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Mathias leaves office, takes flip-flops with him

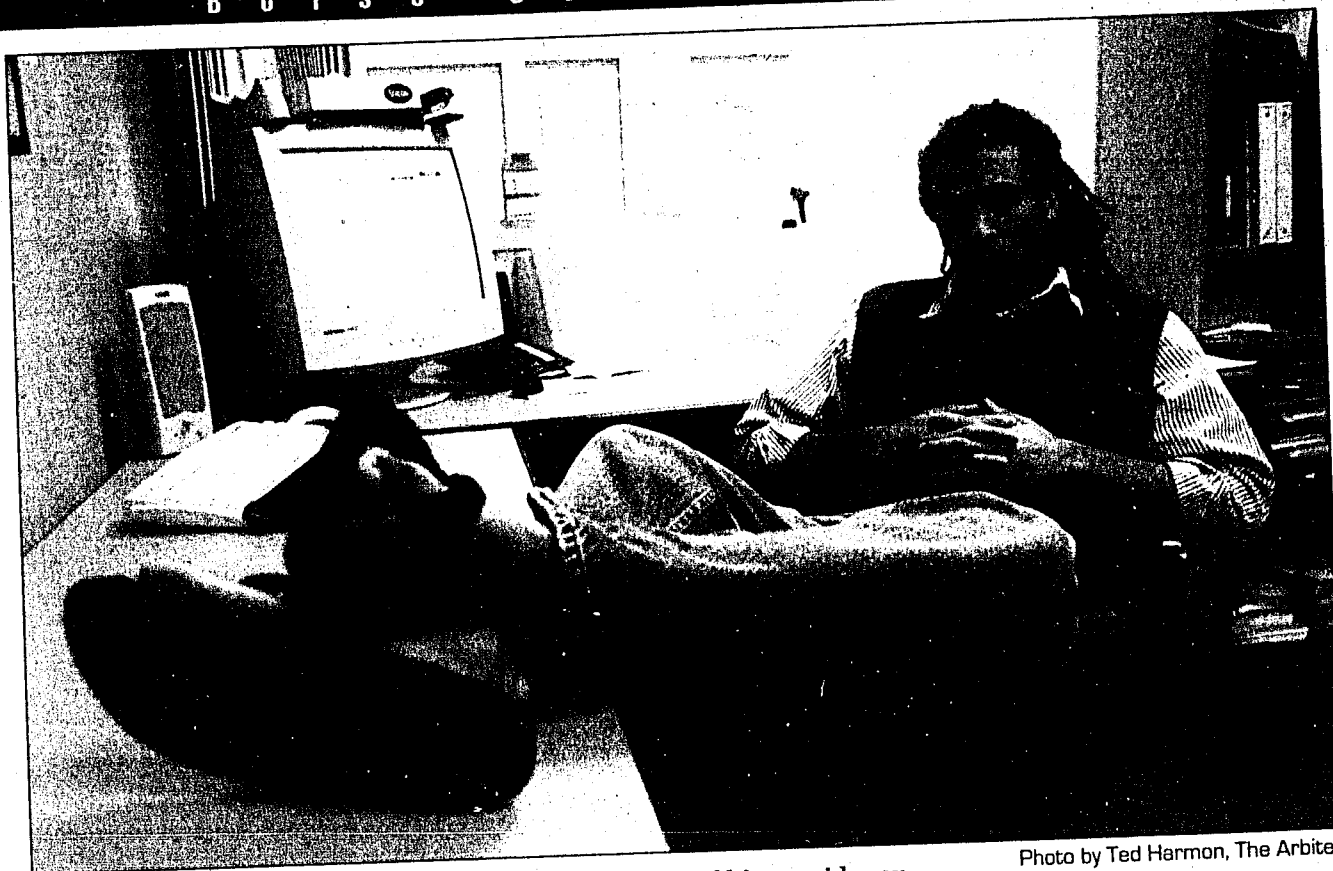


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Chris Mathias kicks back in his office on the last day of his presidency

By Jessica Adams
The Arbiter

Perhaps he'll be remembered most for wearing a suit and tie with flip-flops - even when there was snow on the ground.

But when he leaves office, ASBSU President Chris Mathias won't be leaving behind any shoes to fill.

Today, Mathias, along with other out-going student body leaders, will be received on the way out during the inaugural ceremony for newly elected student body leaders.

Mathias' wish for incoming executive staff is for them to maintain the level of integrity achieved by his administration.

"Even when people didn't appreciate them, they put in one hundred and ten percent of their effort."

Mathias has accomplished more behind the scenes at ASBSU than in the spotlight. He said the reason for his reticence is that being in the spotlight distracts him from the job.

One major contribution of Mathias' administration was the overhaul of ASBSU's

Constitution. Known as the Constitutional Convention, the amendment raised the required GPA of student body leaders from 2.25 to 2.5. It also gave executive staff power to veto senate legislation and disbanded ASBSU fall elections. Mathias said the changes reflect a higher standard exemplified by his executive staff.

"We've brought a different standard of student leadership."

Mathias said he would like to look back and think that his administration improved the perception of BSU, not only in the

eyes of the legislature, but also in the eyes of students and the wider community.

Another of Mathias' contributions to Boise State was his administrations' success in raising awareness about inequitable funding among Idaho's state universities—Mathias and his executive staff erected billboards across town to draw attention to the disparity.

Mathias credits ASBSU lobbyist Rick Hachtel for establishing better ties with the Idaho Legislature.

"If there were any negative

perceptions about BSU in the eyes of legislators, Rick fixed that," Mathias said.

"We came up with goals for ourselves and we worked effectively because we worked like a family - that's the executive staff. I can't say the same with Senate. I didn't impede as much as my predecessors."

Mathias, a Vermont native, discovered Boise State while stationed in Seattle for three out of the four years he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mathias said he chose BSU because he thinks it's the best university in the state.

Mathias' plans to pursue a master's program at Georgetown after finishing his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Boise State. After that, Mathias said he doesn't think he'll return to Idaho, but maybe pursue a doctoral degree at Harvard.

Ultimately, Mathias aspires to be a U.S. Senator from Vermont.

For now, he's headed to the library to do some homework. Mathias said he decided not to run for re-election because he wants to concentrate on his studies.

Bailey proposes privately funded programs at BSU

By Linda Cook
The Arbiter

Guy Bailey, the fourth and final candidate for the Boise State University presidency, visited the campus Monday. He met with the media, campus groups and the public during his stay.

Bailey is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Prior to his current position, he served as the dean of graduate studies and associate vice president for research, also at UTSA, as the dean of liberal arts at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas and as professor and chair of the Department of English at the University of Memphis.

His teaching career includes work at the University of Regensburg in Germany, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University and Emory University.

Bailey holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Alabama and a doctorate in English linguistics from the University of Tennessee.

During the open forum, Bailey responded to a question from Jim Munger, BSU professor of biology, on how BSU could gain legislative support.

"I think the best way to sell higher education is to fit it into

a larger picture of what happens to the state economically over a period of time," he said. Bailey noted that UTSA used state research to show how lack of participation in higher education would eventually result in a decline in personal earnings.

Bailey said that in raising funds for the university, he would look first to the state legislature with the support of community leaders. He believes BSU should seek funds directly from the federal government and said that because Idaho has both a senator and a representative on congressional appropriations committees, it would probably succeed. Other potential sources of revenue cited by Bailey are foundations that support the development of graduate programs and private philanthropy.

Bonnie Lind of the Center for Health Policy Research asked about Bailey's ideas and background in attracting research money. Bailey said that building interdisciplinary research teams would increase the university's chances of getting research money, as would encouraging the liberal arts programs to apply for such monies.

"The reward structure of the institution has to support the quest for federal funding. There are various ways you do that. You build it into your tenure and promotion policies, into your merit policies," Bailey

said. "We try to return a portion of the indirect cost of the grant back to the principle investigators' departments and colleges. About 25 percent of that is seed money for additional research."

In an earlier interview, Bailey said that he would be interested in expanding graduate and research programs at BSU. He thinks that joint research projects would benefit both the university and local business. At UTSA, he has supported two joint research projects with the U.S. Air Force, one of which is a processing facility for the manufacture of vaccines, and biomedical engineering research with the Health Science Center, another educational institution.

He also said that the defense department might be interested in funding research at BSU, particularly in the field of nanotechnology, perhaps with the participation of corporations. Bailey cited the engineering program at BSU as one that he would want to expand to include doctoral programs.

Russell Centanni, a biology department faculty member asked about University Place and how it could affect the competition for state money between BSU and the University of Idaho. Bailey answered that BSU has an opportunity to show its value to the state, but that it needs to

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New GPA requirement on hold

By Brandon Fiala
The Arbiter

Although some ASBSU members don't meet the new GPA requirement approved by students in the recent election, they aren't getting kicked out.

After students voted to amend the ASBSU constitution by raising the minimum GPA from 2.25 to 2.5 for all ASBSU personnel, it became unclear how the change would affect current members.

Some ASBSU Judiciary and executive staff members believed the change should apply to current members. But University Counsel Amanda Horton disagreed.

"When they changed the requirements, they can't retroactively change the requirements. The people who came in were eligible at the time, and that would carry through," Horton said.

Because of this ruling, about three ASBSU members with sub-2.5 GPA's will retain their positions until their terms expire - or ASBSU Judiciary determines no grandfather clause exists.

According to Horton, the final determination must be made by ASBSU.

Student Body President Ali Ishaq said the change shouldn't affect current members, and that nobody will be fired until Judiciary makes a decision.

"I think the Constitution allows for grandfathering these people in," he said.

However, former ASBSU President Chris Mathias said the change should take affect now - he even said he asked staff member Andy Benson (media relations director) to resign because he didn't meet the requirement.

Benson said he has a 2.4 GPA, but was unwilling to talk further.

Mathias said he is trying to protect the prestige of ASBSU.

"Even if I was ASBSU president and go to get a job but have a poor GPA, I would be laughed at," he said. "The new requirement won't exclude students but help ensure they have other qualifications."

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Recording industry sues students for piracy

By Monica Price
Special to The Arbiter

The Recording Industry Association of America, the music industry trade association, began targeting colleges and universities in its anti-piracy efforts several years ago.

The RIAA said it will continue to search for Napster-like networks on college campuses. "We hope that these suits serve as a stiff deterrent to anyone who is operating or considering setting up a similar system," RIAA stated in a press release.

The RIAA recently filed a lawsuit against four students accused of operating Napster-like networks on university computers. Students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Princeton University and Michigan Technological University are accused of copyright infringement.

