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Training and development lists upcoming class offerings

Training and Development will offer the following classes this month: "Fed Ex and BSU," offers two opportunities to see how the delivery company and the university work together in expediting mailings. Classes are from 10 to 11:15 a.m. or from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 12.

"Defensive Driving," is a two-part training from 8 a.m. to noon each day on Dec. 11 and 12.

To register, e-mail Training & Development at nkindall@boisestate.edu or complete the registration form on T&D's Web site at training.boisestate.edu/ and fax the completed form to 426-3493.

BSU employees help those less fortunate during holidays

Extended studies is providing Christmas for some of residents of Community House. Their organizational needs included a supply of toilet paper, sheets, laundry detergent and toiletries. They also are looking for gift donations of non-gender specific but still personal nature such as gloves, scarves and small backpacks. Community House puts these in a gift room and children may choose a gift for their parent, or adults for another adult resident. The House then wraps the gifts and shares them at a party. Extended Studies will collect the gifts and monetary donations and deliver them to the center for distribution. To contribute call extension 3295 or extension 2047.

The Business Professionals of America student organization has a box on the upper level of the Applied Technology Building for Christmas donations. They are collecting items to be donated to an organization such as WCA for women and children at Christmas. Contact Teri Harbach at extension 3735 for more information.

Club concerned terrorism crackdown could harm students

BSU's Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, along with other local activist groups, is trying to dissuade the City Council from approving a plan by the Boise Police Department to create a Criminal Intelligence Group.

The mission of the new group would be to gather intelligence on "security-threatening groups/individuals."

Activists are concerned because groups considered for "infiltration" include those that participated in the WTO protests last September and recent protests at Boise Cascade. The club says students can voice their opinions at the City Council meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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Students underrepresented

By Andy Benson
The Arbiter

Would you like to see what is involved in determining how Boise State deals with the impending budget crunch? Then you may want to try attending the next meeting of the Executive Budget Committee.

The committee is responsible for recommending ways of dealing with the projected shortfall to President Ruch.

Administration, faculty and student representatives make up the committee. The committee membership consists of the four university vice presidents, four faculty members, four administration staff members, one classified employee, and two student ASBSU representatives. The committee is chaired by Darrell Jones, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

Students have a limited presence, having only two representatives out of a total of 15 members or 13 percent of

committee membership. That can make it difficult for students to have a strong voice in the decision making process.

That fact isn't lost on ASBSU President Nate Peterson. He has been vocal in his criticism of the administration for pushing a 12 percent student fee increase. The administration originally asked the Board of Education for permission to request a 15 percent increase, but was only granted permission to seek a 12 percent limit.

"I think more students need to be aware that our financial destiny is controlled by the administration," Peterson said. "We have absolutely no power to decide how much of a cost we are going to incur."

At the last Executive Budget Committee meeting, Petersen and ASBSU Chief of Staff Imran Ali attempted to place a condition on the 12 percent fee increase that would only permit the fee increase if the University received a budget cut of 10 percent or

higher. The motion was resoundingly defeated by the committee, 13 to 2.

Jones defended the 12 percent increase regardless of the actual budget cut as necessary for planning purposes. He stated after the meeting that the administration needed to be able to count on the 12 percent increase in order to avoid mailing non-renewal notices to 2nd year faculty.

Peterson and Ali criticized the move as balancing the budget on the backs of students. They contended that if the budget cut was less than 10 percent, which is considered the worst case scenario, then the budget shortfall could be covered disproportionately by student fees.

Peterson said it would be educational for students to observe the budget meetings.

"I think it would be very productive for students to attend the budget meeting," Peterson said. "Especially anybody who would like to see how much of a say students have in their financial

destiny at Boise State University."

The date of the next meeting is still unknown. When asked, Jones was non-committal about the date of the next budget meeting, saying it was too early to determine. "Until we have a clearer idea of the budget cuts we are facing, we have no basis for proceeding."

Jones was unwilling to speculate when the next meeting would take place, saying only that it would be no sooner than next semester.

At the last Executive Budget Committee meeting, Peterson requested that the meeting location be changed from the President's conference room in the Business building to the Forum meeting room where the ASBSU Senate convenes. Peterson stated that several members of the Senate expressed interest in attending the next meeting and that a change in venue would be the best way to accommodate observers.

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Students have many health care options

By Ashley Gettings
The Arbiter

Quick and affordable health care service is a necessity for college students. Since the biting cold of Jack Frost has finally arrived and students are feeling the stresses of the last weeks of school, The Arbiter investigated various health clinics around BSU to find which facility offered the best deal for a runny nose or other common health problems facing students.

After comparing just a few of the medical facilities near campus, including BSU's Health and Wellness Center, it was found that each place is unique and provides a variety of services. Because of this, students must choose for themselves, which is the best deal for their money.

These comparisons are based on the costs of a variety of different services offered by the various facilities as well as the hours of operation.

Idaho Family Physicians on Boise Avenue offers service Monday through Saturday. Their hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic quoted various prices. A general flu shot or a strep throat culture, students will be charged about \$16. An HIV test costs \$27 and a

chlamydia test is \$52. Tests for other sexually transmitted diseases are more specialized and have varying costs.

At Idaho Family Physicians the cost for a women's exams depends on the type of insurance the patient holds and also their age. For a college student that has a wellness package through their insurance provider, the overall exam is \$128. For other college age women, the price will range between \$64 and \$100.

On the other hand, Capital City Family Medicine on 17th and State streets has longer hours, but some differing prices for their services. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The cost for flu shots and throat cultures are the same as at Idaho Family Physicians, but STD and HIV testing prices are higher. According to the clinic, an HIV test is \$28 plus another \$10 charge for having blood drawn. Costs for all other STD tests depend on the specific disease, and the type of insurance held by the patient.

The price of a complete wellness examination for women will vary with age. The older the patient, the more expensive the exam. For a col-

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The once proud king of the beasts



A lion at the Kabul Zoo, blinded and disfigured by a hand grenade thrown by the Taliban. Almost all of the zoo's animals were dead by the time the Americans started bombing Taliban strongholds around Kabul.

KRT photo by Peter Andrew Bosch, Miami Herald

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

New logo preview released to public

By BSU News Services

Boise State has adopted a new logo to replace the lower case letters that have represented the university for more than 25 years.

The new logo is part of a program to focus the university's graphic image, says Vice President for University Advancement Rick Smith.

The university is also in the process of redesigning its athletic logo.

"While the old logo served us well for many years, it didn't describe the university in graphic form. The new logo is related to the

advantages of our location in one of the most dynamic metropolitan areas in the country," says Smith.

The new logo features an abstract building set against a mountain backdrop. The school's name is spelled in a special type that will be used only with the logo. Two shades of blue are used.

"It was important to select a contemporary, classic looking logo because over the years it will appear on hundreds of thousands of publications and the Web," says Smith.

The university will use the logo as the basis for a pro-

gram to coordinate the university's "brand" more effectively. More than 30 independent logos now exist on campus, which diffuses the graphic image the university presents to the public, Smith says.

A fund was set aside more than one year ago to pay for the design of the university and athletic logos. The design cost for both logos was \$85,000.

They were designed by North Charles Street Design Organization, one of the nation's top collegiate marketing companies, based in Baltimore, Md.

New history professor working hard to make a name

By Ashley Gettings
The Arbiter

With the impending budget cuts, and new professors facing the prospect of losing their jobs, each one is striving to establish a good reputation and to teach their students all they can in the time they have.

Joanne Klein, a new face in the history department, is no different, and is working hard to leave a lasting impression on all of her students.

Klein came to Boise State from Salem College in Salem, North Carolina where she spent the past five years teaching in this all women's college. While there she acted as the chair of the history department, and last year was presented with the Outstanding Teaching Award.

Prior to her job in Salem, Klein taught for four years at the University of South Carolina.

Before beginning her teaching career she received her bachelor's from St. Olav University in Minnesota, her master's from Brandeis

University and her doctorate from Rice University.

Klein teaches classes at BSU involving European history, as that is the aspect of history she is most interested in. Her research specialization is in modern British police, which stems from her love of murder mysteries.

"I have always loved learning about the past. I decided I wanted to take it a step further and become a professor of history because I enjoy the interaction with students. I can learn as much from them as they can from me through our conversations," Klein said.

"I chose to teach college age students because there is a much more sophisticated level of interest. I know when they come into my class that they are adults, and I can expect them to act accordingly."

Klein said she is working to establish a reputation, especially when it comes to her feelings about writing. She believes writing is very important no matter what a student's major is or what they plan to do in the

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News

BSU schedules first winter commencement

By BSU News Services

Boise State will hold its 68th Commencement ceremony, the first ever to be held in December, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in The Pavilion.

A total of 956 students have qualified for graduation, earning 1,025 degrees or certificates. Graduates from all colleges will gather for a single ceremony, which includes a group processional as well as individual recognition for each graduate. About 500 graduates are expected to attend the ceremony. No ticket is needed for family and guests to attend.

The diploma presentation includes two large screens that will broadcast the graduates accepting their degrees so that those sitting farther away from the stage will be able to see individuals up close.

The student speaker is Ann Marie Kaus, a Boise State gymnast graduating with high honors. Jerry Evans, former state superintendent of public instruction, will receive the Silver Medallion, Boise State's highest award for service or achievement.

