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University seeks normalcy after terrorism

By Brandon Flala
The Arbitrator

After last week's disruption caused by terrorist attacks rocking the nation, students and administrators return to classes today seeking normalcy.

But normalcy may be impossible. A build-up of military personnel and discussion of extended war cloud any attempt to push the terror aside.

"One of the most difficult things is trying to balance respect for individual needs and at the same time remembering that these acts are an attempt to change the way we behave," President Charles Ruch said. "But we need to work on getting back to focusing on academics."

On Friday at noon, hundreds of students and staff gathered at the stone fireplace by the Student Union Building to observe "A Day of Prayer and Remembrance in Idaho."

President Ruch read excerpts of proclamations by President Bush and Governor Kempthorne condemning the terrorism and calling for unity, and then students rang a bell followed by a minute of silence. The gathering ended by the singing of "God Bless America."

"It seemed like the majority of the campus was involved in the ceremony," said Cristy Cobb, a freshman social sciences major.

"There are still going to be some people down, but we're going to get back to normal." There is still unrest among National Guard reserves and their friends and families.

"This has a huge impact on us because we are close to a military base and are also family based," said Erica Slayton, a sophomore kinesiology major. "Nobody has been shipped out

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Military personnel sit on the south lawn of the Pentagon, watching the smoke rise last Tuesday.

Crisis may threaten civil liberties

By Terri Somers
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

The United States' record on civil liberties in times of crisis portends a blow to Americans' civil liberties in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks, civil libertarians and other legal experts say.

They point to President Abraham Lincoln's suspension of habeas corpus during the Civil War, the World War II internment of Japanese-Americans and McCarthyism during the Cold War. All were at first supported by the U.S. Supreme Court, though when each crisis subsided, the court changed its mind in response to public outcry.

With every national security crisis, the nation rushes to react with measures that infringe on individual freedom, said Gary Gershtman, a constitutional law expert at Nova Southeastern University.

President Bush on Saturday prepared to sign a law, approved overwhelmingly by Congress, giving him new authority to conduct a broad international campaign against terrorism.

An existing anti-terrorism law, passed in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, has been criticized by lawyers who say it infringes on constitutional rights yet provides little real protection against terrorism. There has been a push to repeal some of its tougher elements.

Now politicians and policy-makers are considering legislation that would extend the powers of the CIA and expand the use of wiretaps. They have resurrected a proposal to toughen penalties for leaking government intelligence.

Those measures would require new legislation, and while they might be placed on a fast track, the process still takes time and requires debate. But the changes felt most immediately by Americans will not necessarily require new laws, experts said.

"We'll use our same standards, use the same

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Contractor, BSU dispute Student Rec Center finish date

RSCI pays \$1,000 a day, steps up work schedule for late Recreation Center

By Brandon Flala
The Arbitrator

Students and faculty expecting to use the Student Recreation Center in January may have to wait a month longer.

The maligned project, originally slated for completion in July, may have been delayed until February after contractor Record Steel & Construction Inc. alerted university officials that it could

n't meet contractual construction requirements and still finish by January, said Larry Blake, director of Facilities Planning and Administration for Boise State.

RSCI has been penalized \$1,000 per day since July for not meeting deadline, and a lawsuit could eventually result from the project, Blake said.

"We wanted them to be done in July, and that was the date that was put in the contract, and so everything after July ... is not to our liking and not what we want and is what's really being forced on us by various delays," Blake

said. "The completion date has gone from July to August to October."

According to Blake, RSCI claims it can't finish by January because construction specifications forbid it from laying wood flooring until the building has been sealed and has climate control.

Because the project is behind schedule, the building isn't sealed yet.

The building's humidity must be controlled because wood flooring is subject to expansion and contraction based on humidity, Blake said.

"We're not playing hardball here and saying 'We're going to force you to not complete this project until February.' We're trying to look out for the best interest of the project and say, 'Look, this is a contract requirement and if you can't meet that

requirement,' and obviously they have not met the schedule, then it puts us in a problematic position," Blake said.

If BSU allowed RSCI to lay wood flooring before climate control, it might no longer be liable for warped flooring due to humidity, such as recent rainfall, Blake said.

But Jeff Ekberg, RSCI project superintendent for the recreation center, said that the wood flooring isn't the biggest reason for the possible delay.

"A lot of answers have come this week, and with more crew we should be able to make it," Ekberg said. "We're running Saturdays and doing everything we can."

Ekberg said that although a February finish date is a good possibility, the goal is still

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Car strikes bicyclist near Campus School

By Brandon Flala
The Arbitrator

Hundreds of students cross busy streets each day to get to class, but one such crossing changed freshman Nathan Holton's life.

Holton was riding his bike to a Gateway Center appointment Thursday when he was struck by a car at about 9 a.m. on a crosswalk at the intersection of University Drive and Brady Street near the Multipurpose Building.

"I started crossing and noticed this car that just kept coming further and further, and I thought, 'Oh, maybe this guy is one of those that wants to play around and stop at the last minute,'" Holton said Friday from Saint Alphonus

Regional Medical Center.

"When I finally started to panic, that was it. It hit me on impact. I felt like I was in slow motion, and in that instant of a second I thought 'this is it,' but I was lucky."

Holton said he suffered a broken hip and abrasions, but plans on returning to class this week.

The driver of the 2000 Ford Explorer that struck Holton, 19-year-old Jacob Ryan Taylor from Meridian, was cited for inattentive driving, said Rich Wright, a Boise City Police Department spokesman.

Wright said he didn't know if Taylor was a student.

Holton said he plans on being more cautious when crossing streets.

Boise State sets new Idaho university enrollment record

By Sean C. Hayes
The Arbitrator

Boise State has become the first Idaho university to top the 17,000 enrollment mark. On the tenth day of the semester (the add/drop deadline), BSU's official count was 17,161 - about 700 more students than last fall semester.

According to Mark Wheeler, dean of Enrollment Services, based on the way colleges are funded in Idaho, a campus must grow at a two percent rate each year or risk losing valuable funds. However, there must be class-

room space to accommodate continued growth.

"I'm not saying the university should grow unchecked," said Wheeler. "We have to be very careful distinguishing between the numbers and the quality of education we can offer."

According to a recent study, though BSU has the largest student population in Idaho, there is a disparity in funding that finds Boise State at a loss compared to other state universities.

"We can accommodate this growth in the short term. But these numbers illustrate the need for a continued financial support of higher education," said Boise State President Charles Ruch.

Ruch pointed to Boise State's growing reputation as a metropolitan university, the convenience of a distributed campus that offers courses at a variety of times in a variety of locations and improvement in the financial aid office as reasons for the increase in student population.

The administration is hoping the expansion of Boise State's West campus will alleviate some of the congestion due to growth in Canyon County enrollment. According to Mark Wheeler, the Boise State main campus has seen four percent growth, whereas the Canyon County campus

has seen over 30 percent.

The large growth of off-campus distributed educational services (including online courses). Wheeler says that off campus services, such as classes offered at Mountain Home and Gowen Field, as well as online courses, are vital to Boise State's necessary expansion.

"Had we not adopted that philosophy, I think we'd be in a really tough situation right now," he said.

A consequence of unchecked growth, he said, might lead to an enrollment cap, effectively freezing any new funds from the legislature.

The growth in off-campus offerings also illustrates the need for a Boise State West campus.

"We are anxious to begin construction on the building so we can meet the needs of students in that part of the valley," said Ruch.

Full time students make up more than 12,000 of the total number of students, and the number of credits they are carrying is greater than previous years. Graduate student enrollment is also up 7 percent, and the number of students of Hispanic descent has risen by 13 percent.

Student housing remains congested

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbitrator

Boise State students who are attempting to live on campus are continuing to find troubles ahead.

While most students who were living in temporary hotel-style lounge accommodations have been placed into a more permanent situation, the struggle to find room for all students in need continues. At the same time, Student

Housing continues to advertise for new occupants.

"We always strive for 100 percent occupancy," said John Ringle director of Student Housing. "During the fall semester, occupancy is typically reduced to 94 to 95 percent."

On most campuses, during the first couple of weeks of the academic year, students decide whether to stay or leave, he said.

Ringle points to a variety of reasons for this attrition, such as "social and academic reasons,

homesickness.

Sometimes students engage in behavior that they wouldn't have when they get away from home. This can lead to unfortunate circumstances that cause students to leave."

According to Boise State Registrar Tim Ebner, there is no report of a higher number of students undergoing a complete withdrawal from the university.

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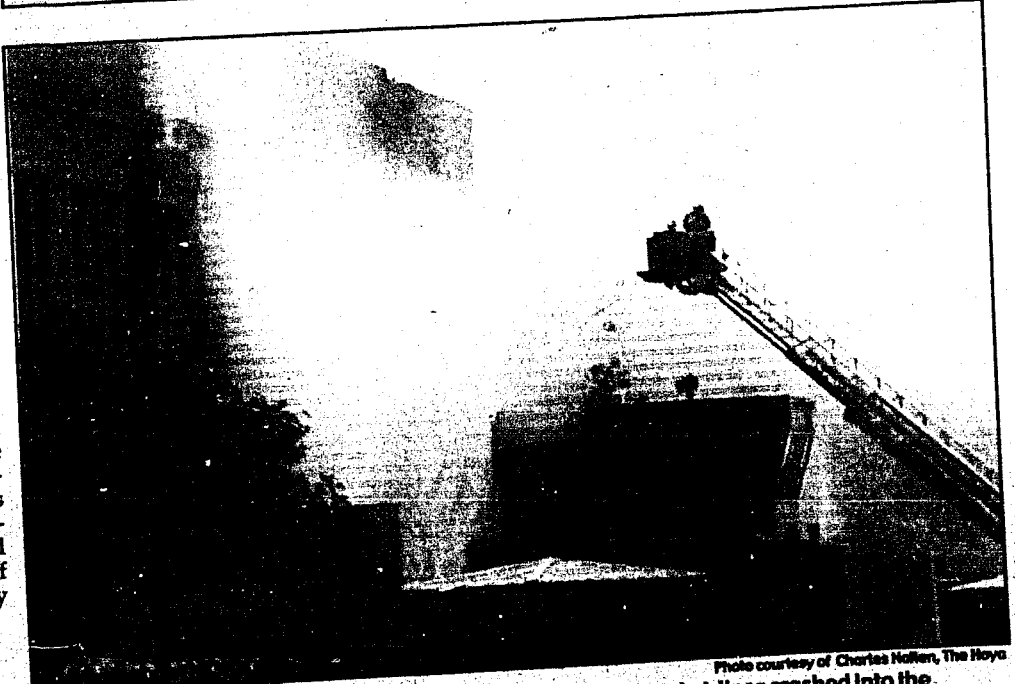


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DC firemen work to extinguish flames caused when a commercial airliner crashed into the Pentagon. Taken 3.5 hours after impact.

