (I was once ashamed).

Now, I must begin my duties of educating the misled moral majority of conservatives/Republicans in this most majestic state. I will attempt every other week to present the TRUTH on environmental issues

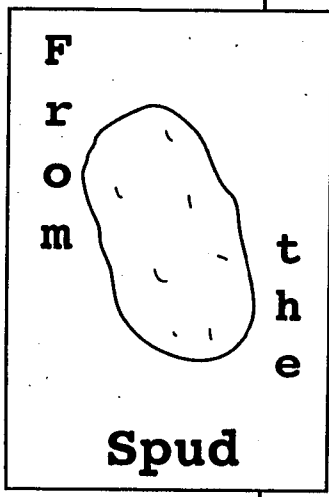
facing this Mother Earth of ours. It is a large and almost overwhelming task but I shall rise up like the sun and shine increasingly more knowledge and wisdom upon all of you with each and every column.

As you can well guess, my mind is still filled with the rotten selfishness of my former ways so I must completely reeducate myself. I would appreciate your help. I know I shall suffer much pain the coming weeks and I realize more and more just how disillusioned I have been.

In conclusion, I would like to offer a few bits of knowledge I have been able to acquire the past two weeks that will greatly benefit you in becoming a caring environmental-conscious citizen. First, I recommend that each of you watch the network news daily and pay close attention to the

environmental reports—what Brokaw, Rather, Jennings and Chung say is *gospel*. You can trust them. Second, protest the Mountain Home Bombing Range in any way you can; this is the time to do it. It will do unspeakable things to our desert and we must not allow it. We no longer even need the Air Force let alone another bombing range. Third, join the Sierra Club or Greenpeace. That one simple act will do miracles in helping you to sleep peacefully at night (I know. I was once an insomniac).

May we all be one with Mother Earth in this New Year.



Eco-freaks Mean End To Civilization

Few smells in the world compare to the beautiful potpourri blend of clear-cut old-growth forest air with a delicate mixture of bulldozer exhaust, diesel fumes, and Brut cologne. Whenever I have the fortune of encountering this elegant aroma, I take a deep breath and remember that it may be my last chance to smell that sweet smell. You may not be aware of it, but radical eco-freaks work day and night in darkened basement offices to deny every American's basic right to destroy.

These groups go by many names: Greenpiece, the Idaho Constipation League, the World Wildwoman Federation and others. But do not be deceived by this deliberate effort to confuse the public about their true nature and identity, for they all share the same common goals and values which are so contrary to our way

by Jon Krapp

of life that they present a direct threat to America's most treasured icons, especially Credit Cards, Shopping Malls and our most holy Automobile.

First of all, they assume that living things have intrinsic value. How absurd! Economists long ago proved that nothing is worth anything unless it can be sold in the sacred shrine of the Marketplace. To suggest otherwise borders on blasphemy. Thank God the media remains in Corporate hands; otherwise, this idea might spread.

Unfortunately, they don't stop there. These kooks also think that we should not only value life, but *love* nature. This not only directly contradicts basic Capitalist teaching (which wisely instructs us to love nothing but

money), but is a direct affront to the word of God. We need only turn to 1 John 2:15 which reads, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." From this we know not only that God is *not* an environmentalist, but also that environmentalists, whom God does not love, will go to Hell. Nothing could be more clear.

But both of these horrifying facts are the least of the threat they pose. What every red-blooded Bank-fearing American must realize about these economic perverts is that they are part of a centrally controlled international conspiracy funded by the Tibetan government. Their insidious plan calls for, among other things: the inclusion of women in the human race, teaching the

"reverse missionary position"

as a moral and healthy sexual alternative and an end to welfare payments to defense contractors. They even hope to keep people (men and women) from the healthy influence of Corporate advertising (as if they know what to think!). Surely all will recognize that if they succeed in their aims, they will destroy America as we know it.

It nearly brings me to tears to think that my forefathers, who killed to make this country great, may have killed in vain. The dreams that inspired their hard work and violence are, as I write these words, being bent and twisted and finally destroyed by an irresponsible band of moral hooligans. Those eco-freaks must be stopped at any cost.



