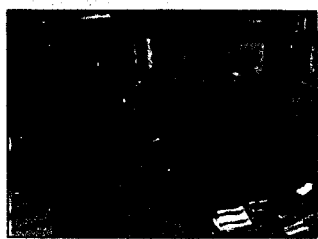


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Ruch's final speech signifies change

By Elizabeth Puckett
The Arbiter

Boise State music professors Michael Fischer and James Cook ushered in BSU President Charles Ruch's final state of the university speech on the morning of Jan. 8 with piano and tuba renditions of music by Brahms and Schubert. Ruch then took the podium in the SUB Jordan Ballroom and began his last State of the University address.

Ruch reminded the audience of his fall prediction that the 2002-2003 school year would be "one of the most memorable, exciting and challenging years in the history of the university."

He also recognized that

although the university continues to face increased expectations for higher education these are accompanied by depressed resources and increased demand due to high student enrollment.

Ruch said one of his top priorities in his last semester will be to install plans to return student body growth to a manageable 2 percent. Boise State's enrollment currently has been expanding at an average rate of 4 percent.

"We will work toward accomplishing this through changes in procedure, not necessarily changes in requirements," said Ruch.

Ruch said the current budget crisis both on the state and the university level has been a big issue during

the last semester. He put concerns for this semester to rest, citing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's promise to exempt education from 2003 budget cuts.

"We will get through the year relatively intact," Ruch said.

However, over \$200 million in one-time money will not be available to higher education in 2004.

Ruch expressed admiration for Kempthorne's position on an increase in cigarette and sales taxes, calling the idea "courageous." He then promised to brief faculty and staff on state budgetary concerns possibly affecting the university.

Ruch then addressed his

own plans for retirement; he plans to continue to "make sure all legislators understand the importance [of education] to the future of Idaho."

Ruch's plan would help eliminate the duplication of university's services and help bring the budget back to a reasonable range.

He also referenced Idaho's Blue Ribbon Task Force, a committee appointed by Kempthorne to streamline Idaho state government.

Ruch outlined his plans to

speak to them about deregulation. His plans involve the possibility that the university could act as an entrepreneurial force better than another branch of the government, allowing the university to eliminate the duplication of its services and help bring the budget back to a reasonable range.

Ruch then took some time from his speech to congratulate three award-winning BSU professors. Among them were Idaho Professor of the Year Tom Shallat of the History department; Jim Zewalski, Motorla's Educator of the Year, and College of Business professor Tom Foster, winner of the Instructional Innovator Award.

Finally, Ruch gave kudos to the Broncos for their WAC and Humanitarian Bowl championships.

The president then showed some of the ads that ran on radio and television over the past semester. The ads featured the award-winning faculty and sports teams as well as appealing images of the campus.

In Ruch's 10th and final report as university president, he said he'd been going over his notes from the previous nine semesters.

"While the events [outlined in those notes] were different, there was always a sense of success in the face of economic and political difficulties," Ruch said.

Excess weight shortens life expectancy

By Marian Uhlman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Packing on too many extra pounds can shorten your life.

Two studies published this week suggest that life expectancy decreases as excess body mass grows.

A severely obese 20-year-old white man can expect to lose 13 years of life, compared to a normal weight peer, according to research in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Even a slightly overweight young adult male may lose a year off his life.

And people who were obese by age 40 shaved six or seven years off their lives, compared to their normal weight counterparts, according to an article that appeared in the Annals of Internal Medicine. Those who were merely overweight and didn't smoke at that age lost about three years of life compared to a normal weight nonsmoker.

"Everything else being equal, you're worse off being obese," said Norman Lasser, director of preventive cardiology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

"These articles heighten the importance of a focus on obesity as a national health care problem," said William Dietz, head of nutrition and physical activity for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thirty-one percent of adults in the United States are obese — up from 23 percent a decade ago and 15 percent in 1980, according to recent government data. And about two out of three adults are overweight. Adults are considered overweight if their "body mass index" is 25 or more, obese with a BMI of 30, and extremely obese with a BMI of 40. Body mass index is a ratio between height and weight.



Interim Cultural Center Coordinator Diana Garza.

Photo by Kelly Day, The Arbiter.

Interim coordinator maintains Cultural Center

By Melissa L. Llanes Brownlee
The Arbiter

The BSU Cultural Center is managing quite well without a permanent coordinator in place.

With the departure, in April 2002, of the previous coordinator, Tam Dinh and the hiring of Valerie Cleary, who chose to pursue a different opportunity, an interim coordinator was appointed to care for the Cultural Center in the absence of a full-time coordinator.

Diana Garza, 1995 and 2000 BSU alum, was selected after Cleary departed. She hopes to maintain the present services offered at the Cultural Center.

"We [the Cultural

Center] want to provide continuity and services [for students]," she said.

The center gives students a place to hang out, do their homework, watch television and work on the facility's computers. Garza wants to focus on assisting students through the center's services.

Their mission "is to create an inclusive environment where cultural diversity is appreciated and valued, and where people with different beliefs are treated with respect and dignity."

Leadership training, Community Building services and workshops and diversity training are just a few of the services offered.

They also help organize and promote

student-related events such as Island Rhythms' Micronesian Dinner & Dance Festival, the Intertribal Native Council's Pow-Wow, Hui-O-Aloha's Lu'au and the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos' Cinco de Mayo celebration. Black History Month in February and Asian/Pacific Islander Month in May are also sponsored by the Cultural Center.

Since Garza's position is part-time, she is unable to work on larger projects. But, she hopes that students will still utilize the opportunities the Cultural Center has to offer. With this position, she is able to spend time with her 21-month-old.

BSU will begin a national search for

a coordinator this semester.

"In February, we will be moving into the search process to fulfill the position permanently," said Leah Barrett, director, Student Union and Student Involvement.

Students are encouraged to spend time at the Cultural Center and to get to know the staff. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8-5 p.m. They will be more than happy to assist you with any information, programs or services you may need.

For more information about the Cultural Center call 426-4259 or check out their web site <http://union.boisestate.edu/culturalcenter>.


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International Food, Song & Dance Festival

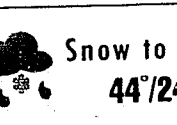
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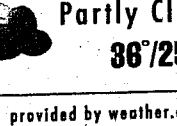
April
Pow-Wow
Sponsored by Intertribal Native Council
Lu'au
Sponsored by Hui-O-Aloha

May
Asian/Pacific Islander Month
Latino Awareness Month
Cinco de Mayo
Sponsored by Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos

For the most current information on Cultural Center events, please call 426-4259.

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Commuter planes may be deadlier than large jets

By Ames Alexander
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — While some travelers don't relish flying on smaller commuter planes, national safety requirements for those aircraft have increased markedly in recent years.

Some aviation experts, however, maintain that turboprop planes still aren't as safe as large jets.

In 1994, the accident rate for commuter planes was twice as high as that for larger airplanes, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. At that time, planes with 30 or fewer seats operated under more lenient regulations.

But in the mid 1990s, safety concerns and a projected

increase in commuter air traffic prompted regulators to impose tougher rules for commuter airlines. Now those operating commuter planes with 10 or more passengers must follow most of the same safety rules as large airlines. Among other things, the regulations mandated more commuter-pilot training and added safety requirements.