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Campus Politics

ASBSU works to provide for students, improve administration relations

By Matt Neznanski
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Campus politics can be intimidating and confusing for students who are unfamiliar with the process. The ASBSU senate is the legislative body that has direct control over the generation and apportionment of student fees. The senate must decide on any proposed increase or use. "Fees generate over \$400,000 each year, this makes up the main component of our budget," said Nate Peterson, ASBSU President. Student club dues and activities generate another \$160,000 per year. Chief of Staff for ASBSU, Imran Ali said, "this year, Nate Peterson has increased the grant fund for clubs to \$6,000." This fund is for clubs and organizations to draw from for competition and activities they hadn't budgeted for this year. ASBSU also serves as the official voice of the student body, sitting on every committee that meets on campus and representing student concerns in the state legislature and the State Board of Education. "Our power in the decision

making process has been granted by the administration," said Peterson. "We can present policy and offer policy changes." Ali is working to appoint students to various committees. "We are shooting for Oct. 15 as the date to have all committees filled," he said. "The thing about Boise State is that all committees have a student voice, ranging all the way up to the President's cabinet," said Brooke Baldwin, an ASBSU senator. While ASBSU does not have direct control over legislative decisions within these bodies, it does have direct influence as a presence within them, according to Peterson. According to Ali, ASBSU has been working over the summer to strengthen its ties to the administration. "We're working hand in hand with them on the MGT study," he said. "ASBSU sent six representatives to Coeur d'Alene to testify on behalf of BSU." The study, independently contracted by the Idaho legislature, confirmed that state money was not fairly distrib-



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- ASBSU President Nate Peterson

uted among Idaho's four-year colleges. "The best way to work with the administration is in committees," said Baldwin. "We're not doing any good if we're not going to meetings." "Student concerns should be brought to ASBSU so we can get an understanding of the issue and what we can do," said Peterson. Students interested in becoming involved in student government should contact ASBSU at 426-1440.



"All committees have a provision for student members. Unfortunately, we don't typically get a full complement of student nominations to these committees."

- Faculty Senate President Alex Feldman

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter
The Boise State Faculty Senate is a political body that most students are probably unaware of, yet its committees affect them in a variety of ways all across campus. The Faculty Senate is made up of faculty members appointed to their positions, and oversees the actions of a number of committees.

Faculty Senate works with students for change

These committees are made up of faculty representatives as well as student voices. "All committees have a provision for student members," said Faculty Senate President Dr. Alex Feldman. "Unfortunately, we don't typically get a full complement of student nominations to these committees." "The problem with the committees is they aren't paid positions, so the turnover is high. Also, the committees may only meet once a month, so people forget," said Imran Ali, ASBSU chief of staff. "ASBSU is working to find ways to decrease turnover. Feldman said even though students would not be in a dominating position as a voting member, "A lot of these committees work on a consensus basis, so they can have an impact," he said. ASBSU has close to 50 seats available on committees across campus. "It is imperative that we fill all these spots," said Ali. "These are places where voting and discussion take place."

"Looking at the committees is a good way to see what the senate does," said Feldman. The Academic Standards Committee recommends policy regarding academic and grading matters. "The GPA recomputation change began in this committee," said Feldman. "There has been some discussion of retroactive installment of that policy." Feldman would like to see the Student Affairs Committee do more work with scholarships. "I would like to see fewer large scholarships," said Feldman. The committee also handles library issues and the Honors Program. The Core Curriculum Committee deals with university core requirements. "There is a lot of review, because there is always an amount of dissatisfaction," said Feldman. "We also try to keep the requirements the same as other institutions." This year, the State Board of Education changed its standards for faculty tenure. **see SENATE on pg. 3**

Community colleges push to offer bachelor's degrees

By V. Dion Haynes
Chicago Tribune

Anticipating an unprecedented demand for courses in the wake of a surging young adult population, a growing number of community colleges are pushing to offer bachelor's degree programs. In their 100-year history, American community colleges have served as either the first stop for students who couldn't initially get into four-year schools because of finances or low grades, or as the training ground for vocational students uninterested in pursuing a four-year degree program. But in a dramatic expansion of the two-year schools' mission, Florida recently joined several other states, including Utah, Pennsylvania, New York and Nevada, in allowing some community colleges to offer certain four-year degree programs. Experts say that dozens of other community colleges around the nation are exploring the possibility of following suit. Many states, including California and Illinois, are

establishing partnerships between two- and four-year schools, allowing universities to offer their courses on community college campuses. But the new efforts, which have sparked considerable opposition from universities and other two-year schools, seek to allow community colleges to offer their own four-year programs. "Why in the 21st Century, in the Knowledge Age, do we want to say to students: We'll take you half way to your goals and then drop you?" said Kenneth Walker, president of the Community College Baccalaureate Association, a Florida-based national organization comprising 65 schools in 23 states that is leading these efforts. Walker, also president of Edison Community College in Ft. Myers, Fla., said two-year schools want to offer bachelor's degrees in elementary and secondary education, nursing, law enforcement and other areas that universities either have ignored or for which they have failed to meet demand. "There are many single

mothers and placebound students who can't go off to a university campus but who want to get a [bachelor's] degree at a community college," he added. In May, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush signed a law allowing community colleges to offer bachelor's degree programs. But to obtain such approval, the schools must document that an unmet need for four-year programs exists in their communities. Though Oakton Community College in Des Plaines belongs to the Community College Baccalaureate Association, Illinois community college officials say no two-year school in the state has sought permission to offer bachelor's degrees. "We as a board are not encouraging movement in that area," said Virginia McMillan, executive vice president and interim president of the Illinois Community College Board. "There are several instances of four-year institutions offering programs on community college campuses," she added. "We would like to encourage more of that."

Higher education experts predict that overall college enrollment nationwide will reach 16 million, rising by 2 million students, in 2010. The growth is attributed to the children of Baby Boomers and to immigration. The number of high school graduates has risen steadily, to 2.8 million last year from 2.3 million in 1985, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in Boulder, Colo. By 2008, the number is expected to reach 3.2 million. The boom, coinciding with a wave of faculty retirements, has colleges and universities scrambling to build new campuses, shift to year-round learning and introduce on-line classes and other technology to meet the demand. Now some community colleges-with their accessible campuses, lower tuition costs and lenient admissions policies-are promoting themselves as a practical solution to the enrollment surge. "A lot of states are trying to figure out: How do we continue to finance additional programs

and maintain quality with limited finances?" said Val Peterson, associate vice president for college relations at Utah Valley State College, a community college in Orem, Utah. The school offers 27 bachelor's degree programs. In most states, requests for community colleges to expand would have to be approved by state higher education boards and legislatures. But moves toward such expansion have stirred considerable controversy in higher education circles. The most vocal critics are university officials, who often assert that allowing community colleges to offer four-year programs will ultimately diminish the value of a bachelor's degree. Similar arguments were raised in Arizona several years ago when then-Gov. Fife Symington vetoed a measure that would have permitted community colleges to offer four-year programs. "Universities should oppose the idea with every fury they have," said James Wattenbarger, a professor emeritus at the University of

Florida who helped develop that state's higher education structure. "I don't understand why they [community colleges] want to get into competition with four-year colleges," he added. The community colleges' diplomas would be viewed "as second-class degrees," Wattenbarger said. Some community college officials also question the merits of the idea, fearing that accessibility for students who want a two-year college diploma could be limited. "The more we move to baccalaureate programs, the more we run the risk of losing the qualities that make us effective in our communities," said David Pierce, former president of the American Association of Community Colleges, accessibility. Officials at Utah Valley State College, formerly Utah Valley Community College, sought to expand after students complained that the nearest four-year institution, private Brigham Young University, did not meet their needs. The col-

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Student club recognition made simple

