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Recreation center on schedule

Veteran administrator on project

by Alisha Hill

Special to the Arbiter

Tammie Grimes, with 65 years of college recreation administration experience, spearheads the plans for the new campus recreation center across from the SUB parking lot.

Grimes, director of campus recreation, came to Boise State a year ago to help develop the center. Contractors broke ground for the facility May 19, and completion of the $8-$10 million building is scheduled for next fall. Student recreation fees were raised $7 a semester in April, largely to begin paying for the structure.

Grimes got her experience in facility management, program development, special events management and new facility construction at Texas Tech University and UCLA. She says construction is moving along right on schedule.

Recreation department officials said the new center will enhance the university's mission by providing diverse recreational, social and instructional leisure-oriented programs. They said these will enrich the quality of life on campus by promoting the value of recreation, fitness and wellness, while creating and maintaining healthy, productive lifestyles. Grimes said the center will give students a chance to get more involved in campus life, especially in intramural sports.

The center will offer rock climbing, racquetball, basketball and athletic equipment rental.

Counseling center expands services to Canyon County

The Counseling Center will be expanding its services on a limited basis to the Canyon County campus beginning Sept. 28.

On Oct. 5, as part of National Depression Screening Day, free depression screenings will be offered at the Canyon Center as well as at the Student Union. Students who live in Canyon County will now be able to access counseling services on site, without having to drive to the Boise campus.

Some of the concerns addressed by students who seek counseling are classroom performance, relationship issues, depression, anxiety, and many other concerns. Students are invited to schedule an appointment at the Counseling Center by calling extension 1601.

Author to discuss gender differences in learning

Dr. JoAnn Duek, education consultant and author of "How Girls Thrive: An Essential Guide for Educators and Parents," will discuss gender difference in learning styles at a free lecture on Monday, Sept. 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Morrison Center Recital Hall, rm. C-400, at Boise State University. A reception will follow immediately.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear a nationally known scholar, and we encourage you and your students and/or classes to attend.

The lecture is sponsored by The ANSER Public Charter School, the BSU Center for School Improvement, and the BSU College of Education.

---Compiled by Arbiter staff

Student leaders, health workers hope pullout of national health care provider will benefit student health services

by Kara Janney

The Arbiter

Last week university officials announced that the Boise State University student health center was parting with Collegiate Healthcare, a private company contracted out to run the health center. With Collegiate Healthcare on the verge of bankruptcy, the university decided to pull out of its partnership with the firm.

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Since BSU expects to "absorb the costs" of the changeover, students are not expected to feel a financial impact.

Rachel Wheatley, ASBSU vice president, currently sits on the Health Advisory Board. Wheatley said that, "It is uncommon for a university to outsource its health services, and I think it is a positive thing that BSU is actually going to run the health center."

Wheatley feels that the change will be positive for the university as a whole.

"Student health services are a service and they should not be looked at as a business. Keeping BSU involved in the health center will give the university more control over what is being provided at the health center."

Wheatley also said that students will not have to pay more for health services, aside from the regular charges put in place every year.

Colleen, an office manager at the student health center, sees the changeover as a good thing for health center employees.

"We will now be able to get state benefits, and be a part of the university employee system," she said.

Colleen admitted that any transition is going to be rocky, but she is assured that students won't recognize any change at all.

"They didn't know before, and I doubt they will know any different now. Our services will be the same," Carls, an RMA at the health center, knew nothing of the pending bankruptcy of Collegiate Healthcare Services.

"I've worked here for six years and I love it. I think we offer great services to students," she said.

Walk-in patient Mecenzie Miller says she is "pretty satisfied with the services at the health center. I have had luck - I actually got in the day I called, and today I am a walk-in, so I'm not even guaranteed a spot."

BSU student Annie Borreson also felt that the times available at the health center were more adequate.

"It sucks because you get sick and call and they can't get you in for three weeks, and then you are dead," Borreson said.

ASBSU Health Sciences senator Derrek Woodbury believes that services would be quicker and better if the health center were more adequately staffed.

"There are only two doctors who work at the health center. The rest are either physician's assistants or nurses. I hope that we get more doctors because I do not think two doctors can adequately serve sixteen thousand students."

College of Education senator Jensi Plewa hopes to see more gynecological services offered at the health center. "At this point, it takes a while to get seen for gynecological reasons, and I'm not even sure if they have an actual gynecologist at the health center."

Plewa also expressed concern over some of the costs at the health center.

"Students are charged ten dollars for an HIV test, and they can get them for free at other places," Plewa said.

Woodbury disagreed, noting that $10 is a small price to pay for all the lab work that goes into blood testing. Woodbury is touring the health center next week, and hopes to find out more about the services offered and hopes he can talk with the director of the health center about such issues.

"Honestly, $10 isn't a lot to pay for health coverage; when you think about how much private insurance companies charge, it's actually a bargain," Plewa agreed, but noted that the student health insurance does not cover emergencies, and only two doctors serve the entire campus. "I know I need to do more research on the health services, because I only can go off of my own experiences with the health center at this point."

Greg Blesing, Director of the Student Union and Activities, feels that BSU's running the health center will be better for everyone involved. "I think the switch is in the best interest of the students. There was some concern over the services offered by Collegiate Healthcare."

A hope is that since BSU will be working more intimately with the student health center, student needs will be better served. Elementary education major Damon Courtois sees some areas where services can improve.

"I've used the health center quite a bit. They usually can get me in pretty quick, and everything is cheap, but I got the feeling that they weren't all that professional. I would just tell them how I felt, and I don't think they really examined me much at all. It was like my grandma was taking care of me," Courtois said.

In this transitional time, students should speak out about how they would like to see the services improved at the student health center. Sen. Derrek Woodbury and ASBSU Vice President Wheatley both welcome input from anyone with ideas and concerns relating to student health services. Feel free to contact Woodbury at 426-1292, and Wheatley at 426-1554.
Parking meeting brings little relief
by Sean Hayes
The Arbiter

Despite hot pink flyers distributed by ASBSU announcing the Sept. 18 meeting of the Parking and Transportation committee, only a few students showed up to voice concerns over the controversial handling of parking issues on campus.

Those few, however, were vocal. Three nursing students from Mountain Home lamented the complete unavailability of general permit lots, while many reserve permit lots sat virtually empty -- a criticism that echoed throughout the meeting.

Surprisingly, according to committee member Bob Seibolt, reserve permits have been sold at a surplus of about 20%, with hundreds remaining on a waiting list to receive one.

"My point is I got to school at 10:30, and I went of course to catch a spot and the reserve lot was almost empty," said one student who attended the meeting.

"It was outrageous, and I couldn't even get a spot on Broadway. I don't see the demand of more reserve permits."

A solution to make one floor of the parking garage open to permit holders was proposed, but then resigned to a focus on a waiting list to receive one.

The committee, where gray hair and subdued blue and earth-toned clothing predominated, seemed receptive to these specific issues -- passing motions offering temporary solutions.

Most of the student input was centered around the issue of the student-free financed parking garage which anyone can park at, as well as the issue of general versus reserve permit lots.

 Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs, said the plan of the parking garage was not "to gouge students." She explained that the number of part time students at BSU indicated a need for short-term temporary parking.

Two specific issues involving children came to the table. A parking lot near the Children's Center was recently converted to a reserve lot, and one mother who brought her children to the meeting said that the new limit on parking space made it difficult for her to spend time with her kids as she dropped them off.

Sam Sandmire, director of a youth gymnastics program, said that the parking situation was leading to a loss in attendance to her program because parents had few options for dropping their children off and staying through the meeting.

"You can't put a price tag on little kids," said ASBSU Senator Trevor Irish, scolding the committee when they did not seem responsive to parents' special needs for parking.

Sens. Jenni Plewa, Mike Klinkhamer, Bradley Saito, Brooke Baldwin -- as well as ASBSU President Nate Peterson -- were on hand to represent student concerns.

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Student input, which looked in danger of erupting in anger early on, led some committee members to wonder how audience discussion could be better integrated into the meetings.

Most students-at-large in attendance left before the two-hour plus meeting adjourned.

ASBSU President Peterson also scolded some committee members whom he observed "snickering and sneering" as students voiced their concerns.

The committee plans to hold a publicized student forum in the future to address parking concerns at once. The next meeting of the committee at large will be held next month in the Senate Forum.

Boise State offers free citizenship, English classes in Nampa
by Arbiter staff

Those learning English as a second language will have it easier with new free classes to be offered at Boise State's Canyon County Center courtesy of BSU's Learning Center for Adult Basic Education. Courses will be offered in English as a second language, basic math and citizenship beginning Sept. 25.

The citizenship class, which will be held on Saturday mornings, will emphasize the skills needed to pass the test to become a U.S. citizen, including practice in the written portion of the test. Many levels of English will be offered in both afternoon and evening classes.

Potential students can register between 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19-21 at the center, 9407 Caldwell Boulevard in Nampa. For more information, call the ESL office at 426-4704.
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**Margaret Mahoney had a productive Tuesday. The appointment of the 21-year-old senior majoring in Political Science was approved before ASBSU's Appointment and Review Committee, the Senate and sworn in by the Judiciary on the same day.**

Appointment and Review chair Mike Klinkhamer commented that Mahoney has one of the most impressive resumes he had seen presented to the committee.

