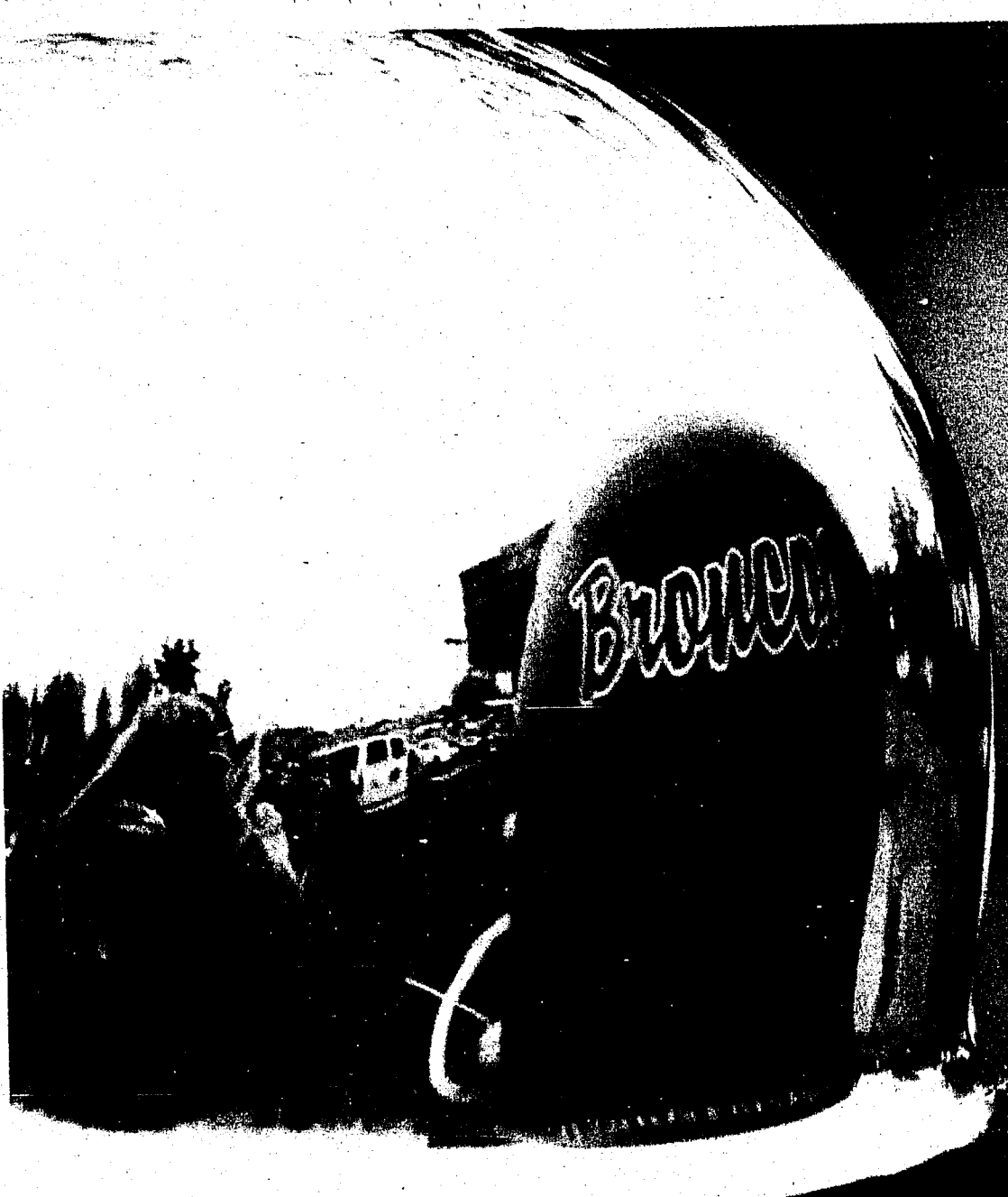


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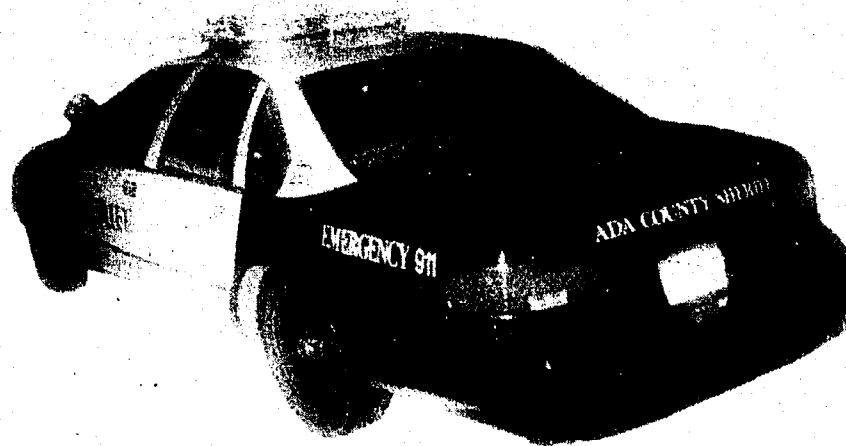
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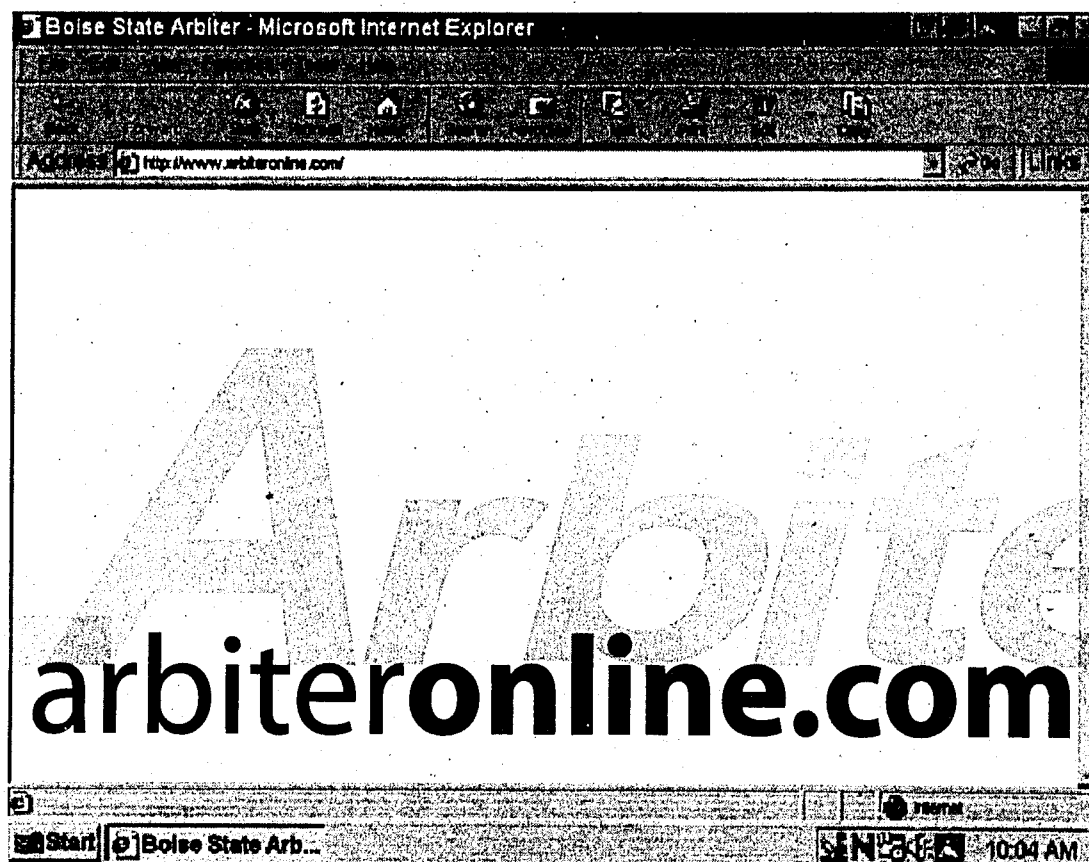
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Idaho professors ask Gov. for pay increase

Kempthorne makes no promises

by Carissa Wolf

the Arbiter

A group of Idaho professors say they are not likely to earn a competitive salary any time soon.

Last week, the professors urged Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to include \$2.5 million in his proposed 2001 budget to make their salaries more competitive. Kempthorne refrained from making any promises.

Kempthorne met with members of the Idaho Council for Higher Education Faculty (ICHEF) after state university presidents asked the Governor to make faculty pay improvements a top legislative priority.

Boise State University Faculty Senate President Alex Feldman said, "I was impressed with how thoughtful the governor was. . . he asked questions. He seemed to want to improve himself by learning." But Feldman did not leave the meeting with many answers.

"I'm not spending my raise yet," he said.

Last month, the professors sent a letter to Kempthorne detailing the uncompetitive nature of Idaho faculty salaries. The letter noted pay at Idaho institutions of higher education lagged behind peer regional universities.

Feldman and professors from the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Lewis Clark State College hope the Governor will appropriate some of the state's tax surplus dollars to improve faculty salaries.

"If we don't see a good faith effort to close that gap, (faculty) hiring and retention would be even more difficult in the future," said Randy Earles, ICHEF chairman.

Earles, an Idaho State University music professor, said he is not optimistic that Kempthorne will include faculty pay increases in his budget proposal next year. He said the Governor seemed more interested in proposing a one-time salary boost rather than increasing the on-going budgets of the state's universities.

Kempthorne's press secretary, Mark Snider, said the Governor is sensitive to the need to boost faculty pay, but "no decisions were made," at the closed Oct. 10 meeting in Boise.

Idaho professors' salaries have ranked at the bottom of the national pay scale for years. The National Education Association ranks Idaho faculty salaries at 44th in the country. Lewis Clark State College (LCSC) in Lewiston pays its professors barely above those paid in the 50th ranked state of North Dakota. Earles said this has led to high turnover rates and costly recruitment efforts.

The Idaho Board of Education supports improving faculty salaries. The board is requesting about a 10 percent hike in state support next year.

Earles said an appropriations hike for higher education and faculty pay depends on Kempthorne's support. "The Governor's budget is key in getting money from the legislature."

Nationally, the average annual pay for faculty at four-year institutions in 1999 was \$55,948. The average 1999 salary for Idaho faculty was \$47,568 - an average pay gap of 18 percent or \$8,380.

"Such a pay gap is no small potatoes," wrote LCSC Faculty President Gene Straughan in a report on noncompetitive faculty salaries for ICHEF. He wrote that the gap is especially alarming when, "Faculty invest around ten years of their time and incur large debts to obtain their academic degrees."

Maestas: Institutional racism blocks Idaho diversity

Inequity still pervasive, Inclusiveness Symposium speaker says

by John Threet

the Arbiter

"Lunatics and merchants of hate have made Idaho famous," said Roberto Maestas, keynote speaker, at the annual Idaho Inclusiveness Symposium.

"Think of those who have died, - in the fields, in the ghettos, on the reservations - as a result of institutionalized racism," Maestas told the attendees at the Oct. 11 symposium sponsored by the Idaho Inclusiveness Coalition. "They have made you their delegate."

Maestas, Executive Director of El Centro de la Raza in Seattle spoke forcefully against the "institutionalized racism" pervasive in American society.

Maestas said during his travels to Latin America, people asked, "Is this true - are they making a white homeland (in Idaho)?"

Maestas said, "Some of the diversity business that I have observed around the country is

no more than the same old cosmetic business."

Maestas, one of the first Chicano students to graduate from the University of Washington, urged the attendees to go beyond polite accommodation to direct action to insure that other voices have as much claim at "the table" as the entrenched interests.

Describing racism as "the most evil disease ever invented" and "a weapon used for generations to maintain the privileged in power," Maestas had little to say in favor of corporations.

"There is no such thing as American corporations, they are transnational, accountable to no one, able to buy and sell governments in a minute, and they will continue to do so until we demand to be at the table," Maestas said.

The ruling class practices a strategy of divide and conquer, said Maestas, urging coalition

building to combat the strategy. Pointedly he cited the Idaho legislature's unwillingness to extend rights to farm workers. "Workers in this community (don't) even have the right to earn a minimum wage." Maestas said, "Free labor will make you rich, just ask some of the ranchers down south of here," Maestas said.

According to Maestas, something has gone terribly wrong when 85 percent of young people, 18 to 25, do not care to vote. He declared the consistent disparities of education, health, wealth and social mobility as un-American.

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Surprise, surprise: ASBSU Senate votes in favor of raising own pay

ASBSU President vows to veto legislation

by Sean Hayes

the Arbiter

Senate Bill Number Two, a bill that would raise the pay of the ASBSU Senate, Judiciary and Executive Branches, passed by one vote in the Senate last week. For supporters, the bill was a needed measure to reflect increasing costs. For opponents, the legislation calls into question ASBSU's priorities.

Senate Pro Tem Nick Leonardson responded quickly to criticism saying that arguments he heard in committee were invalid.

"Senate awards should increase. I don't think they

should remain fixed," he said. "That doesn't reflect the changing world."

The timing of the bill was called into question, as it was the first piece of legislation to be passed this semester and sent on to ASBSU President Nate Peterson. Leonardson felt that the change would have been the same regardless of its timing.

Sen. Jenni Plewa was distraught with the fact that Vice President Rachel Wheatley opened the meeting saying that most Senators had not made their office hour requirements for the month of September. She said passing the bill in the same meeting that fact was

revealed was "ludicrous."

"We've only been here a month, people," Plewa said to Senators during open debate. "I don't think we've proven to anyone... this is justifiable."

Wheatley did theorize during the meeting that all the Senators had met, but failed to write down, office hour requirements. Still some felt that more money demanded more work. Sen. Brooke Baldwin said that Student Programs Board coordinators are paid the same amount Leonardson hopes to offer Senators, but are required five more office hours per week.

Sen. Francisco Pedraza felt that student input should be

sought to see if students supported the change. He said there should be "an active effort to solicit students."

"Until that happens, I think entertaining this bill is premature," he said.

Student input was another key issue, with Sen. Mike Klinkhamer charging that he seldom sees students offer comments in the gallery on pending legislation.

An SPB coordinator in the gallery did voice an opinion pertaining to the issue, but Wheatley did not allow the comment until after the bill had passed. Wheatley was unsure at the time if a Senator could yield to a member of the gallery during open debate.

"We're not in this for the money," the SPB coordinator and former Senator said. "If we were, we'd be doing something else."

Senators currently make \$231 a month, which the bill proposed to increase to \$250. This money would come out of funds currently allotted to ASBSU and would not require a raise in student fees. The change also would not go into effect until the next Senate convenes in September.

Klinkhamer said that this fact reveals that the current Senate is not trying to pad its own pockets, as the change will only benefit the next Senate.

"I have faith in the Senators that follow me," he said.

