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Democrats rally for candidates

By Andy Benson
The Arbiter

Three candidates, and one candidate's son, addressed a crowd of supporters last Tuesday during a forum in the Jordan Ballroom, hosted by the College Democrats.

Gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady, Senate candidate Alan Blinken and Lt. Gov. candidate Bruce Perry,

along with Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Betty Richardson's son, spoke to the audience and submitted themselves to a question and answer session.

The candidates, facing a friendly crowd of Democrat supporters, wasted no time criticizing their Republican opponents, accusing the Republicans of failing education, lacking economic lead-

ership and conducting the public's business behind closed doors.

Perry said, as lieutenant governor, he would work to implement a three-part plan for economic development in Idaho.

The plan consists of attracting businesses to Idaho, increasing export of Idaho products and coordinating resources to assist

local businesses grow.

Perry accused the republican-dominated government of not creating economic growth in the state.

"We've got to work harder," Perry said.

"We've got to be more aggressive."

Perry also spoke about his commitment to education and linked Idaho's school system with the ability to

bring businesses into the state.

"Our educational system is in jeopardy," Perry said.

"You can't attract quality companies to Idaho if the educational system is in a state of flux."

Perry also had harsh words for his opponent, Jim Risch, labeling him the "architect of closed door politics in this state."

Perry accused Risch of killing an Indian gaming bill in retaliation for Gov. Kempthorne picking Jack Riggs to fill the then vacant lieutenant governor position last year.

"Risch can intimidate, but he can't lead," Perry said.

Brady also wasted no time accusing his opponent of

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New Health, Welfare, Counseling director welcomes challenge

Three-part plan stresses department interdependence

By Christina Latta
Special to the Arbiter

Ferd Schlapper, Boise State's new executive director of Health, Welfare & Counseling Services, has a vision.

"My interest in this work is how to change the world," Schlapper said.

"I'd like to see dramatic changes." Schlapper came to Boise State from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in May to head up a new department, which combines health, welfare and counseling services. The departments were combined to better address students' health.

"You don't want to segment health care. You want to treat the whole student. It's all interrelated," Schlapper said.

According to Schlapper, health issues facing students are often related to the college environment. High-risk drinking, eating disorders and debilitating stress are common among college students; however, Schlapper said it doesn't have to be that way.

He said students - especially at a commuter school - need to reach out to their peers.

"We need to foster an atmosphere of respect for each other in relationships," Schlapper said.

"Students ideally should have a sense of interdependence."

Fostering such a sense on the Boise State campus has been an intimidating proposition to former health and welfare directors.

The student demographics of Boise State include a wide range of ages, races, cultures and sexual identities. Schlapper said he plans a three-pronged approach to encompass different interests.

First on the agenda is to reframe the Health, Welfare, & Counseling Services' role on campus.

"We define ourselves as an academic service. Healthier students and a healthier campus community promotes academic success," Schlapper said.

The next phase is to connect departments at Boise State on the already existing awareness of health issues.

"A lot of different departments already have health issues woven into their courses," Schlapper said.

"We should have a synergy of working together in order to address these issues."

Coordinating the departments is one of Schlapper's major roles. He is involved in bringing "all the stakeholders to the table" in order to address campus-wide health issues such as high-risk drinking, eating disorders and dysfunctional stress.

The third part of Schlapper's vision involves the student body, which he considers to be the most important element.

"I want students to be involved in the strategic planning," he said.

Student input is necessary on decisions such as the types of services offered under the university health plan as well as the cost of the plan.

With an age range of 18-80, the health issues facing Boise State students are more disparate than those of a traditional

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Last year's Day of the Dead display. Photos courtesy of Boise State News Services.



Day of Dead celebrates life, honors death

By Jessica Adams
The Arbiter

Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos (OELA) is busy preparing for Dia de los Muertos, the upcoming Mexican celebration honoring the dead. OELA members will commemorate their heroes with an altar display in the Student Union Fireside Lounge on Oct. 29 - Nov. 2.

BSU art instructor Alma Gomez created a mural with the help of about 12 members of OELA. She said the mural was designed as a backdrop for the altar display.

The middle panel is a painting of a quiet landscape, and the two outer panels show humorous depictions of skulls and dancing skeletons.

"The idea is that we shouldn't take life so seriously," Gomez said.

"If you spend your life acquiring possessions, it makes no difference when you die. You take nothing of that with you."

Gomez describes Dia de los Muertos as a celebration of death and the continuity of life. The tradition of decorating altars in remembrance of deceased family members is very strong in Mexico and has become increasingly popular among Mexican-Americans in the United States as a way of honoring their heritage.

The Mexican holiday can be traced back to pre-Columbian times when Aztecs performed rituals for their dead. The Spanish introduced their own rituals honoring the dead, and the two traditions merged.

Gomez hopes the mural and altar display in the SUB will educate students about how one culture copes with death.

"This is a way to remember our dead. In Mexican culture, death is talked about. This is an opportunity for people to talk about death," Gomez said.

"Some people feel that it's an obligation to the spirits of the deceased. They believe the spirits return for a night and so they put specific items on their altars that will guide the spirit back."

This year, OELA members have created an altar display in memory of Mexican heroes such as artist Frida Kahlo, Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata and Cesar Chavez, champion of farm-workers rights.

Several Canyon County schools will bring students to see the altar display and mural made by OELA. Fanny Vidales, OELA president, said the display in the SUB is a way of teaching people about a Mexican tradition.

"You have to teach what it is, explain it all over again to teach new generations so it isn't lost," Vidales said.

Vidales said club members are bringing pictures of their heroes to be placed on the altar, along with their favorite food and drink.

"I remember when I was a little girl, we used to go to my grandpa's tomb and decorate it and put out his favorite foods - and tequila of course! We would have Mass and mariachi music," Vidales said.

Poetry Night to showcase local literary giants

Event features open mike as well

By Sarah Bednar
Special to The Arbiter

Two graduate students will head a line-up of 14 poets at Poetry Night. Mia Wright and Matt Reitter will be presenting their works at tonight's poetry showcase, sponsored by the Student Programs Board.

In addition to Reitter and Wright, Troy McGehee and

"[Poetry] is the essential language and every word is relevant."

Matt Reitter
English graduate student

Ryan Faye, two poets with the Northwest Liberal Arts Association, will also be reading their work.

For students who are interested in presenting their own poetry, a sign up sheet will be at the door for those who want to step up to the open mike.

With the exception of the Poetry Slam held last year, this will be the first year Boise State will hold a poetry reading showcase. In contrast to the hip-hop competitive ambiance of the Poetry

Slam, this showcase will feature a less aggressive atmosphere.

Matt Reitter said poetry is vitally important and that there aren't enough poetry events on campus.

"It is the essential language and every word is relevant," Reitter said.

Reitter also said that with poetry you could use the "smallest amount of language to express an infinite amount of ideas."

So for students who wouldn't otherwise have the

opportunity or outlet to read their work, this is the perfect chance.

Open mike readings will be limited to about three minutes for those students who are interested, while featured readers will have approximately five minutes to present their own work.

To create the mood, the Jordan Ballroom will be transformed into a dark café-style venue, providing plenty of relaxation as well as free drinks. Local jazz and blues group, Mr. Backhand, will

provide music and the set the tone for the event.

Depending on how Poetry Night goes, SPB's Faida Muzaiwa hopes this showcase will be popular enough to be added to the annual events held every year.

Poetry Night begins at 7 p.m. and admission is free for students, staff and faculty. General admission for all others is \$2.

