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Students of Boise State University

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Citizen Service Act cuts work-study benefits

Legislation would affect students, library

By Erin Willis
The Arbiter

In January, President Bush announced plans to draft legislation changing how colleges and universities award federal work-study dollars.

Bush's proposed Citizen Service Act of 2002 would mandate 50 percent of federal work-study funds be spent on employing students in community-service jobs.

The bill would amend the Higher Education Act currently

requiring universities to allocate 7 percent of the budget to students working in non-profit and public organizations.

The change would also stipulate that a minimum of 5 percent of the students in the program work in areas of public safety,

public health and emergency preparedness.

These modifications are part of the USA Freedom Corps, the community-service program Bush proposed in response to last year's terrorist attacks.

"Well, I think its intentions are good, but administratively it would be difficult to carry out," said David Tolman, director of financial aid and scholarships at Boise State.

Tolman said program administrators would have to find up to \$500,000 in community-service positions at area organizations and then coordinate student employment and payroll with each of the agencies.

He also said the proposal limits students' opportunities.

"We try to pursue positions that will give students more meaningful experience," Tolman said.

Work-study is a need-based program, he said, and one of the purposes is to allow students to gain experience related to their majors.

Tolman said if a student's only option is to take a community-service job, it fails to serve that purpose.

Tolman said the existing AmeriCorps program would better serve students, as it does not have the strict need component of the work-study program, and students can apply earned funds toward loans.

"It actually works well, and the administrative structure is already in place to support community service," he said.

Last year more than 370 Idahoans worked through the AmeriCorps program and received awards up to \$4,725 to pay for college tuition or student loans, compared to the typical

\$3,500 annual award of the work-study program at BSU.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which manages the AmeriCorps program, would facilitate the changes to the work-study program proposed in the Citizen Service Act.

A spokesperson for the CNCS expects the bill to be introduced in April and hearings to begin shortly thereafter.

He said proponents of the legislation are optimistic it will pass.

"If this were enacted, it would definitely impact Boise State," Tolman said.

He said many university departments depend on the work-study program for support and diverting the funds would affect their operations.

BSU's Albertson's Library employs about 75 work-study students who work up to 1,500 combined hours per two-week pay period.

Management Assistant Julie Clarkson said that for 2001, work-study students provided almost 27,000 hours of work, a figure equivalent to 13 full-time staff members.

Losing almost half of their work-study staff, she said, would severely disrupt services.

"We would probably have to cut back hours," she said.

Clarkson said the library does employ some non-work-study students who are paid the same starting rate of \$6.25 per hour.

However, if the library lost federally funded positions, the library administration would be forced to do some budget reallocation, she said, and try to find funding from other sources.

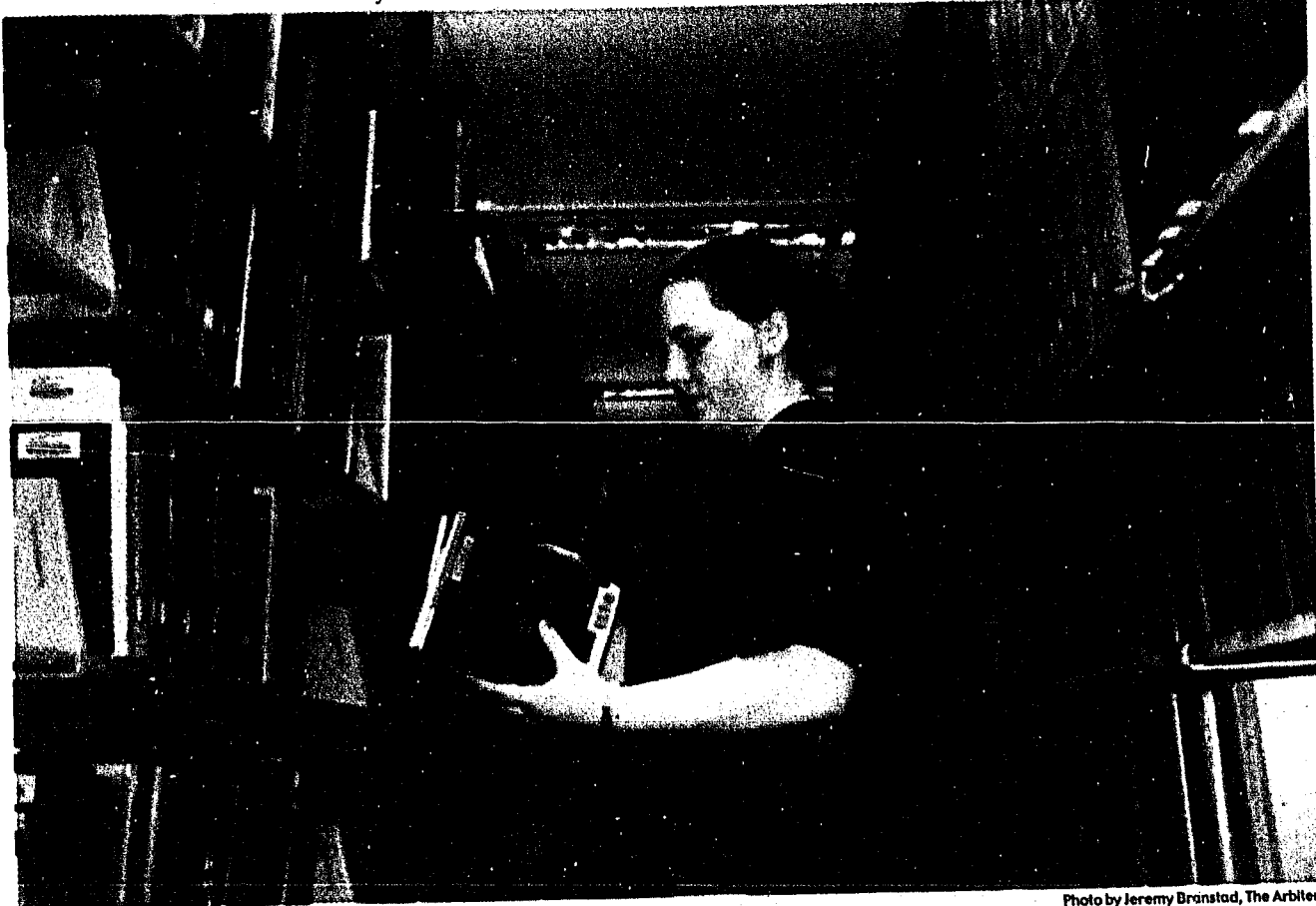


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Denise Sennick, a freshman elementary education major and work study recipient shelves books in the library at BSU.

Boise State names new SSPA dean

BSU News Services

Michael Blankenship, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Teaching and Learning Center at East Tennessee State University, has accepted the position of dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at Boise State University, effective June 23.

His appointment is contingent upon approval by the State Board of Education.

Blankenship earned his Ph.D. in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University in 1988. He taught at Memphis State University before joining East Tennessee State.

A former president of the Southern Criminal Justice Association and a former editor of the "American Journal of Criminal Justice," Blankenship is a highly regarded authority on capital punishment, white-collar crime, law and society,

and policing.

He is the author of several books and numerous articles. In recognition of his scholarship and teaching he has received the Outstanding Criminal Justice Educator Award from the Southern Criminal Justice Association as well as the Distance Education Innovations Award from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Communication professor Suzanne McCorkle has served as the college's interim dean during the past two years.

Blankenship will lead a college that has approximately 2,500 majors, nearly 80 faculty and 30 other employees.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs also administers several centers and institutes, including the Center for Public Policy and Administration and the Environmental Finance Center.

By Andy Benson
The Arbiter

Boise State will orchestrate a coordinated response to the pro-life Genocide Awareness Project coming to the quad the week of April 8 in conjunction with the BSU Counseling Center and the Women's Center.

University plans include holding a vigil the night prior to the display, providing counseling for students impacted by the graphic signs, hosting a forum on the First Amendment in the Student Union Building, and staffing a table to address student questions and concerns during the display.

The Ada County Sheriff's Department will provide security during the event.

The Genocide Awareness Project will consist of graphic signs measuring eight feet by four feet depicting images of lynchings, mass graves and aborted fetuses.

Those groups include campus

The displays attempt to equate abortion with genocide, comparing historical ethnic-based killings as equivalent to abortion in today's society.

The display has been shown at universities across the U.S. and Canada, including the University of Idaho.

Leah Barrett, director of the Student Union and Activities, said the purpose of the staffed table in the Quad is to answer student questions and to be available for any student that wants some type of counseling intervention.

Barrett also said the Counseling Center will provide counselors during the display and will be available for after-hours counseling if students contact campus police.

Greg Blaesing, executive director of Auxiliary Services, said local groups that may be impacted by the display have been briefed on the images.

Those groups include campus

ethnic organizations, the Congregation Avahath Beth Israel and the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Center.

Blaesing also said the display is protected by the First Amendment.

"We protect the rights of free speech when we protect those we don't agree with," Blaesing said.

In addition to the tables and counselors, the Student Union will host an open forum discussing the First Amendment on April 8.

The faculty and staff led forum will be held in the Hatch A and B ballrooms in the Student Union Building at 6 p.m.

In addition to the efforts by Student Activities and the Counseling Center, the Women's Center will also co-sponsor a vigil the night before the display.

Melissa Wintrow, Women's Center coordinator, said she has spoken with several women who are upset with the display's tactics and want to respond in a

healing fashion.

"They want to get control on this and find some emotional calm," Wintrow said.

The idea for a vigil arose during a meeting of concerned campus community members who wanted to discuss ways of countering the display.

Wintrow said the consensus of the meeting was that genocide is an inappropriate metaphor for abortion.

"People who care about genocide don't exploit it," Wintrow said.

Ribbons will also be available to students and faculty to wear in protest of the exhibit.

The display is hosted by four campus religious organizations: Campus Crusade for Life, Saint Paul's Catholic Student Groups, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Baptist Campus Ministries.

The event is also being endorsed by Generation Life, a pro-life organization based in Boise.

BSU readies response for abortion display

BSU housing director takes leave of absence

Search begins for new administrator

By Matt Neznanski and Amy Weaner
The Arbiter

John Ringle, director of student housing, took an unexpected administrative leave of absence right before students left for spring break.

Rebecca Hancock, assistant director for residence life said news of Ringle's absence came as a surprise to everyone.

Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs, said Ringle is still an employee of BSU, but would not elaborate on personnel specifics.

"I met with the permanent student housing staff to tell them. I believe the rest of the staff met later in the afternoon to discuss it," Blake said.

She said she has appointed Greg Blaesing as acting director of Student Housing.

Blaesing is currently the executive director of auxiliary services. A BSU employee for 15 years, he also served as director of

Student Union and Activities.

Blaesing said Ringle has left the campus and, as his direct supervisor, will take the position.

He held the interim housing position last spring and summer while a search was conducted for a permanent director.

That search resulted in Ringle's hiring.

Ringle became an employee of BSU in June of 2001. Prior to Boise State, he served as associate director of student life at Utah State University.

"The position has not been eliminated. We are considering in student affairs who the next person will be," Blaesing said.

He said BSU will eventually identify a permanent director, but is now making decision as to the scope of the search for a replacement.

"This is a time of rapid growth in our housing," Blaesing said.

A residence hall expansion project adding 340 beds was recently approved by the State Board of Education, and the University Courts apart-

ments will be demolished this summer and expanded into a new complex.