The Potato

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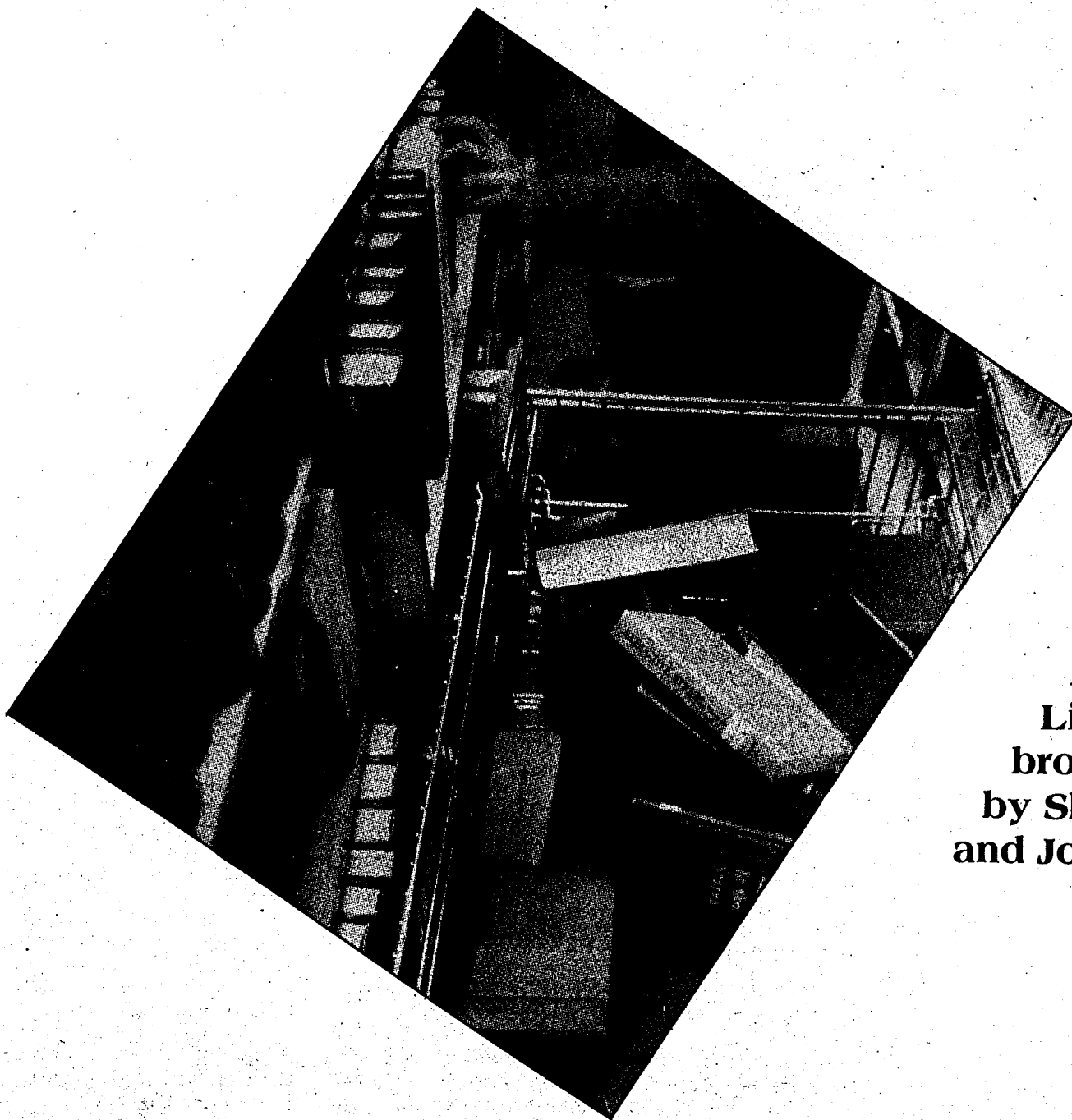
