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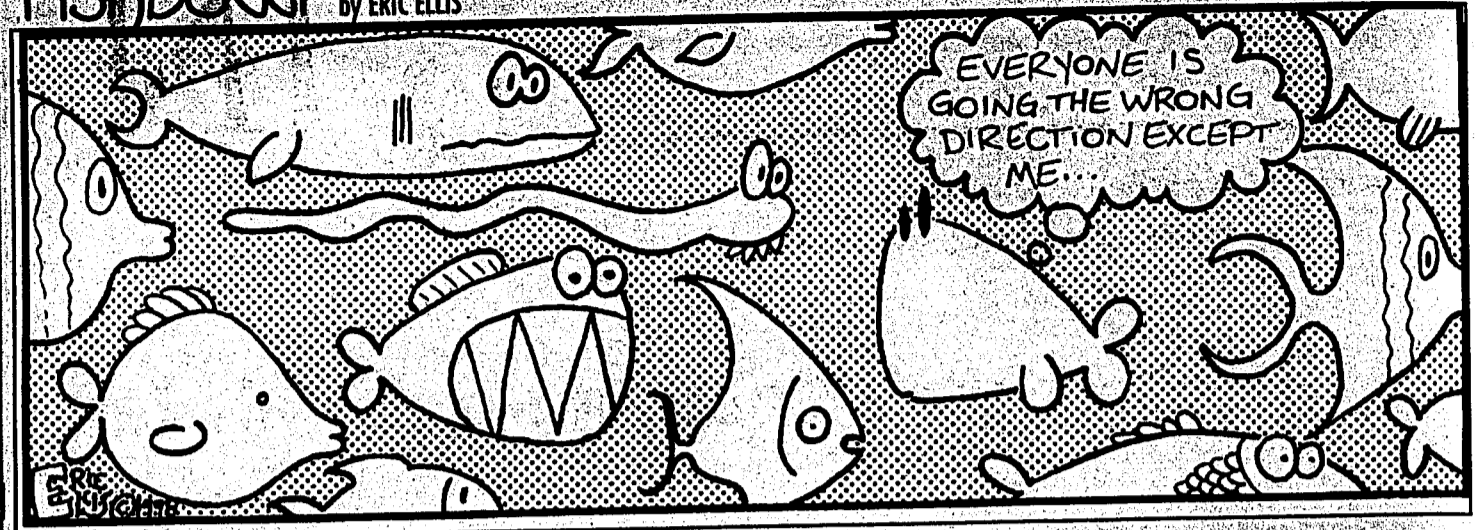
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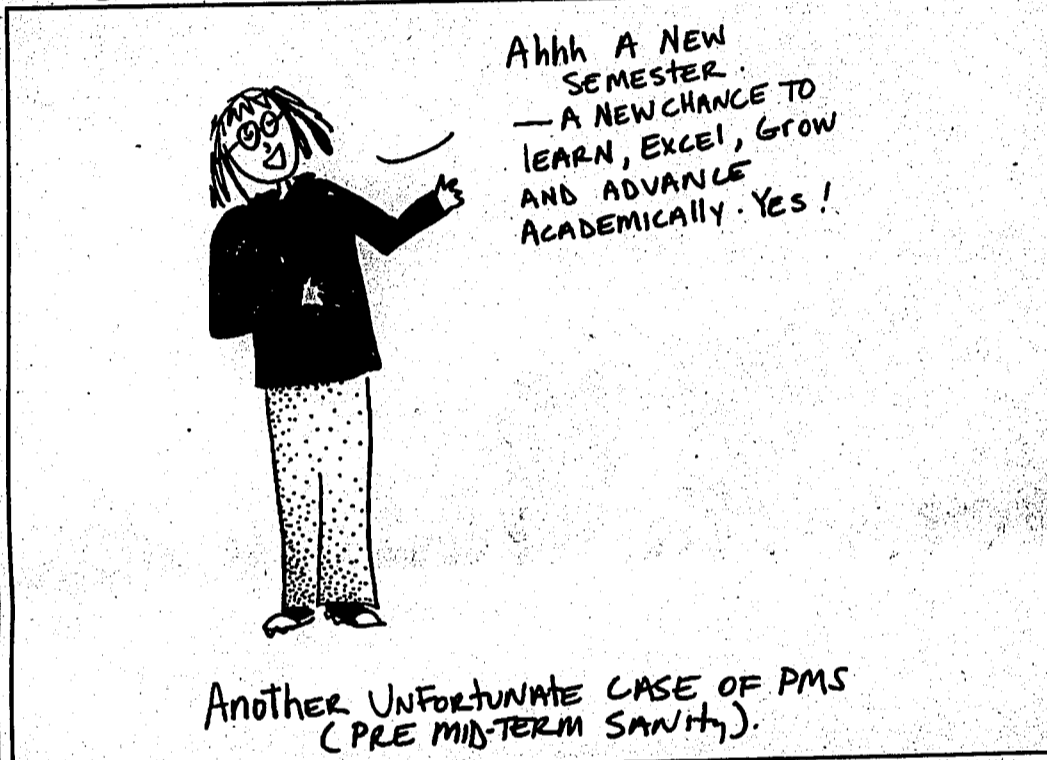
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Higher Education by LISA GOETZMAN



Jonny ponders the universe?



With the planets in my belly, quasars for eyes, and the sun in my heart I am able to sense the universe's ultimate humor. If all humans laughed simultaneously would that affect the ebb and flow of the tides?

TOP 10

Top Ten reasons America should be English-only

BY ASENCION RAMIREZ
OPINION EDITOR

10. If the Pilgrims were courteous enough to come to America speaking English, so should you.
9. If America were English-only you would finally be able to land that high paying job at the 7-11.
8. English is the language cool enough to give us such words as "buckaroo," "lariat," "lasagna" and "bagel."
7. Americans are trendy, and if the U.S. became English-only the rest of the world would have to follow our lead.
6. Los Angeles could change its name to The City of Movies.
5. You'd finally be able to understand your rube cousins who live in Dixie.
4. You'd finally be able to understand your dude cousins who live on the Left Coast.
3. No one would have to Macarena.
2. You could go to an ethnic restaurant and order without fear of slaughtering the name of main entree.
1. Californians think it's a great idea.



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Forget English, vote Cebuano-only this fall

BY ASENCION RAMIREZ
OPINION EDITOR

Overheard during a game of Trivial Pursuit: "If you're going to come to America, you should speak English." Not a very original thought, but the subject forms the cornerstone for upcoming "English-only" proposition on California's ballot.

Actually, at the time, I was thinking of speaking Cebuano and forcing the rest of you to accommodate me. All the while, I was hoping the game of English-only had faded from the field. Who knew that—like disco and Grease—it would make a comeback. So I guess I'll give up on my dream of getting the rest of you to speak Cebuano, and spend some time on the position that thinly attempts to disguise fear and racism under a tapestry of nationalism.

For the sake of clarification I don't really speak Cebuano, but if I were an immigrant from the Philippines I'd come here and make the rest of you speak Cebuano; no, not really. No immigrant ever comes to the United States with a fullblown plan to make the rest of you speak their language. They're usually more concerned with issues like adequate housing, getting a job and trying to stay in the country. Trust me, Mom and Dad went through this and not once did they mention getting the Dukes of Hazard to speak Spanish as one of their goals.

However one of their goals was to see their children educated, and that task was made easier through migrant education programs offered at the local school. If I remember correctly, the aim of the program was to teach English to those who did not speak the language. From there other instructors could teach the migrant student that the world was round and George Washington had served as the first president of the United States. Not once did anyone tell me, "Muchacho, el mundo es redondo y Jorge Washington fue el primer presidente de los Estados Unidos." Unless new migrant ed instructors are going around proclaiming, "De acuerdo con Tomas Hobbes, la vida es como tu madre-corta, fea y brutal," I really don't see the problem.

Unless some people feel willing to sacrifice children to save a few dollars by cutting them out of education. Citizens or not, the children attending immigrant education classes represent a resource that must be nurtured and groomed carefully. Without bilingual education programs where are these young people left? Out on the streets, without hope for the future and with no opportunity to contribute to the nation that embodies the only future afforded them.

No one is asking that curriculum be translated and conjugated for everyone from here to Uzbekistan. However, an honest effort should be made to help all the children who come to the U.S. acquire the basic skills to become successful, no matter how much money and work it takes. This isn't a nation of quitters; why start now?

Oh, and that game of Trivial Pursuit—I won. Not bad for a kid who took migrant ed until junior high. Thank you Mrs. Perkes, wherever you are.

Illustrator victimized by virtual pet

BY ERIC ELLIS
GUEST COLUMNIST

On Christmas morning 1997 I was opening gifts with my family. We were bathed in the glow of our traditional, American Christmas tree, singing traditional, American Christmas songs, getting crocked on traditional, American egg nog when suddenly the Japanese invaded. I had been talking with my cousin, Lee (whom I will call "Cousin Lee"), and had ironically just said something about the sort of sadistic freak who would give a Tamagotchi as a present. The Tamagotchi is the pet rock of the 90's, though God could only guess why. While only slightly less inane than a pet rock, it seems twenty times more annoying. It's like a doll that cries out to be fed and diapered several times a day; a doll that, if neglected, turns blue and DIES! Of course, the very next gift I opened contained my own albatross to strap around my neck: an official brand-name Tamagotchi (thanks, Cousin Lee).

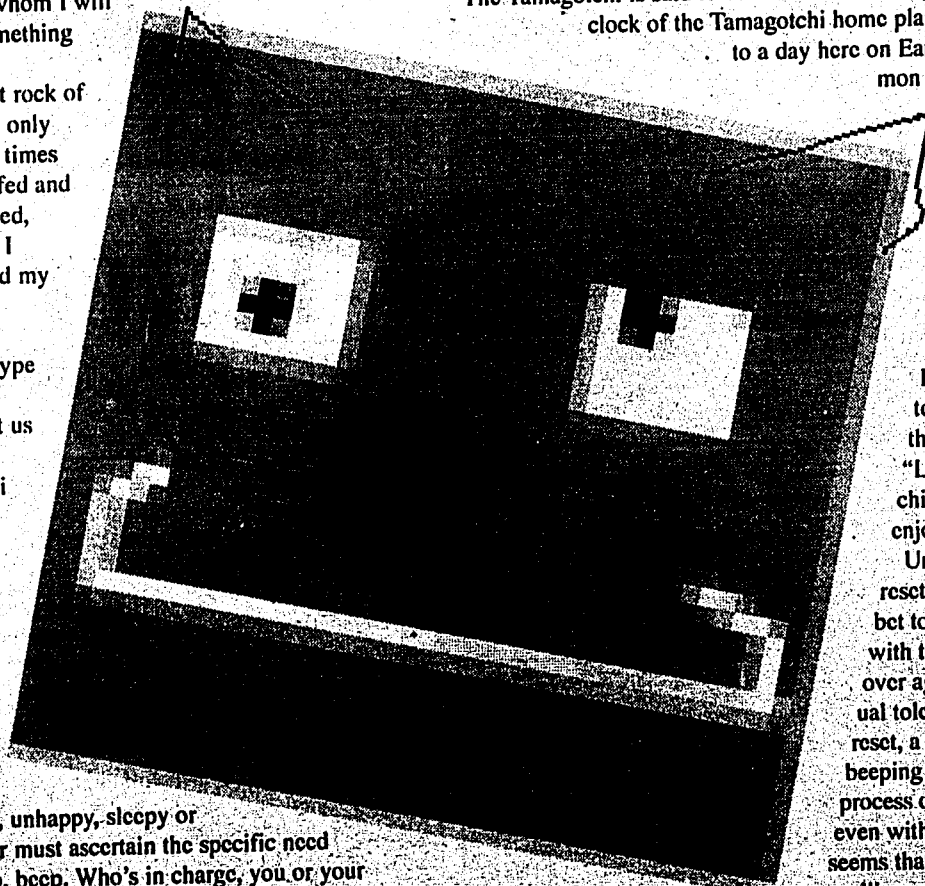
For those who don't know, the Tamagotchi is a type of toy invented by the Japanese, those insidiously clever folks who have held a secret grudge against us ever since we introduced them to our friends Fat Man and Little Boy. My bet is that the Tamagotchi represents their form of retaliation. It resembles a small plastic egg on a key chain with a one-inch-square LCD screen and three little buttons. The screen displays a tiny electronic pet which must be nurtured until such time as it sees fit to leave the nest. "If you keep Tamagotchi full and happy, it will grow into a cute, happy cyber-pet," the instructions explain, "but if you neglect Tamagotchi, it will grow into an unattractive alien."

