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Boise State University

## University asks state for funds

By Jessica Adams  
The Arbiter

ASBSU and university administrators have joined forces in an effort to lobby the state legislature in support of Gov. Kempthorne's recommended funding increase for higher education in fiscal year 2004.

Last year, Boise State suffered a 10 percent cut in state funding, coupled by record enrollment. According to John Franden, Boise State executive assistant, the university simply cannot endure another year of cuts.

"They've got to get money to the university to keep up with the demand for services," Franden said.

"It comes down to growth of the university, BSU serves more students than any other Idaho institution of higher education."

Kempthorne's recommended 4.2 percent increase for higher education would maintain current operations at BSU, no more. Secondly, the governor's budget would provide a \$9.3 million state bond to build the Nampa West Campus.

In addition, Kempthorne wants to reinstate the \$250 per student Promise Scholarship and restore \$1 million in need based scholarships.

Boise State will also lobby for a workload adjustment to help accommodate enrollment growth.

Franden said BSU would face more drastic cuts in 2004 if the state legislature does not approve the funding increase.

"This means losing even more classes. We've already lost 10 percent of our square feet per student this year," Franden said.

"State bonding would help build the West Campus to stimulate economic development and provide services to people."

Another focus of BSU lobby is on the establishment of equitable funding among Idaho state universities, and lastly, for equitable salaries for faculty and staff.

Currently, Boise State students receive less funding than other Idaho state university students. Last year, the Idaho State Board of Education hired a firm to analyze state funding among the universities. Empirical evidence showed a \$3,400 per student funding discrepancy between University of Idaho students and Boise State students.

Kempthorne's recommended budget does not list equitable funding as a priority. Franden said he would be surprised if equitable funding happened this year.

"They're not going to take away from U of I



Rick Hachtel (left) asks Rep. Max Black (R) to support the governor's recommended funding increase for higher education.

to give to BSU," Franden said.

"Historically, BSU is a young institution, it was a junior college. There's never been enough money appropriated to bring it up to par."

Kempthorne's recommended increase for higher education could come from an increase in sales tax. Some state legislators have expressed doubt as to whether a sales tax increase will be approved, however, the possibility of a higher tobacco sales tax is not out of the question.

Rep. Kathleen Garrett, Republican for district 17, said she is concerned about raising money for higher education on constituent's backs.

"I want to be the best advocate for the citizens," Garrett said.

"I hope we don't have to raise taxes because they may never go away."

Garrett said she and other senators will be looking for ways to meet their commitment to education without turning to taxpayers for more.

"There may be opportunities to raise money in other ways, such as looking for inefficiencies in state agencies such as Health and Welfare. We'll be returning an unused portion of dollars for Medicaid," Garrett said.

Sen. John Andreason, Republican for district 15, said he thinks the legislature can increase the revenue from sales tax by eliminating sales tax exemptions. Andreason also said he supports a tobacco sales tax increase.

Andreason, an alum of both U of I and BSU, said he is concerned for the state of higher education and will support the governor's recommended increase.

Andreason also said he supports equitable funding among the state's universities.

"It's been very difficult to get those funds for BSU, partially because of a lack of alumni [legislators] from BSU," Andreason said.

BSU president, Charles Ruch said the administration supports the idea of equitable funding for state universities. The university president admitted he doubts the legislature will allocate the funds necessary to bring BSU up to standard this year.

"If it's not done this year, then it will be

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## Clinton's 'Roadless Rule' reinstated

By Jason Kauffman  
The Arbiter

A December 2002 ruling by the San Francisco based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a May 2001 ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho.

In a 2 to 1 ruling, the three-judge panel effectively reinstated the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

The Roadless Rule, issued in the final days of the Clinton administration, essentially bars road building and commercial logging from any of the 58.5 million acres of U.S. Forest Service inventoried roadless lands.

The Forest Service issued the Roadless Rule after a three-year administrative process that included more than 600 public meetings and garnered 1.6 million public comments, of which roughly 95 percent supported increased protections on roadless lands.

In their ruling, the 9th Circuit recognized the importance of U.S. Forest Service roadless areas.

"...roadless areas contribute to the health of the

public because they help preserve the forest system's watersheds, the rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands that are the circulatory system of ecosystems, and water is the vital fluid for inhabitants of these ecosystems, including people."

Judge Edward J. Lodge of Idaho suspended the rule, set to take effect in May 2001, in response to a lawsuit filed by a ten-member coalition, including the state of Idaho, motorized recreation groups, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and logging interest groups.

Because the Bush administration and the current U.S. Forest Service would not defend the rule, a coalition of environmental groups appealed Judge Lodge's decision to the 9th Circuit.

The environmental coalition includes several Idaho based groups, including the Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Rivers United.

According to Boise Corporation, one of 40 plaintiffs in nine separate lawsuits questioning the legality of the Roadless Rule, access to National Forests and private lands would be cut off if the

rule were to stay in place.

Ralph Poore, media relations manager for Boise, said the problem is that land ownership patterns in the northwest look like a checkerboard.

"If there are no roads on public lands, we couldn't get to private lands," Poore said. "The coalition has filed a petition for rehearing because a broader examination of the ruling is needed, particularly in light of the split decision hearing," Poore said.

Poore said the roadless rule is flawed in that there is conflict over what areas are considered roadless.

"There are facilities on these so-called roadless areas. Areas designated roadless are not truly roadless," Poore said.

Boise believes recommended wilderness conservation should be done through congress through the existing Wilderness Act.

"We believe forest management decisions should be made locally. The roadless rule creates a one-size fits all approach from Washington D.C. that ignores local expe-

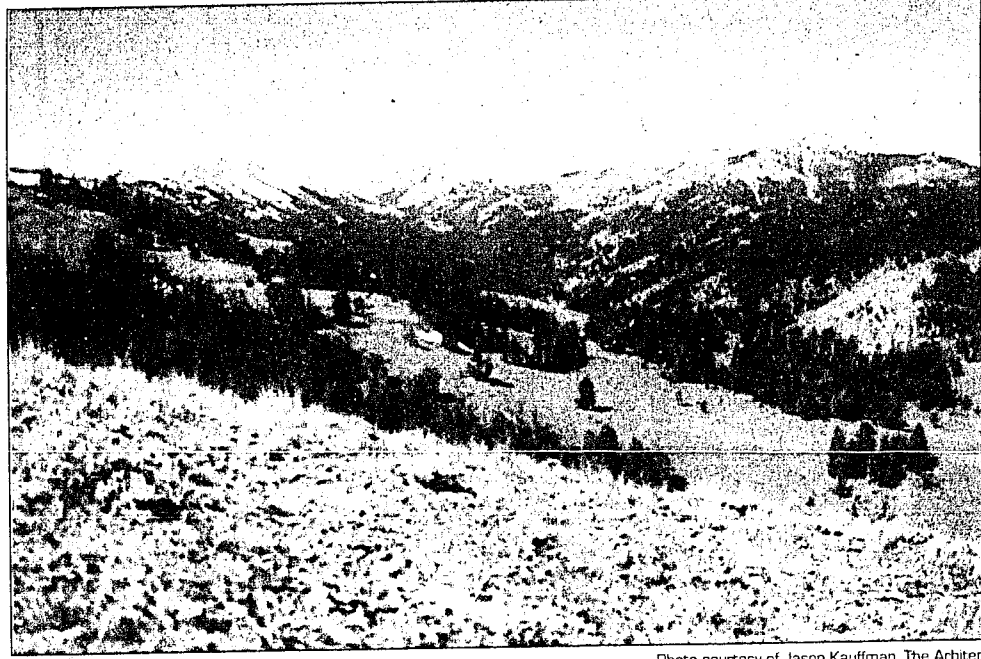


Photo courtesy of Jason Kauffman, The Arbiter

The White Cloud Mountains in central Idaho are on the conservation list.

rience and input," Poore said.