"The regional carriers have worked diligently to improve safety," said Debby McElroy, president of the Regional Airline Association. "It's important for travelers to know that the regional airlines are very safe with a record comparable to that of the major airlines."

Some experts, however, say such planes still appear to

have more safety problems than large jets.

"I'm not one of those who says you can be as safe on a commuter flight as a large jet aircraft," said former NTSB Chairman Jim Burnett.

Barry Schiff, a longtime commercial pilot and safety consultant from Los Angeles, agreed.

"Those commuter planes are quite safe; however, the larger jets are a little safer."

Turboprop planes — those with propellers driven by turbines — tend to be less reliable than jets, partly because their propellers are more exposed to foreign objects, Burnett said. Smaller aircraft generally take shorter trips and fly at lower altitudes, where they tend to encounter rougher weather.

And such planes typically don't have all the safety features of larger jets, such as heated wings.

As a whole, commuter pilots tend to be less experienced than those who fly large jets, some say.

"The real problem with the smaller airlines is the fact that the people in front are younger, less-experienced pilots who are doing time so they can move on to the larger jets," said James Crouse, a Raleigh lawyer who specializes in aviation accidents.

The NTSB says it has done no studies comparing the safety of commuter planes and larger jets since 1994, before the new safety rules were imposed.

"I don't know of anything

that would show (commuter flight travel) is empirically less safe," said McElroy of the regional airline industry group.

Overall, flying continues to be far safer than driving. During the past decade, about eight of every 100 million passengers on major U.S. airlines were killed, according to statistics compiled by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Last year, there were no fatal crashes involving commercial airlines in the United States. Driving the length of a typical nonstop segment is about 65 times as risky as flying, the Michigan researchers found.

Campus Shorts

West

Honor under review at Air Force Academy

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Cheating can mean the boot from many colleges. Simply knowing someone cheated and not reporting it is enough to get Air Force Academy cadets expelled.

The honor code's tolerance clause — which requires cadets to turn in anyone they know who breaks the rules — is the most difficult standard for future Air Force leaders to live up to, cadets and officers say.

A study of the academy honor system found half the cadets questioned want to get rid of the clause.

That and other findings prompted the study's authors to conclude "confidence in the Air Force Academy honor code has seriously declined."

The report suggests a slew of reforms to restore cadet confidence in the code and the system supporting it.

Since the report came out a year ago, the academy made some changes to the system and continues to make adjustments.

The academy increased character education, agreed to regular outside honor system reviews and eliminated automatic appeals to the Pentagon to speed up cases.

The academy rejected other suggestions such as revamping its Center for Character Development and adding a senior officer solely charged with overseeing the honor system.

"By and large (the report) has been helpful. Some of the areas we respectfully disagreed with," academy superintendent Lt. Gen. J.D. Dallager said.

The honor code — "We will not lie, steal or cheat, nor

tolerate among us anyone who does" — didn't change.

Although the tolerance clause wasn't removed, academy officials and outside observers agree changes made are significant in the history of an honor system that periodically has been mired in scandal and regularly studied.

Midwest

Web site lets students spot tough professors

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Before registering for classes, students at the University of Wisconsin campus will soon be able to use the Internet to see just how tough it would be to ace courses.

Many students say they are eager to log on to pickaprof.com as they decide which classes to enroll in, or which professors to avoid. Bar charts on the Web site show what percentage of each instructor's students received As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs during past semesters.

"I'll be strongly tempted to look like a bear with a honey jar," said Thomas McKinney, 27, a graphic design major. "You could always hear this kind of stuff through the grapevine. Now you can just punch it up."

The University of Wisconsin student association recently decided to pay \$10,000 to Pick-A-Prof, joining more than 50 public universities nationwide that subscribe to the three-year-old service based in Texas. And student leaders at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and Wright College are debating whether to bring it to their campuses next year.

In an age when students can order term papers over the Internet, the spread of Pick-A-Prof has triggered a fresh debate about the effects of rapid technological change on education.

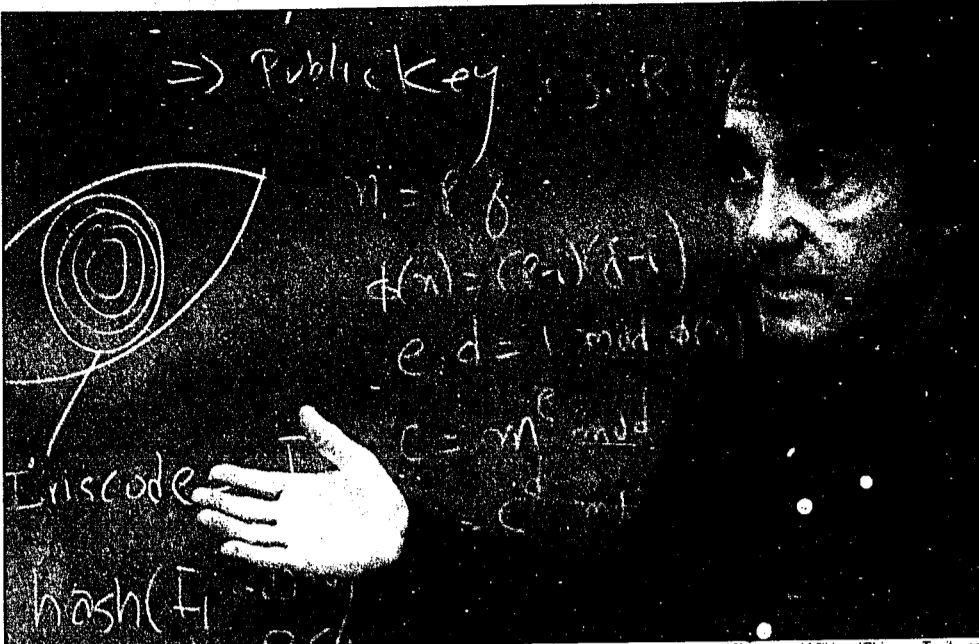


Photo by David Trotman, Wilkins/Chicago Tribune
"This will turn the university into a casino," said George Davida, a professor and faculty senate member at UW-Milwaukee. Students will be able to log on and see how professors grade.

Many students relish having easy access to grading histories, but college instructors here and across the country are complaining that Pick-A-Prof is the worst blow to the integrity of higher education since Cliffs Notes.

"There is no relation between an easy A and the quality of learning," UW sociology professor Carrie Yang Costello said.

Critics say publishing grading histories on the Internet will make it simple for students to choose professors who are most likely to grade gently. Students inevitably will try to play the odds to give themselves the best chance of posting high grade-point averages and attracting job offers, said George Davida, a computer science professor and faculty senate member.

"It's a no-brainer," Davida said. "This will turn the university into a casino."

South

Students who live on campus choose Internet courses

DALLAS — Jennifer

Pressly could have walked to a nearby lecture hall for her U.S. history class and sat among 125 students a few mornings a week.

But the 19-year-old freshman at the University of North Texas preferred rolling out of bed and attending class in pajamas at her dorm-room desk. Sometimes she would wait until Saturday afternoon.

