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Letters policy: Letters should not exceed 300 words in length, should be typewritten and must include a phone number for verification. Guest forums are welcome. Contact the editor in chief prior to submitting commentaries.
Boise State University Foundation reports outstanding year

The Boise State University Foundation received $4,799,386 in private contributions for fiscal year 1997-98, a 136 percent increase over fiscal year 1996-97.

Contributions came from 4,438 donors. The foundation’s scholarship endowment balances also grew 23 percent from $20,289,853 to $24,963,152. In addition, the foundation’s permanent assets increased 9.2 percent from $46,110,632 to $50,336,979.

"Educational opportunities at Boise State continue to grow with the addition of the honors college, the new engineering program, five new master’s degrees and an innovation doctoral program. As indicated by the significant increase in admission scores and the placement of graduates in prestigious postgraduate programs, the quality of our academic curriculum continues to progress," says Bob Fritsch, executive director of the Boise State University Foundation. "Such advancements are made possible by the generous support of countless alumni and friends who believe strongly in the mission of Boise State. We are truly grateful for the dedicated support we receive and to all those individuals who make this great progress possible."

Talkin’ Broncos take yet another title

The Boise State University debate and speech team captured its third consecutive title of the year, winning the Lower Columbia College Forensics Tournament in Longview, Wash., held Nov. 6-8. The victory solidifies Boise State’s position atop the Northwest Forensic Conference standings, with one conference tournament remaining in the season.

Thirty colleges and universities from Oregon, Washington and Idaho competed at the 26th annual LCC Tournament, making it one of the largest collegiate competitions on the West Coast. Boise State scored 114 team points to easily outdistance second-place College of Southern Idaho, which finished with 78 points.

Senior Jessica Dempster, Coeur d’Alene, led the Boise State scoring with first-place finishes in debate and persuasive speaking, and third-place awards in informative speaking and oral interpretation of poetry.

Other Boise State speakers taking top honors include:

Herby Kojima, a senior from Springfield, Ore., first in informative speaking and fifth in extemporaneous speaking and in prose interpretation.

Michele Fattig, a junior from Wendell, placed first in prose interpretation and fourth in persuasive speaking.

Angela Babcock, a senior from Arco, took first in novice division informative speaking.

Other winners in speaking competition include:

Jaime Thompson, a senior form Eagle, third in persuasive speaking.

Melinda Schultz, a senior from Nampa, third in speaking to entertain.

Brook Smith, a sophomore from Albino, second place in speaking and third in poetry interpretation.

Brooke Baldwin, a sophomore from Idaho Falls, second in persuasive speaking.

Rob Perucca, a senior from Dallas, Texas, second in speech to entertain.

Rachel Wheatley, a sophomore from Rigby, fourth in poetry interpretation and sixth in extemporaneous speaking.

Autumn Haynes, a senior from Twin Falls, fourth in dramatic interpretation.

Boise State debaters swept five of the top six awards in the parliamentary debate competition, and four teams tied for first place. The two-person teams consist of:

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Boise State University Foundation appoints directors and other officers

The Boise State University Foundation elected its officers at a recent meeting, as follows:

President—Jim Nelson, president of Nelson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.

Vice President—Roger Michener, president of Michener Investments. Secretary—Barbara Wilson, US WEST Idaho & regional vice president, Treasurer—Dale Nagy, president of Wenco Inc.

Directors who received renewed three-year terms are Nelson; Steve Appleton, chairman of the board and CEO of Micron Technology; S. Hatch Barrett, president of Trebar Kenworth Sales; Sam Crossland, attorney and retired Morrison-Knudsen executive; JoAnna "Jody" DeMeyer, retired vice president of St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center; Velma Morrison, president of the Harry W. Morrison Foundation; Pete Richardson, attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; and Charlie Wilson, president of Wilson Properties L.P.

New directors appointed to the board are V. Dale Babbit, president of J.A. Terteling & Sons; Patty Bedient, managing partner of Arthur Andersen LLP; Evelyn Loveless, CEO of Global Travel; Robert Maynard, chief

Boise Junior College graduate and retired U.S. Bank of Oregon chief executive officer, will help fund research and technology efforts at Boise State University’s College of Business and Economics.

...[As] the placement of graduates in prestigious postgraduate programs, the quality of our academic curriculum continues to progress.

Elorriaga’s recent gift, made in October, plus his earlier donations, bring the John Elorriaga Professorship Endowment fund to $250,000. Under the endowment guidelines, two business faculty members will be awarded three-year terms for which they will receive $6,000 a year. The two faculty selections will be made during the spring semester.

The fund can be used for scholarships and grants, library, research, technology equipment or stipends.

Elorriaga, the son of Basque immigrants, grew up in a boarding house in Jordan Valley, Ore. Elorriaga became chairman and CEO of U.S. Bancorp and U.S. National Bank of Oregon in 1974 and retired in 1987. Under his leadership the company grew from $2 billion to $14 billion in assets.

He currently resides in Portland with his wife, Lois.

Retired U.S. Bank CEO donates $100,000 to Business College

A $100,000 donation from John Elorriaga, a 1949

Boise State's season concludes in March at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

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Global change research encompasses a wide variety of study areas, including atmospheric sciences, ecology, global carbon cycles, climatology, and terrestrial processes.

New opportunities announced for students interested in global change research

Undergraduates and graduates have new opportunities to participate in the cutting-edge global change research sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The newly established Global Change Education Program (GCEP) consists of three components: (1) the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), (2) the Graduate Research Environmental Fellowships (GREF), and (3) the Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science (SOARS) program.

The primary goal of GCEP is to involve undergraduate students at the end of their sophomore or junior year in DOE-supported global change research, and then continue this experience during subsequent undergraduate summers. Both SURE and SOARS are designed to support individual undergraduate students for multiple years. To further improve the quality of emerging scientists in disciplines related to global change research, SURE and SOARS students will be encouraged to apply for GREF graduate fellowships and postdoctoral study programs.

The GREF project will also begin in June 1999. This project will support graduate students in collaborative global change research involving universities and national laboratories. The fellowships, renewable for up to five years, will support doctoral candidates in various global change research areas, starting with approximately 10-15 researchers in 1999. Fellowships will include transportation and housing for the SURE '99 activities, tuition at the college or university attended, and a support stipend for the year. Applicants should have completed their first year in graduate school, unless they have participated previously in SOARS or SURE undergraduate fellowship programs.

Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science is a four-year undergraduate and graduate program for students pursuing careers in the atmospheric and related sciences. This project is dedicated to increasing the number of African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic/Latino students enrolled in master’s and doctoral degree programs in atmospheric and related sciences. To reach this goal, SOARS offers educational and research opportunities, including career counseling and guidance, and financial support for students accepted into graduate-level programs.

Global change research encompasses a wide variety of study areas, including atmospheric sciences, ecology, global carbon cycles, climatology, and terrestrial processes. Other studies address integrated assessments, predictions, and policy, as well as paleoclimatology and earth system processes. The deadline for applications is February 1, 1999. For complete information and applications, visit the program’s homepage at http://www.atmos.ornl.gov/GCEP. Contact Mary Kinney, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Science and Engineering Education, P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 37831-0117; telephone (423) 576-9655; e-mail (kinneym@icorau.gov).

