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Boise State University

Resolution stirs up student government

ASBSU invites people to attend forum on war

By Elizabeth Puckett
The Arbiter

Students attended ASBSU Senate meetings during the past two weeks to voice both opposition and support for the ASBSU resolution opposing a war with Iraq.

ASBSU invites students to an open forum Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Barnwell

room to provide the senate with feedback.

The resolution, introduced Jan. 23, called for a university-wide walkout at noon on the day after the U.S. Congress declares war. The resolution also states ASBSU's support for student soldiers.

Jeremy Pearsall, Idaho State University student lobbyist, spoke at Thursday's Senate meeting. Calling himself "an avid opponent of the approaching war with Iraq," Pearsall said he wants to make ASBSU's anti-war resolution a template for a similar resolution at ISU.

"We are the people who

would be out fighting. I feel that this is a good resolution, and I hope ISU adopts or supports a similar one," Pearsall said.

Rick Hachtel, ASBSU lobbyist, said the resolution is an appropriate symbolic act to oppose war.

Additional voices in support of the legislation included Laurie Gardner of the Campus Greens, Baxter Andrews of the College Republicans and Tabielle Antchekov, a sophomore majoring in Political Science.

Other students voiced opposition to the resolution.

China Veldhouse, ASBSU

chief-of-staff, suggested polling students about the opinions expressed in the resolution before passing it. She also said that such a sensitive resolution should pass only if senators agreed unanimously upon a third reading of the legislation.

"If it's not unanimous, it's not fair to go through with this resolution," Veldhouse said.

"Beyond that, I really don't think that there is anything we can do about this war, especially not by marching on the Statehouse. If the students of BSU want to make a difference, the march ought to be on the offices of someone who actually

helps set policy on the national level not the state level, like Butch Otter's office."

Dave Earnhart, a Gulf War veteran and freshman majoring in art education, said at last Thursday's Senate meeting that this resolution does not reflect his views.

"This is not 'Desert Storm II.' This is not about oil. It is about terrorism," he said.

Earnhart, who was with a special forces group during the Gulf War, showed the senate a scar on his stomach from exposure to mustard gas.

"I got this from war. My insides are falling apart, but if

my country called, I would do it all again," he said.

"I saw the looks in peoples eyes when we liberated Kuwait. Even the prisoners of war are treated better by American forces than they were treated as citizens of Kuwait."

"Right now, Saddam sits rich and fat in his palaces and lets his people starve. I don't hate the Iraqi people at all. I think this war could benefit them as well," he said.

ASBSU tabled the resolution last Tuesday to seek more student feedback before deciding what to do with it.

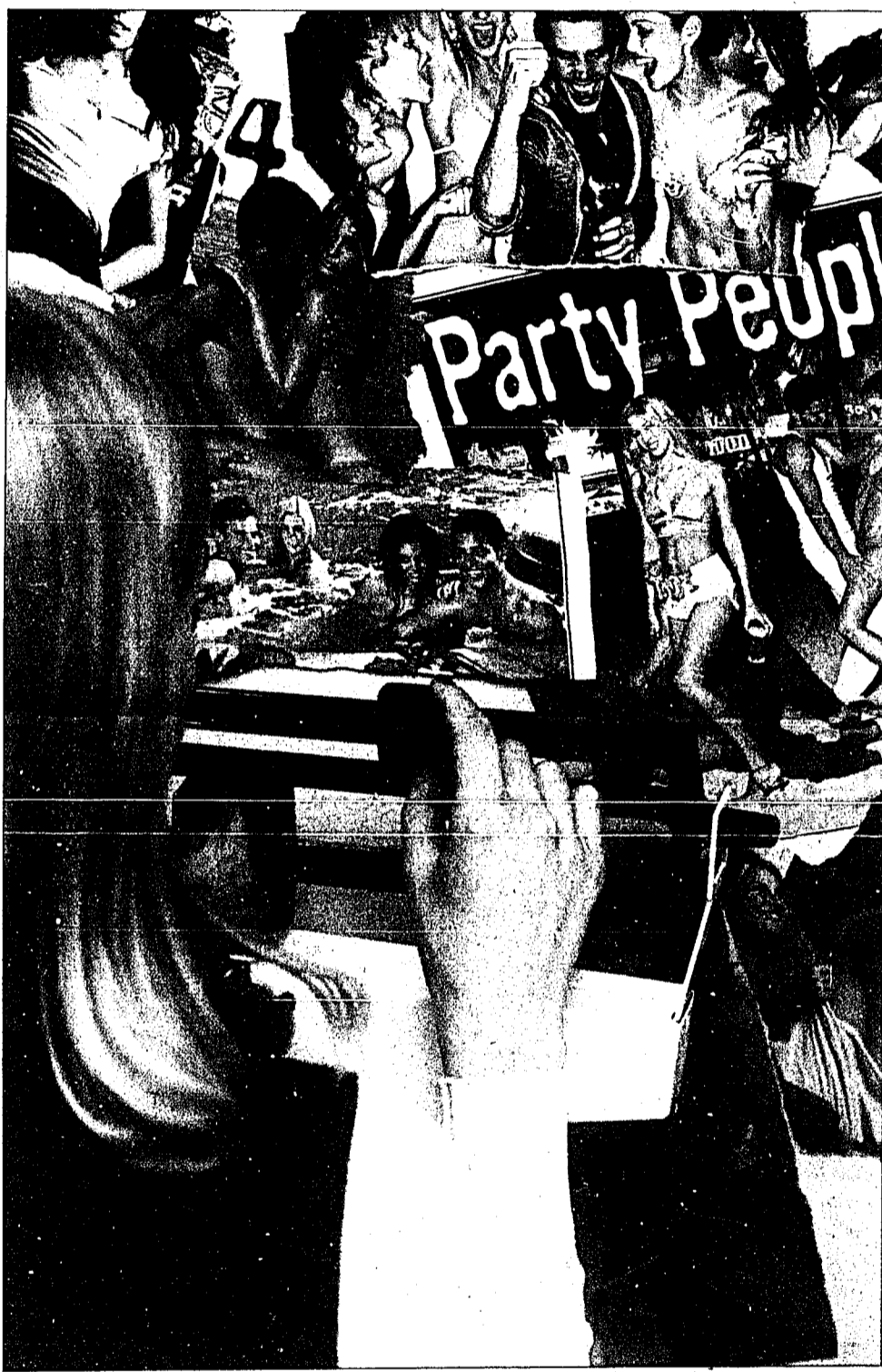


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Experts to speak on eating disorders

By Theresa Jenkins
Special to The Arbiter

The Boise State Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring a series of events on campus this week during Eating Disorder Awareness Week, beginning Feb. 24.