The teen from Rockwall, Texas, took her first college history class online this fall semester. She never met her professor and knew only one of her 125 classmates: her roommate.

"I take convenience over lectures," she said. "I think I would be bored to death if I took it in lecture."

She's part of a controversial trend that has surprised many university officials across the country. Given a choice, many traditional college students living on campus pick an online course. Most universities began offering courses via the Internet in the late 1990s to reach a different audience — older students who commute to campus and are juggling a job and family duties. During the last year, UNT

began offering an online option for six of its highest-enrollment courses that are typically taught in a lecture hall with 100 to 500 students. The online classes, partly offered as a way to free up classroom space in the growing school, filled up before pre-registration ended, UNT officials said. At UNT, 2,877 of the about 23,000 undergraduates are taking at least one course online.

Nationwide, colleges are reporting similar experiences, said Sally Johnstone, director of WCET, a Boulder, Colo., cooperative of state higher education boards and universities that researches distance education. Kansas State University, in a student survey last spring, discovered that 80 percent of its online students were full-time and 20 percent were part-time, the opposite of the college's expectations, Johnstone said.

"Why pretend these kids want to be in a class all the time? They don't, but kids don't come to campus to sit in their dorm rooms and do things online exclusively," she said. "We're in a transition, and it's a complex one."

News Bucket

Nominations sought for humanitarian awards

Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 7 for the Larry Selland Humanitarian Award. The award was created in 1997 to honor the men and women of Boise State who best exemplify the caring nature, compassion and integrity of the late Dr. Larry G. Selland, former dean, executive vice president and interim president of the university.

Two awards are given each year. One goes to a student in good academic standing and one to a current faculty or staff member. To nominate someone, go to the Women's Center Web site at <http://womenscenter.boisestate.edu> and click on "What's New."

Nominations sought for Founders' Leadership Society

Boise State University faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to submit nominations for the Founders' Leadership Society class of 2003. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 15.

The Founders' Leadership Society was established in 2002 to recognize graduating students for their outstanding leadership involvement, both on campus and in the community.

For more information on the Founders' Leadership Society, specific information on selection criteria or how to nominate a student, visit union.boisestate.edu/organizations/founder/index.html or call Margie Van Vooren, Office of Student Services, at 426-1583.

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North Korea condemns U.S.

Bush accepts talks and offers possible economic help

By Michael Dorgan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SEOUL, South Korea—With the diplomatic ball in its court, North Korea stuck Wednesday to its long-held game plan of firing off bombastic rhetoric while pretending to ignore mounting international pressure to end its nuclear weapons programs.

Hours after the Bush administration shifted tactics Tuesday and formally agreed to talk with North Korea, the isolated communist country's official news agency released a vitriolic condemnation of the United States without acknowledging what South Korea's media heralded as a potential breakthrough in the standoff.

"The 'nuclear issue' that renders the situation on the Korean peninsula strained is a product of the U.S. strategy to dominate the world whereby it is working hard to bring a holocaust of a nuclear war to the Korean nation, calling for a pre-emptive nuclear strike after deploying lots of nuclear weapons in and around South Korea," said a commentary from the North Korean news agency.

It accused the United States of spreading a false rumor regarding North Korean nuclear programs to poison the atmosphere of reconciliation between North and South Korea.

What North Korea dismissed as a false rumor is the U.S. claim that North Korean officials admitted last year they had a secret program to enrich uranium to make

nuclear bombs. That disclosure led the Bush administration to cut off the fuel oil that the United States was giving North Korea in exchange for its pledge in 1994 to end its nuclear weapons programs.

In turn, North Korea expelled U.N. inspectors last month and announced that it would reactivate its Yongbyon nuclear complex, which had been closed as part of the 1994 agreement. Experts say that operation could yield enough plutonium for several nuclear

Analyses, a government-funded research organization in Seoul.

Jeon said in an interview that Pyongyang was disappointed by the outcome of that deal, in which North Korea also was promised help in building two "safe" reactors to generate electricity. Those projects, which were to be completed by this year, have fallen far behind schedule.

Jeon and other South Korea analysts say North Korea would like a much

comprehensive pact to replace the earlier agreement, one with more guaranteed benefits to North Korea.

North Korea is believed to have two nuclear weapons already. If it fails to shut down its nuclear weapons programs, it could face tough sanctions or military action by the U.N. Security Council.

The United Nations Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors on Monday condemned the expulsion of its inspectors and the reactivation of Yongbyon complex. It gave North Korea one last chance to reverse course before referring the matter to the Security Council.

The Bush administration has indicated it would be willing to provide more economic help to North Korea, but not until it abandons its nuclear weapons program.

South Korea's top delegate to the Washington talks, Lee Tae-shik, told South Korea's Yonhap news agency that the next step was North Korea's.

"North Korea's open willingness to abandon its nuclear programs should be the starting point for dia-

logue," he said. But on Wednesday, North Korea appeared less interested in Washington's offer to talk than in driving a wedge between the United States

and South Korea. "The U.S. has stood in the way of Korean reunification for more than half a century after occupying South Korea by force," said the North Korean news agency, reiterating the country's unique account of history.

American troops were sent to South Korea after North Korea invaded it in 1950, overwhelming its army. About 37,000 U.S. troops remain in South Korea to deter a second invasion, though some South Koreans and Americans have begun to question whether they still are necessary.

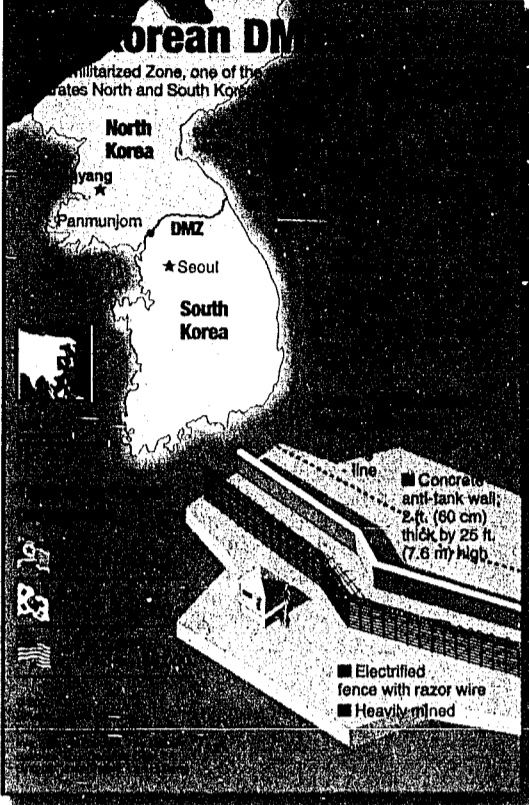
Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi planned to visit Moscow on Thursday and ask Russian President Vladimir Putin to urge North Korea to give up its brinkmanship with the United States. Japan and Russia are expected to pledge jointly to seek a nuclear-free Korean

peninsula. Russia and China are the main friends of the isolated North Korean regime.

Koizumi will be the first Japanese leader to visit the Russian Far East when he stops in Khabarovsk on Sunday. His spokeswoman Misako Kaji denied rumors that he would meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il or another North Korean official while he is in Khabarovsk, which is about 800 miles northeast of the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

Koizumi and Kim met in Pyongyang in a historic summit last September, but efforts to normalize relations stalled after Kim admitted the abductions of Japanese civilians some 25 years ago. Five abductees have since returned to Japan, but their children have been forced to remain in North Korea.