Mahoney said her main focus is on the "academic side" of student life. She was encouraged to apply to President and Vice President Nate Peterson and Rachel Wheatley in the interest of bringing "spunk and diversity" to the current Senate.

Mahoney's appointment makes the third of four Senate appointments expected this semester. Brooke Baldwin and Jordan Kowallis were approved earlier this semester.

The gaps in the Senator-at-Large seats were caused by three resignations and one impeachment.

Two winners of last November's at-large Senate elections resigned in the middle of the spring semester. Cole Buck resigned in May in favor of a job with the Student Programs Board. Boz Bell made a decision over the summer not to attend this semester of classes. Ollie Muchow was discovered to be ineligible to hold office after he was elected and was impeached months after the fact.

The new Senators will hold their positions until November, when they must run for re-election. Election packets are expected to go out in October.

Three seats remain open in the college senator division, in the Business, Engineering and the Graduate schools. These positions can be held until the college senator/executive elections to be held in April. One applicant is expected to fill the College of Business seat next week.

Last spring, former ASBSU President Matt Bott urged a constitutional convention that would, among other things, combine these two elections, but action has not been taken in that regard so far.

For information on applying for a position, or qualifications to run for election, contact the ASBSU secretary at 426-1440.
LDS Institute brings ‘spiritual boost’ agenda for fall full

by Megan McCaleb
Special to the Arbiter

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Institute of Religion has a full agenda this fall. They are hoping to increase attendance and participation by members and non-members alike. Each week, the Institute will host a variety of activities, and all Boise State students are invited to join in on the fun.

On Aug. 27, there was a kick-off fireside to get students pumped for the new semester. Other events this fall have included dances, potlucks, and firesides with special music and speakers. The first week of October will provide opportunities for fellowship on campus for the LDS organization.

The Institute will staff a missionary booth in the Student Union Building Oct. 3-5. They hope to convince more BSU students to register for religion classes at the Institute's facility, located on University Drive across from the Administration Building.

Enrollment has exceeded 1,000 students so far, and the number reportedly keeps climbing.

"One of our main goals is to help bring young adults closer to Christ, and this is a very non-threatening way of going about it," said Bryce Ramey, Institute president.

"It's a nice to take a break from the crazy world we live in," BSU student Mike Bryant said. He has attended the LDS Institute for three semesters and calls it "a return to reality."

"When everything else in life gets hectic, you sometimes lose touch with the things that really matter," he added. "A spiritual boost from the Institute helps me feel more motivated to tackle the daily challenges life dishes me."

The Institute's most popular weekly event is the Friday Noon Luncheon. All Boise State students are invited for lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday.

"Come relax. You'll feel right at home," Ramey said. "Eat some good food, meet some great people, and enjoy yourself in a wholesome environment."
Ban boring weekends to the dungeon
Gaming and role-playing club gears up

by Jennifer Okerlund
Special to The Arbiter

With a new semester under way and fall approaching, you find yourself searching for something to fill those boring weekend afternoons. Members of the Role-playing and Board Gaming Club say they can make empty weekend afternoons a thing of the past.

From cards to role-playing, club members say there's something for everybody. If you want to join a campus club to meet new people but struggle with responsibilities, members say this may be the club for you.

"Our club will just be the ticket for students who are just looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Or they can agree on an activity to play cards and monopoly on weekends," said Jay Freeman, club president. "Our club will soon begin using Third Edition rules for Dungeons and Dragons, making this a great time for beginners to pick up the game."

They encourage members to introduce the club to new games as well, he said.

For more information, contact Freeman at roleplay@micronet.net.

SS&PA professors present papers, write books

by Arbiter staff

Rick Moore, communication, presented two papers in August at the national conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Phoenix: "The Ideological Dimensions of Stereotyping in the Media: Toward a Conceptual Clarification," and "Environmental Reporting, Religion Reporting and the Question of Advocacy."

Heidi Reeder is a new professor in the department of communication. Reeder published an article in the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships this past summer.

Peter Wollehim, communication, read his paper "Anomic After Durkheim: Post modernism and Suicide" at an international conference in Stockholm Aug. 51.


Tony Walsh, criminal justice professor, has published three books and five articles this year. His work looks at behavior and the evolutionary origins of justice.

Charles Odell, history, has recently finished four articles for the Encyclopedia of the Ancient World and is putting the finishing touches on a 750-page biography on Constantine. Both will be published in 2001.

Gary Moncrief, political science, presented a paper at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Aug 51-Sept. 3. He is also one of a dozen political scientists invited to Rutgers University in October to discuss ways to make political science research more accessible to state legislatures. He also completed his book Who Runs for the Legislature? which was released this month.

Governor's conference on housing
For some, homeownership only a dream

by ElyAnn Neff

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne defied natural law last week by being at two places at once. Since he is no Superman, however, Kempthorne appeared on video to welcome guests to the 2000 Idaho Governor's Conference on Housing. The conference was held at the request of the governor, and was last held in 1997.

In his video address, Kempthorne said, "despite the growth rate (of 4% percent), Idaho has maintained a homeownership rate above 72 percent... for some, however, homeownership remains only a dream."

At the conference, held at the Boise Centre on the Grove from Sept. 11 to Sept. 13, over 560 participants learned about the housing problem and discussed possible solutions. The goal of the conference is to provide decent, safe, affordable housing to all Idahoans. This year's theme, "Building a Foundation for Success," is based on the idea that housing is the foundation of America's strength.

Mark Shields, political analyst for the "The News Hour" with Jim Lehrer, opened the conference on Tuesday morning with some political humor and insight.

"This election 2000, we have a responsibility to determine what we want America to be," Shields said, "where the strong are just and the weak are secure."

Shields gave historical examples of how America has prepared for its future, such as when the government set aside land for colleges across the US when less than 1/2 of percent of citizens had ever set foot on a college campus.

The search for a better life for Idahoans includes helping everyone have a place to live. With the contribution of many different businesses and governmental organizations including developers, architects, and bankers, the conference hopes to generate ideas to help make the dream of affordable housing a reality.

Research grant brings undergrads experience

by Jenny McDougle

Ten exceptional undergraduate applicants from across the nation came to BSU this summer for a research experience in the microelectronics field.

This program came to BSU because John Lusth and Susan Burckett wrote a proposal to the Science Foundation. They were awarded a $198,653 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant. This program will come back to BSU in the summer of 2001, but may not continue beyond that, according to Lusth.

"Undergraduates do not typically have the opportunity to actually perform research, so we want to give them a taste so they will consider attending graduate school," said Burckett.

Lusth points out that the REU program adds good exposure for BSU. Because of this program, there are students coming from as far away as New England, who bring their unique experiences to other parts of the nation.

Another national participant enjoyed the experience so much, he is tentatively planning to attend graduate school at BSU.

All living expenses were paid for the students in addition to $500 in travel support, and a $3000 stipend for the eight-week stay on campus. The students were from schools from such diverse areas as New England, California, Washington State and Missouri.

Not only did the students have the opportunity to conduct research and enjoy field trips, the professors were able to generate a great amount of valuable data due to all the hard work.

Research conducted in the field of microelectronics included cross-disciplinary elements of electrical and mechanical engineering, computer science, chemistry, and geophysics. Further details and pictures of the research and outdoor activities may be found on http://cs.boisestate.edu/~luxth/reu/.
Utah governor, BYU, aid students fighting western forest fires

by Cristopher Rees

PROVO, Utah - Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt and Brigham Young University have made plans to aid college students fighting to save Utah lands and lives.

A news release sent from the governor's office announced Gov. Leavitt and the Utah State Board of Regents have elected to help students fighting wildfires.

"Many students were torn with school starting," said Cecilia H. Foxley, Utah commissioner of higher education. "We'll do all we can to help them," said Carrie Jenkins of the Communications college.

Jenkins said BYU will allow certified firefighters to arrive up to two weeks late for fall semester without penalty.

"We don't want them to be penalized for something that is a worthy cause," she said.

Students arriving after two weeks late will be offered a full refund, Jenkins said.

Boise State officials have extended fee payment and registration deadlines for students fighting fires.

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Southern Illinois U. offers class on sacrifice

by Ryan Trost

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Flaying, ritual consumption and ritual killing are some of the things you can expect to find in professor Erica Hill's "Human and Animal Sacrifice" course this fall.

"If you can't handle 'ER,' this class is not for you," said Hill, a Southern Illinois University visiting assistant professor in anthropology.

"This class is not for the faint of heart." Hill said the appeal of her course centers around the mystery of violence.

"We all intrinsically fear violence and so we desire to understand it," Hill said. "If you're bloodthirsty, you'll enjoy it."

The course will study sacrificial practices from ancient Israel, dating back to the Old Testament, up to modern Miami and the practice of Santeria.

"The course will focus on how and why humans sacrifice other humans and animals. Aztec Mexico, the Incas of Peru, ancient Greece, Northern European Celts, child sacrifices from ancient Carthage and theoretical issues explaining why cultures practice sacrifice are also covered."

Hill received her doctorate from the University of New Mexico specializing in archaeology and did her dissertation on sacrificial practices of the Moche of Peru. She taught Human and Animal Sacrifice at the University of Iowa last year, and students found it to be an excellent experience.

"It was the best class I have ever had in college," said former student Lucy Sonnamaker.

"The greatest part of the class probably came on the first day when (Professor Hill) had us make up our own sacrificial ritual."