The Health and Wellness Center is bringing expert advice to campus to inform students about eating disorders. Experts say eating disorders typically coincide with underlying emotional issues, stemming from models learned in childhood. Unrealistic models can contribute to emotional distress, identity confusion and cognitive distortion.

Millie Smith, LCSP and an adjunct faculty member at Boise State who specializes in counseling patients with eating disorders, blames the media for inducing eating disorders in young people.

"The media is the number one influence in the onset of an eating disorder," Smith said. Genetics may also play a strong role in the development of an eating disorder.

Eighty-five percent of eating disorders begin in adolescence between the ages of 10 to 19 years old, and manifest themselves between the ages of 20 to 39.

Eating disorders occur in higher numbers of women than in men. Currently, five percent of women and one percent of men in the United States are diagnosed with eating disorders. These disorders are characterized by guilt about eating, avoidance of social engagements involving food, anxiety about weight and over-exercising.

Aaron Everhard, a psychologist at BSU's Counseling Services Center agreed with Smith about the media's influence in the onset of an eating disorder in men.

"Absolutely. If you look at men's health and fitness magazines, you see this image of the perfect male body, and you see men in gyms working out, trying to attain this perfect body," Everhard said.

Everhard explained some of the differences between eating disorders in men and women.

"Men do suffer from eating disorders, yet due to the diversity of cultural and social roles, and the expectations placed on men, men tend to hide their eating disorders," he said.

To classify an eating disorder, the

Diagnostic and Statistic Manual IV, a tool used for the psychological classification of mental disorders, characterizes anorexia as possession of a distorted body image, an intense fear of fat and a refusal to maintain a normal body weight.

In women, amenorrhea, the absence of menstruation for at least three consecutive months is a symptom in the DSM-IV classification of an eating disorder. Bulimia nervosa has the same DSM-IV criteria, but is defined as the cycle of bingeing and purging, and the use diet pills and laxatives to control weight.

According to Everhard, DSM-IV does not provide comprehensive evaluation of eating disorders.

"The clients I have treated with food problems generally fall into the area of dysfunctional eating patterns or dysfunctional eating behaviors and not necessarily a DSM-IV classified eating disorder such as anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa," Everhard said.

Eating disorders typically involve eating rituals or restrictive eating patterns that control the person's life and decisions, impair the person's daily functions and endanger the person's physical, psychological and emotional wellbeing.

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Eating Disorders Awareness Week Schedule of Events

- Monday, Feb. 24**
Presentation, "Eat Right! Feel Good! Look Great!"
7 p.m., SUB, Hatch Ballroom
Cost: Free!
- Campus Video Series, "The Famine Within"**
8 p.m., Special Events Center
Cost: \$1 Students, Faculty & Staff, \$2 General Admission
- Tuesday, Feb. 25**
Eating Disorders Screenings
8 a.m.-3 p.m., SUB, Hatch B Ballroom
Cost: Free!
- Wednesday, Feb. 26**
Presentation and Panel -
Helping Others with an Eating Disorder
4 p.m., SUB, Barnwell Room
Cost: Free!

Boise poets voice opposition to war

By Jessica Adams
The Arbiter

In conjunction with similar events nationwide, Boise poets joined together for a night of poetry against the war on Wednesday at the Interlude, a Boise bar.

Widely-known editor and poet Sam Hamill declared Feb. 12, 2003 as International Poets Against the War Day, after First Lady Laura Bush cancelled a poetry symposium at the White House upon learning that Hamill and his colleagues planned to read antiwar poetry.

Organized primarily by Boise State English professor Martin Corless-Smith, the Boise Poets Against the War attracted a diverse crowd.

Corless-Smith said he decided not to hold the event on campus since the university has not taken an official position on the war. He said he wanted people

to voice their opinions, whatever they might be.

"This is an opportunity for people to publicly announce concern about the war. Not everyone has to have the same political views, it's important other views are read," Corless-Smith said.

"This is nominally a democracy. If Bush is defending democracy, it should be a democracy," he said.

Matt Reiter, a BSU student working on his master's in creative writing, said he didn't expect such a broad-based turnout that night. Approximately 50 people attended the readings.

"Whether overtly political, or on the surface, everyone read with care," Reiter said.

"This is just the beginning," he said.

Neal Kaufman, BSU education major, stepped up to the microphone to read his piece

and told the audience that he's never written or recited a poem.

"This was a good chance for me to come out, so relax 'cause I'm picturing you all naked," Kaufman said.

"This is about stepping out of your comfort zone and doing something that makes you uncomfortable for the sake of something bigger than you."

Ryan Fay, local poetry slam winner, said poems are like bricks that fit together to build a walkway.

"My voice tonight was like a lot of voices everyone shared tonight," Fay said.

Boise poet, Ricardo Duran-Milburn, gave an impassioned reading of one of his poems.

"Terrorism is like a tick/it can't be stepped on/it has to be pulled out," Duran-Milburn said.

Jerry Carter, local horticulturist and political activist, praised young people for voic-

ing opposition to the war.

"This to me is what this country is about. Young people - your angst, your anger - I love it. Older people like me - you need to take it for what it is," Carter said.

