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She walks, she talks, she's a feminist... Gloria Steinem speaks at Boise State

BY MARIANA BEKKER
News Writer

The Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom was at full capacity Tuesday night as an audience of both women and men gathered to hear Gloria Steinem speak.

An internationally renowned writer and speaker, Steinem travels around the globe as a feminist organizer and a spokesperson on issues of equality.

Her main interests center around a broad spectrum including the shared origins of sex and race caste systems, gender roles and child abuse as the roots of violence, and non-violent conflict resolution.

Steinem initiated her lecture by addressing the definition of "feminism."

She said it is important to clearly define it because of the way people have been dehumanizing the word in the same way they have done to the terms "affirmative action" and "liberal."

According to Steinem, feminism is the belief in full social, economic, and political equality in men and women.

"That means both women and men can be and should be feminists," she said.

According to Steinem, to be free of the masculine role should be as motivating for men as it is for women because men, too, are in a gender prison.

She said that men are being denied a substantial part of their humanity because their masculine role and expectations shun them from developing qualities and characteristics that society deems feminine.

"Whatever it is that is being called feminine that is truly human, men are being deprived of. Indeed the masculine role is literally killing men."

Steinem said that along with freeing people from gender roles, the feminist

movement is also working towards redefining work and families.

"All productive human labor is work and should have at least an attributed economic value."

When you call homemakers "women who don't work," that is deeming them invisible, she said.

According to Steinem, it will take another 60 years for women and men to be equally paid, and 75 years for women of color to equal white men.

"In the end, it's not about masculine, feminist, or hyper-feminist, it's about humanity," said Steinem.

Another problem society faces, Steinem said, is the stigma that a single parent family is a broken home.

According to her, the only two clear statistics regarding a traditional family household are: a man in the house will most likely increase income, and a man in the house increases violence.

Steinem had many criticisms on the current national government's policies and agenda particularly on abstinence-only sex education calling it "absurd" and a "cruel joke."

"There is more sex, not less. There are more sexually transmitted diseases. There are more unwanted pregnancies, and there are more abortions. This administration is increasing the number of abortions," Steinem said.

Steinem commented on many of Idaho's current state of affairs, including the Taco Bell Arena contract, also adding that she has joined forces with Sherman Alexi in the wage battle against the fast food chain.

"What is remarkable about Taco Bell is how cheap they are. \$17.34 a day is all that you're [Boise State] getting for selling out?"

However Steinem did applaud Idaho legislators for quashing the gay marriage ban last week.

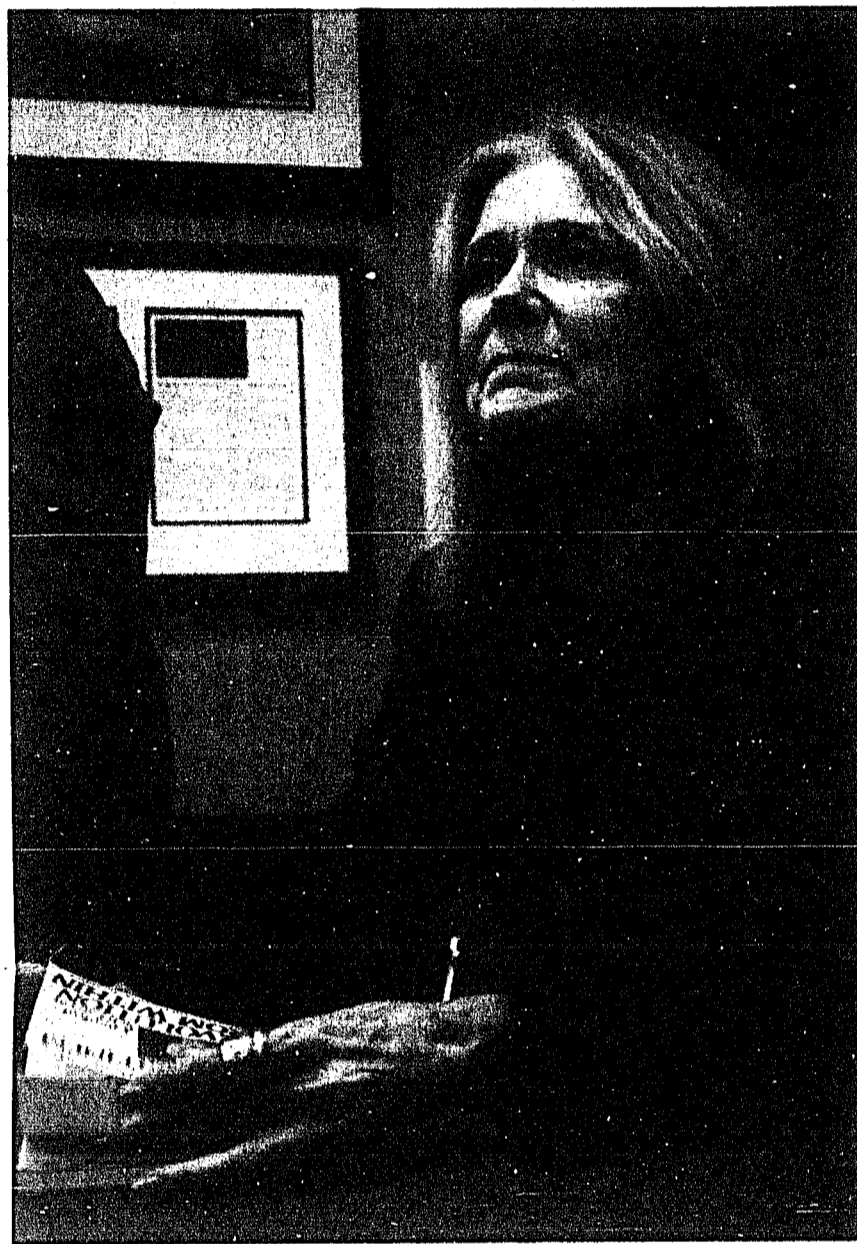
"At least discrimination will not be enshrined in your state's constitution," she said.

Steinem concluded by urging the audience to do some homework and become involved in the Idaho legislature's current bills regarding abortion and immigration laws that she said need to be stopped.

"The Idaho state legislature is not going to know what hit it after this evening."

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- Gloria Steinem



Gloria Steinem signs books after her speech on Tuesday night in the Jordan Ballroom.

President's house to be put on market



The Langroise House located on Warm Springs Ave.

PHOTO BY MARY DAWSON / THE ARBITER

BY DANIELLE VERHULP
News Writer

The Idaho State Board of Education approved a special proposal on Jan. 24, and unlike many proposals involving buildings and their acquisition, the latest involves the sale of the Langroise House, the official residence of the Boise State president.

The Langroise House, located at 929 Warm Springs Ave., is a part of the BSU campus that is unfamiliar to most. The tudor-style house boasts 5,400 square feet, complete with two chimneys, diamond-shaped stained glass windows, and an ivy-covered brick exterior. The interior of the manor has an elevator

chair and servants' quarters.

The house was willed to the university in 1977 by well-known Northwest philanthropist William H. Langroise and his wife Gladys. Mrs. Langroise continued to live in the manor until her death in 2000, at which point the manor became the property of BSU and the residence of then-university president Charles Ruch. Ruch resided in the house during his term, but it has remained vacant since his retirement in the summer of 2003.

The house's vacancy came into question last year when an ASBSU senator drafted a resolution requesting it be used or sold by Dec. 31, 2004. According to the resolution, maintenance of the empty manor costs BSU stu-

dents an approximate \$80,000 each year.

In a letter responding to the resolution, President Robert Kustra wrote that the house is lacking in many modern amenities and any renovation attempts would be a costly endeavor. In order to make the residence "useful" for the university, \$500,000 to \$1 million would be required.

The house is only permitted to be sold for a value equal to or more than its appraised value of \$1.25 million. Proceeds from the sale will be used to create newly endowed scholarships. The sale of the Langroise House will make BSU the only university in the state absent of a president's house.

Residential colleges modeled after Oxford, Cambridge

BY RANDALL POST
Assistant News Editor

Looking for a way to live on campus with other students in your field of study? Perhaps signing up to live in one of the seven new residential colleges that open up next fall will satiate your appetite.

Students will be able to live with other students and a faculty member related to their major. The Faculty in Residence (FIR) will organize themed dinner discussions, community service projects and visiting lecturers.

Rob Anson and his wife Cindy are the FIR's at the College of Business and Economics (COBE) Residential College. Anson said,

this year the COBE Residential College was used as the prototype for next fall's launch.

Anson, who is a professor of computer information systems, said Boise State is trying to appeal to the non-traditional student who commutes to school, so they can get a feeling for the university.

"We're trying to help people bring together their living experience with their learning experience," Anson said. Boise State wants to accomplish this by increasing the number of students who live on campus, Anson said.

Anson says informal interaction with students is just one of the advantages of being a FIR. "Students can drop by and the

students get to know me and any inhibitions about 'well I don't know what to do here.' They can just knock on my door."

This year Anson's student residents are opening up a coffee shop in the front lobby of Keiser Hall. The COBE 4.0 Café was funded with a \$4,000 startup loan and will be operated and maintained by the COBE student residence.

The students are doing all the work for the café, all the marketing research, the business planning, working with the health department and financiers.

Student Housing is calling the Residential Colleges a "bridge between living and learning." Housing is modeling

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Survey: Many grads of high school say they're not prepared

BY DALE MEZZACAPPA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nearly four in 10 high school graduates say they were not prepared adequately for the demands of college or work, according to a new survey.

College instructors say that 42 percent of their students have large skills gaps, while 39 percent of employers say high school graduates who went straight to

work are not prepared for their current jobs.

Only 26 percent of the students who went on to college and one-fifth of those who went to work said that they felt challenged and faced with high academic expectations in high school. Sixty-five percent of the college students and 77 percent of those who did not go to college said they would have worked harder if the expectations had been greater.

The poll of 1,487 recent students, 300 college professors and 400 employers was conducted for Achieve Inc., a bipartisan, nonprofit organization of government and business leaders focused on increasing academic standards. The group is cosponsoring a summit on high school reform at the end of the month in Washington with the National Governors Association. The survey was conducted by Peter Hart

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world

Al-Sistani to have detailed involvement in Iraq's political process

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The main parties of a cleric-led political ticket set to sweep elections in Iraq are planning to vet their prime minister candidates with the nation's top Shiite Muslim cleric. And the cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, will oversee the drafting of the constitution if he is unhappy with the direction it is taking, a lead al-Sistani spokesman, Murtadha al-Kashmiri, said Sunday.

While the general effect of al-Sistani's words and wishes on the political process has been widely understood, it was his insistence on elections that set the timetable for them in the first place, such a level of detailed involvement had not previously been publicly acknowledged.

Many in Iraq are growing worried that the sectarian rift between Shiites and the minority Sunni Muslim population may widen to the point that it causes massive unrest. And the increasing calls for Islamic-based rule in Iraq stand to disrupt, if not derail, U.S. plans for secular democratic rule.

Al-Sistani's representatives have said that he has no interest in the political process, but many in the Sunni community suspect the Iranian-born cleric of having the ultimate goal of installing a theocratic government or, at the least, one in which major political decisions are guided by the religious direction of men such as him.

Israeli, Palestinian leaders vow to end violence

SHARM EL SHEIK, Egypt - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas pledged Tuesday to end four years of fighting between their peoples and promised to meet again to resolve outstanding issues that have brought Israelis and Palestinians into conflict repeatedly.

The sweeping declarations by each leader to end attacks fell short of a formal truce, and the summit at this Red Sea resort produced no joint statement or signed document. Still the two

said their pledges offered Israelis and Palestinians a real chance at peace and the fact that they met at all opened the possibility - however remote or difficult - that serious negotiations could follow. The two leaders' pledges to halt attacks were explicit.

"We have agreed on halting all violent actions against Palestinians and Israelis wherever they are," Abbas said. Sharon made a similar pledge, agreeing to "cease all its military activity against all Palestinians everywhere," easing his government's long-standing demand that a Palestinian cease-fire precede a halt in Israeli military action.

Despite the promise of peace, a somber atmosphere pervaded the meeting, at which the two leaders read their closing statements without expression. Not participating in the summit but important players in any possible peace were the Islamic militant groups - including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades - that are principally responsible for the many attacks on Israelis over the past four years, and over which Abbas has little control.

