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#### Artis to speak at human rights dinner

John Artis, the alleged accomplice of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in a triple murder in 1966, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23. Artis will speak on "Prejudice and Injustice."

The dinner, sponsored by the Boise State Black Student Alliance and Student Programs Board, will be held in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. Tickets are \$17.50 general and \$14 for students through Select-a-Seat.

Artis was a 19-year-old athlete, Boy Scout and altar boy with a college scholarship when he was accused of murdering three people in Paterson, N.J. Although he maintained his innocence, he was convicted and sentenced to three concurrent life terms, with a chance of parole after 15 years.

For more information on Artis, contact the Cultural Center at 426-4259. For a complete list of Martin Luther King Jr./Idaho Human Rights Celebration events, call 426-4636 or visit news.boisestate.edu.

#### Stutzke gets grant for research project

Hope resident Nathan Stutzke, an electrical engineering major, recently received a grant from a national program to help support a research project.

The Sigma Xi Committee Grants-in-Aid Research awarded Stutzke a \$755 grant in support of his research project, "High Frequency Noise Characteristics of Spin-Valve GMR Devices." Stutzke's request for funding was one of more than 700 student research grant proposals reviewed by Sigma Xi. The scientific research society awarded funding to 186 students, including Stutzke. Approval was based on the quality and clarity of the students' proposals.

#### Group seeks nominations for Leadership Quest

Student Activities is seeking nominations for the Leadership Quest program. Leadership Quest is a daylong series of training workshops that facilitates an emerging leader's introduction to concepts of leadership theory, furthers personal development and refines organizational skills. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, March 1, and is the 14th annual Leadership Quest.

Emerging leaders do not have to be those who assume traditional leadership roles, such as an organization officer; they need only to have demonstrated leadership through their dedication to tasks, achievement of goals and personal drive. Neither an individual's age, nor his or her tenure in an organization or department are factors in identifying a leader as emerging; it is the display of a positive attitude and a high level of motivation.

Nominations are due no later than Feb. 1.

For more information, call Student Activities at 426-1223.

# Budget cut of 9.7 percent likely

The forecast for Boise State's budget is shaping up to resemble the worst case scenario considered by administrators last fall.

BSU President Charles Ruch and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne addressed the issue in separate speeches last week, and both said painful measures will be necessary to meet budget shortfalls.

The budget proposed to the Legislature by Kempthorne calls for a cut of 9.7 percent for colleges and universities.

In Kempthorne's budget address to the joint session of Legislature last the Wednesday, he detailed how the collapse of the nation's longest economic expansion has left the state of Idaho with \$111 million less than anticipated.

His proposed budget would cover the shortfall by slashing almost all state agencies by an average of 10 per-cent. The only agencies to be spared budget cuts would be K-12 education, Medicaid, Corrections and Veterans Affairs.

briefly Kempthorne touched on the issue of funding for higher education, noting that it would be sharing in the state's financial challenges.

He praised the higher edu-cation system, stating, "We have great faculty and great leaders in our colleges and

universities, and our greatest assets are our students."

Beyond such glowing praise, however, he had little to offer that would ease the pain of budget cuts. The only action proposed in his budget was a provision to add \$3 million to continue the Promise Scholarship through its second year. The Promise Scholarship provides \$250 per semester for

"I'd love to say: 'Sure, OK.' But, then if I don't do it, you're going to be yapping at me."

University President Charles Ruch in response to an audience member who demanded that he protect faculty and salaries from budget cuts.

four semesters and is available to recent Idaho high school graduates who achieved a

high school GPA of at least 3.0.

The proposed budget cuts approach the worst case scenario of 10.56 percent projected by BSU administrators last fall, and all but ensures that Boise State will petition the State Board of Education for a 12 percent student fee increase for next year.

Ruch addressed the issue of budget cuts in his spring back semester welcome address on Jan. 7. However, he

didn't provide specifics on how BSU might cut costs to cover the anticipated shortfall, saying only that the adminis-tration will be asking for suggestions on saving money.

The plan envisioned by administrators last fall calls for students to cover half the anticipated shortfall via the proposed 12 percent student fee increase. The remaining half is to be made up by the administration through bud-

Ruch said in his address that students might also face an additional 10 percent fee increase the following year if necessary.

Ruch offered assurances that quality would not suffer. But he did not rule out the possibility of faculty cuts, stating, "I wish I could look you in the eye and say I could balance the budget with the same amount of faculty as we had last semester.

In addition, Ruch said there might also be salary cuts as

This prompted Marcy Newman, a first-year professor in the English Department, to rise and confront Ruch over the possibility of faculty and salary cuts. Newman vehemently demanded that Ruch guarantee that neither faculty or salaries be cut.

She pointed out that Bob Hoover, president of the University of Idaho, had promised his faculty last fall that he would protect them



Governor Kempthorne discusses the State's budget during a

joint legislature session last Wednesday.

from layoffs and salary cuts. A stunned Ruch responded, "I'd love to say: 'Sure, OK!' But, then if I don't do it, you're

going to be yapping at me."

The university will have a

clearer picture of the actual budget cuts next Wednesday, Jan. 23, when the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee holds its budget hearing for Boise State.

Ruch says plan for higher student fees By Matt Neznanski

Boise State President Charles Ruch addressed concerns regarding the outlook for Boise State in 2002 in a speech last week.

According to Ruch, what is coming to BSU is more budget wrangling, including possible staff and faculty reductions and increased student fees, all while attempting to maintain quality within the university.

Ruch said the fall semester was a period of extraordinary change for our country, with changes also affecting BSU.

"We have survived pressured enrollments ing revenue projections, we really have accomplished a great deal," he said.

Ruch said increased technology has allowed the university to communicate more effectively with students through campus-wide e-mail systems, cutting costs to the university at the same time.

Cost-cutting measures are becoming increasingly important as the administration attempts to balance a shrinking bûdget.

University operating costs have been cut 5 percent, fixed budgets have been frozen, and the university has enacted a hiring freeze, Ruch said.

At the same time, Ruch said



research grants are up and the BSU Foundation has reorganized and added 15 new mem-

"We are anticipating that will get us through this year,"

The administration intends to leave 34 positions unfilled in the coming year, while fac-ulty salary cuts and layoffs may be necessary.

In his past experiences with budget cutbacks, Ruch said strategic and surgical cuts were necessary in order to maintain quality within the institution.

Ruch plans on continuing with his projected 12 percent rise in student fees this year and 10 percent next year.

He said the administration see RUCH on page 3

## game. For additional coverage of the game turn to page 6. Potential faculty cuts create dispute: Six percent staff reduction expected University Relations, said he said. "The problem is the

By Mary Margaret Rice The Arbiter

Students may soon be competing for fewer classes - and taking more time to graduate

- due to faculty cuts. Boise State President Charles Ruch said the univer-President sity won't have "the same number of faculty as we had last semester...I see us on a collision course."

Faculty Senate President and mathematics and computer science professor Alex Feldman said, "In my perspec-tive, that's already a disaster."

Feldman said he feels for students. Cuts in faculty mean cuts in classes.

There currently are about 600 full-time faculty members. A 6 percent reduction is expected by next fall.

In a worst case scenario, 24.5 faculty vacancies and 26 classified and professional vacancies will be cut, according to Provost Daryl Jone's office.