"The court ruled that Napster was illegal and shut it down," said RIAA President Cary Sherman. These networks work in the same way Napster did, and are just as illegal, Sherman said. "They hurt artists, musi-

cians, songwriters, those who invest in their work and the thousands of others who work to bring music to the public."

Record sales declined five percent last year, a falloff that industry executives blame on popular file-trading services like KaZaA and Morpheus. The five major labels have threatened to go after the individuals trading music online.

Despite an ongoing American copyright-infringement lawsuit, the Australian company, KaZaA has so far evaded the international record-

ing industry's attempts to shut down the file-trading company by setting up operations around the globe. It has offices in the United States, the South Pacific island nation Vanuatu and the Netherlands.

The agreement could make the recording industry's attempts to shut down KaZaA that much more difficult because individual countries are responsible for regulating the Internet within their borders. Stronger ties between ISPs and file-trading companies could bolster KaZaA's defenses.

In a war with media conglomerates hoping to shut down its KaZaA file-trading service, Sharman Networks has flipped the familiar slogan, "Think globally. Act locally."

The RIAA's anti-piracy group began an educational campaign that warned college administrators that their institutions could be held liable for copyright infringement damages if their systems helped facilitate song swapping.

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Campus Shorts

UF, FSU ask for power of purse

MIAMI—Florida's two largest public universities would be able to raise tuition as high as they want, essentially becoming semiprivate, under a novel budget plan that is gaining support among influential policymakers.

If the University of Florida and Florida State University win approval, the Legislature would no longer dictate their annual tuition and spending. The plan would circumvent the political pressure that has kept state rates among the nation's lowest and give the schools unfettered control of their own budgets.

It could also inject uncertainty into the state's popular programs of Bright Futures scholarships and Florida prepaid tuition.

The schools — which combined, enroll most of Florida's public university students — said they cannot grow or plan effectively unless they charge more tuition and become more independent of legislative controls.

"There is not nearly as much income coming to the university as is needed to operate a balanced program," UF President Charles Young said. "The institutions which are the peers of UF are, for the most part, raising \$50 million, \$75 million, \$100 million more a year than the University of Florida is."

To take effect, the plan must first be voted on by the Legislature, which is unlikely to take up the issue before its session ends next month. But because it has the support of top lawmakers, lobbyists and Gov. Jeb Bush, it will likely be on the agenda next year.

If it were approved, Young and FSU President T.K. Wetherell promised, tuition would be stable in the program's first year. It is now less than \$2,700 a year for undergraduates who are Florida residents.

Young said the schools would not commit to capping future increases, but Wetherell said they would consider it.

Some higher-education observers fear that without such limits, prices would skyrocket. "Tuition will go out of sight in

10 years, because there's no limit to what they want to do," said Stanley Tate, chairman of the state's prepaid college program.

Young scoffed at that concern, saying that each school's board of trustees would handle the power responsibly. "If you raise it too high, you'll start sending students away."

Under the plan Young and Wetherell unveiled this month, the schools would sign a five-year contract with the state for a lump-sum payment in exchange for a promise to educate a set number of students.

It would be a total reinvention of the current budget process, in which legislators craft the schools' individual allocations for personnel, programs, construction and research. While a legislator might want to budget money for a sexy project such as an arts center, Wetherell said he needs the freedom to put priority on more mundane buildings for lecture halls and classrooms.

Expelled cadet speaks out about sexual harassment

ELM GROVE, Wis.—Only a year ago, Andrea Prasse was a star at the elite Air Force Academy. In the top third of her class with a high-ranking leadership position, she was soon to graduate and begin training as a fighter pilot.

Now she's a woman of 22 who has no diploma, is an outcast among her former classmates and has been the subject of death threats over the Internet.

Officially, she was found guilty of violating the academy's sacrosanct honor code that enjoins cadets not to lie, cheat, steal or tolerate others who do so.

But worse, in the eyes of many at the academy, she has spoken out against a fellow student and an institution that expects absolute loyalty.

Prasse says school officials allowed a male cadet to stalk and harass her for almost a year, refusing to intervene in any meaningful way. It was this student who was largely responsible for the honor code accusa-

tions, which Prasse contends were vindictive and unfounded.

The story of the Wisconsin native's experiences opens a window into a military-college culture officials now acknowledge is often hostile and denigrating to women. The academy's methods were made public this year when at least 47 women came forward to members of Congress to report being raped or sexually assaulted.

Stung by the ensuing criticism, the Air Force last month decided to remove four leaders at the academy and announced a series of changes designed to prevent assaults, tighten accountability and handle sexual tensions at the college more effectively.

They include separate living arrangements for men and women during freshman-year boot camp, the clustering of women in dorm rooms near bathrooms, a promise that victims who report assaults won't be subject to academy discipline for breaking rules and heightened, round-the-clock security in the dorm buildings.

"Enough talking. It's time for doing," Brig. Gen. Johnny Weida said during a ceremony last week installing him as the new acting superintendent and commander of cadets. But whether the overhaul goes deep enough to the heart of the problems women have struggled with at the academy is a matter of debate.

"It's a good start," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., a critic of the academy's handling of sex abuse allegations, "but we need to make sure we monitor these changes for five years at least. There needs to be close oversight."

Prasse is even more skeptical. The primary problem she and others identify at an institution they describe as having male-dominated culture, where disdain for women is commonplace, won't be altered by the changes officials are making, she suggests.

Prasse's four years at the college destroyed her trust in military justice and shattered her dreams of a career as an astronaut.

Appointees speak about Air Force Academy scandal

COLORADO SPRINGS,

Col.—Anna Schwisow has wanted to fly jets since she saw the Blue Angels perform when she was an adolescent. She even became a licensed pilot to make sure it's what she wants.

But now, the Melba, Idaho, resident is torn: Air Force Academy or Naval Academy?

Among 250 appointees who attended orientation Monday at the Air Force Academy north of Colorado Springs, Schwisow is perplexed by the school's sexual assault scandal.

"It undermines the whole honor thing," she said. "That's what I like about the academy, and I don't think they really lived up to that."

But the issue isn't at the forefront for many appointees and their parents.

Few questions surfaced about claims by dozens of female cadets that they were discouraged from reporting sexual misbehavior or punished when they did report. The claims have triggered probes by the Air Force, Pentagon and an oversight panel authorized by Congress.

Some members of what will become the class of 2007 give little thought to the ordeal, among them Mary Asher Vendt, Lebanon, Ohio.

"It didn't affect me at all," she said of the scandal. "They'll probably overcompensate now."

For the first time, appointee orientation featured a 25-minute outline of how the academy deals with rape.

SARS fears prompt UC to suspend study abroad program

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.—The University of California has suspended its Beijing study abroad programs over fears of severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS.

It ordered Thursday the return of 44 undergraduate students from Peking University and Beijing Normal University in Beijing. The decision came after a Peking University professor developed a confirmed case of SARS and the university learned of other confirmed cases in neighborhoods near the university, UC officials said.

None of the students in the Education Abroad Program have been diagnosed with the syndrome.

"That was too close for comfort and that made the difference for us," said UC spokesman Bruce Hanna. "We've been trying to distinguish the actual risk from the perception of risk."

UC's decision follows discussion at universities across the country over whether to pull their students from areas of China with SARS outbreaks. Syracuse University in New York was one of the first to recall its students.

Last week, the University of Michigan pulled three students studying in UC's Beijing program. On April 5, the Peace Corps also suspended its program in China.

UC waited until now to make the decision because it didn't want to overreact, Hanna said. Unlike some universities with study abroad programs, UC has a faculty member and its own staff in Beijing who were able to maintain close contact with health officials and monitor the status of SARS cases.

"This gave us the comfort in previous weeks to watch and wait and see," Hanna said.

UC will decide by May 10 whether to cancel its summer programs in Beijing, which are scheduled to begin in late June.

As of Thursday, the World Health Organization reported a total of 3,389 cases of SARS worldwide with 165 deaths in 25 countries. The United States has had 199 cases and no deaths.

Earlier this week, WHO reported that animal experiments had determined the cause of SARS was a new member of the coronavirus family.

Of the 44 UC students pulled from Beijing, 10 were from UC Berkeley, six from UC Davis and four from UC Santa Cruz. The students have been advised to monitor their health for 10 days after their return and not visit dorms or other crowded places.

It's not clear what sort of academic credit the students will get from their respective campuses for completing just a partial semester, Hanna said.

"It's a tough situation for them in every regard," he said. "It's a disappointment."

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News Bucket

BSU Vice President named association's president-elect

Peg Blake, Boise State University's vice president for student affairs, was recently named president-elect of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

She began serving a one-year term as NASPA's president-elect last month. She will begin a one-year term as president beginning March 2004.

Blake joined Boise State in 1998 after serving as associate vice chancellor for student affairs and director of admissions at the University of Nebraska. She holds a Ph.D. in postsecondary education administration from Nebraska.

NASPA is an international organization of nearly 9,000 members and is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice. It helps senior student affairs officers and administrators, student affairs professionals, faculty and other educators enhance student learning and development. The organization's Web site is www.naspa.org.

State math, writing tests change significantly

Idaho's math and writing tests underwent significant changes this year as part of the state's new assessment plan for students.

The State Department of Education released scores last week from pilots of the Direct Writing Assessment and Direct Math Assessments taken by students across the state in December.

The assessments, written by Idaho teachers, require students to demonstrate their knowledge through tasks such as applying problem solving skills in math and using composition skills in writing.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard said the changes to the assessments would cause these scores to be used in setting a new baseline for future evaluation of student performance.

She said the scores indicate that Idaho teachers who grade the tests have set high expectations for student performance.

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Yoga instructor plans to stay awhile

By Crystal Thomas
Special to The Arbiter

Yoga Instructor Marlene Gast has been practicing yoga for 25 years and teaching for 16. Born in Merit Island, Florida, she moved to Boise just a year ago and began teaching the morning "Wake Up session" at the REC Center last fall. So far, she's enjoying it.

"There's really a sense of community in the class. Sometimes it ranges from younger people up to those in their 40s," Gast said.

One winter while pursuing her bachelor's degree in English at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, Gast stumbled upon yoga when she suffered a bad case of the flu. She said it was a difficult time and the only thing that made her feel better was practicing yoga postures from an audio recording

she'd been given. She had heard about the benefits of yoga and decided to give it a try.

"I was really, really terrible at sports as a kid. I'd never been very athletic. ... The postures showed me something new."