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Budget features steep increases and cuts

WASHINGTON - President Bush's 2006 budget is a fiscal roller coaster, with steep raises for some federal programs and sharp drops for others. Here's a look at some of the more dramatic elements: Agriculture. Slashed Agriculture Department spending 9.6 percent, to \$19.4 billion, cutting payments to farmers by 5 percent, largely by lowering the annual ceiling on payments to \$250,000 from \$360,000.

Defense. Increase the Defense Department budget by 4.5 percent, to \$419.3 billion.

Transportation. Cut the Transportation Department budget by 1 percent, to \$57.5 billion, partly by eliminating subsidies to Amtrak, the nation's passenger-rail carrier. Amtrak received \$1.2 billion this year.

Medicaid. Trim Medicaid spending by \$45 billion over 10 years, mainly by tightening payments to state governments, which already are howling at the budget strain from Medicaid.

Education. Reduce the Education

Department budget 1 percent, to \$56 billion, cutting \$2 billion from high school programs such as Upward Bound and Gear Up, which help low-income students and their families prepare for college, and trimming \$355 million from grants for the safe and drug-free school programs. Increase Pell grant funding by 48 percent, to nearly \$18 billion, and spend \$2 billion on math and science partnerships and advance-placement tests to help struggling high school students.

U.S. military still transforming itself for distant battles

WASHINGTON - When he was a presidential candidate in 1999, President Bush vowed during a speech at South Carolina's Citadel military academy that he would "skip a generation of technology" to create armed forces that would leave the United States without rival in the 21st century.

"The best way to keep the peace," Bush said, "is to define war on our terms."

That was before al-Qaida terrorists shattered the peace on Sept. 11, 2001, and redefined war on their terms. The Bush administration counterattacked in Afghanistan and found itself battling insurgents in Iraq, but the administration and the Congress have continued to transform the military not to fight such unconventional wars, but for an old-fashioned showdown with a major power such as China or Russia.

In other words, the military is still transforming itself to fight the war it wants, not the wars it's got. It's continuing to invest in multimillion-dollar stealth aircraft and new nuclear weapons research. The ballistic missile defense program receives more funding than any other weapons system: The Bush administration plans to request about \$9 billion for it in the next budget.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the shadowy "Global War on Terrorism," however, suggest that what the military needs most are more and better trained troops, better armor and much better intelligence.

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Crash raises questions on plane's past

HACKENSACK, N.J. - Two aging corporate jets off the same production line, carrying an identical load of passengers and equipped with similar engines, have aborted takeoffs on Runway 6/24 at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey in the past 14 months.

The Canadair CL-600 Challengers skidded off opposite ends of the same runway - the latest and more serious incident coming last Wednesday morning when a chartered flight to Chicago careened through a perimeter fence, across morning traffic on Route 46 and into a warehouse. Twenty people were injured, one critically.

The deadliest accident involving a first-generation Challenger occurred in Hailey, Idaho on Jan. 3, 1983. Two people died when a CL-600 slammed into the side of a mountain ridge while attempting to land. NTSB investigators found that the pilot might have been having heart problems during the flight and attempted a visual approach despite cloudy conditions that obscured the mountain ridge.

The earlier accident at Teterboro occurred on Dec. 13, 2003, when a Las Vegas-bound CL-600 aborted its takeoff, skidded off the end of the tarmac and got stuck in mud 75 feet from the south end of Runway 6/24. None of the passengers or crew members onboard were injured.

NTSB investigators concluded that during the plane's acceleration roll, the pilot aborted the takeoff when he could not get the nose off the ground. In their final report, investigators said the jet was overweight and questioned why the flight crew chose to take off from 6/24 - at 6,013 feet, the shorter of the two runways at Teterboro. They also cited the pilots for failing to provide written evidence that they had calculated the plane's weight and balance before taking off with a full tank of fuel.

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His passing won't be mourned

A man attempting to rob a store in Camden, N.J., grabbed the owner's wife

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and held her at gunpoint. The owner pulled out a gun and said he'd let the guy go if he released his wife. The guy refused, so the owner shot him in the head, killing him instantly.

They did a DNA test on the dead man, and, in a delightful development, found that he was the man who had raped three women over the previous two months.

Perfectly reasonable requests

A woman who worked at a kebab shop in Wellington, New Zealand, was, she said, repeatedly harassed and belittled in front of others by her boss, Ilhan Ramadan. Then, he asked her out. She refused. He asked her to marry a friend of his. She also refused to do this. So he fired her.

The company was ordered to pay her \$15,000.

Oh yes, we think she's very cool

A 40-year-old Colorado woman held weekly parties for high school boys in which she supplied them with drugs and alcohol. Police said she also had sexual relations with five of the lads.

She told a police detective she just wanted to be "a cool mom."

Ok now, where was I?

A Toronto man, whose 9-year-old son was benched by his hockey coach for missing practices, responded by heckling the coach during a game and then reaching over the Plexiglas that separated the team from the fans and choking him into unconsciousness.

The game resumed after the father was arrested and the coach came to.

Look here, I really need that gun!

A convicted felon left his loaded, unregistered gun in a hotel bar in Ann Arbor, Mich. Though possessing such a weapon was, for him, distinctly illegal, he went back and demanded that it be returned to him. The police were called.

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Boise State physics professor Dewey Dykstra with Tibetan students.

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Dykstra instructs Tibetan monks on science, physics

BY LIZ HUERTA HALE
News Writer

Physics professor Dewey Dykstra recently returned from teaching a three-week workshop for exiled Tibetan monks in Dehra Dun, India. Dykstra was one of about five professors chosen to participate in the Science for Monks project, a workshop requested by His Holiness Dalai Lama. Dykstra said his opportunity to travel to India came after a colleague recommended him.

Dykstra worked alongside co-leader Andy Johnson, assistant professor of physics and as-

sociate director of the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education at Black Hills State University. The workshop took place at the Tibetan Children's Village School for Gifted Students.

About 50 Buddhist monks, all in their late 20s to early 40s, attended the workshops focusing on scientific knowledge and methods. The monks were exposed to Western science and learned about the physics of optics and light. Due to some of the monks' limited English, Dykstra and Johnson worked with translators to convert the Western texts into

the Tibetan language.

Academic excellence is very important to the Buddhist monks, who spend an average of 18 to 20 years studying Buddhist manuscripts. At about their 18th year of study, the monks participate in debate contests in order to earn a title, similar to a doctorate degree. In the Science for Monks workshop, monks study subjects like astronomy, genetics, mathematics, and physics in order to advance their knowledge and gain a better understanding of the world.

According to Dykstra, there were a few differences in how the

monks view the world versus how the West sees it.

"To the monks, black and darkness are considered colors, whereas we don't even consider their existence. To us, someone blind doesn't see at all, but the monks believe that the blind person sees total darkness instead," Dykstra considers the monks' response to the material very similar to the responses he sees in students at BSU.

From his journey to India, Dykstra returned with a better understanding about the life and culture of the Tibetan monastic scholars.

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the Residential Colleges after Oxford, Cambridge and several American universities.

Some of the houses opening next year include: The Honors RC, which is open to all majors and will be located in Driscoll Hall. The COBE RC is open for students motivated in business and will live on the third floor of Taylor Hall. The Health Services RC is open to students with health-related majors and stu-

dents will live in Morrison Hall. The Music RC is open to music majors and residents will live in Towers Hall.

To find out more and how to apply go to <http://housing.boisestate.edu/rc>.

Anson said in order for students to complete the process to get into the COBE RC, students will have to write an essay, send in transcripts and turn in a letter of recommendation.

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Research Associates, Inc., and Public Opinion Strategies.

"There are alarming gaps between what young people know and need to know to succeed," said Michael Cohen, president of Achieve. "A sizable minority say they're not adequately prepared for the work they must do, whether in college or the workplace, and employers and college professors largely agree."

Only 14 percent of college students said they felt adequately prepared in all skills areas addressed: oral communications, science, math, ability to do research, and quality of writing.

Even among those students who felt adequately prepared, 31 percent took at least one remedial course in college. Among those who did not feel prepared, 46 percent took at least one remedial course.

"This should be a real wake-up call for governors across the country," Ohio Gov. Bob Taft

said in a briefing last week. "We all have to do more to assure our states' graduates are better prepared for success. We are raising the bar for graduation, but we're not going far enough."

Nearly half of the non-college students said that they had received no preparation for the work habits expected of them in the job market and 45 percent said they didn't have adequate computer skills.

The jobs of the future in such fields as biotechnology and genetic engineering "require interdisciplinary knowledge, advanced math and science skills, and the ability to write, analyze, interpret and communicate effectively," said Art Ryan, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial and Achieve cochair. The high schools designed at the height of the manufacturing economy "have not kept pace. This is as important an agenda for state leaders as there is."

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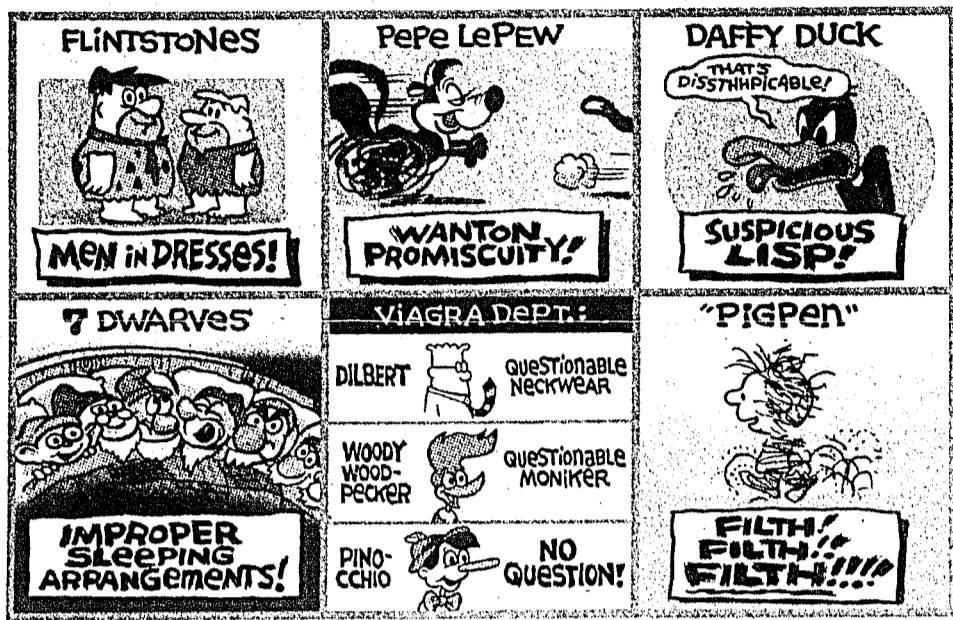
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Real focus needed on postpartum depression

BY JANE EISNER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Mine Ener was a respected professor at Villanova University until a ferocious bout of postpartum psychosis led her in 2003 to kill her infant daughter, who was born with Down syndrome, and later, herself.

Grappling with how to memorialize Ener, the university this week decided to remove a recently hung plaque from a library study area and, instead, host a symposium to educate the public on the mental illness that led to these tragic deaths.

I hope the U.S. Congress will be invited.

That's because, for years now, the Republican-controlled U.S. House has delayed action on the Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act, named for another young mother who killed herself in 2001 after the birth of her daughter. It's hard to understand who could be against legislation to fund research on postpartum depression and psychosis, and provide services for the families devastated by these related, but poorly understood, diseases.

But then, it's hard to understand the mind-set in Congress these days.

The Blocker-Stokes Act languished in committee until congressional leadership finally made it the subject of a hearing last September. It wasn't, however, the only subject.

Against the wishes of the sponsor, U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., included in the hearing was dis-

ussion of another bill, on "post-abortion depression." I put those words in quotes because there's actually no scientific agreement that such a syndrome exists, and certainly no indication that it affects as many women and families as depression after childbirth.

Both bills went nowhere after the public hearing. Rush intends to reintroduce the Blocker-Stokes Act next week, but he is suddenly having trouble getting any Republicans to sign on as cosponsors. Yesterday his office reported only three brave souls from across the aisle were willing to put their names on legislation that could save thousands of lives.

I guess it wasn't pro-life enough for them.