DOE’s Office of Biological and Environmental Research established the GCEP to promote undergraduate and graduate training in global change research activities. The program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). ORISE was established by DOE to undertake national and international programs in education, training, health, and the environment. ORISE and its programs are operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through a management and operating contract with the U.S. Department of Energy. Established in 1946, ORAU is a consortium of 87 colleges and universities.

Boise residents can make holiday wishes come true by hosting a Brazilian student

Brazilian students with good English skills and motivation are arriving this January to experience the American way of life. Call today to become part of this exciting opportunity to host a Brazilian student and learn about Brazil, its culture and language, without leaving home. Many wonderful students are eager to hear which special family in Boise has chosen to host them.

"You wouldn't trade memories of hosting these kids for anything in the world. They come into your life as strangers and leave as a member of your family."

If you would like to volunteer to host one international student or know of someone who would, please call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4628 ext. 6078 or e-mail abaskinger@afis.com. Your decision to host will benefit your family and make an international exchange student's holiday wish come true.
HEA helps students consolidate loans, places stiffer penalties on drug offenders

John Three, News Writer

A mendments to the Higher Education Act of 1998 (HEA) passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton, Oct. 7, brought major changes for college students and their families, says BSU Financial Aid Director Lois Kelly.

The massive 671 page bill includes, among its numerous provisions, changes in campus security reporting, a suspension of aid to students convicted of drug crimes, a cut in student loan rates, and changes for veterans.

Campus safety

Regarding modifications in campus crime reporting, S. Daniel Carter, the Vice President of Security On Campus, Inc., an independent interest group focusing on campus security issues, explains, "These changes will significantly improve campus safety across the country."

Under the HEA's provisions, the list of crimes which must be disclosed by colleges include manslaughter and arson. Hate crime reporting falls under a new category of "prejudice."

Disciplinary referrals for alcohol, drugs and weapons violations must now be disclosed by campus administrators.

The HEA legislation expands student disciplinary records disclosures. Formerly, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prevented disclosures of the outcome of disciplinary hearings, except to the victims of crimes of violence.

New provisions allow disclosure to the survivors or victims of non-forcible sex offenses.

The outcome of disciplinary proceedings involving crimes of violence or non-forcible sex offenses can now be released by colleges. However, the only name disclosure without written consent is that of the accused student.

Colleges may release information about drug or alcohol related disciplinary violations by students, under the age of 21, to their parents.

Open campus police log

For the first time, the HEA requires colleges to maintain a public police log of all reported crimes. Exempted from disclosure are ongoing investigations and protection of the identity of victims of sensitive crimes such as sexual assault.

BSU Director of Campus Safety Bob Siebolt comments, "We don't have an internal police force [at BSU], we have a contract with the Ada County Sheriff's office." He notes that compliance with the legislation will require following the Ada County Sheriff's office regulations on disclosure of records.

"The Federal Department of Education is holding input meetings [with colleges] on how to implement the legislation during December and October," Selbo says.

Drug convictions

Students convicted of any offense under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance are ineligible for specified periods of time for any grant, loan, or work assistance under the HEA legislation.

Commission of a first offense incurs ineligibility for one year, a second offense two years, and a third offense incurs an "indefinite" period of ineligibility.

Sales of a controlled substance incurs ineligibility for a two year period for the first offense and for an "indefinite" period for a second offense.

Completing a drug rehabilitation program would allow a student to resume eligibility.

Kelly says, "With the Oct. 7 enactment of the legislation the implication is this will begin with the spring (1999) semester."

Lowering student loan interest rates

The HEA extends for five years the student interest rate on new loans in the Direct Loan and Government-Guaranteed Loan (FFEL) programs. Rates are set at the three-month Treasury Bill plus 2.3 percent, down from the rate of the T-Bill plus 3.1 percent.

The Federal Department of Education estimates students will save approximately $50 per $100 of debt over a ten-year repayment period as a result of the interest reduction.

According to the Department of Education, more than half of all undergraduates borrow money to pay for college today.

Kelly explains, "Pell Grants will also have higher limits under the new legislation." She notes Pell Grants will reach a maximum of $3,125.

Debt consolidation

Until Jan. 31, 1999 loan consolidation through the Federal Department of Education's Direct Loan program, and through private lenders participating in the department's government-guaranteed FFEL program, affords a break on interest costs.

Loan consolidation allows some or all of a student's outstanding student loans to be combined.

The interest rate for the loan consolidation, 7.46 percent, this year and re-computed annually will, according to the Federal Department of Education, save most students about $50 per $1,000 of debt over the life of the loan.

However, the lower rate will only be available to borrowers who are not enrolled or accepted for enrollment in school and who have an outstanding FFEL or Perkins student loan.

To apply for a loan consolidation through the Direct Loan Program call the Direct Loan Origination Center at 1-800-557-7392 for an application. Downloadable applications are available from http://www.ed.gov/DirLoan.

Your lender may provide the same low rate for those with a FFEL loan.

Other changes

Kelly also explains, "Veterans' benefits will no longer be included in the needs analysis assessment for financial aid."

With the fall semester of 2000, according to Kelly, students will be able to include the cost of leasing or purchasing a computer in their financial aid packages.

The complete Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 are available at http://1165.224.220.66/legislati/HEA/
BSU brings fieldworkers into the classroom

Jessi Loehr, News Writer

No one ever asked Joe Carrero about pronouns, not once while he worked on his knees, back hunched, topping onions or weeding rows of sugar beets. No one cared as long as he could physically do the low-wage work.

Carrero, 36, eventually left the fields for production and warehouse jobs; and no one there mentioned grammar, even after a forklift hit his knee and led to two surgeries, or after he ripped his shoulder and underwent another operation. An education wasn't necessary, and none of his employers cared whether he had one or not.

But now Carrero and others like him can learn skills that can be applied to jobs other than in agriculture or warehousing.

Through Vocational Rehabilitation Academic/Technical Preparation, offered at the BSU Canyon County campus, injured manual workers gain abilities to help prepare them for quite different careers. Every one of the 15 students enrolled in a program has suffered from an on-the-job injury and can no longer to work the positions they previously held.

The students come from varied educational backgrounds. Some have already earned GED's, others have never attended school. A three-person teaching team composed of Holly Curry (job preparation) Heidi Nash (computers and math) and Sharon Straus (English and English as a second language) trains students to earn an office position or pursue other opportunities. Strauss says she sees "dramatic and immediate success with the students" enrolled in the program. She emphasizes the boost the program gives to students' self-confidence.

VRATP began last spring and is funded by a federal grant through the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The program serves as a state-wide model, the only program of its kind in the area.

Students spend 20 hours a week in class. Some also take GED sessions in the afternoons.

The program's curriculum was developed in conjunction with Micron Technology. Students exchange e-mails with Micron employees, giving them the chance to expand computer and language skills and also learn about employment at Micron. Student can also serve internships at West Valley Medical Center, getting involved in job shadowing, internships, emergency room work, business office employment or food preparation.

Meanwhile, Joe Carrero plans to enroll full time at Boise State on Jan. 19 with the criminal justice administration program, so he can become a counselor with a social agency and help those in the same position that he found himself in.

"I want to help my race," he says, "to show them that they can do something other than fieldwork."

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Picketers protest Boise Cascade move into Chilean rain forest

Stephanie Matlock, News Writer

Local corporation Boise Cascade heads south of the border, and Idaho citizens aren't pleased with the plan. The lumber giant has invested $180 million in a massive wood chipping and oriented strand board facility in Bahia Ilque, Chile.

