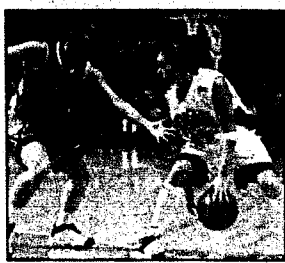


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Students of Boise State University

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Boise Cascade appeals recent sanction

Cascade Chile Project charged with destroying archeological site

By Jessica Adams
The Arbiter

A legal complaint against the Cascade Chile Project by the Defense Council of the Chilean State resulted in a \$214,000 sanction against Boise Cascade Corporation for the destruction of a 5,000 year-old archeological site.

Through the project's owner Robert Crawford, Boise Corporation was found guilty of the destruction of archeologically significant shell piles. Judge Carlos Silva Opazo of the Second Court of First Instance of Puerto Montt, ordered Boise Cascade Corporation to compen-

sate the state for the restoration and repair of the area located in Bay Ilque, 35 miles from the city of Puerto Montt.

Boise Corporation appealed the court's decision March 26 on the grounds that the disturbance was unintentional and too minor to be legally tried under Chilean law.

Boise Corporation bought the site for the establishment of a plant to manufacture pine panels. Boise Cascade Building Solutions Communication Manager Doug Bartels said the plant was never built because after the purchase of the land, the company's competitors expanded their supply of the product.

According to Bartels, the Cascade Chile Project came to a stop primarily because the company was concerned about over-supply of pine panels. Bartels said another factor in stopping

the operation was the litigation over the destruction of shell fragments containing archeological value.

"There was a couple of environmental organizations that were very strident in their efforts to stop the operation - they did not achieve their aims because the joint governments that wanted the project to go forward and provided the permits - but their activities did not encourage us to locate there, but they were only a secondary reason as to why we didn't proceed," Bartels said.

"There's no basis for legal action. By the Chilean law, the nature of this damage would have to be intentional and it certainly was not."

A federal environmental agency required Boise Corporation to conduct a geotechnical survey during the permit process. According to

Bartels, Boise Corporation had to build a temporary road in order to do the survey.

Bartels said the project was halted when a tractor operator discovered an unusual number of broken shell fragments and then notified authorities.

"The disturbance was just a tractor, just the width of its blade, it was less than a hundred yards, I'd say about 80-90 yards and less than a meter deep. That's what it amounted to, the operator didn't know there was anything there with archeological value," Bartels said.

In September of 1998, Geoaustral, an environmental organization in Chile, filed a lawsuit against the project's owner for \$800,000 in archeological and environmental damage to the site. The Second Court of First Instance of Puerto Montt accepted the complaint, titled

Reparation and Compensation, represented by the Chilean Defense Council. Judge Silva Opazo sanctioned Boise Corporation for \$200,000 in reparations to the site.

The sanction is the largest economic fine imposed on a company for destroying archeological heritage and the environment in Chile. The decision follows the repeal of Boise Corporation's rights to the beach, sea floor and part of the water for the port of embarkation, issued by Chile's Board of Maritime Territory on July 31, 2001, for failure to comply with the contract.

Geoaustral Tourism and Environmental Consultant Mauricio Fierro said there have been a series of irregularities in the legal processes for the project's approval.

"Not only that, but politicians

and government authorities have constantly supported the project, using their political influence and positions to approve the project without revising the technical reports by public services, academics and university scientists who have shown concrete reasons to reject it," Fierro said.

Geoaustral maintains that Cascade Chile still owns several properties in the Bay of Ilque and maintains control over other properties leased directly from the Chilean government. This contradicts statements made by Bartels who said that his company does not have any other property in Chile and no interest in continuing the project.

"When this litigation is finally resolved, we'll decide what to do with it, but likely we'll put it forth for sale," Bartels said.

Vietnam to Iraq: Student protests have changed

By Amy Orringer
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

Former Indiana University student body president Keith Parker had barely stepped into office when he started receiving death threats.

It was May 1970. Nixon had just given the order to invade Cambodia, and four students at Kent State University had been shot after protesting the war. Parker and other student leaders knew the community response to these events would manifest in some sort of large assembly.

Student leaders had two responsibilities: making sure the protest happened and making sure it happened safely. They did not want a repeat of Kent State, nor did they want to put Parker in any sort of danger.

Mike King, student body vice president at the time, said he and Parker talked about calling the whole thing off because of the threats, but then realized they "couldn't just back down."

Soon enough word got around that there

was going to be a protest for peace in Dunn Meadow, and 10,000 people from the Bloomington community covered the field.

"The protest was so large, it was unprecedented," King said. "Students and faculty surrounded Keith during the march, so he was protected."

King said they had originally planned to march through town, but thought it better to stay in a smaller radius because of the amount of people.

It student protesters marched themselves right into the history books. From chaining up the administration building to forming picket lines outside classrooms, students on the IU Bloomington campus knew how to make their position known.

"It was certainly the most active place in Indiana," professor Glen Gass said, who was still in high school in Greencastle, Ind., when things started to pick up in the '60s. "It was the center of counter-culture."

Amidst tuition hikes, a controversial war in Vietnam and the civil rights movement, IU developed a reputation for being one of the most active campuses in the country.

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Photo courtesy of KRT

Local lobbyists encounter resistance in Washington

By Elizabeth Puckett
The Arbiter

Two Boise State students involved in a service-learning project with the Snake River Alliance, "Idaho's Nuclear Watchdog," spent spring break lobbying for nuclear waste issues in the nation's capitol.

The Snake River Alliance sent 13 people to D.C. for their 14th annual "D.C. Days," an event organized by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability.

The ANA is an umbrella organization for 27 groups nationwide that deal with nuclear issues, including weapons, energy and waste cleanup. The Snake River Alliance deals mainly the cleanup of waste stored at sites such as the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The purpose of "D.C. Days," is to train groups of citizen lobbyists and give them the opportunity to voice their concerns and ideas to members of U.S. Congress as well as administrative members of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy.

However, some participants of the ANA lobbying conference felt as if their message was falling on deaf ears in the face of war with Iraq.

The event began with an intensive training session in lobbying nuclear waste issues. Participants spent most of their time in groups of four to six delegates at 72 separate meetings with congressmen, congressional aides and members of the DOD and DOE.

Anneliese Scholz, a BSU freshman considering an environmental studies degree, said the timing of the event was good, even if the results were discouraging. She said the meetings are scheduled so the ANA has a chance to discuss nuclear issues with key figures before the budget for the next year goes into discussion.

"This was the perfect time for us to be there, whispering in

their ears, 'this needs to be stopped,' especially with the nuclear weapons proliferation issues developing right now," she said.

Scholz said the meetings

were a courtesy, and they didn't even bother to take notes," Sholz said.

"Most of the Democrats were completely in support of our

right now our issues couldn't really be advanced even if they could be addressed."

Maria Andrade, a Boise attorney specializing in immigration issues and fair housing practice, echoed Scholz's sentiments. Andrade said she met with Sen. Larry Craig in person, but her most important meeting was with Donovan Robinson, budget director for the DOE. Robinson is responsible for the cleanup budget for installations such as the INEEL. Andrade said she believed he would be more responsive to the message she carried.

"It's so hard to track exactly where all the money budgeted for nuclear waste cleanup goes," she said.

"There have been instances where the money listed for cleanup went to parking lot improvements and new drinking fountains."

Andrade asked that new line items be entered into the budget to track raw waste cleanup.

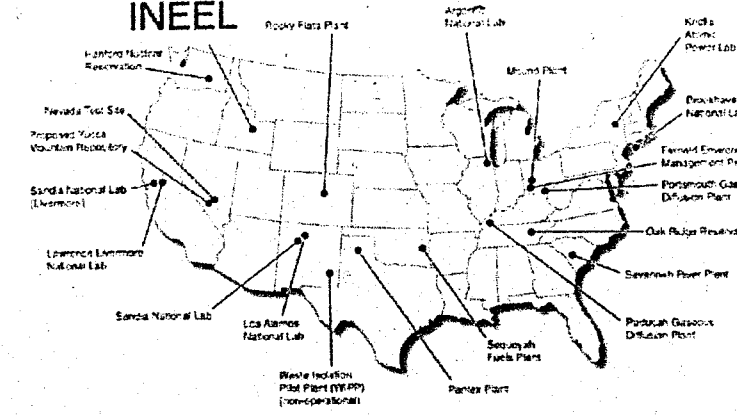
Andrade said her impression from the meeting was that the administration isn't overly concerned about these issues.

"It seemed very consistent throughout the meetings I attended that no one wanted to rock the boat, even if they agreed with our agenda," Andrade said they asked Craig to call Robinson and offer aid and support in creating the line item proposal, but Craig would not commit to calling Robinson or other DOE officials.

Andrade said she felt as if she wasn't engaging in meaningful conversation with the congressmen and administrators.

