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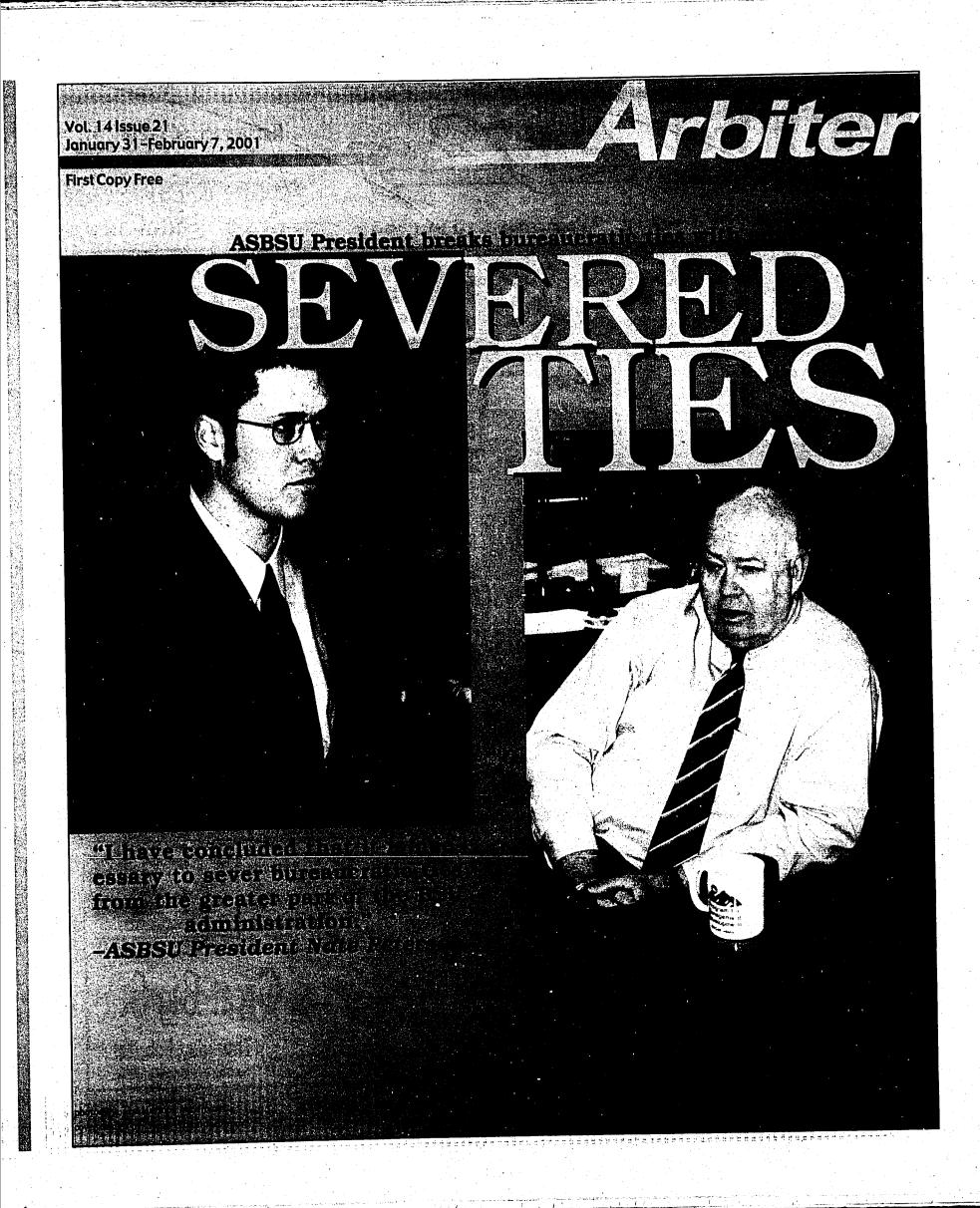
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ASBSU prez says SPLITSVILLE Peterson severs bureaucratic ties

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Peterson delivers diatribe against BSU administration: ASBSU president says officials don't care about student interests

by Sean Hayes and Carissa Wolf the Arbiter

"I am disgusted with the lack of concern for student interests shown by the administration," said ASBSU President Nate Peterson in a Jan. 25 address to students, which he called the "State of the Student Body."

Peterson cited issues ranging from lack of general permit parking, to his dissatisfaction with the handling of the new grade replacement policy, to the raising of some season ticket prices at the Pavilion by the Bronco Athletic Association.

"I have concluded that it is necessary to sever bureaucratic ties from the greater part of the BSU administration," he said.

"The administration is going on. If (student) concerns are not on the table, they're not going to be represented," Boise State University President Charles Ruch responded. Peterson said Ruch's reduc-

tion of a parking committee plan to increase general permit space showed that students' interests were "irrelevant to certain issues."

Ruch countered that his decisions have to reflect the concerns of several competing interests. He said he carefully considered the recommendations for parking changes offered by students and the parking committee, but "didn't want to make any major

changes at this time." Ruch said the parking proposal supported by Petersen was "more dislocative and costly than it was worth."

Peterson said the new grade replacement policy signed by Provost Daryl Jones would only benefit students retaking classes after the policy is enacted next fall. Peterson called this unfair.

"I asked Dr. Ruch if an overwhelming majority of students voting in favor of the (grade replacement) measure would sway him," Peterson said. "He said, 'No.' When I asked, 'Why not, we are paying for the education.' He said, 'No, you're not. You're only paying for 35 percent.""

"That's right." Ruch said. "I made that point to legislators and I'll make it clear again," Ruch referred to a pie chart detailing the sources of revenue to the university. He said each slice represented a different viewpoint he had to consider. Ruch said no one viewpoint can prevail.

Peterson said Ruch's comment made him "sick," and exemplified that students are not "primary stakeholders on this campus." Peterson also said that when attending Ruch's "State of the University" address, he heard students

photo by: Ted Harmon the Arbiter

mentioned only twice - both in specific contexts of enrollment growth and parking as a "business." Ruch said the

opportunity for student involvement in university decisions exists via participation in committees and organizations. "I am persuaded by folks who do their homework, who study all of the issues and try to come up with policies or recommendations that represent the interests of all of Boise University. State That includes students and faculty and staff and guests, Ruch said.

Peterson appeared nervous and trembled throughout portions of the address, which nearly filled the capacity of the ASBSU Senate Forum and drew some local media.

ASBSU officials had mixed reactions to the speech.

"It's our duty as students in the Senate to back (Peterson) up because we're not the administration, we are the students," said Sen. Francisco Pedraza.

> When it comes right down to it, it doesn't have to be students versus the administration. When we take a look at the role of what administrators are to the students, it needs to be remembered they are here to serve the students," he said.

> > Peterson's notion of severing ties with bureaucracy also drew debate. Some felt that it is Peterson's job to work with administrators - cooperative or not, while some said, that it makes little differ-



ence either way.

"What can we do? It'll be no worse than it is right now is how I look at it," said Sen. Jordan Kowallis, who said it was a "handful" of administrators that she felt were not adequately working with students.

Peterson's comments that perceptions of BSU are at the "lowest point I have seen," and that "students have no power in campus discourse," did not sit well with some administrators.

Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs, addressed Senate after the speech and told them that she was "surprised and disappointed" by Peterson's comments. Regarding the level of student dissatisfaction, she said, "I'm hopeful that he's wrong, I personally haven't seen that," and she said her "door is open" to hear concerns of students.

Peterson said if administrators are not more cooperative with his office and the Senate, he will conduct a campus-wide poll to back up his contention that student perceptions are at their lowest. "Beware the Ides of March," he told BSU officials.

Read the full transcript of Peterson's address and the latest information on the split between ASBSU and the administration at www.arbiteronline.com.

BSU recycling to undergo changes

by Jen McDougle the Arbiter

Arielle Anderson has been head of Recycling at Boise State since August of 2000. When Anderson came into her position there was virtually no functioning structure for recycling at BSU.

She said she looks forward to improving the current program and the list of improvements is long, but hopeful. The more immediate improvements include adding glass and plastic in the recycling program, purchasing approximately 30 multi-purpose, highquality-outside bins, and terminating the month-to-month contract with BFI. She is optimistic that another person sharing these mutual goals will be found to continue working for the recycling program's interest after she leaves.

There are a few reasons for ending the month-to-month contract with BFI, according to Anderson. Currently, BSU pays them \$450 a month (all of the programs costs are funded by Coca-Cola) to pick up waste from recycling bins. Though the alternative, Shred-pro, is not considerably cheaper than BFI, they have other perks.

For example, Shred-pro is a local company. ('Buy locally act globally'...) In addition, many times BFI will not pick up waste if it is contaminated. At that point responsibility falls upon BSU to tend to the waste. Shred-pro, on the other hand, will take the waste, even if there are a few yellow fliers mixed in. Though they do not take plastic and glass, these materials can still be recycled if brought directly to Western; a recycling company in Boise.

Other problems with BFI include personnel service. For example, Loni, the BFI recycling coordinator of Boise, misinformed Anderson when she inquired upon the monthly weight of recyclable waste collected. Loni told Anderson they weren't supposed to receive that information but the contract states otherwise.

Anderson hopes these increased recycling efforts (i.e. the addition of glass, plastic, more bins and business with Shred-pro) will allow our campus to enjoy a successful recycling program.





Non-traditional college women speak out

by Wendy Venable the Arbiter

Does your first year of college bring out anticipations of parties, dorm-room activities and study-group peers? Maybe for many, but not for these returning, female students who are taking all the gumption left inside them just to step into an accredited, college classroom for the first time as non-traditional students.