Anne Haggerson, another former student, also recalled the class and Professor Hill fondly.

"The class was full of blood and gore, and I remember walking away nauseous after learning about the Aztec ritual of flaying skin," Haggerson said. "We studied so many different rituals and I would recommend the class and Professor Hill to SIUC students."

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Labor on the front lines of campaign

by Juliet Elperin

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Charles Wells started his day before sunrise along with other union organizers at a local Waffle House, yet showed no signs of flagging at 7 p.m. as he spoke to fellow labor officials about the stakes in the congressional and presidential elections.

"There is no more critical time in our lifetime for us as representatives of working men and women, who need to make their voices heard," boomed Wells, the otherwise mild-mannered executive director of Kentucky's American Federation of Teachers.

Wells and his colleagues are on the front lines in the battle for control of the House. Their particular goal: helping a Democrat win back his congressional seat here in Kentucky's 6th District from a Republican — one of three Kentucky races that could help decide who controls the House next year.

Lexington isn't a big union town, but the extensive network the AFL-CIO has established here and in other congressional districts nationwide demonstrates how labor forms the backbone of the Democrats' grass-roots operation this election. Last week, 500 activists -100 more than last year - gathered in Washington for a training session before fanning out across the country.

"Labor 2000," the AFL-CIO's most comprehensive get-out-the-vote effort, is crucial to Democratic hopes of regaining the House majority. It also marks a strategic shift by union leaders, who are focusing less on blanketing the airwaves and more on mobilizing members and their neighbors to vote.

"It's a cultural change within the labor movement," said Steve Rosenthal, the AFL-CIO's political and legislative director. "Over the years, our organization had gotten rusty. What's more critical is that people talk to each other."

The stakes for unions are enormous. They risk being shut out of both the White House and Congress for the first time in nearly half a century. Officials won't say exactly how much money labor will spend on this year's elections, but the estimate is $40 million for the AFL-CIO's 1999-2000 political and legislative budget, which includes everything from the fight against trade with China to state legislative contests and individual ballot initiatives.

After analyzing the 1998 election results and conducting focus groups, union officials found that member-to-member contact was key in getting out the vote. For example, 76 percent of union members who received workplace fliers voted for the labor-endorsed candidate, but in 1998 only 11 percent of union members received such leaflets.

Targeting 71 House races, the AFL-CIO has created what amounts to a series of ever-expanding pyramids. Its 68 member unions select "point people" in every state, who in turn target members in their locals. This group finds point people in every unionized shop, who subsequently identify point people for each work shift.

"Don't translate this into "literally thousands of activists,"" Rutgers University economics professor Leo Troy, a union critic, said unions are an invaluable asset to the Democrats, providing the kind of grass-roots support amounting to "a hand-wrapped gift that he estimated is worth hundreds of millions of dollars each election."

"How would you buy 45,000 organizations across the country devoted to your cause?" Troy asked.

Union members consistently vote in higher numbers than their nonunion counterparts, providing the winning edge for Democrats in key races.

"We need everyone to vote," House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., noted that labor made up just 13 percent of the electorate in 1984, when his party lost 52 seats, while Democrats gained seats in the last two elections, when union members accounted for 25 percent of the vote.

"Any organization that has a grass-roots operation can be effective in an election," Gephardt said. "The unions have been very effective in recent years."
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Boise State was short one

Captain Tara Brinkerhoff
The senior, outside hitter came to Boise in 1997 from Mesa, Arizona and saw limited playing time as a freshman. "I probably should have redshirted so I would have another year of eligibility," she said. Brink, as her teammates call her, quickly earned a starting role for the team as a sophomore and never looked back. Last season Tara led the team in kills at 3.4 a game and digs with 3.99 a game average. With four different coaches in her four seasons with the Broncos, Brinkerhoff could be disappointed in the lack of stability. Instead she focuses on the positive, "four different coaches helped me learn four different styles," she said. "Coach Sturm is really into self motivation, focusing on getting yourself ready to play." Her goals for the team this season are pretty lofty for a team filled with 8 underclassmen, "I'd like to shock some teams, we're a really young team but we're ready to play," said Brinkerhoff. "(The Big West) is a really strong conference but I think we can finish in the top five, we don't have as much experience but we're very quick" she continued.

Brinkerhoff said the best part of her experience at BSU has been her teammates, "the funnest team I've ever played with." She also tells us to keep our eye on newcomer Jacqueline Heler "She's an awesome athlete" Brink raves about the 6'1" middle blocker from Palo Alto CA. A physical education major, Tara would like to teach and coach kids when she graduates.

Southeastern Conference Razorbacks.
The 58,286 capacity crowd in Little Rock, Ark. watched as the Razorbacks went up on BSU 24-0.

Boise State's defense started out strong with a quarterback sack by senior defensive end Zack Weber. Arkansas' spark started flying.

The Hogs trotted down the field before being stopped by the BSU defense.
The Razorbacks attempted a field goal - wide left.

Soon the BSU offense would virtually give Arkansas 14 points.

The Broncos got the ball back, but it wouldn't be long till the offense began to self-destruct.

Senior Bart Hendricks, tabbed by Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt as one of the top five QBs in the SEC, was intercepted on an under-thrown pass to Lou Fanucchi in first quarter. Arkansas returned it 25-yards for Arkansas first points of the game.

Arkansas 7, BSU 0.

And then before the Broncos could hardly blink, a tipped pass by sophomore receiver Andre Banks led to a diving interception on the 12-yardline by the Razorbacks.

A 9-yard run and another 1-yarder put Arkansas smack dab in the end zone.

Arkansas 14, BSU 0.

Arkansas even went for broke as they used a little trickery with an on-side kick, which the Hogs recovered. The same play BSU used against Idaho last season, worked against the Broncos.

Rules state that as long as the kicking team kicks the ball more than 10 yards, they can obtain possession if they get to the ball before the receiving team, or if the receiving team mishandles the pigskin.

Arkansas marched 44 yards in nine plays to score on a 25-yard field goal in 3:17.

Arkansas 17, BSU 0.

On the first play of the second quarter Arkansas sent star receiver Boo Williams down field for a 75-yard air-it-out touchdown to burn senior Dempsey Dees.

Arkansas 24, BSU 0.

Soon, the BSU defense showed signs of brilliance as they had a big fourth down stop on a fourth-and-1-foot.

The Bronco offense did not have the words 'giveup' in their vocabulary, as BSU rumbled down the field to score the Broncos first points. Forsey ran for a first down on a second-and-2-yards to the 30-yard line.

Junior wideout Jeb Putzier pulled in a nearly picked off ball on third-and-2-yards.

Hendricks handed Forsey the football who missed some tackles and powered his way to the 8.

Boise State couldn't complete the pass on third down.

Sophomore Nick Calaycay's field goal was good.

Arkansas 24, BSU 3.

The defense continued its show as sophomore safety Quintin Mikell forced and recovered a fumble on the Arkansas 25-yardline.

A completion to Fanucchi for a first down.

Later a rocket pass from Hendricks to Fanucchi brought the Broncos to the 16-yard line. Calaycay kick - 3 points.

Arkansas 27, BSU 3.

Boise State head coach Dirk Koetter described the first half: "We sucked. They out-coached us. They out-played us.

The second half.
The BSU defense came out in the second half ready to play. The Broncos stopped the Razorbacks in their own backfield on the first play.

Two quick incomplete pass-
es and Arkansas was forced to punt. The second half comeback began.

Hendricks completed a first down pass to Putzier.

Then a 21-yard reception and run by senior tight end Robby Snellings brought the Broncos to the Arkansas 2-yard line.

On second-and-goal, Hendricks completed a quick toss to fullback Shay Swan for BSU's first touchdown of the half.

On third-and-2, BSU went for gold as Hendricks completed a tailback pass for a 42-yard touchdown. The Broncos scored in 4 plays for 74-yards in only 1:35.

The special teams continued.

Boise State was setup in the back of the end zone for two.

The Broncos lined up for the two-point conversion.

With Arkansas defenders in the face of Hendricks, the Big West Defensive Player of the Year found Fanucchi in the back of the end zone for two. Arkansas 84, BSU 14.

Once again the Boise State defense stopped the Arkansas offense and the Razorbacks were forced to punt.

The Bronco secondary finally got its first interception of the season with a D. Ross pick, but BSU's offense was unable to sustain a drive and the Broncos punted.

Arkansas' Cedric Cobbs ran down BSU's throat to score the Razorbacks first points of the second half with 2:49 left in the third quarter.

Arkansas 81, BSU 14.

The Bronco special teams showed why they are called special Saturday night as red-shirt freshman David Mixel answered Arkansas with a 98-yard kickoff return to bring the Broncos within 10 points. The return was the second longest in Bronco history.

Arkansas 81, BSU 91.

The special teams continued.

Travis Burgher, a red-shirt freshman, got in and blocked an Arkansas punt. BSU recovered at the Arkansas 32-yard line.

Boise State was set up in the fourth quarter to chip away at the Arkansas lead, thanks to a freshman named Burgher, with a 49-yard field goal by Nick Calaycay.

Arkansas 81, BSU 84.

The Bronco defense came up big as they stopped the Hogs from scoring.

On third-and-2, BSU went for gold as Hendricks completed a tailback pass for a 42-yard touchdown. The Broncos scored in 4 plays for 74-yards in only 1:35.

