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Students of Boise State University

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Where's the Love?

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Top Ten stupidest things to say on Valentine’s Day

10. “Of course I love you, honey, but you’re standing in front of the television.”
8. “Of course I remember what today is, why do think I got us tickets to the hockey game?”
7. “And after work the guys and I are going to Blu Mac’s.”
6. “Tell me the truth, did you ever sleep with Bill Clinton?”
5. “Nice shoes, wanna have sex?”
4. “So I slept with Monica Lewinsky, big deal!”
3. “I figured we’d just stay in and watch ‘Showgirls.’”
2. “Commitment? What’s that?”
1. “No, that’s not lipstick on my collar. That’s lipstick on my belt.”

“No Thank you. I’ll just have a sandwich.”

Jonny ponders the universe?

I was separated from my Soulmate by a catastrophic cosmic event that shook the inner fabric of a delicate fabric known on earth as love. Have you lain beneath this blanket, had it stripped away, and still felt its texture pressed against your skin?
First Spirit Day came and went, but did you notice?

by ASENÇION RAMÍREZ
OPINION EDITOR

Ask it in your calendar of meaningless trival dates to forget, but from now on Fridays at Boise State University are official Spirit Day. Now that your pulse does not drop off the stress of giving, you’re dig- from your heart, like a girl, perhaps you’d like to know the imper-

sion, and little more is expected this year. Someone in the BSU front office, those same folks who told students they need to log you top computers for Art 103 and Theater Arts 107, thought it would be a great way to build community, especially among new and transfer students. Apparently the front office was sufficiently startled by the disappearance of 59% of this year’s freshman class to want to do something. So, they made a small holiday out of it. They must have figured it doesn’t matter that enrollment is getting bigger every fall even if more than half freshman decide they have better ways to spend the spring semester. (Personally, I want to apologize for the comments I made last semester about the campus being crowded. I didn’t think they would take me seriously.)

So, how exactly are they going to improve school spirit on Spirit Day? This is the part that makes the folks at the BSU Bookstore quiver with delight. It seems the best way to show school spirit is by wearing lots of tacky blue and orange clothing. Sweatshirts, T-shirts and wind breakers; all of which are available at the bookstore at a discount for faculty and staff, are sure-fire indicators of school spirit.

I haven’t heard anything on the news about it, but it seems nothing improves retention at state universities than brightly colored cotton sweatshirts bearing the school’s logo. (By the way, the bookstore is home to more than 3,000 varieties of sweatshirts, all guaranteed to keep you hot and bulky 365 days a year). That story must have been buried underneath this whole Monica Lewinsky thing.

As a sidenote; it seems some of the folks who work in offices instead of classrooms felt that casual day was too casual and inappropriate for university employees. The suggestion was made that the stuffed shirts could instead accessorize with blue and orange ties, scarves, etc. In keeping with this new policy, BSU President Charles Ruth elected to wear an orange tie when he spoke at last week’s Leadership Quest luncheon. Even with a microphone, Dr. Ruth had to shout to be heard over the tie.

The wary should consider this a warning for the Fridays to come. No, the campus hasn’t been invaded by walking pumpkins or giant blueberries. It’s just folks trying to show their school spirit by conforming.

Anything save to the school.

Editor’s Note: Letters on this topic can be addressed to “Negative Nancy” Ramirez at opinion@clevan.idbsu.edu or mailed to The Arbiter. Letters addressed to the “Grinch-Who-Steals-the-School-Spirit” will not be accepted.

Also, the Student Programs Board is currently accepting applications for the 1998 Homecoming Committee. Applications can be picked up at the Student Activities Desk.

Legislators should focus more on expanding minds, less on uterus

by CARISSA WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Monthly before the 1998 legislative session convened, lawmakers began searching for all the interest groups plotted their propaganda, and news teams started rolling their cameras in preparation for a few proposals intended to supposedly clarify portions of the Idaho code.

Weeks before these proposed “clarifications” were introduced in committee, the state house steps turned into a battleground of explosive abortion rhetoric. This has served as an opportunity for two Republicans, including the state house and congressional offices, to begin their campaign early without putting a dent in their campaign funds.

Oblivious to the absence of doctors in Idaho willing to perform abortions past the sixteenth week of pregnancy, and the Supreme Court’s repeated ruling on similar bans as unconstitutional, Senator Stan Hawkins (R-


Uron), is reaping the benefits of his legislation that would ban so-called “partial birth abortions.” Prior to Hawkins’ lawsuit against the State Board of Corrections (which was deemed frivolous, but established Hawkins as a fiscal conservative), and proposed anti-abortion legislation, Hawkins was little more than a citizen representative from Ucon.

Now Hawkins, who has unofficially announced his intent to run for the congressional seat, is the spokesman for Idaho’s most extreme conservatives. He should give thanks for the free endorsements he has gained from his numerous sound bites on the nightly news and through daily newspaper quotes. Given Hawkins’ political intent, one can no longer question his administration with women’s private parts. Controversial issues like abortion, not education, are what drive the media and ultimately the public.

As long as Hawkins’ tries to convince Idahoans a plethora of fetuses are being terminated moments before birth, the Speaker of the House Mike Simpson (R-


Blackfoot) feels assured of a young woman’s inability to make a personal decision without the assistance of her parents, educational issues will continue to get bypassed. If Hawkins and Simpson are truly concerned about the future of Idaho’s education, they need to re-focus their agenda. An attempt to prevent rather than criminalize abortions would save women from intimidat-


ing bureaucrats and taxpayers millions of dollars in inevitable court costs.

A recent study by the New York-based Alan Guttmacher Institute, a pregnancy and abortion research group, found education directly affects a woman’s likelihood in undergoing an abortion. The more educated a woman, AGI concluded, the less likely she is to become pregnant and have the procedure. Based on 1988 abortion and pregnancy statistics, AGI found that women with four or more years of education at a college or university are three times less likely to have an unplanned pregnancy than women who have only completed high school. AGI also has published numerous studies which conclude that women who have some degree of sex education while young are less likely to become pregnant than those who have not.