Sen. Derrek Woodbury said if the change went into effect, he would offer his extra \$19 to a worthy club or organization.

"What I gain from Senate outweighs monetary compensation," Woodbury said.

Peterson has said that he will veto this bill when it reaches his desk. The current staff pay rate was approved by the Senate in his budget last May. A two-thirds majority is required to override a veto.

All current Senators were present to vote on the bill. College of Business Sen. Amanda Milbrant alone abstained.

Voting in favor of the bill were Leonardson, Klinkhamer, College of Social Science and Public Affairs Sen. Matt VanderBoegh and Senators-at-Large Brad Saito, Maggie Mahoney and Trevor Irish.

Voting against the bill were

Senators-at-Large Pedraza, Baldwin, Plewa and Jordan Kowallis, as well as Health Sciences Sen. Woodbury.

Students will have a decisive chance to voice their opinion of this and other bills in November's election. All the Senator-at-Large seats, including bill sponsor Nick Leonardson, face re-election.

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on campus

Boise State to host SWE conference this week

"The Global Workplace in the New Millennium" will be the theme when the Boise State University chapter of the Society of Women Engineers hosts the organization's regional conference Oct. 20 and 21 on the BSU campus. About 50 engineering stu-

dents and professional engineers from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Alaska are expected to participate.

Former SWE national president Jill Tietjen will be the keynote speaker and several workshops dealing with financial planning, negotiating

skills and professional development will be held during the two-day event. More information is available on the Web at www.swe.org/SWE/RegionJ=/RegionJ.html.



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on campus

BSU hosts project to raise awareness about domestic violenceby Arbiter Staff

The Boise State University Women's Center is joining with the Women's and Children's Alliance to host the Clothesline Project Oct. 17-20.

The project is a visual display that bears witness of violent acts committed against women. Victims of violence and their supporters are invited to create T-shirts from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Oct. 17 and 18 in the Trueblood Room of the Student Union. Those shirts will then be on display in the Boise State Quad from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20.

Creation of the shirts allows survivors to express their pain and supports the healing process while raising community awareness, organizers said.

A variety of materials will be available for the shirts, including paint, markers and items that can be glued onto the fabric.

Other events include Oct. 17-19, 10 a.m.-3p.m. : A booth set up in the Student Union will share information and resources about dating and domestic violence. A "Silent Witnesses" display will also be set up: a row of seven blood-red figures representing the seven adult domestic violence victims killed in Idaho in 1999. Each figure will bear a shield with the name and story of the victim. Oct. 18, noon: There will be a brown-bag lunch in the Student Union Gipson Room featuring information on domestic and dating violence.

Other sponsoring organizations include: The Boise State Counseling Center, Boise City and Ada County Victim Witness Coordinators, Boise City, Ada County and Canyon County prosecuting attorney's offices, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and Alpha Chi Omega. For more information, contact Melissa Wintrow, Women's Center Coordinator, at 426-4259.

Delays continue on indoor swimming poolby EvyAnn Neff*the Arbiter*

Swimmers may have to wait until the end of fall to use a fully operational pool at Boise State. The BSU indoor swimming pool will not be fully functional until the end of this month or early November.

A delay in the delivery of two key components of the pool pushed the scheduled opening date back.

Since the fall semester began, the Kinesiology Department has attempted to keep the pool open as much as possible. However, it has not been easy because of certain compliances that must be maintained. The kinesiology department, which maintains and administers the pool, will continue to take alternative measures to make the pool available to patrons as much as possible.

A temporary system has been implemented to move heated water into the pool to make the pool available for classes and lap swimming.

Swimming has been cancelled after 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day Friday through Sunday to allow the contractor to work on the project.

"Pool conditions are far from ideal, but it is the best we can do with what we have to work with," said Jenny Nigrini, assistant recreation director.

"We do not have firm dates from the contractor yet, but it looks like during part of the third week of October the pool will be closed for several days while the heat exchanger, dehumidifier, and a transfer station are installed. After that there will be some minor tinkering which should not affect patrons too adversely," said Nigrini.

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The Harvey Neef Mane Line Dancers: then and now

by **Christy Coon Ho**
Special to the Arbiter

For those who regularly attend Boise State University football or basketball games, the Harvey Neef Mane Line Dancers are as much a part of half time as that mustard and ketchup-laden hot dog. But there was a time, 17 years ago to be exact, that a BSU dance team was unheard of.

Julie Stevens, co-owner of Dance Dimensions dance studio, coach of the Capital Golden Girls, and then PE teacher at Capital, wanted to add a professional touch to BSU sports, while providing an opportunity for Boise Valley dancers to unite as a group and perform. In 1982, shortly after the grand opening of the BSU Pavilion, she submitted her proposal to BSU.

One year later, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier and former BSU President Dr. John Keiser hired Stevens to head up a spirit squad and a dance team for Boise State similar to the one at UCLA.

Local media, BSU officials and experts in the area of dance were invited to judge auditions to choose the dancers who would represent the university. Stevens wanted a classy name, one that would tie in with the Bronco mascot. The word "mane" refers to the mascot's mane (a bronco horse's mane). The word "line" refers to a line of dancers. The name stuck but was modified in 1994 to the "Harvey Neef Mane Line Dancers," when a patron named Harvey Neef began providing scholarship money for the team.

The BSU Mane Line Dance Team and Spirit Squad were budgeted \$30,000 in scholarships during the 1983-1984 season. This amount also included Stevens' annual salary.

After the dance team had been established for a couple of years, each dancer was awarded \$50 a semester in scholarships from the music department at Boise State.

A first-year dancer on the team today receives approxi-

mately half of her tuition money from Neef. A second-year member receives two-thirds of her tuition, a third-year member is allowed three-fourths, and full tuition is provided for a fourth-year member on the team.

In addition to the change in funding, the other major change in the program occurred during the 1989-1990 season when the dance team received an invitation to go to the NCA/USA Collegiate Cheerleader and Dance National Championship in Dallas, Texas. The team accepted, raised \$13,000 and placed fourth in the nation. The team competed in 1991 and placed 3rd; in 1992 they placed 2nd; and finally in 1993 they took 1st place. Since that time, the dancers have competed every year in one of the competition's host states (Texas, Florida, and Nevada) placing in the top five nine out of the past 11 years.

The success of the dance team can be attributed to many, but most importantly to the work of the creator and director, Julie Stevens, who hopes to continue leading the team for many years to come.

"I see the team becoming stronger each year with the talent increasing," Stevens said. "I think this gives young ladies the opportunity to let their talents get them help with their college tuition. I hope the Mane Line Dancers can be an inspiration to young girls in the dance field."

In addition to participating on the team when students at Boise State, members of the alumni also reunite for breakfast each year in order to foster camaraderie. This year alumni members joined alumni from the BSU Spirit Squad for a three-day reunion during Boise State's Homecoming Week during the half-time showed when the two groups perform together.



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Astrobright goes bye-bye:

New student senate resolution hopes to ban hard-to-recycle material

by Christina Latta

the Arbiter

The Boise State campus may be a little less colorful if a new resolution in ASBSU passes through the executive branch. Senator Brad Saito sponsored Senate Resolution Number One of the year, which passed unanimously, to discontinue the use of Astrobright materials from campus.

Astrobright is the vivid, colorful paper used by many organizations around campus to advertise events, fundraisers, and various other functions.

"I don't really see the actual

purpose behind Astrobrights," said Sen. Saito. "Why use them when there are better materials out there?"

Saito and ASBSU's Recycling Director, Arielle Anderson, are working to enact the change for several reasons. Astrobright materials are not cost-effective to recycle, even though they are made with 20-30% previously recycled materials. The local trash collector, BFI, does not collect colored paper for recycling. Also, even though Astrobright materials can be recycled at high cost, there are very few post-recycling uses for it.

"We're going to need the campus as a whole to cooperate," Anderson said. "As long as there's no demand, they'll take it off the shelf."

In order to bring awareness to the importance of recycling at BSU, she plans to meet this week with BSU President Charles Ruch to discuss the issue and is even considering placing one day's worth of recyclable material for public view on the Quad to show how much students consume each day.

Anderson added that while ASBSU has made recycling a top priority, there is "no support

at all" from BSU as a whole for recycling programs.

Alternatives do exist for those organizations or students who might normally use Astrobrights. Pastels and whites are readily available and much easier to recycle.

"How effective are Astrobrights really?" Saito said. "I don't think people will notice if there are no Astrobrights around campus."

The Campus Copy Center supplies clubs and organizations with Astrobrights in spite of concerns about recycling.

Saito made recycling part of his platform when he ran for the Senate and he plans to pur-

sue this resolution until his goal is met.

"The one argument against this is that Senate Resolutions don't have any real legal backing," he said. "I won't let that stop me."

The Astobright resolution went before the Senate on Thursday, Oct. 12 and passed unanimously. As ASBSU has made recycling a top priority within the current administration, ASBSU President Nate Peterson is expected to sign the resolution.



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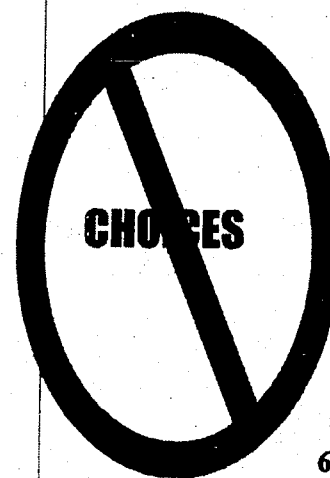
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"Hope Fulfilled for At-Risk and Violent Youth"

BSU professors' book documents solutions

by Scott Horting

the Arbitrator

Guns in school lockers and blood in the cafeteria are only the most obvious symptoms of an American malady that has tremendous costs at all levels of society, from preschool to prison. Much of this violence is unnecessary and preventable, according to BSU professors Robert Barr and William Parrett in a newly revised edition of their book, "Hope Fulfilled for At-Risk and Violent Youth," originally published in 1995.

In the aftermath of a rash of school shootings across the country, the message of "Hope Fulfilled" comes at a crucial time. Barr and Parrett's book states that there exist proven, effective programs to identify as early as the third grade those children who are over-reliant on risk for failure in school. The way to place, in one, identifying those children is the first step to providing them with the help they need to succeed in all areas of life.

There's been an absolute avalanche of research since 1995," said Barr, referring to the 90 percent revision of the earlier edition, "Hope at Least for Violent and At-Risk Youth." The book is a comprehensive resource that synthesizes nationwide research, methods, theory and hands-on programs that have proven effective in identifying and treating violent and violence-prone students. The work explains why and how these programs work and has sections dealing with the aspects of the problem confronting educators at the elementary, secondary and high school levels.

The primary message is that the sooner the children can be identified and provided with the help they need to overcome impoverished and/or abusive home environments, the greater their chances of success.

The book lists in chilling detail specific indicators which, when taken together, provide profiles of those children who are predisposed to violence. These are children who become caught in a vicious spiral of failing to learn, failing self-esteem, failing social skills leading to frustration, rage, violence, even mass murder.

These indicators include the presence of drug or alcohol abuse in the family, poverty, fre-

quent change of schools, poor emotional connections with peers, adults, and parents, an absent or uninvolved father, English as a second language, poorly educated mother, teenage mother, family criminal history, sexual promiscuity, poor nutrition and other factors.

By far the worst case scenario is when several of these negative factors coincide in the life of a child, resulting in a sharply rising likelihood of risk. However, one or more of these may not necessarily place a child at risk, especially if there exist other conditions, equally specific, equally identifiable, which tend to protect the child from the worst effects of the negative influences. These can include a meaningful emotional bond with at least one adult, involvement with religious and/or community programs and, most importantly, an emotional bond of involvement with the parent or primary caregiver. And even with a lack of these protective forces, good reading skills can literally save a child's life.

"The key is reading," said Barr, citing studies that correlate poor reading skills with failure at all levels of schooling. Most of the programs that have proven to be effective have had at their core an enriched reading emphasis that gives students the single most important tool to overcome obstacles to learning. Barr stated that a 50 percent functional illiteracy rate in the nation's prisons underlines a direct and unmistakable link between poor reading skills at an early age and subsequent failures leading to a huge and tragic social cost.

Part of the problem is the fact of the changing demographics of the American scene. For the first time there will soon be more people over 65 than there are teenagers. This, plus a trend to delay or even refrain from having children among the most affluent strata of society exerts a powerful pressure against always-precarious school funding. This is particularly true of innovative (and expensive) programs aimed at the needs of children who have typically been stigmatized as "difficult," "undisciplined," "dumb" or even "unteachable."

The irony is that it is most likely the schools that these words best describe. Significant change in school curricula, attitudes and "style" are notoriously slow, even when supported by irrefutable empirical data. A 30-year cycle from the time an inno-

vative educational approach has been proven to be effective until the time it is widely accepted as the new "traditional wisdom" is the norm. There are literally hundreds of studies proving what doesn't and what does work in the rehabilitation of these "problem students."

No one seriously challenges their assertions that nearly every one of these students can be taught to read at an age-appropriate level, nor that the means to do so are well known. But it is the will that is lacking, and increasingly, the money. The fact that many, though by no means all, of these children come from the lower economic strata, typically possessing little political power and less education only makes change that much more difficult.

In Idaho there are over a dozen programs at the secondary level to address the problems of at-risk youth. Especially effective are alternative schools, such as Mountain Cove and Crossroads

Middle School in Boise and the Meridian and Eagle Academies. These schools can effectively address the problems of at-risk youth, sometimes with great success, but Barr stresses that by far the best approach is to reach children as young as possible.

The Reading Initiative program, sponsored by Governor Kempthorne, has every elementary school in the state monitoring and providing reading skills enrichment programs for students who have been identified as needing help. This program also has the students coming in once a week during the summer for books and tutoring so that gains made during the school year need not be lost.

"Hope Fulfilled

for At-Risk and Violent Youth" is available at Borders Books and Music and at the BSU Bookstore. It should be required reading for anyone with an interest in the lives and futures of the children of America. And that should mean all of us.

Professor Robert Barr

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Hate crimes still a national threat

Universities not exempt from intolerance, students look for solutions

Authorities inspect rock-throwing case at Penn State U.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - A third person may be charged this week in connection with rock-throwing at Pennsylvania State University's Shulze Hall on Sept. 29, according to a Centre County assistant district attorney.

The charges stem from an incident in which three black students told police that two white men threw rocks from the roof of the eight-story dorm. The victims told police the rocks might have been targeted at them because of their race.

Last week, police charged two men, Evan J. Gugliuzza, 18, and William P. Loftus, 19, with recklessly endangering another person, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. Both are listed as students in the Penn State directory.

Gugliuzza and Loftus were scheduled to have their preliminary hearing yesterday morning in Bellefonte, but the hearing was postponed until next week so additional charges could be filed.

