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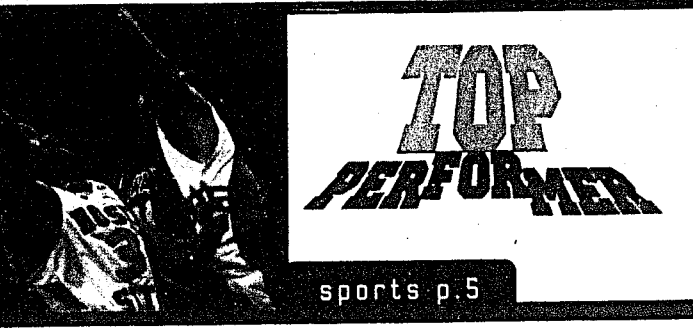
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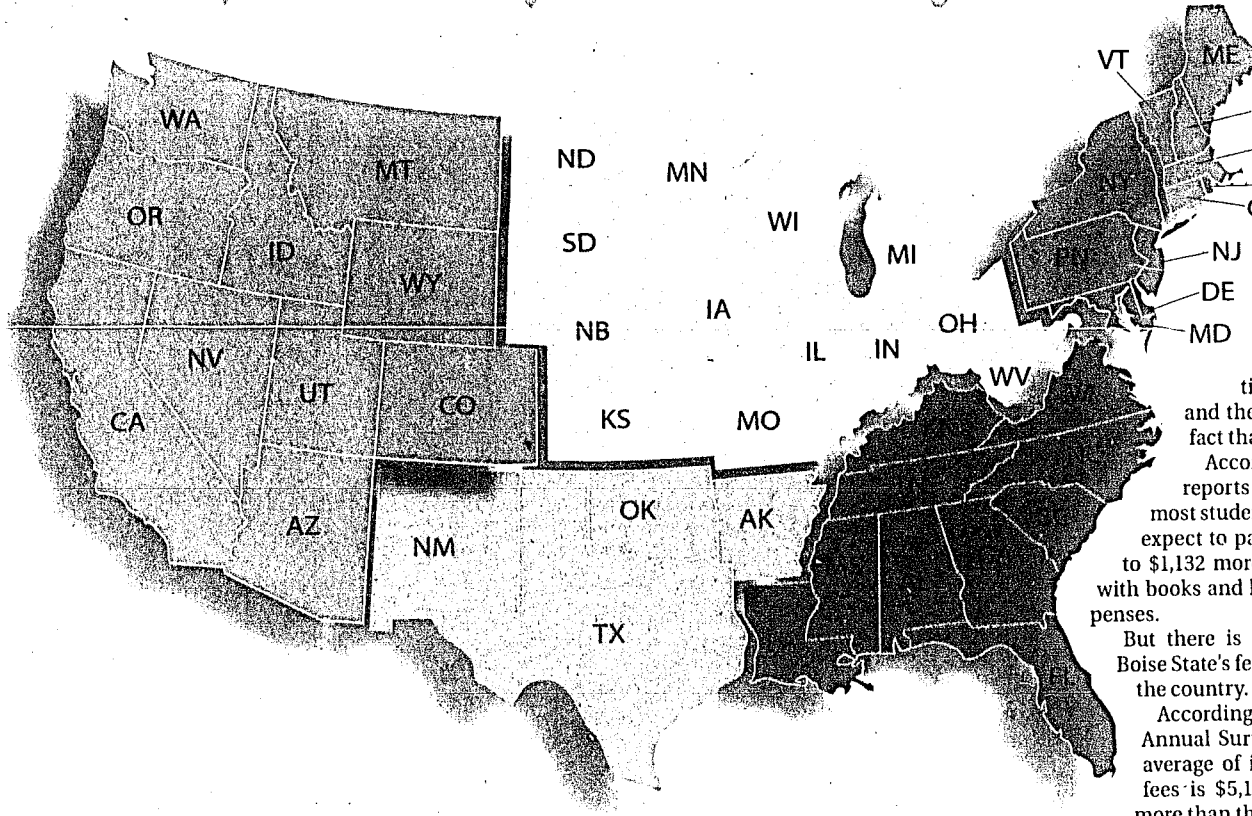
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FEE, FIE, FOE, FUM Higher fees are bound to come



BY MARIANA
BEKKER
News Writer

As students commence the third week of a new semester, the memory of paying thousands of dollars for a college education is still a recent and expensive one. Nationwide, the price for a secondary education is higher than ever, and there's just no escaping the fact that costs continue to rise. According to recently released reports from the College Board, most students and their families can expect to pay, on average, from \$167 to \$1,132 more than last year for fees, with books and housing as additional expenses.

But there is good news for Broncos; Boise State's fees are one of the lowest in the country.

According to the College Board's Annual Survey, the current national average of in-state public university fees is \$5,132 annually, over \$1,600 more than the cost at Boise State.

Other college students around the country aren't so lucky:

The College Board reports that New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland's universities have the highest costs, averaging \$6,350.

New England universities rank second highest, but schools such as the University of Connecticut can cost up to \$7,308.

The University of Illinois costs \$4,707, but the average Midwest fee is about \$5,507, making it the third most expensive region.

The South and Southwest region schools follow with costs ranging from \$5,300 at the University of Texas, to \$6,416 at the University of South Carolina.

Four year public universities in the West are vastly less expensive than the rest of the

nation with fees averaging around \$3,737. However, other Western schools' fees are significantly higher than Boise State.

The University of Washington costs \$5,286, and the University of Utah's fees for the year are \$4,000.

Compared to other universities in Idaho, Boise State's fee of \$3,520 is still the least expensive.

The University of Idaho's fee is \$3,632, and Idaho State University costs \$3,700.

According to the College Board's Annual Survey, public college and university fees are sensitive to the level of funding provided by state governments.

Fees tend to rise more rapidly when state appropriations decrease or grow at very slow rates.

This year, strained state budgets across the country led to severe cutbacks in institutional funding, causing increased reliance on the other major sources of revenue: tuition and fees.

The College Board reported that over a ten-year period ending in 2004, average costs rose 47 percent at public four-year colleges.

This year's 13 percent real increase, the highest in at least three decades, follows an inflation-adjusted increase of eight percent last year, a growth rate that had not been seen for 20 years.

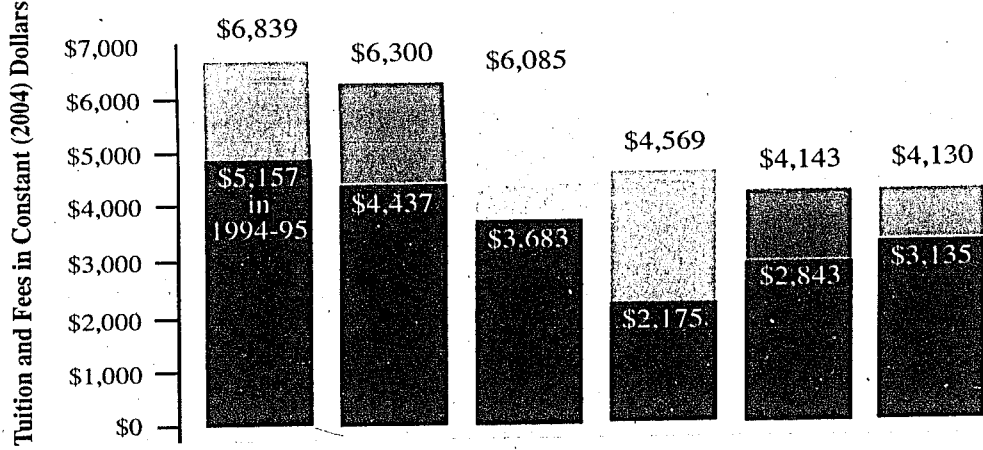
Although these figures may be intimidating to future college students, the College Board also reported more promising figures:

This year, a record \$122 billion in financial aid is available to students and their families, an increase of 11 percent over last year.

Also, about 60 percent of all college students receive grant aid.

In 2003-2004 grant aid averaged \$3,300 at public four-year colleges, according to the College Board.

The U.S. Census Bureau statistics states that people with a bachelor's degree earn over 70 percent more on average than those with only a high school diploma. Over a lifetime, the gap in earning potential between a high school diploma and a B.A. (or higher) is more than \$1,000,000.



The lobby begins Alumni Association sponsors day at legislature

BY RANDALL POST
Assistant News Editor

Boise State students and faculty spent the morning demonstrating to state legislators the impact that cutting-edge research done at BSU has on Idaho's economy and quality of life.

Booths showcasing graduate and undergraduate research from every college of Boise State University filled the fourth floor balcony of the Capitol rotunda Wednesday, Jan. 19.

"We are here to show the legislature and the public that students get to do really interesting things at BSU," James Munger, chairman of the biology department, said.

The event was sponsored by the Boise State University Alumni

Association as a way to show legislators the diversity of the research being conducted at BSU, according to Renee White, director of the association.

"This is important enough to us to sponsor this event," White said.

White said the long-term goal of the event is to help secure additional state appropriations for the university.

"State funding has declined from around 44 percent, of Boise State's operating budget, to closer to 30 percent," Mark Dunham, director of government relations, said.

Dunham, who lobbies for BSU at the state legislature, said the reasons for the decrease in state funding are due to increased costs

in other areas such as correctional facilities and healthcare.

In addition to funding issues, some of the research being showcased caught the attention of legislators.

Susan Filkins and Tim Mitchell conducted a yearlong study inventing and designing a corridor for salmon to bypass Ice Harbor Dam on the lower Snake River.

Filkins said the feasibility study tried to look at a way to bridge the opposing sides of the issue.

"We want people to think beyond... 'either breach the dams or leave the dams alone,'" Filkins said.

Boise Rep. Jana Kemp and Riggins Rep. Paul Shepard requested additional information on the study.

Other topics researched included botany, cancer treatment, financial advising, satellite propulsion and synthesizing collagen.

Some of the university's top administrators expressed their approval of Wednesday's events.

"It's exciting when you empower students to answer the questions and get the return on the investment of education," Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Michael Blankenship said.

President Robert Kustra was equally enthusiastic by Wednesday's exhibits on the rotunda, saying how "impressed" he was of all his faculty and students. Kustra will address the legislature on Wednesday, Jan. 26.



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Martin Luther King III - "The best is yet to come"

BY MARIAN BEKKER
News Writer

Boise State's Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week drew to a close Friday night when Martin Luther King III spoke to a packed audience at the Student Union Jordan Ballroom.

This marks his second appearance at Boise State, the first time in 1990 when BSU held its first annual MLK week.

King III said Martin Luther King Jr. Day should not be a celebration, but a time to recommit ourselves to finish the work his father began.

"We can't celebrate when 36 million people live in poverty in this nation."

King spoke of his father's vision to eradicate the world of the "triple evils" of poverty, violence, and racism.

"Most of the problems we confront or are faced with could be resolved if we would address those issues," he said.

According to King, America's objective should be to build bridges to work together and move the nation forward.

