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## News Bucket

### Students aim to reform justice system

An organization gaining momentum to change the justice system will meet in an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Hatch A and B Ballroom in the Student Union.

David Lynch, a founding member of the new group, said the U.S. has a retributive justice system.

"We ask the questions what laws are broken, who broke them and how to punish the offender? The restorative system asks, who has been hurt, what are their needs and whose obligations are those needs?" Lynch said.

"Our responsibility as citizens is to do just that." The open house will present clips from documentaries, and a theatrical presentation. After the drama, there will be an opportunity for interested persons to sign on as charter members of the organization.

"We are welcoming students from every discipline," Lynch said. "Justice is an interdisciplinary objective. As the prosecutor of an Oregon district said, 'no matter what you do, you are a citizen first.'"

### Grant helps BSU strengthen service learning

A \$10,000 grant from the Washington Campus Compact will allow Boise State to strengthen its Service Learning program by allowing it to concentrate on its strategic plan to help guide the program through a period of rapid growth.

The programs link course work to real-life experiences while meeting community service needs. Coordinator Kara Hartmann will use the grant to focus on increasing awareness and education among faculty, students and community members.

### 'Holidays Around the World' recognizes diverse cultural celebrations

Boise State hosts "Holidays Around the World," a celebration that recognizes holidays in numerous cultures. The celebration, which is free and open to the public, begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Student Union Jordan Ballroom.

Children and adults will experience hands-on projects such as learning how to write Fa Chun, creating candy-filled stockings, making dolls and beading necklaces. Other activities include music, videos, educational booths, a cultural dance, an air jump, photos with Santa and ethnic appetizers. Community businesses will also display and sell assorted ethnic items.

Participating Boise State organizations include the Island Rhythms Club, Hui-O-Aloha, Vietnamese Student Association, Black Student Alliance, Organization de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos, Hong Kong Student Association, International Student Association and the Intertribal Native Council.

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# SUB expansion fee could indirectly fund faculty pay

## Critics say fee increases violate Idaho Constitution

By Brandon Flala  
The Arbiter

Administrators who promised students an expanded Student Union with a \$25 fee increase now plan to use the money to indirectly pay faculty.

The Executive Budget Committee, which met Friday, unanimously recommended postponing the SUB expansion, and placing the student fees collected for it into a new matriculation fee to be instituted next fall.

ASBSU President Nate Peterson and Imran Ali, his chief of staff, are the only two students on the committee.

Provost and Academic Affairs Vice President Daryl Jones explained how the plan would work:

"The committee recommended that the current \$25 SUB expansion fee be suspended beginning next year indefinitely, and that the \$25 not collected for SUB expansion instead be applied to a matriculation fee," he said.

Critics said the move might violate the Idaho constitution. Idaho Code Title 33, Section 3717 prohibits students in Idaho's public universities from paying for faculty salaries.

But Jones said the new matriculation fee doesn't mean money allocated for SUB expansion is being spent for other purposes.

"We're stopping one fee and starting a different one," he said.

The new fee, however, could set a dangerous precedent, said Leah Barrett, Student Union director.

"I am concerned of the precedent that this might set that a fee is reallocated," Barrett said. "It makes it more difficult for any organization to sell a

fee increase to students."

Peterson said students might be wary of future fee increases if they know their money can be reallocated during recessions.

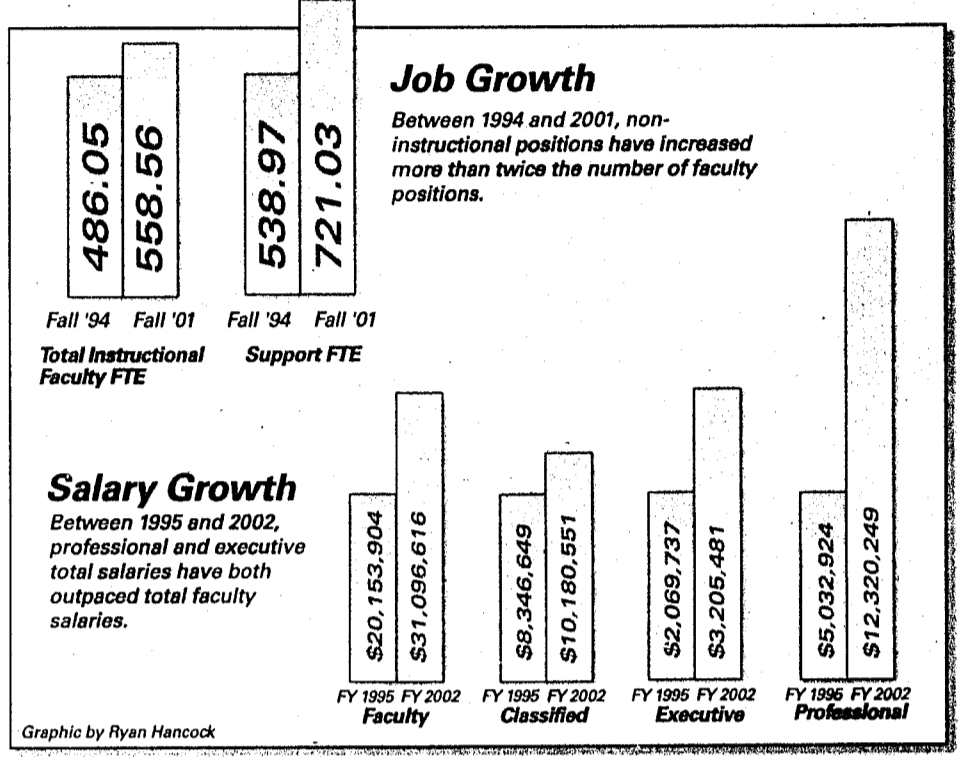
Jones said the \$25 fee paid by full-time students during the current academic year, to total nearly \$600,000, will be set aside for future use, possibly for SUB expansion.

Peterson said that despite voting to postpone SUB expansion, committee members were still unwilling to discuss faculty and administrative pay cuts, in addition to other cost saving measures.

"The administration offers no alternative to either raising student fees or cutting faculty," he said. "So students are indirectly paying for faculty. Is that honest or ethical?"

In an impact study submitted to the governor's office on Oct. 29, President Charles Ruch wrote, "Anything less than a 10 percent increase in student fees would likely require elimination of all 87 current faculty vacancies and first and second year faculty."

Ruch explained the connection between student fees and faculty salaries. He stated that fee increases would be added to the matriculation



fee to cover support services so that reduced state money could pay for instruction.

Peterson countered that students will pay more for support services - services previously paid for by the state.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the university to take state money for support services and use it to pay for faculty," Peterson said.

Kevin Satterlee, special assistant to the vice president for finance and administration, and former chief legal officer for the State Board of Education, said students don't pay for

instruction, but will pay more for support services.

"Any state institution of higher education cannot charge tuition to Idaho residents," Satterlee said. "The legislature ... has defined the matriculation fee as not tuition."

Matriculation fees can only be used for three areas; physical plant, student services and institutional support.

But students only fund about 97 percent of physical plant and student services, and provide no funding for institutional support.

"There is about a \$13 million gap see FEE on pg. 8



Brian Newkirk gets his prescription checked by Eyemasters. Eyemasters also hosted a drawing for free glasses during the Health Fair held in the Student Union Building last Wednesday. Other organizations at the fair include Planned Parenthood, The Healing Arts Institute, and St Luke's.

## Kinesiology students coordinate health fair

By Andy Benson  
The Arbiter

Dr. Caile Spear's Kinesiology 440 Health Promotion class put on the 5th annual REACH Health and Benefits Fair last Wednesday in the Jordan Ballroom to end a semester of work for the students in the class.

The fair was designed to educate attendees on the advantages of a healthy life style and to also provide information to Boise State employees regarding benefits.

"The students worked so hard," Spear said. "This is their project for the whole semester."

Students were required to plan, implement, and evaluate the Health Fair to complete the project.

"They put in 13 weeks of work for this. It's almost like a wedding, you plan for months to have this event," said Spear.

Students taking part in the event intended to create an informative and interactive program.

"We are here to promote healthy lifestyles. We want to have a fun interactive health fair for BSU students," said Amy Rakowska, senior in the Kinesiology Department and member of the fair's advertising committee.

Lisa Kolesar, also a senior,

agreed.

"I think that it's an awesome project. I don't think you can get more hands-on experience then putting on a health fair for health promotion," she said.

Participation for the event was strong with 824 people attending despite poor weather.

"Considering how horrible the weather is, we're thrilled with the turnout," said Spear.

Food was donated from the Idaho Food Bank, totaling 152 items and \$400 was raised to purchase fresh produce.

Participating vendors see HEALTH on pg. 8

## IPSA sits on toilets for charity

By Andy Benson  
The Arbiter

The BSU chapter of the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance will be holding the 5th. annual Kan-for-Kids fundraiser in the Quad today.

For 48 hours, legislators, environmentalists, labor activists and university leaders will sit on a toilet to raise

money for hungry families in Idaho. Funds raised will be split evenly between families of migrant farm workers and families of displaced Boise Cascade workers.

IPSA said that last year's event raised over \$3,000. Organizers hope to match that amount again this year. The Kan-for-Kids event has raised over \$10,000 since it's inception.

"The main goals are to both assist the hungry but at the same time draw attention to issues that IPSA is working on," said Devin Kelly, IPSA co-president.

The group has been working to create a smart paper initiative on campus that would encourage the use of recycled paper products.

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## Executive Budget Committee pushes 12% fee hike

By Andy Benson  
The Arbiter

The Executive Budget Committee voted last Friday to recommend a 12 percent

student fee hike despite opposition from A S B S U President Nate Peterson and Chief of Staff Imran Ali.