"Because of the lack of commitment and blatant resistance to ideas, I walked away feeling that, if such a simple issue couldn't get consensus, how could anything ever get done in the administration," she said.

"The fun stuff was the training and learning more about environmental issues, but you'd have to have a lot of fortitude to go back."



were disheartening for the most part.

"It depended on who we were meeting with. The Republicans were mostly nega-

message but said that since they are not currently in power they really couldn't do anything. Most said, in one way or another, that the way the country feels

Campus Shorts

East

Fraternity shut down over goose beating

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—

The Supreme Executive Committee of Kappa Sigma fraternity shut down its Davidson College chapter Saturday over a February hazing incident in which six freshmen were required to kill a goose, to become members.

At its quarterly meeting in Dallas, the fraternity's five-member international governing board voted unanimously to revoke the chapter's charter "for conduct unbecoming a chapter of our fraternity," said Mitchell Wilson, executive director of the fraternity.

"It's very sad," Wilson said. "It impacts not just these young people, but alumni from decades and decades of Kappa Sigma."

The action, effective immediately, means the 64-member chapter, which was suspended after the killing, is no longer in operation.

A new chapter, made up of students not affiliated with the current one, could form at Davidson later. But Mitchell said that would not happen for at least two years.

The action could mark the end to a story that began in February, when police arrested seven Davidson College students for luring a goose with breadcrumbs, beating it with a golf club and throwing it into the trunk of a car.

The students were charged with animal cruelty punishable by up to 12 months in prison — and conspiracy to commit animal cruelty.

Court could go either way on affirmative action

WASHINGTON D.C.—

When the arguments end, the waiting begins.

The U.S. Supreme Court won't likely issue decisions in the University of Michigan affirmative action cases for

months after arguments conclude at noon Tuesday.

This is not only one of the most important cases the court will decide this term, but it also presents some of the most fractious issues. The court has never dealt easily with race, and this particular group of justices — who have sat together for nine years — has never before confronted it in a case with such wide-ranging implications.

What will they decide? That's the million-dollar question.

"I don't think anyone thinks they can call this one," said Sheldon Steinbach, vice president and general counsel of the American Council on Education. "There are so many issues involved here."

Most legal experts agree, however, that the court is so split that it is unlikely to embrace an extreme ruling on either side. Most say it would be difficult to get the five votes necessary to summarily strike down all use of race in college admissions. It's just as improbable that five justices would expand the legal basis for affirmative action.

The decision, then, will likely unfold in the middle, around the nuances of race-based admissions and their value in creating diverse colleges and universities.

The possibilities are many. The court could say the University of Michigan's policies — and particularly the undergraduate policy that grants 20 of 150 possible points exclusively to minorities — were too broadly constructed. The court, however, could generally uphold the idea of narrowly tailored consideration of race. Some experts hope that if that happens, the court will give explicit guidance to universities on the use of race; the Supreme Court's 1978 Bakke ruling has been criticized for not doing that.

Legacy of slavery will be left out of Michigan case

WASHINGTON D.C.—

Racial equality. Opportunity.

A "compelling" government interest in creating diverse educational environments.

These are the themes that will take center stage Tuesday when the two cases challenging the University of Michigan's affirmative action program are argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. White students who were denied entrance to the university say their rejection was the result of admissions policies that illegally favor African-Americans.

In contrast, the university will argue that it considers race to create diverse colleges that benefit students of all backgrounds, and the limited use of race to achieve that diversity is legal.

But some court watchers and legal experts say the battle over Michigan's policies will leave another important subject largely undiscussed.

Constrained by earlier court rulings, the university won't argue that affirmative action is necessary to remedy this nation's history of racism and discrimination. And for some, the inability to deal squarely with race and the vestiges of slavery is a large disappointment.

Some say the court's reluctance to deal with affirmative action in its historical context closely mirrors a national aversion for frank talk about race and racism. They say it reflects the predilection to converse instead about things that evoke fewer awkward feelings, and less guilt or potential conflict. And so, the debate that will unfold in the court Tuesday will focus on the pursuit of diversity — a less controversial idea — rather than on how to correct inequalities produced by racism.

"Racism has become, in our collective conscious, a question of individual bigotry or prejudice," said Harvard law professor Lani Guinier, who is a co-founder of the Racetalks Initiatives, a joint project between Harvard and Columbia universities that seeks to create opportunities for people to more openly discuss race, gender and other controversial issues.

"No one wants to discuss a concept that might implicate them," Guinier said. "It's more comfortable to talk about things that are less threatening."

Salaries slip for many grads

Generally lackluster salary offers reflect a sagging job market for new graduates with bachelor's degrees, as these averages show:

	Jan. 2003	Change 2002-03
Computer engineering	\$52,700	+0.4%
Chemical engineering	\$51,300	-1.7%
Electrical engineering	\$50,600	-1.0%
Mechanical engineering	\$48,100	-1.3%
Computer science	\$44,700	-13.1%
Accounting	\$42,000	+4.6%
Civil engineering	\$41,500	+2.9%
Information sciences	\$41,100	-2.0%
Management information systems	\$40,600	-5.6%
Economics/finance	\$40,400	+4.4%
Business administration	\$36,600	+11.0%
Marketing	\$35,700	+5.2%
Liberal arts*	\$29,100	+1.0%

*Salaries up for graduates in general studies, political science and English, down for those in criminal justice, psychology and social work

Source: Winter 2003 Salary Survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers
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Guinier said the court's rulings have contributed to the "paralysis" that grips conversations about race.

Midwest

Professor's curiosity is root of race lawsuits

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—

Something the philosophy professor was reading in the summer of 1995 caught his attention.

Black applicants to the nation's elite universities had a significantly higher rate of acceptance than white applicants, according to an article in the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, an academic periodical.

Carl Cohen, then 64, was curious whether the phenomenon the article described was happening at the University of Michigan, where he taught. Colleagues told him he would be stepping into a mess.

He ignored their warning. On Dec. 18, 1995, Cohen, a card-carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union, filed a Freedom of Information request seeking details of the University of Michigan's admissions policies.

After first telling him the

information did not exist, in the spring of 1996, university officials released to Cohen admissions grids that appeared to show that despite lower grades and test scores, minority students were having better success getting into Michigan than white students.

For Cohen, it was the start of a process that will put him in the U.S. Supreme Court April 1, listening intently while the controversy he unearthed is presented for the nation's ultimate arbiters of law to decide.

The court's decision on whether Michigan's use of race as a factor in undergraduate and law school admissions is legal is expected to have a profound effect on how universities nationwide admit students.

"This is a moral issue for me," Cohen, now 71, said as he sat in the cluttered study of his home overlooking the University of Michigan's Nichols Arboretum, one of Ann Arbor's most serene spots.

Cohen said it's not his first admissions fight. In 1947, as a student at the University of Miami, he said, he worked to eliminate the use of pictures on admissions applications.

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News Bucket

BSU hosts victims' rights week

Boise State University will host Victims' Rights Week 2003: A Focus on the Family April 7-10 in the Student Union. The week is a nationwide, collaborative effort promoting recognition and education for victims. The conference is sponsored by the Boise State criminal justice department, with support from the criminal justice honor society Alpha Phi Sigma.

In keeping with April's designation as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, this year's conference examines issues dealing with children and families. A slate of presentations scheduled over the four-day conference are aimed at changing how the community looks at victimization. Local advocacy groups and government agencies will present a wide range of topics to help participants understand both the extent of the problems that exist and the services available to help combat those problems.

The event is free for everyone and the community is invited. Students may take this seminar for elective credit. A full calendar of events is available at <http://cja.boisestate.edu/victims.htm>.

Public invited to 'scope the sky' on April 9

Powerful telescopes will be pointed at Jupiter, Saturn, the moon, the International Space Station and many night sky objects at "Scope the Sky," 8-11 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 on the roof of the Education Building at Boise State University.

The public is invited to peer through the telescopes and learn about the night sky as part of the event sponsored by Black Hole, Boise State's astronomy club. Admission is \$1 students and \$2 general.

Planned Parenthood to sponsor Statehouse rally

Idaho Women's Network and Planned Parenthood of Idaho will protest possible legislation to cut federal funding. The rally will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 5 p.m. on the Statehouse steps. For more information call Planned Parenthood of Idaho at 376-9300 ext. 19 or Idaho's Women's Network at 344-5738.

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BSU considers multi-cultural core classes

Committee to decide on adding diversity cluster to requirements

By Jason Kauffman
The Arbiter

Proposed changes to Boise State University's undergraduate core requirements have been introduced to BSU's Core Curriculum Committee, in a move that would follow a national trend among institutions of higher learning.

The committee, which supervises core curriculum offerings, is considering a proposal written by English professor Marcy Newman to add a diversity cluster to the core requirements.