After recently closing sawmills in Idaho, including one in Horseshoe Bend, Boise Cascade met opposition from many local forest protection groups. The Native Forest Network and the Northern Rockies Preservation Project, angered over Boise Cascade's recent controversial logging and road building in Idaho, have expressed concerns over a joint venture involving Cascada Chile's move into Chilean rain forests. A rally was held outside the Boise Cascade headquarters on Nov. 17 to inform the company that "the world will not stand for wholesale corporate exploitation of native forests."

The planned facility in Bahia Ilque would turn intact Chilean native forests into wood chips and oriented strand board for export. Chile is already the world's third largest exporter of wood chips. "If wood chip production continues at current rates, there will be no forests in the region in 25 years," explains Adriana Hoffman of Defenders of Chilean Forests. "If production increases via Cascada Chile or similar projects, our forests will be gone that much sooner."

Tourism in Chile is worth seven times more than wood chipping to that country's economy while wood chipping accounts for less than one per cent of its gross domestic product. Concerned groups believe the large-scale wood chipping proposed by Boise Cascade could greatly damage Chile's tourism industry by destroying the prime attraction of native forests.
BSU readies for Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

Ten years ago Boise State University students began a yearly celebration of human rights, coinciding with Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students struggled at first to even get the federal holiday recognized in Idaho. After finding limited support from then-BSU president John Keiser, students addressed the governor, asking why the state of Idaho didn’t recognize the holiday. Committee work during that year’s legislative session resulted in the recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day the following year.

This year, to celebrate its tenth celebration on campus, the normally week-long event has been extended to two.

The Human Rights Celebration begins on Jan. 18 with a march to the capitol and rally on its steps. Governor Dirk Kempthorne will also speak in the building's rotunda.

The Black Student Alliance will host a dinner to remember Dr. King and inspire students to continue the struggle for human rights.

The activities will conclude on Jan. 29 with a presentation by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Dr. Gates was featured on Time Magazine’s list of most influential Americans. He will speak on “Race and Class in America.”

Other activities include volunteer projects, seminars, daily entertainment at the Fireside Lounge and performances from ethnic groups on campus.

Boiseans gather to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Statehouse.

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Lesleigh Owen

Christmas lights twinkling through my window blinds. The dulcet tones of Bing Crosby, crooning a promise of snow. Taping stiff plastic Santas, the spice of gingerbread, the mother's front door. Savoring Christmas lights twinkling, the tang of eggnog. Nailing poise—cheer, I could just puke. There isn't a heck of a lot that precedes it. Bing's ing, Rudolph's schnoz gleams still dead, the elves keep toiling, oatmeal cookies. I just can't everybody gonna wise up and help asking myself: When is send Christmas packing?

We wrapped up our Christmas out of step with reality. It's time fantasies, plunked some red and green bows on top and stored them away in the attic with all our other toys. The only question remains, who's gonna break it to the Big Guy?

Ah, heck, it's my idea. I'll take full responsibility for issuing the pink slip. I'll just call Santa into my office and tell it to him nice and easy. After taking the garlands down from the windows, of course. No use adding insult to injury.

Lesleigh Owen (LO): Santa, come in. Here, have a seat next to the computer.
Santa Claus (SC): Ho ho ho! That's what you call it? I was wondering how big the Jack-in-the-box was that jumped out of there!

LO: Yeah, that's... that's great. Anyway, I have a few things to say, Big S.
SC: Oh, ho ho! Time to 'fess up, is it? After consulting my list of naughty and nice, I see you have a couple of items you probably want to get off your chest.

LO: That's one of the issues we have to talk about, SC. See, this list of yours, I have a problem with it.
SC: A problem with my list of naughty and nice? Now, whatever in the world could it be?
LO: Well, Santa, see, I have to wonder why you're maintaining such a judgmental document. Clearly, your list serves no other purpose than to pressure malleable little children into conforming to these narrow ideals you've constructed. By forcing them into one of two categories, you minimize their individuality and discourage their independence. I mean, who decides what constitutes "naughty" and "nice"? Do these arbitrary labels discriminate against non-mainstream children? I just can't see how you can view your list as anything but a tool for reinforcing those behaviors you as a white male deem appropriate.
SC: I see somebody's trying to explain the "naughty" next to her name!
LO: Look, Santa, it's not just the list. It's the whole issue of Mrs. Claus, too.
SC: Mrs. Claus? Why, she's doing just fine up north.
LO: That's just it. Have you ever asked her if she wants to join in your annual toy distribution? Maybe she's tired of staying home. You know, picking up after the elves, feeding the reindeer, keeping the cocoa warm for your return. Those are tedious, thankless jobs, SC. Ever tell her that her domestic labor is just as valuable as your work outside the home? Ever offer to hire a maid and bring the Mrs. into the shop with you? You know, I don't even know her first name! She toils all day to help you shine in the limelight and all the recognition she gets is the "Mrs." before your last name! How's that for gratitude?
SC: Her name is Delores, and she loves to make cocoa and watch the elves.

LO: Uh-huh. Here, give her my card when you get back home. I'm sure we'll have plenty to discuss. Hey, speaking of the elves, I hear they work for you 365 days a year.
SC: Sure do! Hardest little workers you've ever seen? I'd be ho-ho-hopeless without them!
LO: Uh-huh. And are you aware that working all year without a vacation stands in direct violation of the labor laws? Do I have to call OSHA and the Department of Labor on you, Santa? I don't suppose you've let the elves form a union either, huh? What is the North Pole a right to work locality? What you got up there represents unpaid slave labor, SC.
SC: Now, wait a minute...
LO: That's not all, mister. There's a little matter of inhuman treatment of animals we have to discuss. Picture this scenario, Saint Nick: My mother's invited me over for Christmas dinner. I scramble outside, get in my car... oops, it won't start. Gee, I think, it's only twenty miles to Nampa, and the roads are icy. It won't take much muscle to tug the car over there. My solution seems simple: Harness my cats to the fender and have them drag my butt all the way out there, right? Well, that may work at the North Pole but down here, in the lower forty-eight, we call it "cruelty to animals." Using nine reindeer to tug your sleigh during blizzards? What are you thinking, man?
SC: But, my dear, they're magical reindeer! How do you think they fly to all the homes in the world in just one night? They travel much too quickly to feel the cold. And with Rudolph's nose, ho ho ho, well, he manages to keep us all on track.

LO: I wish you could hear yourself, Santa. What must the other eight reindeer think? I mean, how many songs do the children sing about Comet the Reindeer? How many Christmas specials starring Blitzen can you name? Why does Rudolph get all the attention? Sure, he had a tough childhood, and maybe some of the others were a little insensitive with their reindeer games. Does this justify their continued subordination to the red-nosed oppressor?
SC: No one's ever complained to me about—
LO: They're probably afraid to, without any union representation to back them up. I have just one last point to make, Big Guy, and then I'll let you get back to Delores. Have you ever really asked what people think of you slipping down their chimneys or stove pipes? Think about it: you wake up one night to the sounds of someone sneaking through your living room. You creep downstairs, pepper mace in hand, only to walk smack dab into some bearded guy wearing red pajamas and fooling around with your kids' stockings. Pretty scary. Some people might call that "unlawful entry."
SC: I'm spreading joy and mirth to little darlings while visions of sugar plumbs dance in their heads!
LO: Yeah, whatever keeps the cold sweats at bay, buddy.
SC: So you're firing me?
LO: That's about the size of it, SC.
SC: But don't you want to know what I have here in my bag for you this Christmas?
LO: Nothing?
SC: That's about the size of it.