Blaesing said the housing department's intent is to grow and develop housing options to add to the on-campus atmosphere.

He said 28 percent of students living in student housing come back the following year.

Retention is a fundamental part of the new housing master plan, Blaesing said.

"We don't have the housing students want in their sophomore and junior years. Our intent is to be able to provide [it]," he said.

Based on a study conducted by the housing department and nationwide statistics, students want suite style housing for sophomores and juniors.

According to Blaesing, students are also interested in starter apartments, 2, 3, or 4 bedroom units with shared kitchen and living areas.

"If students can not only be successful in academics but develop a connection to the institution, research shows it makes a big difference," he said.

Summer classes may offer relief for fall enrollment

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

In light of faculty reductions and expected increases in student enrollment, Boise State administrators are asking students to consider summer classes to lessen the load.

BSU Provost Daryl Jones wrote, in an e-mail to continuing students, budget cuts will have an impact on class availability in the Fall.

"We anticipate fewer faculty in the Fall will limit sections of high demand, including core courses and general services," Jones wrote.

He said the university is planning to expand summer classes until demand is met.

"In the summer, if we average 22 students per class, the system becomes self-supporting," Jones

said.

In the regular Fall and Spring semesters, full-time students are charged a flat fee for up to 19 credit hours.

This summer, classes cost \$130.85 per credit hour.

When enough students enroll in a class, the fees charged specifically for the class covers its expenses.

Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not used all of their allotment for the academic year.

The courses offered in summer are mainly core classes with multiple sections, Jones said.

Upper division classes are generally not a problem and are usually not available in the summer.

University employees will also face changes during the summer term.

Following the university's plan to reduce utility costs, BSU staff members will work 4 and a half days during the summer.

Not having people on campus over the longer weekend will allow power and cooling systems to be shut down, Jones said.

Monday through Friday, employees will work extended hours, and take a half-day on Friday.

The plan keeps the offices open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 on Friday.

"We're trying to get the staff here in the morning when it is cool, and then shut off the A/C earlier," Jones said.

Summer registration for continuing students begins today.

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News

Government's need for secrecy conflicts with academia's need for openness

By Andrea Widener
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - Many scientists want to work on the important national security problems facing the new, post-Sept. 11 world.

But most can't do that work at their own college campuses. That's because many universities strictly limit classified research, fearing its strictly imposed restrictions will interfere with the free sharing of ideas that makes them so successful.

"Universities want to be good citizens and assist in the public defense," said Lawrence Coleman, the University of California's vice provost for research and a physics professor at UC Davis. "On the other hand, we have this culture of the open environment, and that is what collides with classified research."

Those restrictions have fueled a still-growing debate about the role of secret research at the country's universities, home to many of its most talented scientists and engineers.

Major research institutions like MIT are reconsidering restrictions on campus-based classified work in light of the renewed patriotic surge, and an associated boost in defense funding.

In contrast, faculty at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, which allows such research but hasn't seen much in reality, is considering a move to effectively ban classified work after the university's geophysics department agreed to conduct national missile defense-related experiments.

Stanford University is solid in its stance that classified work has no place on a university campus. The University of California system has no hard rules on classified research, but its strict policies requiring publication of research results and inclusion of all interested researchers, no matter their home country, have essentially eliminated the work on most of its campuses.

Neither Stanford nor the University of California stops its faculty members from doing classified work on their own time, if they go to places like national laboratories, industry institutes or agency headquarters in Washington. In fact, after Sept. 11, many campuses, including UC Berkeley, are giving their professors special leave or more flexible work schedules to pursue this important work.

"Secrecy has got a real place. The balance between secrecy and science has to be maintained when government work has to be done," said Sidney Dreil, former deputy director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center who has spent decades advising the government on nuclear weapons and other security matters. "It is a very sensitive and difficult line."

Dreil, like most others interviewed, feels strongly that classified research has no place on campus because it will inevitably interfere with a university's ultimate mission: education.

"I think one of the important things not to do on campus is erect barriers because it gets in the way of discovery," said Shankar Sastry, chair of UC Berkeley's engineering and computer science department who once led a division of the Defense Department's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. "It is important for faculty and students to engage in a national security agenda, but that does not translate into doing classified research on campus."

Even with this policy, though, universities still run into gray areas that aren't strictly classified but still inhibit the ideal free and open debate.

For example, some grant givers ask to review publications or restrict foreign scientists or graduate students from working on their projects.

This has become especially onerous in the area of satellite-based basic science. Several

years ago, all satellites - including those used for basic research - were placed on a list of items controlled by the State Department.

While the regulations say there is leniency for academic research, scientists could still be fined, or worse, for providing basic scientific information to people from the wrong country - even if that information is available on the Internet or has been published in a research journal. Further, universities are loath to get involved in something that may require them to register as a munitions dealer.

"The unintended consequences of this are drastic," said Rachel Claus, who has worked on this issue as general legal counsel for the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

"It is just a very scary environment that we live in right now for those of us in the community that are involved in spacecraft and satellites. These are unusual times, and we need to be gravely concerned about what can be used against us."

Because of these restrictions, much satellite research and occasionally other research is being rejected.

"If push comes to shove, we say no," said Coleman, of the University of California.

Many universities agree to lesser restrictions, like a short waiting period before publication from both industry and defense researchers. But some people are worried that even that concession is cutting into academic freedom.

Universities weren't always as leery of classified research. During World War II and immediately after, scientists and the government had a very close relationship. But soon the conflict between secrecy and openness arose.

Classified work requires locks, fences and gates that most universities just don't have. It usually limits publications and collaborations with foreign scientists, something many freedom-loving professors and education-hungry stu-

dents don't readily accept.

"There is an uneasy relationship, to put it mildly, between secrecy and research," Claus explained. "You get the best research where people can test theories and butt heads."

Universities handled this in different ways. A few continued to allow it on campus, but most either eliminated it all together or created off-campus laboratories where scientists could do their own work. Only one UC campus, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, has a classified research area. Stanford has one area with classified documents, but no area for such research.

"The challenge we face is how can we help and do our part in national security problems and at the same time preserve what makes us special," said Paul Gray, executive vice chancellor and provost at UC Berkeley.

Many scientists point out that the Department of Defense already funds open research on campuses, and that is not changing.

"The point is that DOD still understands that open research moves faster than classified research," said UC Berkeley mechanical engineer Albert Pisano, who has several defense grants he and his graduate students can work on in his campus lab.

"Faculty can pursue their research interests, but not exactly in the environment they would choose."

Berkeley has already allowed many professors, especially biologists, to take an extended leave to work on national security problems. Gray expects more accommodations and hard decisions will have to be made as scientists are called on to do more to fight terrorism.

"The key things are to maintain the free flow of information to the greatest extent possible," Gray said. "I think we will need to make some important decisions."

Old ice may hold new bugs

By Chuck Soder
The BG News (Bowling Green State U.)

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - Most things die after a few hundred thousand years, but not everything.

Many bacteria, viruses and fungi can survive in ice. Some species have gone frozen and unseen for ages, according to Scott Rogers, who heads University research on these ancient organisms.

After studying ice from Greenland and Antarctica, Rogers, the new chair of the University's biology department, is trying to gather Himalayan ice. With it, he hopes to find an explanation for influenza, or flu, viruses that seem to vanish from the Earth only to return years later.

"Some strains of influenza seem to disappear for ages and come back," he said. "And a lot of influenza comes from Asia."

Through his and his team's research, Rogers has developed a theory called "genome recycling" that would explain this phenomenon.

According to the theory, wind drops tiny organisms on glaciers. Over several thousand years, layers of ice pack the frozen life form farther and farther into the glacier. As the ice mass moves, its front will slowly melt, eventually exposing the organism, unfreezing it. Such a cycle can take more than a million years.

The effects of the newly freed organisms spread from there, Rogers said. "Once they melt they mix with modern populations."

And microorganisms and modern populations don't always mix well. When two of Rogers' colleagues were in the Caribbean 15 years ago, they avoided the area's notorious water. They did,

however, use ice cubes. And they got sick.

It got Rogers and his associates thinking: "If they survive in those conditions, they could probably survive in ice elsewhere."

That day, the travelers learned to avoid Caribbean ice as well as water. As for the future, there is still much learning to do.

"We came up with genome recycling about two years ago," he said. "But we could be studying it for another 20 years."

Rogers started studying ancient ice organisms in 1994, and some of his colleagues have been studying them for over a decade. The rest of his peers, however, are just now catching on, he said.

While plenty of scientists study ice for information on global warming patterns, few searched for life frozen inside. Interest is spreading, he said, citing a successful turnout at a recent workshop on the subject and other similar events.

"It's taken a while, but after 10 years, (the scientific community is) getting more and more interested," Rogers said.

Among the interested is NASA, he added. "They've been looking for life in subterranean ice on Mars, and they want to know how a probe could look for signs of life."

Discovering new organisms could be good for medicine, too, he said. "We could find some new bacteria or fungi that could produce antibiotics."

But no matter what comes from the research, discovery alone is enough to keep Rogers happy.

"From the scientist's standpoint, finding anything new is interesting," he said.

News Bucket

Boise State Honors College and Boise Corp. present free lecture

George W. Brown, dean emeritus of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University, will be the featured speaker at the Boise Environmental Affairs Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Bishop Barnwell Room of the Student Union Building.

Brown's lecture is titled "How Big is Your Watershed?" He will explore the relationship between forests and water in research and policy debates, and why watershed issues are a good starting point for discussions of other natural resource concerns.

The question "How big is your watershed?" is a challenge to think more broadly about the environmental consequences of what we do.

Brown earned a Ph.D. in forest hydrology in 1967 from Oregon State University and served as dean of the College of Forestry for nine years.

The lecture, sponsored by the Boise State Honors College and by Boise Corp., formerly Boise Cascade, is free and open to the public.

Free parking for those attending the lecture will be available in the Student Union parking lot east of the building.

For more information about the lecture, call 426-1248.

Idaho to host symposium on health, safety, and the environment

The Idaho Joint Safety Symposium 2002 will be held April 15-18 at the Boise State University Student Union Building. This symposium is a combination of The Idaho Governor's Safety and Health Conference and Boise State's Safety Awareness Day.

The symposium begins on Monday, April 15, and continues through Thursday, April 18, at Boise State.

Two to three hundred participants from across the inter-

mountain region are expected to attend a series of 40 workshop sessions covering health, safety and environmental issues facing the campus, industry and the general community.

Some of the workshops include Current Terrorism Issues and Contingency Planning in Idaho; Family Disaster Planning;

Current Issues in Non-ionizing and Ionizing Radiation Exposure Risks; Emerging Pathogens; Personal Safety and Self Defense; Fire Prevention, Planning and Extinguisher Training; and Computer Security for University Researchers.

Also, there will be representatives from more than 50 safety, health and environmental supply distributors in the vendor portion of the symposium.

Keynote speakers for the symposium include Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs and Boise State Provost Daryl Jones. Also, First Lady Patricia Kempthorne will be on hand to accept a check for her favorite charity.

This symposium is being held with Gov. Kempthorne's support and endorsement.

"This symposium has been designed with the Safety and Health professional in mind, as well as providing an educational opportunity for interested community members and Boise State University students and faculty," said Michelle Steeler, a conference planning committee co-chair.

