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## News Bucket

### John Freemuth named Idaho Professor of the Year

Boise State faculty and staff are invited to a reception honoring Dr. John Freemuth, political science, named the 2001 Idaho Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The reception will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Student Union Lookout Room.

Freemuth's award marks the eighth time in the last 12 years that Boise State has taken the top teaching spot in the state. Past winners include: Russell Centanni, biology, 2000; Pam Gehrke, nursing, 1999; Stephanie Witt, political science, 1998; Greg Raymond, political science, 1994; and Tom Trusky, English, 1990, '91 and '93.

### Frank Church Conference addresses energy issues

Mark your calendars now for the 18th annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs, Nov. 15 in the Jordan Ballroom. This year's free conference addresses energy issues and features keynote speakers Leon Panetta, former White House chief of staff; Theodore Roosevelt IV, chairman of the board of the League of Conservation Voters; and Karl Brooks, 2001-02 Supreme Court judicial fellow. For more information, visit [ssa.boisestate.edu/frankchurch/index.html](http://ssa.boisestate.edu/frankchurch/index.html) or call Ext. 3776.

### Moncrief speaks on legislative research

Gary Moncrief, political science, spoke to the Missouri Legislature Nov. 2-4 on his research on term limits. His remarks were delivered to 120 Missouri state representatives and senators as part of a three day forum on the impact of term limits in Missouri. On Nov. 16, he will speak on "Strategies for Women's Success in Term Limited Legislatures," a discussion of the impact of term limits on women candidates. He'll speak in Dana Point, Calif., at the 2001 Forum For Women State Legislators, attended by over 1000 women legislators from around the country. As an ongoing project, he is also one of five academics on the Project Management Team for the Joint Project on Term Limits (organized by the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments, and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation). The project involves a three-year study of the effects of term limits on state legislatures. The other scholars represent University of California-Berkeley, University of Rochester and Rutgers University.

Stanford physician discusses venomous snakes at free lecture beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Multipurpose rm. 101.

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# Boise State hires lobbyist

Hire was prompted by student protests last Feb.

By Andy Benson  
The Arbiter

Boise State has contracted with Pat Sullivan of Sullivan Associates, to lobby for the university this year at the capitol. Prior to Sullivan, who began representing the university this school year, BSU relied upon John Frandon, executive assistant to the President, to represent university interests to the legislature.

Provost Darrell Jones said the move to hire a registered lobbyist was prompted in large part by a student protest last February regarding minimum

wage for migrant farm workers.

"Last spring there was some controversy surrounding the student protest at the legislature and I think there were some misunderstandings about the institution that followed," Jones said. "So there was an effort to ensure there were good relations with the legislature and that they understood the institution."

At the time, some legislators suspected Dr. Richard Baker, BSU professor of Sociology and ethnic studies, was behind the protest. Baker had said the farmworker minimum wage issue was an example of institutional racism.

However, Baker denied all involvement. Student protesters, including members of the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, also said they planned the foray themselves.

Jones said many legislators

were upset with the students and the university following the protests.

"A number of the legislators felt that the nature of the protest was inappropriate and they weren't sure what the institution's role was vis-à-vis the demonstration so I think it demonstrated a need for us to repair relations with the legislature," Jones said.

Nate Peterson, ASBSU president, said the move to hire a lobbyist is a positive one for BSU.

But Peterson also said he is critical of the lobbying efforts conducted by the university prior to the hiring of Sullivan.

"My opinion is that lobbying last year on behalf of the university was non-existent, minute at best. We've really suffered from a lack of presence at the Capitol. The only time we had people down there was for damage control."

But Frandon said BSU lobbying had been successful until the student protest.

"I think that's very wrong. Up until last February, there was really no damage control. The university had a positive relationship with the legislature and the majority of any lobbying that took place always centered on appropriations. After Feb. 19 when the demonstration took place, it was clearly damage control. The damage control was a result of having many, many legislators that were very angry at the students and very angry at a few faculty."

Frandon also said the move to hire a lobbyist was prompted by the need to keep pace with other Idaho universities as state politics have become more complex.

"We are the last university to move in this direction. Idaho State University had a full time

lobbyist last year, and the University of Idaho has had a lobbyist for a number of years. And we finally got to the point where we felt Boise State needed to have somebody that was down there a lot.

"State government and politics at the legislature have also become more and more complicated and it's impossible for anyone at the university to spend lots of time down at the statehouse and with the governor on a daily basis."

Jones said it is important to have a registered lobbyist representing the interests of the university.

"I think that for a long time, there has been a desire to ensure that legislators are more knowledgeable about issues of importance to the institution. I think it's good for us to have a presence so that people are aware of the institution's goals and needs."

# Eleven vie for ASBSU Senator at large spots

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbiter

Eleven candidates are competing to be the next ASBSU Senators. Voting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

Students will have the opportunity this year to vote online by logging into BroncoWeb. Workers will be at polling stations across campus to assist students with the online voting process.

There are currently eight open at-large Senate positions. Elections for student body president and vice president, as well as senators representing each college will be held in April.

Of the incumbent senators seeking reinstatement in office, only Francisco Pedraza and Brooke Baldwin were previously elected, the rest were appointed. Incumbent at large Senator Brad Saito is not seeking reelection.

Here are the each of the candidates and the platforms as written by the candidates.



**Francisco Pedraza**  
Incumbent  
Major: Political Science

- Student representation on committees on campus.
- Effective liaison for student organizations.
- Reexamining the WICHI report.
- Support Idaho Student Association efforts to promote higher education in Idaho.
- Support ASBSU efforts in representing BSU at the Idaho state legislature.



**Jacquie Bair**  
Major: Secondary Ed/History

- I support the policy of no credit card solicitation campus wide.
- I am in support of funding for the purposes of campus safety (lighting, etc.).
- I am in support of Senate Resolution #3 to give future membership to students who are unable to take advantage of the Rec. Center due to delays.
- I am in support of measures needed to ensure students are well informed at fee increase hearings. I am not in favor of +/- grading.



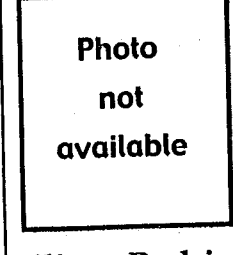
**Lacey Rammell O'Brien**  
Major: Communications

- To bring a fresh voice to the senate and to allow the underclassmen to have an outlet for concerns here at BSU.
- To allow a greater inclusiveness between the classes, and between traditional and non-traditional students.
- Full support for the Bookswap committee, which is dedicated to a cheaper alternative to the Bookstore.
- An increase in campus security and updated technology for increased safety.
- To better faculty/student relations, promote tranquility among members of the student body and staff.



**Brooke Baldwin**  
Incumbent  
Major: Political Science

- Work to create an inclusive environment on campus.
- Work to make the first annual Bookswap successful.
- Work with administration to ensure that there are limited fee increases, and that all of them that do pass are justified.
- Work to make campus safer for all students.



**Lilitiana Rodriguez**  
Major: Undeclared

- Encourage involvement in student government by recruiting ethnic women minorities.
- Advocate and promote scholarship programs including the college assistance migrant program.
- Continue support for the student health center.
- Push for an increased variety in food selections at the Table Rock Cafe.
- Ensure institutional support for tutors in large science/lecture courses.



**Crystal Hammari**  
Incumbent  
Major: Art Education

- Communication: Improve and increase communication between administration/ organizations/ committees/ students.
- Campus-wide recycling.
- Decrease litter throughout campus, more trash cans or whatever it takes.
- Student involvement - get students involved with campus "goings on" and increase their awareness in the process.
- Increase voter turnout during elections.



**Jennifer Scott**  
Major: Psychology

- To make ASBSU and its members more readily available to students.
- To create real tradition in Boise State University by expanding on the traditions we have.
- To drastically increase student participation in student elections.
- To create real communication between the administration, ASBSU and students



**Melissa Hancock**  
Major: Mass Communication

- Campus safety. It's important for the students to feel comfortable in their surroundings.
- Dorm safety. More safety needs to be involved in dorms because things are going on that shouldn't.
- Student involvement. The more students get involved and know about clubs, the better off they'll be.



**Winnie Tong**  
Major: Psychology

- Housing improvement, since I was working for housing in the summer and I can see many things that need to be improved.
- Student food services, the cafeteria food is really bad and we should have a food community to control that, and also the time control.
- Shuttle provided from Boise Campus to the Canyon County campus. Students are not able to attend Canyon County classes if they don't have the transportation.
- One hour community time, such as no school for an hour in a week for all the students' club meetings or activities.
- Free internet service for off-campus students.



