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Higher Education by Lisa Goetzman

Top Ten things to do the next time you get dragged to the Edward's 21 and are forced to sit through the "Titanic".

by Ascension Ramirez
OPINION EDITOR

10. Bring a life vest and tell the people sitting next to that you're deathly afraid of drowning.
9. Buy a large drink, pretend to swallow all of it, sit in the middle of your row and repeatedly get up to go to the bathroom.
8. Eat a hot dog, some nachos and lots of popcorn. When the boat begins to sink loudly, announce that you are getting seasick.
7. Insist on announcing, repeatedly, to your date, that the boat sinks.
6. Bring your favorite action figures and make them act out the parts of Leo and Kate.
5. Use your straw to spray soda on the people in front of you when the boat begins to go under. (Don't get caught.)
4. Buy and bring loudly whenever Billy Zane makes an appearance. Get the people in the row to do the wave when ever Leo comes on the screen.
3. When the boat hits the iceberg, spill the ice in your drink down the aisle. Stand up and shriek, "We've been hit! We've been hit!!" Then run out of the theater, return when you've regained composure and apologize profusely for your mistake.
2. Recite lines from the movie before the actors do, but get them wrong. Whisper "Dummit!" every time you flub a line.
1. Pretend it's your first time seeing the movie, break down into hysterics after Leo dies and curse the gods for being so cruel. Then pretend to faint.

Johnny pondered the universe?

The window of opportunity to see through all veils is fleeting. Therefore it is important to maintain a readiness. Can humans see with more than their eyes?
Time for more shiny, happy thoughts...

by Asencion Ramirez
OPINION EDITOR

Spring signals a time for new beginnings. Unfortunately, there are a few snakes hiding out in the freshly growing grass. Some of these snakes are garters, and will content themselves by snapping a few crickets. Others are anacondas, and, while harmless now, the potential threat to them will soon grow too large to handle. The nastiest one out there is the ratter, an indiscriminate killer that would just soon assassinate a house cat as a desert rodent.

The Garter
The most harmless of the bunch still presents a bother-some issue. For example, there is currently only one executive ticket to choose from in the upcoming ASBSU election. This may prove interesting in one respect, though. Election Board Chair Jason Driever has made it a primary goal to increase voter turnout. With a budget of $450, Driever and the board will work to influence other students to vote this spring. Perhaps a greater voter turnout will increase the confidence students feel about their government, but without a variety of choices on the ballot the winners have already been determined.

The Anaconda
It’s too much like a bad Ice Cube movie, but student fees are approaching an incredible level, especially for a school without tuition. The State Board of Education capped the increases that can be made to tuition at 10 percent of the current charges. All well and good, but cuts from the state in education have increased the reliance on those enrolled to fund the services universities offer.

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Attila the Fun
by Damon Hunzeker
COLUMNIST

Apparently, there's a law that requires every secretary general of the United Nations to have a really goofy name. I think the first guy was known as Mmphigado Plarknriln. Eventually, we got Boutros-Boutros Ghali. And now we have Koffi Annan. So the trend seems to be moving in a more pronounceable direction. Soon, the secretary general will be a guy named Jack Thompson, or maybe Jack-Jack Thompson.

Regardless, the United Nations is a strange organization. U.N. soldiers wear baby-blue helmets, which simply fail to command respect. How can you take them seriously? (“I came, I saw, I conquered. And afterward, I played with Legos.”)

And evidently, in order to maintain good standing in the U.N., the United States is expected to pay dues. It’s kind of like the Boy Scouts—except currently, we owe 600 million dollars. If we don’t pay, Koffi Annan intends to take away our voting rights. Under such circumstances, people from obscure countries with no vowels will get to play with all the U.N. toys while our dejected ambassador is relegated to janitorial duty. Then, while he’s mopping the floor, everybody else will vote on another so-called international “peace-keeping” mission in which most of the confused troops will be Americans—and, of course, we’ll pay for it. Finally, nothing will be accomplished, because the U.N. routinely sends its peace-keeping warriors into impossible situations. I mean, does anybody actually think a bunch of dorks in bicycle helmets can prevent a million Rwandans from decapitating each other with machetes? Instead, the U.N. should pursue more reasonable peace-keeping goals. For instance, they should ask if some of the soldiers would like to be bouncers for Jerry Springer.

