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## Presidential candidates to visit campus

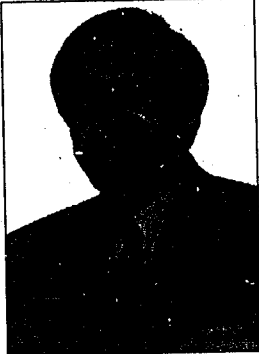
### The Final Four

Monday, April 21  
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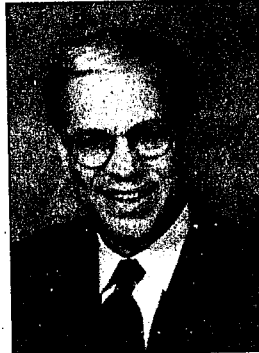
Guy Bailey

is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English and a Ph.D. in English Linguistics. He has published more than 80 books and articles on English and linguistics.



Brad Bartel

is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida Gulf Coast University. He has bachelor's and doctorate degrees in anthropology. He has led archaeological excavations in this country and abroad and published several articles in major professional journals.



Robert W. Kustra

is the President of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission. He served eight years as Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and 10 years in the Illinois State Legislature. He has bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in political science.



Perry D. Moore

is the Senior Vice President and Provost at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He has a bachelor's degree in government and history and master's and doctorate degrees in government. He has published several journal articles on public administration and personnel management.

By Linda Cook  
The Arbiter

The Idaho State Board of Education has announced the names of the four finalists for the position of Boise State University president.

Candidates will visit the BSU campus in April for further interviews and to participate in open forums during which students can ask questions of the candidates.

While on campus the candidates will meet with the university vice presidents, Dean's Council, faculty and staff senates, Foundation Board, Athletic Association Executive Board and ASBSU.

Randi McDermott, plans and policy officer of the State Board of Education, says the Screening Committee will meet with each of the groups to address their concerns and will also accept feedback from individuals.

Chris Mathias, ASBSU president and member of the Screening Committee hopes students will attend the open forums and contribute to the decision making process. He cites fees and BSU's role in both the state and region as issues that will be greatly affected by this decision.

"Attending the upcoming campus visits are going to be one of the most important things a student can do," Mathias said. The committee hopes to announce the decision in May.

### Best-ever debate finish tarnished by underage drinking

Students kicked off team

By Brandon Fiala  
The Arbiter

Most of the Boise State debate team members were kicked off the team last week due to widespread underage drinking.

The team competed at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in Baltimore, Md., for seven days beginning March 26. The team placed third nationally - its best-ever finish and only one point behind second place - but underage drinking at the tournament cost debaters their memberships.

"I regard the national tournament as an unfortunate failure," said Marty Most, Boise State debate coach.

"Eleven members of the forensics team were dismissed from the team for violations of forensics student code of conduct."

There were 16 members total at the tournament - now only five members remain on the team.

Christy Bowman, a student assistant coach, said underage drinking occurred more than once and included an assistant coach helping provide alcohol. Of the debate team members, all but four are minors.

Bowman said all 11 members were dismissed either for underage drinking, obtaining alcohol for minors or allowing minors to possess alcohol.

The legal age for alcohol is 21 years old. Depending on state laws, underage drinking and obtaining alcohol for minors are misdemeanors with fines up to \$500. In certain circumstances, an adult may be guilty of contributing to a "child in need of supervision." In such cases the adult is subject to a maximum \$2,500 fine and three-year jail term, according to Maryland state law.

Dismissed team members include the student body vice president, a resident assistant and other campus leaders. In addition, some of the adults involved were seeking certification to teach high school forensics.

"I am deeply disappointed. There were many tests of character, judgment and maturity that were failed," Most said.

Bowman said there were two separate incidences of underage drinking at the tournament. The first occurred on Saturday, March 29 at the Hampton Inn in Maryland.

Bowman said team members returned to the hotel after an awards ceremony. Hearing loud noise from a room, BSU alumni and debate judge Misti Rutledge and others went to the room. Inside were about ten debate members with alcohol.

Bowman said she did not report the incident, and instead individually warned members not to drink again.

"I didn't see it myself and was going on hearsay. Although some of the people involved confirmed their actions, I decided not to report it because I did not know for sure what happened," she said.

Bowman said the second incident occurred on Monday, March 31 at the Quality Hotel Courthouse in Virginia.

The team had spent the day sightseeing, and Bowman said she had again warned members not to drink - or they would be caught and reported.

"Misti [Rutledge] and I were trying to be proactive - telling people this is what will happen if you drink again."

About 11:30 p.m., Bowman said she was approached in the hotel lobby by a security guard. The guard asked her if she had seen three people carrying "a bunch" of alcohol. Because of the large number of minors, the guard was concerned about underage drinking.

Just after telling the guard she hadn't seen anything, Bowman said Greg Lyon, assistant debate coach, approached her.

"Lyon asked me if I knew what was going on in a room with team members. I said 'no.' Lyon then told me we needed to keep quiet because some members of our team were intending to drink alcohol."

Lyon said he had helped carry alcohol to the room, along with team members Tandy Reyes and Patrick Connor (both adults), Bowman said.

After discussion, Bowman said she and Lyon decided to

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## Rally draws attention to Title X funding

By Elizabeth Puckett  
The Arbiter

April snow fell on hand-painted poster board signs bearing slogans such as "reproductive health care is basic health care" and "family planning prevents abortion."

On the Statehouse steps, four protesters stood holding a chain of gender signs, and the Planned Parenthood of Idaho rally grew from just ten people to nearly 200 within minutes.

The rally was an effort by the reproductive health care entity to retain Title X funding. Their right to the federal grant, which provided the organization with \$136,000 this year, has recently come under fire by Rep. Bill Sali, Sen. Skip Brandt and David Ripley of the right-to-life group, Idaho Chooses Life.

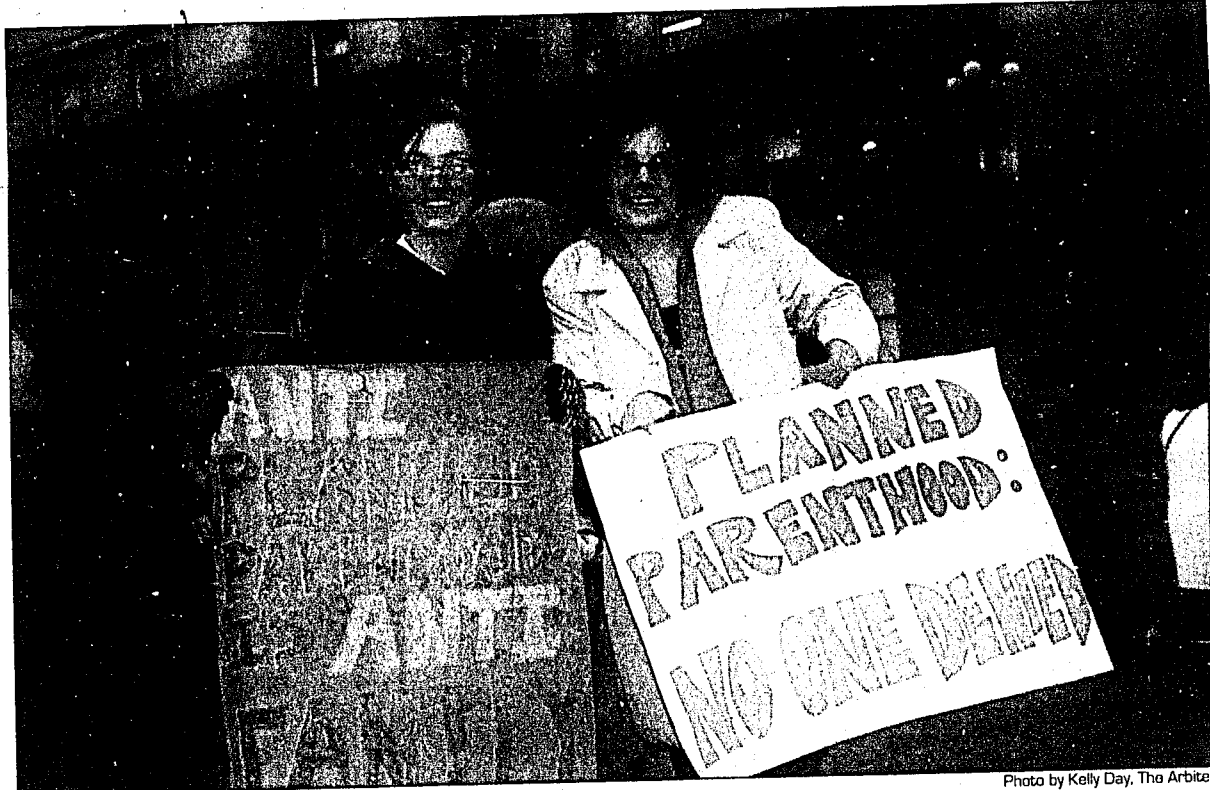
A new resolution, designed to change the intent language for Title X funding in Idaho, would remove the funding from Planned Parenthood and transfer the available monies to the district health departments.