The addition, if approved, would require all undergradu-

ate students to complete one three-credit course that qualifies as a diversity class, but would not lengthen the requirements to obtain a degree.

To qualify as a diversity course, a class would have to, among other considerations, place cultural practices in a comparative framework that does not privilege a single cultural perspective.

Boise State's student government recently passed a resolution, sponsored by ASBSU Senator Ali Ishaq that supports the curriculum change.

Both BSU's School of Social Work and College of Education have already adopted similar diversity requirements to their curriculum.

Sara Reyes, ASBSU direc-

tor of diversity affairs and a sponsor of a student petition in support of the proposal, said the perception in the past has been that exposure to multi-cultural studies was better suited for students going into social service careers.

"With the rise of globalism, where we as a world are so interconnected, it's very important to know and understand each other, regardless if you are an engineer or social worker," Reyes said.

Some members of the Core Curriculum Committee, citing the argument that students may not want to enroll in such classes, have expressed opposition to the proposed requirement.

Reyes said exposure to multi-cultural perspectives would be an asset to graduat-

ing students that hope to obtain employment in large corporations that have policies emphasizing cultural awareness.

"It would enhance everyone's academic career if it was required for everyone to take a class that emphasized a non-dominant perspective," Reyes said.

Nearly 85 percent of universities in the United States require diversity curriculum, according to some estimates.

According to Robert McCarl, BSU professor of anthropology, those involved in the process hope to finish the proposal before the committee meets in early April, the proposal would then go to the faculty senate for a vote.

"The more exposure you have to diversity issues, the better off you're going to be.

I'm hoping we can still get it done this semester," McCarl said.

If approved, the new core requirements would not take effect for at least a year.

Students interested in sup-

porting the proposed curriculum changes can access information in the Student Union Building at either ASBSU's main desk or at the petition booth across from the student information desk.

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Vietnam to Iraq:

Student protests have changed

From page 1

"The issues back in the '60s and '70s had the potential to affect everybody," former student body president Paul Helmke said. "More and more people were being drafted."

Helmke points to the draft as one of the reasons that students might have been more vocal during the Vietnam conflict.

Current IU Student Association Vice President Judd Arnold said the draft is probably the primary reason why students today are not protesting in the same numbers they once were.

"I know a lot of people in my Dad's generation that were in college to avoid the war," Arnold said.

Helmke also said that many of the issues surrounding the war in Iraq are seen as affecting only a small group of people, and thus do not draw the same kind of reaction.

During the Vietnam conflict, student leaders were highly involved in the opposition movement. They submitted "demands" to the University, asking, among other things, that it denounce American involvement in Southeast Asia. They also asked the University to commit to minority recruitment in order to make the racial makeup of the student body more representative of the racial makeup of Indiana.

The University did not submit to the demands, although it did make a commitment to minority recruitment. To this day, it is working to attract minority students, but the percentages still do not reflect Indiana population.

Whereas current IUSA leaders recently declined to take a position on the war, Helmke believes that student government should not be afraid to take a position during times of conflict, he said.

"I think it is appropriate to take positions on things like that," Helmke said. "Sometimes the only way to help influence people is to join with others in speaking out ... it doesn't need to be a unanimous position."

He said when he was student body president, students often held more than one position when they got together for large rallies or meetings.

Arnold said if the student position on the war was as apparent now as it was during Vietnam, IUSA would have no problem coming up with a resolution about the war. There is a large difference between the 500 signatures collected by the Coalition to Oppose the War in Iraq and the 10,000 students that protested in

Dunn Meadow after the invasion of Cambodia. "It is a very divided campus," he said. "We think it is best that students voice their opinions through their own means."

And with thousands of protesters willing to march, Parker said the activism in Bloomington during Vietnam was not limited to one group of people.

"There was a wide cross-section of students and people in Bloomington, not just radical students or hippies," Parker said.

But Gass notes that even within groups that would normally protest the war, the lines are blurred when it comes to deciding on the war in Iraq.

"I think it is a lot less black and white today," he said. "We were attacked, and that changes everything."

Parker said he agrees the threat of terrorism definitely sets this war apart from Vietnam.

"We did not have to worry about Vietnamese terrorists," he said.

Another major difference between the anti-war protests today and those that happened more than 30 years ago is the time frame in which the protests took place. The demonstrations Parker participated in occurred at the height of the movement, which reached its peak after the United States had been involved with the conflict for more than five years.

"Here you have enormous opposition to the war before it began," Parker said.

International protest against the war also sets this peace movement apart from the Vietnam protests. Today, millions of people across the globe have flooded the streets of major cities to express their opposition to the Bush administration's decision to use force in Iraq.

Gass said the current administration reminds him of the administration during Vietnam.

"We have another president who doesn't care if he fights a war with or without the people," he said.

But even though IU students are not protesting like they used to, there are still some, like the students who make up the Coalition to Oppose the War in Iraq, that are working to keep the fire of opposition alive.

"I think in general, if you live in a democracy, part of that is taking an active role in the decisions that are being made in your name," COWI member Lauren Taylor said. "It is really important that people on this campus ... be vocal about how they feel about the war."

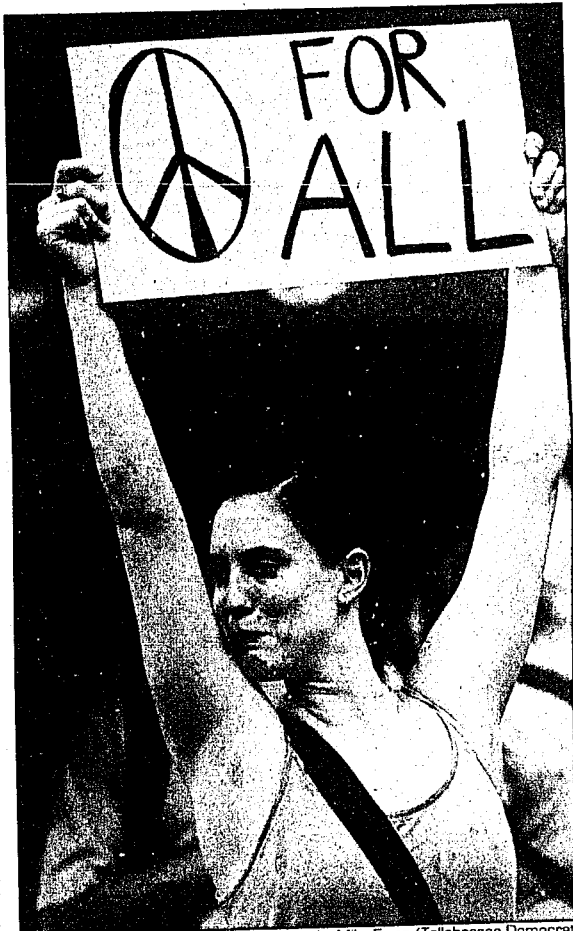


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A former Florida State student from Orlando, weeps as she protests war with Iraq.

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**Mike Clifford for ASBSU President
Chris Wirshing for ASBSU Vice President**

Accountability for student leaders is our number one concern

As the only candidates not in the Senate we feel we can hold the student leaders accountable with out any biases that the other candidates posses toward their comrades.

The job of a student government is to represent the students. The way ASBSU is currently run is not effective. What is needed in ASBSU is a little common sense and that is what we bring to the table.

With zero support from the Senate, the president's office at ASBSU has done its best to represent students at the state house and in the community as a whole. The senate has wasted time with resolutions that accomplish very little.

The senate should spend at least one of its meetings every month at the statehouse showing support for our fiscal needs. We feel that it looks better to have a group of representatives at the state house and in the community as opposed to a few dedicated individuals.

Programs like "Book Swap" and keeping the library open for 24 hours during finals are programs that should continue and have added support. We also intend to continue efforts that the current president has helped with, such as lobbying at the state house and bringing the *USA Today* onto campus.

One area we would like to change about ASBSU is the structure for giving student orga-

nizations funding. As presidents of student organizations here on campus, we understand the challenges of getting funding from ASBSU.

Since sports clubs and ethnic organizations provide a great service to the campus through cultural awareness activities and different sporting events that they should have easier access to funds to easier facilitate these events. Other student organizations should have easier access to additional funds for trips and extra on-campus events that they had not budgeted.

Chris Wirshing is a member of the Air National guard and realizes the difficulty in getting funding from the government. If elected, we would like to see what we would be able to do to simplify this process.

The current open door policy of the ASBSU president's office is a great concept and we would like to see it continued with a few revisions. Instead of waiting for the students to come to us with problems, we find it necessary to go to them and see what it is they want from us.

Once in office we would implement a plan to go to student organizations and hold open forums for students at large to voice their concerns and needs student government might approach.



**Jim Sherman for ASBSU President
Jenifer Scott for ASBSU Vice President**

Vote for Effective Student Leadership April 9 and 10

Rather than fill this page with unimpressive campaign ramblings we'll keep this simple and let our platform speak for itself.