What were we thinking, telling our children about a labor-exploiting, inhumane, chauvinistic jolly man who slips into their homes late at night to eat cookies and rummage through their belongings? On any other night but Christmas we'd call him the Bogeyman.

Ah heck, maybe I'm being a little too hard on the guy. It's probably the eggnog talking. Or maybe I never learned to resolve my childhood angst over discovering Santa didn't exist. God knows, I spent the next ten Christmases crawling out of bed at three in the morning, drinking the milk my sister left for Santa and then cramming her stocking to the bursting point. She was thirteen before I let her admit she no longer believed in him.

Or maybe I'm just a cynical old Scrooge, embittered by the continuation of a mythical figure whose altruism nullifies our thinly-veiled greed during this supposed season of giving.

Nah, definitely the eggnog. I think I'll go have another glass. And Merry Bah Humbug to you.
1998, the year in review: Somewhat significant events that shouldn’t be forgotten

Atencio Ramirez
Columnist

A Broncos’ Super Bowl win, Robin Williams gets his Oscar and John Glenn went back into space; all of these mark 1998 as a memorable year. While these victories represent the events some will always recall, there are other, less noticed happenings that seem of equal, greater and, sometimes, more frightening importance.

Sex scandal sinks speaker

It’s funny to think that a partisan effort to sink the first Democratic President since Jimmy Carter instead led to a change in Congressional leadership. Yes, a lot of people grew tired of the Old Mo’ Lewinsky affair but the odd thing is that Bill Clinton wasn’t the first character in this drama to lose his shirt. Instead, Newt Gingrinch, (R. Georgia), became the one licking his wounds from his home in Georgia. The former Speaker of the House chose to resign his post and seat under pressure.

A slight backlash against the Republicans’ melodrama, they lost a few seats in the nation’s legislature, caused a few congressmen to abandon the Speaker. Members of his party cited his censure, the public backlash against the impeachment proceedings and their lackluster performance in the polls as reasons. So, they scapegoated old Newt and sent him right back home.

The plot thickens, though, when one conjectures that the distance may benefit Gingrinch in the long run. When the former Speaker’s name was mentioned as a possible presidential candidate during the ’96 elections, he simply shrugged the suggestion off. Removed from the House, he’s just another belt-way bozo. Now, he’s a Southern gentleman outsider, a la Jimmy Carter. Old Newt’s put more space between him and the impeachment mess than Larry Flynt and a Pulitzer Prize.

He’s a bit of a hero too. Gingrinch picked up the banner of the GOP and led the charge at Mount Clinton. Inadvertently, the bleeding-heart liberals received the help of Joe “I don’t care” Six-pack and Gingrinch’s boys lost some ground. But Newt tried to stand by principles. That’s more than a lot of people can say and come the year 2000 most folks will forgive and forget his follies. Most folks anyway.

In any case, the time off will give Newt an opportunity to raise a campaign war chest to rival the one reportedly developed by Vice President Al Gore.

Chenoweth reelected and files candidacy to raise money

An ever-ready fan of the term limit boobs, First District Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth said she would adhere to the wishes of certain Idaho voters and not seek reelection after this term. Even though the U.S. Supreme Court struck down term limits for U.S. Congressmen, lazy Idahoans supported an advisory that would give notice of candidates’ intentions to adhere to the defunct law. So why did Helen Chenoweth file for another candidacy?

The Chenoweth camp was quick to answer that it was a matter of money. (Money and politicians, what a surprise!) Politicos can only raise money for campaigns if they have filed candidacy with the state. Although Chenoweth’s camp reiterated that Elections 2000 were not in mind, they went on to add that they still had a campaign to pay for.

Yes, that’s right: campaigns to pay for. The First District seat meant so much to the Republican that she was willing to go into debt to keep it from Dan Williams; twice no less! The new candidacy allows her to raise money and apply it to her debt. However, who would give money to a candidate who’s going to be around after the next election? I guess this is how you sell your soul twice over.

Ex-dictator held on war crime charges, everyone wants a piece of the guy

When former Chilean strongman Agusto Pinochet left his homeland for surgery in England he probably didn’t expect his operation to entail these kinds of complications. While he was still in the hospital, Spain filed to have the Senator-for-Life extradited for war crimes. The charges stem from the 1970s when the Chilean army carried out a coup against democratically elected president, Salvador Allende.

The army, along with the bourgeoisie and backing from the anti-communist U.S., unmercifully attacked the opposition. Allende was a Socialist, which ranks somewhat worse than a Democrat and just a little bit better than a Communist. The armed forces couldn’t settle for blowing up the presidential mansion, with Allende still in it of course, and went on to kick the crap out of anybody who even looked at them funny.

In the mayhem of tortures and assassinations Pinochet’s forces got carried away and killed various ‘Spanish’ citizens, including quite a few reporters. Apparently the Chilean army couldn’t recognize the Castillian accent through screams and tears. The Swedes, Swiss, French and Germans are among others who also want Pinochet for crimes against their citizens.

Some interesting questions come to mind if the British decide to hand the Pinochet over, because he’s still pretty popular at home. For lending assistance to the coup, couldn’t certain American officials—of the CIA variety—be counted as accessories to murder? Spooky, huh?

Or what if, while our own president travels abroad, nations that have been bombed during his tenure requested his extradition? The idea borders on the legitimate and this may rank among the issues currently contemplated by the British Home Secretary. After all, if he decides to give up Pinochet, he’s setting a precedent in international law.

The theory of world-wide law moves from theory to reality. And you though I wasn’t paying attention, didn’t you Dr. Sallie?
According to The New York Times, a company in Worcester, Massachusetts known as Advanced Cell Technology claims to have, appropriately enough, developed some advancements in cell technology. By fusing human cells with cow eggs, the scientists have figured out a way to make human cells revert to their embryonic state. Purportedly, the discovery will allow the to do what I used to be a scientist, I was a member of Geneticists in Favor of Tampering with Everything. Decent and Sacred, or GFTEDS," Dr. Greeley said. "But the acronym is bit hard to pronounce. Anyway, we were trying to improve upon the banana, which is basically a silly fruit. But GFT...Geneticists in Favor of Tampering with Everything Decent and Sacred managed to combine banana cells with chicken DNA. That way, instead of peeling the fruit, you could just cut its head off. But the damnable chickens couldn't walk. They kept slipping, you know, because of the banana peel. It was fun for a while, though, until the incident.

The incident of which Dr. Greeley speaks remains a touchy subject. Suffice it to say, the banana-chickens didn't get along with the company's other experiment, monkey-berries.

I offered Dr. Greeley a tissue to wipe away his tears and asked him to continue. "Well, as I intimated, I'm no longer involved with GF...G...that organization. Call it what you wish, an epiphany, a moment of sobriety, whatever. But I began to consider the ramifications of mixing species. Western mythology and folklore is full of minotaurs, werewolves, centaurs, mermaids, none of which are presented as particularly friendly. They're all murderous creatures with a predisposition toward... Well, maybe mermaids aren't so bad. Are there any stories about bloodthirsty fish-ladies? I don't think so. Maybe we should make one. We have the technology to, No! I must stop. You see how easily I revert to my scientific past? I'm just a regular guy now, no more creepy genetic hybrid.