So, let's review: The connection between childbirth and psychiatric illness has been recognized since Hippocrates described it more than 2,000 years ago, but it is still too often cavalierly dismissed. As proof, just consider the inane comments made last week by radio show host Craig Carton to New Jersey acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, who dared defend his wife, a sufferer of postpartum depression.

Mary Jo Codey has been brave enough to acknowledge a kind of depression that afflicts about one in five new mothers. Much, much rarer is the extreme postpartum psychosis of Ener and Blocker-Stokes, which affects about 1 in 1,000 women who give birth.

Unfortunately, congressional leaders chose to conflate that real and present danger with the, so far, unproven assumption that abortion causes widespread de-

pression. Even C. Everett Koop, when he was President Reagan's surgeon general (and personally opposed to abortion), concluded after an exhaustive study that the psychological effects of abortion are minuscule from a public health perspective.

That didn't stop U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa., from introducing legislation last June to provide \$15 million in research and \$1.5 million in treatment for a condition for which there is, at best, very weak evidence.

But postpartum depression - and its extreme expression in psychosis - is real, and devastating. It affects not just the mother, but also the family she has created and, tragically, sometimes leaves behind. It is an illness that, to borrow the words of Melanie Blocker-Stokes' mother in her courageous testimony before Congress, "kind of creeps up on the new mommy before anybody really knows what has happened to her."

Melanie Blocker-Stokes' husband, a physician, could not recognize the severity of his wife's symptoms. Obviously, there needs to be widespread public education, access to treatment, and creation of safe havens for mothers at risk to themselves and others.

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ASBSU candidates' clichéd promises not good enough

BY THE ARBITER EDITORIAL BOARD

With election packets due on Feb. 16 for ASBSU candidates, campaigning will soon be picking up steam for the elections in March. If history holds true, the message most candidates will tout is lowering fees and pledging to attack the state for more dough. This idea has become the clichéd "no new taxes" buzzword for student government candidates.

However, this message is little more than a well-intentioned promise that has never materialized. It is not that candidates don't try to accomplish this, but rather they find themselves a David going against the Goliath that is the cash-strapped state legislature. The failures of these campaign promises are not a product of a lack of effort; they are a product of ineffectual tactics. Traditional lobbying at the state level on be-

half of student concerns has done little or nothing to stem the rising costs of attending college in this state.

As we have seen through the years, student government concerns have gone through one ear and out the ass of the state legislature. The ASBSU president and senate can do little more than attempt to influence the funding decisions on a macro scale. Though they do have direct influence on how student fees are spent on a micro scale, much of the problem stems from state funding woes. As we will likely see when the issue of tuition comes up in the state legislature, the concerns of our student government will likely garner no more than a polite nod.

Candidates need to realize what they are up against when they make the promise to tackle this important issue. If they offer a plan of action that relies solely on lobbying, then they likely cannot

follow through with their campaign claims. Candidates need to look at alternative methods of influence to put more pressure on lawmakers. Lobbying has not provided this pressure.

When ASBSU campaigns begin, the only candidates that will potentially be able to deliver on these claims will be the ones that realize new methods are needed. If candidates can't offer a valid solution to this problem, then they have no right to make such promises. As voters, students should realize the impact the state legislature has on their academic career, and endorse ASBSU candidates that have real plans for change.

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Free speech: Use it or you risk losing it

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The First Amendment is a muscle that must be used, or it will become flabby. A survey of high school students by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation reveals a frail Constitution: Kids are weak in knowledge of their rights.

-73 percent said they didn't know how they felt about the First Amendment or took freedom of speech and the press for granted.

-More than a third (35 percent) thought that the First Amendment goes too far in protecting rights.

-One in six students indicated that people shouldn't be allowed to express unpopular opinions.

-Only half said newspapers should be allowed to publish freely without government approval of stories.

The apathy is alarming. Those who don't understand the First

Amendment are certainly less inclined to exercise it, and they'll be less skeptical and more easily conned by government officials who want to twist and limit it.

Ignorance is not kids' fault. Unawareness starts at home. Parents' understanding of the First Amendment isn't much better. Even in the best of times, three out of 10 adults believe that the First Amendment goes too far. That belief jumped to half in the months after Sept. 11. Talk-show hosts like Rush Limbaugh make good money assailing the credibility of mainstream journalists and of anybody who disagrees with him.

In school, First Amendment-rich electives are getting left behind in the race to raise test scores in math and English. California requires three courses in social studies, including a semester course in American government

and civics. But often, the focus is on specific information found on state history and social studies tests, not on broad concepts. Schools need to convene more discussions of controversial issues and to promote civic involvement outside of class.

The Knight survey of 100,000 students in 544 high schools found a clear correlation between knowledge of the First Amendment and participation in a school radio station or newspaper. One-quarter of schools no longer publish papers, and many of those that have dropped them are in poor communities.

The exhilaration that Iraqis felt in voting for the first time should remind Americans of rights they often don't appreciate. An atrophying First Amendment is harmful to the nation's civic health.

Letter to the Editor

Why need ASBSU?

As a former ASBSU Senator, I know how cumbersome and difficult the job is. However, I also now know how ineffective ASBSU is because of the silly politics that occur. There is more backstabbing and name calling going on than there is actual work getting done.

It seems that in the past we needed student representation because all we had were telephones and snail mail. Now, with the Internet, every student can vote on every issue if they so desire. Why don't we stop screwing around with turn over in ASBSU and just give the vote to every student at Boise State. This would stop the lame accusations by the student body president and his buddies that it's the students' fault for not getting involved. He wouldn't be able to cover up poor decision making by blaming turn over in ASBSU.

Email the budget to every student so that we can all see it and cast our vote on what we want to see happen. Stop blaming the student body for poor leadership and poor morale in your offices. We don't have time to mess around with a bunch of meetings to figure out what color of shirts we should buy for next semester. We do however have time to cast a vote on whether we think budget increases are merited.

Matt Peterson

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Where's the action?

happens in the next seven days...

TODAY (2/10)

5-7 p.m. in the Student Union Building Coffee House Concert Series featuring Larry Conklin. "Conklin breathes the Blues, without being tied to the genre."
- Audio. Check out this talented local musician on the Brava Stage. Free admission.

8 p.m. at The Big Easy Interpol and Blonde Redhead in concert. Tickets are \$18.50.

FRIDAY (2/11)

3 p.m. at the Cultural Center, upstairs in the Student Union Building
Happy hour: Learn Japanese origami with instructor David Pennington. For more information, call 426-5950.

9:30 p.m. at The Big Easy Marc Broussard and David Ryan Harris in concert.

SATURDAY (2/12)

9 a.m. in the Student Union Building VSB Service Saturday. A unique way to meet other volunteers while participating in service projects around the community. Call 426-4240 for more information.

SUNDAY (2/13)

4 p.m. in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. FAS - Faculty Brass Quintet. Admission is \$5, \$3 and free to BSU faculty, staff and students.

MONDAY (2/14)

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Morrison Center Main Hall "Tom Sawyer," from the Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration. For more information call 426-1034.

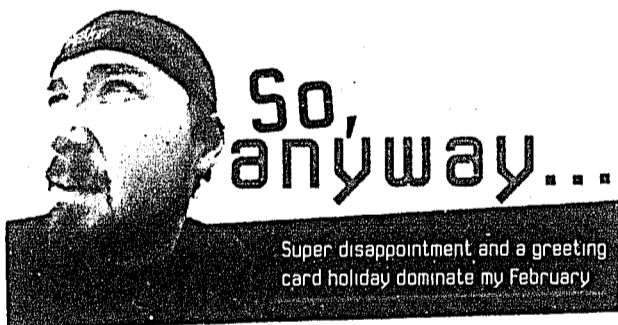
TUESDAY (2/15)

5:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, upstairs in the Student Union Building
Diverse Perspectives Film Series - "On A Roll." Light refreshments will be provided, and parking is free in the SUB visitor's lot.
Call 426-1223 for more information.

WEDNESDAY (2/16)

7 p.m. in the SUB Special Events Center Movie - "Constantine" sneak preview. Come check out Keanu Reeves' latest film before it even hits theaters. Admission is free.

7:30 p.m. at the Egyptian Theater
The Log Cabin Literary Center presents Readings and Conversations. Don't miss poet and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist N. Scott Momaday, author of "House Made of Dawn" and "The Way to Rainy Mountain."



Super disappointment and a greeting card holiday dominate my February

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

Yep, I watched the Super Bowl last weekend. It wasn't the best game I've seen in a while. The Patriots won ... again. My favorite team, the Seahawks, were watching the game from whatever bars they must frequent before they play on Sundays ... again. And as a marketing student, I have to say I was thoroughly disappointed by the commercials this year.

The best of the bunch was probably the one where a man was at a store counter talking on his cell phone when he said emphatically, "You're getting robbed. Do you hear me? You're getting robbed!" The owners react, and proceed to make him, hit him with a bat and, at the end, I think even throw a rock at him. I'm not sure what the commercial was for (maybe baseball equipment?), but I enjoyed watching a beating nonetheless.

Moving on to next week, it's Valentine's Day, I think. You know what that means, right? Yessir, time to put out the Christmas displays at local stores. It's February now; what's taken them so long? Okay, not really, I lied. It'll be the Halloween displays.

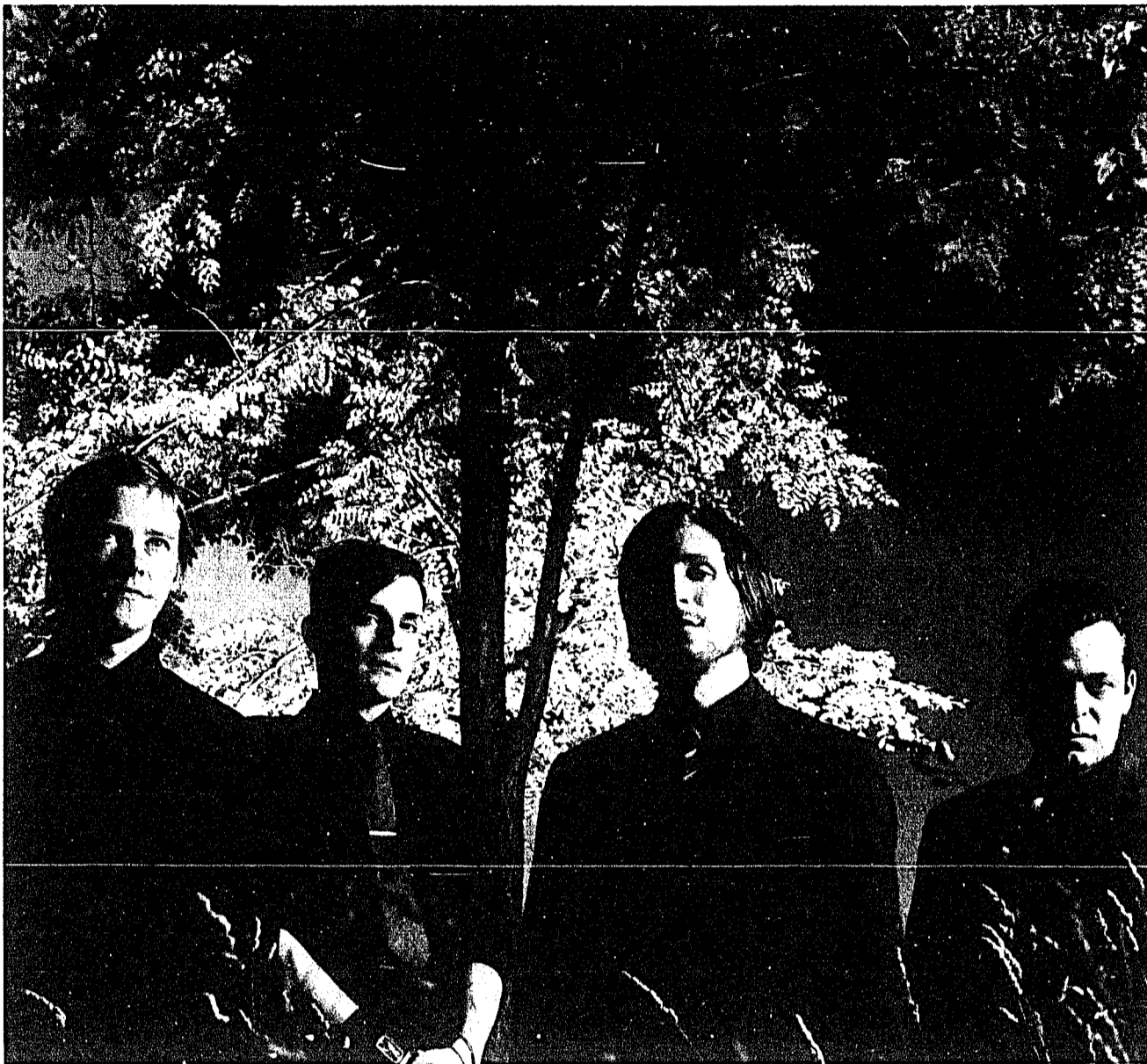
Now I've heard enough times that Valentine's Day (which I affectionately refer to now as VD because it's a day for lovers) is a holiday made up by the greeting card companies, but that doesn't mean it's any easier to deal with not having a valentine to smother with expensive gifts. The awful part is that being a broke college student, even if I had a val-

entine, about the most extravagant present I could offer would be a piece of gum. Don't get me wrong; I love gum. Gum just doesn't scream romance. (And if it ever does, maybe it's time to do some tests on the gum).