(Michael Zielenziger contributed to this article.)



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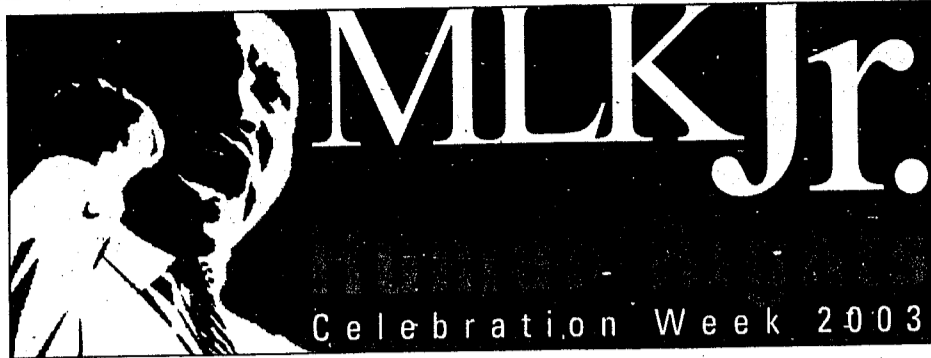
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360° of separation

Guest Opinion

By Susan Hazelton

The story goes that F. Scott Fitzgerald once commented to Ernest Hemingway, "The rich are very different from you and I." Ever the cynic, Hemingway replied, "Yes, they have more money." Yes, the rich have more money, but that's not all they have. According to researcher Dr. Ruby Payne, Ph.D., of Texas, the rich, the middle class and those living

in poverty each have a unique set of hidden rules. These rules guide everyday behavior, form the basis for decisions and determine membership in one of the three economic classes. Payne, a professional educator and author of the book "A Framework for Understanding Poverty," has spent several years sharing her insights about the cultures of poverty, middle class and wealth. Briefly, she suggests that each culture teaches a unique set of hidden rules to its members and while the rules are unspoken, they form a handbook for behavior

within the group. As an example, the business and educational communities follow middle-class rules. And because of that, people living with generational poverty (defined as living in poverty for two generations or more) do not have the tools to function adequately in school or at work, where middle-class rules apply. Hidden rules have to do with attitudes about money, relationships, education, possessions and more. Basically, the driving forces for those living in poverty are survival, relationships and entertainment.

That's why a person living in poverty is more likely to spend a financial windfall on concert tickets or a big screen television than on saving for a rainy day.

Middle-class people are driven by achievement and work. Because they feel they must manage their money, a financial windfall might go into a child's college fund.

Those living in wealth are driven by political, social and financial connections and might be likely to reinvest any additional money.

What this means for people living in poverty is that, to rephrase Hemingway, poverty is more than a lack of money. It's also a lack of knowledge of the middle-class rules that lead to success in a world driven by those rules.

It may be troubling to think of America as a society of classes, but recognition of the class differences can provide valuable insight into the reasons why some people face internal barriers to basic financial security.

Just as in sports, if you want to play and succeed at the game, you must know the rules. It's as simple as that. The rules are arbitrary and confusing, but they exist. You can't succeed unless you

know the rules and follow them.

It's important to remember that knowledge of the hidden rules of each class forms a basis for understanding people. If we approach people arrogantly believing that middle-class rules are the "right" rules, we are using this knowledge inappropriately.

If we are going to help people, especially children, to succeed, we must know not only the rules of people living in poverty, but we must also articulate middle class rules and teach them to others. For children in school, this means learning the rules that will help them succeed in school and at work.

Many of the greatest frustrations teachers and administrators have with students from poverty is related to knowledge of the hidden rules.

Students living in generational poverty don't know middle class hidden rules. Educators don't know the hidden rules of generational poverty. What results is an incapacitating spiral of increasing frustration, fueled by ignorance and resolved only through education and

insight. Susan Hazelton is the executive director of the Family Advocate Program in Boise. She will lead a presentation on "The Culture of Poverty" from 3:40-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15 in the Student Union Farnsworth Room as part of the Boise State University Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Celebration. For a full listing of events, call 426-1223 or visit http://entertainment.boisestate.edu/events/mlk_2003.

Guest Opinion

The Arbiter is seeking guest opinions from Boise State students, faculty and staff. Give us your best rant in 800 words or fewer. Send submissions to editor@arbiteronline.com.

Land of milk and honey — and excess

By Emily Ladue
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

Instead of just complaining about the economy, politicians and foreign policies, we should try to reform global crises with our daily decisions. It is time to adjust the way we view the world and change how we resolve dilemmas.

The attitude that we have the right to use as much as we want of every resource on the planet is not helping the nation or the international community. Random tax cuts encouraging us to buy more and use more will not solve any problems, as wonderful as the cash seems to many.

This past year, working and middle-class consumers

had less money to spend flagrantly on gifts and were preparing for a potentially worse future. Still, the giant corporations made even more billions by using sweatshops and downsizing.

Throughout the year, eager consumers in their 15-miles-per-gallon SUVs swarm in the parking lots. By December, the parking lots have reached their limits. In the week after Christmas, the trees are on sidewalks and in garbage cans, and the cars again storm the stores as everyone tries to return their unwanted gifts while getting back to work the next day. The executives enjoy their vacation time and profits, and America keeps rushing on.

Meanwhile, American

troops are practicing in the desert until war is officially declared on Iraq and it is no longer merely called "bombing." On demand, they are ready to kill, ruin millions of lives and set up another nation that acts when we tell it to act, sells us what we demand and gives us more petroleum for our cars so we can continue to make more and make them bigger and less fuel-efficient.

We are used to getting what we want and taking it all for granted. But the gap between the rich and the poor is getting wider. We are in the process of waging a war costing billions of dollars and an invaluable number of lives so our oil use can remain higher per capita than any other nation.

And, of course, to save the people of Iraq. The same individuals we have been slowly annihilating for years with economic sanctions.

The ends do not justify the means. Breaching international law and waging war will not lead to peace in Iraq. The fact that the international community (minus Tony Blair and Ariel Sharon) does not support the war will not get in the way of our belligerence. America will secure its wealth and power at the expense of any-

one, any treaty or any international law that we can override.

By being at Duke, our chances of becoming part of America's elite have already skyrocketed. Many of us will make enough money to support at least five families. Instead of just promising our children financial stability, we should promise them a nation that values peace, equal opportunities and environmental respect over exorbitant wealth.

Instead of continuing to live as we have been — treating everyone and everything as if we have the right to its use — we should step back and realize that our mind-frames need to be adjusted. If we are worried about gas and oil prices going up, we should stop using so much instead of trying to control the world's supply.

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and working-class

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Women get first win, Men fall to .500

Men's hoops drop two on the road

The Boise State men's basketball team started its WAC campaign on fire, winning its first two games against San Jose State and Hawai'i. The Broncos (8-6 overall, 2-2 WAC), however, failed to capitalize on their early season success as they dropped two games in a row on the road over the weekend.