It will be a gradual cut; core class colleges will lose posi-tions first. Math and English are core requirements. Four

math positions and five English positions have already been cut, Feldman said.

The Bronco's Abby Vaughn goes through Rice's defense for a lay-up during last Thursday's

According to Alan Hausrath, Math department chair, cutting four positions means cutting 18 sections. He said he has been told he will need to cut more classes when the university receives more information.

Hausrath said he expects 10-15 percent in faculty cuts and, consequently, 10-15 percent class cuts.

Hausrath said he is especially upset for students, who already must endure 12 per-cent fee hikes next fall and will now have to compete for class-

es as well. Freshmen and sophomores will have "a very hard time finding classes," he said. BSU registers seniors first, juniors second, and so on.

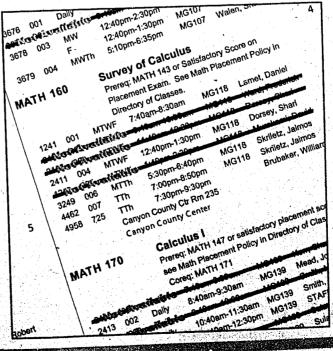
Because fewer classes will be available to students anyway (because of the cuts) freshmen and sophomores will find it especially difficult, he said. These students want core credit classes, and they will now have to compete to get them.

Hausrath's personal goal is to maintain the quality of the classroom experience. He said degrees should "be the same as they always have."

Larry Burke, director of

there is a large demand for math and that cuts will make it more difficult for students to get the classes they want.

"I don't want to see that,"



growing institution. Losing faculty is the complete opposite direction that we want to

Phillip Eastman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said enrollment in his college is "two times larger than the next largest college," and has the most faculty members. The College, with a \$17 million budget, also accounts for a little more than one-fourth of the cost of academic salaries at the university. The college has "lots of vacant positions" and, thus, is largely threatened by the cuts.

Eastman said the normal faculty recruitment process entails a national search in the fall, followed by interviews in the spring. So far, several tenure track faculty slots in the College have yet to be filled. They are in the process of hiring 18 to 20 people despite the hiring freeze.

Eastman said he has permission to interview some candidates, but does not yet have permission to hire any-

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JAN. 14-18 Back Week Welcome Activities, Student Union. Presented by Student Union and Activities Call 426-1223. Student Leaders Wanted, Applications available for the Volunteer Services the Volunteer
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and SPB Director and SPE Coordinators. Call 426 1223.

JAN. 17

Bronco women's basketball at Fresno State.

Bronco men's basketball vs. Fresno State, The Pavilion. 7:30 p.m. Call 426-4737.

Student Organization Financial Training. Student Union. Time: TBA. Call 426 1440.

**JAN. 18** 

Bronco gymnastics Fullerton with UCLA.

JAN. 18-19

"Anything Goes," Special Events Center. 8 p.m. Jan. 18; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan 19. Presented by Idaho Dance Theatre. Tickets: \$10-\$22 at Select-a-Seat, 426-1494 or www.idahotickets.com.

Power Workshop: Performance for Singers, Morrison Center Recital Hall and Room C125. 1:30 p.m. Presented by Boise music department. For registration and fees call 426-3980.

JAN. 19

Riders in the Sky, Morrison Center Main Hall. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$16-\$20 at Select-a-Seat, 426-1110 or www.idahotickets.com.

Bronco women's basketball at Nevada.

Bronco men's basketball vs. Nevada, The Pavilion. 7:30 p.m. Call 426-4737.

Bronco wrestling vs. Portland State, Human Performance Center (old gym). 2 p.m. Call 426 4737.

JAN. 21-26

Martin Luther King Jr Human Rights Celebration
All activities presented by
Student Union and
Activities, numerous departments and student organizations and community groups. Call 426-4636.

JAN. 21

"It's A Day On, Not A Day Off," noon, Idaho State Capitol Rotunda. Sponsored by the Idaho Human Rights Commission.

March to the Capitol and Rally, 5:30 p.m. Meet at the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. March starts at 6 p.m. Rally on the Capitol steps at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer Service Projects. Meet at the Student Union food court. Call 426-1223 for times and more information. Presented by the Boise State Volunteer Services Board.

# BSU Education Department finds success in student teaching internship program

By Heather Bryant Special to the Arbiter

Boise State's Education Department is now in its third year of the new year-long internship program for student

Instead of student teaching for a semester in the traditional program, education majors are student teaching for an entire school year as an internship.

However, the change places a new financial burden on stu-

"The most important thing we can do is put good teachers in front of kids," said Leslie Bigham, peer assistant for the Boise School District.

Bigham, who has taught third, fourth, and sixth grade, is currently teaching classes in the Education Department while working full-time for the school

district. She says having education majors spend a whole year in the classroom introduces them to what it takes to be a success-

"They can see how much meetings and open houses.

Mark Cembalisty, a sixth grade teacher at Liberty teaching it took to get to that process," said Bigham, that process, process being constructive

learning. The student teachers, or interns, are in the schools before the first day of classes and they do not leave until the last day of

Interns help construct rules and guidelines for the class-

"The most important thing we can do is put good teachers in front of kids,"

Leslie Bigham

room with their mentoring teacher. They also engage in all the professional aspects of the career, like dealing with stu-dents, parents, and administrators. Interns are encouraged to help in school functions such as Parent Teacher Organization

grade teacher at Elementary School, feels a teacher's success largely depends on the relationships they build with students, par-

community. 'I (as a mentoring teacher) can share some of my methods for establishing a positive rap-port during a full year, much more so than if it were only a

ents, and the entire education

semester," he said. The amount of caring and empathy needed for the job is something Cembalisty feels he has offered interns.

"It teaches you the little things you don't get in classes, or from textbooks," said Alicia Frey, an education major student teaching at Liberty Elementary School.

"Things you don't learn until you work with the students, like classroom management.

Elizabeth Bryant, a recent graduate of the program at BSU and now a sixth grade teacher

she was pleased with the new year long internship.

"I am happy I'm a teacher," Bryant said. "And I am glad I did the year long student teaching. It was a great experience and overall I did leave feeling prepared to teach."

Bryant commented further on how she enjoyed working with two different teachers during her internship because it exposed her to two very different styles of teaching.

"This is not to say the traditional program only produces bad teachers," said Bigham. They (education majors) come out more prepared, really as second year teachers. I would not want to go to a doctor who did not do an internship, and as a parent I can see the benefit."

However, the department fears it will lose good potential teachers because some cannot financially afford to work for an entire year without pay. The interns work long, exhausting hours in the schools receiving no compensation for their time

"The only way to make money," said Bigham, "is to add extra hours on to their already draining days by coach-

ing,"
Bigham said the interns are physically and financially drained by the end of the program. They watch their mentoring teachers collect a paycheck and they are left empty handed.

"The amount of energy needed is unbelievable," Bryant said. "I do not think I could do it again. Making absolutely no money for the amount of time and energy I put in to it was dif-

Another reason education majors are so exhausted is because they are also required to enroll full-time in courses on

"Often interns feel overwhelmed because the professors do not communicate as well as they should," said Cembalisty. "Professors need to work as a team for interns to gain as much as they can out of

# Parents on campus face challenges in pursuit of a degree

**By Alisha Hill** Special to the Arbiter

There never seems to be enough time to do anything

when you are a student. This is especially true if you are a parent going to school. Boise State is well known

for a high number of non-traditional students on campus. This includes mothers of all ages who have decided to further their education. Lisa Loughmiller has two

children, 12 and 15. She decided to continue her education as a social science major in 1998, and plans to graduate in

May, 2002. "The difficulty lies in finding a balance between school and home life. The challenge lies in meeting the needs of my children, and being able to prioritize," Loughmiller said.