The Broncos were fourth-and-goal on the Arkansas 9-yardline. Hendricks completed a quick toss to fullback Shay Swan for BSU's first touchdown of the half.

It didn't work.

BSU had to punt.

When the Broncos got the ball back BSU went into their two-minute offense.

A huge 40-yard Banks reception downed BSU at the Arkansas 9-yardline.

First, second, and third down came and went with no progress.

With exactly one minute to go in the game the Broncos were fourth-and-goal on the Arkansas 9-yardline.

One chance to go for all the marbles.

Hendricks completed to Swillie on the 1-foot line and the Broncos were stopped.

With 6:12 left in the fourth quarter the Broncos made a come back.

The Broncos lined up for the two-point conversion.

But a Razorback drive would prove devastating to the Broncos.

A huge 40-yard Banks reception downed BSU at the Arkansas 9-yardline.

And that was it.

The Broncos came up one foot short of doing the walking, as all that was left for the Broncos was some talking.

As we all know, you can't talk yourself out of a loss.

Koetter said: "We take a loss, number one, and there's no moral victories in football. But I'm extremely proud of the way our guys competed, the way our guys hustled and the way we didn't give up."

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Welcome Back BSU Pizza

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Broncos send Bulldogs running home with tails between their legs

by Renae Hall

Spirits were high and smiles were pasted on the Boise State soccer players Sun. 17, as they walked over the Gonzaga Bulldogs with a 5-1 victory.

Four of the goals chopped in were by sophomore Brittany Zoellner who broke another record for BSU with number of goals scored in a game.

'I couldn't have done it without the team,' said Zoellner. "Everything is coming together."

Zoellner scored the first two goals of the game with assists by Abigail Roche and Dayle McNab.

Gonzaga tried to hold on as they scored near the end of the half, putting the score at 2-1, but that was the only goal the Bulldogs got to see. The defense of BSU shut Gonzaga out, and the offense took control.

The second half started off quick as Boise State put two goals in within the first ten minutes of play.

The Bulldogs had a close call for scoring as they almost chipped the ball over Bronco goalkeeper's head, but fell short when number 23 Lindsay Vandenburg made a save. BSU then added one more goal into the net making the score final at 5-1.

'I can't say it enough about the team...everyone did their part," said Zoellner.

BSU head coach Steve Lucas said the Broncos played their best two games of the season this weekend, though they only walk away with one win.

As Lucas was happy about their win on Sunday, he maintains that the best game they played was on Friday against the UNLV Rebels. Boise State lost 5-1 to UNLV.

'We just couldn't finish," Lucas said.

The Broncos scored the first goal of the game in the second half but couldn't capitalize on the scoring opportunity.

The goal for BSU came from junior Jamie Nicholsen in the 51st minute. Then, ten minutes later the Rebels blasted the ball past Jeanne Curtice-Orm tying the game at 1-1.

UNLV delivered the final punch to the Broncos home opening defeat as Senior Jensen scored from 20 yards out. She blew a shot that was unstoppable past BSU's keeper Curtice-Orm.

"Unfortunately we suffered through some lapses which allowed UNLV back into the game," said Lucas, "but we told everyone we were going to play better, and we are playing better every game."

BSU will travel to their next five games. The first of the series starts at Portland State on Sept. 22.

Pete's Player of the Game

Sophomore safety Quintin Mikell racked up 10 total sacks against Arkansas. He also forced one fumble and had one fumble recovery.

In 1999 Mikell was selected to the second team All-Big West Conference.

Last season the Eugene, Ore. native was second on the team in total tackles with 92.

Mikell played his high school football at Willamette High School and earned first team all-league honors as a wide receiver and a defensive back.

Also, Mikell received honorable mention all-state honors as a defensive back in 1997.

Pete's Picks

I was correct about all Big West games last week. I did think Idaho would make for more of a game against Oregon.

Arkansas State will be destroyed by Texas Christian – Georgia will pound New Mexico State – Kansas State will annihilate North Texas – Arizona State will beat up on Utah State which comes off a bye – Idaho will fall to 0-4 as they lose to Washington State.

This week the Broncos travel to play the Central Michigan Chippewas. Central Michigan is 1-2 and just came off a 31-10 loss to Wyoming. BSU comes off a disappointing loss to Arkansas. The Broncos have advanced to a new level of football and will not go back. Boise State will clobber Central Michigan 44-18.
Hi. My name is Andrew. I'm a sophomore here at B.S.U. I run on the track team, and my major is physical education and history.

Last week was a fun week and I was glad to be able to share on Thursday some of the spiritual things that have happened in my life. If you missed it, here is a bit of my story.

If you've played team sports yourself, or rooted for a favorite team, sometime I'm sure you've had the experience of a game where you totally dominated, but ended up losing by a lucky, unbelievable comeback of your opponent. Or maybe even worse, you've dominated for an entire season, and then not won the last tournament or state championship. Well, the Centennial High School basketball team was in that position last season. For the entire season they were undefeated. They didn't lose a game in over two months. Their record was an impressive 23-0. When the district tournament came around, they were expected to walk right through and eventually claim their state championship. But, unbelievably, they lost both district games and were knocked out of the playoffs. This team that looked unstoppable and on top of the world didn't even make it to the state tournament.

In a similar way, my life took a sharp turn about a year and a half ago. Being raised in a Christian home and going to church all my life didn't stop my worldly desires. As a child, I knew that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins, but I wasn't willing to give him control of my life. My priorities in high school were girls, popularity, and girls. And I did what I had to get them. Going to parties and getting drunk was the avenue for this dream life I desired. For a year I lived the party life- staying up all night, going to parties, getting drunk, making out with girls, then the same thing the next weekend. It was fun partying with my friends and it paid off. In my senior year I had all the things I wanted: girls, friends, parties to go to, money, a nice car. Like the Centennial basketball team, I thought I was on top of the world. There was no way I was going to give that up for Jesus Christ. But I knew my life wasn't heading in the right direction. Just like the basketball team looked poised and ready on the outside, but in the end had nothing, so the outside of my life looked like I had everything I wanted, but on the inside I had no lasting satisfaction. My life was getting deeper and deeper into sin and I was getting less and less satisfaction out of the things I was doing.

After graduating from high school, I had two choices. I could keep living for myself in the pleasures of the world, or I could give my life to Jesus Christ. I knew that one day I would be responsible for the things I was doing so I decided to make a change. I prayed to God a prayer like this, God, I know you have better plans for my life. Please take me back and take control of my life. And God heard my cry! Immediately he started changing my life. He first convicted me of my dishonesty. I surrendered it to Him. Then He convicted me of my bad language and I surrendered it to Him- then music, then girls, then popularity. I was willing to give up things I would have died for several months previously because God was filling the hole in my heart and giving me a lasting satisfaction that only he can give.

My life today has meaning. I have certain hope of eternal life. God accepted me and forgave all my sin and changed my life. There are qualities in my life today that I never had- patience, genuine love for others, peace.

This change in my life all started when four simple points became clear to me. First, that God loved me and that his plans for my life are the most fulfilling. Second, that because of my self-centered attitudes and actions I had cut myself off from experiencing God's love. Third, if I believed that Jesus, God's Son, paid for my bad attitudes and actions on the cross I could be forgiven and experience God's love. Lastly, that I needed to personally acknowledge my need for God's forgiveness and accept what Jesus did for me. It was the most important decision I will ever make. Thanks for letting me share it with you. And if you want to talk more give me a call at 371-6653 or my email is andrewbook@boisestate.com.

andrew

P.S.... Thanks to all my friends on campus who may or may not be involved with Baptist Student Ministries, Intervarsity, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chi Alpha and Campus Crusade for Christ who wore blue shirts!
Classic performance series brings international performing artists to Student Union

Season ticket is the best entertainment bargain on campus

by Mike Winter
the Arbiter

Three string players from Berlin, six percussionists and a singer from Brazil, five women from LA playing woodwinds, and a Russian pianist from New York are the world-class performers coming to the SUB this year. They make up the Student Union and Activities' Classic Performance Series for 2000/2001.

Now in its fourth year, the Classic Performance Series is offering a season ticket for the four-concert series of just $15 for BSU students. For the price of a CD you can experience in person four internationally known performing artists.

Season tickets are not only the best bargain around, they are also the best way to broaden your entertainment experience and enjoyment. For example, have you ever almost not gone to something, but went anyway because of some obligation, such as a plan with a friend, or because you had the tickets already? Then once you're there, and you're clapping wildly, you're really glad you came. That's what a season ticket can also do; give that little extra impetus to get you off your inertia.

Besides, your wide and cultivated range of interests and taste might impress the per-
son you invite along. Chamber music won’t be you. And these performers definitely won’t put you to sleep (which would not impress your friend). And at $8.75 a pop, can you really get ripped off?

Actually, it’s a series of half chamber music, one piano soloist, and a “wild card.” That’s how Associate Director Rob Meyer describes the one event each year that’s set apart from the more standard performance types.

Meyer and his Performing Arts Committee consist of several students and BSU Music Department faculty pianist Del Parkinson. They sort through hundreds of classical and “crossover” entertainers to put together “an eclectic blending of tradition and today.”

“We like to put something in with a little edge,” Meyer said. This year it is an exotic fusion of east and west, north and south, modern and ancient.