ASBSU senators, Aubrey Salazar and Pam Magee, presented the ASBSU Senate resolution calling for students to march to the capital in the event that U.S. Congress declares war.

Salazar said she's a student concerned about the war - on and off the senate floor.

"We're looking to allow students to voice concerns in a peaceful way," Salazar said.

Magee said open forums such as Boise Poets Against War, bring faces to the names of those who are called to war.

"This helps recognize that we are all affected by the war," Magee said.



Photo by Ted Harman, The Arbiter

Matt Reiter, BSU grad student, recites poetry to a crowd at the Interlude on Wednesday.

“Terrorism is like a tick/it can't be stepped on/it has to be pulled out.”

-Boise poet Ricardo Duran-Milburn

Campus Shorts East

University looks at applicants' background, culture, grades

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The U.S. Supreme Court will decide by summer whether University of Michigan's 150-point admissions policy violates the U.S. Constitution because of the 20-point advantage—the equivalent of boosting a 3.0 to a 4.0 grade point average—awarded to underrepresented minorities.

When he ordered his lawyers to file a brief in the case last month, President George W. Bush complained that U-M gives greater weight to a minority applicant's race than it does for a perfect score on college admission tests.

The focus of the case before the Supreme Court is the 20 points awarded to underrepresented minorities. The court will hear oral arguments April 1 and is expected to decide the case by summer.

The lawsuit, filed in 1997 by two white students, Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher, claimed they were denied admission as undergraduates in favor of less-qualified minority students.

In a similar suit against the U-M law school, Barbara Grutter, 48, of Plymouth Township, claims she was denied admission in favor of less-qualified minorities. The case also will be heard April 1.

Colleges may be targets for terror

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—It's hard to find a roll of duct tape in Harvard Square these days. The code orange level of terrorist alert announced by the U.S. government last Friday has prompted a nationwide shopping spree on supplies that might be useful in case of a biological or chemical attack.

On Tuesday, the FBI announced that colleges and universities could be "soft" targets for terrorist attacks.

Colleges are possible targets of attacks because they are poorly defended, host large events and contain materials for nuclear weapons, according to

an article posted on The Chronicle of Higher Education's Web site on Tuesday.

But Harvard University Police Department spokesperson Steven G. Catalano noted that universities were far from alone on the list of "soft" targets.

"HUPD was concerned that the article gave this impression that colleges and universities were at immediate risk," Catalano said.

"One thing that students can do is to educate themselves about the issues of preparedness and planning," Catalano said.

In addition to buying duct tape and plastic sheeting, the Department of Homeland Security recommends assembling a disaster kit that contains a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit, batteries, nonperishable food and water.

Other colleges have increased their security in response to the FBI warning. Princeton University issued a statement on their Web site, and Syracuse University plans to carefully patrol a football game against Notre Dame tomorrow that will attract more than 30,000 fans.

South

Astronaut's son sets sights on exploring final frontier

HOUSTON—Vance Henize felt sick to his stomach when he saw the television footage of the shuttle Columbia bursting apart over Texas skies.

But the 33-year-old doctoral student at Rice University said he also felt more determined than ever to pursue a spot in American space history.

He is chasing a family legacy. Like his father, the son wants to be an astronaut.

He's the youngest child of Karl Henize (pronounced HEN-eyes), the oldest astronaut to go into orbit when he flew on a Challenger mission in August 1985. At the time, Karl Henize was 58. Others broke his record later. He died in 1993 seeking another record—becoming the oldest man to scale Mount Everest.

Vance Henize is weeks from getting his doctorate in space

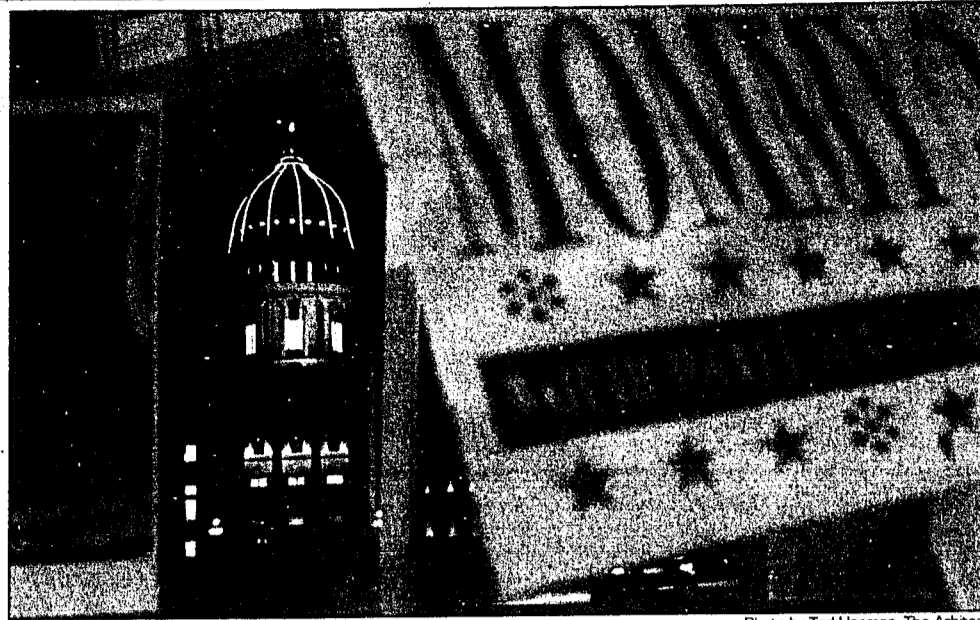


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Signs bearing messages of protest against war with Iraq appeared at the intersection of Capitol and Bannock last Wednesday.

physics at Rice, which has sent three other graduates on to become astronauts. Henize passed the oral examination for his Ph.D. in December.