The U.N. is marginally amusing, though, because it’s capable of convincing people to do silly things. Saddam Hussein, for example, actually agreed to let U.N. employees look at his weapons. He’s supposed to be tyrannical. But that’s not ruthless; it’s just sad. Certainly it’s no way for a dictator to behave. Do you think Attila the Hun would have allowed a group of international nerds to inspect the sharpness of his swords? Probably not. But I suppose a lot has changed since then. If he were alive today, we’d see him on Larry King:

Larry King: “Thank you for agreeing to be on the show, Attila.”

Attila the Hun: “Thanks for having me, Larry.”

Larry King: “You’ve been called the ‘Scourge of God.’ How does that make you feel?”

Attila the Hun: “Larry, I think it’s sad that people form their impressions of me based upon what I do on the battlefield. Nobody bothers to get to know the real Attila.”

Larry King: “The real Attila?”

Attila the Hun: “That’s right. I mean, I’ve done some great work for charities. I’m even wearing my plague-awareness ribbon. It means I’m against it. But nobody acknowledges the good things. They just call me the ‘Scourge of God’ and ‘stocky little jackass.’ I’m sick of it. Hey, I’m the first to admit that I’ve made mistakes. But I’m committed to changing my image.”

Larry King: “Ah ... would you like to direct?”

Attila the Hun: “What, movies?”

Larry King: “Yeah, movies.”

Attila the Hun: “I don’t know what the hell you’re talking about, Larry. I’d simply like to adopt a less threatening name, like ‘The Tyrant Formerly Known as Attila’ or ‘Attila the Fun.’ Anyway, I’m just brainstorming. I’ll keep working on it.”

Larry King: “Well, this is all very commendable. But you have to look at both sides. Isn’t it true that you’ve committed countless acts of slaughter, rape, looting, burning ...? You’ve conquered Austria, Hungary, the Balkans. You plan to seize India and Persia. The Roman Empire trembles at the sight of your sword. Don’t you think ...”

William Ginsburg: “Excuse me for interrupting, Larry. I’d just like to say that my client, Monica Lewinsky, is a very frightened girl.”
El-Ada to hold tax session for BSU students

Scholarships, grants, G.I. bills, work study and student loans don't count as income, and the El-Ada Community Action Agency wants to help eligible clients receive cash assistance with home heating costs.

Tomorrow from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., El-Ada representatives will be at the SUB marketplace booth #1 to meet with students. They ask interested people to bring the following documentation:
- Social Security cards for all household members
- Income verification for everyone in the household for months of December, January and February;
- Current heating bill; and, if renting, the name, address and phone number of landlord.

Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance (LIEAP) is a federally-funded program through El-Ada.

Women's History Month art exhibit runs through end of month

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Overage fees bill sparks lengthy senate discussion

by ASENCIO RAMIREZ
OPINION EDITOR

What to do with $14,300 worth of overage fees led to a lengthy banter among senators, ASBSU personnel and the ASBSU executive at the March 12 meeting of the ASBSU Senate. Senate Bill #26 would direct the majority of that money to a recycling program. The funds would then be used to purchase recycling essentials such as bins, bags and a Power Macintosh for the recycling coordinator and ASBSU lobbyist to share.

Senators adjourned their regular meeting, and quickly called to order a budget and finance committee to include more senators in the debate. Two of them, Pro Tom Anne Taylor and Social Sciences and Public Affairs representative Joseph Pearson, expressed concern about directing so many of the dollars toward environmental programs, approximately $9,492.

"We cannot dump money into a program without a future," said Taylor. She added that she wanted to see the funds directed to student organizations and that leaders organize the program before they invest in more resources, such as the proposed computer.