"Some of my goals as a student were not to miss class, and to always be on the Dean's

list," she said. Loughmiller found several aspects of BSU to be quite conducive to being a parent and attending school. She said classes were offered at times so that she could be home when her children came home from school, and that professors for the most part, were understanding and accommodating when it came to family

Rashel Vidrio is a parent seeking a graduate degree in

accounting. "BSU has been able to offer classes that have been accessible as a parent, and a great employment," source

Vidrio said. She has taken advantage of her support system through family, and hopes to graduate in May of 2002 as well.

It would seem the time constraints involved with being a parent would hamper an individual in their quest for posteducation. secondary However, a survey done on campus by a social science student showed students at BSU who have children actually finish their degree faster, and get better grades, than those

who do not. This may be for several rea-

Patricia Fredricksen, a pro-fessor in the Political Science Department, is also a parent.

"I believe that any added responsibility can add an additional focus when performing well in class," Fredericksen said.

She also said parents attending college face significant barriers that are not unique to BSU.

Students who are parents may be faced with professors who do not understand the demands of children, and

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expect them to run on the same time-frame as other students. It is of importance to be understanding, but at the same time, to not allow the standards of the university to

slip," she said. It is interesting to note that according to Fredericksen, parents are usually the least likely to ask for assistance.

BSU does offer quite extensive services when it comes to daycare on campus and

women's services. Because of the number of non-traditional students, for the last 20 years, BSU has implemented a day care program that usually employs 45 full time state employees, and 15-20 BSU part-time employees. They also provide several observation

internship/practicum opportunities for students at BSU. Their hours are 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., daily. They are funded partially by student fees, and on a sliding payment scale according to Bob Boazman, assistant director of the day

care center. "We have a wonderful program, just not that much space," Boazman said. "We have the greatest demand in our infant and toddler classrooms, due to the fact that we strive to take care of the least amount of children as possible with as much care and atten-

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tion as possible."

They keep no more that eight babies with three teachers, and try to keep them with the same teacher for as long as possible. Due to this demand, the daycare center is currently on a wait for younger children. As a result of funding from outside grants and the Bookstore, the daycare center will be expanding the program in May of 2002 and hopes to be done in late fall.

Mary Olsen, director of the day care program at BSU, said other outlets for mothers exist at BSU. The college of Applied Technology's pre-school lab

caters to pre-school age children free of cost, and runs on a waiting list.

The Women's Center at BSU also offers an extensive outlet for mothers attending BSU through support groups such as a single mom's club. They also offer programs on relationship and sexual violence, and even offer a support group for women who have been out of school, who are returning after a considerable amount of time. There is also an extensive lending library full of information regarding

women's issues.

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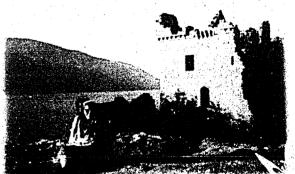


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one. Classes which would be covered by those new faculty members are being offered now, but a few must be cut next fall if the positions are not filled.

Eastman said the university's state funds probably will be cut 9.7 percent to 10 per-cent, about \$8 million. However, the Legislature must act on this and determine how much money will be appropri-

ated to the State Board of Education for distribution to state colleges and universities.

The Board is charged with distributing money equitably among the schools, and administrators at the schools decide for the most part how

that money will be spent.
"It's not going to be good,"
Eastman said, "The university
will definitely be offering less classes this fall."

The next step in the process is the Legislature's look at

BSU's budget proposals. The Legislature will either approve them or, more likely, change them and then appropriate money to the State Board of Education.

The Board will divide up the money provided for the institutions and divvy up the required cuts. The final decision is up to the Board.

BSU's vice presidents and the president's Executive Budget Committee then make final recommendations to

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has been discussing using all student fee dollars for matric-

ulation costs. Ruch also emphasized the importance of Boise State within the local community, and noted the university's expansion, reformatting and changing of responsibilities as

a show of commitment to it. Boise State Professor John Freemont's selection as Idaho professor of the year highlights reasons for students to attend BSU, said Ruch.

"It let's people know that if they want good teaching, they should come to BSU," he said.

Ruch said these items will help the university enjoy enormous political support as well as gain central elements needed to accomplish the mission of the institution.

of the institution.

"My message to the legislature is: we have the right programs, the right people, and the right place," Ruch said.

Ruch also indicated the administration is seeking proposals to help gut costs and

posals to help cut costs and maintain quality.

"We will be asking for suggestions of ways BSU thinks we can save money. We need to look at many ways of com-bining activities and sharing resources," Ruch said.

He said the university bud-

get will reflect what is in the best interests for BSU while questioning whether cuts will help or hinder the quality of the institution.

"We must make sure that cutting quality is a last resort,"

#### Georgetown University poll reveals the political viewpoints of U.S. Muslims By Rebecca Regan-Sachs week to be briefed about the their general as

The Hoya (Georgetown U.)

WASHINGTON - Georgetown University's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding has sponsored the first-ever systematic poll of Muslims in America. The survey, released Dec. 19 by the Center's Project MAPS — Muslims in American Public Square documented Muslim Americans' demographics, religious and political beliefs, and opinions about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their

Fifty-eight percent of Muslims surveyed approved of President Bush's handling of the attacks, while 51 percent approved of the current military campaign in Afghanistan. Seventy-nine percent, however, felt that American foreign policy in the Middle East had led to the attacks, and twothirds responded that the best way to fight terrorism would be to change those policies. Just over half of the respondents reported that Muslim individuals or organizations had been targets of discrimination since Sept. 11.

"The poll results are significant for researchers, scholars and policy makers," said Zahid Bukhari, director of Project MAPS. He noted that the U.S. State Department was sending two delegations of journalists and Islamic scholars from Indonesia and

conditions and opinions of the Muslim American community.

The polling also painted the first comprehensive picture of Muslim political and social life in America. Forty percent of Muslims identified themselves as Democrats, 23 percent as Republicans and 28 percent as independents. While a vast majority supported extensive government involvement in issues such as health care or poverty, most Muslims adopted more conservative views on ed more conservative views on social questions, generally supporting the death penalty (68 percent), opposing gay marriage (71 percent) and opposing easy access to abortions (57 percent).

Almost three-quarters of

Almost three-quarters of American Muslims are under age 50, and about seven in 10 are married. Fifty-eight percent graduated from college and half earn \$50,000 or more each year. They are very likely to participate in school, youth and community service organizations, and roughly the same number report being active in Muslim organiza-

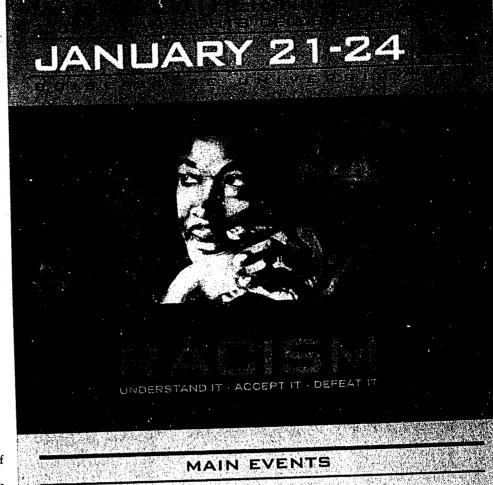
Bukhari found one of the surprising aspects of the study was, "the eagerness of the American Muslim community to take part in the American political system despite the fact that 52 percent stated that they experienced acts of discrimination after Sept. 11." Also notable was Muslims' "balanced point of view" in

their general acceptance of President Bush.