He's writing the last pages of his more than 120-page dissertation, research meant to help scientists predict space "weather"—phenomena such as waves of solar radiation. In a few weeks, he starts postdoctoral work in South Africa. He'll analyze data from the Voyager deep space probe as it leaves the solar system.

A sticker from his father's shuttle mission is on the center of his office door at Rice. With his mother's help, he created a Web site about his father, also a noted astronomer, for the Rice Space Institute.

Being an astronaut's son means being mesmerized and frightened by what can happen when humans venture into the unknown.

"When you grow up with a father who's going to sit on hundreds of tons of explosives, you accept that there's going to be a danger there," he said.

West

Professor wants to ban adult images from campus computers

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—Academic freedom and

workplace propriety are clashing at Cal Poly, as a professor is pushing for a campus ban on viewing pornographic computer images.

Linda Vanasupa's proposal comes after her ex-boss, former Materials Engineering Department chairman Robert Heidersbach, was convicted on a misdemeanor charge last year for improperly using the computer at his Cal Poly office to download more than 13,000 adult pornographic images over a two-month period, according to court records.

After an investigation was initiated, he was placed on a two-quarter sabbatical and no longer works at the university. Cal Poly administrators would not explain whether Heidersbach resigned or was let go.

"It's not (an) appropriate and responsible use of state equipment to use it for your own sexual entertainment," Vanasupa said.

"Why should taxpayer money go toward professors viewing pornography? This would never fly at private businesses."

The proposed campus ban, which the faculty Academic Senate is expected to vote on as early as next month, is fueling debate among some campus officials who say viewing pornography is protected under the First Amendment.

Provost Paul Zingg called viewing pornography on campus computers "stupid and wrong." But he said censoring what employees view could be a violation of free speech.

"We can't just ignore the law," he said in reference to the First Amendment.

But, Zingg said, "anyone who engages in that kind of activity does so at their own risk" of creating a hostile work environment, which could lead to disciplinary action.

Vanasupa, with the support of almost 20 professors, staff members and students, will soon present her proposal to the Academic Senate—a faculty governing body of about 50 professors which votes on academic policy. The senate has jurisdiction over changing the "Responsible Use Policy"—a guideline that outlines appropriate use of Cal Poly equipment, including computers.

Eugene Volokh, a UCLA law professor who specializes in First Amendment law, said prior court cases do not make it abundantly clear if universities have legal grounds to censor what their employees view on state-owned computers.

Campus Shorts compiled by Melissa L. Llanes Brownlee from KRT and U-Wire news services.

News Bucket

Debate team wins championship

The Boise State debate and speech team won its first-ever Northwest Forensic Conference Division I championship at the Western Washington University Tournament in Bellingham, Wash., last weekend.

This is the first conference championship for Boise State since the team began competing at the Division I level three years ago. Prior to that, Boise State won 10 NFC Division II titles between 1988 and 2000.

Expert to address ancient history of Columbia basin

Virginia Butler, an expert on ancient fishing patterns, will deliver a free lecture titled "On the Holocene History of Salmon in the Columbia Basin," at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Boise State University Student Union Farnsworth Room.

Butler's talk will explore ways ancient fish remains from the Holocene era contribute to understanding past human subsistence patterns and paleoecology.

Buddhist nun to discuss compassion

Venerable Robina Courtin, a nun in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, will deliver a public talk 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 describing the potential of all people to become enlightened.

The talk, "Getting to Know the Buddhas," will be held at the BSU Student Union Building Farnsworth Room.

This talk will be followed by a weekend seminar on Buddhist practices relating to developing stable compassion.

The seminar, also in the Farnsworth Room, will include a commentary on the Tibetan text "Eight Verses of Mind Training," which has been praised for centuries by great lamas and scholars as a powerful antidote to anger, jealousy and other difficult emotions. The schedule begins Saturday at 9 a.m. with student-led meditation and chanting. Ven. Robina will teach from 10 to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Engineering has plans for grant money

By Lauren Consuelo Tussing
The Arbiter

Ill-equipped engineering students at Boise State can now sigh with relief. Due to the efforts of three Boise State engineering faculty, the engineering department received a grant totaling \$1,050,000, taking effect this June.

John Gardner, chair of mechanical engineering, Amy Moll, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and Rex Oxford, coordinator for graduate studies and research in the college of engineering, wrote the grant proposal in response to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, who asked Boise State and 16 other western engineering schools to compose a proposal explaining how they would use up to \$1 million to improve the education of student engineers.

The Hewlett Foundation chose these 17 schools on the criteria that they were state-supported schools concentrating on

engineering education at bachelor's and master's levels.

The Hewlett Foundation then selected nine schools out of the 17 that wrote grant proposals to receive their grants, spanning from \$750,000 to \$1.1 million. The other eight schools that received grants include University of Wyoming, University of Utah, University of Nevada, Oregon State University, Northern Arizona University, Colorado School of Mines, Montana State University and New Mexico State University.

"We really believe that the whole can be greater than the sum of the parts. By bringing representatives from the nine schools together on a regular basis, the Foundation expects to have a much wider impact on engineering education than would be possible with just stand-alone programs," said Hewlett Foundation Initiative director, Richard Reis, in a Boise State news services press release.

The engineering department will primarily use the grant money, which will be awarded to them over four years, to help retain students in the department.

"What we find is our students come to us unprepared for the higher mathematics in the engineering curriculum. That's the main thing we wanted to focus on, getting the students exposed to engineering earlier in their career, and hopefully helping them advance," Gardner said.

The engineering department plans to do this by focusing on the students' first two years in the engineering program.

Using a team of faculty members from different departments, English classes will conduct assignments relating to engineering, and engineering classes will conduct assignments relating to mathematics. This will enable students to witness links between all subjects, Gardner said.

The engineering also wants to raise graduation rates in the

college.

"We have a very large attrition rate in those early years. If you look at all of the students that show up at Boise State and say, 'I want to be an engineer,' only about 30 percent of those will actually get a degree," Gardner said.