This month, American Demographics Magazine published similar research in which the level of Americans’ sexual activity was studied. ADM discovered that Americans with bachelor degrees had ten percent fewer sexual contacts then those without them. Both AGI and ADM’s research paints a clear portrait of the likelihood of abortion within American society. These studies demonstrate that highly educated women are less likely to have sex, less likely to become pregnant, and thus less likely to undergo abortions.

Instead of overburdening lawmakers, the attorney general and the media with the frivolous political drama these proposed anti-abortion bills have created, Hawkins and Simpson need to re-evaluate the consequences of their measures. A blood bath of funding for educational ideologies, represented women and numerous court cases is what Idahoans can expect in this war against women’s right to choose. If reduced abortion occurrence is Hawkins’ and Simpson’s aim, the two need to reconsider the benefits of education and prevention. Though education-related issues warrant less media attention, Hawkins and Simpson should realize that by expanding the minds of the people of Idaho, fewer expanding uterus are sure to follow.
Bible verses for adults

by BRANDON NOJIA
COLUMNIST

Thank CNN for this one.

In February 3, a disciplinary committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to remove the Reverend Steve Sabin from the church’s list of ordained ministers effective April 15. Why? He’s gay, and involved in a life partnership. This represents a grave offense, apparently, as Rev. Sabin is being kicked out despite the fact that everyone involved says that he’s an excellent pastor. This cuts no ice with the Lutherans, though. Come tax day, out he goes.

Now, as the ELC is a religious group and thus not generally subject to the same non-discrimination laws as corporations and government agencies, this is not and should not become a civil rights issue. When it comes to their internal policies, the Lutherans or the Catholics or the Mormons or whatever, ad infinitum, should be able to make whatever policies they want concerning their clergy. I would point out, however, that while federal legislation should not be their guide, honesty and a sense of fairness should.

The Lutheran Church is somewhat more tolerant than other religious denominations on the issue of homosexuality: they allow homosexual pastors as long as those pastors take a vow of abstention from sexual relations with same-gender partners. This vow is only for the homosexual clergy. “Straight” pastors aren’t burdened with such a vow. Is there a good reason for this? It sounds like the goofy compromise the Pentagon reached a few years ago with the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

Despite this odd duality, it has to be pointed out that the Lutherans stand right on the cutting edge when it comes to homosexuality. Every other faith in America, except for a couple of the more outre ones, answers the question with varying degrees of hostility. It’s no surprise, as church doctrine for most faiths changes at a rate just slower than glaciers crawl. For example, the Catholics just got around to forgiving Galileo a few years ago, and that was a quick decision. It took nearly two thousand years for them to officially forgive the Jews for the death of Christ. Red tape at the Vatican must be something awesome to behold.

The major problem with church policy on homosexuality is that it usually seems based on a subtle form of hypocrisy. Usually, the following passage from the Bible is cited to end the argument: “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet!” (Romans 1:26-27). That passage, as taken from the King James version, seems pretty clear. Of course, that assumes the translation from Hebrew was correct and the passage was not taken out of context, but for the majority of those arguments against homosexuality the passage’s existence seems good enough.

Here comes a slippery slope: if you’re going to assume the Bible is the Word of God and use its passages as justification for certain behaviors or decisions, you’ve got to buy the entire package. You can’t just pick and choose which part of God’s word you like. Does this mean you can truss your kids up and sacrifice them if you think God wants you to, like Abraham almost did with Isaac? Does it mean you kick ass for the Lord, as illustrated by Proverbs 20:30: “The bluness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly”? What about incest? If you deny Rev. Sabin the old boy drank and screwed him so they could have children?

For parents out there, here’s a gem: Exodus 21:17, “And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.”

As a good book as the Good Book may be, I seriously doubt too many people out there would want to use passages like these to argue for certain behaviors. Yet, when people do precisely that to oppose homosexuality, that door is opened like Pandora’s box. Once the claim gets made that the Bible is not divinely inspired but the actual Word itself, and whatever is said therein goes, you end up taking positions you may not necessarily believe in. To do otherwise would risk perverting the so-called Word of God.

Reverend Sabin may not feel too worried about all this. He’s planning on appealing the decision on the grounds that the Lutheran Church does not define what a “practicing homosexual” is (as opposed to a perfected one, I guess). That decision, he argues, violates the church’s scriptural teachings of divine love for all humanity. He even enjoys the support of his congregation. He might win. If he does, will that victory overcome the punishment of being shut out of his divine calling? Does it strike a blow for dismantling the institutionalized deception, or does it legitimate it? I’m sure Rev. Sabin, if he considers this side of the issue at all, would like to think it strikes a blow. I would hope he’s right.

It’s a bird, it’s a plane! No, it’s Flash Lewinsky

by DAMON HUNZEKER
COLUMNIST

I f Ken Starr decides to grant legal immunity to Monica Lewinsky, perhaps she’ll contradict President Clinton’s contention that he “never had sexual relations with that woman.” Maybe she’ll even claim the President has had sex with his wife. Regardless, none of it will matter, because Bill Clinton is too gifted. He has mastered the subtle art of non-responsive answer.

You could put him on the stand in front of the most effective legal minds in America, and Clinton would confuse them. For example:

Johnnie Cochran: “Mr. President, did you or did you not have sex with the lovely, big-breasted intern weeping behind me and then ask her to lie under oath?”

President Clinton: “Heck, Johnnie, that’s a great tie. I like the way the colors flow together in that weird abstract-art type of design. I think.”

Johnnie Cochran: “Thank you, I bought the tie in Paris a few years ago.”

President Clinton: “Paris, huh? That’s a great place. My momma always wanted to go to Paris. It’s a shame that she—”

Johnnie Cochran: “Yes, it is. But I don’t think you answered my question.”

President Clinton: “Sure, I did. Johnnie. As I told you, Social Security is the most popular program in America. We should promise our children that it will be there for them in the 21st century.”

Johnnie Cochran: “That’s nice, but I asked you—”

President Clinton: “The budget is balanced, Johnnie.”

Johnnie Cochran: “Really? Well, anyway—”

President Clinton: “Since I became president, my administration has created 14 million new jobs. Did you know that?”

Johnnie Cochran: “Uh ... no, I didn’t. But I was trying to ask you about sex in the White House and the question of perjury. Did you—”

President Clinton: “Have you seen that movie ‘Men in Black?’ That’s a great show. I love when Tommy Lee Jones says, ‘You sold a reverberating carbonizer with mutating capacity to an unlicensed Sopholapolit.’ That’s so funny.”

