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Students of Boise State University
re-thinking tenure

Will the job security that dates back to 1900 be modified for the next century?
Editorial

Freedom of the press is an endangered right

Last week media critic Michael Parenti spoke about "The Myth of the Liberal Media" in the Student Union Building. The audience was matter-of-factly told that freedom of the press is becoming an endangered right for liberal groups and progressive people.

Newspapers are being controlled by advertisers and conservative owners. The writers and editors who feel they have freedom to make the decisions pertaining to editorial content are in that position only because their world view matches that of the owners and advertisers.

I left Parenti's speech wanting to change my major because there are just a few truly liberal publications in the United States. Most other media have been bought up by controlling, conservative giants such as Disney. The result is that some stories are not allowed to be written and others, which help out the powerful, are pushed—it has everything to do with money and nothing to do with news value.

I suppose I should enjoy my right at The Arbiter to refuse advertising that I feel is demeaning to women. I should cherish, while I can, my ability to tell people I won't write a news story flattering to refusing advertising that I feel is demeaning to women. I should cherish, while I can, my ability to tell people I won't write a news story flattering others want to know—not by that objectivity thing but by what they think is important or what they think truth but represent a reporter's word as truth. Even news stories are not absolute science.

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Hunzeker has made fun of everyone from Bob Dole to Christopher Reeves (Superman). Many times, I don't share Hunzeker's views. Perhaps our advertisers don't either. But it doesn't matter. The columnist's opinions are valid and should not be excluded from the opinion section, where any BSU student's view will be published. Each opinion is needed to contrast another in order to form a balanced section.

I am still struggling for harmony between two irreconcilable mindsets—my firm belief in freedom of speech and my commitment to consciousness raising, which does not always happen through humorous opinion columns.

We all struggle.

For example, most people think it is wrong for the media to try a person's guilt or innocence in the press, or believe the press does not have the ability to try a person. Everyone knows that until a person is proven guilty, he or she remains innocent. Yet after the courts uphold that innocence, the loved ones of the defendant beg the media to prove the person's innocence by clearing their name. So people don't want someone to be tried in the press, and then they want the press to prove someone's innocence.

That's a struggle.

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'BITER of the Week

This week's Biter of the Week are the BSU faculty who responded to my questions about tenure. On Thursday, I e-mailed two dozen professors; 48 hours later I had more than enough honest answers for the cover story. Tom Tresky was especially poetic. Systems Administrator Mark Holladay deserves another round of applause because he saved the dying dog that is our copy flow center. It seems the Chevy Nova that is the Data Center ran over it again. I've been told our new sports writer, Dan Robbins, is doing a swell job. Thanks, everybody.
Will balance the budget for food

by Damon M. Hunzaker
Columnist

The Clinton administration is guilty of perpetrating boredom upon an otherwise interesting nation. The president's version of going to war: sending the Army to third-world countries so we can feed them. And his scandals are insufferably confusing. I mean, I have no idea what Whitewater is about. As far as I can determine, he either wrote a bad check or killed some people.

And lately, every time I turn on C-SPAN, people are complaining about money and politics. It's very tedious. Sure, I could change the channel, but the only other things on are reruns of Wings and interviews with Fred Goldman.

So I've been trying to get myself interested in all this talk about campaign finance reform. A few weeks ago, President Clinton addressed a gathering of wealthy contributors to the Democratic National Committee. They each paid $200,000 to hear the president condemn the current state of political fund-raising. That was pleasant—ly ironic but not enough to sustain my attention. When Al Gore had a DNC fund-raiser in a Buddhist temple in front of a bunch of silent monks, I thought something amusing would happen. But it turned out to be just sort of sad and pathetic.

Then I started looking closer to home. Everyday I find something like this in my mail: "Are you fed up with the left-wing media? Are you tired of big-government liberals taxing sex with your children? If so, send us a bunch of money." I don't know what the politicians would do with the money if I sent it. But I'm thinking about reversing the laws of nature by soliciting funds from them for a change. ("Dear Senator, are you sick of getting crappy mail? If so, please give me $50.")

Anyway, I think that's the kind of thing getting everyone concerned about shady political donations. And if C-SPAN seems any indication, Americans are ready for battle. The Founding Fathers had the American Revolution. The World War II generation had World War II. And we're standing upon the precipice of the Great Campaign Finance War.

Imagine people taking to the streets, armed with rocks and bottles, shouting, "Let's establish a bipartisan commission to investigate questionable political contributions!" OK, admittedly, it's a clumsy battle cry. But eventually, the slogans will be shortened and begin to sound like real war chants: "Let's clean up the system! Corruption is bad! I think education is the key!" It's frightening stuff. I just hope we live long enough to tell our children about it.

But what will the Great Campaign Finance War entail? Perhaps all young men of fighting age will be drafted into a hostile bipartisan congressional committee. And for what? It'll just be another Vietnam.

Everyone who supports reform seems to think we need more campaign-finance laws. But if I become a soldier in the war, I'll try to convince my commanding officer that we need to repeal all the existing laws. No more scandals, no more boring news stories. Why should there be a limit on how much money you can give someone? I mean, politicians are simply glorified bummers, and I've never seen a hobos scandal. Also, they do the same thing with your money: spend it on booze and drugs.

I expect any day now we'll see President Clinton standing outside the White House with a sign that reads "BALANCE THE BUDGET WHILE PROTECTING MEDICARE, MEDICAID, EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT 1997-2000.

But if we're going to implement more laws, maybe we should impose rigid stipulations on all forms of begging. I certainly don't want to see our homeless population corrupted by foreign influences. So it should probably be illegal for them to accept Canadian quarters.

Educate me, entertain me — no, wait, prosecute me!

by Kelly Millington
Opinion Editor

Imagine how Idaho must look to the rest of the nation. Not only do many people think we're still playing cowboys and Indians, but a recent article in USA Weekend can only solidify the perception that we are a bunch of dolts.

Recall the furor over Amanda Smizek in Emmett, the teen whose pregnancy earned her a criminal record. She was convicted last May of breaking the anti-fornication law, and spring 1997 ends the first of her three years' probation. The state requires she attend parenting classes, continue her education and remain employed. Amanda's 16-year-old boyfriend received a 30-day suspended sentence, three year's probation and 40 hours of community service.

Idaho's embarrassment over the criminal conviction won't be laid to rest. Amanda appeared in the Feb.16 issue of USA Weekend, a publication distributed throughout the nation. The story focused more on the problem of teen pregnancy than on Amanda, but the article described Idaho as being "at the forefront of a national crackdown on teen pregnancy that is increasingly turning to law enforcement."

Yikes. Now, in addition to Helen Chenoweth, the Aryan Nations and Randy Weaver, Idaho looks like the grand-daddy of gun-toting, finger-shaking, handcuff-scandals. I mean, I have no idea what Whitewater is about. As far as I can determine, he either wrote a bad check or killed some people.

For the hundreds of teens who get pregnant in Idaho each year, getting prosecuted is not a wise course of action. Of those hundreds, why were Amanda and her boyfriend the only teens to be singled out and convicted of breaking a 76-year-old law? The officials of Gem County targeted this young couple in order to provide an example to other sexually-active teens. The rationale went: if we continue allowing unmarried teens to have children, they will continue to do so and place themselves and their children on an already-burdened welfare system. We must punish them to prove to other unmarried, sexually-active teens we will not put up with pregnancies that should be prevented.

In a worst-case scenario, if a young man was hopping from girl to girl—such as the guy in "Kids"—punitive action wouldn't be such a bad move. California has taken on such a policy, but it is directed against adult men, not teens, who impregnate teen girls. Approximately 30,000 teens in California have children fathered by adult men. California authorities have set the punishment for these men at fines of $2,000 - $25,000, as well as jail time.

If Idaho's situation were ever as dire as California's, adopting a similar law wouldn't be entirely dismissable. But this is the state where hundreds, not thousands, of teens get pregnant each year. I see the argument Gem County officials used to prosecute Amanda and her boyfriend, but that prosecution was out of line for the government. Such extremism results from a state that has been loathe to fund education programs about sex and its consequences. What if Idaho legislators agreed to allocate more money for sex education programs? Planned Parenthood and Birthright can't do all the work themselves.

For example, Oregon sponsors the STARS (Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex) program where high school students talk about the advantages of abstinence to fifth and sixth graders. Maryland organizes forums for PACT (Parents and Children Talking) in which families discuss methods for preventing pregnancies.

Education is only one solution to a large problem. The state also needs to fund modern youth facilities for teenagers. Teens, especially those in Idaho or other rural states, lack resources and healthy places to spend their free time. Going to the movies gets old. Drinking in the desert gets old. There are facilities such as the SUB, but not everyone wants to spend their weekends bowling, shooting pool or playing video games.