Gast continued practicing yoga throughout her years as an undergrad at a place called "Interface" in Boston where she was instructed by Jon Kabat-Zinn, best-selling author and expert on the healing benefits of mindfulness and stress reduction. He taught her how yoga increases strength, balance and flexibility as well as balances the immune system and the functioning of the body as a whole.

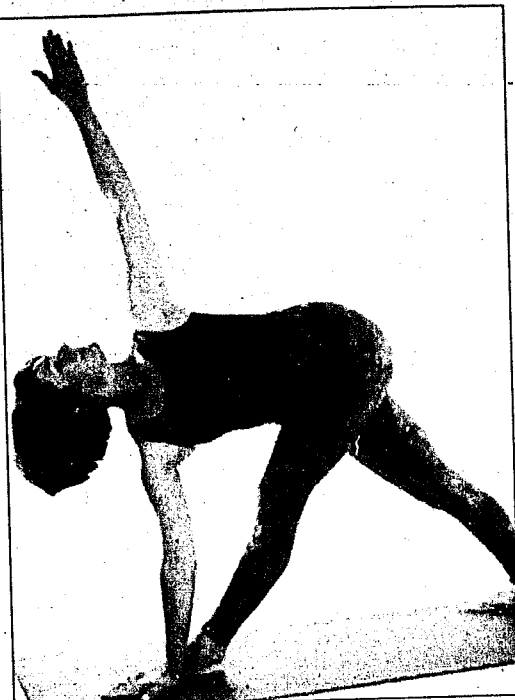
Although no rules exist for a certification to instruct yoga, Gast received her certification in 1998 through the Kripalu Center in Massachusetts. She

began teaching when she was 40 years old and plans on continuing.

"We live with a level of discomfort in our bodies and yoga helps discover and heal it. No matter what your age, physical abilities or interests, you can experience the transformation yoga provides," Gast said. She is also interested in continuing to see how yoga slows down the aging process and improves overall well being.

In addition to teaching at the REC Center, Gast instructs at the Yoga for Wellness Center and Power-House Pilates. She also works as a technical writer and telecommunicates for a company in Massachusetts.

Gast received her bachelor's degree in English from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. in English from Boston College. She said she



Marlene Gast

moved to Boise along with her husband to be closer to her daughter and her two-year-old granddaughter, who also enjoys yoga. Gast teaches at the REC Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15 a.m., and Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Campus Crime

April 4, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Two complaints were filed about a male masturbating while using a student computer in the Student Union Building. The suspect was identified and issued a citation for Obscene Live Conduct.

April 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

A vehicle vandalism was reported. This occurred in the Chaffee Hall parking lot.

April 4, 2003 at 9 p.m.

A purse was stolen during a concert at The Pavilion. The purse was later located, but the cash had been taken.

April 6, 2003 at 2 p.m.

A burglary was reported at the Towers Dorm. A dorm room was entered and a computer was stolen. There was no sign of forced entry.

April 7, 2003 at 11 a.m.

A bike was reported stolen from the bike rack by the Education Building. The bike was recovered by a deputy in some bushes north of Towers Dorm and returned to the owner.

April 7, 2003 at 11:45 a.m.

A vehicle vandalism was reported. A window was broken out of a car parked by the Old Gym. This occurred sometime between April 4 and April 7.

April 7, 2003 at 4:30 p.m.

A vehicle burglary was reported. During the afternoon/early evening of April 5 an unlocked vehicle parked by Chaffee Hall was entered and a parking permit was stolen. Other personal property was also taken.

April 8, 2003 at 9 p.m.

A student reported being forced by her ex-husband to leave campus in his vehicle. She was able to get out of the car near the Oregon border and filed a complaint for kidnapping and a violation of a protection order. The incident is still being investigated.

April 9, 2003 at 2 p.m.

A theft of a purse was reported from the Student Recreation Center. This occurred on April 5, 2003.

April 9, at 3 p.m.

A bike theft was reported by a resident of Towers Dorm. This occurred sometime after the beginning of the spring semester but the loss was just noticed.

April 10, 2003 at 1:15 p.m.

A stalking report was filed by an employee at Table Rock Cafe.

April 10, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

A grand theft was reported by a student whose purse was taken from a classroom in the Business Building. This occurred earlier on April 10.

April 11, 2003 at 11 a.m.

A wallet was reported to have been left in the Student Union Building and probably stolen. This occurred sometime around April 4.

April 11, 2003 at 7:45 p.m.

A hit and run was reported in the parking lot of the Village Apartments. Only investigative lead was white paint left on the victim's vehicle.

April 11, 2003 at 11:30 p.m.

Vehicle burglary suspects were scared off by the vehicle's owner before they could take anything of value. An area search for the two female suspects was conducted but they were not located.

April 14, 2003 at 8 p.m.

Two lacrosse goals were reported stolen from the Recreation Field. This occurred between April 7 and April 8.

April 16, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

A vehicle burglary was reported. This occurred on April 9, 2003 during the afternoon while the car was parked by the PAAW Building. Suspect cut the ragtop of victim's vehicle to gain access.

April 16, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

A trespass of privacy and theft was reported. This occurred in the Kinesiology Annex.

April 16, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

A former student was arrested for trespassing in Chaffee Hall.

Recording industry sues students for piracy

Industry from page 1

Executive Director of Information Technology David O'Neill is keeping a close eye on the case. The Recording Industry Association of America sent a letter to BSU urging the University to be proactive in preventing copyright abuses.

According to O'Neill, students living in the residence halls comprise the largest group of offenders on campus. BSU currently monitors traffic on the network but not content. The programs used to transfer files aren't illegal. But some of

the ways they are used are illegal.

There are two schools of thought on this issue. One says that students have rights as renters and rights to privacy. The other side says students agree to follow the rules and regulations of the University, which specifically names the downloading copyrighted material as improper use of technology.

BSU Student Conduct Officer Blain Eckles says copyright abuse via the Internet is almost impossible to stop. "It's like trying to plug a hole in a breaking dam," he said.

Eckles said students manage to turn a blind eye to the legal and ethical issues involved. "People say it's not stealing, you're file swapping."

Boise State has not adopted a policy regarding penalties for copyright violations on campus, thus far. Eckles said it's hard to imagine what measures would be taken since BSU hasn't seen a case like this. He said student awareness about the legal issues involved in downloading copyrighted materials must be raised.

Compare the price of a CD to the price of downloading the

same CD off the Internet, and it isn't hard to see why programs like KaZaA are popular. Eckles suggested record companies bring prices down.

BSU manager of telephone network services Brian McDevitt said KaZaA presents implications for university network operations because it ties up Internet resources used by the University. "KaZaA will eat everything you have as far as bandwidth."

BSU installed hardware filters to keep KaZaA traffic down. The filter allows one megabit inbound and three megabits outbound.

New GPA requirement on hold

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But many students question the need for a higher GPA and the limited involvement in the Constitutional Convention, where delegates decided to increase the GPA requirement among other changes.

Students approved the changes by a vote of 728 to 368.

After students approved the changes, Senators Pam McGee and Aubrey Salazar asked BSU President Charles Ruch to review the GPA change.

After consulting with Horton (who determined the GPA requirement doesn't apply to current members),

Ruch approved the changes.

Ishaq said he voted against the constitutional changes primarily because the GPA requirement excludes students.

"We have to be advocates for student involvement. I didn't want to take exclusionary measures, which is what the GPA requirement is," he said.

But Mathias said he doesn't expect the requirement to limit student involvement.

"Although the requirement might, I've never had anyone apply to get on a committee that didn't have a 2.25 GPA," he said.

McGee, who said she has a 3.3 GPA, said there was not

enough discussion among students to support the changes.

"There were quite a few senators who didn't agree with the new requirement. We wanted more discussion about the Constitutional Convention because it was very fast and they lumped the changes together," she said.

Associate Justice Nikki Drake had a similar concern. In a judicial opinion, Drake said "... that while technically considered an 'open meeting,' many students and ASBSU members were either not aware of the Convention's existence, or not aware of all the changes up for vote."

Ishaq said although improvements to the Constitutional Convention are needed, there was enough student involvement.

"We could have done more work, like line-item the changes," he said.

As it was, students simply voted yes or no, and the constitutional changes weren't broken down individually. For example, other changes included abolishing fall elections.

The GPA requirement could be revoked through the process of the Constitutional Convention, but Ishaq said it isn't on his agenda.

France proposes suspending U.N. sanctions

By Tim Johnson and
Diego Ibarra
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON-In what may mark a turning point for rebuilding Iraq, France on Tuesday proposed suspending most United Nations sanctions on the war-ravaged nation, a move that would help free up billions of dollars in Iraqi oil earnings under U.N. control. The surprising offer from France, the most ardent opponent of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, suggested that the Bush administration might have a freer hand to set Iraq on a new course now that a quick war has been won.

Even as France ceded ground, the White House rejected any return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq, saying the nation remains too dangerous. It called on the U.N. Security Council to focus on lifting the sanctions.

"Why should any nation support imposing sanctions on the Iraqi people now? Sanctions equaled Saddam Hussein. Saddam Hussein is gone. It is wrong now to leave sanctions on the people of Iraq.

They don't deserve it," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said of France, "They've moved, but not all the way. ... At least the French are realizing that they needed to move."

The issue of whether U.N. weapons inspectors should return to Iraq remains crucial. Under Security Council resolutions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, U.N. sanctions cannot be suspended until U.N. inspectors say that Iraqi chemical and biological weapons, and missiles to deliver them, have been destroyed.

The chief U.N. weapons inspector, Hans Blix, leveled withering criticism at the Bush administration Tuesday, suggesting that Washington and London built their case to attack Iraq last month on "shaky" evidence.

"Of course, it is conspicuous that so far they (coalition forces) have not stumbled upon anything," Blix said, adding that a renewed role for U.N. inspectors would give an "imprint of ... independence" to the hunt.

Bailey proposes privately funded programs at BSU

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stress its common goals with the community.

"They (community leaders) will be your strongest advocates in what you're trying to do. ... The truth is, if the leading banker in town asks for an audience with the lieutenant governor, he gets it and he can do a lot more than we can," Bailey said.

"The city of Boise's agenda ought to include your agenda. If you have that kind of relationship with city leaders in Boise and in southwest Idaho, you'll be able to take full advantage of University Place."

On other matters, Bailey said that he places a priority on having students mastering a second language and would seek scholarships for students to study abroad. At UTSA, he has also encouraged faculty to spend time teaching abroad by having the university pay them the difference between their U.S. and foreign earnings, as well as maintaining benefits such as health insurance.