The engineering department will also buy additional equipment for the labs, as well as allow professors more time to expand and implement new programs.

Within the three years that Gardner has been with Boise State, he has already witnessed a substantial amount of growth within the College of Engineering.

"It's been a time of real growth for us. In mechanical engineering, our student population has more than doubled. We graduated 12 mechanical engineers last May. This coming May, we're going to graduate over 20, and it looks like the following May, it's going to be over 30," Gardner said.

Yellowstone buffalo recovery fuels controversy

By Jason Kauffman
The Arbiter

The United State's largest wild bison herd, residing in Yellowstone National Park, has grown to exceed the parks recommended population.

Various public agencies, including the Montana Department of Livestock, have expressed concern for the herd's rapid growth.

According to a National Academy of Sciences panel, the herd is now in excess of recommended levels by nearly 1,000 individuals.

The Buffalo Field Campaign, based in West Yellowstone, Mont., formed after public outrage over the slaughter of 1,000 bison during the winter of 1996-97.

Since, members of the campaign documented actions made by the Montana Department of Livestock in its management of the Yellowstone bison.

According to Alicia Walker, a campaign volunteer, the Buffalo Field Campaign is the only group dedicated solely to the protection of Yellowstone's last wild bison.

"The buffalo field campaign documents everything that happens as the buffalo near the edge of the park and everything the DOL does. We're just watching their every move," Walker said.

Most of the controversy surrounding the bison arises when they leave park boundaries in search of winter grazing and during the spring calving season.

According to Walker, when bison cross the park boundary, a boundary they do not recognize, they come into contact with ranchers and the DOL.

"In the spring, the mothers



A native buffalo runs outside of Yellowstone Park. Photo courtesy of Buffalo Field Campaign

go across the line to migrate and feed and give birth. So that's when they start hazing them," Walker said.

Montana ranchers are concerned about the herd's positive Brucellosis status.

Brucellosis is a disease that does not negatively affect wild bison, but can cause cattle to abort their young.

According to Walker, there have not been any documented cases of bison to cattle transmission of the Brucellosis disease.

"Elk are more susceptible to mingle with the cattle than buffalo are. Buffalo actually are not out of the park at the same time the cattle are around," Walker said.

According to Karen Cooper, public information officer of the Montana Department of

Livestock, the DOL has received undesired scrutiny and bad publicity as a result of the bison controversy.

"The Montana Department of Livestock is actually one of five agencies involved in the management of the Yellowstone bison herd. The other agencies are Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the National Park Service, The U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," Cooper said.

The five agencies involved in the Brucellosis issue are working towards eradicating the disease from all wild bison in Yellowstone.

"Once the disease is gone, the Montana Department of Livestock will not be involved in the management of the buffalo," Cooper said.

According to Alex McNish, a Boise State student who volunteers for the Buffalo Field Campaign, her main concern is the role of the DOL and its attitude toward wild bison.

"My biggest question is why does the DOL have any say regarding wild animals?" McNish said.

McNish said a possible solution to interaction between bison and cattle would be seasonal area closures to cattle where there are bison.

"We as humans have the choice to make these decisions, and it is our duty to make wise decisions. The buffalo is our national heritage and is a magnificent animal," McNish said.

Mathias says he won't run again

By Elizabeth Puckett
The Arbiter

After stating Boise State needs a student body president who knows what they are doing and can give 110 percent, ASBSU President Chris Mathias told student senators Tuesday he will not be running for the position next year.

"My professional development has come at an academic cost, and I feel that my continued service would be a disservice to the students of Boise State," he said.

Mathias said over the past two semesters that student government under his direction has accomplished many goals. He listed the development of a paid position to chair the Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration, the ASBSU Web site

which he hopes will help foster relations between students and their representatives - the development of the new recycling program and the recent equity in education billboard campaign.

"The hardest part of this last year was giving 50, 60 or 70 percent of my time to foster public relations," he said.

Peg Blake, vice president for student affairs, told Mathias at the meeting she hopes his future endeavors are as successful as his run in office.

"[Mathias'] finest accomplishment was really building bridges with the constituency and administration," she said.

ASBSU senators seemed to agree with Blake. Sen. Aubrey Salazar expressed her disappointment and asked Mathias if he planned to endorse a candidate for the upcoming student

government elections in April.

Mathias said that endorsing a



Chris Mathias

candidate wouldn't be fair because the position is such a boost personally and professionally.

"At the end of the day, I was thinking when I moved here in August 2000, I didn't know anyone. The other day I had lunch with Sen. Mike Crapo. Professionally, this is great, but my academic career has to come first," Mathias said.

Sen. Jim Sherman also expressed regret at the loss of Mathias as ASBSU president.

"I hope our country has more leaders like you in the future," he said.

Mathias said he plans to focus on academics his final year at Boise State. He also plans to spend more time working on his music as well as helping on student government committees.

"I don't wear shoes that often, so I don't really have any to fill."

7 ways to help a friend with an eating disorder

1. Do not take the responsibility solely on your shoulders. You cannot force an anorexic to eat; prevent a bulimic from bingeing and/or purging; you cannot save them - they need to make that decision for themselves.
2. Remember, eating disorders do not happen overnight. By the time you have noticed the illness or the sufferer has confided in you, it's likely that the behavior has been going on for a very long time and the emotional distress accompanying the disorder has been present even longer.
3. Try not to concentrate on the food. The eating disorder is often about the emotions behind the food.
4. Support and encourage your loved one to express him/herself to you. Learn to listen attentively. You might not understand everything that is going on and it is okay to admit that in a gentle way.
5. Make the effort not to pass judgment on your friend or family member.
6. Preaching about what they should or should not be doing or feeling is not the best way to approach a person you love with an eating disorder. If they ask for advice, give it, but in a gentle and non-threatening manner. Encourage your loved one to seek professional help.
7. Often individuals with friends or family members with an eating disorder take on the role of Food Police. Statements such as, "What have you eaten today?" or "What were you just doing in the bathroom?" are not necessarily constructive for you or the person suffering from an eating disorder.