Sen. Brandt, chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, said in the tight economy, he doesn't feel the money should go to pay for duplication of services.

"My whole viewpoint is that we are distributing money to two separate entities to provide the same services. By dividing the money, part of it ends up going for additional administrative costs, a building and heating. If this legislation went through, the money could be funneled into the health district. That would eliminate duplication of services and allow the health districts to remain open on evenings and weekends," he said.

Linda Knopp, supervisor of family planning services, said duplication of services is necessary under the Title X requirements.

"The federal grant specifies which services need to be made available. These include sliding scale payment



Erin Ziegenfuss (left) and Tiffany Pratt turned out to show their support for Planned Parenthood.

options for the poor and reproductive health services for men and women," she said.

Knopp conceded that PPI is open more hours than the health departments, and provides more educational services, but said those services could be provided if requested. She said, should PPI lose the grant money, it would free them to charge slightly more for their services and offer a different range of services without the restrictions the Title X language puts into play.

The speakers at the rally made different assertions. According to Ellie Merrick, director of public affairs for

Planned Parenthood of Idaho, the clinics treated more than 7,000 people last year for reproductive health concerns. Over half of those clients had their care either partially or fully paid by Title X money. Planned Parenthood has been providing family planning services in Idaho for 30 years.

"They disagree with Planned Parenthood's belief that all Idahoans should have access to reproductive choice," she said.

"Their duplication of services argument implies that there is just too much family planning going on in Idaho. We all know that if that were true, we would

have a hundred percent early detection rate for breast and cervical cancer, zero unintended pregnancies and no abortions."

Cara Walker, director of development for PPI, emphasized no state money goes into the Title X funding and PPI is otherwise privately funded by donations and other outside sources.

"Pure and simple, this is a political attack on a single organization. It is being pushed by a small group who does not believe in birth control, reproductive health care or women's health," she said.

## European nations want U.N. to play major role in post-war Iraq

By Warren P. Strobel  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The United States and European nations met Thursday for the first time since the start of a war that bitterly divided them and confronted another potentially explosive question: Who should reconstruct and rule post-war Iraq?

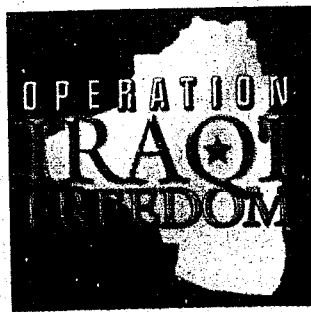
European diplomats pressed Secretary of State Colin Powell to give the United Nations a major role in establishing a new government in Baghdad and making other key decisions about the future of the country after Saddam Hussein is gone.

But that view is at odds with the Bush administration's opinion. Washington, while not ruling out a place for the United Nations, is drawing up plans to oversee Iraq's reconstruction and install an interim Iraqi government.

"I think the coalition has to play the leading role in determining the way forward. That is not to say we will shut others out," Powell said after a hectic day of meetings with colleagues at North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) headquarters.

Powell said it was time to move beyond the "heated disagreements, serious disagree-

ments" over the U.S. decision to go to war "and align ourselves again, with the need to serve the Iraqi people."



His European counterparts agreed, but did not back off

their view that the United Nations, which Washington abandoned in its decision to invade Iraq, must be returned to center stage.

France and other European powers, where opposition to the war reflected public opinion, say they will not be able to get domestic backing for reconstruction aid or peacekeeping troops unless the United Nations controls the process.

"If he (Powell) wasn't before, he's very much aware now of the importance that the European Union attaches to a U.N. role," said Christopher Patten, the EU's external affairs commissioner.

Still, Powell's hastily arranged visit here seemed to heal, at least a little, the breach in trans-Atlantic relations caused by the war.

Numerous foreign ministers praised the secretary's decision to come and listen to their views, calling it an example of consultation that the Bush administration has too frequently skipped in the past.

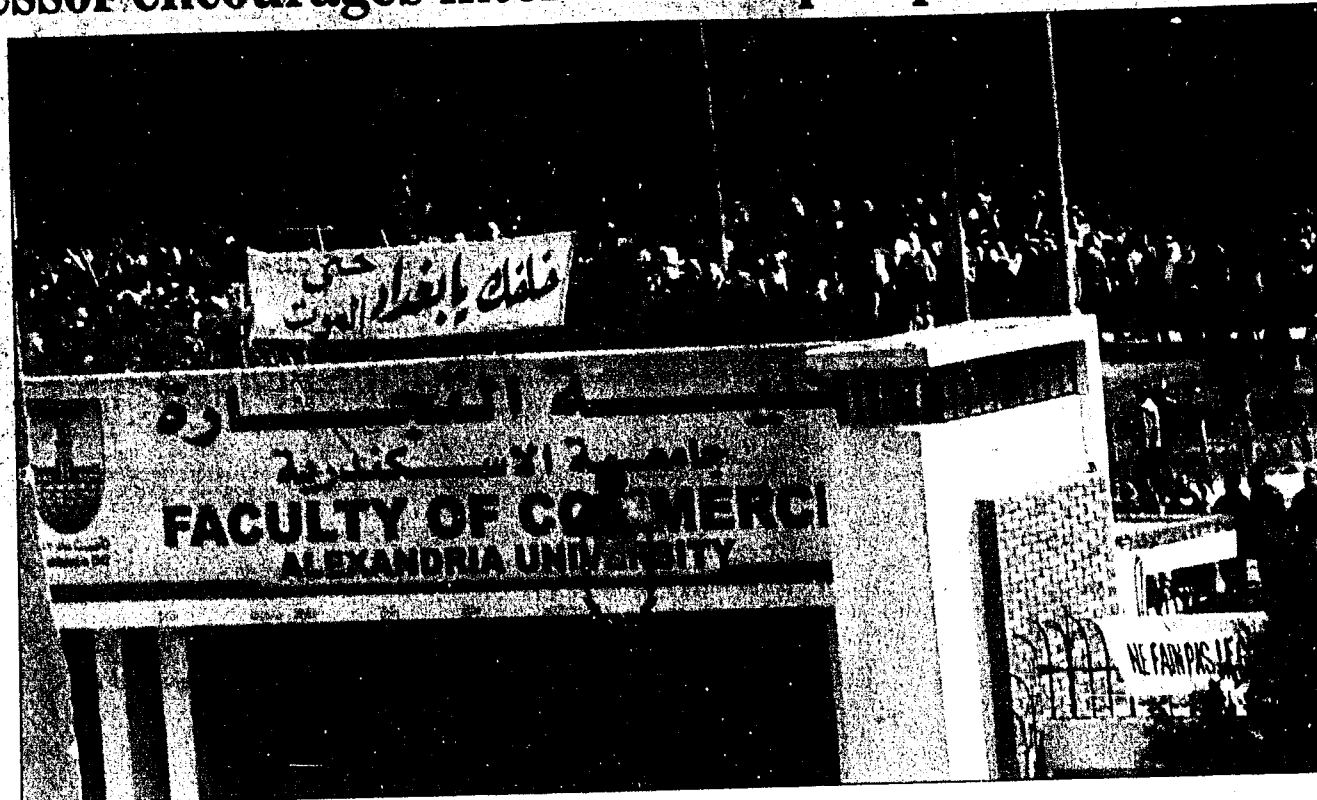
"Today's discussions were characterized by a complete lack of acrimony," said Lord George Robertson, secretary-general of the 19-nation NATO alliance.