For more information regarding Poetry Night, you can contact Faida Muzaiwa at 426-1237.

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Athletes weave faith, business with bracelets

Adam Donyes, Kara Walsh have big plans for spreading their belief in God.

By Andrea Trujillo
Special to The Arbiter

Donyes, a Boise State basketball player, founded GO B.I.G. Ministries with Walsh, a member of the Boise State gymnastics team, two years ago as a limited-liability partnership in Idaho.

The acronym stands for "Go Believing in God." The company manufactures and sells bracelets, stretch bands and T-shirts that bear the phrase "GO B.I.G."

According to Donyes, in the last two years GO B.I.G. has evolved from a concept conceived during a church service into a growing company with economic potential.

The transition from concept to company came as a challenge to Donyes and Walsh, as neither had experience in activities such as acquiring trademarks to protect their ideas or entering into contracts with manufac-

turing companies. Kara Walsh initially invested \$5000 of her own money to get the company off the ground and turned to her parents, Roger and Carol Walsh, for additional capital. Her parents provided an additional \$10,000.

"You can't put a price on spreading God's word," Carol Walsh said. The company's only ongoing expense is its Web site, gobigtoday.com, which Donyes and Kara Walsh developed to support the company.

Currently, the products available online include GO B.I.G. stretch bands for \$0.75 and woven bracelets for \$1.25 each. The Web site also occasionally features GO B.I.G. T-shirts.

In addition to offering products, gobigtoday.com includes scriptures, chat forums and quotes that reinforce GO B.I.G.'s mission to help motivate, inspire and instill confidence in others.

Already the company is gaining attention outside the local market. Sports Illustrated featured GO B.I.G. in August 2002, and

numerous professional athletes already wear the bracelets.

Trisha Bader-Binford, a former BSU basketball player who now plays in the WNBA for the Cleveland Rockers, is one of many WNBA players sporting GO B.I.G. products. Torii Hunter of the Minnesota Twins and Derek Fischer of the Los Angeles Lakers also wear the bracelets.

Kara Walsh said seeing someone wearing a GO B.I.G. bracelet makes her realize the impact the company is making and provides her with a sense of accomplishment.

Based on the performance of the company so far, Donyes is confident in its future.

Donyes' goal is for GO B.I.G. to become a self-sustaining, full-time enterprise, reaching people on a larger scale.

He said if the company begins to generate profit, GO B.I.G. will expand to publishing books, providing for youth sport camps, adult retreats and motivational speaking engagements.

Local business leader to talk shop with students

By Colleen Underwood
The Arbiter

The College of Business and Economics (COBE) is bringing local business leader Nancy Vannorsdel as part of their Distinguished Lecture Series on Nov. 14 at 1:40 p.m. in the SUB Jordan Ballroom.

Vannorsdel, president and CEO of the Boise Metro Chamber, will present a speech titled "The Metro Chamber: a Powerful Partner for Business." Vannorsdel is one of the three lecturers brought to BSU by the COBE this semester.

Bill Lathen, COBE dean, said his college wants to bring in lecturers who have succeeded in their fields.

"The purpose of the College of Business and Economics' Distinguished Lecture Series is to give our students an opportunity to see and hear some of the top professionals in the world," Lathen said.

"We want to close the gap between practice and theory and to inspire our students by exposing them to successful professionals."

Vannorsdel received her BS in Business Administration in 1965 from the University of Denver. Since October 1998, she has worked for the Boise Metro Chamber. The Chamber supports over 1,800 businesses in the Treasure Valley, making it the largest business organization in Idaho.

Vannorsdel's other qualifications include her position as senior vice president of the Bank of Idaho, where she began as a marketing director in 1979. Next, she moved on to a position as the division manager for premier banking in the Northwest. Finally, she served as president of the Idaho Bankers Association in 1997.

In addition to her accomplishments in the banking business, Vannorsdel has contributed her services to

"We want to close the gap between practice and theory and to inspire our students by exposing them to successful professionals."

— Nancy Vannorsdel

many civic organizations. She has served as chair of the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Foundation, chair of the Idaho Committee on Economic Education and president of the Boise Philharmonic.

She holds directorships on the corporate boards of Regence Blue Shield and Key Corp. of Idaho. She currently serves as chairperson of the Idaho Public Television Foundation.

Vannorsdel also works on the advisory board for the college of business and Boise State. Vannorsdel's presentation is free and open to all. More information on the Distinguished Lecture Series can be found on COBE Web site at <http://cobe@boisestate.edu>.

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school, where the vast majority of students are 18-22.

"We want to make sure that we're reaching all students," said Schlapper.

"It's really involvement of all the key stakeholders, with students being the main focus."

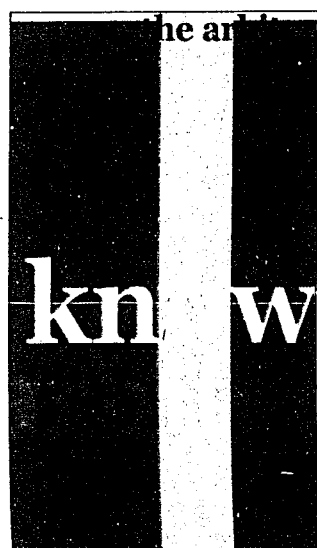
Schlapper began by communicating with members of the nursing and health sciences programs. He is beginning to branch out to other departments through service learning programs and task forces. He also plans to reach out to the general campus population.

"I would like to offer public forums on campus where students could come and talk about various health issues," Schlapper said.

"Students need to be aware of what programs and resources are available."

In the coming years, Schlapper hopes to enhance the presence of Health, Welfare & Counseling Services. He wants the department to be seen as a resource for all students, no matter what their age, culture or lifestyle.

"It's going to be a challenge," he said.



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lacking leadership. Brady said Kempthorne has failed in creating a strategy to deal with the economic downturn facing Idahoans and creating living wage jobs.

"Half the people in this state don't make a living wage," Brady said.

"We got plenty of jobs, but we got too few good jobs ... We got a governor standing on the status quo saying 'just wait until the recession is over, we'll be fine.'"

Brady stressed his goal of improving education funding and health care, and said the current administration is too willing to provide tax breaks for the wealthy, while ignoring issues facing poorer Idahoans.

"There has been a cabal in this state for the benefit of the few and the detriment of the many," Brady said.

Blinken encouraged students to get involved and chastised the 18 - 24 demographic for the lowest voter turnout rate for all age groups. Blinken cited a potential draft if the U.S. invades Iraq as incentive for younger voters to partici-

pate. "The worst voting group in this country is 18 - 24," Blinken said.

"They could make their issues come to the forefront if they got involved."

Blinken joined Brady and Perry in calling for a plan to bring more jobs to Idaho. Blinken has made economic growth via jobs a key issue in his campaign.

Blinken cited his experience as an investment banker for 33 years and his work in assisting failing communities in New York as proof he can bring new employers to Idaho. Blinken also said he worked to bring 270 companies to "set up shop and make an investment in the United States" while serving as ambassador to Belgium under Clinton.

"This state's never been in the game to compete for those good-paying jobs," Blinken said.

"It's about my experience and my abilities to bring in good-paying jobs."

Jason Richardson, Betty Richardson's son, spoke on behalf of his mother who was unable to appear due to illness.

Betty Richardson is running for Butch Otter's seat in Congress. Richardson said his mother established a track record as Idaho's U.S. attorney from 1993 to 2001.

Richardson said his mother would be able to reach across the aisle to Republican lawmakers in order act as an advocate for the state.