The ceremony will also mark the first time a master's degree has been awarded in the university's criminal justice

administration department when Raul Ibarra receives his MA.

Following commencement, a reception will be held in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. Free shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the Student Union. Free parking will be available at all reserved and metered parking lots. Because of the limitation of handicapped parking, family and friends who cannot walk a distance can be dropped off at the front of the Pavilion at Entrance 1, where volunteers will assist them with elevators, etc., while drivers park their cars.

Nebraska fetal homicide bill spurs abortion debate

By Gwen Tietjen

Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

LINCOLN, Neb. - A fetal homicide bill has the governor and some Nebraska anti-abortion and abortion rights groups talking.

The bill would make it possible for murder charges to be brought against someone who killed a fetus.

The bill was introduced last legislative session by Lincoln Sen. Mike Foley and awaits debate on the floor of the Legislature.

On Monday, Gov. Mike Johanns said he supported Foley's bill, and if passed, he would sign the bill into law.

"We are not breaking new ground on this and are behind other states on this issue," Johanns said.

About 27 states have passed laws on fetal homicide.

Foley said he had a tremendous amount of support for the bill.

The rate of violent crime and homicide among pregnant women is higher than among those who aren't pregnant, Foley said.

"The bill, while protecting the child, also undeniably protects the woman," he said.

An act of violence against her but directed toward her child would be two crimes instead of just one, Foley said.

Nebraska Right to Life testified in favor of the bill last session.

"This provides families who have lost children in the womb with some measure of comfort and closure," said Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of Nebraska Right to Life.

The language of the bill states a fetus at any point in the pregnancy can count as a fetal homicide.

Johanns said the bill doesn't get into the area of abortion.

But Tim Butz, executive director of the Lincoln chapter of the American Civil Liberties

Union, said that language could be a "back door" attempt to undercut the legal foundation of Roe v. Wade.

He said the bill could create a situation in which people could be punished for accidents that happen even if the mother didn't know she was pregnant, Butz said.

"Let's say you're driving down the street and you rear end someone who is six months pregnant and she suffers a spontaneous abortion," he said. "Under the language that person could be prosecuted even if they had no intention to kill anyone."

Until the murder of a pregnant woman in North Platte, the bill was headed nowhere, Butz said.

He said bills passed in an emotional environment are ill-considered and often fail to get the attention they should as far as detail.

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lege female, the price of a pap smear will range from \$35-\$60 plus charges for an office visit.

The BSU Health and Wellness Center located right on campus charges a much smaller amount for college students who carry BSU insurance, which they can obtain by paying \$216 to the school. The

Center receptionists said when carrying this insurance, students pay a \$5 fee for each office visit, as well as the price for each medication purchased.

Students without the college's insurance must go in and speak with physicians in person in order to determine the costs for the specific kind of test

or check-up they want.

Unlike the other facilities, the Center is only open during the week, and during the school session. Their hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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future, and therefore students can expect to be writing a fair amount of papers in her class.

"I am thoroughly enjoying the students of Boise State, and getting to know a lot of them. I love just being in the classroom with them and having discussions. It is wonderful for me when they reach the point that I don't have to lead the class discussions anymore. I like see-

ing them get excited about history and not be afraid to share their own thoughts and feelings."

Klein loves being surrounded by mountains, and she grew up hiking, camping and canoeing. Because of this, she is glad to be back in an area of the United States where she can enjoy those kind of outdoor activities.

"I grew up in Kirkland, Washington, and have been waiting for a position to open in the Northwest for years, so I am thrilled to be here. Most of my family lives in Seattle so it is nice to be closer to all of them as well," Klein said.

Outside of teaching she sings in the Boise Master Chorale, and acts as a goalie for her soccer team.

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Jones responded by saying that the next meeting may be closed to the public if personnel decisions regarding individual employees are discussed at the meeting.

According to the Idaho Open Meeting Law, meetings by state agencies may be

closed to the public only if a two thirds majority votes to close the meeting and that vote is recorded in the minutes.

The requirements for closing a meeting are strict as well. In the case of personnel issues, the meeting may only be closed if the "evaluation, dis-

missal or disciplining of" individual employees or staff members is discussed.

It is not immediately clear if the dismissal of individual employees is the responsibility of the Executive Budget Committee.

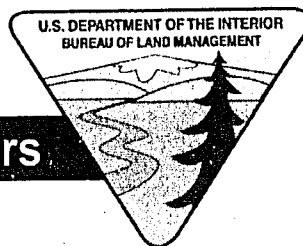
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More debt-laden 20-somethings are seeking help

By Vikki Ortiz

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Jeff Filsinger was 19 when he got his first credit card, 22 when he maxed it out at \$15,000. He kept living it up — a new car, rounds of drinks for friends on a new credit card, loans for college — until he was 24 and \$50,000 in debt.

That's his story. But if you're a 20-something, it could very well be yours, too. The number of 20-somethings seeking assistance for out-of-control debt has exploded in recent years, statistics show. And the number of people filing for bankruptcy while in their 20s is also on the rise. So with the country now officially in a recession and jobs harder to find, some experts are worried about the MTV generation.

"There is sufficient evidence to indicate that this is a problem," said Mark Schug, director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Economic Education.

Schug and others say the combination of credit-card marketing strategies, frivolous spending attitudes and lack of financial training is making it more important than ever that people in their 20s begin paying attention to their spending habits.

"I just bought things when I shouldn't have, all the time," said Filsinger, 26, who eventually went to a credit counseling service to get control of his eight credit cards, car payment, rent and other bills. "I just kept falling further and further behind without ever getting ahead."

Ten years ago at Credit Counseling Centers Inc., a national debt consolidation company, there were nine new clients between the ages of 20 and 29. This year, the company has taken on 2,605 new clients in that age group, evidence of both the growth of the debt consolidation industry and 20-somethings' need for financial help, said Courtney Swanson, spokeswoman for the company.

In the Milwaukee area, the increase in young clients shows at ABC Budget Service Inc. in Brookfield, Wis., a company that helps put people on payment plans for student loans, mortgages, car pay-

ments, credit-card bills and other debts, said Steve Gillingham, operations manager for the company.

"We've been doing this for 35 years, and I've noticed in the last several years that our clientele has been getting younger and younger," Gillingham said.

Young people's debt may just mirror the overspending general population.

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of bankruptcy cases in the United States increased 94.7 percent, according to the American Bankers Association.

And the American Bankruptcy Institute is expecting an all-time record of bankruptcy filings this year.

Still, several Milwaukee attorneys who deal with bankruptcy cases say that in this time of layoffs and economic cutbacks, the number of young people walking into their offices concerns them. The parents of the 20-somethings may suffer setbacks during this recession, too, but young people often lack the economic resources or financial discipline to end their money woes.

"I'm often shocked by the young people who come in and just don't care that much. Who just aren't overly concerned by the ramifications (of bad credit) as much as they should be," said James Miller, a bankruptcy attorney in downtown Milwaukee.

Take a peek into almost any 20-year-old's wallet and you'll find what experts believe to be the first problem: credit cards. In recent years, credit cards have become not only easier to get, but harder to get rid of. In fact, in a survey conducted by Northwestern Mutual Life this year, the 2,001 20-somethings interviewed carried an average of three credit cards each, said Deanna Tillich, director of public relations for the company.

"When I graduated from college, you couldn't get a credit card until you were a senior in college," said Richard Check, another bankruptcy attorney in Milwaukee. "Now, seniors in high school are getting credit-card offers in the mail."

Mary Alice Berg, a 19-year-old Marquette University student, gets opportunities for new credit cards regularly. She

already has an American Express and Gap card, but that doesn't stop her from being tempted by credit companies offering free goods for filling out an application.

"It seems so easy, when they're just like 'Fill this out.' I'm an idiot because I'm like, 'Ooh, free T-shirt. Free phone card,'" Berg said.

But while signing up for those cards is easy, many students complain that getting rid of them isn't. Phil Ventura, a 20-year-old Marquette student, said that when he called his credit-card company to cancel his card, he was on hold for 45 minutes. He's not sure other young people would have the same patience.

"Trying to cancel a credit card is impossible," said Ventura. "It's sad."

No — Latice, a 24-year-old dialysis nurse from Milwaukee, is sad.

She jumped into the world of debt at 18, after she was preapproved with a \$500 limit. She loved the idea of buying things for herself and her young daughter.