A non-traditional, female student is defined as "any woman who has had a significant break in your education," according to Lori Jo Leonard, graduate assistant for the Women's Center.

Friday, Jan. 19 kicked off a free pizza lunch for these nontraditionalists to gather, share stories and drown away their fears in Italian pies and chocolate chip cookies.

Toni McClure, 29, a part-

time student who is tackling her first semester of college classes, "felt stagnate at work, like I'm not going to go anywhere with that," and has found that although she is "really nervous," she suggests to other students to do as she is this semester. "I'm trying it slowly," she said.

Elizabeth Stubbs, 40, and a mother of a teen-age son, returned full-time as an English major and "looks at going to school a lot differently," this time around. She feels she is "a lot more focused now than right out of high school," but admits that it "takes a lot of courage."

"Dee" a 55-year-old student is after her second degree, this time in business. She has noticed that it is "fascinating to sit back and watch, and knowing you've been there before." "They are one of the highest drop-out rates of students because they are trying to juggle too much."

She is also part-time and recovering from surgery.

For most of these students, going back to school again has been a long-time dream, and having a supportive family helps. "I just want to finish school and do what I can," Dee said.

The Women's Center is trying to initiate an on-going support group, led by Lori Jo Leonard, for women such as these who are over-whelmed with trying to find their place again in continuing education.

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"I think when you can look at someone else and say, 'I can do that too," Leonard said, and then, "get together to share experiences and frustrations with someone who can understand," that is all some women need. One of the goals of the support group is to, "see more non-traditional women graduate," Leonard said.

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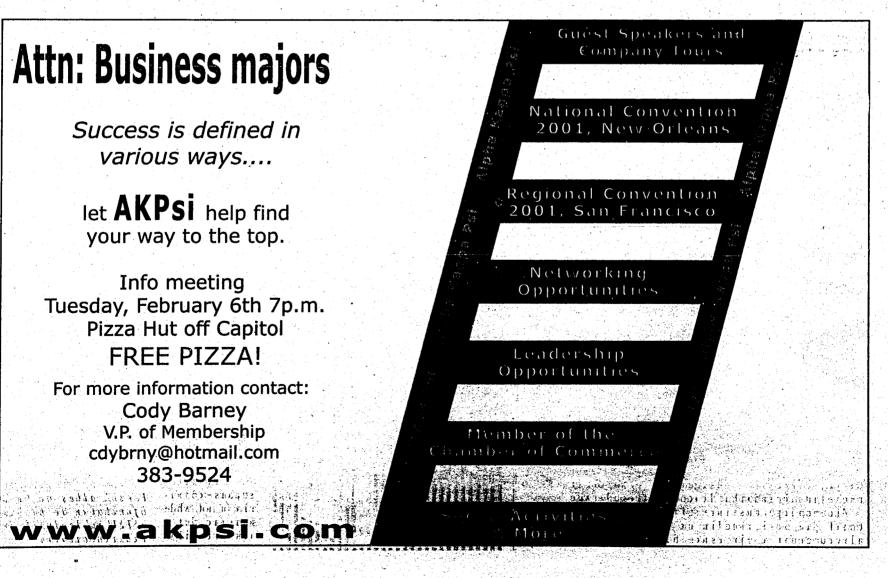
Nancy Jacobsen, 47, has been attending school since 1997 and

anticipates graduation in about a year. She is a peer advisor at the Gateway Center and is looking forward to helping with the counseling of the new, non-traditional women's group.

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"It's all a mind-set, getting help, finding someone to guide you and give you direction," she said. When returning students approach her about whether they should come back to school or not because they feel they are much too old, she smiles and tells them, "bet you're not older than me."

Leonard would like anyone interested in participating in this support group to call the Women's Center at 426-2406 or stop by for details. They are located across from the Student Union Building on University Drive.



MLK Committee members look back

Consensus and dedication bring results

by Stuart Bryson the Arbiter

Q: What did you learn and what do you want people to remember about the 2001 Martin Luther King Committee?

A: "The MLK committee was the best committee I have ever worked on, the group of students working on this committee have been extremely dedicated to raising awareness about social justice issues currently being addressed, or ignored if your name's Dirk, in Idaho. We wanted to make this year's celebration participants discrimination in question racism and seriously Idaho. In doing this we changed some things around and raised some eyebrows with our theme and keynote speaker. We were constantly being questioned, and at some points blockaded, by community members and the administration, but we worked to build consensus and stand behind our collective decisions and that is what made being on this committee truly rewarding." -MLK committee member Amanda Rich.

A: "I want people to remember that it's not that we had a good committee this year that made this past week a huge success—but it was the support, the commitment, and the active participation from so many citizens of Idaho that truly made this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day successful. I hope that the level of involvement from the school, the community and the state will continue to increase these next few years and that the fight for human rights will carry on until every person is seen and can be treated like the human being that they are." -MLK committee member Leah Taala_

A: "What I want people to remember about this year's MLK committee is that we took a hold of the term "student run" and made it happen. The committee worked exclusively on consensus only and all members were in equal contribution. This year's committee not only looked at MLK's dream but wanted to take that dream and re-look at it and ask the question, 'Are we working for his dream or are we just celebrating the fact the he once had a dream?' Well, my friends, this committee stepped into a world not many want to open their eyes to. Racism is far from over, and we gave a slap in the face to the ignorance that hovers around us every day. This year's committee was not only working for the continuance of MLK's dream, but a change in our MLK week and what it really represents, and how the power of revolution lies in your hands and minds." -MLK Committee member Dawn DiFuria

A: "What do I want students to remember from this year's celebration of MLK? I think it is important that they remember two things. First of all, that it isn't enough to just remember MLK and talk about what a great man he was, but to continue to work to better the world, and to work to stop institutionalized racism in our towns. Second, it is important for the students to recognize that the fight is not over, and that we shouldn't work for human rights just one week a year, but to continue the struggle. What will I remember from being on the committee? A LOT! Most importantly, I will remember the importance of consensus. A committee should not be dominated by any specific member, but should be based on people working together. Secondly, I will remember that this committee is a lot of hard work, but it is absolutely worth it and I would recommend anyone who is looking for an outlet to get involved. This committee is a wonderful experience that I will absolutely do again." -MLK Committee member Brooke Baldwin.

Seale traces path to enlightenment, activism

by Daniel Wolf the Arbiter

Bobby Seale, one of the cofounders of the Black Panther Party in the '60s recalled several turning points that lead to his life of activism for an audience of about 500 at Boise State last week.

Seale spoke of his work in dismantling racism and promoting educational and economic opportunity to under privileged minority children.

A theme of education ran throughout Seale's nearly twohour discussion. Seale said until the age of 26 he knew little of his history as an African-American and held little understanding of the institutional racism that undercut the opportunity and cultural-awareness of African Americans.

Seale recounted several moments of enlightenment – from a conversation he stumbled upon between several African-American scholars, to the discovery of a wide range of literature about the culture and history of the African experience – that inspired an understanding of the oppression of the African-American. He said his self-guided education – in the streets and in libraries – inspired action.

A turning point in Seale's journey as an activist came after he learned of the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965. "I had a one man riot," Seal said. The event inspired Seale and his friend Huey Newton to draw up a set of ten objectives aimed at abolishing the institutional and cultural oppression faced by African-Americans during the civil rights era. The ten point plan lead to the founding of the Black Panther Party.

Seale detailed accounts of the institutional racism faced by the party, including cases of brutality and harassment imposed by fascist police departments in California.

Seale said somebody needed to police the police. "When people are out here peacefully assembling, and the police and



Sixties activist Bobby Seale addresses students on campus.

the politicians give them orders to beat your head in, they're the ones violating the law of the land and therefore we have the right to defend ourselves from that!"

So the Panthers armed themselves with tape recorders, law books and guns. "Some people thought that we were a bunch of thugs with guns. No we were college students, we were meticulous, we read, we researched, and we knew what we were doing. And we were bringing civil rights to the cutting edge at that particular time when ranted police brutality of peaceful demonstration was going on."

Seale said media distortion of the Black Panther party also challenged the group's legitimacy. Seale said the media often depicted party members as a bunch of terrorists with guns.

Seale recalled the days of plotting for direct action with just a small handful of members, legal firearms and rented office space. Within the first two weeks the party had 14 members and then grew to more than 5,000 members nation wide. But, by the mid 70's the party seized. Seale noted the efforts of the Black Panther Party not only brought civil rights to the attention of the public but also united communities of African-Americans by offering free breakfasts for children, defense training and police officer accountability patrols.

Since the seize of the Black Panther Party, Seale launched another program called R.E.A.C.H. which aims to extend educational and economic opportunities to inter-city youth. Since, Seale has written several books about his life as chairman of the Black Panther Party, including a fund-raising cookbook called "Barbe-quen' with Bobby Seale."

Seale worked in the aerospace program before he became a revolutionary activist.

ON THE WEB: For more thformation about Bobby Seale and the Black Pantners visit www.bobbyseale.com

BSU's Colby wins American Heart Association Golden Advocacy award

Conrad Colby, a professor of Crespiratory therapy at Boise State University, was recently awarded the American Heart Association's 1999-2000 Golden Advocacy Award for his work as a member of the Tobacco-Free Idaho Alliance.

Colby was given the award during a meeting of the BSU College of Health Sciences earlier this month. The presentation was made by Lisa Rosenberry, executive director of Idaho's chapter of the American Heart =

Association, and Mary MacConnell, American Heart Association advocacy manager.

As chair of the Tobacco-Free Idaho Alliance for several years, Colby was recognized for his work to support tobacco-free groups throughout Idaho and to bring other groups to the table who were also interested in tobacco control.