Through voter registration drives, intense lobbying efforts (both on and off campus), and informational nonpartisan meetings, we will apply pressure to legislators.

Boise State is a vastly underestimated force to be reckoned with 17,000 plus students strong. Imagine the influence 17,000 well-informed students could have on the formation of the state budget.

We recognize and greatly appreciate the significant contributions made to the student body and the community by the Cultural, Women's, and other service centers.

It is our intention, if elected, to help fund their operations in our next year's budget as a way to ensure continued benefit of their events and services by students.

Also, the numbers of students enrolled full-time at Boise State's satellite campuses is continuing to grow. If elected, we will implement a plan so that as their numbers reach 3,000 plus enrollees; they will be represented in student government. This plan will include the reservation of a seat in ASBSU Senate so that those campuses will have the opportunity to participate in issues that affect them.

To sum it up: Why vote Sherman and Scott? Because effective student leadership is our aim. Effective student leaders are determined, highly motivated and most importantly, connected to the students. Often, the only time students actually see their ASBSU representatives is around elections.

It is time to close the *Where's Waldo* book of student leadership and focus on accessibility. If student leaders were accessible, they wouldn't need a sweatshirt to be picked out of the crowd.

ASBSU has always had an open-door policy allowing students to come to them with their concerns. That's great, but effective student leaders would go to the students also and not simply expect students to find them. Jenifer and I have one purpose: To lead Boise State through this difficult time of budget cutbacks with a positive proactive attitude while making ourselves available to students.

A vote for Sherman and Scott is a vote for continued and additional support for the Women's, Cultural and other service centers, continued efforts to make higher education, equal-per-student funding and other student interests priorities in the Statehouse, initiation of increased leadership interaction with students and representation for satellite campuses.



Ramiro Castro for ASBSU Senator

Hello, I would like to represent you. I am the Boy Scout-type.

I have experience working with little resources and able bodies.

I adjusted and made due.

I would like to also say that I do believe in my heart what I plan for my fellow brothers and sisters in green. My proposed steps come from a sincere desire to thank and constantly acknowledge their sacrifices.

I have been in this institution since Fall 2002. In that time, I have taken note of a few things and now see an opportunity to better the experience for you. I ate at the Table Rock. I enjoyed the entertainment of the television; maybe it should make more appearances. I eat downstairs in the SUB, why is there a wobbly table?

I have served with Bronco. Vision and I have learned two things. One, when you beam that camera on someone, you make their day exposing them on the big screen. Also, that watching a game from the sidelines is the only way to go.

My point being that maybe one lucky fan

can get a sideline pass. A free raffle would be the way I would set it up. My platform came from my thoughts and those of the people, whose opinion I respect.

I stand for:

1. Applied technology students should have the time to complete labs through extra lab time hours. A tutor already paid for can shift from the tutor room to the needed lab. So no increase in fees would be necessary for this additional service. Applied Technology Students would benefit from a coffee machine, also no added cost.

2. I personally support all our troops. So, I would support and seek events honoring their dedication to duty.

3. Reduction in funding should not mean a reduction in the quality of schooling provided by Boise State. Along with that, increased fees should reflect in the quality of education and services.

4. I endorse reduction in costs for services to military personnel for example, military discounts.

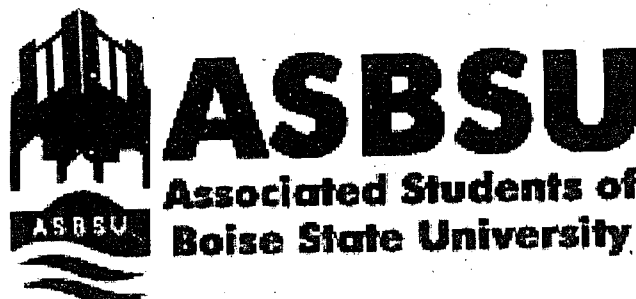
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buildings are subject to the 1-hour residential parking. There are limited legal spaces available for students without a parking permit to use. If the space is in front of a school building, it should be unlimited time.

6. Increased services and quality of existing services supporting non-traditional students, for example, single parents, students with families, women, older students, international students and minorities.

These added services should be kept reasonable and every attempt to better the services should be looked at thoroughly to keep fees down. See point No. 3. There are smart men and women in this college, and I am positive that somebody can think of a better and cheaper way of conducting business.

For example, having more students doing work that is related to their field and getting credit. This helps the school have an extra body providing a service and the students gain experience. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform.



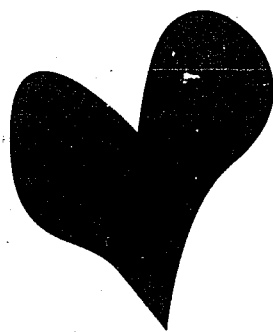
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Guest Opinion

By Stacey Rawlings
Student

While I can appreciate that most students on this campus do not share my views, morals, values and opinions, I must say that I am sick of hearing the same arguments and slogans over and over again.

I have been fed, via The Arbiter, campus flyers and various organizations, a diet of "No blood for Oil," "it's Bush's war," "give peace a chance" and "let diplomacy work."

First of all, this is not an issue of ruling the world and hoarding the Middle East oil supply. If we wanted their oil without paying for it, we could have taken it in 1991 during the Gulf War when we liberated Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's violent takeover. What we did instead was put out the burning oil wells, to which Mr. Hussein set fire before we chased his Republican Guard out of Kuwait.

We then helped clean up the mess that was Kuwait and helped to get the people back on their feet. What Mr. Hussein did

was not only horrible for the people, but also for their economy and the environment.

President Bush doesn't want war anymore than the peace protesters. Who in their right mind wants to potentially kill thousands of innocents? What he understands (as well as those who support military action) that the peaceniks fail to grasp is that this has been going on for 12 years.

Promise after promise, and resolution after resolution, any chance for a peaceful ending has been broken, laughed at and ignored. We have dealt with him and the issue of weapons of mass destruction for 12 years. The U.N. has drawn a new line in the sand numerous times only to have it crossed and redrawn, crossed and redrawn. You get the picture. Peace and diplomacy have been given a chance - 12 years of chances - and I tell you what folks, enough is enough!

Someone had to do something and while Bill Clinton talked about it (with the support of liberals who are now condemning Bush), he did little.

While all of the peaceniks are lighting candles, holding hands and singing peace songs, innocents are being tortured, raped, mistreated and murdered every day. How can we, as a

nation, with strength enough to remove Saddam Hussein from power and the means to help the Iraqi people, stand by and talk about what we are going to do on paper? President Bush has promised the Iraqi people both food and medicine, while we knock Mr. Hussein out of power. That is a great deal more than the peaceniks are doing.

No one wants to believe that all of this is really going on, and has been for years, but it is. I am a veteran of the Gulf War. I worked in military intelligence and had the privilege of working with Kuwaiti students, who took leave from school to act as translators for our mission. They had family members, or knew people that had family members that were taken from their jobs and homes, tortured and dropped on their door steps, only to be murdered in front of their wives and children.

I experienced the black smoke-filled air from the burning wells. At noon, the sky was nearly dark as night, and the smell was horrible. He had chemical and biological weapons then, just as he does now. A scud dropped just 2 miles from my unit in Saudi Arabia. That scud contained those elements and as it was dismantled, particles were released into the air and my unit was

exposed to it.

My husband's friend was one of the people involved in disposing of the weapons carrying biological and chemical substances of death - VX to be exact.

I was involved in 1991. My husband will probably be involved in this one. Neither one of us wants a war, or any violence, but Sept. 11, while not necessarily connected, showed us all just how vulnerable we are to attack on our soil. Let us take care of this problem before it visits us again on a larger scale and by more cruel means.

Oh, and as far as who gets the vote for most patriotic, I would have to say that it is those of us who serve (and have served) our communities and our country, domestically and abroad.

We willingly and voluntarily serve, knowing it might mean sacrificing our own lives for the protection and maintenance of our freedoms and safety as well obtaining freedom for oppressed peoples around the globe - and ensuring that they keep it.

Despite what all the liberal-minded students might think, freedom is NOT free. What are all of you willing to sacrifice to keep it? Anything?

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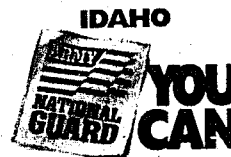
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Bronco gymnasts to compete in NCAA Regional Championship

By Andrea Trujillo
The Arbiter

The Boise State University gymnastics team won the Western Gymnastics Conference Championship Saturday, posting a 195.65, the Broncos' best road score of the season. By winning the team championship, Boise State secured their position in the upcoming NCAA Regional Championship, marking the 17th straight year the Broncos

have qualified.

