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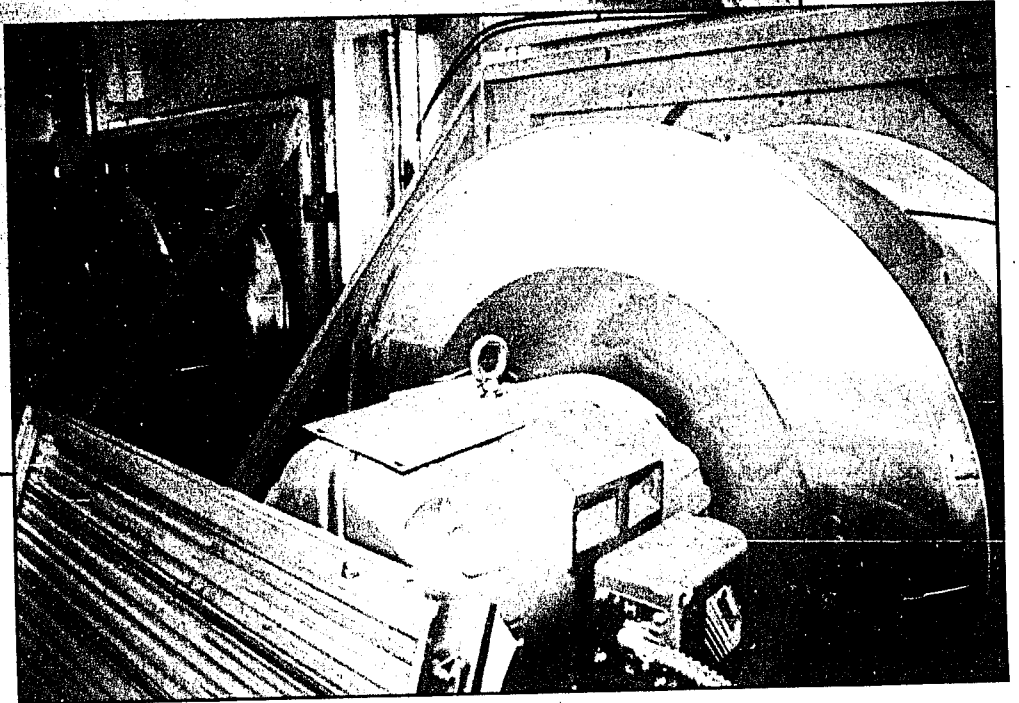
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The ceiling of the new gymnasium will be perforated metal covering a layer of insulation. The perforation in the metal will allow sound to enter the insulation and be absorbed, cutting down the noise level in the gym.

Two powerful fans will help circulate air throughout the new rec center. How powerful are the fans? Well, if you were to walk into the room they are housed in while the fans were on, the force generated would pull you into the room from the doorway.



Sneak Preview

Student recreation center nears completion

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

Outside the chain link fence at the street, our small group puts on hard hats and prepares for a tour of the Student Recreation Center now under construction. We step through the concrete dust and into the main entry area. Scaffolding stretches from bare floor to false ceiling and metal window frames sit waiting for glass to fill them.

Larry Blake, director of Architects and Engineering Services, gestures broadly and says, "The idea behind the design of this facility is trans-

parency." From the entryway, visitors will be able to see hints of other parts of the building, including corridors built to house banks of cardiovascular equipment.

"The planning that went into this is the best job I've ever seen," says Joyce Grimes, director of Campus Recreation. "When you sit at one of those machines and look out the window, you look at that," Grimes says, pointing to the Boise foothills.

Blake indicates where the control desk will be located near the entrance and explains the process of gaining access; "We are looking at card swipe readers so that the staff doesn't

have to look at every card as people come in."

Dedicated childcare facilities extend near the control area. "These facilities will be made available at a low cost to students who need them," Grimes says. The room opens onto an outdoor patio within a larger outdoor area, which will be landscaped and have places for students to sit outside.

"The idea is to engage students and to invite them into the building," Blake says, "we toured many large facilities at places like Cal Poly and UCSB and tried to learn from what worked for them and what didn't."

Two unfinished rooms represent the wellness and training offices. The wellness room will contain video equipment and computers dedicated to "educating people about living a healthy lifestyle," says Blake. There will also be cardiovascular equipment available for testing and individualized counseling available for student's specific concerns.

Past the nearly completed locker rooms lit by dangling yellow work lamps and through a hall, we step into the cavernous climbing gym. Five walls, each 30 to 40 feet high and dedicated to climbing, await the installation of their surfaces.

A model of the proposed design is available in the Outdoor Rental office. "This space gives us a chance to build protrusions and so much more than a flat wall," says Patrick Chetwood, a graduate assistant in the Recreation Department, "this will be the most collegiate climbing surface area in the country."

Offices near this room will contain the relocated Outdoor Rental facilities. The new space offers more storage, better access for renters, and extended services. A loft will contain maps and other resources for students planning backcountry trips. "We can do so much more in this space," says Chetwood.

The main area in the building is the gymnasium. Sporting three basketball courts, also lined to accommodate volleyball and badminton, the room is rimmed by an elevated running track.

"I can't wait until you see the hardwood floors," says Grimes, "these are maple floors that float so it is easier on joints when people are jumping around."

Visible from the gymnasium are four racquetball courts, one with a movable wall for squash. "We really tried to accommodate as many sports as we could into this space," Blake says.

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Mountain-top motivation

BSU's top administrators meet with students at first annual retreat

By Brandon Flata
The Arbiter

President Charles Ruch and BSU's four vice-presidents spoke to a gathering of student leaders at the first annual LEADS retreat Wednesday at Bogus Basin.

The LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Series) retreat was the first in a series of sessions to continue throughout the academic year. The all-day retreat included speeches by administrators about their duties, breakout sessions with individual administrators and a motivational speaker.

President Ruch was one of the first speakers, noting a tight budget that keeps tightening.

"There are stormy economic times ahead, the economy is soft and there is less tax revenue," Ruch said. "It's a tight budget this year, and it could be enormously tight next year."

Student fee increases might result.

"We need to know what (students) expect, and what we need to keep the store open," Ruch said.

There are also the costs of recent construction projects including more parking spaces.

Ruch said that construction

projects and expansion all fit into a strategic vision to successfully position BSU in an increasingly competitive environment.

"There is more competition, and students are consumers with many choices," he said. BSU's strategic vision includes a thriving metropolitan university with new programs and increasingly flexible class schedules.

In order to realize this vision, Ruch said three challenges must be met: maintaining accessibility, changing the curriculum to fit the economy and expanding to meet demand.

Enrollment at BSU has grown quickly, and maintaining accessibility is a key goal. The main campus is landlocked, so expansion at Boise State West is critical to keep up with demand.

The economy is also changing, and BSU's curriculum will increasingly need to reflect the area's technology sector.

Daryl Jones, provost and vice president for academic affairs, described BSU's heritage and the importance of location. BSU's proximity to the state's center of commerce allows students to enjoy the largest internship program in the Northwest.

The central location, however, could become a liability

with time. "Think of declining city centers nationwide," Jones said.

Jones cited a renewed commitment to not only expand with the Boise State West campus but also with distance learning through radio, the Internet and television.

Developments such as a \$2 million government grant to support computer chip research, 30 new Internet classes under development and work on a new university logo signal progress, Jones said.

Buster Neel, vice president for finance and administration, described BSU's budget and where the money goes.

The budget totals about \$96 million excluding auxiliary services. Of that amount, students pay about \$23 million.

The matriculation fee, the single biggest student fee, goes to support general university services but not tuition. By law, students can't be charged for tuition, Neel said.

Neel surprised students by saying that the bookstore doesn't make the bulk of its profit from selling books, but from the school supplies and BSU licensed products it sells.

Rick Smith, vice president for university advancement, who joined BSU June 1, said that BSU's problems have their positive sides.

"The problems we have,

such as parking, or having to take a class in Nampa when the rest of your classes are at the main campus, are damn problems - they shouldn't happen."

"But these are good problems. Imagine the opposite,

coming to a campus without a parking problem. That means a drop in education and programs."

Smith cited phenomenal growth, such as a 32 percent increase in enrollment in Nampa, and two to three per-

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A group of students forms a circle as part of a motivational speaker's presentation at the first annual LEADS student retreat Wednesday at Bogus Basin.



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News

BroncoWeb to expand, increase student involvement

By Matt Neznanski
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BroncoWeb's on-line registration process is just the beginning of a continued expansion of student services onto the Internet, which will soon include access to more information and personalized email accounts.

Mark Wheeler, dean of Enrollment Services, said that he is "very excited" about the services that are coming soon. Students should look for a campus-wide e-mail system, which would allow users to access e-mail from any computer, in the next few months. "We have found that students go through e-mail like

popcorn," Wheeler said. "When we send a message to 16,000 students, one quarter to one third come back in error." The creation of an official mailbox for university communications will help to make the information "pertinent and timely," Wheeler said.

Students would need to check the address frequently, as it would be, "an official communication link, and take the place of paper mailings," Wheeler said.

At present, to send a mailing to 16,000 students, it costs the university over \$6000 in postage alone, not including labor and paper costs. This cost can affect the amount of information available to stu-

dents. "At the same time," Wheeler said, "we want to avoid sending a bunch of junk mail" to the new mailboxes.

BroncoWeb should also soon include a feature that enables students to view their accounts on-line. This would allow students to see how much they owe for classes and see how financial aid will affect their bill. All of these additions are slated to work together.

"We are trying to sync together all of these systems with the same user ID's and passwords," Wheeler said, "these are meant to inform and empower students."