"She will work with Republicans when it is in Idaho's interest," Richardson said.

Richardson accused Otter of taking credit for accomplishments in which he played a small role, such as a Social Security bill that passed the house 418 to 0.

"The bill didn't do anything to address issues facing recipients," Richardson said.

He accused Otter of using the bill as proof that he is protecting Social Security.

Richardson also charged Otter with neglecting economic issues in Idaho.

"We have six counties in our district with double digit unemployment," Richardson said.

Richardson said that Otter had gone on the record opposing federal programs that would address unemployment issues.

Richardson also called on college students to get involved in the process and volunteer for the campaigns. He said campaigns need volunteers to help with literature drops and door-knocking in order to assist Democratic candidates.

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Justice, integrity are empty concepts



By Tracy Curran
The Arbiter

If I were asked to choose one word that means the most to me, I would say "Justice."

According to Webster, justice is defined as "Conformity in conduct or practice to the principles of right or of positive law; regard for or fulfillment of obligations, rectitude; honesty."

Justice is not what a single individual thinks is right, so much as honest adherence to the "principles of right."

If those principles are based on emotional interpretation, as they can't help but be to some degree, how can "principles of right" be trustworthy? Is it true we have an innate ability to divine those inalienable rights referred to

by our founding fathers in the Constitution?

The differing points of view with regard to natural law — or what we just know is right — are the core of the conflict that divides our country into individual rights proponents and utilitarian proponents.

The divisions between Republican and Democrat are based on opposing ethical stances. The entire country is divided as to what justice, right, even what honesty is, and how to apply it.

Natural law and justice are closely related concepts that are misunderstood by too many people.

We all understand no matter what culture we come from that certain things are taboo: incest, murder, rape. The measures used to extract justice for violation of those taboos differs, according to culture. And there is no question that justice requires retribution on some level.

In our society, I'm not sure retribution is adequate when housing, clothing and feeding Charles Manson is costing taxpayers \$2000 a month, while children are living on the streets — hungry and cold.

Those nebulous principles of right intrigue me as a con-

cept. What is right? Webster defines right as "Done in accordance with or conformable to moral law." Like many other ideals in our society — moral, right, justice are difficult to nail down in a definition.

It does seem to me, however, that some people just know what they are and many more do not.

When one of my professors asked, "Why do we need to teach ethics," it was obvious to me. It's because not everyone knows what is right. Otherwise, ethics wouldn't be an issue.

The fact that ethics are an issue that people compromise and/or violate ethical principles happens every day at almost every level of our lives.

A fellow student told me not long ago that no one could have a relationship without compromising his or her beliefs. That was news to me. I see it in literature and I see it in reality, but I don't have relationships that require me to compromise my values, beliefs and/or ethics.

I have to wonder, however, why so many people think they must give up what defines their character to pursue a relationship. There could be a key here as

to why so many relationships are unsuccessful. Integrity is another word that comes to mind.

Once again, I resort to Webster, who says, "Uprightness of character; probity; honesty." The pattern and connection to all these concepts should be apparent. Honesty, moral, character, all sum up the main elements in justice, right and integrity.

In my relationships, the main characteristic that determines whether I will continue with that relationship is honesty. Without that, I'm being required to compromise my beliefs and principles for the sake of a relationship — something I, at least, am unwilling to do. It has required me to walk away from partially formed relationships.

Some people could legitimately say I'm harsh and unforgiving. I try not to be, but in the interests of integrity, I owe it to myself. I'm working on the forgiveness aspect. That leads me back to justice.

In Webster's definition of justice, there is mention of positive law. I'm a little fuzzy on what that means, but what it means to me has to do with not hurting people when it can be avoided,

maybe even trying to exhaust every other avenue before applying the principles of right.

Obviously, that is subordinate to executing a psychotic murder/rapist like Ted Bundy, but it does apply to making sure you've got the right party before applying retribution. That step requires objectivity. This is where it becomes apparent emotion cannot be a driving force in defining, understanding or applying justice.

Emotion, while an integral — "Constituting a completed whole" — part of human nature, needs to be tempered with principles. We are not whole without adhering to our principles; therefore, we cannot hope to have successful relationships if we don't.

If we cannot have relationships without compromising our beliefs, we also have no hope of understanding justice or of being just. Beneath the entire issue of justice, morals and character lies honesty.

Honesty has as much to do with evaluating the self as it does with not lying. It's hard to do all the time. We are so inured to the quick fix that most people would rather lie than find an honest solution.

How many times have I

heard people tell others they lied to so-and-so to get them off their back, or because they don't want to look bad? I'll admit that one people don't talk about, but we all know it's there because we do it.

Or is it because they don't want to be bothered? It's just easier, takes less energy. So are we dishonest as a society because we're lazy? If we are too lazy to be honest, how can justice be a meaningful part of our value system? This implies that justice is only a tool to be used when we are angry or hurt enough to use it.

The emotional drive required to use justice, then, guts its substance and makes it an empty concept — a lie, in fact.

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College grads must learn basics of borrowing, repayment

By Gloria Irwin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Tuitions are rising, but the amounts of state and federal grants and scholarships aren't, and that means more and more students are borrowing money to get through college.

How well they manage loans may be as critical to their future as what they do in the classroom.

Scholarships, grants and savings often don't stretch far enough to cover what colleges refer to as the cost of attendance.

At Kent State University, for example, the cost of attendance is \$15,670 a year for an undergraduate student. That total includes tuition, books, room and board, transportation and miscellaneous living expenses.

As at most colleges, Kent State sends incoming students an awards letter, which is based on the financial information contained in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The letter details the scholarships, aid and grants and even work-study offers made to the student, along with details about what loans and amounts are available.

Kent State automatically awards loans to all students who qualify, according to a financial aid officer, although students can choose to reject the loan offers.

The loan paperwork is handled by the financial aid office, which is where students and in some cases, their parents too, will sign promissory notes when they borrow the money.

More than half the students attending the University of

Akron and Kent State take out loans, according to financial aid officers at the two universities.

The average loan level for a student graduating from the University of Akron is \$14,000, according to Doug McNutt, director of the school's Office of Student Financial Aid and Employment. With students sometimes spreading their education out over several years, McNutt said, debt levels of \$30,000 to \$40,000 are

\$5,314.

Financial counseling for students receiving federally insured loans is required. Students get some basic counseling when they first enroll. When they graduate, a financial aid officer outlines repayment options.

"We try to give that type of information," McNutt said, so students aren't surprised when it comes time to pay. Brochures are handed out, and students are encouraged to run their loan amounts

five lenders. Myers made partial payments until she could consolidate her loans into one, with a 7.9 percent interest rate. In July, she made the first monthly payment of \$690. She has 29 years and nine months to go. Repaying her loans will cost Myers more than \$250,000.

"Hey, I went to Kent State. I didn't go to Harvard," the Akron resident said of the total cost.

She acknowledges the impact of those student loans on her life. She's employed as the human resources manager for a Cleveland manufacturer, and plans to take a second job to make extra money. Single and an apartment dweller, she has no plans to buy a home. "I already have a mortgage — these student loan payments," she said.

She also acknowledges her financial responsibility. "I borrowed the money, and I have full intention and plans to pay it all back," Myers said. "I just did not understand the accruing of interest" and how much the loans were ultimately going to cost her.

Courses in managing finances should be mandatory for college students, Myers said.

"I want other people to know about the dangers of student loans and not managing that process and the borrowing because they may end up in a situation where they have a good job with a good income but they're struggling to make their payments and they're sacrificing other things like buying a home," said Myers.