"Small business owners and those individuals responsible for the safety and health of individuals who want to improve their performance in safety are welcome and encouraged to attend."

For more information go to www.asse-src.org.

Attendees can register at the door or pre-register by calling Janelle Bogan at (208) 463-1343; or by e-mail at njbogan@coaleone.net.

A fee of \$150 covers all four days of the conference.

Boise State to host regional venture competition in May

Teams of would-be entrepreneurs will converge on the Boise State University campus and Boise Depot May 1-3 for what organizers expect to be the first annual Northwest Venture Championship - a student competition for the best new technology-based business plan.

"We want to encourage people to create their own businesses in Boise and throughout the state," said Kent Neupert, international business professor and contest organizer.

Neupert said the Treasure Valley is a natural location for the competition because of its rich history of entrepreneurship, evidenced by Hewlett Packard's printer division, Micron and Extended Systems, among others.

Nine to 12 teams from universities in Idaho, Montana, Washington, Utah, Canada and Mexico will compete for more than \$1,500 in prize money donated by the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the Inland Northwest Research Alliance.

An educational component of the event will allow budding entrepreneurs to witness presentations from real entrepreneurs asking for venture capital funding.

Three days of bloodletting in Jordan Ballroom

Two blood collection opportunities will be available to students next week.

Volunteer one to three hours of your time at Boise State University's semi-annual blood drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 10 at the LDS Institute and April 11 at the Student Union Jordan Ballroom.

BSU's Kappa Sigma fraternity will be collecting April 11 and 12 in the same place.

Blood will be donated to the American Red Cross, co-sponsor of the event.

Volunteers are needed to

help unload and reload trucks and equipment, help set-up before the event, and assist blood donors by handing out cookies and juice.

"Because of the deficiency of blood in our community and in the world, the Red Cross began collaborating with colleges and community service organizations for better exposure and greater participation," said Scott Harris, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services Board.

If you would like to volunteer your time or if you would like to donate blood, please contact Harris at 426-4248.

Kappa Sigma representatives will be staffing a booth in the SUB to sign up donors for their blood drive today and tomorrow.

For information on the Kappa Sigma effort, contact Russ O'Leary at 331-3840

April films from Student Programs Board

Comedy is the theme for April's films, presented by Boise State University Student Programs Board. Films begin at 7 p.m. at the Special Events Center and are open to the public.

April 2-Clerks
Written and directed by Kevin Smith, this black-and-white comedy follows a day in the lives of two convenience store clerks in New Jersey.

The film presents a series of scenes featuring odd personalities in bizarre situations. \$1 general admission, free to Boise State students.

Rated R
April 16-Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Starring Matthew Broderick, this warm-hearted comedy follows the mischievous Ferris as he fakes an illness, skips school, catches a baseball game at Wrigley Field, sings in a German American Day parade, and cruises the streets of Chicago in a red Ferrari. Free for everyone.

Rated PG-13.

APRIL 1

"All That Jazz," Chuck Smith, Renaissance Institute seminar series, \$40 for four-session series plus membership fee. Call 426-1709.

APRIL 1-12

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition featuring Sue Wilson, Visual Arts Center Gallery 1, Liberal Arts Building. Opening reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 5. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 12-5 p.m. Sat. Free. Call 426-3994.

APRIL 2

"Clerks," Special Events Center. 7 p.m. Presented by Boise State Student Programs Board. Admission: \$1 general, free to Boise State students. Call 426-1223.

Graduate student recital, Douglas Whitten, tuba, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

Literature for Lunch, Women's and Children's Alliance. 12:00 p.m. W.

Boise State English Department faculty lead discussion of "In the Eye of the Storm" by Abdul

APRIL 4-6

Gene Harris Jazz Festival, various locations in Student Union, Pavilion and Special Events Center. More information: www.gene-harris.org. Tickets at Select-a-Seat, 426-1766 or www.idahotickets.com.

APRIL 6

Bronco gymnastics, NCAA regionals at Oregon State. TENTATIVE.

Bob Gibb Invitational track meet, Bronco Stadium.

Outdoor Equipment sale, for students only, location TBA. 9-11 a.m. Call 426-1946.

APRIL 7

Student recital, Katherine Currie, violin, Morrison Center Recital Hall. 3 p.m. Presented by Boise State music department. Free. Call 426-3980.

Plus One In Concert, The Pavilion. 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$26.50 at Select-a-Seat, 426-1766 or www.idahotickets.com.

APRIL 8-11

ASBSU Spring election week. Online voting. Call 426-1440.

Arabs issue ultimatum to Israel, puts U.S. on alert

By Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah will present the Arab League's newly adopted peace initiative to President Bush at his Texas ranch next month, with hopes of convincing the United States to put pressure on Israel to agree to the terms, Arab leaders said Thursday.

The seven-part initiative, unveiled after the close of the organization's annual summit, includes an unprecedented offer of "normal relations" between all Arab countries and Israel in exchange for the Jewish state relinquishing land conquered in the Six Day War in 1967.

But the Arab proposal - a compromise between moderate and hard-line Arab states - may not be bold enough to get Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to start negotiating, especially when his nation is the target of a new wave of

terrorist attacks.

Arab leaders warned that a failure of Israel to accept the plan would result in more violence, which could also boomerang on moderate Arab governments. Militant Islamic groups are playing an unprecedented role in the latest Palestinian intifada, or uprising, and unlike Yasser Arafat's secular Fatah party, they also seek to topple the rulers of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Israel has expressed interest in discussing the Arab plan but objects fundamentally to some of its provisions, including granting a right of return to millions of Palestinian refugees living in Arab countries.

The delegates also warned strongly against any attack on Iraq, underscoring the Bush administration's failure to assemble a coalition of Arab countries in actions to topple the Iraqi government.

"Israel must reply," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud-

al-Fasal insisted after League Secretary General Amr Moussa announced the terms of the plan unanimously endorsed by the league's 22 members. "If you want genuine peace, you must respond in kind. It doesn't come out of a muzzle" of a gun.

If Israel doesn't sign on, "there will be a return to violence, pushing forward to the precipice, inviting hostilities that, God forbid, will happen," Fasal said. The warning was given substance earlier in the week when he and other foreign ministers pledged \$150 million for the Palestinian uprising against Israel.

Arab League members agreed to 24 other provisions, many showing a rare degree of Arab unity and the strongest statement of opposition to U.S. foreign policies since the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991.

The Saudi-envisioned plan bears a striking resemblance to one that the kingdom's

King Fahd put on the table 21 years earlier, albeit in vaguer terms with a few key differences. For one, this agreement proposes diplomatic and economic relations between Israel and the Arab world, Fasal said.

The communique is silent on the fate of hundreds of Jewish settlements dotting the Palestinian landscape, although removal of the settlements is a frequent demand from Palestinians.

While members denounced the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, they were far more zealous in endorsing the intifada as a just and noble cause, with praise and sympathy for Palestinian fighters.

The hardest slap in the face of the Bush administration came when the conferees decreed in terse terms that they would not stand for the U.S. war against terrorism to be turned on Saddam Hussein.

"The Arab League rejects

any attempt to attack any Arab country, in particular Iraq, or to threaten its security, for this is considered threatening or an attack on all Arab countries," Moussa said.

Even Saudi Arabia, where American troops are based, showed unprecedented warmth toward its longtime foe. Television cameras captured a warm embrace between Saudi Sultan bin Abdul Aziz and the head of the Iraqi delegation, Izaat Ibrahim, which drew applause from other summit members. It was the highest-level contact between the two countries in 10 years.

Iraqi and Kuwaiti officials also shook hands, albeit behind closed doors.

The hugs and smiles were in stark contrast to the previous day's stormy opening of the 14th summit, when members bickered, and the Palestinian delegation and a United Arab Emirate leader stormed out because of conflicts over protocol. On

Thursday, the Palestinians were back at the summit, with their foreign affair minister pushing for adoption of the Saudi proposal and removal of the international embargo against Iraq, which became part of the decree.

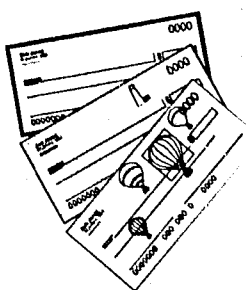
The U.N. Security Council imposed economic sanctions against Iraq a decade ago for failing to comply with international demands following the Persian Gulf War, including weapons inspections.

The Iraqi delegation, meanwhile, agreed to Arab leaders' requests that it respect Kuwait's borders and work with the Red Cross to locate Kuwaiti detainees believed to be still in Iraq.

"There were once a number of obstacles because of the great deal of tension between the two countries" for so long, Moussa said. "But the spirit that has prevailed will enable us to move forward."

The next summit is scheduled for next year in Bahrain.

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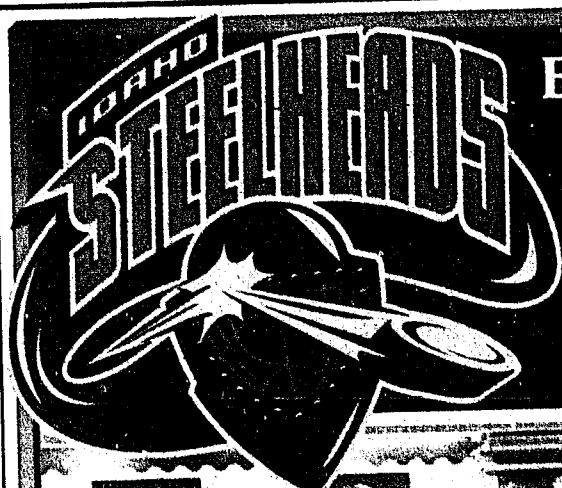
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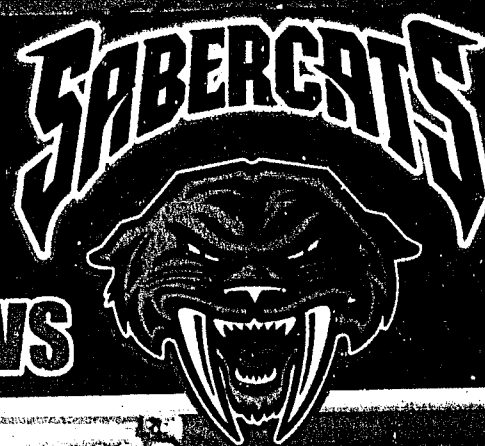
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Opinion

Idaho: Land of potatoes and fascists

Having grown up in California, I receive a lot of disparaging remarks about my decision to attend college in Idaho. When I told my high school classmates I was attending BSU they immediately thought I was going to get my college education from some sort of college of excrement, hence the "BS" in BSU. It is difficult to talk about life in California without sounding like a snob. The state is generally better in many aspects but one—the beauty and serenity I enjoy in Idaho is incomparable. But that is it. Though I have always thought that all politicians in California were the devil's spawn, Idaho is no exception. We have a ludicrous excuse for a governor; a man who recently spent tax

payer money to distribute a self-promotional pamphlet with a circulation in the thousands even before he has announced whether he plans to run for re-election. His superfluous insecurities following Sept. 11 turned the capital building into an eye sore. As if Bin Laden's next target was to rid Kempthorne and his precious trademark of a hairstyle. Boise State has a tyrannical president who wouldn't resign if every faculty member and student signed in favor of his immediate removal. Even our own legislators are fascists. Dan Popkey

reported a story last Tuesday about Representative Kent Higgins' decision to present



two other legislators a picture of a swastika for supporting early childhood education programs. The picture depicts a child

in swaddling clothes under the Nazi flag. Despite the fact that it was meant as a "gag gift" I haven't the slight-

est notion why a member of congress would do such a thing as a jest. I knew that conservatives lived up to their label in Idaho but I had no idea they leaned so far into Mussolini's direction. There are a lot of things which need reforming in Idaho. Legislators need to improve health care tremendously for the terminally ill, including those with AIDS. In California a person with AIDS can receive an astounding amount of free health care that anyone with the affliction in Idaho would be grateful to have.