Kris Collins, assistant registrar, said that the on-line registration process has been "an

overall improvement. We no longer have lines out the door, down the hall, and out of the building." The lines now, according to Collins, are "four or five students who come down to be walked through the process the first time."

Collins reported that two-thirds of students are accessing BroncoWeb from off-campus, presumably at home. Over 197,000 enrollment requests were made since registration began April 1. "This means students are dropping and adding classes" from home, Collins said, "Students are able to check to see if classes are available and when they open up much easier than before."

Collins is impressed with

the system so far, "I showed these numbers to my staff, who are really swamped this time of year, and told them how busy we could be. It is really encouraging."

For freshman Dave Egbert, who registered for classes at home, the on-line process went smoothly. "I was surprised that there was enough of a database for students regarding class information," Egbert said.

Senior Neile Hulsey lacks confidence in an all-electronic registration process. "I never feel confident that I'm really registered," Hulsey said.

According to Wheeler, the move to providing more services on-line will free up staff

to help students more individually. "When the staff is not so overwhelmed with volume, they are able to do more effective advising," Wheeler said.

The actual process of transferring the information on-line has not been without pitfalls, however. "We are challenged with retaining professional staff members who put the web sites together," Wheeler said. "These people are in high demand in the job market, so we have lots of turnover."

Wheeler points to this when discussing timetables. "If we had a consistent staff we could be farther along."

Page ripped out of over 6,000 university planners

Alcohol ad goes against school policy

By Brandon Flala
The Arbiter

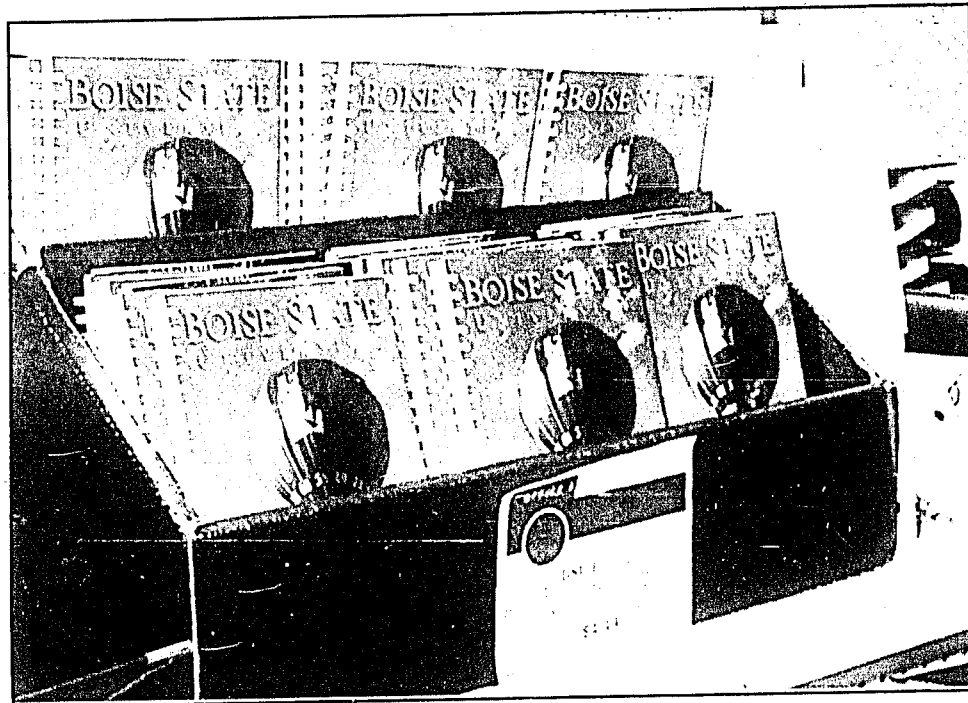
Many students are either buying or being given university planners, but most don't know that a page was removed from them.

The last inside page of the planners, which sell for \$4.49 in the BSU Bookstore, were ripped out by various school officials because it contained an alcohol ad for the Emerald Club.

The Arbiter's General Manager Brad Arendt sold the ad. Arendt said he previously asked groups behind the planner, such as the Gateway Center and Student Housing, what kinds of ads he could sell; nobody objected to appropriate alcohol ads.

"I mentioned possible clients like bars and lingerie shops, and nobody said anything," he said. "I wish I would have been told before that I couldn't sell these ads." Nikki Hampton, supply and art buyer for the bookstore, said Arendt should have understood BSU policies.

"I assumed (Arendt) knew the policies, obviously there was a miscommunication," she said. "Clear guidelines are already set."



Visit the BSU bookstore to pick up a now alcohol free BSU planner Photo by Ted Harmon

School officials say BSU forbids certain types of alcohol ads.

"Our ad policy is to not promote alcohol use, and if we do, limit it to restaurants," said Rob Meyer, associate director for student activities. "It wasn't the establishment per se, but the use of 'drafts' and 'margaritas' in their ad."

Ads can't explicitly refer to alcohol or describe promotions. But carefully worded ads, i.e. adult drinks, could be

approved, Meyer said.

Arendt said he is unhappy with the ad being pulled.

"The Pavilion can sell alcohol during non-BSU events. There is a very gray line, and I can kind of see where the administration is sitting on it," he said.

Also on the ripped-out page were two Fine Host ads. Neither business was charged for the pulled ads, Meyer said.

The Emerald Club is a local gay bar, which has advertised

with the Arbiter before. A club employee declined to comment Saturday.

Hampton said 6,800 planners were published, of which 6,200 were pre-sold to sponsoring groups like the Gateway Center. The remaining planners will be sold in the bookstore.

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ethos" at the University. "It's a more honorable mission," Jacobsen said about how he feels about teaching at the University.

Engineering Professor Anthony Jacobi also had past experience at a private institution as an associate professor.

"At the University of Illinois, I can have a much greater impact through my teaching, research and service than I can have at a small private university," Jacobi said.

According to the IBHE report, the salaries at public institutions "have not kept pace with increases in Illinois per-capita income" in the past.

Grad, med school applicants face new challenges

By Jeremy Skog
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

HANOVER, N.H. - Students applying for graduate schools will face new challenges as the Educational Testing Service updates the Graduate Record Exam to include a writing assessment test and the American Medical College Application System struggles with electronic setbacks.

The GRE change, finalized at the June meeting of the GRE Board, will take effect Oct. 1, 2002, and affects the General Test, required for admission into most graduate programs in America.

The writing portion was introduced in response to graduate schools' interest in a way to measure "critical reasoning and analytical writing," according to the ETS Web site. ETS representatives had not responded to The Dartmouth as of press time.

The exam consists of two essays: a 45-minute perspective piece and a 30-minute critique. For the perspective piece, students will be asked to address a topic, randomly chosen from several hundred pre-written prompts, from any point of view and provide proof.

The argument portion requires test-takers to analyze an argument based on its logical basis and provide supporting evidence without taking a side.

The essays are scored on a six-point scale by professors who have been specially trained and whose work involves teaching writing-based classes.

The General Test is now composed of multiple-choice verbal and quantitative por-

tions, along with the writing assessment. The current analytical portion has been removed from the test.

Students who register to take the assessment will be provided with free test preparation software beginning September 1.

Medical students, too, face new challenges this year. The online application system run by the AMCAS has been experiencing bugs since it was first released in May.

These issues were resolved by early July, according to Pamela Cranston, Associate Vice President of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The problem now lies with troubles in electronic distribution of student information to schools.

According to Cranston, problems have ranged from bugs with the software to schools not having the right equipment to networking issues.

AMCAS is releasing another version of the software this Friday which it hopes will fix the problems, Cranston said. AMCAS is run by the AAMC and acts as a centralized service. Students send in their information, which is standardized and then distributed to all the medical schools to which a student applies.

In light of these difficulties, many schools are requesting that students print out their online applications and send them in by mail, along with their secondary, school-specific applications, rather than relying solely on the AMCAS service. Information for individual school procedures can be found under the Nathan Smith Premedical Society BlitzMail bulletin.

Professors at Illinois public schools make less than private school profs

By Reggie Luahlall
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Despite a recent increase in average salaries, professors at Illinois' public institutions still make less overall than faculty at the state's private schools, according to a recent study by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

But some University of Illinois professors say salary isn't their main concern.

The report indicates a \$22,368 difference between the average salary of full profes-

sors at private and public institutions in the state. Associate and assistant professors are also getting paid less on average than their counterparts at private institutions.

Still, some professors say they choose to teach at public universities when they could possibly make more money at a private school.

Nils Jacobsen, associate professor of history at the University of Illinois, previously worked as a visiting professor at the University of Chicago.

In comparing the two universities, Jacobsen said there is a larger sense of "democratic

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"This experience makes me better at everything I do." - Mindy Smith studied in China

Student Programs Board plans events for students

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

Ranging from feature films and concert series to coordination with the athletic department, Student Programs Board has a variety of different events planned throughout the semester.

Autumn Haynes, Student Activities coordinator said, "We want students to know that SPB is an organization for students and run by students." The board is made up of students and relies on student support and input. "If people see something they like, let us know, if they have an idea for something, they should talk to one of us."

SPB is coordinating with the Welcome Week festivities with a comedian and hypnotist performing in the Student Union as well as a roaming magician and a car bash on Friday. "You can pay to smash up this car, and take out your frustrations on it," Haynes said.

Early September marks the beginning of two ongoing concert series. First, the Moxie Java Concert Series will be in the SUB and feature an

acoustic group on stage as well as drink specials. Second, a succession of Whoop A\$\$ concerts will take place in the Centennial Amphitheater until weather prohibits outdoor events.