"I think the coalition has to play the leading role in determining the way forward. That is not to say we will shut others out"

Secretary of State Colin Powell

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## Professor encourages international perspectives in curriculum



Students in Alexandria University in Egypt protest U.S. military action in Iraq last month.

Photo courtesy of Marcy Newman

By Jason Kauffman  
The Arbiter

The 1991 Gulf War had a profound effect on Boise State professor Marcy Newman as she struggled with conflicting ideas and her own concerns with the war.

As a result of her own Jewish background, Newman had begun to question her own feelings toward Arab peoples as she made friends with and protested alongside fellow Egyptian and Palestinian college students.

"It made me uncomfortable, and it made me confront all of the things, all the stereotypes, all the things that I had learned that were really problematic and unquestioned. It was really an amazing period of growth for me," Newman said.

Newman finds that it is in thinking about what needs to be done in the world, and wanting to do her part to help it, that drives her and gets her up in the morning.

"Probably just thinking about

things that need to get done in the world, one of them is teaching, but another is I spend the first part of my day reading the news and writing letters to congressmen ... so a feeling that I need to do my part," she said.

The loss of her mother from breast cancer led Newman to become interested in the history of women writing about illness, with an eye towards how it effects and shapes medical practices and public policy.

Newman counts Columbia University English professor Edward Said, considered to be the father of postcolonial studies, as an influential figure in her life.

Her interest in the field of postcolonial studies factors heavily into Newman's concern for issues related to the education of American students about different cultural viewpoints.

"If we're going to properly educate Boise State students, if we're going to give them a real education for the real world, then we need to give them a sense of the real world," Newman said.

Recently, Newman coauthored a proposal to add a diversity requirement to Boise States undergraduate core requirements

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—Marcy Newman,  
BSU professor of English

because of a belief that it would be a great disservice to not give students a broader global perspective.

"I think that that's really

doing a disservice to people here who are going to go to work for corporations that are involved in the global economy," she said.

"So the more languages that you know, the more that you know about various cultures and history, the better employee you will be in those companies."

Recent travels in Egypt for an African Literature Association conference have given Newman a unique perspective into the war with Iraq. The conference's primary focus was the inauguration of Bibliotheca Alexandrina; an ancient library that has been rebuilt after an accidental fire destroyed it.

While there, Newman conversed with the Egyptian people as much as she could, not once feeling any hostility directed towards her because of her nationality.

"With every single person, the first word out of their mouth, they will ask you where you're from, you'll say America, and they'll say I love Americans, I just hate your president,"

Newman said.

During free moments, Newman was able to witness a nearby student anti-war protest at Alexandria University and observe local media coverage of the Iraqi war.

"It's stunning, I mean it's so complex, there are many different views, they don't just co-opt the rhetoric of the American or British administrations, they use their own language to talk about what's happening in Iraq," she said.

Newman was pleasantly surprised by the quality of news coverage in a country such as Egypt where there are no civil liberties.

"Their news actually, for a country that has no civil liberties, that has no free speech, are much better than our news, right now anyway," she said.

Newman's future includes a teaching stint in Ghana over the coming summer with an instructor exchange program and hopefully achieving a Fulbright scholarship to teach in Egypt.

Ms. Auerbacher was speaking to nearly 200 secondary students from 11 schools in the Meridian School District over the course of three days.

She will also hold an evening session open to the public Wednesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. in the Meridian Middle School auditorium located at 1507 W. 8th St. in Meridian (corner of Cherry Lane and 8th St.). The event is free.

Of the 15,000 children who entered the Terezin, Czechoslovakia concentration camp during World War II, only 100 survived. Ms. Auerbacher has chronicled her experiences into two books: "I Am a Star" and "Beyond the Yellow Star to America."

For more information about the speaking engagements, contact Scott Hendrix, Drama/Newspaper Teacher at Meridian Middle School: 888-3002 ext.203.

### Construction Management students earn national title

For the fifth consecutive year and 18 of the last 23 years, the Construction Management Association at BSU earned first place honors in the national student chapter championships sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of America. CMA president Jeff Tonkin and past-president Dan Feldman accepted the awards at the AGC's annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii in March.

Of the three national student chapter awards given by the AGC, the Boise State CMA chapter earned two - first place for campus activities (for the fifth straight year) and first place for community activities (which it has won several times in previous years). About 150 college and university CM programs are eligible to participate in the awards competitions.

CMA, comprised of Boise State construction management majors, earned its most recent national awards through hundreds of hours of service to the campus and community. Boise State CM professor Marv Gabert serves as the group's faculty adviser.

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# Technology, traditional teaching morph

By Monica Price  
Special to The Arbiter

Current technology and traditional classroom settings are beginning to blend, creating a new type of classroom. The buzzword for this new blend of teaching is "hybrid class."

Hybrid classes require a large part of coursework be done online and less time in the physical classroom. Students can attend class anytime, from any computer.

The ideal hybrid class would look something like this: students meet once a week for face-to-face instruction in a classroom on campus. The next meeting would be online at the students' convenience. In an online setting, classroom discussion would be set up like a message board.

Students would be able to post comments at their convenience, giving them time to think about what they want to say, and to check facts before posting their message. Instructors would have an idea of who needs help based on student comments, and be able to add ideas to the discussion that may have been left out.

Instructors could give weekly quizzes online, freeing up time for the instructor, while immediate quiz results would reveal to students how well they know the material.

Currently, Boise State does not offer official hybrid classes. However, instructors have initiated hybrid-type classes of their own accord through Blackboard, a virtual classroom program.

BSU Web Administrator Skip Knox teaches history online as a side job. Knox's Medieval Europe, Western Civilization and Renaissance classes have no face-to-face components. Knox said he tried

a hybrid format, but didn't care for it.

Knox said students are used to traditional classes where there is a certain amount of work expected both in and outside of class. Weekly visits to a website may seem like additional work. Students tend to resent that, Knox said.

"I couldn't find the right mix between those two dynamics,"

Although Knox admits some classroom dynamics are lost in online courses, he said the most important element is still there. His courses require students to post a minimum of two comments per week on the message board.

"I can see my students thinking," Knox said.

In a room of 50 to 100 people, instructors are never sure if everyone understands what is being said, or if they are falling asleep, Knox said.

He said student grade spread is similar to traditional classes and feedback from students has been generally positive.

"They are the masters of their own time," Knox said.

Ben Hamblton, director and assistant professor of academic technologies, is writing a three-year grant proposal. The grant is still in the works, but once completed, it will go before the State Board of Education. If awarded, the grant would fund hybrid classes and research their efficiency.