The toy beeps at its owner when it feels hungry, unhappy, sleepy or sick, or sometimes for no reason at all. The owner must ascertain the specific need and remedy each situation as it arises. Beep, beep, beep. Who's in charge, you or your pretend pet? This imaginary animal must be fed imaginary food several times daily. Beep! "Gimme some hamburgers!" Beep! "Gimme some cake!" What happens to all that virtual junk food after the little guy eats it? The Tamagotchi owner must clean up little electronic poopie several times a day.

When this virtual pet gets a virus, it's up to the human caretaker to administer medicine from a tiny electronic bottle. The cure does not taste good: Tamagotchi makes terrible faces as he chokes the stuff down. The instructions stress the importance of punishing the unruly toy if naughty. "Make sure you scold Tamagotchi when necessary. If Tamagotchi beeps at you for no reason, you must discipline it." Try this on your next date. In the middle of the movie, reach into your pants pocket for your Tamagotchi saying, "Excuse me, I have to spank my little pet." Your companion will probably either smile or make a hasty exit. If you get a grin, take my advice: ask them home to bed.

The Tamagotchi is said to come from another galaxy, its life cycle based on the clock of the Tamagotchi home planet. One of their years equates roughly to a day here on Earth. The little alien has a lot in common with human children. For instance, if severely mistreated, Tamagotchi will flee home at age thirteen and go find work in the coal mines. If extremely well treated (many human parents make this mistake), it will hang around until age twenty-four or more, clinging and sucking to its host like a leech. Tamagotchi's instructions define this as success, but I call it failure; successful parents will teach their offspring to fly and boot them out the nest as soon as possible. "Life is short," they should shout as their children plummet to the ground, "Go enjoy it!"

Unlike real kids, the Tamagotchi offers a reset button so you can start over again. I bet tons of parents wish their children came with this feature. This can be done over and over again, according to the owner's individual tolerance for torture. Each time the toy gets reset, a unique new pet is hatched and begins beeping for attention, and the whole painful process of parenthood begins anew. Of course, even with all the heartache and hassle, it still seems that they grow up too quickly. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go spank my little pet.



Help wanted: President needed for 2000. Must be philanderer.

BY BRANDON NOLTA
COLUMNIST

So there I was, watching CNN, wondering what new inspiration would strike and allow me to once again propagate my twisted viewpoint to the masses. Well, at least the BSU student component of those masses, but I digress. In any case, I was watching CNN when one of those ubiquitous polls came on. Quite illuminating.

Apparently somebody had seen fit to bother a random cross-sample of the American population with the question, "Do you think President Clinton was schtupping Monica Lewinsky?" To the vast surprise of absolutely nobody, 48% of those people said "Yes." Of the rest, 21% were undecided, which probably represented the Amish and Appalachian back country segments of the voting demographic. Everybody else is backing Al Gore for Campaign 2000 and covering their asses.

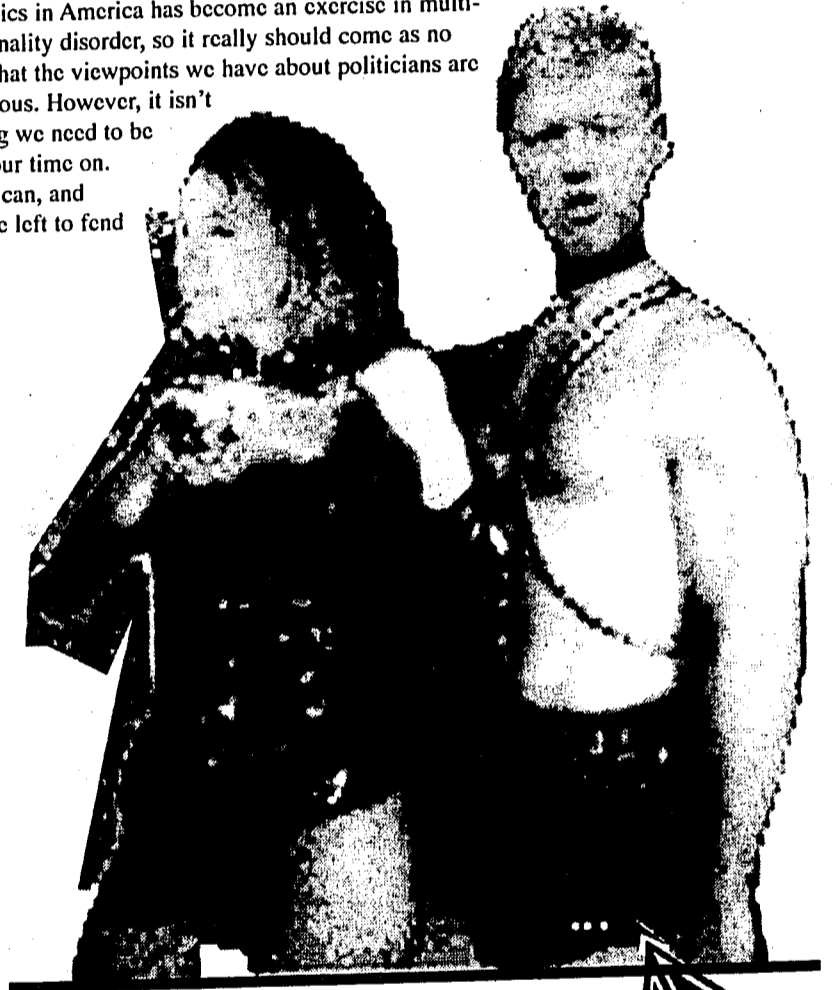
My question: "Who cares?" We've already established that Slick Willie is, despite all the groaning and complaining about character (which has as much to do with American politics as cheese has to do with radio astronomy), just what We the People ordered, twice no less. Feel free to complain about the job he's done, but as character has not been part of the equation to date I see no reason to worry about it now. Let's stop for a moment and think about this.

Assume for the moment that he did have an affair with Ms. Lewinsky. Most people seem to have made that leap already, conveniently ignoring that "innocent until proven guilty" thing you sometimes see in courtroom shows, but that's another pork chop altogether. Of course, since both President Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky have denied doing the horizontal mambo with each other, we'll have to ignore that too. Since the investigators are doing the same for the time being, we're in good company. Anyway, if they had an ongoing shag-fest while she was an intern in La Maison Blanche, what does that mean? Well, if his pillow talk included matters of national security or vital state secrets, they

should both get beheaded in the public square. Or caned; don't tell me we can't learn from Islamic or Oriental judicial systems. Regardless of what would feel suitable in that case, it poses the only situation I can think of in which the voting population really needs to be concerned. As callous as it may sound, infidelity and politics have gone hand-in-hand since humans cobbled together civilization, and it has only been in puritanically-derived societies such as ours that anyone thought to connect one's fidelity with one's political ability or devotion. I'll bet Gary Hart is furious.

Personally, I find it amusing that this issue gets such air play. We seem to be so accepting of adultery anymore that to go on about the possibility of Clinton getting some on the side smacks of hypocrisy. Adultery remains a crime in Idaho, and most of the other 50 states; ever heard of somebody getting busted for it? Under the armed service's code of military justice adultery is a court-martial offense, as Lt. Kelly Flynn discovered to her chagrin, but not before a major campaign to keep her career intact was launched. Infidelity doesn't say much about your character, but character seems to represent a superfluous quality anyway.

You have to wonder about a substratum of the American culture that appears universally loathed for their character, yet envied for their access to power and position. A prestigious career, but you wouldn't want your daughter to marry one. Politics in America has become an exercise in multiple-personality disorder, so it really should come as no surprise that the viewpoints we have about politicians are dichotomous. However, it isn't something we need to be wasting our time on. Minutiae can, and should, be left to fend for itself.



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Letter to the Editor

To whom it may concern,

Electrical deregulation is (sic) one of the issues the Idaho Legislation will consider this session. Why are our elected officials looking at something that is not broke and does not need to be fixed?

Deregulation is the wrong term. What will happen is regulation of a vital service that has low uniform costs and is a vital service. Reregulation of the telephone, airline, and cable television have produced higher costs to the average consumer while lining the pockets of the corporate elite. And now they want our electricity.

Farmers, ranchers, homeowners will see our electrical rates go up, while Micron, Zilog and other big corporations will cut a deal. We'll pay for the reregulation.

Contact your elected representatives TODAY!! Tell them "NO" to a quick fix. If deregulation is needed the issue must be thoroughly studied so that all questions will be answered.

KENNETH O. WHITE

ASBSU Views: Applied Technology Senator reports

Dear Editor:

I have been a senator for the Applied Technology program for the past two years. I have been involved in many projects and have seen the program grow from a small group of students to a large, well-organized department. I have seen the program become a vital part of the BSU community and I am proud to be a part of it. I have seen the program become a vital part of the BSU community and I am proud to be a part of it.

Working with the other senators to fulfill a community service project this semester. We are planning a "Teddy Bear Drive" the week of February 14. There will be various locations on campus to donate the much needed bears. The bears will be given to children who are terminally ill, like young cancer patients.

Drafting, with other senators and Chief of Staff Matt Boff, a resolution to bring more sororities and fraternities to Boise State University.

Drafting, with other senators, a resolution to prevent the purchase of parking permits with student fees.

Still trying to enact a "Fall Holiday" for all students. The resolution passed through Senate and ASBSU President T.J. Thomson last semester. Now, it has to go to the Calendar Committee, Faculty Senate and then President Charles Ruch before it can become official.

Researching the "Overload Fee Policy," especially, refunds. Currently, overload fees are not refundable unless a student provides the Payment and Disbursement Center with an Overload Fee Waiver from a department on campus. My question is, "What about a student who has 20 credits and has to drop a one-credit class prior to the first day of school, and never had an Overload Fee Waiver? Why can't they get their money back? After all, isn't \$99 worth fighting for? I'd love to hear how other students feel about the non-refundable overload fees.

If any student would like to share any ideas or comments with me, I can be reached in the Senate Offices Monday through Thursday after 2:00pm. Students can also e-mail me at CFARRUGI@BSU.MAIL.IDBSU.EDU

THANKS!
CAROLYN FARRUGIA
COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY SENATOR



NEWS bucket



Dean of College Education to resign; will assume faculty position

Robert Barr will resign June 30 as dean of Boise State University's College of Education to devote more time to research, teaching and school improvement activities.