In conjunction with the first home football game of the season, the athletic department has joined with SPB to promote attendance at the games. "For the first time ever since I have been a student, and now an alum, seats are reserved for students on the first level," Haynes said.

The seats will be made available to students who attend a barbecue complete with games and bands before the game. "The idea is to build excitement and spirit for home games," Haynes said.

Films by students will be shown before feature films in the Special Events Center.

"This gives an opportunity to view student work and to show what kind of things their putting together," Haynes said.

A showing of "Remember the Titans" during Homecoming week in October projects the film on the giant, new scoreboard screen in

Bronco Stadium. "People can bring their sleeping bags and lay around on the turf while they watch," said Haynes.

Other film showings include "Pulp Fiction," "Requiem For A Dream," and the Boise premiers of extreme mountain biking films, "Nurpu" and "Further" during Fall Funk. This event occurs Sept. 17-20 and offers more concerts, games, mountain bike races and a climbing wall.

In October, the third annual Face Off, Communion of the Bands will take place. The Face Off brings 10 local bands together in the Hatch Ballroom, playing on two stages from seven until midnight. This event is free.

Dates and times for these events will be posted on flyers around campus, on displays in the Student Union, or can be heard on the SPB hotline at 426-2162. The information on the hotline is updated weekly.

"Nobody should say that there is nothing to do on this campus," Haynes said, "come by Student Activities to find out more."

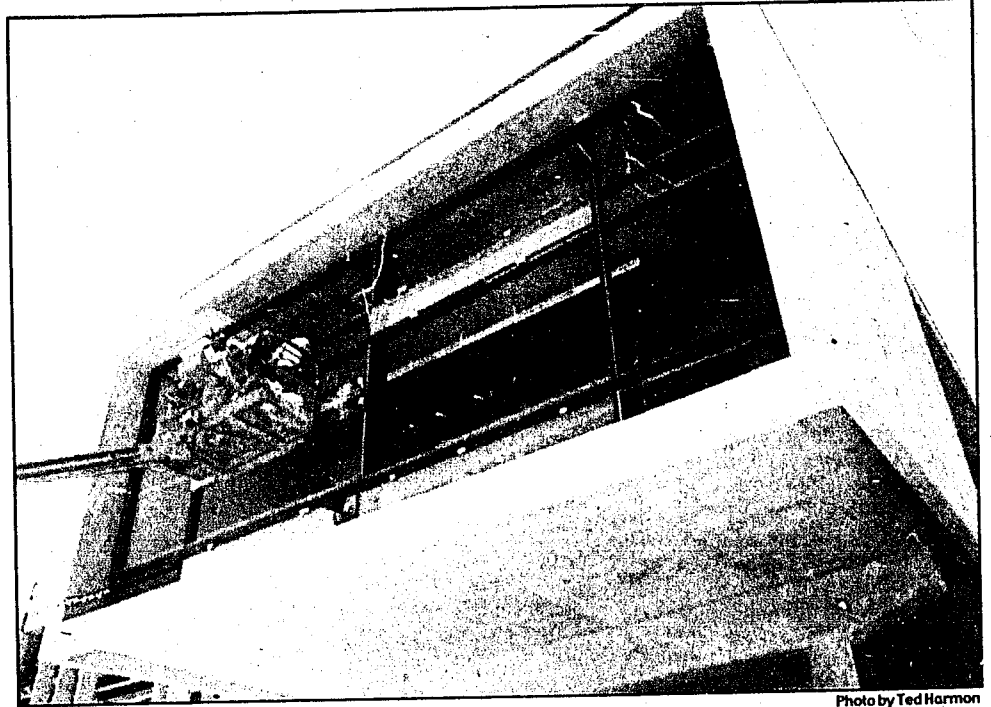


Photo by Ted Harmon

This portion of the rec center is supported only on one end. Such a structure is called a "cantilever" and makes it possible to have a couple hundred-thousand pounds of concrete freely hanging out as it is on the rec center.

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Upstairs, multi-purpose rooms for various classes wait for finishing.

"We plan on offering aerobics classes, yoga and spinning right away, then work into kickboxing and outdoor programs for families," Grimes says.

The aerobics room will have another floating hardwood floor, and mirrors on three walls.

Student fees paid for the facilities construction and will pay for student's use of the building. "That in itself is unique," says Grimes. "If you carry at least an eight credit load, you can use the facilities." The building will be available to non-students as well, for a fee.

The project has had some complications. Installation of faulty bricks caused approximately 10,000 of them to be

removed, delaying the project. "In the future, no bricks will be installed until they are proven," Blake says.

The complexities of the building's architecture and materials have added to the delay. "The nature of the concrete just took longer to do right than was originally planned," Blake says.

The building is scheduled to be completed and ready to open by January.

Drinking, biking don't mix when you've had a fix

By Allison Naylor
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FORT COLLINS, Colo. - If after a few drinks biking seems like the best way to get home, think again. Biking under the influence, or BUI, is becoming a more prominent problem.

More and more people are turning to bike riding when they are drunk so they won't get caught behind the wheel. But you can get in trouble behind the handlebars.

Biking under the influence is considered a misdemeanor, which may result in up to a \$300 fine.

"(Biking) has the same charge as driving, but you don't lose your license," said Sergeant Dave Pearson, of the Fort Collins Police Department.

The same roadside sobriety tests are performed by a police officer in a BUI situation as in a DUI situation. The police officer will also talk to the intoxicated individual to determine the extent of the punishment allotted.

"Biking is as dangerous as being behind the wheel," said Captain Bob Chaffee, of the CSU Police Department.

The police acknowledge that people are trying not to be as hazardous as they would be if they were driving a car, but awareness of the possible dangers of riding a bike while intoxicated should be recognized.

"If someone is intoxicated on a bike, they can't ride in a straight line. They interfere with motoring traffic and present a general hazard to self and others," said Sergeant Tac

McCleery, of the Larimer County Sheriffs Office.

One of the dangers posed while biking under the influence is that the intoxicated biker may fall off their bike and land in traffic. Another is the possibility of hitting a stationary object, causing the biker to be injured. The worse case scenario is the biker being hit by a car or a car causing an accident with other motorists because of a swerving biker.

"The bicyclist is putting (his) self at huge risk of being hit. The driver has to live with the responsibility of hitting a biker, even if they weren't at fault and it was the unprotected biker," said Sergeant Keith Tourney of the CSU Police Department.

Because biking under the influence can cause many problems, students must use all resources before resorting to riding home on a bike when drunk. A designated driver is key when going out to a party or a bar. This prevents tickets being issued to the biker and avoids any dangerous situations. More importantly, it may save your life

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cent growth on the main campus, as signs of BSU's quality and accessibility.

Peg Blake, vice president for student affairs, who spearheaded the LEADS program, said advising services are students' biggest complaint.

Students described failed attempts to receive counseling, such as one student seeking information on advanced biology courses who was told to worry about them later.

Blake said advisers are now available in the SUB, as well as staff to help with BroncoWeb or BlackBoard problems.

After Blake asked for suggestions, students offered the following: access to teacher evaluations, more scholarships, better career center services, better advising and bet-

ter relations between athletes and students.

After the sessions concluded, students were asked to help plan the future of LEADS. Many students were enthusiastic about the program, and planned to attend future sessions.

"At first I wasn't interested, but I'm glad I came," said Amy Ulappa, a sophomore ecology major and resident adviser in Towers Hall. "This is a good chance for people to get to know each other. I think the program should continue, maybe even expand with more participants than student leaders."

Junior Jon Lundy said he found the retreat worthwhile.

"It was a great opportunity to network with students and

leaders, and it was enjoyable."

Students, although excited about the program, often wanted more interaction with administrators. It shouldn't be surprising that students highly valued such interaction given that students came up with the idea.

Dr. Blake formed a committee in early 2000 to formulate the LEADS program, originally envisioning a series of leadership workshops. But it was a student focus group that suggested the eventual format, said Rob Meyer, associate director for student affairs.

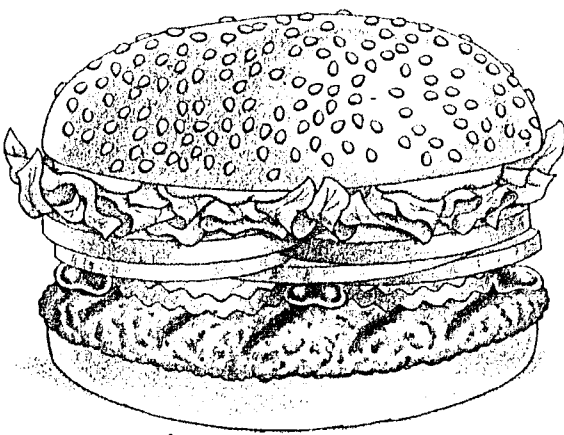
Blake's committee work resulted in a leadership program that includes classes, internships and LEADS.

The initial cost is about \$10,000, Meyer said.

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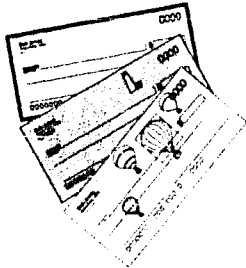
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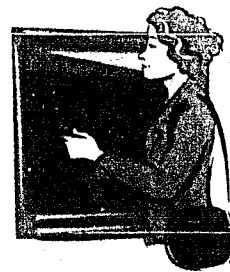
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Leaving Las Vegas, er, Caldwell...

Author follows "geeks" out of Idaho and into national success

By Sean C. Hayes
The Arbiter

Geek, as slang terminology, author Jon Katz reminds us in his 2000 book set partly here in Idaho but mostly in another I-state: Illinois, used to denote a freak show attraction known for biting heads off chickens. Today, the definition is a little less Ozzy Osbourne and a little more Bill Gates.