According to John McCarthy, policy director for the Idaho Conservation League, the lands protected in the roadless rule are some of the most accessible back-

country areas in Idaho. "These lands are the places that are the most accessible because it's not the core, big wildernesses in the center of the state, the Frank Church and the Selway Bitterroot. These are the

areas that are closer to towns. These are the close back-country areas where people like to go," McCarthy said.

Addressing the claim that "locking up" roadless lands will harm the ability of the

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## ASBSU passes budget bill unanimously

By Elizabeth Puckett  
The Arbiter

When Boise State University President Charles Ruch goes to the Statehouse to speak to Gov. Kempthorne on Tuesday about the proposed budget, he'll have the legislative branch of ASBSU behind him.

On Thursday, ASBSU Sen. James Wolfe introduced a resolution "to assert that the Associated Students of Boise State University fully support the budget recommendations made by Kempthorne regarding higher education," according to the resolution's statement of purpose.

Kempthorne's budget proposal includes plans for

higher education to receive a 4.2 percent increase in funding for the 2004 school year as well as an increase in need-based scholarship funds by \$1 million. The proposal would also make it possible for schools to bond for contracting jobs, allowing schools to continue building on restricted budgets.

The resolution will be presented to Kempthorne next Friday in a special meeting with ASBSU president Chris Matthias and ASBSU lobbyist Rich Hachtel. The resolution was introduced in the student senate and passed unanimously in the same day. Minimal alterations were made as it was pushed through all three readings.

"We want to make certain

this resolution is ready for our meeting with Gov.

through in one day," Hachtel said as he spoke to the senators about the bill before the legislation was introduced.

ASBSU senators expressed concerns that they may be supporting a controversial raise in cigarette and sales taxes.

"We are not even addressing the tax raises," ASBSU Chief-of-Staff China Veldhouse said.

"Our concern is the part of the proposed budget which speaks to higher education. The governor is addressing the needs of Boise State, and we want to express our support to that part of the budget. Where the money is coming from is not something that we can really address."



Kempthorne next Friday, so we're asking that the senate suspend usual procedure in this case and push this

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## Campus Shorts

### West

**Jump in fees may prove too costly**

**SAN PABLO, Calif.** — Alejandro Lopez's part-time job at an automotive repair shop pays for his courses at Contra Costa College. It also helps his parents with rent and bills. A proposal to more than double the community college fee to ease the state's \$35 billion budget deficit would force him, he says, to spend more hours on the job to pay for classes and books.

"I don't think it's fair," said Lopez, 22, the first in his family to attend college. "I find it wrong to raise it."

Gov. Gray Davis, last week, proposed increasing the community college fee from \$11 to \$24.

Many community college leaders have long advocated for a fee increase, but feel the one proposed fee, which still needs approval from the state Legislature is too high and will turn some students away.

"I believe some fee increase is necessary," said John Hendrickson, vice chancellor for finance and administration in the Contra Costa Community College District.

"Twenty-four dollars is much higher than I would have believed to be an appropriate fee increase."

The fee increase would deny access to an estimated 200,000 students in the community college system, which currently serves 2.4 million, said Scott Lay, director of state budget issues for the Community College League of California. Davis has estimated it would turn away just 65,000.

Even with the increase, the state's 108 community colleges would still sustain \$524 million in cuts between this year and next. Those reductions come as the colleges face explosive enrollment growth with students returning for new skills in

this depressed economy. If Davis's proposal is approved, Contra Costa Community College district — which includes Contra Costa College, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg and Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill — would see \$7 million in cuts this year and \$17 million in cuts next year.

**UC develops guidelines on faculty, student relationships**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The University of California plans to develop guidelines governing consensual sexual relationships between faculty and students that would be part of the faculty code of conduct and carry sanctions if violated.

The move follows the November resignation of UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law dean, John Dwyer, after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her while she was a student. He described the incident as inappropriate but consensual. University leaders say they had already begun reviewing the system's sexual harassment policies.

Developing a policy to govern romance between students and faculty is not easy, said Gayle Binion, chair of the faculty Academic Council.

Should the university, for instance, make distinctions between undergraduate and graduate students?

These days some undergraduates are returning older adults while some graduate students are just 20-years-old.

Or, Binion said, should the university make distinctions between students under a faculty member's supervision now or in the foreseeable future and those that a faculty member will never teach?

"For the vast majority of our faculty, this kind of concern is a basic ethical one: A sexual liaison with a student is deemed to be inappropriate," Binion said.

Many other universities, she said, have adopted such



Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter  
**Kappa Sigma built a snowman in the Quad to welcome in the new term. The fraternity brothers took four hours to transport snow from Bogus Basin to help ring in the official start of rush week.**

policies or are in the process of developing them. The faculty academic senate, which is developing the guidelines, will study those before making a recommendation to UC President Richard Atkinson. The UC regents must approve any new policy.

### East

**Yale students die after crash**

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.** — The dying student clutched the truck driver's hand and spoke softly, almost in a whisper, "Sir, can you help me?"

"Don't give up," Tom Hackley told Sean Fenton, a forced tone of reassurance in his voice. "Help is on the way, son, don't give up fighting."

But Fenton didn't make it. His promising life — and the lives of two other Yale University sophomores — ended early Friday morning on a dark, snow-covered stretch of Interstate 95. A fourth student injured in the crash died Saturday.

"If I could have traded places with that kid (Fenton), I would have done it," Hackley, 49, told the New

York Daily News on Saturday from his West Haven, Conn., home.

"I have a wife and three kids, but I have lived enough. That kid, he had a whole future ahead of him."

As he spoke, tears rolled down his cheeks — a reflection of the mood at the Yale campus a day after the horrific car crash that killed Fenton, 20, Kyle Burnat, 19, and Andrew Dwyer, 20.

The fourth student, Nicholas Grass, a 19-year-old sophomore from Mount Holyoke, Mass., died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn., around noon Saturday.

Injured in the 5 a.m. EST accident were senior Eric Wenzel, 21, sophomore Zachary Bradley, 19 and freshmen Cameron Fine, Christopher Gary and Brett Smith, all 18.

"I woke up wishing it was a nightmare, that the guys would all be here today, hanging out with us," said Yale freshman Brice Wilson, 18.

**Law School offers aspirants option**

**NEWARK, N.J.** — Anyone who fills out the application to Rutgers Law School in Newark must

check one of two boxes. If they check the first, the school will give most consideration to their numbers — grade point averages and test scores. If they check the second, the school will give more weight to their "experiences and accomplishments," a choice intended to benefit blacks and Hispanics.

But all applicants, no matter their race or ethnicity, can check that second box.

This is how Rutgers Law School, a bastion of affirmative action, tries to accomplish one of the most delicate tasks in higher education: Maintain minority enrollment of about one-third, without engendering the resentment of white applicants.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court will, for the first time since 1978, consider the issue of racial preferences in college admissions. The cases which were brought by white applicants to the University of Michigan's undergraduate program and law school who, after being rejected, challenged the schools' policy of giving extra consideration to minority students.

— Shorts compiled by Jessica Adams from Boise State, KRT and U-Wire news services

## News Bucket

**Ethnic Students Luncheon**

The cultural center would like to invite ethnic students to attend the first luncheon of the semester on Thursday, Jan. 23, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Jordan A room in the Student Union Building.

Boise State University administrators, staff, and students meet every month to hold a luncheon. The luncheon is a great opportunity to meet and interact with BSU administrators such as David Tolman, director of financial aid and scholarships and financial aid counselors, Jacquie Brathwaite and Jose Villalobos. Additionally, this is a great time to meet and interact with other Boise State students.

**BSU student earns travel scholarship**

Andrea Boisse, of Boise, won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Boisse received a \$5,000 award to study in Turin, Italy, for spring 2003.

Boisse is studying abroad through the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC).