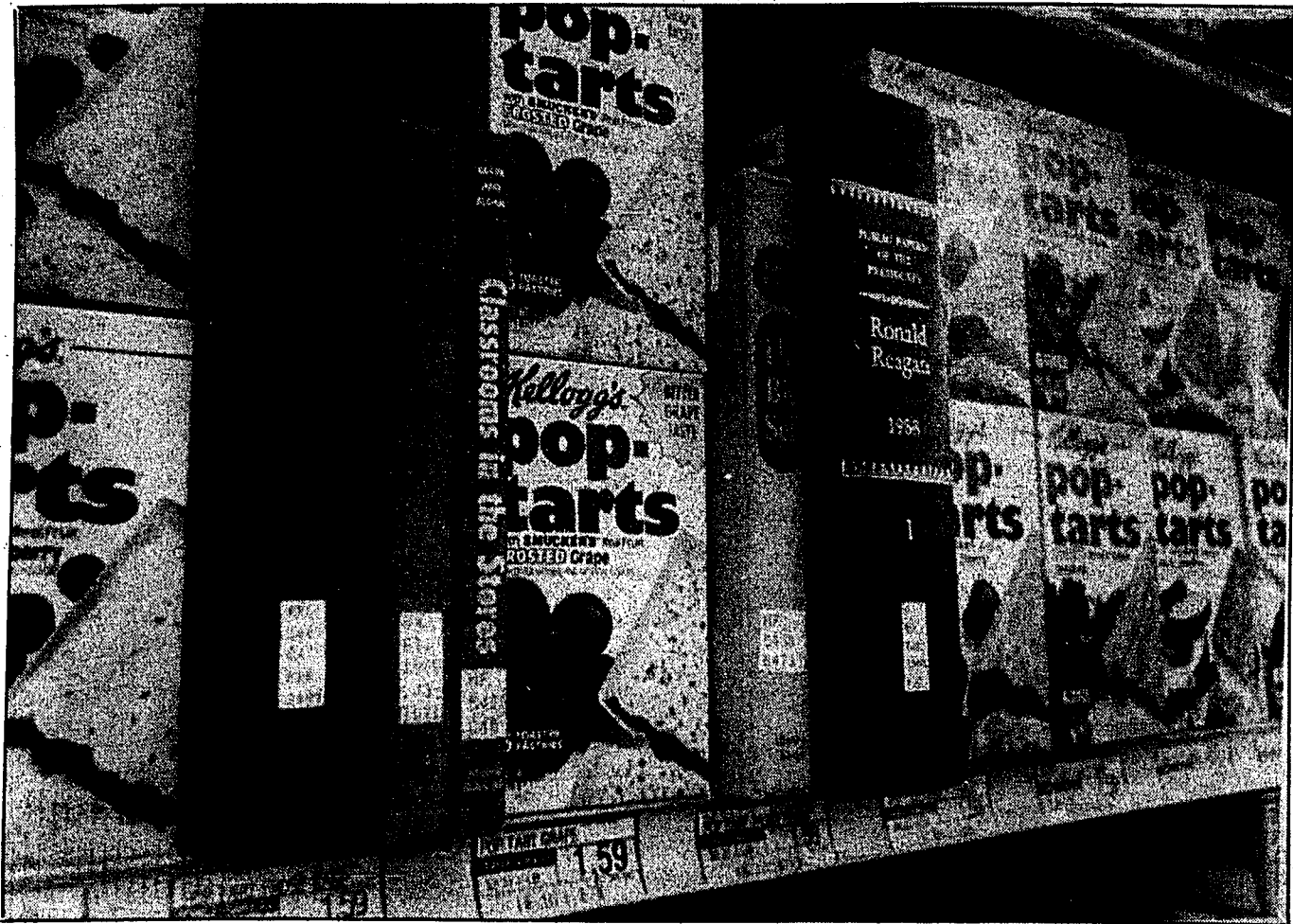
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