Boise State University Resources
To talk in person about an eating disorder, call the Boise State University Counseling Center at (208) 426-1601. Counseling Services is located on the sixth floor in the Boise State Education Building.

For clinical services, the Boise State Health and Wellness Center is available. Call (208) 426-1450. boisestate.edu/studenthealth/index.htm

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People with an eating disorder often experience psychological disorders such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, mood and depressive disorders and personality disorders. Individuals with eating disorders are at high risk for suicide, display low self-esteem and may engage in substance abuse. They are also at risk for being in abusive relationships.

People who have an eating disorder are also at risk for developing physical problems including thyroid dysfunction, gastrointestinal dysfunction and stomach problems such as ulcers, heart problems, weakness, dizziness, fatigue and an increase in the risk for bone fractures and osteoporosis.

Lack of food intake suppresses the hypothalamic function, which regulates the hormone cycles and controls sleep, hunger, mood, growth and reproductive processes. In women, these hormonal imbalances can cause amenorrhea. In adolescents, restricted caloric intake and poor nutrition stunts growth.

Smith said Boise State offers hope for people who struggle with bulimia and anorexia.

"An eating disorder is 100 percent recoverable. Recovery is about mind, body and soul," Smith said.

"A person in recovery needs someone to coach, teach and direct them," she said.

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Cheerleaders turn heads at Nationals

By Tanya Dobson
The Arbiter

The Boise State cheerleaders pursued their first attempt at collegiate-level cheerleading last weekend in Las Vegas when they competed in the United Spirit Association Collegiate National Championships – and the Bronco crew showed the crowd they have what it takes to compete at a Division I level.

"We definitely built a reputation for ourselves," junior Cole Clinger said.

The competition included many categories for both cheerleading squads and dance teams. Seventeen teams competed in the Division I co-ed cheerleading – the same division as Boise State.

The event lasted for two days. On day one, all teams were randomly selected to present their routine to a panel of judges backstage before they were able to compete. This was to ensure the routine was not illegal. After that, they performed in front of the judges to see if they would either go home, or remain as one of the top eight finalists.

"Everyone was shocked that a first year team like ours made it eighth out of 17," Clinger said.

An ecstatic Boise State team came back the second day to compete in the semi-finals.

They improved on their routine and thought they competed to the best of their ability.

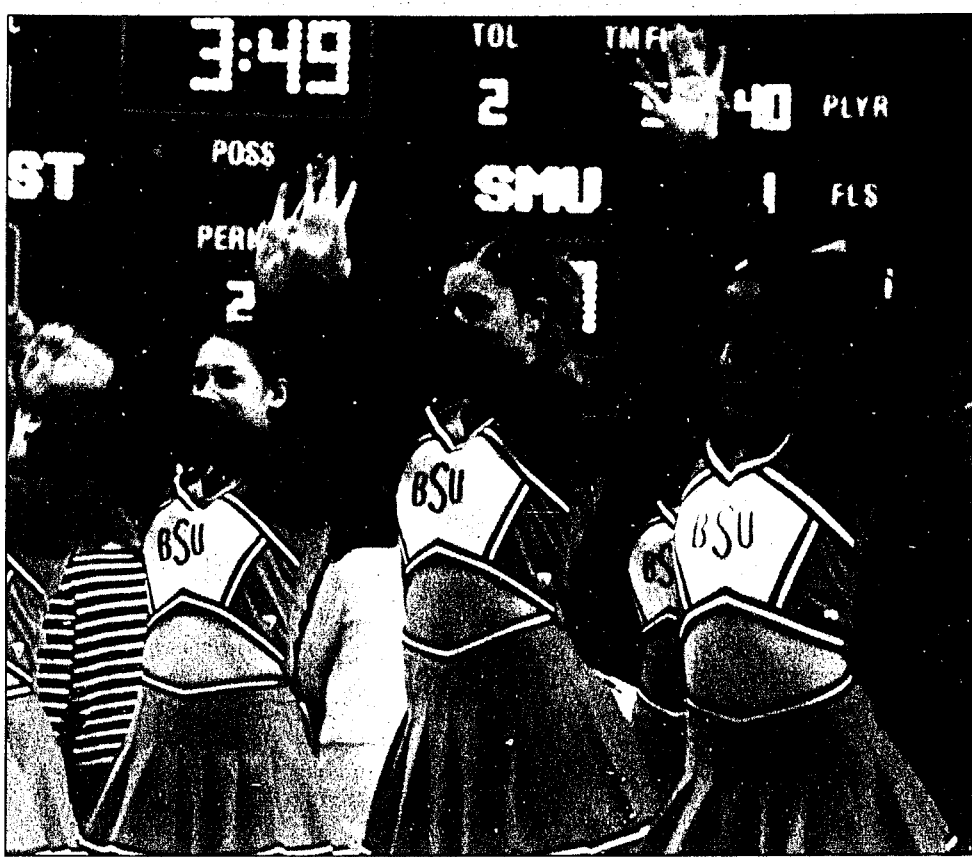
"Our difficulty level wasn't as high as the other squads. We have a lot of freshman on the team without a lot of experience, and we're just excited for what we did," Clinger said.

Long Beach State University won the co-ed Division I championship.

"It was the first time we've competed collegially and we really did handle the pressure well," Clinger said.

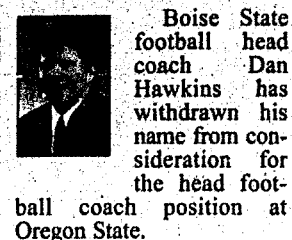
The United Spirit Association has been in operation for over fifty years holding camps, competitions for junior high and high school and college students. They are also involved with many professional football and basketball events providing halftime-show entertainment.