There were a total of 667 applications for the 172 awards given, making this a very competitive award.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship (www.iie.org/gilman) is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the Institute of International Education.

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# Students voice dissatisfaction with BUS

By Jeremy Branstad  
The Arbiter

Limited parking, fines and the occasional traffic nightmare: Three reasons why many off-campus Boise State students have taken to riding the commuter bus. Yet many report dissatisfaction with the service.

Due to student dissatisfaction, Kirk Montgomery, operations manager at Boise Urban Stages, is considering restructuring the BUS program, which would take place over the next 12 to 18 months.

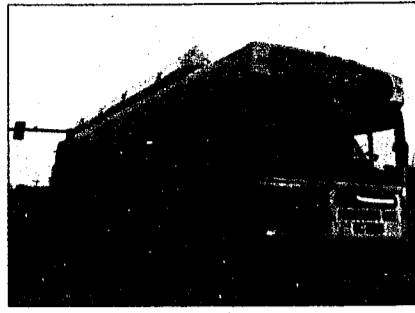
Grant Jones, transit operations director at BUS, said he is trying to leverage their budget as much as possible. Due to declining tax revenues, Jones is looking for advertising dollars to help expand services.

He said a major company such as Coca-Cola may be interested in advertising space on the Bronco shuttle, and he is looking at other

options as well. Jones said BUS is taking "strides" internally to make sure that BSU students are pleased with the service. He also said BUS service has "tried to embrace the BSU culture and be a part of BSU."

Mary Kluck, a regular commuter, is one of many BSU students who wait an hour to ride the bus home during the afternoon. She says she cannot catch it before it leaves, because the bus departs from in front of the Administration Building 10 minutes after class gets out. During peak hours from 10:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., the bus comes at hourly

intervals. Sherry Jo Crondall, a life-long bus commuter, is among those who feel that bus routes are limited. In order for bus services to improve, she says more commuters must utilize existing bus services. Crondall thinks more effective advertising is needed.



Crondall said lack of information may be one of the biggest problems facing mass-transportation. Also, many students do not seem to know about ACHD Commuter programs such as Guaranteed Ride Home and Transi-Cheks, which are meant to encourage public transportation.

The former provides registered commuters with a taxi ride at no charge in the case of an emergency, and the latter is meant as an incentive for people to use mass-transit systems.

Bonni Killion is in charge of distributing information about these programs at BSU. Killion said her efforts to advertise are hampered by the fact that much of the advertising space on campus is reserved for other purposes - clubs and organizations, for example.

Most of the information available concerning alternate transportation is found in brochures distributed at the information desks in the SUB and at the Campus Safety Office. Killion said she doubts many students read the brochures.

For more information about alternative transportation at <http://www.boise-state.edu/parking/altrans.html>.

## Campus Crime

Jan. 10 - Jan. 17

Jan. 10 at 10:00 a.m. Unknown suspect reportedly spray-painted graffiti on storage sheds and concrete fencing at the Tennis Bubbles, 1507 Oakland.

Jan. 11 at 4:15 p.m. A vehicle burglary was reported. The vehicle had been broken into overnight while parked at the University Park Apartments. Personal property belonging to victim was taken. No suspects.

Jan. 12 A burglary was reported at Chaffee Hall. Unknown suspect broke a window and entered a room on the first floor. Personal property stolen.

Jan. 14 A theft was reported at the Morrison Center, Academic Side. Sometime over the past two years unknown suspect stole a painting on loan to the Morrison

Center by the artist.

Jan. 14 at 3:00 p.m. A burglary was reported at the Theater Arts Scene Shop, 2611 W. Boise. Unknown suspect stole a power tool and parking permit belonging to the Theater Arts Department. No sign of forced entry.

Jan. 16 at 11:45 a.m. A grand theft was reported by the Morrison Center Auxiliary. No suspects.

Jan. 16 at 12:00 p.m. A theft was reported by a resident of Towers Dorm. Unknown suspect stole the seat off of his bicycle.

Jan. 17 at 1:00 p.m. A burglary was reported at Morrison Hall. Unlocked dorm room was entered and suspect stole personal property belonging to resident.

Campus crime report compiled by Jessica Adams from Ada County Sheriff and Department of University Security reports.

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carried over for future years," Ruch said. "It won't go away."

Ruch said he's delighted to hear that ASBSU supports Kempthorne's plan.

ASBSU Lobbyist Rick Hachtel said the legislative reaction to the governor's proposed budget is routine.

"What we're seeing in the legislature is typical, the governor puts forth his budget recommendation and they put up a fight," Hachtel said.

"They'll see that if they don't raise revenues now, they'll gut fundamental state services at a time when they matter most."

Sen. Elliot Werk, a Democrat from District 17, said Kempthorne's recommendation represents a min-

imum increase.

"We should not go below, this is an investment in the economic future," Werk said.

But Werk disagrees with the proposal to increase sales tax, saying he doesn't think it would be fair.

"We don't want to raise taxes on the poor," Werk said.

However, Werk said he does support a tobacco tax increase.

"It's a tax on behavior, I'd rather raise them a dollar than 30 cents," Werk said.

According to the fourteenth annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, administered by Boise State's Social Science Research Center, a majority of Idaho citizens say they would support an increase in funding for education. About half would

even support a sales tax increase in order to make that happen.

Seventy-three percent of respondents said K-12 education deserved more funding, and 60 percent thought higher education needed a boost.

The annual report is a significant source of information on public policy concerns for the Idaho Legislature, state agency personnel and the public at large.

There were 530 respondents to the survey, representing Idahoans at the state and regional levels. The survey has an error rate of 4 percent.

Despite concerns over the state's budget crisis, more than half of those surveyed said the state was headed in

the right direction. But while Idahoans said they get the most benefits from state and local government, only 22 percent indicated they felt the state was the most prudent steward of their tax dollars.

Almost 50 percent of those polled said they favored a 1-cent sales tax, should the state experience a major revenue shortfall, versus 47 percent who were opposed. Forty percent of all respondents said that if there was a sales tax increase, the money should be used to fund K-12 education. Seventeen percent favored earmarking that money for services for seniors, youth and the poor, while 11 percent thought it should go toward higher education.

## Roadless from page 1

Forest Service to treat diseased and dying forests, McCarthy said that the Roadless Rule does not entirely prevent emergency forest management.

"The Roadless Rule does allow mechanical treatment for ecological reasons. That was already a pretty broad set of loopholes," McCarthy said.

Faced with an apparent

setback in their bid to overturn the Roadless Rule, the State of Idaho will now ask the Court to rehear their case.

John C. Freemuth, BSU professor of Public Administration, said Idaho is one of two states without a statewide wilderness bill. Environmentalists supported the roadless rule as a way to resolve the wilderness question.

According to Freemuth, if the 9th Circuit will not rehear

the case, the State of Idaho and other interested parties can appeal to the Supreme Court, which could also decide not to hear the case. In that event the roadless rule would stand.

Various industry and motorized recreation groups have lobbied the Bush administration to revise the rule in the event that it does stand up in court.

McCarthy said he doesn't think the Bush administra-

tion will seek to wipe out the roadless rule though.

"The thing that I don't think will happen is that neither Congress nor the Bush administration will go 180 degrees and say the roadless protection doesn't exist anymore, it's too popular," he said.

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## Oak trees and government beer



By Pete Espil  
Humorist  
The Arbiter

Some people have too much spare time. I know that some of you who actually have a life may find this hard to believe, but alas, it is true. Take for instance the situation in Santa Clarita, Calif. Construction workers there are trying to widen a road, but keep getting way-laid by one little obstacle.

In order to widen the road, they need to remove a tree. Normally this would not be a big deal. However, in this situation, a gentle-

man who has been living in the tree for the last several months in order to prevent it from being cut down is hampering their efforts.

Can you imagine not having anything better to do with your time? I like trees, but come on! There has got to be more to life than that.