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Boise State University needs a dress code



By Jared Kenning
Opinion on the conservative side
The Arbiter

Then there was the good weather. It would come when the school year was not quite ending and all the seniors were being tortured with sunshine and blue heavens and flowers. And as sure as the blooms would come and fill the air with spring, the skirts got shorter, cleavage became more visible, sleeves disappeared, bellybuttons appeared and the semes-

ter got harder. Such was the case as I sat with a friend on the steps of Albertsons Library on one of those "teaser" spring days in late February. My mind was lost somewhere in inter-library loan. Would the books get here in time for midterms? I was determined to finish my last semester strong. My friend sucked on a cigarette as he admired a Magnolia tree in the distance.

"It will be in full bloom in a couple of weeks; then I'll come undone," he said. "It could be sooner than that," I said. You could see the first flowers

budding. Many people walked past us; many beautiful girls strode by and their legs looked longer in shorter shorts and lower waistslines. I knew midterms would be hard.

Something has to change. The university has several options. We could end the semester the first week of March, but then the university wouldn't make as much money.

"Once they open up and there's all those beautiful pink petals, I can't think about anything else," he said. "Maybe you could research it." "But I want my eyes on it, my nose in it, my hands over it."

"I know what you mean." Fewer and fewer people were outside; class started soon. A freshman girl bounced by us - late for class. Good thing she held her books to her chest.

"It's premature," he said and put

out his cigarette. "My folks have an apricot tree and every year it blooms early and the frost gets it. There's never any fruit."

"They should buy an apple tree." The Quad was almost empty and my friend stood up.

"We're late," he said. "I'm not coming. Don't feel like it," I said and looked over at the Magnolia. I could see the pink tips against the blue sky. How will I ever graduate, I thought as my friend disappeared into the Liberal Arts Building.

Something has to change. The university has several options. We could end the semester the first week of March, but then the university wouldn't make as much money.

The best bet is to enforce a dress code the last two months of school, at least for the girls. This would keep the cleavage covered, the skin to a minimum and ensure that we all can have the freedom to concentrate on academic matters.

If that idea is too old fashioned, then we can borrow a contemporary idea from a church I heard about in Chicago. The church had ushers that dressed real nice. Whenever someone would come up on the stage with a skirt above the knees or a blouse cut too low, the ushers would rush over with a white tablecloth and cover up the exposure. The offenders could go on doing what they were doing, but the rest of the people didn't have to suffer the distraction.

Of course, there's the problem of paying all the people to hold the tablecloths. But I don't think it would be such a problem to find some guys willing to work for minimum wage.

The bigger problem is that change isn't likely to come before I graduate. Only five weeks remain. I will just have to try to keep my mind in inter-library loan and take a few B's this semester.

At least there have been a few dreary days of bad weather. Someone, it seems, agrees with me.

Letters to the Editor

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Hey BSU, where is the money?

I was in Winco tonight and met a man who randomly started talking to me about BSU and the way they spend their money. After about 10 minutes of facts and interesting thoughts, it occurred to me... why not find out why BSU has a surplus of money, but yet continues to raise tuition fees, fire young creative professors and build parking lots.

I am an alumnus and gave five long years of my life with my nose in medical books that cost me \$150, but actually were worth about \$30 when I considered returning them.

Then my younger sister came home and was thinking about registering for next semester and informed me that in order to get a catalog of classes, it would cost her \$5.00. I think this is ridiculous. Not only

does she have two jobs to be able to pay for tuition and books, now she has to give more money to a school that she has given almost \$4500 to last year.

I understand that to keep a university running is very expensive, but do we really need to raise every part of the "higher learning" experience?

The man that I spoke to in Winco mentioned something about how other schools will match money to give money back to students and parents. Now I admit I'm not really familiar with this program, but I am concerned that our current president got a hefty retirement plan. Hmmm, where did this money come from?

I think your February article titled, "ASBSU needs to show us the money," written by Joe Terry, is on to something.

I think something needs to be done about this. Let the student body in on what is going on - they deserve to know. The Arbiter is supposed to be a paper for them.

I can't believe students don't do something about what is going on. I think they care, but they are all too busy trying to keep their grades up, and raise enough money to go to this school. They don't have the time to sit down and write something that may change the way this school "distributes" their money. I know that I didn't. I am tired of the sheet getting pulled over our eyes.

Heather Hitz
2001 graduate

Student leaders should be held accountable for higher GPA

This is in response to the feelings of "exclusion" garnered in response to the Constitutional Convention.

First, the GPA changes in the Constitution do NOT limit student involvement; rather, they limit individuals who work for student government and are paid FROM STUDENT FEES from getting paid until they have a 2.5 GPA. If you can't govern yourself (a 2.5 is not that hard to attain) how do you honestly expect to govern other individuals?

Second, those who are against the GPA

change could have lobbied their delegates as I did before the final vote was taken. According to the Constitution, it takes a 2/3 vote of the total delegates (2 from each branch, plus 2 students at-large) for Constitutional changes to go to the students for ballot approval. Those who complained the most about these changes either 1) didn't have the grades or 2) are angry because they didn't get their way and are throwing a tantrum. Finally, if you look at the numbers for those who voted for the changes and those who voted against them, there is a

wide margin. Perhaps for the first time, students have spoken. Perhaps this time students actually do care.

Remember, it still only takes a 2.25 to be involved in anything else. The 2.5 GPA requirement is only for student government.

Joseph Kalange
Chief Justice
ASBSU Judiciary

Editor's Note: Kalange's opinion doesn't reflect that of the ASBSU Judiciary.

Computer learning negates students' classroom experience

I've been reading the candidate profiles for the president of the university, and one of the more interesting proposals that keeps rearing its ugly head was repeated by Robert Kustra.

He outlined his desire in last week's profile to implement more computer learning in lower-level classes to save money. I wish our administrators would kill this idea once and for all.

Computers can, should and do enhance learning in the classroom. But they should not replace it. I was mortified when I

observed the math class I took when I began at BSU was replaced with "computer learning."

The adjunct faculty member who taught that class, Sharon Walsh, has been relegated to a virtual attendance monitor function. I'm not a math-minded person and of all the individuals I've taken math from since high school, she was the best instructor I've had. Too bad her current "students" don't get to know that.

If I had wanted to just get an online degree, I would have signed up for the

University of Phoenix. But I don't. I want the classroom interaction, to ask questions on the spot, interact with students and most importantly, the experience of the faculty.

Computer learning does not provide this. If BSU wants to be more than a commuter college, then this notion of saving money by implementing more computer learning in the University of Phoenix model must go - once and for all.

Lee Dudley
Student, political science

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Oil conquest includes freedom and cultural desecration

By Casey Wyatt
Commentary
The Arbiter

As the statue of Saddam Hussein fell down over and over again on television last week, a journalist from NBC predicted that we would all remember where we were and what we were doing when Baghdad fell.

That's going a little far. It's only been a week and I can only remember one thing about that day: Tom Brokaw's narration and the guilt it brought.

With all the cameras turned on the Iraqi people, many of who were crying for joy, it was difficult for me to stifle some regret at opposing the war since Dick Cheney's first hawkish speech to the VFW in Colorado.

It didn't take me long to recover from my guilt, realize the Bush Administration's real priorities in regime change, and that seeing all those free Iraqis cheering in the streets was a side effect in an objective with a broader, more materialistic scope.

On April 12, the *New York Times* reported that over 7,000 years worth of priceless artifacts were looted from the National Museum of Iraq within 48 hours of the liberation of Baghdad. Iraqi curators said they tried to get help from U.S. Marines, but couldn't get them to act.

I've been in the military, and I can tell you that those Marines, even if they wanted to protect the museum, couldn't do it without orders.

The orders that could have saved the museum should have come straight from the top.

George Bush and Tony Blair issued a joint statement on April 9 saying, "We are taking every step possible to safeguard Muslim holy sites and other protected places in Iraq that are important to the religious and cultural heritage of Islam and of Iraq."

I hear Blair is doing his part. NPR recently reported that the Brits, God bless them, began quelling looting and anarchy soon after they took control of their new territories. I guess they didn't have oil wells to guard.

The *Associated Press* reported two days after the Blair/Bush statement that Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, U.S. Central Command spokesman, said that the military expects the Iraqis themselves to assume responsibility for law and order. Brooks must have missed Bush and Blair's joint statement, or at least the part where he said, "every step possible."

Or maybe the artifacts in the museum, like a solid gold harp from the Sumerian era, nearly 3,500 years old, don't count as pieces of cultural heritage.