His father did not just have a dream; he had a vision, which should be a way of life, King said.

"We are a much better nation than the behaviors we exhibit."

King also criticized some of the government's policies and decisions, particularly those post-9/11 and the decision to go to war in Iraq. He said it should not be America's responsibility to bring democracy to the world, especially when the world is not asking for it.

"We've got to continue to finance the war and as a result the people in the communities

ASBSU decides on deciding later

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
News Writer

The ASBSU Senate, in its first week of action in 2005, decided upon nothing other than that they would decide on everything later.

The Senate sent three bills to committee for further discussion and introduced a proposed \$266.95 in student fee increases for the 2005-2006 school year. Should all of the increases be accepted, the total student fee for Idaho residents would be \$2,026.95 per student for the fall 2005 semester.

The three bills sent to committee are:

- * Strategic Fee Increase resolution, which begins with a \$75 increase for Fall 2005 and could grow to around \$300 per semester during the next five years.

- * Business Acknowledgment and Thanks resolution, which thanks President Kustra for acknowledging BSU's responsibility to the business community and a commitment to respect future business ethics. It also asks President Kustra to help in the promotion of clubs and organizations at BSU.

- * Civil Rights resolution, which states a need for a written civil rights policy for Boise State students.

The \$266.95 in fee increases was proposed in seven different areas (all increases are per student, per semester):

- * There is a proposed General Education increase of \$176. It is expected to pay for occupancy costs for the new Boise State West Campus, projected utility increases, inflationary costs and sufficient funds to address pressing needs due to enrollment growth.

- * The Strategic Facilities Fee of \$75 could be added to engage a general building fund to build newer facilities on BSU's campus and for additions on exist-

ing buildings. The fee will pay for the Student Union expansion that has already been approved and could become a long-term fee that could eventually grow to \$300-dollar per semester.

- * The Health and Wellness Counseling Center is asking for a \$5 increase in fees to add to the \$25 the center already receives. The \$25 fee has not been raised since 1987. The fee raise will help pay for improved access to primary clinical counseling, psychiatric support, learning disability access and clinical laboratory and pharmacy tech support.

- * BSU Intercollegiate Athletics is asking for a \$5 increase in fees

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world
Experts agree on provisional tsunami warning system

KOBE, Japan - Experts confirmed at the U.N. World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe that countries around the Indian Ocean should take primary responsibility for establishing an early tsunami warning system there, but that support from the international community would be forthcoming.

A special session to discuss the introduction of an early tsunami warning system to cover the Indian Ocean regions was held Wednesday, following a proposal by the Japanese government in response to the recent disaster that killed more than 170,000 people.

The participants agreed to set up within the next six months a provisional tsunami warning system in the regions using an existing warning center in Hawaii.

They plan to use existing telecommunications systems and current seismic and sea level data obtained in the Pacific Ocean.

They also agreed that a permanent tsunami warning system should be launched within two years. The report will be submitted to a plenary session scheduled for Thursday morning.

At least 26 die in wave of insurgent attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Insurgents set off at least four bombs in Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 26 people and wounding more than 20 in a continuing campaign to disrupt national parliamentary elections scheduled to take place on Jan. 30.

An organization linked to Jordanian terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the most wanted man in Iraq, took credit for one of the blasts, a huge explosion outside the Australian Embassy that killed two Iraqi civilians and shattered windows at a nearby hotel housing several U.S. news organizations, including Knight Ridder.

No claims of responsibility were issued for the other explosions, the most serious of which went off near a police station and hospital, killing 18 and wounding 15.

U.S. military officials were quick to

point out that the explosions didn't inflict nearly as much damage as they could have. All the bombers were stopped by security forces before they could reach their intended targets, Lt. Col. James Hutton of the Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Baghdad said in a statement. "While any loss of life is tragic, it could have been a lot worse," the statement said.

Iraqis braced for more violence as the clock ticks down to the elections, which will select a 275-person national assembly that will pick new leadership for the country and write a constitution.

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Bush promotes spread of liberty - for safety's sake

WASHINGTON - President Bush proclaimed a bold, even revolutionary, foreign policy in his inaugural address Thursday, but he offered no specifics about how he plans to rid the world of tyranny, which tyrants he'll target or what other foreign or domestic goals he might be willing to sacrifice to promote freedom.

Bush's declaration that "the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world" was reminiscent of predecessors from Woodrow Wilson to Ronald Reagan, and especially of John F. Kennedy's 1961 pledge to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

But while Wilson, Reagan and Kennedy argued that America should battle tyranny because doing so is right, Bush said America must battle tyranny because it can never be safe so long as tyrants rule.

"The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands," Bush said.

Bush inauguration provokes cheers and jeers

WASHINGTON - Jeers competed with cheers and militants mixed uneasily with mink coats as thousands of demonstrators lined the inaugural parade route Thursday to voice their opposition to President Bush.

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The mostly peaceful protesters staged a variety of events, from a "die-in" by 17 people near the White House to satirical thrusts at Bush's policies by Billionaires for Bush. One group, Turn your Back on Bush, did just that with a silent gesture as the president passed by.

At the parade's start, at Third Street and Constitution Avenue, hundreds of sign-wielding protesters chanted "shame, shame" and "four more wars" as Bush's motorcade passed, easily drowning out supporters. One man played "Taps" on his trumpet while two young men unveiled a large cardboard coffin draped in an American flag.

Bush supporters dominated many blocks along the parade route because they'd purchased tickets for bleacher seats. Others stood uneasily in their long overcoats near groups of demonstrators.

Emily Hanson of Nashville, Tenn., shook her head at a group of demonstrators: "Don't they know the election is over? Hey, they lost."

University officials announce efforts to prevent theft of body parts

SANTA ANA, Calif. - After five scandals in 10 years, University of California officials are creating a new "inventory control system" to keep track of cadavers donated to their medical schools that includes video cameras, barcodes and computers.

The new system is designed to keep bodies and body parts from being stolen, in the wake of theft scandals at three of the university's five medical schools that have body-donation programs.

"We know people are going to be fearful, if they think that the body they donate will be in any way misappropriated," said Dr. David Taylor, executive director of medical services for UC's Office of the President. "We are very committed to protecting the dignity of our donors."

The system is the result of several scandals at the university's medical schools. In one case, relatives of people who donated bodies to UC Irvine are suing the system, after the campus fired its program director in 1999 and was unable to account for more than 300 bodies.

Taylor said the new accountability

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procedures will include a system-wide program director, to oversee all UC programs, closer supervision on each campus as well as "inventory management devices to help us keep better track of what we have." Newly developed software will monitor how many cadavers are in storage, and where. Bar-code devices also will be attached to the nearly 1,000 cadavers the university system receives each year.

what the?

An auspicious beginning

An Israeli man refused to pay child support to his ex-wife for eight years, moving frequently to evade authorities, and finally racking up more than \$45,000 in debt. Then, he decided to get married again.

Police went to the wedding reception and waited for the guests to deposit gifts of money into a safe - an Israeli tradition - before moving in and confiscating it. The bride fainted.

No parking at any time, didn't read the sign?

A group of young people, tooling around in a brand-new sports utility vehicle, decided to park it on the sands of Sunset Beach, Calif.

They sat there drinking beer, and apparently did not realize they were too close to the water's edge until the waves splashed over them and started to pull the vehicle into the Pacific Ocean. They managed to get out OK.

Come on, give her away, goodbye

A blind bride's seeing-eye dog got the jitters and refused to "give her away" with a bark at her wedding in Irene, South Africa.

Instead, he let out a soft growl and crawled under a bench. The wedding went on regardless.

what the?

Drunk, but still kissing fresh

Police in Des Moines, Iowa, arrested a man who became intoxicated by drinking two bottles of mouthwash. He was not given a breathalyzer test, but, one officer said, "He had good breath."

Are you feeling better? I am

A professor who has written several books on affairs of the heart was arrested for fondling the breasts of a woman who came to him for treatment for depression at his home in Takamatsu, Japan.

So what if I want to look pretty?

An Ohio teacher was pulled over for driving erratically. When the cops got him out of the car, they saw that he was wearing women's panties.

Checking the records, they found that, when he was stopped seven years ago, he was also wearing women's clothes. He was charged with drunk driving.

If sad, press one, if dejected...

In China, where four people kill themselves every minute, nine out of ten people calling a suicide prevention hotline got a busy signal.

It also serves as a night light

In Wales, people must pay an annual licensing fee to watch television programs. Payment is enforced by inspectors who hear some pretty lame excuses.

One fee evader in Carmarthen said the family doesn't watch the television set but turns it on "to keep the cat warm."

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MLK

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are suffering because we have to continue to allocate resources for a war that I don't know how we are going to win," he said.

King concluded his speech by emphasizing his father's mission to spread love and encouraged communities to continue to make great strides in change.

At a reception held earlier that day at the Idaho Black History Museum, King III also called for activism in communities.

"My hope is that when we appear we are standing still, strides are being made," he said.

The reception marked the un-

veiling of a bust of King Jr. sculpted by local Boise artist Dean Estes.

"It is always a humbling experience to be a part of receiving something in honor of my father," King III said.

The sculpture, part of Estes' "Dancers that dance upon injustice" series, portrays King Jr. during a speech.

"I wanted to capture him speaking because that's where his energy is," said Estes.

"His tools were his words, his weapons."

ASBSU

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to add 1.5 scholarships to the Women's Ski program to meet the NCAA limit and hire an Assistant Ski Coach to oversee the Nordic Ski program. It will also replace worn-out gymnastic equipment and increase the number of scholarships to the Women's Track and Field program.

* The BSU Spirit Squad and Mane Line Dancers are asking for a \$2.85 raise to support their activities on campus and around the country. The budget for the pair has not increased in 22 years. Both have been dependent upon outside sources to fund their activities, equipment

purchases and training. All but one of those outside sources has pulled its funding for the 2005-2006 school year.

* The Volunteer Services Board is asking for a \$1.60 fee increase to hire a Break-Away Coordinator and an International Issues Coordinator. It will also allow for more volunteer events and would expand the events currently on the calendar. The VSB puts on events such as the Great American Smoke out, Earth Week, Blood Drives and many other volunteer events.