The committee met to find ways to deal with the impending budget crunch next year and approved three measures for the year to come.

The first measure was to suspend the SUB expansion and apply the \$25 fee increase, slated for that expansion, to matriculation expenses.

The matriculation fee is used to pay for institution costs and is not used to pay faculty. The transfer frees up approximately \$600,000 per year in the overall university budget, which the administration would apply to faculty salaries.

The second measure endorsed raising student fees 12 percent for next year.

All originally moved to raise student fees by 12 percent only if the Legislature cut the Boise State budget by 10 percent, the worst-case scenario.

After much debate, the committee voted to recommend a 12 percent rate,

regardless of the actual budget cut next year.

The third measure recommended that fee increases only be applied to matriculation (institutional support), rather than new fees for student activities.

Provost and Committee Chair Daryl Jones said the measure is intended to prevent the introduction of new student fees other than those for matriculation.

"The committee will be disposed to consider only an increase in matriculation fees," he said.

"We will have open hearings and anyone can submit anything that they want. But this is fair warning that the committee is concerned about devoting all the fee increase to matriculation."

The amount of money saved from increased fees and halting the SUB expansion fee reallocation was estimated to be approximately \$3.8 million. A budget shortfall of \$7.9 million is expected if the Legislature passes a 10 percent budget reduction.

Students will shoulder approximately half of the burden if Boise State experiences a 10 percent budget cut.

The decision to increase student fees was hotly contested.

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*"I personally think that the make-up of the committee is crap. Because the people who are most affected by fee increases are the students. Faculty do not have to pay fees to work here. They should not get a larger vote on fee increases, bottom line."*

- Brooke Baldwin, Senate Pro Tem



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# News

## Tenure policies spark debate

By Laura Wylde  
The Arbiter

Tenure, as defined by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), is indispensable to the success of a university.

But according to some, tenure is becoming a threatened institutional practice.

"The academic community has never lacked for proposals that would undermine tenure and thus its role in serving students and society," writes the AAUP in a prepared statement.

The document states, "Among such current proposals one in particular requires comment...It proposes that prospective faculty members accept renewable term appointments in return for some advantage, such as a higher salary, accelerated leave..."

The AAUP is concerned institutions may try to persuade faculty members to forgo

tenure for incentives that may seem appealing, but actually endangers academic freedom.

"The bartering of future tenure for present advantage is sometimes based on the claim that the tenure system actually harms them," writes the AAUP. But "the claim of a mutually optimal exchange assumes not only that both parties are better off, but also that no one is made worse off by the bargain."

Though institutions like AAUP argue there is a decline in both institutions offering tenure and professors applying for tenure, Boise State Provost Darryl Jones has not noticed a trend with tenure.

"Tenure remains an important tradition in academic life, and is an important part of the total compensation package we are able to provide faculty," he said.

Stacy Pearson, associate vice president of finance and

administration and the assistant to the Provost, said that Boise State is not taking any action to remove tenure. It is the State Board of Education who makes the policy regarding tenure.

Pearson said the university recruits for instruction on a national basis, and removing the tenure process would demean these positions.

"There is no action from this university to abolish tenure," Pearson said. "BSU simply could not go against that because it would influence accreditation."

Jones said a tenure decision at BSU is usually made during the fifth or sixth year of a faculty member's employment.

"It is important to understand the tenure decision is above and beyond the yearly evaluation," Jones said.

However, according to the National Education

Association web site, "No more than one-third of all college and university faculty members are tenured. The reason? More and more colleges are relying on part-time or temporary non-tenure-track faculty to teach undergraduates."

An update published in September, 1998 from the NEA argues there is a 47 percent increase of total faculty from 1976 to 1995, with a 17 percent decrease of full time new hires.

To explain these statistics, the NEA claims, "In part it represents a cost saving strategy by colleges and universities."

Boise State's annual budget of about \$73 million for instruction breaks down to compensate 187 full time professors, 152 associate professors, 128 assistants, seven instructors and 74 applied technology instructors.

Out of 548 faculty members, 334 currently have tenure and

113 are on a tenure track. According to the NEA web site, when a tenured professor retires or a new position is created, the new position is often not on a tenure track.

"Colleges say this gives them greater flexibility to meet student needs. But the real reason is to save money, and the real effect is to lower standards."

The NEA argues that to reach high educational standards, institutions should have a corps of full-time, experienced faculty in charge of the academic program and committed to the institution.

"To keep up quality for the next generation of students, we need to keep up opportunities for the new generation of faculty," according to the NEA web site.

For more information, log on to <http://www.nea.org> and <http://www.aaup.org>.

Monday auditions for the Holiday Gala presented by the Student Programs Board, will be open to children of BSU students, faculty and staff. The Holiday Gala will benefit the Idaho Children's Arts Network (ICAN). Rehearsals will be held throughout the week from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the culminating performances at both 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Special Events Center, 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 426-1223.

A medieval drama production, "Just Axe Me," begins at 7:30 p.m. today in the Liberal Arts Building Room 106. BSU's English department class, Medieval Drama class presents the show. Tickets are \$6 for general audiences and \$4 for students, faculty, staff and seniors. Call 426-1213 for more information.

"A Night With the Stars," an evening of star-gazing with telescopes on the roof of the Education building, is presented by the Black Holez, Boise State's new astronomy club. The event begins at 7 p.m. going until 11 p.m. today. Admission is \$1 for students with ID, faculty and staff or \$2 for the general public.

A "Speech Showcase," presented by the Boise State Communication department begins at 7 p.m. today in the Jordan Ballroom. Free. Call 426 1907.

Sean Anderson will present a terrorism lecture beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Jordan Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 for general audiences and free to students, faculty and staff.

Student Union and Activities presents Noon Tunes beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Public Forum Lounge.

Student Programs Board presents the film, "Office Space" starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Special Events Center. The movie is free for BSU students, faculty and staff and \$1 for general audiences.

St. Luke's mobile mammography unit will be in the Administration parking lot from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Boise State Women's Center, nursing department, Health and Wellness Center and HersWest sponsor the unit. For an appointment call 381-2055.

"Cabaret," begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday and runs until Thursday at the Morrison Center Main Hall. The Theater League of Idaho presents this play. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$42.50. Call Select-a-Seat at 426-1110, or [www.idahotickets.com](http://www.idahotickets.com) for more ticket information.

## Anthrax: An epidemic of fear, not infection

By Matt Neznanski  
The Arbiter

It seems like everyone is talking about Anthrax lately. After letters laced with powder showed up in Congress and citizens have contracted the disease, the response to the threat of infection has reached a fevered pitch.

The fear of getting ill may be the only epidemic that is affecting the American people, according to Russell Centanni, Boise State biology professor.

"We are dealing with an epidemic of afraids, not of anthrax," he said.

Centanni is an expert on communicable diseases, and has been recognized for his work on HIV.

Anthrax is naturally occurring in the alkaline soil of various regions of the United States. The bacteria are transferred to livestock and most infections develop in people who come into contact with the affected animals, through shearing or handling animal hides.

According to Centanni, when the environment becomes too harsh for the bacteria to go about its regular routine, it is genetically programmed to build an endosphere around itself to protect its genetic material.

"The endosphere is resistant to heat and radiation, so boiling and microwaving it won't harm it," he said.

The bacteria can remain in this form for an extended period of time.

When it finally comes into a nutritious environment like the lungs, it begins its normal

processes of reproducing, eating, and excreting.

The excretion of the adema toxin is what causes the symptoms of infection in humans.

"The adema factor is what contributes to the dry land drowning of the infected. The lungs fill with adema fluid," said Centanni.

He said anthrax is relatively easy to find — only requiring the simplest of equipment.

"I would be disappointed if someone who finished my microbiology class couldn't isolate the spores in soil," said Centanni.

Centanni notes that the large numbers of people who have access to that simple knowledge widen the scope of the pool of suspects enormously.

The numbers thin, however, in those people who have the resources and knowledge of how to weaponize the organism. The filters and incubating equipment required to complete the process are expensive.

"It doesn't seem, however, that terrorists have a shortage of money," said Centanni.

As horrifying as the symptoms of the disease are, the cure may be just as dangerous.

"I believe that we are too quick to grab for the antibiotics," said Centanni.

Using antibiotic medication as a measure of protection from infection actually has the opposite effect.

Centanni said killing off the weaker strains of bacteria with antibiotics actually serves to select for stronger

## Flu and anthrax symptoms

Approximate percentages of cases with each symptom:

	Inhalation anthrax	Flu
<i>More common in anthrax</i>		
• Shortness of breath	80%	6%
• Nausea or vomiting	80%	12%
• Chest discomfort or pain when breathing	60%	35%
<i>More common in flu</i>		
• Runny nose	10%	79%
• Sore throat	20%	64% to 84%
• Muscle aches	50%	67% to 94%
• Headache	50%	84% to 91%
<i>Similar frequency</i>		
• Fever or chills	100%	83% to 90%
• Fatigue or malaise	100%	75% to 94%
• Mild or dry cough	90%	84% to 93%
• Elevated temperature	70%	68% to 77%
• Abdominal pain	30%	22%

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versions of it, which may be resistant to treatment measures.

"Fatalities from the E. coli bacteria rose from 5 percent to 64 percent between 1996 and 1999," said Centanni.

He explained that the E. coli bacteria cause most urinary tract infections. Ciprofloxacin (Cipro) is used to treat many of these infections.

"Cipro resistant strains of the bacteria will rise to fill the gap left by the strains that die off," said Centanni.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) monitors the spread of disease across the country, and has expressed

its concern over the widespread use of antibiotics as a preventative measure.