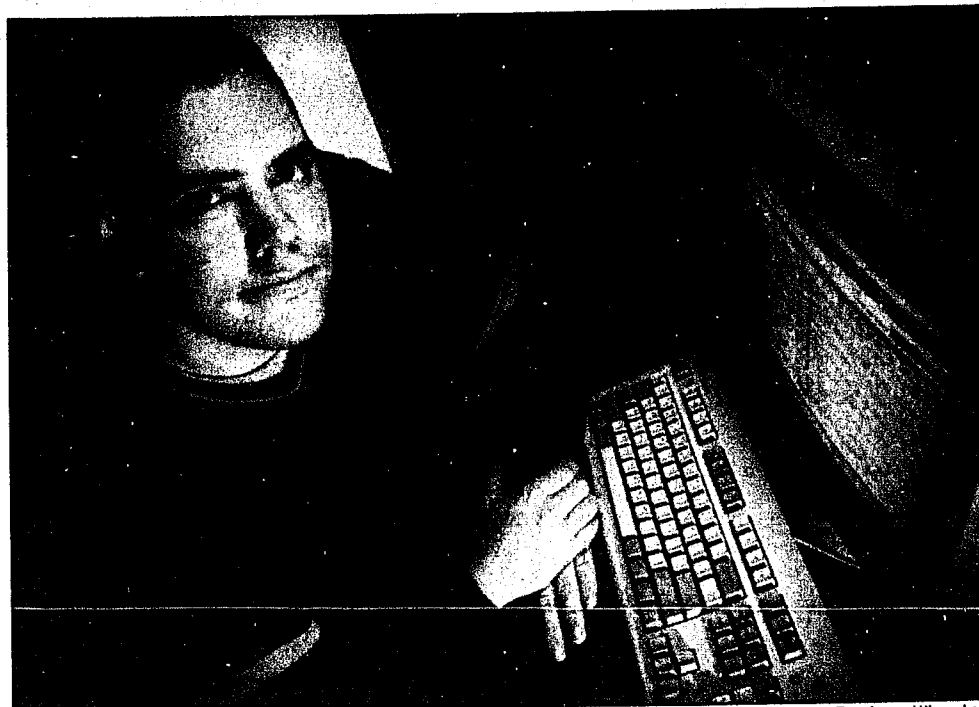
In the next few years, Latice kept getting approved for credit cards. When department stores offered her large credit limits, she thought: new baby clothes. When companies like Discover approved her for \$1,000, she thought: concert tickets.

But what many young credit-card holders don't realize is that most of the preapproved cards carry 19 percent to 22 percent annual interest rates. And once they max out their credit cards, young people — with small incomes — end up making nothing but the minimum payments. The legacy of debt begins.

After months of dreading the bills and falling \$12,000 into credit-card debt on top of her car payment and student loans, Latice filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in November. She didn't want her last name used because she was embarrassed.

Check, the bankruptcy attorney, says this is a common story among his younger clients.

"If younger people would read under the dotted line, they'd see how a higher interest rate is going to turn into a compound interest loan," Check said. "It becomes



Jeff Filsinger sits next to his computer at his home in Germantown. Filsinger who is working his way out of debt problems was at one time \$50,000 in debt.

impossible to pay off this debt."

If credit-card debt is the first problem, experts suggest the second problem could be indifference. People in their 20s were raised in a spend-happy society, in which paying for a parking space often means accepting a \$10 parking ticket and smelling like the outdoors means buying grass-scented perfume from the Gap.

Because many young people have never known harder financial times, many also don't know they should be worried about them. In Northwestern Mutual's survey, almost everyone said they were confident they would get what they wanted out of life — even though secondary research showed that one in five 20-somethings is more than \$20,000 in debt, Tillich said.

Latice was \$12,000 in debt and owed almost \$19,000 in student loans when she decided to buy herself a brand-new Chevy Prism. And Filsinger's big bills didn't stop him from going on a Florida vacation.

"I was naive," said Filsinger, who landed a steady job as a manager at Target right after graduating from college. "You know, thinking

I'll make enough to be able to pay it off.' ... I don't think college kids understand."

Attorneys don't completely blame the 20-somethings for their frivolousness. Most were just doing what they saw everyone else doing during the booming 90s.

"It's not (young people's) fault — it's society. Everybody's thinking that things are going to get better," Check said.

The only way things are going to improve, Schug argues, is by training young people better and earlier about the ramifications of debt.

In the Northwestern Mutual survey, only 8 percent of graduating college seniors felt very knowledgeable about financial planning and investing. The figures worry the company — which will ultimately depend on young people's saved money to keep them in business.

"I don't think it's intuitively obvious that saving is a good thing, and you're not likely to learn it unless you've had a good mom or dad," Schug said.

Schug believes schools and parents should put a much stronger emphasis on teaching economic basics. Students

should learn early on about getting involved with saving and investing programs, he said.

Filsinger, however, is not so sure more education will be enough. His (parents were always good about managing money, and they trained him to be so as well. When the bills started piling up, he never told his parents about the debt because he knew they would disapprove. It wasn't until he had to resort to the debt consolidation agency — and move back home to cut rent costs — that his parents learned the full extent of his money problems.

"They knew I was in debt, but they didn't know how bad I was in debt," he said.

Nowadays, Filsinger turns over the bulk of his paycheck to the debt consolidation company. He has been doing so for the last two years, and is down to about \$6,000 in debt. He's looking a couple years down the road, when he'll be in his late 20s, and will finally be able to say he doesn't owe anything.

"Not many people can say that," Filsinger said.

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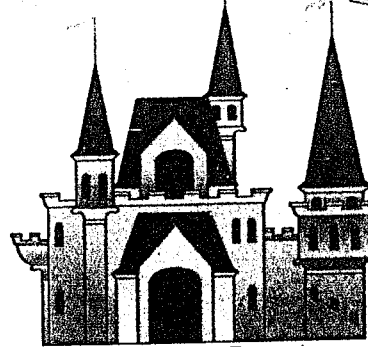
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Opinion

A warm welcome to our competitor

By Sean C. Hayes
The Arbiter

We'd like to extend a fine Arbiter greeting to our new competitor, The Boise State Free Press.

According to Melissa Simpson, co-editor-in-chief (whose name we misspelled in a news story, apologies), "There is a part of the student body that has not been satisfied with the Arbiter, some because it has a liberal slant, while others perceive it to be nothing more than a mouthpiece for the Boise State administration."

Evidently, some students wholeheartedly agree. A letter arrived last week at the paper, declaring, "Personally, I am glad to see the Arbiter dethroned as the only paper on the Boise State campus. I was

getting tired of its administration-backed messages of liberalism, communism and atheism delivered to me twice a week. BSU must be held accountable for the lies it spreads, promotes and encourages to all the students it harbors."

The jig is up! Peg Blake, please move away from my shoulder so I can reveal the whole sorry truth of it all.

Our administrators are communists, and we are their greatest comrades. You can tell the administration are communists, because of their heavy reliance on committees (group think!).

Our bias is clearly visible at times such as our headline editorials, "The quarterback wasn't drunk, he was resting after a hard day at practice," or "Peg Blake would make a

lovely addition to any Boise State advertising photo."

Sometimes, however, our bias can be subtle.

For instance, the headline opinion column suggesting that it takes 37 BSU administrators to screw in a light bulb was thoroughly misleading. It actually takes 164.

Sometimes, too, we have to throw people off by taking an anti-administration stance. For instance, the editorial, "New logo won't take BS out of BSU" was a clear fabrication. We love the new diamond logo! In fact, we're working on a new Boise State theme song, "Diamonds are a Bronco's best friend" - here's the first line, "Ruch's our guy even if fees are high."

Of course, radically left as Ruch

is, he's probably hoping we'll finally institute the old Soviet national anthem. It's such a bother to have to sing that every day when I come to work, "In the victory of Communism's deathless ideal, / We see the future of our dear land. / And to her fluttering scarlet banner, / Selflessly true we always shall stand!" I just can't hear that one before a football game, but Ruch insists.

I'm so jealous of the fact that Boise State Free Press, as it points out in the From the Editor column on page 2, gets to choose their own format and content. The administrators just won't leave us alone. I received a memo just this morning saying there must be at least three news stories in every issue denying the existence of God.

I guess the incorrect tabbing and spacing are just part of this unique, independent format.

It's also unusual that, though their mission statement includes promotion of patriotism, they use English styles of grammar. Since we gained our independence from the Brits, we now put our punctuation inside of quotation marks.

Oh, but enough criticism. Lord (whoops, there is no lord) - Ruch knows we've run many grammatical errors.

We're happy there's a new publication. That's what the free market's all about.

Whoops, I can't let Buster Neel see that I just praised free market capitalism, I'll hurry and save this before he notices.

Nate should stop grandstanding

ASBSU President Nate Peterson recently appeared on the public television show "Dialogue," where he and student body presidents from the U of I and ISU discussed budget cuts, among other issues.

Of the student body presidents, Peterson clearly took the lead in providing information about how students will be affected by budget cuts. Peterson should be commended for his representation of BSU students.

However, Peterson seriously cripples student government by seeking initiatives the student senate doesn't approve. For example, the senate recently voted not to oppose a fee increase over 10 percent - despite Peterson's energetic pleas to do so.

In addition, Peterson should be more careful when providing information. Peterson has

told The Arbiter many times that Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs, is pictured at the airport in a BSU ad - pretending to be a student. However, this information has been proven patently false.

Also, Peterson makes contradictory statements. In one interview, Peterson told an Arbiter reporter he was absolutely

against a fee increase over 10 percent, but minutes later said he would do whatever it took to preserve faculty - including a fee increase over 10 percent.

Peterson also voted to reallocate SUB expansion fees despite claiming such a move would set a dangerous precedent - and could make students wary of future fee increases.

Peterson needs to delineate some realistic goals and stick to them. He must realize that the university needs money, and it has to come from somewhere. Peterson should offer practical cost-cutting measures instead

of merely complaining or making false accusations.

In addition, Peterson should cooperate with the student senate so student government can work as a whole. Many ASBSU members and senators are making a difference, and Peterson should recognize their efforts.