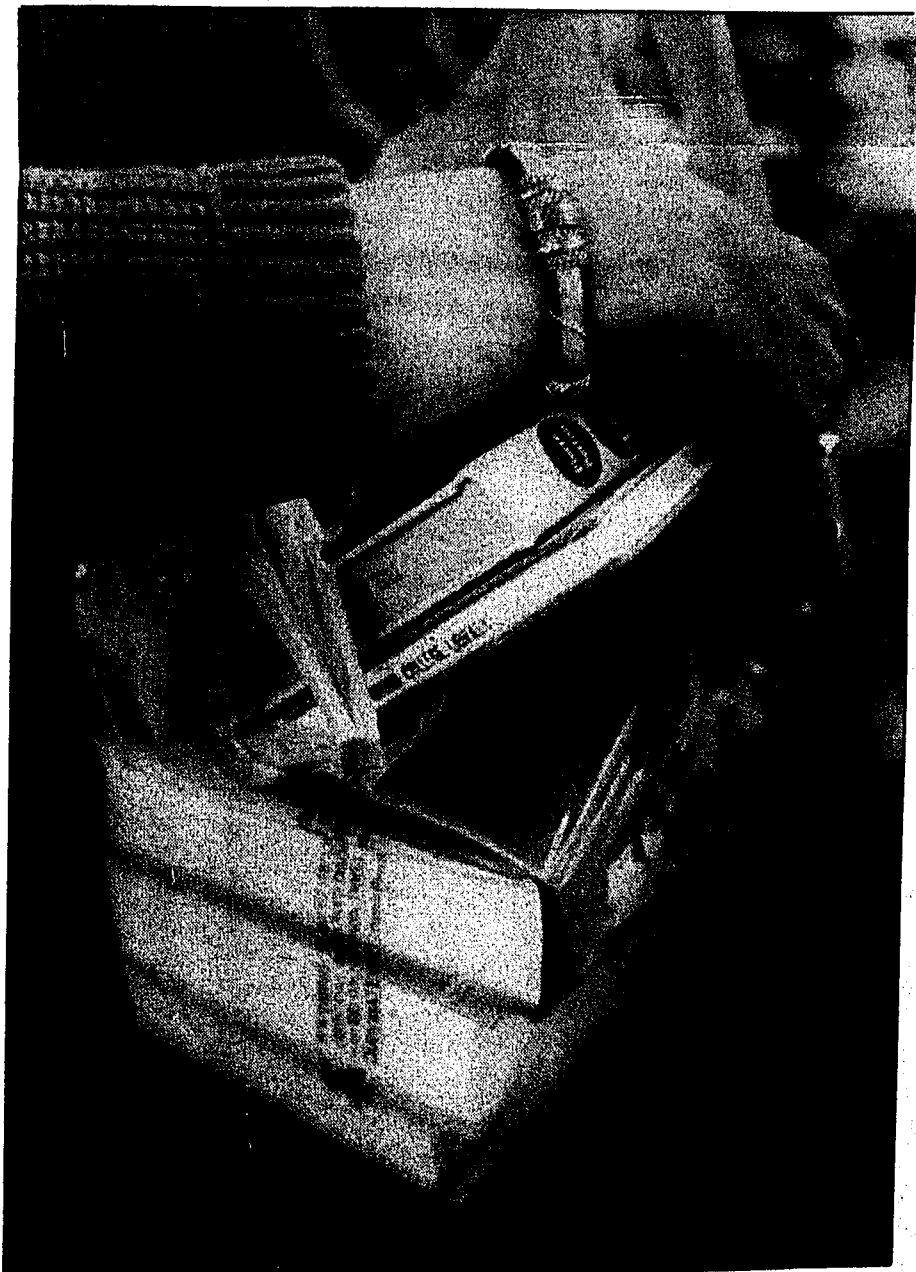
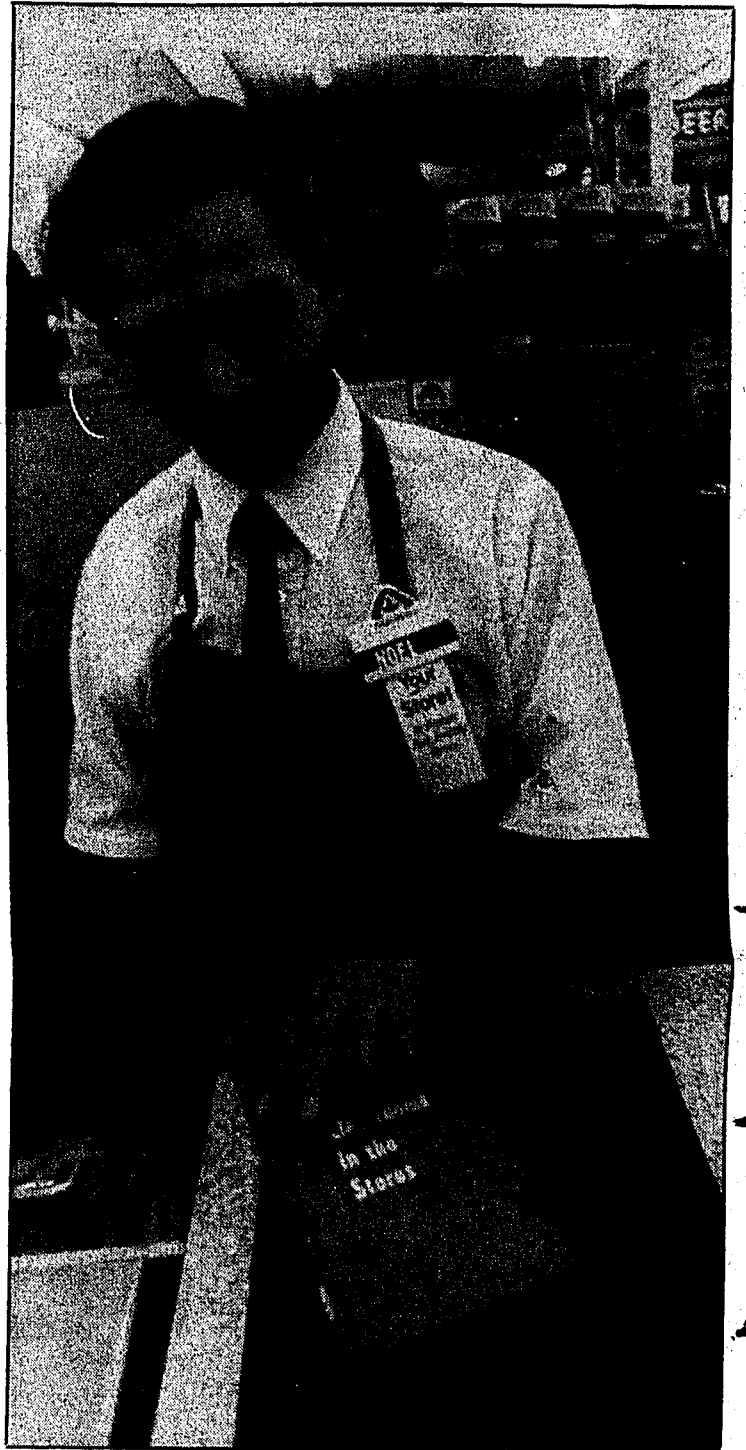
