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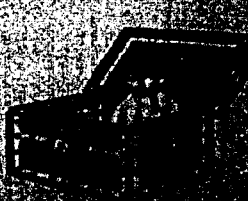
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On page 22 of the October 4, 2000 print edition of *The Arbiter*, the byline of Jerel Thomas was left off of the column titled "From Right Field." The commentary is not an editorial representative of the opinions and views of *The Arbiter* editorial staff. *The Arbiter* apologizes to Thomas and for any confusion the missing byline might have caused.

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IMF protesters call for police accountability, dropped charges

Demonstrators ask for meeting with police

by Hannah T. Bankhead
the Arbiter

Boise Police Chief Don Pierce was surrounded at an Oct. 3 press conference by over 20 protesters who alleged his officers used excessive force to break up the Sept. 26 demonstration against the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Police ended the demonstration and 18 protesters — most of them students — were arrested.

Protesters at the rally ranged from Green Party USA members, to members of the Boise State University campus organization, Progressive Student Alliance, to labor and environmental groups and anarchists dressed in black with covered faces.

Scott Bonner said when police officers arrested him during the Sept. 26 protest, they jumped on top of him and came within inches of breaking his neck.

Pierce told reporters that Bonner was arrested because he was shouting orders to other demonstrators while being arrested. Bonner said that was not true.

"I did see that myself," Pierce responded.

"Then I am saying you are lying," Bonner replied.

Boise State University graduate student, Jeremy Maxand told Pierce, many protesters would have gone peacefully, but they could not hear the officers' orders over police sirens.

Maxand called on Pierce to do three things.

"First, we want all charges against protesters who were arrested for assaulting a police officer dropped," Maxand requested.

"Second," Maxand said, "We want no disciplinary action taken against any officers who refused to participate in the police riot."

According to some protesters' accounts, one police officer refused to participate in the arrest or the control of protesters when his co-officers began pushing, shoving and violently manhandling demonstrators.

Maxand told Pierce the demonstrators wanted to discuss what happened to protesters during the rally.

"We are calling for a meeting between those involved in the demonstration and the police chief to talk about concerns about officer training and how to prevent a similar situation from happening again," Maxand said.

Despite hassles, some participants in the Sept. 26 protest called it a success. Boise State student Tobin Steiskal cited the high turnout of marchers. He also said the group accomplished their two goals.

"We wanted to stand in solidarity with the people of Prague," Steiskal said. "And we wanted to educate people and make them aware of world issues."

Pierce said he was not going to investigate allegations of police violence until rally participants submit a formal complaint. Protesters say they have taken their case to Boise Police Ombudsman Pierce Murphy.

"I've encouraged people to come down and speak with Internal Affairs," said Pierce. "We'll sit down and have a cup of coffee and review the video tapes, but so far we haven't gotten any takers."

-Elizabeth Heiner and Sean Hayes contributed to this report

Idaho faculty salaries dangerously low

by Kate Hoffman
the Arbiter

A survey of education faculty salaries published in the National Education Association's 1999 yearbook shows that Idaho ranks 43rd in the country.

Idaho faculty salaries in universities rank 16.3 percent lower than the national average; in four-year colleges, the salaries rank 9.2 percent lower than average.

Faculty members from Boise State University, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, and Lewis-Clark State College contributed to a position paper regarding the results of this survey and the effects of the low salaries on the state.

According to the paper, low salaries have already caused the quality of higher education in this state to deteriorate.

The rate of voluntary, non-retirement resignations has risen substantially in Idaho colleges and universities. At this time there are 474 professors, associate professors, and assistant professors at Boise State.

According to anecdotal evidence, over eighty Boise State faculty in these positions quit or retired early in the past five years. The number of willing and qualified applicants to fill these positions is steadily decreasing, adding to the increasingly difficult task of hiring and retaining faculty.

Because of this, higher learning institutions may be forced to hire less-qualified applicants for teaching positions, or to increase class size. Education analysts say such actions could lower the quality of higher education in Idaho, possibly lower enrollment and damaging the economy.

The NEA survey results have been supported by several other studies. The 2000 Almanac from the Chronicle for Higher Education shows that the salaries at Idaho institutions are nearly \$10,000 less than the national average. At the full-professor level, the Annual College and University Personnel Association determined a gap of over \$11,000. This study shows that nationally salaries have increased considerably faster than in Idaho.

"The situation will deteriorate ever more rapidly as long as nothing is done to bring salaries into line with those of an acceptable peer group," states the faculty position paper. "The longer we wait, the more deleterious the effect will be on the Idaho economy."

Web class could ease religious tension

BSU offers conflict management for church groups

by Devin Kelly
the Arbiter

The office of Conflict Management Services is offering a new dispute resolution program through the Boise State University division of extended studies.

The program, focusing around a web class entitled "Conflict Management and Mediation in the Faith-Based Context," will train students to deal with interpersonal understanding of conflict issues within a congregation or religious order. The class will train participants to help those within the religious group to work through differences and adversity. However the class is not interdoctrinal; it is not designed to deal with issues between different faiths.

This is a non-credit certificate program designed for those students who cannot necessarily make it to BSU for class or don't have time for traditional on-campus classes. The web-based class is at the core of the program, which also includes a series of workshops and field experiments that can be taken in the student's local area.

The program's director, Suzanne McCorkle of the office of Conflict Management said there is support from several instructors around the nation and the Methodist Convention.

The class will focus primarily on basic skills in conflict management and interpersonal communication, giving a better understanding of resolution and. What students learn can also have many applications in other social realms, such as business and government.

McCorkle feels that this will fill a need in the community by opening communication and understanding. To keep the class communication lively, registration is limited to 10 students. McCorkle says that participation in conversation and interaction is expected.

Interested students should have a knowledge of word-processing, Internet usage, search engines and downloading. On certain days students will be expected to log on, but not during any specific time block. The cost to students is \$155.

Students interested in the program may contact McCorkle at 426-3928.

Student Government

ASBSU Senate's second bill of the year

Gives themselves a raise

by Sean Hayes
the Arbiter

Although \$231 a month does not seem like a lot of money ASBSU has the distinction of having among the highest-paid student government officials in the nation. Due to the nontraditional nature of Boise State University students, service awards are offered at higher rates than colleges where most students live on or near campus.

Current Senate Pro Tem Nick Leonardson, however, does not think this is enough. His first bill of the semester, a raise in the monthly service awards of both the Senate and the executive staff to a mean of about \$250.

"I'm not sure students know how much effort senators are putting in," said Amanda Milbrant in defense of the bill.

Milbrant was appointed to the College of Business Senator position last month, after the previous position holder failed to meet his required 2.25 GPA requirement.

The ASBSU executive staff mostly follows the same pay scale as Senate. The Homecoming Chair and National Student Exchange coordinator are paid more. The NSE coordinator, Kara Janney, is the highest-paid executive staff member, bearing the dis-

tingtion of being the only student NSE Coordinator in the nation. The ASBSU president and vice president will also see a raise, the respective \$600 and \$550 paychecks will be upped to \$625 and \$600.

The purpose of the bill as listed is to keep service awards consistent with other organizations offering similar awards, and to remain consistent with student fees. Service awards have not been raised since the approval of the 1997/98 budget.

The bill did come under heavy opposition, particularly from Senator-at-Large Brooke Baldwin, and passed by only one tiebreaker vote to enter third reading of legislation.

"It looks very bad to see the second bill of the year is to increase Senate pay," Baldwin said. "We haven't proven that we've earned it yet."

Sen. Bradley Saito disagreed with her second point, saying that senators put in "effort, sweat and stress" representing students at important committees, where they are frequently the only sources of student input.

Several senators said that if this change were to go through, perhaps the Senate should set up a booth to answer questions to justify pay increases to inquiring students. Senators

also sought to remind students that input on this or any other matter may be offered during the gallery comments portion of Senate meetings. The ASBSU Senate meets at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Senate Forum.

Most power of hard change on the Boise State campus is held in committees, which report back recommendations to BSU President Charles Ruch and his cabinet. The strongest powers the ASBSU Senate holds are providing funds for student clubs and proposing resolutions, which are strongly worded recommendations that certain changes be made on campus or in the community.

If approved by Senate, the new pay increases will not go into effect until the next ASBSU President's budget is approved, which generally happens toward the end of the spring semester. Leonardson, Baldwin and Saito will see their terms end this November unless they are re-elected in the fall at-large senator elections.

Packets to run in the fall elections are currently available at the ASBSU desk in the SUB. College senator positions in the Graduate, Technology and Engineering sectors are also available.

on campus

Student leaders advocate dead week policy to Calendar Committee

by Sean Hayes
the Arbiter

According to Boise State University policy, professors cannot give tests the week before finals, but some student leaders are advocating a stronger policy as the Calendar Committee is about to meet to set academic date policy for the next five years.

ASBSU Senators-at-large Trevor Irish and Maggie Mahoney campaigned Vice President of Student Affairs Peg Blake to strengthen current policy, of which the senators say many students are currently not aware.

Mahoney says that though tests are not allowed, quizzes remain acceptable. She says that the distinction between a quiz and a test depends wholly on the level of difficulty of the professor, also lab tests are considered quizzes and may be given the week before exams.

Irish advocates allowing students a literal week before final exams in which no classes would be held, giving students a week-long break to study. This change is not expected to pass by the committee.

Mahoney lists her biggest concerns as the fact that professors may introduce new material the week before final exams, and that papers and projects may be due the week of finals.

In response, Blake hopes to give ASBSU the power to enforce current dead week policy at the University, allowing students who may be intimidated by their professors to bring complaints before student leaders. The current dead week policy is outlined in the student handbook.

Counseling Center helps calm student nerves

by Roxanne Nichols
Special to the Arbiter

Is school driving you crazy? Do you need someone to talk to? You can go to the Counseling and Testing Center to get help.

The Counseling and Testing Center is available to any enrolled student, said Dr. Jim Nicholson, the director of the center. All counseling is free, but testing may cost, he said.

Senior staff members, who are either licensed psychologists or counselors, provide the counseling. Four counseling graduate students also work in the center, Nicholson said. None of them prescribe, but the center works closely with the Student Health Center, he said.

Students can schedule unlimited appointments, based on the student's need and the arrangements made with the professional involved, he said. Appointments usually last 50 minutes.

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Organizers expect more than 120 employers at Career Fair

by Alana Paxton

Special to the Arbiter

Career/Job Fair 2000, sponsored by Boise State University's Career Center, will be held next Wed. Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom.

"It's a great opportunity for students to start a network by making contact with employers and passing out resumés," said Shelley Metzger, the Center's associate director.

More than 120 representatives from local and national companies are expected to attend this year's fair. A variety of health-care facilities, businesses, and governmental agencies will be represented. Albertsons, Wells Fargo Financial, and Micron Technology are just a few of the businesses scheduled to attend.

Crucial Technology, Washington Group International Inc., and the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be attending for the first time, Metzger said.

Students will meet with potential employers, learn about career choices, and discover internship opportunities for the spring semester, she said.

Employers will be available for students to ask questions about salaries and the job outlook, she said.

Last October, 127 business representatives and 2,000 students attended the fair, she said.

Public invited to attend language conference

Boise State University will host the annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association at the Grove Hotel on Oct. 12-14. The public is invited to attend free workshops on a range of literature and writing topics.

The association is comprised of college professors of writing and literature in English and foreign languages. Scholars from 38 states, 124 colleges and universities and two foreign countries are expected to attend.

Because the conference's emphasis this year is on community, Boise State has pur-

chased passes permitting local residents to join the sessions. The passes are free and may be obtained during the conference at the registration desk at the Grove Hotel.

The conference offers 90 sessions that focus on teaching and research in languages and literatures. They combine prepared papers and open discussion. Sessions that may interest the public include: Children's Literature, Western Literature, Life Writing, Fashion for Professionals, Technical Communication in the Workplace, The American Novel Into Film, Creative Writing, Women in Literature, Teaching English Online and many other topics.

A complete schedule of the conference is available at <http://rmmla.wsu.edu/rmmla> by clicking on conventions, then complete program. For more information contact 426-1199.

Application information is available at the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, department of social work. For more information, call 426-1568.

Health and Wellness Center publishes online

The Boise State Health and Wellness Center is now publishing its BEWELL newsletter online.

The newsletter will continue to provide health and wellness information to the BSU community.

The newsletter is available at www.boisestate.edu/wellness/.

Rake Up Boise participants sought

Boise State employees will again participate in the annual Rake Up Boise service for senior citizens on Nov. 11.

The BSU Association of Classified Employees, BSU Association of Office Professionals, professional staff and faculty are sponsoring the university's participation.

The rake-up effort at the homes of seniors will happen from approximately 9 to 11 a.m. To sign up for a BSU team, contact Valencia Garrett at 426-1631 or

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Student handcuffs self, goes on hunger strike in protest of new dining arrangements

by Dan Murtaugh

Daily Northwestern
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(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. - Police slap handcuffs on people who create a public disturbance. In Willy Bailey's case, they were called in to take them off.

Bailey, a Northwestern University hunger-striker, handcuffed himself to a railing in front of the apple juice fountain in Allison Hall's cafeteria during dinner last month. For nearly a week, the sophomore refused food to protest the decision to shift some weekend meal service from Allison to 1835 Hinman.

Allison Food Service Manager Andrew Navidzadeh asked Bailey to uncuff himself

and return to his seat, but Bailey said he couldn't unlock the cuffs because he didn't buy the key.

"The hunger strike is fine," Navidzadeh said, "but when he handcuffed himself he disrupted the flow of drink traffic."

But Bailey said he would yield.

"I'll gladly slide down for someone who wants some apple juice," he said.

Allison's dining hall staff contacted University Police, and within 15 minutes, an officer was questioning Bailey about his motives.

"Public displays are needed to let people know about a cause," Bailey told police.

And when Bailey mentioned to UP that he didn't have the key to his handcuffs, the officer

grabbed the end attached to the railing and pulled it off.

"The least you could have done was get yourself some real handcuffs," the officer said.

Students shouted "Free Willy" while UP spoke to Bailey and cheered when Bailey left the dining hall a free man.