Johnnie Cochran: “Yeah, he’s a good actor. Isn’t he also the drummer for Motley Crue?”

President Clinton: “Heck, no. Johnnie, You’re thinking of Tommy Lee — the one married to that blonde lady on ‘Baywatch’ with the fake boobs. Tommy Lee Jones is a different guy.”

Johnnie Cochran: “That’s right. I always get those names mixed up. Do you want to go have sex?”

President Clinton: “That sounds wonderful. You should ask that cute little intern if she wants to go.”

Anyway, I believe something useful could still come out of this mess. Imagine this scenario: Ken Starr grants immunity to Monica Lewinsky. Suddenly, she’s above the law. Nobody with any prosecutorial authority can touch her. At first, she violated a few traffic laws. Nothing happens. Eventually, she realizes that her new power can help less-privileged people. So she adopts a cape and becomes Flash Lewinsky — a superhero who can take away the blame for all the other instant celebrities in our culture, people who can’t seem to shake the disastrous circumstances that brought them dubious fame.

Flash Lewinsky will fly into Los Angeles and announce, “Alas, you can all embrace O.J., for I am the real killer.”

Remember, she’ll have Ken Starr-approved immunity. She can’t get in trouble.

Sohn, CNN will tell us that Flash Lewinsky is the one who actually bunted up Nancy Kerrigan’s knee. She chewed the baby, not Lyle Woodward. She’s a Menendez sister; Lyle and Eric can go free. Et cetera.

Remember, she’ll just become a hooker.
Campus news from across the country

Brown appeals Title IX case to U.S. Supreme Court
By Andrew Goldsmith

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(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Attorneys for Brown filed a petition late on Tuesday for a writ of certiorari asking the Supreme Court to review the latest decision in its Title IX case, Amy Cohen, et al. v. Brown University, et al. in that decision the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit upheld a lower court's finding that Brown discriminated against its female athletes by failing to achieve “gender parity between its student body and its athletic lineup.”

The Title IX suit was filed in 1992 in response to the school's denoting, a year earlier, the women's gymnastics and volleyball and men's golf and water polo teams from varsity to club-varsity status. Sixty percent of Brown's female athletes affected by the change were male, reflecting the roughly 60-40 ratio of men to women in Brown's athletic program. The suit alleged that Brown's athletic program discriminates against women because it does not provide sufficient opportunities for them to participate in athletics.

“The athletic program was ruled out of compliance with Title IX because the ratio of men to women athletes reflected the gender ratio of all qualified athletes,” said Laura Freid, Brown's vice-president for external affairs, in a statement announcing Brown's petition. “The lower court required the gender ratio of athletes to mirror that of the undergraduate student body.”

The petition asks the Court to measure compliance according to the first comparison Freid cited — the gender ratio of varsity athletes against the gender ratio of all students interested in playing sports, rather than against the entire student body.

Listed on the petition are attorneys for Brown's football players in the class-action suit, dismissed the distinction between qualified athletes and the student body as a whole.

It's a fiction that their program mirrors some population of interested athletes they've tried to create," she said.

Brown's argument about how to determine compliance touches on the legal issue of the thorny-Degraded Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) test for Title IX compliance. The first test demands that the percentage of women involved in the intercollegiate program be “substantially proportionate” to the percentage of women in the student body. Brown would be deemed in compliance with the law if it was found to meet this or either of the other two OCR requirements. These stipulate that a school has a history of expanding its women's athletic program or “fully and effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.”

In both the original decision of March 25, 1995 and the decision on the appeal, handed down on November 21, 1996, judges found that Brown failed all three tests.

The Appeals Court, however, struck down the District Court's mandate that Brown fully fund its court-proscribed sports teams. Instead, the University was ordered to draw up its own plan to achieve compliance with Title IX, which could include cutting the number of male varsity athletes.

“We were gratified to see that the First Circuit has recognized Brown's autonomy as determining its budget and in designing the scope of its athletic program,” Freid said at the time.

First Circuit Chief Judge Torruella dissented from the appellate court's decision, citing two recent Supreme Court cases that he said shed new light on Brown's compliances. In addition, Torruella invoked Brown's First Amendment right to “choose its curriculum.”

“Athletics are part of that curriculum,” he said.

Gore Gets Student Feedback
Audience shares concerns with VP, ignores set topic by Larry Luong

THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)
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(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Vice President Al Gore spoke with about 250 students at UC Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus yesterday, fielding questions on a broad range of topics and winning thunderous applause.

Although yesterday's one-hour conversation was planned as a discussion about financial aid, students quinted the vice president on issues such as social security, political apathy and Proposition 209.

Responding to a student's question on whether he would be in favor of abandoning race and gender-based affirmative action policies in favor of socioeconomically-based policies, Gore reiterated his support for affirmative action.

“I don't think that's adequate,” Gore said of socioeco-
nomic preferences. “There are burdens of discrimination that have cascaded down into the present generation. Supporting diversity means making extra effort to bring disadvantaged groups of people into the mainstream. We simply must maintain a consensus for support of diversity.”

Students who did ask about financial aid received a commitment from Gore that the administration is lobbying members of Congress to fund Clinton's proposals.

Gore touted the Clinton administration's plans to provide a $1,500 tax credit for the first two years of college and to boost maximum Pell Grant awards from $2,700 to $3,000. The proposal, which must win congressional approval, also would slash loan fees for need-based Stafford Loans by two percentage points, saving the average aid recipient $100 per year.

The planned financial aid changes could mean significant savings for the more than 13,000 UC Berkeley undergraduates who receive some form of financial aid. During the 1995-96 school year, federal aid programs gave $62.1 million in assistance to undergraduates.

Gore, trying to rally support for President Clinton's proposals to increase funding for dozens of education programs including financial aid, asked students to call their representatives in Congress to appropriate money for those programs.

“The president and I and others are going all over the country talking to people about why it's in our national interest to really upgrade the attention we pay to education,” Gore said.

But his message, said some students, was sidetracked by miscellaneous questions that had little to do with the forum's intent.