Katz redefines the word as, "A member of the new cultural elite, a pop-culture loving, techno-centered Community of Social Discontents. Most

geeks rose above a suffocatingly unimaginative educational system, where they were surrounded by obnoxious social values and hostile peers, to build the freest and most inventive culture on the planet: the Internet and World Wide Web. Now running the systems that run the planet."

My former news editor who moonlighted at a IPTV news and discussion show used to joke that the highest-paid person at the network was the punk kid who knew how to fix the computers. Katz had a similar experience dur-

ing a media junket for his previous book. At a talk show, he was being grilled for his loose stance on the supposed dangers of the Internet. Katz responded that kids were more likely to "have planes fall on their heads" than get hurt on the Net. Katz won a round of applause from somewhere back in the studio and noticed three young men, not suitably dressed for work, high-paid technicians and the only ones who could run the equipment that made the studio function.

Around the same time, shortly after the Columbine high school massacre, a web site Katz set up, www.slashdot.com, became a makeshift forum for thousands of teenagers across the country to write their feelings of being

social outcasts. Suddenly, any display of geek-dom became a warning sign for dangerous violence. Any new and different display aroused the suspicions of hypersensitive parents and faculty. Now, different-minded young people had more to fear than the taunts of classmates.

A ridiculous column in "Time" or "Newsweek" (I can't tell them apart) went so far as to say that students who dress differently do so to erase their identities. Perhaps they didn't notice that football players all wear the same clothing. "Odd values - unthinking school spirit, proms, jockhood - are exalted, while the best values - free thinking, nonconformity, curiosity - are ridiculed," Katz

writes. He saw the one possibly positive outcome of the event that a new discussion was taking place in society over the price of being different.

In the midst of this, an email caught his eye, sent by a Jesse Dailey of Caldwell and his roommate/friend Eric Twilegar (who briefly attended BSU) - who had started a "geek club" in his high school in Middleton after experiencing the rejection of his peers. Now, both computer geniuses, they were working meaningless jobs and living in a hovel in Caldwell, feeling shut-in and closed off from the high-tech possibilities around them. Katz follows their progress in "Geeks," as they make a sudden move to Chicago and

attempt to break into the big-money and excitement of new scientific horizons. The story ultimately culminates in Dailey applying late and GPA-challenged to among the best schools in the country - the ends to which readers will have to see for themselves.

Katz, admittedly, is not a "geek" by his own definition. He is first and foremost an author and journalist, with computer and technical skills he himself describes as not exactly cutting edge. This fact, despite a flurry of email on slashdot.com, which overloaded the server after the Columbine affair, has drawn some sharp criticism. An excerpt printed on that, his own, web site received more

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Leavin' on a jet plane, don't know if I'll toke up again...

By Brandon Motta
The Arbiter

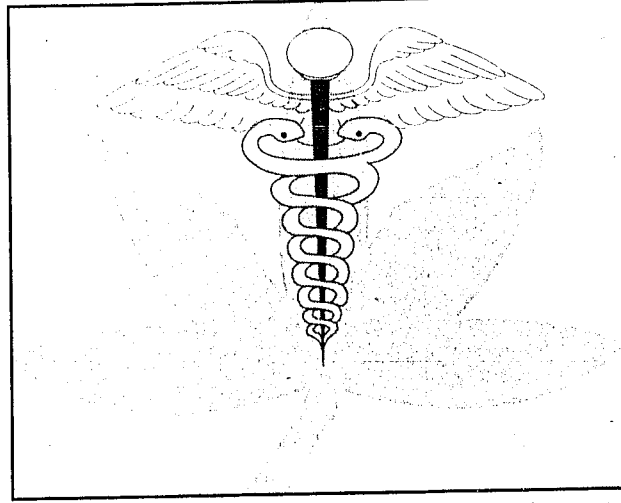
Where's that Woody Harrelson when you need him? One of Hollywood's premier cannabis champions. Mr. Harrelson can usually be counted upon to lend his name to any pro-pot movements that may be going on in the darkest depths of America. However, now that Canada has allowed both the growing and smoking of marijuana for medicinal uses, Woody is probably learning to love Labatt's, hockey and a different way to say "about." Well, wherever he is, he's missing out on a chance to heckle Delta, who aren't flying the pot-friendly skies.

The skinny: A gentleman by the name of Irvin Rosenfeld, a stockbroker afflicted with a nasty bone disease, was given the opportunity to file a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on the matter of medicinal

marijuana usage. Mr. Rosenfeld was invited to do this because he is one of the eight (count 'em, eight) people in America who is allowed to use loco weed for treatment. No, I do not know his home number or address.

Anyway, Mr. Rosenfeld gets his pot directly from the government and has for 19 years, so it would be reasonable to assume that he has one hell of a pressing need for reefer. Mr. Rosenfeld makes no secret of this need, and indeed notifies Delta whenever he flies anywhere with them of such, thus belaying the need to pistol-whip him at the security desk. One hopes.

So, Mr. Rosenfeld mosies over to the airport one day in March, explains the situation to Delta officials as usual, and prepares to board. However, he gets a page from a Delta employee, who informs him that he will be given the oppor-



tunity to not travel with Delta this go-round, as the airline's attorneys have forbidden him to get on the plane. They then informed him that he would need to get permission from each and every state the plane

flew over to bring the marijuana in before being allowed to board. Airport security being what it is, Mr. Rosenfeld simply got on a different plane and neglected to mention his stash.

The point is that Mr. Rosenfeld is now demanding a refund on his ticket and an apology from the airline, stating that Delta both violated the Americans with Disabilities act and circumvented federal practices by preventing him from flying with them. On the surface, it would seem that Delta will be eating crow on this one. After all, here's a guy who is being prescribed pot by Uncle Sam himself, who has the power to overrule the states in a whole bunch of circumstances.

The fact that it is also being recognized as medicine in this case would seem to be the clincher; in a press conference, Mr. Rosenfeld used the analogy of a diabetic being denied passage because of insulin. You can argue with the metaphor, but it's a potent image, and that's what will carry it. Delta has 30 days to respond to Mr. Rosenfeld's fil-

ing, at which point we will see just how Delta plans to embarrass themselves.

Maybe Woody is staying out of this one because it's small potatoes, one corporation's conservatism lashing out at an individual who happened to be completely within his legal rights. Or, maybe he senses a sea change coming. After all, if you thought people were flocking to the Great White North for socialized medicine before, just you wait.

The ironic thing? In the long run, such a subtle shift on our neighbor's part will probably end up affecting our own. Canada seems to have adopted a responsible policy regarding marijuana, and the Supreme Court has already indicated it would be willing to hear more arguments on the issue. If they can get behind it, even in theory, so can the rest of the country. Eventually.

Blame Canada.

Administration hits homerun

By Brandon Motta
The Arbiter

Who knew? BSU administrators actually recognize the existence of students, and not just full time equivalent students (FTE's) to configure into a state funding formula. (Just kidding).

Dr. Peg Blake, vice president for student affairs, and her student affairs staff, spearheaded an effort to bring together administrators and students at the first annual student leadership retreat at Bogus Basin this past week. President Charles Ruch, Provost Daryl Jones, Vice President for Finance and Administration Buster Neel, Vice President for University Advancement Rick Smith and Blake herself all attended.

Students had the same complaints - parking, costs of school, etc. - but even better than supplying answers, administrators explained the complexities of running an institution as unwieldy as a public university with a budget exceeding \$96 million.

It's natural for students to consider administrators an

enemy, that group of people who keep raising the costs of tuition and parking permits, but once students glimpse the sometimes-conflicting roles of the university and the infinite wishes and desires of students, a little appreciation is gained.

The public relations success of the retreat is undeniable. Everyone I talked to was enthusiastic about the venture, and supported its expansion. I was pleased with the sincere effort put forth by administrators and staff to meet the needs of students.

Before students boarded buses to depart the mountain, they were shuffled into small groups to provide feedback. But instead of just offering students the usual response form like teacher evaluations, a live person actually sat down with the group (at least in mine) to discuss the retreat. The BSU person in my nervous group offered a few comments to break the ice, and dutifully took notes once we spoke out.






I found myself becoming excited, even developing tangible school spirit - which lasted until Friday when I dis-

covered the grade I received in one of my summer school classes. But that wasn't entirely (although mostly) the school's fault.

Anyway, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, even the part where we had to run around a tennis court (on top of a snowy mountain?) like lunatics as part of a motivational speaker's attempt to give us interpersonal skills - or something like that.

For what it's worth, I support the LEADS program and its continuing development. I liked the format as it was, but would like even more interaction with administrators. It would have been fun to see President Ruch leaping to his feet every time the month of his birthday was called out - as the motivational speaker had us do.

Hopefully, the effort made by administrators was more than a public relations campaign. But the effort and expense of putting the program together indicates a real concern among administrators in improving student life on campus.

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Cheap Date 101: A guide to dating on BSU wages

by Erica Ewing
Special to the Arbiter

You have spent the summer slaving away for some extra cash for college, needless to say... it wasn't worth it. The bookstore is a mini version of the twilight zone, you walk in and walk out of the bloodsucking bookstore and there is no hope, you are broke as a joke.

At this point in time you weigh the same amount as your checking account, which isn't very much. You walk out of the vampire's den with five books that you know you will not read cover to cover, that the professor has chosen for an education you hope is suited for you, and all those underpaid hung-over hours you worked wasn't worth a dime.