"He's my hero," said Medill freshman Daniel Frommer, Bailey's friend. "He's the strongest-willed human being I've ever known."

Not all students, however, support Bailey's cause. Shannon Mok, a Weinberg sophomore who lives in the Public Affairs Residential College and regularly eats at Allison, said Bailey's actions trivialize the causes people usually go on strike for.

"Closing Allison (on week-

ends) is a big deal, but it's not worth going on a hunger strike over," she said.

Bailey, ate nothing but salt and a vitamin C pill for almost a week. His friends say he has been calm and reserved and has shown no real signs of weakness.

After leaving the dining hall Friday, Bailey stood on the top of the steps leading to Allison's main entrance with his fist raised in the air and the "Rocky III" theme song; "The Eye of the Tiger," blaring in the background. He also ran across campus dressed only in boxers after NU's win over Michigan State on Saturday.

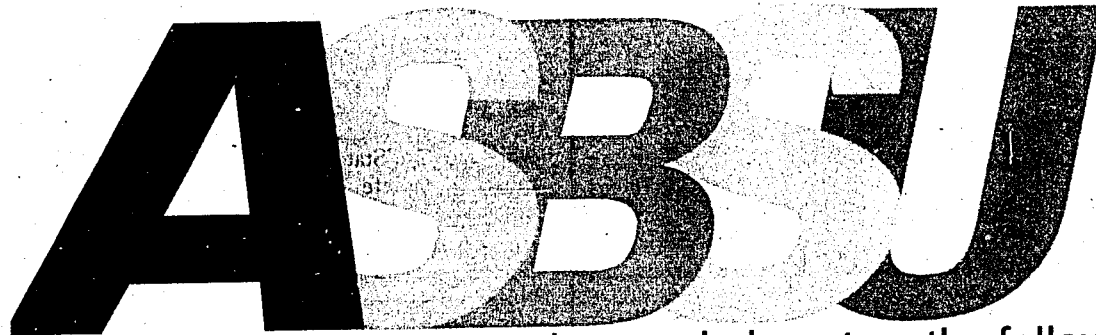
That behavior is "no crazier than usual," Frommer said.

Bailey said he didn't visit Hinman over the weekend but

continued the strike in his room. He plans to resume his strike in Allison today, although he might spice up his routine of sitting for about an hour during lunch and during the entire hour-and-a-half dinner period.

"I'm gonna bring some music with me," he said. "It gets pretty boring sitting down there every day."

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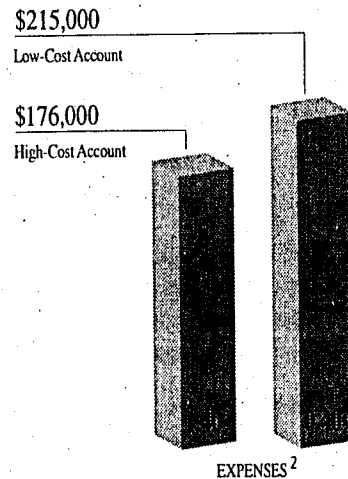
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the Nation

National DUI law becomes tougher

by Eric Olson

Montana Kaimin (U. Montana)

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. - Montana drivers may have to get used to having fewer drinks before hitting the road.

Congress passed legislation last week that lowers the drunken-driving standard nationwide to .08 blood alcohol content. States that do not comply with the law by 2004 will begin to lose a percentage of federal highway funding.

Montana and 30 other states define drunken driving at 0.10 BAC. Idaho currently complies with the proposed standards.

Albert Goke, chief of the Montana traffic safety bureau, said he doesn't believe Montana will adopt the new law which many people may see as blackmail.

"I would not expect dropping to .08 as likely to make a big difference," Goke said. He said the average driver arrested for a DUI in Montana has a 0.17 BAC.

However, he said he didn't think the .08 level is unreasonable, because drivers can still be impaired driving with a .04 BAC.

Karen Oakland, spokeswoman for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter in Yellowstone County, agreed that the law probably won't be passed in Montana.

"We're 10 years behind on drinking and driving issues," she said, adding the new measure could save 500 lives per year if every state passed the law.

Citing a study done by the National Highway Safety Administration, Oakland said the risk of a driver with a .10 BAC being killed in a crash is 18 times greater than a driver with a .08 BAC.

"I'd like to see it go farther, but I think this is a start," she said.

The bill would require states to adopt a .08 standard as the legal level for drunken driving by 2004. States that don't comply would lose 2 percent of their federal highway funds, with the penalty increasing to 8 percent by 2007. States that adopt the standard by 2007 would be reimbursed.

Goke said Montana should adopt the .08 standard because the loss of the federal funds would hurt the economy.

The loss of funding would prevent roads from being fixed and also make Montana highways less safe, Goke added.

Tim Monzen, a patrol officer with the Montana Highway Patrol, said that people with a BAC of around .08 often have a "false sense of security," thinking they can drive safely, when their driving skills are impaired.

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by **Melissa Benzel**
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio - According to an Ohio State University psychology professor, 5 to 10 percent of college students suffer from obsessive compulsive disorder, which causes continual thoughts and repetitive action that disrupt normal thoughts and activities.

Dr. Lawrence Needleman, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at OSU, said that while the disorder could come on at any point in a person's life, about 5 to 10 percent of college students have some form of the disorder. He also said that there is a wide range of degrees of the disorder. But to be clinically diagnosed with the disorder a person has to be bothered by obsessive and compulsive behaviors for at least an hour a day.

According to Dr. Radu Saveanu, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at OSU, about 2 to 3 percent of the population suffer from a condition known as obsessive-compulsive disorder, a disorder that has the potential to overcome a person's life.

While many people may think that they have this disorder, the obsessions and compulsions have to meet certain criterion order to be diagnosed as an obsessive-compulsive.

"These particular obsessions

and compulsions have to be severe enough to cause distress and impairment. Just because you wash your hands a little more than somebody else doesn't mean you have obsessive-compulsive disorder.

It has to be severe enough that it causes impairment and also that it is time consuming," Saveanu said.

Some of the most common obsessions that people have are thoughts about contamination, repeated doubts, aggressive impulses and sexual imagery. Often the compulsions people have directly correspond with the obsessions they suffer from.

For example a person that has continual thoughts of contamination may spend the entire day cleaning and would not want someone else to come into their home because of the fear that the guest may cause contamination. A person that has repeated doubts such as not being sure they locked their door have a compulsion to go back and check their door five or six times and this behavior consumes most of their day.

According to Saveanu, the reason people have to act on these obsessions is because they are afraid of the consequences they may suffer if they do not.

"They (obsessive-compulsives) create a system in their head, and if things are not in order, the person becomes incredibly anxious because they think something bad will happen because things are out of order," Saveanu said.

Both Needleman and Saveanu have seen college students as patients and said that the disorder can severely affect students and their well being.

"It is a big problem for college students that have roommates, for instance, because they become so anxious, so distressed by whatever their roommate does that they could spend the whole day staying in the apartment straightening

up, cleaning up and worrying about if something has been moved," Saveanu said.

It can also effect academic performance and most of the time this is what makes students realize they need help.

"Obsessive-compulsive disorder symptoms impair your ability to concentrate on your work, so these students have trouble studying because these obsessions and intrusive thoughts constantly come into their mind," Saveanu said

While doctors do not know for certain what causes the disorder, research shows that some changes in the brain occur with this disorder.

"We think that there are biological changes in the brain that predispose people to have obsessive-compulsive disorder and sometimes the symptoms can come out of the blue. But if you look back to when the symptoms started there was some stress that may have triggered the symptoms to start at that moment," Saveanu said.

There is treatment for the disorder and people do not have to suffer, Saveanu said. The best way to care for the disorder is a combination of behavioral and cognitive therapy and antidepressant medication. Saveanu also said that the rate of response to treatment is around 70 to 80 percent.

Needleman said people who are concerned with their behavior should seek help.



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Ask Nic Machiavelli

by **Griffin Hewitt**
The Arbiter

Nothing is im-okapi-able, just mathematically improbable

Within the Democratic Republic of Congo lies the Ituri Forest, a magical land home to okapis. Okapis are animals that resemble a member of the horse family but have a striped bottom and striped front legs with a brown body. Reading over that description, I realize that it sounds like a personal ad.

Okapis are just one of the unique species of wildlife in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Others include the mountain gorillas in Virunga and Kahuzi-Biega and the world's last few white rhinos found in Garamba.

***Disclaimer:** Use of the term *magical land* earlier in this article does not refer to bona fide magic, hexcraft, or anything else related, it was used as a way to describe habitat and be artistic at the same time.

And now for your baffling science questions...

Q. Is there water on Mars?

A. Yes! Thanks to the camera aboard the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, scientists are receiving the first images of the Red Planet's recent watering hole. In the planet's coldest regions, water does appear to have flowed up from the surface and cascaded down steep valleys and crater walls.

Q. I saw an episode of "The X-Files" that was about a creature called a Wan-Shang Doal. Does it really exist?

A. Does anything on "The X-Files" exist? If you remember in that episode, the man responsible for bringing the Doal to the United States was a crypto-zoologist, someone who studies the possible existence of mythical creatures. The Wan-Shang Doal is, according to legend, a shape shifter that tricks its prey. To change from a wolf-like creature into a human is an amazing feat, too amazing to be real.

Q. What is Shadow Matter?

A. Shadow Matter is the theory that refers to mirror-image particles of neutrons, protons, electrons, etc. that occupy the same space as the matter in our universe. Most physicists cite Lewis Carroll's "Through The Looking Glass" when talking about the Shadow Matter theory.

Q. Is all acid rain caused by man-made pollutants?

A. No, actually much acid rain is caused by volcanic emissions of volcanic ash and gases. It's potent stuff!

Q. How do brown dwarfs form?

A. A brown dwarf - too big to be a planet, too scrawny to be a star, is said to arise the same way stars do - from the collapse of giant gas clouds. Brown dwarfs never become stars, though, because they aren't big enough to sustain fusion. A brown dwarf is not to be confused with "Red Dwarf" a popular sci-fi television show on the BBC. Jolly good!

Q. Does Dolly the Sheep have really short telomeres?

A. Dolly's telomeres are indeed shorter than usual. Just for review, telomeres are repeating sequences of DNA that cap the ends of each chromosome. With each cell division, the telomeres become shorter and shorter. In Dolly's case, the sheep that she was cloned from was already an adult when scientists extracted genetic material for cloning. The telomeres of that sheep were significantly shorter than those of a lamb. So when Dolly was born, she showed the same length of telomeres as the sheep she was cloned from had at the time that scientists extracted the genetic material. In other words, Dolly's body was doubly as old as it should have been for her age.

Q. What year was the Titanic discovered?

A. After its tragic sinking in 1912, the Titanic was rediscovered in 1985 by Robert Ballard, not James Cameron.

Don't let the flu take you by surprise this winter, get vaccinated

by Nicki Allred
Special to The Arbiter

With the changing season and cooler weather, it is time to begin preparation for the flu season. According to the Center for Disease Control, the influenza virus strikes 10 to 20 percent of the United States population each year, mainly from November to April. Students on college campuses are not exempt.

Influenza is a respiratory virus. Symptoms include high fever, chills, muscle aches and pains, headache, fatigue, sweating, and a cough. The flu can last a week or more and cause students to miss classes, which could put them severely behind in their studies. It may lead to repeating a semester, and thus, incurring additional costs. Influenza may have complications, such as pneumonia, which

would greatly lengthen the recovery time.

Obtaining the flu vaccine can prevent contracting the flu. The vaccine is highly effective. There are many misconceptions about receiving the flu vaccine. One of the most common is that the vaccine may cause the flu. That simply is not true. The viruses used in the vaccine are either inactivated or killed and therefore cannot cause the flu.

People are not protected immediately after receiving the vaccine. It may take two weeks for the flu vaccine to be effective after receiving it. If the flu virus or another virus is contracted before receiving the flu vaccine, it cannot prevent the illness from occurring. Hence, vaccination is recommended before the flu season arrives.

The flu vaccine is usually available starting in the middle of September. This year, due to

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changes in the vaccine and problems with manufacturing, it will be arriving late and there may be a shortage. This could cause an increase in the occurrence of the illness.

Students who are interested in

protecting themselves from the flu can get the vaccine at the Health and Wellness Center. The cost of the immunization is covered by the student health insurance plan, according to Jayne Nelson, director of the center. She recommends students get vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available.

There are some things that can be done to help prevent contracting or spreading viral ill-

nesses. Hand washing is the single most effective method to prevent the spread of viruses. Hands should be washed frequently throughout the day and after sneezing or coughing. Also, it is recommended to use a tissue to cover the mouth and nose instead of just a hand when sneezing or coughing, and then discarding the tissue into a waste receptacle. It is important to keep the hands away from the face as viruses can live on non-living surfaces for hours and then be transferred to a person via the hands.

With the effectiveness of the vaccine and the low cost of getting the immunization, why risk getting the flu? Watch for the banner at the Health and Wellness Center that will indicate that the flu vaccines have arrived.

Nicki Allred is a registered nurse and a student at BSU

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The Economy

BSU Business students turn profit in stock market

by Arbiter Staff

D.A. Davidson and Co. has presented the Boise State University College of Business and Economics with \$6,666. The money represents profits earned by a team of marketing and finance students in the company's annual Student Investment Program.

The students were led by Harry White, a marketing and finance professor at the University. Boise State placed third in a field of 14 universities and colleges, posting a 31.74 percent return on their investment for an increase of almost \$16,000. Each participating school earned a payment equal to half of its investment return above five percent.

In Sept. 1999, D.A. Davidson and Co. provided each participating school with \$50,000 to invest. Teams had until August to improve on that investment. The first-place winner, Washington State University, earned a 57.89 percent return, or almost \$29,000. The S&P 500 showed a 16.3 percent gain for the same period.

Launched in 1985 at Montana State University, the D.A. Davidson and Co. program has provided schools with more than \$250,000 since its inception. This year's payout totaled \$48,728, with schools averaging a return of 18.91 percent.

"It's the best thing we ever did," said Ian Davidson, chairman of the Davidson companies. "The students benefit, the university benefits and we benefit because of the publicity we get and the return on our money."