By Laura Wyde
The Arbiter

To become a recognized student organization, first arrange a meeting with Mike Esposito, Student Organization Program coordinator. Call 426-1223 to establish an appointment. To be eligible for consideration, the prospective group must have at least one student member present in the meeting. "The group can have an off campus member or faculty advisor, but at least one BSU student must attend this first meeting," Esposito said. The students then complete a temporary recognition card. This card gives simple information like contact info from a couple student leaders and the advisor and also details the purpose of the organization. "During this time of temporary status, we ask students try to get everything together in two months," he said. "The temporary time period allows students privileges in order to gain membership." The first privilege from being deemed a temporary club involves access to rooms in the Student Union. Groups can reserve these rooms up to three times for a maximum of a two-month period. The rooms allow students a formal meeting place to gather inter-

est and membership for the infant club. He explained temporary organizations cannot have any type of event, groups can only hold meetings to evaluate membership and interest. Other services available include 100 free photocopies made at one time from Copy Central. Students with temporary recognition of organization can also have use of the poster room, or marketing booths in the SUB. Students with temporary privileges have access to table tents and banner wire space when space is available, and they can participate in student organization fairs. However, "students may not fundraise except to collect dues," Esposito said. The next step in obtaining recognition of a working organization is to develop a constitution. "I would go over all requirements BSU demands of all student organizations," Esposito said. "Students need to have 13 main stipulations and can have more, just so long as the constitution does not conflict with University requirements." Students need to state the name and purpose of the organization, the affiliation with BSU, and any other national organization. If the group affiliates with another organization, the constitution

needs to be established so that no conflicts are occurring betwixt policy requirements. Students need to outline a non-discrimination policy as well. According to stipulations set by BSU, the organization's president must be a full fee paying student with eight or more credit hours. The remaining members must be fee-paying students with a minimum of three credit hours. Students are allowed to have community members involved with the organization if they desire, but at least 51 percent membership of the organization must be fee-paying students. Explaining the grounds for removing an officer, specifics of meetings, election processes, and lists of officers are also required for approval of the organization's constitution. "We outline suggestions, but groups can be creative and we welcome them to do so," Esposito said. If the organization is eligible for ASBSU funding, the advisor must help with budgeting, and the duties of the advisor should be explained in the constitution. From there, Student Organizations can on its own create constitution, or members of student governments can sit down with the group to help construct the constitu-

tion. New organizations must submit three copies of the constitution to Esposito. "I review the constitution, if it meets the specified criteria, I will then pass it on to the student government judicial branch," he said. If criteria are not met, Esposito will make corrections on the copy and sends the rough draft back to the organization for revision. "We try not to make too complicated try to help get through as much as possible," he said. He explained some groups get into making their constitution, for other groups it is another hoop to jump through. "For student organizations, it is simply a formality," he said. "I advise students to follow example that Student Activities sets. Often that is all student organizations need." If students attempt to construct a student organization, and fails, Esposito said, "students should not beat themselves up if they don't end up finding members, that's okay. They don't need to feel like they have succeed in creating an organization, at least students gave it a shot and that's what the temporary organization period is for."

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January. Reasons for a possible delay include a host of odds and ends that have accumulated, including problems with the Ada County Highway Department over street design, structural design problems and trees on Michigan Street that required curbing plans to be altered. Even a wall of mismatched bricks that university officials found unacceptable, forcing RSCI to start over, wasn't a major hindrance, Ekberg said. Now those design problems have been solved, more workers can accelerate the project, Ekberg said. "The push is definitely on," he said. Starting today, at least one subcontractor will increase the number of workers by 50 percent. Late last week, there were about 45 to 50 workers on the project, but there have been as many as 80, Ekberg said. RSCI is also constructing the Appleton Tennis Complex, which is still on schedule to open in January, and some workers have been rotated between the projects, Ekberg said. "To my knowledge, I don't think we've got any problems at all with the way

the tennis center project is being run. I think we're getting good contractor performance," Blake said. But Blake said that RSCI's performance on the recreation center has been abysmal. "It's just a mess. The frustrating thing for the university is that... whether it's all the contractor, or whether it's a combination of the contractor and the architects, we're being let down here," Blake said. Ekberg said that the project is highly complex requiring intricate work. "This is one of the hardest I've ever worked on," he said. The fluctuating completion date has frustrated Campus Recreation, which is trying to plan a grand opening, hire and train staff, and organize programs. "It's frustrating for us and students because we want to get in there," said Kevin Israel, recreation, health director for Campus Recreation. Joyce Grimes, director of Campus Recreation, said that she is still planning on a grand opening in January. "We still have a program to run, whether or not we have a building," she said.

Economic, war impact will be widespread

By Ashley Surdin
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - Last week's domestic terrorist attacks will have wide-ranging impacts on the American economy, the national psyche, and the way we view war, University of California-Berkeley experts from various fields said.

Bush's words have prompted NATO to invoke an article that obligates all allies to pledge their military support. Michael Nacht, dean of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy and an expert in national security policy, said the invocation of that article is unprecedented.

"In the 50-year history of NATO, they have never invoked (that) article," Nacht said. "(NATO nations) are obligated to attack as though they were attacked, which they would have never done had this

not been called an act of war." In response to attacks that are unprecedented in American history, Nacht said the next step will be to formulate and implement a comprehensive anti-terrorism strategy.

The strategy will implement political, economic, diplomatic and military resources to act against the terrorist groups involved in the attacks and the governments that support them, Nacht said.

He said the process of protecting Americans against terrorist attacks will involve a number of measures, including increased intelligence, enhanced security at all public areas and more intrusive inspections.

Along with war and terrorism, some Americans are also worried about how the already-unstable economy will fare in the aftermath of the attacks and the recent closure of U.S. financial markets.

From an immediate economic view, however, there has been no direct damage from the attacks, said Janet Yellen, a UC Berkeley professor of business and economics.

But there is still a fear that consumers and businesses may cut spending out of uncertainty and a lack of confidence in the economy, she said.

For example, Americans might decide to postpone large investments or purchases, such as buying a car.

This hesitation to spend could cause the nation to slip into a recession, said David Romer, a UC Berkeley professor in political economy.

"The prevailing wisdom is that we're not in a recession, but we're almost in one," Romer said. "This could make the difference."

If the scales are tipped and a U.S. recession does take place, other countries will be affected as well, Yellen said.



Delta ticket counter workers strive to reschedule those passengers delayed by the mass halt of air traffic last Tuesday

Photo courtesy of David Dunai, The Daily Skiff



Photo by Jeremy Bronstad

Countless students gathered at noon Friday for a memorial service to mourn those who lost their lives on September 11.

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from my friends, but they are on alert."

Students seek to concentrate on school using various methods.

"I am continually in prayer," said Dan Keck, a freshman business major. "This was a terrible tragedy and everything was wrong."

Gail Shuck, an assistant English professor, said the

prospect of war continues to worry her.

"I am horrified by the terrorism, but I am equally horrified with the talk of retaliation," Shuck said. "I wonder how many more people will be killed as the result of a U.S. war."

Students also continue their efforts to aid the victims of the terrorism.

Members of ASBSU have collected nearly \$3,000 for a victim relief fund, all of which will be donated to the Red Cross, said Kara Janney, ASBSU vice president.

"There has been amazing support, everyone takes the terrorism so personally and seriously," Janney said. "It has been incredible."

stay where they are, if we decide to make the room permanent, we may offer a modest rebate," he said.

According to Ringle, a few students have inquired about looking for on-campus housing though no data is available regarding how effective the advertisements have been.

"We think it is probably about 50-50," he said.

While several off-campus landlords advertise in the Student Housing newsletter and an apartment guide is available in their offices, Ringle said the department does not actively promote the off-campus living experience as a relief for congestion problems.

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words, but the flexibility will lie in the execution," said Mary Cheh, a constitutional law expert at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

For instance, the Fourth Amendment promises Americans protection against unreasonable search and seizure. But in the wake of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the definition of "unreasonable" changes.

"To put it in stark terms, did racial profiling become appropriate at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday?" asked Steve Wermiel, a constitutional law expert at American University's law school. "Is it now OK for law enforcement to stop someone because they look Arab or Muslim?"

That would be punishing those who fit a profile but aren't guilty of any crime, according to Wermiel. "I think this is a major concern, and I don't hear our national leaders saying enough about the need to protect against that," he said.

Also, if sky marshals are put on planes, what are the standards they will use to identify suspicious behavior?

"If you ask for a knife to cut your chicken, is that reasonable suspicion for a sky marshal to bring you to the back of the plane for questioning or a search?" Wermiel asked.

Are Americans ready to deal with other possible measures, such as carrying a national identification card? These measures infringe on Americans' cherished right to be left alone, experts said.

"In times of crisis, national security becomes this hammer by which government can beat back terrorist opportunity, and it excuses many actions previously seen as unacceptable," said Charles Zelden, a constitutional historian at NSU's law school.

The problem is inherent in the government's design, he said.

"This nation was formed

with two conflicting goals: to provide order, peace, security and stability, while also protecting the liberties for which we fought the revolution," said Zelden. "While they're not completely exclusive, achieving stability often comes at the expense of our freedoms. It's a balancing act."

Like other legal experts, Zelden hopes that in the country's current and understandable mood of hyper-patriotism, there is no rush to relinquish personal freedoms unnecessarily. He recalled President Lincoln's words to the South during his first inaugural address, when the nation was ripping apart at the seams:

"Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time. If there be an object to hurry any of you in hot haste to a step which you would never take deliberately, that object will be frustrated by taking time; but no good object can be frustrated by it."

After taking his time and thinking about what he should do during the Civil War, Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus, allowing jailing without charges. Lincoln, a scholar of the U.S. Constitution, reasoned that it could stretch and spring back again, said Zelden. One right could be violated to protect the greater good.

Leaders who followed him agreed.

During World War I, free speech was infringed when speaking out against the government was outlawed, Gershman of NSU recalled. During World War II, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the government allowed the internment of Japanese Americans. The Cold War brought McCarthyism, which trampled upon people's freedoms to associate and to hold leftist political beliefs, Gershman said. The Vietnam War tested Americans' rights to assemble and to free speech.

By the time people went to

the courts to challenge these laws, the crisis was over. And the courts were more willing to let the pendulum swing back toward greater personal liberty. Years after the end of World War I, the Supreme Court reworked the standard that limited free speech by saying it must create a "clear and present danger."

During World War II, the U.S. Supreme Court initially supported the internment of Japanese Americans. The justices declined to second-guess the military on issues of national security, Gershman said.

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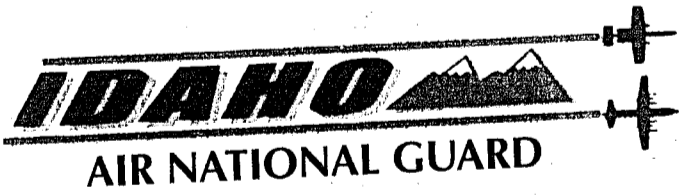
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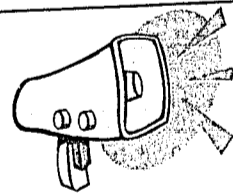
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requirements are among the standards that need re-worked. "We have to come into line with the changes," said Feldman.