The youth facilities I'm proposing should include dance classes, movies, a coffeehouse, computers and books, all under one roof. The YMCA and its Teen Night offers a great concept, but doesn't cut it for the thousands of teens bored on the weekends. They want a place to go with a variety of activities to take part in, where boredom doesn't even an issue. Churches throughout the state use such an approach, and turnout is high. Why shouldn't the state provide similar or better options, if it's so determined to play a role in reducing teen pregnancy?

Education is not the cure-all to ending teen pregnancy. In fact, I don't believe there is one answer. Leaders and parents and teachers can preach until they're blue in the face, but teens will make up their own minds. However, as long as there are programs teaching teens about birth control or the benefits of abstinence, someone will listen. Providing facilities and activities for teens will keep many of them off the streets and out of boredom's way, resulting in fewer teen pregnancies.

Taking an active role in pregnancy prevention means Idaho won't have to resort to prosecution again, because punishment is not the answer.
The Trouble with the BLM

by Clint Miller
Outdoors Editor

It started last week with a press release from the Access Fund. Two days later, the Idaho Farm Bureau sent a letter to me concerning some trouble occurring locally. It comes from one source—the Bureau of Land Management.

The Access Fund dedicates its time to keeping rock climbing areas open. Allowing the BLM to be one-sided will only limit our ability to access these areas. The BLM needs to learn from the Access Fund's example. Something could be done if BLM officials think climbers are not treating the land with respect; the Access Fund will help with that. The BLM would be able to ticket recreationists climbing on bolts already placed on cliff faces.

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In memory of Marj

A very good friend and dedicated employee of BSU recently passed away. I would sincerely appreciate it if you would honor her memory by printing my brief remarks.

They say that you can measure the virtue of an individual by observing their influence upon the lives of those whom they touch. My friend, co-worker and confidant, Marj Billings, has had a profound impact upon each and every individual who had the opportunity to serve in the Associated Students of Boise State University offices. It is her memory that I hope will not soon be forgotten.

As the administrative secretary for ASBSU, Marj was always quick to listen and slow to speak. As many aggressive, assertive and ambitious personalities passed through the halls of ASBSU, she treated each and every one of them with a healthy dose of respect and just a sprinkle of motherly love. Marj represented everything good in a person. I know she was a dedicated employee, a loving mother and most of all, a devoted wife.

The world needs more friends like Marj. For it is of little importance how an individual passes away, but how one lives. Perhaps Aristotle put it best. To the query, "What is a friend?" his reply was "A single soul dwelling in two bodies."

Marj's memory and contribution to the lives of innumerable students, faculty and staff lives in each and every one of us. For that, I will never forget her. Thank you, Marj.

-Brent Hunter, ASBSU Vice President 1993-94, Glendale, Ariz.

Why I don't go to church

Regarding Jennifer Ledford's article on sex, the Bible and stickers, I found her view condescending and too confined. I believe people learn from past relationships and can take these experiences and build upon them to enrich future relationships. The idea that we lose our bonding power through multiple sexual encounters reeks of righteousness and a lack of belief for individual enlightenment through our own experiences.

It also helped me to remember why I don't go to church.

-Phillip Townsend, BSU student

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

1997-98 Arbiter Editor & Business Manager

The BSU Publications Board seeks candidates for The Arbiter Editor in Chief and Business Manager for the 1997-98 academic year.

- Candidates must be full-time-students at BSU and have a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average both at the time of selection and during the time the positions are held.
- Both positions require a minimum of 12 office hours weekly during regular business hours.
- The editor should have at least one semester's experience with a student newspaper or prior professional newspaper and publication experience. Qualifications include knowledge of or experience in news writing, editing and production.
- Applications must be submitted to Bob Evancho, BSU News Services, Education Building, Room 724, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.
- Applications for both positions should include a cover letter, at least two letters of recommendation, and at least three other references. In addition, applications for editor should include at least three writing samples and a proposal for the structure and management of the paper for the following year. Both positions receive fall and spring full-fee scholarships during the time of appointment, plus a salary (monthly minimum of $575 for editor and $475 for business manager).
- Terms of office run from June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. A one-month training and transition period with the current editor and business manager will be required before assuming office.
- The BSU Publications Board will determine the finalists, interview candidates and hire one student to each position in early March.
- Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, contact Bob Evancho at 385-1643.
International students worry about new law

by Ascha Rosheed
The Oklahoma Daily
(U. of Oklahoma)

Note: this story has been edited for length

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — A new, harsher law aimed at curbing immigration violations has international students worried.

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, signed into federal law in September, changed the penalties for students' visa requirements.

It states that immigrants can be barred from the United States for up to 10 years if they do not adhere to guidelines, said Oklahoma City immigration attorney Vance Winningham.

The legislation doesn't change the rules, but it makes the penalties for breaking them harsher.

"It's some of the meanest, nastiest legislation that has come down in years," he said.

An international student must remain in good standing with the university to keep a visa. To remain in good standing, international students must be enrolled as a full-time student, cannot work more than 20 hours per week and cannot hold an off-campus job unless approved by immigration, said Lee Savage, coordinator of International Student Services.

International students and immigration lawyers said the new penalties are too harsh and shouldn't be imposed on people who may not know the laws have changed.

Court: STRAIGHT is too anti-homosexual

by Patricio K. Cole
The Daily Collegian
(Pennsylvania State U.)

note: this story has been edited for length

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — STRAIGHT would not have been beneficial to the University community, image or educational climate, according to the Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court's official majority decision.

"We didn't do the easiest thing. We didn't do the most popular thing. We did the right thing," said Associate Justice Jim Chatterjee, who wrote the opinion because he is the most senior voting member on the court.

The decision, which was released yesterday afternoon, describes the court's main reasons for denying a charter to the Students Reinforcing Adherence In General Heterosexual Tradition. According to their mission statement, STRAIGHT was supposed to be a group which would provide students with a forum to "express their views regarding their refusal to accept or support homosexuality."

STRAIGHT President Darin Lecocarini said the reasons behind the decision applied a double standard to his group.

"It's hypocritical from start to finish," Lecocarini said. "Things that don't apply to other organizations apply to us because of our stance on approval."

Lecocarini added he intends to appeal the decision through the university appeals process or to the state courts if necessary.

Because the court viewed the group as more anti-homosexual than pro-heterosexual, as the name implies, the court said the group had no well-defined, long-term goals. However, the question of STRAIGHT becoming intolerant or violent was not a factor in the court's decision, according to the majority opinion.

"That would have been a different group had they done what their initials imply," Chatterjee said.

Another problem was that officers and members of STRAIGHT had different agendas and goals, which failed to create a cohesive group, according to the decision.

The court said such a group "would have created much bitterness and tension in the Penn State community."

Crowds of students from both LGBSA and STRAIGHT gathered in front of the Willard Building to discuss the decision. Many seemed to feel the issue was one of constitutional rights, but the decision states that the court is not denying STRAIGHT any First Amendment rights.

"They're here. They are gathering there to discuss and talk about the decision. They're assembling," Chatterjee said. "We're not infringing upon their rights."

The only thing the decision is stopping STRAIGHT from doing is using general funds and University rooms and facilities for general meetings. The group can still apply for programming funds from the Student Organization Budget Committee, which come out of the $25 student activity fee.

College GOP president accused of fraud

by Jeffrey Kosseff
The Michigan Daily
(U. of Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Nick Kirk, president of the University chapter of the College Republicans, allegedly gained access to the state Republican convention about three weeks ago by pretending to be a reporter for The Michigan Review.

"It's just an accusation," Kirk said. "They have no tangible evidence."

But Sage Eastman, press secretary for the Michigan Republican Party, confirmed last night that Kirk said he was a Review staff writer.

"I find it odd that someone in charge of the College Republicans would pretend to be a member of the press," Eastman said. "It's disappointing."

Some College Republicans said that given Kirk's status as the leader of the group, he would not have needed to pretend to be a reporter to gain admittance.

"The position he's in gives him access to most people there," said Pete Rinato, the group's vice president for alumni affairs. "Nick's pretty well-known across the state."

Geoff Brown, editor in chief of The Michigan Review, said there has been a history of tension between Kirk and the Review.

"The Review has had a problem with him," Brown said. "That might have been his motivation to choose the Review."

Brown said he discovered Kirk's alleged fraud after receiving "several e-mails from College Republicans saying this had happened."

Kirk said there are certain members of the College Republicans who are conspiring against him.

He said these members are admitting many people into the group who have not participated in events only to aid specific candidates in the group's March 19 election.

"This is just an organized campaign against me," Kirk said. "They're trying to rig the election."

Kirk also said the Review has a personal vendetta against him.

"The Review has called me 'Dick Jerk.' They have called me 'Boy Cohn.' They have called me 'Richard Nixon,'" Kirk said. "They're just flinging mud at me."

Brown said Kirk was the only member of the College Republicans who pretended to be a Review writer. Also, Brown said he has been unofficially told that Kirk forged a press identification pass, but that charge has not been confirmed.

"Allegedly, Nick (Kirk) made a press ID, got it laminated at Kinko's and signed my name to it," Brown said.