He was also cited for his involvement to secure funding that was available through the American Medical Association to stress the importance of tobacco control for public health.

"Con was there from the beginning helping to write the grant," said MacConnell during the presentation. "Once the grant was written, Con didn't wait for the funding, but immediately set to work to build a coalition to support the focus of the grant: better health for Idahoans through tobacco

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"Because of those efforts, 30 diverse public health groups, each with its own pet project, were able to come together for a common purpose: tobacco control and prevention. Because of that unity of purpose, the Coalition for a Healthy Idaho was able to convince the Legislature to use the Millennium Fund to begin building a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control program, especially focused on youth."

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"Dr. Colby has demonstrated extraordinary leadership as both an advocate for the control of tobacco use and as a coalition builder and partner. The Coalition for a Healthy Idaho membership credits Dr. Colby's substantial leadership and singular devotion as a large measure of our success," said Bill Foxcroft, director of the Idaho Primary Care Association.

"Con continues to work on our comprehensive campaign to educate the public about the public health dangers surrounding tobacco use. He has supported this comprehensive approach to tobacco control because we = have learned that, just as it takes a community effort to raise a child, it also takes a multifaceted community effort to keep them from substance abuse."

Colby has taught at Boise State for 30 years. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Montana. A former respiratory therapy department chair at BSU, he will resume that position at the conclusion of the spring.

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Debate team moves up in national ranking

Tournament rankings recently released by the National Parliamentary Debate Association advanced the Boise State debate team from 18th to sixth out of 279 schools.

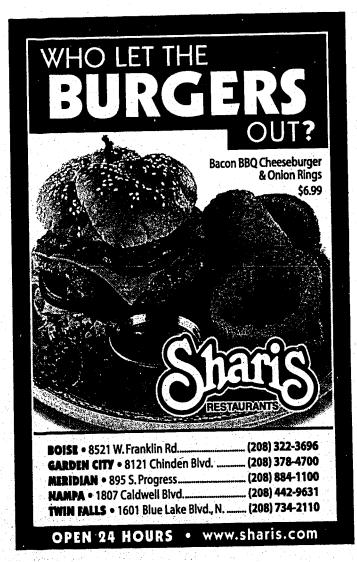
The change is largely due to the "Talkin' Broncos" outstanding performance at the University of Oregon and Louisiana State tournaments in the fall.

The top 10 schools as of the end of fall semester are as follows: * University of California, Berkeley

- * Texas Tech
- * Central Missouri State
- * Carroll (Montana)
- * Truman State University
- * Boise State University
- * Northern Arizona
- * Creighton
- * University of Oregon
- * Colorado State

The Boise State team will also play host to the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Convention and Tournament March 28-31. Teams from across the United States will converge on the Boise State campus and the Doubletree Riverside Hotel for this biennial event, which will feature 800 to 1,200 competitors representing up to 100 of the best teams in the nation.

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by Amy Rodenburg

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -According to the Fall 2000 FairTest Examiner provided by the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, the Educational Testing Service has acknowledged that GRE scores might be inaccurate for some students.

Yet Tom Ewing, spokesman for the Educational Testing Service, said the scores are not inaccurate, but the way some students answer questions on the Graduate Record Exam does not allow the computers enough information to comprehend an accurate score for them.

"The computer adaptive GRE General (test) creates a personalized test for students," Ewing said. "It allows us to take a closer look at how each student interacts with tests individually."

This might present a problem for students who are more likely to answer hard questions right and easy questions wrong. Ewing said that frequently students also take too much time on the early questions and proceed to guess at the end and get most of those questions wrong. Because of this, the computer is not able to generate an accurate score at the end.

ETS will contact those who might have received incorrect scores and offer them a retest, according to a press release from October 2000.

"The GRE Board reviewed the results on thousands of examinees who tested using ETS's pioneering adaptive technology," said Patricia Swan, GRE board chair, in a press release last October. "Even though the percentage of examinees is extremely small, the board and ETS decided to take this course of action because we have a commitment to be as fair as possible to individual test takers and to the institutions that rely on GRE scores." The test can be retaken for free if students' scores are deemed inaccurate, Ewing said.

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In order for the computer to comprehend the information, Ewing said that students need to change their methods of taking the exams. ETS is providing guidelines to students for pacing themselves on the GRE, the importance of completion and effects of random guessing.

"Students need to know that the paper strategies don't apply to the computer," Ewing said. "You can't skip questions and go back."

According to the GRE Web site, although the GRE is now taken on computer, the test is designed to produce a score as accurate as that of a paper test. As the student answers questions, the computer scores the question and uses this information and that of the previous

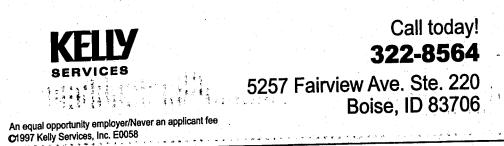
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Ruch optimistic legislature will approve budget

by Carissa Wolf the Arbiter

Fresh from his annual trip to present Boise State's budget requests to the Idaho State Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) last Wed. at the Statehouse, BSU President Charles Ruch paused to answer some questions for the Arbiter. Following are excerpts from that interview with Arbiter Editor Carissa Wolf.

Q: The committee seemed anxious to hear about the Boise State-West expansion in Canyon County, could you explain this?

A: "They (JFAC) were asking questions about what kind of programs, classes, would be offered out there (in Canyon County)"

Q: Does that mean that JFAC doesn't see a need for the new cam-

A:"I didn't hear anyone suggest that there wasn't a need, that we aren't landlocked (at the Boise Campus), that we don't need additional classroom space."

Q: But JFAC was asking a lot of questions about the kind of courses that would be offered in Nampa.

A: "I think it is important to remember that this is the first time that a university has built a branch campus in Idaho, so those are fair questions to ask and to have answered."

Q: Faculty salaries figure prominently in the Governor's budget requests, how big a priority is it in Boise State's?

A: "That's our number one priority especially for operating dollars. We need to attract and retain very good faculty. We're at the point now where faculty salaries are a very important issue."

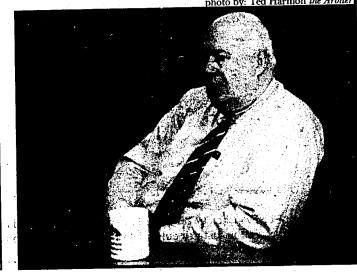
Q; Could you explain the problem with the Promise Scholarship?

A: "The legislation and the appropriation were passed for the Promise Scholarship, I think it was \$250 (per semester) and the universities were asked if they could match that. That was the question that I was asked (by JFAC) and I answered no, we do not have those kind of flexible scholarship dollars. That we have very few non-Federal aid scholarship dollars and that almost all of them are from donors who have designated where those dollars are to be assigned. So I can't move those to match the Promise Scholarship."

Q: What is your reaction to Gov. Kempthorne's budget request for higher education?

A: "I really support the Governor's budget. I think the Governor has done a very thoughtful job of crafting a budget that meets many of the State's needs and certainly higher education's needs. I am optimistic that after they (JFAC) has talked to everyone and deliberated, the legislature will support the Governor's budget."

Boise State University President Charles Ruch spoke about BSU's budget proposal during an interview with the Arbiter's Carissa Wolf.





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Students' business plans win in venture contests

Following are the results of the venture plan competition sponsored by Boise State University's College of Business and Economics:

First Place, \$3,000. Company name: Lightly Covered, marketing decorative mailbox covers called Box Sox. Essam Assaad, Patty Hagler and Daren Newman.

Second Place, \$1,000. Company name: DNA, Inc., a proposed commercialization of denitrified nanocomposite alloys developed at the INEEL lab. Paul Egert, Brent Hocklander and Robert Tuft.

Third Place, \$500. Company name: Strickland Stone and Storage, a storage facility and landscape stone supplier. Jason Meck and Tyler Strickland.

In all, 12 MBA students entered six venture plans in the contest, after researching the market and developing strong business plans. Judges included Kathy Sanders Martin, Custom Business Projects; Mary Givens, Akers Capital; Richard Vycital, Idaho Small Business Development Center; and John Rubocki, Highway 12 Ventures.

This was the first of what entrepreneurship faculty hope will become an annual competition, with winners encouraged to participate in larger competitions at institutions such as the University of Oregon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln or San Diego State.

Management department chair Newell Gough said he'd like to eventually see Boise State hosting its own regional competition.

Two Boise State professors win innovation awards

Brobert Minch and Sharon Tabor recently received \$1,500 as the national winners of the 22nd annual Decision Science Institute's Instructional Innovation Award in Orlando, Fla. The award was based on their hands-on management class which produces www.bsu.net, the only Internet service provider run entirely by a university class.

The goal of the class is to integrate theory and practice — as well as technical and managerial issues by immersing students in the operation of a real business. The ISP, located at www.bsu.net, has been offering dial-up access, e-mail, Web hosting and other services on a 24hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week basis since 1996.

The Instructional Innovation Award is jointly sponsored by Alpha Iota Delta and the Decision Sciences Institute, with additional support from Prentice-Hall Inc. Finalists were Kelly Nichols, Gonzaga University and Kevin Voss, Oklahoma State University; Scott Sampson, Brigham Young University; and Ken Cutright and Valerie Perotti, Ohio University.