The Faculty Affairs Committee deals with faculty issues and also works with students in lobbying the legislature for more money for programs.

"When I worked with (ASBSU representatives) Nate, Brooke and Matt last year, they were very energetic," said Feldman.

The charges that Feldman has given the committees are only a subset of the things they have to consider over the course of the year.

"Anyone can bring stuff up to these committees," he said.

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lege is located in Orem, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City and about 8 miles from the BYU campus in Provo.

State officials in 1990 allowed the college to introduce bachelor's degree programs for elementary and secondary education, nursing and law enforcement.

Now the college offers bachelor's degrees in 27 programs, including some liberal arts areas such as English and history, and the state has allowed another community college to offer bachelor's degrees.

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Students must band together in light of events

"It's good that those bad people died in the airplane," said my daughter, Lauren (age 5). "Why is that?" I asked. "Well," she said, "they never said 'sorry' about the good people that they killed."

"We've never experienced anything like this," said Brooke (age 21); "we don't know how to deal with it."

"The first thing Dad said is that it reminds him of Pearl Harbor," said my Mom (age 73).

phased us a week ago. How do we respond to the tragedies that began to unfold for all of us on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001? How do we make any sense of the loss of life and property? How do we respond to children who lost their parents, parents who lost their children, partners who are suddenly alone, friends and acquaintances who lost their loved ones, classmates who are angry, classmates who are afraid?



Dr. Peg Blake

None of us is wise enough to have the answers.

Yet each of us has a piece of the answer within ourselves, and all of us have a responsibility to work hard to see that we find the remaining pieces so that together we can work our way through the worst tragedy ever to occur on American soil. First and foremost, we are a community. Boise State University is made up of nearly 19,000 individuals - students, faculty and staff - who

come from rural Idaho, from the East Coast, from the Middle East, and from the Midwest. We come together for a common purpose - we believe in education, and we have found our 'home' at BSU. None of us is inherently 'bad,' and none of us have direct ties to those who will ultimately be found to be responsible for the terror we are all living through today.

Those "bad people," as my daughter refers to them, only win their war with us if they succeed in scaring us into silence, if they succeed in dividing us into factions based upon irrelevant characteristics, if they succeed in creating chaos where there should be community. As a community, as a university, we cannot allow that to happen.

All of us are hurting; all of us are scared; and each of us will be dealing with the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001 for many, many days, weeks and months to come. Let us please, as members of the Boise State University community, come together at this time of mourning to reinforce our beliefs in civility, in community, and in justice. Let us strive to put our similarities ahead of our differ-

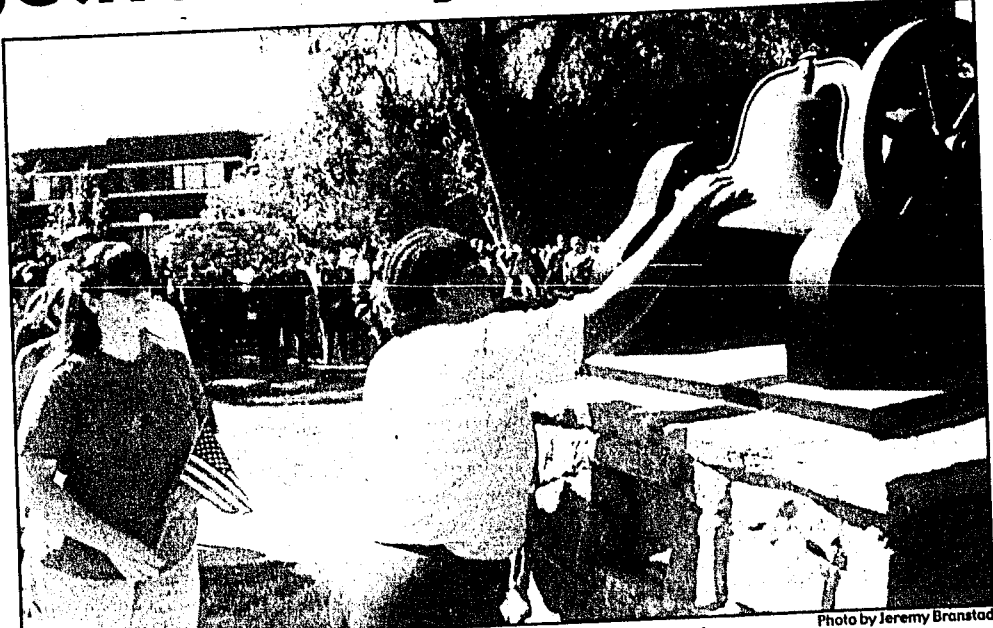


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Sixty students rang the bell outside the SUB during Friday's memorial service at noon. Around the nation bells rang at noon for one minute.

ences, and to work hand-in-hand to ensure that those "bad people" do not win their war with us.

Let us stay together and show the world how peace and justice for all can work in every

setting. Your support of each other and of others who are frightened, hurt, or feeling the enormous pain of loss will only enhance the respect and admiration I have for each member of our Boise State

University community. Thank you for your part in restoring our world peace.

-Peg Blake is the Vice President of Student Affairs

Tragedy should not lead to bigotry

My fellow students and Americans, I write to you today in the aftermath of what is the greatest tragedy since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Although not alive when President Kennedy was shot, I now believe I understand what people felt that day. Kennedy once said that, "It is time for a new generation of leadership...for there is a new world to be won." These words could not be true more today, as global terrorism poses the gravest



Nate Peterson

threat to democracy and security since the Cold War.

What this country needs is not division. What this country needs is solidarity and unity in supporting our government and fellow Americans.

There cannot be a division among Americans on the basis of ideological, racial, or religious differences, because our preeminent duty is to foster our national identity. This is the nature of the constitution and it must be the nature of how we deal with this crisis.

As Americans we have a responsibility to place the needs of the country and fellow citizens above our own.

On behalf of students at Boise State University, ASBSU recently created a victims' relief fund to be donated to the Red Cross. At this time ASBSU has raised nearly fifteen hundred dollars.

As students we have a responsibility in educating our campus and the greater communities of which we are a part. This responsibility is tied to our civic responsibility in principal and necessity.

In times of global conflict it is commonplace in the United States and other countries to foster racism against the country they are in conflict with. This racism pervades all sense

of community identity thereby destroying the fabric of American diversity.

Since Tuesday, I have seen a profound change in students of Middle Eastern descent as they walk to class with their heads down. I have also seen a profound change on campus with other students beginning to make racist remarks.

I ask that every student at this University join me in educating the campus and Treasure Valley on the complexities of this problem. We must look at this critically and reasonably. There can be no room for ignorant racism.

I ask every student at Boise State University to make a conscious attempt to be friendlier to one another. We are all students pursuing an education

and we should not convince ourselves otherwise. Nor should we convince ourselves that the Muslim people are to blame for the actions of a few marginal fanatics.

Briefly consider this argument, "Radical fundamentalist Muslims destroyed the world trade center, therefore, I will blame Muslims." The argument is a currently held view by an unspecified number of students and members of the Treasure Valley community.

Presenting arguments logically consistent with it will suffice in displaying the refutability and "repugnancy" of the argument.

For example, when a former marine bombs a federal building, do we blame all marines? And similarly, when right ring

Christian fundamentalists bomb abortion clinics or kill abortion practitioners, do we blame all Christians?

Of course we don't, because to do so would be to argue unreasonably and unjustly. As students and Americans we know better. For those of you, who do, educate those who don't. For those of you who don't, educate yourself.

Leadership entails active participation by everyone, not just by a few. If we are to meet the challenge of global terrorism, it will take everyone's leadership to maintain our security and preserve our communities.

-Nate Peterson is the student body president

Holistic perspective required in aftermath

By Scott Laderman
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

MINNEAPOLIS - It is staggering to contemplate the horror of the events Tuesday and the suffering of the thousands of victims and their families. Even those persons not directly impacted, such as me, can't help but feel violated and abused.

Yet I find myself getting extremely disturbed with every mention of the attacks as a "wake-up call," or of the United States as representing the "civilized world," or of the bemoaning of America's loss of national "innocence."

Last October, following the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, I suggested in a column ("Terrorism is in the eye of the beholder," Oct. 24) that Americans should question not simply how the ship could be bombed - which raises issues only of military preparedness - but in particular, why it was bombed.

To my knowledge, this latter question has been ignored, then and since, in virtually all media and official debate on the subject. Yet resolving why - whether one is considering the Cole or the horrendous attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. - will be necessary if the United States wishes to secure the future safety of its citizens and residents.

As I write, television newscasters have reported that "good indications" exist,

according to Bush administration officials, that Osama Bin Laden was behind Tuesday's events. These reports should be treated cautiously.

Just a few years ago, the Clinton administration made similar claims about the U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. Based on this evidence, which was said to be overwhelming, Washington launched missiles against terrorist "training camps" in Afghanistan, as well as what was alleged was a chemical weapons plant in Sudan.

The evidence for the Sudanese structure's use in such a manner, according to U.S. officials, was also overwhelming. In the course of the American attack, a security guard was killed at the factory. It is worth mentioning that the missile strikes were a blatant violation of international law, although this is generally of no interest to policymakers in Washington and it would have been difficult to learn as much from most American media. As it turned out, the plant actually manufactured many of the pharmaceuticals used by the Sudanese people. The allegations of its use in creating outlawed chemical agents quietly disappeared.

It is uncertain how many civilians might have suffered or died in the years since the American attack due to a lack of basic medicines. But it is certain these civilians, including the Sudanese security guard killed in the missile strike, have never been referred to by lead-

ing American journalists as victims of terror.