Latinos denied scholarships at UK

by Matt Ellison
The Kentucky Kernel
(U. of Kentucky)

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — UK awards more than $3.3 million in scholarship money every year.

None of those dollars specifically go toward minority scholarships for Latino students. The reason: Latinos are not officially recognized as a minority in Kentucky.

Neither are Asian Americans, Native Americans or Indian Americans.

For an ethnic group to be officially recognized as a minority by the state, it must achieve a certain minimum percentage of the total state population. And with less than $20,000 Latinos residing in Kentucky, according to the 1990 census, Latinos are not considered a large enough minority to be officially recognized, composing less than one percent of the state's total population.

Blacks are the only officially minority recognized by the state.

Latino students such as Student Government Association President Alan Aja are not eligible for state-funded minority scholarships, which made receiving financial aid difficult for Aja and his parents.

"When my parents looked into it, they were told that there were no scholarships available through the university for Latinos," said Aja, whose parents are from Cuba.

Melanie Nixon, executive director of student affairs, also found out that there were no minority scholarships for Latinos at UK.

She discovered that while other schools provided such scholarships through the funding of Latino organizations, UK had no such partnerships.

Instead, Aja and Nixon relied on other Latino organizations who did provide scholarship funds. Many Latinos in other states face the same dilemma, because Kentucky is one of many states which does not officially recognize Latinos as a minority.
Leadership Quest brings student leaders together

by Asencio Remiroz
News Editor

If you saw people running barrel races down the stairs of the Student Union or a guy jumping up-and-down on a garbage can, then you probably caught a glimpse of the ninth annual Leadership Quest on Feb. 21. Established and prospective student leaders gathered from all over campus to learn about conflict management, communication styles, achieving goals, different cultures and cultivating creativity.

The 230 participants, a record, were nominated by professors, organization advisers and club presidents. Nancy Hunter Denney, a motivational speaker, was flown into Boise to serve as the seminar's facilitator. Hunter Denney used humor to create an environment where participants could up with "wicked good ideas."

"She's as energetic a person as anyone I've ever seen," said Dan Costello, who was nominated by George Thomason of the Music Department.

Other speakers included Bill Rusk, dean of the College of Business; Glenn Potter, associate dean of the College of Education; Jana Kemp, founder of Meeting and Management Essentials; Becca Hancock, Chaffee Hall director; Jon Tucker, Morrison/Driscoll hall director; and Suzanne McCorkle, interim associate dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

"It's an excellent opportunity for people to get to know other leaders and get involved," said senior Shanna Lanham. This was the psychology major's second time attending, and she said she appreciated the perspective she got from being around other motivated students.

Motivation formed part of the reason Leadership Quest was created. Other reasons include refining personal leadership capacities, increasing individuals' impacts on organizations, cultivating active citizenry and exploring diversity issues at BSU.

Three student leaders were also honored at Leadership Quest. Cori Barrera, who works with Student Programs Board, received the President's Award from university President Charles Ruch. Carmen Hernandez of OELA received the Minority Student Leadership Scholarship. Finally, Scott Habberstadt of ASBSU received the Student Union and Activities Director's Award.

English majors preparing for national conference

by Vicki Pence
Special to The Arbiter

Feb. 28 is the deadline to submit all work for the National Undergraduate Literature Conference.

The conference will be held in Ogden, Utah, on April 17, 18, and 19. All regular participants in the English Majors Association may be eligible for funds to cover the transportation cost of the conference. Association president Kayce Huizinga wants everyone eligible to come and participate in the conference even if they do not submit work.

The English Majors Association is open to all English majors at BSU. There are no requirements to join other than participation. Huizinga, a senior at BSU, has been the association's president since May and knows how hard it is for working students to get together. She said the organization is relaxed and welcomes everyone willing to be active and participate. To join or get more information on the conference contact Huizinga at 342-3476.

Counseling and Testing Center offers workshops

by Aloshea Brodsho
Special to The Arbiter

A variety of free workshops and services offered by the Boise State University Counseling and Testing Center provide BSU students with strategies and goals for improving themselves and the quality of their lives. Each semester the Counseling and Testing Center, located on the sixth floor of the Education Building, hosts small group workshops reflecting issues directly affecting student lives.

This semester students may attend sessions dealing with stress management, career planning and development, self-esteem building and test anxiety. A new workshop has been added, with a focus on the themes of personal values and stress management. While these workshops are available to all BSU students, the Counseling and Testing Center also holds workshops for residents of the campus dormitories upon request, and will be providing optional math anxiety sessions for students of Math 012 and 020.

All workshop sessions are free of charge for BSU students enrolled in at least six credits during the semester. Detailed information on workshop content as well as information on how to sign up for a session is available by calling the Counseling and Testing Center at 385-1601, visiting their office on the sixth floor of the Education Building, or visiting their web page site at http://www.idbsu.edu/counsel.

Post-game party planned for alumni of COBE

A post-game party for alumni and students of the College of Business and Economics is planned after the BSU University of Idaho men's basketball game on Sunday, March 2, at The Ram, 709 E. Park Blvd.

The party begins around 4 p.m. Cost is $6 per person, which includes a beverage and hors d'oeuvres. RSVP is necessary. For more information, contact Phil Battle at 385-4126.

Church historian to give lecture at BSU in March

An internationally recognized expert on the history of American religion will discuss "Church, State and Nation" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, in the Jordan Ballroom at the Student Union Building.

Martin M. Marty, a University of Chicago professor, editor of Christian Century and the author of many books on the politics of religion, will speak at BSU as the History Department's 1997 distinguished lecturer. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. A reception will follow.

Marty is perhaps the best-known church historian in the United States. A frequent commentator on religious issues on television and radio programs, he serves as Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Modern Christianity at the University of Chicago. His books include A Nation of Behavers, Pilgrims in Their Own Land: 500 Years of Religion in America and several volumes in the Modern American Religion series. He is co-author of the five-volume Fundamentalism Project.

Student Employment to present 4th annual job fair

The BSU Student Employment office will sponsor its fourth annual part-time, temporary, and seasonal job expo in the SUB Grace Jordan Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12.

At this event, employers will recruit BSU students for part-time, seasonal and temporary positions. Many positions are for the summer only.

This fair is not to be confused with the Career Center's annual Career Fair.

Professor to talk about health delivery in Haiti

A Boise State University professor who visited hospitals, clinics and orphansages in Haiti as part of a medical team sponsored by St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center will talk about his experiences and research at a brown bag lunch at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, in the BSU Education Building, Room 443. The talk is free and open to the public.

Psychology professor Mark Snow made two trips to Port au Prince, Haiti, during the past year as part of the medical missionary group. He worked with Haitian children who suffered from severe psychiatric problems, and also conducted research on volunteers working in the country, often under very difficult conditions.

Snow's talk forms part of the annual spring brown bag lunch series presented by BSU's Department of Psychology. Future talks include how surveys shape beliefs, effects of pre-cues on visual spatial attention and the plight of homeless children. For more information, call 385-1758.

Censorship exhibit on display at Hemingway

An exhibit about censored material on college campuses across the country will be on display at the BSU Hemingway Western Studies Center Galleries through March 14.

The "Censorship on American College/University Campus" exhibition is free and sponsored by the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship and the BSU Student ACLU Club. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and noon to 4 p.m. weekends.

The exhibit chronicles cases of censorship in higher education, including cases involving campus newspapers and campus personnel offices, and theater and television productions, library materials and art exhibits.

The exhibition also features two video monitors with censored campus television productions. Peter Latze, a communication professor, will host a symposium on censorship at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.
JFAC allocates $178.6 million to education

by Mary Horten
Staff Writer

Did the Flood of '97 wash away money for Idaho's colleges along with houses and highways? Some legislators say "no." Despite severe budget cuts across the state, education was granted a slightly larger amount of money than last year.

The Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee allocated $178.6 million to education for the fiscal year '97-'98, which begins July 1. Todd Bunderson, state budget analyst, says this represents a three-tenths percent increase from the current year, and $1.9 million more than Gov. Phil Batt originally proposed in his bare-bones budget.

Democrat Ken Robinson, a member of the budget committee and District 19 representative, said this amount for schools is still not enough.

"Overall, the policy of the legislature has not been to increase funds for education. Basically, the share of the state budget to higher ed has been declining over the years," said Robinson. "The Idaho Legislature has not been giving enough emphasis to the education of this state."

With BSU's record enrollment, a new College of Engineering and general inflation, costs of running the university are rising. Robinson said the State Board of Education will once again look to student fee increases to make up for the lack of state financial support.

Robison claims students will pay indirectly for flood damage through an inflated budget reserve.

"It's possible to provide higher education with more funds, even with current and potential flood damage. We know the state had to come up with $3.8 million for the North Idaho floods, and will need an additional $4 million for the more recent McCall area floods," said Robison. "From this, we could conclude that future flood damage will cost the state relatively the same amount, yet the legislature has chosen to raise the budget reserve to $30 million."