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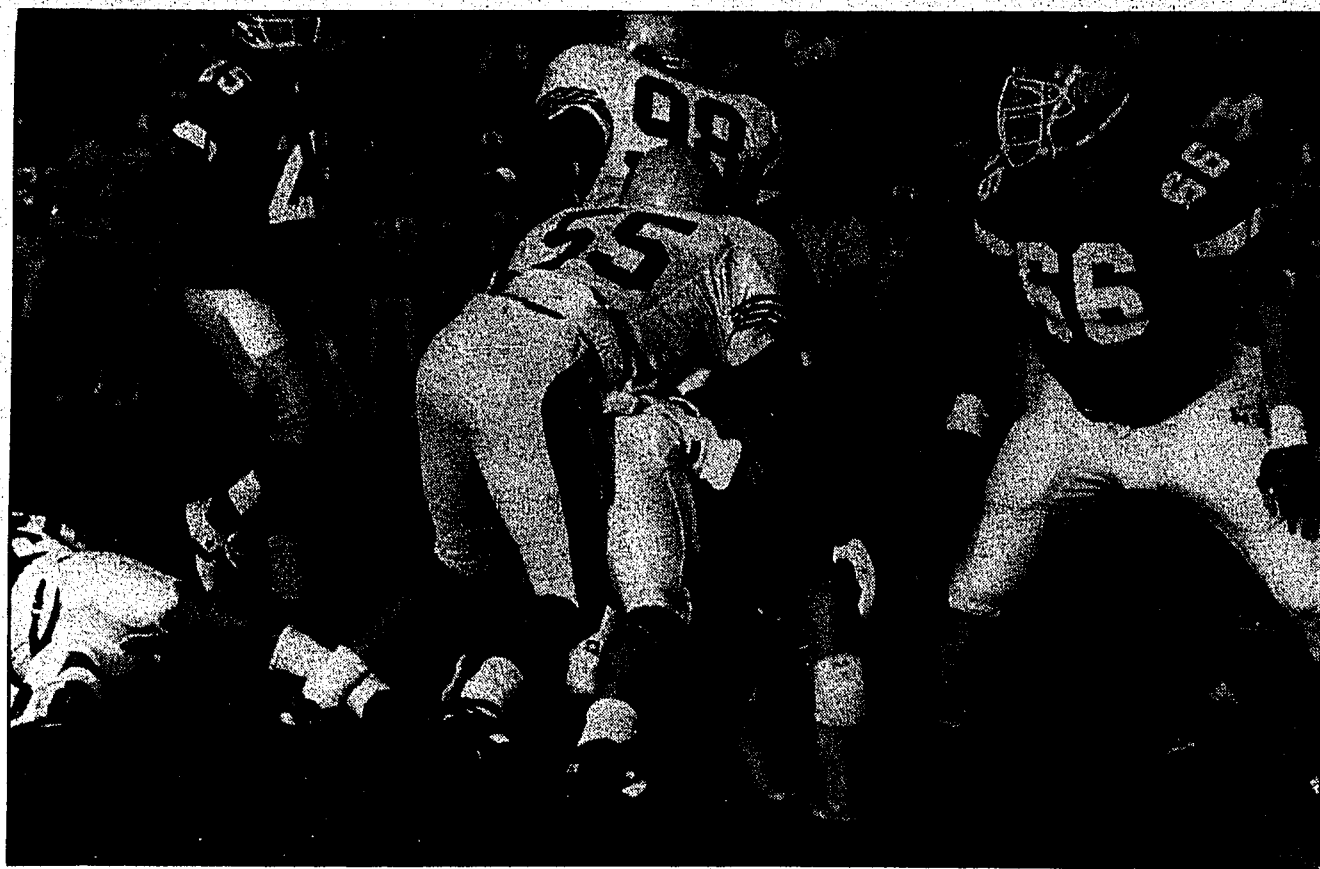