For example, Kara Janney, ASBSU vice president, and Imran Ali, chief of staff, have spoken out in favor of free speech on campus after many students wanted The Arbiter to censor a controversial columnist.

Janney went so far as to attend a Cultural and Ethnic Diversity Board meeting in defense of Jerel Thomas (From Right Field columnist) despite loathing his message.

All also spoke out in favor of Thomas' right to be heard, despite believing him to be a "meathead."

Peterson must realize he is not the only voice of the student body. Instead of grandstanding, he must work in conjunction with the student senate and his staff if he wants to represent students effectively.

Leftist bias inherent in the major media

I contend that there is a liberal bias in the major media.

By major media I mean ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, The New York Times, Washington Times, and the Los Angeles Times.

Any conservative realizes this bias exists. Our problem has been convincing the rest of the population that this blatant bias exists and that all news is filtered through a leftist lens.

Conservatives often cite examples of stories that had an obvious liberal slant. Perhaps the best example is how the major media treated Bob Packwood's (R-Ore.) sexual harassment charges compared to Bill Clinton's rape charge.

Bob Packwood resigned under intense media scrutiny in which story after story portrayed him as a sexual predator. Clinton, on the

other hand, was treated like royalty by having his rape charge by Juanita Broderick buried in the news along with the harassment charge of Kathleen Willey. This is a blatant example of bias.

Yet another argument is that the media still promotes capitalism, so they must tilt to the right if they have any tilt at all. This argument is weak unless leftists have adopted the philosophy that anybody that loves America and enjoys capitalism is a right-wing radical.

Until now the debate about a left-wing bias in the media has been speculation and an interesting topic of debate. A 28-year veteran of CBS news has just published a book called "Bias." The author, Bernard Goldberg, is a democrat that has never

voted for a republican. He claims in his book that he confronted the president of CBS news about the slanted news, to which the president said, "All of the major news stations have a liberal bias."

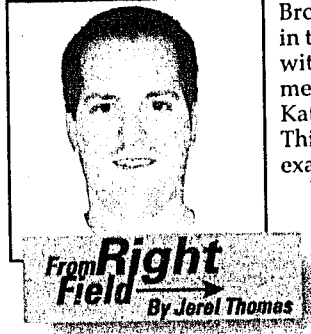
His whole book documents the blatant slant the major networks give the news.

As one can imagine, this has the major news in an uproar. They are calling Bernie Goldberg a traitor and a disgrace to the business. Notice that he is a traitor and not a liar. A traitor reveals secrets that are true, a liar spreads false information.

Bernie is a traitor for revealing to the public what conservatives already know, that is, that the left controls the media and slants the news in its favor.

So there we have it. A 28-year veteran of the news confirming what conservatives knew all along, that the media tilts left.

What can I say to all the naysayers out there besides, "See, I told you so!"



From Right Field
By Jerel Thomas

Losing yourself in the big banks of the world

By Mark Karpf
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

LINCOLN, Neb. - Banks, the keepers of money, the global gateway to the financial world of time deposits and demand deposits (savings and checking accounts) with their bombproof vaults and vacuum tubes at the drive-up window. Their colossal monuments for the main bank branch and their tiny reconditioned fast food restaurants for their drive-through branches.

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I grew up around small-town banks. Of course, when I say this, I mean any locally owned bank in Nebraska. But now, fewer and fewer of those are surviving. In a world of huge corporate

mergers and financial syndicates, the little guys and gals are getting lost too easily. I call this the Wells Fargo conspiracy.

Large corporate banks don't offer any more security; they just provide more chances for a huge fallout with repercussions rebounding around the country and the world. But a small-town bank has your money insured for \$100,000, just like the FDIC does for the big dogs. No matter what, your money is almost always safe. That's thanks to the Great Depression. What isn't safe with large banks is your sense of individuality as you get lost among the millions of customers and numbered accounts.

I can still remember the good ol' days when the bank teller would actually fill out your deposit or withdrawal slip for you. Now they don't even smile at you as they slide the slip of paper towards you, expecting you

to remember your 10-digit account number off the top of your head. Unfortunately today's tellers are nothing more than minimum-wage laborers pushing thousands of dollars a day. No longer do they try to remember your name because you are just another account number without a face.

But what really gets me is the increased push for online banking. It seems like every time I go into the bank, the tellers

always are asking me if I've tried online banking yet. Don't they know that they're just pushing themselves out of a job?

I have a love-hate relationship with Wells Fargo. I love all of the ATMs around town,

Nebraska and the country for that matter. If you can't find a Wells Fargo ATM within a mile or two of where you are right now, then you aren't looking hard enough. But I hate the fact that at almost all of those ATMs, you can only get twenty dollar bills out of them, which just encourages me to spend more money (the one in the Nebraska Union gives out \$5 bills, though).

I love my ATM check card; it's just so damn convenient! But I hate my ATM check card because it's just too damn convenient! This is where the Wells Fargo conspiracy finally comes into play. Those little ATM cards are the best little

"They want you to withdraw your money, especially if it's a different bank card or different bank ATM. All of those little fees add up faster than you can say 'Pretty please! Rip me off.'"

money makers that those banks have. I'll tell you why they're so easy to use: because it's no accident that all of those ATMs are placed strategically for maximum usage and payout. They want you to withdraw your money, especially if it's a different bank card or different bank ATM. All of those little fees add up faster than you can say "Pretty please! Rip me off."

Tell me this. How is it that I can use this card for free at any of the thousands of locations that accept Visa, but if it's a different bank ATM, there's a fee? Why is it that when I get money out of the ATM it gives me an exact balance, but when I use the Visa check part of the card it takes three to five days for it to hit my account?

Now, last time I checked, all of this stuff is hooked up to the same thing, tying it directly to the Internet with its instantaneous electronic response. But for some rea-

son, I have not been able to balance my checking account totally for months because the bank can't or won't give me an accurate balance because I supposedly have Visa check card charges still out.

Get this. They tell me the only way to get a true account of my money is to not use the card for at least a week. Why do they say this? Maybe they don't want me to know how much money I have; it's almost like they want me to overdraw my account so that they can charge me a fee for that, too.

Banks are the keepers of money. Like a double-edged sword, I want my bank to be friendly, speedy and accurate. But all that speed and accuracy can be expensive. Their little fees are like Chinese water torture on my savings, with a continual drip, drip, drip that drains my account. Banks are keeping too much of my money.

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Arbiter does not believe in free speech

By Duke Staggs

There seems to be some confusion about the letter I sent out to the advertisers concerning Jerel Thomas.

Let me state emphatically, I did not urge anyone of them to boycott the Arbiter. I did mail them copies of five articles that the Arbiter printed of his, along with a cover letter asking them to voice their opinion on the matter, a boycott was never mentioned.

I also did this by mail purposefully in the interest of saving time, and to allow the advertisers to freely choose what options they wished to pursue without pressure.

I felt this course of action was warranted because I had contacted (Editor) Brandon Fiala about one month prior to today, we agreed to four solutions concerning the "From Right Field" opinion editorials. These four agreements came out of our discussion,

1. A retraction would be printed for Jerel directly misquoting me in one of his pieces.

2. Mr. Fiala claimed that from that point forward he would personally review Jerel's articles before they were printed.

3. Mr. Fiala let me know that although he had asked Jerel to focus on BSU issues before, he would do so again.

4. Mr. Fiala also claimed a blurb would be printed next to Jerel's article stating that the opinions expressed by him were his own.

Of these four agreements made, one has occurred in a period of seven issues and three weeks. Inaction on the part of Mr. Fiala created this situation as much as anything Jerel wrote.

In addition to this Larry McNeil contacted (Associate Editor) Sean Hayes to discuss the issue as well, Mr. Hayes ended the conversation by hanging up the telephone on

Mr. McNeil. Making these empty agreements with me, and treating Mr. McNeil so poorly, led me to the conclusion that the Arbiter did not value input from readers, or cared to fulfill the agreements made with me.

I decided to contact people in our community that I felt the Arbiter would listen to. I contacted not just advertisers, but also Indian tribes, local editors and many others. My intention was that if all these people contacted the editor then maybe Mr. Fiala would fulfill the agreements he had made with me. Mr. Hayes could have confirmed all of this before printing the editorial "Free speech lives at the Arbiter" by discussing the matter with me.

Instead he choose to print a rumor of a boycott that simply was not true. I am certain that with a little bit of investigation he would have found that I was the author of the letters to the advertisers. I am sure of this because the Idaho Media Project, with very little effort,

contacted me the day before Mr. Hayes printed his article. Instead of getting to the bottom of the story, the Arbiter saw fit to print a rumor, but it was an opinion piece so anything can be printed regardless of fact, right?

The second issue I wish to address is the "Free speech lives at the Arbiter," a staff editorial authored by Sean Hayes. He claims the Arbiter will not censor an opinion piece due to free speech.

The previous issue before the "Free speech lives at the Arbiter" column, next to the letters to the editor, the Arbiter stated, "Due to space restrictions, lengthy pieces may often be trimmed, bumped or not run." I see, free speech is protected for only those who get paid by the Arbiter.

The students who pay fees to support the Arbiter do not enjoy the same luxury. In addition to censoring student opinions that are expressed in letters to the editor, Mr. Hayes admits that some writers on

the Arbiter staff believe Jerel should not be printed due to poor articulation and grammar. This begs the question, what standards are in place at the Arbiter?