Robison said he thinks a good estimate for an adequate budget reserve would be around $15 to $20 million, and the remaining $10 million could go to education. However, his view was not shared by his fellow legislators who contended the reserve is needed for unforeseen emergencies.

There is no way to predict what the cost of possibile spring floods will run, and corporate income was down $45 million from last year.

Republican Rep. Ceci Ingram of Boise said, "I wouldn't blame the flood damage for the inadequate funding of schools."

Ingram said instead of putting more money toward education, the state is devoting nearly $20 million for adult corrections and $3 million to $5 million for juvenile corrections. He contends there wouldn't be so many prisoners and such a need for corrections facilities if education were stressed more.

"It's going to get worse. Tuition and fees will keep going up, with more people coming into Idaho not having Idaho morals and standards," Ingram said.

During talks, Ingram and Rep. Evan Frasure (R) of Pocatello succeeded in getting an extra $500,000, which will be divided between the University of Idaho and Boise State. The U of I will use the money for its Bio-Tech building, vital to the campus for its crop testing and gene-splitting research. The other $250,000 to BSU will go to the colleges of engineering and technology.

Ingram said the fight for these additional funds upset local leaders.

Robison and Ingram agreed that one problem with this legislative session was cutting the 2 percent state employee pay raise.

"College professors aren't getting paid enough as it is," exclaimed Ingram, who voted in favor of the state wage increase. "As a result, we may lose some good professors."

The State Board of Education asked the governor for $1.1 million for salary equity, which was not provided in the budget.

"The BSU faculty is paid nine percent less than the faculty of other Western universities," said Robinson. "The State Board could fundamentally change direction in Idaho's higher education by not raising fees."

Robison said one way students could prevent paying more is by contacting their legislators. He said representatives are always responsive to their constituents.

ASBSU secretary succumbs to heart disease

by Michelle Sheron
Special to The Arbiter

Saint Valentine's Day is a day most people associate with love. Don Billings will also remember it, but for a sadder reason. Feb. 14, 1997, was the day his wife's heart stopped beating. Don's wife, Mari Billings, was only 57 years old.

Many students past and present came into contact with Billings. She was the ASBSU secretary, a position she held during the last seven years. She was well known for her warm personality, sense of humor and ability to always let students know she cared about them.

Greg Blasing, director of Student Union and Student Activities, remembers Billings fondly and said she often served as a role model for him. "She was simply an ethical human being. She had integrity, kept promises and was a caring individual."

He also said, "She had the ability to suspend judgment in dealing with students and always treated others with respect."

Billings had been suffering from heart disease for the past couple of months. She underwent surgery in January. At that time her prognosis was not good. However, as Billings always did, she continued fighting. The week she died, Billings was walking a mile a day, gaining strength and trying to make a comeback.

Billings was laid to rest Feb. 20. ASBSU is considering how to best remember Mari Billings. If you have a suggestion, call 385-1440.

Timing crucial in spring break plans

by Timothy Golley
Special to The Arbiter

Making plans for spring break? If not, better hurry. Seats are quickly filling up on airlines that serve some of the most popular destinations for BSU students, according to Harmon Travel's Joe Gratton. The Mexican cities of Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas and Cancun represent some of the most popular destinations for BSU students, as well as Orlando, Florida and Hawaii, said Gratton.

But many students travel to those destinations by charter flights out of Salt Lake City, Utah, and seats on those flights have already sold out, Gratton noted. A phone call to United Airlines also confirmed that the lowest-priced seats for travel to Orlando, Fla., have already been sold. The only tickets remaining are full-fare round trip coach seats priced at $1,800. There is no availability remaining for United Airlines flights to Hawaii. For future reference, Gratton advises students to sign up for package deals or reserve seats on charter flights well in advance of spring break, perhaps as early as October.

Even so, reserving early doesn't guarantee cheaper prices; it only reserves seats for a certain departure and return date. BSU student Carissa Wolf said she'd "been looking since the beginning of February" for inexpensive airfare. "I was quoted a price of $99 from Boise to San Diego each way but I had to travel before February was over," she said. Airlines, of course, know all too well when spring break occurs and they factor that information into their price structure.

But there's hope yet for the procrastinators. Several airlines that serve Boise report having seats available on flights to cities in the Northwest, Horizon Air, for example, is selling round trip fare to Seattle and Portland for $106 (not including tax) and to Los Angeles for $188 (not including tax).

Flying United Airlines to those same cities costs, by contrast, almost three times that price. A flight from Boise to Seattle, for example, costs $288 because the airline doesn't serve that city directly. A ticket holder must fly to San Francisco to connect to Seattle. United Airlines also requires a seven-day advance purchase to assure that price. And while neither Horizon Air nor United Airlines serves Salt Lake City, Delta Air Lines offers a non-refundable round trip ticket priced at $130.

For those educationally inclined even during spring break, a cruise promoted as "Comet Rendezvous" might be tempting. Offered by Harmon Travel, it sails to the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico aboard the Royal Olympic cruise line's "Stella Solaris" in time to catch the best viewing of comet Hale-Bopp, according to the promotional handout from The Discovery Center of Idaho and Harmon Travel.

The comet cruise also features three astronomers, Tom Bopp (amateur astronomer and co-discoverer of the comet), Dr. Fred Whipple and Bob Berman. "Berman hosts the weekly radio program 'Skywindow,' on National Public Radio," Harmon Travel's Darlene Gratton said.

The cruise, from March 24 through March 31, visits Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico as well as Grand Cayman and Key West. Snorkelers can indulge their passion at Grand Cayman, Gratton added.

Of course, a cruise costs money and this one is no exception. The lowest fare available is $1,272 and includes airfare, land and cruise, outside stateroom, round trip air fare from Boise to Galveston, Texas, and payment of port charge fees. But be warned: the fare does not include alcoholic beverages and a cruise-ending tip for the ship's crew is customary, according to Gratton.

Still, if money is no object, there are other advantages: five percent of the cruise fare will be donated in the ship's name to The Discovery Center of Idaho and students can receive one college education credit.

For more information, contact Darlene Gratton of Harmon Travel, 1529 W. Washington St., Boise, ID 83707, or call (208) 388-3019 or 800-627-1315.
Judd offers insight on life and healing

by Kelly Millington
Opinion Editor

She’s funny, charismatic and an inspiration to ailng and healthy people throughout the nation. If ever there was a poignant story of withstanding the odds, Naomi Judd’s is it. As part of the Outreach Program’s “Profiles in Success,” Judd took the stage in the Jordan Ballroom to speak last Friday about her “Healing Journey.”

After congratulating herself on having been “thiostone-free for six years, Judd related how her journey toward healing began, not in 1990 when she was told she had contracted Hepatitis C, but years earlier.

Over the course of an hour, Judd shared anecdotes illustrating the changes in her life that have molded who she is today. The night before her senior year was to begin, Judd got pregnant the first time she had sex. Her parents were out of town with her younger brother, who later died of Hodgkin’s disease, and that night was when Judd said she learned first of many life lessons: “Change is the true nature of this world.”

Later that year, Judd married the young man who fathered her child. The night of her high school graduation, Judd was in labor. The child was, of course, Wynona Judd. The family soon moved from Small Town, USA to “Hollywood,” where Naomi Judd and her husband divorced.

Now with another child, Ashley, Naomi Judd worked several minimum-wage jobs, barely making enough money to scrape by. She fell in love with “the cowboy next door,” who beat her and turned out to be an ex-con and a heroin addict. She also had to go on welfare, which she said, Naomi Judd couldn’t house her children without that help. Judd’s self-esteem fell to an all-time low.

Finally, after a night of especially harsh beatings from her boyfriend, Judd fled with Ashley and Wynona to a cheap motel for safety. Trying to cover a black eye with makeup, she looked at herself in the mirror and suddenly asked herself what she was doing.

At that moment, Judd said, she learned a second life lesson.

“Question everything about your life...because you become aware and see you have choices.”

Not long after, Judd took her children and moved to Kentucky. She enrolled in a nurses’ program while Wynona and Ashley attended school. At this time, the relationship between Naomi and Wynona was extremely difficult. Judd decided to eliminate both the television and telephone from the Judd household because she wanted her daughters to “use their imaginations.”

To replace the TV and phone, Judd gave her daughters each a special gift. Ashley received C.S. Lewis’ The Chronicles of Narnia, while Wynona received an old, plastic-string guitar.

The rest is history.

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“Doctor,” Judd suddenly declared, “you’re a fine man, but you ain’t God.”

This was Judd’s third life lesson. She said the truth of it struck her when she realized she was facing a disease that threatened to take her life.

“The deepest source of your identity is the Most High God,” Judd repeated several times.

After receiving the death sentence from her doctor, Judd began a journey of self-discovery and self-healing. She believes the key to healing begins in the mind, because there are mind-body connections affecting us physically.
Deadline for financial aid fast approaching

by Carissa Wolf
Special to The Arbiter

Students who haven’t pulled out their Number Two pencils and started filling in the circles of this year’s financial aid forms may want to do so soon. Although applications for student financial aid for the 1997-98 school year are accepted anytime until June 30, 1998, it is recommended students submit as soon as possible in order to be given top consideration for financial aid. Mailing in paperwork as early as possible significantly increases chances of receiving more and different types of aid such as scholarships, grants and work study.