In a CDC health advisory, the agency recommended using doxycycline, another type of antibiotic to treat the cases of confirmed anthrax.

The advisory noted that the type of anthrax being used was susceptible to doxycycline.

In the advisory, officials said, "In order to preserve the effectiveness of Cipro against

infection, CDC recommends using doxycycline instead."

On its website, Bayer Pharmaceuticals, manufacturer of Cipro, stresses the use of antibiotics only when prescribed for a documented

bacterial infection.

Centanni said there have been reports of people buying antibiotics over the Internet and across the U.S. border.

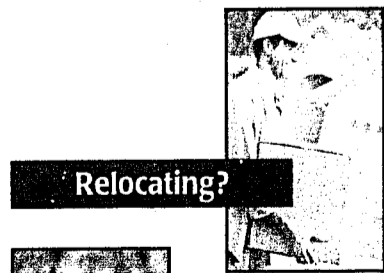
"Don't run to the medication unless there is reason to believe that you have been exposed to anthrax," said Centanni.

"In Africa, 3,000 people a day die of AIDS. Between 12,000 and 13,000 people die each day in car accidents, you don't see people not getting into their cars," he said.

Centanni said the terrorists who sent anthrax-laden letters sent them to strategically important figures who would make the most noise about being targeted.

"Whoever was doing this made their point," he said.

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# Opinion

## Diversity Board intolerant of dissenting views

After attending the Cultural Ethnic and Diversity Board last Friday I was angry and offended. Certain board members were dismissing my questions and arguments because of my race.

I went to the meeting because a co-worker of mine showed me a memo and a petition that was being forwarded by some people on the board, but not by the board as a whole. I went to speak about free speech, that Jerel Thomas (From Right Field columnist) has the right to print his opinions in the Arbiter even if they are ignorant, base and offensive.

The petition called for Jerel to be fired because those signing it, "wanted a university free of intolerance and bigotry." I shared with the board that I thought the petition was intolerant of Jerel. My colleague Ali Ishaq put it best when he said, "address him, don't suppress him." Ali couldn't be more right.

Still, I felt that I was shown hostility, contempt and little respect. I was interrupted mid-sentence numerous times, and if it weren't for the woman sitting beside me, no one on the board would have noticed just how rude it was that me and my colleague Jacquie Bair were ignored and interrupted several times.

It was though anything that I said didn't matter to the board. They were more comfortable dealing with me as a stereotype and labeling me: blond privileged white girl. Interestingly enough, I did not argue when I was told that I was speaking from "white privilege" because I know that being white lets me blend in here in Idaho.

I know that my race affords me the privilege of not worrying about some hate groups marking me and victimizing me. However, as the meeting continued, I started to think about how convenient it was for board members to put me in a category without knowing who I am or who my family is.

I am the only child in my family with blond hair and green eyes. Like my brother and sister, I am thin. They, however, are much taller than I am, and their hair is almost black. They look just like my father who is a Cherokee Indian. I guess I'm the odd one in the family.

My family is from Kentucky and West Virginia, and my grandmother on my dad's side told me everything she could about her experience as a Cherokee woman. I was too young to know how important it was to try and remember everything I could about her. Unfortunately she died when I was eleven years old.

My grandparents on my mother's side were Irish immigrants. They lived in West Virginia for the remainder of their lives. My grandfather worked in the coal mines, like my father, and was a strong union man. I feel that even if I led a privileged life, which the homeless shelters and social workers would definitely refute, I should be listened to.

I guess I am privileged because I have been able to experience absolute displacement, poverty, homelessness and be judged by people because of my class status. At least I have some real experience when I speak about such things. I am grateful for that.

Even if I led a wealthy life and partied with George W's daughters, I should have been at least listened to and not responded to with, "Well, if you were a part of a victim group you would understand."

I think that is a great way to kill discussion, but a poor way to address an issue.

In fairness, the issues discussed were sacred and emotional for many people there. His article on Native Americans is particularly disgusting because of its arrogance and lack of factual information. However, when writing an opinion, you do not have to be factual or polite. It is an opinion.

I feel that real tolerance is allowing all voices to be heard. Tolerance, like free speech, is something that cannot be spoken of only when it is convenient for a certain interest. I think it is time for all of us to examine what we mean when we say we are "tolerant."

I did not feel that the CED Board was very tolerant of any argument or opinion that wasn't aligned with their own. As a matter of fact, I ran into two members of the board later that day whom I did not know before the meeting and they told me they were surprised I handled myself so well in light of the way I was being addressed and interrupted over and over.

I was warned, though. Several students and a few administrators told me that if I spoke out for Jerel's First Amendment rights at the CED Board meeting then I would be delegitimized because of my race. One man, who is Latino, told me that my opinions would be met with venom.

It wasn't quite as dramatic as "venom" but it was pretty damn close. I truly hope that we all continue to talk about the issues of race, privilege and hate, and when we do discuss these things, let's actually listen to each other instead of waiting for our chance to talk.

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Kara Janney

## Forget Terrorism: Fight AIDS

Last Saturday was World AIDS Day, a special day to remember those who have died of complications of the disease and a day to celebrate those living with it.

I found it upsetting that I never saw anyone else but myself wearing a red ribbon all last week except those helping as part of the activities of HIV/AIDS awareness week.

After seeing several news networks do their two-minute segment on the scourge twenty years of AIDS has left us with and then turning back once again to the news on this war on terrorism, I was disappointed.

Why does it seem that AIDS, even during the twenty-year anniversary, is no longer in the spotlight? Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is one of the worst pandemics the world has ever known. It is responsible for the deaths of 21.8 million people that we know of according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Is it possible that the world's governments no longer think of AIDS as a threat?

To understand the havoc that AIDS has on the world one must understand the high mortality rate of people who are infected. There are three million people living in the city of Chicago, which is the same number of people who died worldwide of AIDS in the year 2000, meaning a population the size of the third most populated city in the U.S. are perishing annually.

That same year, 5.3 million new HIV infections occurred—about 16,000 new cases per day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 800,000 to 900,000 people in the United States are currently infected with HIV with each year bringing 40,000 new cases.

With all these alarming statistics why should this insidious disease be ignored? Since a large percent of those infected worldwide live in Africa it becomes easy to say that it is Africa's problem; however, according to David Bloom, professor of economics and demography at Harvard University's School of Public Health, "In a global economy, none of us are insulated. The African AIDS crisis previews what potentially awaits the businesses and other economics that are more significant in the global economy like India, Brazil, China and Russia."

"The U.S. government now believes that HIV is a security threat," says Mark Feinberg, a professor at Emory University School of Medicine and an AIDS researcher since 1984. "What happens to one people will eventually affect all those around them."

HIV infection numbers are now on the rise in Asian and European countries according to the CDC. Our country has the power to completely annihilate another country's entire government—shouldn't that power also be used to eradicate the most influential disease of our time?

It took the lives of thousands for the government to take a bite out of terrorism even after hundreds had already died at the U.S. Embassy bombings and other acts of terrorism. What will it take for our nation and its allies to set a powerful onslaught toward a cure and/or vaccine for AIDS?

Will it take the infection of one congressman, powerful bureaucrat, or Supreme Court justice to take the necessary steps? I suppose that is why they call it politics.

Yes, we need to sweep up terrorist scum in the world and it is easier to do that because there is now a need and international desire to do it. It is more difficult to stop a disease that is known for its insidiousness. It is an enigma, a secret plague that continues to affect so many people—one of the most stigmatizing diseases in history. Is it any wonder why the families and friends of AIDS victims create blankets for their loved one—for a disease whose very name envelopes our emotions and conjures up feelings of despair, loss, and grief.

Until our nation and nations like it unite to put on a cleverly devised attack against AIDS, much like they did for the cause in Afghanistan, then the band will continue to play on and the world will lose another Chicago.

## Street Wise

By Daniel Wolf

### Should Jerel Thomas be removed from The Arbiter based on his articles concerning Native Americans and leftist intellectuals?



Sam Mayfield

"Absolutely, because I don't think that students' funds should be used for ... propagating hate speech. There's a difference between freedom of speech and hate speech, and the type of publication that he is doing is just inciting riots in people. He has incited a riot in me."



Randy King

"I don't think he should be kicked off, but I like the editor's choice letting people argue with him about it. I think that any time you could have free speech it's good, but I don't really agree (with him). I think he should be able to stay."



Matthew Alred

"I don't always agree with his articles but I think that he has some important messages and he certainly has a right to speak."



Tim Kerssen

"If he is that harsh about it he probably shouldn't be writing. Everybody is entitled to an opinion. But if it's that far of a right wing opinion most people don't want to hear it."

## U.S. attacks leaves country in shambles

By Nate Williams  
The Arbiter

Well, it seems as if the U.S. is closing in on its avowed enemy, the Taliban. No doubt the fall of the fundamentalist regime will be met with euphoric celebration here in the U.S.

Many will wave their flags wildly in the air, celebrating the U.S.'s most recent victory in securing global safety and peace for all; thankful this holiday season that they can over-consume as usual, with the added benefit this year of feeling patriotic about buying unneeded crap for their families.

There will probably be a markedly different response from the almost seven million "liberated" Afghans on the verge of starvation within Afghanistan's borders.

In lieu of winter's rapid approach and the recent Northern Alliance victories, which have shut down crucial food supply routes in the southern part of the nation, it's not a question of if, but of how many innocent Afghani civilians will die of starvation in the coming months.

On Nov. 21, the president of Conscience International, a humanitarian aid organization, reported that, "...the sudden expansion of Northern Alliance territories, although opening the possibility of deliveries from the north, actually stopped the food convoys from Pakistan and Iran for several days because truck drivers are reluctant to travel into a militarily volatile situation. For every day lost now, some people will die down the line."