"Hey, I went to Kent State. I didn't go to Harvard," the Akron resident said of the total cost.

not uncommon.

The past four years show a steady increase in Kent students' borrowing, said Mark Evans, director of Kent State's financial aid office, "and there's no end in sight."

"The scary thing to watch for is when students have maximized federal, state and institutional resources... and they're still short money," Evans said.

The average yearly burden for Kent State students borrowing from the main four loans — Perkins, Stafford subsidized and unsubsidized, and PLUS loans — stood at \$5,520 in June, according to figures supplied by Evans. A year before, that total was

through a calculator to get an idea of how much repayment might cost.

Still, "most students seem to be pretty present-minded," McNutt said, and the reality of repayment may not sink in.

Just ask LaTonya Myers of Akron, who may well be in her early 60s by the time she repays her student loans.

Her first semester at Kent State was debt-free, but at the beginning of 1990, she started borrowing. By the time she graduated in December 2000 with a master's degree in business administration, her student loan debt was about \$90,000.

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Anti-war protesters justify 'liberal' cause

By Damon Krane
The Post (Ohio U.)

I'd probably have more fun writing about something else — dating, sex, fashion or estimating just how far the Friday columnist's head is stuck up his butt. Instead I feel compelled to devote my next three columns to the pending U.S. attack on Iraq.

This one focuses on the irrational basis of pro-war sentiment.

Since there isn't any point being outraged about something you don't think you have the power to change, the second will deal with how an anti-war movement is most likely to succeed.

Finally, I'll wrap things up by discussing how important it is that we each become personally active in war-resistance activities.

Why would anyone support a U.S. attack on Iraq? I had a chance to find out last Thursday when a 150-person strong anti-war rally was met with about a dozen University of Oklahoma College Republicans holding an "anti-anti-war rally."

Equipped with signs like

"Liberals Support Terrorism," the counter-protesters chastised us for our "un-American" behavior between chants of "USA! USA!" It was definitely a learning experience.

At least when one of these hecklers called me "Sideshow Bob," it had some legitimate basis in my hairstyle's resemblance to that of a certain Simpsons' character. But the standard smear-words of the right — "liberal" and "un-American" — say much more about the people hurling them than they do about those they're applied to.

What is the ambiguous label "liberal" supposed to communicate other than the fact that right-wingers need to resort to calling their critics names every time they can't respond to criticism with rational arguments? You can judge how often that's the case by how incessantly the word "liberal" is tossed around.

And then there's "un-American." Think about the implications of that term.

In a country where public policy is supposed to come

about as the result of vigorous public debate, you can call someone wrong for expressing a view you disagree with — but "un-American?"

Those who believe there is such a thing are more accurately described as fascists than "conservatives."

As Noam Chomsky points out, words like "un-(insert country here)" are most often found in totalitarian states with quasi-religious myths about the Fatherland, not among members of a democratic political culture.

Was there any substance behind the slogans and slurs?

I offered the bullhorn to any counter-protesters willing to explain why they wanted war.

One took me up on the offer.

After taunting the crowd by suggesting we hold a Take Back the Night march in Baghdad, College Republicans President Peter Lehman explained that he didn't like war either, but Saddam Hussein is a brutal dictator and "tough decisions" have to sometimes be made.

Saddam Hussein's brutality is not unique among U.S. allies — which is what he was before, during and after the United States had knowledge of him gassing to death Kurdish Iraqis during Bush No.1's administration with weapons supplied by the United States and Britain.

That doesn't make Saddam's actions any less despicable, but it does cast significant doubt on the notion that the current administration is any more motivated by humanitarianism than the last two.

Let's not forget that when Clinton's Secretary of State Madeline Albright was confronted with allegations that the sanctions against Iraq had resulted in the death of half a million Iraqi children by the time of her 1996 appearance on "60 Minutes," she didn't deny the numbers. She simply said, "We think the price is worth it."

When you get past the name-calling of war proponents, you find that their arguments are either unsupported or blatantly contradicted by available evidence.

As a result, the existence

of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, the threat posed to Americans and the U.S. government's humanitarianism abroad are much like the existence of Jesus, Allah, Vishnu or Siva — they are all things that can be taken only on faith.

In "The Fire Next Time," activist and author James Baldwin proposed a certain test of religious faith equally applicable to faith in a government and its officials.

"If the concept of God has any validity or any use," wrote Baldwin, "it can only be to make us larger, freer and more loving."

"If God cannot do this, then it is time we got rid of Him."

Arguments about religion aside, the blind faith in this country's reigning administration, exemplified by those who support the war, surely fails Baldwin's test.

It is simply immoral to advocate actions that undeniably would result in the deaths of thousands of innocent people when there is no evidence that those actions would protect Americans or Iraqis from an imminent

threat to their safety. To do so would be a "tough decision" indeed — if it involved any thought.

One of the Republican's signs read: "Remember 9/11." I remember the Sept. 11 attacks. I remember that I'm opposed to killings like that no matter who carries them out.

In the face of an un-elected president's commitment to slaughter thousands of Iraqi civilians without any evidence of a threat to Americans, one question remains for those of us who remember Sept. 11 this way: What are we going to do to stop it?

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Christensen should check facts before endorsing

Guest Opinion

By Jerry Helgeson
Adjunct faculty member

I suspect Brad Christensen never stepped inside a classroom to interview teachers before he endorsed Tom Luna.

As a public school educator of 38 years and a BSU adjunct faculty member, I have endured education reform fads over the course of my career starting with the alarm in the United States in the late 50s when the Russians launched Sputnik.

Glib politicians asked, "What's wrong with our educational system?"

When I began teaching in 1964, we saw "New Math" in our curriculum and stronger programs in the sciences.

In the late 70s and through the 80s, there was

yet another wave of "educational reform," with another set of politicians and education "experts" screaming to make our schools more efficient and more accountable.

Now, in the early years of our 21st century, we find ourselves in the midst of more "Standards" and "Accountability" programs.

Mr. Christensen, echoing Mr. Luna, says that the business world gauges performance by efficiency and productivity, and that those same standards should be applied to public education.

Before making the business analogy, one should consider that in education, our raw materials — students — can't be thrown out if they are not up to specifications.

The maker of blueberry ice cream may be able to discard blemished blueberries. Those of us in public education cannot discard the blemished students. We take them underfed, tired, abused, rich, poor, talented,

nerdy, confident, afraid, personable, homeless and lonely. Then with very talented teachers, and with available resources, we work with this raw material to help them become happy involved members of our complex society.

That is the genius of American public education.

The difference between Mr. Luna and Dr. Howard is stark.

Mr. Luna provides shallow answers to educational challenges. Dr. Howard provides thoughtful responses and workable solutions, as the debate at BSU on Oct. 15 illustrated.

Mr. Luna prides himself on running a private company. I am wondering if he would hire someone with no substantive experience in his company's field of endeavor to be the CEO of his firm? I doubt it.

There is only one person running that is qualified for the position of State

Superintendent, and that is Dr. Marilyn Howard.

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San Jose State—this year's surprise contender?

By Phil Dailey
The Arbiter

Fitz Hill and the San Jose State football team couldn't be happier to be home this weekend as they prepare for the Western Athletic Conference leader, Boise State.

"It's only the second home game out of nine, so that's a big deal for us to have the opportunity to come home," Spartan head coach Dan Hawkins said.

This season, the Spartans have already surpassed last year's three-win total.