Barr plans to teach in the College of Education's department of secondary education. He also intends to work with the curriculum and instruction doctoral program and the Center for School Improvement.

Under Barr's leadership for the past seven years, the College of Education added the university's first doctoral degree, established the Center for School Improvement, reorganized the College of Education, established a master's in counseling degree and the Education Technology Outreach program, and secured \$15 million in educational grants.

Barr also co-authored two nationally renowned books and has served as a national spokesman for school reform. His book, "Hope at Last for At-Risk Youth," which he wrote with BSU education professor Bill Parrett, is in its second printing, with a second expanded edition soon to follow.

Before coming to Boise State, Barr worked for five years as director of teacher education at Indiana University and nine years as dean of the College of Education at Oregon State University.

The university will conduct a national search to replace Barr. The interim dean will be appointed later this month.

Students sponsor Volunteer Fair today

More than 30 volunteer organizations will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom to discuss volunteer opportunities. Among the agencies included are Big Brother, Big Sisters, St. Luke's Senior Life and Valley Crisis Center-Mercy House.

The BSU Volunteer Services Board is sponsoring the event to promote awareness of the benefits and rewards of volunteering. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Board at 385-4240.

BSU hosts Suicide Prevention Hotline volunteer training

The Idaho Suicide Prevention and Hotline service was offering crisis intervention training to the public this Saturday, January 31st, continuing on Sat., Feb. 7th. Both sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. and take place in the Communication Building on campus.

The training is offered free of charge, and there is no obligation to serve as a volunteer afterward.

BSU students may receive practicum or internship credit for taking the training and serving as volunteers.

For more information contact Peter Wollheim at 385-3532.

Pianist from PBS documentary "Playing With Fire" performs Feb. 8

When pianist Aviram Reichert plays the music of Schubert, music critics hail it as a "miracle of voicing, expression and intellect," and his performances as demonstrating a "perfect command of detail that approaches the level of genius."

He has toured the world and now Reichert can be heard in Boise at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in the Special Events Center.

Tickets are available at Select-A-Seat for \$4 students, faculty and staff, and \$8 general.

Reichert was featured in "Playing With Fire," the PBS documentary about the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in which he walked away with the Bronze Medal. He was also awarded the top prize in the First Dong-A International Piano Competition in Seoul, Korea.

A frequent soloist with orchestras in his native country, Reichert has collaborated with the Israel Symphony, Israel Philharmonic, Haifa Symphony and the Israel Chamber orchestras. Outside of Israel, he has performed and recorded with the Tokyo Symphony and Dessau Symphony orchestra and toured in recital in France, Germany, Japan and Taiwan.

The concert is sponsored by the Boise State Student Union and Dunkley Music. Call the Information Desk at 385-1448 for more information.



Pianist Aviram Reichert performs at the BSU Special Events Center Feb. 8 at 8

Wellness Center offers "First Steps"

The Wellness Center wants to know whether students who made New Year's resolutions to work out and eat well have stuck to their goals. If you're like most people, you're probably finding yourself caught in a never-ending cycle of trying to diet and exercise, but find yourself slipping.

That's where First Steps comes in. The people from the First Steps program, offered through the Wellness Center, want to help you get beyond the resolutions and make healthy changes in your life, for a lifetime.

The First Steps sessions offer a four-week comprehensive introduction (or reintroduction) to the world of health and fitness. Once per week, in a group setting, a First Steps coach guides participants through the process of designing a personal health and fitness program. The coach uses the same resources that have helped hundreds of people achieve their health and fitness goals, and will help you take your first steps toward a lifetime of health and fitness.

First Steps is a free service of the Wellness Center. Groups meet every Monday morning to set new goals and report on personal progress from the previous week. Sessions begin Monday, Feb. 16. Please call for times and further information: 385-3364 and ask for Shane Martindale.

BSU introduces Spirit Day to foster student enthusiasm

To help new students at BSU become more quickly attached and integrated into the university and build a united spirit within the BSU community, President Ruch has declared Friday of each week "BSU Spirit Day."

The concept was developed by Diane Applegate, Administrative Secretary in the Center for Academic Support and Student Orientation Programs.

Applegate worked with the Director of the BSU Bronco Shop to provide a special 15 percent discount last week to all faculty and staff "to help get everyone off to a good start."

Supporters call this an opportunity to generate a new level of enthusiasm and support. According to the press release issued by Nancy Barnes, "Imagine the excitement of walking around the campus and the community seeing hundreds of people at BSU wearing BSU apparel and accessories!"

The release also says that Friday has served as a Casual Day in many campus offices for some time, but some individuals feel that casual dress is not appropriate. Therefore, BSU ties, lapel pins, scarves and other accessories, or any blue and orange wear, would encourage school spirit.

An unnamed faculty member expressed skepticism about this strategy. "Who would want to go to a school where everybody wears orange and blue any day of the week, let alone Fridays?"

ASBSU wants senators, recycling manager

Members of ASBSU seek potential students for appointment on two senate seats: the Graduate Senator position and one for the College of Engineering.

Also, the executive staff will hire a Recycling Waste Manager. The job requires a student on work study; it pays \$6.50 per hour and the manager will work closely with ASBSU and the Physical Plant. The manager will collect recyclable materials throughout campus, as well as answer all questions related to campus recycling.

See the ASBSU service desk for more information.

NEWS & FEATURES

Senate meetings address Greeks, recycling and assorted bills

by TOBIN STEISKAL
NEWS WRITER



After a long break, the first week of ASBSU Senate meetings was filled with items for members to address. Topping the list was the emphasis ASBSU has placed on strengthening the campus Greek system this semester. President T.J. Thomson cited the upcoming visit of Alpha Kappa Lambda, a national Greek organization, as another opportunity for students to immerse themselves in campus activities.

Thomson then urged Senate members to consider asking for more student participation in recycling programs; and he said he would like to see an increase in informative student forums.

Nico Martinez, ASBSU Vice President, also talked to the Senate about President Charles Ruch's projects for the semester. She said he wants to foster closer relations with the state legislature, push for increased access to the Canyon County campus, and encourage

more support for campus-wide fundraising activities.

Martinez also expressed concern about helping students register to vote.

The Senate is considering a number of pieces of legislation. Senate Resolution No. 5 supports the extension of hours at the Albertson's Library, and Resolution

No. 6 aims to add a "Religious Observance Policy" to BSU's student handbook. Senate Bill No. 14 intends to prevent ASBSU officers from purchasing parking permits with student fees and, and Bill No. 15 requests funding for Pi Kappa Delta, a forensics organization on campus.



PHOTO BY JOHN TONE

ASBSU vice president Nico Martinez addresses Senate members during one of the first Senate meetings of the spring semester.

\$2 million helps expand course offerings at Canyon County campus

by KELLY MILLINGTON TEAL
NEWS EDITOR

Marking the latest step toward becoming a campus, the Canyon County branch of Boise State University has set up new biology and computer labs that were up and running in time for classes this week.

Not only does this mean the Nampa facility now offers college credit for computer applications and science classes, but the improvements help pave the way for the center's potential next step: evolving into a full-service educational facility.

Boise State President Charles Ruch announced two weeks ago that turning the Canyon County facility into a new campus in northeast Nampa sits as his top priority. In his annual State of the University speech, Ruch said he plans to ask the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee of the Legislature for \$2 million to begin work at the Nampa site.

Joyce Harvey-Morgan, Dean of Continuing Education, called the possibility of a Canyon County campus "great." The Continuing Education department supervises the Nampa center.

"We have the facility now, but I think the idea of a separate campus would allow a lot of growth—growth of programs and students. Right now we don't have full services out there...people have to come either to the Boise campus or handle services by phone."

Harvey-Morgan added that fully functioning programs would offer the equivalent of at least a two-year degree. And she pointed out that even though the campus will someday become a full service facility of its own, "there probably won't be dorms."

For now, however, biology and computer labs set

the Canyon County center off to a healthy start. Harvey-Morgan agreed.

"Adding these two labs really enhances the educational opportunities for Canyon County residents," she said.

Students will now take computer application and biology classes for credit. Such classes were taught before, but they could not apply toward a degree.



PHOTO BY KEASA HOLLISTER

BSU's Canyon County Campus received about \$2 million from the Boise campus to expand and renovate its facility.

Harvey-Morgan said the non-credit computer classes were funded through sessions sponsored by the College of Technology's Outreach Program.

Harvey-Morgan has worked at Boise State a little over two years. She said that since her arrival, the number of students at the Canyon County facility has grown.

"We've only been able to offer limited science

classes, and there were academic computer classes such as computer science," she explained. "I've been raising this issue every semester."

With the installation of the new labs, Harvey-Morgan sees a long-lasting wish granted. She said she has pushed for them since her arrival because "biology has been very popular on the Canyon County campus. We have made available almost a complete two-year degree out there, but the ability to offer computer classes and more science classes means a students can complete a full two-year degree at the Canyon County campus."

After taking the first two years of university core courses, students must then commute to Boise.

Over 1,000 students attended the Canyon County facility last fall. The bulk of them attend for academic courses, but others enroll for vocational education, Adult Basic Education classes as well as English as a Second Language.

Harvey-Morgan says the classes this semester "are quite full, but I don't know if they're turning students away."

The center underwent a renovation last year, which added 45,000 square feet to the building that once housed Boise Cascade's Supply Center and, later, the Nampa Alternative High School. The \$2 million

project added to the 32,000 feet of existing classroom, lab and office space, doubling the center to 43 instruction rooms.

The center opened its "Concepts in Biology" class, and will eventually expand to include more biology and zoology courses.

Chicana author keynotes MLK/Human Rights Week Celebration

by ASENCION RAMIREZ
OPINION EDITOR

Noted Chicana author and educator Gloria Anzaldua capped Boise State's Martin Luther King/Human Rights Week Celebration by giving the keynote address Friday night, Jan. 24. That address traditionally serves as the closing ceremony to the week's events, and previous keynote speakers include Manning Marable and Cornell West.

Anzaldua is well known for her children's books such as *Prieta*, which deals with growing up Chicana, and her poetry book *Borderlands*. She began by dedicating her speech to BSU Spanish instructor Dr. Alicia Garza and Garza's mother, Margarita Garza.

Anzaldua then opened with a poem about the "crossfire" in which border people live. She believes the border lands can aid as a model for the next century because its residents have been mixing cultures for centuries. "We are so used to being in between that we've developed a new way of navigating," said Anzaldua.

Anzaldua focused her speech on the idea of "Nos/otras." In Spanish *nosotras* translates as "we women." However, it can denote two words: *nos* meaning "us" and *otras* meaning "others." Anzaldua uses the slash (/) to mark the separation among people, especially those of color. She hopes the division will someday disappear. She said this nation has a history of taking from its fringe groups, minorities and gays, for commercial purposes. "If presented in the right way, it's okay, not when it's appropriated to make bucks," said Anzaldua.