One important deadline to consider is March 3, the date the Free Application for Federal Student Aid needs to be completed and received by the processor. The FAFSA represents the first step in applying for aid, and it needs to be completed by this deadline for federal grants, scholarships or work study.

Approximately two-thirds of student financial aid comes from federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. This is why a student’s best chances of receiving any sort of financial aid comes from processing a FAFSA.

Although the U.S. Department of Education offers more assistance to students then any other agency, it is often limited to loans. Grants, the most sought-after form of financial aid, aren’t readily available in massive amounts. For this reason, the Financial Aid Office encourages students to also look into other forms of aid that don’t need to be paid back, such as scholarships.

Federal loans come with fairly low interest rates of usually 5 to 8 percent. Many don’t require payment until after graduation and offer deferments in cases of hardship.

There are also federal programs such as the Peace Corps and AmeriCorp that will help with the cost of education in exchange for volunteer work. The AmeriCorp program provides full educational rewards in return for work in community service. For 10 months of community service, AmeriCorp will pay up to $5,000 for tuition and student loan payments. For more information about any of these programs, contact the Financial Aid Office at 385-1664.

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But Michael Conuel, president of the Latino Student Organization, found no such trouble in his home state.

Conuel, who attended undergraduate school in Massachusetts, was eligible to receive minority-based financial aid since Massachusetts officially recognizes Latinos as a minority.

Conuel, who has served as president of LSA this semester, thinks Latinos are not recognized in this state because they are misrepresented.

According to Conuel, many Latinos are not registered citizens of this state because they are migrant workers who are employed by farmers in Kentucky, especially tobacco farmers.

“Because they aren’t registered as citizens of Kentucky, the Latino population isn’t always represented,” Conuel said.

One way Conuel and other Latino students on campus are responding is by becoming involved in LSA, which is in its sixth semester on campus. Conuel said many Latino students might not be aware there is a group for them on campus.

“Obviously, the first step is to gain recognition as a minority,” Conuel said. The LSA hopes to do so by becoming better organized and recognized as a group on campus. By unifying with other local Latino support groups, Conuel said they can become more active in the efforts to become recognized by the state.

“The funding will come once we get the recognition,” he said.

Bringing more Latino students would benefit all involved, Aja said.

“Not only would more Latinos receive a college education, but also the rest of the students on campus would benefit from different cultures.”

“What are students going to do when they encounter Latinos in the workplace?” Aja said.
call for applicants

1997–98 Arbiter Editor & Business Manager

The BSU Publications Board seeks candidates for The Arbiter Editor in Chief and Business Manager for the 1997–98 academic year.

- Candidates must be full-time students at BSU and have a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average both at the time of selection and during the time the positions are held.
- Both positions require a minimum of 10-12 office hours weekly during regular business hours.
- The editor should have at least one semester's experience with a student newspaper or prior professional newspaper and publication experience. Qualifications include knowledge of or experience in news writing, editing and production.
- Applications must be submitted to Bob Evancho, BSU News Services, Education Building, Room 724, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.
- Applications for both positions should include a cover letter, at least two letters of recommendation, and at least three other references. In addition, applications for editor should include at least three writing samples and a proposal for the structure and management of the paper for the following year.
- Both positions receive fall and spring full-fee scholarships during the time of appointment, plus a salary (monthly minimum of $575 for editor and $475 for business manager).
- Terms of office run from June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. A one-month training and transition period with the current editor and business manager will be required before assuming office.
- The BSU Publications Board will determine the finalists, interview candidates and hire one student to each position in early March.

Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, contact Bob Evancho at 385-1643.

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Re-thinking tenure

by Kate Bell
Editor in Chief

Tenure originated in the United States between 1900 and 1910, with the E.A. Ross case at Stanford University. Ross published ideas that were not accepted by big business, and the university was pressured to fire him. The conflict resulted in the establishment of tenure. Nearly 100 years have passed, and the United States seems to have forgotten that story. There is now a national movement to modify tenure, abolish tenure, or require additional time-consuming reviews of tenured faculty.

Gov. Phil Batt even spoke about it during his state of the state address on Jan. 6. "It may be that the practice of granting professors—or teachers at any level—the permanence or security of tenure should be carefully considered for modification, or even removal. Competition, which works in nearly every other job experience, may enhance our education efforts," said Batt.

Batt has praised University of Idaho President Robert Hoover for setting up a committee to review the school's tenure, promotion and yearly merit assessment criteria.

"It is time to re-evaluate how we reward faculty in the interest of what's best for overall productivity," wrote Hoover in Idaho Register.

Universities face increasing pressure to boost student learning, enhance research and graduate education programs, and provide outreach programs. These demands are being made while resource allocations are shrinking. The lack of funds "has fueled growing dissatisfaction with higher education among public leaders and business people who don't quite understand the culture of the academy—including tenure, promotion and hiring policies," writes Hoover.

Pointing fingers at Professor Deadwood

Biologist professor Russell Centanni explains it Professor Deadwood who has prompted the increasing national disapproval of tenure as it exists today.

"As this century comes to a close the debate about tenure is fueled by the minority stories that point to incompetent faculty drawing 'high' salaries," says Centanni. "A good to excellent supervisor would have handled the incompetence by due process and the 'deadwood' would be gone. Unfortunately, the manager (i.e., chairs and deans) lack the 'gonads' to address these situations in a timely, due process, fashion and the deadwood remains."

Tom Trusky, director of the Hemingway Center and professor of English, maintains there's an additional reason why deadwood professors remain.

Trusky said he would support a "review of tenure" when Idaho pays salaries comparable to what academics receive in neighboring states. "Until Idaho starts paying professors what they deserve, Idahoans pay for what they get: at least their fair share of deadwood."

What is the value of tenure?

Professor Deadwood may have decreased the viability of tenure in the eyes of politicians and business people—and perhaps even students. But Boise State's faculty contend tenure is needed as much today as it was in 1900, for reasons such as academic freedom.

"Tenure is a reward for excellent work in our profession. If you look around these days, rewards are hard to come by. For evidence, just look at our 2 percent raise, which now seems doubtful," said Landrum.

"Tenure also acts as a merit system and represents acceptance by peers. Tenure is a reward for excellent work in our profession."

What are the alternatives?

"Lots of other people are raising this issue around the country. It may be that the time has come for some significant changes with regard to tenure. Lots of academics believe that the traditional practices need to be reexamined and possibly replaced. But just throwing tenure out seems to me to be a very bad idea, and I think it's better to let the nation's older, established leading institutions and systems take the lead on this kind of issue," said Brinton.

"How do you remove tenure from a system where faculty already have tenure?" asks Landrum. "Do just the new hires operate on a non-tenured system? Does the new hires operate on a non-tenured system? Does everybody give up tenure and move to some other type of contractual agreement? How do you convince faculty members that the grass will be greener on the other side?"

Centanni speculates that the only qualified replacement for tenure would be a similar system.

"If tenure is eliminated some system that insured due process must be put in place so that the politicians and bureaucrats cannot pull unjustified strings in a punitive way so as to terminate a faculty member," said Centanni. "In the mid-70s, such a political attempt was made at Idaho State University and the State of Idaho lost in court."
What are the consequences?

Brinton believes Idaho would face serious recruiting difficulties if it attempts to eliminate tenure.

The tenure-track academic appointment is the most desired early career objective of people receiving Ph.D.s and just entering the job market, Brinton explains.

Typically, such people are looking for an institution at which they can make their professional home and enjoy good prospects for long-term membership in its academic community.

"I would not have accepted a position at BSU if it was not tenable," said Brinton, who came to BSU in 1975 and received tenure in his sixth year.

"Idaho cannot afford to take the lead on an issue like this. If we eliminate tenure, our institutions will not be competitive in recruiting the best faculty, so long as most other universities nationwide continue to award tenure," says Brinton. "... We already are not very competitive in terms of salaries and other incentives for college and university faculty."

He is referring to a study commissioned by the State Board of Education which found that Idaho is paying its professors 24 percent less than other states in the Northwest.

If Idaho attempts to throw out tenure, its universities would encounter a challenge in retaining professors.

"Tenure also plays an important role in retaining strong faculty members, by encouraging them to develop a strong sense of identity with the university and feelings of institutional loyalty," said Brinton.

Another reason eliminating tenure may not be such a good idea is the act would diminish the morale of faculty.

"The elimination of tenure or even calls for the elimination of tenure send a very negative message as to what the legislature, governing board, or whoever thinks about higher education and about university faculty," said Brinton. "One implication is that a lot of faculty are a bunch of deadwood who are not doing their jobs. ...

But, more generally, it sends the message that faculty members are expendable, that they can always be replaced, easily. If Idaho takes the lead in eliminating tenure, the perception that higher education is not respected in this state will be reinforced."