Sarah Zaidi, of the Center for Economic and Social Rights expressed similar sentiments, "The biggest obstacle to the relief effort is now posed by U.S. partners. Northern Alliance warlords have sabotaged supply routes inside Afghanistan, while Pakistan and other neighboring countries continue to seal their borders and prevent desperate people from reaching food and safety."

Rather than seeking to score PR points, the U.S. military should pressure its allies to allow free movement to Afghans and to UN and private relief agencies. Ensuring that thousands of Afghans do not starve to death this winter is both a moral imperative and a human rights obligation for all parties who have contributed to the crisis—including the U.S. Given its record of human rights abuses, however, I wouldn't hold my breath.

Zaidi brings up an interesting point, however, were the food packets dropped by U.S. military as a PR ploy? According to Justin Podur, a writer for Znet (www.zmag.org) here are the facts: During a few days of the conflict the U.S. military dropped 37,500 food packets on Afghanistan, about one for every 200 Afghans facing starvation daily.

Shortly after dropping them, the U.S. military warned Afghani civilians that the Taliban might be poisoning the packets. Further complicating the situation is the fact that U.S. military also dropped cluster bombs on Afghans. These are bombs that disperse into bomblets

and do not explode on impact, functionally they're equivalent to landmines. Incidentally, they're the same color as the food packets. Funny, they didn't mention this information on the "Good Morning America" piece I saw concerning the food drops.

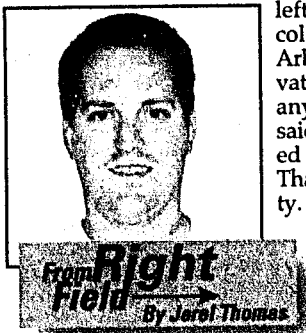
Starvation is only one aspect of the larger picture. Sadly, U.S. victory in Afghanistan gives us little to celebrate and much to be ashamed of. As is custom, we most likely won't hear about any of it in the self-congratulating accolades of the U.S. media. I urge you, before proudly waving your U.S. flag, think twice. Do some investigating and find out about what is really being done in your name across the globe.

A nation that claims to be the enemy of terrorism shouldn't be responsible for the murder and starvation of thousands of innocent people. A president who carries out such actions shouldn't be popular among the people, he should be reproved.

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# Left seeks conformity over diversity

Diversity means difference or dissimilarity. Leftists tell us all the time how we are supposed to celebrate diversity. They think they are on a higher intellectual plane with their pleas for all people to accept the different viewpoints of others and to embrace those people with different ideas so we can all get along. It just sounds so loving and compassionate.



Of course, leftists are also known as hypocrites. I have proof here. I have just received word that the First Nations Conference Committee and (can you believe it?) the BSU Cultural and Ethnic Diversity Board is passing around a petition to get me fired from this grand publication.

Why would they want to see me lose my job? Could it be because I have a different opinion than they do? They just don't seem to be celebrating the diversity of ideas, do they? It is just as I have always said: Leftists want nothing to do with diversity, they want conformity. Conform to their ideas or else.

One would think that these two groups would be thanking me for all I've done for their cause. I'm not kidding here. Let's look at some facts. November is Native American Month. What has this campus been talking about for the past four weeks? There has been a strong debate about the American Indian because I started writing about it. Look at the opportunity that I gave these groups to express their viewpoints and ideas.

I am the reason they were able to get so many people to hear their views, and now they want me gone. Talk about biting the hand that feeds. They would have better success in telling advertisers that it cost extra to put their ad next to my column due to the exposure it brings, rather than trying to convince advertisers to pull their ads based solely on my

opinion. But the issue goes deeper than this. Leftists on campus are trying to squash all free thought. Leftists do not like me because I say things that they disagree with. Believe it or not, there used to be a left wing opinion columnist at The Arbiter. We conservatives did not like anything that she said, but we defended her right to say it. That is true diversity.

One can only assume that the left is admitting defeat in the arena of ideas. They cannot compete with conservatives on the battlefield of ideas. I am dangerous to them, which is very amusing. They label me as racist, bigot, ignorant. They say I cannot spell and use poor grammar (by saying my papers are "badly written").

This is the description of the man they fear the most. This is a description of the person who is winning the battle of ideas. What does it say about the left when they are getting their butts kicked by an ignorant person with a learning disability?

The left is moving to their last resort, which is to try and silence the voice of conservatism. They know they cannot win based on the merits of their arguments. This is obvious in their numerous attack letters about me.

They call me a nazi, a racist, stupid and ignorant. Never once did I use a derogatory term to describe a Native American. The Diversity Board would have a better claim of calling me a racist if I referred to the American Indian in the same manner as they refer to me.

College campuses are supposed to be the sacred ground of free speech. All I have done during the last semester is bring a different perspective into the arena of ideas. These silly boards that claim to promote diversity want nothing of the sort.

## Free speech on campus should be defended

Your headline editorial Thursday is an excellent defense of free speech. To quote the article, its points were (in my opinion, at least) both "valid and well articulated." In pleasant contrast to many others on this subject, your story was readable and not laden with emotion.

College campuses have, historically, encouraged free speech. Unfortunately (and ironically), some individuals and institutions alike have found tolerance and diversity as reasons to prohibit oral or written debate of topics which they deem offensive.

Thanks for reminding all of us that the free exchange of opinions is essential for discovering truth, disseminating knowledge and identifying assumptions.

These are, after all, the purposes of education.

Cecilia Merz  
Graduate student

## Communists, fascists and baseball

Left field, right field, it's tough to believe there could be such a huge difference in two positions in a baseball game.

The right field calls the left field communists. The left field claims the right field to be racists, fascists and Nazis. Since I am none of the above mentioned, where do I fit in the political game? Center field?

I surely hope not, because then I would get caught in the crossfire. And with as much mud as both sides seem to be slinging I would be covered from unintentional sludge before I had a real chance to figure out what it is all about. Perhaps I could be first baseman, or maybe pitcher. At least then I would be out of the line of fire between these two camps.

I understand the idea of logical debate, and I fully endorse it. It's the most important of all of this country's strengths. We can disagree and debate. And because of that, the best ideas win. Many other countries can hardly believe that we are allowed to disagree with the current regime.

They call it treason, sedi-

# Letters to the editor

tion and a half a dozen other terrible things that are generally punishable by death. For example, the Taliban, when they were in power in Afghanistan, had the policy that if you do anything that wasn't in their hard-line Muslim beliefs, such as disagreeing with the government officials, or women going to school, you were executed. Aren't both sides grateful to live in this great country? I know I am.

This is my problem. Logical debates should debate arguments and ideas, not attack the people giving the arguments. If your argument is so much better, then it should destroy the other arguments by the facts, not by the vehemence you use in presenting it.

So what's the need for this name-calling?

Joe Terry

## BSU advertising photo misleading

While roaming through the Boise airport after a student conference in Portland, I walked past the sign that Boise State has in the airport to promote the campus.

It is a good sign, but one picture just did not look right for the campus.

It is a picture of some (alleged) students in a desert area conducting what appears to be a survey of the landscape. So I decided to inquire into the picture.

After some investigating, I finally found out that it is a picture of BSU administrators Peg and Larry Blake that was taken outside of the borders of Idaho, in Nebraska of all places.

Why is this picture on the sign promoting BSU?

I imagine you'd be hard-pressed to find another university that promotes student life on campus with photographs of members of the administration on their signs.

Apparently, the University of Idaho had done the same thing about two years ago when they superimposed

African Americans in their campus brochure for recruiting purposes.

Even though that can in a way be justified to promote a certain amount of diversity for their campus, it is still misleading.

Both instances are deceptive and misleading advertisements.

However, where U of I clearly wanted to distinguish itself as diverse, it is hard to understand why BSU administrators would put one of their college (separate college) pictures on a poster advertising the BSU experience.

In this day and age, do we still expect advertisers to lie in order to sell a product? We don't expect public universities to do the same, but they have, as U of I and BSU will offer clear evidence.

If BSU wants to advertise its stellar administration to prospective students, so be it. Just don't pass off those administrators as students of this university.

The sadness, or rather the irony, of the picture is that it does have some truth. The truth being that certain administrators will put themselves before the fine students of this university.

Trevor Klein  
ASBSU student relations coordinator

## Thomas debate not merely a free speech issue

I read today with interest your column entitled "Free speech lives at the Arbiter." By asserting the controversies surrounding publication of Jarol Thomas's columns this month merely revolve around issues of free speech, you insinuate that those readers deeply offended by the columns don't comprehend the concept of freedom of the press, or are incapable of intel-

ligently debating subjects without reflexively engaging in knee-jerk overreaction.

The issues with Mr. Thomas's columns have more to do with editorial judiciousness than freedom of speech. The Arbiter has engaged Mr. Thomas to write an opinion column purportedly as a forum for views commonly held by political conservatives, yet Native-American bashing hasn't been a plank in any party platform for over 100 years.

Mr. Thomas's columns this past month have been all over the map, if not incoherent, as to what exactly he's writing about. Taken as a whole, his November columns portray Native American culture as savage and uncivilized, and grossly misrepresent and oversimplify established history.

Few readers with as much as a high-school education would consider the issue of Native American suffering and treatment at the hands of the 19th century American government open for debate. Mr. Thomas's opinions on the subject of Native-Americans are hardly "right" or "left." The only issue Mr. Thomas presents for intelligent discussion is the degree of his ignorance.

