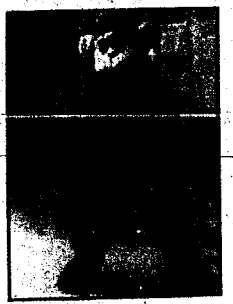


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ASBSU hopes to break records with online voting

By Erin Willis
The Arbiter

Elections for Boise State University's student government organization begin Wednesday as more than 20 hopefuls vie for the 10 executive and senatorial seats.

This event marks the first election by online voting for the president, vice president and college senators of ASBSU.

As voter turnout has declined over the past few years, ASBSU officers are confident online voting will increase the number of participants this year.

"It makes the voting process available to many more people because they can vote 24 hours a day, from the opening of polls on Wednesday to the close of polls on Thursday afternoon," said Chair of Elections EvyAnn Neff. "This semester we hope to break [voter turnout] records."

In the spring of 2001, 833 students voted by ballot in the ASBSU presidential election, just 5.25 percent of the school's eligible voters, or fee-paying students. Even fewer voters participated in the senator-at-large elections last fall—422 students, or 2.46 percent of eligible voters.

Neff said offering online voting allows people who are seldom on campus an opportunity to remain involved with campus life and maintain a voice in student elections. In addition, Neff said people can look up information about the candidates on the ASBSU website, see their pictures and read their platforms.

Organizers have also scheduled several campus events this week to improve student involvement in the elections.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. today, debates for the 13 college senatorial candidates will be held at the Brava Stage in the Student Union food court.

"It's a candidate forum where they have the opportunity to talk about themselves and talk about their plat-

forms," said Neff.

A question and answer session, facilitated by current student body President Nate Peterson, will follow the debate.

The presidential debates will be held at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday at the same location, and a surprise guest is scheduled to appear.

On Thursday, ASBSU is hosting an election party with refreshments and music for all voters. The party will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the intramural soccer field behind the SUB.

Autumn Haynes, ASBSU advisor, said this year's election is more competitive than in previous years and should draw more voters.

"It is definitely one of the largest pools of candidates that I remember," she said.

Of the 13 college senatorial candidates, however, two are running unopposed, and three colleges, the Colleges of Education and Applied Technology, and the Graduate College, have no candidates running for the available seats.

Haynes said when no one runs for those seats, the incoming president nominates individuals for those positions. The Senate then approves or denies those choices.

College senators represent the students of the particular college in which they are enrolled and serve on various committees such as the one that recently approved the plus/minus grading system.

Haynes said the ASBSU president, who is invited to sit on any committee affecting students, acts as the primary spokesperson for students.

She said past presidents have been instrumental in supporting the new student recreation center and the parking garage.

Neff hopes to announce the winning candidates Thursday afternoon at the election party.

The new officers will be sworn in April 24.

Election heats up

By Andy Benson
The Arbiter

The election season heated up last week in a flurry of complaints, counter-complaints and allegations that members of the administration are attempting to meddle in the election process. The Judiciary, who interprets election code, also ruled last week that it is permissible for candidates to use laptop computers with Internet connections to recruit and solicit votes providing they stay 21 feet away from designated polling stations.

ASBSU President Nate Peterson alleged in last Tuesday's Senate meeting that two BSU administrators, apparently fearing a Ralph Nader scenario, have encouraged a presidential candidate to withdraw. Peterson, who refused to identify the administrators, said that the candidate was advised to drop from the race in order to avoid siphoning votes from another candidate thereby allowing a third candidate to win.

ASBSU Vice President Kara Janney and Senator Pro Tem

Brooke Baldwin backed Peterson's allegations. However, both refused to state on the record the identities of the parties involved.

Peterson asked the Senate in Tuesday's meeting to sponsor legislation that would clearly define the role of the administration in student elections.

Peterson later said that the election process had been undermined by the administrators.

"The sanctity of the election has been compromised," Peterson said. "In the least this is a good example of administrators who do not know their proper roles and responsibilities."

Several other presidential candidates felt the administrators involved had overstepped their role in the election process. Presidential candidate Chris Mathias said students should be encouraged to run and nothing more.

"Ken Rock [Mathias' running mate] and I both feel that the only role the administration should play in student elections is the encouragement

of students and candidates to participate, nothing else," Mathias said. "I feel that few would disagree with that."

Evangeline "Van" Beechler, running for vice president with presidential candidate Faida Muzaliwa, was more succinct.

"Basically, it's our election," Beechler said. "We're responsible enough to govern ourselves."

Aaron Calkins, vice president candidate who is running with presidential candidate Brad Christensen, said the administration should only encourage students to vote.