The additional charges will be against a third suspect, not Gugliuzza or Loftus, said assistant district attorney Karen

Kuebler.

The person is likely to be charged at an arraignment later this week, Kuebler said.

Penn State Police Services wouldn't discuss any additional rock-throwing arrests Wednesday, but a supervisor said the case is still under investigation.

Hate crimes an ignored issue in Utah state legislation

SALT LAKE CITY - The Associated Students of the University of Utah covered campus with signs this week reminding students of the Oct. 18 voter-registration deadline.

But Utah senators said Tuesday they want students to remember to vote on something besides a proposed tuition hike — hate-crime legislation.

Representatives from both the Democratic and Republican parties spoke on the importance of hate-crime legislation during the Women's Resource Center's power luncheon in the A. Ray Olpin University Union East Ballroom.

The five panelists emphasized the need for U students to become aware of the hate

crimes in Utah, but U students' opinions on the importance of such legislation varied.

"I think everyone should be held accountable for their actions," public relations major Katherine Austin Tullis said. "If putting hate-crime legislation into law to show people there are other ways to handle problems, I would absolutely vote 'yes.'"

Communication major Keegan Hill said he would initially support punishment for people who commit hate crimes; however, this decision would require more law enforcement and more money.

"Hate crimes are hard to prove because they deal with personal feelings," Hill said. "Getting the perpetrator to admit to the crime is going to call for more investigation and more tax dollars."

Hate crimes based on race, religion, national origin, gender, disability and sexual orientation have increased over the past three years.

The FBI reported approximately 8,000 hate crimes in 1997. Panelist and Utah State Rep. Jackie Biskupski, D-Salt Lake, said more than 1,100 of those were related to sexual orientation.

"There has been a 14.3 percent increase in sexual-orientation hate crimes alone," Biskupski said.

The murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming based on his sexual orientation is a perfect example of a hate crime, she said.

Biskupski said Wyoming was given the opportunity to vote for hate-crime legislation after the Shepard case. The state's voters, she said, rejected implementation of such legislation.

Federal protection is given to victims of racial, religious and national origin crimes.

Biskupski said nothing is being done to protect those

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who have suffered gender, sexual orientation and disability crimes, though.

Columbus Day sparks human rights forum at U. South Florida

TAMPA, Fla. - Oct. 9 marked Columbus Day, a day to recognize the discovery of the Americas. But several activists view Columbus Day as a time that should be anything but celebrated.

A panel of four activists on indigenous rights told the crowd of 30 in the Marshall Center that history needs to be retold truthfully and the rights of native peoples need to be respected. Sheridan Murphy of the Florida American Indian Movement likened Christopher Columbus to a disease.

"Columbus is a virus, a virus of the head," he said. "The American Indian Movement tries to inoculate the people against this virus."

The panelists shook their heads in unison as Sheridan spoke on the way countries honor Columbus, whom many hail as one of the world's greatest explorers. Sheridan said the 15th century conquistador eradicated whole populations, yet there are monuments to him everywhere.

"What would happen if a statue of Hitler was put in Israel?" he asked. Junior Kelly Benjamin said he could not understand celebrating Columbus Day. "I completely feel it's a travesty that we celebrate Columbus Day," he said. "It's a product of a sick society."

According to Sheridan, Columbus sparked the events leading to most of the new world's conflicts after his discovery, namely the dehumanization and eradication of indigenous peoples.

"Columbus left behind the mentality of 'They're just Indians, not human beings,'" he said. "We're programmed to think they're not humans."

The indigenous people of Central and South America have lived difficult lives as a result of the Spanish conquest, said Central American Activist Maria Elena Salazar. She told of her people's struggle in El Salvador and said the fight isn't

"Columbus left behind the mentality of 'They're just Indians, not human beings.' We're programmed to think they're not humans."

over.

"The power's still in the hands of the upper class, but we shall keep fighting," Salazar said.

Former USF women's hoops players allege racism by coach

TAMPA, Fla. - Two more former women's basketball players filed civil rights lawsuits against the University of South Florida and women's basketball coach Jerry Ann Winters Oct. 10.

LaTonya Greer and Patrice Coleman became the third and fourth former players to sue the university, claiming they were discriminated against because they are black.

"Unfortunately, we will soon have more USF (women's) basketball players in court than on the court," said their attorney Jonathan Alpert, who also represents former players Dione Smith and Avia Lee, former assistant coach Tara Gibson and former secretary Lisa Walker. "The reason is because of the stonewalling and the racism practiced at an institutional level by the University of South Florida. None of this should have been necessary. None of this had to be necessary. None of this should have taken place."

Smith filed a lawsuit in August, while Lee filed her lawsuit three weeks ago. Gibson sent a complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Walker supported the allegations in a letter to the Department of Education.

According to Greer, when she and two other players questioned why Winters recruited all white players, Winters

accused them of being racist.

"She met with me and two players and the first thing that came out of her mouth is, 'I'm tired of you guys being racist,'" Greer said. "We asked what made you think we were racist. She said because we questioned why she had white recruits."

Greer said she was demoted to the second string behind

Sonya Swick, who is white, because Greer questioned Winters' recruiting process.

Greer insisted she was not moved to the bench because of lesser talent. Winters could not be reached for comment.

The university has repeatedly said it does not tolerate discrimination and retaliation. The Office of Equal

Opportunity Affairs is conducting an investigation about Smith's allegations, while former Florida Supreme Court justice Joseph Hatchett is conducting an investigation into the handling of allegations of racial discrimination and retaliation.

Alpert said these lawsuits won't be the last actions taken by his clients.

He said he wants the university to take responsibility for its actions and filing the lawsuits were the last option his clients had.

"In terms of coming forward now, who do you go to?" Alpert said. "Who do you talk to when you have exhausted all of the methods available to you?"

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Labor

Harvard sweatshop report paints bleak picture

by **Robert K. Silverman**
Special to the Arbiter

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Harvard University released a major report examining worldwide labor conditions in the apparel industry Friday, and the findings are bleak.

Harvard, along with four other universities, hired a team of consultants to visit seven countries to evaluate whether manufacturers of college apparel abide by local labor laws, comply with established industry codes of conduct and meet standards to ensure a fair and safe environment for workers.

"Sub-par working conditions exist in apparel factories in all of the countries visited," the report concluded.

The consultants found widespread health and safety violations, illegal labor practices, a lack of freedom of association and instances of workplace discrimination.

The report also stressed the difficulty of monitoring the factories themselves.

The team of consultants, including the Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) Education Fund, the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) and Dara O'Rourke, an expert in worldwide labor standards, gathered information by speaking with government officials, trade unions, non-governmental organizations, factory owners and other industry stakeholders in each country to identify problems in the workplace. They then conducted factory inspections, two per country, to test the reality of these problems.

"We got a general, perhaps theoretical picture of what the problems are (from interviewing stakeholders), and in many cases that information was corroborated by the factory visits," said Meg Voorhes, director of the social issues service at IRRC.

The consultants hired international business firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct the factory inspections, a decision that has sparked much controversy.

Last week O'Rourke published a critique of Pricewaterhouse's inspection methods, concluding that they were "significantly flawed."

Pricewaterhouse officials denied the charges.

Randal H. Rankin, Pricewaterhouse's global leader of the contractor compliance practice, said O'Rourke's report was based on incomplete information and "contains inaccuracies and inconsistencies."

But at points, the report itself is critical of Pricewaterhouse. The several-hundred page document chides the corporation for not effectively consulting workers, for overlooking significant violations and for favoring the testimony of factory management.

"We had all observed various shortcomings in the monitoring protocol," Voorhes said, although she said her final assessment was not as harsh as O'Rourke's. "It's not a perfect monitoring organization, but it is improving."

The consultants visited and inspected factories in China, El Salvador, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand and the United States—regions responsible for producing much of the nation's college-licensed apparel.

Licensees participating in the process include Champion and Gear for Sports, the two largest suppliers of Harvard apparel, as well as Adidas-Salomon, Jansport, Nike and others.

Robert K. Silverman is a reporter for the Harvard Crimson at Harvard University. Article reprinted with permission.

National college leaders urge focus on minority teacher education

Analysts warn of minority teacher gap in schools

by **Sean Hayes**
the Arbiter

According to a new report by the Alliance for Equity in Higher Education, while 37 percent of students are minorities, nine out of 10 teachers are white. The Alliance expects that students of color could be in the majority by 2050. The group is calling for a \$100 million proposal for "model" minority teacher programs at minority-serving colleges.

"We are losing the fight for the diversity of our nation's teachers and jeopardizing the very programs that can help us achieve it," said Antonio R. Flores, president of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Minority-serving institutions or MSIs (colleges with large populations of black, Hispanic or tribal students) produce nearly half of all minorities with teach-

ing degrees nationwide. The report, "Educating the Emerging Minority," says that these MSIs are "chronically under-funded," while they enjoy "unparalleled success" in training and graduating minorities.

The report further stipulates that MSIs are 36 percent lesser-funded than other colleges, yet award 46 percent of teaching degrees to African Americans, 49 percent to Hispanics and 12 percent to Native Americans.

MSIs, which educate one-third of minority students, achieve success in educating low-income, economically disadvantaged students to be teachers, according to the study, as a result of low tuition, open admission access and culture within community-based settings.

Enrollment of minority students in elementary and secondary school programs has increased by 73 percent over the last 25 years, compared to 19 per-

cent for whites. Minority enrollment in teacher education programs, however, accounts for only 15 percent of all students.

"The severe shortage of teachers of color deprives minority students of role models and denies all students the benefits of a truly diverse educational experience," said Flores in a joint statement with members of the Alliance.

"As a nation, we must invest in educating more teachers of color or we run the risk of widening the racial, cultural and economic gaps that endanger our collective future," he added.

The Alliance consists of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

The report is available at www.ihep.com/alliance.

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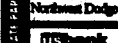
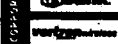

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October 2000 Arbiter's Calendar

Arts and Entertainment Events

OCT. 18

Career/Job Fair, at the Student Union in the Jordan Ballroom at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Boise State Career Center. More information: career.boisestate.edu/carfair.html or call 426-1747.

Noon Tunes -Angie Ritzer performs at 11:30a.m. to 1p.m. in the SUB.

OCT. 19

District III marching band festival, performs at Bronco Stadium.

OCT. 20

Human Rights Celebration Committee holds meetings weekly on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union Forum Room. All are welcome. For more information call 426-1223.

Theatre Arts Fall Performance in the Special Event Center at 8p.m. to 10p.m.

OCT. 21

Theatre Arts Fall Performance rehearsal in the Special Events Center at 2p.m. to 10p.m.

Boise Philharmonic at the Morrison Center Main Hall at 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Featuring Geoffrey Trabichoff, violinist. Free pre-concert lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$40, Call 426-3980 for more information.

Senior recital, Becky Turner, soprano, performs at the Morrison Center Recital Hall at 4 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. This event is free. Call 426-3980 for more information.

OCT. 20-21

Idaho Dance Theatre at the Special Events Center at 8 p.m. and Oct. 21 starting 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$16 adults, \$8-\$12 for students, seniors and Boise State faculty and staff at Select-a-Seat, Call 426 1766 or www.idahotickets.com for more information.

OCT. 22

"Symphonic Blockbusters," Morrison Center Main Hall. 7:30 p.m. Boise State University / Community Orchestra. Presented by Boise State music department. Tickets are \$5 general, \$3 seniors and free to students, Boise State faculty and staff. Call 426-3980.

OCT. 24

Jars of Clay, Jennifer Knap and Luna Halo, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Presented by KTSY Christian radio station. Tickets: \$14.50-\$24.50 at Select-a-Seat or www.idahotickets.com. Call 426-1766.

OCT. 24

"Project Grizzly," Student Programs Board presents a film at the Special Events Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 general and \$1 for students at the door. Call 426-4636 for more informa-

tion.

OCT. 25

Noon Tunes -Angie Ritzer in the SUB at 11:30a.m. to 1p.m.

Sporting Events

OCT. 18

High school football game starts at 7 p.m. in the Bronco Stadium.

OCT. 19

Boise State volleyball vs. Cal State Fullerton, in the Pavilion at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call 426-4737 for more information.

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OCT. 20

High school football game at the Bronco Stadium starting at 7 p.m.

OCT. 21

Bronco football vs. North Texas at the Bronco Stadium at 3:05 p.m. Call 426-4737 for more information.

Boise State volleyball vs. U.C. Irvine, at The Pavilion at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call 426-4737 call for more information.

OCT. 25

Boise State volleyball vs. Weber State, at the Pavilion at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call 426-4737 for more information.

Academic Dates and Deadlines

OCT. 20

Friday will be the last day to drop a second 8-week block class without a "W" appearing on the transcript.

Student Organization and Club Meetings

OCT. 18

Ranger Club booth open from 8a.m. to 5p.m.

Vedic Philosophical & Cultural Club booth open from 8:30a.m. to 2p.m.

College Republicans meeting in the SUB at 1p.m. to 2p.m.

VSU Into The Streets Committee in the SUB at 3p.m. to 4:30p.m.

College Republicans in the SUB at 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.

OCT. 19

Ski Racing Team Recruiting booth

open in the SUB from 7a.m. to 3p.m.

Delta Beta Nu booth in the SUB from 8a.m. to 4p.m.

Kappa Sigma meeting in the SUB at 3: p.m. to 5p.m.

Senate Meeting in the SUB at 4p.m. to 7p.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi meeting in the SUB at 6:30p.m. to 10p.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi meeting in the SUB at 7p.m. to 10p.m.

BGLAD Weekly meeting in the SUB at 7p.m. to 8:30p.m.

College Democrats meeting in the SUB at 7p.m. to 8p.m.

OCT. 20

Pre Med Club meeting in the SUB at 1:45p.m. to 3p.m.

Union Manager Meeting in the SUB at 4p.m. to 5:30p.m.

OCT. 22

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Leadership meeting in the SUB at 3p.m. to 5p.m.

Delta Beta Nu in the SUB at 6p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Kappa Sigma Pledge in the SUB at 7p.m. to 10p.m.

OCT. 23

College Democrats will be have an event in the Special Event Center at 10a.m. to 3p.m.

SPB Board meeting in the SUB at 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

OCT. 24

Ranger Club booth in the SUB from 8a.m. to 5p.m.

Senate in the SUB from 4p.m. to 7p.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi in the SUB at 7p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Beta Alpha Psi in the SUB at 7p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Cycling Club meeting in the SUB at 8p.m. to 9p.m.

OCT. 25

College Republicans meeting in the SUB at 1p.m. to 2p.m.

IPSA Birth Control Campaign booth in the SUB from 2p.m. to 6p.m.

College Republicans meeting in the SUB at 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.



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Lectures and Presentations

OCT. 25

Democratization in Contemporary Iran lecture in the Special Event Center at 6p.m. to 10:30p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OCT. 18

Domestic Violence Awareness Month booth 10a.m. to 3p.m.