I got a new laptop last week and, due to its clever jokes and long nights spent listening to me whine about my problems, I've decided to make it my new best friend. It's ironic that my parents purchased it for me in that parents are the ones who usually say stuff like, "Money can't buy you happiness." I, for one, now think that statement is completely Bolshevik. Happiness, at least for me, can be acquired for around a few thousand dollars.

Now that I have this new monument to technology by my side everyday, I feel like I can take on the world. "What was Edward Norton's girlfriend's name in 'The 25th Hour'?" my friends might ask on any given day. "Let me consult my best friend," I can now say and type my way over to the Internet Movie Database. "Why, it was Naturelle Rieiviera, of course," I would answer. Now I realize that this fictional conversation may sound a little "foofoo," but keep in mind I used to play with My Little Ponies. Actually, strike that. Don't keep that in mind.

So, anyway, let's summarize my wandering today. Pats equal winners. Seahawks equal losers. VD equals bad. (Unless you're rich. Then enjoy the heck out of VD if you'd like!) Laptop equals friend. Money equals happiness. And I equals done for today.



Dark New York rockers Interpol bring their brooding to the Big Easy tonight.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JELLE WAGENAAR

Atypical sophomore 'Antics': Interpol elevates the everyday

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS
News Writer

Like a repetitiously unsatisfied busy signal churning out of a dangling phone receiver. Like four bored, famished tires devouring the seams in ancient bridge concrete. Like the chaste echoes of a halting Gregorian chorus caroming against the walls of a crumbling cathedral, the album "Antics" by Interpol capers into - and from the depths of - American sonic memory. To the first time listener, "Antics" seems Interpol's take on the age-old formula of 4/4 verse-chorus-verse-chorus-bridge-chorus, but a deeper foray reveals a multi-lay-

ered masterpiece leaving miles of sonorous byways in its wake. Tipping it's hat to their first album "Turn On the Bright Lights," the first track on "Antics" meanders through a sweeping intro, setting a pace akin to a stretched, yet relaxed sine wave throughout the ten tracks.

Coaxing from cognitive retention the implacably interwoven notes and tones from city life-grinding gears, airport security and smoke inhalation, Interpol guitarist Daniel Kessler renders a familiar, yet sheer groove, and in doing so takes a half-step in front of guitarist/vocalist Paul Banks' murmuring voice. Drummer Sam

Fogarino thumps at the standard 4/4 with a sensible bit of rhythmic bijou and complimenting the hall-way resonance of Banks' voice. All the while, bass player Carlos D. walks under the at-times fussy guitar with demiurgic variation, a far cry from the redundant bass lines that underscore most of today's retro-rock singles.

Formed in New York, the band reached its current lineup in 2000 and began playing shows soon thereafter, wearing enough black to give the nearest undertaker a run for his money. But, although they are unavoidably linked to other New York fashion-frenzied throwback groups like The

Strokes, Interpol can rest secure in the notion that they have a bit more to offer.

The band will make their way into Boise's Big Easy Concert House tonight, touring in support of this, their second full length American release. Tickets cost a mere \$18 and show-starter Blonde Redhead promises to delight.

In the meantime, "Antics" lies in wait at any local record store. A shapely follow-up to their haunting debut, "Antics" appears to have circumvented the proverbial sophomore jinx. This new album stings and entices like the gin-soaked olives that surely begat some of its darker notes.

Boise treated to Blonde Redhead, second cousin to Sonic Youth

BY JOSEF FIRNAGE
Culture Writer

"Their music is an indiepop/artwank alloy with some truly cunning grooves, and it's much fun to listen to, as is, by extension, this new album. I hope they get to stick around." - US Rocker

This was said of their 1997 release and third album, "Fake Can Be Just As Good," released by Touch and Go Records. However, it may hold even more true today, since evolving due to a tragedy that perhaps was a blessing in disguise. But first things first: Blonde Redhead is a band that has more than paid their dues.

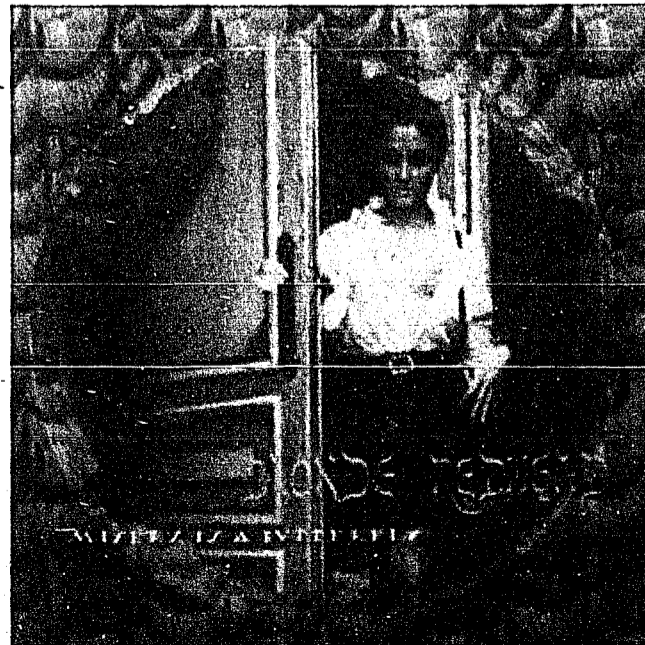
1993, New York. In a chance meeting in an Italian restaurant, Japanese art student Kazu Makino and twin Italian brothers Simone and Amedeo Pace met and went on to form Blonde Redhead. This name they gobbled from New York new wavers, DNA. They were soon and often compared to Indie Gods and Sonic Youth, and signed on to Sonic Youth drummer Steve Shelley's label, Smells Like Records, which produced their first two albums.

With each new album, Blonde Redhead made drastic changes to their musical structure, such as eliminating the bass guitar completely. However, "Misery is a Butterfly," controls a completely different sound altogether. This is due partly to the fact that around the year 2000, Makino fell off her horse and it stepped on her face, shattering her jaw. "In some ways [the accident] was a blessing in disguise because it gave us a chance to work on the record more deeply ... We were forced to live with it a while longer."

The critics say "Misery is a Butterfly" is "the band's most accessible album ... The grittier moments that drew comparison to Sonic Youth have here been replaced by cello and clarinet, for instance."

But this is not to take anything away from the band. "Misery is a Butterfly" cannot be dubbed a sell-out album. Indeed, the group sought and has been picked up by 4AD records, the European label that produced bands such as the Pixies.

"Misery is a Butterfly" contains eleven tracks sung by Makino



and Amedeo. Makino's voice is haunting, scratchy, sweet, and strong. Their sound is original. I have heard bands with similar elements, but I have never heard a band quite like Blonde Redhead.

Live, I can only imagine what treat concert goers are getting. And you get your chance tonight, Feb. 10, as Blonde Redhead opens up for Interpol. You will not forget it.

Goldfinger album pushes social agenda

BY ERIC RAVENSCROFT
Culture Writer

Mixing ska, pop-rock, and punk into its new album "Disconnection Notice," Goldfinger produces an introspective record that highlights the band's social beliefs.

"Disconnection Notice" is, as lead vocalist John Feldmann puts it, "about being really disconnected from society. My diet and my beliefs have, in a sense, disconnected me from the majority of society." Feldmann's credits also include writing and producing for Good Charlotte and The Used. He is joined in Goldfinger by bassist Kelly LeMieux, guitar-

ist Brian Arthur, and drummer Darrin Pfeiffer.

The album transforms from a first half filled with a broken heart, to an end that emphasizes the desperate measures of love. The hardest rocker first track, "My Everything," starts with "I know you take away my everything," while the desperate but hilarious mid-tempo "Stalker" has a chorus line of "Oh, oh, oh, she's following me/ oh, oh, oh, she's out of her tree/ oh, oh, oh, she's off of her rocker/ I wanna marry my stalker."

Goldfinger doesn't fail to experiment with "Disconnection Notice." By far the two most dis-

tinguished tracks on the album are "Damaged" and "Behind The Mask," which not only are amazing musically, but take a different path than the first half of the album, which is slightly stuck in a similar sound. "Damaged" pairs an electric guitar with a mandolin, along with a sample Indian vocal. Another track, "Too Many Nights," sparks itself with an opening of cowbell and organ, then straight into guitar riff.

"Behind The Mask" begins with a woman speaking about being in a slaughterhouse and saying, "Meat to me smells like hot death." The song combines heavy ska with a hint of techno. Says lead

singer Feldmann, "With animal liberation, I feel I have a purpose in life. It gives me a higher purpose." A noticeable change with this album is the band's need to express their social perspective.

One down side is that the record's 12 tracks only cover about 34 minutes of music, with the majority of songs being under three minutes.

The new album is out Feb. 15, the same day Goldfinger starts a nationwide tour. However, the closest they will come to this area is Salt Lake City on March 9. For more information, check out their official site: www.maverick.com/goldfinger.



Hard rock loses its edge at Snow Core Tour

BY JUSTIN PRESCOTT
Culture Writer

This year's Snow Core Tour was homogeneous in comparison to past tours. All of the bands were hard rock bands, and with the exception of Helmet, they all seemed to be coming from the same vein of songwriting. Past tours have

been more about featuring top acts from different genres.

The first three bands, Strata, Future Leaders of the World and Crossfade, had only superficial differences between them. They all followed the same basic structure that most modern rock bands follow. They keep the guitar

sound heavy most of the time and the bass and drums keep up with each other to provide a decent backbeat. The vocals have equal doses of melodic serenity and pained screaming.

The crowd fed off the energy though. It seemed to be the perfect audience for a rock concert.

They spent as much energy drawing from the performance as they did from past experience with the band, i.e., listening to the radio or the CD, memorizing the lyrics and just getting into the songs and rocking out. The performance is their holy grail and the bands know that.

The fourth band, Helmet, was the one who stood out the most. They have been around longer than any of the other bands and their sound is definitely more metal, and the themes are less personal and more about society at large.

Their performance was top notch. They played mostly older songs with as much frustration and energy as if they were all brand new. It was the minimalist

noise rock with a driving beat that fans have been appreciating since the early nineties. This particular crowd, young and old, had a lot of love for Helmet even despite their near opposite approach to music from the other bands. Though their new album falls short of any of their earlier material, Helmet still can turn the energy more toward thinking than to feeling and still rock the whole way.

Chevelle, the headliners, fell back into the same genre as the first three bands, although they are obviously the leaders of this style. They offer more creativity in the songwriting, with some more interesting guitar riffs and sounds. But, more often than not, they reverted back to that basic hard rock sound.

They put on a good performance. It was obvious that they put a lot of time and energy into their stage presence and light show (which was the most impressive of the night). That says that they are serious about what they do. It showed in the audience who was one of the most energized groups I have ever seen. At least half the crowd sang every word to every song in the set. Not many bands can boast that kind of fanbase.

The final judgement is this: The Snow Core Tour is a chance for a few artists with radio hits to get out there and please the people who listen to them and for one group to reestablish their base audience and maybe make a few new fans.

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COFFEEHOUSE concert

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Editor

The rap sheet on Larry Conklin says he is an acoustic guitarist, singer-songwriter, an instrumental finger stylist, a slide guitarist and interpreter of traditional blues and a music journalist. Listening to Conklin's album, "Bittertruth," easily makes one want to describe him in a far less sterile or cerebral sense.