"I think they are much improved," Bronco head coach Dan Hawkins said.

In eight games this season, San Jose State has played only one game at home in Spartan Stadium beating UTEP, 58-24, on Sept. 28.

While on the road, San Jose State has played top-notch opponents - losing to then-No. 14 Washington and then-No. 5 Ohio State.

The Spartans showed they are a legit contender for the WAC title last month, beating the 2001 Big Ten Champions, Illinois, 38-35 in Champaign.

Last week the Spartans stumbled against Nevada, their only conference loss of the season. San Jose State led 17-14 after the first half, but were beaten 58-24 by the Wolf Pack.

"We looked like we just ran out of gas," Hill said.

Despite the loss, the

Spartans look to reload against the Broncos with the one-two punch of quarterback Scott Rislov and wide receiver Charles Pauley.

Rislov ranks third in the WAC with 1,967 passing yards.

Pauley is multi-talented, not only as a wide receiver and kick returner but has also seen action at quarterback and running back.

Pauley racked up 525 yards receiving and is ranked first in the WAC in all-purpose yards, ahead of Boise State's Brock Forsey.

"Charles has been a big time player for us. He needs to take the ball several times a game," Hill said.

"He can flat run, anytime he touches the ball he's a threat."

Pauley is ranked first in the WAC and second in the nation with 34 yards per kickoff return.

"He's scary, he's a game breaker," Hawkins said.

"Certainly you would like not to give him a chance to return one against you. The more you limited his touches the better off you're going to be."

On the other side of the ball, the Spartans' defensive back Gerald Jones is one of the best in the country. Jones is first in the WAC and second in the nation in interceptions this season with six.

As a team, San Jose State is ranked first in Division I-A with 16 interceptions as well as 26 takeaways.

Luke La Herran and

Philip Perry both received WAC player-of-the-week honors earlier this season, rounding out a solid defense for the Spartans.

After playing in front of a record crowd in last Friday night's 67-21 win over Fresno State, the Broncos will play in a much different environment this Saturday.

The Spartans might be excited to be back home, but they averaged only 10,207 fans in four home games last year. San Jose State has an enrollment of 27,000 students, is in the third-largest city in California with more than 900,000 residents, but is still unable to come close to filling their 30,456-seat stadium.

Regardless of attendance, Boise State will bring one of the top offenses in the country. The Broncos are averaging more than 46 points per game, and have the best passing efficiency rating in the nation at 171.97.

Last season, the Broncos destroyed the Spartans 56-6, which included three touchdown catches by Jeb Putzier, now playing for the Denver Broncos.

Hill and the Spartans are well aware of Boise State's offensive firepower.

"I admire what they have built there, they have done well since they have joined the conference," Hill said.

"Boise State presents a major challenge for us."

The game can be seen locally on KBCI Channel 2 at 3:00.



Charles Pauley ranks second in the nation in kick off returns for the Spartans.

WAC Football Standings

	WAC Games			All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Att	Rd
Boise State	3	0	1.000	6	1	.857	4-0	2-1
Hawai'i	4	1	.800	5	2	.714	4-0	1-2
Fresno State	2	1	.667	4	4	.500	3-0	1-4
San Jose St.	2	1	.667	4	4	.500	1-0	3-4
Nevada	2	1	.667	3	3	.429	3-1	0-2
La. Tech	1	1	.333	5	5	.286	2-0	0-5
UTEP	1	2	.333	2	5	.286	2-1	0-4
Rice	1	3	.250	2	5	.286	1-2	1-3
SMU	1	3	.250	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4
Tulsa	0	3	.000	0	7	.000	0-3	0-4

WAC Soccer Standings

	WAC Games			All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct.	Home	Away	W	L	T
SMU	4	0	1	.900	3-0-0	1-0-1	8	4	3
UTEP	4	1	0	.800	3-0-0	1-1-0	13	1	0
Fresno State	4	2	0	.667	3-1-0	1-1-0	5	11	0
Tulsa	2	1	1	.625	1-0-1	1-1-0	5	6	2
Hawai'i	2	2	0	.500	2-0-0	0-2-0	5	7	2
SJS	1	3	2	.333	1-1-1	0-2-1	3	11	3
Rice	1	3	0	.250	1-2-0	0-0-1	1	10	2
Boise State	1	4	0	.200	1-1-0	0-3-0	5	8	1
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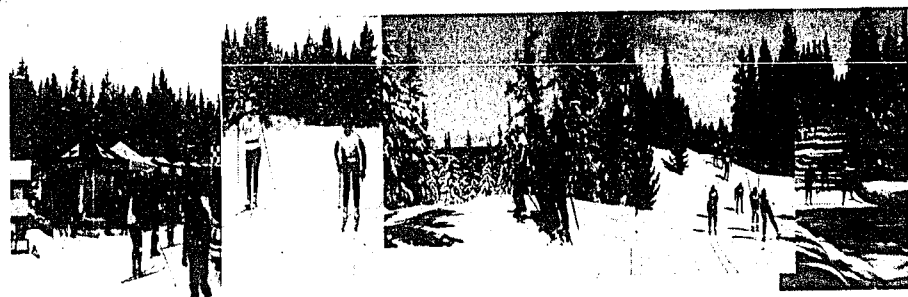
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Bronco soccer tied for last place in WAC

Dinwiddie, Mikell honored by WAC

Bronco quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie and safety Quintin Mikell were named the Western Athletic Conference offensive and defensive players of the week.

Mikell led the Broncos with a team-high nine tackles, five of which were solo. He also had two sacks for a loss of 14 yards and broke up a pass. Mikell was named as the Western Athletic Conference pre-season player of the year by the media at the beginning of the season.

Dinwiddie came off the bench after missing the last four games, with a broken right ankle, to complete 19-of-22 passes for a career-high 406 yards and five touchdowns against Fresno State. His 86.4 percent completion rate set a new school record, and his 316.37 pass efficiency rating set a new WAC record.

"He was like a laser," head coach Dan Hawkins said of Dinwiddie's performance Friday night.

Mid-Major poll

Boise State continues to climb the ladder in ESPN's Mid-Major poll. Released on Tuesday, the Mid-Major poll ranks teams outside of the six BCS conferences (Pac-10, Big 10, etc...). Bowling Green tops the list followed by Marshall, Boise State, Colorado State and Air Force. Both Bowling Green and Air Force are ranked in the ESPN/USA Today and Associated Press Top 25 polls, respectively.

DeLaet wins Louisiana Tech Tournament; Broncos finish second

Boise State's Graham DeLaet posted a final round even par 72

to claim the individual championship at the Squire Creek Intercollegiate

Tournament on Tuesday. DeLaet finished the 36-hole tournament with a two-under

par 214, two strokes ahead of Stephen F. Austin's Trevor Sauntry.

DeLaet also helped the Broncos to a second place finish in the team competition.

Boise State finished the tournament with a 43-over par 907, after posting a final round 302. Boise State finished eight strokes behind McNeese State.

Junior Mike DeBoard posted a three-over par 75 on Tuesday, finishing in a tie

for 10th place with a 226. Freshman Adam Choy tied for 32nd after posting a

final round 78. Senior Jeff Smith tied for 38th, thanks to a 77 on Tuesday.

Freshman Brett Kleinkopf tied for 50th with a 239. He shot a final-round 82.

DeLaet's victory was his second of the season. He won last week's Bronco Round

Up at SpurWing Country Club in Meridian.

By Aaron Barton
The Arbiter

Boise State put themselves in a large hole last weekend with losses both at home and away.