Photo by Shawn

Things like this won't be tolerated under Boise State's new guidelines.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy Hits Boise State Athletics

Lance Manion
Sports Dork

In a move that stunned much of Idaho, the Boise State athletic department has implemented a "don't ask, don't tell" policy that closely resembles the U.S. military's new guidelines.

"We felt that, if President Clinton's can allow homosexuals in the Army, we can let them play

sports. It was something that just had to be done," a university spokesman said sometime last week. "We're a very progressive university, despite our conservative reputation."

The "conservative reputation" the spokesman spoke of came in the form of several right-wing folks who were seriously miffed by the announcement.

"We're seriously miffed

by this announcement," a right-wing spokesman with ties to a local church said in a statement last week. "Damn those liberal bastards! Damn them all to hell!"

P. Allyn, Boise State's football coach, said he didn't particularly care if a player was gay or not, as long as they could "knock hell out of some Idaho bastards."

But some players weren't that happy with the decision.

"This isn't just a game, it's warfare. How do I know I can trust one of...them...on the line of scrimmage with me?" a BSU football player, who understandably asked to be unidentified, said. "Plus, it makes the locker room an uncomfortable place, don't you know?"

BSU Coach Lands Role In New Flick

Honey Boy Wilson
Sports Dink

Boise is a long way from Hollywood, but BSU basketball head coach Bob Die closed the gap this year.

Die, the head coach at Boise State for a long, long time, recently made an appearance in the big basketball movie "Blue Chips."

The movie, which stars Nick Nolte and over-exposed, over-paid NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, is about a basketball team and a basketball coach and a basketball player.

It's a basketball movie, but little else is really known.

Die plays a mean coach who makes funny faces

when O'Neal dunks on his players. Dye, usually the model of restraint at BSU games, said he studied character acting for his first movie role.

"It was cool, daddy-o. I mean, it was rad," Die, who spent a lot of time in Los Angeles shooting the film, said. "Groovy. Shaq-daddy was totally phat."