I wonder if this guy has a job. And, if so, how did he get out of work? Did he call and say, "Sorry boss, I won't be in to work until the mean men with chain saws promise to be nice to the tree."

The construction company did offer to move the tree to a different location, but the tree sitter refused because local environmentalists said that such a move might "kill it."

I guess trees are on the endangered species list. But, judging from the support this guy has gotten - he has received encouraging calls from across the nation - we

still have a pretty good supply of idiots in America.

The good news is that the "tree sitter" took a break to come down and vote. Great. I feel so much better knowing that people who spend their time sitting in plants to save them from being killed are also choosing our nation's leaders.

when environmentalists used to chain themselves to trees? It seems to me they are getting lazy. They have replaced the old method of chaining themselves to trees to save vast

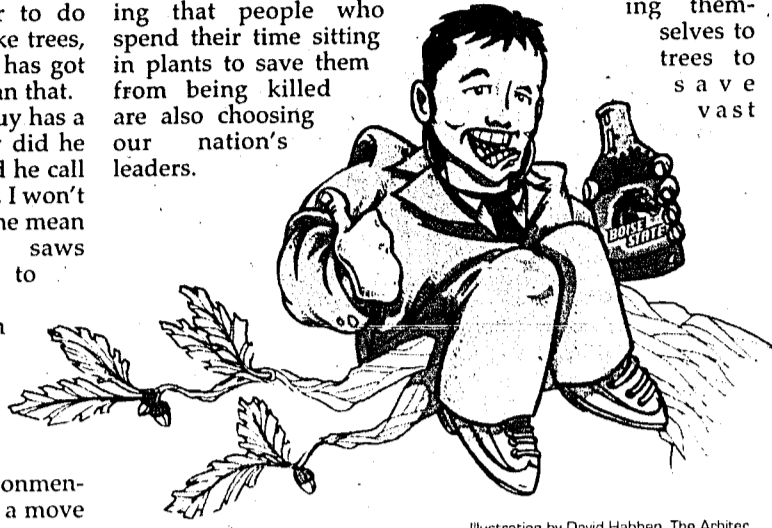


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However, all kidding aside, I am rather disappointed in the environmentalists lately. What happened to the good old days

forests, with the new method of living in one single tree that is equipped with a Sterno stove and a coffee pot.

Nevertheless, as much as I hate to do it, I do have to give that kind of stupid persistence some credit. I don't think I have ever been that emotional about anything in my life, except maybe for beer. I wonder if there are beer activists?

Now, that is something I could really get into. I can see it now. It's 2 a.m. and closing time at Suds Tavern. There I am, chained to a keg of Budweiser. With tears in my eyes I scream, "NO DON'T TAKE IT, IT'S TOO BEAUTIFUL!" Around me are my fellow activists, ready to dog pile on me and the keg in order to protect it, should a group of teetotalers show up with chainsaws and try to kill it before we can polish it off.

I think beer activism is something we could get started here on campus. We have every other kind of group on campus, so why not? Instead of "BGLAD," we could call it "Be Drunk."

Our crusade could be to protest the fact that BSU is a "dry" campus.

Well, it's dry unless there is a football game going on. Apparently the prudes in charge don't feel that 30,000 drunken football fans stumbling back and forth across Broadway at halftime present any kind of a safety hazard, but a few college students splitting a six pack in the dorms is a mortal sin.

So all you beer drinkers out there, it is time to unite! Who knows? Maybe someday our efforts will lead to even greater things like "Beer Recognition Day" or beer vending machines on campus or even my personal favorite, government subsidized beer for low-income college students. I would love to get a free case of "Legislative Lager" when I pick up my student loan check. Wouldn't you?

## World leaders fight from armchairs



By Edvin Subasic  
The Arbiter

The United States' objective in a war against Iraq is not just eliminating the country's biological, chemical and nuclear weapons programs, it is also to overthrow Saddam and lay the groundwork for economic recovery by implementing a new "democratic system" prescribed by the American government.

The plans for the economic recovery of Iraq are nothing else but future stimulations for a faster and cheaper exploitation of Iraq's oil reserves, the second largest in the world, in which the American companies would get the primary exploration and production contracts in Iraq and enable many patriotic V8 owners in the United

States with flags on their vehicles to continue their ignorance.

This operation shows the principle of how the American democracy functions.

Big corporations exploit natural reserves and people, gas prices go down, the government and Wall Street each receive their piece, and U.S. citizens are happy to drive their big cars cheaply and pay off their loans.

Everybody is satisfied and happy. Silence and ignorance are bliss.

Those who just talk about it can't change anything. Free speech rights and different opinions are accepted in the American democratic system, but who listens to them anyway.

While the U.S. is trying to teach everybody else in the

world how to set up and run an effective, democratic system, their own system shows errors and becomes even more vulnerable every day.

The presidential elections turned out to be a mockery, and to end the agony they had to give President Bush the throne. Because he showed a real fighter's heart, he probably deserved his victory. We should hope that he could prove this same courage on the battlefield with real bombs, but that we will never see.

Today's political commandos navigate their Oval Offices, while others, much younger, lose their lives.

And at the same time in

the United States, civil rights violations still occur and most times go unnoticed. This is also a part of democratic adjustments and improvements that occur in order to reach American democratic standards, which are in turn also becoming global policy.

The U.S. government and religion are officially set apart, but in real life they were joined in a happy marriage a long time ago - good citizens are good because they behave according to puritan laws.

These are just a few of the many issues that show the real picture of the American democratic system.

Right now, we are looking at an impending war for "democracy" in which we are going to teach Iraq democracy and freedom - the primary goals of American politics.

It's plain to see, the American government's goal is to free the Iraqi people and then to take their oil, and supposedly, at the same time, we will prevent Saddam from committing a speculated crime on the world.

If we went 1500 years back in history, would Bush try to teach ancient Greeks the art of democracy?

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## Gymnasts set high goals for new season

By Andrea Trujillo  
The Arbiter

The Boise State Gymnastics team kicked off its 2003 season last Sunday, finishing third in a tri-meet in Norman, Okla.

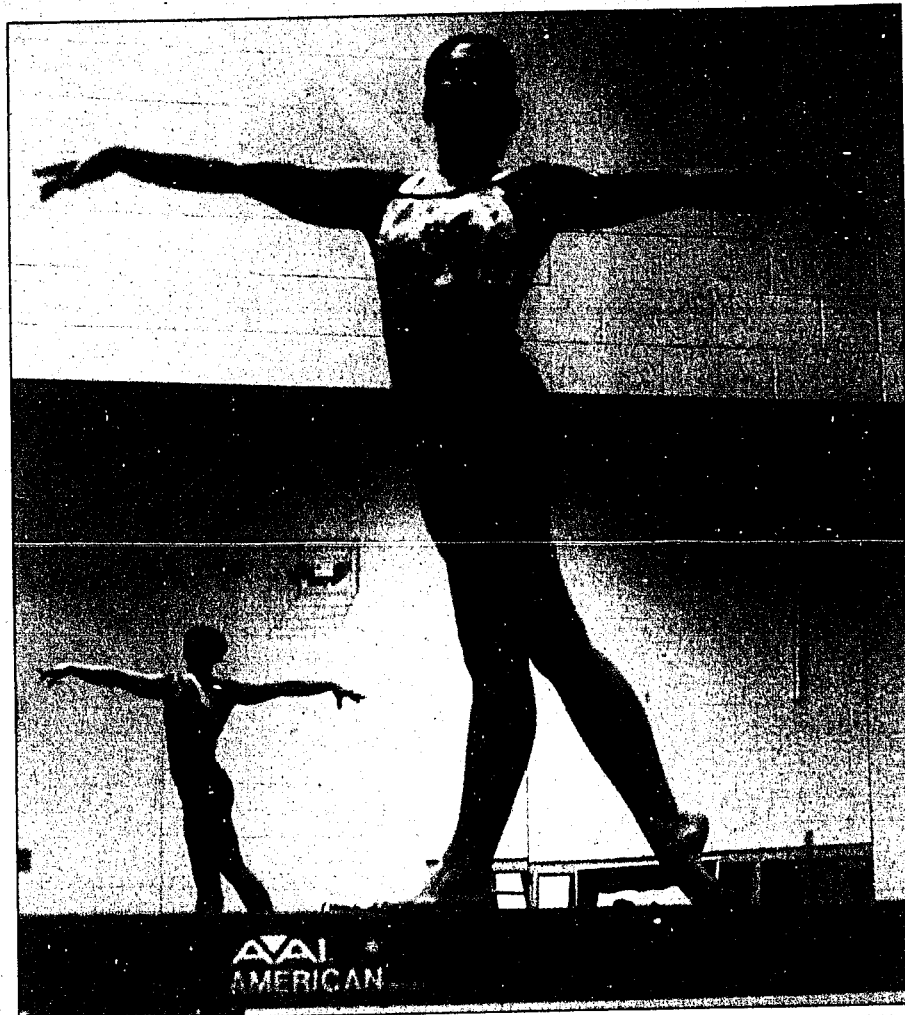
Head coach Sam Sandmire said the team had the usual first meet jitters when they started on the bars, but settled down as the meet progressed.