The “Winds” women bring a varied program from Bach to the tango. You will hear tunes you know, but in new clothing, so to speak: blended and interweaving voices of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French Horn, along with their complements of piccolo, English horn, bass clarinet.

These artists will have plenty to say musically and verbally. One lists her recreation and “backyard interests” as “professional vocalist, amateur sommelier, and Kamikaze.” Another lists under “Mascots” a singing sunflower (battery-powered).

The series continues on Friday, Nov. 3 with the Brazilian percussion ensemble “Anima.” Based on their CD, this is some of the most amazing music I have ever heard. Some is the expected folk music; colorful, tuneful, and of course highly rhythmic. Some is lyrical, sung by a soprano, as poignant as an opera aria and as rich as a string quartet.

And some has the lift and precision of Renaissance dance music.

In addition to the voice, the seven-member ensemble plays harpsichord, and string, wind, and percussion instruments you have never seen before. “Anima” is an exotic fusion of east and west, north and south, modern and ancient.

“Mesmerizing” was Meyer’s description of the effect on his committee of the Thibaud Trio (pronounced te-bu). The violinist, violist and cellist from Berlin tour internationally to great acclaim, and will be here on Saturday, Feb. 11. Part of what is mesmerizing is their memory: they are the only chamber ensemble I know that performs without music.

Philharmonic and asked for an audition. He found himself opening the Philharmonic’s season soon after with the popular Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2. He made such a hit with the audience that the Philharmonic invited him back for a solo recital the following year. The same is true for audiences at the Special Events Center, where he has performed twice since then.

Mike Winter is a Communication/Journalism major who has been the free-lance classical music critic for the Idaho Statesman for the past nine years.
An introduction to ASBSU

by Mike Klinkhamer
Associated Students of Boise State University

Well here we are in yet another semester for the fall term: for some of you just another set of classes and others going "what the hell am I doing here"? Well, join the club! Been there, done that! Hang in there though 'cause it will get better, that I can promise you.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mike Klinkhamer and I'm your (yes, I said your) Arts and Sciences Senator in ASBSU. Why your? Well, you voted me here! I'm just one of the many representatives 'You' have while you're here at Boise State. If you belong to one of the numerous organizations on campus or just individually I and my fellow senators are here to help in any way we can. We sit on numerous boards and committees throughout the campus right next to administrators and faculty who help make the rules that govern you while we're here. You. We're here. I and my fellow senators are here! I'm just one of the many representatives 'You' have chosen me in a lot of trouble at times! I'm a proud disabled American veteran who served his country in the US Marine Corps back when most of you weren't even a glitter in your mom or dad's eye! I've been in a single mode for over three years. I work part time for the City of Boise. I'm the ex-president of the Association for Non-Traditional Students (A.N.T.S.), for the past two years. I was nominated for Who's Who in 1999. I'm a former disc jockey of 17 years right here in the Treasure Valley. I'm on the BSU Bowling Team. And I'm an absolute 'nut' for Boise State University and the Broncos. I try to attend every football and basketball game, also a few gymnastics meets, volleyball games, tennis matches, and wrestling bouts. Where else can you get the opportunity to watch teams from all over the nation compete for a coveted sports title? And how about last year's Humanitarian Bowl? Way to go Broncos!!

Anything I can do to help better the campus I'm there. And hopefully, so are you. Let's take some pride in our campus. Keep the grounds clean from trash and litter. If you see any paper or trash laying on the ground, lean over and simply pick it up. It only takes a second. If all six thousand plus currently picked up one piece of paper a day, even every other day, we'd have an absolutely gorgeous campus. Not that we don't already, but you have to admit I've seen a few areas that could use a sprucing.

Next story, I'll be writing about Nick Leonards, our current Senator Pro Tem in ASBSU. The following listed people are your current representatives in ASBSU:

MIKE KLINKHAMER - Arts and Sciences
DEREK WOODBURY - Health Sciences
ISAAC MEIRLE - Applied Technology
JENNIFER PRUE - Education
MATT VANDERBOG - Social Science and Humanities, Engineering and Business Senator, President and University Union/ASWSU Senator

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Truth not always found in corporate journalism

by Jeremy Maynard and Martin Fer
Special to The Arbiter

KTVB's President and General Manager Doug Armstrong recently resigned from the board of the Idaho Media Project Reports. He wrote that our analysis is "littered with inaccurate statements" and "poorly researched." Irredeemably so, there are so many fundamental inaccuracies that it would be unproductive to address each one.

We did our utmost to offer a report free from error. Primarily, we did so because we are interested in the truth. Especially in this case, though, error would have direct and dire consequences. Had we disseminated false information about "Idaho's NewsChannel"? Would we be risking our personal credibility, our professional reputations, and legal action. We couldn't take such risks, and so were very, very careful.

If our analysis is indeed "littered" with inaccuracies, then it should not be difficult for Doug Armstrong and his staff to identify even three specific factual errors. But, in July, our newsletter and this report were released and presented to every corporate media outlet in Idaho.

We suspect that - had we made even one serious mistake - we would know by now.

However, Armstrong's brief letter in simply wrong in several of its assertions.

First, again, our report is not in fact "littered with inaccuracies." That is false, and, we believe, maliciously so.

Second, although an Associate of the Idaho Media Project was an invited speaker to the Boise event, no one with IMP was involved in the local organization of the May 6 international day of protest to end industrial, medicinal, and recreational hemp prohibition.

Armstrong's assertion is patently false, and we attempted to correct KTIV's May broadcast of this inaccurate information in our July newsletter (see "The Media on Marijuana: The Debate Itself Could Be Painful").

Third, we have never "opposed" drug education in the media, in conversations with Armstrong, or in any other forum. Rather, IMP is calling for accurate and objective public education about the relative risks of the consumption of alcohol and other drugs, rather than the propaganda that supports a prison industrial complex fueled by the incarceration of citizens who use marijuana medically and recreationally.

Accurate information is shut out of the dialogue, IMP argues, in part because it constitutes a threat to corporate media's interest in maintaining revenue from the alcohol industry and from tobacco retailers. These drugs together kill over half million Americans a year. All prohibited drugs combined kill fewer than ten thousand. Yet two million Americans are in prison.

Finally, Armstrong misrepresents our analysis. He claims we argue that KTIV is not sufficiently supportive of Idaho Public Television (IPTV). Rather, we believe that corporate media outlets shouldn't be involved in shaping public television policy or programming at all. We point to KTIV's support of the "Enough is Enough" drug misinformation campaign, their support of the exclusiveness of Mission Media, to identify a convergence of interests with those in the Idaho Legislature who would punish IPTV for broadcasting "It's Elementary" and "Our House" - that is, for acknowledging that many Idahoans recognize the humanity and the rights of gays and lesbians. IPTV is threatened.

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Go green and save yourself

by Devin Kelly
Special to the Arbiter

Presidential candidate Nader gave a fundraising speech last month in Portland, tickets to the speech cost $11, roughly 10,000 people attended. Several days later George W. Bush gave a free speech in the same city, to a crowd of roughly 500.

Nader's request is simple, go green, save yourself. His justifications and beliefs are so extensive and hard-hitting that this short article will in no way do him justice. There is a strong, young, active and inspiring third political party in our nation—the Greens, and its membership is growing.

Consumer activist and environmentalist Nader represents its bid for the oval office, with his chances of winning are extremely slim. But the mainstream news. What you will hear will be misleading information presented by the democrats saying that a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush, that a vote for Nader is a vote against abortion. This simply isn't true, at the end of this article are several websites supporting my claim. This is all propaganda defending the democratic stronghold that is the oval office.

Nader acknowledges that his chances of winning are extremely slim. But the chances of his winning a certain percentage of the vote and achieving federal match-

We Apologize for the inconvenience

Forgive us if we are out of the loop here. We are serious students who care about doing what needs to be done to get good grades. Lately we have experienced a deep sense of irritation (commonly known as RAGE).

You see, in the last few years we have been paying for hunting permits (BSU parking permits), with the meager funds available to us as a full-time students. All the while hearing that the PARKING PROBLEM would soon be solved because of a new parking structure.

Last year we, and everyone we know at BS-YOU looked on as workers slowly built the new structure. It was refreshing to think that in 2000 we could possibly find a parking place near our classes instead of walking in the snow, wind, and rain, all the way from the stadium parking lot, especially when running on tight schedules.

We don't know who decided to be a complete ASS, but someone decided to make that parking structure into a public pay-as-you-stay place on our campus!

We will never forget the letter they sent us to over the summer stating the parking policy. We are amazed at how quiet they kept it, until then, from virtually all of our friends and classmates.

There is a tendency to overcomplicate a situation, especially when you are trying to make yourself seem important or to appease some lobbyist. This brings us to an important question: WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE OF THE PERSON WHO PULLED THIS SH** ON ALL OF US? EVERYONE HAS A MOTIVE.

We have pondered the motive a great deal and will leave it up to the reader to decide, but let us consider the problem: STUDENTS NEED GENERAL PARKING NEAR THE ED, MP, MATH/GEOP, SCI/NURSING AND BUSINESS BUILDINGS RIGHT?

"I know let's build a parking structure with student fees covering the cost, then charge to park in it by the hour and allow public parking too?" Then we'll build another one, and charge them to park in it as well. Then, another and another.