Die refused to comment anymore on the movie, but did say that he will be singing backup vocals on O'Neal's next rap album, which is called *Money Makes Me Happy*, under the alias of "Rap Master B".

"I just love to rap," Rap Master B said. "Shaq-daddy said I got the moves to groove. Or something like that."

Jordan Wants To See Stars

Former NBA Star Wants To Join NASA, Fly Shuttle

Mr. Scott
Sports Geek-in-Chief

Michael Jordan hasn't handled his retirement very well.

Jordan, who stunned the NBA and the world last October with the announcement that he was going to quit professional basketball and become a poker dealer in Atlantic City, has changed his mind—sort of.

Jordan, apparently thinking he can play baseball just because he's Michael Jordan, wanted to play for the Chicago White Sox.

"We don't want him," a White Sox personnel director whose name we can't spell said.

So, Jordan has decided to find yet another occupation—NASA.

"Well, they've always called me 'Air' Jordan, so I figured, hell, I'll be 'Outerspace' Jordan now, the 30-something ex-basketball demi-god said in an exclusive interview with the *Potato* late Sunday night over Weinhard's and Cheese Doodles.

"I have confidence I can be an astronaut. If I can win three titles back-to-back-to-back, I can repair the Hubble telescope," His Airness said.

Officials at NASA, like the White Sox brass, say Jordan should stick with soaring through the air and dunking basketballs than with walking in space.

"We don't want him," a NASA official, who requested anonymity because he was a paranoid-schizophrenic, said.

Jordan insists NASA wants him to "come fly with them" and he intends to do just that.

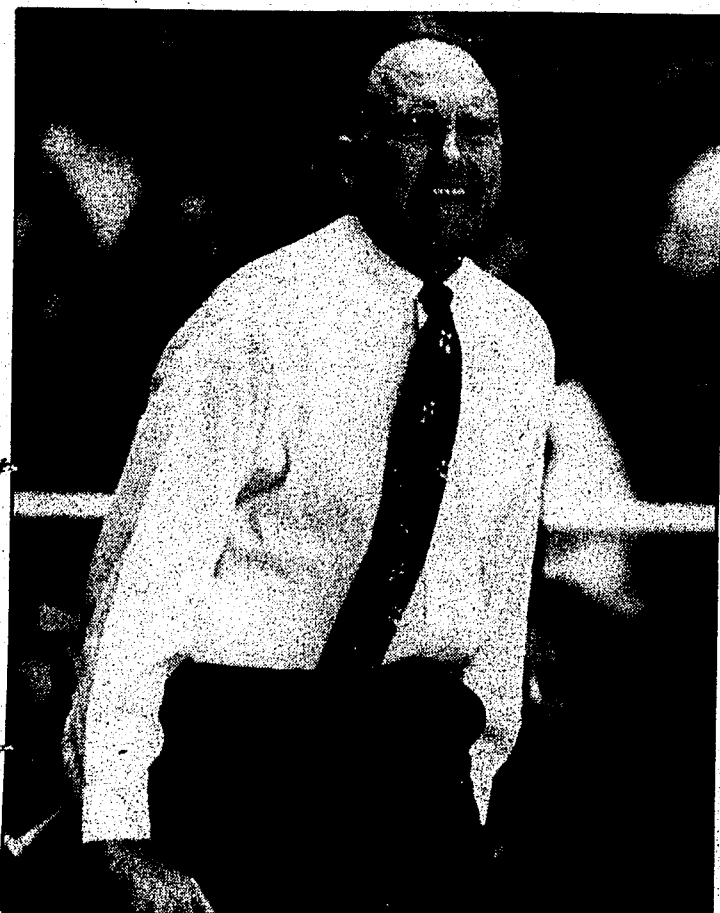
But rumor has it that Jordan wants to be aboard the next space shuttle not to see stars, but because he owes Phoenix Suns' star Charles Barkley \$35 million in debts incurred after a couple rounds of golf.

"I'll kill him," Barkley said. "I'll kill him dead."

Jordan denies the rumors, saying Barkley can "kiss my rich butt."

To the moon, Michael. To the moon.

The *Potato's* Lesser Being Reporter S. Larkin Gear contributed to this article. It was his idea, actually.



Bob Die