"The team came back and rocked the beam. We went six for six, hitting every routine. We also hit on floor, six for six again. I am so excited about this team's potential," Sandmire said.

The high expectations, for this season, stem from the program's success in preceding years. The Broncos have qualified to the NCAA Regional Championships for the past 15 consecutive years. The team finished 22nd in the country last season. With the bulk of the letter winners returning, accompanied by some freshmen talent, Sandmire said the expectations for the season are very high.

"This team is united and focused. We'd like to win the conference championships and put ourselves in a position where we have a shot at qualifying for Nationals," Sandmire said.

Seniors Kara Walsh and Breanne Holmes, both four-year letter winners, are looked to as leaders this year. Walsh was part of the school-record holding beam squad from 2002.



Kristin Gaare refines her balance beam technique during practice last week.

Holmes was the Big West Vault Champion as a freshman, as well as the team

MVP in 2001. She was limited to 3 events last year by Achilles soreness, but should

break back into the all-around. Sandmire has high hopes for Holmes'

senior year.

"She's a seasoned competitor who has tasted victory and is determined to make her senior year her best," Sandmire said.

The Broncos' hopes for a successful 2003 campaign rely heavily on the sophomore strength of the team. Coach Sandmire said there are some exciting individuals to watch for.

Sophomore Carla Chambers was last season's "gymnast of the year," and a solid all-arounder.

"Carla trained all summer and it shows! She has a new vault that is challenging her right now, but she'll get it. Carla's consistently hitting 3 events in practice," Sandmire said.

Sophomore Heidi White was conference beam champion as a freshman.

"Heidi's a rock on the beam. Sometime she stays on through sheer determination," Sandmire said.

Sophomore Lindsey Thomas could break into the all-around after contributing, mainly, on the beam and vault last season. Sophomore Tiffany Putnam earned a scholarship after being the Broncos' second highest average score on floor exercise.

Sophomore Corinna Lewis was last year's "Most Improved Bronco Gymnast," and Sandmire said that she is poised for a breakout season. Sandmire said that sophomore Kristin Gaare maintains her status as a strong floor performer.

"Kristin is also knocking on the door of both the vault and beam lineups," Sandmire said.

Sandmire also looks to freshmen Katie Dinsmore, Kea Cuaresma and Megan Andrews to contribute to the Broncos as talented newcomers.

The program has had All-Americans, and the Broncos have sent individuals to Nationals. But Sandmire said both of these fall short of the team's goal, which is to qualify for Nationals as a team.

"The early meets are to work the bugs out," Sandmire said.

"Then it's new life at Regionals, so the best teams on the floor, that night, qualify on to Nationals."

In addition to the Bronco's run at Nationals, Boise State's Athletic Department is bringing some excitement to campus. BSU will host simultaneous wrestling and gymnastics meets on Feb. 14. The event is being called, "Beauty & the Beast," and is believed to be the first of its kind in NCAA history.

"Gene (Bleymaier) came up with the idea when we had a wrestling and gymnastics meet on the same night last year. People wanted to see both competitions so we decided to try combining them this year," Sandmire said.

"It will be something for everyone and I think that both sports will gain new fans from it. We'd like to try to break some attendance records, too."

## Walsh struggles back to beam after injury

Tanya Dobson  
The Arbiter

This season, senior gymnast Kara Walsh will spend more time supporting her team off the floor than on. Walsh is recovering from two surgeries on her left knee and an additional surgery on her right ankle she had last May.

"My role on my team

right now is supporting them emotionally until I'm ready to compete physically," Walsh said.

Walsh's injuries started out as stress fractures that did not repair on their own. The majority of the surgeries were to remove bone chips floating underneath the skin.

Walsh was first injured in 2001, her sophomore year,

which finally resorted to surgery. It was her best and only option if she ever wanted to compete again. Walsh said that many injuries like hers happen in college gymnastics because of the stress put on an athlete's body.

"It's what college gymnastics can do to you."

Walsh hopes to be able to compete in the Broncos first home meet Jan. 31 at The

Pavilion. She is restricted to competing on the balance beam due to her injuries. The only thing that may stop her from competing is her inability to complete her routine due to a possible lack of muscle strength.

"My goal is to be routine-ready by that first home meet," Walsh said.

Walsh did have the option of not competing this

year, because she was not redshirted her freshman year, but she declined.

"There's no way my body could take another year of competition," Walsh said.

Although Walsh finds it difficult to watch her teammates perform from the sideline, she's excited about the team's season.

"The freshman are really exciting to watch and over-

all we have a really good team."

Walsh said it's frustrating that her injuries are preventing her from competing, but that she is lucky that she's able to compete at all.

"This whole experience has been icing on the cake because they [doctors] thought I would never come back," Walsh said.

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## Senior leads team with confidence

Tanya Dobson  
The Arbiter

This year the Boise State gymnastics team has elected two Canadians as captains - senior Breanne Holmes and sophomore Karla Chambers.

"With Karla and I combined, the team has someone to look up to and someone they can relate to" Holmes

said.

Holmes is one of only two seniors on this year's team and is prepared to be an all-around competitor, participating in all four events. These include the uneven bars, balance beam, vault and floor routine. Although she does admit her favorite event is the balance beam.

"It's the most challenging and the most impressive

event when you are able to stick it," she said.

Last year Holmes pulled herself out of competing in the all around event because of an injury to her Achilles tendon. She believes her success and comeback is due to the trainers at Boise State.

"They work hard to keep us healthy and strong throughout the year so we are able to compete," she said.

As captain of a young team, Holmes wants to give the team confidence and the direction they need to have a successful season.

"I want to be a mentor and lead the team to a positive and rewarding season."

One obstacle the team will face this year is having more away meets. Holmes believes they are pros when it comes to being on the road.

"Our first three meets are all away and this will give the freshman time to adjust so when we finally compete at home they won't be so

intimidated."

Holmes also said that competing at home is an unexplainable experience.

Highlights of Holmes career at Boise State have been winning the Big West Championship as a team and winning Big West vault championship her freshman year.

Another memorable moment that stands out for Holmes happened during her sophomore year. Teammate Jessica Berry was injured during competition and Holmes was asked to finish competing for her. Holmes did, winning the floor routine in honor of her injured teammate.

Holmes holds a confident outlook on the season for the entire team and is excited for her last year as a Bronco.

"I believe this year is going to be a positive growing year for our team, we have a lot of potential and will continue to get stronger."