“A lot of students didn't have the right questions,” said Stefan D'Angelo, a sophomore representative for the Residence Hall Association from Bowley Hall. “They weren't here for financial aid; they were talking about Prop. 209 and social security, and that was not what this was about.”

Students who attended yesterday's event, which was closed to the public, were chosen based on their participation in campus organizations such as RHA, the ASUC Senate, financial aid office and certain freshman-sophomore seminars.

While the forum veered from topic to topic, some students said they appreciated the vice president's visit to solicit their opinions about current policy issues.

“Al Gore seemed generally concerned at what students had to say and eager to take it back to Washington,” said freshman Stacy Robinson.

Suit demands faculty rights by CHRISTOPHER CARBONE

DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS U.)
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(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — “Equal pay for equal work” is the demand of five homosexual faculty members who have served a lawsuit against Rutgers and New Jersey. The case will go before a three-judge panel in the appellate division of the state superior court tomorrow.

Rutgers Council of American Association of University Professors Chapters v. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey was originally filed in Nov. 1993.

The suit asks that gay and lesbian employees of the University receive health benefits for their partners and retroactive benefits in the form of monetary compensation.

In a potentially precedent-setting case, this lawsuit is the first test of the revised state anti-discrimination law, which has included sexual orientation since 1992. Jim Anderson, one of the five plaintiffs, said gay and lesbian employees are paid thousands of dollars less than their heterosexual counterparts for the same work.

“Heterosexual employees receive more pay than gay and lesbian employees. We're asking for equal pay for equal work,” said William Mayo, an associate professor of the College of Engineering.

Anderson, an associate dean of library and information studies, said because of this discrimination, Rutgers has lost and will continue to lose top-notch faculty because of its treatment of gay and lesbian employees.

He characterized the University's administration as "bigoted" and Rutgers' non-discrimination policy, which includes gay and lesbian employees, as “meaningless.”

Others noted that gay and lesbian students have seen benefits, but employees deserve fair treatment, as well.
Eligibility requirements for the program include: GPA, experience in jazz, a commitment to attend summer camp, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.

BSU music professor James Jordan directed the festival, which is educational and includes workshops on various topics related to music education.

Deadline: Early applications are encouraged to secure spots for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Tahoe Bear Drive Planned for November

Students invited to participate in the Tahoe Bear Drive, which is an annual event organized by the Student Union. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries, which are then distributed to those in need.

Intannual sports events will be held throughout the year, including basketball tournaments and a track meet.

Kayak Club Set to Meet for March Trip

Kayak Club members will attend a three-day trip to a nearby lake, where they will learn kayaking techniques and practice on the water.

Students spotlighted for awards at Leadership Quest

Congratulations to the students who received awards at Leadership Quest.

First annual Teddy Bear Drive planned for November

Boise State: Student Activists

Students and faculty from Boise State University come together to support local charities and community organizations.

Boise State University: Student Union

The Student Union is dedicated to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.
Library hours concern senate again

Members plan to use the money for operating costs, networking, travel and other expenses.

Sen, Rob Christensen reported on the Residence Hall Association's willingness to take part in recycling on campus. The RHA wants to add more bins for all types of recyclable in the halls and university apartments.

The senate also dealt with a few pieces of legislation in its bi-weekly meetings. Senate Bill No. 17, sponsored by Justin Thomas and Cindy Aber, provides prize money for the Diane Lamm Bone Marrow Drive. The bill was sent to the Senate Budget and Finance Committee.

Bill No. 18, also sponsored by Sen. Thomas, requests funding for the Music Educators so they can attend their national conference. It was also sent to the Senate Budget and Finance Committee.

The ASBSU Senate amended Bill No. 16, to give the Theater Major's Association only $450. It was sent to ASBSU President T.J. Thomson for signing.

Thomson has signed Senate Bills No. 14 and 15, and Resolution No. 5.

Jade Riley, ASBSU Legislative Lobbyist, then took the Senate floor. He reported how ASBSU stands on several pieces of state legislation.

First, he said the ASBSU would oppose House Bill No. 443, which seeks to replace the state budget Reserve Account with a Budget Stabilization Fund. Riley claims the bill would cause revenue loss to all education statewide.

He also announced that ASBSU opposes Senate Bill No. 1290. This state bill would allot the income from the Idaho Lottery wholly to public, K-12 school districts to be used for building maintenance. Riley claims the bill will take away millions from higher education.

ASBSU is supporting House Bill No. 447. It adds to existing state laws authorizing tax deductions for post-secondary educational savings accounts.

Marquee sign on Broadway set for replacement

The marquee sign on Capitol Boulevard has been removed, and Boise State officials have made a deal with a Washington company to replace the sister sign on Broadway.

Some time before Christmas break, both marquees stopped functioning due to a power outage on campus, says Larry Burke, Director of University Relations. As a result, the green disks in the signs were jumbled and for a while read "blind employment."

Officials authorized the tearing down of the sign on Capitol Boulevard because it cost too much money to operate and passers-by had difficulty reading it. Trees blocked the sign and it only faced a one-way road.

Boise State was paying about $750 each month to maintain both signs, with the help of First Security Bank. BSU has a contract with the bank, and that sponsorship has covered some of the monthly cost.

Burke says it was pointless to try fixing either sign "because our maintenance contract had run out and we were planning to replace [them]."

He and other officials originally wanted to replace the inner mechanisms of the Capitol marquees because they were worn out. However, they decided BSU could only afford to maintain one sign and they voted to focus resources on the one on Broadway.

They also tried fixing that sign's wording by going inside and "getting the disks to flip," says Burke. Efforts failed, however, and the university thought it best to buy a new marquee.

The bidding process for a new sign supplier has been completed and BSU chose American Electronic Sign in Spokane, WA. Right now, says Burke, university officials have not decided whether to pay for a monthly maintenance contract. American Electronic Sign offers first-year-warranty, and Burke comments that officials may just stick to that.

If they do decide to pay for maintenance, it will run the university about $350 every month.

The new sign, which will be built and installed within a matter of weeks, costs $48,000. Burke says officials want to get it up and running as soon as we can, because we recognize that it's not an attractive front door to the campus."