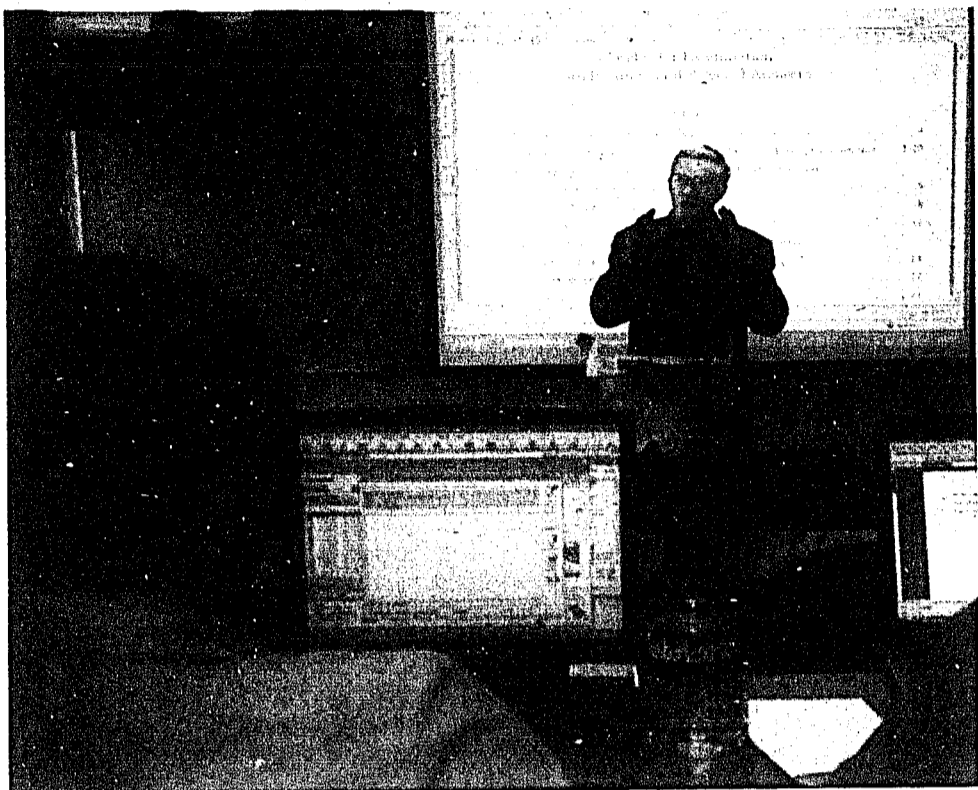
* The ASBSU Conservation Coordinators are asking for a

\$1.50 fee increase to fund an expansion of recycling bins, both small and large, in offices, housing and common areas. The Conservation Coordinators plan to expand the recycling services to include cardboard, glass, mixed paper and compost recycling, none of which are currently available at BSU.

ASBSU meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Forum in the Student Union Building. Visit www.asbsu.org for information on bills, resolutions, and meetings.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

RESPONSE



PHOTOGRAPH BY PETER ANDREW BOSCH/MIAMI HERALD SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL
Sandy D'Alemberte is President Emeritus at Florida State University and a professor of law at St. Thomas University. He teaches a law class, connected by the Internet, simultaneously to students in Miami Gardens and Tallahassee, Florida, on Jan. 11, 2005.

Students hit the link for Internet law class

BY ROBERT L. STEINBACK
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Florida State University law student Amy Cline stood in front of her state constitutional law class in Tallahassee being grilled 21st-Century style — by a professor more than 400 miles away.

"Did the Virginia Constitution have a bill of rights before the federal Constitution?" asked her professor, former FSU president Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, from a classroom at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

"Yes, I think so," Cline said tentatively. She was visible, though not particularly well-lit, on a television monitor above D'Alemberte's head.

Twenty-three St. Thomas law students joined about 35 FSU students on Jan. 11 for the first meeting of a class all will attend simultaneously, though in different cities, linked by the Internet. While real-time videoconferencing over the Web has been done intermittently by colleges for several years, few have committed to sharing an entire course of study with an unrelated institution.

Despite some audio problems, a monitor that kept flipping unnecessarily between views of both classrooms, and remote-control cameras that at times were difficult to aim, students on both campuses appeared to cope well with the technological wrinkles.

"It wasn't a distraction, but

some things they'll have to work out as far as the connection," said second-year FSU law student John Martinez. "There was more discussion here than in most of my law school classes, where all you get is a lecture."

Bob Butterworth, the former Florida attorney general who now is dean of St. Thomas's law school, sat in on the class.

"I think it's going to work out pretty well," he said. "This is the first time in Florida that two law schools have done this."

The technology solved a dilemma for Butterworth and associate law school dean George Sheldon: They wanted D'Alemberte — one-time president of the American Bar Association, and a former state legislator — to teach a course at St. Thomas, but the distinguished lawyer was already committed.

"Bob came to me, then George came to talk to me about teaching Florida constitutional law, but I said I'm obligated to teaching at FSU this semester," D'Alemberte said.

The solution: Teach the same course to two classrooms at the same time.

"He's the preeminent scholar in state constitutional law probably in the country," said Butterworth. "He's argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court. To have the former ABA president to come here

to teach means a lot to the students. The technology made it happen."

D'Alemberte will teach the course with Florida Executive Deputy Attorney General Clay Roberts, who serves as an adjunct professor.

"I thought it worked well," third-year St. Thomas law student Danielle Robinson said of the Internet linkage with FSU. "It's a good experience to have two professors who know what they're talking about."

St. Thomas is not alone in seeking ways to apply technology to bring together professors and students in different locations.

Joseph Harbaugh, dean of the Nova Southeastern University School of Law, said the institution has used real-time videoconferencing to link classes taught jointly with Washburn Law School in Topeka, Kan., New York University and the Albany Law School.

Florida International University has used the technology to allow off-campus instructors to teach occupational therapy students in a class on-campus, and uses it in some law school classes, a spokesman said.

This fall, Barry University will offer a physicians' assistant course simultaneously to a class on its Miami Shores campus and another in St. Petersburg, a spokesman said.

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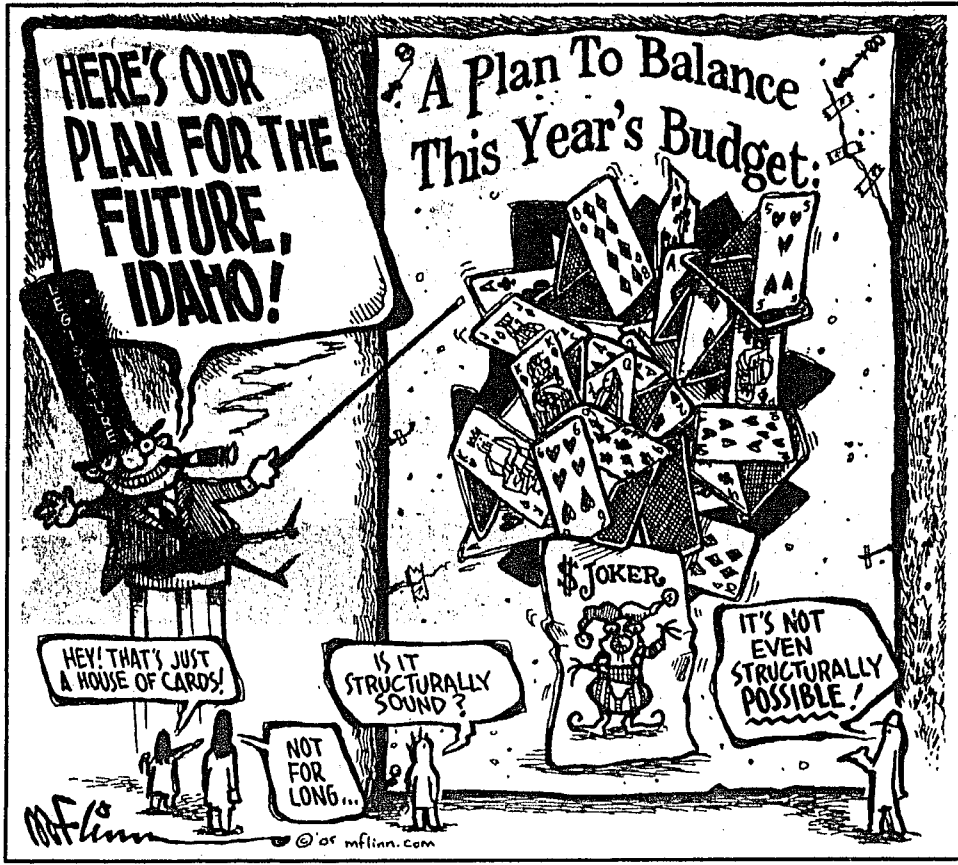
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This Island, Idaho By M. Flinn



Social Security needs change

BY LUKE ALLEN MCMANAMON
Columnist

The mention of Social Security reform angers a deeply affected class of citizens who are largely left out of the reform equation—the younger workers who will have to fund a deepening social security payroll tax. Most people would argue that it is reasonable to assume that if you pay into a system that is designed to secure you in retirement, that you would be able to get something out of the system after you retire. However, given the state of the Social Security system as it exists today, no such guarantee exists.

Social Security was signed into law by President Roosevelt on Aug. 14, 1935 as a mechanism to protect an increasingly impoverished and aging population who had either retired or lost the wage earner of the family. Taxes collected for Social Security purposes are not considered income taxes. Rather, they are considered payroll taxes, which can only be used for the purpose specified in collection. Congress has raided Social Security funds over the years to fund various "necessary" projects. These I.O.U.'s are given to a system that is increasingly being projected to have over a trillion dollars in debt with no plan for repayment in the immediate future.

Figures given by the Social Security Trustees indicate that by 2018 the Social Security system will be paying out more than it takes in. This disparity will grow to leave the system with well over

10 trillion dollars in debt by the time workers in their 20's begin to retire, essentially bankrupting the system. The students and young workers today who are paying into the system should be demanding that this problem be fixed. Social Security is a broken contract that will guarantee no retirement benefits for those who will be taxed most heavily to fund a system that is increasingly being used less as a retirement savings mechanism and more as an income redistribution tool.

Some of the solutions being suggested for Social Security reform will offer more protection for those paying in by securing funds in individual retirement accounts. President Bush has proposed a plan that will offer maximum protection for those paying into the system, while guaranteeing benefits to those who already have. The President has proposed that workers be allowed to invest 7-10 percent of their Social Security taxes into these individual retirement accounts. These accounts could then be utilized in avenues more suited to building nest-eggs via secure financial funds, stocks, and bonds, under the control and for the exclusive use of the recipient.

The White House notes that, "In 1950 there were 16 workers to support every one beneficiary of Social Security. Today, there are only 3.3 workers supporting every Social Security beneficiary. By the time our youngest workers, those entering the workforce today, turn 65, there will be only two workers for every beneficia-

ry." Those numbers, no matter how sound, spell disaster unless the system is carefully managed to guarantee that each worker will be able to make a claim against the system that he or she be taxed to fund. Without guaranteeing some measure of payout from individual retirement accounts, a worker will be left with little more than the I.O.U.'s that Social Security is already owed by Congress.

Increasing Social Security taxes is no option. The Heritage Foundation notes that, "a 1.89 percentage point increase in [Social Security] payroll taxes would reduce potential employment by 277,000 jobs per year." Similarly, reducing benefits to those who have already paid in is a contract broken. However, doing nothing will mean that there is a good chance that college students and young workers today will have paid into a system that they will not be able to take advantage of. By securing portions of an individual's contribution to the Social Security in individual retirement accounts, the system offers built in guarantees that the worker will actually be able to receive the benefits he or she has paid for. Overlooking the workers that will actually pay to fund Social Security's biggest increase in beneficiaries during the course of the next decade would be disastrous, bankrupting the system and spreading angst across a whole new generation of taxpayers.