Spirituality play an important part in the lives of eight out of 10 Muslims, according to the survey. Slightly more than half of respondents felt America was not an immoral society; however, this view was much more likely to be held by Muslim immigrants (70 percent) than by those born in the United States, 49 percent of whom disagreed with this statement. Among African-American Muslims, a majority (57 percent) felt American society was immoral. Roughly seven in 10 respondents felt Muslims were not portrayed fairly in American media.

With regard to foreign policy, 84 percent thought the United States should support a Palestinian state, and 70 percent felt the United States should reduce its financial support to Israel. About six in 10 also thought the United States should cut back support for Muslim governments that were not democratic.

One thousand seven hundred eighty-one Muslims nationwide were interviewed for this survey, conducted for Project MAPS by Zogby International. The margin of



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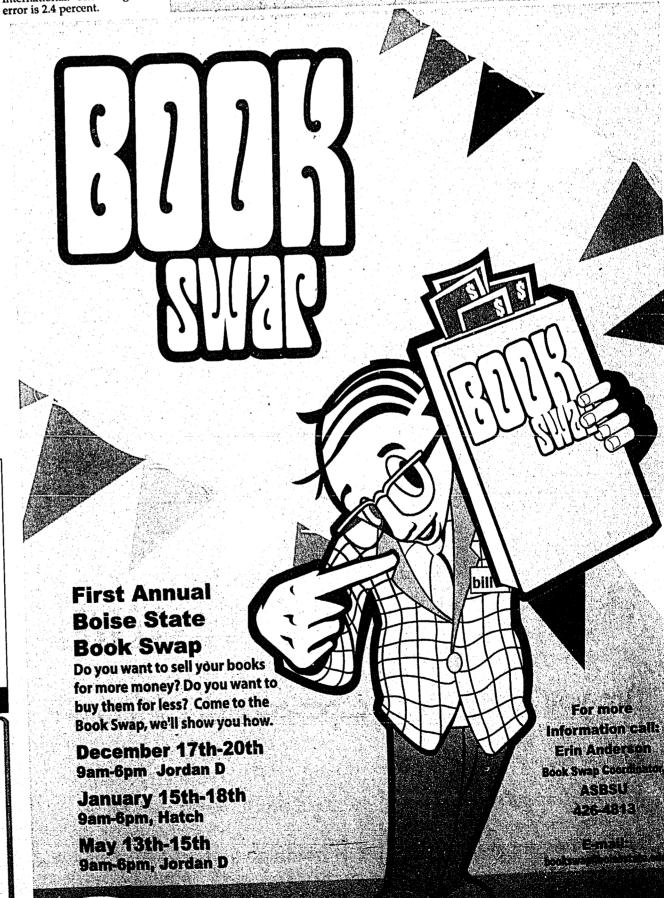
"JUSTICE AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is a human rights activist and former professional boxer who served 19 years in prison until his murder conviction was overturned for racial bias. Today; Mr. Carter is the executive director of the Toronto-

based Association for the Defense of the Wrongly Convicted and a member of the board of directors for the Southern Center for Human Rights (Atlanta) and the Alliance for Prison Justice (Boston).

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# Making 'making the grade' a little tougher

By Angle Buckley Dakota Student (U. North Dakota)

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -It's happened. I always feared it would, but I never thought in photography, for pete's sake. I got a C.

It's the first of my life, except for in fourth grade in science (Mrs. Bills is the devil). Last year, I took some hard classes and some not so hard. But I got As and Bs in all of them, even though I worked really hard in College Algebra and not so much in Editing. But now, after all

these years, I got a C.
When I finally got over the shock, I began to wonder why I didn't get more than one. I didn't really work all that hard last semester, and probably deserved more. But it didn't happen. Teachers just can't give Cs. It seems they don't know how.

is an epidemic, according to the top dogs of higher education anyway. Bradford P. Wilson wrote in 1999 that of all the undergraduate grades

"Grade inflation helps raise our GPAs and make getting that degree a bit easier. But it really is the university's duty to make sure we are getting our money's worth."

given during the 1996-97 school year, 46 percent were As and A-minuses ... at HAR-VARD. Should Harvard's grading be comparable to

Nationally, grade inflation UND's? The percentage of C-an epidemic, according to pluses given there in the same year was 9, fallen from

28 percent 30 years earlier.
Of course, there are those who say grades don't matter. Theodore Sizer, a progressive educationist quoted by Wilson said, "We have this educationist mania for rating people ... it's really kind of sick." Perhaps, but it's the way the world works, especially when scholarships depend on it. The thing is, our system of rating is failing us all, teachers and administrators, students and employers.

It seems that about 40 years ago, administrators found that the best way to get funding was to get students. And students only went to schools where they knew they'd do well. So teachers were pressured to be a bit lax on their grading. The thing is, if a teacher tried now to up his standards, he

would probably face unemployment. The way to keep a job is to keep students happy enough to stay out of the Dean's office, and students with 4.0s are generally pretty happy. Meanwhile, students that do work hard are getting the same grades as those who slack off, frustrating those of us that go to class when the person who sat next to us one day of the semester got the same grade we did. In addition, the students who do want to learn have to continue for master's and doctorate degrees, spending even more money to differentiate themselves from the students who mess around but still get a Bachelor's degree. It's also making the duty of employing students more expensive for companies. They don't know if the guy they hired with the 4.0 is a dunce or really knows his stuff, because chances are the GPAs would

be close. They have to spend more time testing and interviewing prospects and more money educating their employees skills they shouldn't have graduated without. So instead they just don't hire anyone, so the four years the student spent in college were wasted, regardless of how hard they worked. It's a vicious cycle.

Now, there aren't many students who complain about getting good grades. After all, grade inflation helps raise our GPAs and make getting that degree a bit easier. But it really is the university's duty to make sure we are getting our money's worth. Having a diploma in our hand means something, something that is enough in itself to make us desirable for employers. But fear of legislators, the public, complaining students and even their own lazier colleagues may discourage them

to do so. Students don't take classes from hard teachers, and if no own will take their class, they don't have a job.

The sciences are still more demanding, but Humanity topics are getting to be the most popular of majors because they are the easiest to

get good grades in.

A UND degree should mean something. It should mean I worked my butt off, have student loans to pay off and it was a long road here. Students should be furious that the value of their degree has lowered while tuition still climbs. Students should not be able to brag about spending their days playing Nintendo and still getting an A or B from a teacher who just figured that was good just figured that was good enough. They should be able to say, somewhere down the line, "I graduated from UND, and I deserved it."

# Learning 'fine art of BS' and the tricks of the trade

**By Katle Hewitt** Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

SALT LAKE CITY — There

is nothing like a new semester to bring you to your knees or to usher in a tsunami of humility. You finished last semester weary but in fine form, and you were feeling the end-of-semester momentum.