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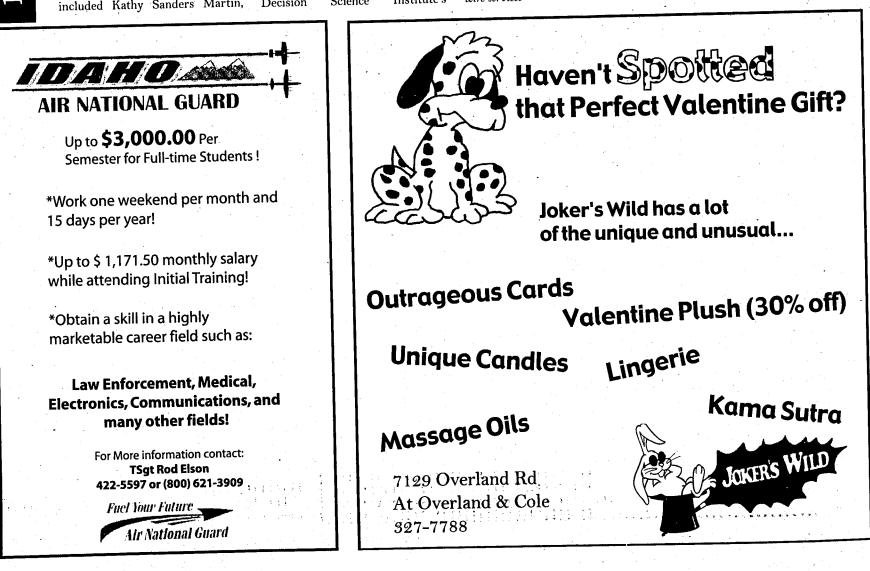
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questions to determine which question the student will answer next. As long as the student continues to answer questions correctly, the difficulty level of the questions increases.

Yet, when determining the score, the computer weights more difficult questions more heavily. The score depends also upon the number of questions answered in the time allowed and the performance given.

The GRE was first offered to students on computers in 1993. For six years, ETS gradually eliminated paper exams until 1998, when the GRE was only available on computers. For ETS, this is the first time they are able to look at how students manage their time, whether they guess and if they can guess correctly when taking exams.

Amy Rodenburg is a reporter for the Daily Illini at the University of Illinois. Article reprinted with permission.





ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT Jan. 30-31

"Phantom," Morrison Center Main Hall. 8 p.m. Presented by Theater League of Idaho. Tickets: \$25 \$42.50 at Select-a-Seat, www.idahotickets.com or call 426-

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Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Boise Center on the Grove.

Feb. 1-3

Honor Band Clinic, Special Events Center. All day. Presented by Boise State music department. Call 426-3980.

Feb. 2

Gray and Pearl, classical guitar ensemble, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Idaho and Boise State Guitar Societies. Tickets: \$5-\$10. Call 426-3980. Feb. S

Honor band concert, Morrison Center Main Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Tickets: \$5 general, \$5 seniors and free to students and Boise State faculty and staff. Call 426-3980.

Guitar master class with Gray and Pearl, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 9 a.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

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Jordan Ballroom. 6 p.m. Presented by Boise State International Student Association. Tickets: \$14 adults, \$8 students, \$6 children 12 and under at Select-a-Seat, www.idahotickets.com or call 426-1766.

"Faces of America," Special Events Center. 7 p.m. Presented by Boise State Student Programs Board, Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$5 Boise State students, faculty and staff.

Feb. 4

Guest artist, Blake Tyson, percussion, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 4 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Tickets: \$5 general, \$3 seniors and free to students and Boise State faculty and staff. Call 426-3980.

Feb. 5-28 Design 2001, "Graphic Design 2001," Student Union Gallery. 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Juried exhibit presented by Student Union and Activities. Free. Call 426-4636.

Feb. 6 SPB film, Special Events Center. 7 p.m. Presented by Boise State Student Programs Board. Tickets at door: \$2 general admission, \$1 stu-dents. Call 426-4636.

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Jan. 31 Volunteer Fair, Student Union. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Presented by Boise State

4240. Feb. 7 Alumni Association board

meeting, Boise State Canyon County Center, Call 426-1959.

Volunteer Services Board. Call 426-

Spring Organization. Fair, Student Union. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Theme: "Recruit, Recruit, Recruit." Free. Call 426-1223.

SPORTING EVENTS

Feb. 1 Stampede Basketball at the Bank of America Center call 351-8497. Feb. 2

Bronco women's basketball vs.

Cal State Fullerton, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Call 426-4737.

Boise State women's tennis invitational, Boas Tennis Center. Call 426-4737.

Feb. S Boise State gymnastics vs. Sacramento State, The Pavilion. 7 p.m. Call 426-4737.

Feb. 4 Bronco women's basketball vs. UC-Irvine, The Pavilion. 2 p.m. Call 426-4737.

WORKSHOPS

tion, call 426-1975.

Feb. S Arthur Levy Vocal Workshops, Morrison Center Room C125. 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. For cost and informa-

Application deadlines around the corner

Now is the best time for new students to apply for admission for Fall 2001 semester at Boise State University.

Students who submit all admission application materials before the February 1 scholarship deadline will automatically be considered for Boise State scholarships if they have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Application materials include the application for admission, transcripts, test scores and a fee. All materials should be sent to the Admissions Office at Boise State, 1910 University Drive, Boise ID 83725. Information is available at (208) 426-1820 or on-line at http://admissions.boisestate.edu.

Other important academic dates and deadlines:

February 1, Thursday

Brown Scholarship application deadline (Honors College).

February 5, Monday

Last day to drop first 8-week block classes.

February 19, Monday

President's Day Holiday (no classes - University offices closed).

February 20, Tuesday

Second 5-week block classes begin.

February 23, Friday

Last day to drop classes. Last day for complete withdrawal. Last day to add a challenge course, independent study, internship, directed research or practicum.

February 23, Friday

Last day to file application with department for final master's or doctoral written exam.

February 26, Monday

Last day to drop a second 5-week block class without a "W" appearing on the transcript.

March 1, Thursday

Recommended last date to mail the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) and supporting documents for best chance of receiving 2001-2002 grants, work-study, loans and waivers of nonresident tuition. Students applying after this date may not have financial aid available in time for fall semester fee payment. The FAFSA is processed by a federal agency and must be received by the BSU Financial Aid office by April 2.

March 5, Monday

Last day to drop second 5-week block classes.

March 12, Monday

Second 8-week block classes begin.

March 15, Thursday

Farm Business Management Program ends.

March 16, Friday

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Broncos dominate hapless Vandals

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Last game of a basketball rivalry

<u>by Josh Jordan</u> the Arbiter

Question: How does an inconsistent basketball team coming home after two straight conference road losses build confidence and momentum heading into the season's stretch run?

Answer: By playing a home game against one of the most pathetic excuses for a Division I basketball team in the country.

Boise State's men's basketball team gained some of that much-needed momentum in an 80-59 shellacking of archrival Idaho Thursday night in the Pavilion.

The Vandals jumped out to an early 9-2 lead before the Broncos reeled them in, tying the score at 11's. Both squads struggled to find their groove in the first half, with neither able to build a solid lead. The undersized Idaho team was forced to shoot from the perimeter as Bronco center Trever Tillman swatted shots



out of the paint like they were served up beach balls.

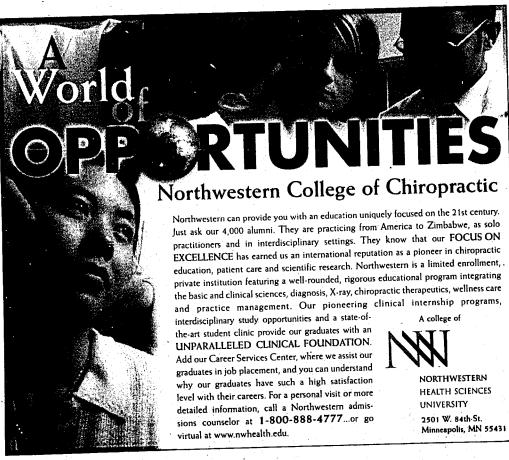
The result had Idaho shooting 35 percent from the field for the half. "It was just one of those nights where they just photo by: Ted Harmon the Arbiter Boise State basketball coach Rod Jenson made his presence felt on the sidelines.

put the ball in my hand," said Tillman about getting five in the blocks game. Sate

Boise struggled to put points on the board as well, missing six of freeeleven throw opportunities, and making just one of three shots from behind the threepoint line in the first half.

When the horn sounded to end the first stanza, a pair of 34's beamed from the scoreboard as the two teams went to the locker room tied.

Looking for a spark to open



the second half, Coach Rod Jensen started Kejuan Woods at for-

ward, choosing to bring Delvin Armstrong off the bench. "We need some intensity out of that position," said Jensen, "Key did energize

The decision proved to be a wise one, as Woods put on a show to begin half

two. Three driving lay-ups, a made free throw, and a ten foot jump shot, gave the senior nine of

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his game-high fifteen points in the first four minutes out of the locker room.

"I don't understand what it is about that first five minutes of the second half," said Woods. who ignited the Broncos into an 18-2 run that pushed them out to a 52-36 lead with just under fifteen minutes remaining in the game.

Boise State's offensive explosion seemed to break Idaho's will as the Bronco lead climbed to as many as 23 points, a lead that was never threatened again.

Any fan that wondered how the Vandals only managed 31 points in a December road loss to Montana State just needed to watch the first part of the second stanza to understand why. The Vandals showed the

BSU's Trevor Tillman dunks during Thursday's game against the Vandals. Tillman blocked five shots, just short of his school record of seven blocked shots. photo by: Ted Harmon the Arbiter





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poor skills that have plagued them throughout the season as shot after shot caromed awkwardly off the backboard. Vandal passes skipped out of bounds and Idaho Coach Dave Farrar turned a dark shade of purple as he screamed at his players to get back on defense.