Boise State was picked to finish third in the pre-season coaches' poll, so their Conference Championship came as a surprise to some. To others who have believed in the team's potential all season long, such as Coach Sam Sandmire, the win was anything but a surprise.

"Sometimes you have to be perfect and sometimes you just have to go the distance to win. Our team could have thrown in

the towel after beam but we just kept slugging away. It took a record performance on our last event but we did it," Sandmire said.

In addition to the team win, Sandmire was recognized individually as Conference Coach of the Year, but said the award is anything but an individual accomplishment.

"I consider it a 3-way tie with my assistant coaches, Bill Steinbach and Tina Bird," Sandmire said.

The Broncos next move on to the NCAA Regional Championship, which will be held Saturday, April 12, at the University of Washington. The Broncos are seeded fourth of six teams in the West Region competition.

Nebraska, ranked second nationally enters the competition as the favorite, with a Regional Qualifying Score of 197.585. 11th ranked Washington is next, with a RQS of 196.715, slightly ahead

of 14th ranked Louisiana State with a RQS of 196.485.

Boise State is ranked 36th nationally, with a RQS of 195.285. Cal State Fullerton and San Jose State round out the group with national rankings of 42nd and 45th respectively.

The top two teams from each of the six regional championships will advance to the NCAA National Championships, April 24-26, at the University of Nebraska.

Wemple named WAC Athlete of the Week

Robin Wemple, a member of the Boise State University track and field team, has been named this week's WAC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athletic of the Week.

A sophomore from Victor, Mont., Wemple earned the award after setting a Bronco record this past Saturday in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Competing at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, California, Wemple placed second in the event with a time of 10:30.98. The time is the fastest in the WAC so far during this outdoor season, and one of the top collegiate times this outdoor season. Her time breaks the previous Boise State record of 10:32.85, which Wemple set during last year's outdoor season.

Vaughan to participate in ESPN's shootout

Boise State senior Abby Vaughan has been invited to participate in this week's Mountain Dew Slam Dunk / 3-Point Shooting championships this weekend at the Louisiana Super Dome.

The competition will be held at 6 p.m. tonight at the Alario Center home of the NBA's New Orleans Hornets in New Orleans, La. The competition will be broadcast twice on the ESPN network this week. The two hour special will first be televised on ESPN2 starting at 8:30 p.m. Tonight and again on ESPN Saturday afternoon, at 1 p.m.

Women's tennis team in action this weekend

Boise State Hosts Texas-El Paso, Utah State and Lewis and Clark State in Barbara Chandler Classic: The Broncos will play conference opponent UTEP and Utah State both tomorrow afternoon. These are the final regular season home matches for the Broncos, who host the 2003 WAC Tennis Championships April 25-27.

Defares and Haynes earn MVP honors

Juniors Bryan Defares and Aaron Haynes were named the team's Co-Most Valuable Players at the men's basketball banquet Tuesday night. Haynes and Defares finished the season as the teams top two scorers with Haynes scoring 427 points and Defares adding 411.

Haynes, a junior college transfer from Sacramento City College, averaged a team-best 14.7 points per game, including 16.9 in conference games. He shot 44.6 percent from the floor, 47.3 in conference games, led the team in free throw shooting (76.1 percent), and was second in rebounding averaging 5.7 per game, 6.7 in WAC games.

Defares, a three-year letterman at Boise State, finished the season averaging 14.2 points per game, while making 74.5 percent of his free throws. He was second on the team in assists with 90 and hit a pair of game-winning shots during the season. Other team awards were as follows: Hard Hat Award (Top Rebounder) - Jason Ellis; Best Defensive Player - Joe Skiffer; Most Improved Player - Josh Bates; Jeff Foster Memorial Award (Most Inspirational) - Adam Donyes; Academic Award - Scott Fraser-Dauphinee.

Nobody saw this Final Four coming

By Scott Fowler
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Call this the Far-Fetched Four.

If you had Marquette, Kansas, Syracuse and Texas in your office bracket, you don't even have to watch the Final Four semifinals Saturday night. You won already.

For the rest of us, here's a quartet hardly anyone saw coming. And they are coming hard, having knocked off three No. 1 seeds and won their regional finals this weekend by an average of 10.5 points.

All four No. 1 seeds entered the weekend still eligible for New Orleans. But only Texas gets to sample Bourbon Street.

Supposed juggernauts Kentucky, Arizona and Oklahoma got upset during the weekend, leaving this Final Four as wide open as an interstate highway at 3 a.m.

It's also a weird Final Four for folks with an ACC connection. For the past six years and 14 of the past 15 - until this season - the ACC has placed a team in the Final Four.

This year the league couldn't even place a team into the Elite Eight. The conference had boasted at least one Elite Eight team every year since 1980.

So is this a Forgettable Four as well?

It is if you just care about the ACC. After the national championships won by Duke in 2001 and Maryland in 2002, the trophy will leave the league in 2003.

Duke and Maryland were beaten in the Sweet 16, Wake Forest flamed out in the second round and N.C. State was one and done.

North Carolina has its tangled connection to Kansas coach Roy Williams - a connection that might strengthen

dramatically - but that's it. Clemson can only pine for Rick Barnes.

If you're a fan of college basketball however, there's great potential here.

These four teams are hardly unknowns this season; Texas was ranked No. 5 in the final pre-tournament Associated Press poll, followed by No. 6 Kansas, No. 11 Marquette and No. 12 Syracuse.

They all boast at least one dazzling player. Marquette's Dwyane Wade produced a spectacular triple-double against Kentucky that led to an 83-69 win.

Kansas, a No. 2 seed, has a pair of senior stars in center Nick Collison and guard Kirk Hinrich. Both played one wonderful game and one dud in Anaheim, Calif., and luckily timed their bad games so they didn't occur at the same time.

Hinrich hit for 28 points in the only regional final that was close, Kansas' 78-75 win over Arizona.

Syracuse (like Marquette, a No. 3 seed) boasts freshman Carmelo Anthony, who scored 20 points as the Orangemen roughed up Oklahoma 63-47 in the early game Sunday.

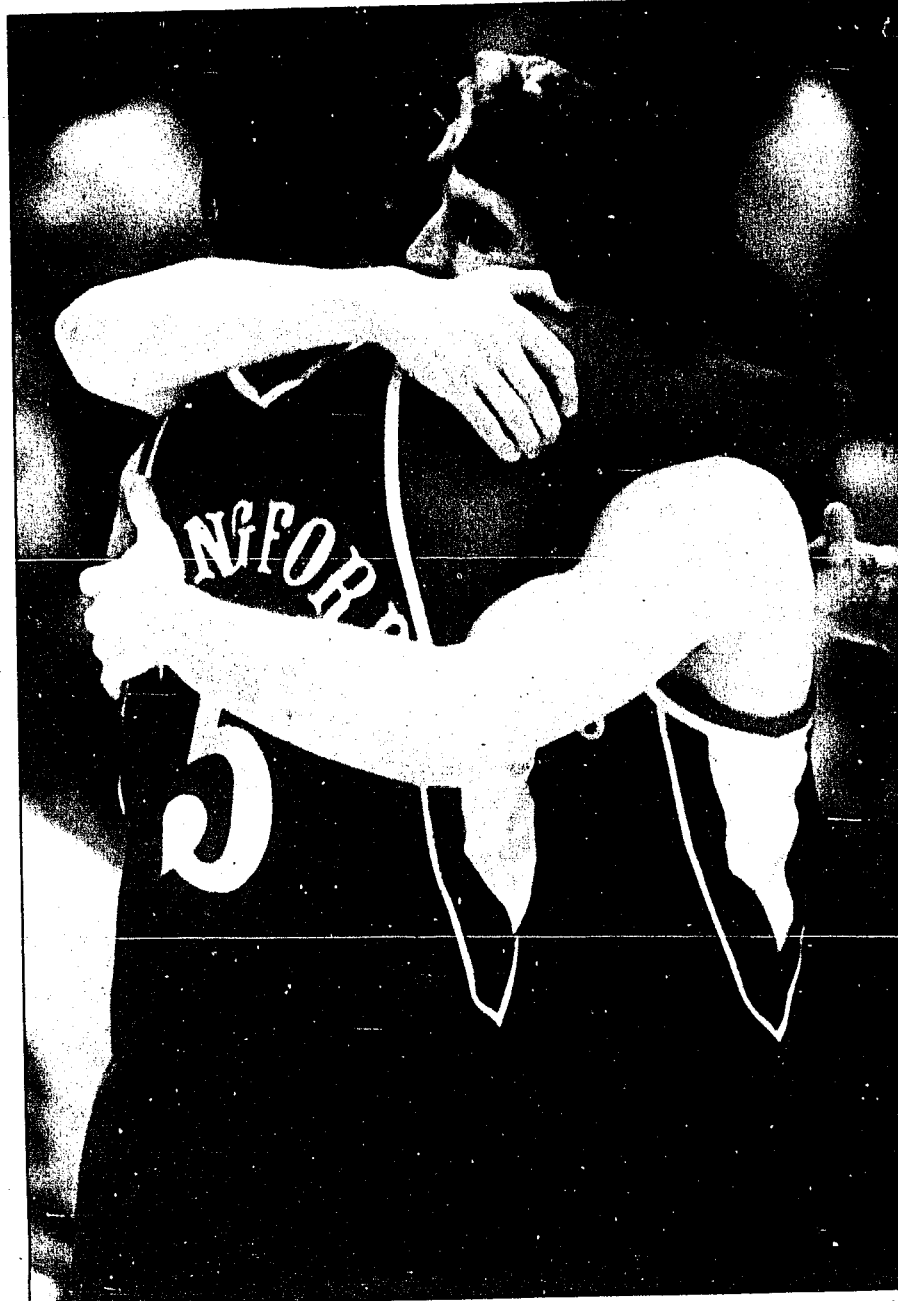
And Texas has point guard T.J. Ford, who keyed the Longhorns' 85-76 win over Michigan State Sunday by using a final gear faster than high-speed Internet access.