Nor have the people of Iraq. Since the Persian Gulf war in 1991 and the imposition of sanctions against its civilian population, the United Nations estimates that over half a million children have perished due to malnutrition, lack of necessary pharmaceuticals, poor sanitation and other preventable causes. They have been joined by their parents and grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors. The United States and Britain, its junior partner, have insisted throughout on the continued maintenance of the sanctions regime. And, in fact, these two nations have bombed Iraq off and on for years - including a handful of times in the last few weeks, reportedly causing a number of civilian casualties. There is no exciting video footage of the Iraqi people's demise, which has occurred over the course of a decade, not several hours. But dead is dead, and there are hundreds of thousands in Iraq.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, the United States remains Israel's leading backer, subsidizing its illegal occupation of Palestinian lands and its repression of Palestinian civilians. It vetoes Security Council resolutions on Israel's behalf and it treats Israel as singularly victimized in the ongoing Palestinian conflict. Israel's leader, a war criminal responsible for overseeing the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian refugees - women, men and children - is regularly feted at

the White House. His corrupt and despotic counterpart, Yasser Arafat, can't even muster an invitation. Instead, he must look helpless as his people are confined to bantustans that increasingly resemble those of apartheid South Africa, their aspirations denied, their dignity crushed.

There can, of course, be no justifying the tragic attacks in New York and Washington. They must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. But in claiming that massive retaliation is both necessary and just, the United States is only ensuring additional car-

nage. The problem isn't the United State's weakness. It's the United State's arrogance and strength. If attacks against the United States are inspired by U.S. actions elsewhere in the world, as seems likely, then critically examining and rectifying these policies - in the Middle East, the Balkans, East Asia - may represent the only means of avoiding future attacks. Individuals resort to terrorism, after all, because they are relatively powerless and desperate and feel that they have no other recourse.

So while mourning and

denouncing Tuesday's horrific loss of life, we must also try to understand why such acts occur. The United States has perpetrated or contributed to many injustices around the world. This by no means excuses the indiscriminate slaughter of American civilians. But Washington cannot humiliate and oppress people indefinitely and expect nothing to happen in response.

How many people will have to die - in the United States and elsewhere - before our elected officials commit themselves to a world order based on justice, dignity and peace?



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Making sense of tragedy

While Tuesday's events unfolded on the East Coast, I spent the day like many other students. I moved from class to class sharing information, catching an update on the television screens around campus, and asking questions about our safety, the horror of the video and what to make of the attack.

I paused to eat lunch with my girlfriend and assuage each other's grief and fear. We shared comments that we had overheard in our other classes, after being given an opportunity to discuss the implications inside the classroom.

When we arrived at the room for her afternoon class, we were met at the door by a sign indicating that the class would be cancelled, saying, "in light of the events occurring today, it seems pointless to lecture as if nothing had happened."

After speaking with a few other students, I discovered that this trend, while small, continued all over the campus. If the point is to maintain an aura of appropriateness in terms of the gravity of national events, then when is it appropriate to resume activities as if nothing had happened? Tomorrow? Next week? Indeed it is pointless to

lecture as if nothing happens every single day.

I suggest that it would be folly to assume that we should ever expect to continue our attitudes of world power without opposition from now on. Certainly seeking retribution against those responsible for this disaster is appropriate, but the reasons for the attack still remain, and if we shy away from addressing those issues, I fear we will face more aggression.

Further, in a university that proclaims to offer "real education for the real world," how can any discipline be immune to the repercussions of the events of Tuesday morning?

Professors who decide to leave students wandering, surrounded by graphic images, rumor and conjecture without an outlet to express their concerns and feel attachment to each other and the institution should be ashamed of themselves.

Extreme times create the best opportunity to learn. It is unfortunate that horrible circumstances such as these create occasion to grow, but missing a chance to help students emotionally and stimulate the process of learning is shameful.

Matt Neznanski Staff writer, the Arbiter

Parking should be a top priority at BSU

It's only the third week of this semester, and I've about had it with the parking situation at school. I got a parking ticket today because I had to park at Julia Davis Park. I have a general parking pass, and I understand that it doesn't "guarantee" me a parking pass, but the available parking spaces for general parking is ridiculous.

I think I even gets frustrated finding a spot in the stadium parking lot sometimes. In a usual morning by about 8:30, there are people in their cars just sitting in some of the paths between all the parked cars, just hoping that maybe someone will leave.

One morning, I got there about 10a.m. and spotted a guy walking out to the parking lot, and I asked him if he was leaving. He said he was and told me where he was parked, very nice person, and let me have his

parking spot.

That same morning, I left and I spotted a lady, whom I could tell was looking for a parking spot. I motioned to her and told her I was leaving, and she gave me a ride out to my car at the other end of the parking lot so I could give her my parking spot. That was just a day of luck for me and another individual.

I would bet you anything that if someone passed out questionnaires to all the students at school asking what they thought about the parking situation, there would be responses about the same as mine or worse. I really think the school should invest in a parking garage for "general parking," especially for when big events are held at the campus and half of one of the parking lots are reserved for the event and blocked off from students. Here they have an awful parking problem at this school, and they raise the prices of everything to pay for another Recreation

Center? I'm having a really hard time finding the logic in this decision. I'm sure the Recreation Center will be used by some students, but I feel they don't have their priorities straight.

I don't even have a clue as to how many students go to school here, but I know it's got to be a heck of a lot more than the number of parking spaces. Also, there are more students every year, and I'm sure some people decide out of the blue in the middle of year to start taking classes, not just every fall semester. Can you imagine how parking will be five years from now?

Even though there are students that graduate every year, or even every semester, some of those graduates come back to take more classes. Not to be down on the new Rec Center, but I'd trade it for a parking garage for general parking. I would be willing to bet that other students would feel the same.

Melissa Iman

Republicans govern with religious hoodoo

Jerel Thomas proves that there is a fine line between right-wing republicans and nazis. As for Clinton, he used

poor judgment, but denying an affair does not warrant impeachment. If that were the case, few politicians would be left in Washington.

Jerel's hero Ronald Reagan should have been impeached for his Iran Contra debacle. For brains, George W. Bush is way down on the IQ scale in comparison to the Clintons. That's why Willie was despised by republicans, because he could outfox them most of the time.

Shame is a president that does the will of the religious right, that tramples on the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and a way of thinking that would push us back to state of the world before the Reformation. I would like to be tolerant of religious people, but when so many people who call themselves Christians are intolerant of other beliefs and are trying to force their view of Christianity on the rest of us. The Republican Party fosters this narrow-minded religious thinking into the political arena.

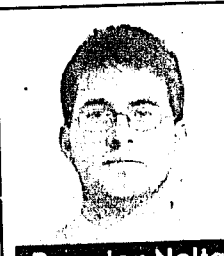
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Letters to the editor

Long day's journey into night

As a columnist or commentator, it's not always easy to find something interesting, humorous or particularly relevant to write about, especially for an audience who isn't sitting close by.

Sometimes, though, it's better when there isn't anything like that. The destruction of the World Trade Center last week has given those of us in this business a surplus of topics to touch on, and every last one of us wishes that we didn't. Does this cataclysmic event



Brandon Nolte

ther commentary? Not really; I doubt there is anyone within the United States who didn't spend all their free time glued to MSNBC, CNN, Fox News Network or whatever outlet you prefer over the last few days.

We've all pored over the pictures, the statistics, the grieving. I would go so far as to say we're numb to it, thanks to the surfeit of information we have at our fingertips. In the end, what do we take away from something like this? Like the Kennedy assassination or the Challenger explosion, the

WTC will become a tragic touchstone for a generation, a "where were you" moment in our collective lives, but there's more than that. Comparisons to Pearl Harbor have been made, and those are appropriate as well. Certainly we seem to be gearing up for a war on terrorism in general, a war that is long overdue.

Airport security is being revamped, and undoubtedly some changes in the intelligence community will result. These things are just symptoms, though. In the long run, I imagine there will be several things we as a people will learn from this. For one thing, our long-standing belief in our innate superiority has been altered; it is now patently obvious that the idea that

America is #1 is not an article of faith worldwide. The first WTC bombing also indicated this, but there was never the level of fear and disquiet around that event that we see now, partly due to scale, and partly due to the relative lack of success (a handful dead, scores injured, but the building was fixed and suspects were caught).

Another aspect, related to the first, is that we now understand, truly understand, that there are people in the world who do not like us. There were reports of celebrations after the crashes, and not just in one place: how revelatory is that? Thousands of people, people with lives and hopes of their own likely dead, and people cheer. You have to really detest someone

for that reaction, and we've never felt that as a nation before. Depending on how Bush's War on Terrorism goes, we may never again, but it's too late. Maybe worst of all, we're no longer a young nation. From our beginning, we have been the young, brash upstart kids, cocky and capable, ready and willing to take on the world.

Through wars, economic collapses, natural disasters and the like, we've been there with that same attitude, because that's part of our national character. Well, we are starting to understand, if only at some instinctual level, that our attitude does not protect us from everything.

We are not invulnerable, we can be hurt by the evil that men have done to our siblings

in other parts of the world, it can happen to us. It seems almost petty to call this our midlife crisis, but that's what it looks like. America has grown up to the point where it truly understands mortality, as a nation. That kind of maturity is not a bad thing; it hopefully comes to all beings that live and grow long enough. It's unfortunate beyond words that it came at such a grievous price, and that not all of her people will benefit from this calamitous lesson.

Understanding responses to a traumatic event:

By Carol Pangburn Boise State Counseling Center

We all have been touched deeply by the recent terrorist events in New York City and Washington D.C. and the tragic loss of life. As we struggle to come to terms with all that has happened in the past seven days, it may be helpful to keep a few things in mind regarding how people typically manage the traumatic events. It is very important to recognize that having an emotional reaction is both normal and expected, and people deal with these situations differently. There is no one "right way." The following are common characteristics of the process people typically experience. After the initial shock, the numbness and stunned disbelief often give way to a sense of agitation or anxiousness as we consider our own vulnerability to tragedies of all types. Other intense emotions such as anger and deep sadness are not uncommon.