Jensen used the blowout as an opportunity to empty his bench, playing eight players 19 minutes or more. Woods' fifteen points paced five Broncos with double figures in the scoring column while Clint Hordemann had a game-high nine rebounds.

An undersized crowd, that looked more like 6,500 than the announced 9,151, sat on their hands, quietly watching the

> Kejuan Woods positions himself to receive the ball.

final conference showdown to be played in Boise between these long time foes. What was once a competitive rivalry appears to be leaning in favor of the Broncos. Not that Boise State is so good, just that Idaho is sooo bad.

Next season Boise State moves to the Western Athletic Conference while Idaho stays in the Big West for basketball. Much of the luster from these match-ups will gradually wear off as the Broncos look to new conference opponents like Nevada for regional motivation. After the game, Woods seemed conscious of the direction the rivalry was going, saying, "It's good to keep the fans around here happy, especially the older fans who really view

this as a very big rivalry as it dwindles away.'

UC-Santa Barbara defeats Boise State 72-54 in women's basketball

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. -(01-26-01) In Big West women's basketball Friday, UC-Santa Barbara defeated Boise State, 72-54.

UC Santa Barbara led through the first half. The Broncos then made a gutsy run in the second half to close the gap to three. But the Gauchos held on to a slight lead as the Broncos were forced to foul and send the Gauchos to the free throw line to stop the clock. UC-Santa Barbara hit its free throws to extend the lead and end the game.

The Broncos had three play-

ers in double figures in scoring as Crista Peterson had 11 points, and Tawnya Gray and Jenny Binford each had 10. Peterson also had seven rebounds. Camille Woodfield led the team in rebounds with

For the Big West defending champion Gauchos, 6-8 post Lindsay Taylor had 24 points and nine rebounds.

UC Santa Barbara 72, Boise State 54

UC Santa Barbara (72): Greathouse 1-8 1-2 4, Christensen 4-8 1-2 9, Hansen 0-4 3-4 3, Caine 2-5 3-4 8, Rogers 3-8 0-0 6, Miller 0-1 1-2 1, Taylor 9-13 6-8 24, Willett 2-7 1-2 6, Shilati 0-0 0-0 0, Combs 3-9 4-4 11, Team 24-63 20-28 72.

Boise State (54): Peterson 4-12 3-5 11, Swindall 3-5 1-2 7, Gray 2-8 5-9 10, Vaughan 3-11 0-0 8, Woodfield 0-4 0-0 0, Welch 1-2 0-0 2, Binford 5-9 0-0 10, Crockett 3-6 0-0 6, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Team 21-58 9-16 54.

Half-time: UC Santa Barbara 72, Boise State 54. 3-Pointers: Boise State 3-16 (Gray 1-3, Vaughan 2-10, Welch 0-1, Binford 0-2), UC Barbara 4-15 Santa (Greathouse 1-6, Hansen 0-3, Caine 1-2, Taylor 0-1, Willett

Combs 1-1). Rebounds: Boise State 40 (Woodfield 10), Barbara 46 UC Santa (Christensen 11). Fouls: Boise State 22, UC Santa Barbara 17. Fouled out: Boise State -

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With the win, **Boise** improves to 11-9, 3-4 in conference, while Idaho falls to 1-6 in conference and 4-14 overall. The Broncos play just two games in the next two weeks, both of them against Cal State Fullerton. Wed., Jan. 31 has the squad travelling to California, followed by a full week off leading into a Feb. 8 home game in the Pavilion.



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Peterson, Swindall. Assists: Boise State 14 (Woodfield

4), UC Santa Barbara 17 (Caine 8). Turnovers: Boise State 24, UC Santa Barbara 18. Blocks: Boise State 1 (Gray 1), UC Santa Barbara 6 Taylor (4). Steals: Boise State 6 (Peterson, Swindall 2), UC Santa Barbara 10 (three with 2)

Attendance: 2,575.

Bronco Men's Tennis Team Defeats New Mexico 5-2 Friday in Boise.

BOISE, Idaho - (01-26-01) The Bronco men's tennis team defeated the New Mexico Lobos, 5-2, Friday. Boise State swept the three doubles matches for the doubles point and then took four of the six singles matches for the team win. Boise State's winning doubles teams were: Marcus Berntson and Mark Roberts at the first position, Guillaume Bouvier and Rio Kuharski at the second spot, and Jonny Biorkman and Mahmoud Rezk at the third position. The Broncos' winning singles players were Bouvier at

one, Roberts at two, Berntson at three, and Rezk at four.

Collegiate Men's Tennis Friday, January 26, 2001 Boise, Idaho Team Score: Boise State 5,

New Mexico 2 Singles: 1. Guillaume Bouvier, Boise State, def. Takeshi Itoh, New

Mexico, 6-1, 6-4 2. Mark Roberts, Boise State, def. Michael Polasek, New Mexico, 6-1, 7-5 3. Marcus Berntson, Boise State, def. Diego Garza, New

Mexico, 6-1, 6-0 4. Bart Scott, New Mexico, def. Rio Kuharski, Boise State, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4

5. Andrew Irving, New Mexico, def. Vedran Siroli, 6-2, 6-4

6. Mahmoud Rezk, Boise State, def. John Kowalski, New Mexico, 7-5, 6-4

Doubles:

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1. Berntson/Roberts, Boise State, def. Itoh/Scott, New Mexico, 8-4 2. Bouvier/Kuharski, Boise

State, def. Irving/Salazar, New Mexico, 8-3 3. Biorkman/Rezk, Boise State, def. Russell/Garza, New

Bronco **Gymnasts Score** Season High 193.6 in Dual Loss to Utah State.

LOGAN, Utah - (01-26-01) The Boise State gymnastics team scored a season high 193.6 points to finish just behind Utah State's 194.075 in a dual meet Friday night.

"What a huge improvement over last week!" said Bronco coach Sam Sandmire, " We are definitely on track and will just keep getting better."

Boise State junior Tiffany Weston won the floor title with 9.925. Senior Jessica Berry tied for first on the beam with a 9.85, while junior Jamie Johns won the vault competition, also with a 9.85.

The Broncos started on bars with a strong 48.4, then continued with a 48.675 on vault. In the third rotation, Boise State scored a solid 48.8 on floor, but in the final event, the beam, the Broncos had a few bobbles for a 47.725.

Boise State will host Sacramento State on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

Collegiate Gymnastics Friday, January 26, 2001 Logan, Utah

Team Score: Utah State 194.075, Boise State 193.6 (BSU Season high)

All-Around:

1. Tina Ellis, Utah State, 39.225; 2. Breanne Holmes, Boise State, 38.825; S. Jessica Berry, Boise State, 38.725.

Vault: 1. Jamie Johns, Boise State, 9.85; 2. Jessica Berry, Boise State, 9.8; 3. Jessenia Abrego, Utah State, 9.75.

Bars: 1. Tina Ellis, Utah State, 9.925; 2. Brittnee Penman, Utah State, 9.9; 3. (tie) Mika Houston, Utah State, Jamie Johns, Boise State, 9.875.

Beam: 1. (tie) Tina Ellis, Utah State, Jessica Berry, Boise State, 9.85; 3. Nicole Kilpatrick, Utah State, 9.775.

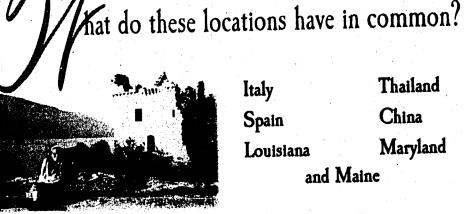
Floor: 1. Tiffany Weston, Boise State, 9.925; 2. Jessica Berry, Boise State, 9.9; 3. Tina Ellis, Utah State, 9.85.

Summer Residential Mentor-**BSU Upward Bound program**

The Boise State University Upward Bound program is looking for 4 individuals to work with 40 high school youth in a residential setting from June 4, 2001 to July 7, 2001. These individuals will be required to live in the dorms on the BSU campus, monitor a student residential situation, act as a role model, provide students tutoring, mentor, provide transportation, discipline and guidance. They will escort students to special events and community service activities.

The ideal applicant will have a BA and/or equivalent work experience with high school students. The position will be paid \$1,500 plus room and board for the 5 weeks. They will chaperone students on an out of town for 4 days and they will also be required to attend 3 days training prior to June 4th.

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and three names of reference to Sue B. Huizinga, Project Director, BSU TRIO Pre-College Programs, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725-1770 by March 1, 2001.



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Real Education for the Real World

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Peterson railed against administrators, now students must suport him

A SBSU President Nate Peterson made excellent points with regard to some BSU officials apparent lack of concern for students. Dr. Charles Ruch's reversal of plans approved by committees on which students sit does seem to show student interests are not paramount to his decision-making. If true, his comment that students are only paying for 35 percent of their education begs the question: "Can we have our other 65 percent back?"

Now it is time for students not only to concur with Peterson's sentiments, but to show they are willing to stand up to the administration and see that their concerns are met. Arielle Anderson, a member of Peterson's cabinet, made a good point in a discussion with *The Arbiter* that words are fine but actions resonate more effectively.

BSU students are notoriously unmotivated, and *The Arbiter* suggests that ASBSU devise a clear message, rallying cry and form of protest that our commuter students can stand behind. We know that just about everyone has a gripe about BSU policy and believe that students would be willing to join in protest of unfair practices if they were led with an intent message and an intent goal.

Last year's Education Week rally on the Statehouse, wonderfully organized by former ASBSU Lobbyist Cara Lechner, shows that even BSU students can take action with the benefit of strong leadership.