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# Men's basketball travel to El Paso

By Phil Dailey  
The Arbiter

The Bronco men's basketball team produced one of the biggest rebounds in recent history, last week, as they knocked off preseason Western Athletic Conference favorite Tulsa two days after losing to Rice.

Boise State (9-7 overall, 3-3 WAC) played its best game of the season in the 78-74 win against the Golden Hurricane, but this week turns to Texas El-Paso to continue its winning ways.

If you thought the Broncos were undergoing a face-lift this season, think again. UTEP (3-13, 1-4) is a team that has had more than its share of changes and is currently looking for players to fill its roster.

"I don't think it makes that big of a difference," said Bronco head coach Greg Graham about the limited number of players on UTEP's team.

The Miners are only suiting up seven players, but are currently in the process of acquiring an additional play-

er this week.

As reported by the *El Paso Times* on Monday, the UTEP athletic department has confirmed that it's ready to offer Brazilian player Thomas Gehrke a full scholarship.

The 6-foot-8 Gehrke arrived on campus on Tuesday and is slated to play against the Broncos on Saturday night at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso.

In the past, UTEP has had a rich basketball history including four WAC titles, but as of late has fallen on hard times.

Last October triggered the start of the Miners problems when head coach Jason Rabedeaux resigned only 19 days before the start of the season.

Rabedeaux's controversial departure left the team in search for a new coach and to the eventual hiring of Billy Gillespie.

As a head coach, Gillespie and his squad have had a rough go of it so far dropping 13 of 16 games played.

Many of the problems contributing to being last in the WAC this year are linked to

injuries.

Roy Smallwood, the Miners second leading scorer last year, was hyped as the stand out shooter this year, but will miss the remainder of this season due to a knee injury.

UTEP is also without freshman John Tofi for the next two to six weeks.

Despite the injuries Gillespie is ready to move on with the rest of the WAC season.

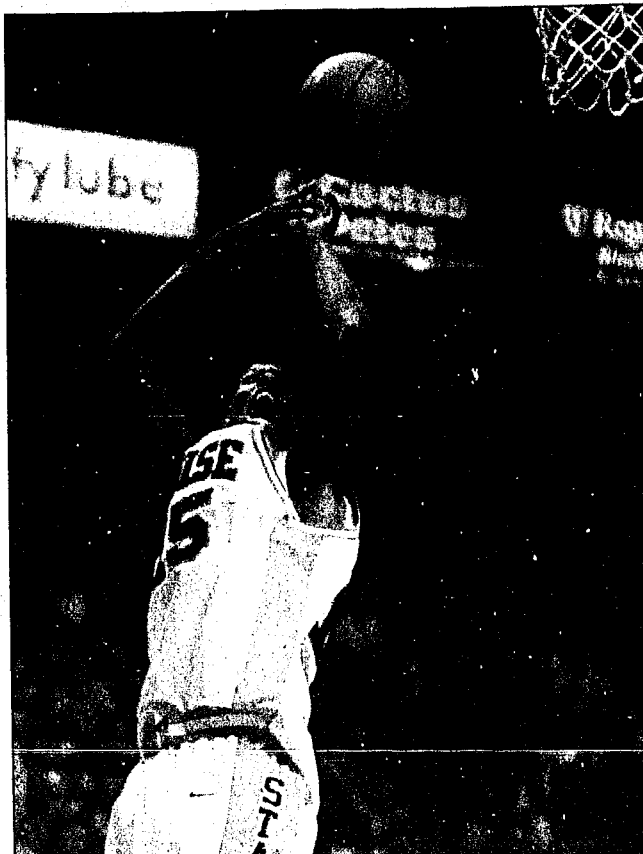
"We're not making any excuses," Gillespie said.

On Saturday night the Miners will be prepared for the Broncos.

"Boise has done a great job. They got to be the surprise team in the league," he said.

As for the Broncos, forward Aaron Haynes has been profiled on ESPN.com's "The Weekly Watch." Haynes was noticed for his 30 points and nine rebounds in the win over Tulsa.

Game time for the Broncos on Saturday night is scheduled for 7 p.m. and can be seen locally on KBCI channel 2.



Aaron Haynes averaged 27 points last week against Rice and Tulsa.

## Wrestlers prepare for conference matchup

The Boise State wrestlers had a rough weekend last week as they traveled to Columbus, Ohio and participated in the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals.

The Broncos (3-3 overall, 1-0 Pac-10) went 1-2 in the tournament including a victory against 10th ranked Central Michigan 20-12. Leading the way for the Broncos was Ben VomBaur who won all three of his matches.

VomBaur scored victories against Michigan's A.J. Grant 1-0, CMU's Kyle Stoffer 9-0 and Arizona State's Adam Chavira 6-1.

Tomorrow night in The Pavilion at 7 p.m., the Broncos take on fellow Pac-10 opponent Cal-State Fullerton.

The Titans (7-8, 2-1) are coming off two wins last weekend against Menlo College (21-18) and Embry-Riddle (34-6).

The Broncos are the defending Pac-10 Champs and are currently ranked 20th in the nation.

# Bucs offense has one more chance to prove itself

By Barry Jackson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

For years, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' offense was the ugly stepchild, the unit that couldn't quite measure up, the group that got blamed for all of the team's shortcomings.

Now, as they prepare for Sunday's Super Bowl against Oakland, the Buccaneers' offensive players and their offensive-minded coach revel in the satisfaction of knowing Tampa Bay's defense now has a formidable complement.

The Buccaneers take with them to San Diego an offense that has averaged 27 points in quarterback Brad Johnson's past seven starts, and a unit that produced 31 and 27 points in its two playoff wins against San Francisco and Philadelphia.

So, coach Jon Gruden, did Sunday's 27-10 victory over the Eagles prove your offense is viable?

"We answer that question every week, don't we? Viable? Heck, we just won an event. We had two dri-

ves go 820 yards against these Eagles," Gruden joked. "Viable? I would say that's viable, yes."

Although Tampa Bay's 27th-ranked rushing attack mustered just 49 yards on 32 attempts against Philadelphia, the passing game has become one of the NFL's most potent in recent weeks.

That starts with Johnson, who led the league in passing efficiency and threw 22 touchdowns and just six interceptions. Johnson has embraced Gurdon's complex offense, which employs multiple sets and blocking schemes and creates frequent mismatches.

Johnson is well-suited to the no-huddle offense, which Tampa Bay used successfully in spurts Sunday.

"Jon does an unbelievable job of switching up our personnel packages," Johnson said. "I love playing for the guy. I felt like I've never been as prepared going into a game as I do

with Jon, and I'm still learning from the guy. I wish we would keep on playing through February and March."

Although there was speculation last summer that Gruden might

prefer the more mobile Rob Johnson to lead his offense, his admiration for Brad Johnson has grown.

"The more I was around Brad, the more I knew this guy loved football, and details mattered," Gruden said. "When I saw the ball spin out of his hand and the accuracy, I was excited about it."

"I was just concerned about how he fit into the equation because he was a lot different than maybe some of the visions I had coming to Tampa, philosophy-wise."

"But we have kind of grown up together. We still have some growing to do, but he's a great pocket passer."

Gruden also had the sense to insist Johnson wear gloves in the 26-degree weather in Philadelphia. Johnson responded by completing 20 of 33 passes for 259 yards and a touchdown.

"He asked me if he

should wear them, and I said, 'If you don't, I'm going to strap you down and put them on,'" Gruden said. "It was a factor. Brad has struggled a little bit throwing with the wet ball and cold ball."