"We want to belong, and be a part of the American dream. Not corporate

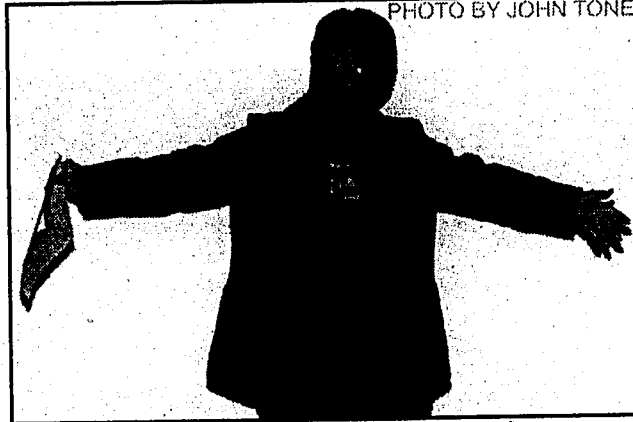
America, but King's America... We're looking for acceptance, but are asked to sacrifice culture or face ghettoization," she explained.

Anzaldua says her work intends to help realign various peoples and cultures so that they might get along. To help accomplish this, she says children have to remember the histories of their particular groups, adding that history should not be taught second-hand. She pointed specifically to the lack of Latino authors taught in American literature classes. As a school teacher in Texas she tried to incorporate Latino authors, but was fired when the school's principal and superintendent found out. Anzaldua said, "Give the kids resonance, rather than wait until they're in college taking Spanish because they lost their language."

Anzaldua also spoke of the failings of the Chicano movement. She said that, as with other tribal efforts, members expended too much energy outward and dedicated nothing to the inside. The movement failed when it did not account for all its members, specifically women. "What about our dreams, our goals, our careers?" Anzaldua asked, referring to Chicana women.

The author concluded the evening by taking questions from the audience. To one she answered, "Be hopeful, this country has great potential."

Before Anzaldua took the stage, BSU's MLK Committee devoted time to recognize the director of Idaho Human Rights Commission, Marilyn Shuler. Shuler, who will be retiring later this year, was awarded a plaque for her efforts towards promoting human rights in Idaho. The Hispanic Cultural Center's choir *Los Cantores* opened the evening's activities. The group performed several Latin American folk songs including "Guantanamo."



Chicana author Gloria Anzaldua spoke last Friday in the BSU Ballroom.

Poly-sci professor examines term limits effects on state legislatures as next century nears

by CARISSA WOLF
NEWS WRITER

Idaho legislators have two years to the next millennium before their offices will be affected by term limit laws. So why should lawmakers start looking ahead to the impending turnover in 2002?

Because if they don't plan now, says Boise State University political science professor Gary Moncrief, the legislative body risks losing its institutional memory and tradition.

In a think tank discussion last fall, Moncrief studied the possible complications of term limits, and how they could affect Idaho and other states.

Moncrief met in Kentucky with members of the Council of State Government, a service and research organization for all 50 states, to examine how to provide for a smooth transition when legislative membership turnover is high.

According to Moncrief and the CSG, states waiting for term limit laws to take effect need to start now to find ways to make a smooth turnover.

California and Maine, both of whom felt the pinch of term limit laws early on, served as a model for Moncrief and the CSG. He and the organization looked at problems rising in the two states when developing strategies for states about to face a significant change in legislative membership.

At worst, California and Maine's legislatures were left with inexperienced members and overburdened central staff, Moncrief says.

"Maine has a very inexperienced group [of legislatures]," Moncrief explained. "Nobody who was there six years ago is there now."

As a result, these rookies look to their state house staffs to cover areas that were easily handled by experienced lawmakers.

"Staff say they have had ten times more requests for bill drafting, more requests for information, more requests for research. . . It has put a much greater burden on the central staff of the legislature," Moncrief says of Maine.

As legislatures lose adept members, the power of interest groups is likely to increase as well, Moncrief continues.

Interest groups could easily become the last legislative body possessing institutional knowledge, placing them in a powerful political position. Lawmakers unfamiliar with issues will look more to lobbyists and interest groups as a source of information, Moncrief explains.

On the flip side, he says, interest groups could find themselves as overworked resources, much like Maine's state house staff. Until legislators become familiar with issues, interest groups may end up serving as legislative educators—having to re-educate entire bodies of lawmakers at one time.

Moncrief, who campaigned against term limits in Idaho, says he no longer worries whether term limits bode well or not. He focuses now on how term limits will affect legislative bodies and the best ways to deal with those consequences.

"My concern and the concern of The Council of State Government is [term limits are] here, how do we deal with them and how do we implement [term limits] without doing any damage to the institution of the legislature," Moncrief says.

How term limits affect legislatures depends greatly on the type of law-making and the length of the limits, he adds.

For instance, in Idaho, lawmakers can serve for eight years, then must sit out the next seven before serving again. Unlike many of the 20 states currently enforcing term limits restrictions, Idaho's limits do not bar someone from office for a lifetime.

According to Moncrief, states with stricter lifetime limits such as Oregon and California, will experience much more profound problems than will Idaho.

"[Idaho legislatures] will come back after being out seven years—not a lot—but there will be some continuity that way," Moncrief points out.

Moncrief says the type of state legislature affected by term limits will greatly determine how lawmakers function under those restrictions.

Leadership struggles tend to start early in legislatures with term limits. Lawmakers often vie for the position of Speaker during their first term. By their third term, most chair committees; then, by the fourth term, they must leave office. The degree to which these power struggles occur depends greatly upon the

type of legislature, Moncrief says.

"California, Michigan or New York—you're talking about a full time professional legislature . . . they are a lot like Congress," Moncrief says.

Unlike smaller states that have part-time, citizen legislatures such as Idaho or South Dakota, larger professional law bodies are more likely to compete against one another for leadership positions.

"There is some evidence that there is a lot less camaraderie between the members of the institution. That is there is a lot more fighting, which in some ways is a surprise," Moncrief says.

According to Moncrief and the CSG, state legislatures can attempt to ward off negative future consequences of term limits by planning for the transfer of membership now.

Moncrief and the CSG considered the benefits of training sessions for new legislatures as a way to avoid conflict resulting from inexperience.

He and the organization also examined split legislative sessions as another option. By splitting the legislative session in half—six weeks in the winter and six in the fall—lawmakers would take advantage of the opportunity to brush up on issues in-between sessions.

"[Split sessions] give them time to learn from mistakes they made in the winter and to talk to more people," Moncrief says.

While Moncrief and the CSG spent most of the think tank session considering plans to counteract possible problems caused by the onset of term limits, Moncrief points out that the limits do not have entirely negative consequences.

He says term restrictions free up more seats in the legislature, and new candidates are not always forced to run against incumbents.

A higher number of open seats means that a more diverse population of citizens can run for office, giving women and minorities an opportunity to serve in government.

Moncrief cites California's recent election of its second Hispanic speaker, as well as an number of increased minority and women legislators, as direct results of term limits.

"There are some good things that come out of term limits, but again, it depends on the state and the nature of term limits," Moncrief says.



Several BSU students take part in lobbyist training

by **CARISSA WOLF**
NEWS WRITER

Fewer than 20 percent of university students vote in national presidential elections. With poll booths just steps away from every classroom, even fewer students take part in ASBSU elections. And according to long-time state house lobbyists, university students are scarcely seen within the walls of Idaho's capitol building. They say that it seems almost a rarity to witness politically-active university students lobby passionately for social causes, especially those from the hurried commuter campus of Boise State University. But several students recently did lobby, and without pay.

During the first week of the legislative session, about a dozen BSU undergrads joined forces with the Idaho Citizens Network in a campaign to insure Idaho's underprivileged children no longer live without health care.

ICN: lobbying for health care

The Idaho Citizens Network, a grassroots organization representing the concerns of Idaho's low-to-middle-income constituents, allows citizens the opportunity to take an active role in determining how federal dollars are spent on children's health care.

The ICN annually organizes lobbyist training days to offer voters a voice that otherwise might go unheard. Kevin Borden, ICN director, adds that the training offers constituents an opportunity to speak directly with legislators. Through ICN, lawmakers meet the people affected by their decisions, an important encounter that would otherwise not take place, Borden says.

Getting past the fear

Although the ICN has regularly conducted lobbyist training in the past, this marks the first year Borden has seen a number of college students turn out, and that comes as a surprise to him. This relates partly to the complicated political system, Borden explains. When

lawmakers draft bills, they cram them with extensive legal jargon, then send them through a complex bureaucratic system. Borden says that many people affected find it difficult to voice their concerns due to the convoluted nature of the legislative system. The ICN aims to "make the issues simple and break the legislation down for people so they don't feel so overwhelmed," Borden says.

Legislative advisor Jan Eyth says she also believes the overwhelming nature of the legislative system keeps most young people from participating in government.

"The [legislative process] is a very complicated system. I think a lot of young people don't get involved because they don't understand how the system works," Eyth says.

American Civil Liberties Union of BSU president, Jezreel Graham, agrees. He has taken part in political and social issues since high school, but admits to feeling a bit daunted by the thought of approaching legislators. That is, before he participated in the ICN's lobbyist training.

"It is kind of scary in a way because you have to go in and talk to a representative, and it's sort of intimidating, and you have to make sure you know your facts," Graham says.

New student lobbyists say that fear was the last emotion to keep them from pursuing causes in which they believe.

"To me, social action is more important than trivial things like watching 'Beverly Hills, 90210'," Graham says.

Grad student coaxes others into action

Graduate student Jeremy Maxand, a regular volunteer for the ICN, encouraged the BSU lobbying participants to expand their political activism to the state level.

"There are a lot of politically active students on campus and the only time they get experience is on campus. I thought it was a good time to introduce them to state issues," Maxand says.

ICN members tend to focus on bills that pertain directly to BSU students, says Maxand, including children's access to health care and low-income housing issues.

"The issues affect a lot of BSU students. Because BSU is a commuter school, it's easy to afford and has a lot of single parents and non-traditional students, poverty issues are important," Maxand points out.

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Knowing what to say, knowing the issues

Students who participated in the day-long lobbyist training said ICN coordinators thoroughly educated them on the issues. They also said that a clear knowledge of each concern works as an important tool while lobbying.

"You don't need to be this big Ivy-league grad who lobbies for a big corporation, or a slick lawyer in an Armani suit. All you really need is good ideas behind you and something meaningful to say," comments training participant Joshua Graham.

According to Jezreel Graham, knowing an issue serves as a pre-condition for success and determines how effectively lobbyists convey their points.

"You have to not only know your subject matter, but you have to be able to articulate it also," Graham adds.

Diving right in

The ICN took a "swarm and attack" approach when training new lobbyists. After familiarizing participants with issue details and having them listen to testimonials from people who would be affected by certain legislation, participants practiced what they learned through role playing. Then, in the afternoon, they split into small groups and lobbied with several legislators.

"I was kind of skeptical about talking to the legislators, or any other politician for that matter," confesses participant Marty Camberlango. But, he adds, "The most important thing is the fact that you are there, you care and you're talking about an issue. That lets the legislators know that people are talking and the constituents care."

Similarly, for Joshua Graham, talking face-to-face with lawmakers adds a human aspect to the legislative system.

"There was a...connection that was made, so you could actually put a face with a name. They were no longer just some neo-liberal or conservative you were supposed to despise. They became actual human beings playing their role in the system, adhering to their roles," he says.

Although Graham felt a connection with lawmakers, he warns that lobbying isn't simple.

"You need to be able to tug on the heart strings or the moral fibers of these people you're talking to. Sometimes that's the only way you can get to them, because often they have to look past their corporate shields so you can pierce their hearts with a little bit of truth. . . and that's tough," he explains.

Even if lawmakers don't listen, lobbyists did their best

How much the lobbyists influenced the legislators remains to be seen, says Camberlango.

"Did they listen? I don't know, we'll see," he says. "They'll tell you what you want to hear, but it's a little different when it comes down to voting."