A Harvard President thoughtless comments = stupidity

BY AUBREY SALAZAR
Columnist

If we cannot look to the most academically-esteemed and influential private college in the world for gender neutrality, women should start ducking and running for cover soon.

The recent statements by Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers slid a firecracker in the petticoats of women everywhere. When President Summers recently spoke at a conference, he suggested that innate differences between the genders may explain why more men are successful in math and science than women. Don't shrink away fellows, I urge you to keep reading.

I could hardly regain my composure. I had to check the date on my calendar just in case the time traveling machine I ordered off Ebay really did work and I was hurled back to the year 1848, when women were barred from even receiving a college education. Yes, that is right, a mandate was upheld by American colleges and universities to deny women the right to learn science, mathematics and all other subjects.

What has happened since the mid 1800s is also important. Even when women were given the opportunity to go to college, the only respectable role for women in society was as a wife, mother, and housekeeper.

There was also a barrage of arguments and self-indulgent studies on why women should not en-

gage in education. This served to keep women from getting "haughty" enough to pursue anything but manicures and dinner for her husband. Dr. Edward Hammond Clark published his conclusive book, "Sex in Education" in 1873, in which he asserted that education was dangerous to women because it diverted blood from their reproductive organs.

What I cannot extract from President Summer's statements is why he would go for the most obtuse and arcane view, that men are better at math and science because they have a penis and testosterone. Hold on, wait, too much blood going to my head, must stop thinking about it or I will go sterile.

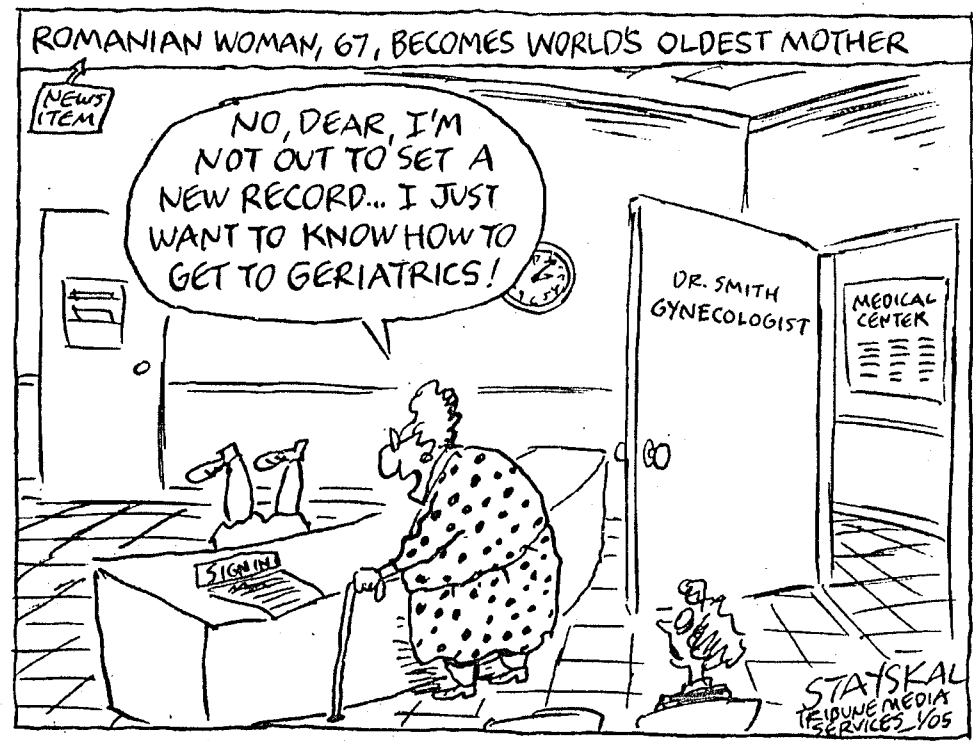
In fact, women throughout history have been proficient in mathematics and science. Proficient is an understatement. Sophie Germain was distinguished for her work on Fermat's Last Theorem. Maria Gaetana Agnesi contributed to calculus. Grace Murray Hopper, helped develop computers, and paved the way for Bill Gates in amassing his fortune. Williamina Fleming was actually a Harvard astronomer, and during her tenure at Harvard, many women were hired on at the observatory for the process of monitoring data. They were paid horribly, but I am sure that it was for the love of science that they continued to work. Many of the strides made by women in these fields were not properly recognized and hailed until after their deaths. Imagine a world that ig-

nored your theories, experiments, and empirical breakthroughs because you were a woman.

Well, that was our world, and even more, the strongest case as to why fewer women enter into the hard science disciplines is because of instructional bias in our classroom environments in early development stages. There is certainly much more evidence of this, than of the biological handicaps of females. Reversing a cycle of embedded social norms about the intellect of women, which has been with us since the beginning of time is a difficult road. Seems like our time is up if the president of Harvard is entertaining the idea that women are just not quite biologically equipped to wrap our brains around such difficult subjects.

As for myself, I will admit, mathematics is not my strongest suit. But some of my female friends can do long division in their head. Will they want to become engineers? I'm not sure. What we do want is equal access, equal provocation into these fields, and equal accolades for our wide range of capabilities. Equal.

The men in my life have always been horrible at any sort of measurements beginning in grade school. "It's so big," taunted little Jimmy Willis out on the playground one day. As I soon found out behind the janitor's shed, "it" was not actually that big. Today, the only measurement I concern myself with is equal.



Letter to the Editor

Think Dr. Newman is mistaken, biased, or wrong?

Very easy to get the facts. Go to www.kkk.com, the official Web site of those wonderful knights of confederate heritage. They sell flags, and pins, and hair scrunchies. All or mostly with a single theme of confederate flag. Sure, the beloved KKK knights for American heritage will sell you an American flag, but they will sell you five version of the confederate flag.

Simple, simple, simple. Ask a Knight of KKK what the confederate flag means to them, and stop fooling yourself.

Again, go to the source, not to some blind propagandist.

I am not a minority member myself, but I see the confederate flag for the same thing that a KKK person sees it: a celebration and perpetuation of a hateful heritage.

A knight of the Klu Klux Klan may believe a lynching is their patriotic duty, and so proudly wave our national flag over their

wicked act, but see for yourself at www.kkk.com that the confederate flag is most dear to the heart of a KKK knight. Order a confederate flag from their "christian" Web site that is linked from www.kkk.com.

The word "confederate" is not a word worthy of capitalization by any educated English-speaking conscience.

Dr. Newman never stated that the confederate flag, as a symbol of free speech, should be abol-

ished, but only that the symbol of hatred should not be worn to a place of love, unity, and inclusion.

Dr. Newman was recognizing the confederate rag to have the same meaning that is construed upon it by www.kkk.com

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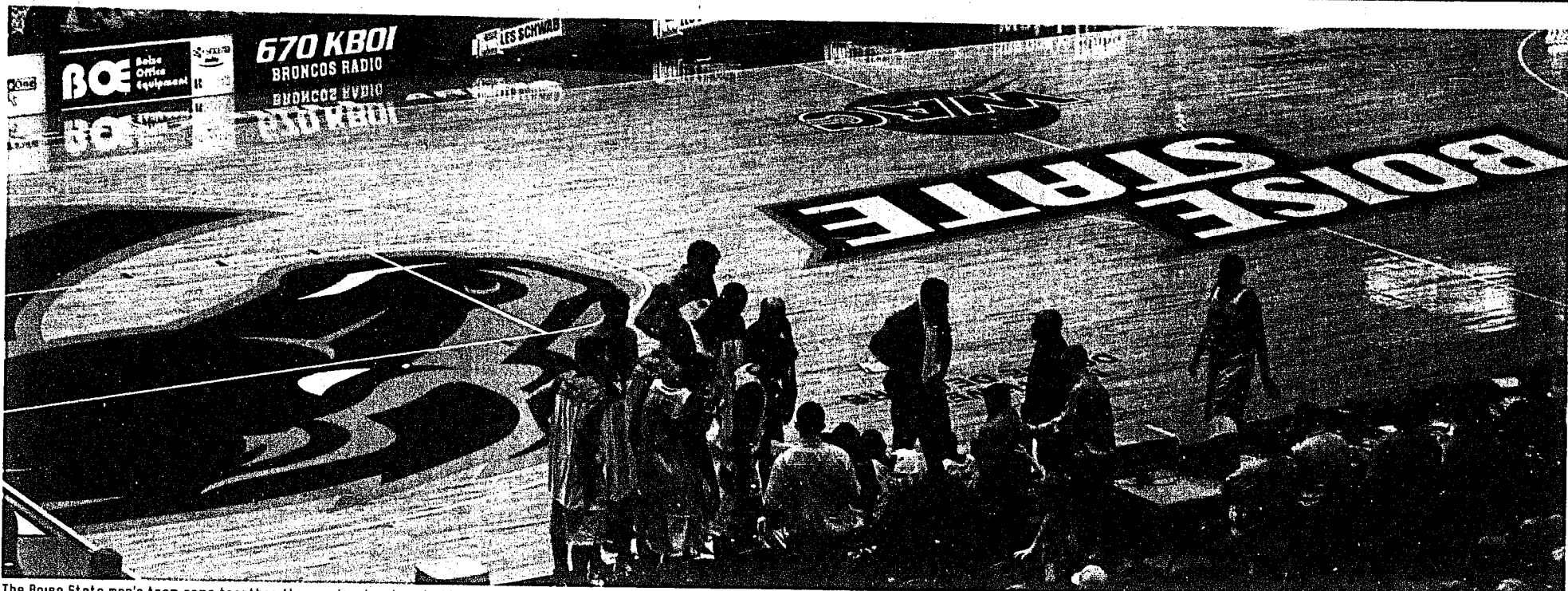
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The Boise State men's team came together this weekend and posted back-to-back WAC victories over San Jose State and Hawaii.

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Ellis' return propels Broncos

BY JEREMY RASMUSSEN
Sports Writer

For the first time since the fourth game of this season, the Broncos pulled off back-to-back wins on their home court over the weekend. Boise State (9-9 overall, 3-4 Western Athletic Conference) is now in a three-way tie for fifth place in the WAC.

The Broncos lacked leadership and inside presence while senior center Jason Ellis was out, but this weekend neither of those problems came up.

Both victories this weekend came against WAC foes. First came the 72-62 win over San Jose

State on Thursday night, followed by an 80-76 victory over Hawaii on Saturday.

"We just played together and we've been working on our chemistry," sophomore guard Eric Lane said. "We got some good shots, played together and got it to the open guy and everything went real well for us."

Saturday was a dogfight, as both teams got into a heated confrontation in the first half, and it never seemed to cool off. The Broncos were clearly the smaller team against Hawaii, but they found a way to get inside, as they completely dominated with a 12-point advantage in points in the

paint and out-rebounded Hawaii 42-36.

"That was a very good win for us. And that's, apart from where we've been through this season, that's probably as good a win since I've been here," BSU head coach Greg Graham said.