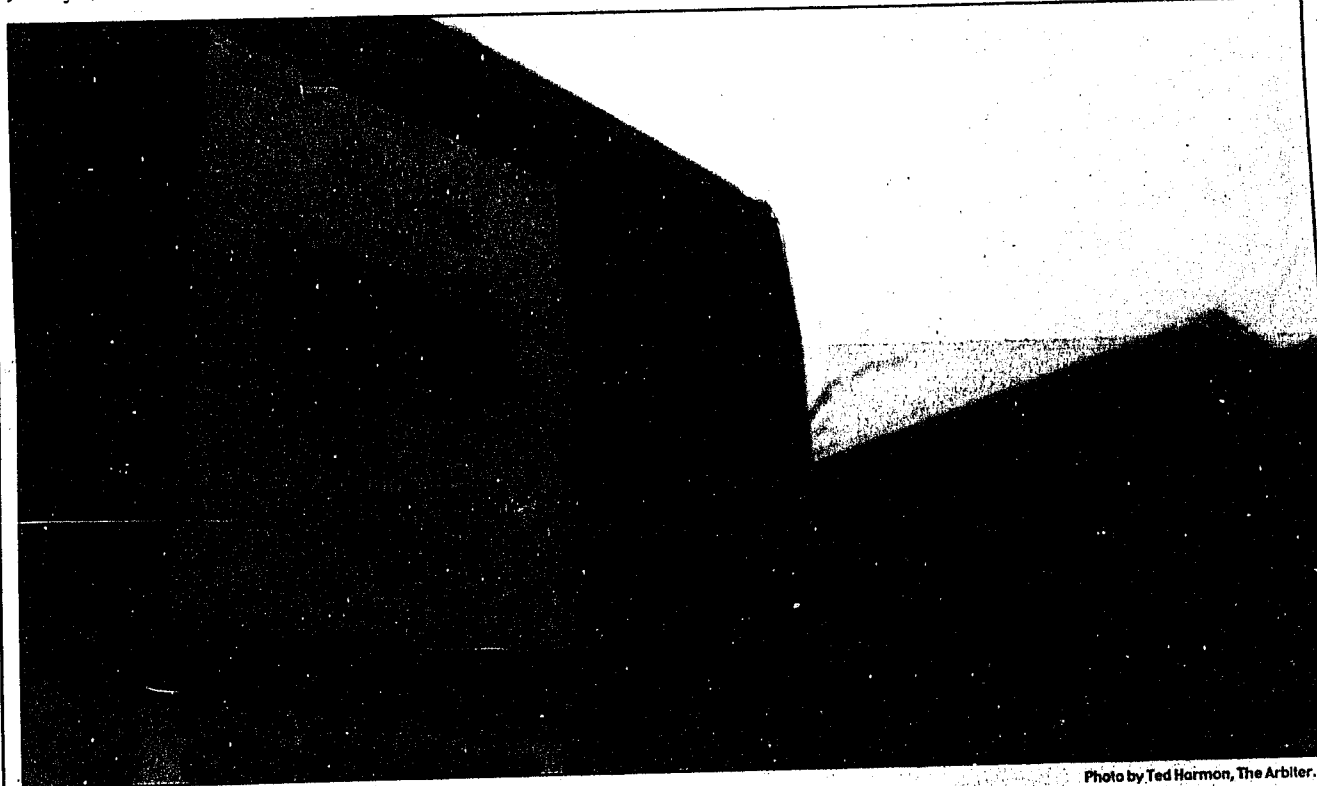
"The administration should play almost no role," Calkins said. "They shouldn't approach candidates and offer advice. They shouldn't make comments to students in general about candidates. The only thing they should do is encourage students to vote."

Candidates also filed complaints regarding election signs against each other last week. Chris Mathias and Ken Rock charged that Whitney Parker and Zach Mallavia violated election code by using

chalk around their signs in order to draw undue attention. Parker and Mallavia responded by filing a counter complaint accusing Mathias and Rock of violating the same code by using lamination on their signs, which exceeded size restrictions.

The Judiciary ruled that both tickets violated the code. Parker and Mallavia were ordered to erase the chalking from the election kiosks by 5 p.m. last Thursday. Mathias and Rock were ordered to trim the lamination to meet the size restriction by 5 p.m. last Friday. Parker and Mallavia removed the offending chalk by the deadline. However, Mathias and Rock appealed the ruling and the Judiciary will review the decision today.

Parker and Mallavia also asked for an opinion from the Judiciary that would permit their ticket to be added to the ballot. The Judiciary found no basis for adding their names to the ticket, and barring further appeal, Parker and Mallavia will remain write-in candidates.



Magic 8-Ball: "Signs point to complaints."

Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter.

Athletic logo unveiled

By Amy Wegner
The Arbiter

Last fall, BSU was rocked with controversy about the new university logo that the administrators purchased for \$85,000. That money included a new BSU logo, as well as a new BSU athletic logo that was revealed to the public Wednesday.

Curt Apsey, associate athletic director of marketing and promotions, said, "The response for the new logo has been very positive. It's new, aggressive, confident, and exciting."

Lori Hays, assistant sports information director, said the logo has been a long time in coming.

"The old logo was positive, but many people thought it looked old, outdated with an outline of Idaho. Some of the boosters and the fans thought that the horse didn't look strong enough or athletic enough," she said.

The graphic design company responsible for the logos, North Charles Street Design in Maryland, came up with a multitude of new designs about a year and a half ago, with input from BSU's athletic department.

The athletic department voted on three different logos.

Coaches, athletic department staff, the student athletic advisory council, consisting of student representatives of different teams, as well as admin-



istrators across campus were asked for input.

Hays said after the vote, there was much discussion to make sure that the school colors would remain the same.

"They wanted to make sure that the style and size of the font for the words 'Boise State' were just perfect. Even the exact position and size of the ears on the horse were discussed," she said.

The new logo uses the same colors and is already appearing on a few articles in the BSU Bookstore.

The logo will also appear on the new Bronco turf to be installed in the football stadium this summer, as well as on uniforms and equipment.

Apsey said the athletic department plans on using the logo on everything that they purchase new, but will not reorder everything right now simply to replace the old logo.

"I don't know how long it will take to phase the old logo out completely. That is our goal, but we're not going to throw out old stationary and things with the old logo on it, all of that costs money. In these times that just doesn't make sense," he said.