At this point, I thought it was necessary to steer Dr. Greeley back to the original topic. "OK, fine," I said. "But what do you think about Advanced Cell Technology's claim?"

Dr. Greeley welcomed my prompt. "Well, I know a few of the scientists over there, and let me tell you, they're crazy if they think this is a good idea. Sure, initially, the cow eggs and the human cells may create copious supplies of embryonic tissue, and we may even be able to manipulate it into a new liver, a new heart, perhaps a new limb or two. But eventually the bovine egg will take over, spreading its influence throughout the human body, and we'll end up with a species that is half-human and half-cow. For the first time, when someone refers to a 'cowboy,' it will be taken literally. One day you'll be praising the scientific community for creating a new lung from most of your own genes; the next day you'll be coughing up a ball of half-digested food from one of your four stomachs and then chewing it again. It's called cud, and those of us at Science Be Gone want no part of it. But I'm just here to present some opposing thoughts. If the public wants to embrace this quack technology then I won't stop them. Hell, maybe they'll save some money on milk. But if you start spending the winter in a barn or producing a 100 pounds of manure a day, don't come crying to me."
Two Cents and Change

This Week’s Episode:
Marsha and Greg get buttock implants

Ira Amyx & Dale Slack

Hey! It’s Wednesday! Good happy cheerful Wednesday. Unless you’re trying to buy a handgun. Then it’s “bribe the fiddles to erase that felony and bribe the handgun salesman to sell me a Saturday Night Special” Wednesday.

In case the Brady Bill and the new census technique have you in a tizzy, we’ll introduce ourselves.

I’m Ira; belligerent, radical; anarchist, communal breast-feeder, shovel of dung and freelance rodent breeder.

I’m Dale.

Last week Dale was accosted, attacked and robbed of 39 cents by some anthropology majors. They also ridiculed him for believing that the scientific theory could be applied to a human endeavor such as politics. As Schattsneider said in his masterwork, the scope of conflict is elevated by a conflict among levels of government (the university as a whole; the anthropology department and the poli-sci department).

Hey, Bacos really taste more like fresh bacon than the leading brand:

Hey hey! It’s nearing the end of the semester, and if you’re like Dale and Ira you’re wondering where the time has gone! That six page paper on intergenerational social mobility and its impacts on the socio-economic structure of sub-Euclidean Boolean Manifolds in the former Soviet-Bloc/Warsaw Pact Nations during the Norman Conquest of Guillaume le Conquérant in 1066 is due. But wait! This you know from nothing, as our friends in Russia say. So what are you going to do? Not a damn thing. Face facts, friends.

There’s nothing that you, or anyone, not named Rockefeller, Kennedy or Rothschild can do at this point to save your grade. You should’ve done it last week. Or the week you found out it was due. Anyhow, we could sit and preach until we’re blue in the face, but in accordance with our specific policy of helping, not hurting, we’re pleased to offer these helpful tips, pointers and cribs for your end of the semester yam-yams.

In any essay, the phrases “triumph of the will,” “the human experience,” “intellectual stupor” or “pinacle of conflict” can instantly raise any essay one full level grade.

When using Microsoft Word, be sure to use the Thesaurus function. The following sentence:

“The first Industrial Revolution began in England because of the wide availability of raw materials necessary for production.”

Becomes

“The anterior Industrial Revolution emanated in England by virtue of the experience of rude commodity substantive to engendering.”

Pray word works!

Like the noble Hindu deity Ganesha, the remover of obstacles, enjoy sweets and share the crumbs with a passing rat. Time outs form an important part of the creation process.

Cater to your professor’s personality. In a sociology paper, mention “smoking a bowl,” in a political-science class, keep mentioning Schattsneider’s scope of conflict, or the emergence of the ‘Nanny State’ in post-industrial Britain; in a theatre class, discuss Stanislavski’s ‘Magic If.’ If all else fails, write a funny story your Grandpa told you, and compare it to Eisenhower’s Military-Industrial Complex (pretold in his farewell address. Be creative and have fun!

Using 12-point, Courier-New font takes up about 30% more space than 12-point Times New Roman. Makes you think, huh? Experiment with other type fonts for added space enjoyment!

Do you feel dumb! Since they can’t just throw out all your work (you have it done, after all), they’ll use it and you can avoid working with them.

Not exactly a worker! No problem! The group-work equation has a variable for you! It’s called ‘Editor’. Offer to proof read and re-type the paper when it’s done. The rest of the group will think you’re a lifesaver.

Then, make sure it’s on disk, and print out a copy of the same paper. No problems! And the real world is beating down your door to do copy-writing!

Done. No worries, huh? We’ve thought of almost everything, we hear you cry, delightedly; but we’re not done yet! By no means (Thesaurus for “no”)!

We’ve just realized that we haven’t sufficiently used our quota of the words in this article. So, for those of you keeping track, “subsequent.”

Finals are coming up. Rather than devote a measly section to them, we plan to devote an entire article next week to the penultimate probation.

Oh, and by the way, we haven’t been receiving our regular spattering of hate letters to the editor. If you’re a moron, woman, immigrant, dfferentially-abled or other student, please feel offended by this paragraph that has mentioned you by group.

We urge you to write those letters to the editor decrying Dale and Ira as blasphemous, bigoted, sexist and insensitive to your community’s needs. Come on, get off those lazy asses and write some letters, if you’re not too busy praying, taking hard-working Americans’ jobs, having babies and cooking or wheeling around campus (was that offensive enough?) And as for Milton Creagh, he’s a cross-eyed sweater-wearing trash-spewing...
You might be a yuppie if:

- You think grey and yellow striped votives and a fruit substance picture frame are good housewarming gifts.

Remember to visit Dale-n-Ira online at http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Senate/6176

What if they were alien? Alienis Morisette

Wisdom Nugget:

"How can they tell?" - Dorothy Parker on hearing of President Calvin Coolidge's death.

 hacked. Clinton? A philandering know-nothing redneck mama's boy cracker! And don't even get us started with Elizabeth Dole! The day we let some skirt take the highest office in the land (the presidency) is the day Rush Limbaugh says "But I could be wrong." Big Bird is a no-talent ornithological mishap with the personality of a sphere and the brain of a small weevil! Mr. Rogers is a warm, caring, wonderful human being. But Barney is Satan. (Offended yet?)

Well, until next week, we wish you a safe and happy finals season!

Leadership Quest is designed to expose numerous Boise State University students to a national caliber leadership program while interacting with university and civic leaders.

Our goal is to prepare students for responsible citizenship in a global community.

BSU Student Union
Jordan Ballroom

Friday, February 12, 1999
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Leadership Quest is not too late to nominate!
Santa might care if you’ve been bad or good,

The Nutcracker undergoes more changes for Boise performance

Erica Hill
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Since its release in 1892, The Nutcracker has been a holiday tradition even though critics labeled the original performance one of Tchaikovsky’s worst works. But despite claims that the music was “inconsistent,” the classic has been presented numerous times throughout the world, to rave reviews. Now Boise State University will play host to this year’s Ballet Idaho production of the holiday masterpiece. In conjunction with the Boise Philharmonic, Ballet Idaho will produce the beloved Christmas ballet on December 12th and 13th.

As seems typical with any reproduced work, the ballet never looks the same. But most of the revisions have not been significant until the reproduced versions by Mikhail Baryshnikov and Rudolph Nureyev, which include changes in choreography and storyline. Ballet Idaho spokesman Sonja Carter says this weekend’s production will “enjoy new adaptations of this magnificent show.” Those were initiated by Artistic Director Toni Pimble.