First Security will continue as a sponsor. Burke says the $48,000 comes from general university funds, and that spending that amount of money on a marquee does generate revenue for BSU because of advertising displayed to drivers.
A new book authored by a Boise State dean seeks to gain increased understanding of women, and motivate people to look at women's lives in a more complex manner.

"Even when successful, women face discrimination and stereotypes that live with them throughout their lives," Jane Ollenburger, dean of Boise State University's College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, contends.


Ollenburger and co-author Helen Moore of the University of Nebraska try to expose generalizations about women in their work. They also offer a more concise explanation of the influences affecting women's lives and reveal the current state of women's status in all social arenas.

The book is an update of Ollenburger's 1991 release, and primarily takes aim at sociologists and people in the field of social work. It concludes that even with some gains, women trail men in opportunities worldwide.

The focus of the book divides into three main areas. First, Ollenburger and Moore address traditional methodology used to develop theories about the sociology of women.

Then, by using the social theory laid out in the first chapters, the book explores three social institutions: law, work, and schooling, and evaluates women's positions in those fields. The authors first use recent census data and leading field research to show that women must work harder than men to make headway in economic and social status.

They then outline barriers women face and explain that those serve as building blocks affecting women from a young age until their older years.

The last third of the book takes into account all these factors and examines the actual impact on women's lives. "All these factors affect the quality of life women have," Ollenburger says, "and it culminates in the quality of life for older women.

Ollenburger drew from years of conversation with Moore, as well as work in the field of gender stratification, to gather ideas for the book. Both women incorporated the other's style to produce the finished product.

"It was a culmination of realizing that the discussions were something that could be developed and tested," Ollenburger notes.

However, Ollenburger says the real test remains "whether or not the theory (outlined in the book) holds weight."

Associate professor brings the past alive through oral history

by DOREEN MARINENK
NEWS WRITER

The tradition of oral history lends itself to many different situations, says Boise State's associate professor of history Dr. Sandra Schackel. Locked within peoples' minds lie records of community, family and site, material for academic research which can benefit society.

Schackel became interested in the tradition of oral history while in New Mexico, working on her graduate dissertation concerning women. Since then she has combined the areas of oral and women's histories, allowing their voices to come alive. Schackel says the importance of women's stories "empowers their life experiences."

Historians began working on oral history in the 19th century but the focus was directed particularly on men, Schackel comments, as evidenced by Columbia University's publication in 1947 of a "Great Man's History."

Oral history is not without its critics, Schackel admits. Some historians argue it is not accurate due "to memory loss, subjective responses, or a person only telling part of the story."

Schackel disagrees. She believes historians can garner a much clearer account of an event from someone who was personally involved.

Schackel, a self-taught oral historian, is currently working on a project concerning farm women. She asks questions according to an outline she has constructed as a guideline for her interviews. She likes to conduct these while sitting at the kitchen table, because a comfortable atmosphere allows the interviewee to feel more at home.

To work effectively as an oral historian, Schackel suggests following these steps: First, conduct some research to bring background to the interview. The interviewer must know something about the subject.

Next, a tape recorder keeps track of questions, answers and stories. A list of questions acts as a focus, and helps steer the interviewee in the desired direction.

Also, Schackel sets a time limit for the interview. Above all, Schackel explains that one needs to be a good listener, not a storyteller oneself.

Schackel wants to see more people become interested in oral history. She says, "People should think of talking to the older people around them before it's too late, for professional and personal reasons. But especially personal."

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For many low-income families in the Boise area, counseling costs too much money. Even if those families have insurance, most policies only cover six sessions, says Dr. Lynn Miller of Boise State's counseling department. That's why Miller wanted to extend the opportunity to the community, both to provide her students with experience and to help Boise families.

In her survey of Treasure Valley counselors, Miller noted that "the Boise-greater metro area does not offer a wide variety of mental health services for those seeking sliding-scale fees."

She says Counseling and Testing Center staff performed a study to find how many professionals offer reduced-rate or free sessions to the community. The study found "there are limited, if any, services."

With those dismal results in hand, Miller met with counselors from 11 low-income elementary schools in the Boise District about her idea, proposing they use their time to come to BSU in the evenings and take part in free sessions hosted by practicum students.

The Connection program does require compliance with some guidelines before families take part in BSU counseling. First, a counselor from the Boise School District must refer a family in writing. Graduate students must offer services for free, so as not to conflict with private practitioners. Likewise, families must agree to be video and/or audio taped. And as The Connection helps them train for their careers.

"I think the program is fantastic," says Gaedecke. "The courses prepare us for what we're going to do." She plans to counsel in schools for a few years, then move on to community agencies and, eventually, open a private practice.

Before Miller started The Connection, practicum students counseled BSU students, not families. Now, Gaedecke says, "we needn't send families who otherwise wouldn't receive help, and she finds that rewarding."

Benison agrees. However, some clients can make sessions a bit difficult. She cites one child who refused to be videotaped, and what should have been a 50 minute session ended up cut down to a half hour.

Generally, though, Gaedecke says, "I can build a good relationship [with clients], then just about anyone will open up."

The university and the American Counseling Association require that practicum students carry liability insurance. Miller says this keeps BSU from assuming blame for anything that might go wrong between students and clients. Insurance rates are fairly inexpensive for counseling majors. With a membership fee to the American Counseling Association of about $100, Miller says it costs a student about $16 a year for insurance coverage.
What’s love got

BY JOSH CASTEN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Long hailed as the holiday for romance and lovers, Valentine’s Day to some is a symbol for heartbreak, commercialization and even death. All too often, people celebrate the day, without pondering the consequences.

For some, Valentine’s Day is a reminder of bitter losses, resentment and rejection. If you don’t believe me, witness the “Valentine’s Day Sucks” party at the Red Lion Downing, among other anti-love day celebrations. Of course, the greatest irony of all is that people probably look at it as a chance to hook up with someone.

Then, there are those who have little more than receipts to prove that they once had a relationship with someone. Memories of roses, rings and get-aways have a way of becoming bitter when the other one has parted ways, especially in a messy and vengeful way. I have a friend who racked up almost $3,000 of debt for one woman, including a vacation to Disney World and a Caribbean cruise, His batch of low-level problems like crabs, chlamydia and herpes: there’s a killer out there. It’s mighty easy to go along thinking that there’s no big problem in Idaho, but facts are facts: HIV and AIDS infections continue to rise in Idaho. According to State Department of Health and Welfare statistics as of Dec. 31, 1996, there were 163 cases of AIDS reported, with 97 deaths, and 170 more people living with HIV in southwest Idaho. Statewide, the numbers jump to 354 cases of AIDS, 221 deaths and 365 HIV infection cases.