Taylor added that she and Sen. Christine Starr have worked all year to acquire a new computer and have followed the traditional avenue, which means approaching a computer requisition committee and presenting the need for the equipment. She questioned why students involved with the recycling program did not seem to be following those guidelines.

Pearson argued that he didn't think "it's such a huge problem." Senator Justin Thomas and Kara Janney, along with ASBSU Recycling Coordinator Emily Cady, defended the potential allotment for the recycling program. Pearson said that he wanted to demonstrate to the Boise community that the university stands firmly behind recycling. Cady added that she was tired of people viewing the program as a "Band-Aid approach" and argued that it could make an impact.

"We are accountable for student fees and we need to look toward the bigger picture for a change," defended Janney.

In the end, the senate passed the bill into third reading without concluding whether or not the lobbyist or recycling coordinator will receive a computer.

Also at Thursday's meeting, Senator At-Large Rob Christensen resigned his position, addressing the body for the last time. He cited personal reasons for his withdrawal and said that it had been a pleasure working with the other students. Christensen was a first-year senator, elected in last fall's campaign.

Legislature nears end, education not high priority to representatives

by CARISSA WOLF
NEWS WRITER

After 48 days of discourse and persuasion, 742 pieces of legislation continue to shuffle through the Idaho State legislature. Though two abortion bills have captured the majority of the press and public's attention, a number gained the approval of the House last month and curing in Senate State Affairs.

Of the 742 bills introduced at the Statehouse this year, 98 address issues concerning education. Only four of these proposed amendments pertain directly to higher education.

Despite the modest attention lawmakers continue to pay to Idaho colleges and universities, ASBSU lobbyist Jade Riley works the capital corridors every morning as the voice of Boise State University. In conjunction with student lobbyists from the University of Idaho and Idaho State University, Riley carries the interests of nearly 60,000 students on his shoulders.

Of the 325 lobbyists registered with the state of Idaho, three represent the concerns of higher education students. Given the limited manpower of under grad representatives in the Idaho legislature, Riley, UI and ISU lobbyists must collectively choose their legislative battles.

In deciding which issues to focus attention upon, Riley says the concern and welfare of BSU students dictates his course of action.

"The general interests of BSU students come first and foremost," he states.

With less than a week of legislative action expected, the Senate and House have passed 31 bills with Gov.Phil Batt's approval, while 14 bills died out during committee and floor hearings.

As of March 13, Batt turned to his veto power on only one occasion: to kill a bill allowing the Idaho Potato Commission the authority to audit and investigate companies suspected of using an Idaho potato seal to market potatoes grown outside the state.

With Senate amendments and approval of House bills 610 and 576, which aim to place restrictions on current abortion statutes, this year's most controversial legislation is one step away from becoming law.

Following classification of HB 576, which would ban so-called partial birth abortions, that bill and HB 610 reached Batt's desk last week. Batt can either sign, veto or ignore the bills.

The biggest upset for many college students, HB 499, which prohibits the use of student funds in advocating ballot measures, remains at standstill. HB 499 gained the approval of the House last month and currently awaits passage through the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Should HB 499 appear before committee, several campus activist groups plan to stall his efforts via test monials and additional lobbying. Riley says these groups hope to demonstrate the diversity BSU risks losing if HB 499 passes. ASBSU leaders strongly oppose this legislation, citing its undemocratic agenda.

Riley predicts HB 499 may sit in committee until the legislature adjourns, forcing it to die because little time remains for lawmakers to finish business.

Riley sees his position as an opportunity to serve BSU in a proactive manner. Often taking a reactive approach to education issues, he encourages students to become involved in the legislative process by seeking his attention when an issue of concern arises. Students wish to address an existing bill or advance a cause of their own, Riley emphasizes his ability to take these concerns to the State house. If a legitimate student concern arises, "drafting and introducing a student generated bill is not out of the question", Riley says.