We hope that Peterson, in his remaining months in office, will work to devise clear goals to see that change for students' benefit is given preference over bureaucratic status quo. It is one thing to whine about BSU policy, even the most unmotivated among us do so. The true test is how these words will be backed up in action.

Editorials reflect to opinion of the Arbiter's senior editorial staff.

The Arbiter is currently seeking nominations and self-nominations to fill a position on the Arbiter's Editorial Board. Editorial Board members work in conjunction with the Arbiter's senior editorial staff to develop and express editorial positions. An ideal candidate should have in-depth knowledge of the campus, community and issues that effect the Arbiter's readers. Nominations should be directed to tion in a three Plane, I we have dry an office Carissa Wolf at editor@arbitermail.com Lin Via uon für the Real Work

Thanks for the celebration

Congratulations to all ments for the BSU Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Students/Faculty, Community Donors and participation are to behighly commended for continuing to present new ideas and food for thought to Idaho.

My wife (Darlene) and I moved to Melba, in 1975, and one of our first accomplishments was to be Organizers and Charter Members of the Idaho Service Employees' Union (ISEU/SEIU-AFL-CIO, CLC) Local #687 wherein Darlene was the first Secretary of State Chapter 1, and I was the State Chapter and THE LOCAL'S first President.

Interesting and challenging circumstances happened to us. We had to transfer to Payette, ID to maintain my position. We opted to move across the border into Ontario, Ore., but continued our activism in Idaho as well as Oregon! We, indeed, found a desire for a prescriptive "smart pill" for many individuals and "Officials" in our activities! The heavy snow and harsh weather did not keep us from our longtime desire to see Angela Davis again-we were active for her before we moved from Milwaukee! Her presentation was brilliant, and we were elated to be able to meet with her after the formal lecture to talk about past, present and future causes.

We will try to venture back to BSU for the Bobby Seale Lecturebut if we can't make it, we'll visit his Web page at www.bobbyseale.com but the opportunity for an in person presentation is preferred. Thank you for the community

and ourselves.

Darlene and Rohn Webb Ontario, Oregon

Toweill misinterprets meaning of blues

In your last issue, James Toweill reviewed "Another Round of Blues," a recent compilation of local blues artists produced by the Boise Blues Society.

Toweill interprets a quote by Ralph Ellison to mean that the Blues are a musical tradition "...steeped in sorrow... once something sacred, and often spiritual." Far from it.

The Blues (by artists of all colors) that I respond to is "...not intrinsically pessimistic (but) a lusty, lyrical realism charged with taut sensibility." That's according to another American literary figure of African heritage, Richard Wright, in his forward to Paul Oliver's classic study, "The Meaning of the Blues."

Toweill slights the substantial worldwide audience for one of the few original American forms of art when he charges that today's Blues is often "nothing more than soulless party music for intoxicated yup-Blues' strength and longevity is due to its ability to reach across barriers of culture, class and time to tell a story. That is what brought Boiseans of all stripes together in the Boise Blues Society, and that is why the musicians on "Another Round" find great emotional satisfaction playing the Blues; it certainly can't be the financial rewards.

The review urges the purchase of "blues with substance, such as Muddy Waters,

Hendrix, and Leadbelly." Yes, but don't stop there; be inquisitive and adventurous. Go backwards in time to hear Bessie Smith, Robert Johnson, and Louis Armstrong, and so many more. Go forward in time to listen to Stevie Ray Vaughn, Robert Cray, and Rory Block, to name just a few.

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And while you're at it, check out "Another Round," along with its predecessors, "Blues from the City of Trees" and "Boise Blues Family Tree." Then go out to the local clubs and catch these acts live. It's real Blues, even here in Boise.

> John Hecht Boise

Arbiter stoops to trash

I am writing regarding your last printing of the Arbiter (The Arbiter, Dec. 13, 2000). I was very offended by some of your articles. Your one about porn and the other one with a porn star teaching about sex. I think you have stooped to a new level. This trash does not need to be in our paper. If I wanted to get that junk I would just look it up on the web but I wish not to. So I don't think you should subject your readers to that. I will stop reading your paper and I know a lot of students that will stop reading if you don't clean it up.

> Todd Wells concerned student

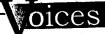
PS: What kind of school do you want people to think we are? One that is open to any body or only to the people that read this trash?

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Guest Opinion

Children need legislators' help

by Steven McNeel . Special to the Arbiter

I'm a grandfather of school-age children, a high school and university teacher, Idaho Education Association (IEA) board member, and Social Studies Curriculum Committee patron in Kuna, where I live. To our legislators: Connections between children, schools, and communities- impacted by laws you pass – are of critical importance.

We hear: "It takes a village to educate a child" this is true- our schools work with families, churches, youth groups, businesses, and organizations like IEA, preparing children to become citizens and breadwinners in our communities. What might legislators do to help?

First, children deserve safe futures. Immunization and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) must serve all children; identifying adults eligible for Medicaid as we go.

The Free Exercise of Religion Act is wrong! Communities never give adults absolute, unchecked authority over children – it can lead to abuse and neglect, regardless of rationalization. The IEA Child Abuse Taskforce works closely with others in this area. These are concerns to teachers – your children are our students.

Second, schools need "relevant" improvement. Safe buildings and less-crowded classrooms require sate assistance, with local control. Our governor has urged legislative help in passing bonds for school construction. But, local districts must decide what to build or repair.

Assessment of academic standards must relate to how children are taught, rather than imposing just another test. Further, communities, school boards and educators should determine specific curricula and materials. Whatever the subject, parents should help schools teach our children, not blame the teachers. Idaho Promise Scholarships must be funded, with teacher's

Idaho Promise Scholarships must be funded, with technology salaries and benefits brought to regional levels. Technology should be adequate for relevant teaching to qualify children for meaningful citizenship and quality jobs. IEA resolutions urge effective school – to work programs rather than weaken public education, neighborhood groups and businesses should partner with schools, like our Kuna Quality Study Circles have. These are concerns to community leaders. Our students are our children.

Third, communities must be secure. We need compassionate and caring laws. Use tobacco settlement funds to help schools reinstate addiction education and counseling programs. Rural health care must be improved. Approximately one-half of Idaho students attend schools in rural communities. When children are sick or caring for family members, it's difficult to learn!

Educators understand this truth; "it costs less to educate 'em than incarcerate 'em!" Minimum wage throughout Idaho will keep children in school, rather than forcing students to drop out and support families, or find trouble. Statewide guidelines assisting teachers working with special need and "at risk" students would be helpful.

Encourage business and labor to partner with education to create more job training programs. Sustained economic growth, job creation and enhanced quality of life reflect connections between public schools and the public economy. Historically, a need for education workers led to our modern public education system.

Children, schools, and communities are all connected! So, legislators, please follow our Governor's lead; perhaps go a bit further. Let no child or school be left behind, our communities will benefit

Steven McNeel teaches at Mountain Cove High School, in Boise, and at Boise State University



Street Wise by Daniel Wolf the Arbiter

Kyle Mann –sophomore "Not really. They run this place much like a business. They do things in the pursuit of money and they don't care about the students themselves as much as the income the students give the university."

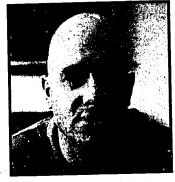


Arielle Anderson --senior, ASBSU Recycling Director

"No, I haven't seen that here ... especially not with recycling. I think mainly as students we allow it to happen, we're not really doing anything about it. Try to get kids riled up about stuff and they don't seem to give a shit

either way. I think that has to do with being a non-traditional school."

John Anderson -senior "I just transferred from ISU...just my first impression is that ISU is a little bit more in touch with the students."



Save porn for men's sake

by Jeff Feeley Special to the Arbiter

This is in response to Lesleigh Owen's porno article (*The Arbiter*, Dec. 13, 2000).

I am a little puzzled by some of Lesleigh's views. She mentions how she "felt ignored" as her partner became mesmerized by the images on the TV. It seems that our modern feminists are always offended by what I see as pretty standard male behavior. If you examine any culture, there is pageantry in sex. In our culture it is signified on the woman's part typically with black stockings or a sexy nighty. In our culture, women use makeup often simply to raise self-esteem by perhaps hiding a flaw or just making them feel beautiful. I usually see makeup on women who are trying to attract a mate. What men see in porno is a fantasy world where there are beautiful made up women in sexy clothing who, via the director's instructions, act like the are dying to have sex. Guys 50,000 years ago loved women who wanted to mate (can't prove it, but I'm fairly confident it is true). We are still the same today. We are greatly fulfilled (those of us who can really admit shamelessly what they want) by a playful, willing

woman who wants to have sex. The more she can do using makeup, clothing, sexy talk, etc. to enhance the experience, the better. Human males don't have a mating season. We're horny all of the time. I understand a man's need to know what is pleasing for a woman in a relationship and/or sexually.

Feminists need to try to accept the human male for what he really is and learn to work with him. I think that Lesleigh should give her boyfriend what he wants. Is that too submissive or humiliating?

I don't know Lesleigh's views on prostitution in great detail, but the typical feminist sees this as something totally degrading to women (even if like in porn or go-go dancing they're happy doing it and making tons of money). I will offer this idea concerning prostitution: I want a red light district available. What will this achieve? Well if a bunch of guys at a frat house are all dying to have sex, there might be less motivation (given the serious charges) to drug up some woman and have gang rape sex with her unconscious body. They could have their wild fling down in the red light district - harmlessly. What should someone who has a face like the elephant man do if he wants to have sex? Hmmm... let's see... Porno is evil so make it banned all over the place... Prostitution is evil so keep that banned.