You state in your column The Arbiter would not print an opinion article that attacks a group of people without making a point, but then say it's up to readers to determine your criteria only after said article has been published. Mr. Thomas's articles this past month have served little purpose other than to needlessly slam an entire ethnic subgroup.

By your own criteria, you should have questioned the publication of these articles, or at least questioned the publication of Mr. Thomas's rambling, juvenile responses to critics of his original article, further inflaming the issue without adding an iota of substance.

What's next? An article by Mr. Thomas for Black History Month recasting slavery as a simple farm labor issue? Carry the torch for free speech, but don't hide behind it. Set standards for your paper and live up to the responsibilities required of any editor.

Shad Jensen

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# Schools are making it tough for the military

By Holly Bezant  
The Technician (North Carolina State U.)

RALEIGH, N.C. - Military recruiters must meet certain recruiting quotas each year in order to keep the 1.4 million active-duty member requirement. This means that there needs to be about 200,000 new recruits annually. If the war on terror in Afghanistan continues for years, the U.S. Defense Department will have to increase the yearly quota.

The military recruiters depend a lot on public high schools around the country. Since there is no draft, the recruiters have to find different ways to reach students and oth-

ers who may be interested in joining the military.

Unfortunately, the recruiters are facing a large obstacle. Approximately 31 percent of the nation's public high schools forbid or limit campus visits by the military and refuse to provide the armed forces with student contact information. This, in turn, is making it more difficult for the recruiters to fill their quotas and is forcing them to work harder to find students in places such as malls or bowling alleys.

If Congress passes an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, these limits could be lifted. The bill, which has gotten the green light in committee, requires

public schools to release the names, addresses and phone numbers of all high school seniors unless their parents say no.

A previous statute that was enacted over the summer required schools to give military recruiters the same access as other recruiters, unless the local school board votes to restrict that access.

However, the public schools are still trying to dance around the statute by allowing university and corporation recruiters access while limiting access to military recruiters. There is no difference between military and college recruiting, and, in fact, the military provides a college education for many peo-

ple. The armed forces also provide jobs that can rival those that corporations offer. To refuse access to military recruiters is ridiculous and makes the school appear as though it does not support the country.

The decision to not release contact information is understandable; the student and his or her parents should give permission first. But there is no way for a student who is interested in the armed forces to gain information in time to join upon completion of high school without the student being allowed to provide the contact information to the recruiters.

One House representative, Johnny Isakson, who has

aggressively backed the bill, has spoken to the education secretary about withholding federal funds from public schools that ignore the legislation. This move is unlikely to occur, but to even consider the idea is absurd. The United States is experiencing budget cuts all over the country, with education faring the worst. Before budget cuts, especially in North Carolina, education was receiving the scraps from the table, and now it is experiencing worse neglect. Even thinking of restricting funds to schools is a travesty in these times.

The schools denying military recruiters access need to wake up and smell the coffee.

We need to allow the recruiters to do their job in the schools — the places from which the most new recruits come. This need is especially strong now as we are fighting Afghanistan and will be so for the duration of the war.

The schools should not be forced to give recruiters the contact information of their students unless the parents allow it or if the students are of legal age to decide for themselves. The schools also should not face federal funding cuts if they refuse to comply.

A common ground must be established, and soon.

# Working at Abercrombie lacks individualism

By Evan Williams  
Daily News (Ball State U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. — When my brother was in high school, he wasn't pretty.

He had little glasses, shaggy long hair down to his chin, oversized-ragged jeans that he wore with his beautiful underwear hanging out, and he walked like Igor because the crotch of his pants was down at his knees.

After high school, he went to college, made the dean's list and by the time he was done with his degree, he only Polo could touch his body.

He started lifting weights in college and bulked up a lit-

tle (which includes gaining a little weight), and now he wears a 32 inch waist.

Now, he is a manager at Abercrombie and Fitch. Since he's manager, I was lucky enough to get a job with him over the winter break.

After refusing to wear their clothes for so long, I broke down.

I'm a traitor to nonconformity, I know, but I needed the job and I had a connection — it literally fell in my lap, along with a pair of jeans and two shirts.

I am now an employee of Abercrombie and Fitch, the store where the hottest of the hot go and buy clothes that

are sizes too small for them.

To work there, clothes must be bought-to-fit so we can show off the latest styles, strut our stuff, flip back our hair and smile wicked, sexy smiles to everyone we look at, especially when we're bending over to pick something up off the floor.

The problem with being new at a store like this is, well, when the employees have to dress with the latest fashions, and the people shopping in the store wear the latest fashions, it's hard to keep track of who's working and who's shopping.

We don't get those cool shirts like Old Navy that say

"staff." While folding shirts, one of my co-workers asked if he could help me find anything.

"Uhh," I said. I wasn't sure what to tell him, because apparently he had the same problem I did. "No, I'm doing alright," I told him and walked away with a pile of shirts and continued to fold at another table.

I finally realized who worked at the store that Friday when the same people were in the store with me for five hours.

Then after I got bored folding shambled piles of shirts, I decided to work the changing room and stand

and herd preteen girls in and out of the dressing room with hoochie clothes.

Before I worked, I had to read the employee handbook. It said that Abercrombie liked to see individuality in their employees when it came to grooming, as long as it stayed steadfast to the look of Abercrombie.

Individuality? I've never worked at a place where you couldn't tell the difference

between the customers or the employers.

Standing my ground by the dressing rooms during the Friday after Thanksgiving shopping apocalypse, the district manager apparently came into the store for a little chat-chat about numbers and saw my non-traditional hair.

So much for individuality, I had to wear a hat over my dyed red hair.

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## Bronco basketball takes to the road

### BSU women's basketball splits a pair on the road

By Darrin Shindle  
The Arbiter

The Boise State women's basketball team rebounded after a crushing loss to Washington last Tuesday night to beat Portland State on Saturday.

The Broncos got blown out in the second half of the Washington game to lose 99-50. The game was close at the half with the Huskies holding a 42-35 lead going into the locker room. Washington outscored the Broncos 57-15 in the second half to run away with the victory.

The Huskies had a tremendous day from the field shooting 51 percent. They also shot

the lights out from the arch shooting 43 percent and from the free throw line shooting 92 percent.

Boise State didn't have the fortune that Washington had shooting only 33 percent from the floor, 29 percent from the arch, and 46 percent from the line.

The Broncos were led by Crista Peterson and Abby Vaughan who both had 11 points. Andrea Swindall added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Saturday night was a different story for the Broncos as they came out shooting in an 81-75 win at Portland State.

Crista Peterson led the way for the Broncos scoring a

career high 31 points and adding 10 rebounds to post a double-double. Abby Vaughan put up a double-double of her own with 14 points and 10 assists.

Freshman Jenny Binford was a perfect 3-of-3 from the three-point arch and added 11 points keeping up the production that the Broncos are getting from their freshman.

Mandy Welch added 10 points and Swindall put up nine. Camille Woodfield had nine assists to go with her four points.

The Broncos remain on the road tonight playing at the University of Portland. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

By Darrin Shindle  
The Arbiter

The Boise State men's basketball team split a pair of road games last week, looking great in a big win against Idaho, but looking very bad in a loss against Eastern Washington.

The Broncos played Eastern Washington on Thursday night and lost in a defensive battle 47-42. Neither team could shoot as the Eagles made only nine of their 21 field goal attempts while the Broncos made 9-of-24 attempts.

Bryan Defares led the Broncos with a career high 12 points. He also had five rebounds, four assists, and two steals. Freshman Jason Ellis

continued to impress with a team high eight rebounds.

Senior forward Abe Jackson had a tough night shooting going 3-for-17 from the field, finishing with just eight points.

On Saturday night at Idaho, the Broncos bounced back to crush the Vandals 70-44. Jackson also bounced back with a team high 24 points on 9-of-16 shooting.

The Broncos as a whole had a much better day hitting seven of their first 10 shots of the game. With the game close at the half and the Broncos holding on to a two point lead 24-22, the Broncos came out and buried the Vandals in the second half.

Boise State made 17-of-23

shots, shooting 74 percent in the second half and out-rebounded Idaho 34-17 to put the game away.

The win gave the Broncos their first sweep of Idaho since the 1996-97 season. It was also the first time any of the current Boise State players defeated Idaho in the Kibbie Dome.

Booker Nabors scored 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting to pick up some of the scoring slack. Defares added nine points and Ellis put up another good performance with seven points and 11 rebounds.

The Broncos are back in the Pavilion on Wednesday night against Lewis Clark State College. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

## Fresno State nationally ranked; this time it's basketball

### WAC team making some noise early as they climb to 20th in nation

By Steve Gowans  
The Arbiter

Fellow WAC member Fresno State has more national recognition to brag about yet again, but this time it's not the football team having all the fun.

After the "Cinderella" hype of the football team has come to a close, students, alumni, and fans have another sport to go crazy over in Fresno after the latest ESPN/USA Today Coach's Poll was released earlier this week, showing the Bulldogs ranked as high as 20th in the nation.

Coming off a 63-58 win against 11th ranked and highly talented Michigan State, Fresno has turned some heads early as they have begun the year 3-1, with their only loss coming from another capable team in Wake Forest at the Pre-Season NIT tournament.

The Bulldogs advanced to the quarterfinals after racking up wins against Montana State and No. 23 Southern California. They dropped the next game against Wake but rebounded to pull off the upset against Michigan State in the consolation game in Madison Square Garden.

Led by forward junior Chris Jefferies, and senior center Melvin Ely, the Bulldogs relied on great perimeter shooting as well as a balanced

inside attack to upend two ranked opponents. Jefferies began the tournament on fire as he averaged 21.5 points, 9 rebounds, and 4.5 assists in the first two games. In the next two, the Bulldogs' big man in the paint, Ely, stepped up to deliver 16 points in the loss to Wake Forest, and 14 points in the win against the Spartans, all coming in the second half.