Yeah, some of you passed with flying colors while others of you simply passed, but as a friend of mine once aptly put it, "you can't spell degree without a D."

The holiday break was refreshing, and perhaps you even came back to school feeling like you were ready for anything and everything the professors may ask of you. That was until you noted the due dates of the first paper in

each of your classes. Suddenly, that all-toofamiliar wave of dread passed over you: You have to decipher, in a mere four-week span, how to please these people. What does this particular professor want to hear? In what ways am I going to have to modify what I truly feel and how I truly want to say it, in order to get the grade I truly want?

I find these thoughts that I have just as frequently as the rest of you (if not more so)

quite disconcerting.

College is supposed to be the time of life and the playground of free thought and expression. Great minds are educating and inspiring younger great minds, people are discussing and forming ideas... Well, that's what it is

deep. Now, I fear there are those of you reading this right now saying, "I never do that and I never could!" Not only do the rest of us not believe you, but you are also the person in the class that we all despise.

You are as unaware of your

"Suddenly, that all-too-familiar wave of dread passed over you. In what ways am I going to have to modify what I truly feel and how I truly want to say it, in order to get the grade I truly want?"

supposed to feel like anyway. College always has been and continues to be little more than a series of hoop jumping.

Oh sure, learning occurs in the process, though only as a bi-product or a latent function to the one skill that we all aim to master if we are to get out of this alive — that is the skill an outstanding high school teacher of mine called "the fine art of BS." My father, an educator in

public schools for the past 30 years, refers to this technique as pulling out the "golden shovel." To explain, just start digging and just start piling it

vocal brown nosing as you are of it in your writing. The more adamant you are of your inability to dig with the best of them, the better you are at it. You are undoubtedly labeled

the class kiss-up.

Mastering the skill of handling the golden shovel in each particular classroom situation is crucial for survival. It takes a little work and a little bit of effort, but putting forth

the energy rewards 10 fold. There is a little secret that I think it is time a few of us let you in on. Professor Janet Kaufman of the English department at the U brought this to my attention in one of her classes.

The key clue is the syllabus. Without going into too many hairy details (I'll spare

you the grammar lesson and the color coding), concentrate on the style of that highly emphasized piece of paper.

Does your professor write short and choppy sentences? Or perhaps the sentences are very active or very flowery? When you've deciphered a style there, imitate it. There's nothing a professor likes to hear more than someone who sounds just like him or her. Presto! You've got an A.

Now that I've filled you in on this fine and delicate art, the bigger issues come to light.

The fact that this secret had to be discovered and revealed at all is ludicrous because of the collegiate values it under-

College students are not supposed to want to please

the masses nor the individuals; they are supposed to be rebels and freedom lovers. They are not supposed to simply tell the big guys what they want to hear; they are supposed to embrace liberating ideas and see what come from

The saddest part of all is that this is nothing more than a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. What we are supposed and want to be and what gets the job done are two different

As the Indigo Girls sing, only after you've spent "four years prostrate to the higher mind" can you get your mind" can you get your "paper" and be free.

So serve your time, study the syllabus, and hold off for a while on the philosophy until you can safely form your own

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#### Top ten ways BSU is cutting costs to accommodate a 10 percent budget cut

By Sean C. Hayes The Arbiter

Kempthorne has just slashed higher education to the tune of nearly 10 percent, in a time of increased interest in degrees in uncertain economic times. Here's how BSU is adjusting to the new changes.

- 10. Champagne and cocktails at swanky alumni functions to be replaced with sparkling grape juice and Keystone Light.
- Regular espresso beverages at Moxie Java to be exchanged with Folger's crystals.
- 8. Plans held off indefinitely for proposed 50-ft. President Ruch statue on the Quad.
- 7. Athlete's scholarships will no longer include cost of textbooks. This semester, Broncos will have to purchase their own Harry Potter books.
- In lieu of a janitorial staff, signs will be hung all over campus admonishing students: "Your mother does not work here, please clean up after your.
- 5. New Student Rec Center to open as is, sporty types will be cautioned: "Watch for falling debris."
- LOST of new athletic logo to be defrayed by seeking corporate sponsorships. Absolut Yodka and Jack Daniëls have already expressed great interest. In lieu of the Counseling and Testing Center, stu-ents in entotional need will be given 10 free min-tes on campus phones to solicit the advice of Miss
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# Vaughan ties record in loss

By Darrin Shindle The Arbiter

Junior guard Abby Vaughan tied the Boise State school record for most three pointers in a career when she hit two treys Saturday night as the Broncos dropped another conference game to

Tulsa 69-58 at home.

Vaughan is now tied with
Kellie Lewis-Jay with 163
career three pointers.

Senior Crista Peterson

moved up to 7th on the alltime scoring list scoring a team high 17 points in the loss. Peterson now has 1,083 points in her career at Boise

State. The Golden Hurricane improved to 5-0 in Western Athletic Conference action and 10-5 overall. The Broncos dropped to 4-12 overall and 0-6 in the WAC.

The Broncos went into the locker room at halftime with a

two-point lead, 26-24. After a defensive first-half, both teams opened the second period on fire. The score was 49-39 Boise State at the 12minute mark. That's when the Broncos cooled off as Peterson was forced to the bench with four fouls. Tulsa's shots kept falling as the Hurricane caught up to take the lead and

hold on for the win. "We played a very good team right down to the wire, but we didn't do a good job of finishing down the stretch." Head coach Trisha Stevens said. "It really hurt us when Crista was called for her fourth foul."

The Broncos had four players score in double figures. Andrea Swindall put up 13 points, Abby Vaughan added 12, and Mandy Welch scored 11 to go with Peterson's 17. Peterson also led the team in rebounds with eights.

Tulsa was led by Alyssa

Shriver, who had 20 points and eight rebounds.

On Thursday night in the Pavilion the Broncos lost to Rice 54-49, shooting only 27.5 percent from the field.

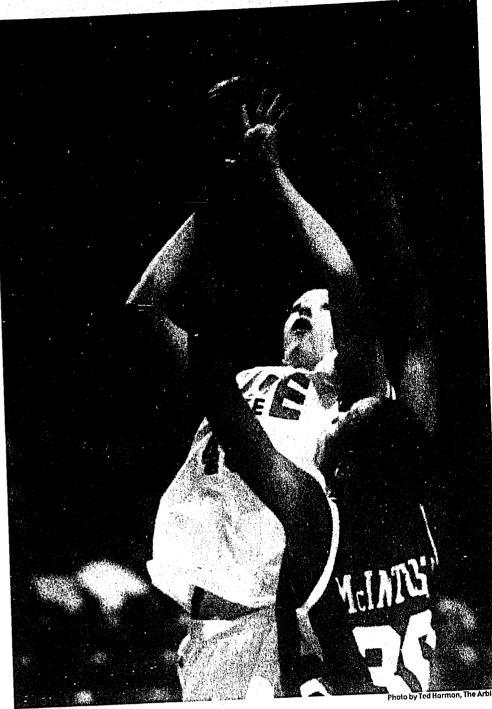
"We held a great team to just 54 points, but we couldn't get the ball to go in the basket." Boise State coach Trisha Stevens said.

The Broncos out-rebounded Rice, 35-32, and forced 21 turnovers of the Owls compared to having 16 of their own. From the free throw line Boise State was a solid 79 percent on 19-of-24 shooting. Rice struggled some from the line for 50 percent (9-18).