I can't help but laugh when people talk about how diverse Idaho is. People just don't know what diversity is until they visit San Francisco or even Sacramento—if you go to any mall there and are a

white male, you my friend are a minority. Just because BSU's housing department deposits a busload of Japanese exchange students every spring semester doesn't make this campus diverse.

According to SE Idaho Statistics & Info, in 1997 Idaho had the highest rate of child sexual abuse in the nation and was ranked 49th in appropriated funds to prevent and treat victims of sexual abuse. Idaho currently ranks last in child immunizations and continues to rank in the top five states with the most cases of sexual abuse. In July 2001, Douglas Fagerness, president of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children called poverty the number one threat to the well being of Idaho children.

California has its problems also—god knows we didn't have to deal with an energy crisis as catastrophic as theirs. This state has an overwhelming number of conservatives which has an effect on the overall progress of passing important legislation.

Visit any state in the east and tell people you are from Idaho and your bound to get some sort of cruel reaction. Our state has a number of ridiculous laws which need to be ratified. I think the day the state of Idaho amends or rescinds its sodomy laws is the day I am crowned Miss Idaho and given a tiara made of potato, our finally official state vegetable.

U.S. should not pursue war with Iraq

The Bush war machine has set its sights on Iraq. The Guardian reported in February, "the Pentagon and the CIA have begun preparations for an assault on Iraq involving up to 200,000 troops that is likely to be launched later this year with the aim of removing Saddam Hussein." Secretary of State Colin Powell added that the administration is seeking a "regime change" stating, "we are looking at a variety of options that would bring that about."

Realizing that it is skating on a thin sheet of unfriendly global opinion, the administration has been positioning itself carefully at home and abroad. Donald Rumsfeld is wrapping up an unsuccessful Middle East attack-Iraq support-raising trip, and domestically, rather than attempting to establish a direct connection to Sept. 11, Bush has wisely couched his extension of state violence in terms of "defending our country" from a rogue dictator who supposedly possess weapons of mass destruction. Hoping that the forced unity of America's new found "patriotism" will quell dissent

in Congress, and that the jingoistic fervor dominating the opinion pages of newspapers and television will carry public opinion, Bush is cautiously extending his cowboy crusade for U.S. "full spectrum dominance" (the Pentagon's official term for global U.S. economic and military hegemony.)

Thoughtful Americans should oppose this latest round of U.S. militarism. No evidence exists to justify such an action. There has been no documented evidence made public



against the U.S. As for weapons of mass destruction and bioterror, Dennis Halliday, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq from 1998-2000, has stated, "Iraq today is no longer a military threat to anyone. Intelligence agencies know this. All the conjectures about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq lack evidence." Another UN official, weapons inspector Scott Ritter has written, "Given the comprehensive nature of the monitoring regime put in

place by UNSCOM, which included a strict export-import control regime, it was possible as early as 1997 to determine that, from a qualitative standpoint, Iraq had been disarmed. Iraq no longer possessed any meaningful quantities of chemical or biological agents, if it possessed any at all, and the industrial means to produce these agents had either been eliminated or were subject to stringent monitoring. The same was true of Iraq's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities."

The latest CIA report (Jan. 2002) offers only benign speculation: "without an inspection monitoring program" "it is more difficult to determine the current status" of Iraq's biological and nuclear capabilities.

On the ground, the situation in Iraq is far more tragic than it is alarming. According to UN reports, the nation's civilian population is still reeling from the suffocating destruction inflicted on it by the Gulf War. "Smart bombs" from the 1991 attack targeted water, sewage treatment, and power plants; schools; and hospitals. As a result, Iraq's infant mortality rate has risen 160 percent since 1991, the highest increase of 188 countries surveyed from 1990-99. Compared to 1990 levels, access to potable water is only

50 and 33 percent in urban and rural areas respectively. School enrollment has fallen 53 percent for ages 6-23 and per capita income fell from \$3,416 in U.S. dollars in 1984 to less than \$1,036 in 1998. Other sources put the figure as low as \$450 U.S. in 1995.

Sanctions imposed by the Security Council following the war, allegedly meant to topple Saddam, have exacerbated this unique form of bioterrorism. UNICEF and Dennis Halliday reported that sanctions have increased by 4,000 the number of children under age five dying every month, totaling nearly half a million extra child deaths over eight years.

Newly revised "smart sanctions" only institutionalize and legitimize the sanctions regime—they've made little difference in the well being of innocent civilians. The so called "oil for food" program results in annual revenues of only \$120 per person—a paltry amount compared to Iraq's earlier economic standing and not nearly enough to implement the vital post-Gulf War reconstruction measures necessary to rebuild civilian infrastructure. Even more perilous is the continued ban on foreign investment. Human Rights Watch notes, "The deterioration in Iraq's civilian infrastructure is so far

reaching that it can only be reversed with extensive investment and development efforts." "Smart sanctions" prohibit such measures, even calling for a total closure of Iraq's borders—further limiting its trade with local countries.

Apologists for the war fool no one with high-sounding moral arguments claiming that a "regime change" will result in greater democracy and justice for Iraq's oppressed population. The U.S. exposed its duplicity in this regard in March 1991 when it refused to release captured arms dumps to Kurdish and Shia rebels in Iraq, granted Baghdad permission to use helicopters to gun the rebels down, and then refused to intervene on their behalf. If we'd wanted to increase democracy, no better opportunity could've arisen. During the 1991 war a lively and democratic Iraqi National Congress was poised to take action but the U.S. refused even to air their voices in mainstream media.

Nor does the U.S. history of "regime changes" offer much in terms of increased democracy. Neighboring Iran received a U.S. imposed regime change in 1953. The new government had the "highest rate of death penalties in the world, no valid sys-

tem of civilian courts and a history of torture." "The entire population was subjected to a constant, all-pervasive terror," according to Amnesty International. The new regime in Afghanistan, with its tribal fighting, rape, and harsh sharia law offers an equally dismal picture.

John Sweeney of the Observer offers a more realistic depiction of U.S. aims in Iraq, "the number one choice of the U.S. State Dept. would be a Sunni general—like Saddam, but nicer." Ideally, such a ruler would maintain an iron-fisted reign over the nation as Saddam does, while at the same time exercising greater acquiescence towards the U.S. Bush is interested in oil and economic hegemony, not democracy, justice, or human rights.

The outcome of Bush's new war is certain to be massive civilian death and further impoverishment, a fractured and civil-warring Iraq, a destabilized Middle East, a clearer sense of Christians crusading against Muslims, dead U.S. servicemen, increased terrorism, and greater instability for an overstretched U.S. empire. Bush is not acting in the interests of "the people"—he's working for Enron and Co. But we're the only ones who can stop him.

Brady Bill has too many loopholes to be effective

So much has happened during the last ten days that I barely know where to start. Let's talk about gun control. More specifically, let's talk about how Sarah Brady made an illegal gun purchase.

Sarah Brady is the head of the Brady Campaign to Stop Gun Violence. Her husband, James Brady, was critically wounded during the 1981 assassination attempt of the great Ronald Reagan. Her crowning achievement came in 1993 when Billy Clinton signed the "Assault on the Second Amendment Act," or, speaking in technical terms, the Brady Bill.

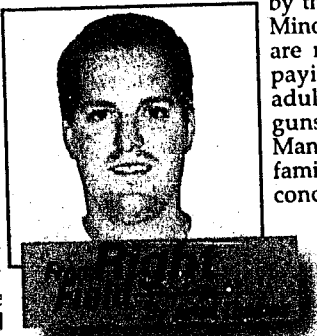
The Brady Bill was a major victory for gun control advocates. The bill requires a mandatory background check on all persons trying to purchase a gun. This bill is also famous for mandating a five day waiting period before the purchase of the gun can actually be made.

Sarah Brady contends that her goal is not to take away

people's guns, rather, that she is just trying to reduce gun violence. The theory goes that background checks will keep felons and other forms of human debris from obtaining weapons that they in turn use to commit crime. Law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear, so, in order to help prove this, Sarah Brady bought her son a hunting rifle for Christmas.

This is where it starts to get good. In purchasing this firearm for her son, Sarah Brady violated a state gun law and exposed a big loop hole in the Brady Bill. Mrs. Brady bought her son a .30-06 caliber rifle for Christmas at a Delaware gun shop. She had her background checked and waited her five days, picked up the rifle, and gave it to her son who, coincidentally, did not shoot his eye

out. Here lies the problem: Sarah Brady did what is called a "straw purchase" of a gun. A straw purchase occurs when one person buys a gun for somebody else. These "straw purchases" were not banned by the Brady Bill.



Minors and thugs are notorious for paying legal adults to buy guns for them. Many of you are familiar with this concept. It used to be called "Hey dude, if I give you the money will you buy us some beer?" It's the same concept.

Sarah Brady had the background check done on her, not her son. She is the buyer of the gun, not the owner. This is the loop-hole in the Brady Bill.

Nice way of deterring crime, isn't it? A person only has to find somebody willing to buy the gun for them to avoid a background check. They still get the gun by legal means. That is, unless you purchase the gun in Delaware.

The Delaware Department of Justice said "that gun purchasers must declare who the weapon was intended for so that person's background could be checked." Pretty cut and dry. Sarah Brady was obligated by law to give her son's name, address and social security number so a background check could be performed on him since he was going to be the actual owner of the weapon.

Of course, the Delaware Department of Justice amended their original statement when finding out that it was Sarah Brady who violated this law. They issued a correction that said "Brady was not obligated to state that the gun was for her son as long as he was legally qualified to own a

firearm." We all can figure out the fallacy in this. Are they trying to say that their law is unenforceable because all a person has to do is say they thought the person they were buying the weapon for was legal? If that's the case, the law should be removed because it can't be enforced.

The other part of this story that is interesting comes from a newly released report from a University of Pennsylvania criminologist Christopher Koper, from the university's Jerry Lee Center of Criminology, who examined the federal government's attempt to reduce crime through changes in firearms licensing requirements. He found that while the reforms pushed 70 percent of gun dealers out of the gun-selling arena, the changes did not oust the dealers who supply most guns to criminals" (www.cnsnews.com).

Perhaps Brady supporters should look at this study. It makes it pretty clear that gun

dealers sell weapons to the honest, law-abiding citizen. Criminals get their guns from the black market. The Brady Bill, along with other gun control measures, focuses their attention on the federally licensed firearm dealers. These people just don't seem to understand that thugs aren't buying their guns from Wal-Mart and InterMountain Outdoor Sports. These criminals buy their guns out of the trunk of another criminal's car.