Apsey said the logo leaves an impact. Its design is aggressive, confident, and contemporary.

"More importantly, I think people are going to wear it," he said.

Search for new housing director to end soon

Selection could be made today

Julle Underwood
Special to The Arbiter

Craig Thompson, former assistant director of student residential life at BSU from 1987-1997, was interviewed last Wednesday and Thursday for the director of student housing position vacated last week by John Ringle.

According to Peg Blake, vice president for student affairs, Thompson was the only other candidate recommended by the selection committee following the original search conducted last summer.

Thompson said he was "shocked" when Margie VanVooren, dean of student special services, contacted him about the position last week. Thompson agreed to come to campus and interview.

Thompson interviewed with staff and students from across campus from maintenance staff to administrative vice presidents.

Blake said the only scheduled group unavailable to meet with the candidate was ASBSU.

After 20 hours of interviewing over two days, Thompson said he felt the job was intriguing.

"This job would be a great professional step for me but there are also a lot of things to consider," he said, referring to issues involved in moving a family.

Since leaving BSU in 1997, Thompson has moved to Port Orchard, WA and is working as Educational Advisor for the Navy College Program.

"I've had a great time. Regardless of the outcome this has been a good experience," Thompson said.

Today, Greg Blaesing, executive director of auxil-

iary services and acting director of student housing, will meet with Blake to evaluate Thompson and review the reports from those who interviewed with him.

"Because the original search was less than 12 months ago we were able to go back to the selection committee and ask if there were any other candidates that they had considered recommending for our review. Craig Thompson was the only other candidate they would have recommended," Blake said.

Blake said if Thompson is not selected, a national search will again be conducted and a new director would not possibly be in place until October.

Ringle will remain on administrative leave through June 31, when his contract with the University ends.



News

Presidential candidates in their own words



Chris Mathias/ Ken Rock

We want to be in student government for the same reason we've been a part of ASBSU for a combined two and a half years.

Obviously many college students hold suspect any positions requiring significant workloads without receiving compensation. However, we feel, as do many other students, that this school would benefit significantly from our potential contributions.

We may sound like nerds, but we want the outside world to hold a Boise State degree in higher regards. We will help Boise State students and the community, understand the value and quality of the Boise State experience.

We will help students realize that a) they have a stake in what happens here, b) they have the power to protect their interests, and c) that student government can help them step up to the plate.

We will gather input from students by any means necessary. We are two very easily accessible and inclusive people, which I think will make it very easy for students to share their ideas and concerns. Plus we will utilize online polls to their full potential, because they are quick, easy, and efficient.

Our involvement in an array of diverse activities speaks to the fact that we are very devoted to establishing a versatile base for our characters.

There's room for improvement, but valuable gains have been acquired by student government leadership.

We want to make student government the premier student organization by making it fun, vibrant, and inclusive, but most importantly productive.

As it has only become law in one state (Wisconsin), we would like to see the ASBSU Senate pass a resolution in support of a Shared Governance law.



Faida Muzaliwa/Evangeline "Van" Beechler

We want to be in student government because we want to work for the students of Boise State University.

We've both been very involved with different entities and student organizations on campus, and we just want to continue our involvement by serving students through student government.

The first thing that we would like to do is to break the rift between the student government and the university's administration that is now in place, and get rid of the antagonism and the us-against-them mentality that has come about as a result of that.

We want to increase students' awareness of the happenings of student government. This will be achieved by making sure that the liaison function between student government and student organizations is taken seriously.

We want to increase student activism by encouraging students to be more vocal about things that they don't like on campus and in the community.

We will collect input from students informally through casual conversations and also through forums to be held twice a semester.

We will also fight to get rid of the law that bans ASBSU from supporting religious student organizations. We feel that ASBSU should give financial support to all recognized student organizations regardless of their religious affiliation or lack thereof.

We will continue to support student organizations and other entities on campus such as the Women's Center and the Cultural Center because we recognize their importance in reinforcing education outside of the classroom.

ASBSU currently has tremendous mechanisms of helping out student organizations and entities but what is lacking is proper dissemination of information. We will work at increasing the communication between ASBSU and all these entities.

Most importantly we would like to urge all the students to take an active interest in this election process and to VOTE.



Whitney Parker/Zach Mallavia

Zach and I feel that the only solution to the budget cuts plaguing BSU is the introduction of a campus student bar.

We think a PUB in the SUB™ is the way to maintain current faculty, increase researcher funding and decrease tuition. The students (and professors!) can have their cake and eat it too!

The issues that this bar would address include (but are not limited to):

1. Tuition increases. We would take a large portion of the profits from the sale of alcohol on campus and use that to decrease tuition rather than raise it.

2. Faculty and departmental budget cuts. Desperate times call for creative solutions. We would like to use another portion of the profits gleaned from alcohol sales to reinvest in our teachers. We are here to learn and education should be our number one priority.