When it works out, love and romance are wonderful, beautiful things. But they also can lead to disease and death, if you’re not careful. Let’s not even get into all of the low-level problems like crabs, chlamydia and herpes: there’s a killer out there. It’s mighty easy to go along thinking that there’s no big problem in Idaho, but facts are facts: HIV and AIDS infections continue to rise in Idaho. According to State Department of Health and Welfare statistics as of Dec. 31, 1996, there were 163 cases of AIDS reported, with 97 deaths, and 170 more people living with HIV in southwest Idaho. Statewide, the numbers jump to 354 cases of AIDS, 221 deaths and 365 HIV infection cases.

All of this can lead to a pretty bleak picture for the would-be love struck. So where does one find solace among all of this death and heartbreak? Some of us get lucky (no, not that...) and actually find someone. Others strive to do their part to counter some of the negative aspects Valentine’s Day, mostly with charity work. Take, for example, ASBSU’s Teddy Bear Drive, which will provide drop sites around campus for students, faculty and anyone else who might care to get involved, to donate said stuffed critters until Friday of this week. The bears will then be distributed to needy children.

Then there’s the Valentine for AIDS, a charity silent auction and art show hosted by Flying M every year. It gives local artists a chance to create and show their work, which ranges from silly to sublime, to serious. The entrants, many of them ASBSU students, teachers and alumni, donate their work to the exhibit, which is auctioned off at the end. The proceeds benefit the Idaho AIDS Foundation, whose primary mission is to support people living with AIDS, and prevention education. To get involved, or to find out more about the services they provide, call 1-800-677-2437.

As far as a reason to set a day aside for celebrating, love is a pretty good one. It, after all, makes the world go ’round (or so they say). The life-affirming ability of love, like faith and humor, can not be denied. Just make sure you take it all with a grain of salt: love should be cherished and celebrated every day, not just when the calendar tells you.

To put it in perspective, let me paraphrase Flavor Flav of Public Enemy: Don’t believe the hype. If you follow the path that 5th Avenue wants you to, rather than your heart, get ready for a rough road. Make Valentine’s Day your own. Be careful, be wise, and most of all, be loving.
Above and above left: Examples of art from the Valentine for AIDS exhibit at Flying M

All photos by Keasa Hollister
Janet Jackson releases new provocative CD

by ERICA HILL
ARTS WRITER

With two hit singles already under her belt, Janet Jackson’s newest release, The Velvet Rope, is sure to become a best seller. The 22-track CD, released on Virgin Records, includes dance tracks, interludes, and the typical Janet Jackson love ballads. Some atypical qualities of this album include the racy lyrics and daring topics. Janet addresses many sexual subjects including masturbation and homosexuality, as well as some serious social problems such as AIDS. This album is all about the battles between people’s personal sides and the image they portray. Jackson has wanted to express these concerns for the last 17 years of her singing career. “In the past, I’ve always found a way not to have to face the pain I’ve experienced growing up. I would brush it aside and keep going. But I’m at a point now where self-discovery has become important and this album is kind of like a self-examination.”

The examination includes a look into several aspects of Jackson’s life that seem quite surprising. Over the years Jackson has matured both musically and personally. Her early career showed a shy, young girl trying to promote sexual freedom with songs like “Nasty Boys.” She went from awkward sexual timidity to love-drenched albums. Her success really blossomed when she approached love issues and now she’s the youngest of nine children in her talented family. She began her singing career at age seven when singing with her brothers’ band, The Jackson Five. Her first two albums, Janet Jackson and Dreamstreet, were unsuccessful, but Jackson pushed on and co-produced her first massive hit, Control. Rhythm Nation 1814 was a step up from Control, spawning seven top ten hits. From then on Jackson’s albums have topped the charts. Her newest release, The Velvet Rope, is no exception. The first hit off the album, “Got Till it’s Gone” includes a sample from Joni Mitchell’s “Big Yellow Taxi” as well as a rap from A Tribe Called Quest’s very own Q-Tip. The song itself is about appreciating things before they disappear.

Her newest hit, “Together Again” was written after the 31-year-old Jackson received a letter from a little boy whose father died. He asked Jackson if she thought they would one day be together again. Jackson’s commitment to AIDS charities also propelled her to write the song and donate part of the single’s proceeds to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

The album itself is split into two parts. First, Jackson tries her hand at producing funk dance tracks. “Free Xone” has an almost Parliament taste to it, and provides one of the best tracks on the album. “Velvet Rope” is also one of the danceable tunes. The second half of the CD is what Jackson seems best at: pure love songs. “Tonight’s the Night” and “I Got Lonely” turn the intensity of the album after the first funky half. Jackson believes The Velvet Rope will mean different things to different people. She says to her, however, it represents the most personal side of her life—something that took her 31 years to develop.

“Great Expectations” opens in time for Valentine’s

by MARK TAYLOR
ARTS WRITER

For those looking for the perfect Valentine’s date flick, “Great Expectations” just might fit the bill. As with so many other revisions of fictional film circulating through theaters, this one does not follow Charles Dickens’ vision very closely. The movie is set in contemporary America, and characters’ names have been changed. The basic story of romance overcoming class differences remains, as Finn (Ethan Hawke) grows up in the shadow of Estella (Gwyneth Paltrow), ever smitten. He comes from a white trash background, with the odds stacked against ever winning her favor. Two influences come to play a pivotal role in the development of Pip, ah... Finn. He makes friends with an escaped convict, played by Robert DeNiro, and falls under the wing of the eccentric Mrs. Dimsum, as portrayed by Anne Bancroft.