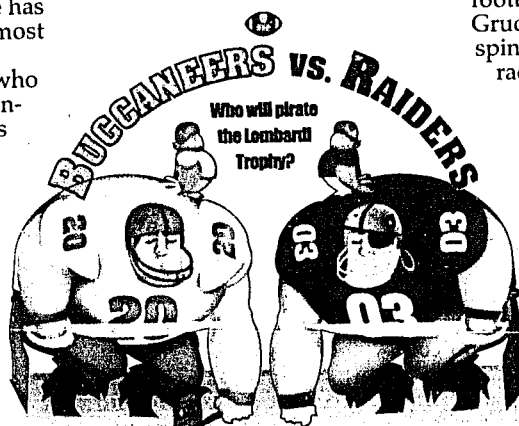
Johnson surprised Eagles defenders by releasing the ball more quickly than in the past.

"They made smart plays, and that's the kind of quarterback Brad is," Eagles defensive tackle Corey Simon said. "He does a great job of controlling the game."

Johnson has received plenty of help from a deep and skilled receiving corps, featuring Keyshawn Johnson, offseason additions Keenan McCardell and Joe Jurevicius, and pass-catching tight ends Ken Dilger and Ricky Dudley.

With more talent around him, Keyshawn Johnson's receptions dropped from 106 last season to 76 this season.

"Why would I be unhappy," he said.



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## Durham focuses on academic side of theater

By Tammy Sands  
The Arbiter

Five words spoken by a professor in her first semester of college took Dr. Leslie Atkins Durham off the path of majoring in English, like her parents, and opened the door to her career in the study of theater.

"It was a Shakespeare class that I took when the professor said, 'Theater is the word incarnate.' I remember this sentence the professor said in a lecture to 300 people, and I just thought it was the greatest idea," Durham said.

"He said if you really want to understand the play, you can't just read them. Go over to the theater department and see what they're doing with the play, and so I took his advice and I never came back."

"I don't think he imagined people were going to get Ph.D.s in theater as a result of his lectures, but that's what happened to me."

Durham is an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre Arts. In addition, Durham spends much of her time working on her book entitled *Staging Gertrude Stein*.

Her book deals with productions of Gertrude Stein's work in the 20th century by lots of different avant-garde directors.

Durham achieved her Ph.D. in theater so she could further her studies on the academic side of theater.

"I was interested in teaching, and I think I had a misconception about how you went into teaching when I

started," she said.

"I was under the impression that if you wanted to teach the academic way, then the academic kind of degree was the way to go. I don't know if I would do it over that way, but that was just the way that I went."

Durham was very adamant about her dislike for being on stage, but she does enjoy the interpretative side of theater, which she finds in dramatic theory and criticism as well as directing.

"Directing is basically like getting to read for an audience. You have to figure out how to make it incarnate, how to make it stand physically in place, how to convey your interpretation through light, sound and costume," she said.

"It's a very exciting way of doing theory and criticism. I also enjoy writing about it. I was definitely a very shy child, so sometimes I feel more comfortable writing things rather than speaking them."

This comfort in writing rather than speaking also helps to explain Durham's role as a feminist.

Although she would like to be more of an activist, Durham said feminism is more of an intellectual pursuit for her. She chose to keep her maiden name after marriage as part of this pursuit.

"I guess in part I was inspired by the way Hillary Rodham Clinton put her name out there. It was kind of a struggle for me to decide what I was going to do with the name because I think it's an important question for a



Photo by Kelly Day, The Arbiter

Leslie Durham says she has never liked being on stage, but enjoys reading about the theater.

woman. I didn't want to have the pre-married part of myself disappear, but I also wanted to acknowledge this commitment that I had made," she said.

Durham is comfortable calling herself a feminist, but she acknowledges the stereotypes and negativity surrounding the word.

"I think it's a shame that younger women are uncomfortable with that word. There are lots of definitions of feminism," she said.

"For me, it means having the power to make the choices you want to make in your own life. It means a kind of equality; it's important that women have intellectual,

social, economic, sexual reproductive power over their own lives," she said.

This semester Durham is teaching world drama, contemporary theater and honors introduction to theater.

In the fall, she will teach a special topics dramaturgy class, which will provide a way for students to help

research the upcoming departmental plays in an interpretative manner as group projects during the course.

Durham would love to direct, but with all of her writing, research and teaching responsibilities, she has her hands full for now.

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## 'Oh Me Oh My,' Devandra Banhart's lost tapes found

During the '30s, Devandra Banhart grew up in the small, unincorporated town of Wentzville, Mo.

A good-natured, but shy, and withdrawn boy, he generally preferred the company of animals to people.

But he became deeply fascinated by the folk and blues music he heard when his parents took him on their business trips to St. Louis.

He received an acoustic guitar from his uncle at age 13 and attempted to imitate this music from memory, eventually developing eccentric but highly skilled picking and singing styles.

He never had a chance to record or play for any audience except his family before he went off to join the Allied Forces in 1942. Having a kind, peace-loving and fragile personality, Devandra's mind couldn't incorporate the terror and violence of war and had a breakdown.

He was sent to a facility in London (ironically, the same hospital where J. D. Salinger stayed) where he was allowed to record a number of songs on a primitive piece of audio equipment as therapy.

This creative outburst fostered a remarkable improve-

ment in his mental health and he was declared fit to return to duty. Devandra Banhart was killed in combat

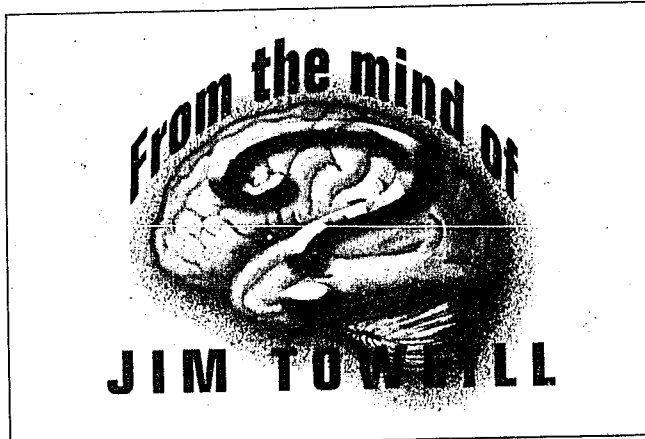
on March 16, 1944.

The tapes of his songs outlived him in a dusty, forgotten cabinet at the Oxford University library until one Michael Gira came across them while doing research for his Ph.D. thesis on British radio commercials about laundry soap.

He was immediately taken back by the quality and intimacy of the recordings and threw his hands in the air several times in

jubilation.

The above is all a fiction of the worst romantic kind, but if you recorded *Oh Me Oh*



absence of studio manipulation certainly add to the vintage aura.

Banhart is not a token throwback though, and his music contains smatterings of American folk and blues sounds from the '20s to the '70s, with touches of the avant-garde (or perhaps just avant-un-self-consciousness) and elements that are endemic to his own eccentric, dreamlike imagination.

Banhart's insular lyrical world is one where there are "a lot of birds that people like to draw," "paper colored cats," "umber armed albinos," skies "made of lips, made of bone," a lot of snails with Banhart's "favorite slow," and where you can count his teeth to keep the time.

As much like whimsical nonsense as they sound, his words do carry a gorgeous poetic consistency in their strange tales of animals, bodies, parents, nice people and other supposedly simple things.

Whatever he sings, his rich, irresistible voice, finger-plucked guitar and occasional handclapping make it magical.

If you had to compare him to other artists you might pick Tom Waits, Isaac Brock (when he's not rocking out), Angels of Light, Syd Barrett and Nick Drake, but Banhart's music seems rawer and even less calculated than these.

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# India comes to Boise



Photo courtesy of Vikram S. Koka

By Melissa L. Llanes Brownlee  
The Arbiter

*"The keynote of good art is when its message does not merely appeal to the senses and through them to a purely external enjoyment, but to the soul of the artiste and of the perceiver," said Rukmini Devi, one of the most renowned figures in the world of performing arts in India.*

For those transplanted here from India, this statement is an essential part of what they wish to express this Saturday at the first annual Indian Cultural Night. The community of Boise will be presented with a rare opportunity to view the dances and dramas of India.