Everybody is sorry for what happened to James Brady. I actually applaud Sarah Brady for not allowing herself to become a victim and do something proactive after the tragedy. However, she needs to follow the laws that she is responsible for passing. Even more important, though, is she needs to understand that her efforts are symbolic and are doing nothing to stop violent crime in America.

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letters to the editor

Thomas frightens children

You're right, Mr. Thomas, laughter is the best medicine. I laugh hysterically every Monday and Thursday when your photograph is printed in the Arbiter.

Also, I would like to add that your poor grammar and logic are beginning to frighten my six year old twins. However the threat of reading one of your columns has proven to be an effective method to get them to eat their veggies. Keep up the good work.

Nancy Sandoval

Why not use Mormons as mascots?

Jerel, Couple of problems with your article ("What's so bad about being a mascot, anyway?"). Are you insinuating that we as American people do not honor the cultures of other people here in America? If we honor a culture by using a mascot then where are the other cultures mascots? I do not see a Mexican-American mascot, nor do I see an African-American mascot. By your reasoning we do not honor these people, correct?

While were at it why don't you and I start up a team called the "Fighting Mormons," we will take Brigham Young's face, alter it a little by putting a big stupid looking toothy grin on him, and then put it on our shirts. We could even have a guy dress up as Brigham, have him followed by 15 or 16 women who are his "wives," and when we need a little inspiration they could out into the crowd and pass out green jello and give the secret Mormon handshake. The Mormon religion would be up in arms over this, and rightly so, yet it happens everyday to my own religion. I will fight any "mascot" that would take religious icons from any religion and use them for a game. By the way could you please tell me what a mascot has ever taught you about the American Indian culture.

I have read your articles and you have no clue about that culture. Finally, instead of laughing about our differences, why don't we look at what each of us has in

Jerel

common and work from there. Pointing out our differences only further separates us. Finding a common ground to understand each other is much more productive in my opinion.

Duke Staggs

Taylor Newbold is totally clueless

In Robert Green & Jamie McGinnis' Letter to the Editor ("I'll tell you what the deal is with core courses, Taylor Newbold" - March 21) they comment that "If Newbold cannot find ways to apply the information [from Core Classes]... he has a limited understanding of the complexity of the world he lives in."

In response to this it seems they haven't read his last three or four columns, as those are proof that he does, in fact, have "no" understanding of the complexity of the world he lives in. I shudder to think he plans on a career in psychology.

Other than that, I have to agree with Green & McGinnis.

Christopher Paul

Generation Life group dim-witted and crazy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff of The Arbiter and other dim-witted nutjobs who decided it was a good idea to promote such a graphic "pro-life" display here at BSU. Dim-witted nutjobs? Well, that's just my opinion, which is clearly intended to offend, but still protected free speech. Sound familiar?

According to the article, the chief proponent of this display "concedes that the display will be controversial and may generate a negative reaction," and that one of the proponents, Generation Life, is prepared to provide "religion-based counselors for students who are disturbed by the images."

"May generate a negative reaction"? Isn't this the point? The article alleges that the display is supposed to "spark dialogue" on the issue of abortion, but my opinion is that the display is merely a catalyst for proselytizing. Generation Life was noted to have disrupted a recent abortion documentary. For some reason this doesn't add up as a group of concerned citizens trying to create a free and open dialogue of an impor-

tant social issue. It seems to me that the whole purpose of the display is to shock students into a stupor and indoctrinate them Generation Life's ideology, not "spark a debate."

While I rather wish that The Arbiter didn't participate in this display by posting a full-color spread on the front page, I am appreciative that they made notice that there are pro-student (As opposed to pro-life) counselors also available to help students.

Chris Stogdill

What about the wrongs of the Catholic church?

Regarding the anti-choice exhibit at BSU, Deacon Chuck Skoro, director of campus ministry at St. Paul's Catholic Student Group, said, "When people do horrible things, nothing good is served by pretending what they did wasn't horrible." I challenge Skoro and Bishop Michael Driscoll to explain the following "horrible things":

1. The unholy alliance between the popes and despotic rulers that helped keep Europe in the Dark Ages for centuries.
2. The denial of birth control information to women thereby keeping them trapped in a vicious cycle of child bearing until they die of exhaustion.
3. The promotion of unnatural sexual acts (celibacy) for clergy leading to sexual molestation of children by the clergy — something the Church has done its best to hide for decades.
4. The attacks on science, including on Giordano Bruno, Galileo Galilei and Copernicus, which held back western civilization for over a millennium.
5. The long history of anti-Semitism of the Catholic Church, including the slaughtering of European Jews during the First Crusade and the accommodations with Catholic Adolf Hitler that gave the Nazis the freedom to carry out the Holocaust.
6. The Inquisition.
7. The Thirty Years' War.
8. St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre.
9. The mass slaughter of innocent women in the guise of hunting for witches.

Bertrand Russell said it best: "We, who belong to great democracies, should find a more appropriate morality in free Athens than in despotic Imperial

Rome."

Gary L. Bennett
BSU Alumnus, Class of 1960

Core courses expand student minds

I am writing in regards to Taylor Newbold's editorial regarding core class requirements. Perhaps I should begin by apologizing to Mr. Newbold, as I am neither President Ruch nor a member of the administration. However, as a former graduate of Boise State with a degree in Psychology and a current graduate student here, I felt I not only had the balls, but also the wit to answer the question from a fair and realistic point of view.

It seems to me that Mr. Newbold perhaps answered his own question in his reminiscing of high school. The goal of the university experience is not only to allow you to gain specialized knowledge in a field of study but also to allow you to develop into a well-rounded person who can be a successful member of society. You will notice I say the university experience and not the BSU experience. Mr. Newbold would find these same challenges if he were to attend any accredited university in this nation. At the University of California at Berkeley these classes are called Breadth Requirements, at the University of Nevada Reno they are called Western Traditions. Put simply in order for a university to be accredited they must ensure that their students are exposed to a well-rounded curriculum.

In his editorial, Mr. Newbold expressed his intention to attend a graduate school. I would love to know what graduate program would accept a student who had not met any core requirements.

I find it sad that Mr. Newbold is unable to make connections between his core classes and his interest in Psychology or to his life in general. People whose backgrounds were varied built the field of psychology. Ivan Pavlov was a physiologist, George Herbert Mead and William James were philosophers, and Jean Piaget held a Ph.D. in Natural Science. If these men had not been able to look at problems from different perspectives the field that Mr. Newbold is so interested in may not have existed. The core classes at BSU and the requirements for degrees have been designed to work as stepping-stones to more difficult classes. Literature classes are designed to not only

expose you to literary works but also to help you learn how to process important information in a reading and put it to use.

This skill will be useful when Mr. Newbold begins writing journal reviews or research papers for his upper division courses and graduate school. Perhaps the only thing a student in Geology 100 will take away is that it is not wise to build a house in Warm Springs Mesa unless they desire the foundation of the house to move from under the house itself. But just as a house with out a solid foundation is not likely to succeed, neither is a student without a solid foundation.

The general impression I received from Mr. Newbold's article is that he holds a belief that the administrators and faculty at this university specifically plan to make students lives more difficult. I challenge Mr. Newbold to put more energy into acquiring his education and less energy into complaining about how difficult it is for him. Perhaps he may find that he is not only getting an education, but he is getting a good one. Until then he may be better off to study the philosopher turned psychologist William James, who said "He who refuses to embrace a unique opportunity loses the prize as surely as if he had tried and failed."

Leah Hamman

College has failed Taylor Newbold

My first response in reading Mr. Newbold's diatribe about core courses was one of extreme disappointment. How could we, the faculty, have failed this poor young man so badly? Clearly, his notion of the purpose behind a college degree, and that of the faculty are badly mismatched. For this disconnect, only the faculty can be held accountable. Yet Taylor gets to the heart of what's wrong with higher education in general across the country, not just at Boise State. The current trend toward "customer focus," while resulting in many fine changes at institutions of higher learning, has swung a bit too far, in my humble opinion.

One of the best ways to frame this discussion is by starting out with what higher education is not. It is not job training. If a student, as Mr. Newbold so articulately claims, knows exactly what they will need in their future life, then by all means,

they should be encouraged to go online, find the correct assortment of courses that fill those needs and take them. To this, the savvy student may well respond: "Well sure, but employers want

to see a college degree." At this point, it is well worth asking the question: why? Why do employers require a college degree? It is also well worth considering the possibility that a college degree means something more to employers, to society in general, than merely training in a narrow discipline. If we have succeeded in providing an education at the end of four (or five or six) years, then we have expanded horizons, forced the consideration of new points of view and forever changed the way one looks at the world. That's what we, the faculty, are trying to do.

As for "all of the damn core classes that I have been forced to make a grade for" I can only suggest that students will take away only in proportion to what they bring to such classes. It is an unfortunate reality of a state-supported school that entry level core classes are taught in large sections by beleaguered faculty. But I will offer one suggestion to improve the situation. Instead of rolling your eyes and belittling the occasional student who attempts to engage the professor in that history or literature course, try to be that student. I know it's not "cool" and it's far more fun to sit on the sideline sniping, but you may just find that you'll learn something in the process, something you didn't expect.

Mr. Newbold ends his column with a sarcastic remark about the "great psychologist Perce Bysshe Shelley." I submit that Taylor inadvertently hit the nail right on the head. A quick search on the Internet reveals this summary of Shelley's contribution to our society (taken from Bartleby.com):

Most of Shelley's poetry reveals his philosophy, a combination of belief in the power of human love and reason, and faith in the perfectibility and ultimate progress of man. His lyric poems are superb in their beauty, grandeur and mastery of language.

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Sports

Graham named men's new basketball coach

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Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier has announced the hiring of Greg Graham as Boise State's sixth head men's basketball coach in the school's 34 years as a four-year institution and the 17th head coach since the schools founding in 1932. Graham replaces Rod Jensen who was removed from his position on March 8.

Graham comes to Boise State after spending the past five years as the top assistant at the University of Oregon. The 46-year old Graham helped lead Oregon to the Pac-10 regular-season championship this year, as well as a spot in the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament. Graham also helped the Ducks to a NCAA tournament bid in 2000 and a NIT Final Four appearance in 1999.

Oregon Head Coach Ernie Kent referred to Graham as his team's "offensive guru." Oregon finished this season ranked third in the country in scoring, averaging 85.9 points per game, behind only Kansas and Duke. The Ducks also finished fourth

in the nation in scoring margin with a 14.5 point per game advantage over its opponents.

At Oregon, in addition to handling the Ducks offense, Graham was the team's recruiting coordinator, directed game and practice organization, coordinated all aspects of game preparation and served as the scouting coordinator as well as budget administrator. His 2000 recruiting class was ranked 25th in the nation and number-one in the West.

"I couldn't be happier with the addition of Greg," Bleymaier said. "He will install a high powered offense that will be exciting and entertaining. He possess all the qualities we were looking for in a head coach."

"I was very excited when Gene called," Graham said. "I think Boise State is a great place to be and I'm happy and excited that Gene and Dr. (Charles) Ruch picked me to be here. (The WAC) is a great conference, I've been in the league before so I know a lot of the schools and coaches. I'm looking forward to moving here and getting started as quickly as we can."

Graham served as an assistant to Kent for the last ten seasons. Before coaching at Oregon, Graham spent five seasons at St. Mary's College. While at the West Coast Conference school, not only did he serve the same roles as he did at Oregon, but he was also the academic liaison for the program that graduated 26 of 28 players.