Although we may not want to talk, there is often a desire to be around others during this time. The strong sense of community is a valuable resource. Whether it is in a residence hall, in a classroom, or in a prayer service, it is important that we find ways to connect with others during the day. It is important to provide a context for community members, whether they are students, staff, or faculty to talk about the events, as they are ready. Some of us are less comfortable with strong emotions or with feelings of powerlessness. There is sometimes a desire to avoid the emotional content by engaging in intellectual discussions about the events and their implications. This is a reasonable coping strategy. Remember, people deal with situations differently and at a different pace and not all people can or want to deal with the situation in this manner. As the event continues to unfold we may experience

- some of these normal reactions: Increased fear, anger, frustration, or despair. Agitation or anxiety. Difficulty concentrating or sustaining focuses. Irritability and low tolerance for frustration. Hypervigilance. Disorientation of time (particularly the passage of time). Sleep disturbance and or nightmares. Low energy. Lapses of memory. Preoccupation with the event. Poor appetite.

Again, these are normal reactions. Although painful, they are part of the recovery process. While there is little anyone can do to take away these uncomfortable feelings, there are several things you can do to speed up the recovery process:

- Structure your time. Keep busy and keep your life as normal as possible. Don't berate yourself for hav-

ing these reactions. After all, they are signs of your humanity. Talk to people about your feelings, fears and uncertainties. Do not attempt to numb your emotional pain with drugs or alcohol. Reach out to others and spend time with people you can trust and cherish. Help someone express his or her feelings. A very cathartic experience that should be shared. Give yourself permission to

fall apart, feel rotten, and cry. Keep a journal. Write your way through those sleepless hours. Pray, meditate, and appreciate the sanctity of life. Tomorrow is never promised.

If after several days, you find you are still having difficulty adjusting to school and other parts of your life, don't hesitate to contact the BSU Counseling Center for an appointment at 426-1601 or 426-1661, or stop by anytime and you will be seen as soon

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Sports

Athletes, coaches resume regular schedule

By Brandon Fiala
The Arbiter

University athletes are returning to the playing fields and hardwood courts today after last week's cancellation of all sports contests due to recent terrorism.

"Everything is supposed to be business as usual (today)," said Lori Hays, a sports information director for Boise State.

All athletic contests were canceled last week and weekend with the exception of the football against Central Michigan, which was postponed until Dec. 1, Hays said.

Although most games were canceled, some coaches may try and reschedule them, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier said.

The decision to cancel or postpone games, although problematic, was needed to honor victims of the terrorism and also for the safety of players and fans.

The postponement of the football game could cause some problems in terms of attendance and revenue, Bleymaier said.

"There's no question that it could affect us adversely, but under the circumstances we still thought it was the right decision," he said.

Bronco teams scheduled to compete through the weekend included women's soccer at Gonzaga University on Sunday, the men's and women's cross country teams at the Northwest Nazarene University All-Comers Meet in Nampa on Saturday, the men's and women's tennis teams fall classic to be hosted by Boise State on Friday and the men's golf team at the Air Force Invitational Thursday and Friday, according to BroncoSports.com.



The men's lacrosse team runs drills during their Thursday practice on the field outside the SUB.

Boise State lacrosse set to turn some heads

By Steve Gowans
Special to the Arbiter

Yes, it's that time of year again when summer meets fall and sports are in the air. It's an exciting time if you love speed, agility, and hard hits, and I'm not just talking about football here.

The men's lacrosse team recently took the field again in preparation for another great season. Coming off a 12-3 record and yet another "Sports Club of the Year" award for the third consecutive time, the men have their eyes set on another stellar performance.

When asked about expectations for the year, junior Brian Sanderson said, "Since I started, our talent has grown exponentially, and I don't expect that to change."

Fund-raising has been under way working to build up funds for tournaments that include stops in California, Utah, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado. The Broncos finished 2nd last year at the finals in Durango, Colorado and with three first-team-all-conference starters returning, hope to take it one level further and bring home the championship.

The first series of games kick off at noon when BSU plays host to the Boise Men's League on September 22nd at the SUB fields.

You may have seen a lacrosse stick or two being sported around campus as part of the women's effort to

gain team unity and establish dedication.

The women begin the year under new sponsorship and a whole new attitude.

"We have had a great turnout so far and the new talent is learning faster than expected," said goaltender Julia Bennett.

With hopes of a trip to Arizona, fundraising has begun with raffles, and a community effort with the upcoming Special Olympics.

The ladies continue fall practice and hope to carry this built up momentum into early spring and in time for their first tournament.

Bleymaier says 95% of players graduate

By Todd Miles
BroncoSports.com

95.2 percent of all student-athletes who enrolled as freshmen at Boise State University in 1994-95 and who remained at Boise State for at least seven semesters, graduated.

This announcement was made (Tuesday) by Boise State Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier.

In 1994-95, 38 students enrolled as freshmen and received athletic aid. Of those 38 students, 17 did not exhaust their athletic eligibility at Boise State, or left prior to their senior year.

Of the 21 students who remained, 20 (95.2%) completed their degree. Of the original 38 students who enrolled, 20 grad-

uated from Boise State (53%). In football, 12 freshmen enrolled in 1994-95, with six leaving the team prior to their senior year. All of the remaining six graduated (100%). In men's basketball, two freshmen enrolled in 1994 and both left Boise State within two years. Of the four transfers, two graduated (50%).

During the past 10 years, 78 percent of all student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility at Boise State have graduated.

"Our Peterson Learning Center and academic enhancement program are paying dividends and continue to provide excellent support for our students," concluded Bleymaier.

This past year, Boise State graduated 59 student-athletes from all sports.

Athlete completion rates cause concern nationwide

Analysis by Tomas Hartman
Special to the Arbiter

The NCAA released the 2000 Knight report on student athlete graduation rates and the results bring to light some interesting results about BSU athletes.

According to David Teel of the Virginia Daily Press, the NCAA found that 48 percent of Division I-A scholarship football players who enrolled as freshmen in 1993 earned degrees. That percentage is the lowest in eight years and falls short of all other sports.

The most extreme commission recommendation is to not allow teams that do not graduate at least 50 percent of their players to compete in conference championships or post-season play.

If the NCAA used this criteria, however, it would be without national champion Oklahoma (35 percent), and high profile program Virginia Tech (45 percent).

The system would also leave Boise State plenty of time to plan a winter vacation; the Bronco's graduated 20 percent of their scholarship football players.

The football players aren't the only athletes at BSU to fail to graduate. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, graduation rates for athletes enrolled from 1990 to 1993 and who graduated within a six-year period, was 34 percent here at Boise State.

The highest graduation rate in the nation belongs to Northwestern University with a rate of 92 percent student-athletes graduating.

The breakdown of sex had 24 percent of men graduating and 50 percent of Boise women receiving their degree. These statistics are tempered by others given in Teel's article.

The NCAA graduation rates count athletes who transfer from their first school as not graduating from their previous schools regardless of how they do after changing schools.

The NCAA also released a news report indicating that Boise State has achieved a level of success in the academic endeavors in comparison to the student body.

During the six-year increment between 1994 and 2000, Bronco athletes were 28 percent more likely to graduate than the average student at BSU.

That news, while positive, perhaps can be explained by the nature of BSU enrollment. A research report by Marcia Belcheir, written in April 1999, states that only 10 percent of BSU non-athlete freshmen graduate from college in the traditional four years.

However, after six years those numbers rise to almost 25 percent and after a period of 10 years they jump another 7 percent.

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Diversions

Radio Free Boise State

By Wendy Venable
The Arbiter

7:30 AM is not only the time your alarm goes off in order to make it class on time, it is also the frequency for KBSU, Idaho's Jazz Station, and home of Boise State's Student Radio.

You probably did not know this, or the fact that student programming is an allotment of time given by this National Public Radio station. Student Radio is specifically programmed for students by students.

Sundays through Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. is the given amount of time for Student Radio. There are several different programs offering a wide range of variety of music, interviewing, poetry, and the spoken word.

Travis Owens, Student Radio's Head of Operations says, "that's the great thing about it. There's no format at all. We're set loose, pretty much, covering a whole range of formats. We have heavy metal, Cuban music programs, all the way to electronics and Christian music. You can't find that on one program on a commercial radio."

Another great thing about student programming is the opportunity it gives students to learn recording skills, practice public speaking, and boost the resume.

"It definitely opens up other things," Owens said.

He explains that businesses post job ads at the station, and they are always looking for students with experience in radio programming. "It's obviously great for your resume, just to get into the radio department. You learn how to produce; you learn skills that are really important to the music industry, the mixing console, learning the microphones, learning about interviewing. It opens doors," Owens said.

For students interested in hosting or co-hosting shows, the prerequisite is to take the Introduction to Radio Production, then pitch your idea to Department of Communication professor, Dr. Bob Rudd.

Once your foot's in the door, then polishing your ideas and practicing your voice will follow. It's important to listen to student programs, and network by meeting the other people involved.

When asked if they have an overabundance of people interested, Owens explains, "the good thing about having more students willing to do programming is that gives us more of a push to KBSU to give us more time. The more people we have going out for student radio, the bigger it makes us look, and the better it is." He includes with that point, "we like adding to our mixing pot, adding more people adds that much more diversity."

Owens talks about other college radio programming, even other colleges in Idaho, where student programming makes up a larger portion of air time, sometimes as much as fifty percent of the time allotment.

"BSU is just lacking big time," Owens said.

He speculates several different things such as the lack of student involvement lead to the time restrictions, and attributes administrative decisions as a factor to the sparse airtime allowed. But mentions Boise State students could be instrumental in the change, and hopes listeners will eventually demand more.