Bronco fans welcomed back senior forward Jason Ellis Thursday after Ellis missed six games for surgery to repair a hernia. Ellis scored 10 points and led the team with eight rebounds in 14 minutes.

"I'm truly blessed to be back as soon as I am," Ellis said.

"He means a lot. It lifts a little weight off me. I'm so inexperienced,

he guides me," junior forward Tez banks said.

Four other Bronco starters finished in double figures in scoring. Led by Franco Harris' 15 points and 12 for Banks, SJSU out-rebounded Boise State by 10, but shot only 36.1 percent from the field as the Broncos held on for the 10-point win to drop the Spartans to 4-11 overall and 1-5 in the WAC.

In the matchup with Hawaii on Saturday, the Broncos dominated the first half, taking a 16-point lead at the break, while shooting just over 57 percent from the field in the half. The Rainbow Warriors made a run in the second half to

cut it close, but the Broncos held on to the four-point win. Banks set his career-high with 13 points, all of which came in the first half.

Leading the way was Jermaine Blackburn, who scored 19 points and pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds.

"We just came out and stayed focused and played defense as a team [Saturday]," Blackburn said. "If somebody got beat, somebody was there to help out and everybody was rebounding well, and everybody was holding their man off to where rebounds would come our way."

Lane added 16 points, with 13 coming in the first half.

After starting the season 8-0, Hawaii has lost five of its last seven games, all of which were conference games, to go 10-5 on the year. The Warriors have now dropped three straight.

The Broncos will hit the road for the next two weeks as the continue conference play, before returning to Taco Bell Arena for a second meeting with Fresno State and Nevada on Feb. 10.

"We are going to want to win on the road so when we come back and keep winning in the WAC, the fans will want to come back and see how we've improved more and more as we keep playing," Blackburn said.

Women's hoops stumble on road trip

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The Boise State women's basketball team stumbled over the weekend, losing both games on the road.

The San Jose State Spartans defeated the Boise State Broncos Thursday night in women's basketball, 64-47. The Spartans led throughout the game. Boise State had two freshmen in double digits in scoring - Tasha Harris with

15 and Amanda Stewart with 12.

The Broncos came out cold in the first half and San Jose State took the advantage, leading 37-13 at halftime. While Boise State played much better in the second period, out-scoring the Spartans by seven (34-27), the San Jose State lead was too big.

The Broncos finished with a shooting percentage of 27 percent from the field, 15 percent from three-point range and 52 percent from the free throw line. San

Jose State shot 48 percent from the floor (28-56), 33 percent from three-point range, and 71 percent from the free throw line.

On Saturday the Hawaii women's basketball team defeated the Boise State Broncos, 67-55, late Saturday night. The Broncos return home to host league-leading Louisiana Tech Thursday and Southern Methodist Saturday.

Hawaii took advantage of a cold-shooting Bronco team in the first period to build 35-14 halftime

advantage and a 24-point lead early in the second period before the Broncos mounted a comeback. Boise State pulled within 11 points three times in the second half, but Hawaii stopped the run with good free throw shooting down the stretch.

Jamie Hawkins led Boise State (6-10 overall, 1-6 WAC), with 15 points and eight rebounds. The Broncos shot 25 percent from the floor, 20 percent from three-point range and 68 percent from the

free throw line.

Amy Sanders led Hawaii (8-6 overall, 4-3 WAC) with 17 points. Hawaii shot 40 percent from the floor, 33 percent from three-point range and 62 percent from the free throw line.

The Wahine won the rebound war by two - 48-46. The Broncos had just 16 turnovers compared to Hawaii's 20. But Hawaii had 19 assists to Boise State's six.

Along with the two home games this weekend, the Broncos will

have two more at the Taco Bell Arena before they hit the road again.

The Broncos sit just a half game ahead of Nevada, who is last in the WAC standings. Thursday's opponent La Tech is undefeated in WAC play and SMU is tied for second place.

TOP PERFORMER

This week's top performer is men's basketball guard Eric Lane. The sophomore from Los Angeles, Calif. scored 26 points and four steals in the two Bronco victories this weekend.

Lane, a communications major who was out of the lineup earlier this season because of a stabbing in downtown Boise, sparked the Broncos in the first half versus San Jose State. In just over a minute of play in the first half, Lane scored eight points, had two steals and an assist that gave the Broncos a quick 10-point lead that they never gave up.

On Saturday, the hurricane style of play once again came up for Lane. He drained two three-pointers in less than a minute in the first half, scoring 10 of his 13 before halftime.

"It's just confidence. When it's your time, you just got to let it go," Lane said.

Lane had been coming off the bench since he returned from his injury, but was in the starting lineup this weekend, and he gave good reason why he should have been there.

Lane has set some lofty goals for himself, and they are coming to prosper now, for him and the Broncos.

"Just keep working hard and don't let up and stay focused. Just make sure all the things like school are taken care of, and everything on the court will go well for me," Lane said.

And they have. Lane is averaging 11.6 points per game in conference games, and shooting 47 percent from the field and 38 percent from behind the arc.



Sophomore guard Eric Lane ignited the Broncos over the weekend with strong defense and huge clutch shooting.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER / THE ARBITER

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*Fri. vs. Fresno State 7 p.m.
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Sun. vs. Cal State Fullerton 4 p.m.

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Luke Shields (left) and Thomas Schoeck (right) helped the Broncos advance to the finals on Saturday with their doubles win over Colorado.

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Men's tennis still perfect

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

Boise State's men's tennis team has started to shine in 2005 behind a solid line up and a passionate head coach.

Broncos head coach Greg Patton has claimed to be "chasing the Hawk" and the Broncos are well on their way with a perfect 4-0 start.

With freshman Luke Shields heading up this stellar Bronco line up, Boise State cruised past UNLV early Saturday morning 4-0 in the ITA Mountain Region Indoor Tennis Tournament. Doubles play was cancelled but the singles matches were on and full of intensity. Shields played at the number one spot and defeated Hennis Nehles of UNLV 6-2, 6-3.

At the number three spot, Boise State senior Matias Silva defeated Avi Saloman 6-4, 6-4. Silva is the youngest senior in the country at 20 and is ranked 55th in the nation and second in the region. Senior transfer Ikaika Jobe is proving to be a key component to the make-up of the Broncos as he won at the number four spot against Romain Massaro 6-2, 6-1.

The final singles win came at the number five spot where Boise State's Nils Klemann swept Sean Hubbard 6-0, 6-0. The win over UNLV secured the Broncos spot in the championship match of the tournament Saturday evening against Colorado. With a 4-1 win over New Mexico, Colorado advanced to meet the Broncos in the championship match.

By 8:45 p.m. the Broncos had

battled their way into a 3-0 lead and were determined to take the fourth match to rack up their second sweep of the day and their fourth win of the season. "We are a team of battles and it was a great day," said Patton as the Broncos jumped right in to play snatching the doubles point and securing a quick lead in singles play.

Kicking off the evening with a bang, Shields and Schoeck took out the 33rd ranked doubles team in the nation at the number one spot 8-4. Jobe and Silva won at the number two spot 8-4.

Play shifted to singles matches where Schoeck defeated Jan Zeleny of Colorado 6-1, 6-4 at the number two spot. Silva defeated Marcos Digliado 6-1, 6-3 at the number three spot and Jobe "brought it home," said Patton as

he defeated Peter Bjork 7-6, 6-2 at the number three spot. Shields was playing at the number one spot and in the middle of the tie-breaker, match play was stopped due to NCAA tournament regulations.

With their undefeated start on the season the Broncos are headed to Chicago to play with the big dogs, an ecstatic coach Patton said. Before the Broncos compete in the ITA National Indoor Tournament on Feb. 17-20 they will be competing at William and Mary on Jan. 28 and at VCU on Jan. 29. With a strong top line up and a dedicated vibrant bottom line up, the Broncos are well on their way to chasing the Hawk's destiny and creating one of their own.

Gymnasts slip up in Denver

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DENVER, Colorado - The Boise State gymnastics team started with strong performances on floor and vault, but then were shaky on bars and beam to take third in a four-way meet at the University of Denver. Denver won the meet with 195.275. North Carolina State was second with a score of 190.575. The Broncos' scored 187.85 to slip by UC-Davis, who finished in fourth place with

a score of 187.475.

Starting on the floor, the Broncos scored 48.325. Then at the vault, the Broncos scored 48.6. The bars posed a problem as the team scored just 45.725 and the frustrations continued on the beam with a 45.2.

Boise State's Lindsey Thomas was the team's top all-around competitor with a 38.125, which placed her second in the meet. On vault, Lindsay Ward's 9.825 placed her fourth. On bars, Thomas was the team's top finisher with a

9.425, which was good for 13th place. Ward placed eighth on the beam with a 9.525. Kristin Gaare led the Broncos on floor with a fifth place 9.8.

Boise State returns home to host its first meet in the Taco Bell Arena Friday, where the Broncos will host Cal State Fullerton in the gymnasts' half of "Beauty and the Beast" with the wrestling team. The competition will begin at 7 p.m. Friday.

Intramurals offer up wintertime blues

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports Writer

The time has come to take the sneakers out of the closet, dust off the racquet, and find the old bat and glove. With the new semester underway, intramural sports are getting ready to begin for Boise State students.

The intramural sports program offers a variety of activities for students who are looking to get a little exercise or for the students who are looking to appease their competitive side. Boise State offers over 22 activities throughout

the school year, with 11 of them being offered during this semester.

Sports beginning this month include 4-on-4 volleyball, basketball, racquetball, and floor hockey. Volleyball is for both men and women. Basketball and field hockey offer a men's league, women's league and a co-recreation league, and there are both a men and women's leagues for racquetball.

During February badminton doubles, and 3-on-3 soccer begin. They are followed by 4-on-4 football, and softball in March.

Tennis, ultimate Frisbee and golf will begin in April.

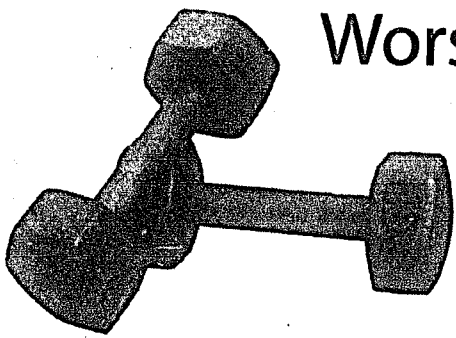
Students may sign up to participate at the Rec Center. Registration forms are available at the front desk and require a team name, your team manager, players, and their student numbers. There is also an entry fee per team, ranging from \$5 to \$25 depending on what activity you wish to join.

For those who want to play intramural sports and can't find a team, sign-ups are at the Recreation Center. The participants name will be put on a free agent list that other teams will be able to use to fill roster spots.

"It's a great way to keep playing sports after high school, and it also keeps me off the couch," Jared Purvis, a freshman at Boise State said.