If I write a paper that grossly misrepresents facts, and use poor grammar, I get flunked. At the Arbiter I would get paid and protected. The Arbiter gives Jerel a center page placement, a picture, a bold headline, and a paycheck. The Arbiter edits and censors student responses, then lets it own opinion columnist personally attack the people who write in.

This confirms, in my opinion, that the Arbiter has no intention of enlarging the debate.

If the Arbiter truly wanted to create a positive forum for the discussion of ideas it would not engage in practices that give a clearly lopsided advantage to one party. Level the playing field and protect freedom of speech for all if you are truly interested in enlarging the debate, until

then your proclamation of free speech and constructive debate rings hollow.

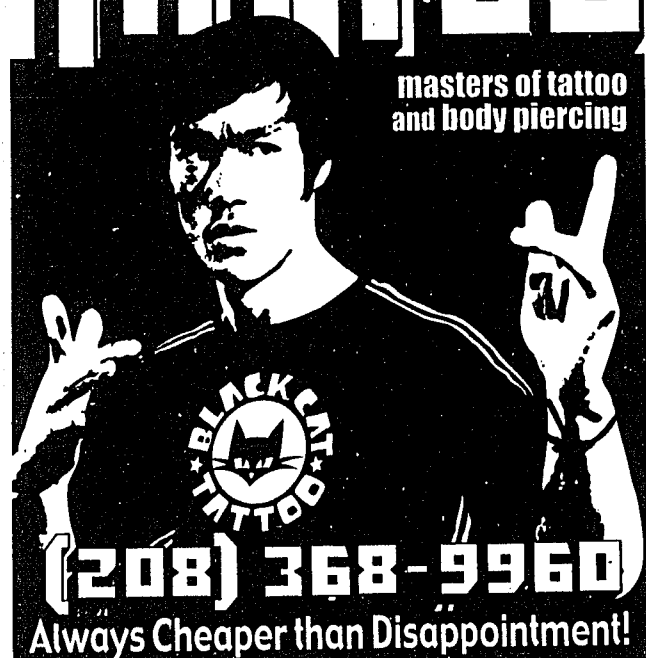
Just to inform you so that there will not be another misunderstanding, the Idaho Media Project contacted both Jerel and I to debate this very issue. The program offered to allow us to debate this issue without personal attacks, in an open, level, constructive forum.

Both of us agreed but only I showed up, Jerel was nowhere to be found. I wouldn't want you to go and print another rumor, but it really doesn't matter since the Arbiter has already made it clear anything can be printed in an opinion without the least concern for fact, or for the students who fund the paper.

-Editor's Note: Fiala contends that there may have been confusion with regard to agreements made. Arbiter staff members are edited for length. Columnists also have now been forbidden to respond to letter-writers.

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Sports

Is it just me

BCS a mess

By **Darrin Shindle**
Sports Editor

Is it just me, or has it been a crazy end to an even crazier year in college football? There have been more upsets late in this season than I can remember in a lot of full years. And it's not quite over. It has been such a bizarre season that there are only a couple of things that are for sure.

The BCS is supposed to straighten out the standings and give us a national championship game that no one can argue with. Well last season it screwed it up, and this season could be no different.

There is one thing that is for sure though, and that is that Miami deserves to be in the Rose Bowl. They are now the only undefeated team in the nation and they played a schedule that was strong enough to get them there, barely. The problem now arises as to who deserves to play against Miami in the Rose Bowl.

Should it be Colorado, the team that dismantled Nebraska and then went on to whip Texas in the Big 12 Championship? The only team considered that has two losses.

Or should it be Oregon, another team that only lost one game all year and who won the Pac 10 title?

Or maybe it should be Nebraska, whom the BCS selected to go. They too had only one loss, and were ranked number one for part of the season.

Colorado's case is based on how they are playing right now, and that is something that should be taken into consideration, but they have two losses. No team with two losses should be able to play for the national championship.

Oregon claims that they should be in the Rose Bowl because they won the Pac 10 and only lost to number nine Stanford. But does winning the Pac 10 really mean that you are good enough to be in the Rose Bowl? No. The Pac 10 is a lot stronger this season than it has been in the past, but it still doesn't stand up to the SEC or the Big 12.

Nebraska had a great season in which they won every game until the Colorado game by more than 10 points. None of their

wins came from a lucky bounce, or a missed extra point. Sure Colorado blew them out, but you do not win or lose the right to go to the national championship game in one game. That comes from an entire season.

Well each team can make a case for itself, and we could debate it from now until Jan. 3 and there would still be two unhappy teams. So what does this tell everyone? I think that it speaks loud and clear that we need a play-off system.

I have always supported the bowl system because of its tradition. I think its good for college football to have bowl games. But I don't think that its good for college football to have to debate who deserves the national championship after the final game of the season is played. And if that is what is happening because of the bowl games, then we need a play-off.

But with all the mess that the BCS caused, there is one thing that they got right, and that is that BYU had no business being considered for one of the BCS bowl games. Do you think that BYU is going to sue Luke Staley for breaking his leg and causing them to lose to Hawaii?

BYU fans are going to use this as an excuse as to why they lost to Hawaii, but guess what, Luke Staley doesn't play defense. So what does that say? It just shows that BYU wasn't even good enough to be ranked as high as they were, let alone good enough to be in a BCS bowl.

Had BYU played anyone with a heartbeat before Hawaii, then they wouldn't have been undefeated at that point. The BCS people were probably laughing all night long as Hawaii scored touchdown after touchdown.

All in all there were a lot of teams left out of bowl games that were definitely worthy of playing in the post season. Including Boise State. We may never have a perfect system to go with, so we may just have to settle with what we have. But wouldn't it be better if it was settled on the field? The only fitting end to this season would be for Nebraska to beat Miami.

But maybe it's just me.

Football players honored

Bronco Sports Information

BOISE, Idaho - Running back Brock Forsey was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player of the Year, and safety Quintin Mikell the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year, at the 2001 Boise State University football awards banquet on Saturday (Dec. 8) night. Head coach Dan Hawkins, and the Bronco assistant coaching staff presented the awards.

A junior from Meridian, Idaho (Centennial HS), Forsey led the Broncos in rushing with 1,207 yards and 13 touchdowns. His 100.6 yards-per-game average was second in the WAC and helped Forsey earn first team all-league honors this past season. Forsey also caught 35 passes for 369 yards and three touchdowns,

and returned 17 kickoffs for 362 yards and a 21.3 per-return average. He led the Broncos in scoring with 16 touchdowns for 96 points.

Mikell, a junior from Eugene, Oregon (Willamette HS), led the Bronco defense again this year receiving his second straight first team all-league award. Mikell was Boise State's top tackler in 2001 with 87, 63 unassisted. He also intercepted two passes for 34 yards and one touchdown, broke up 10 passes, forced three fumbles and recovered one fumble. Among his tackles were seven behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 25 yards, including two quarterback sacks for a loss of 16 yards.

Linebacker Kameron Merritt, a junior from Corning, Calif. (Corning Union HS/Shasta JC), received the

Special Teams Player of the Year award for his outstanding play on all the Bronco special teams. Merritt made the teams only blocked kick of the year when he knocked down a punt against Louisiana Tech. Merritt also made 19 total tackles during the season, including one for a nine-yard loss, and forced one fumble.

Other Bronco players receiving awards included Brad Chase (junior from Boise, Idaho) - Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year; quarterback Rafe Espinoza (freshman from Arlee, Montana) - Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year; defensive back Brad Allen (freshman from Eagle, Idaho) - Special Teams Scout Team Player of the Year; linebacker Greg Sasser (senior from Salem, Oregon) - Special Teams Iron man Award; Matt Hill (senior from Grangeville,

Idaho) - Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award; and the Academic Achievement Award (a Pat Fuller Memorial); Bobby Hammer (junior from Carmichael, Calif.) - Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award; and tight end Jeb Putzier (senior from Eagle, Idaho) - The Valor Award (a Denny Erickson Memorial).

The Broncos finished the 2001 season with an overall record of 8-4. In its first year as a member of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), Boise State tied for second place with a 6-2 record.

Boise State opens the 2002 season on August 31 (Saturday) when it plays host to the University of Idaho at Bronco Stadium.

Wanted: Faster college recruits

By **John Miller**
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas - While a senior in high school, 6-foot-1, 206-pound Maurice Gordon raced around and past offensive linemen.

Gordon used his speed, which had been clocked at less than 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash, to turn small holes into big gains, rushing for 1,572 yards and 15 touchdowns on 222 carries.

Five years later and now playing for Texas, Gordon still utilizes his speed to race around bulky offensive linemen.

Only now, he weighs 60 more pounds, plays defensive tackle and is only one-tenth of a second slower in the 40-yard dash.

When recruiting for defense, college football coaches look more and more for speed on the defensive line rather than size in order to combat the growing number of spread offenses. Linebackers have moved to defensive end and defensive ends to defensive tackle so they can chase down skill-position players in the passing game.

On offense, people are doing so many different things," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "They are playing four wide outs and five wide outs and throwing screens and delays and running draws and shovel passes. With people being so spread out, you better be able to run."

Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas are among the Big 12 schools that have turned to the spread offense. Instead of always lining up with fullbacks and tight ends, they often replace those players with an extra wide receiver or two, increasing the total speed of the offense.

"I think a lot of what you're seeing is the evolution of offense, and the spread offense is more the norm now than what you've seen in the past," Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "Then it comes down defensively to create the best matchups as possible. We have to be able to match up well with them when they are putting receivers, slots and quicker, faster, athletic players on the field."

That means putting more players with skill-position-like speed on defense, even on the defensive line.

"You just can't line up with the same old defense, or they will run vertical by you all day," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "You have to be able to rush the passer."

That pressure cannot come only from defensive ends. Coaches are looking for defensive tackles who can get into the backfield quickly and pressure the quarterback as well as stop the run.

"You have to have guys that can play every single down," said Jeremy Crabtree, the director of Rivals100.com, a Web site devoted to recruiting. "You have to have the

guys that are strong enough to stop the first-down run, but are also going to have the agility and quickness to avoid the chop block on third down and get back in the face of the quarterback."

Some high school players already have that combination of speed and strength. Oklahoma freshman Tommie Harris does, and he started every game for the Sooners this season. He was named the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year by The Associated Press.

But Harris remains the exception. Most defensive tackles lack that combination. Given the choice between the two, many coaches favor recruiting smaller players with speed, but have a frame that can take the additional size.

"You can get guys bulky over time and more powerful and stronger," Venables said. "If a guy can't move his feet out of high school, he usually does not make the cutting board for us."

Gordon showed his speed while playing running back. He then moved to linebacker and to defensive end before settling in at defensive tackle.

He is merely one example. A teammate, former tight end Marcus Tubbs, left high school in 1999 at 6-5, 235 pounds. This season, he lined up next to Gordon at defensive tackle at 290 pounds.

Turntime started his career at TCU as a linebacker in 1999 at 235 pounds. He moved to defensive end his

sophomore season and played defensive tackle this season at 267 pounds.

"You don't look as much for the 300-pounder as much as you look for the 250-pounder that can run coming out of high school, but rangy enough where, after its all said and done, they can be 280 pounds and athletic," Venables said. "You can create pressure and wreak havoc on a quarterback and an offensive line."

The whole time the players were adding weight, they had to maintain their speed as much as possible through running.

"It's very important to balance it out," Gordon said. "If you're doing too much running and not enough of the weight-gaining stuff, you never gain any weight. But if you don't do any running and you do a whole lot of weight lifting and weight gainers and stuff like that, you get big and you slow down."

Gordon, who was timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash during the season, believes he can shave some time off and get into the 4.5s while maintaining his weight once the games are over and he heals from the bumps and bruises they cause.

Future defensive tackles could be running in the 4.4s.

"I'm so impressed with the size of young people and their speed and ability as compared to the past, that I really don't know where it's going stop," Brown said.

An ordinary coach fits the Notre Dame program

By **Andrew Bagnato**
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA - Notre Dame couldn't bring back Leahy.

So they found an O'Leary - George O'Leary.

Begorrah! "If Notre Dame really wanted a Fighting Irishman, they got one," said Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen, who served as O'Leary's offensive coordinator at Georgia Tech.

Named on Sunday to replace Bob Davie as coach of the Fighting Irish, O'Leary seems a perfect fit in the plaid, plaid world of Golden Dome football. And not only because he's Irish-American, Catholic and knows his way around the New York subway system,

home to all those wannabe alums.

No, O'Leary fits because he's used to working at a history-laden school whose glory days are over. Namely, Georgia Tech.

Every time O'Leary went to his office on Bobby Dodd Way, he passed a statue of John Heisman, of Heisman Trophy fame, who coached at Tech from 1904-1919. The Yellow Jackets claim four national titles, but only one since 1952.

Notre Dame has more statues, and more national titles. But the challenge is similar to the one O'Leary assumed in 1995 when he became head coach of a team that had gone 1-10 in '94.

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us up where we belong.

Where Notre Dame belongs is probably somewhere between last year's performance (nine wins and a Bowl Championship Series berth) and this year's performance (5-6 and plenty of quality time with family over the holidays).

Of course, there are also differences between Tech and ND. While Techsters have almost become resigned to a second-class citizenship in their own town-the University of Georgia is the top dawg around here-Notre Dame followers still ardently believe their program is special. O'Leary seems willing to indulge them, at least until he becomes more familiar with his depth chart.

"I would say the pinnacle of

any college coaching is the head coach of Notre Dame," O'Leary said.

What else did you expect him to say? It beats coaching at Purdue?

In fact, Notre Dame has become a rather ordinary football factory, which is why the Irish settled for a rather ordinary football coach.

This isn't to say O'Leary, who went 52-33 in seven-plus seasons at Tech, won't be wildly successful in South Bend. He may be. He's respected by his peers, although he's no Lou Holtz.

But then, Holtz was no Lou Holtz when he left Minnesota to rescue Notre Dame from the Gerry Faust fiasco in 1985. By the time Holtz left a decade

later, had won a national title and transformed the Irish job into the most demanding in the nation. The demands overwhelmed Bob Davie, a nice guy who failed to light a fire under the faithful. By the end, Davie had become vilified by alums, real and barstool, the same people will spend the next several months debating whether O'Leary is the best man for the job.

That's mostly irrelevant. O'Leary was the best man willing to take the job, and it wasn't as if the folks at Georgia Tech were lying down in front of his car when it pulled away Sunday. O'Leary's desire to go to South Bend had to come as a relief after a national search that was beginning to turn

embarrassing. In the last week, athletic director Kevin White did everything but post the job on Monster.com.

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Jon Gruden, the Oakland Raiders' wonder boy, was a candidate only in the minds of die-hard Domers and delusional talk-show hosts. San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops also were fantasies.

Oregon's Mike Bellotti may have been a more realistic possibility, but he wasn't interested. No wonder. His 10-1 team just won the Pac-10 and may snag a share of the national title if things break right in the Bowl

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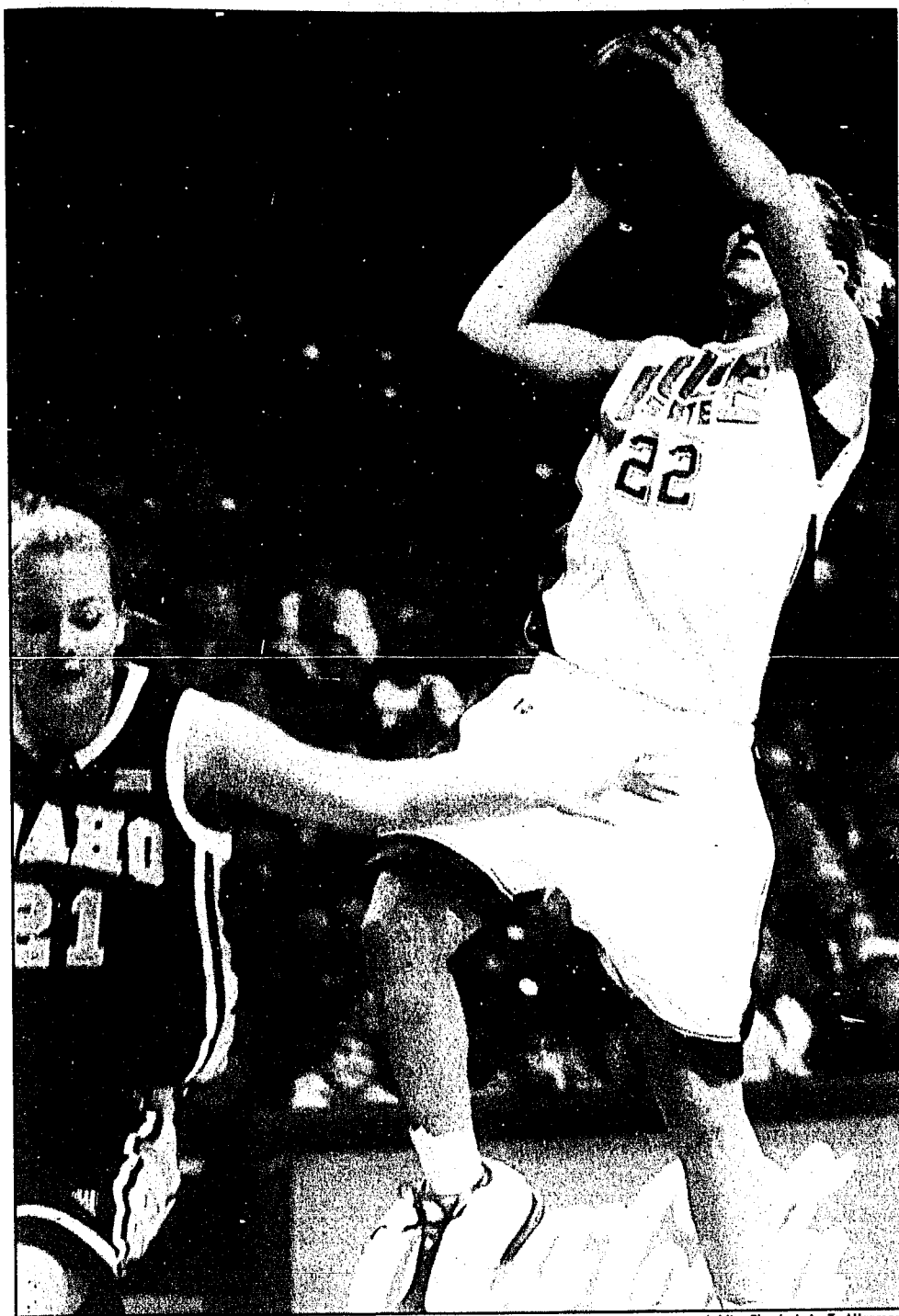
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Camille Woodfield puts up a running shot against Idaho.