Last Thursday, the Broncos lost to Fresno State 61-54.

Boise State trailed most of the second half against the Bulldogs, but made a run late cutting the lead to 50-46 with 2:34 to play on a bucket by C.J. Williams. The Bulldogs (11-2, 4-0) scored the next eight points, all in free throws, to take command and move into sole possession of first place in the WAC.

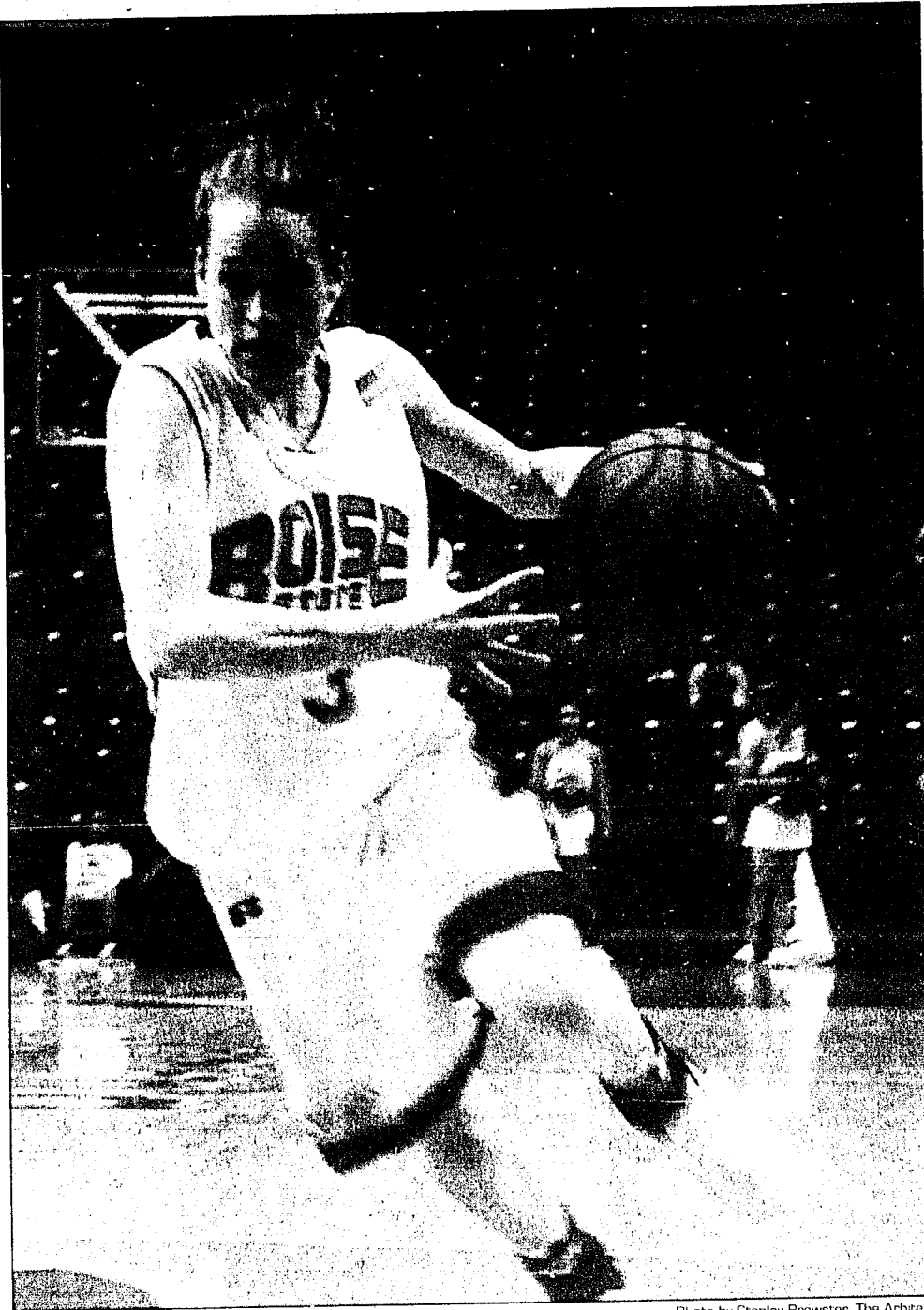
Boise State stayed in the game in the first half, despite missing all nine of its 3-pointers, thanks to making 9-of-10 free throws. While the Broncos stayed in the game with free throws in the first half, they may have lost it at the line in the second half. Boise State missed six of their first 12 after the break to let the Bulldogs slowly pull away.

Bryan Defares led Boise State with 18 points, while Fresno native Aaron Haynes had 14 points and C.J. Williams had 13.

On Saturday, Boise State rallied from a 17-point first half deficit to take a lead in the second half, but ran out of gas late, losing 71-61 to Nevada (7-7, 2-2) at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

The Broncos jumped out to an early 10-6 lead behind sophomore Jason Ellis, who scored six early points. But the Wolf Pack went on a 23-2 run to build a 29-12 lead with 9:58 to play in the first half.

The Broncos rallied with a spurt of their own. Boise State outscored Nevada 24-9



Lynette Grondin drives for a lay up during Saturday's game against Nevada.

during the last 9:58 of the half to go into the break down by just two. Boise State continued to play well in the second half, taking a pair of two point leads, the last coming with 7:46 to play on a layup by Aaron Haynes after a timeout.

The lead didn't last long

as Boise State went cold from the field. Nevada outscored the Broncos 18-6 down the stretch.

Bryan Defares led Boise State with 14 points, while Ellis and Haynes scored 12 points each. Ellis also had seven rebounds for the Broncos, who were out-

boarded 45-35.

Up next for the Broncos is another home stand this week as Rice and Tulsa make its annual trip to Boise.

— Bronco sports information contributed to this article.

Women beat Wolf Pack

By Phil Dailey
The Arbiter

For the first time this season the Boise State women's basketball team beat a fellow Western Athletic Conference opponent—defeating Nevada, 77-65 on Saturday afternoon in The Pavilion.

Boise State (4-10 overall, 1-3 WAC) hasn't had a whole lot to cheer about in the early going of the season under new head coach Jen Warden, but on Saturday they had all their parts working in the same direction including a team-high 19 points from senior Abby Vaughan.

The Broncos were up only a basket at the half, but racked up 46 points enroute to their first WAC victory of the season.

Nevada (7-7, 0-4) now sits at the bottom of the WAC after falling to the Broncos. Despite the loss, the Wolf Pack had three players with 18 or more points. Kate Smith had a game high 22 points while Laura Ingham scored 20 points and Ashley Bastian added 18 points.

The Broncos continue to get support from Bronco newcomer Jamie Hawkins who scored 16 points as well as five steals in the victory. Hawkins, a 6-foot-1 freshman forward from Bieber, CA is averaging 10.7 points per game.

Sophomore Camille Woodfield also contributed 17 points and nine rebounds for the Broncos

Up next for the Broncos are three road games at Rice, Tulsa and Texas-El Paso.

Currently Tulsa and No.12 ranked Louisiana Tech are undefeated atop the WAC standings.

Boise State's next home stand comes at the end of the month as they host La Tech and Southern Methodist.