Questions abound.

Will Williams win his first national championship at Kansas and then leave the state in his rear-view mirror on his way to either Chapel Hill or Los Angeles to take another job?

Will Barnes win a national championship at Texas before Mack Brown does?

Can Syracuse's masterful 2-3 zone defense stop Ford?



The Kansas Jayhawks celebrate Final Four berth.

Photo courtesy of KFT

The team most likely to be adopted by America will be Marquette.

Marquette hasn't made the Final Four since 1977, when the late Al McGuire got it

there. Marquette beat Charlotte and then North Carolina in that one. McGuire cried, retired and later became a beloved broadcaster whose catchphrases included the one now adopted

by this Marquette team: "Holy Mackerel!"

For this Final Four, that sums it up as well as anything.

Final Four rakes in profits for local businesses

By Teresa Lo
Daily Texan
(U. Texas-Austin)

The University of Texas men's basketball team's rise to the Final Four has been a profitable business for many local and out-of-state companies.

Tickets have already gone on sale for this Saturday's game, and businesses are taking advantage of the event.

Representatives from Ticket City, an event ticket merchant, said tickets are being sold at prices ranging from \$295 to \$6,000. About 300 tickets had already been sold late Monday evening, and they expect that number to more than double by the end of the week.

The NCAA allocated 4,500 tickets to the University, all of which are expected to be sold, said Mark Harrison, assistant athletic director.

But the University's athletic department will not be making a profit from those sales. "We have to buy the tickets from the NCAA and sell them at the same price to our customers, so the University doesn't make a profit from

it," Harrison said. "Ticket prices range from \$120 and \$140 up to \$160, and they are for both the Saturday and Monday games."

But the athletic department will make money from competing in the tournament.

Each team in the Big 12 is given \$130,000 by the NCAA for every game they play in, and the University will be given another \$130,000 for this Saturday's game, Harrison said.

And although the University Co-op is a nonprofit organization, it's one business that will benefit from Final Four T-shirt and memorabilia sales.

"It won't make a considerable difference, but we do expect to do good business," Co-op President George Mitchell said.

The real money will come after UT makes it to finals, Mitchell said. "We will give back to the University in the same ways that we always have," Mitchell said. "We will give \$75,000 to student organizations, and we fund events such as Texas Revue and 40 Acres Fest. It will just add more [money] to it."

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Knight sounds off on NCAA committee

By Jan Hubbard
The Dallas Morning News

The long-running Broadway hit "Les Miserables" is playing at the Imperial Theater, which is only about two basketball courts away from the Marriott Marquis. On Monday, the Marquis played host to the latest production of The Bob Knight Show, which was entertaining as long as you weren't a member of the NCAA Tournament selection committee, otherwise known in Knight's world as "The Miserables."

Texas Tech has won three games to advance to the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

Knight did not suggest that the final four teams in the NIT were as good as those in the Final Four, but he emphatically made the point that the quality of many teams participating in the NIT was better than that of several NCAA Tournament teams.

"There are 20 teams in the NIT at the minimum that can beat 20 teams in the NCAA," Knight said. "I don't think anybody in basketball would ever disagree with that."

Knight was merely warming up. He may have been in the heart of the theater district, but his routine was more David Letterman monologue than Broadway. Knight knew his audience, and he played to it, pointing out that NCAA headquarters was once in Kansas City and then moved to Indianapolis — neither of which, as New York reporters on hand certainly knew, is as sophisticated and urbane as New York.

"For as long as I have been in coaching, I have never been for a committee selecting the NCAA Tournament," Knight said.

"I think it should all be done electronically. I don't think anybody should have an exemption. I think it should be the first 64 teams picked (by a computer). That's it. And then they play according to their spots. And I've always felt that way. But the way it's set up now, it provides the NIT with some really good basketball teams every year."

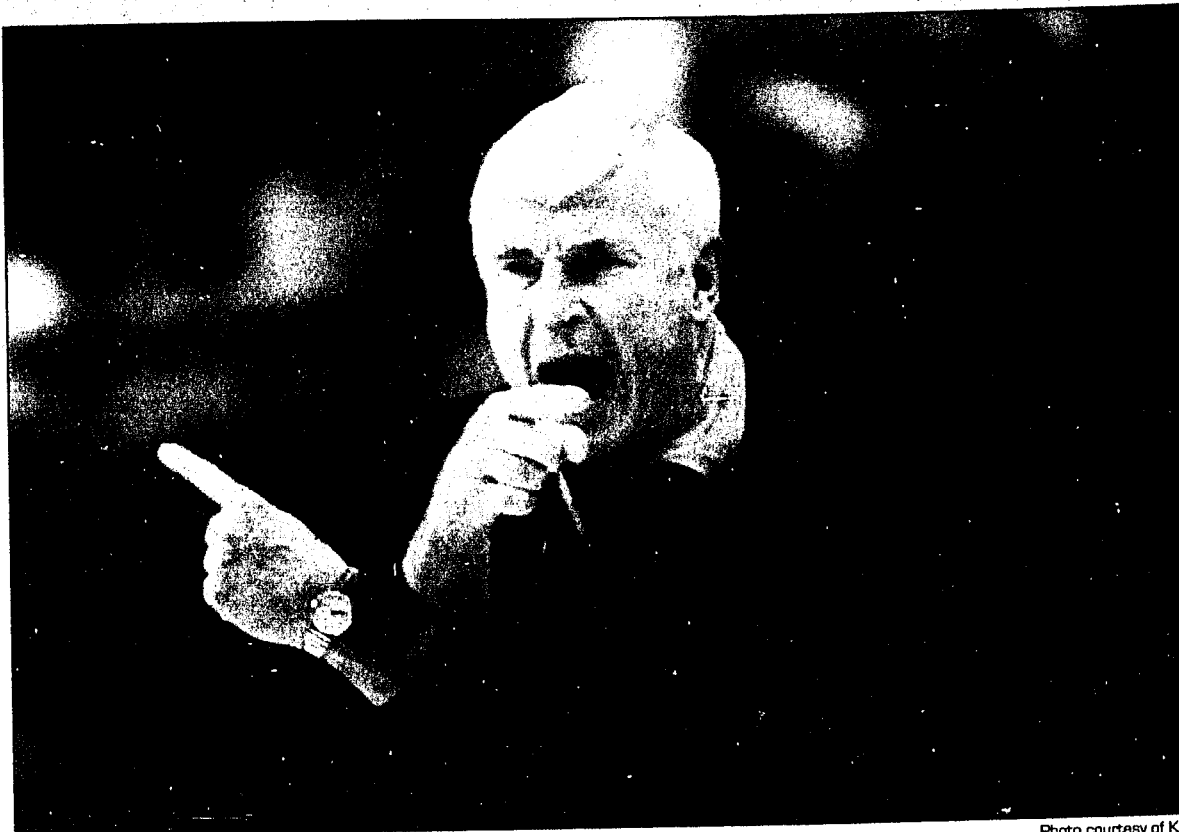
"What the NIT committee has done to sustain the tournament has just been a tremendous help to college basketball — this tournament and the preseason NIT. I would have liked to see the NCAA when the preseason NIT was announced. Somebody sitting at a table saying, '... Why didn't we think of that?' They're always a step or two behind the NIT people when it comes to thinking about good things for basketball," he said.

Knight noted that even as the NCAA increased the number of teams it invited, the NIT never backed down.

In 1978, the NCAA Tournament consisted of 32 teams, and the NIT had 16.

By 1980, the NCAA had grown to 48 teams, but the NIT responded by increasing its field to 32 teams.

"The NCAA has tried to eliminate the NIT for 50 years," Knight said, "and they're not smart enough to understand that a bunch of people in Kansas City can't outsmart people in New York. They've never figured that out. Or Indianapolis, or wherever ...