Boise State was led by Mandy Welch with 11 points.

Heather Little added nine and

Heather Little added nine and Camille Woodfield, eight. Crista Peterson led the team in rebounds with 10 but was held to six points.



Bolse State forward Christa Peterson puts up two points for the Broncos.

## Bronco wrestlers tie 24th ranked Fresno State

Bronco Sports Information

FRESNO, California -Boise State University's three match winning streak came to an end Thursday (Jan. 10) at Fresno State University. It was not because the Broncos lost, but it came in the form of a tie as Boise State tied the 24th ranked Bulldogs, 16-

16. The match stayed close throughout the night with the score tied four times before the final outcome. Boise State's record on the season is 3-3-1, while Fresno State is 6-1-1.

Boise State fell behind 3-0 as Jesse Brock lost an 8-4 decision to Derrick Hayes at 133 pounds. The Broncos came back to take a 6-3 lead as 18th ranked Gabe Vigil and 12th ranked Collin Robertson each posted decisions at 141 and 149 pounds, respectively.

It was now Fresno State's turn to regain the lead (9-6) as the host Bulldogs recorded decisions in the 157 and 165 pound weight classes.

Pat Owens and Tony D'Amico put Boise State back into the lead following matches at 174 and 184 pounds. Owens defeated Brian Spalliero 8-3 to tie the team score at 9-9, and D'Amico recorded a major decision over Britt Mooney, 11-3, to give the Broncos a 13-9 lead with three match-

es remaining.
The score was tied again following the 197-pound match as Marcio Bothelho posted a major decision win Jacob Bronco McGinnis, 12-4, before heavyweight Boe Rushton put Boise State back into the lead, 16-13, with a 6-1 win over Grant Harrington.

The deciding match of the dual came in the final weight class of 125 pounds.

Boise State's sixth ranked Ben VomBaur was set to face number one ranked, and two-time NCAA National Champion Stephen Abas. In a close match throughout the three periods, the top ranked Abas was able to only hand VomBaur a 6-4 defeat and score three team points for Fresno State to tie the final score at 16.

In a match earlier in the day on the Fresno State campus, Boise State defeated San Francisco State, 34-

Boise State is scheduled to compete in the Cal Davis Tournament on Saturday (Jan. 12) before returning to Boise and host its first home dual of the season on Jan. 19 (Saturday) against Portland State

University. The match will start at 2 p.m. in Bronco Gym.

# Bronco men split pair on road

Bronco Sports Information

Tulsa Hurricane pulled away from Boise State Saturday night, shooting 73 percent in the second half, en route to an 80-60 win in front of 8,229 fans a the Donald M. Reynolds

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Tulsa (12-3, 3-1 WAC) hit 7-of-8 three-pointers after half to break open a ninepoint game. Kevin Johnson led the Golden Hurricane with 19 points. Greg Harrington chipped in 17, while Dante Swanson added 14 points.

Boise State (8-8, 2-4 WAC) was led by bryan with 14 points. Booker Nabors added 13 and Abe

Jackson chipped in 11. For the first 39 minutes Thursday night in Houston Boise State couldn't find a way to take a single lead against Rice. Heading into the final minute of the game Booker Nabors finally put the Broncos up for good with a 10-foot baseline jumper as the Broncos went on to win 62-59 in a Western Athletic

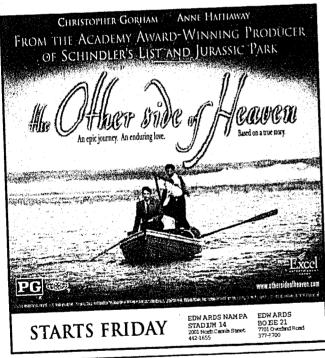
Nabors bucket followed by a pair of key Bryan Defares free throws helped Boise State (8-7, 2-3 WAC) to its first conference road win as a member of the WAC.

Nabors, Defares, and senior All-America candidate Abe Jackson gave the Broncos all the offense they needed in the win. The Bronco trio combined for 54 of Boise State's 62 points. Jackson led the way with 22 points and six rebounds, Defares chipped in a career-high 18 points on 6of-10 shooting. Nabors finished with 14 for the Broncos.

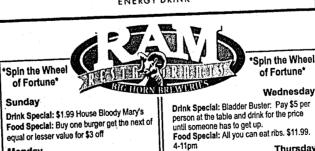
Rice (5-8, 0-3 WAC) was led by freshman Brock Gillespie with 17 points. Gillespie had a chance to put the Owls up after Nabors' go-ahead bucket but was whistled for a travel after slip-

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## Contact the basis and constant pressure of life in big leagues

By Dana Pennett O'Nell Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Joe Jurevicius runs his pattern, turns and waits for the ball to

arrive from Kerry Collins. Then comes the tackle. Think Batman here - BAM!, exclamation point included.

The Giants receiver is greeted, shall we say, by Eagles safety Brian Dawkins.

The crowd provides the audible reaction, 60,000-odd voices in a collective "Ow."

Jurevicius pops up as if to say, "Didn't hurt, didn't hurt a bit."

then comes the And

announcement. At the end of the next play, the press-box announcer unintentionally makes a mockery

of Jurevicius' tough-guy act.

"Joe Jurevicius," he intones,
"has bruised ribs. His return is doubtful.'

It is the basis of football. Baseball isn't a contact sport. Basketball isn't supposed to be a contact sport, and hockey, well, OK, but the contact isn't constant.

In football, on every single play, men smash into one another. Big men, oversized behemoths plowing into one another with little more than a few pounds of plastic between

them and serious bruising.
But there are hits and there are hits. There is the run-ofthe-mill dirty work that offensive and defensive linemen do in the trenches on every play.

And then there are the pops, collisions of two human freight trains hurtling toward one another, unable - or unwilling - to apply the

In this city, where just as much hitting can go on in the 700 level as on the field, we

Bronco Sports Information

TUCSON, Ariz. - The

Boise State gymnastics team

opened its season on the road

scoring a 189.25 to take second

behind Arizona (195.4) and

ahead of Brown (186.0) with a

travel squad that consisted of

six freshmen, one sophomore,

"We obviously had a young team on the floor, but they got

one junior and one senior.

hit like no other NFL town. But at some level, we also take it for granted. We might flinch at the immediate crash, but hey, that's football. By the time the players line up for the next play, we forget, intent on

what's going to happen next.
Players don't. The hits have impact, every bit emotional as well as physical.

"Man, I'll tell you what, it's just a huge collision," says fullback Cecil Martin, whose run-ins pave the way for running back Duce Staley. "It's a little small space and you're both going to be in it. The question is, who's going to take up more? You have to love the physical nature of the game. Those big hits just epitomize it."

The Eagles have ridden the strength of their defense into Saturday's playoff game with Tampa Bay, a defense categorized not only by its stinginess but by its tough-minded mentality. Nothing embodies that mentality like the big hits the defense delivers, and among the Eagles, no one hits quite like Dawkins. Quiet and unassuming off the field, Dawkins, recently named to the Pro Bowl for the second time, is a one-man wrecking crew on it, arguably one of the biggest and best hitters in the league.