While schools have at times lost a portion of their capital, overall the program has been profitable for both the schools and the company. And working with real money means students are more serious about their investments, Davidson said, and learn more about the actual challenges of investing.

Student debt poses national problem

by Brad Grantz
The Tartan (Carnegie Mellon U.)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH - Josh Walstrom recently departed for graduate school with the prestige and indebtedness typical of a Carnegie Mellon University graduate. However, his fiscal obligations were not the \$18,000 in student loans the typical Carnegie Mellon student amasses, Walstrom was able to avoid the financial liabilities of an education. Walstrom was not able to duck a continuous cycle of credit card debt.

Walstrom left Pittsburgh with a mere \$1,000 worth of debt, pennies when compared to what he owed at the end of his sophomore year. Once he had his first card, he received applications from many other companies.

"I figured I would need one Visa, one Mastercard, one American Express. It became

very easy to charge a purchase if I didn't have the cash," he said.

By the time Walstrom had accumulated eight cards, he also owed \$5,000 to the credit card industry.

"I was able to land a lucrative internship to rack up \$3,000 to \$4,000, but I was spending half of my earnings paying off credit card debt."

Many are not as fortunate to land a high-paying summer job to cover the spending frenzy during school.

In 1997, University of Central Oklahoma freshman Mitzi Pool hanged herself in her dorm room while awash in \$2,500 worth of debt. While such an extreme and tragic case is unusual, lawmakers and consumer groups are closely examining the issue of student indebtedness.

According to a student survey conducted by sociologist

Robert Manning, currently an adjunct professor at the University of Texas, about 70 percent of students at four-year colleges have at least one credit card with an average revolving debt of more than \$2,000.

Manning's study also estimates that one-fifth of four-year college students possess a \$10,000 or higher amount of credit card debt.

The saga doesn't end for Walstrom. He rectified his credit woes through his summer internship, but during the school year, he returned to his spending ways.

"I was eating out at every night at \$20 or \$30 bucks a meal, which would add up to \$100 to \$200 a week," he recounted. "There are a lot of great restaurants in Pittsburgh."

Walstrom found that when he was near his credit limit, credit card companies would

extend his limit. Because he continued to pay off his minimum balance, plus whatever his means would allow, he appeared to be a successful borrower for the creditors.

Secondly, companies would offer Walstrom new cards with lower interest rates and an option for a balance transfer.

"It appeared to be effective income, when it really isn't. You still have to pay off the old balance at the previous rate."

While cases of extreme credit card debt do occur, Carnegie Mellon has been particularly adroit at avoiding the problem. Dean of Student Affairs Michael Murphy said the University and students have examined the issue in the past.

"It was an issue that came up last year. We didn't have particular evidence that (student credit card debt) made it a concern, but we did do a piece that tells people how to deal with credit

card issues."

The group published a pamphlet included with bookstore purchases to advise students how to examine credit card applications intelligently.

Myvesta.org, a Maryland-based non-profit credit relief organization, found that 430 colleges have banned credit card marketing on campus. Several schools have restricted access to the student population to their affinity card company.

SELLING TO STUDENTS

Many opinions exist as to why students are the recipients of enormous lines of credits. The Web site of Market Source, a company dedicated to marketing products to college students, states "The nation's 15.5 million college students are impressionable consumers who spend nearly \$105 billion a year

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Inside Reports: Unified student vote key Registration vital

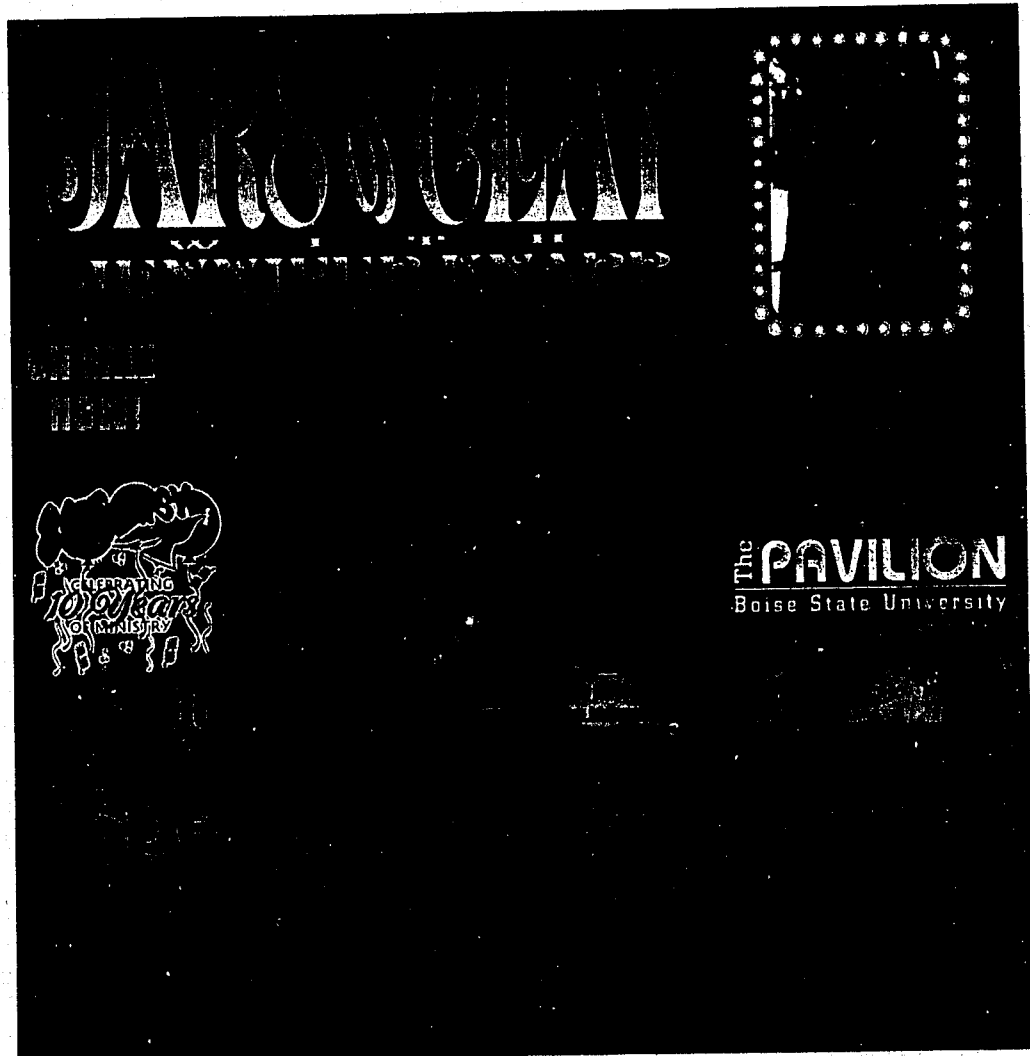
by Brook Smith
ASBSU Lobbyist

From Sept. 27 through Sept. 29, BSU students were "harassed" by people wielding clipboards, pens, and forms. Some walked as far away from the tables set up in the Quad and SUB as possible...others simply ignored the queries made by valiant volunteers. Although more students seemed to flock toward the credit card application tables and not to the tables of which I write, Voter Registration Drive 2000 was successful in that we exceeded our goal: we registered 1130 voters.

The real success comes in November. We only registered 7.25 percent of the population of Boise State University. If this is indicative of our voting population, this is unfortunate. Our campus has many fiscal wants that could easily be met by a responsive legislature stimulated by 16,459 voters unified on the subject of funding for higher education. Over the last decade, the percentage of the budget that goes to higher education in Idaho has dropped while our tuition has steadily increased.

If we consider registering to vote a form of "harassment" and voting as exciting as a root canal, we will certainly deserve the officials we end up with. As political candidate Ralph Nader frequently points out: "If you are not turned on to politics, politics will turn on you."

While there are many issues in government that we can become frustrated about, there are even more we can come together to fight for...higher education being the first on that list. Anyone who missed out on getting registered can register at the polls on Nov. 7, Election Day. In the meantime, work on becoming an educated voter. As Lyndon B. Johnson stated: "Voting is the first duty of democracy."



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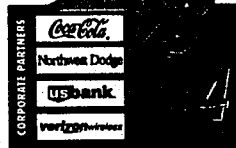
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on a wide range of consumer goods and services." According to a 1998 Campus Monitor study, college students have about \$19 billion in discretionary spending ability. With such buying power, it is no wonder that creditors are actively seeking to establish a relationship with the youngest group of consumers.

A study in the fall of 1998 by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group found that credit card companies, under the guise of third-party marketers, lure students to sign up for credit cards by rewarding applications with free T-shirts, calling cards and Frisbees — almost essentials for CMU students unwilling to buy trendy clothing and living quite a distance from home.

One on-campus marketer, Citibank, declined to release details as to the effectiveness of the soliciting.

Critics of on-campus solicitation charge that corporations can avoid a great deal of responsibility and organization by outsourcing its on-campus presence. Third-party marketers, while trained by the corporation or a marketing parent such as Market Source, work on commission. By being third party, they can also have ties with several competing credit card companies.

MARKETING AT CMU

A recent solicitor and proprietor of a company called "Marketing Services" (MS), at CMU said he obtains on average 50 or 60 applications a day. Last Thursday, he filed almost 170. Of those with correct information, he said he collects a \$3 commission.

A corporate marketer must pay \$150 for a three-day stay at CMU's campus. The solicitor said the vast majority of applications contain true information. Therefore, if MS filed 40 of 55 applications accurately during each of the three days, MS would amass \$320, or a \$170 profit.

This past week, a number of first-years were completing their first credit card application. Sean Waters, a first-year in IDS, completed his first form at college in return for a free T-shirt.

Waters opened a credit card account when he first turned 18 in hopes of building a credit history. While accumulating a \$200 to \$300 a month in credit card debt, Waters has been perfect in paying off his monthly balance.

Suparna Saha, a junior in MCS, typified the CMU response to credit card marketing. "I just did it (filled out the application) for the free phone card. I've probably filled out 10 of these since I've been here."

The issue of on-campus credit card marketers is nothing new to Murphy. "The University Student Affairs Council conducted some discussion last year whether or not we should be more restrictive about credit card companies advertising on campus."

Murphy added that if commercial activity was deemed out of hand by the student body, "I would have no difficulty at all restricting it to a level that students are comfortable with."

JUST CHARGE MY TUITION

Sociologist Manning contends an "unholy" alliance between the credit card industry and schools is raising prices in all sectors of the colleges. While card companies profit off of a transaction fee in addition to interest payments, they can rake in large amounts on tuition payments. Many parents and students interested in garnering frequent flyer miles often pay tuition and related bills through plastic.

Credit transactions have steadily increased during the four years the HUB has accepted credit payment. This past year, plastic was used 8,000 times at the HUB for an average amount of \$3,100. CMU accepted some \$25 million in credit payment.

However, some schools have lost money by taking charge cards. Harvard University has stopped accepting credit cards because of the transaction fees.

Manning contends while schools receive monies for affinity cards, students are amassing thousands in credit card debt due to inflated prices for textbooks, tuition and other expenses.

"Students are obtaining a poor credit history. While we experience good economic times, credit card debt is masked by the fact the job market is so good."

Fourth quarter rally comes up short as Broncos fall at Washington State

PULLMAN, WASH. -Boise State and Washington State combined for nearly 900 yards of offense and tallied 77 points, but the Cougars got the biggest yards in scoring the game winning touchdown with a little more than a minute to play in a 42-35 victory at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Washington.

Sophomore quarterback Jason Gesser led Washington State 39 yards in eight plays for the game winning score. Fullback Adam Hawkins scored on a one-yard plunge behind the left side of the Cougar offensive line on fourth and one with 1:15 to play in the game.

The winning touchdown was actually set up on the prior series, as Washington State punter Alan Cox pinned the Broncos at their own two yard line with 5:16 to play. Boise State was able to move the ball just six yards, and the ensuing punt was returned to the Bronco 39-yard line.

Washington State's final touchdown squelched a Boise State rally, which saw them respond from a 35-24 fourth quarter deficit to tie the score at 35-35 midway through the fourth period on a 27-yard Nick Calalaycay field goal and a 12-yard diving catch in the end zone by Lou Fanucchi.

But, Gesser was the story all day for Washington State, as he completed 21-of-30 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns, despite leaving two different times because of injury. While the Bronco defense did hit Gesser numerous times and registered five sacks, his constant scrambling and keen ability to find an open receiver in key situations frustrated the Boise State defense.

After the Broncos opened the game with a 21-yard scoring pass from Bart Hendricks to running back Brock Forsey, Gesser led Washington State on a 10 play, 80-yard drive to tie the score.

The fourth quarter would start much the way the third did, with Boise State turning the ball over on a controversial fumble by wide receiver Jerry Smith. Washington State had to go just 11 yards in two plays to increase the lead back to 35-24.

Boise State answered with another touchdown late in the first period, as tight end Robby Snelling rumbled 52 yards on one pass and then capped the 74 yard drive with a one yard pass from Hendricks to make the score 14-7 Boise State.

Washington State would then score on three straight possessions, including a bizarre 19 play, 43-yard drive that included a mysterious defensive holding penalty on Boise State on a third and 47 play. Of the Cougars four first half scores, two were field goals as Washington State held a slim 19-17 halftime lead.

The Cougars would build on the lead early in the third quarter, marching 62 yards on the team's first possession of the second half, with Hawkins adding his first rushing score of the game and season. A Boise State fumble deep in Bronco territory would allow WSU to increase the lead to 29-17, thanks to Anousith Wilaikul's third field goal of the game with 8:14 to play in the third quarter.

Hendricks would rally the Bronco offense, marching down field and finding Davy Malaythong on a nine-yard screen pass to trim the lead to 29-24 at the end of three periods.