Four Bronco wrestlers ranked in top 10

Announced by InterMat last Thursday, four Boise State wrestlers were listed in the top 10 of their respective weight.

Ben VomBaur, Collin Robertson, Boe Rushton and Gabe Vigil were all ranked in the top 10, while the Boise State wrestling team was ranked 22nd in this week's dual team rankings. The Bronco team is 2-1 in dual matches this season with its only loss to number one Oklahoma State, 27-12.

A fourth place finisher at last year's NCAA National Tournament, VomBaur has the highest ranking among the Boise State wrestlers with a fifth place listing in the 125-pound weight division.

A senior from Vancouver, Wash., VomBaur has the top individual record on this year's Bronco team at 16-1. VomBaur earned NCAA All-American honors last season.

Robertson and Rushton were ranked eighth in the 149-pound and heavy-weight divisions, respectively.

Robertson, a senior from Riverton, Utah, is 17-2 this season. He is the defending Pac-10 Conference Champion in his weight class. A senior from Bellevue, Idaho, Rushton is 10-3 this season with his three losses to wrestlers ranked in the top five of the heavyweight division.

Vigil, a senior from Salt Lake City, Utah, was ranked ninth in the 141-pound weight class with a record of 8-2.

VomBaur and Rushton are tied for the team lead in pins this season with three each. Robertson has the most major decisions (winning by eight or more points) with seven.

The Broncos are in the midst of a long holiday break with the last competition a dual match loss to Oklahoma State on Dec. 21.

Boise State gets back into action this Saturday and Sunday at the National Wrestling Coaches Association team duals in Columbus, Ohio.

The next home match for the Broncos is Jan. 24 against Pac-10 Conference opponent Cal State Fullerton.

Broncos slated to get JuCo All-American

Phillip Goodman of Sacramento City College has verbally committed to attending Boise State in the fall.

With the loss of several seniors at the wide receiver position, the Broncos have picked up one of the most sought after wide receivers in the nation.

The 6-foot-3 Goodman has been pursued by Georgia and Temple to name a few, but has opted for Boise State, sighting a close relationship with offensive coordinator Chris Peterson as one of the main reasons for his decision.

Goodman originally signed with Oregon out of high school, but was declared academically ineligible, opting for Sacramento City College to bring up his grades.

Track coach hangs it up

Innocent Egbunike, an assistant track and field coach at Boise State University the past two seasons, has resigned. Bronco head track and field coach Mike Maynard made the announcement.

Egbunike coached the sprinters, hurdlers and relay teams for the men and women's teams while an assistant to Maynard.

Egbunike represented his native country of Nigeria in four different Olympic games (1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992). He won his only Olympic medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Games as a member of Nigeria's 4x400-meter relay team which finished third. He carried Nigeria's flag during the opening ceremonies of the 1992 Barcelona Games.

Assistant coach Jake Jacoby will take over Egbunike's coaching duties in addition to his current responsibilities as jumps coach for the Broncos. Maynard has also announced that Charlie Clinger, a former Boise State track and field athlete and a current world-class high jumper, will serve as a volunteer assistant coach assisting Jacoby with the jumps.

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cash cow that CBS' billions have made the NCAA Tournament. More than 90 percent of the NCAA's budget comes from the men's basketball tournament.

Football continues to be its own entity, controlled by the six power conferences. The NCAA really is no factor. The bowl money goes directly to the conferences. The little guy, with a nominal chance in basketball, has no chance in football.

Even though men's basketball generates the revenue, it is easily the most regulated (some would say overregulated) of the NCAA's sports. Why?

Why would an organization give such scrutiny to a sport that is, in fact, its financial lifeblood?

The most logical answer is

image. That's what Temple coach John Chaney thinks. I agree.

The NCAA, like any other large, bureaucratic organization, dislikes bad publicity. When some high-profile schools have a zero percent graduation rate, that is not generally considered good publicity.

The value of graduation rates is certainly open to debate, given the flawed formula behind their compilation. Chaney, for instance, does not think much of them.

"I don't have a graduation rate," Chaney said. "Bleep my graduation rate. Bleep the NCAA."

On rare occasions, the coach does tend to overreact. Clearly, he is not concerned about image. When you've seen what he's seen, reality becomes a bit more relevant.

"There are billions of dollars involved, so they have to project an image," Chaney said.

If you listen only to the tone of Chaney's rants and not the rants themselves, you miss one of the sharpest minds in sports.

"The biggest cheating that's going on is when a blue-chipper pays his own way and then gets a scholarship his second year," Chaney said.

That is done to circumvent a fairly new NCAA rule that limits scholarships to five per year. The coach was referring to a rather well-known Southern university that has had some basketball success in recent decades.

Sadly, some cheating by someone has necessitated all these rules. The NCAA as an enforcement arm is there because the schools do not trust one another. That never changes.

Lefty gives it up:
Charles G. "Lefty" Driesell woke up one day recently and didn't feel so

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It's clear who's #1 in mid-major football

Commentary by Phil Dailey
The Arbiter

The college football season is now behind us, and it's clear who the best team in the nation is after Ohio State beat Miami (FL) 31-24 in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3 in Tempe, Ariz.

Since the intoxicating aroma of the bowl season is finally in the rear view mirror, the argument for the best conference in all the land can now begin. Without a doubt, this prestigious honor should go to the Big Ten Conference.

After going a remarkable 5-2 in their bowls, including bringing home their second national title in five years, it's only fitting that the Big Ten should be considered the top conference in Division I-A college football.

Not only did Ohio State win the national title, but also the Big Ten placed three

teams in the AP top ten final ranking: Ohio State No. 1, Iowa No. 8 and Michigan No. 9. Penn State finished the season at No. 16.

If the Big Ten is the top conference overall, then it's only fitting that teams outside the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) should be honored as well. Conferences that are not involved in the BCS are Sun Belt, Western Athletic Conference USA, Mid-American and Mountain West.

The Sun Belt Conference only played in one postseason game, with North Texas beating Cincinnati soundly 24-17 in the New Orleans Bowl. With only one team making a bowl, the Sun Belt is not worthy of consideration for the top mid-major conference.

The Mountain West Conference was embar-

rassed, losing all three games they played including Air Force losing to Virginia Tech in the San Francisco Bowl, Colorado State losing to TCU in the Liberty Bowl and New Mexico losing to UCLA in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Mountain West teams were outscored 64-29 in their respective games.

As for the Mid-American Conference, Marshall beat up on Louisville 38-25 in the GMAC Bowl, but Toledo looked like a junior varsity team in a blowout loss, 51-25 against Boston College in the Motor City Bowl. A 1-1 bowl record for the MAC isn't going to get it done this year. Conference USA put up a

great effort this bowl season with wins from Tulane winning the Hawai'i Bowl against Hawai'i 36-28 and previously mentioned TCU against Colorado State. Both wins were against better-than-average opponents.

With earlier mentioned Cincinnati losing to North Texas, Southern Miss losing to 33-23 to Oklahoma State in the Houston Bowl and previously mentioned Louisville falling to Marshall, a 2-3 bowl record is not enough for Conference USA to be considered the best mid-major conference.