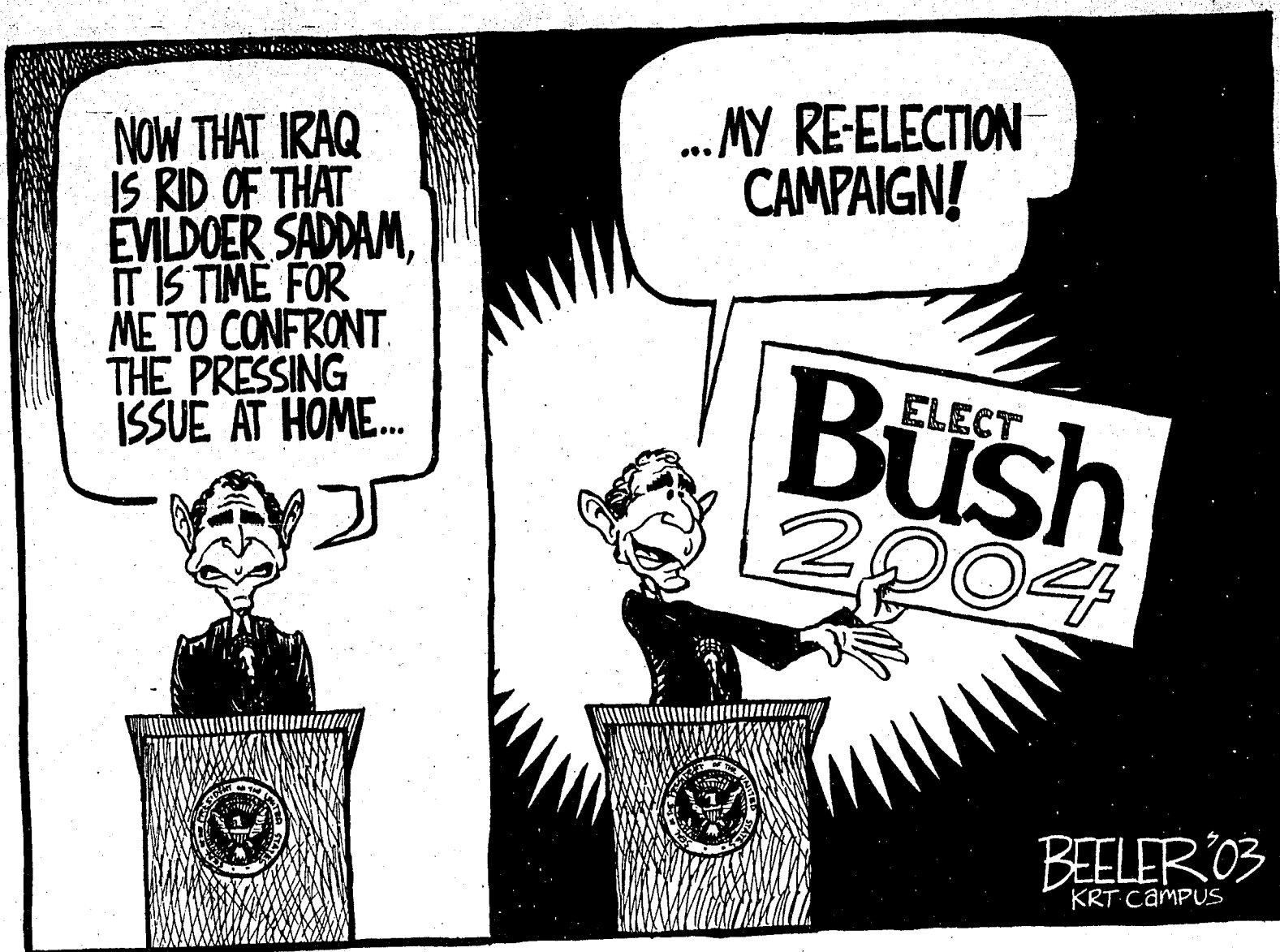
The president might be keeping with his statements in his own mind, though. When he says, "Muslim holy sites," he must mean oil wells. He must have referred to them as "Muslim" because Iraqis own them, and "holy" because he can use them to make alms to the new American theocracy of the oil god.

The artifacts in the museum probably won't be destroyed; they'll just resurface in private collections, right? The new government can just buy them back. Except they'll pay dearly, with funds that should be used in buying food and medicine and building schools and roads.

Maybe Dick Cheney can swing them a deal with Halliburton on the oil service repairs they'll need soon. Then Iraq can get the oil running through their pipelines, sell some of it for funds to rebuild their country and maybe buy back their cultural heritage.

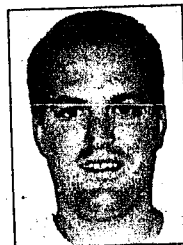
I'd like someone to prove me wrong on this. I'd like to feel a little guilty for opposing the war. Maybe it isn't about oil. Maybe there really were weapons of mass destruction that actually threatened America. Maybe there is an Al-Qaida connection. Maybe securing Iraqi human rights was the object of this war.

Tom Brokaw and the *New York Times*, I'm counting on you to make me feel guilty for good this time. But you're going to have to tell me about more than just the side effects.



Global warming is a fallacy

Guest Opinion



By Jerel Thomas
Student, political science

Spring is a wonderful time of year. Flowers bloom, the sun shines, school draws closer to an end and leftists gather to complain about global warming.

Due to the recent cold weather we've been experiencing, these environmentalists will have a tougher sell this year. Perhaps a greater death nail in their coffin is a recent study by Harvard University that proves that it was warmer in the middle ages than it is today.

This is a significant conclusion for these environmentalists claim that global warming is a recent phenomenon caused by us burning coal and oil.

The theory goes that exhaust from burning these fossil fuels rises up into the atmosphere, which in turn blocks the sun's radiation from escaping earth. This is referred to as "the greenhouse effect."

Some people who claim to be scientists have bought into this bunk theory, making such ludicrous claims as "the 1990s had been hotter than any other period for 1,000 years," and "global temperatures are the hottest since record keeping began."

However, as reported by the *UK Telegraph*, "such claims have now been sharply contra-

dicted by the most comprehensive study yet of global temperature over the past 1,000 years. A review of more than 240 scientific studies has shown that today's temperatures are neither the warmest over the past millennium, nor are they producing the most extreme weather - in stark contrast to the claims of the environmentalists."

This comprehensive study looked at tree rings, ice core samples and historical accounts that allow scientists to accurately measure temperatures at sites around the globe. The study found that there was a warming period during the 9th and 14th centuries with temperatures being much warmer than they are today.

Surprisingly, the study also "confirms claims that a little ice age set in around 1300, during which the world cooled dramatically. Since 1900, the world has begun to warm up again - but has still to reach the balmy temperatures of the middle ages."

Perhaps the most damning piece of evidence found in this study is that "the timing of the end of the little ice age is especially significant, as it implies that the records used by climate scientists date from a time when the earth was relatively cold, thereby exaggerating the significance of today's temperature rise."

This is truly amazing. Let's recap what has happened here. A respected university that is known for its leftist leanings has completed the most comprehensive study ever done on global warming that found that if global warming is occurring it is because we are still coming out of a mini-ice-age that ended in 1900. Oh, but it gets even better.

Many environmentalists base their claims of global warming on a past article in *Nature* magazine in which B.D. Stanter shows 20 years of rising temperatures in the southern hemisphere. What environmentalists do not tell you

is that this article has lost all of its scientific merit as researchers have studied temperatures in the same region using data from 1955-1995, only to conclude that there have not been any significant temperature changes during this time.

In short, environmentalists have been using data from the last 20 to predict doom and gloom for the planet. Once scientific data is spread out so we can look at actual trends, we find that earth has always gone through cooling and heating periods based on the cycles of the sun. This is proven further by the Harvard study because man did not have automobiles and coal burning power plants during the middle ages.

Another interesting point has to be made here. Even if women and men were causing global warming, why should we care? As Dr. Philip Stott, the professor emeritus of biogeography at the University of London, told the *Telegraph*, "severe famines and economic collapse followed the onset of the little ice age around 1300. When the temperature started to drop, harvests failed and England's vine industry died. It makes one wonder why there is so much fear of warmth."

Very well said. This proves that Walt Williams was right when he said, "If you do not know anything, become an environmentalist." See, you do not have to have any intelligence to be an environmentalist. All you have to do is preach doom and gloom, wear sheets for clothes and see how long you can go without a shower. It is more of an intellectual endeavor to find the proof to show that global warming is not happening.

However, it is becoming easier to convince people when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Harvard University have overwhelming proof that man-made global warming is a myth.

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Minnitti named WAC Track Athlete of the Week

Rob Minnitti, a javelin thrower on the Boise State University men's track and field team, has been named the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week following his record setting performance last Saturday (April 19).

A senior from Port Orchard, Washington, Minnitti won the javelin last weekend with a mark of 248-6 (75.75m). His throw is the top collegiate mark in the country this season, and is the third best overall throw in the United States this outdoor season. Minnitti also broke the Boise State record set last year by Justin St. Clair at 241-6.

On the current USA Track and Field listing, Minnitti's throw ranks third behind Chris Clever and Oscar Duncan. Clever has the top American mark at 254-11 (77.70m), while Duncan is second at 253-7 (77.30m). Duncan, who is an academic advisor and tutorial coordinator in the Boise State athletic department, posted his mark at the same meet Minnitti competed in last Saturday.

Minnitti's next closest competitor on the collegiate list is Trevor Snyder of the University of Georgia who has a throw of 245-3 (74.75m) this season.

Minnitti earned NCAA All-American honors last year when he placed 13th at the national collegiate meet with a throw of 226-2.

The Bronco track and field team is back in action this Saturday at the Oregon Invitational in Eugene, Oregon.

Basketball team signs 7-footer from Sweden

Greg Graham, the men's basketball coach at Boise State University, announced today the signing of a fourth player to the class of 2003. Graham inked seven-foot, 250-pound Mattias (Muh-teas-us) Johansson to a National Letter of Intent, and he will join guards Darius Harper, Franco Harris, and Eric Lane who signed on April 16. The Broncos still have one scholarship left to award.

"Mattias gives us some much needed size inside," Graham said. "He's a low block player who has nice touch out to 17 feet. He plays hard, he can defend, and he runs the floor very well for his size. He gives us a guy with that big bulk and size that is needed to win the league championship."

Johansson, a native of Uppsala, Sweden, was a member of the Swedish Junior National Team. He played two seasons at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona, where as a sophomore he helped lead his team to a 27-5 record, the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference championship, and a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Men's Tennis defeat Hawai'i

The Boise State Broncos defeated Hawai'i, 7-0, Tuesday evening in the Broncos' final regular season match before hosting the WAC Tournament in three days.

The Broncos won all three matches in doubles, including Marcus Bernston and Guillaume Bouvier won at number one over Kiki Tesche and Justin Menolascino. The Broncos swept all six singles matches as well.

2003 NFL DRAFT PREVIEW

Bronco standout prepares for draft

By Tanya Dobson
The Arbiter

Senior Quintin Mikell will find out this weekend where he will soon call home.

Mikell is Boise State's top 2003 NFL Draft prospect with a chance being drafted as high as the fourth round.

Mikell, a senior captain on the last year's Top 15-football team, is one of the best defensive players to play at Boise State. As a sophomore, he earned Defensive Player of the Year honors in the Big West and last year as a senior Mikell was selected as the Western Athletic Conference Defensive player of the Year.

"Hopefully, I'll get picked up between the fourth and the seventh round or else by a free agency," Mikell said.

Although right now he is focused on just being selected, he has thought about places he could end up.

"If I had to choose, I grew up in New Orleans and it would be cool to go back and play for the Saints."

Mikell attended three recruiting trips in Miami, San Diego and Chicago. The NFL can bring in as many as 20 players at a time on a

given recruiting trip depending on the needs of that particular team. In Miami, he was one among 20, in Chicago there were 10. However, in San Diego there were only a total of five players on his recruiting trip.

"You're there for two days on these recruiting trips but you can't work out or practice, it's not allowed," Mikell said.

On the first day, Mikell and the others received complete physicals and are asked to explain every injury they have ever received to ensure they are physically able to play. The second day was spent interviewing and getting to know the coaches.