Ask Pro Bowl defensive end Hugh Douglas about big hits and the man who drops quarterbacks on their backsides for a living demurs. "No," he says, "I don't hit like that. You need to talk to

Dawkins grins a sly smile when asked about his, ahem, meeting with Jurevicius. He is a student of the big hit. Though it might look like pure adrenaline, there is a sort of

appreciate and revel in the big sweet science to it, one that Dawkins has perfected. There are angles to take and positions to get your body in, devices not only to make sure the impact is greatest, but that the body delivering the blow

doesn't injure itself. "When you can hit someone like that, it's something as a safety or a defensive player, you live for those kinds of moments," he says. "It's pure instinct, but you still have to think about some things."

For guys in the secondary, most of their time is spent denying. We tend not to notice when they're doing their job well and catch on quickly when they've blown a cover-

They have only two real chances to get noticed: by picking off a pass or leveling a wide receiver.

Both plays have the same kind of effect on their teammates. The hits are, as Douglas pointed out, demoralizing for the guy put on his back and motivating for the rest of the defense.

"A lot of times when someone like Dawk delivers a big hit, it motivates Trot' (Jeremiah Trotter), Hugh, Hollis (Thomas), those guys on the front line," defensive back Bobby Taylor says. "It's an energy booster, not only for the guy who delivers the hit, but the rest of the guys on the defense as well."

Back in the day, guys used their helmets as spears and their forearms as weapons. Big hits weren't just crunches, they were literally head-on collisions. Those days are gone. There are rules now and, more important, there are punishments.

Ironically, that which is most instinctual about the

game of football has been denied some of its spontaneity by guys in suits.

You can't play the way the old defensive players played," Dawkins says. "There are only so many things you can do when you hit a person like that in a position that they say is OK. Because now, we get little letters in the mail if you hit someone with your helmet or with your forearm, things old safeties could do. If I do that now, I get a fine for it. You really have to be careful."

What about the obvious question? As Jurevicius' ribs indicate, we know the guy being hit hurts. How about the

guy delivering the blow? "Yeah, it hurts," Taylor

Quite often, the hittee gets up feeling like he's lost in a bad disco, where the lights blink and his head spins.

In the colloquial, we call it getting you bell rung.

In reality, it's more like get-ting your head stuck in a

gonging bell.

And then there are the aftershocks, the sore spots players don't even know hurt until they wake up the next morning. Dawkins, who prefers to tackle with his right shoulder, notoriously wakes up every Monday morning aching in that spot.

"It's part of the game. Every once in a while you're going to get your bell rung, Dawkins says. "But that's what you play with. I want to send a message to a receiver that I'm going to be a physical defensive back and I want to make sure he knows it. I want to make sure if I get a chance to hit him, that he's going to feel it every time."

Bronco gymnasts open season with second place finish

"This is a good starting point

and we will do nothing but improve and get better as the season goes on.' Highlights on the evening included freshman Carla Chambers' third place finish on beam (9.775) and fifth place finish on vault (9.55), freshman Tiffany Putnam's sixth

place finish on floor (9.775),

the job done." Boise State and senior Jamie Johns' sec-coach Sam Sandmire said. ond place 37.95 in the allaround.

As a team, the Broncos scored 47.275 on vault, 46.875 on bars, 47.8 on beam and 47.3 on floor.

The Broncos will travel to California next week to compete at Cal State Fullerton. Boise State's first home meet will be in two weeks on Jan. 25 against Washington.

Team Scores: 1. Arizona, 195.4; 2. Boise State, 189.25; 3. Brown, 186.00..

Floor: 1. Katie Johnson, Arizona, 9.9; 2. (tie) Andrea McCabe, Arizona, Jamie Duce, Arizona, Jamie Arizona, 9.85.



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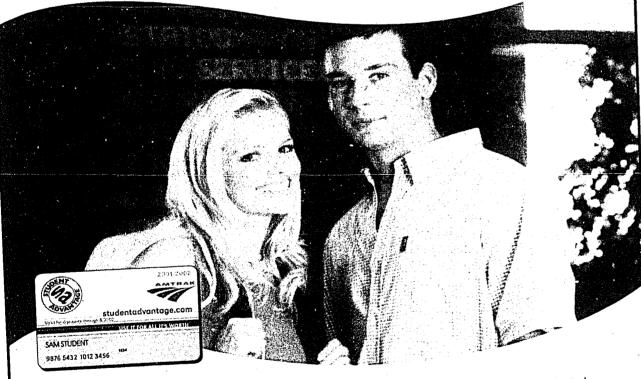
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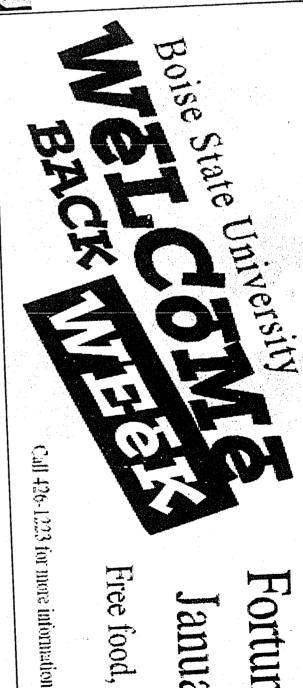
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# BAM boasts wide variety

#### One exhibit talks back

By J. Patrick Kelly The Arbiter

The Boise Art Museum is currently exhibiting a wide variety of creative offerings. Whether you're into interactive electronic art, or classic daguerreotype photography, or the magical wonderment of traditional Japanese and Chinese art, BAM has something for every artistic liking.

Jack Dollhausen:

If you get sassy with Jack Dollhausen's electronic art, it talks back. Dollhausen's exhibit, "A 30 Year Start," explores the evolution of technology via 26 electronic sculptures.

His schematic forms of circuitry, light and sound come to life in an explosion of electronic fervor, especially when they detect kinetic motion and audible frequencies. An exhibit statement adorning a museum wall pretty much sums it up:

Dollhausen's machines send out signals searching for of signs of life in their vicinity. When they detect it, they whisper and flicker, growl, coo and flinch in synch with the viewer. Some are programmed to react differently each time in sequences, which may not repeat in a human life-

Dollhausen, an art professor at Washington State University, uses anything electronic in the pursuit of his art: old transistors, diodes, dead oscilloscopes, coils, Geiger counter tubes and sonar detectors are just a few of the gadgets incorporated. He masterfully creates forms that demand interactivity with the viewer, and the end result is a symphony of electronic excite-

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Dollhausen's technical landmarks, he continues to transform inelegant scientific fact into spectacular sensory experience... They are never off." They merely rest. They seem to sleep, but actually, they wait, and some plan."

Dollhausen's exhibit is running until Feb. 17.

Deborah Hardee:

Since graduating from Boise State in 1976 with a B.A. in photography, Deborah Hardee has amassed a successful career as a professional photographer. Her accolades include three Idaho Commission on the Arts Sudden Opportunity Grants and she is a recent recipient of City Cultural Boise the Commission's Initiatives 2000 Grant.

Hardee's latest project, "New Works," dives deeply into the recesses of dark human emotion. Using a black & white Daguerreotype process, which was revolutionized by Louis-Jacques Daguerre in the mid-19th century, Hardee captures her subjects in ultimate sadness. moments Daquerre's invention has all but vanished as an art form in the modern world, mostly because the process is extremely difficult. His pioneering work led to the first major movement in portraiture photography.

The process entails transferring images onto sheets of silver-plated copper without the use of negatives.