**Ali Ishaq**  
Major: International Relations

- More power to student over President Ruch's pay increases.
- Matching funding for all organizations, including religious.
- More student school involvement.
- Fight for student parking rights.
- Continuing school activities throughout the year.



**Lindsay Vandenberg**  
Incumbent  
Major: Finance/Management

- I am in favor of a five year retroactive grade replacement.
- One the issue of recreation center delays, students graduating before the opening should receive one or two semesters use free as a result of equivalent semesters missed.



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# News

## Quarantine plans for states proposed

Today is Veterans Day; Boise State will be open with classes in session.

Bronco women's basketball will perform an exhibition game at 7 p.m. today at The Pavilion. For information call 426-4737.

Vanessa Abernathy, will play her bass clarinet for a Senior Recital at 7:30 p.m. today in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. Boise State music department presents this free event. For more information, call 426-3980.

Noon Tunes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Union Public Forum.

Bronco men's basketball plays Albertson College Tuesday at The Pavilion. For ticket and time information, call 426-4737.

ASBSU election debates run throughout the day Tuesday at the Student Union. For information, call 426-1288.

The Third annual Graduate and Professional School Day will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Union. During this event, there is an opportunity for students to meet representatives of graduate and professional schools from across the country. The Boise State Career Center sponsors the event, and for more information call 426-1747 or visit [www.career.boisestate.edu/grad-day.htm](http://www.career.boisestate.edu/grad-day.htm).

"Ragtime," a play presented by the Theater League of Idaho, starts at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Morrison Center Main Hall. A matinee will show at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are from \$15 to \$42.50, and are available at Select-a-Seat, 426-1766 or [www.idahotickets.com](http://www.idahotickets.com).

Moxie Java Concert Series from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Union Brava! Stage.

Dream Catcher making session, as a part of Native American Month will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Union Lookout Room. Boise State Cultural Center and Intertribal Native Council present the free event. For more information, call 426-4259.

As a part of the Native American Month, the movie "Incident at Oglala" will show from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Union Lookout Room. Boise State Cultural Center and Intertribal Native Council presents the free event. For more information, call 426-4259.

Wednesday and Thursday are ASBSU elections! Go Vote!  
Polls are campus wide. For more information, call 426-1440.

By Seth Borenstein  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - In the event of a bio-terrorist attack using a deadly and contagious disease such as smallpox, public health officials want to be able to close roads and airports, herd people into stadiums, and, if necessary, quarantine entire infected cities.

To make that possible, 50 governors this week will receive copies of a proposed law, drafted at the behest of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, that could give states immense new power to control their populations.

The proposed "model state emergency health powers act" may be months or years away from enactment by state legislatures. It may be amended beyond recognition. But health officials say major new public health legislation is crucial to keep smallpox, plague or hemorrhagic fevers (such as Ebola) from spreading in the event of a terror attack. Unlike anthrax, they are highly contagious.

As a general principle, the draft law says authorities could "require isolation or quarantine of any person by the least restrictive means necessary to protect the public health."

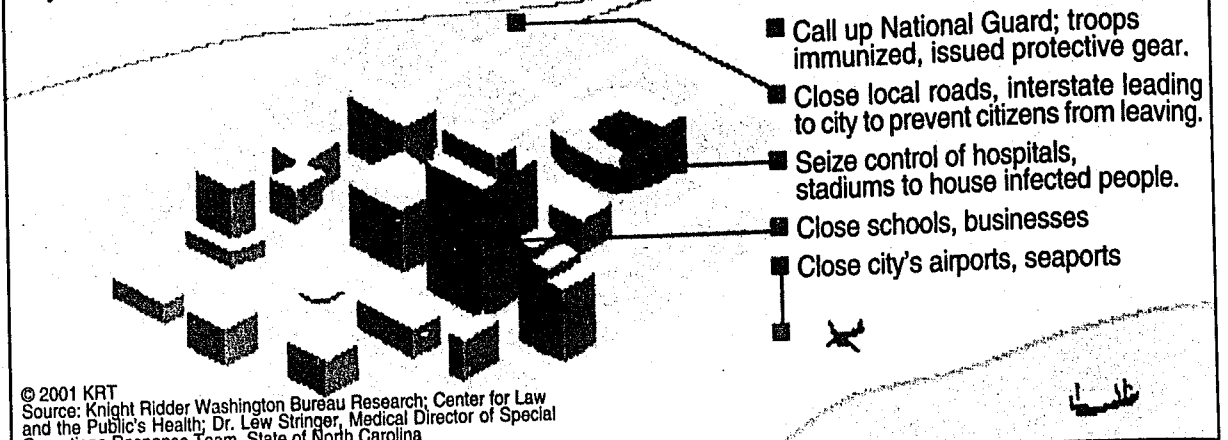
Broad quarantines envisioned in the draft have never been invoked in the United States. They raise all sorts of logistical, political and ethical questions in a mobile society, public health experts concede. But they also may save lives.

"If we don't do it, what would happen? I don't think we've got any choice but to quarantine," said Dr. Lew Stringer, medical director of North Carolina's special operations response team that handles disasters and bioterror.

"The first thing you do is shut down

### Enforcing a quarantine

Experts say health authorities need the power to quarantine people or areas if there is outbreak of contagious disease. Steps they recommend to quarantine a city:



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the roads," he said. "Then you shut down the interstates, you shut down the schools, you shut down the businesses. You're shutting down essential services, not just nonessential ones."

Communities not only need to plan for quarantines; they've got to practice them like fire drills so they work in an emergency, said Dr. Scott Lillibridge, the special bio-terrorism assistant to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Addressing possible quarantines, Thompson said Tuesday: "If we did have an outbreak of smallpox, it would certainly be one of the avenues we'd have to explore."

CDC authorities and a state's governor would exercise their authority using mobilized National Guard units, said former Federal Emergency

Management Agency Director James Lee Witt.

"If you look at something that's really contagious, you can try to limit the area that it would be in as much as possible," Witt said. But he added that the real question is: "How far would you go in containing it?"

Lawyers and public health professors at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University, in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore respectively, drafted the 40-page model law, in collaboration with associations representing governors, state and local health officials, and state attorneys general.

Congress "should give public health authorities strong powers to be able to isolate or quarantine people if necessary for the public health," said

the proposal's chief author, Lawrence Gostin, professor and director at the two universities' Center for Law and the Public's Health in Washington.

Many states already have quarantine laws, but they are antiquated and may not be constitutional, Gostin said. He said his proposal would probably pass constitutional muster because it gives detainees the ability to ask a judicial-medical board to get them out of quarantine.

The question of quarantines "is probably the biggest issue (among emergency health law concerns) because it involves liberty of individuals in the public," Gostin said. He said the proposal would give officials authority to seize control of hospitals

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## Health fair raises attention

By Laura Wylde  
The Arbiter

Students from Caile Spear's health promotion have designed a health fair to run Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the Jordan Ballroom of the SUB as a requirement for their service learning component of the coursework.

The group of 19 students was assigned various tasks such as finding advertising and sponsorship, senior Amy Rakowska said.

Rakowska said the March of Dimes was the biggest sponsor, donating \$300 to the event. Because of this, the main focus of the event is to increase awareness of folic acid for women.

On Sept. 5, a national survey

was released by the March of Dimes stating that less than one-third of American women of childbearing age not currently pregnant take a daily multivitamin containing folic acid. It also found that most women (76 percent) say their doctor did not discuss the benefits of folic acid with them.

Folic acid aids women in a healthy pregnancy. It is recommended women consume folic acid prior to pregnancy to prevent neural tube defects.

"Students on this campus are right about the age for having children," Rakowska said.

Activities included in the health fair are not limited to information about folic acid.

Rakowska said there was a group of the class focusing efforts on gaining vendors for

the booth, making for an educational fair.

Currently, the YMCA and various Kenpo and kickboxing organizations are signed up for spots in the fair. Also, there will be core isolation exercising training, free massages and cholesterol checks.

Students can receive flu shots at the fair for free if they show their insurance card. Otherwise, Rakowska said the fee would be \$8 for students and \$12 for everyone else.

"We also have chiropractors assigned for the fair," Rakowska said. "I doubt they will be able to give adjustments, but they can share their knowledge."

The event is coordinated with the annual benefit fair for the staff of Boise State.

## BSU Public Radio gets new addition

By BSU News Services

Boise State Radio, the public radio station for southwestern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada broadcasting from Boise State University, has announced the hiring of Jim East as associate general manager for network programming.

East, a native of Dover, Del., earned a bachelor's degree in

marketing at Oral Roberts University in 1988.

East is originally from Salisbury, Md., where he was general manager of the non-profit Maranatha Inc. since 1993. His duties included management of WOLC radio and the Maranatha Manna newspaper.