"The grant proposes to fund the development of hybrid courses and test them for quality and for the potential to capture the freed up ... classroom time to allocate to additional classes," Hamblton said. According to Hamblton, hybrid courses are a natural expansion of Blackboard software.

"In 28 years at Boise State, I

have never before witnessed such wide-spread and rapid adoption of instructional technology as I have witnessed with online learning."

Nearly 500 faculty members at Boise State hold Blackboard accounts, and over 10,000 students are enrolled in courses that use Blackboard in some fashion. The extent to which faculty uses Blackboard varies drastically.

Blackboard allows instructors to post their handouts electronically. Lab Support Coordinator Stephen Henderson said a lot of students like to have a hard copy and Blackboard contributes heavily to the amount of printing done in the computer labs.

The cost of printing is a big issue. Labs have cut their printing costs by 30 percent but are still seeing a 30 percent increase.

"Students are smart they know where to get stuff done for free," Henderson said.

Boise State Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Daryl Jones said the university would be able to conserve resources with hybrid courses. The potential to free up seats in classrooms would result in more course availability.

"There might be a cost savings in use of space ... we can teach more students with less space," Jones said.

Jones hopes students and teachers use technology to get basic coursework done, freeing up class time for more enriching discussions.

"We are not trying to reduce the amount of contact between faculty and students, but rather to improve it by dealing with the less essential things through technology," Jones said.

## Debate from page 1

confiscate the alcohol. Inside the room were four 12-packs of beer, a six-pack of beer and two four-packs of wine coolers.

Bowman said she and Lyon then decided to confront Reyes and Connor. Reyes admitted to buying the alcohol, while Connor didn't respond.

"Tandy [Reyes] was profane and insubordinate. At one point she said, 'I could spit in your face,'" Bowman said.

Reyes was unavailable for comment on Friday.

Because of the escalating situ-

ation, Bowman said she decided to report the incident.

Marty Most found out the following morning - the day the team was flying back to Boise.

The following members were dismissed: Ken Rock (ASBSU vice president), Lacey Rammell-O'Brien (RA), Tandy Reyes, Patrick Connor, Jared Cook, Kristin Davidson, Annah Merkely, Liz McDonagh, Nicki Napier and Miles Stirewalt. In addition, Rachel Webb was reprimanded but not dismissed, according to Bowman.

By confirming the four members not involved, the list above

was indirectly confirmed by members including Lacey Rammell-O'Brien and Nate Schunke.

Most was unwilling to provide the names of dismissed members.

The dismissed members might have the option of applying for reinstatement.

Most said attending the tournament cost about \$19,000. The team's current budget includes \$44,000 from the University and \$2,500 from ASBSU - in addition to money raised by the team.

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## Kenning's guilty of gross generalizations

### Guest Opinion

By Taylor Newbold  
Student, ALPHA co-chair

The sheer ignorance and bigotry of your columnist Jared Kenning is remarkable. I can honestly say that I have not read a more inaccurate and ludicrous article.

The one point Mr. Kenning had which I agree with is, "all behaviors carry moral issues." However, his support for this

makes him sound like a young Jerry Falwell.

When you make the contention that "homosexuals are more apt to suffer from psychological disorders", who are you comparing us to? You cannot compare the incidence of something in a minority to the incidence of something in a majority. We have a significantly decreased life expectancy? Well, so do left-handed people, but that is not a "moral issue" is it?

Where do you get this information anyways? As a board member for both ALPHA (Allies Linked for the

Prevention of HIV and AIDS) and the Regional Prevention Council for HIV, I am appalled that you had the audacity to state, "AIDS is much more prevalent in homosexuals." Currently more heterosexual people of color have AIDS and the incidence of HIV in heterosexuals in Europe surpasses that of homosexuals.

For 20 years, AIDS activists have been trying to eliminate the pervasive notion that AIDS is still a gay-related disease. Who are you to bring it back to the forefront and spread another fallacy about such a stigmatizing illness?

In regards to your claim that gay men are more promiscuous given that you say you know a limited number of gay people is it not possible that you are generalizing? Take any statistics course and you will learn that what is seen in a sample cannot be easily attributed to the population it represents.

The book that you cited took a sample of a mere 156 couples. The ages of these couples were not stated. Gay men, like heterosexual men, are more apt to settle down with age. Do the practices of 156 couples speak volumes about gay relationships? I think not. In any group of peo-

ple you are apt to find stupid, smart, ugly, beautiful, tall, short, liberal and conservative individuals. "I think that those who wish to be gay should have the right to be gay."

How idiotic for you to think that choice is an option. Why in the world would I "choose" to be someone hated by my family, cursed and ridiculed by my classmates, despised by my religion, beaten and abused by strangers - not to mention someone who could wind up dead?

Mr. Kenning, your apparent attempt to step in the shoes of a gay person and understand where we come from is no dif-

ferent than if I were to try to speak out on behalf of the NAACP.

Yes, I may be able to understand and comprehend some of the issues surrounding African-Americans, but I can never truly feel and know what it is like to be an African-American person.

Your column, Mr. Kenning, was offensive, entirely off base and fraught with insult. If Idaho is indeed, "To Great For Hate," then I highly recommend your hasty removal as a columnist for The Arbiter.

## Proposed GPA hike will limit student involvement

### Guest Opinion

By Aubrey Salazar  
Student, international business

Recently, the Constitutional Convention convened to focus on revising the ASBSU Constitution. The areas of focus: Grammatical and language changes, and election reform. The delegates were two members of each branch, including the outgoing president and vice president.

After three meetings, with a bare minimum quorum, the focus shifted dramatically to presidential powers, and more specifically to the GPA requirements for student representatives. Currently, the GPA for a student interested in political participation is a 2.25, as a result of a proposal last Friday by President Mathias, the proposed GPA requirement would be a 2.5.

This caused a great deal of concern on several counts. Firstly, this proposal is a detriment to the already strained interest in student rep-

resentation. Secondly, the rational motives behind the proposal. Lastly, how this is to be perceived by academic community?

In this upcoming election, a disappointing number of 5 out of 7 candidates are running unopposed, and the Graduate College has no candidates. Student involvement at ASBSU is hanging on by a thread, logic should dictate in this case, don't restrict and reduce a pool of students further with a measure like this. In fact currently, a few students in ASBSU indeed some candidates, do not meet these proposed requirements. This brings me to motives. The introduction of this requirement is in the middle of an election period - the urgency was never established.

Furthermore, the changes are being submitted as an "all or nothing" package with no public forum in which to discuss them. In lieu of cloudy explanations, one has to question the political interests among proponents, and whether they stand as direct conflicts of interest. One documented reason President Mathias decided not

to run for a second term was his choice to devote more time to studying. A reason behind his proposal for the change was that academic achievement should trump student activism. It is true that student politics commits a student's time, and requires a certain level of devotion. However, trends in higher education show student involvement as having a positive effect on academics and student life - more so than not.

In a study called, "Being at University: Academic Integration and Involvement", it is found that "large numbers of students are so heavily focused on the immediate demands of their work that they miss out on the so-called university experience, and perhaps fail to acquire the skills and outlooks that ideally characterize the university graduate." Another position is that student representatives should have higher GPAs in order to fulfill their role, which range from a minimally required 10 office hours to a wide range of committee memberships. Roles and "service awards" titles widely vary of course, which is all the more reason to take time in assessing, if at all, who

should be more academically accountable.

To some students, a 2.25 GPA is not much, but to other students, it is the result of a bad semester, or even the result of putting their best foot forward. Students, professors, indeed all of us, should get over the mind set that a 'C' or 2.0 is a deficient or shameful evaluation of academic performance.