Okay ladies, you can probably call up "Daddy" and ask for some extra cash, but for you men out there you know you can't call Mommy and Daddy, at least not when your roommates are around. You begin to settle for the lesser

things in life, instead of Corona you'll drink Busch Light, without the luxury of a home-cooked meal you resort to the 3-minute Ramen noodles. Needless to say, "How will you ever score if you don't have enough money to take a girl out?"

I have the answer. Welcome to Cheap Date 101. This is one of the most informative classes you will ever encounter at BSU. You don't have to buy a book for it, there are no tests, and it will not cost you a dime. I cannot take all the credit for the knowledge I have in store for you; I would like to take a moment to thank my wonderful boyfriend, the King of Cheap Dates.

At this point in time I am going to give you a list of many things you can do to have a wonderful date with the budget of only \$5. With the use of your student ID you can receive discounts at a few places in town, such as the Galaxy Diner. The Galaxy Diner is a little '50s restaurant

located on Capitol Blvd. Cheap Date #1: at the diner you can receive a 10 percent discount just by showing them your BSU student ID. With a budget of only \$5 you can't take a girl out for dinner there, but your sure can take her out for dessert. The Galaxy Diner has an array of many delightful desserts, but the best is the three scoop Banana Sundae that is out of this world.

Cheap Date #2: the movies. The Reel Theatre, located on Overland, has ticket prices of only \$2, and the midnight movies are only \$1. The only downfall to the Reel Theatre is that they don't always play the most recent movies, but heck at a grand total of \$4 for the two of you, who could resist?

Cheap Date #3: Old Chicago. Yes, that is what I said, Old Chicago. Cheap Date #3 is intended for those of you who are 21 and up for those fortunate few who have fake ID's. Old Chicago has Happy Hour everyday from 4-7 p.m.

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Things every student should know

By upperclassmen Katie Mills & Amy Stack & Greg Blaesing, director of auxiliary services

HELPFUL HINTS

- If you want to drop a class, be sure to do it by Sept. 10! Also, do not assume professors will drop you if you don't come to class. You need to do it yourself.
- After hours help for financial aid, admissions, and registration is available in the Administration Bldg. from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Smart folks know there are fewer customers at that time and you can get great help that way.
- Here's a secret - smart people use tutors. Tutoring in core classes is free. Other tutoring is available on a fee basis. So, if you're in trouble in a class, contact the Gateway Center at 426-4049 or mail the web site <gateway.boisestate.edu>.
- The library and the Multi-Purpose computer lab are open until midnight on the weekdays. You use your ID card as a library card.
- If you want to help save the planet from pollution, ride the Boise City BUS. It's FREE with your University I.D. card starting Monday, Aug. 27, and continuing all the way through Spring Semester. Flash your card and you ride all over Boise. That cost is included in your fees.
- Conserve energy and fossil fuels by using the free campus shuttle bus. It runs from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday-Thursday and from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Fridays. The campus route goes through the Stadium lot, heads west down University Drive, across Capitol Blvd. to Health Sciences Riverside,

- back across Capitol, down Campus Drive and runs along the river back to the Stadium. You can finish your reading assignments on the bus. It's too dangerous to do that walking across campus.
- If you want to avoid BPD-fines and parking tickets or getting your car towed, don't block the driveways or park in "No Parking" zones...and buy a parking permit. The least expensive way to park on campus is a General Permit for \$52, which covers fall and spring semester. You can buy them online by going to the Bronco Web page and hitting the Parking Information page or go to <http://www.boisestate.edu/parking/>. If you have a phobia about computer viruses, dial 426-1681 and they will fax you a parking permit application form, which you fax back.
- Park legally! Enforcement on campus is done by Boise State parking staff. You'll never hear a student complain that these guys are unproductive. Spend your money on a favorite beverage, not on tickets.
- Fines and charges can hold up next semester's registration. Everything from Outdoor Center fines to library fines and parking tickets to bounced checks in the Bookstore can cause a hold to be placed on your registration. You won't be able to register for classes and pay for next semester unless they are paid, so don't make life any harder on yourself than it has to be.
- If you need to walk back to your car or dorm room at night, you can call someone from campus safety to come walk with you. They are available 24 hours a day. On campus, security is handled by

Ada County sheriffs.

- Avoid rage. Get in the habit of working out regularly. Full fee paying students can access the recreation facilities for free in the Pavilion, the Old Gym, and Bronco Gym. That includes gymnasiums, racket ball courts, weight rooms, swimming pools, a climbing wall, and jogging tracks. You paid for it in your fees, you ought to use it. If you want your own locker, that costs \$10 per semester. Pick that up in the Kinesiology Bldg., Room 209. Tell Chris that Greg said "hi." Part-time students pay a per semester fee of \$29.30 to access facilities. The \$10 locker fee still applies. So, if you're a part-time student, try finding a health club for \$8 a month!
- Use the Health Center if you get sick. They can fill your prescription for less money. The Counseling Center provides counseling and testing services, great tips on such topics as time & stress management or one-on-one sessions when you need them. Call 426-1601.
- Put Bronco Bucks on your card. You can use these debit card balances to get food in the SUB, at the Subway/Education Bldg. and at the Moxie Java Plus Kiosk in the Multi-Purpose Classroom (MPC) building. You can also use Bronco Bucks in the Bookstore and several vending machines around campus. Open an account at the Info Desk in the SUB with cash, check, or credit card payment. Coming soon, you can use Bronco Bucks for parking permits & fines and the Health & Wellness Center.

FUN STUFF!

- The cheapest outdoor gear around is available to you in the Outdoor Center. Currently housed in the SUB, you can rent roller blades for \$3 per hour or \$8 a day. They have all the camping equipment you

- can think of; rafts, inflatable kayaks, etc. There are also trips going out from there if you want to join a group. The number is 426-1946.
- The cheapest bowling and billiards rates on the planet are at the Games Center in the SUB. You can bowl for \$1.50 a game and the bowling lanes are open until Midnight. Check out the new automatic scoring system.
- You can get movie tickets for Edwards, Flicks theatres and the Funny Bone comedy club for a reduced price at the Info Desk in the SUB! Example: Edwards cost \$5 for up to six tickets.
- There are several national and local sororities and fraternities on campus! Rush Week is the first and second weeks of school. Look for fliers and posters around campus for more information.
- Join a student organization! Meet other students and faculty, have fun, and build a network of interesting people who will help you be successful in school.
- Full fee paying students can pick up two FREE football tickets from an allotment at the Select-A-Seat next to the SUB Info Desk. The first home game is on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6:05p.m., playing Washington State. Part-time students pay \$10 for up to two guest tickets. Don't wait until Friday or Saturday to be disappointed. SPB puts on films every Tuesday night that are only \$1 for students. The next film, "Mallrats," is on Sept. 4 in the Special Events Center at 7 p.m. Go see some art. There are art galleries in the SUB, the Hemingway Center, the Liberal Arts building and the Public Affairs/Art West building.
- The new recreation facility opens early spring semester. It's going to be awesome.

Careful with that card, Eugene

By Trevor Klein

As many of you know the credit card companies are out to sign you up for a great deal at a low interest rate, with next to nothing monthly payments. And if you believe that then the world is flat and global warming is caused by methane released from a cow's dumper. Throughout the past school years, these credit card companies have been allowed to invade the campus, mainly the Student Union, inviting you with prizes and t-shirts. These t-shirts have such words as Philly Blunts or 4:20: "Do you know where your bong is at," obviously promoting the use of tobacco or the wacky green stuff that will make you eat until you are bored with eating. The most common shirt bears the face of John Belushi, from the movie "Animal House," sporting a shirt that says "college."

Well, I must say that this is exactly how the credit card companies would like you to act. Either, by getting so stoned you do not remember where you used the card when you were munching on a seven-course meal. Or, by forgetting about what it is you are here for (education) and purchasing large amounts of mind buzzing liquids and lose your rationality at wild frat parties.

As interesting as both of these options may be, it's important to think about the use of these credit cards for such events. I have heard the statement, "I am only going to use it for emergencies," then seen these emergencies become six packs of coke, or a

box of doughnuts and a pint of milk. And that is why the student government here at this institution of learning have now made it more difficult for credit card companies to perform their rituals in the SUB.

No longer are these companies allowed to have you sign contracts with their promise of gifts in the Student Union. Also, if the credit card companies do happen to set up their booths elsewhere on campus, they have to have more information available to the students that will better educate them about the cards, with data such as interest rates, annual fees and computation methods clearly displayed.

And to make it easier for clubs and organizations to work with these credit card companies, BSU has enacted a policy in which the companies must pay a flat rate to the club or organization, instead of working based on the number of applications collected. So, we as the students here at BSU, need to be more aware of the dangers involved in getting credit cards. And we as students need to pay more attention when giving these companies personal information, to avoid them sending a card in the mail with an outrageous interest rate, and putting you in debt that will take most of your life to pay in full.

Be cautious of anyone with a smile soliciting plastic money. They only act like friends.

-Trevor Klein is the student relations coordinator for ASBSU

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and during this happy hour there is free pool. Tuesday is Fat Tire Tuesday: \$2/pint. If you go on a Thursday, it is Thirsty Thursday, which entitles you to a \$2 beer special of the day. On those glorious NFL Sundays you can receive \$2 pounders. If you are lucky, your date is a lightweight who can't finish her beer.

There is no need to thank me for these wonderful words of wisdom, just use them wisely. If you really want to impress your date, you can buy her a carnation for the mere total of \$.39. Let's face it, ladies get roses all the time, but a dozen carnations is priceless.

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negative than positive response. Also, mid-way through the story Katz loses sight of his second protagonist, BSU dropout Eric Twilegar. The reader is left feeling sorry for him that Katz took so much attention for Dailey that Twilegar seems left in his friend's dust.