All that's left is the WAC. Yeah, we already discussed the lackluster performance

by Hawai'i against Tulane, but the Warriors proved over the course of the season that they were one of the top mid-major teams in the country. Their losing to one of the top teams in Alabama by only four and their win against Cincinnati on Nov. 23 make a solid argument for the Warriors.

Fresno State's schedule answers any questions about their toughness and is a valid reason to brag about. There were a lot of uncertainties about the Bulldogs after losses at Boise State and against Hawai'i at home, but after defeating Georgia Tech 30-21 in the Silicon Valley Classic, the Bulldogs proved on a national stage that they deserved to be in a bowl. Georgia Tech competes in the Atlantic Coast Conference, a member of the BCS.

Last, but not least, is the highest ranked mid-major team in all the land - Boise State. The Broncos completed arguably the best season in the history of their program, capping the season with a 34-16 win over the Big XII's Iowa State in the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl. The Broncos ended the season with a national ranking of 12th in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and 15th in the AP media poll.

The Bronco win gave the WAC a 2-1 record this bowl season, both wins against BCS teams.

The college football season has been put to rest for the next eight months, but the facts are the facts and the Western Athletic Conference proved this bowl season that they are the cream of the crop of mid-major football.



No consensus means uncertain playoff future

By Joe Posnanski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Every year, it gets a little goofier. First they add another bowl game with some silly name. The Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl? The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl? The ConAgra Foods Hawaii Bowl? You can't even keep up.

Then, they give us matchups from another planet. Oregon vs. Wake Forest. Tulane against Hawai'i. UCLA plays New Mexico. The nation waits in suspense.

Finally, it's New Year's Day, and with empty bottles of champagne and party hats lying around, you can watch six of the most meaningless college football games to be played this year. I know I was riveted to that North Carolina State-Notre Dame game with the esteemed Toyota Gator Bowl trophy on

the line. Then there was that fabulous matchup between a disappointing Florida team against a disappointing Michigan team in the Outback Bowl, a bowl game that does not even bother to have a name. Just a sponsor. They should just have a bloomin' onion at midfield and get it over with.

There were 28 bowl games played this year.

Only one mattered. And it just makes you shake your head and wonder: What kind of stupid system is this anyway? It's unlike anything else on earth. Why can't they just have a playoff like every other competition everywhere?

Today, you get your answer. (The Kansas City Star) has taken a comprehensive survey of Division I-A presidents, athletic directors, football coaches and faculty representatives. We ask them

if they think there should be a playoff. We ask them if they think there (will) be a playoff. We ask them all sorts of stuff.

And here's the big answer: Some want a playoff. Some don't.

You say: That doesn't seem like much. That sounds like one of those government billion-dollar surveys that reveals something surprising like "People, generally, do not like potholes," or "Many Americans want to lose weight."

But, in this case, the conclusion is much more revealing than you might think. Some people want a playoff. Some don't. It's almost split down the middle. In other words, this is as divisive an issue as it was 25 years ago. And it tells you this: There will not be a college football playoff for a long, long time. At least not the way you want it.

The Star received responses from 178 college sports officials, and barely more than half—53.4 percent want a playoff system.

That number is almost identical to a Gallup Poll of fans last year. In that poll, about 54 percent of the people polled said a playoff system is the best way to determine a national champion.

It's interesting that 57.5 percent of the presidents polled want a playoff—a higher number than anyone expected.

But, even now, I think

there are too many people out there who don't want to tear up the system and put in a full-fledged college football playoff.

See, we may scream that the bowl system is out of touch with the rest of the planet. But almost as many people scream, "That's why we like it. It's unique."

Almost as many believe a playoff would make the season meaningless.

Back and forth. Hey, I want a playoff. Most people do. But the truth is, there

isn't really a driving need for a playoff. The bowls are making huge money for the right people. Fans are traveling thousands of miles to watch their teams play in San Diego and Tampa and even Boise. Television networks that drive sports seem pretty happy.

Do people want a playoff? Sure.

But, as far as a real-life playoff goes I don't think there will be one. Not for years. Not until America shows it really wants one.

NCAA from page 6

good. Didn't feel like going to work. Decided to quit on the spot.

Lefty leaves with a unique resume. He is the only coach to win more than 100 games at four schools (Davidson, Maryland, James Madison, Georgia State). He won 786 games overall.

His first Maryland team was so bad, he was greeted in his office a few days after getting the job by two Maryland students who told him they were better than most of his returning players.

Lefty nodded and set out to get some players. He got players.

From 1971-72 to 1975-76, Maryland went 119-28. Twice, the Terps of that era made the Final Eight. They won the National Invitation Tournament. Their best team (1973-74) didn't make the NCAA Tournament, after losing a classic Atlantic Coast Conference championship game to North Carolina State and the ACC's greatest player, David Thompson. They changed the rules to let multiple teams from one conference into the tournament because of what happened to Maryland that season.

Lefty's best record came in his 39th season, when he led Georgia State, a commuter school in downtown Atlanta, to a 29-5 record in 2000-01. His team lost, ironically enough, to Maryland in the second round.

Lefty's numbers alone are enough to merit consideration for election to the basketball Hall of Fame. Beyond the numbers, he was renowned as the most relentless recruiter in America in the era when there were no restrictions on hard work. He invented Midnight Madness. Actually, he invented basketball in the state of Maryland.

He talked funny. He looked funny. He dressed funny. But, no matter what anybody tells you, his most famous statement was also his most accurate.

"I can coach," Lefty said, famously, when his tactics were questioned.

He could. He really could.

Road-to nowhere:

Villanova has eight true road games left this season. If this Nova senior class really wants to overcome the disappointment of coming so close to the NCAA Tournament, it needs to win a few of them.

For three seasons, Gary Buchanan, Ricky Wright and Andrew Sullivan have come

within perhaps one more win each season of getting an invite.

The seniors are 8-26 in true road games. They have won twice each at Virginia Tech and Georgetown. They have one win at Penn, Providence, Notre Dame and Connecticut.

They have been blown out on the road. They have lost agonizingly close games this season at Dayton and Memphis. They have been so close so many times to getting it right.

As their Big East season begins Wednesday night at the Ski Lodge against Virginia Tech, these seniors have been part of 64 wins. They have left to play 17 regular-season games, the conference tournament and another tournament to be determined. Which tournament they play likely will depend upon how they do on the road.

Name change:

If Drexel is ever added to the Big 5 mix (don't hold your breath), the name change has become clear.

Courtesy of Bob Vetrone Jr. and those former Drexel students/computer geniuses, it has to be the "Fix Six."

Bluegrass dominance:

Kentucky has 42 Southeastern Conference titles. LSU and Tennessee are next with eight each.

UK is 780-212 (.786) in SEC games. Mississippi, representing the other extreme, is 392-675 (.367).

My old Kentucky home:

Now that Rick Pitino has quickly re-established Louisville on the national scene, it is worth noting that the Conference USA Tournament will be in Freedom Hall, a few furlongs from Churchill Downs.

The freshman:

Syracuse's Carmelo Anthony, from Baltimore, is more than living up to the hype. He leads the Big East in scoring (24.9 points) and is third in rebounding (10.0 boards).

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'Narc' offers gritty drama

By Chris Vognar
The Dallas Morning News

There's an art to working with familiar material, a sure touch required to make you care about the kinds of stories that you can recite in your sleep.