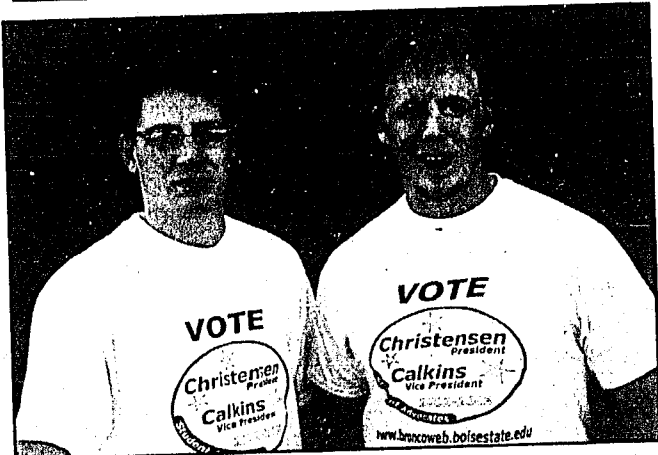
Declining student involvement. Placing a pub in the SUB can generate a more accepting social atmosphere. With the opening of the new rec center, the pool tables and the video games could be moved to the new building and our pub could be located in the current SUB rec area.

However, this bar would be no ordinary bar. In addition to selling all of the fine Northwestern micro-brews that many students (and professors!) have come to know and love, we would offer domestic beers, wine, and an espresso bar.

This bar would serve as a place for students to display their art, present their writing and music, and could be rented by student organizations for fundraising.

In addition, at the end of the day, couldn't all the bickering between the students and administration be eradicated over a cold beer or glass of wine?

While our campaign does center on this platform, Zach and I remain open to other concerns regarding "____(fill in your concern here)_____".



Brad Christensen/Aaron Calkins

Brad Christensen served as senator at large and is currently serving as student lobbyist. He is active in College Republicans and has been a member of the BSU Lacrosse team for 3 years.

Aaron Calkins is now the Assistant Pro-Tem of the Senate and the Chair of the Recreation Board of Governors. He has written legislation to give more money to student clubs, to oppose the +/- grading scale,

— For a complete list of all candidates, visit arbiteronline.com —

and to offer an extra year's use of the Recreation Center to students who will graduate this year.

It is our intention to extend ASBSU's role to increase student involvement by placing a member of our staff in charge of advertising and promoting student events. But most importantly, we want to include students in decisions that affect their pocketbooks.

We will do this by working with the administration to make sure that meetings are set at convenient times and by publicizing these meetings with their possible consequences.

We plan to gather student input on specific issues by using the already instituted internet-polling process.

We also plan on developing the ASBSU website to give student access to their representatives via e-mail or telephone. We realize that as student body officers, we answer to students first.

We expect to put in long hours and dedicate all our resources towards making BSU better for students.

Our reward will be leaving with the satisfaction that we have made our University a better place for the future by providing important student services, like faculty evaluations and an online bookswap, and involving the student body in campus activities to invoke a sense of pride in BSU.

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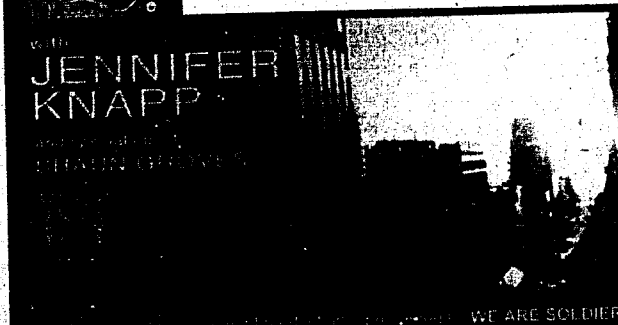
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Sports

BSU gymnasts take fifth

by Darrin Shindle
The Arbiter

with 9.875's.

Boise State's Scores by Event

The Boise State gymnastics team scored a 194.55 to place fifth at the NCAA West Region Gymnastics Championships. Utah scored a 197.10 for first, while Oregon State scored a 196.8 to take second place and the final qualifying spot for the NCAA National Championships, which will be held at the University of Alabama in two weeks.

Oklahoma took third with a score of 196.625 and Washington was fourth with a 194.775 score to place just ahead of the Broncos. Southern Utah followed Boise State with 193.35. The Broncos' 194.55 was the team's second highest score on the road all year. The team counted no falls in the performance.

Vault: Boise State - 48.275 (Carla Chambers 9.65, Breanne Holmes 9.675, Jamie Johns 9.7, Corinna Lewis 9.6, Linda Peters 9.4, Lindsey Thomas 9.65).

Bars: Boise State - 48.525 (Carla Chambers 9.775, Breanne Holmes 9.7, Jamie Johns 9.8, Tiffany Putnam 9.525, Stephanie Stewart 9.725, Heidi White 9.125).

Beam: Boise State - 48.625 (Carla Chambers 9.75, Breanne Holmes 9.725, Jamie Johns 9.825, Lindsey Thomas 9.65, Kara Walsh 9.675, Heidi White 9.325).

Floor: Boise State - 49.125 (Carla Chambers 9.875, Kristin Gaare 9.8, Jamie Johns 9.875, Corinna Lewis 9.75, Tiffany Putnam 9.825, Heather Ruiz 9.325).

All-Around: Jamie Johns 39.2, Carla Chambers 39.05.

"For such a young team, we showed a lot of maturity tonight," Boise State head coach Sam Sandmire said.

The Broncos were led by their senior and freshman all-arounders, who each went four-for-four. Senior Jamie Johns scored a 39.2. Freshman Carla Chambers scored a 39.05.

Johns was the top scorer for the Broncos on the vault (9.7), bars (9.8) and the beam (9.825) and shared top scoring honors with Chambers on the floor

By Phil Dalley
The Arbiter

Not only is the weather in Boise heating up but so are the spring sports at Boise State. With only six weeks left in the semester many of the Bronco sports teams are right in the middle of their seasons and gearing up for the post-season.