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the ball over on a controversial fumble by wide receiver Jerry Smith. Washington State had to go just 11 yards in two plays to

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Hendricks would end the game with outstanding numbers, completing 24-of-41 passes for 335 and a career high of four touchdowns. The last of his scoring throws went to Fanucchi, as he cleared the end zone in front of the Washington State defenders. After two-point conversion pass from Hendricks to fullback Shay

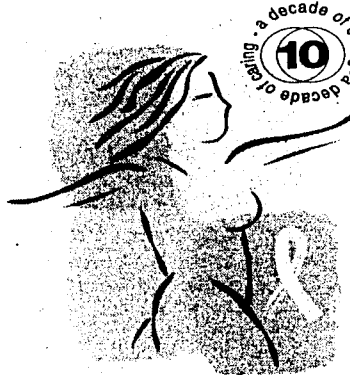
Swan, the Broncos tied the score at 35-35, but were unable to move into Washington State

territory again in the final seven minutes of play as the Pac-10 Cougars scored last to snap a four game home losing streak.

The loss dropped Boise State to 3-2 on the year, but did wrap up an opening six-week stretch in which the Broncos played four games on the road to start the 2000 season. Boise State plays just its second home game of the season on October 14 against Eastern Washington, before opening defense of the team's Big West Conference title on Oct. 21 against North Texas.

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Player profile: meet midfielder Abigail Roche

by Renae Hall

the Arbiter

This 5'9" freshman is from Kent, Wash., where she graduated in 2000 from Kentwood High School. There she was a team captain and MVP for three years. During her four years in high school she was a starter.

Roche was twice on the King County All-Star team. She played North All-League 1st team during 1997-98 and was a three-time selection to the South Puget Sound League (SPSL) where she was the North League MVP in 1998 and 1999.

Soccer took Roche to Des Moines, Wash., where she competed for the Highline Eagles Soccer Association, and started at the midfielder and defender positions. Abbe led the team in assists for the last four years. Some of the teams bragging rights include winning the 1999 Washington State Cup championship, placing second during the 2000 season, and placing high in numerous club tournaments.

Abbe is a freshman this year at Boise State and has been an asset to the soccer program. She is in the race with two other players for the second highest on the Broncos team for assists with two. Also, Roche has chipped 10 shots and had a total of two points.

Big West soccer opener goes sour

by Renae Hall

the Arbiter

The Broncos were defeated in their Big West opener on Saturday against UC Irvine with a final score of 2-0. This brings BSU's over-all record to 3-6-1 and shoots the Anteaters record to 7-3-2.

The Broncos could not take control of the ball in what was their last night game of the season. The Anteaters conquered play during the game and did not allow Boise State to score. The Anteaters win brings them to 2-1-0 in Big West Conference standing, while the Broncos are 0-1-0.

Boise State started the game off a little rocky without two of their normal starters. Senior midfielder Brooke Smith and freshman forward Kaziah Hill

were missing as they stepped into action October 6, and both received concussions before the end of the match. Smith traveled to Southern California with the team this weekend and Hill stayed here in Boise.

Junior goalkeeper Jeanne Curtice-Orm was also left home after an injury to her knee left her suffering earlier this week.

This turned the Broncos to sophomore Lindsay Vandenberg to play goalkeeper. She had eight saves in goal for the Broncos. Vandenberg has been battling for the starting position fiercely all year with Curtice-Orm.

The Anteaters out shot the Broncos 19-7 and 10-3 in shots on goal. Sophomore midfielder Brittany Zoellner put in a valiant effort with three shots.

Following suit were her teammates Abby Bernards, Tara Milligan, Mo Meyer and Annie Gorski all with one apiece. None of these efforts saw a reward as the Broncos score remained zero throughout the game.

UC Irvine's honorable mention All-Big West player from 1999, Janelle Doyle, scored both goals of the game in the first half. The first score was within the first eight minutes of play, and the last came with only 41 seconds remaining on the clock. Both teams were scoreless during the second half.

Blue Thunder alumni join in

Homecoming brings past and present together

by Peter Arashiro and
Richelle Sugiyama

Special to the Arbiter

This year the Blue Thunder has asked their alumni friends for a little help with Homecoming 2000. The Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band has been firing up Bronco fans at athletic social functions for the past 13 years. Marching band alumni will participate in the homecoming parade, pre-game show, and evening social, and tailgate party sponsored by Boise philanthropists Keith and Catherine Stein.

After 15 years without a marching band, former Alumni Director, Dyke Nally, spearheaded the effort to form one. Thanks to the generous contribution from Keith and Catherine Stein and other community supporters (see list below), funding was raised to support a full-fledged marching band.

In 1986 Melvin Shelton, former Director of Bands, and Wilbur Elliot, former Music

Chairperson, hired David Wells as Director for the marching band. Wells' first job was to come up with a name for the band.

After much deliberation David Wells, with the assistance of Dyke Nally and former Boise State University President, John Kaiser, proposed "The Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band". Stein approved the title and the Blue Thunder made its half-time debut in 1987 with approximately 90 members, including a spectacular fully-instrumented marching band, two drum majors, a flag team and a baton twirler.

Today the band averages 120 members, including the Mane Line Dancers. Blue Thunder performs between 75-100 times a year instilling Bronco pride and spirit throughout the community.

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2000 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Sept. 2	at New Mexico	31-17 W
Sept. 9	Northern Iowa	42-17 W
Sept. 16	at Arkansas	31-38 L
Sept. 23	at Central Michigan	47-10 W
Sept. 30	Open	
Oct. 7	at Washington State	35-42 L
Oct. 14	Eastern Washington	3:05 p.m.
Oct. 21	North Texas	3:05 p.m.
Oct. 28	at New Mexico State	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Arkansas St.	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Utah St.	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	Idaho	1:05 p.m.

#13 Long Beach State defeats Boise State in volleyball

LONG BEACH, Calif. - The 13th ranked Long Beach State 49ers defeated the Boise State Broncos in volleyball Saturday night, 15-2, 15-4, 15-8.

For the Broncos, Tara Brinkerhoff had nine kills and seven digs, Katy Shepard added six kills and 10 digs, and Tameisha Hastings added six kills and three blocks. Setter Denise Mullin had 16 assists. As a team, Boise State totaled 27 kills, 25 assists, 31 digs and three blocks.

The road won't get much easier next week as Boise State will play at Utah State, ranked 25th nationally, on Oct. 14. The Broncos will finally return home on Oct. 17 to host Idaho at 7 p.m. in the Boise State Pavilion.

- Compiled by Pete Erlendson from wire reports.

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(through the games of Oct. 7)

	Big West				Overall		
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Utah State	1	0	0	3	3	7	0
Idaho	1	1	0	3	7	5	0
Cal State Fullerton	1	2	0	3	5	8	0
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Boise State	0	1	0	0	3	6	1

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Rights and responsibilities rip rifts between renters and landlords

Ownership one solution to renters problems

by Sam Garcia and
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*To whom it may concern:
I have been living in this apartment for eight months and I have had warm milk for most of that time. I know I have a year lease, but I don't think I have to put up with this anymore. Will you please fix my refrigerator? Thank you.*

-Anonymous

Does this seem like a familiar situation? Rifts run between renters and landlords because of a lack of knowledge each party has about their rights and responsibilities. According to Idaho Legal Aid Services, who deal with landlord and tenant disputes, "it is in your best interest as a tenant to put your requests in writing." Landlords will usually write a basic rental agreement for a tenant to sign upon renting. This usually includes

the following:

1. The names and addresses of the landlord, the agent, the tenant, a friend or relative of the tenant, and the apartment manager.
2. The address and/or a description of the property to be rented.
3. The date the agreement is to begin.
4. The purpose for which the property is to be used.
5. The amount of the rent.
6. The date the rent is due.
7. If a security deposit is required, a statement of how much it is and what it will be used for.
8. A notation as to the condition of the premises.
9. An explanation as to who is responsible for each of the utilities.
10. An explanation of any restrictions the landlord wishes to place on the property, such as the number of occupants and whether pets are permitted.

11. An explanation of whether the property can be assigned or sublet.

12. An explanation of how the agreement may be terminated, and how much notice is required.

13. The date the agreement is to end, if it is other than a month-to-month tenancy.

14. An explanation of when and how the landlord can enter the premises.

15. The signatures of all parties, if the agreement is in writing.

The vague nature of the initial rental agreement leaves most tenants unaware of the rights they have or responsibilities of their landlord. According to the Idaho Attorney General's Office, "Idaho law provides for certain rights and requires certain duties of both the landlord and the tenant, regardless of whether a written rental agreement exists."

The following questions and answers are meant to guide any renter on their concerns about their duties and rights

What is this deposit for anyhow?

"I moved in with my sister earlier this month. She had a one-year lease agreement at our apartment before I moved in and paid a \$600 deposit. Now the landlord is saying I have to pay another deposit if I want to stay with her," said a BSU student.

A landlord can require a tenant to pay a security deposit. A security deposit is for purposes other than the payment of rent, usually known as cleaning and damage deposits. There is no standard amount for a security deposit. A security deposit is not meant to cover normal wear and tear. Wear and tear includes any normal damage not caused by negligence, carelessness, accident, misuse, or abuse of the premises. If a landlord wants to use a securi-

photo's by: Daniel Wolf and Ted Harmon *the Arbiter*



ty deposit they must give the tenant a signed written statement of what the money was used for. The landlord must give the full deposit or the remainder of the deposit within 21 days of the day the tenant moves out. If both the landlord and the tenant have previously agreed, however, this period can be extended up to 30 days, but no longer. If the landlord refuses to comply with any of these requirements the tenant can file suit.

Will you fix this damn toilet? I haven't taken a poop in weeks.

Rebecca, a renter, said, "I could only take five minute showers because my water heater wasn't working. I asked my landlord to fix it and they never got around to it. I asked

them so many times, but I finally gave up on it."

The landlord has an obligation to provide reasonable waterproofing and weather protection, and to provide premises that are not hazardous to the health and safety of the tenant. A landlord also has the duty of installing approved smoke detectors. A landlord, who provides electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, cooling or sanitary facilities, must maintain them in good working order. City codes generally require that most of these services be provided

Some possible violations of the landlord's obligations include:

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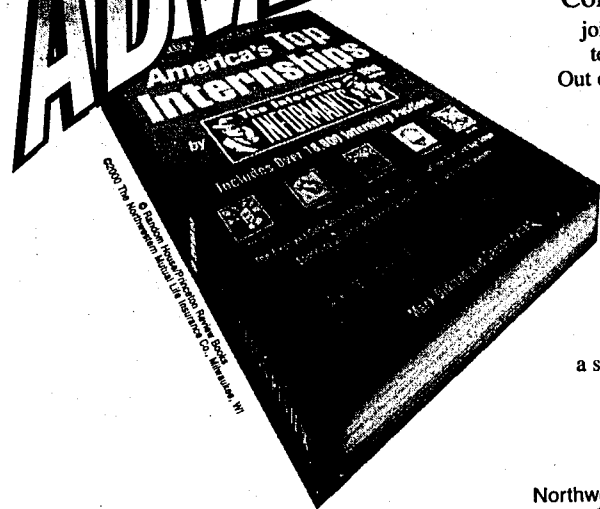
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Always have extra, clean copies of your resume with you.

Keep on file an interview folder to bring with you on interviews. It should contain: a few resumes in a plastic sleeve, some reminders for yourself about your skills and your goals, and a pen and some paper to make notes and after the interview.

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Ways to Get To The Top Career Fair Tips...

Use this event as a networking opportunity - have a positive attitude and talk positively about yourself.

Research the organizations that will be attending:

Visit the Career Center's Website: <http://career.boisestate.edu/carfair.htm> for a list of the organizations coming and for links to several of the organization's Websites.

Prepare questions ahead of time to ask the representatives (see list of questions to ask on the next page).

Make a great first impression!

- *Make eye contact
- *Smile
- *Shake hands firmly
- *Remember their names

Practice introducing yourself:

- *What is your major or what major(s) you are considering?
- *What level you are in college - are you just beginning, looking for an internship or getting ready to graduate?
- *What are your interests?

Have a resume prepared for the fair if you are getting ready to graduate or are seeking an internship.

Prepare a system to remember who you have talked with and what information was provided to you:

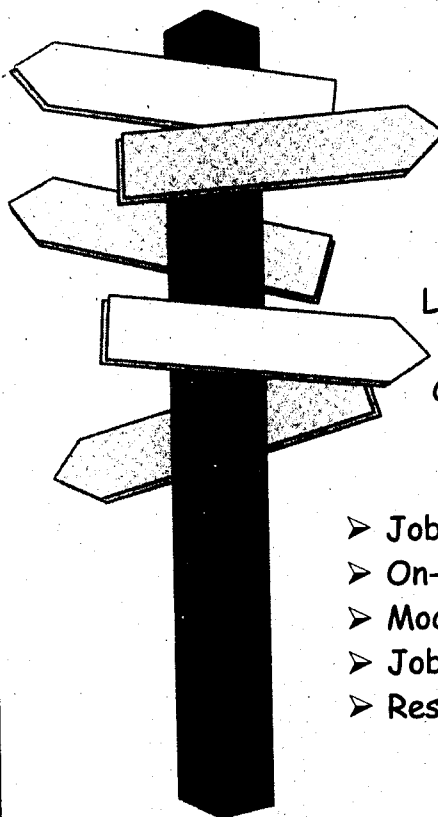
- *Obtain and keep business cards. These are great for networking even after you graduate!
- *Take handouts and other information provided to you. These can be great resources if you get an interview (see opposite page for interview tips).

Develop a follow-up letter to send if you have given your resume to a representative.

Explore all your options:

- *Speak with many different representatives - they are attending to provide students with valuable information regarding their organizations.
- *Representatives are excellent resources to help in your career decision making. They were in your shoes once. Take some extra time and talk with them.

The Arbiter and the BSU Career Center would like to thank all of the employers who made this year's Career Fair possible.



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Sample Student Questions to Ask Career/Job Fair Representatives

Provided by the Boise State University Career Center

For Students NOT Graduating This Year

What courses would you recommend that I take to make me more employable with your organization or in this field?

What other things can I do (internships, volunteering, part-time employment, etc.) to become more employable with your organization or in this field?

Does your organization offer

any internship opportunities?

Does your organization have part-time positions related to my field in which I can work around my classes?

What opportunities are available for college graduates in your organization?

Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.

What is the outlook for growth in your organization? Do you see the role of your organization changing?

Are your employees required

to relocate and/or travel?

What fields of study are most employable within your organization?

For Graduating Students

What kinds of positions will your organization have open to students graduating this year?

Are there any special qualifications required for these positions besides a degree?

How should I apply for a position within your organization?

What types of people do

well within your organization?

What are typical career paths for college graduates starting in an entry-level position in " " field?

What types of skills are the most important to your organization?

Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.

How frequently do you require employees to relocate and/or travel?

Do you encourage/require employees to get an advanced

degree?


How do I obtain additional information about your organization? Do you have a web site?

Come prepared to the career fair & you may leave with a job after you graduate!

The Career/Job Fair, sponsored by the Boise State University Career Center, is an excellent opportunity for all levels of students to establish contacts and network with employers, discuss internship opportunities, obtain information to solidify career choices, learn about the job market and career opportunities, and discover tips on what can make them more marketable upon graduation. Graduating students or students seeking internships should dress professionally and bring resumes to distribute to interested employers.

The Career Center can assist you in your career-fair preparation and follow-up - let us know how we can help you!

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27% Pretty well.
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Your Job Fair Portfolio

Following are some of the things you will need to bring with you to the job fair:

Résumé - Yes, you are required to bring one. And it better be an outstanding one because at the end of the day it is often difficult for recruiters to sort out the bad from the good. Bring at least two copies of your résumé for each company you plan to speak with. This is a good time to use colored résumé paper (colored, yet conservative). If you have multiple job objectives, bring multiple résumés. And do not bring a cover letter—you are the cover letter to your résumé. Letters of Recommendation - Make copies of your top three letters of recommendation multiplied by the number of companies you plan to meet with. Make sure all of the companies you are interested in get copies of

your letters of recommendation. It will force them to file you differently from the rest of their stack of résumés.

Portfolio - Your 9"x12" leather-bound or vinyl-bound portfolio will be used to store your résumé and letters of recommendation, and for taking notes after talking with each company.

Briefcase - The amount of information you pick up at a job fair can sometimes be rather daunting. A briefcase gives you a mini-office which to operate, including storage for extra copies of your résumé and letters of recommendation. It also provides a much more professional look than the plastic bag most job fair attendees walk around with, loaded their information cache of the day.

Dress - Image is crucial at a job fair—even more important than at a normal interview since decisions are made much more quickly. This is the time to model the latest in campus

fashions. Make sure you wear a classic business suit. Keep it conservative so that their focus is on you, not your clothes.

The Major Job Fair Error Nearly Every College Student Makes

They get in line. If there is one reality of life that college provides excellent training for, it is standing in lines. Whether it's waiting in line at registration at beginning of the year, waiting in line outside the bookstore for your textbooks, waiting in line for lunch, or just waiting in line outside your professor's office with the other three students who flunked the midterm, college is very good for developing the "there-is-a-line-let's-go-stand-in-it" mentality.




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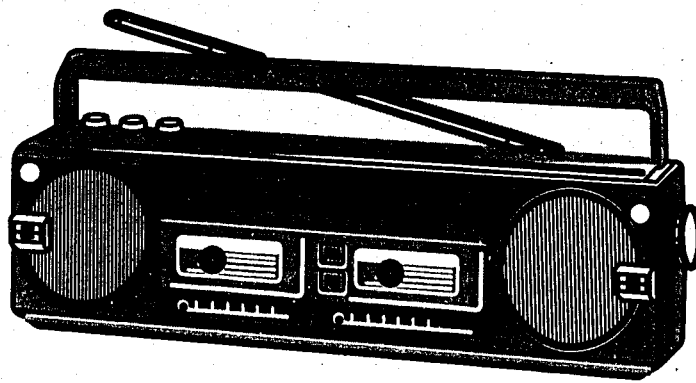
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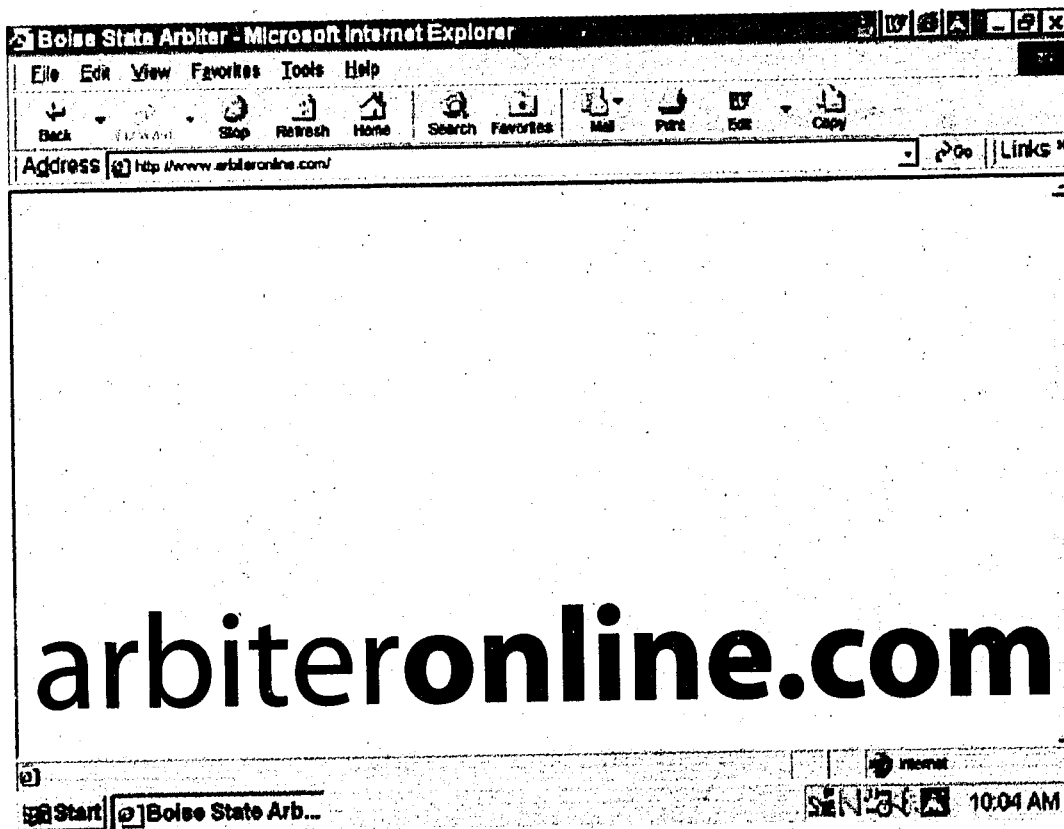
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If your heat doesn't work and the landlord doesn't attempt to fix it at your request.

Discrimination: if your landlord charges \$500 rent to a female versus \$400 rent for the same unit to a male.

If my landlord is knocking do I have to let them in?

According to Idaho law there are no stipulations on whether the landlord has the right to enter the premises. The rental agreement should reserve to the landlord the right to enter the property to make repairs, to inspect for damage, to show the property to prospective purchasers, and to show the property to prospective tenants near the end of the lease, as long as such entry is at a reasonable time and is done in a reasonable manner. In addition, a

provision should be included in the rental agreement explaining the landlord's rights when a tenant is in default in the rent and has been absent from the premises for a considerable period of time.

If the rental agreement does not address the landlord's right to enter the premises, the landlord should notify the tenant as to the necessity of entry, requesting permission to enter in a reasonable manner. The tenant should not refuse permission for reasonable entry by the landlord.

Although the law is not clear, a landlord who has reasonable cause to believe that damage is occurring to the property probably has the right to enter to inspect for damage. However, if possible, arrangements for entry should be made with the tenant.

The vague nature of the initial rental agreement leaves most tenants unaware of the rights they have . . .

If I leave my microwave at the apartment can they take it?

If a tenant leaves property of value behind after vacating the premises, the landlord has no right to immediately dispose of the property, but rather has an obligation to reasonably safeguard the property until it is properly disposed of. The property may be reclaimed by the tenant or disposed of in accordance with the abandoned or unclaimed property laws of the State of Idaho.

Idaho law does not provide for a landlord's lien on the property, which belongs to a tenant. Rental agreements sometimes grant to the landlord a lien on the tenant's property. Courts have upheld similar agreements when the tenant knowingly and voluntarily enters into, and understands the consequences of, such agreements.

What can I do if they are trying to evict me before my lease is up?

When a rental agreement is for a specified time, no legal right exists to terminate it prior to the expiration of the agreement.

Generally, a periodic tenancy, such as a month-to-month tenancy, can be terminated by either party to the rental agreement upon one month's advance written notice to the other party. Idaho Legal Aid Services advise tenants "to put the termination notice in writing and give it personally to the landlord."

What if I want to leave before my lease is up?

A tenant does have the right to sublet, that is, rent the premises to another, unless the rental agreement specifically prohibits this. An original tenant who does sublet remains responsible to the landlord, unless otherwise stated in the rental agreement.

Can my landlord really kick me out?

Renters have the right to possess the property during the rental agreement. When a rental agreement expires, the landlord has the right to have possession of the property returned. If the tenant does not vacate the property at that time, a landlord cannot lock a tenant out without a court order. Idaho law requires the landlord to give certain notice to the tenant and, if necessary, institute formal legal proceedings to regain possession of the property.

If a tenant violates the terms of the rental agreement, such as failing to pay rent; the landlord can take steps to evict the tenant.

For any renter in need of legal assistance over a dispute, contact ASBSU at 426-1440. They can provide free attorney consultations for these problems.

Alternative options for renters

"I was tired of throwing away money every month on rent so I found a place to buy. It took a while to get everything ready, but now I pay less than I was paying before and I am making an investment," said a BSU student.

For low- to moderate-income families there are many government agencies and programs that can help you get into a home. Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Boise helps those who can't get conventional loans. Many mortgage companies and banks require a down payment on a home which means saving up money to buy. NHS gives 100% financing on a home so you don't have to make a down payment.

Kathy Nelson with NHS said, "Neighborhood revitalization targets different parts of the city and gives them a facelift."

She also said that NHS tries to provide many other services to help people in the Boise community. The goal of NHS is to help people get into decent and affordable homes.

NHS provides a home ownership seminar for those looking to purchase a home. You can get more information on home ownership by calling NHS at 343-4065.

Other resources for first time homebuyers include:

Idaho Housing and Finance Association. They provide home purchase programs and grants for closing costs and down payment assistance. They can be reached at 331-4754

USDA Rural Development provides safe, well-built, affordable homes in rural areas. Qualified applicants can receive payment assistance (subsidy) on their loan. They can be reached in Caldwell at 454-8691.



L to the Editor

Racists need to be watched

I suppose I am the only person in Boise who is NOT a supporter of the Aryan Nations who is NOT happy about this multi-million-dollar judgment against Richard Butler. Now his followers will disperse to God-only-knows-where; maybe next door to you.

Come to think of it, it was a public service to have all of these rabid racists assembled in one remote, easily observed location. It was almost like a prison that didn't cost us anything to operate. And it would be a public service if the American people took up a collection to buy Butler a new compound, preferably in Canada or New Zealand.

Finally, what was the responsibility of our government in this sordid affair? Why were those "innocent civilians" permitted in the vicinity of Butler's compound? Why were there no signs: "WARNING: Dangerous racists. Proceed at your own risk."? Why were there no detour roads?

Butler should sue Kootenai County and the State of Idaho for their failure to warn the public of a clear and present danger—him. Perhaps then he could buy back his compound and save us the trouble.

Ferdinand Galliano
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Guest Opinion

Unknowing Americans celebrate a rapist, murderer

History doesn't always expose a greedy, criminal Columbus

by Francisco Pedraza
Special to the Arbiter

The United States observed October 9, 2000 as Columbus Day earlier this week. Just to clear up any confusion let us examine the legacy of Christopher Columbus.

Most of us learned in elementary school that Columbus navigated the Atlantic Ocean for which the Spanish Crown awarded him the title, "Admiral of the Ocean Sea." Some of us were told that he discovered America.

Actually, Arawaks (Natives of Bahama) were living here long before Columbus learned how to read a compass, so it did not need to be discovered. What history does not always tell us is that the Arawaks knew the Caribbean well enough to guide Columbus around, so exploring had already been accomplished.

Perhaps a look at what Columbus accomplished, and what he is rarely assigned responsibility, for will assist us in formulating an appropriate title, because "Admiral of the Ocean Sea" is not sufficient.

Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States: from 1492 to Present* is a historical account not present in most histories. Many of us never learned that, "when Columbus and his sailors came ashore carrying swords, speaking oddly, the Arawaks ran to greet them, brought them food, water, gifts."

Zinn notes that the people welcoming the Europeans "were remarkable for their hospitality, their belief in sharing."

Columbus, however, had a most unusual way of thanking the Arawaks. Driven by a desire to collect gold, and not to establish harmonious relationships, Columbus capitalized on the Arawaks' hospitality.

Zinn provides detailed accounts of Columbus and his crew taking Arawaks by force to guide the Spaniards to a metal that was not abundant in the region. The mountains of gold that Columbus dreamed of did not exist.

If collecting gold was the motive, and there was none to be found in satisfactory amounts, then Columbus could have conceivably apologized for taking people by force, turned his ship around and reporting accordingly to the Spanish Crown. Instead Columbus takes more Arawaks forcefully as "slave labor on huge estates, known later as "encomiendas."

In this context it becomes clear why the Arawaks began to resist collectively. Arawaks killed Columbus' men stationed in Haiti "after they had roamed the island in gangs looking for gold, taking women and children as slaves for sex and labor."

Can you blame a people for engaging in battle after being so generous and in return receiving inhumane treatment? Despite Arawak efforts, Zinn points out; resistance "faced

Spaniards who had armor, muskets, swords, horses." The weapons, armor and horses easily sealed the victory for the Europeans but the degree to which these advantages were exercised is inexcusable.

The final outcome, "In two years, through murder, mutilation, or suicide, half of the 250,000 Indians on Haiti were dead."