"All to what end? Only the rich will be able to park there anyway. Hmm...there are any economic studies out there on the percentage of students who could afford to park for 75 cents an hour? Do you think that someone who has INFLUENCE or perhaps MONEY told someone they needed covered parking at BSU to park their Mercedes? Curious?

I feel like the people in charge are out of touch with the people they are supposed to be serving. Nothing new there.

Look, we do not have an extra $30 or $50 a month to pay for parking in a structure that was intended to solve a PARKING PROBLEM. What is so hard about solving the problem? Build a big parking structure for STUDENT GENERAL PARKING, financing it with student fees set aside for that purpose - PERIOD!

If students had parking available where they needed, it would be no problem to pay an extra 10 Dollars a year! Stop complicating the situation and solve the PARKING PROBLEM.

Brett and Denise Woods

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Globalization, protests and the corporate media: What is happening here?

by Stuart Bryson

Special to the Arbiter

A gray blanket of poisonous gas floats above the street. Police dressed in black riot gear and gas masks are lined up in a phalanx, wielding gas canister launchers, huge rubber bullet and beanbag rifles and batons. They face an intersection where thousands of protesters with signs are hunkered down with bandanas covering their faces. An officer grabs and throws a water bottle from the hand of a protester, rinsing the eyes of a young woman who had been doused with pepper spray. Suddenly a flash-bang grenade explodes, sending a man rushing from the crowd bleeding from the ears. An officer begins shooting rubber bullets and hits several protesters in the back. The crowd begins to chant as a cloud of tear gas begins to envelop them. "The whole world is watching!"

This scene is commonplace in some parts of the world. But these protesters are not the Philippines, or in Taiwan. They are in the United States of America. It is not 1968. In fact, this is Seattle, November 30th, 1999.

And 50,000 protesters have gathered to fight for the environment, for human rights, for civil rights--for democracy. The WTO Protest was just the beginning. In the next 10 months there has been an explosion of such events. And to date the corporate news media has no clear explanation as to why tens of thousands of protesters continue to gather to the streets. I say corporate rather than 'mainstream,' because the 5 percent of the population that own the major media outlets doesn't constitute a majority.

We are beginning to see in Boise, and other cities throughout the United States, increasing evidence of an organized democratic grass-roots movement.

Growing global awareness over the past several years has resulted in the aggregation of multiple progressive agendas into one cohesive wave of human energy. Recent protests of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles and the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, the WTO Protest in Seattle last November, and Melbourne, Australia's recent protests, organized by labor, environmental, and human and civil rights proponents, are evidence of such a global movement. At each of these events, the message is consistent—Profit over people is no longer an acceptable way to conduct business. We must not be discouraged, we must realize that we can make a difference, and we must question how much longer we will be able to fight for our rights at all.

The initial media framing of any event has a far reaching impact on the public's perception and understanding. For instance, during an anti-police abuse march in Philadelphia, criticizing the police department for brutality, racism and killing unarmed suspects, the media used one particular police-protester moment to frame the public dialogue for the entire week. Chanting, "the bigots say get back, we say fight back!" protesters marched through the streets of downtown Philadelphia, stopping at a line of police officers. In full view of reporters and camera people, the police turned on signal and marched one block to the rear, showing "great restraint and discipline" in the face of the "hostile mob" for the corporate news reporters. Unfortunately, this restraint lasted only one day, and was quickly followed by more traditional methods of police restraint, including unjustified arrests, with bails as high as $1 million dollars, illegal searches of activist workplaces, and physical abuse for those incarcerated.

The public perception, however, had been set—the police acted responsibly and the protesters illegally.

Not since the 1960s have activists in such large numbers targeted the political machinery in the United States for its policies that favor the wealthy and the white. Due to these economic and political policies, the disparity between the wealthy and the middle and working classes continues to increase. In terms of real wages, the wealthy continue to get wealthier, while the other 80-90 percent of the population's real wages have not increased since the 1970's. It is estimated that as many as 100 million Americans will not vote in the upcoming Presidential election. Some contend this is because life is good in America, and it will continue to be good regardless of who gets elected. Others, however, feel that the real reason is that there is no real choice between the two major candidates. Neither Bush or Gore firmly address important issues such as campaign finance, reduction of military spending, establishment of a living wage, re-negotiation of international trade agreements to protect American jobs, universal health coverage, a reduction of public subsidies for large corporations so wealthy? Why would these news organizations not cover stories that impact billions of dollars in profit for the multinational companies that own them? Why would these news sources recognize the legitimacy of grassroots citizen groups that call into question the highly profitable global economic practices that make these corporations so wealthy?

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ing funds in the next election are looking better and better everyday. If we show our support by voting for Nader, and enlightening our friends to what we have learned, we begin to practice deep democracy. We start to make a small difference in the flow of our community and our existence. This small change can grow exponentially in four years time.

Unfortunately, due to difficult voter registration practice and a biased electoral system, Ralph Nader will not be on the ballot in Idaho. BUT HE CAN STILL BE ENTERED AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. Our votes can make a difference. Also, if this has moved you in any way, I encourage you to register as soon as possible. You may not vote in an election until two weeks after you are officially registered (which is a primary reason why Nader is not on the ballot). This is appearing in a college publication. This article (if published) could possibly reach several thousand potential voters, a sizable force in a state this small.

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The State of the Sandal

Flip-flops are wonderful things

by Kate Hoffman

I have an extremely bizarre tan. I didn't ask for a bizarre tan; in fact, I rarely tan at all. Any ultraviolet rays sneaking past my sunscreen force field cause freckles and fruitless suntan. Despite this, I have two vaguely pentagonal dirty spots, one on top of each foot, bearing witness to my choice of footwear this summer.

Sandals are wonderful things. Comfortable, lightweight, and cool, they allow one's phalanges to wiggle, breathe, pick items up and assist in simple arithmetic equations. Like sharks, sandals have survived from antiquity to the modern day; unlike sharks, they show no sign of endangerment. In fact, each spring heralds larger and more eclectic collections of this minimalist footwear.

If clothes make the man, then should not sandals likewise be a reflection of the wearer? I began examining the state of the sandal at Boise State. Around me I saw feet clad in a dizzying array of sandal varieties: Birkenstocks, fisherman sandals, high-heeled dress and flat-soled athletic sandals, mules, slides and thongs.

Some were leather; others merely pretended to be. There were vinyl and blatantly plastic specimens. A passing pair of dollar-store plastic flip-flops reminded me of a friend's college shoes made of yarn, cardboard, and duct tape.

Many of the athletic styles had apparently nylon straps, while less sturdy styles were constructed of soft fabric. Several feet sported embroidered, beaded, or die-cut designs on their sandals, while others were decked out with bold brand logos.

Most sandals were flat-soled, but others had heels or platforms. Some of these were held together by Velcro, and others with plastic or metal buckles. One or two had laces, and several had no adjustable fastenings.

Overall, they ran the gamut from extremely practical to ridiculous, from inordinately expensive to cheap, from boring and sedate to footwear fit for royalty. What conclusions could I draw from this melange of summer shoes? I began with my own feet, which were comfortably encased in very plain, pseudo-leather athletic sandals. The marketing term is "hiking sandals," although hiking with foot bared and no ankle support is a proposition only a shoemaking executive would dream up.

Objectively, I would say the wearer of these sandals was practical, did a lot of walking, and didn't worry overmuch about fashion. A pretty fair description, overall... but I was not content to let a sleeping theory lie.

I pictured in my mind a pair of 8-inch platform, lavender-butter-excruciatingly dancing sandals essentially disco balls for the feet. Terribly impractical, arguably tacky, immoderately flirtatious - and owned by yours truly, who would and could not disco for love nor money. Well, maybe for the right amount of money.... Perhaps one can't tell a person by his or her sandals, after all. Still, I found myself preoccupied with the subject.

My thoughts quickly wandered to the Great Sock Debate. Is it proper to wear socks with sandals, and if so, must they be white? As a firm believer that life is too short to wear boring socks, I discarded the white sock mandate immediately. Yet were socks ever permissible (outside of Europe)?

Most agree that very long socks worn with shorts is a colossal fashion faux pas. Others insist that socks are compatible with sandals, with long pants only.

Of course, the act of pairing sandals and socks eliminates an entire world of accessorizing. A good number of neither digits currently sport toe rings, a phenomenon which strikes me as attractive but potentially uncomfortable. Another cute-but-uncomfy style is the eternity anklet, a contraption consisting of matching toe ring and anklet connected by an ornamental chain.

While both of these fashions are predominantly girl-orientated, there is no gender barrier for tattoos. Both male and female feet have tattoos, usually on the outer ankle. Since sandals accentuate the foot, they serve as an ideal frame for this somewhat less seasonal accessory.

Another fashion statement that sandals encourage is toenail polish, which is becoming increasingly popular with both guys and gals. As I found to my dismay as I studied my own feet, wearing sandals has the unfortunate side effect of emphasizing toenail disrepair.

The flood of passing feet slowed, so I slipped my ragged-toenailed, peculiarly tanned feet into my practical sandals and headed out of the SUB.

Carefully maneuvering across the Magic Eye carpet, I wondered: What is the future of the sandal? Unless Nike has lost its touch, we already have air-pump sandals, but what about digital sandals that calculate the distribution of your weight on the sole and calibrate to adjust? How about indestructible sandals for those of us who go through several pairs each summer? The possibilities are endless: heated sandals for winter wear, GPS sandals (for freshmen in Chaffee)... maybe sandals with ankle support. Perhaps sandals with custom designs carved on top, for personalized tans? Until then, I fully intend to enjoy my two dirty smudges and my 10 freely wiggling toes.