He also co-lead a repeating seminar on the management of local radio in Poland and has been a guest lecturer at

Warsaw University.

East said he is excited to be at Boise State Radio, where he can help "provide information so people can think, feel and be part of what's going on in the global community," he said. "One of our objectives at Boise State Radio is to find ways to connect to the local community on the air and off."

East will be responsible for the management of Boise State's classical, jazz and news stations, as well as Inprint magazine.

## College trustees reject proposal to require display of flag

By Becky Bartindale  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. - After debating how to inspire patriotism and honor American values, trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District endorsed freedom of choice and rejected a proposal that would have required displaying an American flag in every classroom.

What had seemed like a slam-dunk plan by Trustee Don Wolfe for the mandatory placement of flags was blocked after students, faculty and administrators objected to having the flag forced into the classroom in a way some argued would diminish its value as a symbol of liberty.

After voting down that mandatory approach 4-3 at the end of nearly two hours of emotional discussion, the College Board instead voted 5-1 late Thursday night for a voluntary program.

The district will buy the flags - using private donations, if possible - and make them available to those who wish to display a flag in classrooms or offices at West

Valley and Mission colleges. The action was immediately assailed Friday as a vote against the American flag by "runaway liberal Democrats" in an e-mail from Dallas Lawrence of GOPAC, a Republican political action committee. He also is a former West Valley student body president.

Board president Nancy Rucker called the criticism unfair, saying people voted their consciences and not because of party lines. Board seats are non-partisan, although three of the four trustees who rejected the original proposal are registered Democrats.

No students, faculty or administrators spoke in favor of the mandatory proposal.

"If we turn around, and in every classroom there's a flag, it loses its meaning," West Valley student Marika Porter told trustees. Although Porter said she has new respect for the flag since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, students are divided on the symbolism, she said.

Wolfe, who called the district "Berkeley South" after

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# Candidate Forum

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Have To Say

# The place where recruits become Marines

By **Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. - The drill instructor's voice booms out of the predawn fog. Behind him, an invisible platoon obediently parrots his calls, the sound of their footsteps marking the cadence as they march.

Slowly their wispy silhouettes emerge from the haze, marching in close order. It's an image as timeless as America's military tradition.

This is Parris Island, boot camp for the United States Marine Corps. The wrought-iron sign across the road leading into the base says, "Where the difference begins."

Most recruits joined before Sept. 11 but say the terrorist attacks have only intensified their resolve. Besides - they can't quit boot camp.

James Tinker, 18, of Detroit wanted to be a Marine since he was 14. He started boot camp on Sept. 4.

"I never thought that somebody would attack the United States like that," Tinker said. The attacks and pending war didn't change his mind.

"I'm not going to let anybody change what my future would be," he said. "My job just got bigger."

"That's called growing up." Interest in the military has been up, but recruiters say there hasn't been a surge in actual enlistment since the attack.

After boot camp comes additional training. That includes computers and other advanced technology. It could also include training for Special Forces including the Marines' Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team.

And in six months, some of these recruits could be on a battlefield. This new threat to their charges isn't lost on their drill instructors, although they will not let the recruits know they care.

"I think the training is all the same caliber, but we just tightened it up a notch because of the events that are happening," said Staff Sgt. Sylvia Poynter of

Dearborn Heights, a Detroit suburb.

The recruits probably didn't notice a change in their drill instructors - most are more frightened of them than of the Taliban forces.

"The day I got off the bus and met my drill instructor, I was so scared I don't think anything can ever scare me again," said Benjamin Senseney, 18, of Tecumseh, Mich. "I remember turning to my rack mate and saying, 'What have we got ourselves into?' I didn't eat for a day and a half."

Brian Smith, 20, of Sterling Heights, Mich., spent a year at the University of Michigan before signing up for the Marines. Up until Sept. 11, he was questioning whether he had made the right choice.

"This recruit hoped he didn't have to fight. But after Sept. 11, I'm more than ready to go," Smith said.

U.S. Marine boot camp is 12 weeks of hard, physical work, turning lanky teen-agers and other young adults - including a few dozen from Michigan - into hard-bodied Marines.

But the physical work isn't the most rigorous part.

The mind game hasn't changed since Parris Island Marine Boot Camp opened in 1915. For nearly a century, the training means they are shouted at, humiliated, and forced to forget their individuality as they are forged into someone better - a U.S. Marine.

Boot camp punishment is usually physical, push-ups or a run. But there are guidelines with limits these days on how severe it can be - a change in the aftermath of a 1956 incident in which six recruits drowned on a night march into a swamp, a punishment that went tragically wrong.

About 20,000 recruits come through Parris Island each year. It's one of two boot camps for the Marines; the second is near Camp Pendleton in southern California.

At Parris, they'll have to qualify with a rifle, master water survival, pass physical fitness and academics tests and



Marine recruit Ben Senseney, 18, of Tecumseh, Michigan, waits for others in his platoon to move ahead of him during basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina

meet inspection standards before they can call themselves Marines.

Roughly 10 percent to 15 percent of the men, and 15 to 20 percent of the women won't make it through boot camp for various reasons, said Capt. Toby Brevitz of Battle Creek, Calif. "Sickness, injuries and physical fitness are the biggest problems. Women are slightly more likely to wash out because they tend to have more injuries," he said.

Would-be Marines quickly learn to eliminate the word "I" from their vocabulary, saying

"this recruit" instead. It doesn't take them long to realize the unknown recruits to their right and left are as important to their success as they are themselves.

"The whole intent of recruit training, from the day they get off the bus to the day they graduate, we strip them of their individuality to learn how to work as a team," said Sgt. Ben Haynes of Brownstown Township. "You wouldn't think it, looking at the kids today in society, but these kids are more than ready to defend their country."

The average age of a Marine recruit is 19. Some are only 17, too young to legally be a Marine without a parent's signature. They make \$700 a month to start.

Few recruits sign up to march straight into a war; most seek training for a future career.

Monik Clemons, 18, signed up to be a legal administrative assistant after she graduated from high school in Dearborn Heights, Mich. Her goal: to be a lawyer.

"This recruit was tired of school," said Clemons. She was

drenched in sweat from physical training. "This recruit wanted a challenge - and it really is."

Staff Sgt. William Bodette looks like every recruit's nightmare. His head is shaved and his fatigues are pressed. He has three tattoos - the Marine emblem, a drill instructor's hat with cross swords and the Corps' bulldog mascot. He has the voice of a bullfrog.

"Luff, luff, luff, right luff," Bodette sang out as he took his platoon through a close-order

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## Budget shortfalls are nationwide

By **Matt Neznanski**  
The Arbiter

Idaho is not alone in dealing with budget woes from falling revenues.

States across the nation are analyzing the decisions they have made in the past and working on solutions for remaining solvent in the near future.

The Western Intercollegiate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) decided at the last minute to add a discussion on this matter to their meeting agenda.

According to an agenda attachment, early predictions made this summer indicated the West might have avoided the economic slump troubling other parts of the country.

Following the terrorist attacks in September, the trend left no state untouched.

"If you read the business pages and lis-

ten to analysts, you begin to see the affects of 9-11," said BSU President Charles Ruch.

WICHE intends to provide an explanation of how the economy is affecting higher education, and how states have planned to deal with it.

According to a National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) preliminary report, state balances have dropped 22 percent this year. The amount has changed from an average of \$43.7 billion to \$34.1 billion.

These numbers include rainy-day funds designed to offset hard times. For example, after the recession of the early '90s, lawmakers sought to avoid the pain that comes with such a decline and created these buffer zones within the state budgets.

During the economic boom of the last few years, these funds were left untapped.

Luckily, before problems began, 12 states used budget surpluses to add to their safety net.

Idaho used some of its surplus to fund

rural economic growth grants and state parks.

Reserves in many state budgets have been depleted from cushioning the impact recently and tax refunds offered this summer.

Most states have enacted across-the-board cuts to offset this, like the holdbacks demanded by Governor Kempthorne earlier this semester.

Boise State administrators have been trying to gather intelligence on the projections for state appropriations.

These figures help to outline the money that can be expected for programs and payroll for next year, but have not been forthcoming.

The State Board of Education has been asking for contingencies at the same time.

"We were asked to provide the budget office with 'what if' answers when we don't know what the 'what if' is," said Ruch.

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hearing objections to requiring flags, looked dejected after the vote.

Wolfe said he started thinking about introducing flags into classrooms shortly after his election in 1998. The time seemed right in the wake of the attacks, in which West Valley student Nicole Miller and former student Mark Bingham died on hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania.