Upon reaching track three, "Change My Ways," a striking vocal

resemblance to Dire Straits' frontman Mark Knopfler arises. Conklin's voice is a little less raspy, but its gentle nature blends seamlessly into his bluesy, borderline folksy guitar playing. The sound is also a little reminiscent of early Clapton.

Conklin makes his way to the Student Union Building at Boise State this evening for his round in the Coffeehouse Concert Series. In the semi-intimate setting that the Brava Stage provides, the concert promises to be a laid back

trip for the senses. Though he is a local product (and can be found performing at Satchel's Grill in downtown Boise on nice evenings in the summertime), his sound reaches beyond regional borders.

Autumn Haynes, Student Activities program coordinator, said that she's "excited to have a local performer coming in" who doesn't have the same sound as the usual acts they book in the SUB. The show is scheduled to run tonight from 5 to 7 p.m.

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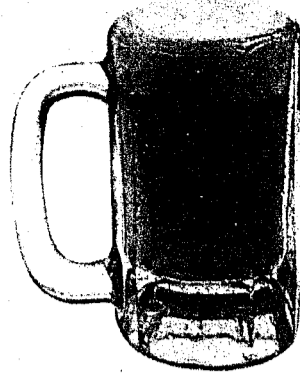
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Splendage's Beverage

BY TODD SPLENDAGE
Humor Columnist

Sometimes on my walk home from school I like to stop at the convenience store and buy a forty and sit on the steps of the church across the street. I've found people are more lenient if it looks like you are trying to get some help. If someone glares or shuffles their kids away from me I just shrug and say, "Door's locked."

I've never actually checked to see if the door is in fact locked, but I'm going to assume any respectable church isn't going to want the type who can only afford to buy a forty of domestic rainwater.

I've told myself that at some point I'll show up to an AA meeting, not that I need to be there, but rather to see if anybody can get me a good deal on cheap beer at a mom and pop store I've neglected to find. So far, the closest I've come to AA, though, is my purchase of batteries for my CD player. I realize this is not funny, and at best, not ironic, but much like I tell the church passersby, "I don't care what you think."

My favorite line from any movie, ever, comes from "Pulp Fiction." "Did you know that in Paris, they serve beer in McDonald's?" asks John Travolta of Samuel L. Jackson. I've never wanted to visit that snotty country more than when I heard that line.

A friend of mine once asked me (and by friend, I of course mean therapist), "Why do you feel the need to drink beer out of a paper bag?" To which, I replied, "I dunno. Why do you feel the need to live in one?" I'm certain that my counter confused her, but I was happy to have created some banter. The conversation sort of went south after that, but I will always remember the happy times I spent in her office.

I've often pondered what society's problem is with wine that comes in a box. Seemingly, I have found the answer: because you can't get all the wine out without cutting open the container at the end. You never have to do that with a bottle. Honestly, I think the high brows just have a problem with cardboard, and the low brows like the bottle in case a bar fight ever breaks out mid-guzzle. (Just try and ever start, or finish for that matter, a bar fight with a cardboard box.)

One draw back to drinking on the church steps is people seem to be stingier. One woman even had the nerve to tell me when I asked for money that I'd just spend it on booze. What does she know? I have a serious addiction to Nicorette gum, among other things. Why do people have to be so mean to those of us who are less fortunate? And why do we call it "less" fortunate? Who says I was ever fortunate to begin with? My adulthood is laced with no fortune. Does someone who sits on a church step drinking a forty of Mickey's have something to be thankful for? I know I don't, but hey Splendage is as Splendage does.

All things considered, getting wasted at church is not only economical (they pass a tray around with free money), it is also convenient should you wish to seek forgiveness. Even if you don't want to be forgiven, they'll bless you anyway and you don't even have to sneeze. Amen.

Breathtaking outdoor shots light up Banff Film Festival

BY JOE FRANKLIN
Culture Writer

The Banff Mountain Film Festival goes to six continents. In the area of outdoor film making, all the world is a stage. For those that don't know, The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an annual movie fest held at the Banff Mountain Center in Banff,

Alberta, Canada. Once the initial screenings are finished, awards are given, and the tour hits the road. Awards are given in eight categories: Grand Prize, Mountain Sports, Mountain Environment, Mountain Culture, Climbing, Short-Mountain Film, Feature Length Mountain Film, and People's Choice.

The first film was entitled "The

Collective" and it was about mountain biking. It was mostly shot in the Whistler area, but the scene in the city was what took the breath away from the audience members. Have any of you ever seen someone ride a bike across a hanging section of chain? Thought not.

My favorite film was the next, "Alone Across Australia." It en-

compassed the survivor spirit much better than any reality television program could ever dream of.

I felt myself sliding farther away from the seat I was in at the theater. I was being pulled, not only by the masterful camera work (mind boggling logistically, at times), but by the infectious personalities portrayed in the films. These

people are all driven to live a lifestyle of their own choosing and of their own style. I am jealous. I hope that the people I shared the theater with are jealous, too. I was trying to steal something from everyone on film. I want their energy and their passion.



Canada's Banff Film Festival ran at the Egyptian last weekend.

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Rev up blender for spinoff coladas

BY PAMELA SITT
The Seattle Times

What with NBC's "The Apprentice" going all "CSI" on us with the announcement of its coming spinoff, "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," I started thinking about other ways that reality TV could jump the shark. The possibilities are endless.

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, who never met an accessory or pair of oversized sunglasses they didn't like, could pull double duty as hosts and models for Bravo's "Project Runway." What designer wouldn't want to dress the current it girls (and future stars of "I Love the '00s")? Then maybe they could stop shuffling around looking like the wealthiest bag ladies in New York. Besides, it's my opinion that Heidi Klum is the perfect example of why models should be seen and not heard.

Meantime, Tara Reid, so convincing in her role as a brainy archaeologist in "Alone in the Dark," could be the next Jeff Probst. Each episode would begin with Reid - wearing khaki and a pith helmet, maybe even a headlamp - earnestly sharing some history of the, like, indigenous people of whatever island they're marooned on. Reid would really make the perfect "Survivor," seeing as how her perpetually smeared black eyeliner could double as camouflage, plus she has those built-in flotation devices. Seriously, we've all seen them on the Internet.

Kirstie Alley could simultaneously host and participate in NBC's "The Biggest Loser," which would of course be filmed as part of her coming Showtime series "Fat Actress," so it would be like a reality show within a reality show, which ... hold on, I'm getting dizzy. (By the way, "The Biggest Loser" is also spinning off into a series of themed one-offs, i.e. "The Biggest Loser: Family vs. Family" and "The Biggest Loser:

Bride vs. Bride." Where is that Star Jones when you need her?)

Oh wait, here she is: "The Simple Life: Star Jones Reynolds." Nuff said.

And now for this week's recaps: "THE SIMPLE LIFE: INTERNS" Speaking of hosting gigs, did anyone else catch Paris Hilton on "SNL"? I don't think Paris could be considered an actress by any stretch of the imagination, even if she does have a couple of videos for sale on the Internet. (8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, FOX)

"PROJECT RUNWAY" Austin, Jay and Kara Saun are totally like the "Mean Girls" and Wendy Pepper is totally like the Lindsay Lohan. Only let's hope Dowdy - I mean, Wendy - doesn't actually win in this scenario because she's a sucky designer. (9 p.m. Wednesdays, Bravo)

"AMERICAN IDOL" Wow, lots of ugly folks with pretty voices in Cleveland, huh? Hey, doesn't anyone remember what Clay Aiken looked like before he discovered contacts and a flat iron? (8 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 p.m. Wednesdays, FOX)

"THE BACHELORETTE" Meredith and Ian from "The Bachelorette 2" broke up, which is way more interesting than anything that happened on Jen Scheff's show last week, or ever. (9 p.m. Mondays, ABC)

"THE SURREAL LIFE 4" I wonder if two models repel, like magnets? Maybe that's why Adrienne Curry and Marcus Schenkerberg are crushing on Peter Brady and Chyna instead of each other. (9 p.m. Sundays, VH-1)

"THE APPRENTICE 2" Michael, I'm sure sexy European models could sell just about anything to imbeciles like yourself, but please, try to focus. So far, not so impressed by the college grads. Michael's an idiot, Verna quits and Danny is more wishy-washy than Charlie Brown. (9 p.m. Thursdays, NBC)

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[SIDE-LINE]

Men's hoops look to end losing streak tonight

TREVOR HOAN
Sports Editor

Gymnastics on the road

The Bronco gymnasts travel to the state of Utah this week to compete at conference rival Southern Utah, tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Cedar City. The Broncos are ranked 45th nationally with an average of 190.762. The Southern Utah Eagles are ranked 18th nationally with an average of 194.194. Next weekend, the Broncos will be back home to host Utah State at the Taco Bell Arena.

Wrestlers finish regular season

The Boise State wrestling team will finish off their regular season in Oregon this weekend. Tomorrow night Oregon State will host the Broncos in Corvallis, Ore. beginning at 6 p.m. locally. Then, on Saturday the Broncos will travel north to Portland to take on Portland State at 3 p.m. local time. Boise State then will prep for the Pacific 10 Conference Championships in San Luis Obispo, Calif. on Feb. 27-28.

All-WAC academic team members to be honored

Twenty Boise State student athletes will be honored tonight at halftime of the men's basketball game. They are all from the fall 2004 teams. Check out the full list of the honorees on page 9.

this week in SPORTS

Men's hoops

Tonight vs. Nevada, 7:30 p.m.
Sat vs. Fresno St., 2 p.m.

Women's hoops

Tonight @ Nevada, 8 p.m.
Sat @ Fresno St., 5 p.m.

Indoor track and field

Fri-Sat Jackson's Track in Nampa
Holiday Inn Invitational

Gymnastics

Tomorrow @ Southern Utah, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Tomorrow @ Oregon State, 8 p.m.
Sat @ Portland State, 3 p.m.

Skiing

Fri-Sat New Mexico Collegiate
Taos, New Mexico

Men's tennis

Tomorrow @ Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Sat vs. UC Santa Barbara, 6 p.m.

Women's tennis

Tomorrow vs. Utah/UTEP/Nevada, all day
In Salt Lake City, UT

Dorothy said there's no place like home, and the Boise State men's basketball team may completely agree with her.

The Broncos are coming off a 0-4 road trip and have lost nine of their last 12 games.

The Broncos host Nevada tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Fresno State at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Both games are at the Taco Bell Arena.

The trouble with the two games this weekend is that Nevada (16-5 overall, 9-2 Western Athletic Conference) and Fresno State (13-7, 7-4 WAC) are first and third in the conference.

"We are going to obviously have to first of all versus their big guys," Boise State head coach Greg Graham said regarding Nevada. "They're very good and hard to stop."

Something has to give for the Broncos. Only once did they lead at halftime during the four game skid. They shot over 40 percent just the once against SMU, when they actually had a lead at the half. Long-range shooters were getting their shots, but it seemed like every team dominated the Broncos down low.