The Broncos have now slipped to 1-4-0 in Western Athletic Conference play with this weekend's defeats by San Jose State and Fresno State. They now find themselves tied for last place in the WAC standings.

On Friday, Boise State traveled to San Jose State to take on the Spartans, who were still in search of their first conference victory. The Broncos were unable to stop the Spartan offense and fell 4-1.

San Jose State got off to a fast start as forward Rebecca Hildalag put in two goals on the Broncos in the 14th and 33rd minutes of play.

Teammate Mairko Yoshihara added a third goal

for the Spartans just minutes before halftime.

Boise State scored its lone goal of the match 20 minutes into the second half, when junior midfielder Abby Roche scored off an assist from Tara Milligan. San Jose added one more goal to seal the victory just before time expired, and the Spartans came away with their first WAC victory.

The Broncos traveled home to host the Fresno State Bulldogs on Sunday in what ended up being a thrilling 4-3 overtime loss.

The match remained scoreless until 37 minutes in, when Boise State was able to strike first.

Bronco sophomore BreeAnn Milligan put away her sixth goal of the season after receiving a long pass from teammate Abby Bernards, driving towards the Spartan goal and then placing a shot along the

ground and past the San Jose goalkeeper from about 10 yards out.

Fresno State regrouped quickly and evened the match just three minutes later off a corner-kick goal by Koleen Anderson. The game remained tied 1-1 as the teams went into halftime.

The Broncos capitalized first during the second-half shootout. Six minutes into the second period, Brittany Zoellner regained the lead for Boise State with a volleyed cross from Megan McCoy.

The Bulldogs responded quickly, evening the match at 2-2 only 39 seconds after the Bronco goal. Heather Fox broke through the Bronco defense along the left side and turned toward the Boise State net with only the Bronco goalkeeper Amy Ortmann left to beat. With a quick fake to the left, Fox was able to step to the right

and put the ball past Ortmann for the second Bulldog score.

During the next 20 minutes, both squads exchanged attacks and shots on goals with neither team being able to pull away until the 74th minute of play. Erin Sayegusa fired a one-touch cross past Ortmann from teammate Virginia Jenkins to put Fresno State up for the first time in the match 3-2.

BSU took advantage of their turn to retaliate, as Anna Howard was able to score for the Broncos just four minutes after finding themselves down by one.

Howard's goal came off of a cross from the left flank by BreeAnn Milligan, and knotted the game at 3-3 with only about 10 minutes left in regulation.

The two squads exchanged desperate attacks and several shots during the

final minutes. However, time expired with neither team being able to come up with the game-winning goal.

Fresno State needed only three and a half minutes of the sudden death overtime period to close out the match as the Bulldogs took the win off of a second goal from Sayegusa.

Boise State falls to 5-8-1 overall and 1-4-0 in the WAC. With only three matches remaining, the Broncos are in a must-win situation if their hopes of making the WAC tournament are to stay alive. Only the top six seeds of the nine conference teams advance to the postseason.

The Broncos now travel to face Hawai'i on Saturday and then head home to host Rice and Tulsa for their final two games on Nov. 1 and 3.

Utah State to join Sun Belt Conference

By Julie Ann Grosshans
The Utah Statesman
(Utah State U.)

(U-WIRE) LOGAN, Utah - For now, Utah State athletics and the Sun Belt Conference are just that — meant for each other.

At a press conference Friday morning in the Spectrum, a deal between USU and the SBC was finalized. The news was announced to a packed room of fans, USU administrators, Aggie coaches and media representatives.

"I am delighted to accept this invitation," said USU President Kermit L. Hall.

"I am most excited to join the Sun Belt. The current situation ... I'm glad we are out of that predicament. We are in a better world now."

After being an independent for the last two seasons, the USU football team will begin conference competition next fall. The rest of the university-sponsored sports will make the switch at the start of the 2005-06 season.

The only sport that will not be a Sun Belt competitor is gymnastics, which will remain in the Western Gymnastics Conference. The SBC does not sponsor the sport.

USU will join Arkansas Little Rock, Arkansas State, Denver, Florida International, Idaho (football only), Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe (football only), Middle Tennessee, New Mexico State, New Orleans, North Texas, South Alabama and Western Kentucky as Sun Belt members.

USU Athletics Director Rance Pugmire joked with the crowd, requesting a raise of hands from those who had asked him when the university would join a conference for football.

"I bet everyone in here has asked me that," he said with a smile.

"We're in, thank God."

The USU football team is already scheduled to play New Mexico State, Idaho and North Texas next season and has two other openings.

Besides canceling already-booked games, Pugmire said the school may be able to count a non-conference game toward its league record.

Football was dropped from the Big West

Conference in 2000, gymnastics in 2001.

Following the eradication of football in the Big West, USU was offered an invitation to join the Sun Belt, but former President George Emert declined, looking for a better offer, such as the Western Athletic Conference or the Mountain West Conference.

Now the WAC is an organization fighting against one another.

Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters feels USU will be a perfect fit for the league.

"This is a tribute to our member institutions coming together and continuing to build the conference for the future," Waters said.

"We are attracting other institutions that have a common commitment to excellence in academics and athletics. We are very honored to extend the invitation of membership to Utah State."

He joked that the deal was confirmed by a wink between Hall and himself.

Waters said the two were at a luncheon and he said it was "time to fish or cut the bait."

He said he would wink at Hall if the Sun Belt was going to offer an invitation and Hall would wink back if USU would accept.

"The entire restaurant just looked over at us," Waters said.

"What we have done is to arrange the best possible marriage, even if it was based on a wink," Hall said.

The timing is perfect for both USU and the Sun Belt Conference.

They need each other.

New NCAA regulations concerning Division I-A status will go into effect in 2005. The SBC needs to increase the number of schools playing football, men's basketball and at least three women's sports from five to eight. The Aggies need a home for their football team. Thus far, USU holds a 5-12 record as an independent. When USU was a member of the Big West, it won five football titles.

Although the university will eventually move all sports to the Sun Belt, there are no hard feelings between USU and the Big West Conference.

"We are pleased that Utah State University has found a

Division I-A conference home for football as well as their entire intercollegiate athletics program in the Sun Belt Conference," BWC Commissioner Dennis Farrell said.

Farrell said he had been anticipating the move, and the conference will continue to be an all-California league in the future. Participation by USU and Idaho, a football-only member of the Sun Belt and former BWC associate, is open as long as the schools wish to continue, he said.

Not only is acceptance into the Sun Belt Conference good for USU Athletics but for the whole university and Logan City as well.

Mayor Doug Thompson said he thinks it is a wise decision by the SBC and USU. He also said he feels whatever is good for the university is good for Logan.

Hall is looking for the new affiliation to bring more name recognition and a higher level of academics to USU.

"The university is taking a major step forward in finding a competitive home for football, building national visibility and establishing

with other institutions in the west its future in Division I athletics," Hall said.

"We believe that it is imperative to establish our competitive quality, and given the changes in the NCAA, our actions in joining the Sun Belt is the very best opportunity to do so."

The move to the SBC will make recruiting a little easier as more people in the East will recognize USU.

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Sculptor traces origin of his artistic forms

By Kate Roberson
The Arbiter

Francis Fox came to Boise State four years ago, bringing his individual style of sculpture with him.

Part organic and part industrial, the marriage of metal, wood and stone works wonders for the eye.

The assistant professor's work carries an identifiable flavor — it's easy to tell who parented it.