Wolfe said he was motivated by fears that "we are losing some of the essence of American values and the importance of liberty." He said he wanted a flag in every classroom not just out of patriotism but as "an instrument of education."

"The flag is the way we identify ourselves as Americans," Wolfe said. "The flag is the symbol that helps us come together."

But some students and faculty members disagreed, saying mandatory classroom flags would be divisive, distracting and disturbing, while doing nothing to educate students about American values. Although no dissenters had signed up before the discussion to address trustees, they jumped in after two speakers from Saratoga passionately extolled the flag's virtues and Wolfe's plan for displaying it.

"The flag and its proper

display threatens no one," said Ann Marie Burger, president of the Saratoga Rotary Club, who called Wolfe's proposal "clean, logical and patriotic."

"It should not be a matter of controversy," said Karin Dowdy, a former member of the college district board who provided an account of the meeting to GOPAC.

Those comments brought Jefferson Nerney, West Valley's director of student services, to the microphone. Noting that his family had fought wars for the freedoms of speech and debate, Nerney said he was disturbed by the idea that there should be no controversy or debate.

Both student trustees spoke against Wolfe's proposal, although they are not able to vote.

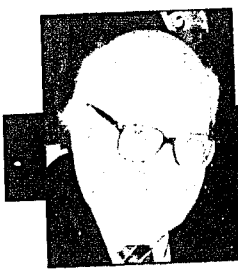
Student Trustee Rob Singh suggested that there are other ways to honor the flag.

"For me, the flag is not just hanging on the wall," he said. "It is in my heart."

In the end, the majority of trustees sided with those who were troubled by Wolfe's approach.

"I am not at all sure flags in the classroom will educate anyone," said board member Joy Atkins.

Although Trustee Jeffrey Schwartz said he supports a voluntary approach, he voted "no," saying it should be considered by faculty first.



### Follow the President

## Ruch meets with WICHE, plans to discuss common troubles

By **Matt Neznanski**  
The Arbiter

Today, BSU President Charles Ruch is in Denver meeting with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

WICHE members meet twice a year to discuss higher education policy and programs around the West in its 15-state region. The commission is made up of three representatives from each of the 15 states.

Ruch said the conferences give him the opportunity to discuss ideas with other people in higher education, and said he would use the forum as a way to solicit opinions from fellow board members.

"It gives me a reality check outside of Idaho," he said.

The WICHE web site lists policy exchange sessions as including legislators, students, administrators and higher education leaders in all of the states.

The conference this week will concentrate on budget problems and the transition from high school to college.

The meeting on high school transition will focus on adopting a rating system for on-line course materials.

An agenda attachment said the system would allow universities to streamline their web-based infrastructure, providing students with more consistent online materials.

According to the WICHE web site, the

commission also administers the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE).

The WUE program allows students to attend any of the 100 participating schools, where students pay 150 percent of the standard in-state tuition cost instead of the nonresident amount, reducing the cost to the student.

The WUE program involves over 11,500 students.

WICHE also administers the Western Regional Graduate Program. This is similar to the WUE, but concerns graduate students.

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# Opinion



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## How many BSU administrators does it take to screw in a light bulb?

By Sean C. Hayes  
The Arbiter

ASBSU President Nate Peterson is encouraging the elimination of bureaucracy at Boise State before the cutting of faculty jobs, but is BSU really swarming with bureaucrats? In order to examine the issue further, I decided to investigate how many Boise State administrators it takes to screw in a light bulb.

1-9. Light Bulb Acquisition Committee: Compares and contrasts prices and quality of light bulbs, sends purchase request on to...

10. Vice President of Light Bulb Acquisition: Signs light bulb purchase order, sends recommendation to Vice President of Tungsten Filament Inspection.

11. Associate Vice President of Light Bulb Acquisition: Gets coffee for Vice President of Light Bulb Acquisition.

12. Masseur: Sees that Vice President of Light Bulb Acquisition does not strain his hand while signing purchase order.

13. Vice President of Tungsten Filament Inspection: Ensures that tungsten filament in light bulb meets Boise State's strict tungsten quality standards. Sends bulb on to Vice President of Glassware Standards.

14. Tungsten Filament Inspection Office Newsletter Editor: Designs glossy magazine, "Tungsten Talk,"

featuring "Top Ten Tungsten Strip Mine Travel Destinations."

15-24. Tungsten Publications Committee: Ensures that "Tungsten Talk" newsletter content does not venture into the obscene or libelous.

25. Vice President of Glassware Standards: Ensures that light bulb glass meets Boise State's quality standards, sends bulb on to Glassware Safety Inspector.

26. Work Study Assistant to the Vice President of Glassware

Standards: Organizes files and takes phone calls for Vice President of Glassware Standards.

27. Work Study Assistant to the Vice President of Glassware Standards' Assistant: Gets coffee for Work Study Assistant to the Vice President of Glassware Standards.

28. Glassware Safety Inspector: Ensures that proper safety precautions are taken during light bulb installation.

29. Vice President of Light Bulb Installation: Approves light bulb, sends recommendation onto President of Light Bulb Installation.

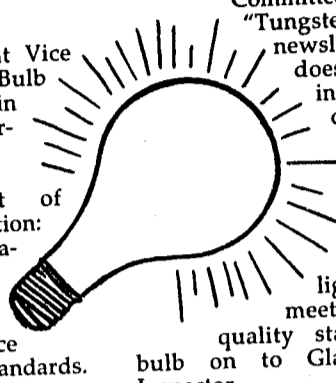
30. Assistant to the Vice President of Light Bulb Installation: Makes signs to boost office morale, including but not limited to, "You

don't have to be crazy to work here, but it helps," and "Eat, drink go ahead partake, but clean up after yourself for Pete's sake!"

31. Bunny Chevalier: Girlfriend of Vice President of Light Bulb Installations, living at the Grove Hotel with misdirected Boise State funds (listed in the budget as "other expenses").

32-36. Physical Plant Light Bulb Installation Committee: Provides President of Light Bulb Installation with a ladder, within four to six weeks.

37. President of Light Bulb Installation: Installs light bulb, earns 200K a year.



## The right strikes back

I would like to thank Mr. Larry McNeil for giving this campus a classic example of how leftists respond when confronted with ideas they cannot mentally grasp. I have a limited amount of column space and need it all to point out just how ridiculous Mr. McNeil's (or is it just McNeil?) letter to the editor entitled "It's Great to be a Native, Part II" was.

Let us start from the beginning. In order to understand McNeil one must reference my classic piece from last week. Oh, I better cite my source. I meant to say one must reference "From Right Field" by Jerel Thomas. Nov. 1. The Arbiter, Vol. 15, Issue 20. I wrote that I am, by pure definition, a Native-American, for I am native to the American continent. I went on to say that we won a land war with the American Indians and have treated them well. We give them money each year, they have their own division in the federal government, and are allowed semi-sovereign status within our borders. Not a bad

way to treat the loser of a war. It was brilliant. As usual, here came a voice from the left calling me ignorant, racist, and mean spirited without ever mentioning what it was I talked about. It is apparent that I hurt Mr. McNeil's (or is it McNeil, for I noticed he constantly referred to me as "Thomas", so I am wondering what the proper mannerism is. I wouldn't want to hurt anybody's feelings you know) feelings with what I said. He came out trying to take the intellectual high ground and fell short. Larry went on a tirade about how he, in his supreme wisdom, encourages his students to follow a process which "allows them to embrace their own points of view and to do the research and present credible evidence that supports their particular stance." He says, "In this manner opinions are eliminated from what is factual." Perhaps said professor is having a hard time getting his students to accomplish this because they follow his poor example. Larry referred to me as "ignorant" six times, "racist"

six times, and "mean-spirited" once. All without ever giving an example as to why. I'm not saying document your source, but give a damn example! You think I'm racist, tell me why. I can only assume that McNeil is racist against white people because of the way he tried to assault me. Yep, McNeil is a racist.

McNeil says I failed to use academic research in my paper. Let's see, I mentioned something about a conflict over land in the Western U.S. Yep that happened. I mentioned something about Americans winning the war over the Indians and putting them on reservations. Check that off in the history books. I also found out that to this very day there are reservations subsidized by the federal government for the American Indian and that there is a Bureau of Indian Affairs. In fact, the only non-academic, non-researched claim in the whole article was when I claimed that we are taught to be sympathetic towards Indians today and we are told that our treatment of them is a black mark on American history. So is this must be the part that bothered you the most. I'm sorry for bringing that up.

person indigenous to the American continent. Hey, believe me, I know. I already told you my family tree. I was born here, as was virtually every member of my family dating back to early 1700's. I am indigenous. Or has the word changed since I last looked it up? I have never left the United States. I am indigenous as they come.