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with privatization, we argue, because private stations can pull shows that offend powerful, but tiny minorities, while public stations must admit everyone.

At least we agree on one thing. As we wrote in the April 6th Boise Weekly, and as Armstrong paraphrases without attribution in his letter, "just because one has the right to do something, doesn't mean it's the right thing to do." Corporations do under current law enjoy First Amendment free speech rights, so they can say pretty much what they want.

IMP will continue to encourage KTVB and other outlets to adhere to the standard of truth so as to serve the interests of all of Idaho's diverse communities and constituencies. In fact, we'd prefer that KTVB did not adhere to what Armstrong refers to as the "gold standard" of corporate journalism.

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Next week...

the difference between analysis and news explained
The PC Factory

Weekly NOW and ACLU meetings

No longer, these men wall, do college curricula mandate such perennials as mathematics, physics and "Last of the Mohicans." Instead, many universities offer such courses as Lesbian Novels, Cultural Values and Gender and Rock and Roll not only as viable classes, but as actual means to satisfy students' core requisites.

Oh sure, you think you're immune to the liberals' diabolical influence. After all, you reason, you're a born and bred Idahoan, conservative 'til your dying breath. George W. to the end, hoohah for big business, boo on big government, right? Wrong, my fresh-eyed, naive future sidekick. We'll get you and your little dog, too.

We'll start subtly, slowly rolling and kneading your young mind before throwing it into the leftist baking oven. We'll start subtly, slowly rolling and kneading your young mind before throwing it into the leftist baking oven. You won't even start noticing the difference until Thanksgiving when, during the ritual carving of the turkey, you stun Mom and Pop by pondering out loud just why so many birds had to die for this ceremony.

Now, now, let's not blame all of your impending metamorphosis on those ex-chic hippie professors and their radical college courses. As the conservative columnists fall over themselves to point out, some credit rests on the shoulders of those wacky "PC gang," those "multiculturalists." Not content to foster within their black-light lit dorm rooms, thinking up newer and even more euphemistic labels, they language wranglers prey on our rosy-cheeked, first-year students and their innocent slips of the tongue. Armed with studies proving women's lowered self-esteem in the face of the universal "he" and highlighting the predominance of upper-class, Anglo men stewing our history lessons, these gang members slither through our classrooms, stuffing our educational stockings full of ethnic, sexual, racial and gender representation.

Those PC gags, bombastic burrowing with books by Noam Chomsky, Patricia Hill Collins and Michael Parenti, manage to recruit the unlikeliest members. Like a bong on the neck, their propagandist message stings initially but soon spreads throughout the system, transforming political and social apathy into a never-ending quest to learn and do more.

Meanwhile, such shameless leftist college courses as "Women in Religion" and "African American Studies" sneak subversive, diversity-tolerant messages into students' malleable little minds. Events such as BSU's Human Rights Week in January and Women's History Month in March further infect them with the need to put the quotidians on trial and shake up their social roles.

In other words, we get you from every side. Go ahead and try to bury yourself in your English, Biology and Western Civ courses. Try and pretend you don't increasingly notice the lack of racial representation on the tube or the sexist whispers of your coworkers. You can run, my little convert, but you can't hide. You give us four years, and you're bound right up there with the rest of us oldtimers in embodying such disgustingly cuddly traits as altruism, social awareness and helpfulness.

If that doesn't work, we can always get the PC Gang to come sing Woodie Guthrie songs on your front lawn. Don't make us get ugly.

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and tax breaks for large corporations. In the same way the corporate media ignores the purpose of the protests, it virtually ignores the third party presidential candidates as well. When candidates such as the Green Party's Ralph Nader are mentioned, it is to delegitimize and marginalize their campaigns.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans are irrevocably grounded in corporate global interests as much as the media. Campaign finance is at an all-time high with lobby groups pouring money into the Democratic and Republican campaigns. In a recent survey in "The Nation," both campaign contributors and voters indicated that they felt members of Congress make decisions based on what their political contributors want 68-80 percent of the time. At one time in our not-so-recent political past, the idea that global corporate interests are undermining democracy, environment, human and civil rights in the United States fell into the category of "conspiracy theory" for most people. For many, however, this is becoming more of a reality. These changes have occurred largely two reasons.

For one, many are calling into question the actions of multinational corporations and their secretive, undemocratic bedfellows. A recent report commissioned by the United Nations strongly criticizes three of these major organizations: the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and World Trade Organization (WTO). The report maintains that their influence over many developing countries has had negative repercussions on basic human and civil rights. The report focuses on the lack of transparency and accountability, and the lack of a democratic structure at all.

The second major factor influencing our changing paradigm is the way we access information, such as the use of "free" and immediate discourse via the Internet. In the same way television coverage of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement was instrumental in raising citizens' consciousness of current events in the 1960s, the internet has opened channels to immediate global information free of corporate biases limited to the interests of advertisers and media owners that currently plague the majority of the media. Never has so much information been available to so many people. Consequently, it has facilitated communication between groups across the street and across the world.

Living in Boise for over 10 years I have been witness to many changes. More recently, I have noticed the rise in groups on and off campus that focus on ecological, social, human rights and labor and fairness issues in the media.

Some newcomers include the Idaho Media Project, The Campus Greens and chapters of Food Not Bombs. This spurring of grassroots democratic organizations is indicative of the politics of globalization and the lack of representation of certain minorities in more traditional political venues. Direct action has been more and more evident here in Boise, with Green Party and industrial hemp and marijuana decriminalization rallies on the steps of the State Capital.

At 5:30 on Sept. 26th activists from various groups who believe people should come before profit will again rally in front of the State Capital as a part of a global day of action. In Prague, on the same day, tens of thousands will congregate to protest the IMF and World Bank policies of enforcing debt repayments that cause hundreds of thousands to die in impoverished Third World nations. It would be exciting to see a quarter as many fans of democracy there, as we see football fans at a Bronco game!

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Arctic Spirit: Inuit intuit spiritual relations between man and nature

by Scott Horting

A carved piece of bone, some ink and some toilet paper provided the demonstration that led to the oldest continually running fine art print shop in all of Canada. Another result was the Arctic Spirit Canadian Inuit exhibit of printmaking, sculpture and original drawings recently on display at BSU.

Arctic Spirit was a display of nearly 900 items from the private collection of John and Joyce Price of Seattle, on loan from June 21 to Sept. 15.

James Huston launched a miniature arctic cultural revolution in the late 1940s by innocently answering a simple question about a cigarette pack. An Inuit man asked him how white people were able to draw the picture on one pack exactly like the picture on another pack of smokes. Huston’s inventive use of common materials and native art to illustrate a primitive intaglio print technique sparked the imaginations of the local artists. Although the native art tradition prior to European contact included the carving of small ornaments, utensils, and religious objects, the type of art produced was limited by the migratory lifestyle of the Inuit people. The materials available were also a constraint— with walrus ivory and bone, whalebone, baleen and caribou products being the main options. An exception was the carving of soapstone and serpentine in the production of the nukkuk, the combination oil lamp / heater / stove of the Inuit. With the adoption of a more sedentary lifestyle, the stone, easily carved and able to take a high polish to reveal rich veins of color, began to be used more specifically for sculpture.

It was the efforts of James Huston, himself an artist, but acting in his role as a Canadian Federal Officer, that encouraged the development of sculpture and printmaking as an economic base among Inuit communities on the coast of Hudson Bay.

Many of the works in the Arctic Spirit exhibit are a navire of the type so valued by Paul Klee— these are not, however, the productions of the insane or of children, but of elders of the communities whose lead in accepting art as legitimate occupations of the people was essential to the success of the experiment. Marginal cultures are by necessity conservative since innovation can mean death if unsuccessful. To view the range of expression with this in mind enriches the experience considerably.

Other pieces require no context other than their own formal elements. The steatite stone sculpture, Inuit Family, with its monolithic weight and rough finish makes reference to Michaelangelo’s Slave series, Brancusi’s works, totem poles, and would not be out of place in a New York gallery next to a Neri bronze, such is its mythic timelessness.

Many of the other sculptures share a unity of style and finish that is due to a large extent to the plastic qualities of the stone used. Soapstone carves easily but lends itself to curvilinear forms which are easier to smooth and polish, although Henry Moore’s sculptures come to mind with their related organic references.

Some of the prints benefit from their being influenced by Japanese printmaking techniques, which Huston studied for six months before bringing them to the Inuit. From the chop mark signatures to the more subtle and essential qualities of simplicity and understatement, the Inuit prints display a humility in the face of the natural world that is in harmony with Japanese esthetic values, while remaining uniquely their own.

It is unfortunate that the lecture given by the collection’s owner John Price came at the end of the exhibit’s stay in Boise, rather than at the beginning. It is nearly a cliche’ to say that this is a show that you should not miss, but by the time you have read this, it is all too sad but true, that you already have.

Arctic Expression: Artist James Huston uses native elements to create miniature expressions of northern life

photo by: Ted Harmon / The Arbiter
Autumn A-MaiZE-ment

by Nicole Sharp

I'm an intelligent person. I mean, I can figure out how to work a VCR timer; I can solve the occasional brain teaser (given time) and given a map, I can find my way around. But for some reason, I could not get out of the corn MAiZE in Meridian. Little children were sprinting around me, screaming and laughing (taunting me, I'm sure) going any way they wanted, and they were able to get out before me.