Of the 98 education bills, Riley has been lobbying on behalf of ASBSU for issues that most directly affect post-secondary education. The following outlines the status of some bills and where ASBSU stands on each:

HB 443AA-Sponsored by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, and Sen. Grant Ipsen, R-Boise, Agency: All Educational Institutions. Status: House, third reading. Passed. Post-Session.Requires the state to establish a Budget Stabilization Fund when the receipts in the General Fund for the fiscal year just concluded exceed the receipts of the previous fiscal year by more than four percent. ASBSU Position: Supported. Should HB 443AA pass, revenues lost to K-12 could be $7.35 million annually and for higher education, $1.9 million annually over the next three years.

HB 499-Sponsored by Reps. Bill Sali, R-Boise, and Jeff Altus, R-Hayden, Agency: Higher Education. Status: Awaiting hearing in Senate State Affairs. Purpose: Amends and adds to existing law to prohibit persons, governmental entity or state university or state college that mandates student fees from expanding public funds to influence the public on a matter appearing on an election ballot. Legitimate media, public officials and lobbyists are exempt from HB 499 provisions. ASBSU Position: Opposed. ASBSU leaders and some students fear HB 499 would limit ASBSU control of fees, threaten club and organizations political activity and muffle student democracy. (See Arbiter, 3/11/98)

SH 572-Sponsored by Gordon Fisher, Budget and Policy Analysis. Status: Passed House and Senate, awaiting Batt's signature. Purpose: Would transfer $8.5 million from the general fund to the budget reserve in the current fiscal year. Budget reserve balance will become $36,030,195. ASBSU Position: Supports. ASBSU supports adding to the budget reserve which acts as a "rainy day" fund. Major damage to BSU buildings and property would be covered by this reserve.

HB 620-Sponsored by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, Agency: All Educational Institutions. Status: Senate, third reading. Purpose: Doubles the amount allowable as an income tax credit from charitable contributions to primary and secondary education, libraries, public education and foundation for the benefit of education. ASBSU Position: Supports. By increasing the amount of tax credit from educational donations, university supporters may be encouraged to...
Pavilion plays host to NCAA tourney

by JOSH CASTEN
EDITOR IN CHIEF
photos by John Tone

three years after the dramatic opening rounds in the NCAA tournament that saw eventual national champion UCLA escape with a buzzer-beating layin by Tyus Edney, the Pavilion once again played host to a dramatic series of early tournament games last week. On CBS' tournament bracket announcement show, analyst Billy Packer hailed Boise's luck, citing it as possibly the most even region, with the potential for some great matchups. They don't pay Packer the big bucks for nothing: the Pavilion crowds saw plenty of the buzzer-beaters and upsets that typify the tournament at its best.

The drama started early, with the 7 seed Temple Owls going down in flames by a surprising 82-52 score to West Virginia. And the second game proved to be even more dramatic, as BSU's former Big Sky opponents Northern Arizona had a chance to pull beat the 2 seed Cincinnati with a last-second shot. Thursday's night session proved far less suspenseful, as Arkansas beat our newest favorite team Nebraska by nine, and Utah cruised to a 17-point victory over San Francisco.

The drama continued on Saturday with the W.
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Everclear's sidekicks: more than just opening bands

by ERICA HILL
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Union Block will feature two dynamic opening bands on March 21 in addition to the heavily anticipated performance of Everclear. Boise audiences already showed their excitement for the show by gobbling up the limited number of tickets within several hours, but you may still have a chance to see the performance and meet the bands courtesy of The Arbiter and Elektra records.

Feeder, who plays first, describes themselves as a "heavy pop" band who play "whatever comes naturally." Two members of the three-man band hail from South Wales in England while the bass player, Taka Hirose, comes from Tokyo, Japan. Jon Lee, drummer for Feeder, said the addition of Hirose marked the formation of the band nearly 5 years ago after he and frontman Grant Nicholas spent 10-12 years producing other band's works. "One day we just said to ourselves 'Hey, if we can do this with other bands, why don't we reform ourselves into our own band and produce our own music?'." Lee said then, their band has toured more than any other in Britain and their success has exploded.