My last bone of contention with Mr. McNeil (Wasn't he the postman for Mr. Rogers?) stems from his attack on this publication. I have strong, conservative opinions. Yes, my convictions run against everything you feel. The Arbiter prints me to counteract and give balance to the leftist diet offered by professors like yourself at this university. Your constant assault of free speech is indeed appalling. I am sorry that "The Postman" feels threatened by my ideas. Because of the left's inability to debate on the merits of their argument, they attack me with labels like "racist" and when that doesn't work, try to get it so I cannot be published. This proves that they are afraid of conservative ideas. Larry "the postman" McNeil asks if I represent a larger group of people. You bet I do, bigger than you or I know. And you leftists should be afraid. Be very afraid. We are winning.

## Reality television: Anything but veritable life

Reality-based television seems to be getting progressively worse. Shows saturated with voyeuristic gluttony are an epidemic these days.

Many of these programs exhibit complete strangers vying for money, fame, sex or all three. It seemed to start out with MTV and its hit show "The Real World" showing us what it's like when seven strangers are picked to live in an extravagant house together and all the "real life" craziness that occurs. One could contend that it started with "America's Funniest Videos" but I think it was Bob Saget's egregious acting and hosting abilities that made that show so hilarious not the actual home videos. We've gone from "Cops" to "Love Cruise: the Maiden Voyage" in just a few years. What is now on the tube available for viewing is a sign of the times we live in and if I sound too much like a teenage curmudgeon, than I apologize.

The showing of "Big Brother 2" by CBS gave millions of people insight to what it is like to be in a prison minus the bars and "drop the soap" encounters. Why do shows involving philandering, manipulation, and blatant infantile behavior captivate us? Just like any soap opera we are drawn to things which are original, unexpected, and just plain wrong.

Those of who want romance and/or drama in our lives are likely to tune into MTV's "Dismissed," or Fox's "Temptation Island." One thing that human beings, particularly males, have craved is contention between others. Is it any wonder why Jerry Springer's "talk" show was such a hit before it was toned down? Its rating surpassed Oprah's at the time. It's the same reason why in high school everyone knew where a fight was happening because a large, massive circle of spectators always

gathered around the brawl. We like the brutality much like the Romans did when they loaded massive structures with citizens to watch slaves duke it out till the death. Shows filled to the brim with melodrama are more widespread. It is natural that people who have mundane lives are attracted to controversy.

We have turned to things that appear to be really happening and are not fabricated by creative actors and writers. We enjoy the illegitimacy, the manipulation, the sheer drama and destruction because we believe it to be real. We either say to ourselves, "I'm glad that isn't happening in my life" or "I wish that were me," and we are mesmerized by what we see. It excites us—gets our adrenaline pumping.

What it does most is allow us to forget about our lives a little bit, it's a time to relax and recover from the day and perhaps that's the only positive aspect of it all. But when it becomes an obsession where we are putting off things we need to get done for the sake of seeing what happens next then it becomes more than cheap entertainment.

Reality television instills the idea that ordinary people can make it big. Anyone can be famous and make tens of thousands of dollars. You don't have to be smart, your talents or skills are not important, you just have to be attractive and have the stomach to eat buffalo testicles on national television.

What does it say about a person who can name all the cast members of the newest "Survivor" but fail to recall a single individual who died on Sept. 11?

What worries me is the meshing of supposed "reality" on prime time with what life really is. Despite what happens on "Temptation Island" we must all realize that life isn't just peaches and cream.

If we want a dose of reality we should turn to CNN and see the real suffering of thousands in Afghanistan. Reality is being diagnosed with breast cancer, living with manic depression, and the thousands of suicides that occur every year. Reality isn't who will cheat on who, who will be the next to be kicked off the island, boat, or house and it's not who can eat the most insects without vomiting.

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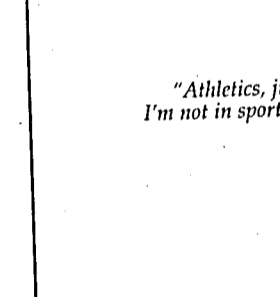
By Dan Wolf

BSU is facing a budget cut of up to \$ 8 million. Unless services are cut, student fees will drastically increase. How would you save money if you were a BSU administrator?



Matt Reiter, Graduate student

"Less funds to athletics and more funds to the arts departments... Just like any other major university seems like more funds are put towards the athletics instead of the education."



Lindsay Kaylor, Freshman

"Athletics, just because I'm not in sports."



Sean Neckelsom, Freshman

"I would go off of student participation, set up some kind of marketing research... I wouldn't cut things that put BSU on the map, like your athletic programs, but maybe more of the artistic fields."

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# Sports



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## Sports Bucket

### San Jose State defeats Broncos in women's volleyball

San Jose State defeated Boise State in volleyball Saturday night, 30-19, 30-28, 30-26.

It was the final home match for Boise State of the 2001 season. The Broncos will go into the 2001 WAC tournament next week as the ninth seed and will most likely play Tulsa in the first round.

Against San Jose State, Boise State was led by Kelly Hadd who had nine kills and 12 digs, Megan Tranter who had eight kills and 16 digs, Jessica McDonald who had seven kills and three blocks, and Jacqueline Heler who had 17 kills. Mindy Bennett had 18 assists and Chera Sommer had 20.

As a team the Broncos had 41 kills, 39 assists, 59 digs and four blocks. San Jose State had 60 kills, 51 assists, 63 digs and six blocks.

### Bronco women's basketball drops 67-72 exhibition game against strong USA Elite team

The Boise State women's basketball team dropped its opening exhibition game, 67-72, to a NWBL USA Elite team that included a handful of off-season WNBA players.

The Broncos led at the half, 34-26, but a pesky defense from USA Elite in the second period caused a few too many Bronco turnovers for Boise State to hold onto the lead.

Boise State was led by senior Crista Peterson, who had a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Peterson was also eight-of-11 from the free throw line on the night. Sophomore Mandy Welch was not far behind in the scoring department with 16 points and six-of-10 shooting from the floor. Sophomore Camille Woodfield scored 11 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out five assists.

The Broncos shot a decent 48.1 percent from the floor (26-54), 68.4 percent from the free throw line (13-19), and grabbed 38 rebounds. Boise State's added 15 assists but did have 18 turnovers.

USA Elite was led by Louisiana Tech grad Tamicha Jackson who was 11-of-20 from the floor and had 26 points, five rebounds and two assists. The USA Elite shot 46.2 percent from the field (30-65), 53.3 percent from the free throw line (8-15), and had just 13 turnovers.

"Overall, I was really pleased with our effort," Boise State coach Trisha Stevens said. "To play the caliber of team that we played in our opener, I was very happy with a lot of things that we did. Our defense was solid, and we are beginning to push the ball well on offense."

The Broncos host one more exhibition game today versus a Slovakian All-Star team at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion.

# Broncos bowl prospects still alive with last minute win over Hawaii

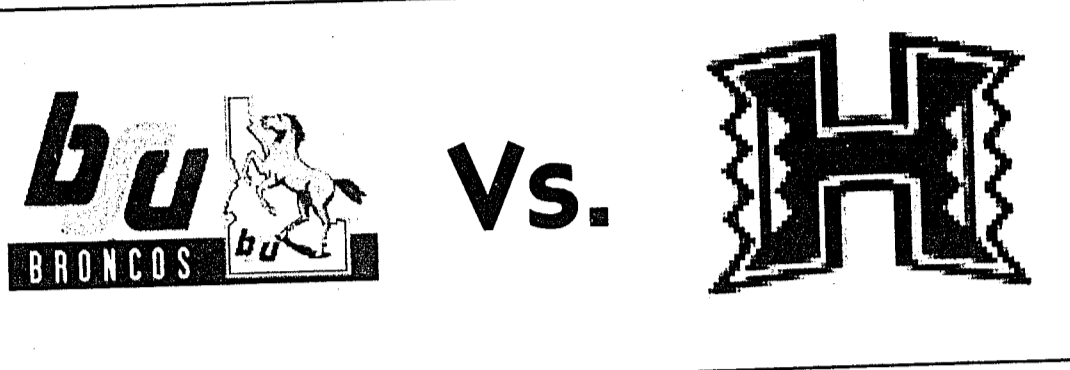
By Darrin Shindle  
The Arbiter

Boise State squandered a 20-9 halftime lead only to come back late in the fourth quarter to score the game winning touchdown against Hawaii on Saturday night in Honolulu.

The 28-21 win gave the Broncos a good chance of going to a bowl game, while Hawaii's bowl chances took a big hit in front of 40,600 fans at Aloha Stadium.