OCT. 19

Domestic Violence Awareness Month booth in the SUB from 8a.m. to 5p.m.

Americorp meeting in the SUB at 6p.m. to 7p.m.

OCT. 24

Alternative Vote 2000 in the Special Event Center at 11a.m. to 4p.m.

OCT. 25

Breast Cancer Awareness booth in the SUB from 8a.m. to 11p.m.

UPS booth in the SUB from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

President's Open Forum meeting open to students in the SUB at 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

If you would like your event listed on the Arbiter's Calendar of Events, send information to editor@arbiter-mail.com. Student Organizations are given priority.

Campus vigil remembered Shepherd

Students called for community action

by Lesleigh Owen

the Arbiter

"I can't forget, hard as I try/ This silhouette against the sky/
Scarecrow crying/ Waiting to die, wondering why/
Scarecrow trying/ Angels will hold, carry your soul away."
Halfway through the Matthew Shepherd vigil on Oct. 12,
Melissa Etheridge's raw, pained voice articulated the anger and
sorrow uniting the vigil's forty-plus attendees.

The rally commemorated the death of Wyoming college student Matthew Shepherd, whom two young men tortured and beat to death two years ago in an act of homophobia, hate and larceny. Shepherd's death two years ago stunned the nation and prompted communities to examine their state's laws on hate crimes. Despite extensive lobbying on the parts of local organizations and individuals, sexuality- and sexual orientation-motivated crimes remain invisible on Idaho's list of hate crimes.

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (BGLAD) sponsored the vigil and its speakers, which ranged from an Economics instructor to a woman who introduced herself as "Minerva... or Judd." One by one, speakers seated on the stage and within the audience walked silently to the on-stage lectern and read aloud from a prepared script. Female and male, gay and straight, Latina and Anglo, the voices rose and fell like ghosts as they alternately read from the Bible, led moments of silence, highlighted Shepherd's life and called on the attendees to work diligently for changes within the community.

Lulled by the rhythm of the frequent exchange of speakers on subjects of spirituality and activism, an account of Matthew Shepherd's victimization jolted the attendees into a state of common horror. The speaker began by using friends' descriptions of Shepherd and peeks into his career as a student and an activist to lower him from the pedestal of martyrdom and paint him as an everyday, relateable young man. Audience members exchanged tissues as the speaker then discussed in detail the brutalities Matthew Shepherd's victimizers committed against him two years ago.

Music interspersed many of the speakers. A live band churned out heartfelt, Sarah MacLachlan songs, while Etheridge's song "Scarecrow" followed the emotional account of Shepherd's victimization.

Toward the end of the rally, BGLAD handed out flashlights and encouraged everyone to shine them at the ceiling in a show of unity and strength. The lights dimmed, leaving the remaining speakers to talk in the glow of the audience's flashlights. These final speakers encouraged the attendees to likewise shine their lights in the community, not only as people who refuse to hate but as people who refuse to accept others' hatred as well.

"People are paying with their lives for who they are, and we want that to end," the Economics instructor emphasized.

For information on how you can become involved in illuminating and eliminating hate crimes in Idaho, contact BGLAD at 426.3774.

Calling all Flatball Flickers

by Josh Jordan

the Arbiter

Boise State finally has an ultimate frisbee team. The intense, fast paced game has found a home on the BSU campus.

Ultimate incorporates the running of soccer, man-to-man defense of basketball, and big pass plays of football into a lively team sport where players can be the thrower and receiver on the same point. Seven player teams match up on a field seventy yards long and forty yards across attempting to pass the disc into twenty-five-yard end zones. Running with the Frisbee is illegal so players must establish a pivot foot similar to basketball when they have it. Games are played to a predetermined score, usually thirteen, with winners having to prevail by two points. The Ultimate Players Association says there are over 25,000 registered players throughout 35 different countries. The college division alone had over 240 teams last year.

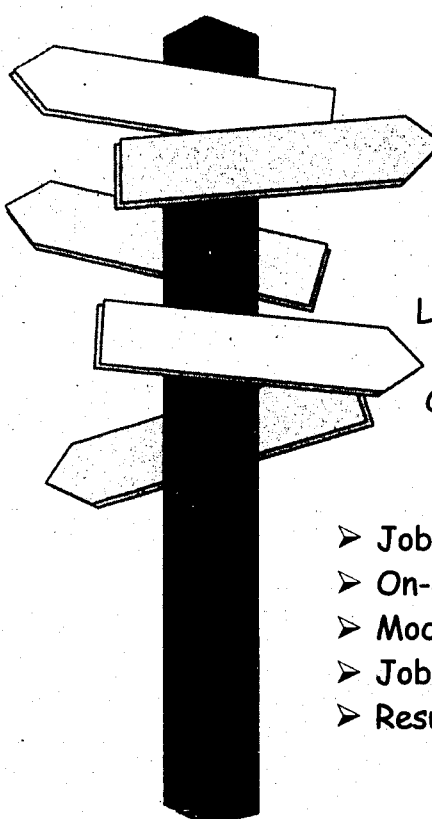
People might recall that Boise played host to the collegiate national championship last spring. After fighting their way through sectional and regional qualifying, sixteen men's and sixteen women's teams invaded Capitol City. When the discs stopped flying Brown had captured the men's title and Carleton the women's.

For years, Boise has had a strong ultimate community. The southern Idaho disc league features a spring season with twelve to thirteen teams and a fall league with eight. Despite the thriving local scene, Boise State has failed to get in on the action. Poor organization and lack of interest have pushed prospective players to the leagues, or worse yet, other sports. Enter Scott Terrell. The sophomore has developed ultimate as an official club sport at the university. This means financial backing for tournaments and other expenses. The squad, who have yet to develop an official name, traveled to Pocatello for their first tournament two weeks ago. Despite losing all four of

their games, Terrell sees hope in the future, "we had a blast. The team has enough athletes that we should be able to compete in all of our games," he said.

The team practices at six-o'clock at Ann Morrison Park, near the fountain. "We've been getting fifteen to twenty (people) each week," says Terrell. "We plan on playing at least until the snow flies".

Although the local leagues are co-ed, Boise State competes at tournaments as a men's team. Women are encouraged to practice with the team and there has been interest in forming a women's team. The group will travel to Logan Utah for the Utah State winter warm up tournament on November 4-5. Interested people can locate Scott at 426-4631 or Terrscot@hotmail.com. The southern Idaho disc league has a web site at www.Boiseultimate.com where people can find out more about the local scene.



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Broncos return for homecoming win in a TKO

by Pete Erlendson

the Arbiter

Last week the Broncos couldn't tackle. This week they couldn't run the ball as BSU gained a pathetic 19 yards. But the run yardage didn't matter as BSU threw for 333 yards and showed Eastern Washington why Boise State has no intention of playing a I-AA opponent ever again.

While BSU may not have shutdown or overpowered the Eagles, the Broncos technically knocked out Eastern Washington 41-23.

A welcoming home crowd of 25,493 cheered on the Broncos (4-2) as they returned to Bronco Stadium for the first time since Sept. 9.

The Broncos started the game in exciting fashion with a freshman David Mikell 44-yard

opening kickoff return, but that was it for BSU's first offensive possession.

Senior linebacker and all-star candidate Kareem Williams hurt his knee in first quarter and it looks as though he will be out the rest of the season.

The Eagles of Eastern Washington scored the first points of the game on a 45-yard field goal. EWU led 3-0.

On BSU's second possession senior Bart Hendricks completed an 80-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Lou Fanucchi. The drive lasted five plays, 97-yards in 2:09.

BSU 7, EWU 3.

Boise State would score on its next three offensive series.

BSU kicked off to EWU who returned to the 12-yard-line before junior Greg Sasser forced a fumble and BSU recovered.

photo by: Ted Harmon *the Arbiter*



The Broncos threw three straight incomplete passes and had to settle for a Nick Calaycay 29-yard field goal. BSU was up 10-3.

Boise State's defense didn't allow another EWU first down in the first quarter and more importantly they held the Eagles scoreless throughout the rest of the first quarter.

BSU tried a mix of run and pass, but could not establish a productive run game and settled for a 32-yard field goal.

BSU 13, EWU 3.

"It seemed like they (the offensive line) just weren't doing well, that's obvious because we weren't running the ball well," said Hendricks.

The eagles were forced to punt on their next offensive possession and the BSU special teams took advantage of opportunity. Sophomore Quintin Mikell showed why he earned Big West honors last season as he returned the punt 42 yards to the EWU 27.

On second-and-11 Hendricks connected to sophomore running back Brock Forsey on a screen pass to the EWU 5-yardline.

Forsey powered his way to the 1-yard line on first-and-goal.

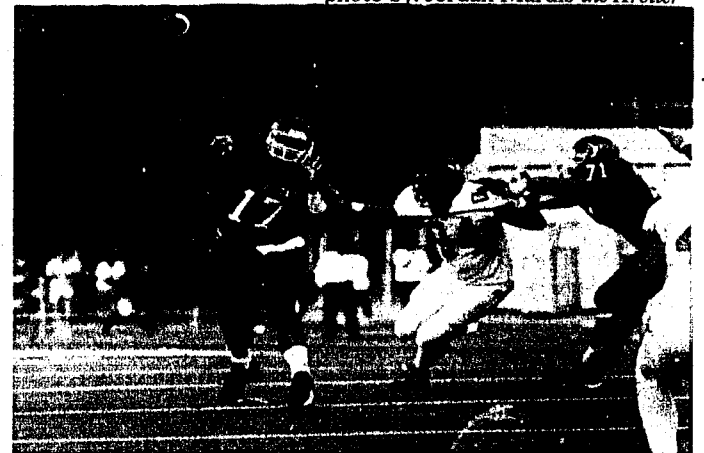
To cap off the Bronco drive Forsey rushed up the middle for the Broncos second TD of the afternoon with 27 seconds left in the first quarter.

BSU 20, EWU 3.

The Eagles showed why they have one of the best return specialist in the nation. EWU returned a BSU kickoff 44-yards to the EWU 48-yardline that would have been an Eagle touchdown, but BSU kicker Brett Thompson saved the sure points with a push of the returner out of bounds.

Just as quickly as the second quarter began Eastern Washington fumbled on second-down and freshman safety Wes Nurse recovered at the BSU 46-yardline.

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But the Bronco offense couldn't get the job done. A run play resulted in a loss of 4-yards. Then Hendricks was sacked for a 2-yard loss. And then on third-and-16 Hendricks' pass was intercepted and was forced to make the touchdown saving tackle at the BSU 21-yardline - the senior quarterback's lone tackle for the game.

It didn't take long for Eastern Washington to score. On second-and-14 the Eagles scored on a 25-yard pass completion. EWU trailed 20-10.

Once again the Bronco offense stalled and had to punt.

The Bronco defense stopped Eastern Washington on third-and-one and the punting game continued.

Quintin Mikell returned the Eastern punt 43-yards to the EWU 33 racking up his flying miles.

As special teams continued to shine the offense still was inconsistent.

Hendricks was picked off for the second time of the afternoon at the EWU 21 as BSU tried to convert on a third-and-19.

Hendricks took responsibility for his two interceptions saying they were both his fault.

The Eagles pounded the ball down the Broncos throats as all but 6-yards were gained through the run, gaining 53

yards. And when EWU went to the air all that resulted was incompletions or negative yardage.

Eastern Washington settled for a 43-yard field goal with 1:37 left in the second quarter.

BSU 20, EWU 13.

The Boise State offense finally woke up.

A 20-yard Hendricks to Jeb Putzier connect resulted in a touchdown. The Broncos lead 27-13.

BSU kicked off to Eastern Washington and guess what? The Eagles fumbled and Nurse recovered a second fumble with 29 seconds remaining.

A BSU Hendricks to Fanucchi 3-yard TD with 8 seconds remaining in the first half rapped up a high scoring first half.

Boise State 34, Eastern Washington 13.

But the Bronco drive wasn't the last time BSU would take possession of the pigskin.

A Bronco kickoff and another EWU fumble. This time recovered by freshman safety Josh Comte with three seconds left in the half. Boise State had the ball on the Eagle 20.

With only time for one play the Broncos went for all the marbles, but Hendricks was sacked for a loss of 5-yards.

BSU entered the locker

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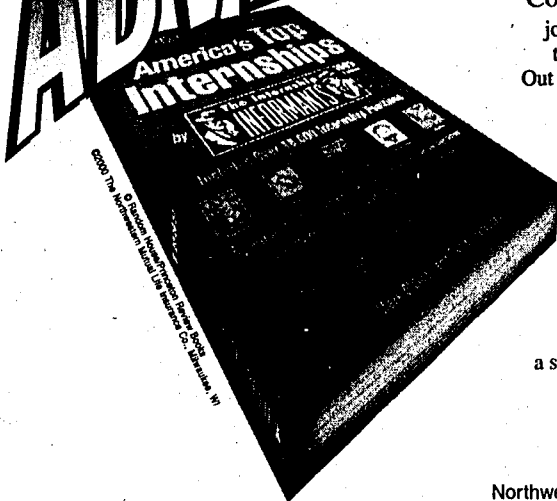
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Career Fair Tips...

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).

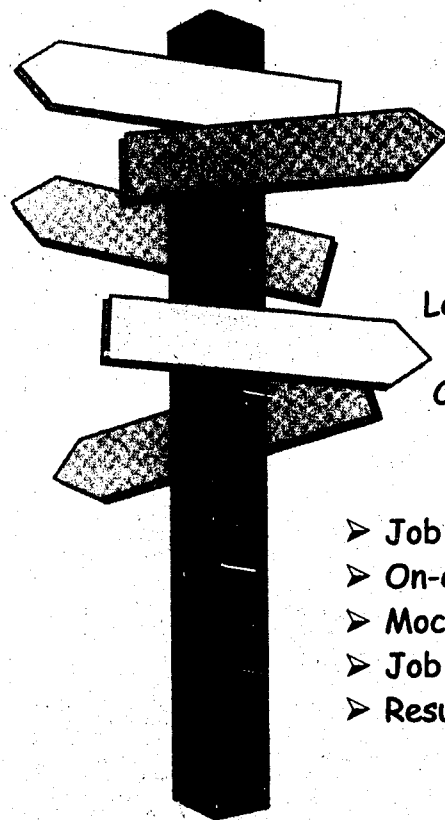
Develop a follow-up letter to send if you have given your resume to a representative.

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.

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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?