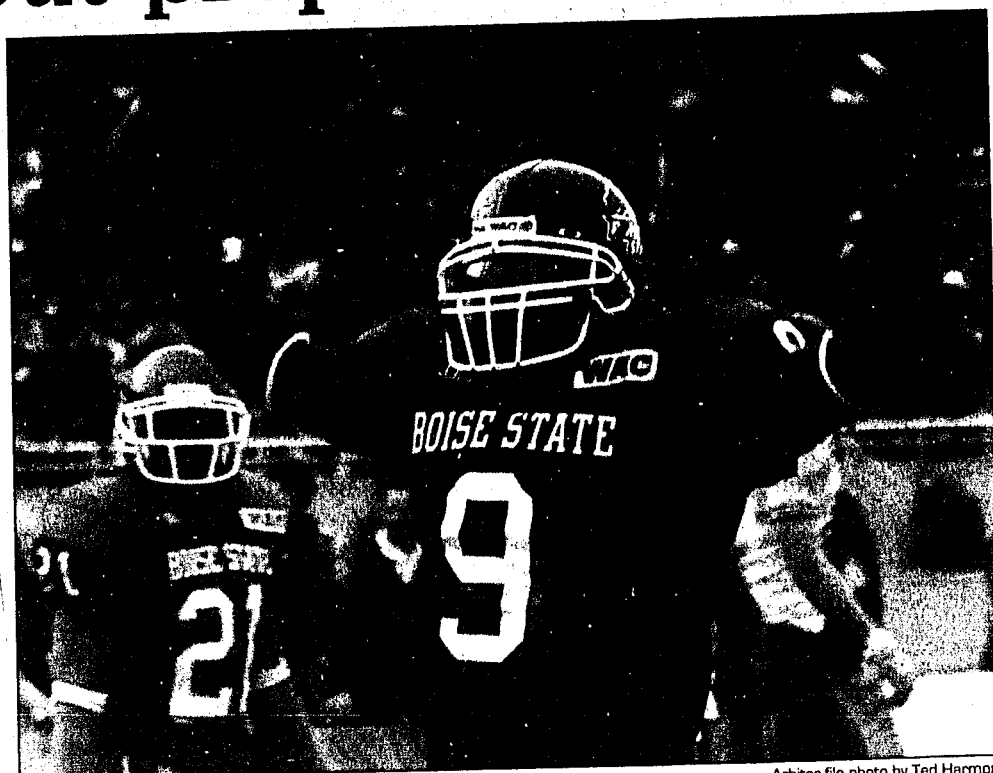
Now that the recruiting process is over and the draft nears, Mikell now sits to await his fate.

"I want to know where I'm going to be. The waiting really gets to you."

To help ease his nerves, Mikell is heading home to be with his friends and family for the moment that will change his life forever.

"My life as hectic as it is right now, is about to get even more."

The NFL Draft take place on Saturday and Sunday and is aired on ESPN.



Defensive back Quintin Mikell is projected anywhere from the fourth to seventh round in this weekend's NFL Draft.

Throwbacks-quarterbacks are back in this draft



Carson Palmer, Brad Banks, Larry Johnson, and Ken Dorsey will have futures decided in the 2003 NFL Draft.

By Charles Bricker
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Carson Palmer, Byron Leftwich, Kyle Boller and perhaps even former Florida Gator Rex Grossman will be awaiting a first-round draft call on Saturday — four offering reas-

urance that the NFL hasn't lost its appreciation for good old-fashioned pocket quarterbacks.

There isn't a Mike Vick, Donovan McNabb or Daunte Culpepper among them. They're all adept at taking those nifty little steps within the cocoon to avoid the rush.

But, unlike those three swift men, running over, around or through defenders is not their specialty. They drop back and pass downfield and, in that sense, they will go into professional football with an edge over those runners who have been proclaimed the vanguard of the new age of quarterbacks.

"It's a great dimension to be able to take off and run," former San Francisco quarterback Steve Young noted last season. "But until Michael Vick learns how to throw from the pocket he won't be a complete quarterback."

That was what was on Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves' mind at the end of the season, when he dismissed quarterback coach Jack Burns and replaced him with Mike Johnson, who has more background in the nuts and bolts of quarterbacking technique.

No one questions that Vick,

Culpepper and McNabb are reinventing the job in a way that further expands the power of quarterbacking.

Last season, for example, Vick rushed for 777 yards, and there was that stunning 46-yard dash to a touchdown in overtime against Minnesota.

But when you get to the playoffs, against the better defenses, scrambling is not enough.

Or has it gone unnoticed that the past four Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks have been pocket passers — Kurt Warner of St. Louis, Trent Dilfer of Baltimore, Tom Brady of New England and Brad Johnson of Tampa Bay?

Palmer, who clocked a 4.7-second 40-yard sprint for scouts, can run. Boller has been known to take flight.

But none of these prized 2003 draftees, who include 251-pound Dave Ragone of

Louisville and Chris "Son of Phil" Simms of Texas, is a runner first and passer second.

That is why, if they sign and get into camp on time, they can be starters from Day One.

Vick was not ready as a 2001 rookie. He had little guile within the pocket. Nor was McNabb ready in 1999, though he developed as a passer more quickly than Vick with former Brett Favre mentor Andy Reid as his coach at Philadelphia.

Last week Joe Theismann recalled his days in the 1970s as a running quarterback.

"I had to learn to be a drop-back quarterback, and playing behind Sonny Jurgensen and Billy Kilmer was the best thing that happened to me," he said.

"I could make things happen with my legs. But I had to be good in the pocket to be complete. If you can run around, that's nice. But the No. 1

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Top-notch facility to host WAC Championships

By Phil Dailey
The Arbiter

This weekend Boise State will host the Western Athletic Conference Tennis Championships on campus at the Appleton Tennis Center.

Starting tomorrow and running through Sunday, many of the top collegiate tennis athletes will be in display at the two million-dollar facilities that opened last spring.

"There are going to be 17 very good college teams here," women's tennis coach Mark Tichenor said.

The dream of hosting the WAC Championships this season is due in large part to Boise State alumnus Steve Appleton. Appleton is the President and CEO of Micron Technology and got the new tennis center off the ground when he donated \$850,000 and 10,000 shares of his personal Micron stock.

"I have been fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to provide and give back just a little bit of what's been given to me," Appleton said.

"I have a lot of memories from this spot, this is where the courts were before."

Appleton knows his Bronco

tennis, as he was a member of the Boise State tennis team from 1978-1982. In Appleton's senior year as a Bronco, he and teammate Chris Langdon won the Big Sky Doubles Championship.

With the new facility in place, the program is now reaping the rewards this weekend, as well as in the past before it was even finished.

"It's unbelievable. It's had us recruiting players before it was even built," Tichenor said.

Tichenor also said it makes selling Boise State tennis to new recruits much easier.

"Hey we're practicing in a two million dollar facility, it's pretty awesome."

Along with the new place to play, both the men and women's team have been successful this season. Going into this weekend's championships, the women are currently ranked 57th in the nation and the men's squad is ranked 56th, respectively.

With several teams in ranked nationally ahead of both squads in the WAC, this weekend will prove how good Boise State is and decide whether or not they will qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

"We're in a really tough con-

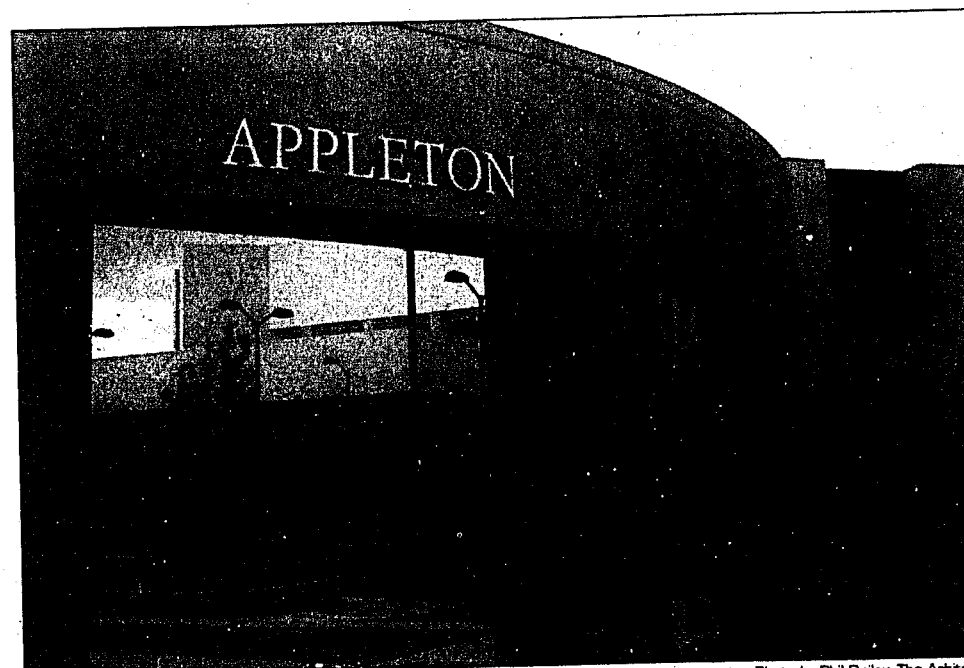


Photo by Phil Dailey, The Arbiter

Boise State's new tennis facility will host its first championships this weekend.

ference, I would say the WAC is the fourth or fifth best conference in the country," men's tennis coach Patton said.

The new six-court tennis center is capable of handling up to 1,200 fans and according to

both tennis coaches at Boise State, should serve as an exciting place to view this year's WAC Tennis Championships.

"This place is more than nice it's like the Taj Mahal," Patton said.

I just think it's one of the best in country, a lot of facilities are just cement and stands and ours, with the trees and the grass, gives it a nice setting, its own uniqueness," Tichenor said.

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Hawaii hosts WAC tourney to close out rough season

By Stanley Lee
Ka Leo O Hawaii
(U. Hawaii)

The Rainbow Wahine golf team is looking to reverse its fortunes at this week's Western Athletic Conference Women's Golf Championships at Kapolei Golf Course.

"I don't believe that any one of us is satisfied with this season," said coach Marga Stubblefield, who was recently chosen as a 2003 inductee into the Hawai'i Golf Hall of Fame. "We're putting all of our energy into the WAC (Championship). We're excited and upbeat."

The three-day tournament runs Monday through Wednesday with tee times beginning everyday at 10:02 a.m.

Tulsa, ranked 25th in the nation, stands a good chance of taking home its fifth-straight WAC title with five of its players having the 10 best individual per-round scores in the conference. Nevada junior Alana Condon is the top golfer in the conference with a 75.25 per-round average and has been named WAC Golfer of the Week twice this season. Southern Methodist's Missy Ryan is the only WAC golfer to win a tournament this spring, capturing the Bearkat Invitational last month.