Some student representatives in ASBSU are not academically competitive, but this has nothing to do with their ability to sit through countless meetings, champion your rights for a decent education or come to your aid in university issues. This is what they do, and for some, this is where they shine.

Additionally, what about students who fare poorly in the academic system as a consequence of feeling disconnected to this university, political involvement can create this connection, and cutting them off would be a disservice. Vote "no" on this Constitutional revision package, and I will personally promise you another chance to vote on these changes in the near future.

## Our Take

Based on Editorial Board consensus, The Arbiter has chosen to endorse Ali Ishaq and Jim Wolfe for ASBSU president and vice president.

Our decision, which was not unanimous, was based on Ishaq and Wolfe's outstanding commitment to student leadership at Boise State over the last two years.

We support several key points from their platform, including not cutting any funding from campus clubs and organizations. We feel that getting involved in extra-curricular activities is just as important - if not more - as excelling in the classroom. Therefore, protecting clubs and organizations from budget cuts is paramount.

We also endorse their plan to create a better sense of community pride. Albeit Boise State is a non-traditional school, yet with the completion of new residence halls and apartments, more students will

be living on campus than any other time in university history. Their involvement paired with non-traditional students' experience will make for a better college experience for everyone.

Ishaq and Wolfe see the dichotomy of the two kinds of students, and look forward to the challenge of advocating their needs and concerns. Their willingness to be an effective liaison between the administration and the student body is another key point. We believe they will take a firm-but-fair position with the administration by holding them accountable for putting the students first.

Finally, since Boise State is the most ethnically diverse community in the state, we support their ongoing commitment to cultural clubs and organizations.

Since the Editorial Board reached no consensus on senatorial candidates, we are not endorsing any ASBSU senator platforms.

### Editor's Note:

Opinions expressed by guest and staff columnists reflect the diversity of opinion in the academic community, and often will be controversial, but they don't represent the institutional opinion of The Arbiter. Editorial board opinions appear in staff editorials, labeled "Our Take."

## Letters to the Editor

### Tax hikes don't help public schools...

My grandfather was a schoolteacher. When their communities had hard times, the teachers voted themselves a pay cut.

Today's educational professionals ignore Idaho's economy. They stand firmly behind the human shield of 'The Children', insisting their pay remain unaffected while taxpayers, families and all other state programs

suffer.

They insist the budget-half schools represent cannot be trimmed. Everyone else must sacrifice. The Idaho Education Association gleefully shared in the high times, doubling public school budgets from 1990 to 2000. Before, volunteer school board members campaigned vigorously to win the opportunity to work for free guiding local schools. Today's union gives us huge centralized schools with \$150,000 administrators.

This might be justified if educational quality improved.

Unfortunately, by nearly every measure our taxpayer-funded education is worse today than 15 years ago. Giving IEA its way increased costs and decreased quality.

Solution: First off, let's use honest language. Increasing taxes does not "generate revenue." Increasing taxes takes more money from those who earn it, further depressing the economy.

Idaho school spending does not come out of the air; it comes from our pockets. Salaries should be limited to modest multiples of Idaho's \$27,700 average income.

Our bloated system needs trimming to resemble its successful predecessor. The unsuccessful model of huge government schools should be replaced by the superior local, private, home and charter models.

Schools are not independent of the society within which they function. At half the budget, school spending must take its share of the belt tightening.

Ted Dunlap  
Idaho Libertarian Party  
Chair

### Canadians for war...

To our American neighbors: A great many people in Canada support the Bush administration in their effort to eliminate the Iraqi tyrant Saddam Hussein.

Please do not think that our cowardly and sanctimonious Prime Minister Chretien and his gang of Liberal toadies speak for all Canadians.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Those morons have brought great shame to Canada with their unseemly behavior and their refusal to support President Bush in even a token fashion.

Despite our differences, Canada and the United States are good friends and neighbors. Many Canadians stand by and support our allies despite the daft and misguided policies of our present government.

Now should you wish to consider a bit of regime change up north (speaking only half in jest\*).

Joel Powell  
Mike Mathyk  
Calgary, Alberta

### Vote for Ishaq and Wolfe...

I would like to remind everyone to give Ali Ishaq and Jim Wolfe your support April 9 and 10. They will provide a combination of common sense, accountability and true Boise State spirit to our student government.

We need a president and vice president who will take on the administration and fight for what we, the students, really want and need.

We need someone who will hold the administration accountable for us. Ali Ishaq and Jim Wolfe will be those people. They will be there to work with the administration and stand up to the administration for us.

Recently in ASBSU there has been difficulty regarding accurate polling of the student body. Certain complex and controversial issues have caused frustration on both sides. Senators like Pam MaGee have used ASBSU for their personal political agendas. Ishaq and Wolfe know that it is not their

job to push their personal opinions on the student body. They say polling should be conducted in a professional and accurate manner. And they know any decisions that are made should reflect a majority of the student's opinions - not their own political interests.

Finally, the issue of equity funding: Ishaq and Wolfe will lobby hard to keep our student fees from increasing at unreasonable rates. They will continue the work that has been started and continue to lobby the legislature until they fix the problem we are seeing with the unequal funding between schools.

Ishaq and Wolfe know that it is unfair, especially as students themselves! And they will represent you, if elected, and find an answer to the problem.

Vote Ishaq and Wolfe April 9 and 10.

Heather Campbell  
Sophomore,  
political science

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# Candidate's

## SOAPBOX



Ali Ishaq for ASBSU President  
Jim Wolfe for ASBSU Vice President

Give us one minute of your time and we will give you over 1,280 hours of sincere work.

Fellow Boise State Students, we would like to formally and officially announce that we, Ali Ishaq and Jim Wolfe, are running for ASBSU president and vice president.

Why are we running? This is a key time for Boise State students, with a new president replacing Charles Ruch and with a state that has limited funds, we need real representation for the real world. Both of us would like to do what we have been doing as senators: Represent you and your interests.

What have we done for you? Ishaq was recently elected Senate pro tempore, and Wolfe is the chairman of the Senate Budget and Finance Committee.

We have represented you by actively listening to students and groups of students about how to best meet their needs; representing students on numerous committees on campus i.e. Martin Luther King Week Committee, Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee, Cultural Ethnic Diversity Board, Bookstore Advisory Board, Recreation Board of Governors among many others; participated in campus community service projects such as "Into the Streets"; written many pieces of legislation supporting student organizations and concerns i.e. "Support for Governor Kempthorne's budget proposal," "Yellow Ribbon Day" to support the troops and their families, "Support for inclusion of a non-dominant perspective in the core curriculum," among many others.

We have also voted on legislation introduced by others in a way we feel best represents student interests.

Our campaign branches outward from the 5 major planks of our platform:

1) Absolutely no cuts to club budgets. We feel that campus clubs are an integral part of the Boise State college experience; therefore we feel that supporting these clubs is a main and vital function of student government.

2) Work with the Idaho Legislature and State Board of Education to protect student interests. With the current budget crisis, it is imperative that we actively lobby for students in every single step of the decision making process.

3) Enhance the Boise State Experience. As a commuter school, Boise State faces unique challenges when it comes to creating a true community atmosphere. However, feelings of pride and loyalty can be cultivated at Boise State. We plan to work with You - the students, student programs board, athletics, alumni association and campus clubs to foster a "Blue and Orange" community that will parallel and exceed the traditional college experience.

4) Make further efforts to accommodate and support cultural and women's organizations, as well as all student's concerns on campus.

5) Demand two-way accountability - from the university administration to students and ASBSU to students.

We feel that in order to properly represent you, we must hold ourselves accountable for our actions as well as protect you by holding the administration accountable for theirs.

Elections are April 9 and 10. We encourage you to vote, even if you don't vote for us, because we understand the importance of participation in our democratic system.