Overall, BSU participants say the lobbying experience empowered them with a collective voice and the opportunity to make an impact on society outside of campus.

"We were able to reach a lot of representatives. A lot of them may have disagreed, but we were at least able to talk to them," Jezreel Graham notes. "Whether we persuaded them or not is a whole different story, but Idaho Citizen Network's voice was heard."

The ICN plans two more lobbyist training days during this legislative session. On Feb. 23 and again in March, the ICN will provide seminars for anyone interested in advocating social issues affecting low-to-middle income people. For more information, contact Maxand or Borden at 385-9146.

Also, students can earn one credit by taking part in the training. For details, call Service Learning coordinator Rose Olsen at 385-1004.

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Thomson and Martinez half way through

by KELLY MILLINGTON TEAL
NEWS EDITOR

Last fall The Arbiter published a story regarding the possible misuse of student fees by ASBSU President T.J. Thomson and his vice president, Nico Martinez. Afterward, to avoid further criticism, the two decided to purchase their reserved parking permits with their own money. And so the scandal faded into the blue and orange woodwork of Boise State politics.

Now the oft-misaligned pair wants to inform constituents of their political progress, not to Israel or Florida, but in terms of legislation and improvements for BSU students.

In April of 1997, the Thomson/Martinez ticket ran an ad on the back page of The Arbiter, outlining the 12 planks of their platform. Now, eager to explain to students what they have accomplished for the university, Thomson and Martinez elucidate, point by point, and expound upon, their achievements.

Plank #1: Extend Library and Language Lab hours and support a 24-hour Computer Lab

Thomson leans forward in his office chair and addresses the issue of library hours. "Christine Starr worked hard on that this summer," he says. "She was getting extensions over the summer...Tim Brown [with Albertson's Library] has been checking with Christine, but they've been getting resistance from the library."

Thomson says library officials argue that students would not use the building if it were open later than 11 p.m. They fear losing money, as well as not finding people willing to work graveyard hours. Right now, Thomson explains, "We're working on finding out the most-used hours."

The library's schedule may remain up in the air, but Thomson says no one seems upset about the availability of the language lab. When he was learning Spanish, "It wasn't open as much as I would've liked," and he sought to change that. However, other students and staff appeared happy with the lab's open hours, and he hasn't pursued the matter further.

As for a 24-hour computer lab, Thomson says officials still want to test different times and how students respond to them.

"Who wants to use the computer lab at four in the morning?" he questions.

Officials' hesitation also correlates to the issue of money; how to pay for longer lab hours and finding people to work them.

Thomson hints at a possible extension of computer lab hours around finals time, though, in the Multi-Purpose Classroom Facility, and perhaps other buildings.

Thomson says he strongly supports longer lab hours in the MPCF, and the executive staff will issue a report on how frequently students used the lab this year. The public should expect to see that information after the spring semester, as the MPCF lab has been open less than one year.

Plank #2: Registration by Internet and Touch-Tone Telephone

Boise State students can access their final grades through Internet, but have yet to register via computer or even telephone. Thomson realizes this and says "It's in the works."

He says that Project Access—a campus-wide project converting software and improving technology at

BSU before the year 2000—is also tackling the registration issue. In fact, David Nielsen with Student Relations represents the executive staff on the Project Access board because the executive staff wants to push registration capabilities.

Other colleges and universities offer registration using computer and telephone services. For BSU however, Thomson cautions, this constitutes a vast undertaking. He does not foresee a change in the registration process by the time he leaves office.

"I wanted it to at least be in the works, because a project like this is huge," he says. "At least when I leave here I know it's going in the right direction."



Plank #3: Improve BSU Health Insurance to be more responsive to student needs and implement an Optional Dental Plan

"We had to hold off on the Optional Dental Plan," Thomson confesses. But, he quickly adds, he still considers improving the health insurance plan a top priority. It's just that the executive staff needs to attack the issue with more vigor, he says. As for implementing an Optional Dental Plan, Thomson says he discussed the idea with ex-senator Sean Murphy, who opposed the plan. In fact, Thomson says, "I got a lot of negative feedback," and not just from Murphy.

Thomson says most of his colleagues objected to the Optional Dental Plan because it would incur great expense to students. So Thomson says he and Martinez put the brakes on the idea "to focus our time on other projects that would have more of a chance of being successful."

Besides, he adds, "It's not something that students are asking for. I haven't received any letters or comments [about the Optional Dental Plan] since I've come in."

Plank #4: Bridge the gap between traditional and non-traditional students on campus

When they took office, Thomson and Martinez promised to overcome this undefined and intangible part of campus life. But to which gap do they refer?

First, Thomson says, "We wanted the variety of people on our staff to look like Boise State." His goal was to spread traditional and non-traditional students evenly throughout student government. For instance, Senate membership "leans traditional," says Thomson. So he focused on incorporating more non-traditional students into the executive staff.

That way, Thomson explains, "you get every viewpoint and you work with any non-traditional concerns."

Thomson says he means to "bridge the gap in all areas: to never be discriminating in anything we do and to treat both groups [traditional and non-traditional] the same."

He then contemplates the fact that he has received little direct affirmation or criticism from students concerning his presidency.

"I figured we'd received a lot more feedback from students, but I find out usually through Arbiter letters [to the editor]."

Thomson wants students to know that he is available as a resource to them. For instance, he recounts the story of two students involved in a conflict at one point last semester. Both wanted help from the university lawyer, but one reached her first, and for both to utilize her expertise would have resulted in a conflict of interest.

So, in fairness, Thomson says, the executive staff paid for a separate lawyer for the one student. He adds that they used

a discretionary account and not student money.

Thomson clarifies that he does not mean the executive staff will pitch in for legal consultation time for any student who requests it. He simply wants to illustrate the fact that "We're here any time a student has a concern."

Plank #5: Increase funding to all BSU clubs and organizations

With a satisfied grin, Thomson proclaims, "We did it. It was a small increase," he adds, "but it was an across-the-board increase for any organization that currently receives funding from ASBSU."

He says ASBSU used last year's budget as a model for the financial redistribution, but revamped the numbers "to fund changes we'd like to see." He estimates each organization received approximately a five percent funding boost.

Thomson says that deciding how much money to allot to each eligible club was "really tough because we're really working on a tight budget."

their term: promises kept, promises to pursue

Plank #6: "Virtual University"—where students can take any class from numerous colleges by computer

Thomson compares the advent of the Virtual University to the progress of Project Access: "It's off the ground and heading in the right direction."

Martinez sits on that board, as well, chaired by College of Business Dean Bill Ruud. Thomson says he keeps in touch with the board's headway by reading the e-mail sent to him by members.

"I don't know the financial aspects," Thomson says, "but [Virtual University] seems to be in the near future for Boise State."

Thomson and other student body presidents from Idaho universities and colleges met with Gov. Phil Batt last month to discuss common concerns about higher education in the state. Thomson says Batt assured delegates that "he's behind anything that will lead us into the future."

Batt wouldn't, however, talk about funding for the Virtual University.

Plank #7: Strengthen support for all BSU sports programs

Thomson beams when he lists what his administration has done to promote enthusiasm for sports at BSU.

"We started the Blue and Orange Legacy this year," he begins. The organization aims to connect Boise State students with alumni. Thomson says students often need to realize there is life after school and that "to be a BSU alum is important to the university."

Next, the Blue and Orange Legacy, along with the executive staff, wants to hold more pep rallies, says Thomson. He likens rallies to high school "when the team would come out, you'd get to see the team and get people to go to games—you'd just get crazy!"

He adds that the Blue and Orange Legacy, in efforts to bring feelings of pride back to Boise State, held a scavenger hunt last fall during Homecoming celebrations.

The Legacy also defines its mission as taking pride in sports other than the mainstream. Thomson says teams and organizations such as rugby and baseball "need just as much as help as football."

Plank #8: Seek accreditation for Engineering School at BSU

Before a college earns accreditation, it must have a facility to call its own and confirm that a student has graduated. The College of Engineering currently fulfills neither requirement, but Thomson says Pres. Charles Ruch considers this "his primary concern."

Thomson has volunteered to help in the effort to accredit the College of Engineering, but can't do much because no one has yet graduated.

Plank #9: Strengthen campus wide recycling program (to include paper, aluminum, plastic and glass)

With Martinez on the Beverage Committee and Recycling Waste Manager Clint Miller actively promoting recycling at BSU, Thomson calls the program strong, and wants it to grow even stronger.

Martinez says she is in the midst of writing a proposal aimed at some large beverage companies such as Pepsi and Coca-Cola. The proposal seeks to bid out to a company "that's responsible for providing recycling bins or recyclable materials," she says.

Thomson agrees and elaborates on campus recycling. He congratulates Miller and Recycling Coordinator Emily Cady for their efforts on the "mug project." He says the two are working to convince Fine Host and other campus businesses to put their logos on refillable mugs students could buy at a discount. The university would save on cups, he says, and students could purchase drinks for a lower price.

Martinez adds, "It encourages people to recycle."



Next, Thomson says that ASBSU has increased the number of recycling bins located across campus, but members want more.

"We want clear ones, so they don't look like garbage cans," he says.

He adds that ASBSU has established a separate budget devoted solely to recycling. And he would like to see a small dedicated fee go toward recycling, but will not pursue that this year because completing work on the new recreation center tops his priority list.

Thomson and Martinez both say that the recycling program needs an on-campus facility.

"If it's not included in the master plan, it's just something we'll have to add on our own. We just want the recycling program to be more available to students," Thomson says.

That facility would house waste for recycling, and the company which regularly collects recyclable waste would make one pickup from that location.

Martinez adds that her colleagues in schools across Idaho want to implement a statewide recycling program. She and other student government members have put pressure on the State Board of Education, but to little avail.

Thomson says he talked with State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox about the possibility of statewide campus recycling. She was supportive, he says, but seems to have been the only Board of Ed member who likes the idea. Thomson says he mailed

letters to each member of the board outlining the proposal, but only Fox responded.

Plank #10: Promote Diversity at BSU

Tackling such a broad, even vague, concern as diversity, Martinez says "It's what we're doing every day." She points to the recent Human Rights Week as evidence that Boise State student government cares about race, women and educating students about different points of view.

Thomson concurs, saying that, "We did everything we could—announce, promote, play an active role."

He adds that last year's addition of gays and lesbians to BSU's anti-discrimination code counts as a large victory for diversity at the university.

Martinez breaks in to talk about her involvement on a committee to bring in Hispanic high school students and match them with mentors at Boise State. The program is called "Mirando Adelante."

On Dec. 4, several student council members from local high schools took a campus tour and participated in various workshops as part of an effort to encourage high schoolers, especially ethnic minorities, to attend Boise State.

Martinez hopes ASBSU members continue the program, even though she won't be attending Boise State next year.

She then changes the subject to Senate membership, saying that efforts to promote diversity are obvious there.

"The Senate has more women than ever before. We appointed a few and we made sure we asked a lot of different people," she says.

Thomson says he has tried to "focus on the whole picture and encourage involvement." Martinez agrees, saying she and Thomson have worked to lead by example.

Plank #11: Continue plans to construct a new Recreation Center

Thomson has committed himself to this project since its conception some time ago. With Chief-of-Staff Matt Bott in charge and initial funding figures right on target, Thomson says "We're in the final phase of fee allocations for [the new rec center]."