Examining history in this light illuminates the reasoning behind efforts to expose Columbus for the thief, rapist, and murderer that he was. This is all in stark contrast with what we learn in grade school, but that should not surprise us because as Zinn writes, "a report of the year 1650 shows none of the original Arawaks or their descendants left on the island." This is genocide; now we can also add "war criminal" to the list of Columbus' titles. In addition to "Admiral of the Ocean Sea", "Thief, Rapist, and Mass-Murder" more appropriately describe Christopher Columbus and his legacy.

So remember that Oct. 9 our nation observes a man with an incomplete title, and deserves so much, much more recognition. Or does he?

Guest Opinion

University owes researchers under fire

Time to come to the aid of Wines et. al

by ASBSU President Nate Peterson

In regards to the September 27, *Arbiter* article, "Retraction spurs battle for academic freedom", it is apparent that the University of Denver has some explaining to do and that Boise State University has an inherent responsibility to take action.

The burden of proof is clearly on the University of Denver, for they published the article and have yet to substantiate their claim that the article was not consistent with

their editorial standards.

It seems reasonable to assume that the University of Denver is at this time without an argument. Their 87 word statement on retracting the article contained claims, but no backing tied to those claims.

If the arguments of Wines, Buchanan, and Smith were so faulty, then why have they not been addressed in the traditional process of debate in the academic community?

It must be noted that Wines and Buchanan are full profes-

sors, with extensive publication resumes dwarfing that of most professors.

On a personal perspective, Bill Wines is one of the best professors I have ever had the pleasure of taking a class from. He has had a profound influence on how I function in my job as the ASBSU President and I would call him the closest person I have to being a mentor.

As Senator for the College of Business and Economics two years ago, I sat on committees that Wines was a member of. His opinion and

reasoning were respected and adhered to by the other faculty members on the committee. He put in extra time on the committee, which to me indicates that he has a commitment to the development and progress of the college.

We owe Professors Wines and Buchanan our support simply because they have given us their best.

Furthermore, an attack upon the academic integrity and quality of our scholars is an attack upon the academic integrity and quality of our university. It demeans our pro-

fessors scholarship and cast dispersions on the quality of professors working at BSU.

As a student and member of the BSU community, I am concerned for our reputation and the welfare of our scholars.

It is my contention that BSU has a fundamental responsibility in defending the reputation of Wines and Buchanan by administering any financial and legal resources necessary for them to sue the University of Denver and punish them for their lack of academic integrity.

The **spot** ring enclosed **Protest decoder**

by **Lesleigh Owen**
the Arbitrator

With all the terms bandied about in the press, it's easy to find oneself confused by the events motivating the IMF protest on September 26. The Idaho Statesman seethes with such juicy terms as "IMF," "police brutality," and "disorderly conduct" without ever really stopping to shed any light on them. For all the general public knows, a bunch of granola-crunchers ventured out one lovely Tuesday eve to rally against the Ice Cream Manufacturers of Florida (IMF), thereby forcing police officers to reluctantly escort twenty or so of them to the county lockup.

I know rally attendees worry that the reasons motivating their protest will shrivel in the shadow of the "police brutality" or "not policy brutality" debate. Since all of these concepts, from the IMF to police intervention, interrelate, I've provided a handy-dandy glossary of terms you'll need to decode the press' coverage of the IMF protest and the protestors' subsequent press release.

Although I only attended part of the festivities, I did end up spending the remainder of my evening at the county jail on a friend's behalf. I've used his story and others', in addition to Idaho law, to construct the following list.

IMF:

The issue motivating the protestors' rally, marches and intersection-plugging. In addition to lil' ol' Boise's, IMF protests actually spanned the globe, finding homes in fifty-plus additional American cities.

"IMF" stands for *International Monetary Fund*, a

In response, he received a surprise, four-to-five-officer, knocked-down-and-roughed-up invitation to spend a spell in jail.

lending institution created in 1944 to "promote economic cooperation" and loan monies to its member countries during times of financial need. Ever eager to expand its range and influence forty years later, the IMF donned the cloak of philanthropy and handed out loans to Third World countries like fish and bread to a starving crowd. The catch? In order to ensure debt repayment, the IMF forces its debtor countries to cut social programs and eliminate tariffs and other hindrances that might discourage multinational corporations from waltzing in and reaping the benefits of the countries' poor economies and desperate labor force. Does the rationale remain unclear? Try this: take a desperate, impoverished country; give them some big bucks with a lot of social, educational, environmental and economic strings attached; wait for the economy and the social programs to collapse under the weight of the debt and then move in for the capitalist kill.

Civil disobedience:

A concept and practice with a long and glorious past, encompassing such greats as Gandhi, Rosa Parks and the American Indian Movement.

Random House Webster's College Dictionary defines civil disobedience as "the refusal to obey certain governmental laws or demands in order to influence legislation or policy..." but many groups define it as a means to practice solidarity, elevate their cause and effect a social or legal change, often at the expense of their own freedom. I heard rumors on Sept. 26 that many protestors' plans included ending the evening with a visit to the posh Ada County Resort.

Disorderly conduct:

The initial charge against the protestors, although many of their incarcerators failed to immediately supply, let alone explain, the reason behind their arrests. When the police finally stopped playing "pin the charge on the protestor" among themselves and decided on this one, the protestors — most of whom hadn't even used the "F" word, let alone broken downtown windows or kicked mewling kittens — balked.

Failure to disperse:

The lesser charge with which the police finally agreed to charge the protestors. According to Idaho Code 18-

6410, FTD entails "two or more persons [who] assemble for the purpose of disturbing the public peace, or committing any unlawful act, and do not disperse on being desired or commanded to do so by a public officer." Seems pretty clear cut, and a lot more realistic than imagining a bunch of anti-racists and environmentalists dancing around a bank-president-fueled bonfire.

Riot:

The term used by the media and the police to describe the protest on September 26. According to statute 18-6401, however, a riot involves "(a) physical injury to any person; or (b) damage or destruction to public or private property; or (c) a disturbance of the public peace." Call me a stickler for details, but which seems more riotous: a group of Nader-voting progressives blocking an intersection or a large crew of armed police officers seizing and dragging the aforementioned progressives, sometimes sans forewarning, to a bus-turned-paddywagon?

Excessive force by a police officer:

AKA: "police brutality") Any time a police officer uses force that exceeds the amount of resistance or force she or he encounters from the civilian(s). In order to settle this matter for my own peace of mind, I took a moment and added the components together. A. In order to elevate their cause in the public view, many of the protestors anticipated, even desired, their arrests; plus B. Many of the protestors received physical injuries during their arrests, ranging from knees and feet in the back to gang attacks by several officers at once to having their faces dragged in asphalt while officers carried them by

their handcuffs; equals C. A nonviolent group who welcomed jail time (and therefore had no reason to resist it) was nonetheless brutalized by police officers. Something didn't quite add up, so I asked my formerly incarcerated friend for clarification. Although not a protestor, he explained; he did verbally challenge from the sidelines the officers' level of force. In response, he received a surprise, four-to-five-officer, knocked-down-and-roughed-up invitation to spend a spell in jail.

I've read the papers and suffered through the TV news, listening to the silence surrounding the protest's underlying issues. I know most of the protestors worry that, even now, most people remain ignorant of the "IMF" heck, the news even reduced the protestors' October third press conference, which should have kept the IMF and the police's actions in the forefront, to "good cop/bad cop" sound bytes.

My response to these activists: art represents life, my lovelies. The IMF, cape billowing, stepped in to protect those Third World, powerless countries from their own economic crises, right? Where would you have ended up if the peace officers, billy clubs gleaming, hadn't helped save you from the dangers of your own nonviolent protest? And so the cycle continues.

2 cents & change

This Week's Episode: Neurotic City Part 2

by C. Dale Slack III, Esq.

I'm getting old. Maybe not actually, physically, or in years per se, but I find myself doing things that only old people do. The old saying goes that age is a state of mind; my age, then, is roughly thirty-eight. Maybe creeping up on forty-two. The horrible thing is, you never see it coming. One day you're running across campus yipping and squealing like a kid, the next you're coming home for dinner and helping the kids with homework. After weeks of examining and scrutinizing my routine, I've come up with a simple questionnaire to help you determine if you have this problem.

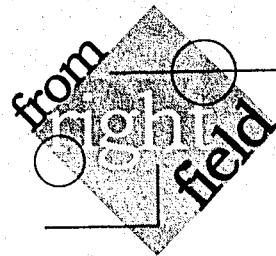
1. Have you recently complained aloud about the price of a canned good at the supermarket (Extra points if you mentioned remembering when it was 79 cents)?
2. Do any of the following words, names or phrases elicit a chuckle: Beldar, "two wild and crazy guys," Great Society, "could it beeeeee... Satan," Tony Clifton, bandage on President Ford's head?
3. Do you notice the excessive amount of swearing/sexual content of movies and sitcoms?
4. Have you recently had problems figuring out a new computer program?
5. Do you regularly use any of the following words or phrases: Sofa, not too shabby, guesstimate, touch-base, downtime, glove box, dapper, thanks a bunch, supper, meds?
6. Do you have a desk? (Extra points for one with pigeon-holes)
7. Have you recently referred to a favorite discontinued sketch or character from *Saturday Night Live* only to have your friends look at you in astonishment as if you were nuts and you explain "You know, John Lovitz, 'yeah... that's the ticket...' that one?" and they just keep looking and then Aaron Keifer punches you and steals your wallet (Extra points if you're not me)?
8. Have you ever gone to the post office to purchase extra-nice stamps?
9. Do you own any of the following: a contour pillow, a beaded car-seat cover, a record player, 45's, a canister set, fountain pen, anything from Ronco®, a child?
10. Do you have a special day set aside for any the following: laundry, household cleaning, letter writing, grocery shopping, bank business?
11. Have you visited a doctor recently just for a check-up? (Extra points for a proctologist/Ob-Gyn)
12. Do you ever find yourself wondering what it is you came into a room for?
13. Have you recommended a particular brand of shampoo, soap, medicine, detergent or diaper to a friend (Extra points if you were vehement in your recommendation)?
14. Do you have a special jar for change (Extra points if it has a label)?
15. Do you ever actually fill out questionnaires or quizzes in magazines or newspapers?

To determine your approximate age, multiply the number of yes answers by three and subtract six.

Wisdom Nugget:

"Clothes make the man; naked people have little or no influence in society."

-Mark Twain



by Jerel Thomas

the Arbiter

Ronald Reagan was the best president that this country has seen since Abraham Lincoln. While this statement will knock leftists to the floor and give them uncontrollable twitches, it remains true. A mere examination of the facts shows us why Reagan truly is one of America's greatest presidents.

Most leftists roll their eyes in disagreement when informed of how important Reagan was (and still is) to America. They quickly point out that budget deficits grew during the 1980's. These same leftists usually follow up this point by remarking how under Clinton we now have budget surpluses. Then the comments start to come in on how Reagan gave all those evil rich people tax cuts while abandoning the needs of the poor. Well folks, this false interpretation is about to end.

As most of us are aware, all bills for federal spending must originate in the House of Representatives. Again, as most of us are aware, the Democrats had a stranglehold on the House during the Eighties and

Reaganomics aided national economy

Contrary to Leftist assertions, the 'best president' left America a prosperous legacy

half of the Nineties. Since Congress must approve all spending bills, how is it that Ronald Reagan gets blamed for growing the deficit? It was the Democrats that felt they needed to spend more than what they took from the people. Yes, Reagan did sign the spending bills. However, in order to get his military budgets passed, he had to pass the Democrats big government, social engineering plans.

Ah, but what about those unfair tax cuts? Leftists will say that if Reagan would have raised taxes, the government would have had more revenue, thereby reducing the deficit. What a lovely theory. Unfortunately it does not work. In fact, just the opposite is true. When the government raises taxes, revenues go down because people start hoarding their money instead of pumping it into the economy. One law of economics to remember: When taxes go down, the government increases revenue. This was true during the 1980's. Ronaldus Maximus slashed taxes by 30 percent across the board in 1982. In 1983, the government took in a whopping \$375 billion dollars