If tenure provides faculty with academic freedom, the elimination of the same would do just the opposite. The only ideas that could be expressed by academics would be those that fit the world view of the governor, legislature and business elite.

"Freedoms, the search for truth, the expression of unpopular-onto-offensive (aka 'politically incorrect') ideas would be stifled, if not smothered, at tenureless colleges and universities," said Trusky.

Trusky says that without tenure, "What professor with wife/husband/partner, children/cats/dogs, and a mortgage on a palace in Meridian would be spurred to proclaim in lectures, articles, or addresses 'The Emperor/Governor/President of the University is naked!'"

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Erin Gibson of The Daily Nebraskan reported that faculty members there are concerned about the potential effects of a proposal to change post-tenure review policies.

The proposal would subject tenured professors to a review process that could take up to two weeks for a faculty member to complete. Estimates of losses in productivity range from $1 million to $3 million.

Peg Bolick, curator of botany and associate professor of museum studies, said administrators could call for reviews of unpopular faculty members every year under the proposal. She said that could be a very effective way to harass somebody until they resign.

The preamble to the proposal cites budget constraints and calls for increased accountability as reasons to create more stringent tenure-review policies, Gibson's story explains.

Near to Idaho, in Texas, the state legislature attempted to put its personal touch on tenure. The effort prompted Ruth Fowler, director of government relations for the AAUP, to compose a letter to the Texas House of Representatives.

"Academic tenure is not well understood. It is often misconceived for a lifetime job guarantee, with easy lounge and no particular requirements of achievement. Since none of the rest of us get that kind of guarantee in life, it is natural to wonder why professors should have it so easy. But that's not what tenure means," writes Fowler.

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Erin Gibson of The Daily Nebraskan reported that faculty members there are concerned about the potential effects of a proposal to change post-tenure review policies.

The proposal would subject tenured professors to a review process that could take up to two weeks for a faculty member to complete. Estimates of losses in productivity range from $1 million to $3 million.

Peg Bolick, curator of botany and associate professor of museum studies, said administrators could call for reviews of unpopular faculty members every year under the proposal. She said that could be a very effective way to harass somebody until they resign.

The preamble to the proposal cites budget constraints and calls for increased accountability as reasons to create more stringent tenure-review policies, Gibson's story explains.

Near to Idaho, in Texas, the state legislature attempted to put its personal touch on tenure. The effort prompted Ruth Fowler, director of government relations for the AAUP, to compose a letter to the Texas House of Representatives.

"Academic tenure is not well understood. It is often misconceived for a lifetime job guarantee, with easy lounge and no particular requirements of achievement. Since none of the rest of us get that kind of guarantee in life, it is natural to wonder why professors should have it so easy. But that's not what tenure means," writes Fowler.
Wilderness area seeks volunteers for summer

by Clint Miller
Outdoors Editor

The Student Conservative Association is looking for adventurous souls for summer work. Imagine spending 12 weeks surveying marine wildlife by sea kayak in Alaska's Chugach National Park, banding cranes and songbirds in the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, or staying closer to home and photographing the caves at Craters of the Moon National Monument. Many other opportunities await students with nothing better to do this summer.

SCA is an organization committed to improving our wild areas. It gives students the opportunity to spend the summer as a resource assistant. In this position, a student would work side by side with conservation and natural resource professionals. All expenses, such as food and lodging, are paid and Resource Assistants get to stay in some of America's most beautiful locations. Last year more than 1,100 college students took on this challenge.

"We provide a public service while providing an experience that volunteers never forget," says SCA Resource Assistant Director Wallace Elton. "They learn about themselves and often what they want to do in the future. Many alumni say this is a life-changing experience for them."

More than 30,000 SCA resource assistants have participated in a variety of conservation and restoration projects since the program was founded in 1957. Typical assignments include air and water quality monitoring, ecological restoration, endangered species protection and natural resource management.

SCA resource assistants have also been involved in assessing the damage to plants, wildlife and shoreline from the major oil spill in Prince William Sound, aiding in the fire recovery in Yellowstone National Park and working with the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Project to help save the endangered species from extinction.

The three-month resource assistant position includes one to two weeks of intensive training on site at the beginning of the program. Training is specific and may include first aid and safety skills.

Although the positions are voluntary, SCA resource assistants receive funds to cover their travel to and from the site, free room and a living stipend for food. Housing can range from tent camps to apartments. Volunteers are expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours a week. There is also plenty of time for exploring, writing, hiking and relaxing in some of America's most beautiful places.

SCA resource assistants must be 18 years old. Most are college students exploring careers in conservation. RA applications received by March 1 give the applicant a good chance at receiving what they are most interested in. Positions begin in May and last for three months.

RA applicants can choose from a plethora of jobs in a detailed catalog. Some of the allies agencies include the National Park Service, Army, Navy, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service. Applicants are initially screened by the SCA to make sure the applicant has the required skills. Then the application is sent on to the agencies at the selected site. This insures the talents and ambitions of the applicants are matched with the needs of the agencies.

There are also long term, or winter and spring assignments. These conservation associates positions last from six to 12 months. Benefits include a food allowance, a housing grant for lodging unless provided by the agency, medical insurance and on-the-job transport.

To find out about these opportunities, contact Mel Tuck or Becky Youmans at (603) 543-1700, or http://www.sca-inc.org.

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Climbing Gym offers alternative exercise

by Phillip Townsend
Special to The Arbiter

Face it, weight rooms and treadmill are about as fun as rearranging your sock drawer on a Friday night. The same exercise day after day turns working out into a boring, monotonous chore. For students looking for relief from their typical workout routine, the BSU Rock Climbing Gym may provide the solution.

Climbing offers great workouts with a variety of options. Climbing focuses primarily on the upper body with minimal strain on the legs, so enthusiasts might not want to quit their Stair Masters altogether. In fact, it’s a good idea to use a multitude of workout options so as not to burn out on a single one.

Even the strongest weight lifters will feel ‘pumped’ after an hour of hard climbing in the gym. In fact, climbing is more of a technical sport than one demanding strength. A person may be able to climb well relying on power for a brief period, but technique insures the only way to advance to harder climbs. A 120-pound woman who uses good technique can often out-climb the male brutes who muscle their way up the wall. Climbing is for everyone regardless of athletic ability because it takes place on an individual level for each person.

The climbing gym offers a variety of climbing options from vertical walls with ladder-like “jugs” for the novice, to overhanging technical routes for the adventurous and experienced. New routes are put up on a regular basis as the route setter looks to modify existing paths to keep it interesting.

The climbing facility is located in Room 123 of the Old Gym. Hours are 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and on Sunday admission costs $2 for students and $3 for non-students. Harness rental is available for $2 and instruction can be given to beginners.
Cabaret in review

by Erica Hill
Staff Writer

PHOTOS BY KANA BROWN

With a cast of 36, the BSU Theatre Arts and Music departments presented the emotionally charged story of Sally Bowles and the Master of Ceremonies who displayed some transsexual behaviors.

Though the hilarious and sometimes even shocking sexual outfits took center stage, the initial shoddy vocalization, poor choreography, and general inarticulation could not be overlooked. These minor flaws proved obvious only during the opening moments of the production, and were utterly dissolved within minutes when the talent of each cast member combined to create the best performance the Morrison Center has housed in months.

Cabaret is set in Berlin 1930 where political and economic strife has caused the Nazi regime to infiltrate and even coerce various sections of German society. The American Cliff Bradshaw, played by Isaac Perelson, moves to Berlin in search of inspiration for his novel. During his search he stumbles upon the Kit Kat Klub, where he meets the star of the club with whom he will later fall in love.

Rebecca Prescott, who plays Sally Bowles, was by far the show stopper of this production. Her excellence in acting, singing, and dancing showcased her versatility, articulation, Broadway-bound voice and enthusiasm. She set this show off.

Sally and Cliff soon find themselves in a whirlwind romance until Sally is faced with political distress concerning one of their close companions, the Jewish Herr Schultz, and the domination of the Nazi regime over his life.

Sally turns back to the club in an effort to escape the problems and imperfections of her own life. She is a representation of the escapee who lives in all of us. She also possesses that same blind belief that life is a party if we don’t face what’s before us. Prescott’s last two songs, “I Don’t Care Much” and “Cabaret,” push this idea of escape even further.

Combining Samuel Read’s comedic portrayal as the sexually perverse Master of Ceremonies, Rebecca Prescott’s brilliance, and the rest of the notable talent in this production Cabaret became an awe-inspiring and eye-opening look into our own lives. Just for a brief moment this production may drive you to wish life was like the Cabaret, free from reality’s burdens.

Shoveljerk returns to Boise

by Josh Costen
Hootenanny Editor

Shoveljerk took the stage to find an audience not standing at the foot of the stage, as has been the case before, but rather sitting quietly. “You’re all welcome to come up here. We don’t bite or anything,” said vocalist Mark Hemenway. By night’s end, more than a dozen people had migrated up front, but the bulk of the crowd remained seated.