Expectations were high at the start of the season as Fresno was picked to walk away as WAC conference champions, and Ely was picked as the pre-season MVP.

Jerry Tarkanian, who enters his seventh year at the helm for the Bulldogs, simply states that this is the most talented team he has assembled while he has been head coach.

"This is going to be the best team we've had since I've been at Fresno State," said Tarkanian, who has won 759 games as a Division I coach, seventh most all-time. "With Melvin (Ely) and Chris (Jefferies) coming back, we have two guys who are going to be playing in the NBA. I really like a couple of the new kids. We will have the most talent and I think the best team chemistry since I've been here."

The schedule doesn't get any easier as the team returns from the "Big Apple." The team will host its annual McCaffrey Classic the first week of December, and then looks ahead as they prepare to face a tough opponent in Gonzaga, and then on to play California in Berkeley before they begin the WAC regular season.

## Gators' hopes crash into rocky top

By Joe Schad  
The Orlando Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Like so many sequels, "The Drive, Part II" was a disappointment. As it ended, so did Florida's season.

No. 2 Florida threw away a chance at the Rose Bowl and a chance to repeat as Southeastern Conference champions Saturday night, falling to No. 5 Tennessee, 34-32, in front of a stunned record crowd of 85,771 at Florida Field.

Last season, Florida drove the length of the field to beat Tennessee on a touchdown in the closing minutes. This season, Florida drove the length of the field to score a touchdown that put them in position to tie the Volunteers.

But when quarterback Rex Grossman's two-point conversion pass to Jabar Gaffney fell incomplete into the grass of the south end zone, it was over.

"We lost a lot tonight, and we're well aware of it," said Grossman, whose Heisman Trophy chances were quelled. "We've got to swallow this one and start preparing for next year. Because this season is pretty much over."

Of course, the Gators (9-2, 6-2 SEC) will play in a New Year's Day bowl game, probably the Orange Bowl against Maryland, but possibly the Outback Bowl against Ohio State. Tennessee (10-1, 7-1) could play in the Rose Bowl with a victory over LSU in the SEC title game.

"We're disappointed we didn't win anything this year," Spurrier said. "No excuses. They just beat us."

Grossman threw 51 passes, completing 33 of them for 362 yards and two touchdowns, but without the aid of a running game he was sacked four times and threw an interception. The sopho-

more did drive Florida 66 yards in 10 plays in the final five minutes, capping the drive with a 2-yard pass to Carlos Perez.

But on the two-point conversion with just 1:10 left on the clock, Grossman failed. He couldn't be a hero, like then-senior quarterback Jesse Palmer who watched from the stands was last year.

"It was the same play as the touchdown," Grossman said. "They covered it. I thought that maybe I could have run it in. It should never have come to that."

It did because the Gators gained were out-rushed 242 yards to 36. It did because Robert Gillespie could not pick up the slack left by injured teammate Earnest Graham, rushing nine times for 21 yards. And it did because Tennessee tailback Travis Stephens ran for 226 yards on 19 carries.

"You watched the game," Florida defensive coordinator Jon Hoke said. "We didn't tackle like we had all season. He (Stephens) made us miss. We didn't get blown off the ball. We had guys in position."

But those players missed. Stephens broke through the hands of Florida strong safety Marquand Manuel-the SEC's active leading tackler-on a 35-yard touchdown that gave the Vols a 21-20 lead in the third quarter.

Stephens broke a 34-yard run off right guard at the start of the fourth quarter that set up a 2-yard run by Jabari Davis for a 27-23 Tennessee lead.

Then Stephens broke a 68-yard run on a draw, breaking the tackle of nickel safety Guss Scott, who was trying to strip the football instead of stop the tackler.

"We took bad angles on the guy," Manuel said. "It wasn't that he was that pow-



Reche Caldwell catches a long pass from Rex Grossman over Andre Lot of Tennessee to set up the first Gator touchdown in a losing effort against No. 5 Tennessee Saturday night.

erful. He threw a little move. I tried to reach and missed."

Florida kicker Jeff Chandler made all four of his field goals-including a 52-yarder-ending his regular season with a streak of 16 consecutive. Said Chandler: "I wish we'd had four more touchdowns."

Said Grossman: "We didn't capitalize on our chances."

Tennessee came into the game having lost its past seven trips to Gainesville, dating back to 1971. The Vols were 18-point underdogs.

"Everyone in the world said we couldn't do this and we said, 'Yeah, right,'" said

Tennessee defensive end Will Overstreet.

When it was over, the Volunteers band blared "Rocky Top" and players danced on and near the "F" at the middle of Florida Field. Gators sulked while orange-and-white clad fans chanted, "SEC! SEC!" and "It's great to be a Tennessee Vol!"

Florida blew its first chance to play for the national championship in a loss at Auburn in October. It blew a second chance on Saturday night against its rival.

"It really hasn't hit me yet," senior defensive end Alex Brown said. "I never thought we would lose."

## Broncos sign top ranked high school wrestler

Broncos Sports Information

Burke Barnes, the number one ranked high school wrestler in the country at 130 pounds by both Wrestling USA magazine and Amateur Wrestling News, has signed a national letter of intent to compete for Boise State.

Currently a senior at Lake Stevens High School in Washington, Barnes is con-

sidered one of the top 20 high school recruits this season by Intermat. He is a three-time state champion (once at 115 pounds and twice at 125 pounds) and helped the Vikings to the Class 3A state championships in 2000 and 2001.

Barnes has been making news at the national and international level, since the age of 13 when he won the schoolboy national champi-

onship and placed second at the world team trials. He made one of his first international trips in 1997 when he represented the USA at the World Youth Games in Moscow, Russia and placed seventh in the 99-pound weight class.

In 1999, Barnes won the Junior Western Regionals and placed second in 2000. He also won the 1999 North Idaho Tristate Tournament

and was named the outstanding wrestler as a sophomore.

This past year he won the Powerade Tournament in Pennsylvania and captured his second consecutive Tristate Tournament championship. Barnes has a combined high school record of 104-4.

Next action for the Bronco wrestling team is Dec. 20 at the Reno Tournament.

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# Diversions

## BSU artists respond to terrorism

### Seniors showcase their talents

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

Six senior art students are currently exhibiting their creative efforts in Gallery One of the Liberal Arts building. The installation, "Untitled 13," is just one component of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition running through Dec. 10.

The other half of the senior thesis exhibit is presently being shown in Gallery Two of the Hemingway Center for Western Studies.

This year's Gallery One artists, display a wide range of mediums, offering a glimpse into the diversity of Boise State's fine arts program.

Graphic artist Amin Al-Haimy's bold works on digital paper depict the atrocities of the recent terrorist attacks. Al-Haimy, who is a Muslim, tries to make sense of what happened on Sept. 11 through his art, which employs text and images.

His piece, "Letter To Bin Laden," denounces the terrorist mastermind with a personal letter imposed over Bin Laden's hazy image: "To the man who defiled my religion: As a Muslim, I declare 'Jehad' on you and your followers in the name of 6000 New Yorkers, whose blood is still on your hands, and in the name of every Afghan child."

Al-Haimy also addresses the violence with a graphic collage of televisions titled, "Peace," which frames some of the feelings that people now have about the domestic

attacks. Each television displays personal sentiments with such words as Hope, Retaliate, Courage, Hatred and Awareness.

The back wall of Gallery One is the current home of Katie Cepek's polyester-plate lithographs. At the beginning of the Semester, when Cepek first conceptualized her work for the show, she just planned on using sketches that delineated gender differences in modern society. But after the terrorist attacks, she felt compelled to fuse digitally manipulated photographs of ground zero in New York City with her nude renderings sketched in pencil.

An excerpt from Cepek's artist statement reads, "The digital manipulation symbolizes the idea that despite our advanced technology and limitless communications, we remain unaware of the atrocities that occur everyday."

Artist Karyn Rathke's senior thesis project encompasses the mediums of sculpture and fine jewelry making. Her titled four-part porcelain sculpture series, "Body Parts: Picked Apart," puts human anatomy under fractured analysis for mass consumption with delicate forms of a physiological nature.

Her mission statement offers denotative meanings for the words analysis, adorn and distract, reflecting her ultimate artistic purpose.