Now with the Everclear tour, Feeder hopes their exposure in America will prove just as emphatic as their popularity in Britain. Lee said after only three weeks of the nationwide tour he feels appreciative for the enthusiastic response. "Audiences here aren't as cynical. In Britain, people have to see a band a few times before they're excited about the show. Here, we've got nothing but energy and enthusiasm from the audience. We're very grateful."

Lee also said the musical diversity between Jimmie's Chicken Shack, Feeder and Everclear sells out the show night after night. "We've all got our own style but we're not too far away on the spectrum where people are going to be shocked. But we are different enough to encompass a wide range of music lovers."

Jimmie's Chicken Shack will play after Feeder specifically because they are known to pump up crowds with their high energy acoustic and conga sound. The four-man band started their careers in Maryland and blossomed in the east coast. With this tour they hope to now expand their audience across the nation.

Vocalist/guitarist Jimi HaHa summed up the band's sound as "mutt rock." He said they incorporate so many different styles and sounds into their music, it seems impossible to classify them. In fact, each of the 12 tracks on their new release Pushing the Salamandilla Envelope (Rocket Records) sound like a different band.

This diversity has allowed them to play with a wide range of bands including Live, Jackyl and now Everclear. He said they change so much because they "get bored easily."

Boredom will not, however, be a factor in Saturday night's performance. Haha said he's always liked potatoes and hopes Boise audiences will, in turn, like them.

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Where is Jimmie's Chicken Shack from?

How many band mates are in Feeder?

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Summerjack punks Neurolux

by Eric Hill
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the release of a dynamic five-song demo tape and a series of performances throughout the western United States, the Boise-based punk band Summerjack will play at the Neurolux March 21 with Electric Summer and Crown Rouge. Summerjack's combination of explosive guitar solos and tight drum leads make for a sound any punk fan wouldn't dare miss.

Gene Piccotti, lead vocalist and guitarist, has been friends with bassist Eric Johnson since kindergarten. Piccotti, a communication major at BSU, said the two have gone through life together and "still live two blocks from each other." The synergy between the two members creates a complimentary sound which allows them to easily hit punk's demanding timing and rhythm requirements. The addition of drummer Clint Hall in 1996 completed today's version of Summerjack. Their demo tape, Quixotic, travels through the band's various musical styles with brash, hard-hitting tracks such as "Insomnia" and "Mountain View Bengals" to cynical, humorous songs like "Too Much to Drink" in which Piccotti shouts "In America you can't have too much to drink.

Summerjack will no doubt play some of these songs during their anticipated performance at the Neurolux. So strap on some body surfing gear and get ready to dance this Saturday night away.

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by MARK DAVID HOLLADAY
STAFF LEONARDO DEGENERATE

I think I went a little overboard with the Titanic references this week....

Pisces: (Feb. 19—Mar. 20) Just because Rose remembered Jack as a handsome young lad of sterling character doesn’t change the reality of his being a plain-faced thug who murdered a family of five for a Titanic ticket and ten dollars. Don’t let the past fool you.

Aries: (Mar. 21—Apr. 19) Tell everyone you’re contributing to global warming to prevent another disaster like the Titanic.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) You suck like a gaping hole in the side of an injured luxury ocean liner swallowing sea water. Just thought you should know.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Screw this Titanic hoopla, put on ski boots and rent Water World instead!

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) Remember when Rose said “Jack! (insert sentence here)” and when Jack said “Rose! (insert sentence here)?” Us too. That was great.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) Ponder these questions: how come nobody made a raft? Why weren’t they dragged to the bottom? Hey, the iceberg was hurt too!

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) If the message of the movie is, “money isn’t everything,” then you’ve never had a welfare Christmas!

Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Remember that last romantic scene? Re-create it with your loved one using four blocks of ice, a hot tub and blue dye #6.
HB 627—Sponsored by Jane Buster, Boise State University. Status: Senate, third reading. Purpose: Establishes fixed rates for contributions to the optional retirement program established by the State Board of Education for employees of institutions of Higher Education, community colleges and post secondary vocational programs. ASBSU Position: Endorses.