Now add twice the normal amount of testosterone to this ugly soul. You now have a potential rapist. By the time he is ready to cross over to the dark side and commit rape, he is already emotionally wrecked from constant taunting by other males and rejection by the opposite sex. Brutal violent rape is not a prob-lem. Who is the victim? Our mothers, sisters, daughters etc. I want guys to have access to porno (not in the computer lab at the U), prostitution, and whatever else can be done to keep sexual frustration to a minimum. Is this so crazy? Yeah I know... "Men just need to learn how to control themselves!!" It seems that they haven't learned how to do this throughout all of recorded history, so I seriously doubt it will change now. Wake up and smell the Pheromones! I agree to a certain extent that

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Hot Off the Press

Things that didn't happen in the Dubya administration, but might have

by Lesleigh Owen the Arbiter

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BUSH ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE SUPPORTS MINORITIES

Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft, President Bush's nominee for United States Attorney General and a vocal non-supporter of affirmative action and abortion rights, sat through two days of intense examination by the Senate Judiciary Committee as committee members questioned whether Ashcroft would uphold the legal rights of minority groups.

"You've got it all wrong," Ashcroft responded toward the end of the second day. "I not only support affirmative action, I advocate its expansion. As a minority member myself, I too know the sting of discrimina-

tion." Perhaps remembering the appearance of John Ashcroft's interviews in racist, southern supremacist magazines, committee members cleared their throats and shifted in their seats.

"No, seriously!" Ashcroft continued. "Did anyone know that the women in this country outnumber men by nearly four million? That makes men a minority! As if that weren't bad enough, I am a middle aged, middle class white man; out of 270 million Americans, how many of us do you think can say that? Nowhere close to 51percent, that's for sure! Frankly, I'm starting to feel a little 'disenfranchised' myself. For the love of God, country, and everything clean and good, I sit before you in solid support of the rights of the middle class white man!"

Later, an anonymous source reported that, despite Democrats' objections, Ashcroft seemed destined to become our country's next Attorney General. "The right wing pulled some strings, and there you go," the informant sighed. "I mean, since 1995, the Christian Coalition has awarded his senate voting record a perfect rating every year but one.* That pretty much says it all, don't you think?

BUSH'S CONSERVATISM LACKS COMPASSION

On Jan. 22, which marked the 28th anniversary of the land-mark Roe vs. Wade ruling, President George W. Bush

banned federal funds to international family planning groups that support abortion.

"1984 was a phenomenal year," the president explained. "Hollywood finally released the sequel to '2001: A Space Odyssey,' that out-of-the-blue earthquake rocked Idahoans, and then-President Reagan took the bull by the horns and banned funds for overseas abortion supporters. Nine years later, that baby-murderin' Clinton rescinded the policy.* I'm reclaiming what rightly belongs to this country: the right to keep poor women from safe abortions."

Critics argue that discriminating against pro-choice family planning groups does not reflect the will of Americans, 55 percent of whom support abortion rights. Why seperate this issue from other taxpayer-sponsored medical treatment? they ask. Furthermore, they point out that



both during and after his campaign, Bush promised to "unite, not divide" and to promote inclusiveness and bipartisanship. Critics claim this move, enacted on his first full day in office, belies his claims of compassion, unity, and partisan non-puppetry.

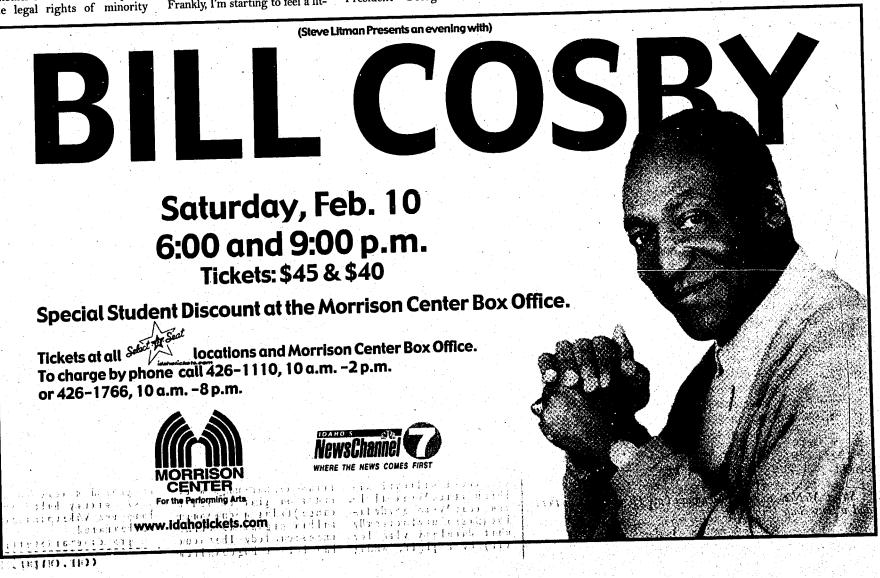
In response to criticism that his new policy does little to heal the election's wounds, Bush responded, "I apply my policies of inclusiveness arbigularly."

ASHCROFT AND FISCHER JUGGLE FOR JESUS

Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft and new Idaho Senate Chaplain Bryan Fischer remain in the public hot seat as they struggle to juggle their politics and faith.

Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft has earned notoriety as an ardent opponent of affirmative action,

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Idaho Dance Theater shows professionalism at concert

by Mike Winter the Arbiter

Given its affiliation with BSU and the youthfulness of the company (several of the dancers are still in high school), you might think that Idaho Dance Theatre is a student company. But they call themselves "professional," and they certainly aspire to professional standards in dancing and choreography. I would say the company has more professionalism than professionals, but it certainly offers more in quality than what the idea of "a student company" would.

Idaho Dance Theatre consists of six dancers and six "apprentices," (10 girls and two guys), and some of the dancers are paid. The concerts will sometimes have guest dancerchoreographers in addition to the company's own co-artistic directors, Marla Hansen and Carl Rowe. For these performances the guests were Matthew Hope of Ballet Idaho and Joelle Van Sickle, a dance professor newly relocated to Boise.

Regardless of label, IDT's "Winter Concert" at the Special Events Center on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20, showed an abundance of creativity and some outstanding dancing and choreography.

Judging from the photos in the company's magazine and some of the pieces performed during the three-concert series, Idaho Dance Theatre explores modern dance from a foundation schooled in classical ballet

Karla Avery (left) and Lesley Uehling (right) rehearse "Flow"



technique. Both the modern and the classical were offered Saturday, and much in between. Rowe's works opened and

closed the program. They showed two opposites for the concert: the first uninspired, the last a thrilling finale. The opener, "Line Up," set to two movements of a Bach orchestra suite, allowed six of the girls a chance to warm-up. Two of the younger ones show great promise. The last work, "Go Getters," set to the vibrant, modern orchestra sounds of Torke (one of Michael America's most prominent young composers), was an extended explosion of creativity in cartwheels of color for the full company. "Go Getters" was a fitting climax to the concert's overall high level of dance.

Van Sickle's "More Than the Sum of Her Parts" was one of the more imaginative solo works I've seen, more pantomime than dance, with her hands, arms, legs and feet as the characters. It was meand to parody the loneliness she felt as a jilted young woman in New York. In the first section Van Sickle appeared whole, like a statue in a toga, while the audio was a collage of radio consumerism, both of products and of men. She revealed her bare back early to give the idea of a sensuous sheet which, if it were to slip as she moved in and around it, would reveal a lot of skin. (Given the giggles and the gasps, this part was uncomfortable for the children seated behind me). The second sec-

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ASBSU's "Face-Off" event is a big success

by Jim Toweill the Arbiter

Last Dec. 7th an audience of more than 800 people, approximately 80 percent of which were college students, attended "Face-Off: Communion of the bands," sponsored by ASBSU and largely organized by senator Matt Vander Boegh.

There were no beer kegs, no big-name national acts performing—just ten Treasure Valley bands (not including Built to Spill) and a collection of local art together in one room on a Thursday night.

According to one of the co-coordinators, Autumn Haynes, it was "an awesome event," and one of the best events BSU has hosted in a "really long time." She said that all of the 10 bands were great, and all of them elicited a very positive reaction from the audience.

The event was definitely one of the best attended local shows in the past few years, which is even more remarkable since it consisted of lesser-known and unsigned acts.

So how did the organizers of this event pull off such a successful show? Haynes said that much of the credit goes to Vander Boegh for his hard work and dedication, and for getting the support of the student government.

The show was also publicized extremely well, with ads in every major local publication, and flyers everywhere. Most local concerts are nowhere near as well-advertised as this one, and that might be something smaller promoters might want to consider when putting on a show.

Diversity of musical genres was probably another big factor of the show's success. A wide spectrum of music was represented, from the metal of Sub*Vert, to the blues of Sparky Parks and the Aardvarks and the upbeat ska of the PirkQlaters. There was something for everyone.

The cost of the event to the audience also contributed to the high turnout: it was free. All the bands played for zero cash, including some who are used to making some decent money doing bar gigs. Hayes said that the bands were happy to play for free, to reach a different audience that they might not be able to perform for otherwise.

Two stages were set up, so that there was no waiting between bands. One was setting up or taking down while the other played.

Haynes mentioned that plans for another event like this are in their formative stages. She said that Sen. Vander Boegh would like to organize another concert along the same lines for this spring, possibly outdoors. Several other bands have already asked to play, and it is likely that the show would be as successful as its predecessor.