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# Sports

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## Defense looked sharp in first scrimmage

Returning eight starters from last year's team, the Boise State University defense held the Bronco offense in check for most of the time during the team's first scrimmage of the 2003 spring practice season.

Making four quarterback sacks, picking off three passes and recovering one fumble, the Bronco defense held their offensive counterparts to just 70 yards rushing on 42 attempts for a 1.7 per-carry average. The sacks were divided up between four players. They included Fernando Yanez for a loss of 14 yards, Maurice Sapp for a loss of 10 yards, Julius Roberts for a loss of five yards and Andrew Browning for a loss of four yards.

Sapp also came up with one of the interceptions returning it for three yards. The other interceptions belonged to Andy Avalos and Gerald Alexander.

The Bronco offense did have good success moving the ball through the air with the three quarterbacks completing 15 of 27 passes for 195 yards. The receptions were spread out among 10 players with four catching two each. They included Tony McPherson with 41 yards, Drisan James with 31 yards, Rafe Espinoza with 12 yard and Quinton Jones with 10 yards. Tim Gilligan had the most yards with one catch for 46.

Boise State begins its second full week of spring workouts today with its second scrimmage scheduled for next Saturday morning.

## AP honors WAC Player Of The Year

Southern Methodist basketball standout Quinton Ross has been named an *Associated Press* Honorable Mention All-American, the news organization announced today.

Ross, a senior guard from Dallas, led SMU to a 17-13 record in 2002-03, including 11 conference wins on the year, the most for a Mustang squad since 1992-93 when the Ponies won 12 Southwest Conference games to win the SWC and advance to the NCAA Tournament, and the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament, the Ponies' highest seeding in a conference tournament in 10 years.

The 6-6 swingman finished his career with 1,761 points to rank fourth on the SMU scoring list, averaging a Western Athletic Conference-best 20.3 points and 6.4 rebounds en route to WAC Player of the Year and All-WAC Tournament honors as a senior. SMU's last consensus All-American was Jon Koncak, who earned second-team honors in 1984-85.

## Mance one of three national finalists for student-athlete award

Rice senior guard Omar-Seli Mance has been named one of three finalists for the new national Men's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year award.

The Basketball Student-Athletes of the Year, as selected by the Albuquerque Convention and Visitor's Bureau, recognizes for the first time men's and women's student-athletes for their athletic, academic and community achievement. This new national honor will be announced on Wednesday, April 9, at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque. Jimmy Dykes of ESPN will emcee the event.

Mance, along with Matt Bonner of Florida and Jason Kapono of UCLA, were named the three finalists for the men's award. Mance co-lead the Owls in scoring with 15.2 points per game and he helped lead Rice to 19 wins, one of the program's highest victory totals in almost 60 years. He was named second team all-Western Athletic Conference after ranking among the league leaders in scoring, shooting percentage, assists, steals, three-point field goals and three-point percentage. ESPN commentator Dick Vitale hand-picked Mance as one of the top players in the WAC and the Internet site *CollegeInsider.com* named him the Most Valuable Player in the league in its annual round-up of postseason basketball honors.

# Broncos take part in World Cup Championship

## World class wrestlers invade Boise

By Phil Dailey  
*The Arbiter*

Last weekend at the Bank of America Centre, the freestyle wrestling world was on display, which included several former Boise State wrestlers as well as two current Broncos.

Along with teams from the United States, Russia, Ukraine and Germany, the World Cup Wrestling Championships were also to include Cuba, but last Thursday they informed USA Wrestling that it would not be able to make the trip due to a delay in the application process of their visas.

With the Cuban wrestling federation unable to attend this year's event, officials decided to create a World Select team to take its place. The World select team was to be made up of alternates from the rest of the countries in attendance, but in the end looked more like a Boise State All-Star team.

Former Broncos on the roster includes Charles Burton, Kirk White and Rusty Cook as well as two current Boise State

seniors - Ben VomBaur and Boe Rushton. Both VomBaur and Rushton earned All-American honors last month at nationals in Kansas City, Mo.

"I'm glad they gave me the opportunity," said VomBaur.

VomBaur lost his only match on Saturday afternoon against USA's top 121-pounder Stephan Abas

"It's a completely different sport [than college] you need time to make the transition," said VomBaur, who hasn't wrestled freestyle since high school.

Boise State was also represented in the coaching ranks as Bronco head coach Greg Randall was asked to assist Team USA over the weekend.

"He's a young and upcoming coach. He's doing a good job," Team USA head coach Dan Gable said.

Boise State heavyweight Boe Rushton got his chance for the World Select Team against the Ukraine's Serhii Priadun - a match Rushton lost 5-1. However, Rushton's match from one hour earlier was still on his mind.

Rulon Gardner, a Gold Medal winner in the 2000 Olympic games, was in Boise to light the Olympic cauldron, but more importantly to Rushton,



Boise State's Boe Rushton takes on Olympic Champion Rulon Gardner in an exhibition match Saturday night at the Bank of America Centre.

agreed to wrestle an exhibition match as well.

"I tried to go hard, that was pretty much all I could do, said Rushton after his 6-0 loss against Gardner.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience."

As for Gardner, he was impressed with Rushton's appearance.

"I never seen him wrestle before, I didn't know what he

had. He's a lot more of a physical specimen than I think I am," said Gardner.

Since returning to the mat in November, which includes a 9-2 record, Gardner has his sights on returning to the Olympics to defend his championship.

"I feel good, everything feels good, said Gardner, who will next be in action at Nationals in Las Vegas, Nev., in May.

Overall, the American team

looked as though they were where they wanted to be after beating the competition easily on Saturday, but more importantly, they were excited to have the opportunity to compete.

"I'm amazed that we were able to put it together really, with everything that is going on in the world," said Gable

"It's good to separate sports and what's going on in the world."

# Relentless Kansas spoils good story

By Rick Morrissey  
*Chicago Tribune*

The feel-good story of the year took ill Saturday night, went home, pulled the covers over its head and fixed to die.

It wasn't supposed to end like this for Marquette, a team built on cohesion in a season built on a vivid dream. But end it did, 94-61, one of those Final Four moments better forgotten if you're partial to blue and gold.

Kansas will do that to you, and it was the only consolation for the Golden Eagles afterward. The Jayhawks will run you to death, defend you to death and shoot you to death. So it was multiple-organ failure that eventually did in Marquette.

That and really dreadful shooting. Rarely has a team missed so many shots so badly in so big a game as the Golden Eagles did Saturday. Spectacular misses, understandable misses, misses that seemed to be driven by a nervous disorder. But lots and lots of misses, 51 misses out of 74 shots.

Marquette point guard Travis Diener went 1-for-11 from the field (to go with eight turnovers), but that wasn't even the worst of it. He simply stopped shooting in the second half, and that was the final humiliation for the Golden Eagles. With Diener passing up shots, Kansas was able to make life even more miserable

for Dwyane Wade and his friends.

"We missed so many easy shots around the basket that we could never get that little run or get that confidence we needed," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "They just played so well."

That's it, isn't it? Kansas played so well. No reason to break down Marquette's shortcomings. What's the point of describing the frame that holds the masterpiece? Kansas simply was a bigger force than Marquette, which won Best Supporting Actor in a one-man movie.

The Jayhawks contested every shot, managed to get the lion's share of the rebounds and took off like a cab ordered to follow that car.

It wasn't just the fact that Kansas ran in transition at every opportunity. It was the mental energy that Marquette expended thinking about it. Kansas wears on you.

Kansas is the guy on the airplane telling you his life story, starting with the trauma of bottle-feeding.

Kansas won't go away.