When Finn lucks in to a large sum of money, he finally gets a chance to come into his own and impress Estella. Unfortunately, she is already engaged to another man. This, coupled with the mystery of Finn’s fortune, makes for a dynamic tale, somewhat familiar to those who paid close attention to their “Cliff’s Notes” in high school. The casting for “Great Expectations” is wonder-
Skinny Boy returns to the Blues Bouquet

BY MARY DOHERTY
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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o would have thought that a town like Pocatello, Idaho could spawn talent like the trio Skinny Boy? Certainly not Boiseans, considering the Blues Bouquet was only about half-full on Friday night. But those who did attend expressed their approval by filling the dance floor, and with their alcohol-enduced, obnoxious cheering after each song.

Skinny Boy combines a miscellany of influences in folk, jazz, rock and roots to originate a modern rock sound with a blend of adult alternative style. What began as a typical cover band has matured into a threesome of seasoned artists producing incredibly wry and witty music.

From the quirky “Come on and Make My Man Ken Aho has hailed his alienated listeners with his song writing. The morose tenors of which they might lead one to assume their again.

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While this reviewer harbors mixed feelings about Skinny Boy’s music, it’s undeniable that this group has collected some highly talented individuals. Aho’s vocal abilities range from varied and true to timbre, Lindsay’s enthusiastic drumming style holds the trio together, and Jon Burr plucks the triplets like a violin. They also managed to massacre Bob Dylan’s “Like A Rolling Stone.” The trio turned the classic hit into a poppied, Kithlin-driven bubble-gum number.

Wednesday, February 11
Morrison Center Recital Hall-Graduate Recital, Jeffrey Romero, piano (7:30)
Blues Bouquet- Big Dogs
Tom Grainey’s- Rebecca Scott Decision
J.T. Toad’s Lounge- EZ Loader
Neurilux- Yr Highness, System & Station and 25 Wheeler
The Interlude- Taue & Faulkner-Begin Farewell Conert Run

Thursday, February 12
Blues Bouquet- Hoochie Coochie Men
SUB SPEC Center- Vocal Jazz Festival (all day)
LOG Cabin Literary Center- Valentine’s Day Workshop
Tom Grainey’s- Rebecca Scott Decision
J.T. Toad’s Lounge- EZ Loader
Neurilux- Ping Pong
BSU Pavilion- “Toy Story” on Ice
The Interlude- Taue & Faulkner-Begin Farewell Conert Run

Friday, February 13
Blues Bouquet- The Rebecca Scott Decision
SUB SPEC Center- Vocal Jazz Festival (all day); evening concert (7:30)
Tom Grainey’s- Tourists
J.T. Toad’s Lounge- Rhythm Mob
Neurilux- DJ Dancing
Hastings at Overland & Five Mile Transatlantic Crash (7:30)
BSU Pavilion- “Toy Story” on Ice
The Interlude- Taue & Faulkner-Begin Farewell Conert Run

Saturday, February 14
Blues Bouquet- Ellen Whyte & Reflex Blue
Tom Grainey’s- Tourists
J.T. Toad’s Lounge- Rhythm Mob
Neurilux- Dodgeball, also Flourish and Good Shot of Venus
Hastings at Fairview & Cole-Flourish (7:30)
BSU Pavilion- “Toy Story” on Ice
Red Lion Downtown- Valentine’s Day Sucks Party at Characters Bar
Morrison Center Main Hall- Almost Like a Song? A Moment in Time
The Interlude- Taue & Faulkner-Begin Farewell Conert Run

Sunday, February 15
Bank of America Centre- The Swatch Sto-Core ’98 Tour featuring Primus, Blink 182, The Long Beach Dub Allstars, and No Use for a Name
Blues Bouquet- BSU-ACL “Red, White and Blues” Benefit
Tom Grainey’s- Rebecca Scott Decision
Neurilux- Ping Pong

Blues Bouquet hosts ACLU annual fund-raiser

BY MARY DOHERTY
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will hold its annual fund-raiser at the Blues Bouquet on Sunday, February 15. The concert, called “Red, White and Blues” will feature six bands for only six bucks, with all proceeds donated to the Idaho ACLU and its various causes.

Participating local artists making up the blues six-pack include: Kim Rogers, The Tourists, Sirah Storm, Snake Hunters, Warrior Poets, and The Hoochie Coochie Men.

The Idaho ACLU serves as an organization designed to protect the civil liberties of individuals and groups whose rights have been infringed upon. The ACLU sponsors a team of lawyers and spokespeople dedicated to defending those in need of civil rights activism.

To show support for the ACLU and hear some of Boise’s best musicians, check out “Red, White and Blues.” Doors open at 6:30; music starts at 7:30.
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by MARK DAVID HOLLADAY
STAFF JOHNNY RAY

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Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Inform your mate you love them by becoming a cashmere goat shear person.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—Mar. 20) ‘It’s totally natural’ is your mantra this week. (Isn’t a Mantra a Japanese car?)

Aries: (Mar. 21—Apr. 19) Although it goes against the beliefs of the N.H.L. Canada did not originate canned foods.

Taurus: (Apr. 20—May 20) Remember, ‘February’ rhymes with, ‘Deb, You’re scary.” Be sure to tell Debbie.

Gemini: (May 21—June 21) Ha, ha, ha, he, ha, ha, ha, ha, he, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha— ... it’s not funny!

Cancer: (June 22—July 22) The next time someone asks you for ID show them your notarized birthmark!

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22) The next time you are riding in the car sing this song, ‘99 bottles of bear on the wall. 99 bottles of bear ...’ (Ed. note— This went on for some time.)

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) Be sure to rub yourself down with baby oil before your next test— unless it is a drug test, of course.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Celebrate your love by taking your sweetheart to a wax museum on Valentine’s day. Remember, nothing says I love you more than JFK on a stick.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) In the near future humans will be able to converse with poultry. This week come up with a phrase to replace ‘tastes like chicken.’

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) This week throw all your unpaid bills into the garbage. If you’re sent new ones, pay ’em!

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The Boise State men's basketball team won two important conference games over the weekend, keeping them tied with Idaho for third place. Only the top four teams in the eastern division go to the Big West Tournament.

Against the last place North Texas Eagles on Saturday night, BSU was in it for more than they bargained for. The Eagles put up a fight until the very end, before going down 83-79 in front of a disappointing crowd of only 6,672.

Boise State started the game out hot, building a 16-point lead nine minutes into the contest. Three-pointers by Mike Tolman and Gerry Washington, along with Roberto Bergersen's patented pull-up jumpers, propelled BSU to the early advantage.