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Groundhog's Day celebration set

by Mona Morrison the Arbiter

The countdown is on: only a few days 'til my personal favorite hol-The countdown is on: only a lew days in my performance of the year, Groundhog's Day. I know, on Groundhog's Day is day of the year, Groundhog's Day is not no invitations to big paryou don't rake in loot from your lover, you get no invitations to big par-ties with champagne and confetti, not even to little ones with green beer and hot dogs.

I have deeper, more significant reasons for promoting Groundhog's Day. For one, we don't have to listen to a lot of retail ads for "end of hibernation" sales, and for another it doesn't wreck my already quivering budget. But the best reason to celebrate Groundhog's Day is that it signals the end of the most miserable excuse for a month that ever was, which is January.

January is a gift from hell to let us know what is really in store for sinners like me. All those hellish pictures of toasty warm flames and coals that could barbecue a buffalo are lies. Heat is good! Heat keeps your nose from turning black and falling off. Heat is why we have fireplaces, hot buttered rum, and bear rugs. Lack of heat is why the outer planets are balls of frozen ammonia instead of huge cosmic gardens. We aren't attracted to people who are frigid and icy, we cuddle up to the warm-hearted sort. So the truth is out now-hell is cold! In fact, I have insisted that my body be cremated when I die, because I want to be really good and warm at least once before I go to hell. I would also like to offer my personal apologies to Martin Luther

King, here and now: I am so sorry your official day of recognition came the same day my Visa bill from Christmas was due. In a better world, we'll use the entire first week of May to ponder your teachings, and I promise to attend all your outdoor rallies then.

January is proof that Einstein was right: the more miserable you are, the longer time will stretch. Ask any woman in childbirth how long a minute is, for example. January actually has six weeks in it. They disguise this fact by adding twelve hours to each day so calendars look right. (The extra hours are stolen from June, in case you were curious.)

Enough about January; we better get this Groundhog's Day party planned. When I was a kid growing up on a farm, my brother and I would grab gunny sacks (they're made of burlap, for you city folks) and head up to the west cow pasture, being careful not to step in fresh cow "pies." We'd take turns holding our bags over the entrance to a burrow, while the other kid ran around hitting the ground with a big stick, to scare terrified groundhogs into the sacks.

Although we never caught a hog this way, or any other way for that matter, my mother highly encouraged our activities. It never occurred to us that Mom was devious enough to lure us out of the house for hours, probably laughing the whole time. This same motive might also explain the handfuls of table salt she gave us to throw on chickens. Mom told us that if salt landed on the chickens' tails, then we could catch them and play with them. That never worked either, but it occupied hours of our time.

Anyway, the Groundhog party will be Feb. 2 at 2:00 p.m. if and only if the hogs don't see their shadows. If they do, then it has been scientifically proven that winter will last until two hours past Spring Break, and the party's off. Bring your own stick and gunny sack, plus a peanut butter sandwich and Mason jar with milk or Kool-aid. We'll meet in the Arbiter parking lot, and go from there.



State writerin-residence to read at BSU

by Arbiter Staff

William writer 'daho Johnson, the state's Writerin-Residence for 1999-2001, will give a reading of his poetry and discuss his craft in Boise Ťuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Barnwell Room of the SUB. His appearance is sponsored by the Master of Fine arts program at BSU and by the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

Johnson is the recipient of the state's highest literary recognition, and is professor of English at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

tion had Van Sickle on her back

on a table with only her legs

facing the audience. They

became animated puppet-like

figures who chased and played

with each other, bringing great

laughter from the audience.

The final section, performed to

Ricky Nelson's "Lonesome

Town," was a clever dialogue

skillful and entertaining, with

the last section the best. It used

all the dancers, who moved

with seamless unity and grace.

"Flow" is a lovely piece, but far

too orderly to describe as

"chaos," organized or other-

wise, as Hope does in his pro-

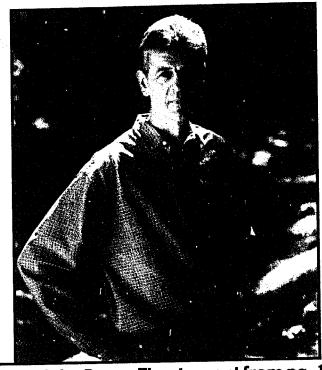
gram notes. The work is more

in character with the delightful

Tibetan-sounding flutes and

Mathew Hope's "Flow" was

between her two hands.



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percussion of Thomas Newman's "Unstrung Heroes."

Marla Hansen, the other coartistic director, created a wonderful dance to Britten's fourmovement "Simple Symphony, Op. 4" for strings. Titled "Opus 4 Catherine," the center piece was the slow movement, evocatively danced by Echo Waldron and Eurek Hanson. The couple begins in anguished separation, and work towards each other, embracing when the piece goes into the major key, and continue in intimate partnering, dissolving to the floor at the close. It was one of the concert's high points.

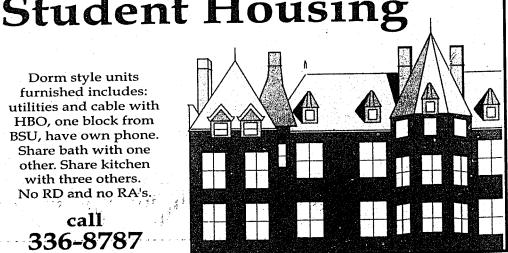
With Max von Reither's "Letting Go," the concert cranked up a notch. Set to songs by vocalist Kate Bush,

the opening was instantly arresting and the work took off from there. Alfred Hansen's side and shadowed lighting was the most creative here too. The dancers worked against a rope, and literally danced the lyric "a stick on my back." "Letting Go" is full of surprises, such as one of the men jumping into the arms of the smaller woman. Karla Avery was especially poignant as the soloist in the final movement, "of the isolation."

"Letting Go," along with "Go Getters" and "Opus 4 Catherine," were certainly modern dance and ballet at a fully professional level and provided a spellbinding dance experience.

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there is a great amount of misogyny in our (especially US) culture. Yes I know "men have no clue what it's like to be a woman..." Well guess what? Women are rather clueless about what men go through. I have truly wished that I could get orgasms exclusively from doing something that isn't such a hopeless waste of time like sex. How nice it would be to get off every time I solved a differential equation. I would never want to stop doing math. Instead, many years of my life have been wasted trying to "figure out the combination" to saying or doing what a woman wants so that I "might" get sex. Unfortunately I can't legally buy it. If I do decide to buy it, I might be risking a serious disease because the sale of sex can't be regulated if it's illegal. So I, like many men eventually develop somewhat hateful

of "swimming hopelessly upstream" like a salmon - i.e. women. How nice it is when you find a good partner. While you don't have one, you are miserable due to lack of sex (oh yes... believe it... or not). Most women, except for female prostitutes and female porno stars, have minimal knowledge of the intensity of the year-round, round-the-clock

thoughts toward the humiliation

human male sex drive. It can make a guy desperate and miserable. We're bigger and stronger so our sharing of the misery becomes obvious especially when it occurs as a crime.

If sex were readily available to all guys (not just the lucky, good looking, or rich), I believe violence against women would decrease. I believe crime in general would decrease.

Jeff Feeley

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abortion rights, and the appointment of African American judge Ronnie White to the United States District Court.

When asked whether he would support the affirmative action and abortion laws, Ashcroft replied, "As a man of faith, I am compelled to uphold the laws of my nation."*

"Bringing his faith into the equation is precisely what we don't need," an anonymous examiner remarked. "I mean, hello, we just asked if you would be able to keep that separate from your political decision making, and here you go waving your religion like Old Glory on the battlefield."

Pastor Bryan Fischer, recently named Idaho Senate's chaplain, has received harsh criticism for his stance on gay rights, including his opposition to the incorporation of a quote by lesbian Billie Jean King into Idaho's human rights memorial. Although Fischer's supporters acknowledge his controversial politics, they are quick to point out that the position of Senate Chaplain is largely ceremonial. Critics, however, question whether such a divisive figure should serve as the symbol of nonpartisan spirituality in the Idaho Senate.

A Boise, ID opinion columnist clarifies: "On the one hand, we have a sexist, racist pig who relies on God to assure us that his swinehood won't spill into the American public's laps. On the other, we have a religious leader who assures us that his political beliefs won't bring bad spiritual juju. Don't those gentlemen know better than to mix religion and bad politics?"

COMEDIANS THANK AMERICA, GOD

What do you get when you mix the presidency and former Governor George Walker Bush? Hundreds of teary-eyed, handkissing, grateful comedians.

"I can't believe our luck," an anonymous comedian commented. "It was like George W, he with the never-ending slips of the tongue and of the sub-average intelligence, fell from the sky like manna for starving comedians." "Things were getting rough," another agreed. "Our economy is kickin', unemployment is low, and Newt is gone forever. There's only so much you can milk out of Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones."

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"Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you," a third chimed in.

Comedians report trying everything from four-leaf clovers to Voodoo rituals to sway the presidential election. "During the whole Florida thing, I actually sought out a man named Chad and rubbed his tummy for luck," one comedian reported.

"I suppose we could have made fun of Gore; after all, the only time we weren't yawning was when he practically impregnated Tipper onstage during the Democratic National Convention. Still, George W. is a comedian's dream come true," another remarked.

"It wasn't until this election," the first comedian commented, "that I believed in a God."

* While paraphrased, these facts are true.

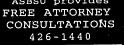






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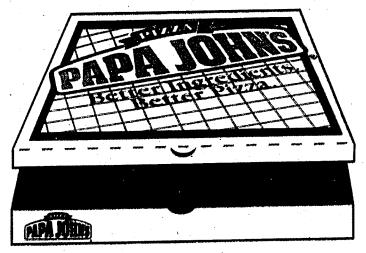
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