Some of the setbacks to having an AM frequency is the reputation for bad reception, especially once it gets dark. They have been looking into pushing for complete Internet access for better reception and a 24-hour



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter

Student Radio Head of Operations Travis Owens considers spinning records (in this case a Dlo record) an important part of his daily regimen. In additions to attending to his duties of office, Owens also hosts a radio show called "Levels Up" which features underground electronic music.

agenda. KBSU can currently be transferred online through radio.boisestate.edu. Another function of student radio is to showcase local talent. Usually, unknown bands have a hard time getting their music heard via radio, but students running their own shows are always open to ideas, suggestions, and new music.

"Basically, every program on student radio is stuff you're not going to hear on commercial radio. We can still pretty much say whatever we want without any interventions from anyone else, and that's another good thing, no commercials," Owens said.

Student Radio does not pay its employees, but the experience

is invaluable.

"It's a lot of work and you don't get paid, but everyone I know that's involved is really enjoying it. It's really cool to go home and hear your voice on the radio," Owens said. Owens listed some of the local talent showcased in the past: Triphonic 3, Clock, and Size of Alaska.

Pick up an Imprint Magazine on campus for programming and show times. There is also the BSU Broadcasting Club for those looking for a niche into the field. Email Owens for details at levels_up@yahoo.

Some of Student Radio's programming available on AM 730:

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- Monday at 8:00 pm
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- Tuesday at 8:00 pm
The Fringe hosted by Jesse Fadel and Jon Nelson
Christian Rock and Punk
- Tuesday at 9:00 pm
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Abecedarian Airwaves hosted by Dan Krejci
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Jedi Art hosted by Laura Wylde
Where art meets the microphone
- Thursday at 8:00 (second and fourth Thurs.)
Levels Up hosted by Travis Owens
Underground eclectic groove

Panties in progress

By J. Patrick Kelly
The Arbiter

Anyone who has ever taken Professor Trusky's Introduction to Book Arts class can attest to his commitment of keeping it fun.

This semester, Trusky's students have embarked on a "panty raid" of sorts. His unusual request was for students to bring him their clean, natural fiber underwear so they can be pulped into paper.

His call was answered with a plethora of panties. One of his students brought in a pair of boxer shorts proudly displaying the "Stars and Stripes." Most of the other selections were classic white cotton, but there was a pair of black silk panties in the mix. Trusky had no qualms about trying on the assortment for a photo opportunity in his Hemingway Center office (The Arbiter Sept. 6).

The panties were then hand-delivered to the Mountain Home studio of a past student of Trusky's, Tom Bennick.

This is where Bennick taught a papermaking workshop to the students on Sept. 11. The panties were placed into a piece of equipment called a Holland beater, which macerated the fabric into pulp form. The pulp was then put into a water solution. A fine screen and a wood frame called a deckle were then used.

The screen was pulled upward through the deckle, producing a fine layer of "panty pulp," which is left on top of the screen. The pulp was then dried on a felt board over night, ultimately producing a sheet of paper.

Trusky defines papermaking as the "interweaving of cellulose fibers."

The "panty paper" has already made its return trip to Boise, so the students' work is essentially done. They aren't required to do anything with

Trusky's fine collection of panties prior to being pulped.



All photos courtesy of Professor Trusky.



Two Book Art students examining their wet pulp which is soon to be "panty paper".



Bennick (right) proudly displays his Holland beater to Book Art students Dwayne Blackalter (left) and Deanna Dailey (center).

the final product because the act of making the paper itself is the emphasis of the project.

"Some students in the past have printed poetry and made chapbooks, and others have done artwork on the paper. It's solely up to them," Trusky said.

Trusky cared so much about the welfare of the

"panty paper," that when a student asked him to personally drive his project back to Boise because he was afraid it would be damaged on his motorcycle, Trusky graciously obliged.

Student, Steph Pittam thoroughly enjoyed the experience of this semester's project.

"How often can you tell some-

one that you turned your panties into paper? Personally, I've never experienced the process of making paper. It wasn't nearly as involved as I thought it would be," Pittam said.

Trusky past students have made paper from all kinds of natural materials. "We were given samples of wine paper,

pepper paper, chorizo paper, and a few others," Pittam said.

"Extremely thin parchment, Ethiopian scroll, and goatskin styles of papermaking have also been taught over the years in my class," Trusky said.

One thing is for certain: His students' "panty paper" can

stand the test of time because of its durable composition.

Trusky's Introduction to Book Arts class is taught every semester through the English Department.

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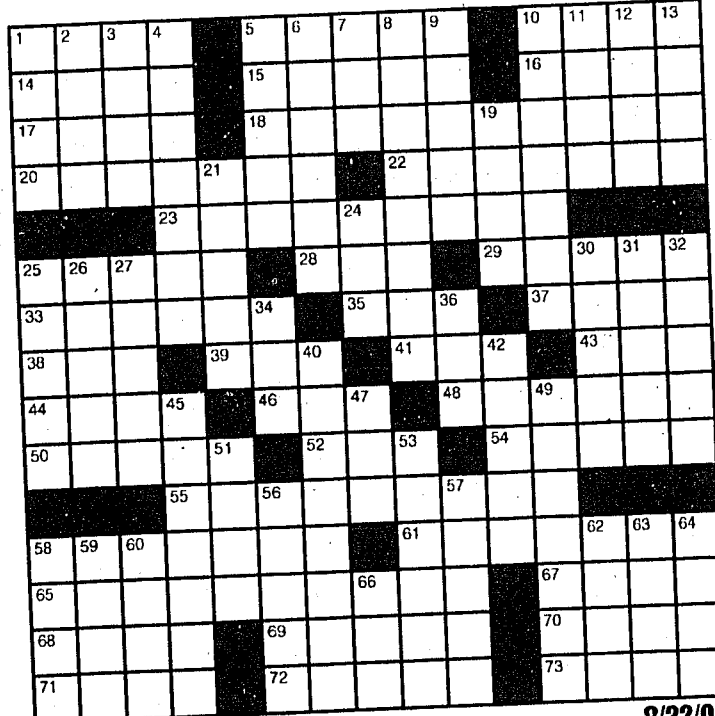
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Boise State presents fine classical evenings

By Wendy Venable
The Arbiter

Boise State's Special Events Center is presenting the 2001/2002 Classical Concert Music Series. This season's new-up showcases six classical music performances.

This month's featured artist Alexander Fiterstein, clarinetist, who will be expressing his musical style on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Fiterstein is originally from Minsk, Russia, but immigrated to Israel when he was two-years-old. He won first place in the 2001 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and has performed for audiences worldwide.

On Saturday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., Stephan Milenkovich will charm Boise with his talents on violin. Milenkovich has been playing since he was three-years-old, and performed his first orchestral piece when he was five-years-old. A native of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he is currently teaching violin at Juilliard's DeLay Institute.

Pianist, Wendy Chen, will

be performing on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. Chen won the Young Concert Artists International Auditions in 1997, and has been awarded the Bruce Hungerford Prize. Chen's performance accomplishments include a debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at 15-years-old and an appearance with the Boston Pops.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, 8 p.m. the Classical Music Series continues with The Debussy Trio, which features Marcia Dickstein, harp, Angela Wiegand, flute, and Keith Greene, violin. The trio is known for its musical innovation by uniquely capturing the 20th Century style. Each member plays individually for the Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Long Beach Symphony, and the Fairbanks Arts Festival.

Saturday, April 20, 2002, 8 p.m. Tomas Rodriguez is featured on classical guitar. Rodriguez was born in America, coming from

Spanish and Scotch-Irish roots. He began playing the guitar at seventeen-years-old, and is inspired by such greats as Jimi Hendrix, Joao Gilberto, and Andres Segovia.

The season's finale will crescendo with a performance by the American Brass Quintet on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 8:00 p.m. Members include Raymond Mase and Kevin Cobb, trumpet; David Wakefield, horn; Michael Powell, trombone, and John D. Rojak, bass trombone. The American Brass Quintet continues its 40-year legacy of entertaining fans worldwide.

Season tickets can be purchased for \$20 for students and \$40 for the general public through Select-a-Seat, and are recommended to be ordered by Sept. 29.

Season ticket prices do not include the American Brass Quintet, which is priced separately at \$5. Individual concert tickets are \$5 for students per event and can be purchased a month prior to the event date. Seating is limited.

Sawtooths provide a great getaway

By Wendy Venable
The Arbiter

After a long hike, this spot lends relief to sore muscles. Follow the signs to the Baron Lakes. There are several trails that lead off the main one, but stay on the one which will take you all the way to the top. Even on the busiest weekend for outdoor sports, we only crossed paths with two other groups of hikers as we ventured skyward.

The trail starts on a gradual incline for roughly six miles through open desert terrain. Typical Idaho motif surrounds the plains during the initial climb, which includes low brush, desert flowers and, of course, the hot blazing sun. Next, begins the challenge of navigating switchbacks with a forty-pound pack.

The first stint of uphill is a fairly steady dirt path and will take you closer to the peak of the mountain, draped in white granite. These second set of switchbacks are steeper and more difficult, paved entirely in chunks of broken pieces of Sawtooth. Balance and a good pair of hiking boots is thoroughly recommended when crossing this ridge, as is plenty of water to carry and a decent hand-held purifier.

This second portion of the hike is pretty open to the sun, but provides an overwhelming view of the range as you sit to take breathers on the steeped edges of rock.

A charming waterfall spurts from between two peaks, and you will notice its radiance even more so as you climb closer to its height, and eventually surpass it. This last layer upwards is the most rewarding and time-consuming

stint of the journey. The ridge between a valley of jagged peaks will hoist you into a nostalgic, fairy-tale land of brilliant grasses and a quiet mountain stream.