During his career, Graham also spent time as an assistant at Oregon (1982-83), New Mexico (1983-84), San Jose State (1985-89), San Diego State (1989-92). He was the head coach at Western New Mexico during the 1984-85 season where he led his team to an 18-5 record.

Graham graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1978. He also earned a Masters Degree from the University of Dayton in Educational Administration in 1982. He started his coaching career as an assistant at Marist High School in Eugene, Oregon, in 1978 and was the head coach at Louisville High School in Louisville, Ohio, from 1979-1982.

Bronco Sports Information

Gene Bleymaier, Boise State University Athletics director, announced this afternoon the hiring of Jen Warden as the new head coach of the women's basketball program. In the 32-year history of the program Warden becomes only the fifth head coach to lead the Broncos. Warden replaces Trisha Stevens who resigned from the position on March 8.

"I'm elated to have someone with Jen's background and qualifications as our next women's head coach. Her coaching experience and recruiting ties will lead to great things for our team," said Bleymaier. "I am confident that Jen will guide the women's basketball program to great success."

"I believe this is a tremendous opportunity to build a strong women's basketball program," commented Warden. "I look forward to the challenge ahead. The support I have received from Gene, his staff and the community throughout this process has been outstanding."

Coach Warden inherits a Bronco program coming off its first year of membership in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) ending the season 10-20 overall, 5-13 in league play, finishing in eighth place in the conference standings. The Broncos advanced to the second round of

the 2002 Williams WAC Post-Season Tournament before bowing out to nationally ranked Louisiana Tech. The Broncos will return nine of 11 student athletes from this season's squad for the 2002-03 campaign along with three current high school seniors who signed early letters-of-intent in November.

Warden brings an impressive resume to Boise State with extensive experience in collegiate coaching and recruiting at the NCAA Division I level. Warden has spent the last ten years as a member of the University of Colorado coaching staff where she recently helped guide the Buffaloes to the 2002 NCAA West Regional Final in Boise this past weekend. During her ten years at Colorado the Buffaloes qualified to the NCAA tournament seven times including three trips to the Elite Eight.

Warden has served as Colorado's top assistant and recruiting coordinator since 1997 where she is credited with helping bring several highly regarded recruiting classes to Boulder. Colorado's 1997 recruiting class was the third-ranked class in the nation and this year's juniors were sixth and 10th in respective reports. Coach Ceal Barry refers to Warden as one of the best recruiters in the nation.

Since walking onto the Colorado basketball team as a student athlete in 1988, Warden

has served in every assistant coaching capacity throughout her career in Boulder. Warden began her collegiate coaching career as the restricted earnings assistant at Colorado from 1992-1996, she was promoted to second assistant the following season and finally to the first assistant's position in 1997.

Warden, 31, played for Ceal Barry during CU's first Big Eight Championship season in 1989. During her playing career, she earned Academic All-Big Eight honors and was named Colorado Co-Sportswoman-of-the-Year, along with her coaches and teammates from the '89 championship team.

Her coaching career began at Centaurus High School in Louisville, Colorado, where she served as an assistant coach from 1990-1992. During the 1990-91 season, the Warriors won the Colorado State Championship.

Warden, who was born in LaJolla, California, graduated from the University of Colorado in 1993 with a degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology. The former Jen Tubergen was married Aug. 10, 1996 to Larry Warden, Jr. They are the proud parents of Brice, who was born during the summer of 2001.

Two teams advance to Regional Final

by Darrin Shindle
The Arbiter

The Sweet 16 of women's collegiate basketball came to the Pavilion Saturday March 14 and treated the fans of Boise to some great basketball. On Saturday in the early game, No. 3 seed Colorado defeated No. 2 seed Stanford 62-59 to advance to the Regional Final on Monday.

Defense was the key to victory for the Buffaloes who held Stanford to just 59 points, over 20 points below their season average of 80.9.

"Our players really rose to the challenge defensively," Colorado head coach Ceal Barry said. "In particular Randie (Wirt)."

Wirt came off the bench to steal the ball, as well as the game in the closing seconds with Colorado ahead by one point 60-59. She then calmly hit two free throws with eight seconds left to seal the win.

Stanford was able to get a last second shot off by Lindsey Yamasaki at the top of the key, but the shot was rushed and had no chance.

Colorado's defense was

able to shut down the high-powered Stanford offense and also contain the high powered Nicole Powell.

"I felt we needed to be physical, especially with Powell," coach Barry said.

The strategy worked, especially in the first half as Colorado's defense forced Powell into six first half turnovers. Powell barely managed to score more points than turnovers committed in the half with seven.

"Colorado played very aggressive. I tried to do too much too soon. I forced some

things and it may have hurt my team," Powell said of the defensive pressure.

Despite the great defensive effort by Colorado, their offense didn't come around in the first half. The Buffaloes shot just 30 percent in the first half and was only able to convert one point off of the 11 Stanford turnovers. The teams went into the locker rooms at the half knotted at 27 a piece.

Colorado coach Ceal Barry refused to let her team lose down the stretch as she called two 20-second timeouts in the

last four minutes of the game to set up set plays to ensure a quality shot for the Buffaloes. Her team converted and Colorado advanced to the Elite Eight for the third time in school history.

In the late game it was No. 1 seed Oklahoma facing No. 4 seed Texas Tech in a Big 12 match-up.

Texas Tech came out strong in the first half and jumped all over the Sooners who were heavy favorites going into the game. Tech went up by as many as nine points in an ugly first half that saw 24 combined turnovers from the two teams.

Despite the slow start Oklahoma stuck to it's game plan and took over the game in the second half and eventually pulled away for a 72-62

win. "Tech played a terrific first half, and I felt like we played tight," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "Then we relaxed and began to share the ball. When you do that, good things happen."

With the score tied at 41, Oklahoma went on a 9-0 run to break open a close game that saw Tech leading at the half at 30-27.

Senior LaNeishea Caufield led the Sooners with 18 points. Stacey Dales and Caton Hill both had 15, while Jamie Talbert also had double-digits with 10 points.

Cisti Greenwalt led Tech with 18 points, scoring 10 of those in the first half. Jia Perkins had 15 points and Amber Tarr added 12 for the Lady Raiders.



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Sooners make it out of Boise and into Final Four

By Phil Dalley
The Arbiter

The women's Final Four made its way through Boise en route to San Antonio last week. The regional championship at the Pavilion matched up two Big 12 powerhouses, Oklahoma and Colorado.

The championship game lived up to its hype in the first half as the number one seed Oklahoma Sooners jumped out to an early six-point lead with 11:58 left in the first half.

Colorado countered with a run of its own to even the score at 31 with just under two minutes left in the half.

The Sooners would head into the locker room at half-time making a shot at the buzzer and a four-point lead.

The second half of the game would prove to be a lot different than the first. The Buffaloes would continue to hang with Sooners and were only down by seven with 12:44 left in the game.

Oklahoma would then prove that it was deserving of its number one seed by delivering the knockout punch going on a tear and taking a commanding 70-47 lead with less than eight minutes left in

the game.

Colorado would continue to turn the ball over and the rest of the game would serve as a celebration party for the Oklahoma.

The Sooners outscored the Buffs by 30 points in the second half securing their first Final Four birth in school history. The final score said it all; Oklahoma came to play and dominated Colorado with a 94-60 win.

Eisha Bohman's 18 points and six rebounds proved not enough for Colorado. The downfall for the Buffs was their inability to take care of the ball, committing 29 turnovers.

"Our concentration level wasn't what it needed to be for a forty minute game like this against a team like Oklahoma," Colorado coach Ceal Barry said after the game. "We played fairly evenly with them in the first half but the game got away from us in the second half."

With less than a minute left in the game the Oklahoma fans were chanting the obvious, "Final Four, Final Four." For the first time in school history the Oklahoma women's basketball team would advance to

the Final Four.

It was only 12 years ago when the women's program was dropped at Oklahoma and now coach Sherri Coale and the Sooners are the first Big 12 team to make the Final Four.

"People who don't believe in the Big 12 probably believe now," said Coale.

Coach Coale believes the major reason they have made it this far in the tournament is due to the strength of the Big 12.

The strength of the Big 12, great defense and an outstanding backcourt, which includes Stacey Dales, LaNeishea Caufield and Rosalind Ross, are reasons the Sooners will play in the Final Four.

For Oklahoma the win was a reward for hard work all season long.

"The win was a sign of a lot of hard work and hours in the gym," said Dales. "The Final Four is a great accomplishment, but we're not finished."

Dales scored 20 points and added nine assists, but the hottest shooter on the court was LaNeishea Caufield who had game high 25 points.

"LaNeishea was 5-7 from the three-point," said Dales. "When you find a shooter and

they make shots, it sends a wave of energy through the team. LaNeishea gives us energy every single game."

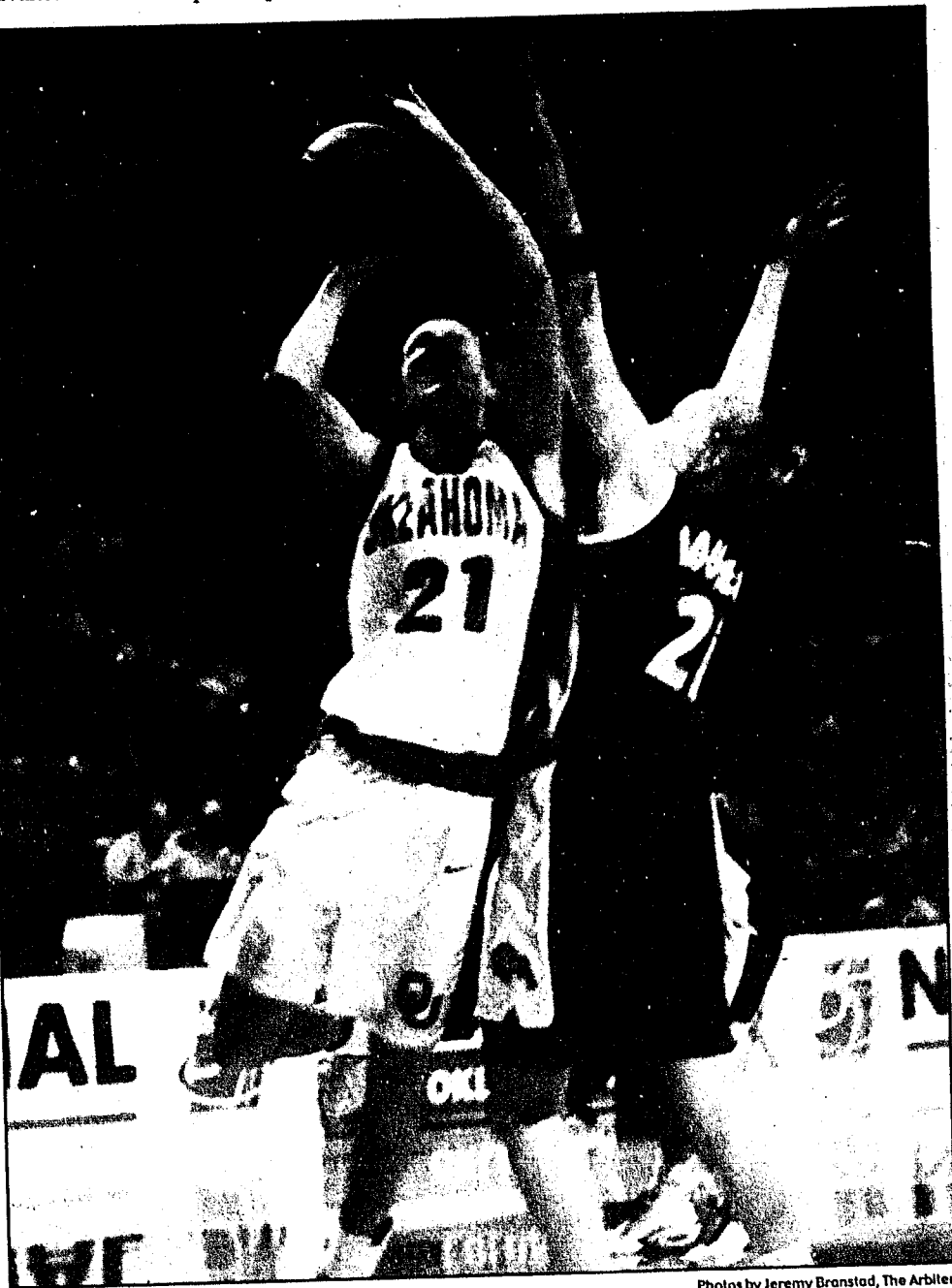
Oklahoma is set to face ACC powerhouse Duke in San Antonio for their chance to advance to the championship game.