"It's not us running faster than anyone, it's just the fact that we're going to continue to do it," Jayhawks forward Keith Langford said. "I think a couple of possessions they kind of celebrated the score. We were 1/8already3/8 on the other end attacking and scoring."

I'm not sure what Crean could have



Kansas' players celebrate from the bench in the closing seconds of their 94-61 victory against Marquette's Golden Eagles at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on Saturday.

done, short of voodoo.

I'm not sure what Syracuse can do Monday night against the Jayhawks in the NCAA championship game.

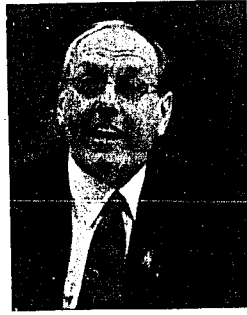
Kansas begins and ends with Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison. Yes, Langford shot 11-of-14 from the floor

and scored 23 points, most of them on drives to the basket. But Marquette had to pay so much attention to Collison and Hinrich that Langford and Aaron Miles pretty much had the buffet table to

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# Boeheim see flaws in graduation rates reporting

By Linda Robertson  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*



Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim

NCAA president Myles Brand wants to change the way graduation rates are calculated, and Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim says it's about time.

Boeheim finds it maddening that athletes who transfer to other schools are counted against the rate at the school where they originally enrolled.

"It's patently unfair to say the rate is based on six years

because our guys leave after four," Boeheim said. "They don't just go to the NBA. They go to Europe, the CBA. They want to play basketball."

Boeheim said he encourages his players to finish their credits in three years because by the second half of their senior year they are busy preparing for pro careers.

"One year we had four guys who didn't graduate, but they were going to make \$5 million in salary," he said. "I didn't tell them they were making a big mistake."

"If a guy after three years has 109 hours, lacks 11 to graduate and can make millions, he's going to go, and that's 0-for-1 for us. It hurts us, but I'm glad he didn't stay when he can make up those 11 hours later."

Brand wants to create a system that punishes schools with poor graduation rates and rewards those with good track records. Among the incentives and penalties he's considering:

adding or subtracting scholarships, and loss of eligibility for postseason play.

## Wartime links...

Kansas assistant coach Joe Holladay's son, Mathew, is an Army paratrooper who flew into Iraq three weeks ago. Holladay said the Final Four is a welcome distraction.

"I can't imagine what it's like for other parents who don't have this to consume them," he said. "I'd be watching CNN 24 hours a day."

He said his son, who played basketball briefly at West Point, hasn't been able to call home but that he's sure Mathew is following the tournament.

"Those kids over there are from all over the country," Holladay said. "They've got their own teams they've rooted for."

Kansas forward Jeff Graves has a friend in Iraq, and his father is an Air Force reservist. Syracuse center Craig Forth's

brother is a Marine stationed in North Carolina. Marquette guard Travis Diener's cousin is fighting in the war.

"I think what's going on in this country right now, with our troops fighting for everybody over here, is the main story and really should be," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "I think what basketball has turned out to be is a pretty good diversion. I got an email from a trooper who is stationed overseas. I don't know how they got it out. He's an MU grad. It was a meaningful thing."

## Texas pranks...

Poker-faced Texas coach Rick Barnes does crack a smile on occasion. Guard T.J. Ford matches him prank for prank.

"We were in a restaurant, he had this pancake with strawberry on top of it, and he actually smashed my hand in the food," Ford said. "So I had to find a way to get him back. I took his car and put it somewhere on

campus. It took him a while to find it."

Popular freshman Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony, projected as a top-five NBA pick, surpassed Boeheim's expectations this season because of his surprising consistency.

"He's been the most fun kid to coach. Derrick Coleman wouldn't like to hear me say that," Boeheim said. "If you're a freshman and take 200 more shots than anyone else on the team, you better be liked by your teammates."

## Other Notes...

Marquette was the first non-football school in the Final Four since Seton Hall in 1989.

Texas guard Brandon Mouton was the only player from Louisiana in the Final Four. He was a three-time all-state player at Lafayette's St. Thomas More.

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# Women's tennis net victories against UTEP, Utah State

By Tanya Dobson  
Commentary  
The Arbiter

The Bronco women's tennis team hosted UTEP, Utah State and Lewis-Clark State this weekend in the Barbara Chandler Classic, where they shutout two conference opponents—the Aggies and Miners—with a score of 7-0.

Against UTEP, the Bronco's won all double positions and six singles matches. The situation was the same for match against Utah State. Boise State is currently ranked 50<sup>th</sup> nationally in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Helping the Broncos to achieve an overall record of 16-3 are Jemima Hayward and Erin Polowski—who are seated in the number one court this year for doubles play. With an overall record of 25-8, these two are impressive to watch on the court.

"We just have fun when we're out there and...just concentrate on one match at a time," Hayward said.

What ever they're doing seems to be working well. Last season, the dynamic duo was undefeated on a 23-0 run, and now seem to be almost unstoppable.

"I think it's the first it's been done," Hayward said.

Hayward and Polowski have a strong relationship off the court as well—they are roommates, which may be what gives them an edge, making them such a strong doubles team.

Hayward feels confident and holds a positive outlook on the rest of the season.

"The goal is to get to the finals this year, then on to the NCAA tournament," Hayward said.

Last season, the team made it



Utah State's Head Coach Christian Wright talks to Lindsey Bennion (left) and Caroline Pollock between games after BSU's Jemima Hayward and Erin Polowski won their sixth game in the match, bringing the score to 6-0. Hayward and Polowski later won the match 8-1.

Photo by Ted Harmon, The Arbiter

as far as the semi-finals, but Hayward feels this year they may go all the way.

An advantage for the Bronco's may be that both the men and women's WAC

Championships will be held at Boise State April 25-27. This will hopefully give them the home court advantage needed to make it into the tournament.

In other matches Saturday,

UTEP defeated Utah State 5-2 and Utah State defeated Lewis Clark State 5-2.

The Broncos will be in Oklahoma this weekend to play Oklahoma State and Tulsa.

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themselves.

The lead reached 43 points in the second half. Forty-three points. The Marquette team that beat then-No. 1 Kentucky by 14 points last week was down by 43 on Saturday. Nobody saw this coming. Nobody saw 43 points worth of bad.

One moment Marquette is sitting comfortably in its living room and the next it's spinning inside of a tornado and wonder-

ing why the TV remote won't work.

But even when the game was close—OK, it wasn't close for very long—it was apparent that these were two very different teams out there, two teams going in different directions.

Kansas was getting open shots, and Marquette was getting difficult, off-balance, tortured shots. Even Wade, the most talented player on the floor, found the going hard. It says a lot about this game and

even more about the Jayhawks' defense that Wade was pushed to the margins of the story line.

The best scenario for Marquette is if the Jayhawks blow out Syracuse on Monday night. Nothing erases the humiliation of a blowout loss quite like the next guy getting humiliated too. It could just be that Kansas is one of those teams ascending at the right time, squeezing the last drop out of all that talent it has.

"This will live with us forever," Diener said. "But also making it to the Final Four will live with us forever."

Eventually, the latter will regain ground and the former will recede a bit. "Eventually" could take a long time. Kansas will do that to you.

"We did not play well," Crean said. "That's an obvious statement. But they are very, very, very good."

That's it, isn't it?

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## BLAKESLEE REPRESENTATIONS OF FEMALE BODIES

By Tammy Sands  
The Arbiter

The female body has become an object in the eyes of the media. It is broken up into pieces consisting of large breasts, long legs and perfectly tight abs. Personality and spirit are left completely out of the picture, taking away any sort of humanity.

Laurie Blakeslee, assistant professor in the Art Department, has created a series of digital photographs entitled "Objects," which focuses on the human body.