Hardee's new series features 17 "psychologically charged" photographs. Her artist statement captures the essence of her concept:

"The goal of my current work is to reveal the inner, Jack emotional truth of human expe-

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rience that lies beneath the out-

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sure we normally express." In "New Works," Hardee investigates different stages of human distress and effectively traps the moody shadows of her subjects.

Hardee is fond of this quote from a famous African tribal shaman:

"Tears may be a language much older than words." Hardee's exhibit is running

through Feb. 24. Imperial and Folk Art of

China and Japan: BAM's current installation, "Beauty in All Things," offers a

glimpse into two Asian cul-

tures. The exhibit beautifully

examines Chinese and Japanese

folk art from the third through

Chinese exhibit is the Imperial

The focal point of the

the 19th century.

Throne of Emperor Qianlong, who reigned in China from 1736-95. The ornate throne is framed by an equally detailed tapestry and wood screen, and is adorned by two vividly glazed yellow porcelain vases. Some of the exhibit's Qing

The Chinese exhibit features an impressive array of Ming dynasty vases, jade and ceramics as well. The T'ang dynasty is represented by a decorative

professor John Takehara.

ceramic horse, similar to the ones buried with deceased noble leaders during the peri-The Japanese installation showcases textiles, lacquer-ware, paintings, woodblock prints, silk clothing and general

dynasty stoneware was donat-

ed to BAM's permanent collec-

tion by former Boise State art

objects from Japanese culture. Most of the Japanese folk art

Buddhism suggests that enlightenment can only be found through disciplined meditation and this tranquility is directly linked to the wonderment of the natural world. The Japanese woodblock

Museum, and offers insight

into the social and cultural tra-

ditions of Nippon. Japanese art

throughout the ages has put an

emphasis on personal harmony and nature. The Zen school of

prints preserve a rich tradition of folklore and culturally transmit stories for future genera-"Beauty in All Things" is

running through Feb. 16.



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Above: Jack Dollhausen's "Downwindblue" from his installation of electronic art "A 30 Year Start."

Right Deborah Hardee's "Joe" from her latest



Daguerrotype photography project "New Works."

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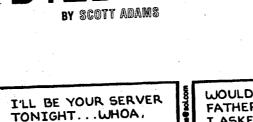
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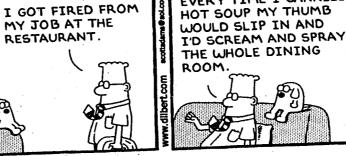
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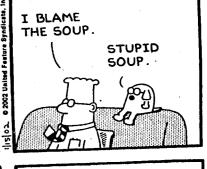
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# WeeklyHoroscope

Aries (March 21-April 20). Before Wednesday sentimentality and dreamy thoughts will have a special appeal. For many Aries natives the inner and outer world may now need realignment. Spend more time outside the home, if possible, and avoid reflection on past disappointments. It's time to make new friends; don't be shy. After Friday watch for sudden social announcements and quick reversals. Unusual gossip, romantic triangles and passionate arguments are likely. A delicate week: stay focused.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). New business or financial information may be bothersome before midweek. Expect an annoying wave of small details and changing agreements. Show authority figures your expertise with minor problems while staying focused on the big picture. In the coming weeks key officlals will closely examine your skills, habits and leadership abilities. Late Saturday ask a close friend or relative to offer wise advice. Romantic conflicts and fading friendships may now be a source of confu-Gemini (May 21-June 21). Social requests and business messages will increase early this week.

Watch for needy friends and new work assignments to now actively compete for your attention. Go slow: egos will be easily bruised. Later this week loved ones may ask for clearer financial statements, fresh social activities and added home enjoyment. Pace for a long journey. Over the next two weeks roommates and relatives may be more vulnerable than expected. Encouragement will help. Don't hold back.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before Thursday previously silent colleagues will notice your personal appearance or make surprising social comments. Try not to blush lives of friends and lovers will likely be made public. Some Cancers, especially those born early in July, may also encounter an unexpected flirtation from an older business associate. Social ethics may still be unclear. Wait for assurance before taking risks. An emotional week: avoid serious discussions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Recent differences of opinion may now be resolved. Before midweek watch for loved ones to accept rare proposals or strained explanations. This is the right time to correct misconceptions or encourage others to take responsibility for their actions. Some Leos may also experience a powerful wave of sensuality and attraction. If so, expect dreams, insights and rare moments of wisdom to also be compelling. Passions are high. Expect vital romantic breakthroughs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A romantic or social conflict may bring a powerful realization this week. Watch for loved ones to argue over minor details and silly issues. Social irritability may be an indication that others are feeling restricted or vulnerable. Gently encourage others to make peace. Old wounds are best left in the past. After Friday expect sudden bursts of uncharacteristic behavior from both friends and lovers. Over the next eight days social anxiety and fast romantic attractions will be difficult to avoid.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Workplace diplomacy will lead to improved efficiency early this week. Listen closely to the observations or subtle instructions of a colleague. Substantial business or financial gains are now available by relying on the efforts, contacts or daily experience of others. After Wednesday romance may be unpredictable and frustrating. Partners and potential lovers will offer mixed signals, quick invitations and fast denials. Don't expect clarity; none will be forthcoming.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Planned family events will now bring added enjoyment and security. Before Thursday expect open communications between loved ones and fast home proposals. Some Scorpios, especially those born between 1971 and 1983, will also experience a sharp increase in social invitations and romantic gossip. Expect minor jealousies or a subtle competition for your loyalty. Friends and lovers are now highly sensitive to change. Remain cheerful and enjoy group activities. All

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Long-term relationships will now begin a phase of reflection and evaluation. Early this week expect loved ones to contemplate new home options or review recent career goals. Some Sagittarians may also experience the return of an old friend or a series of oddly sentimental moments between old lovers. Romantic clarity will arrive before early February. Stay alert and watch for subtle signals. After Saturday rest and enjoy quiet activities. Energy may be low.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). The moodiness of loved ones may bring powerful insights before midweek. Recent romantic or home doubts may now be revealed to be more complex than originally thought. Find honest ways to discuss and clarify your feelings. Key issues may involve past finances, career conflicts between spouses or delayed family decisions. Others will now make quick judgments and hold strong opinions. Remain dedicated to long-term goals and minor disagreements will be

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social pleasures will be satisfying before Thursday. Although work demands are now high, spend some extra time building social and romantic harmony. Over the next few days many Aquarians will be offered a rare astrological opportunity for renewed love, shared intimacy and quick social increase. Remain open to all emotional growth this week; it's time to improve and celebrate key relationships. Five weeks of strained home relations and low energy are now ending:

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Tell friends and relatives exactly what you think this week. Honesty and clarity will now be rewarded with improved relations or progressive discussions. Some Pisceans may still encounter reluctance from long-term lovers or older family members. If so, expect pessimistic attitudes and sullen moods to change significantly by early next week. After Saturday pay close attention to home finances and personal spending. New debts or budget considerations may soon arrive.

If your birthday is this week . . . finalize all outstanding contracts, business tasks or paperwork before the end of January. Financial promises and legal obligations may soon become complicated by unnecessary delays. Watch for authority figures to now be strongly focused on strict rules, regulations and practices. Throughout much of 2002 watch also for romantic communications to be complicated and highly emotional. For the next nine months, romantic partners and potential lovers will expect fast commitments, solid progress and an obvious dedication to lasting social change.

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