Bronco women happy to be back in Pavilion

By Steve Gowans
The Arbiter

The Boise State women's basketball team returned home Monday after a long and unfriendly four-game road trip that included stops at Washington, Portland State, Portland, and San Diego.

After dropping their first road game of the season to a talented Husky team, the Broncos looked to rebound against Portland State. Senior forward Crista Peterson led the way for the Broncos as she wracked up a career high 31 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double in a 80-75 win over the Vikings.

Things would go down hill from there as Boise

dropped the game against Portland 64-47, and faltered against San Diego as well, falling 73-61 on Sunday.

One bright spot in the loss against San Diego was the team's desire and relentlessness. After falling behind 40-22 early in the first half, the Broncos staged a second half comeback and closed the gap. BSU was led by freshman center Heather Little who finished the game with 14 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots. Contributing in the losing effort were Crista Peterson who finished with 10 points, Jenny Binford who grabbed 5 rebounds, and freshman guard Jodi Nakashima who dished out 5 assists.

The Broncos now conclude

the four-game road trip with a two-game home stand as they prepare for Gonzaga on Friday and then Eastern Washington Sunday afternoon.

The Broncos are sure to have their hands full against Gonzaga as the Bulldogs have begun the season 8-4 led behind the play of senior forward Jessica Malone who leads the team in points and three pointers as well as shooting percentage.

The game will get under way at 7 p.m. Friday in the Pavilion followed by the Sunday afternoon game which will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are free to students with ID to all Bronco women's home games.

The Gridiron Gamble

Week 14

Last Week
Overall

Arizona vs NY Giants
Oakland vs San Diego
New England vs Buffalo
Tampa Bay vs Chicago
Jax vs Cleveland
Minnesota vs Detroit
Atlanta vs Indianapolis
Denver vs Kansas City
Cincinnati vs NY Jets
Miami vs San Francisco
Dallas vs Seattle
Philly vs Washington
Green Bay vs Tennessee
Pittsburgh vs Baltimore
St. Louis vs New Orleans

Steve

13-2
62-39

Darrin

13-2
62-39

Clint

13-2
69-32



"Well at least I'm tied for second."



"It's a good thing Clint's a lightweight."



"Time's running out boys. Mmmmm beer."

College football bowl breakdown

By Steve Gowans
The Arbiter

Rose Bowl

Miami vs. Nebraska
Jan. 3

Fiesta Bowl

Oregon vs. Colorado
Jan. 1

Orange Bowl

Maryland vs. Florida
Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl

Illinois vs. LSU
Jan. 1

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Michigan vs. Tennessee
Jan. 1

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Jan. 1

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Oklahoma vs. Kansas
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Liberty Bowl

BYU vs. Louisville
Dec. 31

New Orleans Bowl

North Texas vs. Colorado State
Dec. 18

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N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh
Dec. 20

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East Carolina vs. Marshall
Dec. 19

Las Vegas Bowl

Utah vs. USC
Dec. 25

Seattle Bowl

Stanford vs. Georgia Tech
Dec. 27

Independence Bowl

Iowa State vs. Alabama
Dec. 27

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Texas A&M vs. TCU
Dec. 28

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Holiday Bowl

Washington vs. Texas
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Sun Bowl

Washington State vs. Purdue
Dec. 31

Motor City Bowl

Toledo vs. Cincinnati
Dec. 29

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Peach Bowl

North Carolina vs. Auburn
Dec. 31

Humanitarian Bowl

Louisiana Tech vs. Clemson
Dec. 31

Silicon Valley Classic Bowl

Fresno State vs. Michigan State
Dec. 31

NOTRE DAME

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Championship Series.

White was running into the same problem encountered last year by his colleagues at Southern California and Alabama, a couple of other programs past their sell-by dates.

Fans and boosters believe it's great to be the head coach at those schools. But in the real world of 85-scholarship parity, the Oregon job is at least as good as the USC job. Ditto the Notre Dame job, because academic standards squeeze out

players who often come back to beat the Irish on the field.

USC had to endure a humiliating series of "no-thank-yous," including one from Bellotti, before Pete Carroll accepted the position. Likewise, Alabama courted everyone but Bear Bryant's son before luring Dennis Franchione away from Texas Christian.

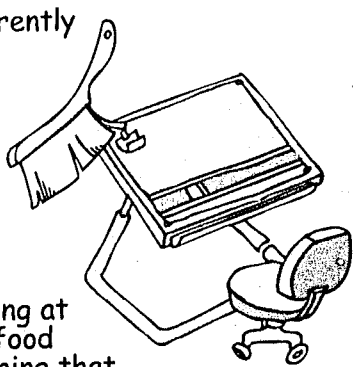
White on Sunday praised O'Leary's offense, his defense, and his special teams. But he

also noted O'Leary wanted the job, and wanted it bad.

"I believe we have found a man who is ideally suited to become a part of Notre Dame, to energize our football program and to lead us, as someone once said, 'onward to victory,'" White told a South Bend pep rally/news conference Sunday.

And they found someone who knows the words to the fight song, which has to count for something.

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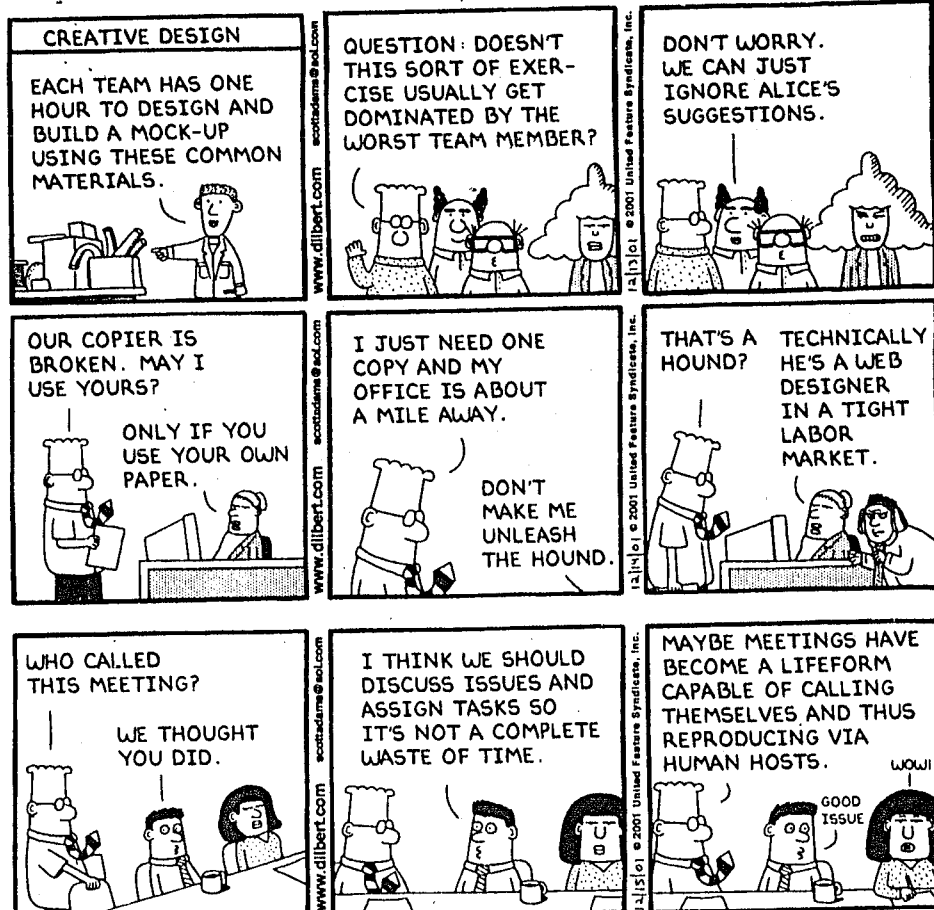
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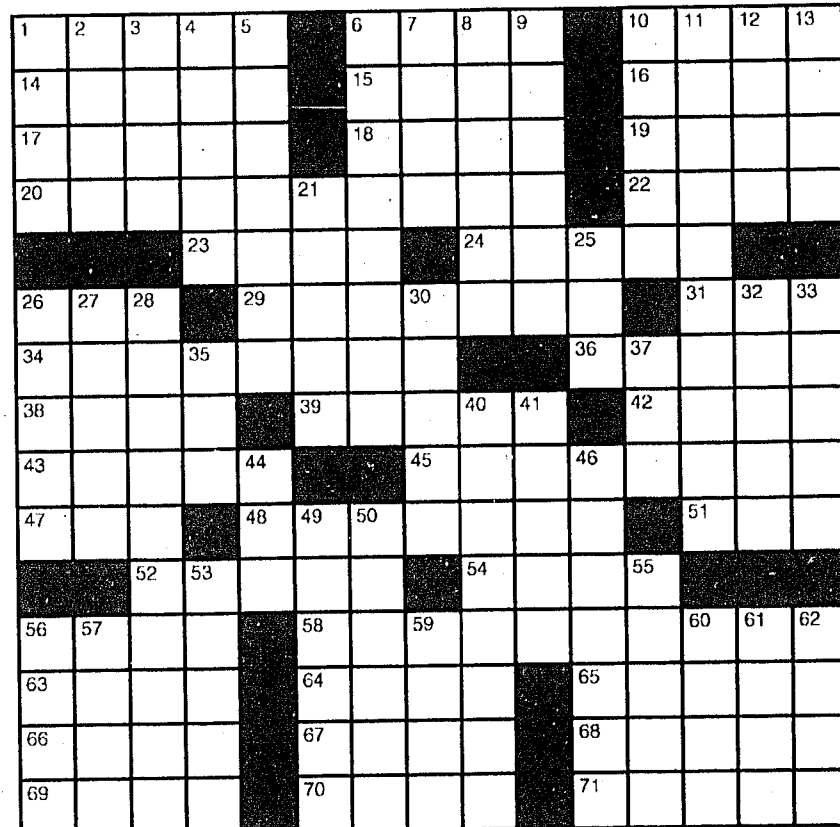
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- Instructions unit
- At a distance
- Actor Greene
- Soccer great
- Grant or Elwes
- Police blotter entry
- Minstrel's ballads
- Perlman of "Cheers"
- Poetic form
- Persian Gulf nation
- College on the Thames
- Chopin work
- Lawyers' org.
- My good man
- LIRR terminus
- Sense organ
- One not mentioned
- Circle parts
- Fragrance
- M. Descartes
- Silvery fish
- Cold-water wear
- Quentin
- Close-to-the-scalp braid
- Make lace
- Yours, long ago
- Football foul
- Hawaiian island
- Neighbor of Honduras
- Norwegian king
- Menu plan
- Cream of the crop
- Staff character
- Dynamic lead-in?
- Clumps of fluff
- Shirts for golfers?
- French/Belgian river
- Schnoz