Vikram S. Koka, president of the Indian Student Organization agrees with Devi.

"The performers might not be professional stage performers, but right from the point when this show was taking shape, the spirit of the participants has left me spellbound," he said.

"These are people who have no knowledge, whatsoever, in the arts, but their performances are simply mind blowing. I am sure the audience will be able to establish a connection with the performers."

Included among the

Also the performance will include regional dances such as the kavadi and karakam, processional dances which sometime involve the carrying of a copper pot filled with water and margosa leaves, and the Punjabi Gidda, where dancers enact

nity feeling at home, "at least for few hours or days, by reliving the moments they usually witness in India."

Koka also wishes the Boise community to view the performances as "a note of gratitude [to Boiseans] for their everlasting support."

The Indian Student Organization brings the Indian Cultural Night to BSU, in part, to celebrate the eve of the 53rd republic day for India.

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dances to be performed are the Bharata Natyam, a dynamic extremely precise dance style, and Kathak, a dance involving a storyteller who sometimes addresses the audience, both of which are popular dances in India.

verses dealing with a variety of subjects from domestic squabbles to political affairs.

Koka hopes that this event will enlighten and educate Boise about India and its rich culture and also he looks forward to the Indian commu-

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Indian Cultural Night, 2003 will be held in the Special Events Center on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and kids under 15 get in free. For tickets contact Vikram Koka 794-1382 or vkoka@boisestate.edu.

## Local poets elevate medium of words

By Jen Kniss  
The Arbiter

The Speakeasys and Poetry Slams are back. If you are under the impression that poetry is for the tragically romantic, the "softies" or just the ladies ... think twice.

The Boise poetry scene has established the art as a skill. The ability to say your mind with style is gaining the respect of a swelling culture right under your nose.

Let's begin with the Speakeasy: The place is the Boise Cafe, the last Saturday of every month at 7 p.m.

Once a month, people of all levels of oratory skills gather to say their piece. But it isn't just some mindless yakking or boring babble, this is Boise's only, completely open forum to say what is on your mind and to show off your poetic skill.

There is no censorship, no prerequisites and no mini-

mum skill level.

You can find poets who have never said a word on stage with such eloquence and wit as local poets Marcus Hunter, Jeane Huff, Brandon Follett, Ryan Faye, Ethan Madarieta and Tim Andrea.

So what makes a good performance then?

"I don't care what they are doing with their hands, it's the meanings and the way it sounds ... the rest is fluff," Madarieta said.

"It's good words and good rhythms. Real images and clear syntax."

But you will find performances of all kinds. Some poets stand stiff and their words flow out like water. Some flail their bodies into contortions with words that strike you for their curious incoherence.

The following night of each month is the Poetry Slam, a competitive and high-energy show with cash

prizes for the best of the bunch. But this time there are rules.

You are not allowed props, music or costumes, unlike the Speakeasy. The show begins at 7 p.m. with a half hour of open mic. Then the competition begins.

From the sign up list at the door, twelve poets are given 3 minutes a piece to dazzle the audience and 5 randomly chosen audience-judges.

The three poets remaining at the end of the night are ranked and each are given a cash prize (\$25 - \$150) and admittance to the finals in July.

The top 3 poets at the finals then compete on the national level, representing Boise in Chicago.

Co-coordinator Jeane Huff summed it up with "There's money, it's fun, there's that whole intensity that comes with it. It's an adrenaline rush."

One of the most valuable features of the Speakeasys and the Slams is the open arms approach to all who would like to perform.

It is far from elitist and stuffy. Rather these two events form a strong group of poets and spoken word lovers that encourage and challenge each other to push the limits of oral communication.

Should you like to participate or just listen, both shows are at the Boise Cafe on the corner of 10th and Bannock. The Speakeasy is this Saturday. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is \$3. For more information call Anna Demetriades at 841-1619.

The Poetry Slam is this Sunday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is \$4. For more information call Jeane Huff at 383-1121.

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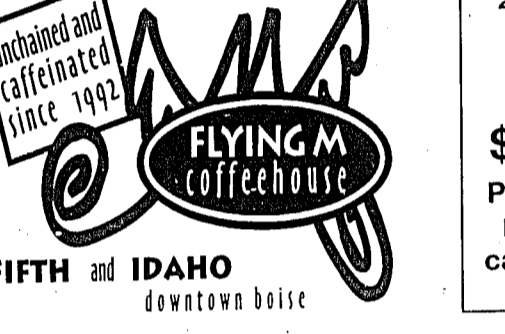
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By Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday (Jan. 23).** This could be your lucky year. Dig out those dreams you've had on hold and sort through them. Put any dreams involving romance, travel or higher education at the top of your list. Save the self-analysis for some other time. Fun and games take priority.

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 9 - New information is abundant, but which should you keep and which should you throw away? Your partner won't be much help, but an older person can be.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 5 - Work smarter instead of harder. You're a genius at finding an easier way to

do just about anything. That's a potentially profitable talent.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 10 - It's getting easier to convince people to respect you, but why bother? Actions speak louder than words anyway, and now is a great day to prove it.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 5 - A tried-and-true method that worked before will help you to upgrade your home. To pamper yourself even more, find what you want, at a bargain price.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - There's a lot of information out there, and some of it contradicts what you've been led to believe. Do your own investigation and develop a broader perspective.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - You have a good chance to finally make a profit from all your hard work. If you can't do it where you are, it's time to move.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 10 - You're brilliant now, and also charming. It's a good time to bring up something you've been dreaming about that involves a commitment.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - If you have an uncle who can get it for you wholesale, give him a call. Why pay retail? Make him an offer he'll find attractive.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - Sit back and let your friends get your message across. Keep them from straying too far from the truth, and let them gather the glory.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - An unreasonable request may be part of your work assignment. That doesn't mean it's impossible. Negotiate up front to get more for doing it.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 10 - Travel, romance and communication are all getting easier. Make long-distance deals, and don't give up if you get put on hold. That condition is only temporary.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 4 - You may be quaking in your boots, but if your facts and figures are correct, financial matters pertaining to home improvements will go well.

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ACROSS  
1 Booty  
5 Madison Ave. type  
10 Saive  
14 Scarlett's plantation  
15 Form of bingo  
16 Toledo's lake  
17 Mellowed, as wine  
18 Sellers film  
20 Lasting  
22 Attacks  
23 Computer key  
24 Omit  
28 One Jackson  
29 Put on the hard drive  
33 Undrawn, as a gun  
37 Blackthorn  
38 Lyricist  
39 Gershwin  
39 Everlasting  
42 Lodging house  
43 Radar's favorite beverage  
45 Alumni  
47 Funnel cloud  
50 Early computer game  
51 Was radiant  
53 Fabler of yore  
57 Henry Clay or Daniel Webster  
60 Epitome of deadness  
63 Compensations  
65 Sci-fi classic  
66 Yemeni capital  
67 Cyber messages  
68 "Diana" singer  
69 Misplaced  
70 Access Rene  
71 Wise off

DOWN  
1 Not fresh  
2 Conestoga  
3 "You Glad You're You?"  
4 Gizmos  
5 French clergyman  
6 Caribou cousin  
7 Injures severely  
8 Author Beattie  
9 Noodle  
10 Urgent requests  
11 God of war  
12 Old money in Milan  
13 Bump into  
19 First-rate  
21 Banal  
25 Abduct  
27 Hanoi holiday  
28 Mount Hood's state  
30 Touched ground  
31 Solitary  
32 Part of SLR  
33 Subtle bit of help  
34 Nabisco cookie  
35 Cohort of Haley and Bolger  
36 Bobbie the ball  
40 Ruckus  
41 Crescent-shaped  
44 Moment  
46 Meeting schedules  
48 Nautical "Yo!"

49 Gabled window  
52 Ferber and O'Brien  
54 Finnish bath  
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59 Tarzan's friends  
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