There is a suggestion of handwork in Fox's sculptures that is difficult to bring to metal. On "Portal" (a piece scheduled to be installed at the satellite campus for the University of Idaho here in Boise), Fox left the numbers he used to keep track of the joint attachments.

"That was something that was interesting to me," Fox said.

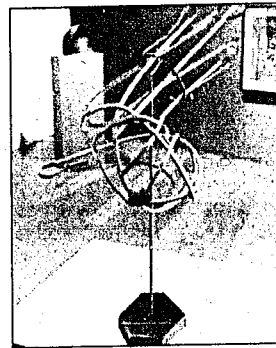
"Needing to keep track of those, to see how many there were and to maybe be able to follow the process ... Part of what I love about this process is the surprises I get out of it."

There were 19 separate pieces in "Portal," all of which had to be welded together. The piece weighs over 700 pounds and looms several feet higher than its tall creator.

Fox works primarily in bronze, though he is also branching into aluminum and cast iron.

The process is similar for most metals. First, the sculpture is formed in wax, and then a cast is made of it from rubber with a plaster backing. If the piece is small enough, it can be made in one pour. In the case of larger pieces, which Fox seems to prefer, several parts and pours are needed.

Some of Fox's pieces could



This mode carried over to his current work. Among the first of his new series of cast bronze pieces is a pair called "Organic Production," created by wrapping wax around the same burl of a tree.

"It has the sense of being the same species but a completely different individual," said Fox.

"I love that kind of paradox, because in fact what you see is that you have an implied form because they were both made on the same exact form ... but it's no longer there ... none of the actual mass is in the same place anymore."

The majority of Fox's current work are forms made from strips of metal, all pulling in different directions, leaving gaps of negative space which are as interesting as the metal itself.

The pieces imply amoebic forms or strands of spider webs. Fox darkens the metal and then brings out the rosy highlight of the bronze with a rotary sander and steel wool.

Sometimes he colors it with red, blue or green tones, adding more dimensions. Bronze has an exquisite look, and Fox uses it to its fullest.

With all this variety, what is Fox's work transitioning to now?

Fox said it's easier to identify that in retrospect.

"I don't know exactly where it's going to go," he said.

"I've always been interested in how things change and evolve, including my artwork, so I'm trying to express that sense of growth and that wonder of life and the unpredictability of it."

Fox's sculptures are shown at Stewart Gallery, 1322 W. Main Street.



Francis Fox with one of his recent sculptures.

Festival to celebrate low brass sounds

By Robert Seal
The Arbiter

When you think of October, what comes to mind? Is it thoughts of Halloween, the World Series, or German festivals dedicated to good beer and bratwursts? If professor Michael Fischer has his way, in the future people will also think of tuba festivals. That is what Octubafest is all about.

Octubafest is a fun-spirited tuba festival that Fischer brought to Boise State. Now in its second year, Octubafest has gone from being a one-day concert to stretching out over three days.

Fischer brought his festival to BSU from Baylor University in Waco, Texas,

where he was a lecturer. "One year we built it (Octubafest) up to 11 events," Fischer said.

When it comes to BSU, he said, "Maybe we'll eventually work our way up to that same type of number.

We'll see."

This year's Octubafest will kick off on Sunday, "Octuba" 27 with a faculty-artist recital with Fischer playing tuba and professor James Cook on piano. They will play a composition for tuba by American composer Bruce Broughton.

Fischer is also set to perform his own arrangements of several Romantic composers.

On Monday there will be a performance by doctoral student Doug Whitten and masters student Josh Calkin.

Tuesday evening, the final night of Octubafest, will feature Fischer's tuba students, the Boise State trombone choir and the Boise State Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble.

Octubafest isn't just solos. There is a tuba ensemble and in the future guest performances may be included.

The ensemble will be performing several works, including German polkas and marches.

The Sunday show begins at 4 p.m., and the Monday and Tuesday shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

The concerts will be held in the Morrison Center Recital Hall.

For more information call 426-3980.



Mike Gerritsen practices the euphonium in a rehearsal prior to last year's Octubafest. Arbiter file photo.

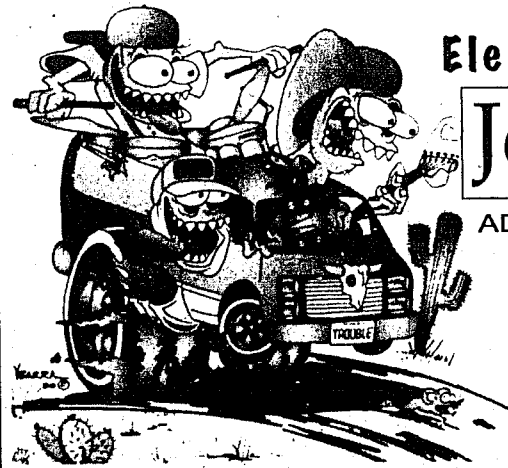
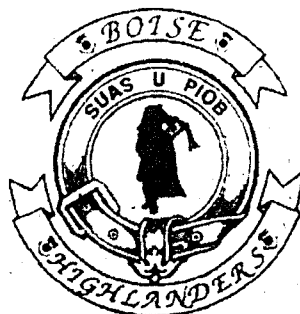
Boise Highlanders Offer Concerts

The Boise Highlanders and company will perform two concerts on Sat. 26 Oct. 2002; an afternoon show at 2:30 p.m. followed by an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Nampa Civic Center's Brandt Auditorium.

The bands Pipe Major Ron Lopez is very excited about the shows, "They have been a long time coming," he said, "as we have been doing shows through Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and Utah for over 40 years.

The shows will include a flag presentation by the City of Boise Police Pipe Band, dueling pipers, Highland dancers, Idaho's newest Scottish Country dance group, The Thistle & Ghillie, pomp and pageantry, fiddles, guitars and audience participation. Jim and Pam Rogers' Scottish Shoppe and Wee Bit O' Scotland will also be available for Scottish shopping.

Tickets prices are Adults \$10.00, seniors \$7.00, students and children \$6.00. Tickets can be obtained at the Nampa Civic Center Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., phone 465-2252 or through their web site www.nampaciviccenter.com. Tickets will also be available one hour before show times at the door. Ticket information in Boise can be obtained by calling 362-3144 or contacting any band member for ticket purchase.



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Interactive art exhibit visits university

By Kate Roberson
The Arbiter

The Hemingway Center, nestled between Albertson's Library and the Communication Building, is not a frequent stopping point for most students. However, a visit is recommended in the next few weeks.

The art gallery inside the Hemingway Center exhibits "Children of Children: Portraits and Stories of Teenage Parents" by photographer Michael Nye.

The exhibit consists of 50 portraits and stories of those whose lives have been affected by teenage pregnancy.

The project intends, in Nye's words, "Not to condemn, condone, or romanticize teenage pregnancy in any way, but to explore the context of young pregnancy and parenting in society."

This is not your run-of-the-mill photography exhibit, with photos accompanied by small comment cards. The subjects themselves give commentary on the black and white photographs by way of audio recordings.

This, along with Nye's skill

at capturing the essence of his subjects, makes them real, vibrant and impossible to brush off.

The stories vary from 1.5 minutes to 5.5 minutes in length. There is no single face for teenage pregnancy. Women and men of varied races are pictured, from young teenagers currently involved in the difficulties of raising children to octogenarians who experienced teenage pregnancy in less tolerant times.

Nye presents the collection flawlessly. He poses his subjects in such a way that the viewer is drawn to hear their stories.