SB 1363—Sponsored by Sen. Clint Sten nett, D-Ketchum. Status: Awaiting hearing in Senate State Affairs Committee. Purpose: Would give the income from the Idaho State Lottery wholly to the school districts to be used for building, maintenance and repair of school buildings. Leaves one-time allotment for construction of Veterans Memorial in the state. ASBSU position: Opposes. Currently higher and public education share lottery revenues with a 50 percent dividend. By allotting all lottery revenues to public schools, colleges and universities will lose millions of dollars generally used to fund buildings and other projects.

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There is no solution to finding a second source to supplement this scholarship fund.

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Our neighbor from the North

by DANA HILDEMAN
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Sandmire says it best, "The come-back of all-around sense-ion, Carrie Roelofs has the entire team salivating as we taste the victories in store for us when she returns to the line-up." And quite a return it has been, feeling a little nervous during the first meet of the 1998 season, Roelofs has found her groove again and continues to earn top three finishes in almost every event.

Roelofs red-shirted last year after back surgery to repair a broken disk suffered during vault practice in December 1996. She remembers well when it happened, "I tried to vault again, but it really hurt. Within a few weeks my legs were going numb and I knew something was wrong."

She underwent surgery in March of 1997 and was ordered by her doctor to sit still. Difficult instructions, she was told she would never be the same. She says the whole experience was frustrating and sometimes it still hurts, but she knows her limits and is careful to remain healthy.

While sitting out last year, Roelofs and radio announcer Bart Hull began working together. Hull, a fellow Canadian, and Roelofs provided play by play commentary during home meets. Although she struggled at first, by the end of the season she was a natural and had a great time being involved with the team even though she couldn't compete.

As soon as she was given the okay by doctors, Roelofs was back in the gym learning new dismounts, bar series, and routines. This year she has even mastered a vault dismount that is new to the college level. Coach Sandmire guarantees that the crowd will love her floor routine to 'Santeria' and enjoy watching her go 'Gangbusters' all-around. Competing all-around requires paying constant attention to your body and Roelofs knows when she's had too much, therefore she rests the day after meets and sometimes sits out the second night of back-to-back meets.

As a freshman Roelofs lived up to everyone's expectations and then some. She won the Big West bars title with a 9.85 and placed fifth in the same event at the NCAA West Regionals. She set multiple personal bests including an impressive 39.075 in the all-around. Roelofs looks back on her freshman year as a learning and memorable experience. Sandmire remembers her as a freshman sensation, "She was extremely talented, flexible, strong and a beautiful performer."

Roelofs never planned for gymnastics to take her to the collegiate level. She planned to "retire" and pursue a career in Health Science and Pre-Occupational Therapy. Her parents suggested she send tapes to American colleges just to see what would be offered. Sandmire never received a tape, but through the University of Washington was informed of Roelofs. She immediately contacted Roelofs who agreed to a recruiting trip. Once Sandmire contacted Roelofs and she agreed to a recruiting trip, "It wasn't long after that Roelofs knew this would be the place and decided to put off retirement."

Roelofs claims that Sandmire is an incredible recruiter and with BSU close to home and not too large, this choice was simple.

American universities since they are virtually unknown. American coaches cannot watch Canadian National Championships, which Roelofs competed in during high school. She was also named Alberta Athlete of the Year, but nobody at BSU knew.

Growing up in Lethbridge, Alberta, a town of 70,000, Roelofs began taking gymnastics lessons when she was five. Her mother enrolled her at the local gym because she wouldn't sit still and jumped all over the furniture. Ever since her parents have been supportive of her decision to compete. She says, "They are encouraging, but not pushy." Roelofs has a brother in college who competes for the freestyle mogul ski team and a younger sister.

During high school Roelofs competed at West Wind Gymnastics under Tammy Sharp and Dan Niehaus. She competed not only in the Senior Division of the Canadian Nationals, but in numerous meets around Canada in addition to Belgium and Germany.
Intramural Basketball championships tonight in the Pavilion

by N. PETERSON
SPORTS WRITER

After a week of hot, heavy, and sweaty competition, soccer and volleyball champions were declared, and basketball brackets narrowed down to those teams that will be playing in today's BSU Intramural Basketball Championship at the Pavilion.