"Through isolated close-up photographs of bodies, this work questions beauty, desirability, gender and representation," Blakeslee said.

The digital manipulation signifies society's obsession with cosmetic alteration of the body to achieve an impossible concept of beauty.

"As a culture, we have a very narrow definition of what is considered beautiful, sexy or acceptable for a woman's body," she said.

"If we as women were to listen to these messages from the mass media, we would believe that the only way to be successful is to conform our bodies to this narrow standard. We would believe that our success is not based on our ability or merit, but on looks," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee was inspired to create "Objects" after her work was censored in graduate school at the University of Arizona. She had strung images together containing her in her underwear posing as a depressed housewife to create narratives.

Blakeslee was presented with the option of taking the whole show down or removing three of fifteen prints with which the university felt uncomfortable.

"That got me to rethink about how I was presenting myself and how easily the female body is objectified and sexualized," Blakeslee said.

She titled her work "Objects" because she said women become objects when they're photographed, and the photographs themselves are objects.

"I'm trying to get people to question the representation of what they see. When you see a photograph of a woman's body, there are all these associations with sex, beauty, and there are assumptions there. I want to interrupt those assumptions and expectations," she said.

"By presenting only isolated fragments of the female body, I have provided only abstractions leaving the viewer with a mystery to decipher with little context," Blakeslee said.

One of the first questions Blakeslee gets from her viewers is

"What or who is it?" This is a question she usually does not answer because she leaves it up to the viewer to interpret the images.

"We expect photographs to be truthful representations of the world. When we are unsure of what we are looking at, we try to assign a label to it to classify it and relate it to something we are familiar with," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee is very busy with teaching photography and basic design courses currently, so she does most of her work in the summer.

"I'm coming to the end of this project of 'Objects,' so I think it's changing into work with video," she said.

Her last exhibit was a combination of photo installation and video. Video allows her to incorporate motion and sound along with the images.

"The sound is as abstract as the images. In addition, the black

viewing boxes create increasing levels of obstruction for the viewer, reinforcing a sense of voyeurism while the expectation of the narrative leaves the spectator waiting for something that never happens," Blakeslee said.

Her work has recently been exhibited at the J. Crist Gallery in Boise, as well as the Bellevue Art Museum in Washington, the Visual Studies Workshop in New York and the Houston Center for Photography in Texas.

Blakeslee prefers to have her work highlighted rather than pictures of herself.

"I've kind of had to struggle with that in *The Statesman* because they keep doing these profiles of young women artists, and what they look like seems to be more important than their work. There's these big, beautiful images of the artist and small fragments of their work," Blakeslee said.

## Mike Watt brings funky punk to Neurolux

By Justin Prescott  
The Arbiter

Former Minuteman Mike Watt has always lurked just below the surface, and is still going strong — never having compromised his approach to music.

Watt is unleashing his brand of dark groove (funky guitar with a jazz groove and a splash of punk) on Boise tonight at the Neurolux.

Since the '80s, Watt has been a celebrated part of the American indie music scene. It began in 1979 when he, along with guitarist D. Boon and drummer George Hurley, formed the Minutemen.

They incorporated elements of funk, folk and free jazz in their music, and along with their punk ethic, created truly unique sounds.

By 1983, upon the release of their second full-length album, underground popularity took hold.

Through 1984 and 1985 the Minutemen released several albums, most of which received high praise from the critics.

Then, in December of 1985, Boon was killed in a van accident while driving home from a concert.

Watt and Hurley nearly quit music altogether. They formed Firehose in 1986 with a new guitarist, but dissolved in 1994 after minimal success.

In 1995 Watt recorded his first solo album, *Ball-Hog or Tugboat?* which included guest appearances from members of Sonic Youth, the Beastie Boys, Nirvana, Soul Asylum, the Screaming Trees and several others.

Watt released his second solo effort, *Contemplating the Engine Room*, in 1997, a "punk-rock opera" based on the lives of Watt, his Navy-chief father and D. Boon.

Mike Watt and the Secondmen promise to rock your socks off, or at least pull them down a bit. Also playing are hometown space-rockers Caustic Resin. The show starts at 9 p.m.

## Kessler-Keener series brings Bruce Feiler to Boise

By Tammy Sands  
The Arbiter

The Kessler-Keener "Extraordinary Witness Lecture Series" is sponsoring Bruce Feiler, author of "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths," as well as five other critically acclaimed books.

Feiler is a Yale graduate and award-winning journalist and speaker. He has written for *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Conde Nast Traveler* and

*Gourmet*, in addition to his six books.

Feiler has traveled to places such as the American south, Japan and England. He has visited more than sixty countries on five continents, immersing himself in new cultures and experiences.

He spent a year retracing the steps of Moses through the desert in the mid-'90s as if the Bible were a subculture and still alive.

"Walking the Bible" was the bestseller that came out of this experience in the spring of 2001. The success of this book led Feiler

to work on a follow-up.

Feiler was working on a follow-up on the morning of Sept. 11 when he got a call from his brother telling him to look outside his window. A few weeks after Sept. 11, Feiler went on a search back to the Middle East in the middle of a war, trying to determine if Abraham could save three religions.

Abraham is the great patriarch of the Hebrew Bible and is a shared figure of reverence in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Feiler talked to several reli-

gious leaders to gain knowledge and experience.

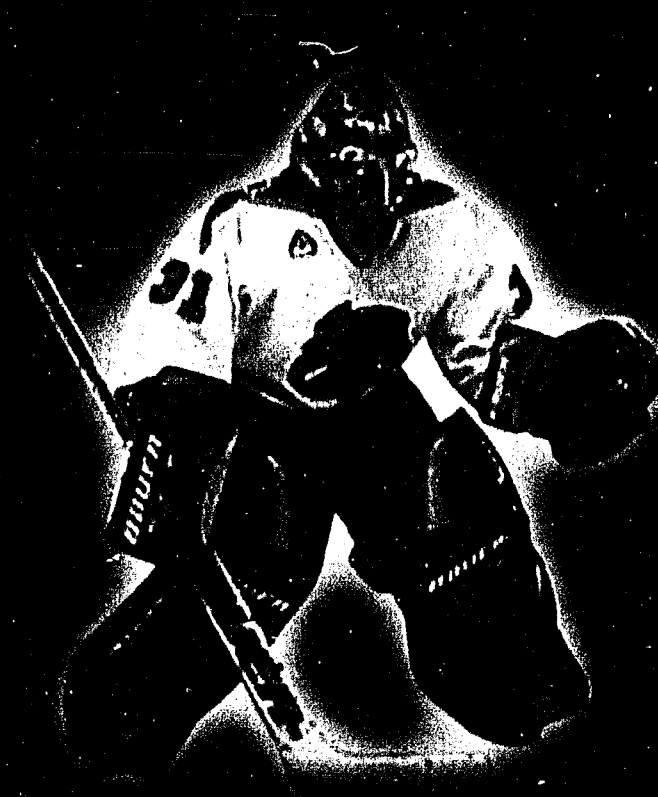
"Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths" is the first-ever interfaith portrait of a biblical figure and has inspired hundreds of grassroots interfaith discussions around the world.

Perhaps Abraham, the common thread, can be a building block for Christians, Jews and Muslims to work with in an attempt to reach an understanding with each other and put an end to interfaith conflict.

Feiler's address is sponsored

by The Kessler-Keener series as well as the Idaho Human Rights Education Center and Boise State University's Center for Multicultural and Educational Opportunities. This series is devoted to bringing individuals to Boise whose work in human rights has impacted the lives of others.

Bruce Feiler will speak in the Student Union Building in the Jordan Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. Tickets are available for \$8 at Select-a-Seat locations.



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