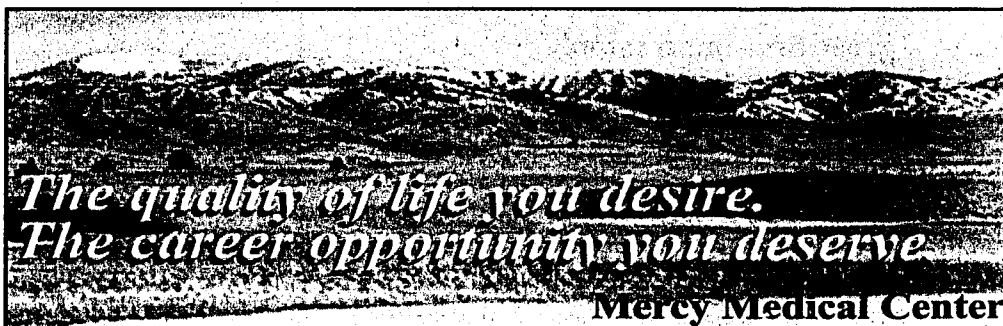
How do I obtain additional information about your organization? Do you have a web site?

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

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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

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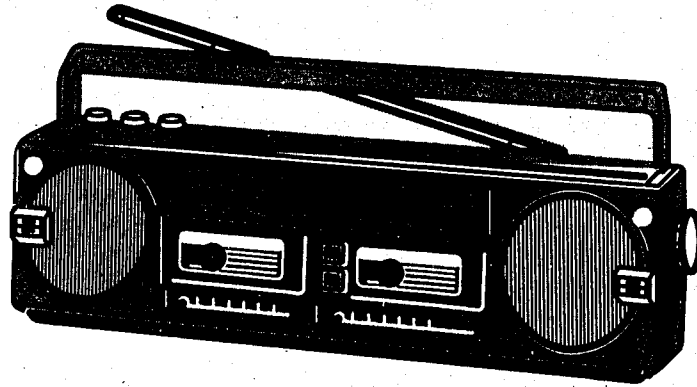
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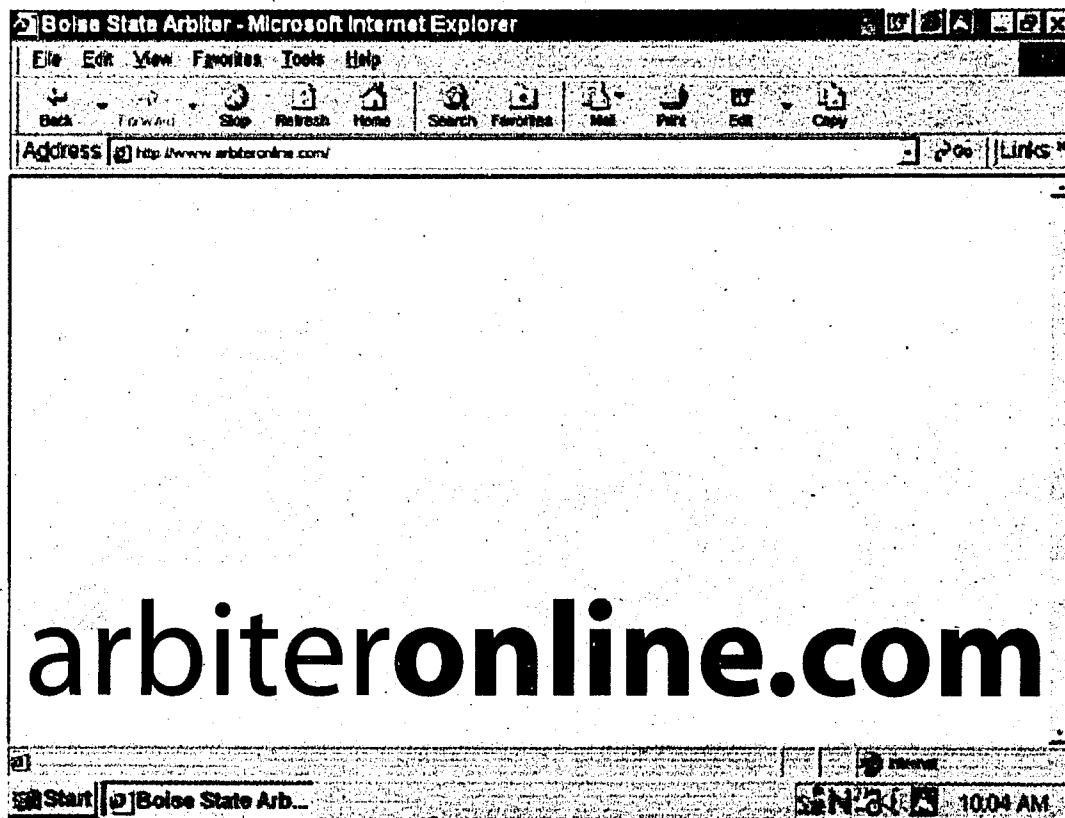
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room gaining only 2-yards rushing in the first half.

EWU came out in the second half and scored at the 7:36 mark on a 39-yard field goal.

BSU 34, EWU 16.

Late in the third quarter the stud of the afternoon continued his success. Mikell ran for a 28-yard punt return and in the process set a Bronco punt return record with 126 yards, braking the old mark of 114 yards set back in 1983.

The Broncos were so excited about the record that on BSU's second play of the possession Hendricks completed a 24-yard TD pass to sophomore Jay Swillie. Boise State ended the third quarter leading 41-16.

"We wanted to come out here and play well and just get this one done with, because now we have the Big West Conference games coming up," Hendricks said.

And the Broncos looked like their minds were on North Texas as not a whole lot of action happened in the rest of the sec-

ond half.

The fourth quarter was uneventful as the only scoring came from a 2-yard touchdown run by Eastern Washington to put the final score at 41-23, Boise State.

"We played good today, but we're not satisfied," said Mikell. "We got to keep getting better each week. We got some pretty good teams in the league (BWC) and their going to be ready to play us. So we got to work on the things that we did bad today and get better as we go."

Head coach Dirk Koetter agreed: "We need everybody to raise it (their playing level) up a

little bit for conference."

Some notes of worthy mention: senior cornerback Dempsey Dees grabbed his first interception of the season tying for sixth-place in career interceptions for a Bronco.

Bart Hendricks moved into second place in career touchdown passes trailing Tony Hilde with 60 TDs. Hilde has the record with 70 touchdown passes.

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Pete's Player of the Game

Sophomore Quintin Mikell had a record setting day with his 126-yards in returns. He also led the team in tackles with 14 and had one qb sack. The Eugene, Ore. native received All-Big West Conference honors last season and will likely make first team this year.

"Quintin is our quarterback," said defensive coordinator Brent Guy. "It all starts with him in the secondary. He makes a lot of checks for us ... and we give him a lot of responsibility."

"I just go into every game trying to help my team win," said Mikell. "I don't specifically try to take everything into my own hands, but I just try to put my team into the best situation to win. If that's me returning punts, or me making tackles, or catching picks I'm just going to do what my team asked me and what my team wants of me."

Pete's Picks

This week marks the kickoff of all Big West teams playing conference games. Boise State has no room for error as each team plays only five conference games. Just one loss could prevent a team from winning the conference championship and heading to the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl.

New Mexico State comes off an upset of Tulsa last week and will beat Arkansas State handily - Idaho will beat Utah State in Logan, Utah - The Broncos will beat North Texas for the first time as an I-A member. BSU has lost two consecutive years to the Mean Green. The Broncos will win 34-20.

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Big West Conference Standings

	Conference				All games			
	W	L	Pts.	OP	W	L	Pts.	OP
Idaho	1	0	42	25	3	4	123	225
Utah St.	1	0	17	12	2	4	111	181
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	4	2	227	144
NMSU	0	0	0	0	1	4	128	176
UNT	0	1	12	17	1	5	77	149
ASU	0	1	25	42	0	7	120	261

Western Athletic Conference Standings

	Conference				All games			
	W	L	Pts.	OP	W	L	Pts.	OP
UTEP	4	0	163	64	5	2	235	195
TCU	2	0	82	31	5	0	199	48
Fresno St.	2	0	85	45	3	2	133	115
San Jose St.	2	1	94	73	3	3	218	190
Tulsa	2	1	54	70	3	4	139	188
Hawaii	1	3	72	134	1	4	92	164
Nevada	0	2	31	99	1	5	94	246
Rice	0	3	56	79	1	5	107	186
SMU	0	3	45	102	1	6	108	206

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	41-23 W
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.

Homecoming royalty

The 2000 homecoming king and queen are Casey Boothby and Megan Sorvaag.

Boothby is a sophomore from Baker City, Ore. majoring in Secondary Education/Biology. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, BSU Ambassadors, and the Residence Hall Association.

Sorvaag is a senior from Susanville, Calif. with a 4.0 GPA. She is a major in Psychology. She is a member of the Association of Psychology Students, Alpha Chi Omega, and is also in the Boise State University Honors College.

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Two new runners lead the way for Boise State

by Lena Brainard

the Arbiter

Boise State cross-country is off to a good start this season and they are being led by freshman Michelle Carmen on the women's side and junior transfer Mike Ciampini for the men. Carmen came to Boise after an outstanding career at her high school in Elmira, 20 minutes west of Eugene Ore. In her junior year of high school she finished fifth in the 3000m and sixth in the 1500m at the state meet. She did even better her senior year finishing fourth at the cross-country state meet and moving up to claim second out of a competitive field in track in the 3000m.



She has continued to succeed at Boise State after winning the first two races at Eastern Oregon and then at Northwest Nazarene. Carmen finished seventh in her third race which was in Portland and against some tougher Division I schools.

"I'm really happy with how my season is going so far," said Carmen. "I ran a very good time an NNU. I had a big personal record. It's nice to feel like I'm still improving. I didn't peak too soon. I feel like I have a lot more left."

Carmen has personal records of 10:31 in the 3000m and 4:51 in the 1500m. She will be trying to break those records on the track this spring. As far as her plans for this cross-country season, "I hope to go under 18:00 and to place well at conference and go onto regionals. I also really want the team to go to regionals, so I want to help out with that."

Mike Ciampini came to Boise State as a transfer from the College of Southern Idaho. Originally from Montreal Canada, he came to Idaho with a lot of accomplishments already

behind him. He ran on a club team for Canada, which took him to junior nationals where he finished third in the 1500 in 1996. That same year he went to cross-country nationals finishing seventh, missing a spot on the world team by only one place.

Ciampini took a year off of running after high school and then went on to CSI where he qualified for nationals in the 800, 1500 and the 5000m on the track during his sophomore year.

"The last couple of years have been work, run, school, it took a while to get my head on straight again," said Ciampini.

But he is on a roll now after winning his first two races this cross-country season for Boise State, and like Carmen he finished seventh at the Portland race.

"I've found the right medium. I don't feel over trained and I don't feel under trained. It's good coaching. My coach has adjusted the training to what type of runner I am."

Ciampini who in the past has considered himself to be more of a track runner is having a great season.

"It started off I just wanted



to use cross-country as base work for track but now I find myself in a position where I can qualify for NCAA nationals," said Ciampini. "I've been feeling good and light like I did in high school."

In track Ciampini will concentrate mainly on the 1500. He has already run competitive times of 3:54 in the 1500 and 1:54 in the 800. His goals are to finish the cross-country season strong and to bring his times down in track.

"Each workout I feel stronger. I feel confident that I can run with the top guys in the conference and in the country."

And it is that confidence that just might get him there.

OPINION

Restraint indicates a mature public

Sober response to USS Cole attack

by John Threet

the Arbiter

I would like to take a moment and recognize the tragic loss of 17 U.S. sailors, killed in the port of Aden, Yemen, and the wounding of 33 U.S. sailors by an apparent terrorist attack on the USS Cole.

My heart goes out to the families of those killed and injured.

I am truly impressed by the lack of hysteria evidenced by the public as a result of this attack. That we know not who was responsible or the motivation for the attack may have helped. But, a general lack of

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That certain politicians would use this attack as a propaganda point for their election

bid is most unfortunate. Obviously the overall morale and the level or preparedness of the U.S. military has nothing to do with this tragedy.

An attack in a port used successfully for ship refueling for the past two years by a small boat normal to these harbor operations indicates the vulnerability and risk all military personnel encounter on a day to day basis. Ships need to refuel and in the Middle East risks are assumed by the necessity of the deployment.

I urge continued restraint on the part of our readers and on the part of our potential leaders.

Guest Opinion

A Retort from the Left: Right Field' way off base

by Brett Cottrell

Special to the Arbiter

The dogmatic claptrap exhorted by Jerel Thomas in the column "from the right" on Oct. 4, 2000 is so contradictory that it would be comical if it were not issued in earnest.

Rather than respond to every fallacy, let us examine a few of the most egregious examples. For example, how are we to interpret the statement "Every law passed encroaches upon the liberty of the individual?" Are we to assume that rape and domestic violence laws encroach on individual liberty? Furthermore, can it be inferred that arson statutes, or arson laws encroach upon individual choice? Surely even the most austere conservative would not argue that child predation statutes are an affront to individual liberty.

The forgoing examples either prove the arguments

nugatory, or illustrate the radical extremist and potentially dangerous ideas espoused by the author. Moreover, I find it ironic that immediately after noting the abhorrent nature of laws the author takes pride in legislation enacted by republicans in Congress. The contradiction is all too evident.

No reasonable person would doubt that the Constitution's preamble states a desire to protect life, liberty and happiness. However, nowhere in the constitution is there mention of potential life. There is no mention of sperm, eggs, or zygotes. If potential life were to be protected by statute, would we assume that expulsion of sperm for anything other than procreation would be a crime, or that the law would punish the monthly ejection of an egg by the female? Moreover, over 75 percent of all fertilized eggs are spontaneously aborted by the female body, are these women

guilty of murder?

These examples may seem extreme, yet they are nonetheless the logical conclusion of the author's premises. I would be remiss however, if I did not mention that the happiness of the mother is at stake as well-to leave the living, breathing, and born human beings out of the sphere of constitutional protection would seem to render the Constitution meaningless.

Universities, at least in theory, are supposed to teach critical thinking skills and at the very least an ability to see obvious contradictions. It is apparent that the author of "from the right" has learned neither.

The Arbiter is currently seeking commentary submissions on a variety of subjects from a variety of perspectives. Send submissions to editor@arbitermail.com.

Boise protest only one of thousands

IMF and World Bank prompted, dedicated local resistance

by Devin Kelly

the Arbiter

On Sept. 26 there was a global phenomenon that affected everyone. This was the world-wide protest against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. What happened in Boise was nothing compared to the rest of the world.

We gathered in the park across from the Capitol shortly after 5 p.m. After awhile we realized that our message would better be heard if we took to the streets. We blocked some traffic, we handed out some literature (admittedly not nearly enough), we sang, we chanted, we talked to strangers and police. We sat down on the intersections of Front and 6th Streets, blocking traffic to Broadway Ave. and tried to unblock people's perceptions.

The police brought out the riot gear, pepper spray, army-green protective vests, helmets, and shields and they brought out the best in us. We responded with louder voices and NO VIOLENCE WHATSOEVER: we retaliated with peace.