Martinez nods and says that university officials are currently awaiting land acquisition for the center; they want to put it where the SUB annex now sits. That currently houses the Women's Center, the Multi-Ethnic Center and The Arbiter.

Plans for the rec center indicate that the three organizations located in the SUB annex will be moved into the large Student Union Building.

Both Thomson and Martinez acknowledge the controversy surrounding the new center. Martinez admits that she "used to be against the rec center until I read information on it."

Thomson emphasizes the center will focus on fitness. Students will need ID to gain entrance, and will participate in fitness and social activities.

"This is not a place for classes at all, or a place for sports groups to practice," he assures.

Center plans include room for kiosks with computers and Internet access, a cafe and places for students.

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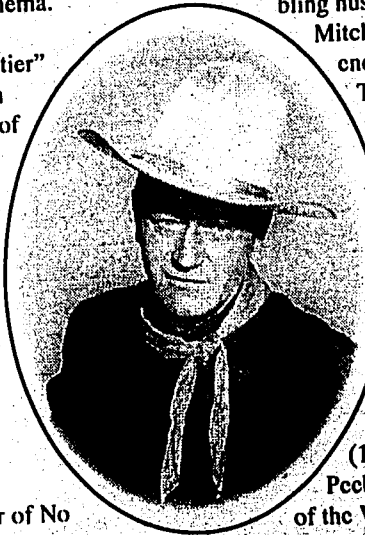
Idaho Film Foundation presents classic Westerns at the Flicks

by ERICA HILL
ARTS WRITER

The Idaho Film Foundation held its annual festival of films this weekend with a history of Western cinema. "How the West Was Done: Changing Views of the Frontier" examined the evolution of American Western films by looking at changes in the depiction of the typical Western. In traditional styles, the general theme is good wins over evil and it tends to take place either on a ranch or near an Indian reservation. This festival examined those and other elements this weekend with a variety of western films.

The fourteen film series was divided into three sections. Traditional Westerns made up the first section, somewhat traditional Westerns comprised the second and Westerns set in modern times made up the third.

Traditional westerns such as "The River of No Return" (1954) starring Marilyn Monroe and Robert Mitchum include "Western movie basics" such as the John Wayne stock character: rough, rugged and right. He represents the moral good of society and is the man



who ultimately saves the day, the ranch or the damsel in distress whatever the case may be. These old westerns also include shoot-outs, some sort of farm or ranch, and the dumb, defenseless female co-star. In "River of No Return," Kay, played by Monroe, is the voluptuous saloon singer who is searching for her gambling husband. Matthew, played by Robert Mitchum attempts to help poor Kay but ends up sweeping her off her feet.

Traditional Western movies in the series also included "The Man From Laramie" (1955) starring James Stewart, "Ride the High Country" (1962) starring Randolph Scott, and of course the typical John Wayne flick "Red River" (1948).

Somewhat traditional Westerns also have the "basics" but present them in a much different way. For example, "Posse" (1993) directed by Mario Van

Peebles was about the black cowboys of the West. The story mirrors that of a traditional Western but instead of Cowboys versus Indians, it was Blacks versus Whites.

The Jane Fonda hit "Cat Ballou" (1965) also fits into the somewhat traditional category along with

"Dead Man" (1995) starring Johnny Depp, "Bad Day at Black Rock" (1955) with Spencer Tracy, the Laurel and Hardy classic "Way Out West" (1937), and "Thousand Pieces of Gold" directed by Nancy Kelly. "Thousand Pieces of Gold" was the first selection for the festival and played at the Egyptian Theater on Main Street Thursday Night.

The modern Western films shown during the weekend festival took the ideas of the traditional Western movies and put them on modern Western frontiers. Films such as "Lone Star" (1996) with Kris Kristofferson and "Days of Heaven" (1978) starring Richard Gere are included in this modern category along with the Nicholas Cage and Dennis Hopper hit "Red Rock West" (1992) and "Powwow Highway" (1989) starring A. Martinez.

All 14 of the Western films portrayed the typical plots for Western movies: good vs. evil and truth triumphs over all. The portrayal of the West in traditional films, however, differs greatly from today's modern depiction of the frontier. From the struggles between Cowboys and Indians in traditional Westerns like "The Man From Laramie" to the fight between a hit man and a drifter in "Red Rock West," the variance between the cinematic depictions is obvious. Despite these clear distinctions, the films show that although the setting has changed, the theme remains the same: John Wayne is everyone's hero.

Leftover Salmon- Not your average stale fish

by MARY DOHERTY
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Once again, Boiseans donned their tied-dyed shirts and Birkenstocks for the return of Leftover Salmon. The folk-rock, rock-a-billy/hillbilly, bluesy, jazzy, all natural, no preservative, bluegrass band graced the Bogie's stage last Wednesday night and brought along some new material and more of that little-out-of-the-ordinary music they're known for playing.

People came out of the woodwork to see this show. One couple from McCall drove down just to here Leftover Salmon after seeing their live show a couple of years ago. No words, adjectives or metaphors could accurately pin this band into a description. Part of the reason lies in the fact that, like most great bands, their music is constantly evolving.

In the years, Leftover Salmon has been compared to pioneers like the Grateful Dead and Phish. From their debut album Bridges to Bert to their latest release Ask the Fish, Leftover Salmon is one heck of a main course for any music collection. While easy to stick them in that hippie-tune genre, their drawn-out solos and guitar trips aren't nearly as psychedelic, and they offer so much more than the stereotypical Dead-influenced groups. Their Wed. night set was a lot less mellow than your average Salmon show, inviting an almost jazzy feel with a tinge of blues.

The loud reverberating guitar rhythms and slow, easy changes into melodious bridges is what most would expect through every performance, but this group takes those hallmark traits and leads them back to fast jams and poppy beats. Accompanied by a miniature banjo and an old metal washboard played on the chest with a spoon, Leftover Salmon incorporates sounds from any object that would lend itself to playing, and draws influence from any genre that lends itself to following. For example, their latest Bogie's appearance featured some brand new material which provided an evolutionary atmosphere, changing with the introduction to each new song. One song began with a bluesy rhythm overlaid with Jerry Garcia-ish harmonies and a pop feel. That song preceded a folksy, country ho-down tune which turned the audience into a foot-stomping spectacle reminiscent of something one would have seen on Hee-Haw.

The beauty of Leftover Salmon shows is that everyone has a good time: the band jokes around and obviously enjoys performing, which in turn, gets the audience into the show and keeps them coming back. They play as clean live as they do on their CDs, but avoid being canned by

tossing in impromptu novelties and quirky interludes and solos. Not to mention the unexpected, but well received cover of "Paint it Black" by the Rolling Stones. Respect is always deserved of a band that can cover another band without losing the integrity of their own style and music.

If you missed Leftover Salmon this trip (no pun intended), be sure to catch them next time they venture to Boise, and check out one of their releases at Record Exchange and CD Merchant.

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International group brings Incan culture to SPEC Center

by ERICA HILL
ARTS WRITER

Inca Son, the five-man-band dynamo, graced the stage of the Special Events Center Saturday night with a historic presentation of the music of the Inca culture. The two hour long production presented music and dance from the Andes Mountains in Latin America and Peru. The group combined the sounds of a snare drum, rain makers, and an acoustic guitar with various traditional instruments from the Andes Mountains. One such instrument is the pan flute. The group held a "specially designed for children" pan flute workshop before the performance. Inca Son used various sizes of pan flutes during their performance ranging from eight inches to four feet.

Inca Son has traveled to Russia and all over Europe. This year, the group plans to perform in Japan and India bringing the sound of the Inca culture to thousands of viewers around the world. Last year the group was awarded the Boston Phoenix Best Music Poll Award for Best World Music Group. Inca Son frontman Cesar Villalobos Leyva formed the band after touring Peru with the national dance group "Matices Peruanos" (Peruvian Shades). He formed the band as a way to help his native village where he saw five of his thirteen siblings die of starvation. He moved to America originally to help his family and neighbors and has subsequently built a playground for the children of his village.

In addition to Villalobos himself, his band has certainly proved its merits in the world of cultural music. Inca Son performed as official entertainment for the Olympics in Atlanta, GA in 1996 and was invited to participate in the Second



PHOTO BY JOHN TONE

Peruvian folkdance and music group puts on a stunning performance Saturday night in the Special Events Center.

International Folk Arts Festival in Russia. The Harvard Square Business Association has named Inca Son "The Best Andean Band of New England" for the last eight years.

Inca Son's performance here in Boise was a testament to their credentials and proved to be a great end to the festivities for this week's Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration. The group incorporated two dancers with some of the songs to give a visual interpretation to the culture in the Andes Mountains. All five band members wore Inca style head-dresses and vibrantly colored costumes and stood before an airbrushed mural which showed the layout of Inca communities.

Inca Son brought the life and heritage of the Andes Mountains to Boise while giving audience members a lesson in human culture. In a perfect end to a week which means looking past yourself, Villalobos himself gave everyone a glimpse into the heart of his people who he works for every night.



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Leftover Salmon wows the crowd (see story page 12)

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Tarantino gets serious with "Jackie Brown"

by MARK TAYLOR
ARTS WRITER

I wouldn't want to be in director Quentin Tarantino's place. After the worldwide acclaim of "Pulp Fiction," producing a worthy follow-up was a formidable task. How could he top the slickly disjointed time sequences or earlier efforts? Could he create characters as intriguingly trashy as Uma Thurman's Mia Wallace and John Travolta's Vincent Vega? Could the audience be again moved to laugh with one accidental itchy finger on the trigger?

With December's release of "Jackie Brown," Tarantino took a radical departure from the public's expectations and his own trademark style. Based on Elmore Leonard's novel "Rum Punch," "Jackie Brown" doesn't present an adolescent fantasy in the way that "Pulp Fiction" and "Reservoir Dogs" did. While those films were bizarrely rooted in both bloody action and

over-the-top comedy, the more adult "Jackie Brown" throws in a heavy dosage of drama. This is due in no small part to the casting of veteran seventies blaxploitation actress Pam Grier in the title role. An inspired choice, Grier portrays a middle-aged stewardess for a third rate airline thrown into unfortunate circumstances. Her cool pragmatism and survival mentality bond the viewer to Jackie for her talent for turning the tables on anyone who attempts to use her.

Veteran Tarantino player Samuel L. Jackson plays the arms dealer Ordell Robbie, a man who compensates for his lack of intellect with ruthless ambition. His screen menace counterbalances Grier's earnest likeability and the best scenes of the film come when they confront each other. Robert Forster plays bail bondsman Max Cherry, initially aligned with Ordell, but driven by a sweet yearning crush to aid Jackie as she double crosses the dangerous Ordell.

The supporting players shine as well. Bridget

Fonda adds sexuality to the film as Ordell's girlfriend, easy surfer girl Melanie, whose love of the bong surpasses her love for her boyfriend. Robert DeNiro's Louis Gara brings many a chuckle. A man of few words, his facial expressions speak volumes throughout.

"Jackie Brown" is not without its controversies. No less a filmmaker than Spike Lee has attacked Tarantino for his dialogue heavily peppered with the "N" word. Granted, the word is uttered frequently and gratuitously. However, this is not a polite film about civilized people. The language reflects a harsh reality, one not candy-coated to avoid offending one another.

As with any Tarantino film, the soundtrack plays a vital role. Keeping in pace with the fluidity of the movie, the songs chosen reflect a definite seventies soul vibe instead of the schizophrenic mix tape feel of previous efforts. Definitely worth owning.