Then came the stifling North Texas defensive pressure which forced nine turnovers by the Broncos. Shaky ball handling combined with the fact that only four Broncos were able to score in the first half, really hurt BSU. The Eagles came back and cut the deficit to five before Kejuan Woods' hook shot gave the Broncos a seven-point lead at the half.

Again in the second half Boise State came out the gates quickly and built the lead back up to 13 points. Then, once again, they got lazy and let the Eagles back in the game, actually giving up the lead around the five-minute mark. After a Shane Flanagan turnover that led to a lay-up, the Broncos were down by three and looking like they were giving up.

A twenty second time out changed all of that. Two three-pointers by Mike Tolman, a couple of jumpshots by Bergersen, and a monster dunk by Woods put the lid on the Eagles.

Going into the game BSU out sized North Texas, whose tallest player stands at 6'7". The Broncos have two 6'11" centers though both were ineffective. Kenny Van Kirk, Boise State's starting center, played 23 minutes and only managed one point and one rebound against the opposing center who was five inches shorter. So much for the philosophy of "bigger is better."

Two nights earlier BSU knocked off the New Mexico State Aggies with a huge 71-59 win. The Broncos looked energized, comfortable and glad to be playing at home.

Roberto Bergersen, the backbone of the team, scored 61 points in the two games to lead the Broncos in scoring. He has led BSU in that category in 16 games this season. He also added 10 assists against North Texas.

BSU faces the same two teams this week as they traveled to Texas and New Mexico. The next home game for the Broncos is set for Feb. 19th against Nevada.
Bronco gymnasts stack up some wins

by: DANIEL HILDEMAN
SPORTS WRITER

Perhaps this is the peak Coach Sandmire has been telling us her team will reach. The Bronco gymnastics team took on UC Davis January 30 and San Jose State and Seattle Pacific University January 31. They walked away from both meets victorious.

The UC Davis contest was exciting and produced a tremendous turnout from UCD athletes and students. The UCD Aggies, who have never beat the Broncos, were fresh off two successful wins in Alaska where they swept every event. The Broncos, on the other hand, were coming from a disappointing loss at home to a less talented Utah State University team.

Were the Broncos ever in real danger? A quick glance at the scoring records between the teams indicated the Aggies had their work cut out for then, regardless of current performances. The Aggies' average score of 181.1 is significantly lower than the 189.275 racked up by the Broncos, considering that an eight point deficit in gymnastics is the equivalent of a 30-point lead in basketball. Regardless of how the 1998 season started, the defending Big West Champions deserved to be heavily favored.

When it was all said and done, the Broncos chalked up 187.5 points over the Aggies' 183.425. The Broncos' first rotation was on bars, which Sandmire calls "our event." Both Johanna Evans and Carrie Roelofs performed difficult new dismounts, which they nailed. The performance on bars provided the momentum to make it through the rest of the meet. The Broncos went on to post mid 9.0s in vault, with Evans on fire scoring a 9.75. Unfortunately, the trend came to a screeching halt during the floor competition. Diana Loosli's foot slipped during a pass and she landed on the side of her neck. Slightly disoriented, she tried to complete her routine but was pulled by Sandmire.

With Loosli out for the last rotation on beam, Sandmire called up freshman Jessica Berry, Berry, with no warmup, stuck to her routine and finished fourth on beam for the meet.

Sandmire looks back on the event proudly, noting that her team came together in the end despite injury and some poor performances. The Broncos left no doubt in the mind of the Aggies that they deserve the title of Big West Champions.

The very next night the Broncos waltzed into the San Jose and Seattle Pacific competition with their heads held high. Sandmire, somewhat worried about Loosli's injury, wondered who would fill her shoes.

The Broncos began the on beam, an area of traditional Bronco difficulty. The team didn't let her down though. Junior Kelly Martin wound up the difficult task of performing first. Martin, a strong gymnast with beautiful technique, achieved a solid 9.75 performance, followed by Junior Kerry Jacobson, new to the team this year, who set a personal best of 9.75. With Loosli out, Jessica Berry once again took her place and was rock solid, finishing with a 9.825. Carrie Roelofs, Debbie Thompson and Johanna Evans rounded out the event with near-perfect performances each.

Second and third rotations of floor and vault produced more mid to high 9.0s, but it was on the bars where the team capped off an impeccable weekend. Heather Werner, substituting for Loosli, set a personal best at 9.775. For the second night in a row both Roelofs and Evans nailed their new dismounts, and Martin closed the meet with a solid and clean set earning her 9.825.

Sandmire said, "The girls look like they know what they are doing now. The margin of error is very small and they stuck together and pulled out two great meets." Not to mention what the judges thought. Comments such as "See ya at Nationals" have increased the desire and determination of the team. Sandmire's words of advice, 'leave no doubt,' seem to be working.

Next stop is Cal State-Fullerton, a Big West rival. Sandmire is excited to compete in Fullerton, where they earned the Big West title last year.

Sandmire is pleased to announce the return of Diana Loosli for the meet. Loosli practiced just days after her injury. She mentioned she was stiff, but felt practicing would be the best way to loosen her neck muscles. With a healthy team the Broncos should be good and ready for the weekend in California.

Signing day sweeps campus

signed by TERRY CHRISTENSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The first week of February always brings excitement to the fall sports, even though they're weeks away from spring practices. Why the excitement? High school seniors and junior college transfers revealed the colleges they will attend in the fall, and which schools will benefit from their recruitment efforts. For Boise State's three head coaches, things are now a little more in focus.

Bronco football head coach Dirk Koetter announced the signing of 18 high school seniors and four junior college transfers. The undersized defensive line will get help with five signings, the most by any position. The team also picked up four wide receivers, three each at running back, offensive line, and secondary. The already-shallow linebacker corp has been bolstered only by two, and the team picked up another quarterback and special teams player.

Signing continued to 18
The BSU wrestling team defeated 23rd-ranked Oregon State in their final home dual Saturday by a 18-17 mark. The team was led by major decisions from Kirk White and Dax McMillan. The team will finish the season with dual matches at 6th-ranked Oklahoma and Brigham Young. To correct last week's wrestling headline, the team tied the University of Oregon.

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