Although they were solid the whole way through, Shoveljerk’s performance was not the blazing show they usually deliver. “Killing My Buzz” sounded almost automatic, not nearly as spirited as before. The band also delivered a big batch of new material, which may have thrown the audience off a bit. In fact, the bulk of the set was new, with only a half-dozen or so songs from the band’s debut Swarm. While the material sounded promising, it was still hard for the audience to get into songs they had never heard before.

There were two obvious highlights from the show, the first a raucous, gloriously extended “Uevers,” and a moment when Hemenway managed to unleash the singer at an old Blackhapp fan who had been heckling the band with sing-titles from the old days. “Three day weekend?” replied Hemenway to the title of an old crowd favorite.

“No, that was last weekend. President’s Day, you know.”

All in all, it was a great night of music. Supplefunk looks like a great addition to the Boise scene, Puller showed a lot of promise, and Shoveljerk really needs to get into the studio to lay down their extensive collection of new material.
CD briefs

by Josh Casten
Hootenanny Editor

L7 returns to the punk scene with their new release *The Beauty Process: Triple Platinum*. The bad news is this: the record will probably never hit the sales mark referred to in the title. That’s it. The only things left to say are positive. L7 still rocks like none other; the guitars sound as loud and grainy as always, delightfully so. The drums still roll and even a few songs on the disc (“Milkman,” “Beetles”) possess a sense of continuity and development, while the non-obnoxious side of Einsturzende Neubauten feedback in the background, Aphex Twin noodles their way through a series of sample loops, with all sorts of noise bursts, including grinding noises, triple-speed drum rolls and even a few cartoon sound effects.

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**Ska-Punk hoe-down at Bogies**

The Skeletones (above) will make yet another Boise appearance at Bogies, this time opening for ska-punk legends Fishbone. The hightepping, elbow-swinging event will take place March 6th, so you still have plenty of time to carb-load.

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More CD briefs
by Erica Hill
Staff Writer

If you’re looking for an album or band somewhere in-between the British pop artists Blur and the mellow Toad the Wet Sprocket, Odds’ new release entitled Nest is the album for you. This alternatop roller coaster will make you laugh, make you cry, and certainly make you admit to the pure talent these four Canadians use to bring raw acoustics, muffled drum riffs, and soothing vocals to create a compilation worthy of purchase.

Though the Odds don’t quite live up to their name, they do prove a nice addition to the alternative genre. With song titles such as “Tears and Laughter” and “Someone Who’s Cool” combined with an unplugged style of music, Odds is a viable player in the alternative loop.

Celly Cel, Funk Mobb, and E-40 are just a few musicians produced under the same label as B-Legit. Basically if you like any of these artists or his previous release, Tryin to Get a Buck, you’ll love his newest The Hemp Museum. If you aren’t familiar with any of those it’s certainly time to get your feet wet, and this album makes a mighty fine puddle.

B-Legit uses background vocals several times throughout each song, which separates him a bit from the majority of his fellow rappers. The most unexpected of these background vocalists is Daryl Hall of the 1980’s Hall and Oates, who serenades in his old school style on “Ghetto Style.”

With help from his fellow artists Celly-Cel and Little Bruce, The Hemp Museum creates a large stepping stone for B-Legit to launch off. Watch out for this guy.

Why Rahsaan Patterson isn’t the king of all jazz R&B I’ll never know. This Babyface prodigy rips it up on his new self-titled CD. Patterson combines various scales of his serenading voice, jazz styled music, and lyrics of lust like: “I’ve been wanting to touch ya/I’ve been wanting to spend a little time/I’ve been dying to make love to ya girl/like we did last night/baby won’t you come around my way/baby stop by” in the first track dubbed “Stop By.”

If Keith Sweat floats your boat, Rahsaan Patterson will pick it up and sail you across the lake. This compilation is essential for all R&B lovers and Jazz lovers alike.

Though Boise’s local radio station 100.3 has jumped onto the promising Soul Coughing bandwagon, their newest release Inexplicable Bliss is notable only because of the radio exploitation of two of the songs. If you want to find a trendy alternative, this is for you. With little more to brag about than the songs “Super Bon Bon” and “Soundtrack to Mary,” Soul Coughing seems to look only as a short-lived band with several hits off their only successful album. Nice try.

Liner Notes
Boise State offers London theater and music study program in May
For students who would like to study music and theater in the heart of London and earn college credit at the same time, an arrangement is now possible through the International Programs at BSU. The seven-day London trip will run from May 15-21 and include admission to theater and musical performances, guided museum and backstage tours, and an option to earn two college credits through the BSU Division of Continuing Education, which administers the BSU’s International Programs.

Tour leaders are BSU professors Phil Atlakson, theater arts, and Del Parkinson, music.

The tour will provide participants with the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the theater and music scenes in London by attending various performances. The tour will be tailored to the needs and interests of those on the tour, and daily excursions will accommodate all levels of interest in the performing arts. A research paper for college credit is optional.

The cost, which includes airfare, lodging, tickets to various performances and some public transportation is $1,749. Tour participants may elect to return with the group or visit other parts of Europe for another week at additional expense. Final payment is due March 1.

For more information, contact Phil Atlakson at 385-1291 or Del Parkinson at 385-3300.

Treasure Valley concert band to perform Feb. 26 at BSU
The Treasure Valley Concert Band, under the direction of BSU music professor Marcellus Brown, will present a “Concert of Celebrations, Marches and Dances” tonight at the Special Events Center at 7:30.

The program will include selections from John Philip Sousa, John Zdechlik and Dmitri Shostakovich. The Treasure Valley concert band was organized to allow outstanding wind musicians in the Treasure Valley area to play music and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow musicians. Sponsored by the BSU Department of Music, the 70-member group is in its 16th season, and has performed more than 200 major compositions for band.

Admission to the concert is free. The program will be repeated March 5 at the Jewett Auditorium at Albertson’s College of Idaho. Call 385-3980 for more information.

Price of discount movie tickets to rise
The Student Union Information Desk has recently run out of Cineplex Odeon discount theater tickets. No orders are expected to be delivered until March 7.

BSU has two outstanding orders that will sell for the current price of $3.25 per ticket, with a maximum of four per valid BSU ID per day. When that supply is exhausted, the cost will increase to $4 per ticket, an increase originating with Cineplex Odeon head offices.

Future orders of Reel Theater and Flicks tickets will go up as well, from $3 and $3.25 respectively to $3.50 when purchased with a valid BSU ID. Price increases will likely go into effect in April.

Award-Winning poet to give reading Feb. 26
Poet Debora Greger will read from her work at 7:30 tonight in the Barnwell Room of the SUB. Admission to the reading is free.

Greger currently serves as BSU’s Distinguished Writer in Residence. She has authored nine books of poetry including “The 1002 Night” and “Desert Fathers, Uranium Daughters.”

Greger has won various awards, including the National Endowment for the Arts award three times, a John Simon Guggenheim grant and the Griolier prize. More than 100 of her poems have been published in a wide variety of periodicals including The New Yorker, American Poetry Review and The Christian Science Monitor. Greger will be available to sign books at her reading.

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Boise State men get swept on the road

by Dan Robbins
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's basketball team departed Boise for a giant two-game road trip, to play Nevada and Utah State. After losing both games the Broncos probably wish they had never left the comfortable confines of the Pavilion. With the two losses the Broncos now play Pacific and Idaho at home. The Pacific game is on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:35 p.m. and the Idaho game takes place Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

Boise State vs. Nevada

BSU knew Nevada was going to be a tough opponent. Nevada's record was 15-7, 9-3 in conference, and they had already beaten the Broncos on BSU's home court. Not only that, but Boise State had to face Faron Hand, the man who scored 31 points against them during the first meeting. Add to the equation that BSU was without Kenny Van Kirk (out for personal reasons) and you may have figured the end result, a 76-66 Boise State loss, with Hand scoring 25 points and grabbing 15 boards. The Broncos did make an exciting game of it though, hanging in until the very end.

The Wolf Pack opened the game with a 5-0 streak that ended on a Roberto Bergersen three-pointer. A free throw by Hand then put the Pack up 6-5. J.D. Huleen launched a three to tie it at 6-6, and was answered by Jimmy Carrol of the Pack, making it 8-6 Nevada. Huleen would then hit another three-pointer, sparring the Broncos on a 8-0 run and leads as large as seven points, before the Pack could catch back up and tie it at 22-22. Over the next five minutes the Broncos built their lead up to a 34-26 margin with 1:57 remaining in the first half. Nevada then closed out the half with seven quick scores to trail by only one at the break 34-33. "I thought we did a good job in the first half, but the final 30 seconds really hurt us," commented Coach Jensen.

High scorers for the Broncos during the first half were Gerry Washington with 13 and Huleen with 12. Faron Hand led the Pack with 11 first half points.