CALENDAR

by MARY DOHERTY
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Wednesday, January 28

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Student Recital, William Helmke, clarinet (7:30)
Boise Public Library - Internet Basics for Adults (7:00-8:30)
NeuroLux - Grant Ave - The Left Coast and The Donkeys

Thursday, January 29

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Richard Maynard, saxophone (7:30)
NeuroLux - Drink Specials

Friday, January 30

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Chair's Honor Recital (7:30)
Log Cabin Literary Center - Gino Skey, author of "Near the Postcard Beautiful," "Christmas Dog," "Appaloosa Rising," and "Coyote Silk" (7:30)
NeuroLux - DJ Dancing

Saturday, January 31

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Graduate Recital, Maria Leatha, soprano (8:00)
NeuroLux - The Jesus Lizard and Caustic Resin

Sunday, February 1

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Elizabeth Gould, saxophone and Chamber Music (7:30)

Monday, February 2

J.T. Todd's - Reckless Kelly

Tuesday, February 3

Morrison Center Recital Hall - Graduate Recital, Douglas Whitten, tuba
Boise Public Library - Open Book Story Time (1:30-2:00)
BSU Pavilion - Scottish Spring National Band featuring the Highland Dancers, a Celtic band, vocal soloist, Regimental Band of The Scots Guards and The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch

Wednesday, February 4

SUBSPEC Center - Honor Band Clinic (7:30 am - 5:00 pm)
Boise Public Library - Parent/Child Internet Basics (7:00-8:30)
Boise Center on the Grove - Banquet and Festival opening night (7:00) - The Home Kings, The Human Race, All Fiction, Homegrown Rock and Roll, and a band from Boise
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by MARK DAVID HOLLADAY
Step-brother to the stars

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If you feel a weekly reading does not do you justice, go ahead and write in for a personal interpretation— sometimes being lumped in with thirty or so other people throws you off the cliff of statistical analysis.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Forget an apple a day, donate blood to keep the vampires away.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—Mar. 20) Like a Disney advertising campaign threatening to pull classic videos into the vault forever, you too must be crafty this week to increase your cash flow.

Aries: (Mar. 21—Apr. 19) 31 Flavors takes on new meaning this week when the concept is applied to your

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Taurus: (Apr. 20—May 20) Update your psychic profile. Watch old Star Search reruns.

Gemini: (May 21—June 21) Stories of ghosts spice up your life when you create a few of your own this week.

Cancer: (June 22—July 22) - Huh?

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22) Just because other people get away with it doesn't mean you should also participate.

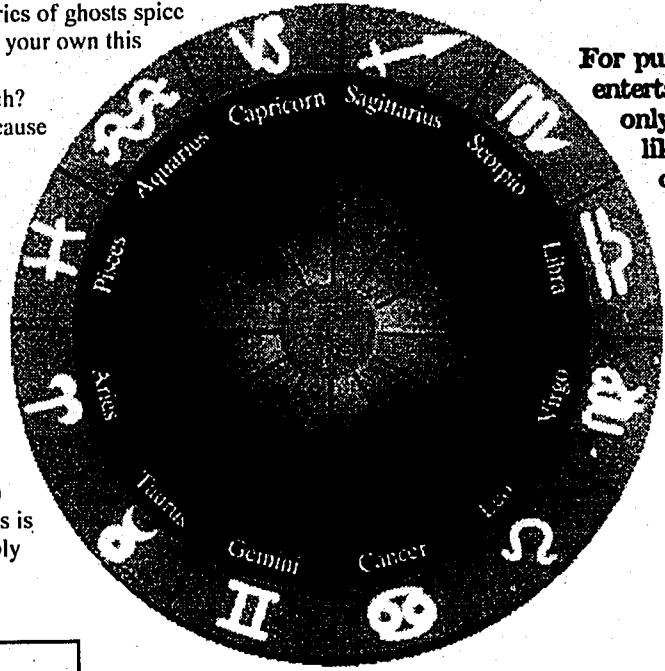
Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) Looking for meaning in your life? Become a professional box opener.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Learning a musical talent could be instrumental in staying in tune with the musical scene.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) Become an Unhyphenated American this week and feel the love.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) If you're wondering whether the glass is half empty or half full you've probably drunk too much.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) Just like the forgotten Rubik's Cube of your childhood, the Tomaguchi Pet fad will fade. A cheerful thought, yes?



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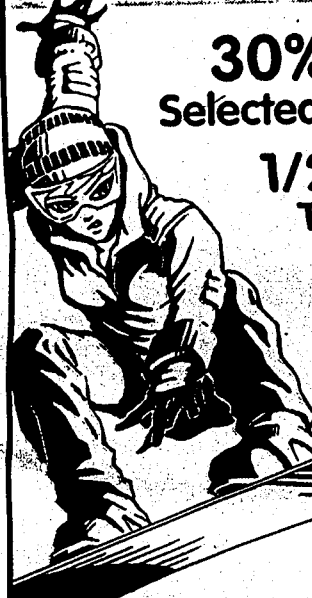
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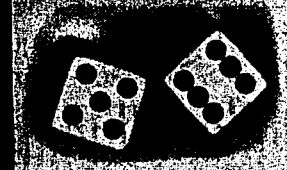
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SPORTS

Broncos lose map on road trip

by TODD ANDERSON
Sportswriter

The BSU men's basketball left for neighboring states Utah and Nevada last week with the hopes of coming home in sole possession of first place in the Big West Conference Eastern division. About the only thing they brought back with them was some left over humiliation and hurt pride.

Two halves in the two games was the key to BSU's deflation. The second half Thursday night in Utah and the first half Saturday night in Reno had no pity on the Broncos.

Against Utah State, which leads the division, BSU kept it close in a low scoring first half as they went into the locker only down 28-21. Turnovers and blown opportunities kept the Broncos' from having the lead.

In the second half BSU couldn't have hit a lake if they all jumped off the dock. Shots would not fall, passes were intercepted, players were getting frustrated and the deficit was getting larger by the second. At one point, the Broncos went 13 minutes without a field goal.

By the time the final buzzer sounded, and not soon enough, the final score read 70-41. The Aggies' came away with a 29 point win in what was supposed to be the battle of the league leaders.

Things didn't get any easier on Saturday when BSU traveled to Reno to take on the Wolfpack. Similar play in the first half lead to similar results. After a 23-2 run by Reno, the teams went into the intermission with the 'Pack holding a 44-23 lead.

The first ten minutes of the second half was more of the same. Then, something went off inside the heads of the Broncos telling them to pick it up. Roberto Bergersen and Gerry Washington took it upon themselves to lead a comeback. After a couple of steals and fast break points along with three pointers, BSU got back in the game.

It was too little too late, though. The closest the Broncos got was within six before the 'Pack finally put them away 85-76. Bergersen and Washington did all they could scoring 27 and 23 points respectively. They were the only two Broncos in double figures.

The losses drop BSU to 3-3 in conference play, tied with Idaho and battling for a Big West tournament spot.

Next up for BSU is a home game against Long Beach State Thursday night in the Pavilion. Tip-off is set for 7:30.

More Highlights from last weekend's sports action. . .

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The Bronco's Jenny Hodges, #43 will not be denied. The team, however, fell just short at the end, losing to Nevada 46-45. The lady Broncos fall to 10-8, 4-2 in conference.

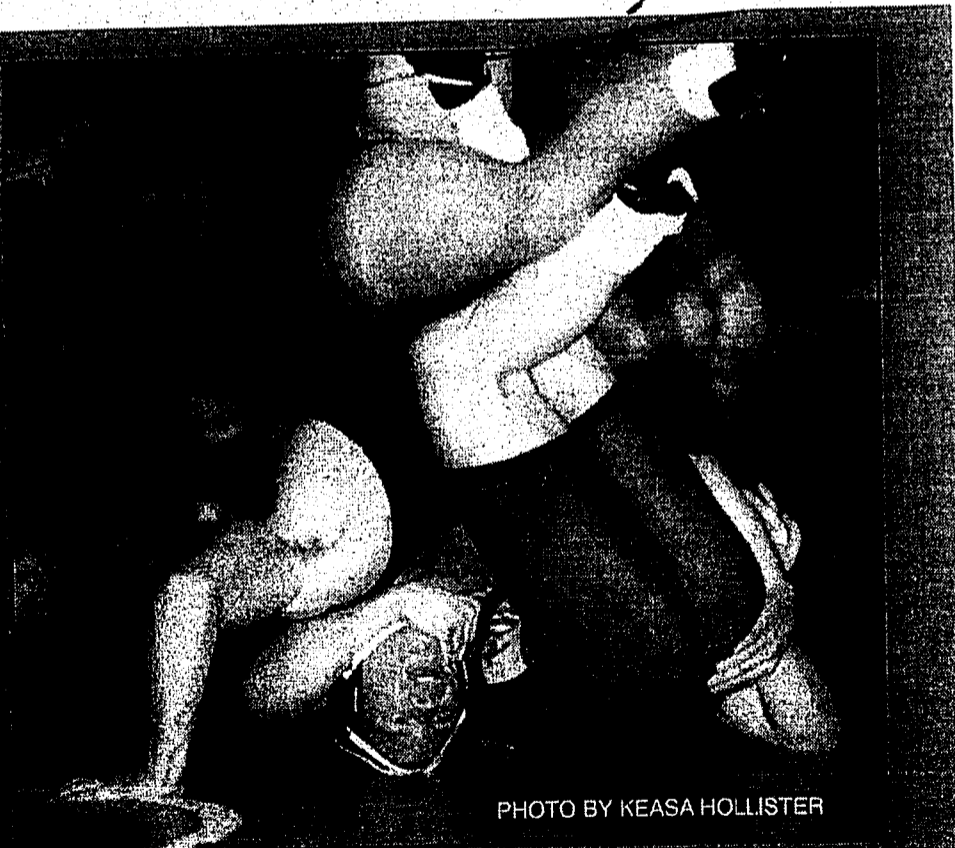


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Dax McMillan pulls down his opponent at Saturday's meet with Portland State University. The Broncos handily defeated the Portland State wranglers 47-6, anchored by pins from Ryan Baumgartner and Ryan Nistal.

Diana Loosli anchors gymnastics team

by DANA HILDEMAN
Sports Writer

The Bronco gymnastics team opened their 1998 season January 9, against the University of Arizona in Tucson. Ranked 21st in the country, Boise State were downed 189.200 - 188.375 by the No. 12 Wildcats. However there were several encouraging performances. Sam Sandmire, Bronco gymnastics coach, used the University of Arizona meet as an opportunity for the Bronco's to get their feet wet. This year the scoring system has been altered and it will be harder to achieve perfect 10's. The meet gave the team a chance to practice performing in front of a crowd and proved to be an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the new scoring.

Highlights of the UA meet were Diana Loosli's performances on beam and vault. Loosli also walked away from the meet with the all-around title. Afterwards Loosli was ranked 17th in the country on beam and ninth all-around.

Not too far away from the gymnasium in Tucson is a place Loosli calls home. In Mesa, AZ., a short drive north, Loosli attended high school and trained at American Starfires under club coaches Bob Peterson and Necla Nelson along with fellow Bronco teammate Kerry Jacobson.

Loosli felt at home in Wildcat territory, having herself trained and competed with some of the gymnasts during high school. She even knew many of the judges, one was a former coach.

Before her senior year of high school, Loosli's family moved to Pennsylvania where she graduated from Chambersburg Area Senior High School in 1995. Loosli came to BSU fresh off performances in the Junior Olympic Regionals where she placed third on floor and vault. She also competed in the Junior Olympic Nationals in both

1993 and 1994.