Not only is the intramural program a great way to get involved on campus, it's also a great way to meet a lot of new people, said Purvis. Jan. 24 is the deadline to sign up for volleyball, basketball, and racquetball. Jan. 31 is the deadline for floor hockey. There is not a lot of time left, so hurry to the Rec and sign up today.

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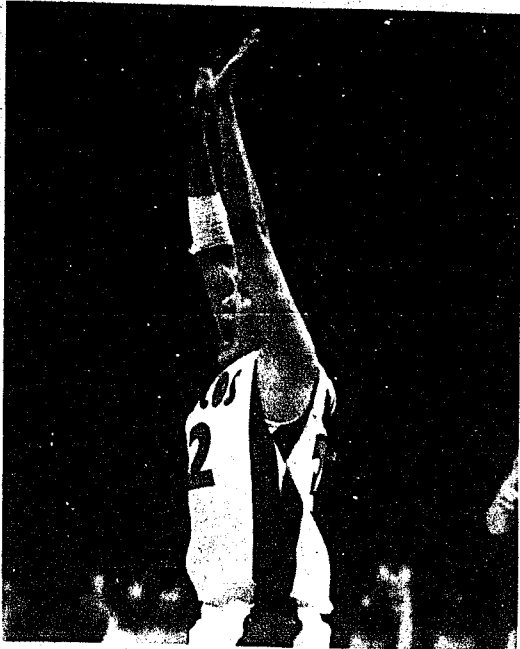
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Nakashima is a leader on and off the floor. PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER, THE ARCHER

Jodi Nakashima:

Player of Persistence and Personality

[PLAYER PROFILE]

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Jodi Nakashima plays a role seldom seen on the basketball court—flexibility in leadership. She joins two other players on the women's basketball team to make a solid core of leadership. Along with senior forward Cariann Ramirez and fellow senior guard Christie Paiz, Nakashima tries to hold the underclassmen to the same standards she puts on herself. Paiz comments that Nakashima places herself in a position of leading by example rather than being so demanding on the floor. When asked, Nakashima will credit her teammates. "I'm thankful that I had my two other seniors to finish this out with. They are a big help and strength to me."

This being said, head coach Jen Warden sees Nakashima's flexibility as her biggest contribution to leadership.

"She will do whatever you ask, whether you ask her to lead on the court or support and encourage from the bench, she demonstrates great strength in her lack of ego. As the team evolves and develops, she accepts whatever you need from her at the moment, so you get the same product from her no matter what role she might be in at the time," Warden said.

In her college career, Nakashima has made a name on the court as a tremendous outside shooter. Warden remarks that the team benefits from the conference's knowledge that she is an outside threat. While they pay attention to her, it creates opportunities for other players to score. Ramirez agrees that Nakashima's 'on-court' legacy is her shooting, but also her willingness to do the little things like charge and hustle plays.

Her presence on the court makes a statement to the younger players, one that coach Warden claims is the senior's biggest legacy. "Have patience and be persistent." Nakashima turns that

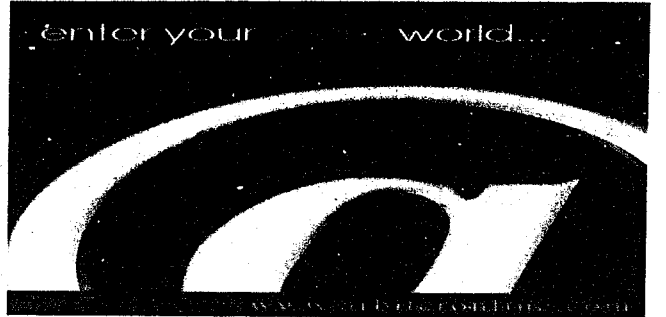
right back around on Warden when she states that Warden taught her how to be strong and how to pull through things. "I'm a much stronger person because of her. She taught me a lot about how to carry yourself through life. She taught me not to quit."

While her persistence is well known on the court, her unique personality brings Nakashima front and center. Ramirez comments that she is "our spark that is always there." Paiz concurs, "Jodi's great personality keeps things entertaining, making everyone laugh and relax."

In a statement to the up-and-coming team, Nakashima sums this opinion up well as she says, "Work hard but have fun. Don't get so caught up in the work part. Realize that in no time, you will be graduating as well."

Warden joins the team sentiment when considering that these women will create a great loss going into next season. The coach hopes the team will pattern after Nakashima's persistence. A sense of pride is seen as Warden states, "Jodi has really

become a senior. She has grown up in the program, embraced the philosophy of the program, and holds up the standard of the program. Although I didn't personally recruit her, she feels like my player."



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Jons sets school record

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Mattias Jons set a Boise State University record in the men's 35-pound weight throw in competition at the Hampton Inn & Suites Classic held Saturday at Jackson's Track in the Idaho Sports Center.

Jons' mark in winning the event was 67-2.25 (20.48 meters) which also surpasses the NCAA provisional qualifying standard. Jons broke his own record in the weight throw which he set at last year's WAC Indoor Track and Field Championships when he posted a then school record mark of 66-1.00 (20.14m). Jons also placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 53-7.00 (16.33m).

Former World Champion and Olympian John Godina won the men's shot put with a toss of 67-00.50 (20.43m).

Forest Braden was the only other winner on the men's side for Boise State as the junior won the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:25.78. Braden also placed second in the mile run with a time of 4:10.90.

Boise State's women won two events on Saturday as Robin Wemple was the winner in the mile run with a time of 5:03.35, and Alina Schimpf won the pole vault with a mark of 11-1.75 (3.65m), which is the second best indoor mark in Boise State history.

The meet was also dual scored several ways between the teams competing. On the men's side BYU defeated Boise State, 119-49, and Idaho State, 123-46. Idaho State defeated the Broncos 80-65.

On the women's side, BYU defeated Boise State, 138.5-30.50, Idaho State, 120-50, and Nevada, 116-53. Nevada defeated Boise State 119-32 and Idaho State, 84.50-76.50, while Idaho State defeated Boise State 105-46.

The Jackson's Track in the Idaho Sports Center will be buzzing again this Friday and Saturday as the Broncos host the Athletes.com Invitational.

Broncos ride Cowboys to victory

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The Boise State University wrestling team picked up its fourth dual match victory of the 2004-05 season on Saturday night with a 28-8 win at the University of Wyoming. The Broncos are now 4-5 in dual matches this season.

Boise State quickly gained control of the match by winning the first four individual matches for a 16-0 lead. Jacob Scoles opened the dual with a 12-2 major decision over Garrett Desmond in the 141-pound match. Ben Cherrington, ranked in the top 15 by most

of the national collegiate polls in the 149-pound weight class, pinned his opponent before Luke Salazar (157 pounds) and Russell Brunson (165) won their matches by decision.

Wyoming cut the Bronco lead in half, 16-8, with victories in the 174 and 184 pound weight classes, before Boise State ended the dual the same way it started by winning four straight matches.

Casey Phelps recorded a 2-1 win at 197 pounds for the Broncos. Eric Smith posted the same score for a win at heavyweight, before nationally ranked wrestlers Andrew Hochstrasser and Scott

Jorengsen both posted wins in the 125 and 133-pound weight divisions, respectively.

The Broncos begin a string of five straight home matches this coming Friday when they host Fresno State in Taco Bell Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m. The match will take place the same time the Boise State gymnastic teams is in action in the first of two "Beauty and the Beast" promotions this season. The other will be Feb. 4, when the wrestling team faces Cal Poly.

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SOMETHING TO READ:

Wishful thinking, trolley dreaming

BY DAN MCNEESE
Culture Columnist

I saw an ad in the paper that announced an open symposium on mass transit in downtown Boise. The Downtown Boise Mobility Study (DBMS) released a 20-year revision for improving traffic congestion in the urban black hole that is Boise. Included were plans to improve bus routes, traffic lights, and shorten the width of car lanes from 12 feet to 11, to accommodate wider bike lanes. Best of all, the study had plans for a trolley car.

As an avid supporter of anything that would make Boise cool, I jumped at the chance to go to this open house. After all, a trolley car would only bring Boise to the level of Awesome-Town-to-Have-a-Car-Chase-In. Aside from that, the group had step-by-step city maps on display that explained the process of growth and phases of the plan. After studying the track layout of phase two, I noticed the plan was to have a light-rail trolley along University Drive. This would be good, considering the turn around point, or "modal center," would be at the existing location of The Arbiter offices.

A well-dressed man named Ron approached me. "Do you have any questions about what we're proposing here today?"

"When are you going to build the trolley tracks?" I said.

Ron, very nicely, gave me an answer that had nothing to do with what I asked. "Our goal is to work with the CCDC and provide a center of well-designed and functional multi-modal transportation system that creates connection within downtown and the surrounding region and lessens dependence on the automobile."

"So when are you going to build the trolley tracks?"

"Well, there are several phases and it really depends on if we can get people to ride the trolley," he said.

I thought of what a great scenario it would be to witness a bad guy lead Ada and Canyon county police on a high-speed chase into downtown Boise, some how crash the stolen car into the Bank of America Centre and jump out. Instead of getting shot right away, the bad guy foots it to a passing trolley car, makes a daring leap and grabs on to the sidebars. The police, only a few steps behind, wave their badges in the air and try to get the operator to stop the trolley cold in its tracks. But, it's no use. The police try their best to get on the trolley, but only one can make the jump off Capitol Blvd. Then, there's a Kung Fu battle on the trolley between the cop and the bad guy. Then something dramatic happens like a pedestrian falls of the cable car, and the officer, who has a heart of gold, reaches his hand out and saves the person. Or not. Either way, I'd ride the trolley.