The reader's excitement and empathy for Dailey, however, is beyond question. Dailey, through his series of emails and correspondence, shows himself to be a sensitive and remarkably intelligent soul - not just in the realm of computers, but in real life (irl they say online) as well. In his drive to ascendancy of popularity, he had joined a gang in Nampa wherein one of his fellow members had shot a man to death and paralyzed his brother. Seeing the disparity between himself and those around him, he created an environment in his so-called Geek Club where his friends could feel safe. Ultimately, membership in the club became a mark of honor - a place to feel the sense of belonging he and the others lacked.

I have to say Katz's ending is sappy enough to provoke laughter; but though my computer know-how extends not much farther than turning one on, I took away genuine sympathy for the young men trying to make it in the tough world of computer science. I'd like to think you don't have to leave Idaho to make a success of yourself, but whatever gets you where you need to go is the right direction.

-Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Ride the Internet Out of Idaho, written by Jon Katz/published by Villard Books/Random House, 2000, is available at both the university and public libraries.

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Meet Boise State's Head Football Coach: Dan Hawkins

By Renge Hall
The Arbiter

On Dec. 2, 2000, Dan Hawkins was named the head football coach for Boise State University. Within the last 33 years of BSU's coaching history there have been a total of eight head coaches, Hawkins being named the eighth.

After Hawkins was named head coach last year he led his team in practices and in preparing them for the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl. As he served as assistant coach in that game, it was very apparent that his leadership as head coach was already in full swing. The Broncos, assisted by Hawkins, went on to defeat Texas-El Paso and deem themselves as the second-time consecutive champions of the Humanitarian Bowl.

Hawkins replaced Dirk Koetter, who Hawkins was the assistant head coach, special teams and tight ends coach for during Koetter's reign as head coach for the past three years. Hawkins came to Boise State with 11 years of coaching behind him in 1997. Not too long after he came Hawkins was named the team's head coach. During the time he's been with the Bronco football coaching staff he has helped lead them to a winning record of 26-10 and two consecutive Big West Conference Championships in 1999 and 2000. And we must not forget the "Back-to-Back" wins at the Humanitarian Bowl Hawkins helped achieve.

Under Hawkins coaching many players have gone big.

In his special teams, David Mikell finished up last year ranking third for individual kickoff returns, Jeff Edwards was top punter in the Big West Conference in 2000, and Nick Calaycay, place kicker, finished the year as the most accurate field goal kicker in the nation.

Players from Hawkins tight end coaching have also seen some of the spotlight. His tight ends have earned either first or second team All-Big West honors three years deep under Hawkins' coaching, as well as being nationally drafted in the NFL's fifth round by the New England Patriots, Dave Stachelski. Robby Snelling was invited by the Tennessee Titans to train during their training camp after earning all conference honors in 2000 under Hawkins.

Before Hawkins coached at BSU he was the head coach for 77 percent of the time at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon from 1993 through 1997. He walked that team to a winning history of a 40-11-1 record.

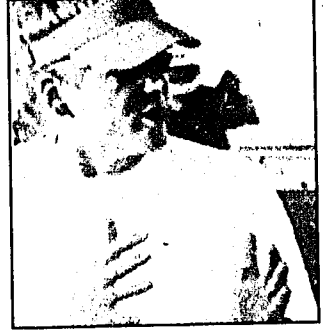
The Bearcats were also named runner-up for the NAIA National Championship in 1997. That same year Hawkins was recognized as the District Five Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association and received his third consecutive conference coach of the year award.

Before head coach positions, Hawkins spent plenty of time dealing with both offensive and defensive coaching. In 1992 he was Sonoma State



Head Coach Dan Hawkins spoke to the Broncos after Friday's scrimmage. The Broncos will be playing in a bigger, better conference this year.

Photos by Ted Harmon



University defense's head guy and previously to that he was the offensive coordinator for the College of the Siskiyous in California from 1988-1991. The College of the Siskiyous won the Golden Valley Conference

championship in 1991. Previous to his college experience as a coach, Hawkins was the head coach for Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento during the 1986 and 1987 seasons.

As a graduate of Cal Davis with his bachelor's degree in physical education, Hawkins began his coaching career with his alma mater as head freshman and varsity linebacker coach from 1983 to 1985.

Move to WAC means higher profile for BSU

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

This year marks the beginning of Boise State's competition in the Western Athletic Conference. The conference recently voted to expand to ten schools and approved BSU's bid to join, citing an appropriate population base and community support to fit within the guidelines of the conference.

Gene Bleymaier, Boise State athletic director, said that the move is "better financially for the university and will facilitate raising funds for more facilities, and allow for more sports."

The WAC stretches from Hawaii to Louisiana creating a higher profile for BSU across the country.

"This will make BSU more visible and increase our ability to recruit faculty, students and athletes," Bleymaier said.

The move is perhaps most important to the football program. Boise State's former conference, the Big West, voted to drop football as a conference sport after Nevada left the organization. BSU had been

eyeing a switch to a larger conference, and "it was fortunate that the timing worked out for us and for the WAC," Bleymaier said.

The most obvious immediate change is the introduction of the Bronco Scholarship Seating Program, overseen by the Bronco Athletic Association. The program requires season ticket purchasers to buy the privilege of purchasing season tickets within a certain section of Bronco Stadium.

BAA director Bob Madden said that the program is "similar to other programs nationwide, and brings us into line with them." Madden noted increasing costs to compete in the WAC in terms of travel expenses and scholarship money as a reason for the change.

As evidenced by the new scoreboards installed in the Pavilion and Bronco Stadium, Madden said, "Corporations are more interested in funding better teams in larger markets."

According to Bleymaier, the introduction of BSU into the Dallas and San Jose media

markets is a "huge advantage in terms of prestige and recognition for the university."

With the increase in media attention comes a "re-evaluating of some of our facilities," Madden said. The increased demand calls for the projected construction of a new press area in Bronco Stadium.

"The facilities are really inadequate right now," Madden said. A new, cantilevered superstructure would be funded through opportunities for boosters to attach their names to the facility, and through leasing suites to various media companies.

Madden hopes BSU's higher profile will attract more money from booster contributions, allowing more funding for women's sports. The university plans to continue the policy of adding a new women's sport about every five years.

"The student make-up is about 55 percent female, and women athletes represent 45 percent. We need to close the gap," Bleymaier said.

Students should expect to see women's skiing within the next few years.

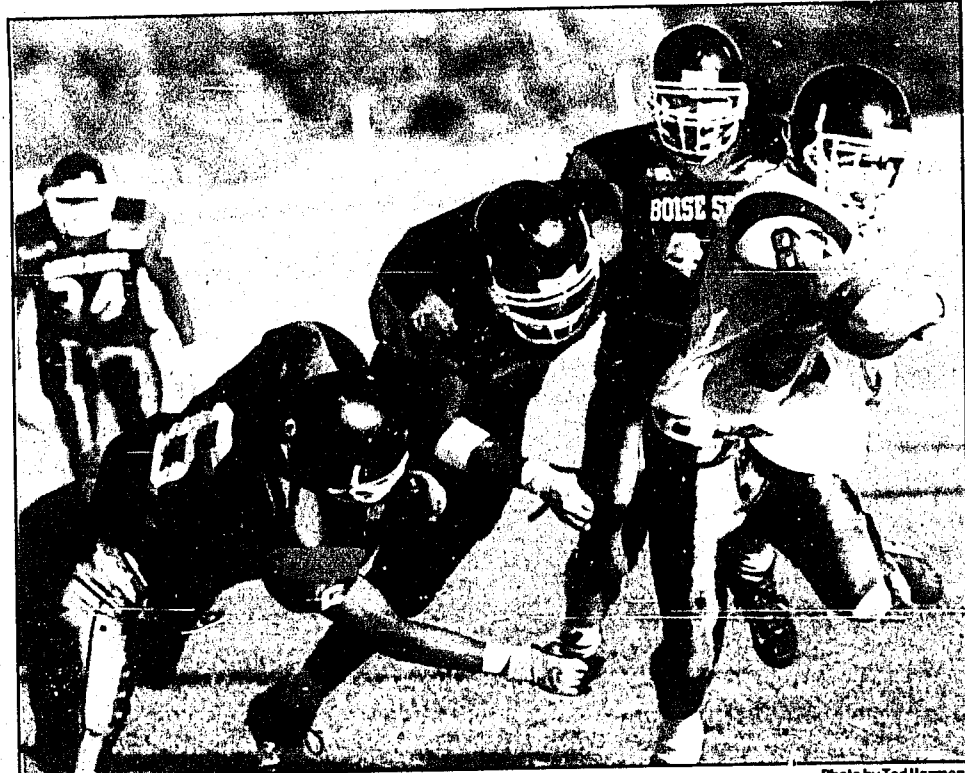


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Bronco fans had their first opportunity to see Head Coach Dan Hawkins' work during the scrimmage at Bishop Kelly last Friday. About two hundred fans showed up to the scrimmage, which was free to the public.