The men and women's golf teams are in action today and tomorrow. The men's team is playing at the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo while the women are participating in the BYU-Utah Dixie Classic in St. George.

The men's golf team placed 9th last month at the Anteatr Invitational in Calimesa, CA. Boise State's Graham Delate

finished the tournament tied for seventh. Next up for the men's golf team is the George Von Elm Invitational in Blackfoot this Sunday.

The Bronco tennis teams have been busy as well. The men's team just came off a tough loss to Pacific last week 4-3. On Saturday they will travel to Fresno State to take on the Bulldogs. The men's tennis team is led by Marcus Berntson, Guillaume Bouvier and Matias Silva.

After a going 3-1 over spring break the women's tennis team was rewarded with a week off. This weekend they will face Utah State and Denver at home. The women are currently ranked 46th according to the ITA national rankings. Erin

Polowski and Jemima Attard lead the Broncos with a 27-2 doubles record.

The men and women's track and field teams hosted their first home meet of the year yesterday at Bronco Stadium. Stellan Kjellander, who throws hammer for Boise State, broke his own school record with a throw of 196-3. Kjellander's previous record was set two weeks ago in Tucson, AZ.

Other Boise State records that have been broken this season include men's javelin thrower Rob Minnitti, Sadie Sweet on women's pole vault and Robin Wemple, who runs the 3,000 meter steeple chase for the Broncos.

Standouts from the men's team on Saturday include

Justin St. Clair who won the javelin, Jacob Powell who won the 1,500 meter run, Sasha Cesaratto winner of the 400 meter hurdles and Ray Ardill who won both the men's 100 and the 200-meter dashes.

The women's team also had a couple of double winners as well. Abbey Ellsberry won the hammer throw and the shot put while Sally Vail won the 200-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles.

Boise State managed to win 19 events on Saturday at the Bob Gibb Track and Field Invitational.

Next up for the track and field team is the UTEP invitational in El Paso on Saturday.



Christensen Calkins
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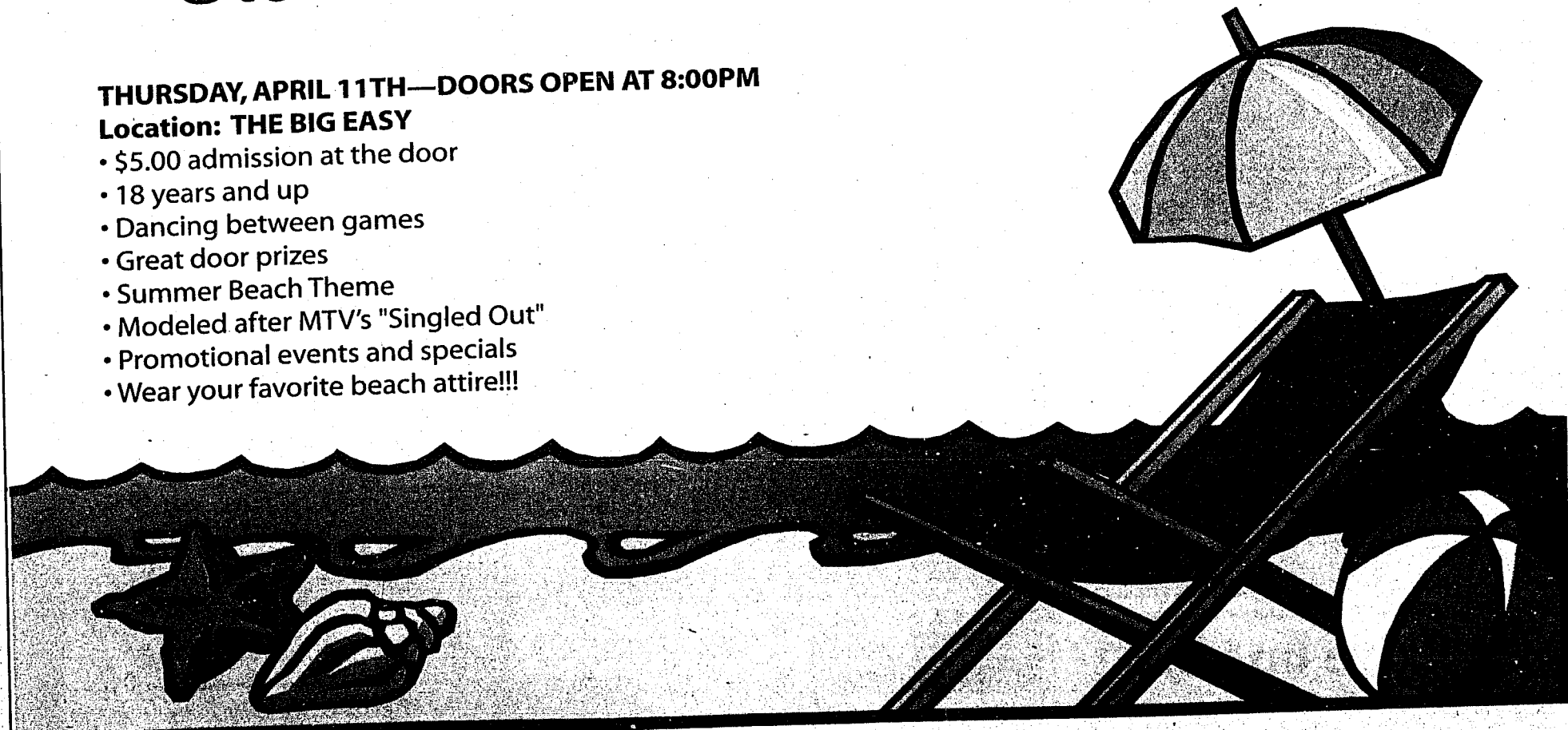
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Opinion