Rathke also makes precious-metal jewelry, which is ornately showcased on velvet fabric in a Plexiglas display case. She creatively uses white gold, sterling silver

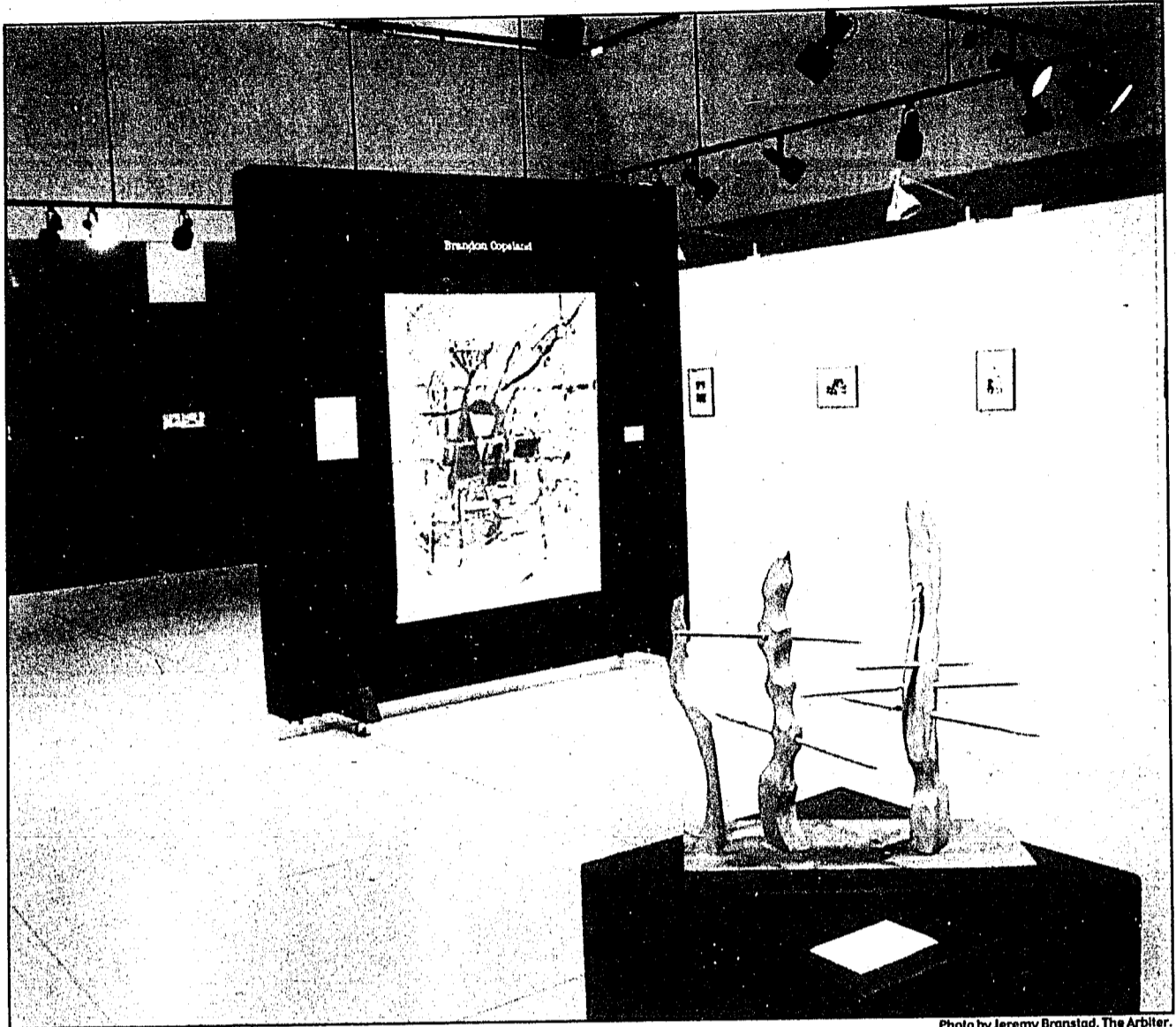


Photo by Jeremy Branstad, The Arbiter.

Gallery 1 in the Liberal Arts building is currently showing the Bachelor of Fine Arts thesis exhibit through Dec. 10th.

and bronze in her innovative designs. Her unique work pays close attention to finite detail.

Graphic artist Cari Tieman is displaying black & white

and digital photography. Her theme is nature, and she effectively captures celestial images in both mediums.

In Tieman's digital output work, she inventively

designs a magazine spread, featuring the Seven Wonders of World with an emphasis placed on the Northern Lights.

Gallery One also features

the latest paintings from artists Sharon Hetzel and Brandon Copeland.



Photo by Erica Berger.

Allison Spratt stars as Fraulein Sally Bowles in the NETWORKS National Tour of the Broadway sensation, Cabaret.

## Musical burlesque comes to town

By J. Patrick Kelly  
The Arbiter

This Tuesday, The Morrison Center is being transformed into Berlin's risqué Kit Kat Club for three steamy nights, when Kander and Ebb's seedy hit musical "Cabaret" comes to town.

The legendary musical is once again on the road, and after great successes in London and New York, is currently spreading decadence across America.

"Cabaret" is loosely based on author Christopher Isherwood's real-life examination, "The Berlin Stories," which is about Berlin's nightlife in the late '20s.

Playwright Joe Masteroff liked the book so much, he pitched the idea of turning it into a musical to the songwriting team of John Kander and Fred Ebb. Obviously, they jumped at the chance.

In 1966, "Cabaret" debuted on Broadway, and

was an overnight smash hit. The following year, the musical won eight Tony Awards.

Besides writing the songs for the theatrical version of "Cabaret," Kander and Ebb also did the songwriting for the 1973 Oscar-winning film adaptation, which featured stellar performances by Joel Grey and Liza Minnelli.

Kander and Ebb have gained great notoriety in Hollywood for their songwriting ability. Their songs have been featured in such films as "Funny Lady," "New York New York," "Lucky Lady" and "Stepping Out."

"Cabaret" is more than just singing and dancing, it's actually the story about an English woman's romance with an American writer in Berlin at the same time Hitler's regime was first coming into power.

Isherwood wrote in retrospect about his Berlin days, "I was the only one there, the

only English-speaking writer to write a book about that period. It wasn't a great success at first—there were good reviews, but the timing wasn't very good, just before the start of the war (WWII). But the stories created a world, and people like to read about other worlds, rather than just a narration of events."

The main character is Fraulein Sally Bowles, played by Allison Spratt. The musical incorporates a large cast

singers and dancers into the sultry plot, which features the hit songs, "Tomorrow Belongs to Me," "Willkommen," "Money" and "Cabaret."

"Cabaret" received four additional Tony Awards in 1998, including the Best Revival of the Year, and this year's tour is guaranteed to be just as sexy as the past performances. The advertisement boasts, "Even the Orchestra is Beautiful."

### If You Go ...

The national production company of "Cabaret" is coming to town, and bringing their unique brand of decadence with them.

Don't miss the shows at The Morrison Center on Dec. 4-6. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or at all Select-a-Seat locations or charge by phone at 426-1100.

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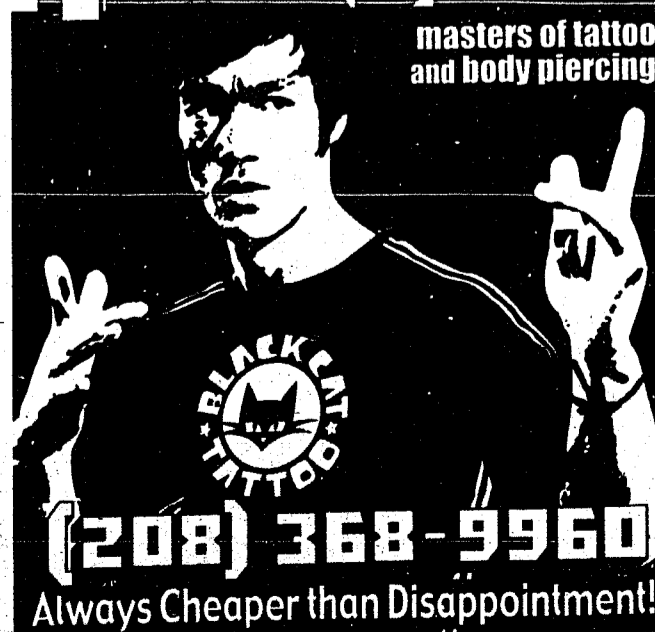
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YOU COULD HAVE USED ANOTHER ROOM.

WHAT PART OF "GAVE UP" IS CONFUSING YOU?

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YOU'RE TOO LATE. SOME OTHER SOCIO-PATH HAD THE SAME IDEA AND BEAT YOU TO IT.

I HATE BEING THE SLOWEST SOCIOPATH.

I CAN TEACH YOU TO MANAGE YOUR TIME MORE EFFICIENTLY.

PUT ALL OF YOUR HIGH PRIORITIES ON ONE LIST AND YOUR LOW PRIORITIES ON ANOTHER.

THEN DO EVERYTHING ON BOTH LISTS EVEN IF IT KILLS YOU, OTHERWISE YOU'RE A FREAKIN' LOSER.

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Brought into being
  - 5 Command
  - 10 ERA or RBI
  - 14 Words of understanding
  - 15 Sturdy fabric
  - 16 Circle sections
  - 17 Supervised a youthful group
  - 19 Actress Turner
  - 20 Simpleton
  - 21 Slim candle
  - 22 Stuck it out
  - 26 Distort
  - 28 Relish the taste
  - 29 Perform
  - 32 Obliterates
  - 35 Gorcey and Durocher
  - 36 "The Raven" poet
  - 37 Neither partner
  - 38 Abrupt inclination
  - 40 Possess
  - 41 Small bill
  - 42 Bologna money
  - 43 Warbles
  - 45 Buttons of film
  - 46 Select group
  - 48 Pry (into)
  - 49 Arising anew
  - 52 Delaware senator
  - 55 Cote d'Azur
  - 58 Correct text
  - 59 Having little aptitude
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- 11 Snare
- 12 Skin problem
- 13 Russian ruler
- 18 Profit ending?
- 21 More concise
- 23 Appraise
- 24 Stuntman Knievel
- 25 Perch
- 26 Madrid mister
- 27 Jockey Julie
- 29 Expressing contrition
- 30 Hoods in monasteries
- 31 On edge
- 33 "My Sister \_\_\_"
- 34 Photographer's prompt
- 39 Proper companion?
- 44 Baseball game divisions
- 47 Messenger's business
- 49 Active or rocket lead-in

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- 50 Coats with gold leaf
- 51 \_\_\_ had it!
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- 53 Concept
- 54 Radio control
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- 57 Yemeni port
- 59 Exclamation of disgust
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**FEE**  
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that students don't pay in matriculation fees, so what we do (as well as all state universities) is take our general fund money from the legislature and cover the rest of it," Satterlee said.