- Snitch
- Film unit
- Callas number
- Asinine
- Computer model
- Magnificence
- Eye drop
- French palace
- Madrid money
- Bitterly pungent
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- Neighborhood
- Nolan or Robert
- Lake formed by Akosombo Dam
- One in Madrid
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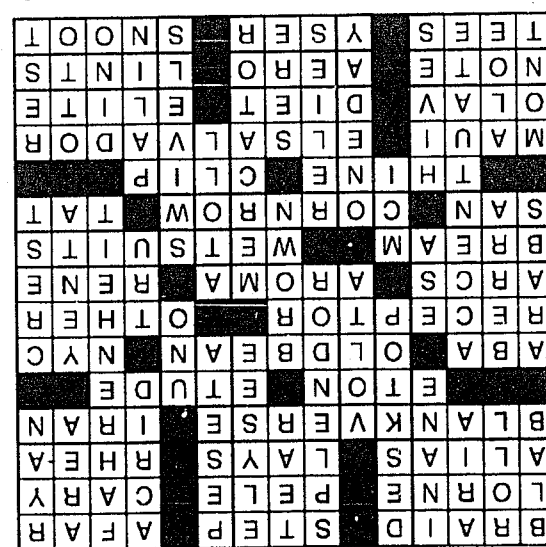
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- Eventually
- Depends (on)
- Bee colonies
- Michael of "A Fish Called Wanda"
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- Medicinal plant
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Clay and minds collide for pottery



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By J. Patrick Kelly
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Boise State's Department of Fine Arts is presenting "Clay and Fire," a pottery show and sale, on Dec. 15-17 in Gallery One of the Liberal Arts building.

This semiannual event offers a wide variety of handcrafted ceramics created by students, faculty and alumni. "Clay and Fire" features functional earthenware, decorative vases and small sculptural creations.

A portion of the profits benefit a fund for Boise State's Visiting Artists in Ceramics Program, which recently showcased a group of potters from Mata Ortiz, Mexico.

This year's pottery sale is just in time for the holiday season, offering the public a great opportunity to purchase unique handcrafted gifts.

Most of the ceramics are functional by design, such as bowls, cups, plates and vases, but some of the pieces are purely ornate.

Senior art major Chad Ritzer, who has been working diligently to produce pieces for the show, is displaying a large array of functional ceramics.

"Besides bowls, plates and vases, I also made a few large decorative platters, which could be used to serve a turkey or something like that, or you could just hang it on a wall," Ritzer said.

"Clay and Fire" features the works of nearly twenty ceramic artists, including drinking vessels by junior Chris Kranz, dishware by senior Aki Mizuno and "fun and wacky" ceramic sculptures by art professor Jim Budde.

If You Go ...

Boise State is presenting "Clay and Fire," a pottery show and sale, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 15-17 in Gallery One of the Liberal Arts building. For more information call 426-3205.



Above: A sample of the pottery that will be available for purchase at the Clay and Fire Show.

Left: Boise State senior Chad Ritzer gets his hands dirty throwing a bowl on the ol' potter's wheel.

Doing the Rat Pack proud in 'Ocean's Eleven'

By Santiago Velasquez
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ATLANTA - Based on a 1960 rat pack film by the same name, this year's "Ocean's Eleven" similarities stop at the original's basic plot.

Danny Ocean (George Clooney), a razor-sharp ex-con, sets up a gigantic hit just days after being released from

prison. With the help of a trusted friend (Brad Pitt, with many wardrobe changes), he enlists the aid of eight professionals to rob three major Las Vegas casinos of over 150 million dollars, a feat that, by today's standards, seems impossible to pull off.

The casinos are owned by Harry Benedict (Andy Garcia), who just happens to be dating Ocean's ex-wife,

Tess (Julia Roberts). But this twist becomes unimportant.

This is a movie so entranced with its own slick and hip aura that your mind should be focused on one thing and one thing only: just how the hell are these guys going to pull this off?

The gang, a motley crew composed of two dueling brothers (Casey Affleck and Scott Caan), an elderly imper-

sonator (an amazing Carl Reiner), a snatch-and-grab thief (Matt Damon), an electrical expert (Don Cheadle), and others, are the core of what drives the film.

Under director Steven Soderbergh's careful eye, "Ocean's Eleven" succeeds in breathing new waves of cool into a remake helmed by the Rat Pack, otherwise known as the originators of said "cool."

It's the dialogue that truly gives the film its primary adrenalin shot. These characters exist in a world where every quip, comment, and observation is worthy of framing and placing over a mantle.

The fact that this world of cool male perfection and positively insane coincidences is completely outside of reality is the only fact that may deter

audiences from jumping headfirst into its grand finale, but I strongly suggest you ignore that. This one's definitely an escapist's film, and one that has a lot of fun getting from point A to point B.

In this, the film succeeds, going beyond the call of duty to remind us what the words "cool" and "glamorous" really mean.

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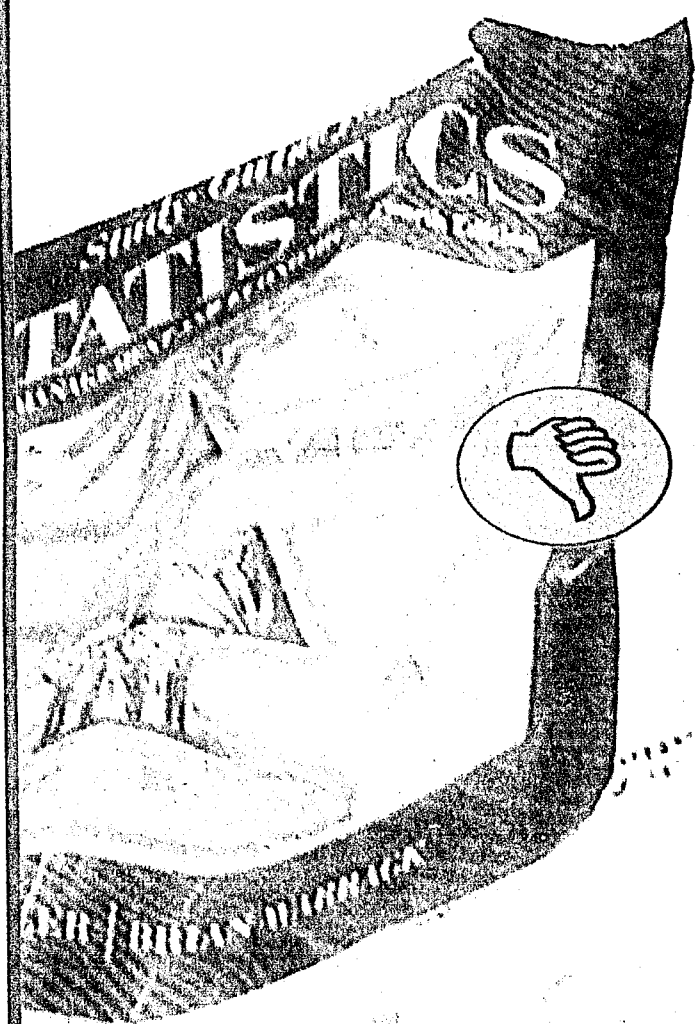
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