Graphic display does not promote free speech

By Louis Simon

As a faculty member, I received President Charles Ruch's recent e-mail regarding the anti-choice display that will be voicing our campus. President Ruch sees the inevitable controversy surrounding this display as an opportunity to celebrate our respect for First Amendment rights. I agree with President Ruch, but to see this controversy only in terms of "free speech" rights is to lose sight of the greater sociopolitical context in which the controversy occurs. Two years ago, when this newspaper accepted money from a Neo-Nazi group in exchange for distributing Nazi propaganda in every copy of The Arbiter, the editor, Erica Hill, proclaimed her pious intention to promote free speech, regardless of its offensiveness or stupidity.

By making the issue one of "free speech," she missed an opportunity to learn a lesson about the sociopolitical context in which the situation occurred.

Guest Opinion

She might have learned, for instance, that what she was participating in was not a matter of free speech, but rather a matter of free enterprise. The statement the newspaper was making was not, "Look how fine we are for supporting this offensive free speech!" The actual message was, "Look what The Arbiter is willing to do for money!" The incident reveals the false morality and guilty conscience of capitalist thinking: since the whole enterprise is unprincipled, there is a need to dress it up in the rhetoric of high principle (and on a larger scale, religion. Thus, God always blesses our wars and

our troops and condemns those of the enemy. The problem with this thinking is that the enemy thinks the same thing). The disgusting, offensive, exploitative, and inflammatory anti-choice display does not exist in a political vacuum: it emanates from right-wing fundamentalist groups who wish to ensure the perpetuation of patriarchal domination by imposing laws regulating and controlling the functioning of women's bodies. These groups utilize a patriarchal God to justify their intentions, which are not moral but political. They wish to assume absolute power and control over all women's bodies, worldwide. Their arrogant self-righteousness is matched only by their simplistic thinking, which apparently views the world in reductive terms of absolute power and control, black-and-white, good and evil, life and death. The fundamentalist mentality enabled and perpetuated

slavery worldwide. It depends on simple-mindedness and ignorance in order to thrive. The fundamentalist mentality enabled the Holocaust. The fundamentalist mentality declares war against women who wish to exert control over their own bodies (and men who support women's self-determination); it declares war against abortion providers, sometimes sending them anthrax or simply shooting or bombing them (thus anti-choice groups sometimes function as terrorist organizations). The fundamentalist mentality led to 9/11/01. Osama Bin Laden is a fundamentalist. George W. Bush is a fundamentalist. Hitler was a fundamentalist. Fundamentalists want absolute power and control. Fundamentalism is fascism, supposedly the opposite of democracy and freedom. No wonder, then, that these fundamentalists parade themselves in the American flag and hide behind "free speech" as they exploit genocide to

gain political power. The anti-choice display is political visual rhetoric that uses the issue of a woman's right to self-determination to mask its greater intention: to celebrate and exalt the triumph of fascism and to intimidate the enemy (liberals). In this way, the display and the groups who have sponsored it participate in the nationalist rhetoric of capitalist triumphalism so visible in America post-9/11. Women who do not willingly submit to their own domination are the enemy of anti-choice fundamentalists. The graphic display makes it clear that this group of fundamentalists is just as serious as Hitler and the history of American racism—they will stop at nothing to gain absolute power and political control. While their display attempts to make an analogy between American slavery, the Holocaust, and abortion, what it reveals instead is their own fascist mentality, their fascination with a total solu-

tion and a total victory. The pile of Jewish/Gypsy/homosexual corpses (many fundamentalist Christians share with Nazis a hatred of gays) and the lynched black man: these signals to women and liberals what they can expect if they do not accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior and deny the Satanic murder of the virtual little people. Would the university welcome a group of Neo-Nazis, in full regalia and with swastika flags, to mount a display in the center of campus in order to promote debate and "free speech?" Since Nazis are Christians, maybe the anti-choice Christian groups here would help sponsor them. The Neo-Nazis could then teach us a powerful lesson about how our campus welcomes all viewpoints. They could claim that they are here to generate open debate and civil discussion—and then they could go out and beat up some queers.

Quad display enables free speech

By Charles Ruch



The following is a mass email sent to the faculty and staff of Boise State.

As members of the university community we should all be aware that one role of our institution is to protect the First Amendment rights of its individual members and constituent organizations. From April 8-12, an exhibit of photographs and accompanying information that is produced by the Center for Bioethical Research from Anaheim, Calif., will be displayed near the Quad on our campus. The display is presented by three recognized student organizations: Campus Crusade for Christ, St. Paul's Catholic Student Group, and Interservice Christian Fellowship.

This presentation may shock some, evoke strong reactions and prompt counter-demonstrations because it includes images of abortion, lynchings of African-Americans and the Holocaust.

It is important for us to remember that, while preserving the rights of organizations to present images or ideas, the university does not endorse a particular point of view. It is our responsibility

as members of the university community to respect the rights of the individuals presenting this information and the rights of those who may choose to present opposing points of view.

Please consider this as an occasion to teach and demonstrate respect for the First Amendment and the value of civility in our public discussions. And I encourage you to use this opportunity to remind our students and colleagues of the importance of a public university, its role as a forum for free speech and the challenges that we face in preserving access and opportunity for all points of view.