Boise State's Harvey Neef Main Line Dancers were also among the competitors at the USA National Championships. They finished seventh in their respective dance division. The Mainline Dancers have won at the USA Collegiate National Championships four times.



The Boise State cheerleaders cheer on the Broncos in the Pavilion.

Hawkins to remain with Broncos



Boise State football head coach Dan Hawkins has withdrawn his name from consideration for the head football coach position at Oregon State.

"I am very impressed with the direction and leadership of Oregon State football," Hawkins said.

"I was very flattered by the opportunity to discuss the situation with Oregon State Director of Athletics Bob DeCarolis and members of the search team. They have an exciting future in front of them."

"Upon final analysis, I feel too positive about the direction of Boise State and our football program. The growth and progress made in every area since I have arrived here has been tremendous," he said.

Under Hawkins, Boise State is 20-5 including last year's team that finished the season ranked 12th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, and 15th in the Associated Press media poll.

"Most of the general public usually equates these situations as having to do with personal gain, that has never been the case with me," he said.

"I am excited about the prospects for the future, and working with the entire Bronco community in our quest for excellence."

In the past four seasons, Boise State has posted an overall record of 40-10, the fourth best record in NCAA I-A football.

Haynes makes name as Bronco hoopster

By Tanya Dobson
The Arbiter

When Aaron Haynes transferred to Boise State from California last fall, he left behind both Sacramento City Junior College and, most importantly, his large cheering section.

"I come from a real big family," Haynes said.

The third child of six, Haynes is the tallest in his family at 6 feet 7 inches tall. In contrast, his 18-year-old brother is only 5 feet 10 inches.

"My brother and I are complete opposites. I'm tall and skinny and he's short and stocky," Haynes said.

Haynes is not the only one in the family with talent, his brother

plays football and runs track at Fresno City College, and his younger sister is playing high

wanted to play in the Western Athletic Conference and still be able to play in front of his

wanted to go back and be able to play in front of my friends and family," Haynes said.

personal high as a Bronco with 30 points and 9 rebounds against Tulsa in The Pavilion.

"The Tulsa victory has to be my most memorable experience here, especially when we had the 'W' at the end."

Haynes said he feels confident about the rest of the season if he and the rest of the team remain focused. If they can, he believes they will be in good position to go into the WAC tournament.

"I also have a goal of helping the team to win more games this year than they did last year in conference," Haynes said. Haynes will always have a cheering section in California, and he now has one in Boise as well.



school basketball.

Haynes chose Boise State as a way to satisfy his needs. He

Aaron #15 Haynes		
	Team Rank	WAC Rank
Points per Game	14.4	2nd
Rebounds per Game	5.5	2nd
		9th
		17th

family.

"I really wanted to play in the WAC, and Boise State recruited me. Plus, I really

Since his short stay in Boise, Haynes has proved to be a crucial asset to the Bronco squad. On Jan. 18, Haynes scored a

WAC teams compete in "Bracket Buster"

By Wendell Barnhouse
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A catchy, alliterative name plus ESPN telecasts might be enough to help some Little Guy teams prove they belong on the same bracket with the NCAA's Big Boys.

That's the concept behind Saturday's Bracket Buster event. Eighteen teams from seven conferences—the Western Athletic, Missouri Valley, Mid-American, Sun Belt, Big West, West Coast and Horizon—hope to catch the eyes of the NCAA Tournament committee, which will select and seed this year's field in a month.

"The success of the Bracket Buster concept will be if one of these teams is able to play their way into the tournament as an at-large team or a team improves its seed with the boost from winning on Saturday," said WAC commissioner Karl Benson.

"It's probably more of an exposure opportunity for us. The WAC is having three ESPN games on that day, and that's never happened."

Benson, a member of the NCAA Tournament committee, and Missouri Valley Conference commissioner Doug Elgin, a former member of the committee, worked with ESPN to make the Bracket Buster happen.

Over the past six NCAA Tournaments, 151 of the 204 at-large spots in the NCAA Tournament have gone to teams from the six Bowl Championship Series conferences: Big 12, Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big East, Southeastern and Pac-10.

Benson bristles at the term "mid-major" when applied to

his league, but the seven conferences involved received only three at-large bids last season.

"You can fight being (called) a mid-major, but there are six leagues out there. Period," Mid-American Conference commissioner Rick Chryst said.

"I think it's an opportunity to shine some really bright lights on our programs at a time of year when there's some interest in our conferences. And it's an unbelievably unique effort to do something with our schedules."



Dante Swanson and the Tulsa Golden Hurricane take on Gonzaga in Saturday Night's final "Bracket Buster" at 10 p.m. on ESPN.

The event, though, is not being met with across-the-board enthusiasm. If over a team needed to bust a move on the bracket, it would be Butler. Last year, the Bulldogs lost in the first round of the Horizon League tournament and failed to receive a bid despite a 25-5 record and victories over Indiana and Purdue.

However, Butler declined to

participate in the Bracket Buster because of the uncertainty involving its opponent.

"We had already signed up to play Duke," Butler coach Todd Lickliter said. "I didn't know where we would play. I was going to have to blindly say, 'Let's put the conference and potential fatigue up against getting some exposure.' As I just weighed everything, it just didn't make any sense to us."

Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson, a former chairman of the NCAA

called to participate in Bracket Buster?"

Last year's dominance of at-large bids by the major conferences was blamed on the NCAA Tournament committee's ignorance of teams outside the top six conferences.

"We think that (the NCAA Tournament) should reward teams for excellence, not necessarily reward them for mediocrity," Horizon commissioner Jon LeCrone said. "These games are important, but so is the remainder of the season. I

of the season, but we're willing to do it to draw some attention to our program and to the WAC."

Some of the games are compelling. Fresno State, the top team in the Western Athletic Conference, plays at Creighton, the top team in the Missouri Valley Conference. Hawaii at Kent State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Southern Illinois and Tulsa at Gonzaga also should be tasty matchups.