Onlookers watched as several armored and armed police tackled single persons and wrestled him/her to the ground. The violence of the police (from Boise, Meridian, Garden City, and Ada County) proved our point for us.

The IMF was meeting in Prague, in the Czech Republic, to decide the future of the world economic system, with essentially no input from the majority of the people that system affects. Protesters from all over the world went to Prague and their local capitols to speak out against the IMF. People in Boise marched on the Capitol.

The IMF was supposedly originally designed to aid developing third world nations, and those nations crippled by World War II. The Fund gives loans to developing nations in times of crisis. Most people would view this as a beautiful attempt to aid those nations, but the beauty is only skin deep.

The loans offered by the fund

are dispersed among the richest and most powerful in a nation. The masses of these nations never reap the benefits. Multinational corporations move their manufacturing bases to these areas, with little regard for the environment and thousands of people are made subject to conditions illegal in more advanced economies. These include substandard wages in countries where the minimum wage is already too low, extremely long workdays, lack of benefits, ecosystems being ravaged, indigenous farmers driven out of business by large fruit growing multinationals.

The news media portrayed us as uninformed college kids, and angry, potentially violent youth.

We may have been angry, but I guarantee we were the least violent people in the area. Many of my friends questioned our actions but people in Challis now know what the IMF is. Many people have told me that the cops were just doing their jobs. We were just doing our jobs.

I feel that the information we were dealing with speaks for itself.

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Letters to the Editor

Cheap Question took cheap shot

I know, I know, I have a column to espouse my views, but I am writing in my capacity as President of ASBSU Theatre Majors' Association, not far-right op-ed writer.

I am responding to a column by Scott Huntsman and Aaron Keifer, both good friends and colleagues. While I, as much as anyone, understand the ideas of humorous necessity, I feel I should defend my organization to those who took the column at face value.

TMA is one of the most respected and visible organizations here at BSU. We provide a valuable service—that of providing an outlet for Theater Artists to showcase their performance, writing, technical and directing skills to the public for minimal cost. We also organize trips to see professional theater artists at work, like the annual trip to Ashland Oregon's Shakespeare Festival. In addition to these activities, we have an unblemished reputation as supporters of community service projects like "Into the Streets" and clothing and food drives for local charities. We are first and foremost artists and humanitarians. Keifer and Huntsman are, in fact, two of our more gifted actor/playwrights.

True, we like to cut-loose and party as much as the next ASBSU club (unless that club is a fraternity, then we take a close second), but we do much, much more. To believe that we are just a bunch of alcoholic, drug-addict and morally loose deviants is a disservice to the hard work that our members put into their craft and the community.

Dale Slack III
President, TMA

Forest status quo needs revamp

Last week Governor Kempthorne traveled to Washington, D.C. to testify before the House Agriculture Committee on how the federal government and states like Idaho can work together to decrease the likelihood of future catastrophic forest fires. In particular the Governor focused on the recent agreement between the Western Governors' Association and the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I can tell you his testimony made an impact. The Governor relayed to the committee his concerns regarding status quo forest management and the need to form new federal/state partnerships to reduce fuel loads in our forests. Additionally, he illustrated the intensity of this summer's wildfires. In excess of 1.2 million acres burned in Idaho, more than in any other state!

The Governor compared the aftermath of the forest fires to what easterners experience after a major hurricane. Having visited the firelines at the Clear Creek Fire in Salmon, I can concur with that analogy. The Governor also briefed the committee on the recent agreement the WGA negotiated with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. Under Kempthorne's leadership, the WGA worked with federal land management officials to develop a collaborative framework for a new policy of federal/state partnerships. I'm happy to report to you that this agreement was included in the House Interior Appropriations

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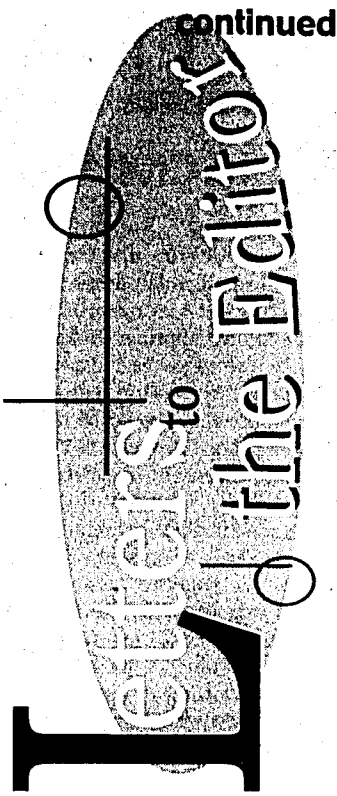
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bill, allowing for the implementation of this new strategy. Under this agreement, states will be full partners with the federal government in the planning, decision-making, and implementation of a comprehensive forest health plan. The agreement emphasizes that key decisions should be made at the local level, which will mean real changes in the on-the-ground management of our nation's forests. We must give our forest rangers the tools they need to manage our national forests properly.

It's important that Congress hear from state leaders like Gov. Kempthorne. Idaho can be proud of the Governor's proactive leadership in bringing the federal and state governments together to address our forest health crisis.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress

Candidates can't teach

Gore obviously won the debate, but lost on personality. But, neither one of these candidates know the first thing about education (public or private). Subject matter competency is no real concern for a quality teacher. A good teacher can instruct any (almost any) subject with the resources of that subject. In fact, the learning may be more significant if the instructor is NOT a master of the subject.

The primary purpose of Headstart is to develop social skills and sharing, not for reading readiness. Most of the students (if not all) are not capable of focusing down to the printed page, nor concentrating on words and their relationships. They may learn their alphabet and numerals, but not necessarily in printed form.

In Kindergarten, the children are still not "Reading Ready" for the most part. They learn to print their name, and the shapes of letters and numerals, and the meanings of some simple words on paper.

And, both candidates want to penalize schools with a population of slower learners, because they do not achieve to an expected level, rather than providing a more realistic time-line for those students to learn. Bush even wants to put Army troops in the classroom to control discipline (I believe). Many of the "grunts" in the Army have not even graduated from high school.

"To teach", has the connotation of transferring knowledge from an authority figure to a subject's brain and memory. That simply is not the case.

Elmer E. Hunt, Jr.

"Good Life's" humor bad journalism

As a general rule, I never write to newspapers- with one exception: when I read a factually-incorrect article, I feel it is important to point out errors. The opinion piece on Oct. 4 regarding student clubs, while funny in places, was not only inaccurate, but slanderous as well.

Having a degree in journalism, I know the opinion page is a useful forum to inject humor into a normally serious publication. Certainly that was the attempt to the Oct. 4 article (I laughed about the N'Sync club). But when a newspaper makes up facts about real student organizations, even in the attempt to be funny, they cross a journalistic line and not only do harm to the club, but leave themselves liable.

The comments about nontraditional students and theater majors drinking were in poor taste, certainly. But more serious were the comments on the Role Playing and Gaming Club.

The assertion that club members spent \$2000 in BSU money on Dungeons and Dragons materials and John Cougar Mellencamp posters for club members' rooms is a flat-out lie. It isn't a joke, it isn't a misstatement and it isn't funny - it's slander, even in an opinion piece.

Having researched with the ASBSU accounting department, there is no evidence that the Role Playing Club ever spent such money.

While I doubt any readers took you seriously, harm was still done. In the future, if you want to be funny, don't make up facts about an actual student organization.

Mike Esposito
Student Organizations Program Coordinator

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A good high takes some searching

Activism high hard to kick

by Lesligh Owen

the Arbiter

After years of searching, I finally stumbled over a high that, in big enough doses, keeps its users flying for hours, days, sometimes even years, a drug whose subculture fuels the high as potently as the hits themselves, whose flashbacks tickle the memory the way the original experiences once seduced the senses.

Three years ago, I got addicted to activism.

Warning: May Cause Euphoria

We huddled around the table on those long-ago Friday nights, glorying in the heights to which we'd ascended. Looking around the table, I often saw my own face-splitting grins and fidgety eagerness reflected on the faces of my sister and brother junkies. We passed conversation, ideas and praises around the room, inhaling the camaraderie and reveling in the solidarity spreading throughout our systems.

I was a baby feminist then, involved in my very first exposure to progressive activism. I became hooked after the premier meeting, after the other members and I first dipped our toes in the headiness of proactivism. Those bi-monthly rendezvous quickly escalated into weekly ones, but before long, even those weekly meetings no longer

satisfied my cravings. I eventually crammed other activities — rallies, film viewings, marches, protests, political campaigns and educational booths — into the gaps, yawning between these weekly get-togethers. I couldn't get enough. Every single meeting, every event, every

preparatory and post-event get-together: I attended them all, taking time off work and sacrificing my weekends when necessary. I performed a desperate and precarious juggling act between school, work and activism, all the time allowing enough room to add more and more commitments.

I have to strain my activism-fried brain to recall a time when I counted myself happier.

Warning: Extended Exposure May be Habit Forming

Once an activist, always an activist. Every time I crawl on the wagon of non-action, I attend "just one more" rally, march or workshop and once again find myself hopelessly snookered on the sense of community.

Just this July, in fact, I joined in the Pride festivities, waving heavy fists, screaming various chants and laughing at the "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" protestors. Later, maneuvering through the tight crowds, smiling and hugging every other person I encountered, I grew light-headed with the camaraderie. High on the sense of solidarity, I looked people in the eye, giggled with vendors I'd never before met and exchanged phone numbers with virtual strangers.

Come September, I fell off the wagon again, this time landing in the first meeting of Student Advocates for Gender Equality (SAGE). I copped a contact high the second I walked in the room;

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This Weeks Episode: The Cold Civil War

by C. Dale Slack III, Esq.

the Arbiter

When I announced my intention to enroll at The University of Mississippi Law School, the reactions were surprisingly varied. Some people said, "What do you want to go there for? All those people are illiterate." Others said, "What do you want to go there for? All those people are racists." A third group said, "You know, it gets real hot there." As if I still hadn't quite figured out the complexities of American climate diversity - but for the purposes of this rant, the third group doesn't count.

The thing that puzzles me most is that a lot of Idahoans decry the Southerners as "backwards hicks", when you can walk into Dillard's, an upscale department store here, and the "Singin' Bass" is available for sale without shame.

I keep seeing articles and columns in most major newspapers, including the ones here in Idaho, decrying the affection the citizens of Southern U.S. states have for the Confederate flag. It's a racist symbol, they say. The problem is, most people don't really understand what caused the civil war. Most people ignorantly assume that the continuing practice of slavery was the main point - it wasn't. The big issue in the Civil

War (or "War of Northern Aggression") was the fact that the U.S. federal government was telling the Southern states "this is the way we in the north do it, do likewise or else." This practice is still going on today, but because the South lost the war, we blindly sit back and accept an overly strong central government.

But assuming that the opponents of Confederate flag waving are correct; assume that the South broke the Union merely to preserve a way of life they had always known, a way of life that was perfectly acceptable to Northerners before they replaced slave labor with machinery that wasn't widely available in the South. Let's assume that. Then I put it to you, the American flag is just as racist a symbol as the Confederate flag. After all, where did the land that you and I now sit on come from? We sure as hell didn't buy it from those darker-skinned friendly folk we found here. No, we took it; and if we couldn't take it by force, we used our superior white powers of con-artistry and deception. Then, when those damned sub-human savages tried to take it back or when they complained and naively and stupidly suggested that we "share the land" (yeah, right, what civilized society

does that?), we either killed them off in mass quantities, killed off their source of food, skins and raw materials in government approved buffalo hunts or else we swept them under the land-rug into reservations where they would be far happier (I hope my readers recognize and appreciate sarcasm, or else I will be branded the biggest racist in BSU history...).

Yes, we Yankees are certainly far superior to those backwards hicks in the South. We have never, for instance, allowed police officers to beat a black man within an inch of his life, then acquitted them in court in Los Angeles; we've also never allowed police to brutally beat a black inmate in a New York jail, then sodomize him repeatedly with a broken broomstick. And here in Idaho we certainly have absolutely no organized racists. No, we are far more genteel and sophisticated than those Southern clouts. Aren't we? Listen to "Rednecks" by Randy Newman. It provokes Northern thought.

Wisdom Nugget
"The difference between going to school and getting an education is like the difference between picking an apple and eating it."
- Tallulah Bankhead (dumb southerner)

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Rant

Votes are meaningless... except one

by Ryan Davidson

Special to the Arbiter

Jim Toweill is right. Your vote is meaningless. (Rant Sept. 19). Speaking as a political candidate, I can attest to the fact that you are not represented in Idaho, your concerns fall upon deaf ears, and you will continually be subjected to laws you find "ridiculous".

Even if your dream team of President, Congressman, Senator, State Legislator etc., was elected, how long would it be before their policies were implemented? And how watered down by compromise would they end up? Face it: there will never be a majority in the State Legislature that reflects your unique view of the world. So voting this November is pointless, really. Pointless...well...except for one tiny little thing you may have overlooked. **WE STILL ELECT OUR SHERIFFS.**

Perhaps you've never given much thought to this, but it's time that BSU students took a second look at the office of the County Sheriff. *One man* provides checks and balances to the entire statewide power structure. Consider this: Our legislators can pass any and all laws they want to, *but who will enforce those laws?* As an elected official, the Sheriff is only accountable to the people themselves, and not to the lawmakers.

Nothing shocks me anymore. As I watched Boise police officers overreact and brutalize peaceful IMF protestors, my mind drifted back a couple years to the shootings, the charges of excessive force, and my own bogus arrest. As I said, one more example of an abuse of police power doesn't shock me, it only angers me. What happened to the Constitution? The First Amendment guarantees citizens the Right to Assemble. By enacting unlawful assembly legislation, our government has taken a Right and turned it into a privilege. We need to take our Rights

back. Stalled traffic is a small price to pay for freedom. I truly hope the protestors have the strength of their convictions to plead not guilty and see this through to the end. I also must point out that if you are opposed to the IMF but are paying federal income taxes, you are a hypocrite. By paying the tax, you are voluntarily funding the very organization you claim to despise. Now, who among you is brave enough to stop paying your taxes?

Jim Toweill is right about a lot of things. His anger over the speeding ticket is completely justified, and I'm sure he's tapped into the feelings of hundreds of folks who've gotten tickets in their life. He was driving 11 miles over the limit on an empty street. No one was victimized by the act; no property was damaged. Does he "deserve" that ticket? Of course not! He's no criminal. In fact, in his rant he unknowingly revealed the true criminals in all of this — the traffic court judges and the lawmakers who wipe their butts with the Constitution on a daily basis. All traffic tickets are based on "Infraction law," which is a "hybrid" of civil and criminal law, but has the protections of neither. You have no right to a jury or a public defender under infraction law, and you can be found guilty with no evidence against you. In a typically extortionary fashion, traffic court judges personally profit off your ticket, as \$18 from each ticket goes into a judge's retirement fund. Why would they ever want to find you 'not guilty'? Talk about a conflict of interest! Don't for one second believe the government when they say that "we're just trying to encourage safety." Because all of a sudden we live in a very dangerous world. Everything is unsafe. And they end up stealing a lot of our money because of it. Warren O'Dell, in a letter to the *Arbiter*, tries to pick apart Jim's arguments but fails miserably. Mr. O'Dell is one of those people who's philosophy is "Whatever the government says

is good enough for me, so let's all bend over and take it for the good of the country." That doesn't cut it with real Americans, Mr. O'Dell. If you're so bent on obeying the "law," why don't you crack open Boise City Code, where you'll find that the posted speed limits are just suggestions, and are up for debate. It's in the Code, people!