“My goal was to redevelop the major aspects of the ballet. Clara’s bedroom, where the dream begins and ends, is a major new contribution,” says Pimble.

The original version names the main character ‘Marie’ but it was later changed to ‘Clara’ under Nureyev’s production. Many critics believed his version more geared towards adults since Clara was situated “between child and woman, and consequently her dreams [were] both childish and tinged with an erotic element.”

But Pimble wants to reverse that orientation.

“We wanted to appeal to children’s sense of fantasy. As Clara’s dream begins, the living room is transformed into the Mouse King realm.”

This focus also differs from Baryshnikov’s production, which presented Clara’s life as opposed to the characters central to her, Drosselmeyer and the Nutcracker Prince.

Pimble says she too changed the plot, but not in such a drastic manner.

“I wanted to create a stronger storyline threading its way through the ballet.”

She does so by rounding out the character of Clara, the niece of Herr Drosselmeyer who is a well-known toy-maker. In the Ballet Idaho rendition, Drosselmeyer makes a Nutcracker doll for Clara and gives it to her at a Christmas Party. The other children become jealous and smash the doll. Drosselmeyer then magically repairs it and Clara heads off to bed.

She tucks the Nutcracker under her arm as she drifts off to sleep. But once the clock strikes midnight, Clara awakens to discover her bed is now in the living room which soon transforms into a more kingdom. The Mouse King forces Clara to walk the plank but the Nutcracker saves her. After a terrific battle, Clara finds herself next to the Nutcracker in a winter wonderland where they dance and take off towards the Kingdom of Sweets. The Sugar Plum Fairy greets them and offers a festival of dances to Clara as the Nutcracker hands Clara a rose.

Clara soon wakes from her dream only to find that the Nutcracker doll she was clutching was indeed holding the same rose.

The Nutcracker will show twice on the 12th at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. as well as on the 13th at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center Main Hall. Tickets vary from $7 to $35 depending on seat location and can be purchased through Select-A-Seat or by calling 426-1766 or 426-1110.

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Mark’s recommended holiday movies to get you through the family Christmas season

Mark Taylor
Arts & Entertainment Writer

There are so many film adaptations of Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, that it would appear easy to spend an entire Christmas day trying to figure out who portrays the best Scrooge. While my personal favorite, *The Jefferson’s Christmas Special*, has not been committed to tape (love that George and Weezy, there are some worth viewing. I recommend either the George C. Scott or the Alistar Sim (“Are there no prisons? No workhouses!”) versions to capture the essence of this timeless classic. On the other end of the spectrum sit the movies which address those of us without picture-perfect Christmas rituals and prone to mixed feelings around the holiday time. *A Christmas Story*, the hilarious portrait of a grown man looking back at one pivotal Christmas in his childhood, offers one such treatment. But miss it and you risk “shooting your eye out.”

Most of us can easily relate to Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) in *National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation*. Clark struggles hard to put together that fun, old-fashioned Christmas in the traditional sense and, of course, he fails miserably.

As a television executive, Bill Murray tries his best in *Scrooged* to capture the spirit of the season, for at least some viewers. If that means stapling antlers onto mice, then so be it. But I never would have guessed that I would enjoy *Jingle All the Way*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. The film is about a father trying to satisfy his son’s Christmas wish for a special action figure. The late Phil Hartman plays a hilarious, eerily Martha Stewart-like neighbor with eyes for Arnold’s wife. While he doesn’t succeed in stealing the woman, he does nab the show.

Another favorite holiday film is the Jodie Foster-directed *Home for the Holidays* starring Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr., and Anne Bancroft. It offers a glimpse into a simple dysfunctional family gathering. I wouldn’t recommend this film for the family as some members might squirm in their seats. It just hits too close to home.

Regardless of preferences, if you’re trying to prepare yourself for the holidays a film might do trick. There are so many great Christmas movies available, at least a couple can carry you through the season.

’Tis the season to see some theater

Autumn Haynes
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The holiday break has finally come upon us, and many local theater groups plan to celebrate the season by getting on the stage. The Idaho Theater for Youth will perform *Lincoln’s Log* in the Morrison Center Stage II December 16-20th. The Barry Kornhauser play portrays the poignant story of life in the White House during the Civil War as seen through the eyes of young Tad Lincoln. Idaho Theater for Youth characterizes the drama as a vivid portrayal of “the joys and sorrows of growing up in a famous family during a critical time in our nation’s history.” The December performance rounds out the company’s twelve-week tour of over one hundred Idaho, Oregon and Nevada schools. Tickets cost $7 for adults and $5 for students and senior citizens. Show times start at 7:30 pm with a 2:30 matinee on the 19th and 20th. For more information, contact Deena Heath at 345-0060.

Knock ‘Em Dead Dinner Theater’s Spirit of the Season opens December 4th and runs through the 19th. A full ham dinner catered by Pepe D’oro Bakery will be served Friday and Saturday evenings. Seating begins at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 8 pm. The curtain rolls up at 7 pm Thursday but no meal will be served for this performance. Tickets cost $28.50 with dinner or $10 for shows only. Tickets can be purchased at Select-A-Seat, call 426-1766. For more information about the show, contact the theater at 385-0021.

Stage Coach Community Theater runs Minus Some Buttons Dec. 10th through the 12th. Larry Dennis directs the delightful comedy about an elementary school teacher; tickets run $7 for Thursday’s performance and $9 Friday and Saturday. The theater is located in the Hillcrest Shopping Center.

So whether you’re looking for traditional holiday performances like the Nutcracker or a wacky comedy this Christmas season, Boise theater companies will offer what you’re looking for.
Letters to the Editor

In defense of student athletes

To the Editor:

On behalf of the student athletes here at BSU, I’d like to address your article of December 2, 1998. Although I am not a student athlete, I have had a great deal of interaction with a large number of these students, and I thoroughly resent your description of them as “money sucking bodies of steel.” These men and women are first and foremost students who have to deal with the demands of their sports. For many, an athletic scholarship is the only way they can obtain a college education. These student athletes also happen to be very real individuals who actually are limited in some significant ways by their sports. They are not getting rich off their scholarships. In fact, in spite of economic limitations, they are not permitted to work while on scholarship by NCAA rules.

Secondly, they are constantly under pressure to perform academically by a number of people. They have to submit to drug evaluations and grade evaluations. The rest of us do not. (I personally have a graduate assistantship and do not have anywhere near the amount of things to deal with as these students do!)

You indicated in your article that student athletes have access to a weight and exercise facility worthy of the “rich and famous”. I have personally toured that facility. It is not fancy. The equipment is obviously well used and there is no evidence of any fancy technology. In addition, for liability reasons, only athletes covered by particular insurance policies can use this equipment. We’re not talking about lifting ten or twenty pounds. Some of our athletes are bench pressing hundreds of pounds. It is a facility that has to be carefully monitored and used by people specially trained for these high weight levels.

Registering early is done for a very practical reason: students are required to work around practice and game schedules. Unfortunately, the list they have to choose classes from actually offers less information than the other students receive in the schedule of classes. Also, the academic advisors are stretched to their limit trying to help each student develop an educational plan that best suits their academic and lifetime goals, as well as offer a variety of other counseling needs. And for your information, tutoring for student athletes is provided by the very same organization that offers it to every other student: Student Special Services.