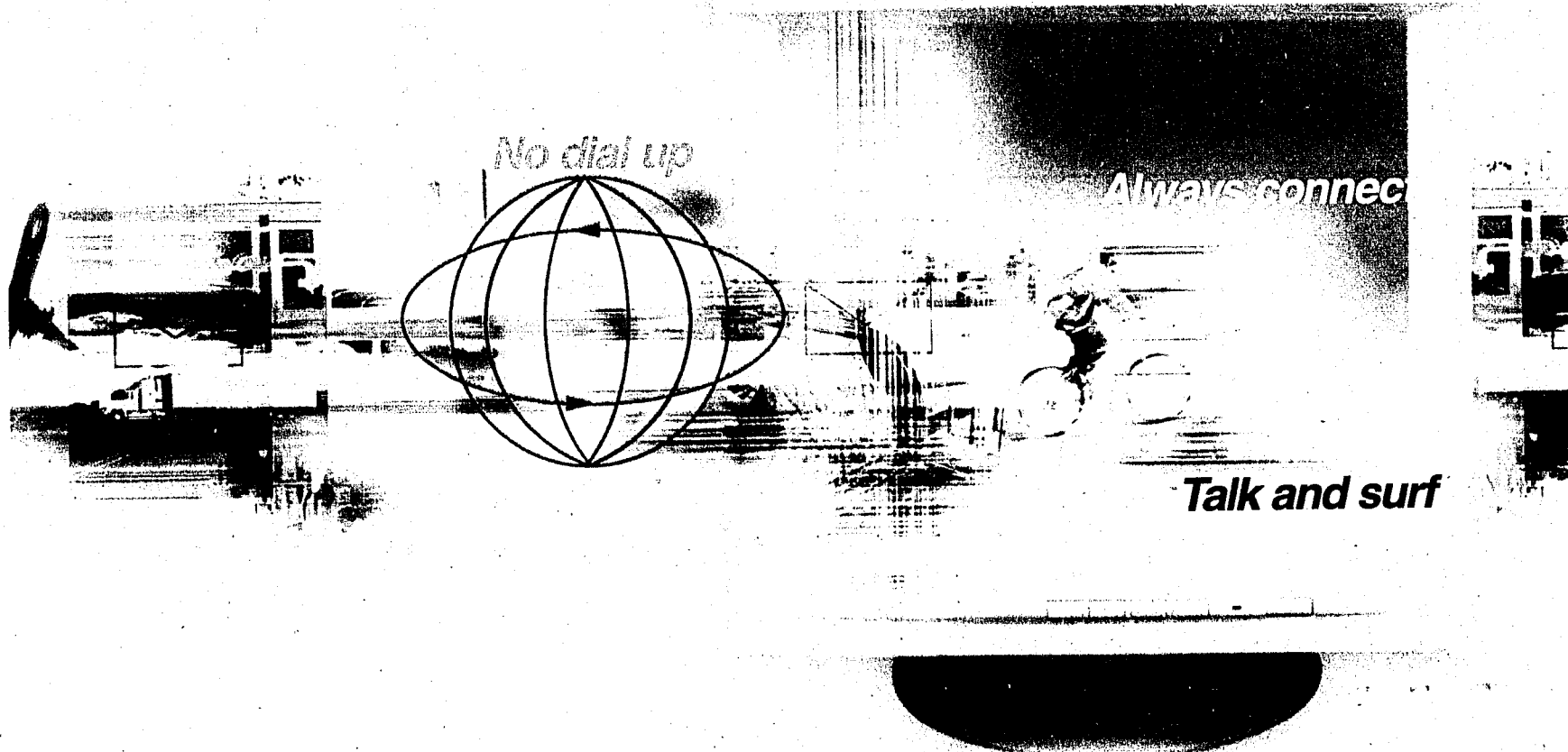
more than projected. The Democrats saw this and decided to increase spending by \$425 billion dollars. Talk about fuzzy math. Perhaps the democrats were using Al Gore's calculator to figure that out. It doesn't take a genius to see how the deficit grew. Reagan also had the master economic plan. When he took office Jan. 20, 1981, the country faced double-digit inflation, high unemployment, and interest rates of 21.5 percent. Due to Reagan's tax cuts, the economy jump-started. In fact, today's prosperity is a direct result of the economic plans of Ronald Reagan. If one looks at a line graph of economic growth over the last 25 years, they would see a sharp downturn during the Carter years. Starting in 1982, after Reagan's economic plan, the line goes steadily upwards through today. There was a minor adjustment in 1992 that economists today refer to as an adjustment. This adjustment was due to the fact that the economy grew so fast during the eighties that it needed to be bumped down to a manageable pace.

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October 11, 2000

No sweat, no big deal

A day (and night) with Sir Anthony Hopkins

by Beth Schmidt

Arbiter Contributor

An Honorary Patron for New Heritage Theatre Company, Sir Anthony Hopkins (or Tony as he likes to be called), was in Boise Sept. 30 for a question and answer session, a press conference, and a formal dinner at the Centre on the Grove.

NHTC Founder and Artistic Director, Sandra Cavanaugh, studied theater in London with Hopkins and, her dear friend, Hopkins agreed to come to Boise to help kick things off. Fundraising efforts are in full swing toward the renovation of the old Armory on Reserve St. in Boise, soon to be the home for NHTC's Conservatory and Repertory Theater. When the renovation is complete, Hopkins hopes to come back to Boise to teach theater students at the new NHTC home.

To start the eventful day, Cavanaugh and Hopkins held the Q&A session at the Morrison Center main hall. Hundreds were in attendance ranging from elementary age children, to seniors, to college students, to travelers from out of state. As everyone anxiously awaited Hopkins' entrance, a very casual set was on the main stage. Two cozy lounge chairs, a table, and a gold pitcher with two goblets for Hopkins and Cavanaugh were the scene.

As the house lights dimmed, the large crowd immediately hushed. NHTC Campaign Chair, Jeannie Fisher, walked on and set the casual tone as she

explained how the event would proceed. 22 lucky people had their names called out as their pre-submitted questions were selected for Hopkins' comments. Microphones were set up for them to later ask their questions in turn. After that she introduced Cavanaugh to the stage. Applause greeted the NHTC founder as she approached the set. Cavanaugh explained why Hopkins was there, what the goals of NHTC are, and then introduced Hopkins to the audience.

Clad in blue jeans, a button-down shirt, and a brown leather jacket, Hopkins received a standing ovation. The atmosphere in the house was electric as he walked along the stage waving to everyone. Finally, the two sat in their lounge chairs and the Q&A session began. What was supposed to be an event lasting from 2:00pm to 3:30pm went a bit overtime because Hopkins, in his genuine and caring style, gave each and every question considerate and insightful answers. The questions ranged from personal to professional, and Hopkins succeeded in teaching, as well as being very personable.

One of the bigger lessons he teaches is what he calls "NSNBD" (No Sweat No Big Deal). Hopkins said that there are too many actors out there that are "damaged goods", and stress too much about their acting styles and approaches. "Learn the lines", he said. The lines do all of the work and so does the audience. The actor's job is to know the lines and the

character. If one embraces the "NSNBD" ideal, the job comes to them much easier.

Among one of the answers to the plethora of questions thrown at Hopkins, he said that the role of Hannibal Lecter in *Silence of the Lambs* was the one that changed his career. Suddenly doing an improvisation of the Hannibal character, and from the "Lambs" script, he said, "I just feel very peculiar", as the crowd laughed with him. He holds a wonderful ability to inform and entertain the audience while keeping the atmosphere light. Sharing his personal stories was a delight. He lives in Los Angeles in a small home as he sees it a waste to buy a mansion with empty rooms he'll never use. He calls himself a "beach bum" and loves to take long drives, sometimes cross-country. He doesn't socialize with other actors at home. One of his best friends is an owner of a Laundromat. Hopkins then cracked a joke that when he's not acting he works at a gas station in his spare time. He says his life is good, and he wants to keep everything simple.

Shortly after the Q&A session, Hopkins, Cavanaugh, and Fisher held a press conference on the stage. Treasure Valley TV stations busily set their equipment up while Hopkins patiently let people clip microphones to his shirt. Journalists asked questions similar to those asked in the previous event. When I inquired to his plans for teaching at NHTC in the future, Hopkins replied, "...I'd like to do that, because acting has its

great advantages, but there's a time I'd like to take off and just do something that is helping out. I like working with students. I just enjoy it...it's fun". Cavanaugh also replied, "Yeah you should've seen me the day he said that if we had any positions open, and if I wanted him to do that, he would like to do that (laughter). That's what he said to me over the phone. And, you know, I had to pick myself back up and put myself back in the chair."

Only hours after the Q&A session and press conference, a formal dinner for NHTC took place at the Centre on the Grove. Tuxedos and sequined dresses abounded among the candlelit tables and beautiful table arrangements. Governor

Dirk Kempthorne, Patricia Kempthorne, and Mayor Brent Coles greeted the guests before they were ushered to their tables. Once again, Cavanaugh and Hopkins were introduced and they received a standing ovation as they walked to their table. Though it was a formal event, Hopkins shook hands and hugged those he met, including yours truly. A very approachable man, Hopkins graciously signed autographs, let guests have their photo taken with him, and joked around while he tried to eat his Chicken Oscar dinner without interruption.

Cavanaugh presented a slide show of NHTC Armory plans, and classes and programs for students. Hopkins then held

The self-styled beach bum and acclaimed Oscar winner charms the Boise theatre crowd.

photo by: Beth Schmidt *the Arbiter*



another Q&A session as he walked around the room from table to table. Soft spoken, and always the high class man, Hopkins succeeded in making everyone in the room feel as though they've known him all their lives. Cavanaugh and Fisher's fundraising efforts are off to a dazzling start thanks to their friend. Before the dancing began it was time for Hopkins to go back to his hotel suite for a well-deserved rest. His

patience, energy, commitment, and genuine demeanor were missed by all. But, he'll be back next spring.

The New Heritage Theatre Co. has many exciting things in store for Idaho theatre students. Having Sir Anthony Hopkins be so deeply involved is just one of them. For more information on classes at the NHTC, contact Sandra Cavanaugh at 381-0958. Or visit their web site at www.newheritage.org.

Through NHTC and the backing of all who support it, anyone can have a chance to succeed in Idaho theater. Hopkins said, "It takes a lot of guts to be an actor...you have to be tough and strong". While stressing humor, love, passion, and enjoyment in life, even in career gambles he never strays from "No Sweat No Big Deal".

Celebrity Interview

"Don't Look, Ethel! It's Thaddeus Marks"

by **Kate Hoffman**
the Arbiter

Kate Hoffman: Who are you?
 TM: My name is Thaddeus Michael Marks. (Smirks.) Do you want my social security number too?
 KH: That's okay. What's your major?
 TM: Elementary education, Spanish ESL.
 KH: So you speak Spanish?
 TM: I try. So I can pass my classes.
 KH: So do you want to teach in the valley?
 TM: Uh-huh.
 KH: I hope you've got a nice, sturdy cardboard box to live in.
 TM: What do you mean by that?
 KH: Idaho doesn't exactly pay its teachers very well.
 TM: Well, maybe if Bush gets elected, things will go a little smoother...I hope.
 KH: So you're voting for Bush?
 TM: As of now...yes.
 KH: Did you vote for his dad?
 TM: I was too young to vote. And I didn't care about politics then. (Laughs.) My grandparents know Bush Sr. and Barbara. On a personal basis, I guess.
 KH: Ever been to their house?
 TM: The Bush residence? No. I've never met them. I said my grandparents knew them, but that doesn't mean I've met them.
 KH: If you went, would you look inside their medicine cabinet?
 TM: What for? (Pauses.) Pot?
 KH: Why? Do you think you'd find pot?
 TM: (Laughs, shakes head.) No! I was being sarcastic. Why would I want to look in their medicine cabinet?
 KH: It's your duty as a red-blooded American to check up on our political leaders.
 TM: No comment. Can we talk about something else?
 KH: Okay. What would you like to talk about?
 TM: (Laughs.) I don't know. Aren't you supposed to be interviewing me?
 KH: Aw, come on. Try something new. Live dangerously.
 TM: How 'bout them Dodgers? No, I don't want to say that.
 KH: Well, how has your year been so far? Have any trouble with registration?
 TM: No. I only had to pay \$5.25 for tuition.
 KH: Wow. Quick, tell me how you pulled that off before someone kills you in a jealous rage.
 TM: Well, I joined the National Guard, which paid most of my tuition. And I got a scholarship.
 KH: So, how does it feel to be a celebrity?
 TM: Is this the part where the interview ends? I have to go to the bathroom.
 KH: You realize that all the readers of the *Arbiter* now know that you need to go to the bathroom.
 TM: Hmm. I was under the impression that all people go to the bathroom at one time or another. Is that so strange to declare that I have to go?
 KH: Most people keep that a somewhat private part of their everyday lives, as opposed to printing it in a campus-wide newspaper.
 TM: Most modest people, you mean. I'm not modest.
 KH: Which would explain why you're not wearing any clothes?
 TM: You can't print that in the newspaper!
 KH: Why not? You just said you weren't modest.
 TM: Just because I'm immodest doesn't mean I walk around naked. Besides, that's a false accusation.
 KH: Says you.
 TM: (Laughs.) I'm leaving now.

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Peppers, Thieves and STP

Hypnotic imagery and a red-hot beat

by Sadie Babits & Nate Spangler

Seventeen years and seven albums later the Red Hot Chili Peppers can still make a crowd go wild. Sept. 18 they turned the Idaho Center into a hypnotic kaleidoscope of video imagery.

Against a backdrop of dancing bears, clouds and band pictures, the Chili Peppers pounded out classics such as "Californication" and "Scar Tissue."

It was a great night for rock and roll fans with the Bicycle Thief and the Stone Temple Pilots the opening acts for the Peppers.

The Bicycle Thief is the new band that grew from Thelonus Monsters, a group out of Los Angeles. The Bicycle Thief is singer/songwriter Bob Forrest's creation.

After Thelonus Monsters fell apart in 1993, Forrest lost his passion for the music business and turned to alcohol and drugs. Finally he turned to the Chili Peppers for help, wanting

The Peppers told him a talent like his driving a truck was ridiculous. Forrest should be writing and singing songs.

to drive their truck, or do anything to get back into the business. The Peppers told him a

talent like his driving a truck was ridiculous. Forrest should be writing and singing songs. And now he is back, opening for the Peppers.

The Stone Temple Pilots followed Bicycle Thief's act. Lead singer Scott Weiland sang the band's classics while jumping and dancing and contorting on top of the loudspeakers.

STP knows how to make a crowd jump and jive. It was standing room only on the floor with people body surfing to get closer to the stage.

The Pilots are making a comeback after Weiland's long use of heroin landed him first in jail and then in rehab. Now, the band is back and better than ever. They wrapped up their performance singing one of their hardest-rocking songs "Sex Type Thing."

Weiland wailed into a megaphone while guitarist Dean DeLeo's guitar fed back into its speaker. It was enough to keep

the crowd revved for the Chili Peppers.

The Peppers may be getting closer to forty, but they do not disappoint. They have integrated their fast-paced video images with their sound, keeping people wondering how it all relates. For instance, they play their hit song "Californication" against a backdrop of flashing images such as dollar signs. It's a complete spoof on America's capitalistic society and the need to buy products.

While the Peppers can entertain a crowd and make you think, on stage they kept a safe distance from the audience. They rarely talked to the crowd, instead playing their hit songs one after another. After an hour of non-stop music, the Peppers left the stage, leaving people chanting for them to come back for one more song.

The Chili Peppers did come back for a grand finale, playing a repetitious beat. The crowd was in awe. Some fans gazed up at the stage while others crowd surfed. People left spellbound after watching hypnotic images of spirals and chaotic patterns projected in the background, never missing the Peppers' beat.

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Nurse Betty's slick and soapy

Hitmen meet la la land

by **Brian Holler**
the Arbitrator

Have you ever liked a movie or a television show so much that you obsessed on it? I know you have, and I won't tell if it's soap operas. Imagine that you were watching your favorite soap opera, right at a part where your favorite actor is going through a great struggle, and then you witness a traumatic incident. What would happen to you? Well, in the case of Nurse Betty, you would blur the lines between reality and television, and think that your favorite actor is actually your ex-fiancee. Sound interesting? It gets much, much better.