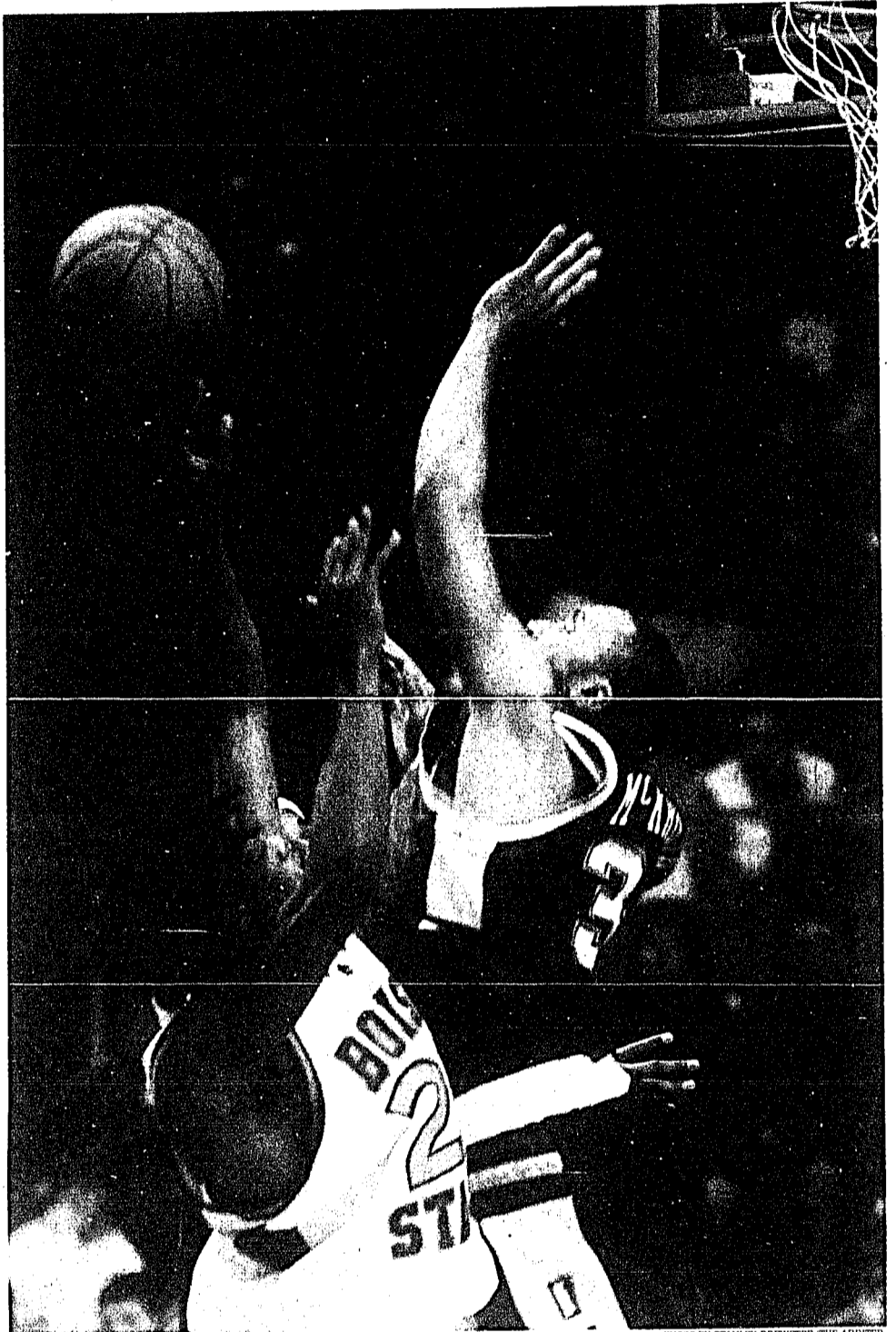
"My big thing is I just want (the team) to take good shots. I just get upset when they took bad shots or feel they have to shoot," Graham said. "I don't mind them shooting, I just want them to take good shots."

As Jason Ellis heals from his hernia operation, and Tez Banks learns the conferences big men, the Broncos have struggled to post up and hold the post against other teams.

"I think (Ellis) still hurts some. The first weekend he did real well because he didn't do as much and it was just good to get him back," Graham said of the return of Ellis. "Now he's just trying to get right back into that mold. It takes a while to get back. He worked all spring and summer to get in shape."

Nevada may have the two best players in the WAC, and sophomore Nick Fazekas, in the mind of Graham, is the conference MVP.

"Fazekas right now is probably the MVP of the conference and (Kevin) Pinkney is probably really close behind him," Graham said of the sophomore that is 3rd in the nation and first in WAC in scoring at 21.0 points per game. He is also third in the conference in rebounding with 8.8 boards per game. Pinkney averages 13.4



The Boise State men's basketball team hosts Nevada tonight at the Taco Bell Arena. Nevada has the best record in the WAC.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

points per game.

Saturday, it will be the speedy Fresno State. The Bulldogs are the surprise team in the conference this season. The Bulldogs were picked ninth in the preseason coaches' poll, but have used seven freshmen to run up the score this season. Ja'Vance Coleman leads the way for Fresno State. Coleman averages 17.1 per game.

"We have to slow down Ja'Vance

from being able to come in and 20 to 25 to get them rolling," Graham said.

The compensation for Boise State is the comfort of being in front of a home crowd for the first time in three weeks.

The Broncos have won three of their last four at home, and need to establish continuity among their players with just a few weeks left before the WAC tournament

begins.

The Broncos do have the ability to score and play well, it's just going to take some time, according to Graham. "It'll come around and that's how we are going to play. We can make the game in the 40s if we want, but that's not the way we're going to play. We're going to get up and down."

More than just talent, new recruits are great people

BY TREVOR HOAN
Sports Editor

Recruiting has many layers for any collegiate coach, but for Boise State head football coach Dan Hawkins, he takes on an all too important role.

He looks at a player's personality, family, humor - almost those things you look at when trying to find a significant other. Probably the same reason Hawkins sometimes says that when he is talking to recruits about Boise State football and what it can provide, he compares it to dating. A style he says is a way to get through to them.

Not to say that his players can only comprehend a simple idea as dating compared to what they will get out of playing at Boise State.

"I know it's kind of popular to think football players are dumb guys, but the reality is that in our system you can't be dumb," Hawkins said.

Hawkins spoke numerous times over the last week about the new recruits and what they bring to the table. Long before Hawkins wanted to speak about how they are as players, he was more excited about who they are as people.

One in general was about how they came about recruiting junior college transfer receiver Jerard Rabb. One of Rabb's JC coaches was on campus and was really excited about this player.

Hawkins had this to say of what the coach said about Rabb, "We got this kid on our team, you'll love him. He's just a great kid, always got a smile on

his face. He's very positive. He works hard, a great sense of humor. He's always on time, always takes care of business, and that was Jerard Rabb. Then he says he a heck of a player."

Last Wednesday at the press conference, Hawkins spoke about each recruit, not as a player, but as a person. He told the media that he was excited about Kyle Wilson's father coming to Boise so everyone could meet him and listen to his stories.

These are not just players to Hawkins, they are student-athletes. They are his children for the next four to five years. Another aspect to bringing in these young men to a program that excels on trickery and complex offense and defenses is that you need intelligent, hard working players.

Of the incoming freshmen, 10 of the 13 were at least members of the honor roll. Richie Brockel had a 4.0 GPA. Jeremy Childs was named a scholar athlete. Quarterback Nick Lomax was a four-year member of the honor roll in high school. Another recruit, Matt Schweitzer and Kyle Seever, were members of the National Honor Society.

Not to take anything away from anything that the current Broncos have done. During the fall semester, 43 players on the football team earned GPA's over 3.0 during and one, freshman Nick Schlekeway, earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

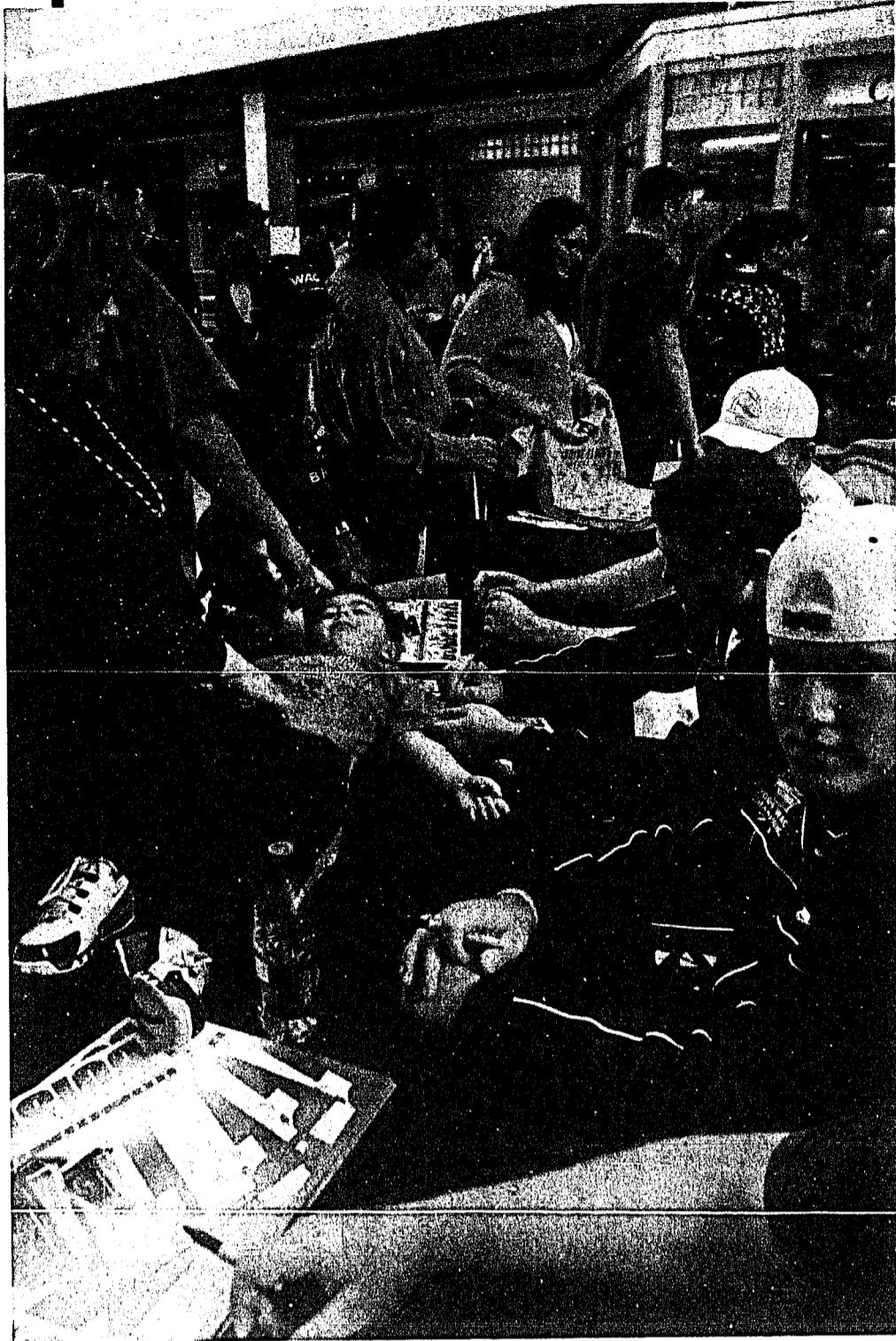
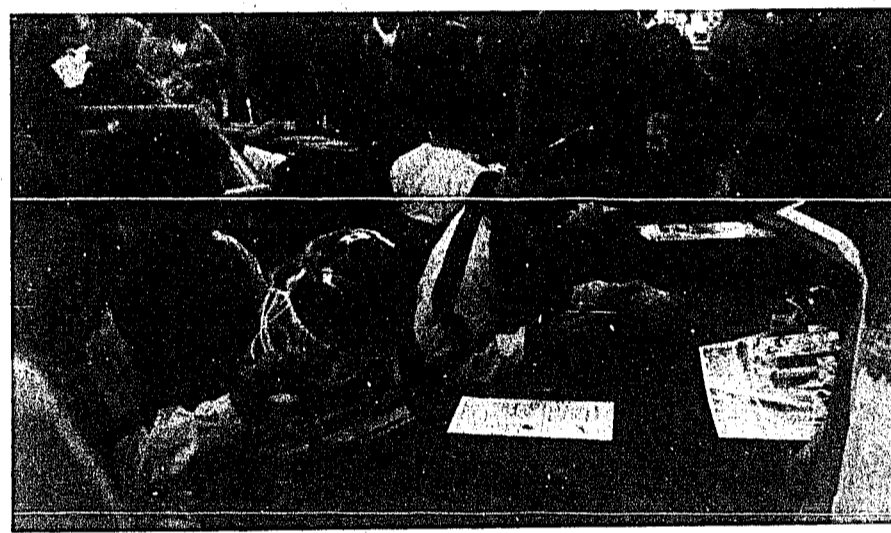
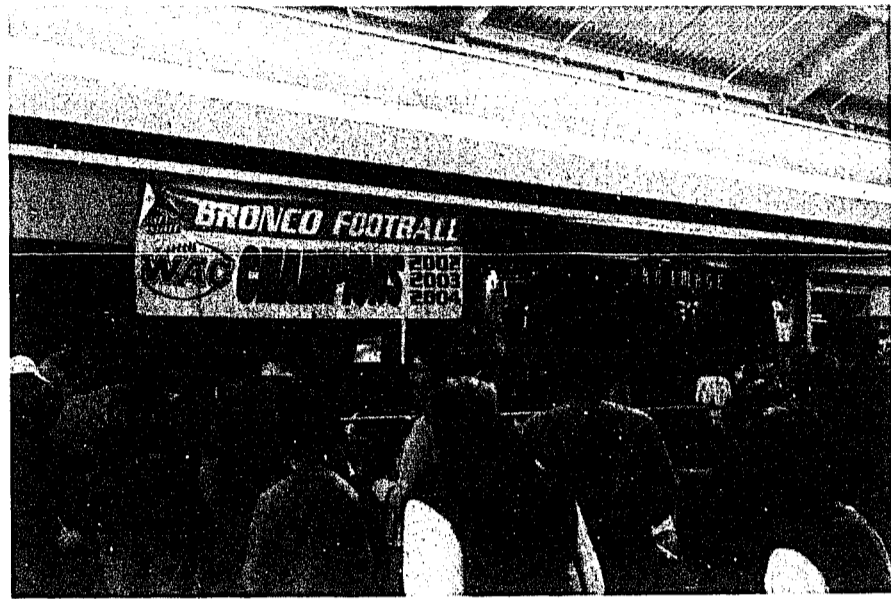
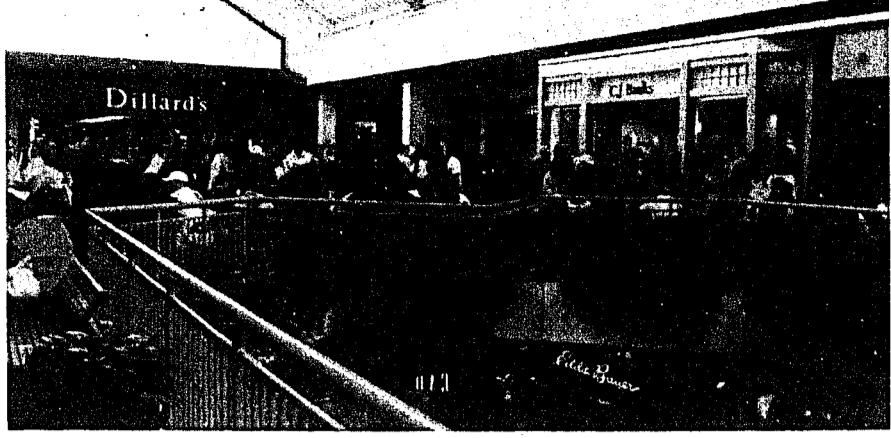
And of those 43 players, eight were named to the All-WAC academic team this week.



Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins speaks about the new football recruits at the Bronco Athletic Association luncheon on Monday in the Hatch Ballroom.

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BSU champs draw a crowd



PHOTOS BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE TRIBUNE

As early as 9:45 a.m. on Saturday morning, fans were lining up to get a final glimpse of the 2004 Boise State football team. All of the players were on hand at one point or another to sign autographs at the Boise Towne Square from 10 a.m. to noon. Players were signing posters and it was the official release date of the DVD for the 2004 season. Of the players in attendance, 55 went on to 11 different Albertson's locations throughout the valley to sign autographs for the rest of the afternoon. "I think it's amazing to see the heart of the city has to come out and support us and show the love they have for us," outgoing senior Clayton Adams said.

20 Bronco athletes earn academic honors

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Boise State has 20 student-athletes from four different 2004 Fall sports honored as Western Athletic Conference All-Academic awardees. The Broncos awarded for their academic prowess consisted of eight football players, seven soccer players, four volleyball players, and one cross country runner.

To be eligible as a WAC All-Academic honoree, one must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and have competed in at least 50 percent of one's team's competitions. True freshmen were not eligible for this fall honor's list.

What follows is a listing of Boise State's 2004 Fall WAC All-Academic honorees. They will be honored at halftime of the men's basketball game tonight.

Football:

- Chris Carr (senior, Political Science)
- Jeffrey Cavender (sophomore, undeclared)
- Robert Jones (senior, Social Science)
- Tyler Jones (senior, International Business)
- Tad Miller (sophomore, Criminal Justice)
- Austin Smith (sophomore, undeclared)
- Kyle Stringer (sophomore, finance)
- Timothy Volk (junior, Communication)

Soccer:

- Maureen Shea (junior, Psychology)
- Liane Tom (sophomore, Computer Information Systems)
- BreeAnn Milligan (senior, Psychology)
- Stephanie Campbell (sophomore, Psychology)
- Brennan Lau (sophomore, undeclared)
- Kim Parker (sophomore, undeclared)
- Molly McDonald (sophomore, undeclared)

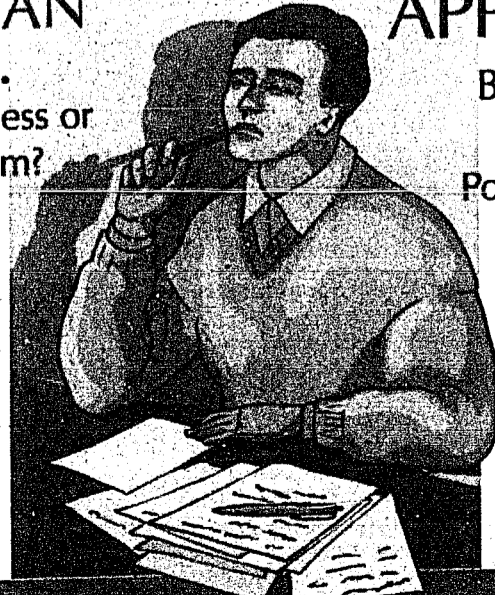
Volleyball:

- Heather Malaschak (senior, Marketing)
- Christina Melvin (sophomore, undeclared)
- Jackie Stroud (sophomore, undeclared)
- Mindy Bennett (senior, Exercise Science/Biomechanics)

Cross Country:

- Tess Collins (junior, Psychology)

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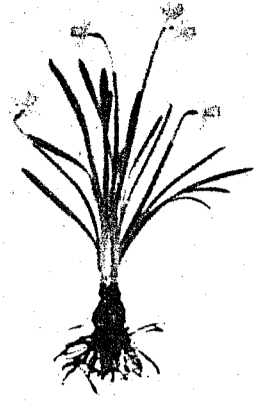


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Women's hoops prepare for pair of away games

BY JE T'RIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

The Boise State women's basketball team takes to the road for a pair of away games this weekend. Tonight they face last place Nevada, only to jump back into action with Fresno State on Saturday. This will be an important stand when you consider the Broncos have just one road victory this season.

The Broncos (8-12 overall, 3-8 Western Athletic Conference) recorded their first conference victory this season over Nevada (5-16, 1-10 WAC) last month. Going together with the two impressive upset victories over the last two weeks at home, Boise State has the confidence when confronting the Wolfpack's home court advantage.

"Over the weekend we had some really top performances from a couple of players," Broncos head coach Jen Warden said.

In the first game, Boise State charged out of the gates and led the entire game.

Nevada poses an impressive duo up front with senior guard Talisha Anderson (11.1 points per game) and freshman forward Meghan McGuire (13.3).

Nevada can certainly mimic the Broncos as a second half team. They have outscored their opponents in the second half against some of the top conference teams.

After hosting Fresno State (13-7, 5-6 WAC) for a discouraging defeat during an overtime thriller, BSU heads for the Save Mart Center to reciprocate. Fresno seems to do better on the road (9-2) than at home (4-5), giving Boise State the slight advantage.

The Bulldogs have a trio to watch for in Saturday's game, spreading talent and depth across the classes in similar comparison to the Bronco bench. Sophomore guard Chantella Perera was the warrior and emotional spark for the team in the two teams' first confrontation. Senior Center

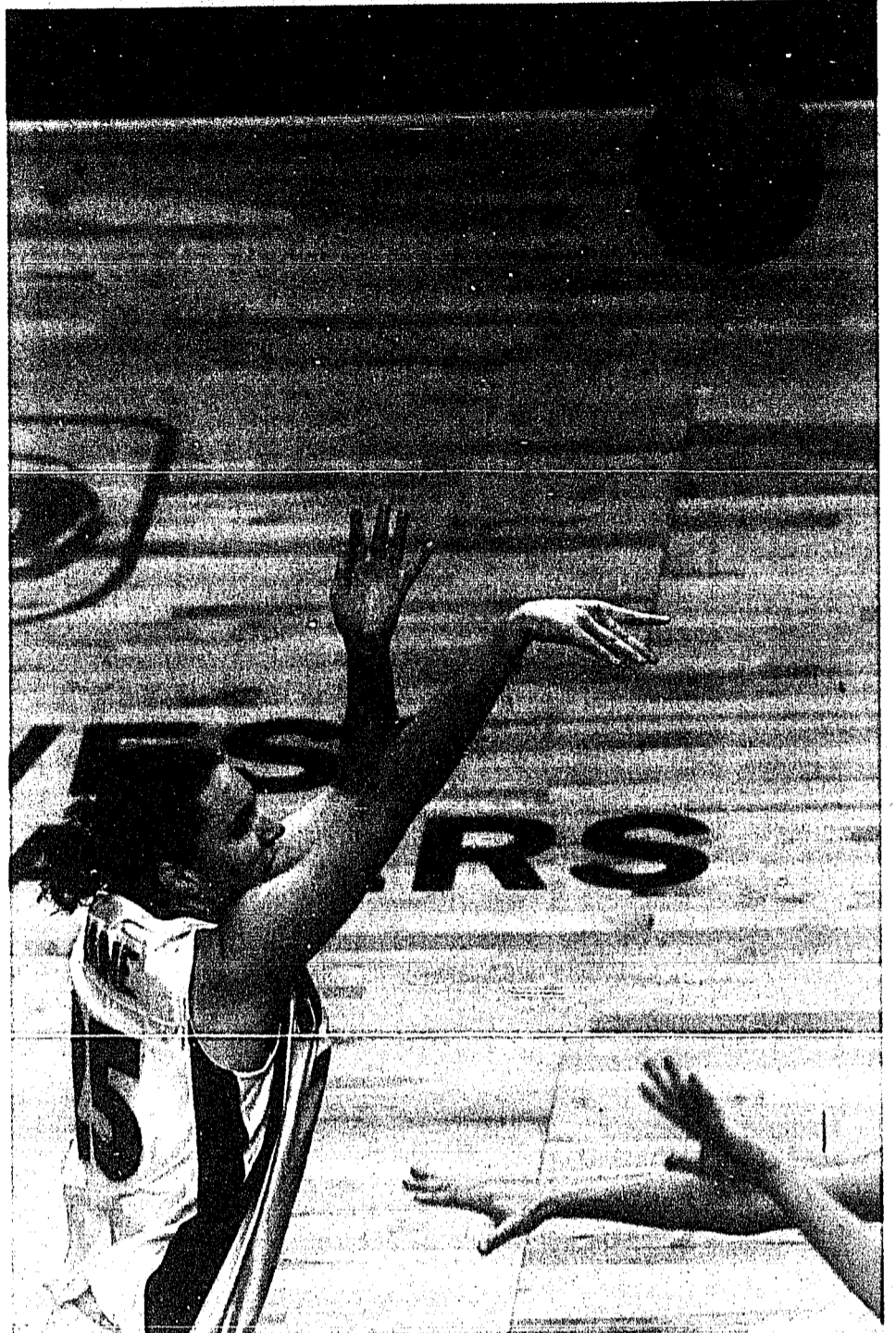


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This week's The Arbitrator Top Performer Cassidy Blaine and the Broncos hit the road beginning tonight.

Mindy Clark sets up major battles for BSU in the rebounding war, standing at a height of 6'4". From there, junior forward Amy Parrish ranks up there with Boise State's

own Cassidy Blaine, both of whom were nominated for WAC Player of the Week last week.

Saturday's game looks to be a turnover battle where the two had

20 turnovers apiece in the previous match up. While Fresno stays strong in rebounds, the Broncos outscore them from the three-point range.

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NFL leaps from Super Bowl to super bull

BY MIKE ROCHE
Sports Columnist

It started with a three-point New England victory over Indianapolis and ended with a three-point New England victory over Philadelphia. The full circle of this NFL season birthed a dynasty in the era of salary caps. No one thought it possible. As with any storied season, a proper ending is the only part left.