"I think it's kind of neat they're doing this," Fresno State first-year coach Ray Lopes said. "It's providing an opportunity, and for us, it's the only opportunity to be on national television."

And then there are some matchups that will be seen only in the television markets of the teams involved.

"We had our bracket busted a while ago," said Tim Buckley of 12-11 Ball State, which plays at 18-8 Western Kentucky. Ditto for Northern Iowa (7-14) at Louisiana Tech (12-9), and Illinois State (4-18) at Marshall (11-11).

All nine games will be "returned" next year, with the home teams playing on the road against their visiting opponents in non-conference games that will be held in November. (The exceptions are that Hawaii and UC-Santa Barbara will play each other and Kent State will play at Detroit.)

"Being a mid-major, it's a step we have to take," said Detroit coach Perry Watson, whose team plays at UC-Santa Barbara. "We have to take gambles that the power conferences don't have to take. This is the hand we're dealt, and we're prepared to play it."

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Armstrong explores social commentary with poetry

By Lauren Consuelo Tussing
 The Arbiter

On the cover of Jamie Armstrong's latest book, *Landscapes of Epiphany* (Wolf Peach Press) is a surreal image of the Boise River. A fog rises from the river in rich, golden hues as the small ripples fade under the calm fog.

Armstrong, who took the photograph when the weather was just right to produce the fog above the water, allows the reader to see the familiar river in a new way. Like the image of the river, Armstrong's poems allow the reader to explore natural sights in a new way.

"Nature and a relationship to it is a large part of what inspires me. Poems seem to arrive, for me," Armstrong said.

But, turn the page of *Landscapes of Epiphany*, and you'll also discover a different world, almost entirely separate from the images of natural beauty that Armstrong evokes.

While attending a reception after a poetry reading at the Literary Log Cabin, Armstrong heard a phrase that brought with it one of his poetic "arrivals." It was not inspired by nature, but culture.

"Suddenly ... the phrase 'Ask your doctor if network television is right for you' came into my mind, so I knew that the poem was starting that way," he said.

The poem that the phrase inspired, "Ask Your Doctor," is included in *Landscapes of Epiphany*. It reads like a television commercial for the latest prescription drug, including instructions and side effects.

Armstrong writes, "In clinical studies some viewers experienced disorientation when asked if the phrase 'reality TV' is paradoxical or simply redundant."

Writing has always been a part of Armstrong's life. His mother, who was an English teacher, helped nurture his love of poetry. Although he doesn't remember writing poetry until he was in high school, he fondly remembers learning about



Poet Jamie Armstrong enjoys writing poetry, riding his bike and taking pictures while surrounded by nature.

Photo by Kelly Day, The Arbiter.

haikus in elementary school.

Now, Armstrong has an entire book of haikus published called *Moon Haiku* (Hallelujah Too Press, 1999), which he wrote over a one year period, writing a poem for each named full moon.

"What I would do is I would wait until we were actually in that full moon cycle and then just see what came to me," Armstrong said.

"In November, for example, I'd be out going along the river, either walking, bicycling

or running, and then I would notice the cottonwood leaves still floating down the river, so I would get a lot of my images from nature based upon the seasons here, even though those full moon names originated in what's now the Midwest or Northwest United States."

After Armstrong graduated from Stanford with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in English Education, he spent time teaching English to both high school

and college students.

While teaching at Menlo College in California, Armstrong's interests shifted from English to education as he came into contact with students who had problems reading despite their high level of intelligence.

"It turned out that the literature I was teaching for electives at that time was basically introduction to poetry. And I found that a lot of people who had reading difficulties would sign up for the poetry class

because the quantity of reading pages was nothing like reading 70 or 100 pages of a novel three times a week," he said.

He began to learn more about the teaching of reading, and Menlo College paid for him to get a reading specialist credential from San Jose State University.

Armstrong then created a learning assistance program at Menlo College, and he completed his doctoral work in reading at the University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaigne.

He came to Boise in 1992 when he received a job at Boise State.

As well as having two books of poems published, Armstrong wrote a textbook titled *Reading Tools for College Study* (McGraw Hill Primis, 2001).

Although Armstrong continues to teach education, his fondness for nature keeps him writing.

Support good cinema by avoiding 'Chicago'

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By Jim Towell
 The Arbiter

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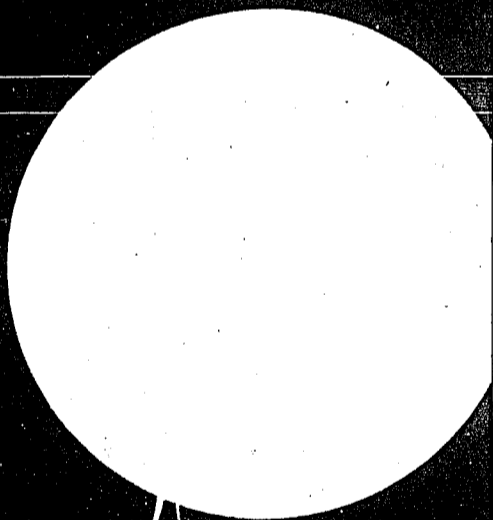
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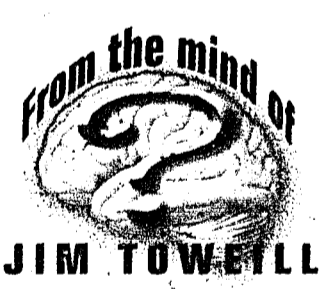
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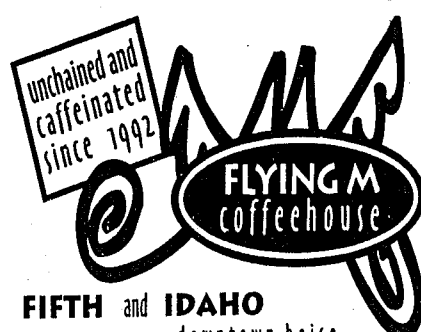
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