Joe Carnahan's first feature, *Blood, Guts, Bullets and Octane*, did not have it. His new film, *Narc*, has it in spades.

Yes, it's a genre movie, about a pair of tortured narcotics agents (Ray Liotta and Jason Patric) on the trail of a cop killer.

But where *Blood, Guts* gave you the sensation of being locked in a closet with a herd of empty-headed David Mamet clones, *Narc* has a polish and a confidence that make you want to turn the next page.

Like the recent *Two Weeks Notice*, it knows the rules of expectation, and it keeps things simple. The solid framework allows Carnahan to flesh out the details without making your flesh crawl.

Liotta does his best work in years as the aptly named Henry Oak, a tense, bearded, burly cop and the slain officer's former partner.

Oak has seen a bit too much in his years on the force; everything has been numbed except his rage and psycho swagger. He's been enlisted to help the wary and recently suspended Nick Tellis (Patric, who also played a troubled narc in *Rush*) find the killer.

The film opens in a rush as Tellis frantically runs down a suspect. The chase ends badly, but the here-and-now adrenaline and confusion are palpable.

Narc throws you right into the water without a life jacket

and makes you swim like mad for dry land that never really appears.

Tellis remains tormented, the story takes the requisite twists and turns, and before you know it, you care about what happens next. Some may find Alex Nepomniashy's herky-jerky camera work and dense, reverse-stock colors distracting or annoying. But it all fits right in with the paranoid mood of the story, and occasionally it does much more.

The most striking sequence takes place in a parked car as Oak discusses the source of his demons; the camera caresses the vehicle as the anti-heroes come into and out of view through the glare of the windshield.

The moment is delicate and elusive, and somehow not out of place with the movie's rough tone.

We get the feeling that Oak is up to no good, but Carnahan keeps you guessing on the specifics. Eventually the trail leads to a drug dealer played by the rapper Busta Rhymes, who cuts loose in his least affable screen appearance to date.

There's a sadistic streak to *Narc*, but it feels like an integral part of the film's personality, not a cheap attempt at criminal chic.

But the film ultimately belongs to Liotta, whose company also produced.

We've been waiting 12 years for him to follow up on the acrid menace of *GoodFellas'* Henry Hill, and this is as close as he has come to delivering the goods.

Narc may not get an "A" for originality, but it wears its B-movie heritage like a badge of honor.

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Trip Taylor at home in his Northend bookstore.

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Hyde Park bookseller is stickler for quality

By James Patrick Kelly
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Trip Taylor Bookseller
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Trip Taylor knows what he's talking about when it comes to books.

Taylor's used bookstore in Hyde Park, located in a Victorian house across the street from Lucky 13, has thousands of high-quality titles, ranging from literary fiction to archaeology and philosophy.

"My goal is to offer depth across the boards in terms of variety. A something-for-everyone kind of bookstore," Taylor said.

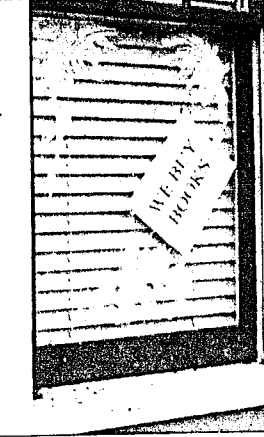
What you won't find at Trip's is an overabundance of small paperbacks that are so prevalent at most used bookstores. He deals in select used books, not the formulaic genre fiction found at the checkout lines in grocery stores.

"Trade paperbacks from authors like Danielle Steele and John Grisham are definitely not what my customers want," Taylor said.

"People try to sell me



A view from the front of Trip Taylor's.



those dime-a-dozen books all of the time, as well as out-of-date self-help books. My customers simply aren't interested."

Taylor not only buys quality used books, he also trades them for in-store credit, which he said is a great way for Boise State students to acquire books for upper-division literature classes.

"I like to do trade-ins. I like the recycling concept. It benefits both me and my customers," Taylor said.

"Good condition is important to me. I don't just buy anything that comes my way."

Taylor, a graduate of the University of Montana with an English literature degree, soon will be celebrating his third year in Hyde Park. Prior to living in Boise, Taylor owned and operated a select used bookstore in Seattle's Green Lake district for five years.

"Moving to a new market was a bit scary, but my con-

cept has been well received in Boise so far."

Taylor said his general fiction section is the top-seller, but creative nonfiction and travel writing is popular too.

"Because of the large amount of kayakers, bicyclists and mountaineers in Boise, outdoor literature is well liked here," Taylor said.

"And people always want travel books because they actually learn something useful, like history and natural science."

Taylor also has a nice selection of regional literature, including an inscribed copy of a Vardis Fischer book.

Taylor admits his location is not as bustling as his previous store, but the extra square footage here allows him to carry more books.

"I had a picture window on a busy street up there. But this spot is much bigger than my Seattle store," Taylor said.

"I feel somewhat isolated here, which I like. Isn't that why people move to Idaho?"

Trip's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 to 6 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 5 p.m.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Jan. 13). You'll definitely have enough to keep you busy this year. Your challenge is to balance work with play. If you cut out the make more money, but that's not a sure bet. Stay healthy! Schedule more fun!

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 - Graciously accept a gift that's offered, and put it to good use. Also get something that will help you stay on schedule. Don't resist structure; it can help you win.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Don't expect too much, even if you're right. It'll take a while to convince a person who isn't really listening. Show rather than tell.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Put off a big decision until tomorrow or the next day. Your perfect path should be obvious by then, and it'll look like fun, not punishment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Quit trying to ignore something you've been worrying about. Instead, concentrate on it so that you'll know what questions to ask. Once you've got that figured out, answers are easy to find.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - A person who seems to have been making your life more difficult may actually be helping. Stranger things have happened. He or she could lead you to an important new friend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - Knowing you can't be in two places at the same time, plan ahead. Make sure a demanding person's needs will be met so that you can take care of your own.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Limited funds eliminate one option but inspire you to investigate another. You may wind up in a much better place, so don't complain.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - If you and your partner fight, you'll get nowhere. If you join forces, you'll win. It's not easy, but it's the only way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're powerful, wise and good-looking, but you can't do everything. Excuse yourself from complications tonight, and relax with an interesting friend.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - A friend who's shoving you rather annoyingly has your best interests at heart. She won't go for your standard excuses, so you might as well forget them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - Sometimes you have to just say "no," "time out," "not now." If your plate's getting too full, you should do that. Nobody else can do it for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - The more you learn, the more you'll understand why other people act the way they do. Meanwhile, don't take off on a wild goose chase.

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FISHBOWL by Robert Witchger

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HE'S IN THERE GOOD. YOU MUST BE LOSING A LOT OF CASH.

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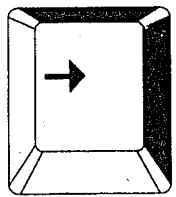
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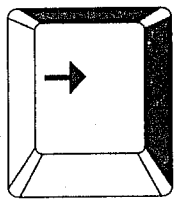
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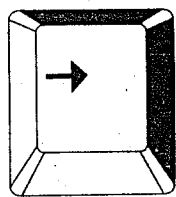
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