If you would like to see a briefing sheet about the display and links to the related university policies, please visit the Web site <http://news.boisestate.edu/newsrelease/display.html>.

-Charles Ruch is the president of Boise State University

Christensen Calkins
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letters to the editor

Church wrongdoing does not justify murder

The wrongdoings of the Catholic church (or any other church) cannot be justified (with regard to the letter, "What about the wrongs of the Catholic Church?"). The question I have, though, is "Do two (or more) wrongs make a right?" Just because the Catholic Church has made mistakes in the past, and probably will make mistakes in the future, does that justify the murder of unborn children, or prevent the protest of such needless slaughter? All of those excuses could have been used to prevent the church from speaking out against genocide in the past. Maybe that is why the church responded as it did in Nazi Germany - it was afraid people would complain.

Marchauna Rodgers
mother of four
Boise, Idaho

Abortion display misogynistic and insulting

The Genocide Awareness Project that will be displayed in the quad April 8-12 is a project that uses demeaning and repulsive tactics to promote a reactionary

agenda. Atrocious acts in history are put on display to shock and convert people. These displays show depictions of African American men being lynched, brutalized victims of the holocaust, butchered children of Rwanda, the killing fields of Cambodia, Native American victims of massacres, and ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia. To exploit the history so sacred to many on campus and to compare the lives of these victims to 8 week old fetuses is careless and dishonest. To compare women who are friends and neighbors to the perpetrators of these crimes is misogynistic and insulting.

Instead of bringing hate propaganda to campus maybe these groups should think about ways in which abortion rates can be decreased. Perhaps they need to be promoting appropriate sex education and information about family planning services. I urge students to avoid this display to show support for those in which this display offends. Take a detour for human rights.

Lori Gardiner
Campus Greens

Pro-life group cares more for unborn than living children

The Genocide Project's display would be more properly described as a

"mural of madness and moral depravity."

The other sponsors of this horrendous attack on the serenity of the BSU community (Campus Crusade for Christ, Saint Paul's Catholic Student Groups, Interservice Christian Fellowship, and Baptist Campus Ministries) are as much to blame as the extremists who will be on campus disrupting our normal academic routine.

Dr. Ruch lends credence to calls for his resignation with his absence of leadership on this issue. Just like the logo and Peoplesoft debacle, allowing the Genocide Project to appear on campus is another example of poor leadership. Justifying it by referring to it as evidence of the "spirit of openness" is disingenuous at best, and at worse duplicitous. What's next? Reverend Richard Butler and his hate riddles masquerading as "God's love?" Or how about David Duke? Or Charles Manson?

One must examine the Genocide Project's motivations.

Since reproductive rights fall under the rubric of health care policy, most people in poverty don't have access to abortion services. This would include black, Hispanic, and Native American communities. Most people with the resources to obtain abortion services

are white. Could it be that what the Genocide Project is most concerned about is the extinction of the white race?

Another aspect of the ideology of the anti-choice crowd is their absolute and unmitigated hypocrisy.

These folks support the death penalty, oppose funding for early childhood nutrition programs, saying "God will provide." They care more about the unborn than the starving children that are alive today. What I find most revealing is that they claim to be motivated by love. One look at the Genocide Project's mural will dispel any illusions about that.

Lee Mercer

Sherman for ASBSU student senate

Jim Sherman is running for ASBSU senate. I have known him for two years. Jim takes a cohesive personal interest in student success. Here is what he stands for:

- 1) Sherman is for zero University Housing rental increase.
- 2) Sherman is for zero fee increase.
- 3) Sherman is for campus greenbelt safety.

Vote Jim Sherman, College of Arts and Sciences, April 10-11.
Mike Oglesbee
BSU student

Goodbye Brandon Fiala!

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Diversions



Levi Chick: rocking in the free world

By Lauren Consuelo Tussing
The Arbiter

If you are among the many Boiseans who have lost faith in local radio, maybe you just aren't listening to the right station. Whether you are a serious heavy metal fan or if you are just looking for something new to listen to, look no further. Boise State student Levi Chick offers listeners the answer with his radio program, "Too Much Distortion."

Tune in every Friday evening at 9 p.m. as Chick's program blasts "anything and everything heavy metal" across the airwaves of AM 730 or from KBSU's Website <http://radio.boisestate.edu/>.

"Too Much Distortion" offers listeners a variety of musical sub-genres within heavy metal, rock and punk rock. The program also acts as a platform for great local talent. Chick advises us to watch out for such local bands as Stakt, Drawing Flies and Art of Colonoscopy. Listeners can often catch band members as guests on the radio program, which yields some of the program's most exciting shows. Chick's show is good for both devoted heavy metal fans and those merely looking for an introduction to the genre because, as Chick says, "It's not stuff you normally hear on the radio...for the most part it's pretty unconventional, noncommercial type music."

Not only does Chick offer a diverse and interesting play list, but he also presents a unique "air presence." Behind Chick's mysterious and elusive demeanor is an energetic

and charismatic quality that gives the show a unique, sometimes eccentric atmosphere. But Levi assures us that it all depends on what mood listeners catch him in.

"If there are any regulars out there who listen they probably recognize that there are multiple personalities at play...It all depends on my mood. A lot of times if I go in there with a lot of energy...I'll go with it. If it's been a long day and I record at the end of the day I'll be a little more tired. It all varies. There's been times when I've gone in sick and I could hardly talk," Chick said.