The general fund pays for instruction, so the less money diverted to matriculation fees means more money for faculty salaries," Jones said.

"The more of the matriculation fee we can pay for out of student fees, the less state money has to be used for those support functions ... so they are two different revenue streams," Jones said.

In addition to questionable student fee increases, some faculty believe administrators are unwilling to cut executive and professional staff.

A letter sent to the Executive Budget Committee on behalf of the Department of Communication reads: "We are troubled by the fact that so many of the discussions seem to focus on the loss of teaching positions, with relatively little discussion of cutbacks in executive, classified and professional staff."

The disproportionate growth of support staff to faculty could compound the problem.

According to figures provided by Steven Schmidt, director of Institutional Research, instructional full time equivalents (FTE's) — including academic and applied technology faculty — have risen from 486.05 in 1994 to 558.56 in 2001, an increase of about 15 percent. During the same period, however, non-instructional support staff have increased from 538.97 FTE's to 721.03 FTE's — an increase of about 34 percent.

"While the evident disproportionate growth in non-instructional positions at the university would warrant that those areas bear the larger share of the burden of budget holdbacks, it appears to us that the policy seems just the opposite," the Communication Department wrote.

Schmidt said the increase in non-instructional staff is due to more secretaries, library staff, financial aid staff and

network managers — not administrators.

Also, many faculty positions pay more than \$50,000 per year, while many classified positions pay less than \$20,000 per year, Schmidt said.

"In terms of the dollar amount going toward these groups, which would be the bigger issue, it takes over two classified staff members to equal the cost of a faculty position," he said.

But salaries have also increased disproportionately. Between 1995 and 2002, the total dollars spent on professional salaries jumped 145 percent, compared to 54 percent for faculty, 22 percent for classified and 55 percent for executive, according to Institutional Research figures.

Peterson said these figures are driven by two factors — employment and salaries.

"The number of executive positions remains pretty much the same (compared to the approximate 15 percent increase in the number of faculty members in a similar period), so how much of the

increase is just increased salaries?"

But Jones said there will be a process to look at cutting executive as well as faculty positions.

"Most of those so-called administrative positions are actually positions within academic departments, things like computer support people and financial aid counselors," he said.

In addition, Ruch said some faculty have recently been hired.

"At the end of the day, there will be cuts across all areas of the university," he said.

In the meantime, Ruch said he has been asked to prepare various scenarios including up to a 10 percent state budget holdback.

"It is way too soon to tell because the state doesn't have revenue projections yet," he said. "It won't be until we come out of the legislative process that we know what will be our base to build our 2003 budget on."

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ed by Peterson and Ali. Both wanted to see a clause included in the motion that would approve the 12 percent fee increase only if the budget cut is 10 percent or higher.

Ali said the increase could mean students might pay for the budget cuts if they are less severe than 10 percent, and may set a precedent for solving funding problems in the future.

"Let's say for example that the Legislature decides to do a 4 percent cut," he said. "The 12 percent would still be there, generating \$3.5 million and the students will have paid for the whole budget cut. This also sets a dangerous precedent. Anytime a problem arises, where will they go? They will go to the students."

Senate Pro Tem Brooke Baldwin felt that students are at a disadvantage due to the make-up of the committee.

"I personally think that the make-up of the committee is crap because the people who are most affected by fee increases are the students," she said. "We are the only ones who have to pay fee increases. Faculty do not have to pay fees to work here."

Baldwin also said, "Today, I saw students get completely steam-rolled because the students are the ones who are

going to pay the 12 percent. Bottom line, students were ignored today."

The Executive Budget Committee membership consists of four university vice-presidents, four faculty members, four administration staff members, one classified employee and two ASBSU representatives.

Jones said the 12 percent fee increase was necessary for planning purposes.

"It was discussed for two hours and then we finally voted on it," he said. "Every effort was made to achieve consensus and I think the recognition from the majority of the committee was that we need a solid figure to use for planning purposes. And if everything is contingent on things that may or may not happen, you don't have a solid basis for planning."

Jones also said that as a result of the fee increase and SUB expansion fee re-allocation, second-year faculty will be in better shape.

"We will not be sending blanket non-renewal notices to all second-year faculty," he said. "On the other hand, notices might be sent to some, and that has not yet been finalized."

**TOILETS**  
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Although response was mostly receptive from people asked to participate, some were put off by the idea of publicly sitting on a toilet.

"Generally people were excited when they heard about it. So overall, the response I received was positive," said Sam Mayfield, IPSA statewide coordinator. "But I was a little disappointed when a local media anchorperson said that she couldn't participate because she didn't feel that it would be ladylike."

Labor issues are another area of concern for IPSA.

"When Boise Cascade decided to lay off the last of their workers, they brought a

lot of attention to the issues of organized labor and workers rights. And that has been another one of our issues," Kelly said.

Organizers hope to bring together the environmental and labor movements. Kelly was critical of Boise Cascade's explanation for recent layoffs, considering it divisive.

"When Boise Cascade laid off their workers, they blamed environmentalists and lawsuits, when in fact they were moving their operations out of the country due to NAFTA," Kelly said. "Layoffs and environmental devastation are results of a system based on corporate greed."

Several notable local leaders will be participating in Kan-for-Kids.

Participants include Boise State faculty, state legislators, IPSA members, and local media figures.

Kelly said that these participants were asked to participate based upon their willingness to affect change.

"We select people from the community that it impacts and people who seek to alter that impact for the better," Kelly said.

Labor representatives participating include Sam Byrd from the Idaho Migrant Council, Sam Greer from the AFL-CIO as well as environ-

mental activists Martin Stephan from the Rainforest Action Network and Gary Richardson from the Snake River Alliance.

Other participants include Roger Sherman of United Vision of Idaho and Peg Blake, BSU vice president of Student Affairs. In addition, Scott Dorval from KBCI will be doing a weather report on location.

Event organizers encourage students to stop by for treats and information. Contributions can be left with the toilet sitters.

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included local hospitals, non-profit organizations, BSU organizations and local businesses. Free cholesterol screenings, bone density tests and vision screenings were available to attendees, as well as free massages.

Spear began the Health Fair

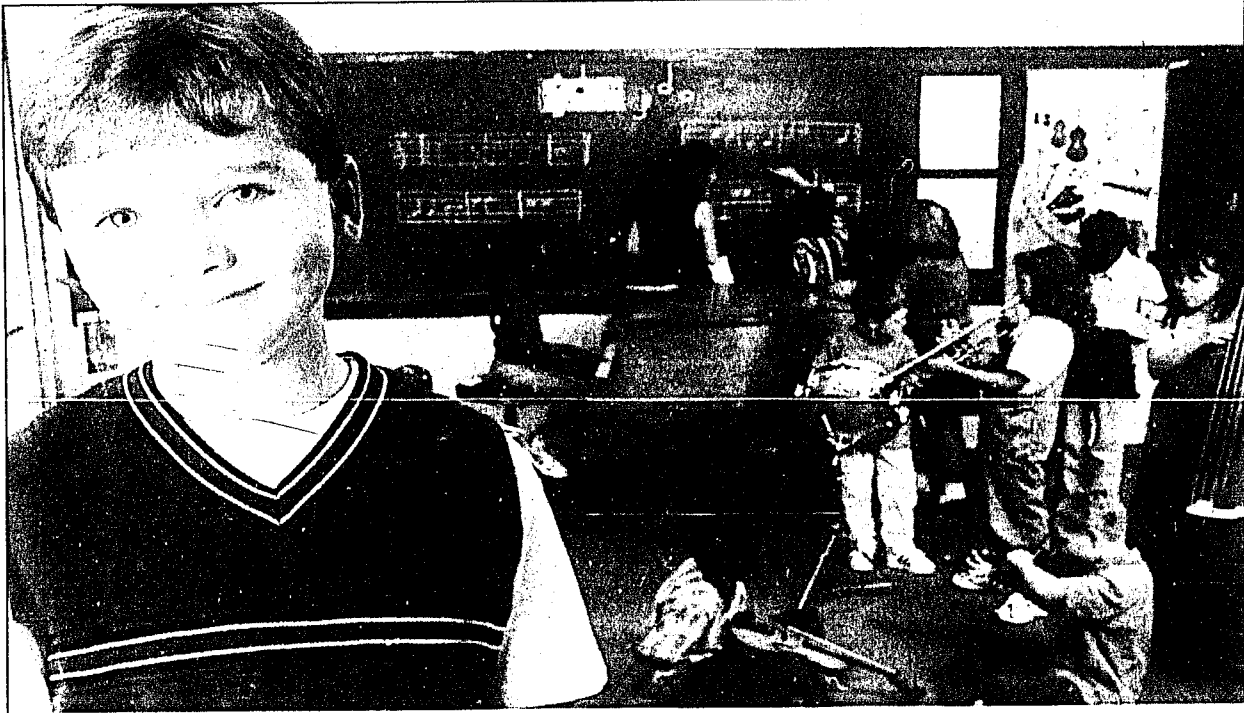
when she began teaching at Boise State five years ago.

"When I came here five years ago, I was teaching out of a book but it just didn't seem to work," said Spear. "I asked if the class could take the Health Fair on as a project, so that when they graduated,

they could go to perspective employers and say that this was something they had done to gain experience."

The Health Fair has grown over the last five years and expanded this year to include a benefits fair for BSU's Human Resources depart-

ment. "We get more and more vendors. This year, human resources decided to join up with us because we have such a good reputation," Spear said.



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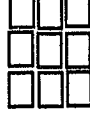


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Workshop: 1:00p.m.  
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and students

People interested in the workshop must RSVP  
by 12/3/01 426-3874 workshop is free