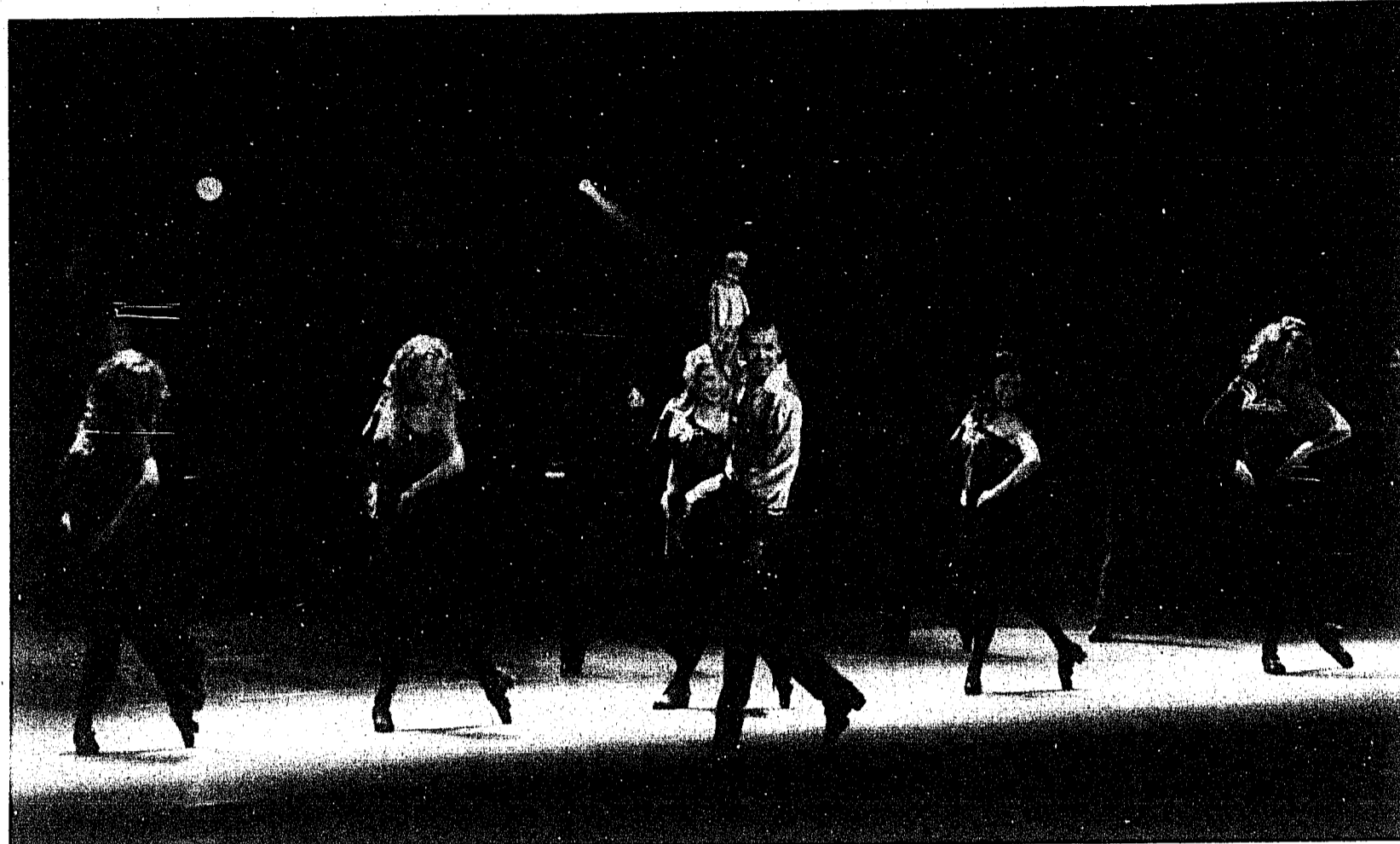
"So when are we getting a trolley?" I said.

"Well, first we have to establish better bus lines and pedestrian traffic lanes. The estimated cost over the first three years would be 6.3 million... The total cost of the full project would be 34.5 million," he said.

"Would those be tax dollars?" Ron gave me another answer that was of no help. I cut him off to remind him that Idahoans don't like to pay taxes, and one more time I asked when the trolley car was coming.

"I'm not sure," he said. And then, it was settled. I snagged a complimentary cookie for my participation on the way out, and drove my gas guzzling pickup home.

For more info on the Downtown Boise Mobility Study, visit www.valleyride.org.



Lord of the Dance performance at the Velma Morrison Center on the nights of Jan. 19 and 20

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Irish dancing comes alive in Flatley's 'Lord of the Dance'

BY ERIC RAVENSCROFT
Culture Writer

Going into the sold-out show at the Morrison Center, I had no previous knowledge as to what "Lord of the Dance" was about. I could recall dancers with their hands at their sides or on their hips, and somewhere in there somebody named Michael Flatley was involved, but that was about it. By the end of the second act, however, I was nicely surprised.

"Lord of the Dance" is not just about dancing. That much is

evident when the opening scene starts with a Pagan-esque ritual. A golden spirit brings a dead clan back to life with some fairy dust. While there is no dialogue apart from a few vocal solos, the dancing forms itself around a plotline in which the Lord of the Dance, along with the Clan of the Celts, is at odds with Don Dorcha, the Dark Lord. Not only does the Lord of the Dance have a love interest, he also has a temptress. The Lord escapes capture from Don Dorcha and out-duels him in a dance battle.

The performance was as loud

as some rock concerts. The dancing was accompanied by constant music and tapping, and each scene lasted several minutes. After the first act, it wasn't clear as to whether or not a theme would emerge. The different groups of dancers had all taken their turns in 10 different scenes, but there was little cohesion from one scene to the next. When Act II started, the classic good-versus-evil theme between the Lord of the Dance and the Dark Lord became obvious, as did the clash of love and desire.

"Lord of the Dance" was at its

best when it incorporated story and dance together. A scene where the dancers wore neon pink, orange, and green took away from the dark purples and greens of the double violin lament, because the neon seemed more for show and less connected to the story. In particular, the duel of the Lord and Don Dorcha was strong because of that incorporation. After an hour and a half of watching "Lord of the Dance," it was clear that the force behind the dancers coming to life was not the Spirit, but the dancing.

UPCOMING MORRISON CENTER EVENTS

The following will be held at the Morrison Center in the coming weeks.

"Merle Haggard - An Evening With a Legend" is on Jan. 28. The BSU Music Department is featuring a performance by the Honor Band on Feb. 5. Ballet Idaho's "Peter Pan" is Feb. 12. The Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration on Tour presents "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" on Feb. 14.

'Glory' worth seeing even if you're not LDS

BY JOSEF FIAMAGE
Culture Writer

"The Work and the Glory" is a new film produced out of Utah and of the LDS film styling. You know, the independent genre that brought out such corny films as "Singles Ward." This new film, however, was produced by the same team that brought us "The Other Side of Heaven."

The production team includes Scott Swofford, an Academy Award-nominated producer. The cast is more Hollywood than the Mormon genre has seen before, many of the actors with experience on television shows such as "Smallville," "JAG" and "Desperate Housewives," and from films such as "Cheaper By the Dozen," "Legends of the Fall," and "Spaceballs."

Arriving at the theatre, I had expectations that weren't flattering.

Having seen plenty of the Mormon genre films, I by-and-large always left feeling disappointed and cheated over. I expected bad costumes, poor acting, cheap sets, and in the end, a poor review.

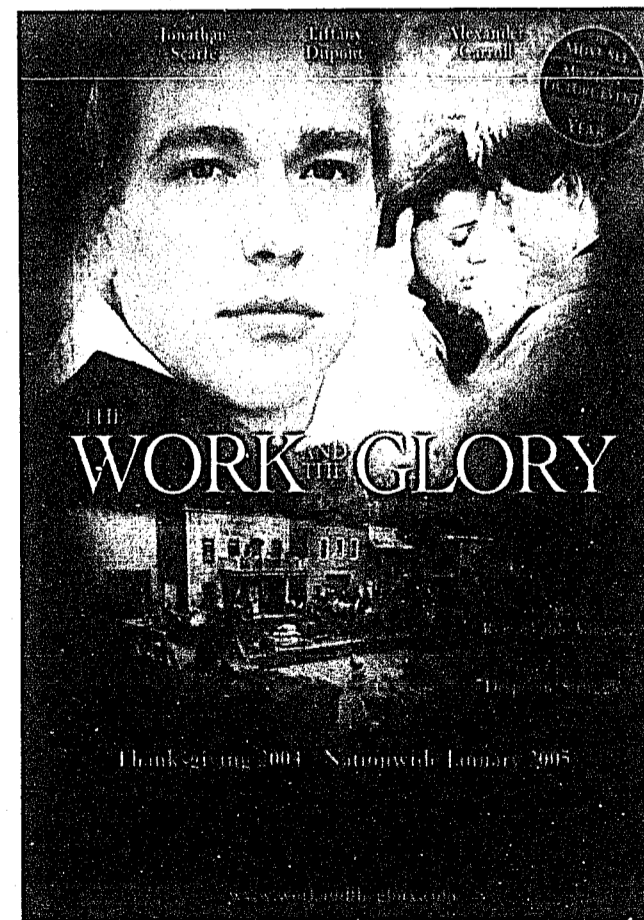
The story opens in upstate New York and centers on the Steed family, led by a hard-working, stern but tender-hearted father, Benjamin, and an intelligent, dutiful and delightful Mary Ann. Imagine a no-nonsense Charles Engalls, and a Caroline with a little more personality (see: "Little House"). The Steed children provide much of the tension as brothers are divided over love and religion, as this story is ultimately a romance.

The Steeds no sooner move to a new land with new opportunities than they meet up with the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith. The Steeds' lives begin to intertwine with the controversy sur-

rounding Joseph Smith and his "golden bible" and soon, as with the rest of the town, they must choose sides. To complicate matters even further, both boys set their sights on a local rich girl and she has a hard time deciding between the two. Who will win this epic battle?

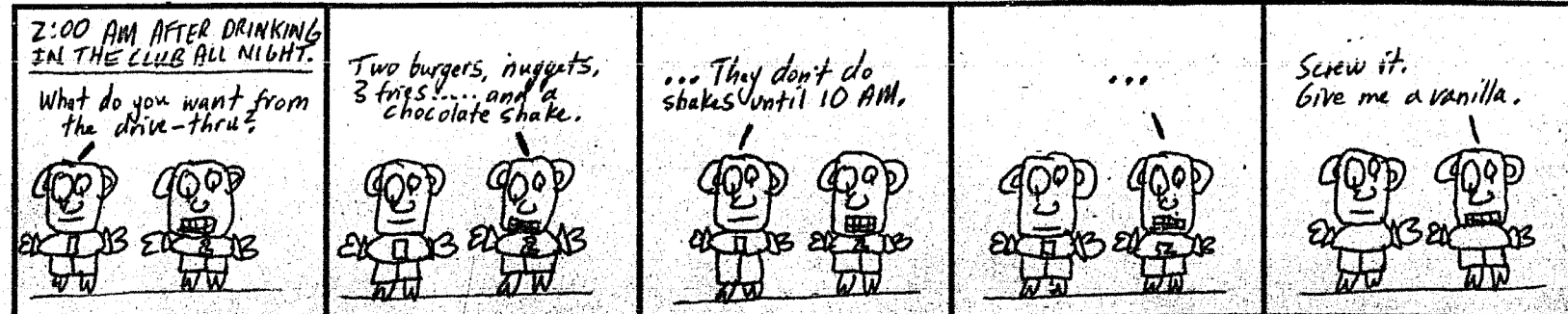
Members of the mormon faith will definitely love this movie as it depicts their late prophet Joseph Smith on the big screen for the first time. And with a budget below eight million, the cast and crew have done a fine job pulling off the difficulties of presenting a story worth telling: a story about the difficulties of faith and family with all of their uncertainties, disappointments, and joys.

Even if you worship Greg Kinnear and milk breath, your tastes might surprise you and you may be telling your Mormon friends to go see this film.



THE BIG GUY

by Travis Estvold



'Precinct 13' an adrenaline rush, but standard action flick

BY ERIC RUSSELL
Culture Writer

"Life is full of choices," a Catholic priest says in the beginning of "Assault on Precinct 13." The choices we make affect our fate and make us who we are, and difficult choices are what Jake Roenick (Ethan Hawke) must make in this film.