With no one else around to muck up this wonderland, it is a sight for tired and exhilarated eyes. Baron Creek parallels the remainder of the hike up to the lake.

Big Baron Lake, at the end of the journey presents a wondrous view of the Sawtooths, and is a peaceful place to camp overnight. This hike usually takes six hours.

It is not recommended to hike there and back in one day, and is preferable if the chosen weekend is at least two to three days long. Perfect for a holiday weekend, like Labor Day.

The lake is also fed by trails from Redfish Lake, and so it can be popular place to camp overnight. However, if you are a bit adventurous and own a good topographic map of the region, I would suggest you travel as we did that weekend, and find one of the smaller lakes to camp next to instead of a marked one.

The Sawtooths are a great place to discover your "own private Idaho."

DVD and video pix

By The Arbiter staff



Girlfight
Starring: Michelle Rodriguez, Jamie Tirelli, Paul Calderon
Director: Karyn Kusama
Rated R

Girlfight is a classic example of a film that screams with promise until a cheesy love affair gets introduced into the scenario.

Director Karen Kusama's script was apparently written to please studio executives. Chalked full of cliché Hollywood formulas, Girlfight could have probably lasted 12 rounds if Kusama had actually stuck to the general premise of the story: An emerging female boxer fighting for respect in a predominantly male sport.

Diana Guzman (Michelle Rodriguez) is a streetwise, tough kid from Brooklyn. Rodriguez is the only redeeming quality about this film. She nails the role with her urban argot and hard-as-nails disposition.

The film sours once she meets a boy boxer at the Brooklyn gym where they both workout. Their romance follows the typical Hollywood

lines, ending up with a match between the two lovers. Essentially, Guzman knocks her beau out in the third round. This is when the film becomes kind of like Rocky Balboa knocking out Mr. T after sleeping with him.

Go ahead and rent it, but don't forget we told you so.



All the Pretty Horses
Starring: Matt Damon, Penelope Cruz, Henry Thomas
Director: Billy Bob Thornton
Rated R

Many of those who have read Cormac McCarthy's novel, All the Pretty Horses, did not like the screen adaptation. For those who haven't read McCarthy's masterpiece, All the Pretty Horses, the film, seems carefully plotted and well organized. Overall, the film is visually stimulating.

Director Billy Bob Thornton did a commendable job of trying to decipher McCarthy's incredibly textured style of writing.

All the Pretty Horses is the story of two Texans, who after the end of World War II, ride into the

sunset with the idealistic dream of being ca'boys in untamed Mexico. The novel captures the true ambience of the Southwestern landscape in words, and Thornton's cinematography pays homage to McCarthy by effectively rendering the scenery beautiful.

John Grady Cole (Matt Damon) and his bronco-busting partner Lacey Rawlins (Henry Thomas) head across the Rio Grande into Northern Mexico in hopes of finding work at a cattle camp.

Scenario capsule: They both end up working for a wealthy rancher. Cole falls in love with his daughter (Penelope Cruz), and they end up in a Mexican prison. These scenes stay true to the novel. Unfortunately, the film turns into a typical Hollywood love story, and this is when ardent fans of McCarthy get nauseated. All the Pretty Horses is still a good film worth the rental bucks.

Requiem for a Dream
Starring: Ellen Burstyn, Jared Leto, Marlon Wayans, Jennifer Connelly
Director: Darren Aronofsky
Rated R

Let's first start out by saying that Requiem for a Dream is a cautionary tale about the fallout of

heroin addiction.

Harry Goldfarb (Jared Leto) and his partner in crime, Tyrone (Marlon Wayans) are addicts and petty thieves in New York City. Harry's Mom, Sara (Ellen Burstyn), lives in a Brooklyn tenement. Harry goes by his mom's apartment every once in a while and steals her television. So often that she finally padlocks it to the radiator. Sara loves Harry dearly and brags to her friends constantly about his greatness. Ironically, he gives her crap for taking diet pills, which consist of low-grade speed.

Aronofsky's creative cinematography lends needed help to this bleak script, based on Hubert Selby's 1968 novel. His tracking and point of view shots are brilliantly executed, and the high-speed crosscutting and slow motion sequences make the viewer feel like they're on a bad speedball themselves.

Like most heroin addicts eventually discover, life goes downhill fast, and these two junkies are no exception. Goldfarb needs a fix so bad in the end that he crams a needle into his gangrene-infested arm. This scene is not for the weak-stomach crowd. Requiem for a Dream, in all its bleakness, is still a great piece of filmmaking. Check it out.

Movie Review

Wahlberg butt-rocks America

By Crystal K. Wiebe
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Everything your mother ever told you about musicians is true. Or at least it is if you can believe the rock 'n' roll fantasy played out in the latest Mark Wahlberg movie Rock Star.

This is the tale of Chris Cole (Wahlberg), a white trash, 20-something wannabe rocker, picked to replace his idol as the lead singer of his favorite band.

Rock Star takes us on a journey into the hair-sprayed, sex-crazed world of 1980s metal with a dirty British roadie as our tour guide.

Not quite as drug soaked as The Doors but inextricably linked to sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll by title, Rock Star deserves its R-rating and could be enjoyed by music fans of all genres, especially Slayer-loving metal heads.

Metal is a far cry from the hip-hop that brought Mark Wahlberg of Funky Bunch fame to America's consciousness in the 1990s, but Wahlberg the actor pulls off the role of a young kid longing for fame as easily as he did in Boogie Nights.

And his vocals throughout the film are more impressive than "Good Vibrations" ever was.

Wahlberg isn't the only member of the cast with real life rock-star experience.

Third Eye Blind's Stephan Jenkins plays another ultimate metal head whose affinity to Steel Dragon, a fictitious band in the movie that is revered by the wanna-be

rockers, rivals Wahlberg's.

Other actual musicians with cameo or supporting roles include Jason Bonham, son of Led Zeppelin's John Bonham; Zakk Wylde, former Black Sabbath lead guitarist; Blas Elias, Slaughter drummer; and The Verve Pipe's Brian Vander Ark.

Although Wahlberg's performance is believable, Steel Dragon's aging tech guy steals the show.

Accomplished British actor Timothy Spall plays Mats, a grimy roadie aware of the prominence bootie has in the backstage life of rock 'n' roll.

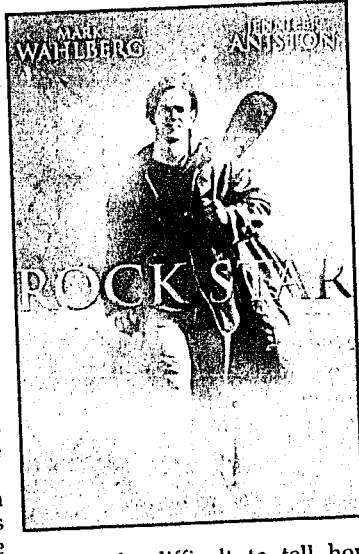
Spall's yellow teeth and greasy hair bring more realism to the film than any of the real-life rock stars sprinkled into the cast.

His perverted smile is recognizable on every roadie that anyone who has ever gone to a rock concert has seen lurking at the corner of the stage, leering at the girls in the front row. If Spall is cast well, then Jennifer Aniston is not.

While age is never specified for her character or Wahlberg's, she should be around the 25-year-old mark. But close-ups of the corners of Aniston's eyes, traced in crows' feet and glitter make-up, make her seem like an aging hipster pushing 35.

Her apparent lack of youthfulness helps Aniston's character seem conveniently uncomfortable with her boyfriend's newfound fame.

Once the rock 'n' roll parties start, it becomes increas-



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ingly difficult to tell how seriously Rock Star takes itself.

At one point, Bonham tries to clear things up when he tells Wahlberg that as a rock star he is licensed to live out the dreams regular people don't get to.

But just how accurate and big those dreams are, the viewer — who is as naive to the world of rock 'n' roll as Wahlberg's character is — can't know.

How can anyone but the Metallica boys gauge the plausibility of this movie's disturbing but sexy drug-induced orgies and other party antics?

By the time the credits roll, though, it seems fair to call Rock Star a half-spoof, wrapping up like an episode of VH1's Behind the Music with "Good Vibrations" playing over the outtakes. Rock Star is currently playing at Edwards Cinemas. Rated R.

Big white orifice



Photo by Xox Xoxoxo, The Arbiter

Michael Barton Miller's "AroundSound" sculptures trace the topography and movement of sound. Constructed from many layers of foamcore, Miller's three-dimensional projections embody sound's volumetric presence with disturbing and ghostlike consequences.

Miller exclaims, "About a year ago, I became interested in these 'around' sounds. I began this project by making an archive of strange sounds that filtered into the apartments, studios, and flats I rented over the years. Another catalyst was the birth of my daughter whose babbling and cries made me aware of the relationship between sound, space, and silence again."

Miller's forms are currently being shown in Gallery Two of the Hemingway Center for Western Studies through Oct. 5.

Mexican Heritage Month September 15 - October 15

- September 16** - Mexican Independence Day
- September 17** - Local latin group "Karibe" and the OELA Dancers will be performing in the patio behind the SUB from 11 am - 1 pm. There will be free chips and salsa.
- September 24** - Free Mexican pastries in the Marketing booth #5 in the SUB at 10 am.
- September 27** - Free Spanish movie-a-thon in Special Events Center at 6 pm featuring 4-time Academy Award winner "Traffic" and "Belle Epoque" starring Penelope Cruz. Free snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations will benefit the Hispanic Cultural Center.



Picking up the pieces



Rob Carlisle (top), wearing a shirt covered with expressions of defiance, participates in a memorial service in front of the Statehouse Friday. Thousands of people gather for the service Friday (center left). The Egyptian Theater (bottom left) is one of countless local businesses expressing patriotic sentiments, and urging people to help. A group of local rescue workers (bottom right) bow heads in prayer during the memorial service Friday.



Photo story by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter.