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2001 - 2002 Boise State Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
9/1/01	7pm EDT	S. Carolina - Fighting Gamecocks	Columbia, SC
9/8/01	6:05 pm	Washington State - Cougars	Boise, ID
9/15/01	6:05 pm	Central Michigan - Chippewas	Boise, ID
9/22/01	6:05 pm	UTEP - Miners	Boise, ID
9/29/01	7 pm PDT	Idaho - Vandals	Pullman, WA
10/6/01	7 pm CDT	Rice - Owls	Houston, TX
10/13/01	6:05 pm	Tulsa - Golden Hurricane	Boise, ID
10/20/01	4 pm PDT	Fresno State - Bulldogs	Fresno, CA
10/27/01	6:05 pm	Nevada - Wolfpack	Boise, ID
11/10/01	6:05 pm HST	Hawaii - Warriors	Honolulu, HI
11/17/01	1:05 pm	San Jose State - Spartans	Boise, ID
11/24/01	2 pm CST	Louisiana Tech - Bulldogs	Ruston, LA
12/31/01	10:30 am MST on ESPN	Humanitarian Bowl - WAC vs. At-large Opponent	Boise, ID

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Vietnamese Moon Festival celebrates children

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The Moon Festival, sponsored by BSU's Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), attracted an audience of 350 people Saturday night in the Jordan Ballroom. The annual event celebrates Vietnamese culture, especially families and children. In Vietnam, the Tết-Trung-Thu Celebration is a popular family holiday. Now the tradition has strong roots in America within Vietnamese communities.

This year's festivities started off with a family-style serving of traditional Vietnamese cuisine. Tam Dinh, Director of BSU's Cultural Center, advisor to the VSA, orchestrated the action in the kitchen. Students from the Hong Kong Students Association (HKSA) served the food, while Dinh and her kitchen staff set the plates.

Waiter, BSU computer science student, Kenny Wong, was all smiles as he served the crowded house. "We (HKSA) volunteered for this event, and we're having a lot of fun," Wong said.

Food is a major part of the Moon Celebration, particularly the sweet moon cakes, which are a baked delicacy filled with nuts and fruit, resembling Chinese dim sum pastry. The cakes were fresh because they were rush-delivered from a Vietnamese bakery in Portland.

The menu consisted of Vietnamese spring rolls, filled with chicken and glass-thread noodles, chicken with a black bean sauce, Vietnamese rice noodles, traditional fried rice, and zesty shredded cabbage and carrots with cilantro. Green tea was also served.

BSU freshman, Grant Kendall, thoroughly enjoyed his first exposure to the cuisine. "The food is excellent—I've

never had Vietnamese food before — It's wonderful," Kendall said.

Women adorned in brightly colored, traditional Vietnamese dresses moved about the ballroom gracefully seating people. VSA President, Minh Lam, explained the customary garb.

"The two-piece dresses are called áo dài's, and are normally worn by school-aged girls in the southern part of the country, and the four-piece dresses, áo tứ thân's, are commonly worn in the northern city of Hanoi," Lam said.

Lam opened the performance portion of the evening by explaining the origin of the celebration, and emphasized the importance of strong family ties, an important aspect of the Vietnamese culture. He told the popular story about a fish trying to become a dragon. The moral of the story was for kids not to give up on their dreams because with perseverance anything is possible, even becoming a dragon, which are highly revered in Vietnamese folklore.

Since the Moon Festival is about children, they appropriately started off the entertainment. Radiantly dressed boys and girls performed a traditional dance to Vietnamese folk music. The dance included colored crepe-paper lanterns and eating moon cakes, signifying a bright future for them to come.

BSU radiology student, Thy Thảo, sang a Vietnamese love song dressed in a stark white áo dài. Floral images and scenes of the Vietnamese countryside were projected onto giant screens on both sides of the stage as she performed.

One song rendered by a young woman was a tribute to parents, a ballad about dedication and pride. After the song



Kenny Wong of the Hong Kong Students Association prepares to serve guests attending the Vietnamese Moon Festival. Kenny is a computer science major at BSU.



Ngoc Nhi (left), Joseph (center), and Hung (right) passed around the microphone while introducing a dance performed by the children.

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was over, two children ran up to the stage and gave her a red rose.

BSU computer science student, Ngôn Du, played a customary ballad on the guitar.

"It's common in Vietnam for young male students to carry guitars, serenading girls and singing folk songs," Dinh said about Du's performance.

The Moon Festival enter-

tainment also featured two young lovers strolling along with a sunbrella, while the woman sang a love ballad to her suitor, a dance that celebrated a good harvest and strong human kinship, and a sad song about lost love during wartime.

The harvest dance highlighted four women dressed in colorful áo dài's, using their

palm leaf hats, called non-la's, as stage props. Men in the background simulated fieldwork as they choreographed their hoed in syncopation to the music. The dance depicted the hard work of farming and the celebration after the harvest when the men came on stage dressed in ornate blue robes, called áo thúng, waving bamboo fans in front of their faces.

The Moon Festival gave Boise's Vietnamese community the opportunity to share their vibrant culture and folklore. Children laughed and played, while parents reveled in the family holiday festivities.

For more information about upcoming VSA events, contact Tam Dinh at 426-4317.

Professor Profile: Richard Klautsch

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Professor Richard Klautsch, Chair of BSU's Department of Theatre Arts, has no use for a sofa, unless it's part of a theatrical set. He is an extremely busy man. The phrase "couch potato" and Klautsch aren't ever used in the same sentence. Not only does he direct academic curriculum, teach classes, and help organize student productions at BSU; he is also a professional actor with a steady stream of local roles, a cinema buff, and a full-time husband and father. And if that isn't enough, he and his wife, Ann, who is also a theatre arts professor at BSU, even find time to read the names of the graduates at commencement each year.

Klautsch spent his childhood in Chicago and Arizona. He graduated with a B.A. in theatre arts from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He earned his masters degree and Ph.D. at Wayne State University, in Detroit, Mich. He then spent seven years teaching drama classes at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In the early nineties, the Klautsch's decided to move out west to raise a family and continue teaching the craft they so dearly love. In 1992, he accepted an assistant professorship at Boise State; he was in charge of acting and directing. He quickly moved upstage and became the department chair in 1998. But Klautsch is more than just his job title, he wears many masks: an educator, actor, and cinema aficionado.

The educator:

On the topic of memorizing lines, Klautsch has three little words that he tells students, "Drill, drill, drill." He vehemently stresses the importance of "practice makes perfect." He mentions that some students innately memorize lines and capture certain nuances of the characters they portray better than others, but with many hours of practice most student actors can excel in their roles. "You can teach a Michael Jordan to dribble the ball, yet it's what he does afterwards that makes him special," Klautsch analogizes. The Department of Theatre Arts showcases their productions in Stage II of the Morrison Center, in a black-box concept, and BSU's Special Events Center. He gets excited when he speaks of the upcoming season of productions. Klautsch is directing "Mother Courage and Her Children," a Bertolt Brecht play, which examines the corruption of World War II economics.

The actor:

Klautsch acted professionally in the Detroit area for several years. He was involved with the first production of the Purple Rose Theatre Company, founded by actor, Jeff Daniels in Chelsea. Klautsch also worked at the Attic and Detroit Repertory Theaters in Detroit. In addition, he worked in New York City at Primary Stages, an Off-Off Broadway theatre started by a former student of his at the University of Michigan and the Shakespeare Society Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Richard Klautsch contemplates in the role of Henry IV at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

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A joyride in Hells Canyon

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I wanted my last getaway of the summer to be a powerful experience. I wanted to be out on the water with the wind in my hair. I wanted to catch some giant rainbow trout. I just wanted to have some more fun before fall classes at Boise State began. I found all of this plus more in the Hells Canyon Recreation Area (HCRA).

Just a few hours away from the sweeping metropolis of Boise, is a place that is likened to hell, yet, in actuality, is more like a Shangri-La. A day of jet boating and fishing on the Snake River would definitely give me enough great memories to last until finals. Hells Canyon's massive granite and basalt walls are more impressive than words can describe, and the recreational options are abundant.

The Snake River, held at bay by three major dams (Brownlee, Oxbow, Hells Canyon), is finally released from mankind, rushing rapidly, it winds through Hells Canyon at breakneck speeds. The Snake River, which borders three states (Idaho, Oregon, Washington), meanders up the rugged landscape and has a few Class V rapids, although, most of the rapids are Class III-VI along this stretch of the geography, making for a hell of a ride!

The boat left at 11 a.m. sharp and was filled with mostly families and senior citizens. Our skipper gave the normal safety preambles, fired up the twin-diesel engines, and then headed north. We zoomed up river, stopping periodically for brief descriptions of the floral and fauna. We passed an active encampment along the way that had a giant banner stretched between two trees that read "SHOW US YOUR HISS." Nobody on board this boat obliged these horny campers.

The skipper didn't appear to notice the streamer, and went on to tell a story about a Boy Scout troop that once camped on the very same spot. Evidently, they didn't secure their cache of food, and in the middle of the night, six hungry black bears wandered into their campsite looking for some snacks. These brave



The author with his catch, the boat launch at Hells Canyon, and a jet boat navigating rapids.



scouts chased the bears away by clanking their cooking utensils together and yelling into the darkness. The only problem was they chased them through a nice size patch of poison oak. To say the least, they weren't happy campers when the jet boat skipper picked them up the next day.

Our party of five made special arrangements in advance to be dropped off along the way to do some fishing. We disembarked at an unlikely place surrounded by giant granite monoliths. Hot on a fishing tip from an old timer, we knew this hole in the Snake River was excellent. Some of the species that can be caught here are rainbow trout, small-

mouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, and the endangered bull trout. Sturgeon is also indigenous to the area, but that would have to be another day.

We were after the delectable rainbow trout, and the river didn't disappoint us on this day. Almost everyone in our party caught their state of Idaho limit of six trout each. Most of the trout were at least 12 inches in length, some longer. Some smallmouth bass were caught as well, but were released safely back into their habitat. I swear I caught the same bass several times. Oh well, you never can tell because most bass look the same.

After a few hours of fishing

bliss, the skipper and a new batch of tourists picked us up riverside. Once we were safely in the boat, we heard whispers from people that thought we smelled of fish. It's all part of the experience of fishing. One smells like fish!