Chick records his program in a small white-walled room decorated with posters, fliers and drawings. Artwork sent to Chick by Idaho inmates, who have become faithful listeners of the show, is proudly displayed on a poster board hung on the wall that reads, "The Artwork Inspired by TMD." One of the most interesting song requests Chick has received came from an inmate requesting death metal songs to his wife. After all, nothing says romance like a good death metal song.

As Chick prepares for recording he stands in front of the mixing board and microphones and hops up and down a few times to get his energy flowing. To get the program going, Chick begins every show with a mandatory Slayer song. Although Chick chooses the music he will play before recording, he does not plan any of his commentary. Chick attributes the show's success to this spontaneity.



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter.

Levi Chick puts his aural endurance to the test monitoring the soothing sounds of Slayer while recording his radio show.

"I like the idea of having it be spontaneous and kind of ethic where it's...just loud and...not pre-planned or really commercial...the spontaneity is what brings it to life," Chick said.

Chick is particularly fond of the special circumstances that

student radio offers him. "I have control over what I play...there is a lot involved with student radio that makes it more of a personal thing than anything else. You get to do it because you want to do it, not because you have fans listening," Chick said.

Chick's enthusiasm and the

refreshingly uncommon music he plays give the program a unique flair. He playfully cracks jokes on air, sometimes manipulating his voice in a deep and boisterous manner, and bobs his head to the music while he records.

The only thing that Chick cautions listeners about is that

heavy metal music must be taken "tongue in cheek" by fragile-eared individuals. And if you are among the fragile-eared, remember...

"You can't always judge a book by its cover. It's a cliché and everything but...Give it a chance," Chick said.

Brent Jensen Quartet recalls Desmond

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

Local jazz saxophonist Brent Jensen took the stage at the Blues Bouquet Thursday as part of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival's

Club Night.

Jensen's quartet, consisting of Hailey jazzers John Northrop on guitar, Jeff Rew on bass, and Josh Kelly on drums played through songs from Jensen's recent album, "Sound of a Dry

Martini: A Tribute to Paul Desmond."

Jensen's affinity for Desmond's style comes through in his compositions and his general playing style.

In Jensen's "Line for Lions," the quartet gave a nod to the jazz giant.

Weaving smooth, flowing lines, Jensen recalls Desmond's tone and sensibilities, while rhythmic hooks draw listeners into his tunes.

Jensen's solos follow this trend, but don't confine themselves to following in a big shadow.

Melodic passages give way to rolling bop-flavored runs in a style that indicates Jensen's study of more than just Desmond.

Rew provided a solid undercurrent for Jensen's musings, taking an occasional thoughtful and interesting solo on his double bass.

The quartet also covered standards like "Out of Nowhere," and featured trombonist Hank Stamp on "There is no Greater Love,"

and "Stella by Starlight." Stamp heads a combo Tuesday nights at the Neuroflux, a sign that the jazz scene in Boise may be taking flight.

However, in typical Boise audience fashion, couples used the show as an opportunity to catch up on their gossip, and from the middle of the room, much of the band's nuance was lost in the din.

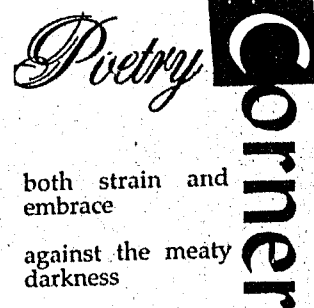
Thankfully, the Bouquet set up tables on the dance floor in front of the stage for Thursday night's show, a practice that bears repeating for this type of lineup, should regular jazz nights become more than an exception.

Jensen's album is available locally and, if his live performance is an indication, should provide a more than a pleasant and stimulating recollection of Desmond's work—a solid effort from a serious artist.



Idaho jazzman Brent Jensen.

Nectar



By Kelly Morse

A girl whom I babysit informs me with world-carelessness,

"If you brush your teeth and then eat a piece of fruit,

your kiss tastes sweet to your lover."

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though I prefer the nectarine.

These globes who's skins

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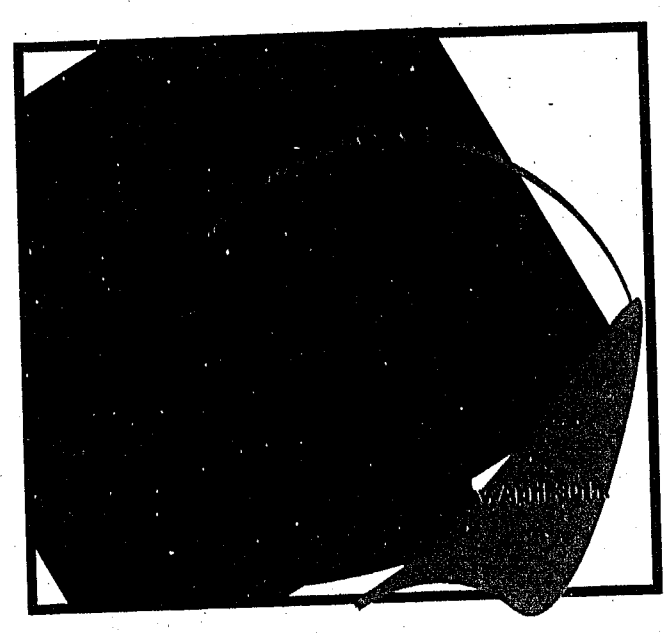
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