The hot J.D. Huleen came out of the locker room hitting his shots again, but the Broncos could not stop the Nevada surge that began toward the end of the first half. They watched the Pack move out to a five point advantage with 1:20 remaining. Huleen then fought to bring the Broncos back and scored five straight points to tie it at 42. The Pack responded with a 6-0 spurt, only to be followed by a 7-0 BSU run. The last run gave BSU a one point lead with 9:00 left on the clock. At that point the Broncos would miss three straight front ends of one-for-one free throws to allow the Pack to pull ahead 61- 54. Joe Wyatt, who had been hounded by Nevada all night, then got his first field goal and followed it closely with his second and a bucket from the charity stripe. The Broncos could only watch after that as the Wolf Pack made their free throws and put the game away on a pair of tomahawk dunks by Tim Burnett.

The Broncos were led in scoring by Huleen with 19 points, which came on the day he celebrated his 22nd birthday. Other Bronco with good point outputs were Washington with 16 and Mike Tolman with 10 respectively. All Tollman's baskets came late in the game and kept the Broncos close. Wyatt finished with only seven points but did collect seven assists. "They did a real nice job defending Joe," Coach Jensen remarked after the game.

The loss drops the Broncos into sole possession of fourth place in the tournament at 13-10 overall, 8-5 in conference.

Boise State vs. Utah State

Last week, after consecutive wins against New Mexico State and North Texas, the Broncos spoke about not playing like a championship team because they could not put teams away. Against Utah State they experimented with no such trouble. It's just too bad they didn't put away their opponents. Instead, they self destructed and shot a new team record low for field goals percentages.

The Broncos came out onto the court looking lethargic and they had about as much promise for success as a Yugo owner would have trying to sell his car on a luxury lot. Luckily for the Broncos, their trademark defense was still working and kept them within striking distance for most of the game.

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In the second half the Broncos continued their poor shooting and could do nothing more than watch the Aggies' Layups and pull away. The Broncos' last gasp came with 11:30 remaining when they cut the deficit down to 10 at 37-27. The Broncos missed some key opportunities to cut into the Utah State lead and they fell apart at the seams. Utah State's lead grew to as many as 18 points and they ended up winning 58-41. The Broncos were led by Wyatt with 13 points and Gerry Washington with 12.

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by Amy Butler
Sports Editor

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What enters a Bronco's mind when presented with these two words: interstate rivalry. Perhaps the University of Idaho Vandals? An obvious choice!

The battle continued between the Vandals when the Broncos traveled to Moscow last Sunday. This time the Vandals came out on top. The ending score: 66-67. Lewis came through for the Broncos again by scoring six points from three-point range and bringing in 14 points at the halfway mark to help the Broncos gain a 38-36 lead.
Once again: Gymnasts break more records

by Amy Butler
Sports Editor

School records seem to be breaking left and right around the Boise State gymnast’s team this season.

Last week was no different.

“We decided before the meet to focus on ourselves, not the opponent,” said Head Coach Sam Sandmire.

It paid off.

Taking on the defending Big West champions—Utah State—in Logan last Friday, the Broncos tallied 193.625 for a new school record.

Unfortunately, they took second to Utah, which broke its own school record with a 195.475.

The Broncos’ squad continues to amaze Sandmire who repeats, “It’s hard to break a school record, but it’s even harder to break one on the road.”

A key figure in the Bronco scoring was freshman Debbie Thompson, who set a second record on the beam routine after a flip-flop layout, which landed her a solid 9.95 score.

The BSU men’s basketball team sat in the stands to cheer her on.

Johnna Evans and Lisa Hallmark also racked in the points for BSU on the beam, bars and floor events.

“We feel fortunate. Our spot in regional is very solid,” said Sandmire. “We feel we can have the luxury of resting people when it’s needed.”

Sandmire took this luxury by sidelining freshman Louise Cashmere for this meet, along with senior Meghan Fillmore, the defending conference floor exercise champion.

While setting athletic records, the gymnasts once again racked up the highest GPA for all Bronco athletes. Perhaps if other athletes are smart, they’ll attend the March 8 meet against Arizona State, Sandmire’s alma mater.

The match is marked as “Bronco Pride Night,” meaning the highest attendance record from another BSU athletic team can win one of the following:

1) breakfast cooked by Sandmire and her team at her house.
2) home-baked cookies made by the gymnasts.
3) a free gymnastics lesson.

Athletes must sign up to come and support the Broncos. It might be worth it. Rumor has it, Sandmire cooks a mean breakfast.
Tennis teams continue their winning ways

by Dan Robbins
Sports Writer

Women’s tennis

Boise State women’s tennis team was supposed to play Weber State in a dual match Friday morning, but due to illness Weber State could not attend. Lewis and Clark State volunteered and was destroyed by the Broncos 9-0.

On Saturday the women faced ex-Big Sky competitor Montana State. The Broncos opened the match by sweeping the doubles events and continued in the singles to surge to a 6-2 victory. The only bad news for the Broncos was that 81st ranked Michelle Klait was upset after achieving her highest national ranking ever.

 Ranked 14th in the nation, Gayleen McManus continued her on-court dominance with two singles and two doubles victories during the two matches.

The two dual match wins leave the 22nd ranked Broncos with a 4-2 record for the year. Their next home tournament will not occur for another month.

Men’s tennis

After last weekend’s huge victory over Fresno State at home, the Bronco men’s tennis team traveled to Salt Lake for a Monday dual match with the Utah Utes. The result was similar to the previous six matches of the season, a victory. With the 4-3 win over Utah the Broncos improved to 6-0 in dual matches for the season.

This week the Broncos will be hosting the BSU/Evian Intercollegiate Tennis Classic from Feb. 28 through March 2. The Broncos hope to continue their success so they remain unbeaten when the next national tennis rankings are released. A higher ranking during the season could make their push for the national championship easier.

The Broncos will play Nebraska on Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m., Weber State in doubles only on March 1 at 9 a.m., BYU on March 1 at 1 p.m., and lastly Temple and Weber State on March 2 at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Lewis was a key player throughout this bout.

The word of this game could be “foul.” BSU’s Heidi Umtun fell into trouble ending with four, which matched her teammate Reyna Fortenberry’s tally.

During the second half, BSU brought the score up to 62-63 with under three minutes left on the clock.

At 39 seconds left, an offensive foul by Idaho gave the Broncos the ball with the Vandals ahead by one.

Rivalry abounded.

As the clocked ticked down the Broncos took the lead by one, only to be shot down by a jump shot from Idaho with seven seconds left to end the match.

The young of the team have always been a questionable matter with the Broncos, but head coach Trisha Stevens feels the team has matured.

“I felt like we did a much better job rebounding today, but I think even though we’re still a young team we shouldn’t have had this close of a game,” said Stevens.

BSU plays two more regular-season games next week before the Big West Conference tournament March 6-8 in Reno, Nev.: New Mexico State on Feb. 27, University of North Texas on March 1.

Broncos finish indoor track season

by Josh Danielson
Sports Writer

The Boise State track team ended their indoor season last Saturday competing in the Mountain State Championships in Reno. Twelve teams across the nation engaged in the battle, including such notables as Stanford University, Arizona and Washington State.

The Bronco men finished ninth overall scoring 34 points, with two individual stand-out performances.

Sophomore Egbert Felix finished as a double winner in the meet, capturing the 55-meter hurdles in 7.43 seconds and the 55-meter dash in 6.35.

Sophomore Jared Rome placed second in the shot put, launching a 59-foot throw to qualify for the NCAA championships in March.

As for the women, Niamh Beirne and Abigail Ferguson continue their successful indoor season. Beirne finished second in the mile (4:56) and provisionally qualified for nationals.

Ferguson showed her talents by placing second in the triple jump (41'-8") and nailing a 19'-9" long jump. She is now heading for the Indoor Championships in March.

"Ferguson has already qualified twice for indoor and once for outdoor championships," remarked Assistant Coach Mike Dilley. "I believe her experience will hold her well for the national meet."

The Broncos’ outdoor season begins March 21 in Tucson, Ariz. at the Willie Williams Classic. The tracksters are eager to compete under an open sky.

“I know the team is ready for outdoors,” stated junior Cormac Smith. “I believe we are focused on what we have to do to win the Big West Conference.”

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YOUR UNREAL HOROSCOPE

by Mark David Holladay
Hollywood Confidential Snitch

"Yeah, [O.J.] did it. But maybe they had it coming."
—George Carlin

Cancer: (June 22—July 22) The Star says—trampolines are good if you bounce on them. You should be good too.

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22) The weirdness you experienced last week will only intensify if you accept responsibility for irresponsible people.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) You can pick your friends, and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friends' nose—unless you're a plastic surgeon.


Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Remember that if someday you become a professor with tenure you too can grade your papers naked, and tell your students they are stupid if they don't agree with your outdated, lopsided view of the world.

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FISHBOWL
by ERIC ELLIS

"Little Darlin',

It's still been a long, cold, lonely winter..."

"Yeah, it seems like years since it's been clear..."

"Rumble..."

"Aaah! Here comes the sun!!"

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