Brock Forsy scored from four yards out with 3 minutes, 15 seconds remaining to give the Broncos the lead and Jeb Putzier grabbed the 2-point conversion. The score capped off an 8-play, 65-yard drive that could have been just a cushion building score if it hadn't been for a dismal third quarter full of turnovers by the Broncos.

The Broncos took their 20-9 halftime lead with them as they drove to Hawaii's 13-yard line early in the third



quarter. Then Ryan Dinwiddie's pass was deflected and intercepted by Mike Iosua, and the turnover parade was starting.

Dinwiddie threw another interception on the next drive and Forsy fumbled on the drive after that and Hawaii had a 21-20 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Boise State had a chance to take the lead back early in the fourth quarter, but Nick Calaycay's 49-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

Hawaii took the lead in the first quarter on a 30-yard

field goal by Justin Ayat. The Broncos took the lead with 6:47 to go in the first quarter on a one-yard touchdown run by David Mikell.

The score was made possible because of a 23-yard completion from Dinwiddie to Putzier on fourth-and-12 to keep the drive alive. The extra point was no good.

Hawaii tied the game up at 6-6 with another field goal by Ayat, this time from 47 yards away. But on the ensuing kickoff, David Mikell promptly gave Boise State the lead back with a 98-yard

kickoff return that tied the school record set by him last season. At the end of the first quarter the Broncos had the lead 13-6.

Another field goal by Hawaii and a 6-yard touchdown pass from Dinwiddie to Forsy made the score 20-9 going into the half.

Boise State's defense played a great game holding a high-powered offense to just 338 yards of total offense. Hawaii only managed 80 yards on the ground and 258 through the air.

The Broncos had 398 yards

with 211 through the air and 187 on the ground.

Forsy led the Broncos' ground attack with 132 yards and one touchdown. Dinwiddie and Mikell both added 28 yards. Forsy also added six receptions for 46 yards and a touchdown. Putzier had four receptions for 60 yards and Lou Fanucchi added three grabs for 72 yards.

Louisiana Tech beat UTEP on Saturday, and with one more win will clinch the WAC title.

Boise State, Rice, Fresno State, and Hawaii will fight it out for second place. The WAC has two bowls that it is linked to. The Humanitarian Bowl and The Silicon Valley Bowl. Boise State has a good chance of getting the Humanitarian Bowl bid even if they were to lose one of the last two games.

Boise State will host San Jose State at Bronco Stadium Saturday at 1:05 p.m.

## Bronco basketball starts with a win and a loss

By Darrin Shindle  
The Arbiter

The Boise State men's and women's basketball teams started their season's last week with two exhibition games in the Pavilion. While the men came away with a win the Lady Broncos fell to an USA Elite team with some WNBA players 72-67.

The Lady Broncos took a 34-26 lead into the half Wednesday night in front of a crowd of 423 people, but couldn't hold on in the second half. Crista Peterson led the Lady Broncos posting a double double, with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

"I was impressed with our performance," Peterson said. "That was the best we've done in an exhibition game."

Boise State had too many turnovers in the second half and couldn't overcome them as the USA Elite team came out with a 20-8 run.

"We need to work on putting a whole game together, and also the turnovers in the second half," Peterson said. "But that will come."

The Lady Broncos regained the lead 51-50 with 9:21 remaining in the game when the USA Elite went on a 13-2 run to go up for good 63-53 with 6:35 remaining. A lay-up by Abby Vaughan with 1:17 to go cut the lead to 69-64, but the Lady Broncos couldn't get any closer.

Mandy Welch scored 16 points and

grabbed four rebounds, and Camille Woodfield added 11 points, five assists, and six rebounds.

The Bronco men started off their season with an 86-55 rout of the Brisbane Capitals on Thursday night in front of 1723 fans.

Boise State jumped out to an 8-2 lead early and looked very impressive in the early going. On the Broncos first possession senior forward Abe Jackson drove to the hoop, got fouled and made the free throw. Just after that junior guard Joe Skiffer stole the ball and pushed it up-court and dished the ball to senior forward Richard Morgan. Morgan then drove to the hoop and put down a mean dunk over a Brisbane player.

The Broncos maintained decent lead until halftime and went into the locker room leading 38-29. Abe Jackson scored 18 of his 24 points in the first half, but it wasn't until the beginning of the second half that the Broncos put the game away.

Boise State went on a 31-5 to start the second half before some sloppy play late in the second half, but the game was never in doubt.

Freshman forward Jason Ellis looked very impressive at times scoring 12 points and leading the team with seven rebounds. Senior center Trevor Tillman added 10 points and five rebounds and Morgan put up nine points and six rebounds. Freshman guard Solomon Wyatt led the team in assists with six.

## Top 25 scores

- Miami def. Boston College 18-7
- Nebraska def. Kansas State 31-21
- Oklahoma def. Texas A&M 31-10
- Florida def. S. Carolina 54-17
- Texas def. Kansas 59-0
- Tennessee def. Memphis 49-28
- Oregon def. UCLA 21-20
- Washington lost to Oregon St. 49-24
- BYU def. Wyoming 41-34
- 10. Florida State lost to N.C. State 34-28
- 11. Washington St. def. Arizona St. 28-16
- 12. Michigan def. Minnesota 31-10
- 13. Maryland def. Clemson 37-20
- 14. S. Carolina lost to Florida 54-17
- 15. Illinois def. Penn St. 33-28
- 16. Stanford def. Arizona 51-37
- 17. UCLA lost to Oregon 21-20
- 18. Syracuse def. West Virginia 24-13
- 19. Georgia lost to Auburn 24-17
- 20. Georgia Tech lost to Virginia 39-38
- 21. Colorado def. Iowa St. 40-27
- 22. Michigan St. lost to Indiana 37-28
- 23. Virginia Tech def. Temple 35-0
- 24. Auburn def. Georgia 24-17
- 25. Louisville def. Houston 34-10

## WAC Standings

	WAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
La. Tech	6	1	.857	6	3	.667
Boise State	5	2	.714	6	4	.600
Fresno State	4	2	.667	8	2	.800
Rice	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Hawai'i	5	3	.625	6	3	.667
San Jose St.	3	3	.500	3	6	.333
SMU	2	4	.333	2	7	.222
Nevada	2	4	.333	2	7	.222
UTEP	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Tulsa	0	6	.000	1	8	.111



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- Football home against San Jose St. on 11/17 at 1:05 p.m.
- Men's Basketball home against ACI on 11/13 at 7:30 p.m.
- home against Portland St. on 11/17 at 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball home against Mirabel Baska on 11/12 7:00
- home against BYU on 11/16 7:00
- home against Weber St. on 11/18 7:00
- Volleyball at the WAC Tournament 11/15,11/16,11/17 in San Jose
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# Diversions

## 'Ragtime' continues to delight audiences

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

Starting this Tuesday, the national tour of "Ragtime" is stopping by the Morrison Center at Boise State for three nights to showcase their Tony-Award winning performance.

The critically acclaimed musical offers insight into past class struggles in America and gives levity to the historical dilemma with a vibrant mix of music and theatre.

"Ragtime," the musical, is a stage adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's novel of the same name. The story depicts American life at the turn of the 20th Century, which was both an exciting and tumultuous time. "Ragtime" mixes fiction with fact by including such historic events as Admiral Peary's expedition to the North Pole, the birth of industrialism and the inception of automobiles and motion pictures.

"Ragtime" is the story of three stereotypical American families: one upper-middle class, one socialist immigrant Jewish and one Harlem black household. Their lives become unexpectedly intertwined

epitomizing the "melting pot" premise of United States.

Once again, the lines between fiction and fantasy are blurred by the incorporation of real life characters into the plot. Some of the historical characters include Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, Evelyn Nesbit and Booker T. Washington.

The musical, adapted for the stage by playwright Terrence McNally, fuses all of these plots and characters into a spectacle of modern musical theatre, yet realistically renders—like it or not—American history.

When Doctorow began writing the novel in 1972, he was unclear about the message he was trying to get across. He admits to having difficulty starting the novel.

"It's hard to explain the process of writing. All I can say is that it's like driving a car at night. You can only see as far as your headlights extend, but you can make the whole trip that way," Doctorow said.

One thing he did have in mind was the importance of including the cultural impact of a collective psychology and

anthropology, the impact of journalism and a plot steeped heavily in American history.

The current "Ragtime" creative team is headed by director Frank Galati and features the stunning set design of Eugene Lee and the musical styling of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens.

"Ragtime" spans fifteen years from 1900 to 1915, with such timeless hits as "A Bird in a Gilded Cage," "In the Good Old Summer Time," "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "When Irish Eyed Are Smiling."