I am running for Sheriff for some very specific reasons. There is no law that requires anyone to pay an income tax. If you can find one I'll pay you \$5000. I will kick the IRS out of the county the day I take office. No one will be forced to pay the tax after that.

I will eliminate all traffic tickets until the system is completely reformed. Unsafe drivers will be taken off the road, but they will not be ticketed.

I will arrest judges who violate your rights. They will be dragged off the bench in cuffs.

I will not arrest any member of a peaceful protest. I will arrest Boise City cops if they violate your rights.

I have been invited by Professor Moore to give a guest lecture to his Mass Media and Democracy class on Oct. 19 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. If you are able to attend I highly recommend it. Mr. Toweill, I would be honored to have you be a part of this, if not chair it.

I'll leave you all with a quote from a federal judge (Case No. 2:96-cv-099-J 1997): "...the duly elected sheriff of a county is the highest law enforcement official within a county and has law enforcement powers exceeding that of any other state or federal official."

Now get out there and vote for me!

Ryan Davidson is the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Idaho and is a candidate for Ada County Sheriff. To learn more www.lp-idaho.org

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the women and men around me talked and joked like old friends as we passed our names and personal histories around the circle of chairs.

I left that meeting so high on enthusiasm and potential, I couldn't help but smile at everyone I passed. Most people rolled their eyes in response to my fuzzy gaze and wobbly grin.

Geez, what's this woman on?

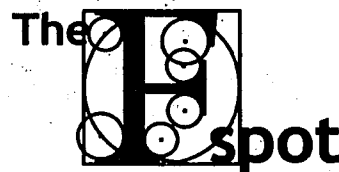
Warning: Effect is Heightened with Other Medications

Like any good ideological junkie, I find myself as eager as a revivalist preacher to enfold everyone within my heavenly haze. Sure, feminist strategizing sessions may not dilate your pupils, but something out there will. Photography push your buttons? Canoeing float your boat? Does envisioning yourself writing, lobbying, rock climbing or playing chess make your pulse soar? Find a group, jump into the fray and wait for the ecstasy to whisk you away.

Or, if a group dedicated to your passions doesn't yet exist, cook one up. On- or off-campus, I guarantee other wackos exist with similar passions for the martial arts, drying fruits or worshipping felines. Imagine yourself as a distributor of sorts, a pusher for your brand of exquisite highs.

Warning: May Affect Different Persons Differently

Although divine, the high itself may not contain the rush that unites the group. You may, in fact, find half the joy in the community itself. While learning Russian or knot tying may serve as the pocket for you and your newfound buddies, you also might find your closest allies, your strongest network of support and empathy, within this circle of addicts.



Sarah, a member of SAGE, doesn't differentiate between the high and the context. She became involved, she said, in order to find an outlet for her progressivism. She grew sick of stuffing her ideas inside a slick, gel-coated capsule that allowed for easier public consumption. Her words are too potent, her ideas too intoxicating to continue to dilute.

Like Sarah, I remain committed to activism because the alternatives — stagnation, silence and living in the shadows of life's psychedelic brilliance — seem like too big a pill for me, as well, to swallow.

Warning: Take with Food and Drink

As the new members of SAGE introduced themselves, ingesting one another's tales of community and identity regained, my friend Lani joked, "Hi, my name is Lani, and I'm a feminist."

How appropriate, I thought.

Like any good group, we bond through ritual and revelation, convening over food and drink every Thursday at the Flick's. We begin at seven at night and end whenever we've reached our limit.

You may want to partake in our high, or you might want to seek your own drug of choice. Either way, don't dismiss the only legal means to tinker with your reality and achieve a sixty-watt grin.

C'mon — everybody's doin' it.

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October 18, 2000

Idaho Dance Theatre kicks off new season:

Program features two premieres and pianist Del Parkinson

by Arbitr Staff

Idaho Dance Theatre inaugurates its 2000-01 season of original works on Friday this Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Special Events Center.

IDT is the professional, contemporary dance company in residence at BSU's Theatre Arts Department.

Concert goers will experience a diverse presentation of dance ranging from contemporary interpretations of classical themes to daring new works that test characterization.

The season opener features two premieres by choreographer Maria Hansen and as well as works by Carl Rowe and guest choreographer Colleen Altafler Smith. Guest pianist Del Parkinson of BSU's music department faculty will accompany several of the dances.

The first is the premiere of Hansen's "Coven," based on music by American Composer Samuel Barber. Parkinson then accompanies Carl Rowe's "Three Short Dances," set to music by Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera.

Rowe will also present his "41925." The numbers refer to the number of dancers involved in each of the five pieces. Rowe states: "My intent was to create self-contained sections that singly would tap into different parts of your mind, and together would somehow hang together as a piece."

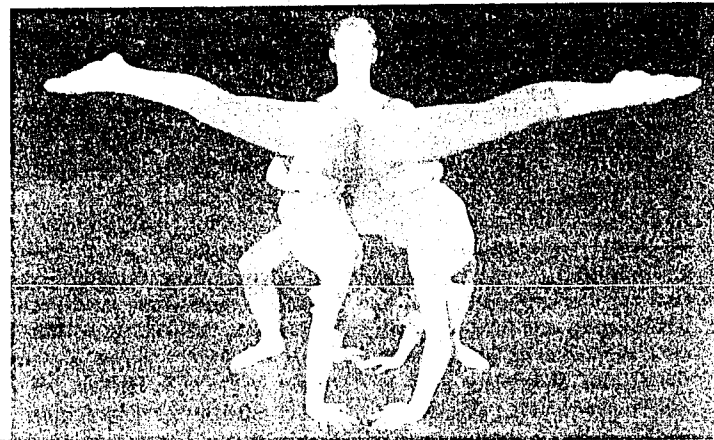
Altafler Smith's "My Fears are Subtle," explores fears, both large and small, that are a part of what it means to be human. She says: "I do not see dance as a series of steps, but rather as a process of developing movement ideas. The dancers have to be willing to take a chance and try things they may never have experienced before."

Hansen's second premiere is a *pas de deux* set to the song "Nothing Else Matters" by Metallica, performed on four cellos by the group Apocalyptica.

Tickets for all performances are available through Select-A-Seat by asking for "IDT Fall." Prices are \$12 and \$8 for BSU students, faculty and staff.

Free Parking will be available in the Liberal Arts Lot (next to the Special Events Center) and the Library Parking Lot (behind the Liberal Arts Lot) for the Fri. & Sat. evening performances. The Liberal Arts Lot will only be available at no charge for the matinee performance.

Yurek Hansen,
Hailey Becker and
a fellow dancer
from the Idaho
Dance Theatre



Shakespeare's Twelfth Night fine, funny and fresh

by Scott Horting

the Arbitr

Shakespeare came to town Saturday night and left them laughing. "Twelfth Night" or "What You Will" shone in nearly every way. The sure, invisible hand of director Gordon Reinhart delivered a sharp, delicious satire on crossed and convoluted desire, gender confusion, and the human yearning for emotional connection. Gorgeous costuming, appropriate lighting, and savvy, informed acting animated the classic comedy at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Boise State University Theatre Arts production in the Special Events Center.

The players wrung laughter from their audience with timing, gestures, looks and eloquent silences. Only actors who completely understand the intent of the playwright's words can convey their meaning so clearly across the vault of centuries. Central to this end is the work of the director.

"One of our goals was to not say anything we did not understand," said director Reinhart. Having acted twice before in the

play he was on firm ground with his understanding of the intent of the language. Nevertheless he employed Kam Hervey as dramaturge—a scholar of the language of a period acting as a literary advisor—to research and to clarify the meaning of archaic terms.

It is this attention to detail that allows the deep subtleties of the play to shine through. The audience is kept laughing at the antics of the characters like the bombastic Sir Toby Belch and the ridiculous twit Sir Andrew Aguecheek, aptly played by Nick Scherine. But Ken Rothwell's interpretation of Belch is so finely balanced that beneath the rude,

drunken knight peeks the sad alcoholic desperate for human contact. The only real disappointment of the play lay in the cheesy papier-mâché texture of the balcony backdrop. It is unfortunate that such minor fault can so compromise by way of contrast an otherwise nearly flawless production.

Thousands of hours went into the production: from five weeks of rehearsal, four hours a day, six days a week, to a comparable labor from the production crew. Audiences need to appreciate the tremendous labor that goes into staging a play like this one—which will only see a total of five performances. The cast and crew are talented, intelligent, informed and passionate about their work and it shows in the way that it all seems effortless. It is likely that further productions will be on par with "Twelfth Night."

For more information call 426-3080.

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Football film provides social commentary and fights bigotry

by **Kate Hoffman**

the Arbiter

"Remember the Titans"
Denzel Washington
Will Patton
Directed by Boaz Yakin
Music by Trevor Rabin
Rated PG (thematic elements, mild language)

Based on a true story, "Remember the Titans" takes place in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971. The town is in turmoil because of the decision to integrate a black and a white school. The streets are filled with citizens opposed to the idea.

It's an ugly scene to watch, and likely the first thing Coach Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) sees as he moves into Alexandria from South Carolina. His welcome is less than warm as he moves his young family into an all-white neighborhood and goes to meet

the existing coach, Bill Yoast (Will Patton).

Yoast is a well-liked coach with a shot at the Hall of Fame. When he and his white players learn that the school has made Boone head coach over Yoast, there is an immediate revolt. Yoast decides to quit and his players vow to quit with him, despite his best efforts to keep them in the game. The person who takes this the hardest is Yoast's nine-year-old daughter Sheryl (Hayden Panettiere), a vivacious and hilarious character whose involvement in her father's job creates the brightest points in this movie.

The season starts off filled with tension and hatred as Yoast reconsiders and brings his players back onto the team. One wonders how these Titans will ever play together, much less win a game. But here is where coach Boone works his magic.

During rigorous practices,

friendships are gradually forged between the white and black players, ties that will be sorely tested once they return to school to find a student body stubbornly resisting the integration.

On the surface, this is a slightly sappy movie about the black and white football players (and coaches) learning to see each other as people rather than as colors. Their fight to the state championship inspires the city of Alexandria to relinquish its hold on racism.

I couldn't decide whether the idea that football could change the world was silly or depressing, but I'm leaning towards the latter. It would be easy to dismiss this as Hollywood-ization were it not that the movie is closely based on a true story. The movie likely left out many non-football events which contributed to Alexandria's sea-change, so call 'Titans' a shorthand version of

the real story, focused on America's favorite distraction.

The main point of this movie goes beyond the plot. The camera focuses in on people on the streets and in the school hallways as whispered comments from behind closed curtains play through the speakers. You begin to get a very strong taste of the flavor of hatred. While many modern movies are pure eye candy, there are others that serve as valuable lessons. Movies like "Remember the Titans" let people feel the injustices and prejudices of our society from perspectives they could hardly imagine on their own.

This movie is currently on top of the charts, a remarkable feat for a PG film. While a profanity- and vulgarity-free football team is pretty unrealistic, it makes for a show that anyone can enjoy. You won't miss the foul language, although the dialogue is somewhat limp at

times.

Another element that makes this movie accessible is that the director of photography came into production of "Titans" having never seen a football game before. His cinematography avoids the cliched game footage. His cameras found fascinating angles, views that the average fan would never see.

This movie was created under the cooperation of many of the actual people portrayed. Herman Boone worked with Washington, helping him play his role as accurately as possible. Bill Yoast came on board primarily to see his daughter Sheryl portrayed on the silver screen. While in the movie an older Sheryl serves as a narrator, in real life she died at age 34 of heart failure.

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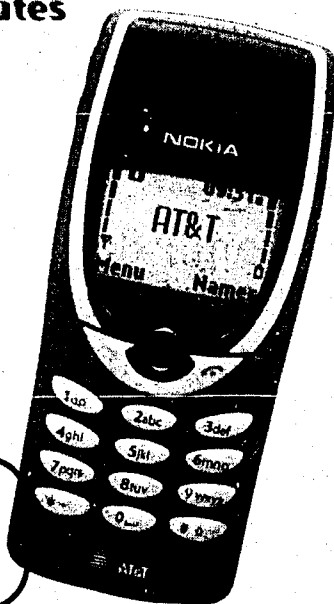
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Helping others was a family tradition for Amy Zaleska, of Massachusetts. So after getting her master's degree, she signed up for a year of service with AmeriCorps. She moved across the country to coordinate a hunger program in California, where she developed new skills and decided to pursue a career in nonprofit management. "My project affected so many people," Amy says. "Now I know that one person really can make a difference."

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Tea time with Wheatus

Funny, catchy and smoooth

by Brian Holler

the Arbitrator

I'm sure you've heard it on the radio. The whiny, ear-piercing, high-pitched voice that sings, "I'm just a teenage dirtbag, baby!" Yes, it's time to see if Wheatus can be more than a one-hit wonder. Their self-titled debut album is cut from the mold of other pop alternative bands such as Weezer, Dynamite Hack, Better Than Ezra and the Flaming Lips. Catchy choruses, funny lyrics, and smooth transitions make this album just like most of the albums by the groups that I mentioned earlier.

This is not to say that the album sucks. In fact, I liked it. Any group that can have songs like "Wannabe Gangstar" and "Punk A\$\$ B*tch" and get away with it, is cool with me. Actually, those two songs are a couple of my personal faves off the album. As much as I hate to admit it, I'm hooked on "Teenage Dirtbag." It's got that transition from soft to hard that I love in much of this type of music, and a catchy chorus. It's one of those songs that, even if you didn't like it, you'd be singing it.

In addition, Wheatus also does a cover of Depeche Mode's "A Little Respect," which actually does that great song justice. I was very surprised to hear the respect and passion that Wheatus put into that cover song. All in all, a decent album if you like that pop/alternative genre. I'm giving it (out of a possible five) three teenage dirtbags. Although, I know many more in my neighborhood that I'd gladly get rid of! Oh well, can't solve punk kids in a single article, but you can tell people that, if it's your cup of tea, you'll like Wheatus...go check it out!

Botch induces mass perspiration

by Jim Towell

the Arbitrator

Recipe for a sauna: rent one medium-sized legion hall, mix in 50-plus rowdy, music-loving people, add local hardcore bands A.I.D. and Breakaway, and most importantly, the secret ingredient - Botch, from Tacoma, Washington.