The corn MAiZE is back again this year, and better than ever. It covers 13 acres, the path is a total of 5 1/2 miles long, and the average time to make it through is an hour and 45 minutes to two hours (at least that's what the owner Sam Johnson told me.) So what was my excuse for this three-hour tour? Bad sense of direction? No, I'll blame the people I was with, who kept saying "turn left" when it was obviously we should have turned right.

Five years ago, Brett Herbst got the idea to make a maze out of a cornfield from a farming magazine. He started the first MAiZE in Provo, Utah, but the concept has caught on like mad over 102 mazes since his first. Herbst has now designed MAiZE locations across the US. Herbst has now designed over 102 mazes since his first.

Last year's maze drew over 40,000 visitors, and due to those high numbers, a second location has been added in Nampa. This year's Meridian design is in the shape of a cowboy on a bucking bull along with the words "Yee Haw Idaho". The Nampa MAiZE is a six-acre representation of Mr. Potato Head along with the words "Idaho's Famous Potato". Sam Johnson also told me that if you get a chance to see either maze from a plane it's quite extraordinary.

Both the Meridian and Nampa MAiZE opened last Friday. For everyone who went through the MAiZE in Nampa, a dollar was donated to help Christa Jett, a Notus High School junior who has been diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma and is paralyzed from the tumor. She is hospitalized in Philadelphia while undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. But donations can also be made at any Home Federal Savings and Loan branch in Christa's name.

The Maize will be running through Oct. 31. The hours are Monday to Thursday 4-9:30p.m.; Friday 4-10:30p.m.; and Saturday's 10a.m.-10:30p.m. Prices vary at the different locations and group rates are available. For more information call 208-465-5654 in Nampa and 208-938-4993 in Meridian. But I think that the MAiZE is well worth the time and money and your time. Christa would appreciate it too.

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Anyone can benefit from the act of creative expression

by Mona Morrison

"Saturday, in the park, I think it was the Fourth of July... or was that the ninth of September? At any rate, "it" was great. People were indeed laughing, dancing, and a man was selling ice cream. The event, of course, was the Beaux Arts' annual Art in the Park Celebration, held at Julia Davis Park.

I look forward to this annual fête. I'm not much of a crowd person, but the people who congregate at Art in the Park typically exude positive, low-frequency energy as they converge on the grassy space beneath a canopy of mature trees to meander through the various tents and booths.

We all peruse the pottery, photographs, paintings, wood-working, and various handi-crafts, and look for the one perfect item to take home. Besides, 50 percent of all proceeds help fill the Boise Art Museum's coffers, so it can't really hurt to blow the budget just this once, right?

My daughter's favorite booths include the ones with stuffed animals and the ones where people get stuffed. Like any other fair, eating and drinking are main draws, especially after working up an appetite by power shopping the frog-studded mug booth.

There are many who claim that this kind of "arts" event isn't really art, but a poor substitute for the real thing. I vehemently beg to differ: Creativity, which utilizes skill and vision, comes in all levels, and each level is worthy of support. My definition of the "arts" includes the concept of focused, disciplined learning of structured skills of expression. The amount of skill attained varies greatly from person to person, but the process of attaining those skills has great value.

For example, during Art in the Park, I witnessed hundreds of young children who envisioned projects, wielded art tools such as brushes, and produced original compositions. Hundreds of these creations featured square houses with smoke rolling out the chimneys, and hundreds more were of suns setting between triangular mountain peaks, but each of these portraits was embedded with the kernels of art. Was this high art? Of course not. Did this help teach a love of art? I think so.

The same criteria can be applied to music. Those who go to school concerts, church choirs, and community events simply to count the wrong notes and the inevitable dissonance are missing the picture. All attempts at art are worthy of support. How else will we sustain the appreciation that arrives through effort and knowledge?

During the last few years, studies have been published which show the benefits of music and active participation in the arts. Although most of these studies target the subject of children and brain development, there are also fascinating reports of the difference the arts can make in adults.

One example is a report of how stroke victims, robbed of the ability to speak, are able to communicate smoothly through singing the words, rather than speaking them. Music therapy helps autistic children reach out; it aids in lifting depression, and gives numerous other benefits to aging adults.

Enumerating the benefits of music education would take volumes, but they include an improved spatial sense, higher self-esteem, higher grade point averages, higher SAT scores, self-discipline, goal setting, team work... and the list goes on.

The point is that the arts benefit everyone who spends time and energy working in them. So why should we limit arts access only to the elite, to the high-powered, to the "super-kids", and the adults who can afford $100 box seats at the opera? So next time you get the chance, attend a show, participate in a choir, draw or paint or photograph something, or put your thoughts in writing. The mind you save may be your own.

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Cheap philosophy hits bathroom walls

by Megan Marchetti

"Remember you are unique just like everybody else." -Marquise in the corner on Capital and Front, downtown Boise, Idaho

Cheap philosophy originates from the commencement of chapters, bumper stickers and it is written on bathroom walls. Let's begin our theorizing with the crappy kind. My mother (and everybody who is a mother) has told me "If you do not have anything nice to say do not say anything at all." Well, probably dearest, it is this mental handicap that causes the spread of injustice, of defilement, seduction and just plain evil people to flood our streets. Like the title of my favorite 80's flick "Say Anything." Stand up for what you believe! How about the famous Shakespeare quote "What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine." I am all for sharing but there are a few things that I just will not share; towels, underwear, share; towels, underwear.

Cheap philosophy on a little hand made -poster a friend of mine had on her bathroom mirror. "Dear God, Please protect me from your followers." Or how about the bumper sticker that states "Mean people breed little mean people." That is a notable and free warning. My father's favorite piece of wisdom is that a joke is only funny if it is "funnier than a turd in a punchbowl." A little puns.

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"The Watcher just isn't worth watching"

by Kate Hoffman

Five minutes before "The Watcher" was due to play, I walked into the theater and stopped dead. I was witnessing a rare phenomenon: a completely empty theater for a late-night first-run movie. Certain that someone would barge in at the last moment and spoil my exclusive viewing, I chose a good seat and began the seemingly endless wait for the previews.

Five minutes of silence, ten minutes of uninspiring previews and five minutes of dialogue-less film later, I abandoned the idea of any latecomers. Apparently the public knew something I had not: "The Watcher" is worth waiting for...waiting, that is, until it hits the 99c rack at Hastings. Rarely does a movie so successfully fail to earn any of my approval. Complete with a late 80's made-for-TV movie soundtrack, "The Watcher" definitely ranks right down there with the worst of them intended to h.

Reeves and Spader are a sort of yin and yang relationship. Spader had worked on Reeves' case in Los Angeles, but when the killer struck too close to home the detective retreated to Chicago. Only a few months later, a pattern of gruesome killings begins to emerge in Chicago - a pattern with Reeves' name all over it. A strangely unexciting game of cat and mouse begins as Reeves teases Spader with photographs of his intended victims, giving him twenty-four hours to save the girls before he slaughters them. Each failed attempt on Spader's part brings him painfully closer to a series of enigmatic memories, namely the death of his wife. While this could possibly have been worked into a passable imitation of a subplot, the distracting cinematography and uninspired acting destroy the entire effect.

Reeves' proven method of murder is the one gem in this movie, perhaps a disgruntled former music major, Reeves garrottes his victims with piano wire. I anxiously anticipated the obvious G string joke, but "The Watcher" took itself far too seriously to slip in any dirty little puns. This is unfortunate, as no one else is likely to see the G string joke. Reeves fails to come across as sinister, although his walk-in closet fetish, endearing homicidal smile and dance routines do establish him as a credible psychopath.

Three distinct scene types dominate this movie. The first is the counseling session scene, which repeats throughout and ends up (predictably) a focal point of the film. The second type is what might be termed Completely Unbelievable Action. Overweight policemen gallivant across rooftops and easily catch and overpower spry, desperate teenage felons. Unemployed, mentally unbalanced detectives barge into police stations and take over investigations without the slightest opposition. Bad guys blow up cars, punctuated by long shots of Spader staring into space, causing one to wonder if he is having a psychotic episode or merely trying to find the plot line. By the end of the movie, I could sympathize with both.
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by Mark Holladay
Olympic tether ball monitor

As I sat watching the Summer Olympics this past week I thoroughly enjoyed the combined brotherhood of man joined together to compete in harmonious bliss. The fact that people from all walks of life can come together and prove the advancement of mankind does indeed take place is awe-inspiring.

Relaxing in my big cozy chair I began to ponder the existence of man. My mind began to drift and in true wisdom-from-the-stars fashion I had an epiphany. (I think I've figured it out.)

I believe that humanity was placed here on this pre-constructed space rock so that some advanced alien corporation could lab test us little monkeys. Either that, or we're some kind of intergalactic bar bet.

At some point in the future a group of advanced athletes will undoubtedly reach some predetermined juncture and the conclusion of the experiment will have been achieved. The bar bet will have been won (nuclear extinction being the other side of the coin) or the research specifications met.

Regardless of the true origin of our species the funding will undoubtedly be cut and we'll all be placed in the closet with the double-thumbed bunny rabbit organic fruit drinks and collect dust. Go USA!

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