Bobby Knight in a typical tirade.

Photo courtesy of KRT

"If you look at all the tournament committees that have been together over the years, there are a lot of people that know nothing about basketball on the committee. Rarely are there former coaches. There are people on it that have no basketball background at all."

Knight was congenial and cooperative with the media, telling stories of bringing his Army and Indiana teams to the NIT and demonstrating his knowledge of NIT history by informing reporters that the first champion was Temple in 1938.

The opening act was well received, and Knight still has a few more days in town. Who knows? Before he leaves, he may have time for a Top Ten list. Members of the NCAA selection committee have to be looking forward to that.

Fast pitch softball winds up for new season

By Tanya Dobson
The Arbiter

Kristen Salo had one desire her freshman year at Boise State. She wanted to play softball. Not knowing what the university had to offer, she called the Rec Center for information about Boise State's fast-pitch club softball team.

A year later, Salo is currently leading the team as co-captain.

"It's (playing) one of those things you don't want to quit doing," Salo said.

The Boise State women's fast-pitch team formed in the spring of 2000, and has proven to be an asset to Boise State athletics. This is shown through their hard work and dedication to the sport to start and develop the team.

"A bunch of players got together and decided they wanted to play ball and went to ASBSU to get funding," senior co-captain Katie Dane said.

Once approved as a club sport by ASBSU, the team began fundraising for additional support. Each member also pays fees at the beginning of the year and provides for some of their own traveling expenses, which differs from varsity sports where players have no fees.

These athletes play for the love of the sport and hope that one day fast-pitch softball will be recognized on a varsity level at Boise State.

"We're getting more competitive every year and one day hope to be a varsity sport," Dane said.

So far this year, the team is undefeated with 3-0 record.

In their double header, Boise State crushed Walla Walla 12-6 in the first game and 5-4 in the second. All of their home games are played at Fort Boise, and they hold practice at various fields due to Boise State lacking a field of its own. Although the team remains hopeful that someday the field behind the Student Union Building will be available for them to use.

The fast-pitch softball team began practice at the end of January, preparing for their first game in the middle of March, with 17 players on the team this year.

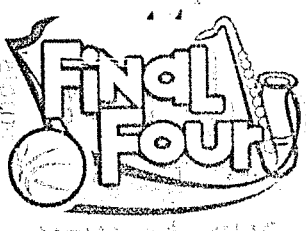
The team will be traveling the next few weeks and return home to take on both Idaho State and College of Southern Idaho April 19 starting at 1 p.m. at Fort Boise.

"We would really like the fan support," Dane said.

They will end their season with a tournament at Skyview High School in Nampa on May 2 and 3.

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Gene Harris Jazz Festival kicks off today

By Justin Prescott
The Arbiter

It's that time of year again. The temperature is warming, school is on the home stretch, and great jazz will take over Boise for three days.

Downtown Boise and the Boise State campus will light up for the 6th annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival.

On April 3, 4 and 5, more than 60 jazz artists will show their wares to Boise audiences.

On April 3, Club Night will transform downtown Boise into circa 1950's New York, with live jazz at 11 venues all within walking distance of each other, giving Boiseans a chance to go out, kick back and chill out to some cool grooves.

New to club night this year is the family friendly venue, the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy, where the younger crowd can enjoy good jazz in an alcohol and smoke free environment. Several other venues will also allow children.

Friday night brings jazz/blues vocalist Barbara Morrison to the Boise State Pavilion. For 26 years, she has performed with the best of them, from Louis Armstrong to Etta James. She was also the lead vocalist on the soundtrack for the movie *The Hurricane*.

The Jeff Hamilton Trio, known for Hamilton's unique drumming style, is also on the bill for Friday night. Hamilton has played with jazz greats such as Ray Brown and Oscar Peterson.

Friday also includes two local favorites. The Riverside Jazz Orchestra, comprised of some of the best Treasure Valley musicians, brings their big band flare to the Pavilion stage and the Boise State Jazz Ensemble, directed by Boise State music professor Richard Maynard, will join in the



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band from New Orleans.

festivities.

On April 5, the festival presents the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Hailing from New Orleans, their mix of traditional brass band marches, funk, R&B, bop, gospel and rock promise to please just about anybody who is a fan of music.

Their most recent album is *Medicated Magic*, their ninth recording and a great example of why they have played in cities all over the world to energetic, dance-crazed audiences. They have also earned five-star reviews in *Downbeat* and *Jazz Times*.

Also performing on Saturday night is the Frank Potenza Quartet with Shelly Berg on piano.

Potenza is a guitarist and educator. He has released five solo albums and toured and recorded as part of the Gene Harris Quartet from 1996 to 1999.

He is an associate professor on the studio/jazz guitar faculty at the Flora L. Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

Visual art is a new addition to this year's festival. James R. Iafrati's jazz-inspired art will be on display and for sale.

This internationally known artist is also trained in music and currently plays with his 16-piece professional jazz big band, the James Jazz Orchestra.

Iafrati's paintings are on display in Austin, Texas, Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

For something different this year, in light of the slowing economy, half-price tickets will be available for laid-off workers.

All students with ID get both nights for \$10.

2003 Gene Harris Jazz Festival Schedule

Wednesday, April 2, Kick Off Party
5-7 p.m. Boise Centre on the Grove
Performers include the Boise State Big Band and more.

Thursday, April 3, Club Night
5-11 p.m. downtown Boise

The Big Easy*

5-7 p.m. John Jones & the Semi-Tones
7 p.m. Jeff Jarvis trumpet quartet with Bobby Jones on organ

Boise Centre on the Grove*

7-9 p.m. 36 String Swing
9-11 p.m. Banda Brothers, Latin jazz

Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy*

(no smoking, no alcohol)
5-7:30 p.m. Instrumental winners from 2002 Festival
7:30-10 p.m. Andy Martin, trombone quartet

Blues Bouquet*

5:30-7:30 p.m. Boise Blues All Stars
7:30-10:30 p.m. Michelle Wilson, blues vocalist

Ha' Penny Bridge

6-9 p.m. Bill Courtial/Brent Jensen Quartet

Bitter Creek Ale House*

5-7 p.m. Sandon Mayhew Trio
7-10 p.m. Billy Mitchell with Cherie Buckner

Rose Room*

7-10 p.m. Frank Potenza on guitar and Shelly Berg on piano

The Balcony Club

6:30-9:30 p.m. Jeff Hamilton, drum trio

The Grove Hotel*

6-8 p.m. Boise State Vocal Jazz
8-10 p.m. Fifth Avenue, vocal quartet

Gamekeeper Lounge

5-8 p.m. Andy Nevala, piano trio

Egyptian Theater*

7-10 p.m. Paul Tillotson Trio

*Venues allow listeners of all ages.

Friday, April 4, Singin' and Swingin' Vocal Jazz Extravaganza

7 p.m. The Pavilion at Boise State
Performers include Barbara Morrison with The Jeff Hamilton Trio and the Riverside Jazz Orchestra joined by Fifth Avenue. Also features Jeff Hamilton, Bobby Jones and Mark Colby with the Boise State Big Band and Boise State Vocal Jazz.

Student Clinics and Competitions

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Boise State Student Union
Nearly 1,000 high school and junior high school students and vocal jazz choirs will attend this educational opportunity.

Saturday, April 5, Gene's Jazz Party

7 p.m. The Pavilion at Boise State
Performers are the Dirty Dozen Brass Band and the Frank Potenza Quartet with Shelly Berg on piano.

Student Clinics and Competitions

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Boise State Student Union
Free and open to public.

The ticket is \$32, and it includes admission to club night and both headliners on Friday and Saturday nights.
Tickets for club night are \$25 and include all 11 venues. Tickets for Friday and Saturday range from \$20 to \$70.

Boise Little Theatre takes on Nurse Ratched

By Tammy Sands
The Arbiter

In a place where routine is required and spontaneity is discouraged, even a sane person can begin to lose his or her mind.

Jeremiah Walker as Randle McMurphy leaves the audience wondering what he will do next in Boise Little Theatre's production of Dale Wasserman's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, from the novel by Ken Kesey.

This is the story of a criminal who gets a sentence at a mental institution rather than serving time in a federal prison, and brings life back to several mental patients who were dead at heart before he created spontaneity and excitement in their dull lives.

Walker fascinates the audience with his humor and strong language, playing a very powerful McMurphy.

McMurphy's gambling habits, attitude toward Nurse Ratched (or "Rat Shit" as he calls her, played by Nancy Suiter) and raunchy language awakens the zombie-like chron-

ics and gives meaning to their lives, something the medical staff could not do for 12 years.

In an attempt to free his fellow mental patients, McMurphy gives up his own chance of escape.

Ratched wins the battle with McMurphy, subjecting him to brain surgery that replaces his spirit with a zombie, but she does not win the war. The fellow mental patients are forever changed by McMurphy's presence.