The current cast features Quentin Earl Darrington as Coalhouse Walker Jr., Kenita Miller as Sarah, Joe Levesque as Tateh, Stevani Alise Weaver as Tateh's daughter and a host of other talented performers.

"Ragtime" has won numerous awards and accolades over the years, including USA Today's "Best Musical of the Year" in 1996, several Antoinette Perry Awards in 1998 and a Outer Critics Circle Award for "Outstanding Broadway Musical."



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Coalhouse Walker, Jr. (Quentin Earl Darrington) and Sarah (Kenita Miller) dream of an exciting future "On the Wings of Love" in the NETWORKS national tour of 'Ragtime.'

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## Student editors have fun in the Crescent City at convention

### Oyster po'boys reign supreme

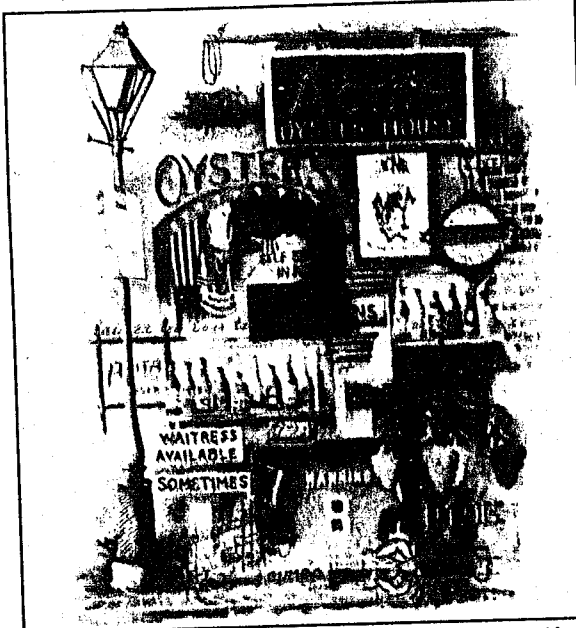
By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

Question: When four Arbiter editors go to New Orleans for a journalism convention are the extracurricular activities in the French Quarter more of an education than the workshops? Answer: Not necessarily, but the Crescent City definitely offers something for everyone outside of the classroom.

People travel to New Orleans for different reasons, but decadence seems to prevail here after the sun goes down.

The Arbiter crew is as diverse as peanut butter and motorcycles, yet we all had fun time together in the French Quarter and Garden District after the workshops ended.

One night, after a boring editor's roundtable, we escaped the Hyatt Regency, took the St. Charles trolley to the Garden District, had a nice meal of all-you-can-eat catfish and a few big



Menu liberated from the Acme Oyster House in New Orleans, LA.

mugs of Dixie draft. Afterwards, we stumbled around the neighborhood looking for Anne Rice's gothic mansion while our copy editor looked for some bushes to pee in. We ended up locating her house as

gay bars and jazz venues, is the cuisine, which reigns supreme in the Crescent City.

Our palates gravitated time and time again to the Acme Oyster House in the French

Quarter. Although a neon sign flashes, "waitress available: sometimes," they accommodated us each and every time with impeccable service.

My mouth still waters thinking of their delectable oyster po'boys, gumbo, jambalaya, steamed crawfish and red beans and rice. If I wasn't afraid of mayonnaise spoilage, I would have smuggled a couple of po'boys back in my suitcase. Oh well...

On our last night in town, we ardently looked for a praline shop as last ditch souvenirs. We eventually found our desired confections on St. Mary's Street.

After I purchased an overpriced box of candy, I slipped outside for a quick smoke while my comrades shopped like quintessential tourists.

New Orleans is definitely a bastion of freaks. As I took a long draw from my Camel, a man approached me and said, "I'm the guy that runs around the Quarter during lighting storms, naked, with a four-foot piece of rebar, yelling 'hoo-hah, hoo-hah.' I'm god... Really..."

## Poetry Corner

### Paragon of Rectitude By Fabiana Woodfin

Upon your pedestal you stand absolved of all humanity. Far below, your fellow men lay banished to bestiality. With frenzied zeal you march down the straight and narrow path to the beat of your Bible-thumping wrath. Seeking out traitors, spitting out bile, you denounce commies and homos the most vile. Junkies, hippies, and whores, too. Is that the best you can do? I actually pity you, self-righteous bigoted fool: from the cover of your closet you peep through a hole and drool.

### Whiny, weepy, mopey me By Jeremy Branstad

In the body of life, our dreams are our blood- and it is virginal. Save when the scars of life fester and boil beneath the skin (We are all so hard) and it is rendered sour upon the cusp.



Q: What had to have room for two parents and three children, according to Adolf Hitler?

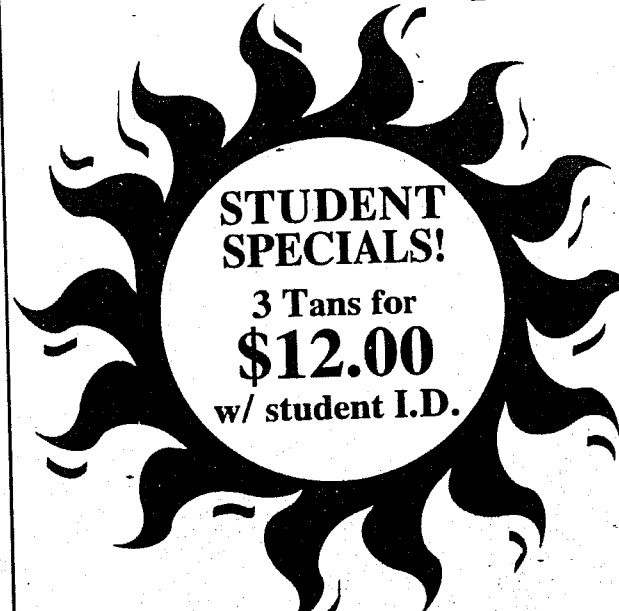
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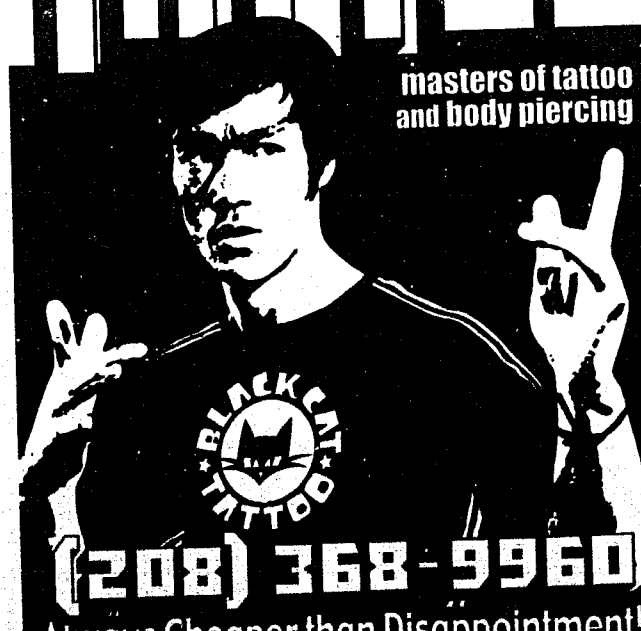
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  - Sour drink
  - At the summit
  - Rajah's wife
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# Sociologist discusses globalization

By **Stefanie Schussel**  
Tufts Daily (Tufts U.)

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass.-American University sociology Professor Esther Ngan-ling Chow did not have it easy growing up in China. "I was brought up in a blue collar family and I worked as illegal child labor, 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for four cents an hour and 50 cents a day," Chow said at a lecture at Tufts University on Friday. When she developed an ulcer that sent her to the hospital before the age of ten, Chow was forced to stop working and return to school. "I told myself when I was younger that I must write something about this," she said. And she did. Chow has published several books about her research on women, East Asia, gender, and social inequality. In her lecture, Chow used a combination of statistics and biographical anecdotes to illustrate how globalization, the compression of the world in spatial and temporal terms, has benefited large corporations but has forced others, notably women, into low-paying jobs with poor working conditions. She said this mainly leads to wage dependency and depression. "Every time [I have been] to China since 1993, I have seen the living standard increase... but who's paying for it, at what cost?" Chow asked. "Globalization is not just a social process, it is also gendered [and it] perpetuates men's domination and women's subordination." Globalization has created jobs for working-class women in East Asian countries, Chow said. A female assembly line worker making Happy Meal toys might find a degree of personal autonomy in the absence of men. But globalization prevents women from getting better jobs, she said. Women are forced to keep low paying, long hour jobs far from their homes, which drives them into the bottom ranks of the social hierar-

chy. As a result, throughout the world, women are seen as workers instead of people, families are broken apart when women leave children and husbands at home, and gender based violence against women is on the rise. Chow stressed the negative effects of a social structure that places women on the bottom and said that awareness is the first step towards social change. Her "big point is about global forces being gendered," said Susan Ostrander, a professor of sociology at Tufts. "We live in a global society and I think that gender is a critically important piece of that society." Emphasizing the importance of recognizing that our daily lives are affected by the labor of people in other countries, Chow showed pictures of the factories and workers in Taiwan and China that she has researched over the last decade. She used the images to relate women's personal struggles to the effects of a changing world. "You pay \$115 for your dress here," she said, "guess how much the seamstress gets paid?" Laborers in East Asia are mostly young women, some of whom send a part of their meager weekly wages home to children and husbands. Others send money home to parents, who help their daughters save to open small businesses. The biographies of these workers can be heart wrenching, Chow said. In one focus group Chow worked with, everybody started to cry and it took 15 minutes to calm them down. Chow has spent much of the past decade researching in China and Taiwan and gathering information from large factories and the women who work and live nearby. One study of a factory in southern China took a year and a half to complete. Chow and her assistants spent days surveying thousands of workers, and then between 1.5 to three hours in individual, follow-up interviews. "They took the time to tell me their stories," Chow said.