Some are jaunty and happy, while others are impossibly sad. Some hold up articles from their lives: an "airborne" jacket or a statue of a female discuss thrower. The children themselves are rarely pictured; when they are they're blurred by motion, difficult to make out.

Some of the women tell their stories but choose to remain anonymous.

One stands off camera, holding a silver vase with dead roses in the frame.



The Hemingway Center's art gallery is currently featuring art that can both be seen and heard. Photo by Ted Harman, The Arbiter.

Classical pianist...

Pianist Xiaohan Wang is scheduled to play at Boise State as part of the 2002-03 Classical Performances series.

The 20-year-old pianist has performed in Germany, Japan, China, and the United States.

Wang performs Saturday at the Special Events Center. His concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 seniors, Boise State students, faculty and staff.

Tickets are available at all Select-A-Seat outlets, by calling 426-1494, or on the web at www.ida-hottickets.com.

Wang will also be holding a free master class on Friday at 2 p.m. in the Morrison Center Recital Hall.

Poetry reading...

The Best of Boise Series, presented by the Student Programs Board, continues with Poetry Night.

The Poetry Night will feature original work of talented local poets. Mr. Backhand, a local band specializing in jazz and blues music, will also perform throughout the evening.

There will be 10 featured poets including English grad students Matt Reiter and Mia Wright. Also, poets from the Northwest Liberal Arts Association will be reading.

A sign up sheet will be available at the door for any other poets that wish to read.

Poetry Night begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Jordan Ballroom.

Admission is \$2 for the general public free for Boise State students, faculty and staff. For more information call 426-1223.

G. Love and Special Sauce...

G. Love (Garrett Dutton) began his music career in high school jamming in blues and hippy bands.

His unique sound has carried over to his current project, G. Love and Special Sauce, featuring grungy acoustic rock, blues, and hip-hop.

G. Love and Special Sauce performs at the Big Easy Concert House on Friday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$20 at www.ticketweb.com.

SPB offers free flicks

By Tammy Sands
The Arbiter

Midterms, papers, presentations, projects — is this semester starting to get to you?

If you're feeling stressed and worn out, you should consider taking a few hours off on Tuesday nights and go see a free movie at the Special Events Center sponsored by the Student Programs Board (SPB).

Student fees pay for these films, which cost an average of \$500 each, according to Jason MacFarlane, director of SPB.

"It could be a huge thing," MacFarlane said.

Generally, around 100 people show up for these free movies.

However, there is enough room for four times that amount. Although the turnout could be higher, newer and more mainstream films have already been purchased.

In addition, SPB recently got a proposal approved which allows people to bring in their own food and drinks

on movie nights. MacFarlane would like to offer free popcorn and drinks about once a month to draw more people to the event.

The movies selected for this month and next include *Detroit Rock City*, *Dead Man on Campus*, *Snatch*, *Fight Club* and even *Dirty Dancing*.

"In the past, it was anti-mainstream, but in the past two years the movie selection is much better because... people in charge of selection are trying to attract a larger variety of students," MacFarlane said.

Film noir, documentaries, educational films and independent films used to be the only types of movies shown, but MacFarlane believes that mainstream films draw in a larger crowd.

"It's not even worth it when only two people show up," he said.

These movies are not only free to students but also their families.

So take advantage of these free films, paid for with your student fees, because everyone needs a study break.

Jurassic 5 side-steps sellout jinx

By Mark Lee
Indiana Daily Student
(Indiana U.)

True hip-hop heads that are familiar with the underground scene know that the members of Jurassic 5 have been proving time and time again that they are the premiere underground group right now.

They have been at the forefront of the "anti-jiggy" rap movement, along with Talib Kweli, Dilated Peoples, Gang Starr, Pharoahe Monch and Kool Keith.

The thing about some of those who start out as anti-mainstream rap artists is that the lure of easy cash is sometimes too much to bear, and they "sell out," i.e. Ja Rule's *Pain is Love*, Redman's *Malpractice* and DMX's *And Then There Was X*.

The latest offering by Jurassic 5, *Power in Numbers*, is nothing like those.

The rappers pay respect to the underground that bore them. People familiar with

their style will immediately recognize their trademark tag-team way of flowing.

What some may not recognize immediately is the different format they take with some of their songs. "Remember His Name" displays Akil pretty much on his own, with brief scripts by Chali 2na and Zaakir. This is immediately followed by "What's Golden," J-5's current single, in which their trademark back and forth is displayed.

The expected pairing is "DDT," in which Jurassic 5 gives one of the weirdest and most gifted artists around, Kool Keith, his own track (mixed by another underground sensation, DJ Eclipse). Big Daddy Kane also makes an appearance on "A Day at the Races."

But the one that caught me off guard was "Thin Line," where Akil, Chali 2na, Zaakir and Marc 7even flow about the struggle of not falling in love with a good female friend, while Nelly Furtado

Portraits and Stories of Teenage Parents" runs Oct. 14 - Nov. 5 at the Hemingway Center.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

sings the hook and provides her own verse toward the end. Furtado isn't as suspect of a hip-hop album as some other female singers, having already done the remix to Missy Elliott's "Get Ur Freak On." It works out very well for all involved.

Attention all: Jurassic 5 has not sold out! If anything, the rappers have solidified their position as the best collaboration of MCs around.

Nu-Mark and Cut Chemist's beats are also perfectly made for J-5's style. Buy it, burn it, steal it from a friend, but whatever you do, check it out.

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Okay, okay—if you were wrong, you can still send another e-mail to contest@arbitratoronline.com with the correct answer, and you'll be rewarded with one entry for the weekly drawing just for being so persistent!

Look for this week's question on pg. 3!

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Oct. 24). Looks like you could really whip your place into shape this year. Follow through on ideas you've had for quite a while. Fantasize beyond your means. What you can't afford to buy, you can find or make some other way.

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 a 7 - Harness that energy for which you're so famous. Exercise discipline. The more you learn now, the more you'll accomplish. Study!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Don't get too exuberant yet. There's still work to be done. But, as you're starting to suspect, the rewards could be great. Put in the extra effort.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're full of helpful comments again, but don't be too eager to share them. Others will listen more readily if you wait until they ask.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're pretty good at arranging for things to happen the way you want. A couple of phone calls should do the trick, setting up a deal they can't refuse.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Friends offer lots of advice whether they're asked or not. Some of it might actually help solve a domestic problem. It's worth a try.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Better give a challenging assignment your full attention. You've recently thought of several new ways to spend your money, so you'd better make sure it keeps coming in.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - Fancy theories won't get you far. Practical experience is what you need. Use it to reach out and try something bold. Take a calculated risk.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Security is a state of mind that doesn't require money. The former might even help create the latter. Go into negotiations with a sense of abundance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Even if you're worried, or if you're being nagged, don't give up. Don't try to do it all, either. You must learn to delegate. You're a great communicator, so it'll be easy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Your workload is increasing, but an influential friend will be a big help. All you have to do is ask. It shouldn't cost you too much.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You're still strong, and you'll get the chance to prove it. Continue to gather information, but dispense it on a need-to-know basis. Retain your advantage.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Domestic activities demand your attention, and it's about time. Straighten things up and make other improvements, because this weekend is a great time for a party.

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DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

1. I WORRY THAT OUR UPCOMING MERGER IS NOTHING BUT A HUGE SCAM ON OUR STOCKHOLDERS.

2. BUWAHA-HAHAHA!

3. I MEAN... IT'S ACCRETIVE TO EARNINGS.

4. THIS ASSIGNMENT DISTURBS ME ON MANY LEVELS.

5. NAME ONE.

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