One actor in particular stands out in this spectacular supporting cast: Jonathan Mansfield, who plays Billy Bibbit, the suicidal mentally retarded young boy who stutters and wishes to please everyone, especially his mother.

Mansfield put on a brilliantly believable performance as Bibbit and brought a great deal of emotion to the stage, leaving the audience with laughter as well as tears.

Director Larry Dennis and assistant director Wendy Koeppl create an intriguing comedy/drama with the help of several talented actors and crew.

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amos to boise



By James Patrick Kelly
The Arbiter

Tumultuous songstress Tori Amos is bringing her Steinway piano and company of musicians to the Morrison Center Sunday night.

Amos, who is currently on her "Scarlet's Walk" tour, recently released her Epic Records' debut and seventh studio effort after a reported fallout with Atlantic Records.

Over the last decade, Amos' unique music styling has garnered her an ardent following of fans, called Toriphiles. Her piano-based sound seems to constantly evolve - always changing from album to album. She has two platinum recordings, 1994's *Under The Pink* and 1996's *Boys For Pele*.

In 2001, Amos released *Strange Little Girls*, an eclectic album of covers, including The Boomtown Rats' "I Don't Like Mondays" and Neal Young's "Heart Of Gold."

Amos, originally from Newton, N.C., first

hit the scene in 1988 after her hard rock band, Y Kant Tory Read, released their ill-fated self-titled album, which sold a dismal 7,000 copies. She admits that her earlier work was an Atlantic Records studio concoction. Amos described the album as "Madonna and Kate Bush in a head-on collision after eating bad mushrooms."

Her 1991 debut as Tori Amos, *Little Earthquakes*, was widely accepted by American listeners after receiving rave reviews in England, where it was first released.

In 1992, she recorded *Crucify*, a five-song album that showed her diverse nature as a musician. The album included a haunting cover of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and an ethereal version of Led Zeppelin's "Thank You."

In the new millennium, Amos is just as prolific as she was in the '90s, and her sound matures with each new release - proving that she can stand the test of time in America's fickle music industry.

(hed) Planet Earth lands in Boise

By Lauren Consuelo Tussing
The Arbiter

After multiple delays of (hed) Planet Earth's latest offering, *Blackout*, the band is in the midst of their two month Jägermeister tour with co-headliners Saliva. (Hed)pe will hit the stage at the Big Easy this Sunday.

The album's release date was pushed back from July to October until its final release on March 18, but the additional time the band spent working on the album proved to be beneficial. The title track, which is also the album's first single, and other key songs wouldn't have been included on the album if it was released on time, bassist Mawk (Mark Young) said.

"I love it [*Blackout*], but I'm in a fish bowl position where I've been too involved and too close to it for too long, so I don't know. To me, it sounds great, but at the same time I know it inside out. I don't know how it would be to hear that for the first time again. So I don't know how it's going to go over," Mawk said from Panama City Beach, Fla., on the album's release day.

"And also for some stupid reason we got it in our heads that the last album, *Broke*, was going to be really successful and, in terms of volume of sales, it wasn't. So, we're a little more humble, I for sure am. So I'm trying not to have any expectations of today onwards," Mawk said.

Although the band's guitarist Chad Benekos left the band soon after *Blackout* was finished, (hed)pe recruited former Snot guitarist Sonny Mayo to take his

place. How does the new member fit into the band?

"Like a glove. He brought the band up a notch. He's a hardcore player. The music's better, onstage is better, and the positive vibration he puts out helps me," said vocalist Jahred Shane in a recent press release.

With the release of *Blackout*, (hed)pe appears to be a band in the midst of an evolution.

"I approached my songwrit-

ing from a song point-of-view rather than 'how good does my bass line sound.' So we really made a conscious effort to be better songwriters rather than being self-indulgent because with musicians it's really easy to be self-indulgent," Mawk said.

But *Blackout* already appears to have some success in store for (hed)pe. Rather than releasing one single like their previous album, the band is planning to

release several singles from *Blackout*.

"The single that we've released is doing really good so far. It's getting a lot of airplay and we're getting asked to do a lot of radio shows around the country, which we really didn't get last time," Mawk said.

Although (hed)pe has remained largely underground since their inception in 1994, they have established a devoted fan base along the way. The band hasn't yet seen commercial success, but they have endured a music scene in which many bands have fizzled out faster than you can say one-hit wonder.

"We've never peaked yet. We're still on the up and up, which is pretty rare for a band that's been touring for six years in the modern world," Mawk said.



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if YOU... (hed)pe will be performing at the Big Easy this Sunday. Also performing will be Saliva, Breaking Benjamin, Systematic and Stereomud. Doors open at 5 p.m. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$22.50 at ticketweb.com.

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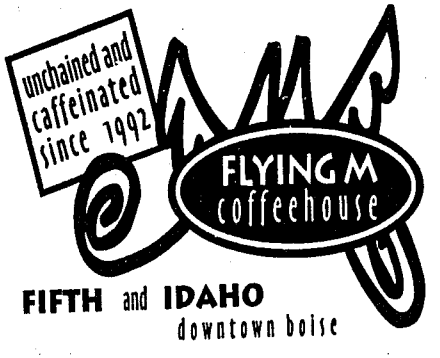
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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (April 3). If you're so smart, why aren't you rich? You can be this year if you give it some thought. Work through an old barrier... don't try to avoid it any longer - and achieve abundance.

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 an 8 - That check you've been waiting for could actually be in the mail, and not a moment too soon. Don't spend it all in one place. Plan ahead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
- Today is a 7 - You don't have to overpower your opposition. Just outwait him or her. One who's been resistant is becoming easier to convince.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
- Today is a 6 - There's nothing to be gained by hurrying. Move slowly and avoid a big mistake. Think carefully before you speak, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
- Today is a 6 - Let people know that you expect to be paid handsomely for all your trouble. You've put up with a lot lately. Insist on fair compensation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
- Today is an 8 - An anchor you've been dragging is about to be set free. You'll have more energy soon. Meanwhile, don't get impetuous. Be patient.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
- Today is a 7 - Your imagination is being unleashed. Ideas will soon be abundant. You don't have to act on them all. Start with the ones that look fun.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
- Today is a 7 - Dig into your hard-earned savings for a household repair or improvement. It's good to patch the roof before the rainy day.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
- Today is a 6 - Your opinion is important and can help others reach a decision. You'll see something they've missed, so speak up even if you're not asked.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
- Today is a 7 - If you concentrate and get a difficult job done, you'll be well rewarded. Give up an outgrown fantasy to achieve a realistic goal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
- Today is a 7 - Keep your money in your pocket and in the bank. You and your sweetheart feel better knowing it's there. Rather than splurging on a wild night on the town, have a

wild night at home.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
- Today is a 6 - A person who's been dragging his heels could finally get with the program. If you carefully work out what needs to be done, you'll find you have more support.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
- Today is a 7 - The longer you study the issues, the better your chances of making a wise choice. Don't limit your input. Question everyone.

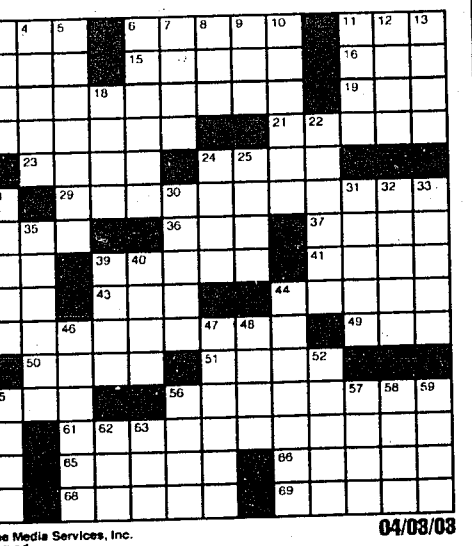
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 - Pub choice
 - Completely
 - Cut off
 - Oscar-night wheels
 - H.S. course
 - Lawyer's org.
 - Self-satisfaction
 - Gate fastener
 - Ump's cohort
 - Roast beef order
 - Bronte governess
 - Bonehead
 - Wildbeests
 - Spring shape
 - Call for help
 - Rib
 - Malaysia's capital
 - Ave. crossers
 - Designer Cassini
 - Asian sea
 - Floorboard support
 - Enrolled
 - Plus
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 - Curling surface
 - Travel course
 - Eyes flirtatiously
 - Poetic pasture
 - Fully full
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 - Wide-mouthed pitcher
 - Short note
 - Come into view
 - Jazz singer
 - Laine
 - Knife handle
 - Smart guy?
 - Louisiana backwater
 - Open courtyards
 - Spectrum creator
 - Grandmothers, to tots
 - Pie part
 - Toadies' replies
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 - Henning
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 - Modifies
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