# Foreign students face tougher controls

By **Jody A. Benjamin**  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - When he came to the United States on a student visa four years ago, Spanish citizen Jose Antonio Canas knew there were strings attached. He couldn't work off-campus. He had to pay top tuition of \$25,000 a year. And of course, once he had the degree, he'd have to leave. No problem, said Canas, 22, now a senior at Florida International University hoping to graduate in December with a degree in international business. But with student visas coming under intense scrutiny by legislators, Canas hopes it's not foreign students like him who suffer. "I don't mind them making stronger rules on visas, as long as I still have a chance," said Canas, who lived in Africa and Central America before coming to Florida. "I'm more concerned about the backlash in society. I don't want that to burden me or anybody like me." President Bush last week said the United States will tighten its policies for issuing student visas and begin to monitor foreign students more closely while they are in the United States. Officials have said that at least two of the terrorists who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks had overstayed their student visas. A task force Bush ordered to come up with a plan has yet to be formed, let alone decide

exactly what changes they will make to beef up student visa regulations. But one focus is sure to be revving up an Internet-based data collection system that will help INS track foreign students by giving it student information updated on a quarterly basis. "It's something that needs to happen," said Teresa de la Guardia, director of the University of Miami International Students and Scholars Service Office. "It will be a lot easier for that information to be in a database." After a foreign student was implicated in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, Congress ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to establish the program, but implementation has been slow. Legislators gave INS until January 2003 to do it. Last week, in the wake of the second and much more devastating attack on the World Trade Center, Congress slipped INS \$36.8 million in the anti-terrorism measure to make sure it happens, said INS spokesman Bill

Strassberger. The database will include the student's current address, visa classification, full- or part-time status, and whether school records indicate the student has been convicted of a crime. Information collected in the database won't be public but will be accessible by the INS, the State and Education departments, and possibly other law enforcement, Strassberger said. That's a big change from the current system. Now schools rarely report even basic enrollment information to the INS. "(It happens) usually only when they ask us about a particular student," de la Guardia said. Under the new system, schools will be required to report student information to INS. Students will pay a one-time \$95 fee to INS to defray the costs. At the University of Miami, 1,500 students, a little less than 10 percent of those on campus, are international students studying on temporary visas, de la Guardia said. The largest number hail from China, 130 students, and Colombia, 120 students. Both Florida

International University and Florida Atlantic University report similar percentages. Student advisers said the overall system could use tightening. "The university is all out for diversity, and we do encourage it, but we do need some guidelines in place," said Ingrid Jones, acting director of the International Students and Scholar Services Department at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. "I think it's too loose now." One weakness in the system, Jones said, is the common student practice of applying to several schools at once. Such applicants receive several copies of the I-20 form, the first step needed toward obtaining a valid visa. "For those that don't enroll, we ask that the I-20 be returned, but of course we don't get them back," Jones said. The new program will fix that by automatically canceling unused I-20s, Strassberger said. Canas applied for his visa from Guatemala, where he was living. Normally, applicants stand in long lines around the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City to apply for visas. But Canas said a family connection helped him get his visa faster. "It wasn't corruption or anything like that," he said. "If I didn't qualify for it they wouldn't have given it to me. That's just the way things are done in Guatemala."

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- Jose Antonio Canas, Spanish citizen

## QUARANTINE from pg. 2

or even stadiums to house quarantined people. The United States has a long and checkered history with quarantines, starting with a federal law passed in 1878 to cope with yellow fever outbreaks. In the early 1900s, local public health authorities carried out quarantines. They rarely isolated more than a few people and never did so effectively in a large city. In that era, San Francisco tried to quarantine Chinese-Americans during a tuberculosis epidemic, but the tactic

did not stop the disease's spread, Gostin said. The CDC still has a quarantine division with 81 staffers and field offices in Miami, San Francisco, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle and Honolulu. The division deals with health-hazardous individuals and products entering the country. In the event of a quarantine, it's likely that people would evade restrictions and spread the infection elsewhere, experts said. In one simulation, involving a fake plague that struck at a rock concert in Chicago, questions arose about what to do with people who insisted

on breaking the quarantine said Randy Larsen, director of the ANSER Institute of Homeland Defense, an Arlington, Va., security and science think-tank. "What are your rules of engagement?" asked Larsen, who also teaches military strategy at the National War College. Would a National Guardsman, he asked, shoot a grandmother trying to evade quarantine? Maybe, said Gostin. "You have to use all reasonable force to exercise that power." Sometimes, he added, that could mean lethal force.

For more information, check out the following Web sites:  
The proposed emergency health powers law: [www.publichealthlaw.net/MSEHPA/MSEHPA.pdf](http://www.publichealthlaw.net/MSEHPA/MSEHPA.pdf)  
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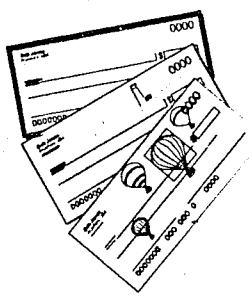
## BOOTCAMP from pg. 3

drill. Bodette ordered a halt and demonstrated the next maneuver with the careful grace of a ballet dancer. Behind him, the recruits struggled to mimic his moves. Bodette watched, clearly disgusted, and then stood nose-to-nose with a recruit. He blasted the boy in a voice that would scare a pro football lineman. "I've got to pretend that I don't care about them. But I do," he said. Normally, recruits can't make phone calls, leave the base or watch TV. But on Sept. 11, recruits with friends or relatives near Washington, D.C. and New York were allowed to call home. Drill instructors allowed their recruits to watch 30 minutes of CNN for several evenings. Since September, drill instructors have continued to talk about current events with their recruits each evening. But the amount of information the recruits receive is limited,

ed, and there's little time for political discussions. There is only one free hour at the end of each day. That hour is also the only time they have for showering and shaving, cleaning their rifles, reading and writing letters, and for every other piece of personal business. The culmination of Marine boot camp is the Crucible, 54 hours of sleep and food deprivation. Five-mile hikes can begin at 2 a.m. Recruits get only 2 MREs - Meals Ready to Eat, or combat food - for the duration. The Crucible is physically challenging, with simulated combat, their locations named after famous Marine battles such as Belleau Woods and Inchon. But it's also a mental test. Many of the skills require solving a problem collectively as a platoon. Success is based on their platoon's performance, not on individual skills. "As long as everybody's with me, I feel fine," said Cometa Amnath, 20, of Detroit. Amnath said he joined the

Marines because a recruiter told him he looked like he would make a good one. "I was proud, like, 'Wow, somebody noticed me,'" Amnath said. Slight, at only 130 pounds, Amnath found the physical training difficult. But halfway through the Crucible he knew he was going to make it. Once they've completed the Crucible, recruits receive their Marine Corps emblem, with eagle, globe and anchor. Only then are they considered Marines. John Ledbetter, 18, joined the Marines right after graduating from high school. He will be an aviation mechanic, a job that's likely to keep him away from the front lines. But he's thought about combat and whether he could kill someone. "Our drill instructors tell us you can't really know until you're put in that situation," Ledbetter said. "You hope you don't get put in that situation, but you'll do what you're trained to do."

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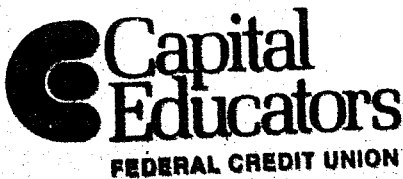
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