The West regional All-Tournament Team included Oklahoma's Dales, Caufield and Canton Hill. Outstanding play from Colorado's Eisha Bohman and Stanford's Nicole Powell was also rewarded

with All-Tournament honors. The women's NCAA Tournament was a mild success in Boise with 6,107 people attending the championship game.



Oklahoma University celebrates their victory on March 25.



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Oklahoma's Stacey Dale goes for 2 points in the Pavilion during a game on March 25.

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Diversions

Micronesian students got island rhythm

By Melissa L. Llanes
Brownlee
The Arbiter

The 2nd annual Island Rhythms Festival, held Saturday March 23, brought a taste of Micronesian food and culture to the Treasure Valley. Island Rhythms club was able to display its diverse cultural background, which includes Asian, Spanish and other Western influences.

A colorful montage of postcards, maps and pictures of Saipan, Truk/Chuuk, Guam and Pohnpei greeted hundreds entering the foyer of the Jordan Ballroom.

The pictures of yellow plumeria, red bougainvillea and hibiscus were scattered amidst the postcards of various places and people including a Carolinian Stick Dance and the Suicide Cliff Overlook where Japanese soldiers flung themselves on to the rocky coast below during World War II.

This unpleasant history stood in stark contrast to the postcard's panoramic view of crystalline ocean and sky.

Happy greetings rang from a quaint island booth decorated with birds, baskets, hats and fans constructed from coconut leaves.

Coconut shell napkin holders and trays painted with seahorses, butterflies, red, yellow and pink hibiscus also adorned the tables of the booth.

Beautiful island girls wearing mwar mwar, garlands of flowers, on top of their long dark hair or around their waists, smiled welcome.

Guests entering the Jordan Ballroom were greeted with "hafa'adai," or welcome, by two lines of island women.

Judy Torres, president of Island Rhythms, also joined the group wearing a white blouse and crimson slacks adorned with white sailing ships and coconut palms that perfectly complimented the other women who, in turn wore festively colored floral dresses.

The host and Island Rhythms

advisor, Shary Tenorio, waited patiently for all the hungry guests to find a seat at the tables around the stage. Then, a traditional blessing was given by an Elder before the meal.

A dazzling array of native dishes and dances enticed those brave enough to try and those looking for a little of their island home. Lori Russell, a rugby player for the Boise Nemesis who lived in New Zealand for a few years said she missed the whole Polynesian atmosphere.

"It makes me homesick," she said.

On the menu was a succulent 150 lb. roasted pig, red rice colored with annatto, Pancit, a Micronesian version of chow mein, lemon coconut chicken salad, Japanese pickled vegetables called Koko, Escabeche; a fish and vegetable dish and a vegetable stir-fry.

The roast pork was heavenly and, surprisingly, not too greasy. The best dish of all was the red rice. It had a slightly spicy flavor and a rich aroma and several guests made return trips to the buffet line to get more.

Finally, a delicious taro and coconut milk pudding that just melted in your mouth was served.

The guests were then treated to a succession of Micronesian dances including several stick dances used in some Micronesian cultures as a way to practice their warrior skills and a few love songs. The Island Rhythms dancers brought love songs and war songs to life.

The Hui-O-Aloha club also performed to help out their fellow islanders and to announce their upcoming Luau.

The audience was asked to participate in the last dance, a Micronesian Cha Cha, filling the dance floor with contented and happy faces.

The proceeds from this festival will help the club "pay for a lot of things," Torres said.



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(above) Grass skirts sway as dancers perform for the festival guests.

(left) Micronesian students ready to welcome guests to the festival.

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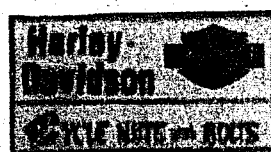
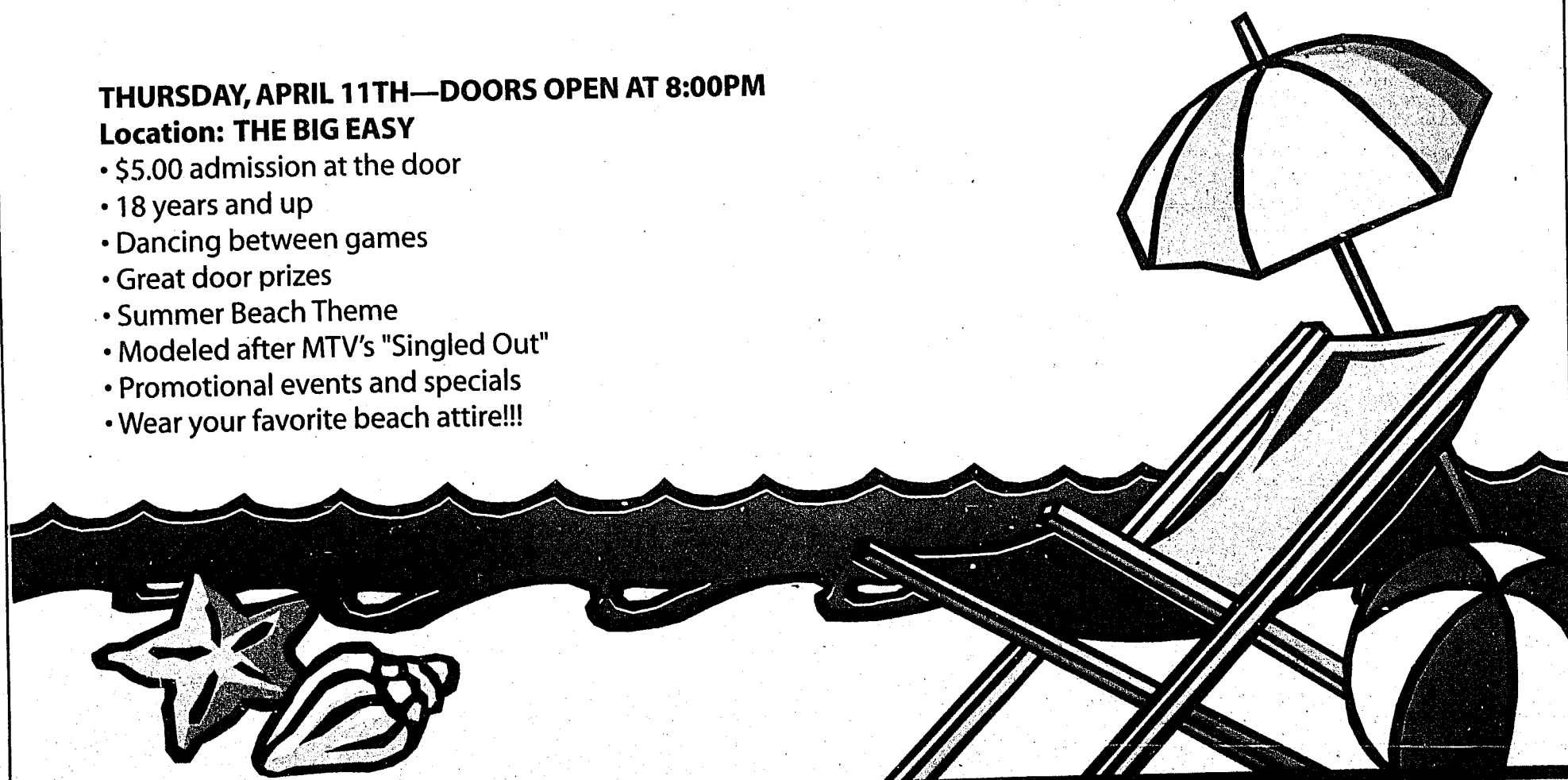
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Theatre Arts professor Gordon Reinhart pursues his dream

Instructor likes Boise's theater mix

By J. Patrick Kelly
The Arbiter

Boise State Theatre Arts professor Gordon Reinhart's first love was playing the violin. It wasn't until he began college that he realized his heart belonged to the theatre. Reinhart, who originally was a music major, started acting in student plays his freshman year at DePaul University outside Chicago. He liked acting so much that he spent more time in the theater than he did in the concert hall, even though he was more confi-

dent as a violinist than an actor at the time.

"I remember I auditioned for a play and got the part. Then I remember thinking: 'I'm in trouble now, somehow I fooled them.' I had done forensics, so I could read well, but I had to prove to them that I could act," Reinhart said. "The violin was such hard work, and it was gratifying, but I loved the theatre. It just felt more like me."

He earned his bachelor's degree at DePaul in music, and then went to graduate school at West Virginia

University, where he received a master's degree in acting. He then headed to Detroit and began working on his Ph.D. in directing at Wayne State University.

Reinhart came to Boise State four years ago as a guest artist, and then filled a visiting professor position. Last year, he became an assistant professor of acting and directing. He is content with his life in Idaho and plans on staying at Boise State for a long time.

"Boise offers me a great combination of university and professional work," Reinhart said.

Not only is Reinhart fully involved with Boise State's theater arts scene,

he also has worked with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and the Boise Contemporary Theatre. He directed last summer's ISF hit "Amadeus" and recently played Lopakhin in BCT's popular performance of Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard."

Reinhart is directing Boise State's adaptation of Molière's "Tartuffe," which runs from April 18-27 in Stage II of The Morrison Center. And he is directing ISF's version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" this summer.

Reinhart is a busy man, but said he wouldn't have it any other way.



'Richter' controls own TV destiny

By Christian Smith
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)
U-Wire

Andy Richter made a name for himself as Conan O'Brien's screwy sidekick for seven years on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," contributing precious comedy bits as the show's comedic correspondent off the set.

After seven years, Richter left to pursue a career of his own, and after a few small film roles, he decided to go back to television.

The result is this half-

hour imaginative comedy. As Andy narrates the story of his life, he constantly thinks about every possibility, showing the audience the real, the desired and the surreal version of events.

Witty and eccentric, "Andy Richter Controls the Universe" focuses on a struggling short story writer (Richter) who makes a living writing technical manuals for an enormous and apathetic company in Chicago. While the show is unique and innovative, it does bare a strong similarity to that zany NBC comedy "Scrubs."