As a freshman Bronco, Loosli averaged 9.338 on bars, 9.329 on beam and 9.575 on floor. During the year she placed 15th on beam at NCAA Regionals and won the floor exercise at the National Invitational Tournament with a score of 9.775.

The defending NIT Champion was as successful her sophomore year competing all-around. During the 1997 season Loosli set personal bests in every event. She averaged a 9.7 on vault, and improved on previous performances with a 9.82 on bars, 9.52 on beam and 9.72 on floor. She was named Big West beam champion after achieving a 9.925 and a 9.85 earned her the conference floor champion title. Loosli completed the year by taking sixth all-around at NCAA Regionals and qualifying to NCAA Nationals.

This year Loosli wants to remain healthy and continue to compete all-around. Sandmire notes, "Diana has the strength, speed and grace of a thoroughbred. Her gorgeous routines bridge the gap between power and elegance. Last year she showcased her talents at the NCAA National Championship. This year she plans to take her teammates with her."

Loosli was raised with five brothers and two sisters, all athletes. It was only a matter of time before she found a sport that would take her all the way to the collegiate level. When her best friend started taking gymnastic lessons 12 years ago, Loosli decided to try. She credits her parents for supporting her during the tough times. In the 9th grade she broke her elbow and almost quit. Her parents encouraged her to focus and follow her dreams. Loosli recovered from the injury and found that she couldn't stay away from the gym.

Loosli is a junior psychology major and hopes some day to become a high school guidance counselor. She came to BSU because of the academics and support of athletics from the public. When she is not in class or the gym practicing one of her many routines, she enjoys water-skiing and cave exploring.

Bronco gymnasts fall to Utah State

by DANA HILDEMAN
Sports Writer

Coming off a season opening loss to the University of Arizona Wildcats, Boise State took on the Utah State Aggies on home turf. Although they lost 190.65 - 190.2, Sandmire claims a 0-2 record is meaningless. For the Utah State meet the Broncos were more prepared and didn't hold back on performances.

Sandmire explained that the Broncos are a team that peaks later in the season, to be prepared for the Big West meet and Regionals. She also claims coming out big in the beginning of the season invites injury and burn out. Utah State, on the other hand, peaks early in the season and therefore defeated BSU.

What really matters, according to Sandmire, are the points the Broncos are accumulating. Sandmire said, "our team showed potential against Utah State" and if they can avoid injuries and burnout, we should peak as expected in mid-to-late February.

The Utah State meet was memorable to freshman Bronco Annie Kaus from

Lafayette, CO. and Johnna Evans, defending Big West vault champion, coming off an injuring which occurred in the meet against the University of Arizona. Kaus placed first on bars and Evans pulled off a first place finish on vault. One other highlight was Diana Loosli's second place all-around finish.

The team had a weekend off to prepare for meets on January 30 and 31 against UC Davis and San Jose State.

The Broncos aren't due home until the 16th of February when they take on Southern Utah and Seattle Pacific.

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to socialize. Promoters have also made room for a daycare where parents can leave their children while they work out.

Thomson encourages students to talk with members of ASBSU about the rec center. And he adds that he hopes construction workers will start breaking ground on the project this coming fall.

"What we need in the final phase is a strong show of student support," he says.

Plank #12: Adopt an immediate solution to the parking problem and create a safer night time parking environment

In a final report issued Jan. 21 and sent to Pres. Ruch's desk, the Parking and Transportation Committee recommended a number of changes for parking on campus. Thomson says two ASBSU members sat on the committee and they "just kept interjecting student concerns."

Thomson says he couldn't be more pleased with the solutions to the parking problems. He says state officials told BSU administrators to take care of the issue, but the students needed a beneficial solution too.

"We got what we wanted," he confirms. "There will be parking garages in the future, definitely. We're getting recommendations with full support from the entire university. This is the first time the problem has been addressed so in depth."

Thomson adds that the Parking Committee read every letter and considered every opinion before recommending changes.

Martinez says she held a parking meeting with Ruch and Provost Daryl Jones not long ago. Students were invited to attend but few showed, which came as a disappointment, not a surprise.

In spite of that, Thomson says students "really came out ahead," and they shouldn't see an increase in parking permit fees.

Some of the committee's short-term recommendations include:

1. A Parking/Security & Transportation Advisory Board should be established to help advise, counsel and develop policy recommendations for parking/security and transportation at Boise State University.
2. No fee decisions should be made until specific projects are identified and proposed by the Facilities Planning Committee.
3. Shuttle Bus service at Boise State University is underutilized. The Shuttle Bus program needs to be closely evaluated in light of low ridership and excessive costs.
4. In accordance with the Campus Master Plan, all parking should be eliminated along Campus Drive between Capitol Boulevard and the Amphitheater. Parking should continue to be maintained behind the College of Business building for service/delivery vehicles, handicapped parking and emergency vehicles.

Some of the committee's long-term recommendations include:

1. Parking fee structure
The Committee recommends that when fees are increased: BSU establish parking fees for three-year periods of time with a maximum fee for each category;
During the three-year frame, incremental increases should occur each year resulting in the maximum fee being in place for the third year;
During the third year, all fees should be reviewed and revised for

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an additional

time period based on the program's operating goals and financial needs; All "free parking" on campus should be eliminated.

2. Current utilization of the Student Union parking lot.

The committee recommends:

It is recognized that BSU needs additional events and visitor parking. The Committee recommends that the parking lot on the East side of the Student Union be converted to short-term visitor and events parking. The lot would have an attendant who would manage and provide services for about 75 percent of the current lot, and the remaining 25 percent would be metered. Charges and procedures would need to be developed between BSU parking and event managers.

To review a complete copy of the committee's recommendations, please inquire at the ASBSU service desk. Thomson says Pres. Ruch has received the packet and should voice his opinion soon.

The unofficial plank: Greek organizations

Finally, an unwritten plank of the Thomson/Martinez platform this year seems to have been the effort to bring more fraternities and sororities to Boise State. Part of Thomson's efforts on this behalf is about to be rewarded.

Next month, Alpha Kappa Lambda makes its debut on campus. Thomson describes this fraternity as social, similar to Kappa Sigma. It was founded during World War II and focuses primarily on academics. Also, Thomson says Alpha Kappa Lambda "is hoping to be the fourth frat in the US to take an active role against alcohol."

He says members bear no grudges against the moderate use of alcohol, but will not promote its abuse.

Meanwhile, Martinez and newly-elected Senator-At-Large Heidi Peterson are working to bring the Delta Delta Delta sorority to Boise State.

The question remains, however, whether introducing Greek organizations to the BSU campus fosters a mentality of segregation and feelings of elitence. Thomson says he doesn't believe fraternities and sororities contribute to either of these.

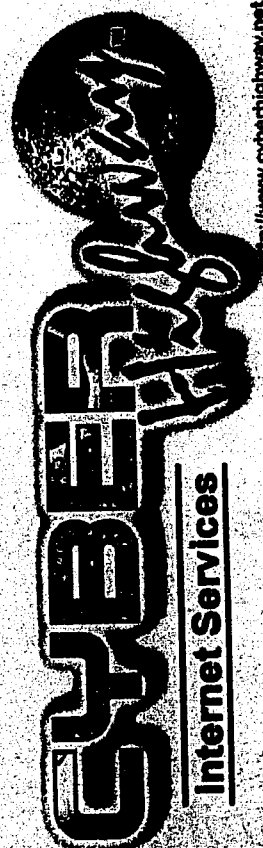
"They're not offensive or discriminatory," he says. "If students get involved, they usually perform better. Greek systems are extremely beneficial because students meet a wide variety of friends."

Wrapping it all up

Thomson and Martinez conclude with remarks that they want students to approach them with questions or problems concerning decisions made by ASBSU. Thomson says he strives to give students a more expanded point of view, such as widening the student government's focus to the state and international levels.

"I receive continuous input from... Capitol Hill," Thomson says, referring to a national student watchdog organization. "Students need information and at the end of the semester, I want to provide the information so they know what to expect next year. And, we continuously write letters to Idaho's congressmen."

And, finally, Martinez adds that she wants to involve Boise State in the voter registration process, and would like to provide on-campus registration services.



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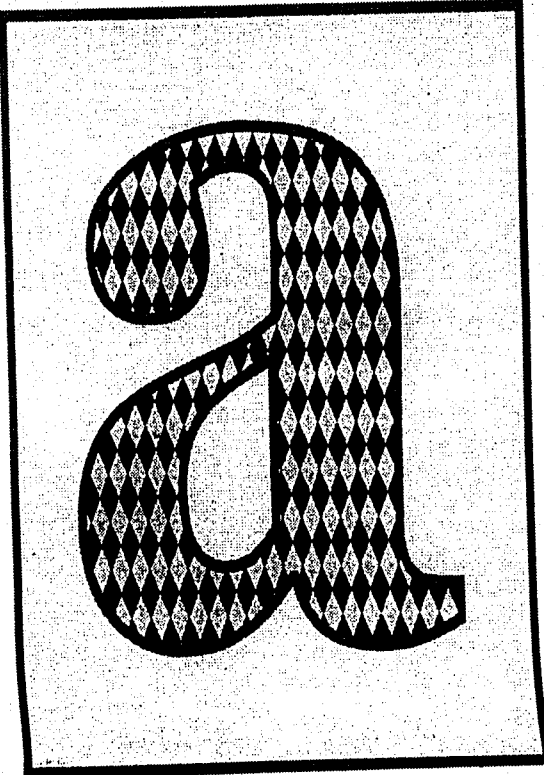
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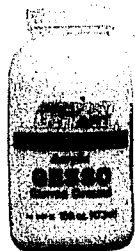
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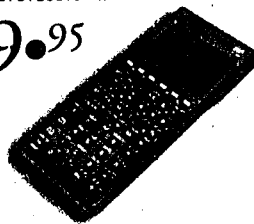
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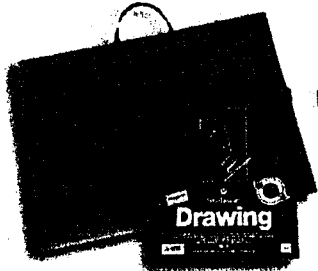
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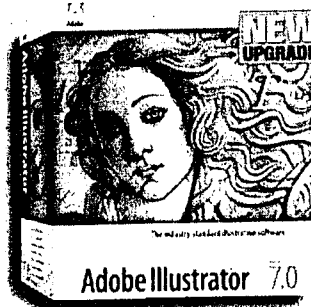


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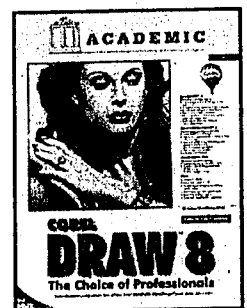
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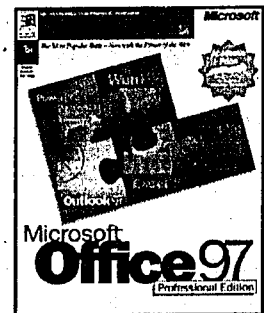
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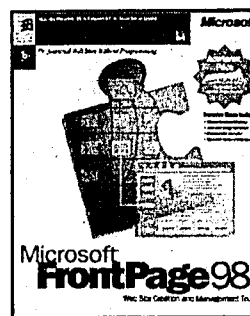
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