These men and women are first and foremost students who have to also deal with the demands of their sports. For many, an athletic scholarship is the only way they can obtain a college education.

Unfortunately for student athletes, they are often unable to attend tutor sessions because of conflict with practices and games. There are no special “tutoring perks” for student athletes.

In addition, student athletes are some of the largest contributors to community service on this campus. They spend a lot of their personal time in a variety of programs to help kids, and perform an invaluable service in encouraging young people in leading productive, positive lives, not to mention the performances in their fields that are attended by students and the community alike.

I suggest the next time you want to find an issue to debate, you look to your own performance as a student newspaper. Cutting down a group of students who bring a lot of talent, enthusiasm and hard work to their school is unfair and unnecessary.

I would like to invite any of you who have ideas for the band to please pick up an instrument and join us. Until you do then I don’t feel you have the knowledge or experience to make a judgment on what a good band is.

With a touch of class,
Nick “Tubaman” Clements

Band member blows own horn

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the interesting article I read in The Arbiter on-line this evening. I can remember the BSU band matching the U of I band every time they played their fight song and playing a variety of music. Yes, “Louie Louie”, but only once along with all our cheers numerous times and some popular tunes as well. I also remember having BSU fans tell members of the band to sit down because they couldn’t see the game. I also remember telling those people to stand up and join us; they did and we had a ball. If you want to talk about half-time shows, I have tape of both of them and I can pick both of them apart for you and discuss at length why the BSU half-time show was better then U of I’s. For one thing, many of the players in the U of I band don’t really play their instruments, all of us do.

“How can I do this?” you might ask yourself. Well, I am a member of the BSU marching band and a senior music major. It’s kinda funny how the only time you bring this stuff up is when we play the U of I. We never seem to get mentioned at any other time except one weekend in November. Well, all of you can ask yourselves what happened to the band, but there are 125 students (band members) and the crowd sitting around us who knew exactly what was going on. Also, I would like to invite any of you who have ideas for the band to please pick up an instrument and join us. Until you do then I don’t feel you have the knowledge or experience to make a judgment on what a good band is. As for what was seen on T.V., I don’t know what anyone can get out of a five minute segment of a marching show and that didn’t show the U of I band how can there be a comparison? In all seriousness, we would be happy to have you in the band, experience needed of course, as well as a playing audition either on tape or in person will do. Also, your feedback as students is always welcome. It seems that you have some problems with what we do and in all seriousness that is fine. Being a musician I am open to criticism, but when you’ve had so many chances to express those criticisms all season and you pick after the fact to do it, that just strikes me as a little rude. Anyway, on behalf of the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching band and all of its members I say thank you for the feedback. Hopefully, in the future it will be helpful to us.

Oh, one more note for you guys. The Boise State band did play at the Christmas parade. As a matter of fact, we were there while the U of I band was having a rehearsal on our turf. So, I think your facts are a little in error. How about actually talking to some band members next time, huh? Wouldn’t it be nice to have more than just a one-sided opinion in your story. So, it was not an encore performance since they were just practicing. Oh well, too bad. Since this is a free country I guess we will let these little mistakes go.

With a touch of class,
Nick “Tubaman” Clements

Vox populi

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading the results (however unofficial) of the 1998 ASBSU Senator-at-Large Election in the November 18 edition of The Arbiter. Do my eyes deceive me? Did a candidate with 43 votes actually win a seat? My god, that’s only 6% of votes cast! I also noticed that eight out of the ten people running actually made it into office. What’s wrong with this picture?
Peace on Earth

To the Editor:

"Mass Arrest of Teachers!"

In early October, at least 36 teachers were arrested in Iran for providing young adults with a "university" education. These young students are now denied a right to an education. "Home universities" or the Bahá’í Institute of Higher Education (BIHE), have been in existence since 1987 and allowed students in Iran who were denied other avenues of education an opportunity to study in the fields of computer science, chemistry, psychology and other areas of study.

In a heart-wrenching S.O.S. via the Internet, an Iranian youth tells of the horrors of mass arrests, the plundering of over 500 Bahá’í homes and the confiscation of many teaching materials, including 70 computers. The youth asks us to pray that God may strengthen them to tolerate their hardships.

While Iranian government claims that freedom is available to all its citizens, young people have been deprived of a decent education and of many human rights, solely because of their religious beliefs. This is a blatant violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 26 of which Iran was cosignatory.

All that these Bahá’í youth want is a decent education so that they may live a life of service to humanity. If you would like to help them, write a letter of support to:

Dr. Frederico Mayor
Director General UNESCO
7 Place Defontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP
France

or e-mail one to:
www.us.bahai.org/openuniz

Chris Badostain
Meridian, ID

Jonathan Ward
BSU student
What’s Going On?
Cans and exams: the end’s in sight

Thursday, December 10 – Don’t forget, today marks the last day Towers Hall residents will be accepting canned food donations for their food drive. Contact Joel Spring, Towers Hall president, for more information.

Friday, December 11 – Rejoice! The last day of classes has arrived!

Saturday, December 12 – For a little relaxation before finals, go to the women’s basketball game against BYU starting at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 14 – Celebrate Chanukkah with a friend.

Friday, December 18 – Residence halls close.

Monday, December 21 – The first day of winter.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 26 – Kwaanza begins.
Jewel longs for love, and better housing

Jewel started on such a quest after working odd jobs in San Diego and realizing she didn’t feel fulfilled. So she moved into her VW van and started to write songs. Soon she started performing at a coffeehouse in Pacific Beach called the ‘Inner Change.’ After word got out, she began to earn a mere $5 which bought a three or four hour set of her original material and an occasional cover of Tracy Chapman’s “Behind the Wall.” She was then signed to Atlantic Records at 19 years old.

On July 28 and 29, 1994, a crew came into the Inner Change to record four sets of Jewel which are now featured on Pieces of You, released in 1995.

After that hit album, Jewel says she has tried to progress her sound and song-writing abilities. “My first album is a time capsule of where I was [at age] nineteen. After performing those early songs for the past five years, I’m excited to share more recent work.”

Spirit seems a suitable title for Jewel’s sophomore release since the subject matter represents her movement toward a more soulful expression, even though Jewel’s music has never been known as anything but full of vitality. But since the release of her multi-platinum 1995 debut, Pieces of You, the singer/songwriter has looked even deeper into herself, only to find there’s much more to be explored. And the tracks on Spirit identify which avenues Jewel has traveled down and which ones she’s looking towards.

“Barcelona” outlines Jewel’s own struggle to love herself while “Kiss The Flame” reflects her desire for everyone to “come together.”

“We’re all basically the same—we all yearn for love,” writes Jewel. “And the more I’ve traveled in the world, the more I’ve seen how lonely everybody feels and what tremendous longing everybody has to be loved.”

Her quest for love and music came at an early age, after being raised on an 800-acre homestead in Homer, Alaska. She started performing at the age of five and later went on to study at an expensive private school in Michigan; paid for, in part, by a vocal scholarship. After high school, she moved to San Diego to live with her mother, Nedra Carroll, whom she now credits for a large part of her inspiration. “I would not be able to create as I do if it was not for her vision, her management and her attention to my personal growth,” says Jewel. Carroll acts as Jewel’s manager and sings back-up vocals on her daughter’s latest hit “Hands,” which reveals her faith in everyone’s ability to make a difference.

Singer/songwriter Jewel, now available in four neatly cut Pieces of You.