The name Bad Karma brought no bad luck for the intramural champions in co-rec indoor soccer and co-rec B volleyball.

In the co-rec soccer playoffs Bad Karma defeated Woodard's Team 7-3 in the championship game played this past week.

The men's indoor soccer playoffs concluded this week with Tinndalen LL. blowing out Irbazleak 11-3.

In the co-rec volleyball playoffs Bad Karma defeated Woodard's Team 3-0 in the championship game.

In the men's volleyball playoffs Bad Karma also played Brown-Eyed Dunkers at 6:50 in the pavilion. Brown-Eyed Dunkers have played in two back to back close games, but won both by a combined score of 90-85. On the other hand, Uhlorn also defeated the IDK's 69-59 and Say Again 103-82.

The co-rec basketball championship matches Uhlorn against COOP at 9:20 in the Pavilion. In the previous round Uhlorn defeated Jayson's Team 62-49, while COOP defeated Just Ice It 48-38.

Fresh off a close win over Air Force, Pyfer's Procrastinators will meet Human Resources Assistants at 6:00 in the Pavilion to determine the BSU Women's Intramural Basketball Champions. Human Resources Assistants are coming off of a 70-32 blowout victory over Hoop It.

The BSU Men's C Intramural Basketball Champions will be decided at 7:40 when Bad Karma plays Ha On One Side. Ha On One Side jumped over the BSU Bombers 66-51, while Bad Karma squeaked by 1/4 of 3 inches 59-51.

The Bronco gymnastics stumble through meet

by DANA HILDENMAN
SPORTS WRITER

March madness surrounds us this time of year, it's in the papers and on the television. So, it's highly unlikely you know the women's gymnastics team had a meet last weekend.

BSU traveled to the University of Washington for a meet against the Huskies and Seattle Pacific University on Friday the 13th.

Perhaps the date was unlucky, or maybe it was the fact that the Huskies are ranked No. 1 in the Pac 10 and seventh in the region, either way it was a tough meet for the Broncos.

Vault produced no top three finishes for the Broncos, Johanna Evans was close, tied for fifth with a 9.675. Their fate was the same on beam, Diana Loosli placed fourth with a 9.875, but the top three finisher went to the Huskies.

The Broncos faced a little better on floor, Loosli placed third with a 9.875. The Huskies once again walked away with first and second places, Tiffany Simpson of UW scored a perfect 10.

On bars Evans tied for second and Loosli finished fourth. Somehow the Broncos managed to pull of second and third place finishes in the all-around competition. Loosli placed with a 38.525 and Evans with a 38.900.

Overall team scores for the meet, UW 195.875, BSU 192.750 and Seattle Pacific 187.650.

The Broncos return home to begin preparing for the Big West Conference Championship this weekend, followed by NCAA West Region Championships and the National Invitation Tournament both in April.

Big West championship comes to BSU

by DANA HILDENMAN
SPORTS WRITER

Hope your plans for this Saturday night include spending a few hours in the Pavilion while the Bronco gymnastic team hosts the Big West Conference Championship.

BSU will take on rivals Cal-State Fullerton, UC Santa Barbara and Utah State in the Pavilion at 7 p.m. The action packed meet will last approximately two hours and Coach Sandmire promises it will be exciting competition.

Seniors Johanna Evans and Heather Werner, performing for the last time in the Pavilion, will keep the audience on the edge of their seats with performances that are currently breaking personal and BSU records. Also expect juniors Diana Loosli, Kerry Jacobson and Kelly Martin to pull off some show stoppers. Sophomore Carrie Roelofs, and freshman Louise Cashmere shouldn't be forgotten either. Roelofs' amazing comeback this year after back surgery has taken everyone by surprise and Cashmere's floor routine to the BSU fight song just keeps getting better.

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