"Nurse Betty" is a fascinating movie starring Renee Zelleweger, Morgan Freeman, Chris Rock and Greg Kinnear. The acting is fabulous, the story is provocative and funny, and the scenarios that occur keep you on your toes throughout the whole movie. Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock play hitmen, sent to take care of Nurse Betty's (Zelleweger) husband. I won't tell you what they do, but I will tell you that their chemistry is superb together. Rock playing the smart-ass, fired up, young, eager pupil, and Freeman playing the wise, patient teacher. There arguments are hilarious and witty, as is much of this movie.

One of my favorite points

It's close to perfection, but Renee's wardrobe really got on my nerves after a while.

of this movie is that they correctly show the overacting of soap opera actors. Betty actually changes from her normal way of speaking at the beginning of the movie, to a more soap operaesque style. She thinks she's in the soap, so she acts accordingly. The scenes in which the actual soap opera plays are funny, yet accurate.

Kinnear and the various other actors on Nurse Betty's favorite soap, do a great job of showing the difference between film and daytime television acting.

There are many twists and turns and weird moments in this movie. I can truly say that I have never seen a movie quite like this one. In my opinion, that makes it a great piece of moviemaking. It is very difficult to make a truly unique movie in today's land of a billion movies, but "Nurse Betty" does so. That being said, I give this movie 4.5 (out of a possible 5) nurses' caps. It's close to perfection, but Renee's wardrobe really got on my nerves after a while. Check it out, you'll see.

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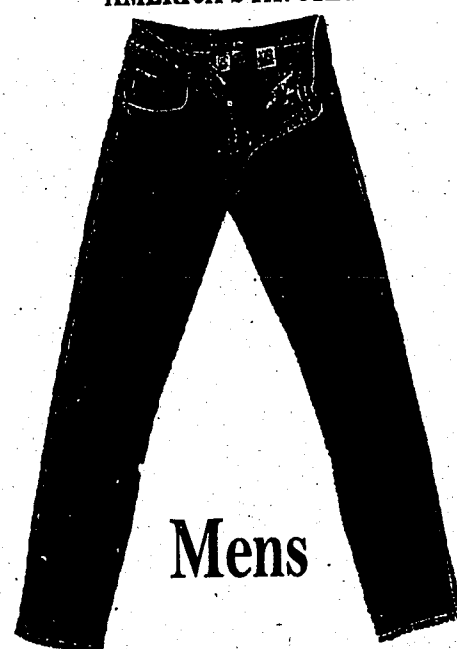
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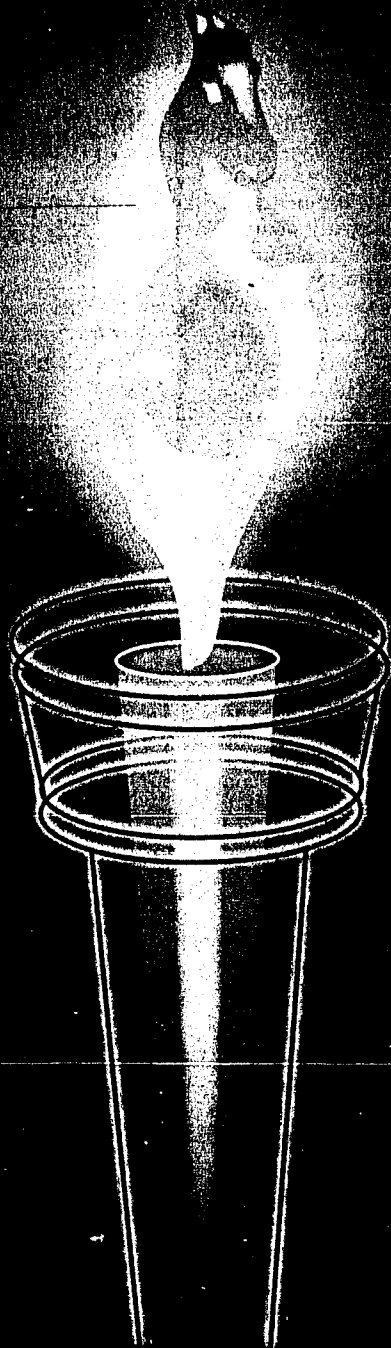


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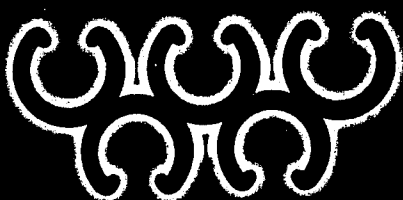
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Prez debate as T.V. flops

Debate turns into infomercial hosted by Jim Lehrer

by **John Threet**
the Arbitrator

Last week, PBS news professional Jim Lehrer lost control of the first presidential debate early on.

After all that negotiation, rancor, and media hype over the tiny details of the debate, both candidates ignored the rules and Lehrer.

What a sham all the posing over debate rules proved to be. Clearly neither candidate had any intention of following their own rules—not at the debate and not in their presidency. Either could have insisted on adhering to the letter of the rules and neither did.

As television, it was entertaining to watch the twin candidates flaying away at each other. They wore the same suit and the same tie. The background set was identical for both. And if you took off your glasses

they even looked the same.

Lehrer asked pretty much the same questions we have heard ad nauseum from the cookie cutter pack journalists. Even the candidates' voices sounded the same thanks to the annoyingly terrible sound.

The sound was a pretty amazing glitch for such an important event. If my sound engineer could not remove the reverb I might forgive them, conditionally, but I would never hire them again.

A lot of the fault with the crummy sound originated with the crummy set design. Imitating the set design of "Big Brother," with a smoked-glass wall of windows designed to bring the attention of the viewer to the cameras by pretending to hide the cameras. Très cliché, and oh-so-mainstream TV.

So it was great good fortune when Bush decided to go into attack mode and when Gore

decided to answer questions Lehrer did not have the wit to ask.

Poor Jim definitely had an off night. Every time he misspoke or garbled a word he would shoot a look at Bush. And Lehrer garbled more than I have heard him do in the past 4 years combined. I actually wondered at one point, "Is Lehrer faking a swollen tongue and a bumbling brain?"

It was irritatingly amusing to hear Lehrer begin the debate by gushing like a game show host about the secret questions known to him and him alone. And the mundane questions pulled from press releases were fun to shout the candidates answer to before the candidate speaks. Sort of like *Jeopardy!* in the category of press releases.

Equally irritating yet amusing, was Al Gore doing his Ronald Reagan impression complete with bad make up, bad hair,

and head bobs. And his sparring a stiff Andy-of-Mayberry Bush in his fancy city suit, who kept insisting Texas was just as difficult to govern, and just as important, as Mt. Pilot or Raleigh was pure TV.

Both candidates came across as actors. Even with my limited time behind the sticks of a television camera, I feel I can distinguish between good talent—actors or naturals with stage presence—and someone being themselves. Both candidates were just doing good talent schtick—which is good since we will be stuck with one of them for a long time.

Thank goodness the candidates were only selling a vision of the future. Otherwise I would have ordered a useless appliance which firms my thighs and saves Social Security on my credit card. With their excellent stage presence, both convinced me that neither was telling the

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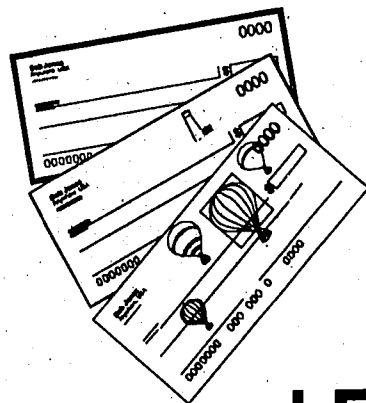
Pray to God the next debate dispenses with the rules and includes Ralph and/or Pat otherwise it will be another boring infomercial.

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Trailer Trash

by Mark Holladay

the Arbiter

Drunken master stumbles into a theater near you.

Young Chan Kwong Sang A.K.A. Jackie Chan has a new kick ass movie out and it's beating down the competition. Five out of six people who've seen it claim they'll never think of alcoholics as lovable town drunks again.

The movie has all you'd want for a great martial art flick the only way JC can dish it out. The fight scenes are incredible, he does his own stunts don't 'cha know, including Chan running up yet another wall. The only draw back is

its premise seems to be built somewhat on Jackie's first directorial debut in 1978 *The Young Master*. In *TYM* Chan plays Dragon, a martial arts student who is kicked out of his school when his brother turns to a life of crime. There's lots of other details (rent it, it's a classic) and of course Chan wins in the end.

In *Drunken Master* Chan's character is kicked out of bars because his brother Baijiu has a really obnoxious demeanor plus he doesn't bathe. Chan has to clean up his brother's act, pardon the pun, before he can return to his life of gradual self improvement through meditative martial artistic freedom.

Before you get the wrong idea I just want you to know the whole movie is not about alcoholic consumption. There is a whole sub plot involving his brothers' defense of grain production in the town's surrounding provinces. The environ-

mental overtones become a little thick as they battle the forces of evil corporations (billed as an international gang of terrorists) trying to export the grain to America but they quickly fall into the background as Chan flips and kicks his way into our hearts.

Once they've stopped the evil CEO's there's an awesome fight scene where the brothers, along with the ladies of the town's whorehouse, kick the crap out of thirty-six environmentalists who tried re-directing grain shipments to starving third-world counties. This further balances out the Captain Planet refuse which almost over infected the movie.

I tell you, this move is enough to give you a wicked buzz you won't soon forget! As long as his movies are this good we all look forward to Chan's future release of *Crack Master*.

Writer's note: The basis of movies reviewed in Trailer Trash are the actual movie trailers and commercials, as well as the interviews of stars in said movies as they shamelessly promote themselves on televised talk shows. No movies were actually viewed in the production of Trailer Trash although some are harmed.

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by Mark Holladay

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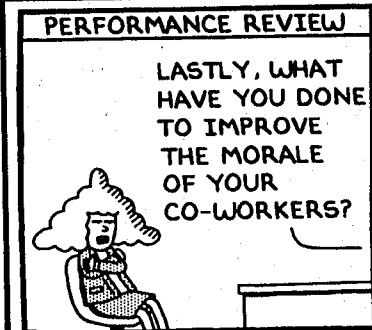
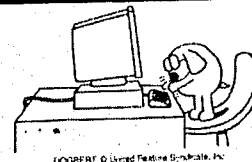
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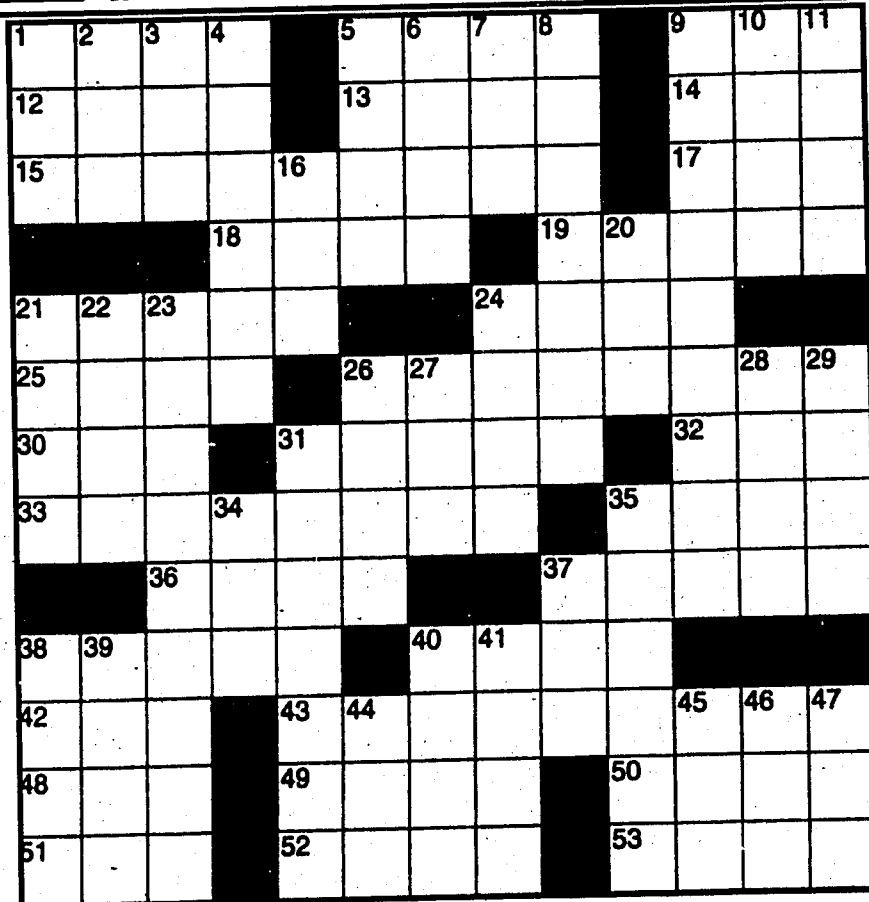
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- 52 Seurat's minuita
- 53 The O'Hara estate

- DOWN**
- 1 Predicament
 - 2 Harvard's rival
 - 3 Twitch
 - 4 Bar
 - 5 Does lawn work
 - 6 Like ___ out of Hell
 - 7 Trotsky's real first name

- 8 Huxley's "___ in Gaza"
- 9 Spy's message method
- 10 Snug as a bug in ___
- 11 Watergate evidence
- 16 Switch positions
- 20 "___ was saying..."
- 21 Young whale
- 22 Hodge-podge
- 23 It's a small world after all
- 24 Quarry
- 26 Links statistics
- 27 Hole-making tool
- 28 Malaria symptom

- 29 Feudal superior
- 31 Slandered
- 34 Jongg preceder
- 35 Hound variety
- 37 Seesaw quorum
- 38 Teens' mecca
- 39 Curved molding
- 40 Glaswegian, e.g.
- 41 Weaponry
- 44 "___ not choose to run"
- 45 Man-mouse link
- 46 Evergreen
- 47 1773 jetsam

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