An argument can be made that the 24-21 defensive showcase did the job in Super Bowl XXXIX. You had the spirited underdog team. You had the construction worker turned-Super Bowl starter. You had the beaten warrior returning for one last fight. You had the ...

did I mentioned that dynasty part yet?

But as Hollywood shows us, the real ending to any great story is the sequel. The only way the NFL could follow up this season is ... the Pro Bowl?

Surely you jest Paul Tagliabue.

Surely you don't plan on ending this season with the worst of any all-star game. Surely you don't mean that sorry excuse for competition.

Seriously?

Coach Krzyzewski just hit the floor again.

This Sunday the NFL once again ships the game's best to Hawaii for a weekend of fun, sun and ... well, football. This is a game where the fiercest athletes in the world play grab-ass for four quarters. Here, record breakers worry more about the fourth hole at Waialae than offensive formations. And, frankly, no one cares to watch it either.

The Pro Bowl lives up to the rich American tradition of awful follow-ups like "Caddyshack II," U.S. Presidents named Johnson (both of them), "Joanie Loves Chachi," and every Bears quarterback since Jim McMahon. And what happened to them? They were ignored, impeached, hated, cancelled and traded.

Do you see a pattern Tagliabue?

The NFL will argue that since moving the game to Hawaii in 1980 it has never failed to sellout Aloha Stadium. Maybe so, but it's the pathetic reputation Tagliabue should worry about. The concern

is not the appeal of the game itself. The Pro Bowl will never create the same intensity as the season. And it should not try. The concern lies in the Randy Moss enthusiasm that NFL superstars bring to this game. How are fans supposed to invest interest in the half-speed version?

Oh, sorry. Philadelphia calls that the "hurry up" offense.

FIVE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE NFL PRO BOWL

The Roche Approach isn't all about criticism. TRA also likes to extend some helpful thoughts as well. Here is TRA's five best ways to improve this NFL snooze bowl:

1. Create NFL Hall of Fame scouts that only view the Pro Bowl for their consideration.
2. Make teams run the wish-bone offense and see more pancakes than at IHOP.
3. I call this the Romo-factor. Let former Raider linebacker Bill Romanowski get as juiced up as possible on steroids (we'll see if that no blitz rule is enforced).
4. Like golf, make the Pro Bowl a Pro-Am. Enlist the talents of all the celebrities that confuse high profile football games for the red carpet. Michael Douglass, Will Smith, Nicollette Sheridan, Ashlee Simpson, Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson are all possibilities.

And the number one way to improve the Pro Bowl: The entire losing team is traded to the Cardinals (and you thought losing teams only cry after the Super Bowl).



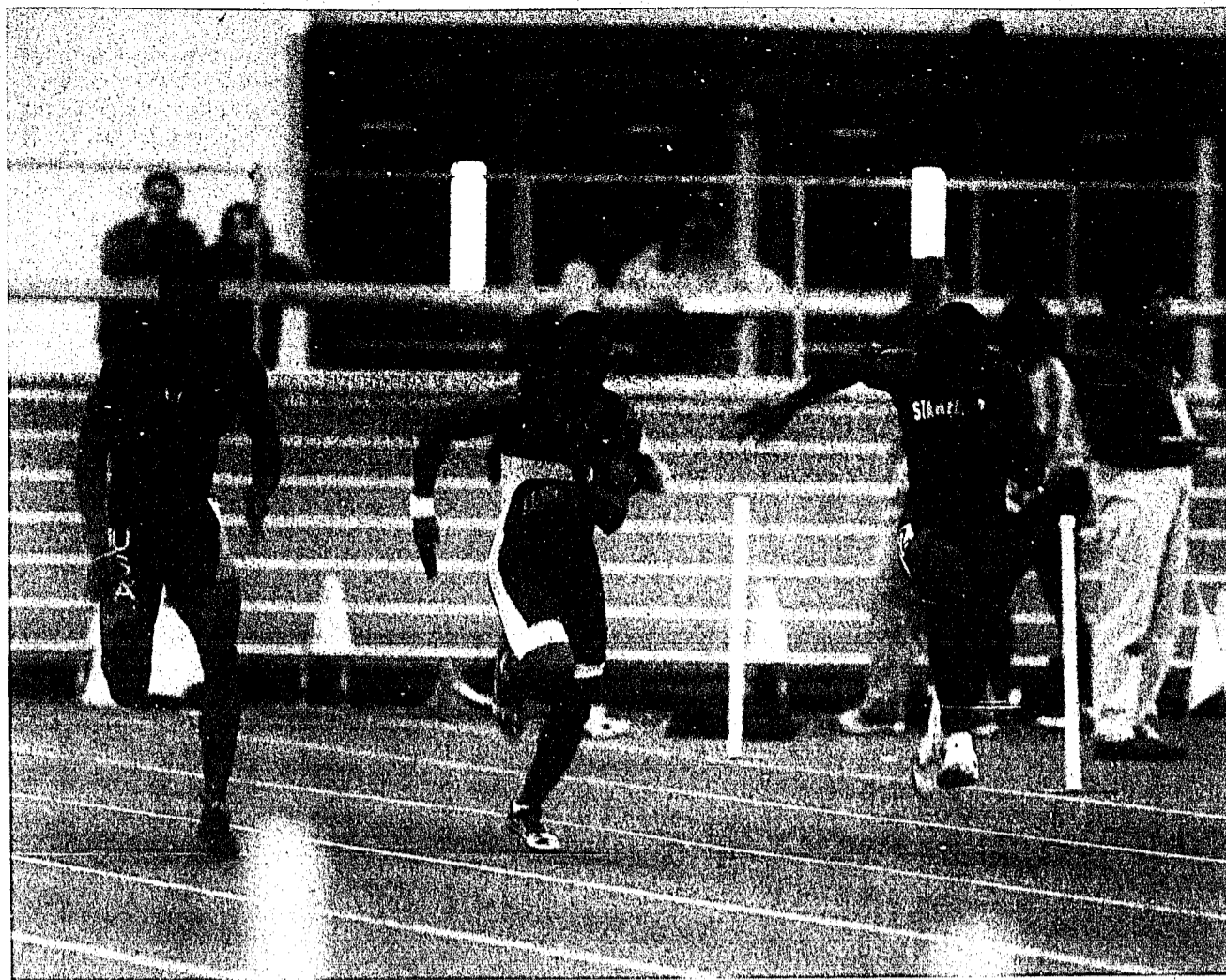
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The Boise State indoor track and field team hosts some of the nation's best teams this weekend.

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Broncos host nations best this weekend

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

This Friday and Saturday will be the strongest competition of the season for the Boise State indoor track and field team. It is also the last tune up for the Broncos, as they get ready to host the Western Athletic Conference Championship in two weeks. This weekend it is the Holiday Inn Team Invitational at Jackson's Track at the Idaho Sports Center in Nampa.

NCAA Indoor Champions LSU men and women's teams will be in competition, along with Arizona State, Washington State, Idaho, Texas A&M, Utah, Utah State and USC.

Field events begin at 6 p.m. tomorrow night, and the running events begin an hour later. Field events then start up at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday with field events beginning at noon.

Boise State freshman Alina Schimpf set a school record last week at Jackson's Track with her 12 feet, 5.5 inch pole vault. The Boise High graduate broke the previous school record of 12-4, set by Sadie Sweet in 2003.

Sprinter Antonio Echols has had a stellar season so far for the Broncos. Echols is first in the Western Athletic Conference in the 400-meter dash, and second in both the 60 and 200 meters. His 200 meter time is also ranked 14th in the nation.

The men's weight throw competitors are running away from the pack in the conference. Mattias Jons, Collin Post and Eric Matthias have the top three throws in the WAC. Jons' throw of 67-10 is currently eighth best in the nation, and Jons and Post both have NCAA provisional marks.

A couple of women to watch for the Broncos are Jackieann Morain in the 400 (second in the WAC

and Robin Wemple has posted great times in the mile early on this season.

Idaho pentathlon competitor Manuela Kurrant is the reigning WAC indoor track female athlete of the week. The Germany native set an NCAA automatic qualifying mark with a total score of 4,061 points at the McDonald's Collegiate Invitational last weekend. Her total is second in the nation, first in the WAC and a University of Idaho record.

Five of the men's teams coming in are ranked in the top 50 in the nation, and three of the women's teams are in the top 15. LSU by far has the most compete men's and women's teams. The LSU men are ranked 11th in the nation, and the women's squad is ranked third.

The Tigers have the two sprinters that are probably the best duo. Kelly Willie and Xavier Carter have the second and third best times in the nation.

Add Arizona States' Seth Amoo, and you have four of the 15 best times in the 200 all running this weekend.

Fans will get a second look at Oregon's Tommy Skipper. Two weeks ago, the 2004 indoor pole vault champion was on hand in Nampa, and will look to improve on his national leading vault of 18-8.

Texas A&M's Fabrice LaPierre leads the nation in the long jump.

The women's side will be showcased by two of the fastest in the nation. LSU's Ashley Owens leads the nation in the 60 meters and Hazel Ann Regis has the top time in the 400.

Currently ranked second in the WAC overall on the both sides, this weekend's team invitational may be the first true test to see how close the Broncos are to competing in the WAC championship in Nampa in two weeks.

Women's tennis opens up conference play this weekend

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

After a tough season opener loss, the Broncos are back in action on the road this weekend in Utah.

Boise State will begin a three-match weekend against the University of Utah tomorrow. The Utes are coming off a 7-0 victory over the University of Montana and have a 4-2 overall season record. At the top two singles spots playing for the Utes were freshmen Elizabeth Ferris and Emily Kwok. Ferris played a solid match against Annabelle Janeiro (6-1, 6-3). Kwok came through in a close match to defeat Cheyne Urish (7-6 (4), 6-2).

On Saturday the Broncos will serve up their first conference

match of the season against the UTEP Miners (1-2 overall). The Miners racked up their first win Feb. 4, 6-1 over Air Force. UTEP's Samantha Attard and Teri Wilkerson battled their way to victory in the number two doubles spot to secure the doubles point for the Miners.

Sunday's opponent will be the University of Nevada Wolfpack, another conference match. The Pack are 1-2 with their last two matches accounting for the figures in the right-hand column. The Pack played two tough opponents in both losses. On Feb. 6 against 66th ranked University of Pacific California and Jan. 30 against 45th ranked UNLV.

The Boise State women's tennis team opened up the 2004-2005 season losing to the number 10

University of Washington (7-0). A valiant effort on the part of sophomore Tiffany Coll and freshman Nadja Woscheck gave the Broncos one match against the domineering stature of the Huskies.

Coll and Woscheck defeated Saskia Nauenberg and Allison Rainey 8-5. Opening the season against the now 9th ranked tennis team in the nation is not an easy obstacle to conquer. The Broncos took this last week off to contemplate the full schedule ahead.

Boise State bid farewell to two dominant elements to the line-up last spring. Jemima Hayward and Erin Polowski lead the Broncos to a 14-8 overall season record and a fifth seed placement in the WAC tournament. The Broncos ended the season with a quarterfinal 4-1 loss to Rice.

Stepping up into seniority are Alissa Ayling, Anna Curtolo and Carolina Pongratz. These seniors exhibited leadership qualities as juniors. Pongratz had an excellent 2003-2004 season ending with a 16-4 overall season record. Curtolo finished 12-8 in singles, and 5-3 in doubles with Coll as a junior. Ayling was named to the all-conference doubles second-team last season along with the lone junior, Megan Bjorkman brings some leadership qualities of her own after setting precedent as a sophomore last season, finishing with a 16-9 overall singles record.

Mark Tichenor returns for his sixth season as head coach of the Broncos.

Men's tennis continues road swing

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The 41st ranked Boise State men's tennis team travels to the states of Oregon and California this week to play the University of Oregon tomorrow and UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

This past weekend, the Broncos

completely dominated their competition with three wins. On Saturday, Boise State defeated Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 7-0. In Sunday competition, the Broncos defeated Pacific 6-1, then shut out San Francisco 7-0.

Currently three Broncos are nationally ranked in singles com-

petition. Matias Silva is 55th in the nation and Thomas Schoeck is 89th in the country. Super freshman Luke Shields is the top ranked Bronco, as he sits 41st in the nation in singles competition.

The doubles team of Schoeck and Shields is highly regarded, currently ranked 12th in the na-

tion. Following this weekend competition, the Broncos will compete in the National Team Indoor Championship in Chicago, Ill. on Feb. 17-20.

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