However, here the fanta-

sy gags come off as much less effective. Thankfully, these sequences become gradually scarcer as the show goes on.

Also making use of the increasingly trendy laugh-track free approach, the pilot episode is remarkably unimpressive.

It begins with a rather annoying "Groundhog Day" style scenario, pondering the possible ways that Andy's day could begin. But while it struggles at first, the ground-work is set, and early on the show already displays signs of improvement.

If that doesn't sound

promising enough, it's worth checking out for the amusingly well-rounded supporting cast. Besides Richter, the show also stars Paget Brewster, best known for her performance on "Friends" as Kathy, Joey's girlfriend with whom Chandler was in love. Here she plays Jessica, Andy's laid-back boss and good friend. Other familiar faces include Jonathan Slavin as the company's odd new illustrator who Andy is forced to share an office with, James Patrick Stuart as Andy's good-looking friend and Irene Malloy as receptionist Wendy, the

object of Andy's affection.

Realism is obviously not a primary concern here. Only a few episodes in, Andy has already had three different incredible women, none of whom are in the daydream segments. First, we see a past attempt to date Jessica, then, he has a moral dilemma in a sex-only relationship with an old high school friend. And by the third episode, he has already wooed his crush Wendy, away from one of his ladies' man co-workers. Sure he's a nice guy and all, but come on, he's still Andy Richter!

The bottom line is that

"Andy Richter" could go either way. The show was pushed back from the fall season, which is never a good sign, and prime time audiences might not be ready for Richter's quirky humor that developed such a following with Conan. But it does show promise and the post-"That '70s Show" timeslot gives it a great opportunity. So we'll just have to see if Andy Richter can control the remote control as well.

Natalie Merchant, better late than never to Boise

By Lauren Consuelo
Tussing
The Arbiter

How do you transform an impersonal pavilion-style venue into an intimate performance hall? Just add Natalie Merchant.

Merchant performed to a semi-packed Idaho Center on a stage simply set with a black curtain backdrop, which cut off the remaining half of the building; creating a personal setting.

Blue stage lights cooled the atmosphere as a thin fog began to fill the stage before Merchant appeared.

As the crowd murmured and the lights nonchalantly cut across the stage, one could not help but wonder what Merchant was doing behind the curtain. If she was trying to build suspense amongst the crowd, she succeeded beautifully. A few dedicated fans made themselves heard with an excited "yelp" and ear-piercing whistles, and one rude audience member loudly announced, "Yeah, everyone's in their seats. Let's step on it!"

As Merchant and her band tardily and humbly took the stage, the nervous excitement that had been building in the audience escaped in an animalistic uproar. She immediately burst into "Build A Levee" from her latest album "Motherland." Her voice was at its best, powerful and unwavering.

Merchant sensuously sashayed barefoot onstage while the audience remained captivated by her confident performance. Early in the evening she tossed aside her sweater and let down her hair and allowed the audience to relax right beside her. The evening felt more like an unconventional rehearsal than an official concert. Each spectator had the benefit of being



in unusually personable company, both from Merchant and fellow concert-goers.

Merchant and her band played an 18-song set including two encores. Although Merchant's tour is in promotion of her latest album, she satisfied her dedicated fans with songs from her earlier solo albums "Tigerlily" and "Ophelia." Merchant also satiated 10,000 Maniacs fans with the songs "Gold Rush Brides," "Hey Jack Kerouac" and "These Are Days."



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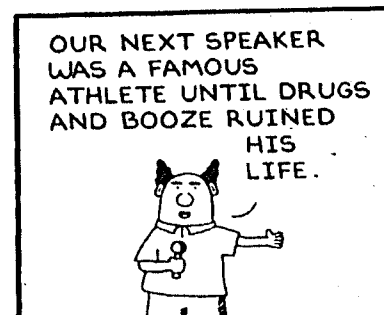
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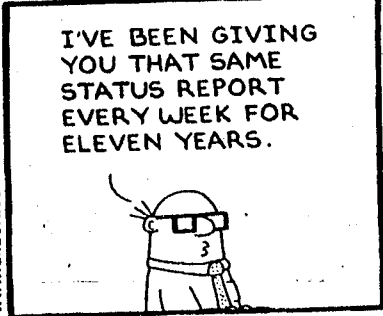


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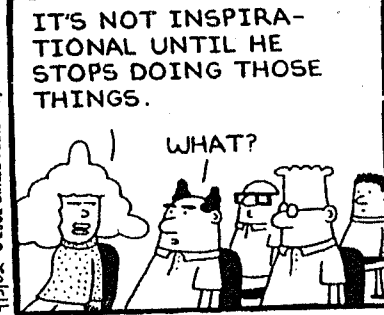
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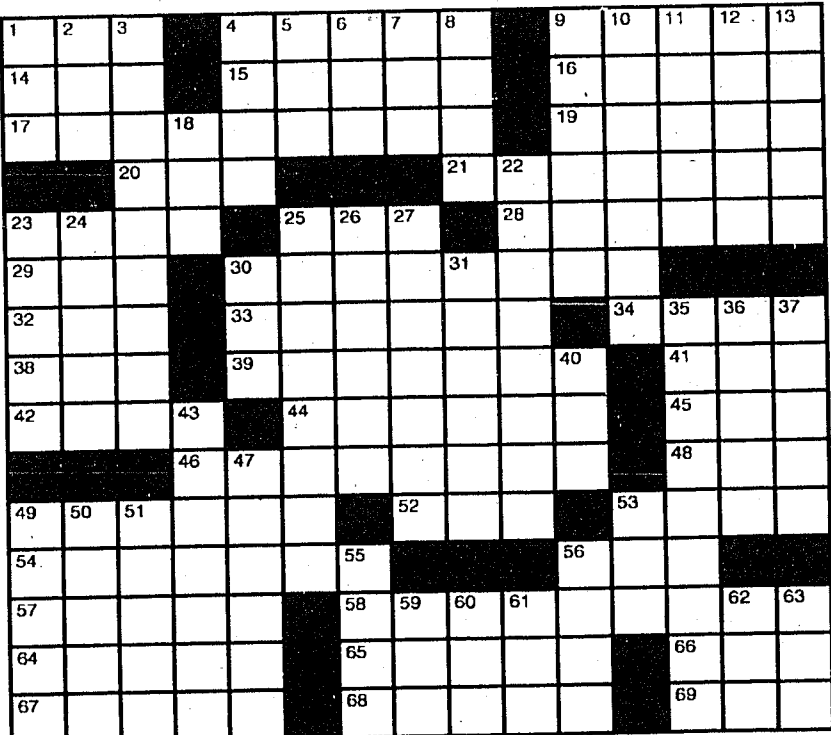
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ACROSS

- 1 Ferocity
- 4 Dupes
- 9 Grand-slam man of tennis
- 14 Red or White team
- 15 Tessie or Milo
- 16 Dwelling
- 17 Photo album fill
- 19 Cacophony
- 20 Picture border
- 21 Lured
- 23 Roasting device
- 25 Beau Brummell
- 28 Missing people
- 29 Coop biddy
- 30 Tennis stroke
- 32 we there yet?
- 33 Noah's peak
- 34 Maglie and Mineo
- 38 "Sheila" singer
- 39 Makes another attempt
- 41 Nonsense!
- 42 Very small
- 44 Oddball
- 45 Signal
- 46 With obvious humility
- 48 That man
- 49 "A Few Good Men" director
- 52 Trigger rider
- 53 Falsehoods
- 54 Drawing forth
- 56 Male swan
- 57 More rational
- 58 Sanction officially
- 64 So long, to Solange
- 65 Stand one in good
- 66 Heavyhearted
- 67 Beer stimulant
- 68 Cleveland suburb
- 69 Rabbit female

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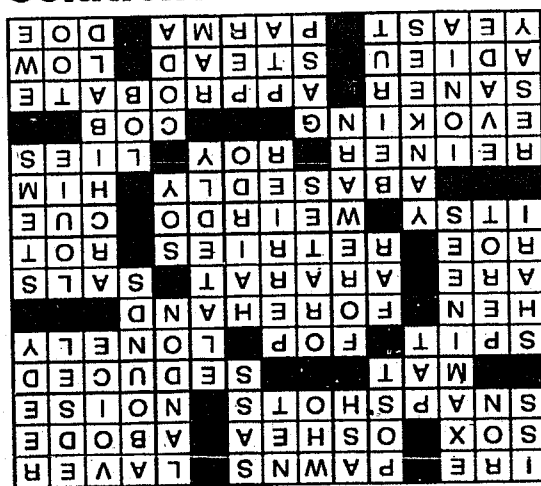
- 1 NASA outpost
- 2 Howard or Wood
- 3 Test subjects
- 4 Appointment
- 5 Last of a cigar



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Solutions



- 6 Which person?
- 7 Bottom-line profit
- 8 Back talk
- 9 Presidential also-ran Alf
- 10 Teams (with)
- 11 Utterance
- 12 Ford's lemon?
- 13 Piping
- 18 One way to stand?
- 22 With great joy
- 23 Puppeteer Lewis
- 24 H. Ross
- 25 Predict disaster
- 26 Uses a soapbox
- 27 Water brand
- 30 Away's partner?
- 31 Shag or bob
- 35 Poet MacLeish
- 36 Comic Anderson
- 37 Flower holders
- 40 Cover crop
- 43 Bronx nine
- 47 Capital on the
- 49 State again
- 50 Skirt
- 51 Greek colony
- 53 Lofty tennis shot
- 55 Evidence-surprise
- 56 Musical postscript
- 59 School org.
- 60 For every
- 61 Hit head-on
- 62 Also
- 63 She sheep

Weekly Horoscope

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Today's Birthday (April 1). You're interested in budgeting this year, with a specific goal in mind - a special vacation, another credential, or both. Learn a new language through total immersion. Make up your mind about what you want. You can make it happen.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You should be done planning by now. Check once more to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. OK, time's up! Get going!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Venus, symbolizing love (and also your ruling planet), is coming into your sign. This brings you luck, especially in love. Schedule a celebration that's appropriate for the occasion.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Cat got your tongue? You're usually pretty outspoken, but now, a very attractive person may find you charmingly shy. Let him or her do most of the talking. It's cute.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - You try to be nice, but you don't like getting pushed around. You won't get far complaining. Work harder instead.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Remember to take care of business. Somebody important is watching. You're being reminded because you're apt to forget. You'd much rather be outside playing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You'll be getting fidgety soon, eager to try something new. Take a class? Take a trip? Investigate a new lifestyle? Perfect!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is an 8 - Stop being a spectator! You have a lot of brilliant ideas to contribute. Do you think that your more assertive friend will come up with better ideas than you will? Fat chance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're still trying to figure out how to get everything you want. It's not easy, but you love a challenge. Ask a housemate to help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Do you work to love, or love to work? If it's more like the former than the latter, brace yourself, because you're about to undergo a change. For the next few weeks you may love to work, so hustle!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Tidy up around your place. You could get the chance to entertain company soon. Not the kind you have to put up with, but the kind you love to be with.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You have a lot of interesting friends. How about having a few of them over tonight? True, you can't stay up late, but dinner with the gang would sure be fun - and a good way to dissolve tension.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Worries about love will start to fade as you discover new security. Worries about money dissolve, too, as you take on new responsibility.