For the first time in three years, there will be a new WAC individual champion. Tulsa All-American Stacy Prammanasudh, who won the individual crown the past two years, has graduated.

The Rainbow Wahine's best finish during the spring season was ninth at the Mountain View Collegiate in Arizona four weeks ago. Senior Bobbie Arakawa was the top Rainbow Wahine finisher in two of the team's six spring tournaments. Freshman Tara Chappell led Hawai'i in two tournaments during the spring, and is tops on the team with a 79.93 per-round average. Also teeing up for the 'Bows Monday are juniors Megan McGuinness and Rene Krause, and sophomore Brooke Jackson.

The Rainbow Wahine are familiar with Kapolei Golf Course, practicing on it and hosting two tournaments there this season. However, Stubblefield pointed out it's always tough to play in one's hometown.

Since the Rainbow Wahine began competing in the WAC in 1997, they have finished last or second to last in all but one WAC Championship. The team's best finish came in 2000, when it placed fourth at the championships in Broken Arrow, Okla.

This is the first year Hawaii is hosting the WAC Women's Golf Championships. Last year, Hawaii hosted the WAC Men's Golf Championships at the Turtle Bay Golf Club on the North Shore.

By Skip Myslenski
Chicago Tribune

Marquette coach Tom Crean said little publicly after he surfaced as the leading candidate to succeed Bill Self at Illinois. But on Tuesday morning he talked to his friend and former boss, Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, and gave hints of what was to come.

"I'm 99.8 percent sure that he hasn't (talked to Illinois) as of this morning," Izzo said on Tuesday afternoon. "I think he'd be a great guy for the job. But I don't know if it's in the works for either party, to be honest. He's kind of content where he's at."

Although he was described as "the leading candidate" to replace Self in various news reports from the moment Self's departure for Kansas became official, Crean said he never heard from Illinois, "not directly, nothing concrete." Meanwhile, he was working to complete details of a contract extension Marquette athletic director Bill Cords had proposed during the NCAA tournament. At a Tuesday evening news conference he made it official, announcing he had agreed to that extension and would remain at Marquette.

"All I can say is it's a long-term contract and it's more than generous," Crean said, declining to discuss specifics. "I'm very happy with it and they're very happy with it and we're going to go from there."

Cords wouldn't say whether Illinois had sought permission to talk with Crean, and he didn't address speculation that Kansas

was interested in Crean before hiring Self.

"I didn't talk about it then and I'm not going to talk about it now," Cords said.

The announcement came two weeks after Crean, in his fourth season at Marquette, guided the Golden Eagles to a surprising spot in the Final Four, where they lost to Kansas in a national semifinal. That stamped him as one of the hottest prospects on the coaching carousel, and his decision leaves Illinois looking elsewhere for a replacement for Self.

Illinois' athletic director Ron Guenther has been characteristically silent about those he is considering. Believed to be in the mix are Xavier coach Thad Matta, Southern Illinois coach Bruce Weber and Oregon coach Ernie Kent, all of whom have ties to the state of Illinois.

Crean insisted Tuesday's announcement would have taken place even if Illinois had called. "I was making this decision," he said. "This is where I am, this is where I ought to be. The people here have been unbelievably good to me. I hope they feel as good about this as I do."

Crean seemed a bit miffed by assumptions that he'd automatically jump if Illinois called.

"A place like Marquette shouldn't feel like an underdog," he said. "I want our fans are as excited about this as I am. It's going to be a challenge, but I really believe we can keep on keep it going."

Crean said he knew he'd made the right decision when he arrived at the Alumni Memorial Union building for the



Photo courtesy of KRT

Tom Crean and Marquette lost to Kansas at the Final Four earlier this month in New Orleans, La.

announcement. He didn't have a card that provided access to the parking lot, but waiting to raise the gate for him was Rev. Robert Wild, S.J., and the university president.

"Father Wild—what a great guy," Crean said. "The university president opening the door for you that was sort of symbolic."

About 100 Marquette fans turned out for announcement and greeted Crean with a standing ovation. In four years, he has restored the stature Marquette achieved under Al McGuire in the late '60s and '70s.

"I've never viewed this job

as a steppingstone. Marquette is not about that," Crean told the crowd. "I've been flattered by the interest that's been shown in me. Anybody who would say they're not is not telling you the truth. The only time it's a problem for me is when it comes up in recruiting, which it does."

"But my wife and I are very, very comfortable and happy with our lives here, and I've never viewed this as anything less than an outstanding opportunity for us."

Crean's salary, said to be close to \$1 million per year, is in line with what he would have received from Illinois. The \$31 million Al McGuire Center is

set to open in September; it will give his team a modern practice facility and Crean another point to sell recruits. And the Golden Eagles' run to the Final Four, which included upsets of Pittsburgh and No. 1 Kentucky, is sure to open recruits' doors for Crean, who is acknowledged as a master salesman.

"Not only has he done a very good job, he also has a very good job," Izzo said.

"They've been really good to him. The facility they're building, the salary they're paying... and I know this. When you've been to the Final Four, it's hard to leave. You're drawn to your people."

Hiring new coach pushes pain away, but not completely

By Joe Posnanski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Wayne Simien got it. He kept looking in Bill Self's eyes. Everybody else seemed too busy clapping and laughing and dreaming of Final Fours. Kansas got its man Monday, the best man, the only coach available who could write a happy ending for the whole sordid Roy Williams tale.

Wayne Simien kept looking in Self's eyes.

"I kept thinking," Simien said, "about how those Illinois players must feel."

Well, Kansas, how does it feel on the flip side? Answer: It feels a whole lot better. New Kansas basketball coach Bill Self left behind his Illinois players, a burgeoning program, thousands of loyal fans and a school he seemed to love an awful lot in December when he signed a five-year contract extension. He did, in other words, pretty much what Roy Williams did when he left for North Carolina.

But in this case, Self CAME to Kansas, rather than LEAVE Kansas, which seems to make all the difference.

The T-shirts in Lawrence last week read "Benedict Williams."

Now, they read "Self Respect."

No. Nobody was moralizing

about loyalty in Lawrence on Monday.

"Here," Kansas chancellor Robert Hemenway said as he gave Bill Self a coach's chair with Self's name on the back. "I hope you keep it the next 25 years or so."

Oh well. That's college basketball. Coaches can't move up the ladder without hurting some feelings along the way—that's just how the system is set up in the NCAA. You can't recruit players without making promises. And you can't take a better job without breaking those promises.

Something's gotta give. No, nobody was surprised Self left his players, just as Williams left his players (just as some coach will leave his players to coach at Illinois, and so on).

Still, what was striking Monday was just how quickly everybody in Kansas seemed to forget the resentment and sourness of the week before. Bill Self came in with a big smile and sparkling resume, and he pronounced Kansas the best coaching job in America.

"This is a career-ending job," he said.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

"I will get to sit in the most prestigious chair in college basketball," he said.

And all the Roy Williams

pain was gone. Everybody celebrated. It's dangerous to judge a man in an introductory news conference—shoot, Al Bohl seemed pleasantly quirky in his first news conference—but there seems no doubt that Kansas drew a royal flush with this guy. Funny. Smart. Tough. Midwestern. If you asked a police artist to sketch the perfect Kansas coach, he would draw Bill Self. This guy's as close to a sure thing as you can get.

So, yes, everybody celebrat-

ed and patted each other on the back and talked about how Self might be as good as (or, shhh, not too loud, even better than) Roy Williams, and all the while Wayne Simien kept looking in his new coach's eyes. Simien might be only 20 years old, but he's learned a few things.

He learned them in the last week.

"I remember the feeling of watching that North Carolina press conference," Simien says. "I remember how much

it hurt to see coach Williams up there talking to a new group of players. We were we were supposed to be like a family."

Simien saw the very same things Monday, even as all the fans cheered around him. Here was Self telling a few jokes and talking about how hard it was to leave Illinois and saying this was his dream job. No, Self had not built up the love and bonds in three years at Illinois that Roy Williams built in 15 at Kansas.

Throwbacks-quarterbacks are back in this draft

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requirement is to throw accurately from the pocket."

If Palmer, Leftwich, Boller, Grossman, Simms and Ragone hit it big in the NFL, it will be in the way Drew Bledsoe, Peyton Manning and Brad Johnson succeeded by using their legs only selectively.

"Brad may not be able to take off and run, but he's athletic enough to do what he needs to do," says Theismann.

"He knows his physical abilities and attributes and he knows how to get into a position to deliver the ball the way the play is designed."

If he were general manager of a team in position to draft an accomplished pocket passer or a McNabb-type college quarterback, what would be

Theismann's choice?

Easy, he replied. "I can teach the great runner to be a pocket passer. You can't teach the great pocket passer to be a runner."

Young learned to be a great pocket passer. So did Randall Cunningham. We're still waiting on the Kordell Stewart experiment.

These are the flashy players that electrify our senses with their evasiveness. But it doesn't always translate into Super Bowls.

Maybe there is a new wave of quarterbacks out there, but there will always be Brad Johnson and Peyton Manning.

And maybe Carson Palmer and Byron Leftwich. Check with me again in three years.



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IDT to present 'Fast Forward'

By Tammy Sands
The Arbiter

Chaos in our lives often leads us to fast forward life and take everything along the way for granted. Idaho Dance Theatre (IDT) presents this very vision in "Fast Forward," along with the underlying theme to slow down and appreciate life and the uniqueness in people.

Marla Hansen, artistic director and choreographer has two pieces in the performance. The first is titled "Calculate," and is broken into three sections: Models, Calculate and Revolution.

"A lot of what we do in our lives is very calculated. We do it for a reason, so I chose the middle section as the title," Hansen said.

Ann Hoste of the theatre arts department designed the futuristic costumes.

"The costumes are like the Jetsons cartoon," Hansen said.

"Calculate" takes a look at the contemporary pressures forced upon us in a humorous way.