Brad Pitt plays slow Death

Television programs usually depict death as a tunnel-like experience and legends say life memories come flashing before our very eyes. But the idea of Brad Pitt epitomizing death seems a new one.

In Meet Joe Black, Pitt plays the Grim Reaper with a surprisingly light touch. Curious about being alive, he encounters Bill Parrish (played by Pitt’s Legends of the Fall co-star Anthony Hopkins), a billionaire on the brink of expiration. But Death (Pitt) cuts Parrish a deal: if he can spend some time among the living, then Parrish’s life will be spared so long as Death doesn’t get bored.

As Joe Black, Death finds entertainment in Parrish’s world. The simple pleasures such as peanut butter enthrall him. But the real distraction for Black comes from Parrish’s daughter Susan (Claire Forlani). He falls for her, despite her marriage plans. Things get complicated, as they often do when life and death cross, and this leads to an interesting climax.

Directed by Martin Brest, Meet Joe Black offers interesting performances, thought-provoking subject matter, and an overall good flick. What does not work however is the film’s pacing. It moves far too slowly. A three hour film seems warranted only if it can be considered an epic along the lines of Titanic or Schindler’s List. Meet Joe Black has neither the duty of presenting history, nor the dramatic undertones of those epics. It’s ambitions towards poignancy come across as merely ponderous. Better spend your money by waiting for Meet Joe Black to come out on video, where it can be enjoyed in incremental viewings.
Berto leads Broncos past 15th ranked Washington

Douglas Bana, Sports Writer

Boise State's men's basketball team exploded into their 1998-'99 season with four straight wins--only to fall to Weber State 69-61 for their first loss of the season. But against Washington, any questions about the Broncos' resilience were put to rest.

Down 20-4 eight minutes into the game, the Broncos settled themselves into a 17-0 run, capped off by a three-pointer from freshman forward Richard Morgan to take a 21-20 lead with 5:32 left to play in the first half.

Kejuan Woods provided an additional emotional spark minutes before the half. Fed by a stolen pass by Gerry Washington, Woods broke free and elevated for a monster jam, bringing the crowd to its toes. Moments later, Woods stole a Husky inbound pass and tossed up a prayer with only seconds left in the half. As the shot rimmed out, Gerry Washington snuck underneath the Husky defense and put in the rebound at the buzzer.

Cheered on by an exceptionally vociferous crowd of 8700 fans, the Broncos entered the locker room at halftime possessing a 35-30 advantage. Surprisingly the Broncos' come-back arrived without much help from Roberto Bergerson, who was largely ineffective during the first half under the tenacious defensive eye of Washington guard Donald Watts.

Then came the second half.

After scoring the first two baskets of the second period, the fans rallied behind Berto as he took control of the game. Nailing back-to-back three-pointers, Bergerson found his niche and began scoring at will on a reeling Husky defense.

But he wasn't alone. On one of Berto's rare missed shots, sophomore guard C.J. Williams positioned himself perfectly for the rebound and put back, drawing a foul in the process. This drew chants of "C.J.I, C.J.I!" from the "Zerkies", the most boisterous of Boise State's fans.

The evening saw many of the Broncos spending a significant amount of time sprawled out on the Pavilion floor. The tenacity of the Broncos defense was well exemplified by Clint Hordemann with 7:30 left in the game. After laying-out and slamming onto the floor in a failed attempt at stealing the ball, Hordemann sprang to his feet to intercept the very next Husky pass in the paint. The swarming Bronco defense set up Berto's tenth straight point and extended the Broncos' advance to 57-40, their biggest of the game.

With score at 58-51 and the Washington defense showing full court pressure late in the second half, the Broncos responded by bringing Bergerson and Washington back into the game. Bergerson obliged by scoring five straight points, putting an exclamation point on a night in which he finished with a career high of 32 points.

Nursing an knee injured during practice earlier in the week, sophomore center Trevon Tillman stepped up with fifty seconds left in the game and stole an errant Husky pass, sealing the game for Boise State.

The win against the 15th ranked Washington Huskies represents the 17th consecutive home victory for the Broncos, establishing a new record in this category.

The Broncos travel to Indiana and take on the 16th ranked Hoosiers on Friday, and return home to face Gonzaga on Jan. 2.

Roberto Bergerson (20) scores over a Washington defender.
Fighting the winter of our discontent: Ski and Snowboarding Club takes to the slopes

Winter: the cold depressing season. The mental, physical, and monetary drain of the holidays don't make it any better either. In fact, the only things good about winter and snow are skiing, snowboarding and the people you can meet on the slopes.

Boise State's Ski and Snowboarding Club offers an opportunity to get the best out of all three of these benefits of winter. The club offers students an opportunity to learn and master these winter sports with a host of like-minded enthusiasts of varied skill levels.

The club offers steps to improve membership and provide more resources for snowbound excursions. By managing to attain corporate sponsorship this year through Ride Snowboards, which sponsors only ten college programs a year, they've procured the sort of cash which will allow for more latitude in deciding where the club travels and how much they can spend.

"It's a real plus," says Sara Foster, the club's current Vice President.

Despite the lack of snow so far this year, the club has already been active. It has hosted a screening of a winter sports video and raffled off snowboards and bindings donated by Ride Snowboards. The event raised $500 for future ski trips.

The Ski and Snowboard Club visited Brundage Mountain last weekend, and plans to ascend Bogus Basin every Wednesday and Sunday when it opens. It also plans on attending a competition put on by Washington State University at Schweitzer Mountain in Sandpoint early next year.

The club plans one big trip a season to a premier ski resort like Targee or Jackson Hole. Last year's trip to Mount Bachelor in Bend, Oregon defied gravity up at Bogus Basin and apparently a little too much fun to detail in this morally upstanding publication—but the snow was really good!

All a-board! BSU student defies gravity up at Bogus Basin and you can too!

If you have any questions about the Boise State Ski and Snowboarding Club contact their president Krisjan Hiner at 376-8826 or Sara Foster at 327-5573.
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  - CD release party

* Intermediate music
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  - Great Originals!
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* Sun Dec. 13th
GREAT ORIGINALS!
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Gayle Chapman
study break

Horrorscopes

by Dale Slack and Ira Amyx

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Decisions concerning your career are not under your control just yet, unless you're willing to lay down for your boss.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Open yourself to new scenes and people. Or, in other words, stop hanging out at Pojos.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Tune out outside distractions in order to complete projects ahead of schedule. Put down this paper, or shoot the kids.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

You are still troubled about the opinions of people you hardly even know. You should be!

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

You feel the urge to perform. And who cares if no one is around? Mount that production of Hamlet you've been wanting to do in your living room. Perform the soliloquy in front of the mirror. Or stand naked downtown until you're arrested.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Someone will do you a favor without asking. To ensure that it happens again, don't acknowledge them.

Aries (February 19 - March 20)

Your health is a factor this month. Your body needs more nutrition than Jim Beam and Luckies can provide. Besides he/she isn't that bad.

Pisces (March 21 - April 19)

Put some spark in your love life this week: try putting socks on your hands and pretending you're platypuses.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

This week start calling your best friend by another name. If they ask why, say "Dale and Ira told me."

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Give up that unattainable love interest. Instead of writing letters to Jodie Foster, shoot Ronald Regan.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Maybe this is the right week to change your favorite color. Besides, nobody likes you.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This is the time for your fifteen seconds of fame. Get in the news, write a short story or belch in church.
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