Not only does Hells Canyon boast excellent jet boating and fishing; white water rafting and kayaking are also popular here. History fanatics will enjoy the archeological wonders found in the canyon. An old homesteader's cabin, Indian pictographs and campsites that are nearly 7,500 years old can be seen along the way. Late summer and early fall are wonderful times to enjoy everything that Hells

Canyon Recreation Area has to offer.

Contact: Hells Canyon Adventures, Inc. in Oxbow, Oregon at 1-800-HCA-FLOT (422-3568). They offer group rates for student organizations. You can reach them online at www.hellscanyonadventures.com.

Directions: From Boise, head west on Interstate 84, take Exit 3 (Highway 95) 50 miles west of Boise, to Cambridge. At Cambridge, take Highway 71 to Oxbow, and then continue on until the end of the road at Hells Canyon Dam (launch site).

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After Klautsch moved to Boise, he wasted no time finding local acting roles, going to work for the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in the summer of 1993. Since then he's averaged two plays a season with the festival.

"And I can even remember one summer when I did five shows, that was a bit of a drain," the hard-working actor laughed in retrospect. He can currently be seen in the festival's adaptation of Peter Shaffer's "Amadeus" in the contemptuous role of Antonio Salieri, and in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" as the ghost of Hamlet's father.

Klautsch appeared in the inaugural season of the Boise Contemporary Theatre's (BCT) January 2001 production of Sam Shepard's action-packed play "True West." He masterfully played Lee, a character that continues to scare people at playhouses across the country. This winter he will be in BCT's adaptation of Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard."

The cinema aficionado: Any student interested in film should definitely take Klautsch's Cinema: History and Aesthetics class. This cinematic survey covers the history of the Silver Screen from the Edison Motion Picture Company to independent films of the new millennium. Klautsch discusses the technical aspects of filmmaking both past and present. Watching film is major part of the curriculum. Films such as Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush," F.W. Murnau's "The Last Laugh," Vittorio de Sica's "The Bicycle Thief," and Robert Altman's "The Player" are just to name a few. Klautsch's immense knowledge of film and motivated lectures make for a wonderful classroom experience. Cinematic movements throughout history are also examined: American silent films, German expressionism, American film noir, and Russian montage are taught in a unique theatre-like environment.

Because of Klautsch's strong passion for theatre and his constant positive energy, he has become a great asset to the BSU community. Part of his success is the ability to divide his adoration between his different roles effectively, and he always finds time for students. Many kudos to Professor Klautsch for a performance well done.

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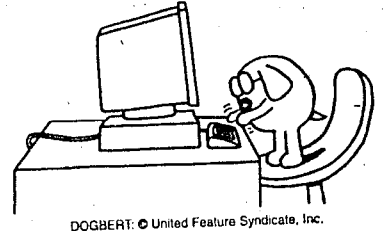
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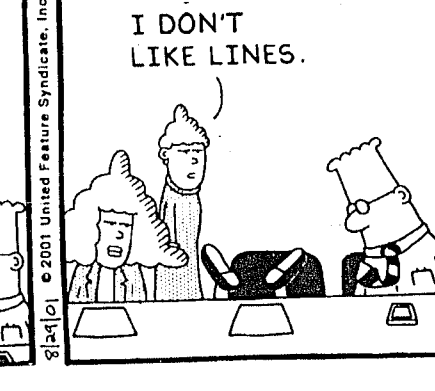
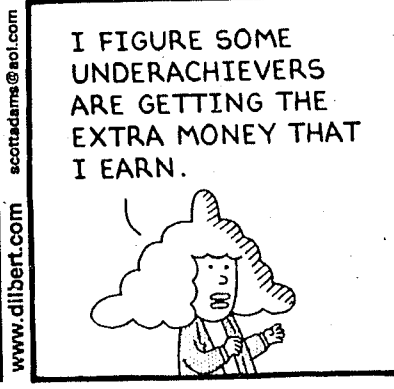
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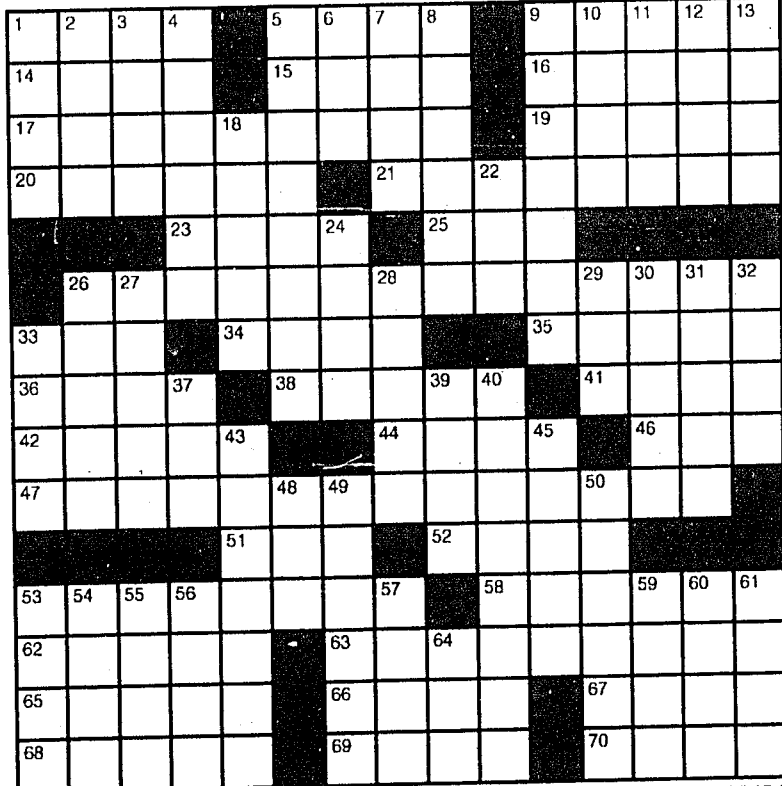
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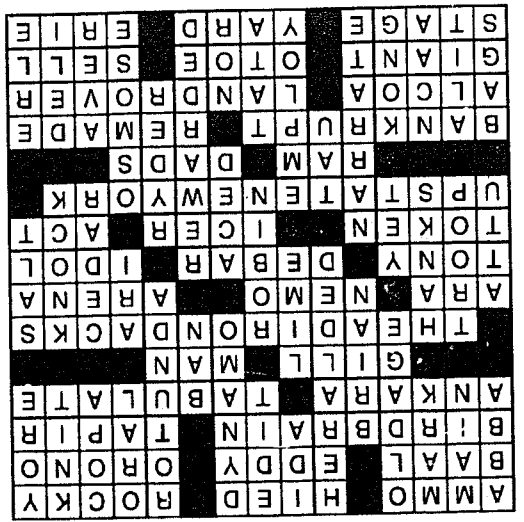
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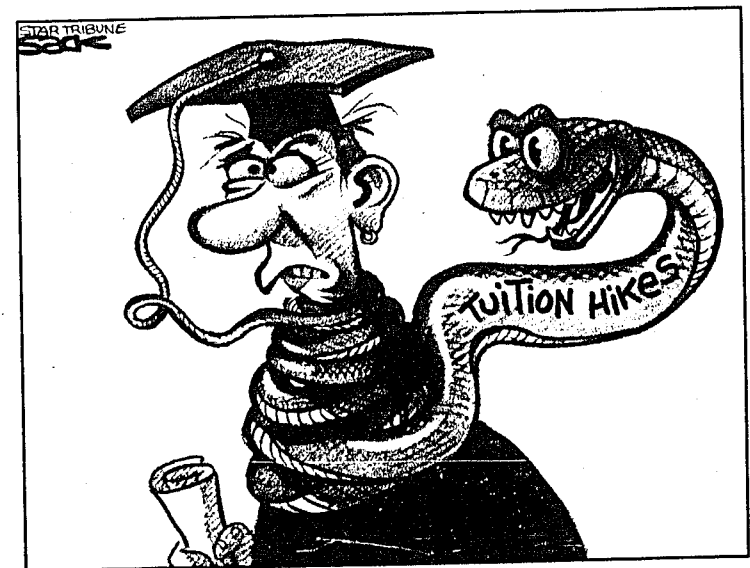
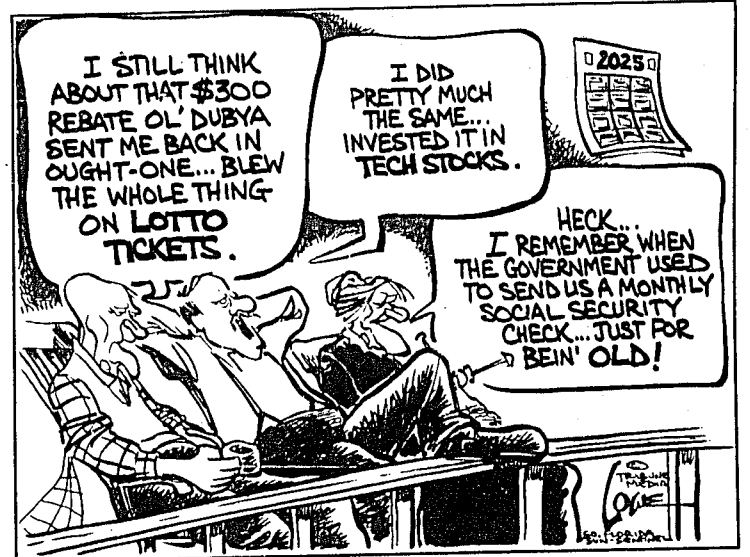
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- 11 Manilow's nightclub
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