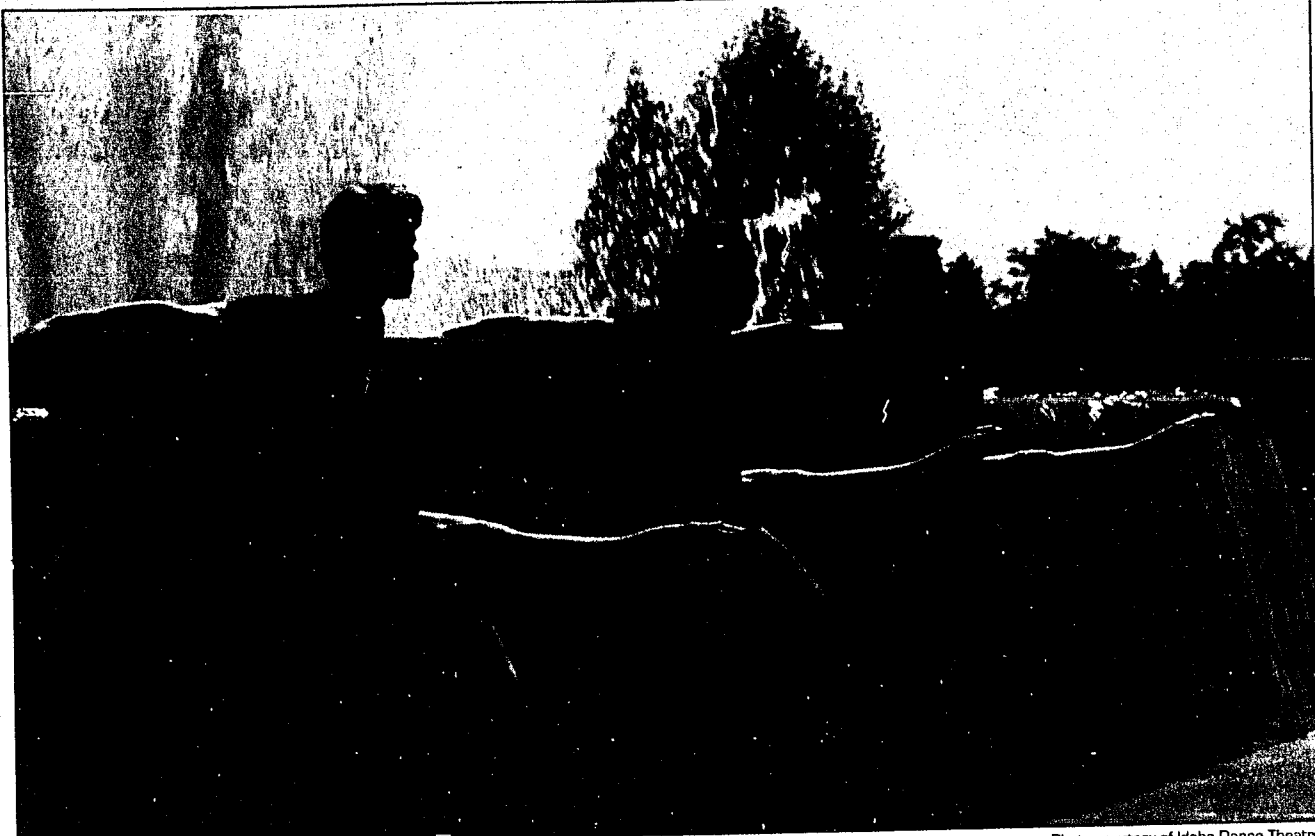
"The piece is about ... these hectic times in which we are bombarded with a media overload telling us we have to look great. Rather than individuality, we all look the same. Is it time for another revolution?" Hansen said.

The piece is set to original music by the Balanescu Quartet.

"The music is a very rhythmic and dynamic string quartet. It's very contemporary, almost jazzy, and lighthearted," Hansen said.

This piece features the whole company with the women on pointe performing a blend of ballet and fashion modeling, revealing the influences of pop culture and technology on our society in today's world.

Hansen's second piece is titled "Romanza." This piece is in two parts with a section for four women and a solo for Yurek Hansen. "Romanza," the most classical performance in



Three dancers from Idaho Dance Theatre explore the 'gray area' of life.

the show, is set to the gorgeous music of Andrea Bocelli.

"It is very romantic with lush, passionate movement," Hansen said.

"Romanza" is more simplistic than "Calculate." It reflects how we face challenges in our lives.

"Life is full of changes, and with the good comes bad. 'Romanza' is essentially about loving and caring for one another," Hansen said.

Carol Rowe, artistic director and choreographer, will also display two pieces.

Rowe's first piece is set to the music of Zap Mama, a unique European group who has blended African, blues and

Avant Garde styles into an unclassifiable sound.

The dance coincides with the music, as it is varied with a sense of freedom in the movements, lighthearted and perfect for spring.

Rowe's second piece encourages us not to take the beauty of life for granted. It is set to the dark music of Chanticleer, an all-male chorus, using the text of an E.E. Cummings poem. Loss and remembrance are echoed throughout this performance.

Finally, Thax von Reither, a senior company member and choreographer, will premier a mysterious ballet that deals with the "gray area" of life.

Reither's piece, set to the music of Prokofiev, questions the line between right and wrong and the distance between familiar and strange. This piece is set to the music of Prokofiev.

IDT is very proud to present this performance and could not have done it without several private donations from individuals in the community.

"We had kids as young as 18 save their money and make \$100 donations," Hansen said.

"We're still having to fund raise to help us meet our budget." Further donations will help this wonderful dance company continue to put on spectacular shows.

Fast Forward
will be performed
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Nonsense' guaranteed to make you laugh

By Tammy Sands
The Arbiter

Four frozen nuns awaiting burial in the freezer at the convent force five sisters to put on a fund-raiser show.

Knock'em Dead Dinner Theatre presents Dan Goggin's *Nonsense*, a hilarious musical directed by Scott Beseman.

After fifty-two sisters were poisoned after eating Chinese soup made by another sister, only forty-eight could be buried because Sister Mary Regina, the head nun (Bea Eichmann Allen), used the last of the funds to buy a VCR.

The absurdity is part of the humor and is pointed out several times throughout the show by Sister Mary Hubert, played by Leta Neustaedter.

The humor combines the style of Dana Carvey's character, church lady, on past episodes of *Saturday Night Live*, and the attitude and humor of Whoopi Goldberg in the film *Sister Act*.

Sister Robert Anne, played by Michelle Casella-Bass, is the most flamboyant with her Brooklyn accent and daring sense of humor.

Nonsense will be playing through May 10. It starts at 7 p.m. on Thursdays with no dinner. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with a show at 8 p.m.

The theater is located on the corner of 9th and Borah streets.

Tickets are \$15.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students on Thursdays.

Tickets are \$34.50 each including dinner and \$17.50 each without dinner on Fridays and Saturdays.

Students can purchase tickets for the show only at half price when they show up ten minutes before the performance if seats are still available.

Are we free to copy DVDs?

By Dawn C. Chmielewski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Software that allows consumers to make backup copies of their DVDs has raised the ire of Hollywood studios, which claim it's nothing more than a tool for piracy.

The looming court battle between software-maker 321 Studios and seven entertainment companies, to be heard later this month in San Francisco, is more than just another chapter in the seemingly endless legal wrangling between Hollywood and technologists.

It could further define consumer rights in the digital age.

321 Studios and technology activists say the lawsuit — which the software maker defensively initiated last April — could establish the right of consumers to make personal copies of DVD movies they legitimately own, just as they do now with music CDs or computer software.

The studios say that's just a pretext to gain legitimacy for a \$100 software product whose real value lies in cracking the copy protection on DVDs to make flawless bootlegs.

Attorneys for 321 Studios argue that the St. Louis company's products, "DVD Copy Plus" and "DVD X Copy" (www.321studios.com), say the software has perfectly legitimate uses.

DVDs are fragile objects that can be rendered unplayable by scratches and cracks. Consumers have a legitimate need to make backup copies of

their DVDs, 321 Studios argues. DVD X Copy is intended for these users — and others who offered sworn legal statements in the case.

"This isn't about circumventing an access control mechanism. This is about whether you, in the privacy of your own home, can do what you want with what you already own," said Elizabeth Sedlock, 321 Studios chief marketing officer. "I can buy Picasso today, cut it to ribbons and paint all over it ... There's nothing that I own that I cannot do anything I want with, except a DVD."

321 Studios argues its DVD copying software is impractical as piracy tool. It takes four to six hours to reproduce a disc — making it unwieldy for mass-producing bootleg copies.

Users also need a computer with a DVD recording drive, which are still relatively rare.

Indeed, the latest version of the software, DVD X Copy, includes anti-piracy measures. Once the user creates a backup copy of a movie with DVD X Copy, the software erases the unencrypted version from the computer's hard drive.

It stamps an FBI-styled disclaimer onto each copied disc that warns against its resale. And it inserts a digital flag onto each backup DVD to prevent the user from making copies of copies.

321 Studios says it uses watermark technology to embed each disc with the user's registration information, making it possible to identify those who misuse the software.

Attorneys for the movie studios called these copy protections flimsy at best.

Any person with the slightest technological savvy can move the unprotected copy of the movie from their computer's "temporary" folder into another folder, where it can be uploaded to the Internet.

And the watermarking and digital signatures only work when DVD copies are created using the 321 Studios' software.

These mechanisms don't apply if the user makes discs on any other DVD-authoring software. And none of these safeguards are offered on 321 Studio's original product, DVD Copy Plus.

"The only thing left to do is press the button and say, 'distribute,'" said Steven B. Fabrizio a Los Angeles attorney representing the studios.

Fabrizio says 321 Studios' anti-piracy efforts are a distraction from the central issue of the case: whether consumers can legally copy DVDs.

Most consumers seem willing to accept Hollywood's terms of use — that they can enjoy the benefit of watching the film in crisp digital clarity, anytime, on any DVD player. They don't get reproduction rights.

All DVD movies are protected by a technology known as "Content Scramble System," or CSS, which garbles the data in every video frame.

The movie can only be viewed on licensed DVD players that contain a software key to unlock the encrypted film so

it can be viewed.

Hollywood argues that 321 Studios' software amounts to a high-tech lock pick. It skirts DVD access controls by capturing the video stream after a movie has been unscrambled.

And that, the studios argue, violates the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, which makes it a federal offense to market traffic in any technology designed to circumvent copy-protection systems like CSS.

321 Studios claims it does not circumvent CSS. Rather, it uses commercially licensed DVD player software on the user's computer to unlock the movie, and then captures and digitizes the video output.

In that respect, it's no different from any other DVD player or cable television set-top box.

If Hollywood succeeds in removing 321 Studios' products from the market, it will have little impact on movie piracy, said Fred von Lohmann, senior intellectual property attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco advocacy group that filed legal briefs on 321 Studios' behalf.

"If you are intent on making copies of your DVDs to distribute them to the world — that continues to be easy to do. There are plenty of free tools out there to allow you to rip things onto your computer," von Lohmann said.

"The only person this hurts is the consumer who wants to do what they've always been able to do with their media."

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