The American Legion Hall in Meridian unleashed this concoction on Monday Sept. 25, and it proved to be extremely potent.

Alliance In Defiance, who have probably been around long enough to be considered veterans of the Boise scene, whipped up the crowd into a humid frenzy; kicking out their grooving hardcore jams. Certain members of the audience did some interesting dances during Defiance's set, including a few which involved ritualistic acts of

male bonding, which might best be described as "playful ass-humping."

The faux-sexual innuendo only added to the already sweaty atmosphere, and prepared everyone for the positive metal/hardcore juggernaut known as Breakaway. Recently constructed from former members of Dropcry, and their family and friends, these guys (and one woman) put on a brief but impressive performance.

Vocalist Matt Arriola careened around the room like an animated rubber band, screaming, shouting and handing the mike off for others to join in the fray. Delicious.

At this point the air in the poorly-ventilated venue was just about liquefied, and there was still one act left to be thrown into the mix - the mathematical metal monster known as Botch.

This four-man package came prepared with a choreographed

light show, and the necessary guitar effects to pull off all the wizardry on their latest release, *We Are The Romans*. Botch turned the already hot, damp, thick air in the hall into a boiling mass of sticky sweat and breath.

Their thunderous off-tempo rhythms moved bodies over, through and on top of each other, occasionally resulting in a pile of people twisted up in microphone cables, screaming in unison with vocalist Dave Verellen.

With the absence of a real stage, the crowd and the band melted or collided into one another frequently. Luckily no one was hurt, and nothing was broken, but each person in attendance probably lost a great deal of water weight.

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Testosterone not required to enjoy action movies

by **Kate Hoffman**
the Arbiter

“Blockbuster movie”: *n.* An over-budgeted summertime release, invariably of the action genre, sometimes set in the future or in an historical period. It is characterized by blood, gore, ammunition, explosions, vehicular chases, sharp and/or blunt objects, and typically unmusical soundtracks. See also “movies for guys who like movies.”

With this formula, one would think that the audiences for such films would be predominantly male. However, these movies don't make it to the top of the charts by courting only half the population. Women enjoy these movies every bit as much as men.

Why is this? How can the population that makes “chick flicks” possible justify an obvious zeal for movies like “Gladiator,” “The Matrix,” “Terminator”? What is the allure of Will Smith, Arnold Schwarzenegger, or any number of James Bonds for a female audience?

The answer that most guys and many gals give is that women enjoy watching the male leads in various states of heroic nudity. While I won't refute that sexy stars are a selling point, I disagree that they constitute the full appeal of these movies to the allegedly fairer and gentler sex.

I, for one, will not pick out a movie, drive to Edwards, and pay seven dollars for the privilege of watching an overpaid actor's makeup- and computer-enhanced stunt double fall out of a window

wearing nothing but a curtain and an Uzi.

The fact of the matter is that women - and I apologize to anyone who does not fall under this generalization - are romantic creatures. Men go to these movies because of the video game appeal, whereas women go for the stories and the adventure.

Take your average couple at a pirate movie. The man will savor the slaughters and fisticuffs, leaving with fantasies about swinging that rapier or cutlass and chopping off extras' body parts. The woman will pick out the subtleties of the plot, make emotional alliances with the characters, and come away dreaming of running away with the pirates (who are, generally speaking, considerably more exciting than her date).

Women get inside the stories these movies tell, sympathize with the characters, and create a place for themselves in the plot. Action movies reignite a stifled sense of adventure, leading women to picture (if only briefly) themselves as pirates, storm chasers, jewel thieves, outlaws, freedom fighters, spies, intergalactic spacecraft pilots, or trench coat-wearing inter-dimensional liberators of mankind. They create a world without dull obligations, either by obliterating all responsibility or by transforming it into a grand, heroic duty.

Okay, so you're one of the women to whom I apologized two paragraphs ago. It's the last year of the twentieth century and, frankly, times have changed

a lot since the dawn of the movie industry. Women have broken into practically every field, including (to some extent) the military. Does this indicate an increased female appetite for violence, or has this bloodlust existed all along, hidden by an ideal of feminine sensitivity?

I'm not a squeamish person but I find it painful to watch people being butchered. I enjoy a good adrenaline rush as much as the next person, but I find the audience's cheers and guffaws as guts splatter the screen seriously

disturbing. What's so funny about death? Either there's something comical about these Hollywood massacres that I'm missing, or I'm growing up in a generation of psychopaths.

A great many young women claim to enjoy the carnage, for stress relief or a change of pace from shoulder-weeping Meryl Streep movies. I can sympathize with the latter but I still think it's disturbing to ask a roomful of girls why they like action movies, only to have them turn on you with hungry eyes and say “blood”

in unison.

So why do women enjoy these testosterone-laden cinematic bloodbaths? Maybe it's a quest for the romance lost in our desensitized, clinical, computerized world. Maybe it's an expression of suppressed violent tendencies. Maybe these films just offer a chance to ogle some biceps. All I know is that next time I'm faced with a decision between a chick flick and an action movie, I'll be wearing a trench coat and leaving the Kleenex at home.

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Morcheeba- Fragments of Freedom

Donkeys utter more intelligent and poignant words

by Jim Tollweil

the Arbiter

Hmm. Morcheeba. Is that a veiled drug reference that I'm not familiar with, or just some sort of weird British slang? I'm not exactly sure, but I'll give it my own definition. According to me, Morcheeba is Pakistani slang for potpourri, since this disc has a little bit of this, a little bit of that, and a little bit of everything else.

Fragments of Freedom is an accurate title for an album that is pieced together from various fragments of funk, soul, '70s pop, trip-hop, jazz, disco, electronica, rock, calypso, old school hip-hop, and probably several other types of music that I'm not savvy enough to identify. These guys (and a girl, who does have a pretty smooth voice), suffer from a strain of the "jack-of-all-trades-master-of-none" virus, which differs from the norm in that they have a knack for blending styles together without making a big mess of things.

But Morcheeba simply don't have the genius of someone like Beck (the McGyver of rock), who can create new sounds out of whatever happens to be lying around. They could also find someone else to write the lyrics: "You and me/were meant to be/walking free/in harmony..."

More intelligent and poignant words have been uttered from the mouths of donkeys. That said, this isn't bad overall, and it's quite catchy at times. And in case that Morcheeba somehow pick up the *Arbiter* and are reading this, the last track, which happens to be the best on the album, does show some promise.

Boise State Orchestras present "Symphonic Blockbusters" Oct. 22

The Boise State Chamber Orchestra and the University/Community Orchestra will present a program of "Symphonic Blockbusters" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Morrison-Center Main Hall.

The orchestras will be directed by Boise State music professor Craig Purdy. The program will include some of the most popular works from the symphonic repertoire. The concert will present the overture to "The Barber of Seville," by Rossini; "Adagio for Strings" by Barber; "A Severn Rhapsody" by Finzi; "Old American Songs," by Copland and "Pines of Rome" by Respighi.

Boise State music professor Lynn Berg will be the baritone soloist in the Copland songs.

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Books

Just in case you didn't know, We've Got Issues

by Kate Hoffman

the Arbiter

Young people today are alienated from the political process. Although political decisions affect the world they will one day inherit, they consistently have an appallingly low voter turnout.

The average person in his or her teens, twenties, or thirties is more interested in "The Simpsons" than an electoral debate or coverage of international events. It seems that these generations have no idea what to care about or why to care.

Meredith Bagby's new book has (some of) the answers. The title really says it all: "We've Got Issues: The Get Real, No B.S., Guilt-Free Guide to What Really Matters." This 320-page book presents itself as a valuable resource for the young, concerned citizens of our country.

As Bagby states, "most of us aren't cynics at heart. We want to be part of something. We want to be proud of...the country to which we belong. And we do have issues."

This book defines those issues for the clueless, confused, or time-starved and explains why young people should be the most concerned about these issues. It might not be a bad idea to hand a copy to each col-

lege student as they walk in the door to their first class.

We've Got Issues is a quick and accessible read despite the fact that it explains in detail concepts ranging from the budget surplus to sexual inequality. Essentially what Bagby has done is taken the major issues of the day, explained what affect these issues have on the reader, and show the various viewpoints on the issue. She boils a problem as big as Social Security reform down to seven pages, yet manages to be very thorough.

Many pages are devoted to the subject of education. According to Bagby, the United States' quality of education is falling far behind our international peers. Chapter 10, entitled "Public Baby-sitting," elucidates the weaknesses of our national education. "Is our nation producing a bunch of dumbed-down, drooling, real-life Bart Simpsons who can't find Canada on a map much less operate a cash register?" asks Bagby.

How can we solve this? She doesn't tell us, but she gives a wide range of possible solutions along with their pros and cons. Bagby also discusses the cost of higher education, a subject with which every student should be concerned.

For the most part, Bagby remains objective and fair in her presentation of differing solu-

tions. As the book progresses one sees more of her personal biases, but in general she refrains from telling the reader what to think. Bagby presents (and often seems to support) some very controversial ideas; however, one is not supposed to agree with everything she says, but to develop an opinion from the information Bagby presents.

The only true drawback to this book is its extremely time-sensitive nature. A great deal of the book is devoted to discussing the platforms and personalities of George W. Bush and Al Gore (and nearly as much time not-so-subtly supporting Bill Bradley). The foreign relations chapter refers to Slobodan Milosevic as being "strong and in power" and, in fact, lists several facts that have since changed or may change any day. By the time this book finds its way to library shelves, much of it will be outdated.

However, purchasing it can be counted twelve dollars well-spent. The information within the bulk of *We've Got Issues* merits it a place on every student's bookshelf.

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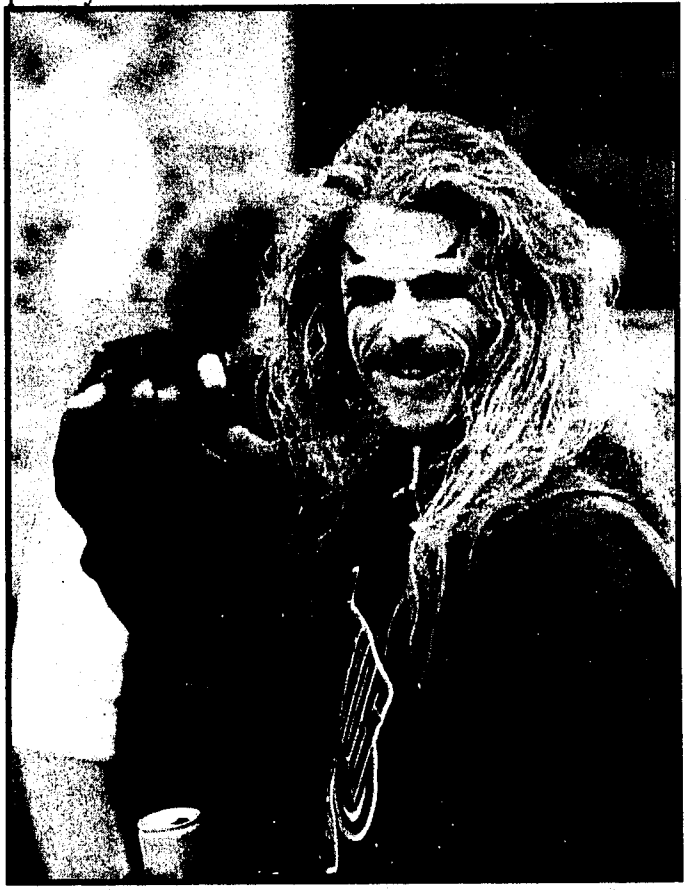
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Bronco fans:
The Boise State University Homecoming game drew an eclectic crowd of fans. Between plays a fan (right) who identified himself only as Geno the Apeman fan drew stares and glares. The inflatable bungie jump has Nick Lenardson (left) enjoying Homecoming frivolity.

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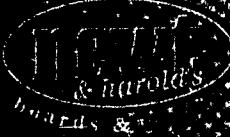
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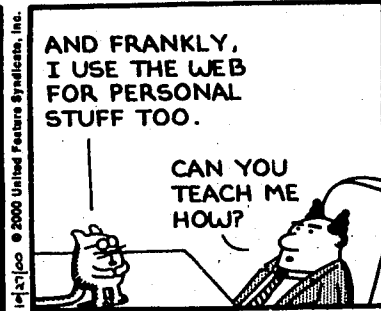
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- 8 Ruth's husband
- 12 Mimic
- 13 Teensy amount
- 14 Tackle-box item
- 15 Natalie's pop
- 16 Tended a crack
- 18 Slipper material?
- 20 Family
- 21 Stressful type? (abbr.)
- 24 Old saying
- 28 Nurtured
- 32 Dispatch
- 33 Make like Olivier
- 34 Storms
- 36 Pub order
- 37 Seek bargains
- 39 Got down pat
- 41 November stone
- 43 Piece of Italian bread?
- 44 Eve, originally?
- 46 Say
- 50 Nervously confused
- 55 Chopping tool
- 56 Wheels of fortune
- 57 Shoe bottom
- 58 Frenzied
- 59 Pearl Buck heroine
- 60 Bridge fee
- 61 Type squares

DOWN

- 1 Thrill
- 2 Autumnal birthstone
- 3 Greek consonant
- 4 Tout
- 5 Day off; abbr.
- 6 Composer Hoffmann
- 7 Domino, e.g.
- 8 Uses the Cuisinart
- 9 Possessive
- 10 "Chances ____"
- 11 Londoner's letter
- 17 Acapulco aunt
- 19 Command to Fido
- 22 Saroyan's "My Name Is ____"
- 23 Constitutional
- 25 Plant-growth chemical
- 26 Big wind
- 27 Watched
- 28 Speedy
- 29 Eight (Sp.)
- 30 Period
- 31 Lucille's hubby
- 35 Apple pastry
- 38 Rector
- 40 Pack away
- 42 Teen's facial woe
- 45 Optimum
- 47 Docile
- 48 Pre-diploma hurdle
- 49 Cincinnati team

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- 50 Showman Zeigeld
- 51 Abner's adjective
- 52 Ms. Thurman
- 53 Kanga's kid
- 54 Blueprint addition

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Club Announcements...
(For lack of a better name)

"Can Science Disprove the Existence of God?" This is the fascinating topic of a lecture on October 20th sponsored by the Boise State University Philosophy Club, in cooperation with Philosophy Department at Boise State University, as part of its ongoing Philosophy Speakers Series. The invited speaker, the distinguished Dr. Peter van Inwagen, is the John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, and the author of such books as *An Essay on Free Will*, *Material Beings*, *Metaphysics and God*, *Knowledge and Mystery*. Professor van Inwagen's lecture begins at 3:40 pm on Friday, October 20 in room 105 of the Business Building on the Boise State University main campus. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Admission is free.



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