On a wintry New Year's Eve, Roenick and a few others are on duty in a small police station, where they hold Bishop (Laurence Fishburne), Detroit's biggest crime lord, overnight because the weather is too bad to transport him elsewhere. Before long, armed men asking for Bishop surround the station. Roenick must decide whether to release a known cop-killer, or put the lives of everyone in the station in danger.

Roenick soon discovers, however, that the men outside are not Bishop's cohorts - they are Bishop's enemies.

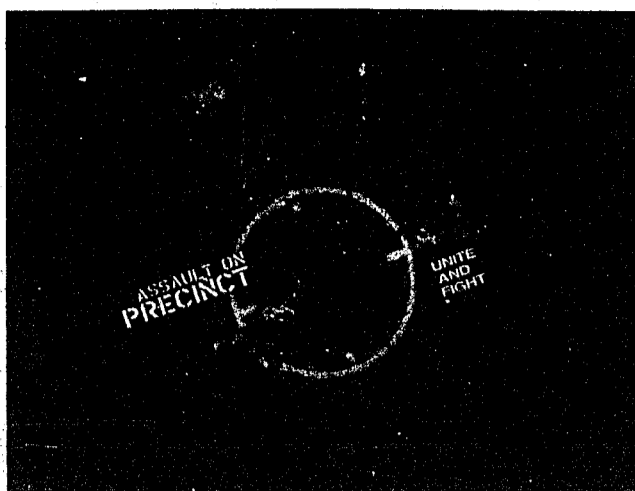
When the bad guys realize that Roenick knows who they are, they become intent on killing not only Bishop, but everyone else

in the station as well. Roenick then realizes that he must let all four of his prisoners, including Bishop, out in order to help defend the building. Suddenly, cop and cop-killer are united on the same team.

More difficult decisions arise for Jake Roenick, as he leads his group and fights to keep them alive despite the pursuing enemy. Though the action comes in spurts, the intensity of the situation is constant, because the prospect of survival dims as the morning draws closer.

When the action does come, it is not anything we haven't seen before. The men on the outside drop like flies, while the group inside faces danger only when they behave erratically, which, for many of the characters, is often. Fishburne is as calm as Morpheus throughout, while John Leguizamo, who plays a drug-addicted prisoner, is as annoying as all his previous characters have been.

In the midst of the chaos, Roenick struggles to take the lead in the situation, because of an incident months earlier where two



officers died under his direction. Fearful of making decisions that could put other's lives in jeopardy, Roenick has spent the last few months behind a desk, where he can avoid these kinds of decisions. Suddenly, Roenick must face his fear and make choices that will help solve the problem. Making no choice at all is no longer an option for Roenick.

Roenick eventually comes to

terms with himself through the decisions he makes, but we're never allowed any deeper into who he has become. Content with being a simple action tale, the film never gets beyond its genre walls, and settles for ending the story with a load of dead bodies in the snow. "Assault on Precinct 13" is a quick adrenaline rush, but it's the one that will be gone by the time you leave the theater.

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Bowling For Soup and American Hi-Fi to play Boise



American Hi-Fi (above) returns to Boise with tour mates Bowling For Soup on Tuesday, Jan. 25. PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY GAUIN

BY MICHAELA G. HERLIHY
Culture Writer

The bands Bowling For Soup and American Hi-Fi will play Tuesday night at the Big Easy Concert House, hitting the stage at 7 p.m. as part of "The Hangover You Don't Deserve Tour."

Bowling For Soup headlines the show. The self-proclaimed "Grammy-nominated fat guys" from Wichita, Texas, began playing together in 1994 with little hope of succeeding. However, after signing with Jive Records, the band's career has met new heights. The combined sales from 2000's "Let's Do It For Johnny" and 2002's "Drunk

Enough to Dance" have reached over 300,000 copies and tickled fans' ears with hit singles such as "The Bitch Song," "Punk Rock 101" and "Girl All the Bad Guys Want." The band's most popular single, "1985," salutes old school Madonna and movies like "The Breakfast Club." It is on their latest CD, "The Hangover You Don't Deserve."

American Hi-Fi gained recognition in mainstream radio stations with their hit "Flavor of the Weak" in 2003. Led by Stacy Jones, former Veruca Salt drummer-turned-front-man on vocals and guitar, the band released its sophomore album, "The Art of Losing," in 2003. American

Hi-Fi has shared the stage with many high profile bands including Sum 41, Eve 6, and Our Lady of Peace, all of which the group's lyrics resemble. With songs like "Nothing Left to Lose" and "The Breakup Song," the band sounds like a combination of Matchbox 20's lyrics and Blink 182's style. The band's newest album, "Heart on Parade," presents a reflection on relocating to the Los Angeles area and their struggle to find a new record label (They are currently signed with Maverick Records). The new album debuts March 29.

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CoffeeHouse concert series rolls on

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Editor

The CoffeeHouse Concert series continued Thursday night as the Student Programs Board welcomed Austin Willacy to the stage. For two hours, minus a short break in the middle, Willacy entertained onlookers on the Student Union Building's Brava Stage.

An accomplished performer, Willacy has toured with the likes of Ray Charles, The Temptations, The Pointer Sisters and Chicago. Of these, he pointed out that a "completely amazing" Charles was probably his favorite to share the stage with.

On performing at Boise State, Willacy said, "This was fun." He

maintained a soft-spoken, intelligent rapport with the student audience throughout his set, which he thoroughly enjoyed. "I didn't come here just to stand on a stage. If people are there, I'm going to engage them." His soft acoustic set, though different in its sound, was reminiscent of a solo Dave Matthews performance. His CD's and biography are available online at www.austinwillacy.com.

Kristen Salo, Student Activities program assistant, said of the evening, "Austin sounded great. He had good interaction with the crowd," and added that the concert series "allows students to socialize, relax and enjoy campus."

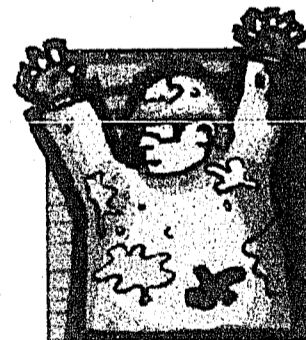
Portland-based instrumentalist John Vecchiarelli performs this Thursday night. "He's been to



Austin Willacy performs at the CoffeeHouse Concert in the SUB Thursday afternoon.

campus a couple of times before, and gotten a good response," Salo said.

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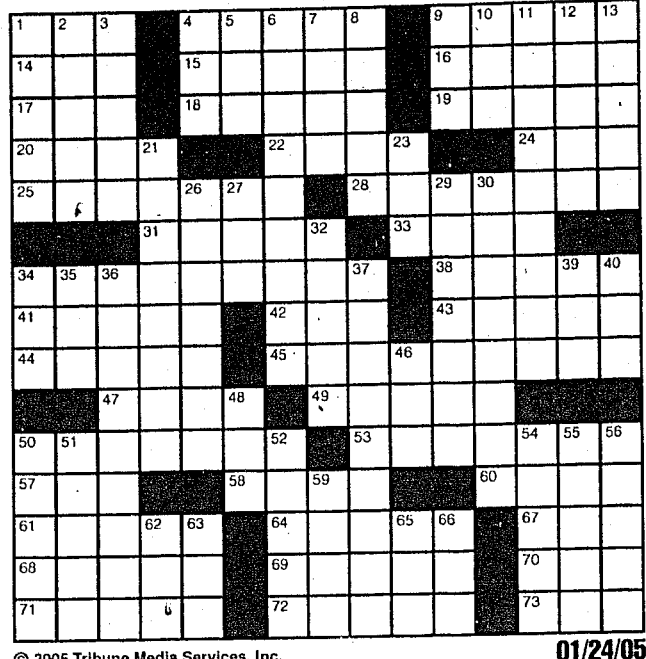
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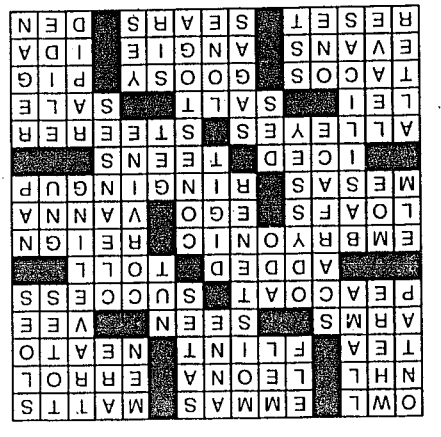
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- 8 Fills full
 9 Fellows
 10 "Just the Way You ___"
 11 On the road
 12 Lugs
 13 Gin fruits
 21 Al Capone
 23 Kernel
 26 Homer's epic
 27 "Much ___ About ___"
 29 Like ravens
 30 Purifies
 32 Finger or toe
 34 Stately tree
 35 Leader of The Three Stooges
 36 Roman assembly halls
 37 Pioneers' wagon
 39 Plains antelope
 40 Forty winks
 46 Comprehend
 48 ___ Moines
 50 Change to fit
 51 Be off

- 52 Epic tales
 54 Swift
 55 Change "captain" to "cap'n"
 56 Goneril's sister
 59 Solitary

- 62 "A Chorus Line" number
 63 Sonic-boom source
 65 Address for an officer
 66 Absolutely!

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Today's Birthday (1-24-05). There are complications associated with travel this year, but they don't have to stop you. Sure, planning and work are required, but that just makes the prize sweeter. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 Today is a 6 - Clean up the mess, including apologizing, if necessary. Arrange your social calendar to have some cuddle time tonight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is a 7 - Use what you've learned in the past to help you reach your next big decision. Don't be stopped where you were before, however. There's no fun in that.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 6 - Your natural curiosity is about to get tweaked again. In order to get where you want to go, there's a whole lot more to learn. Dig in.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is a 7 - It's a little too soon to make more changes in your living arrangements. There's more money coming in for the next few days. Make your decision after then.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 6 - This is not a good day to take risks, even if you feel confident you are right. The odds are better that things won't go as expected. Proceed with caution.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is a 7 - Finding the perfect gift for a person who usually does without is a worthwhile gesture. Others are inspired to do the same, and old hurts are healed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is a 7 - Don't be too exuberant or overenthusiastic. No giggling or jumping up and down, either. Be cool, and you'll make more points.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is a 7 - Some of the paperwork that's been plaguing you never has to be done. Sort through and discard that, and do the other stuff.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is a 7 - If you're the one with the checkbook, you have to enforce the rules. It's a tough job, but you can do it. Simply ignore temptation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is a 6 - Figure out what you're going to need, and how much it's going to cost. Spend more time on the discussion and you'll spend less money in the stores.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Today is a 6 - Take care when traveling - the course will be more complex than expected. It's best to drive defensively, so you don't get blindsided. Otherwise, enjoy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Today is a 7 - An outing to visit friends is still slightly out of reach. Continue to add to your savings account, and visit via phone instead.

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