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Morriss' trial DELAYED

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ASBSU President David Morriss (left) sits with his advisor during the impeachment hearing held Thursday March 3 in the SUB.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
News Writer

The Associated Students of Boise State University President David B. Morriss filed a suit before the ASBSU judicial branch Thursday, which asked that his impeachment trial be dismissed.

A part of the suit included the fact that President Morriss had not received the complainant's (the Senate's) written documents concerning witnesses and facts to be discussed in the trial 24 hours in advance of the trial.

At-large Sen. Scott Blades is acting as the complainant. He was given the responsibility to try President Morriss on Monday and did not get all of his information and interviews completed until Thursday afternoon and hence had not submitted all of his written documents 24 hours in advance.

Sen. Blades said that he was not aware of the rule and that he had not received President Morriss' information 24 hours in advance either. Both parties exchanged information immediately prior to the hearing, which began at 4:40 p.m. Thursday.

"What you're trying to tell me is that, David Morriss complied to the 24 hour notification but you didn't have to," Chief Justice Marc Morriss said.

Since the 24-hour advance was not abided by, Chief Justice Morriss adjourned the trial until Tuesday at 4:40 p.m., where it will commence in the Jordan Ballroom in the Student Union.

The suit was received by judiciary at 1:53 p.m. Thursday. The trial was to begin at 4:40 p.m.

The suited also claimed that President Morriss had been denied legal representation, that the Senate should not be able to adjourn to vote in private (because that violated Idaho Open Meeting Laws), that two senators (Sen. Tabielle Antchevov and Sen. Jefferson Day) had already pub-

licly stated their decision concerning Morriss' impeachment prior to the trial itself, and that since the ASBSU Senate was not a complete Senate (there are only 10 current senators rather than the usual 16) and all of the student colleges are not adequately represented, the Senate did not have the power to impeach President Morriss.

Chief Justice Morriss dismissed the majority of the issues described in the suit.

President Morriss did have legal representation at the trial, but since this is a student hearing, Morriss must speak for himself. He can have a legal advisor whisper in his ear (which his counsel did during the proceedings Thursday), but said counsel cannot speak for President Morriss.

Sen. Antchevov and Sen. Day refuted Morriss' claim after the adjournment that they were biased. Sen. Day said he had defended Morriss twice when

James Skaggs and former ASBSU President Ishaq Ali tried to recall Morriss.

After the adjournment Morriss referred to Chief Justice Morriss' statement that the Senate had to follow the rules just like he did, and said his due process was violated.

"Every person in America deserves a fair trial," Morriss said.

Chief Justice Morriss will also allow the Senate to convene in private to deliberate its decision. Four-fifths of the senators must vote to dismiss President Morriss from office for it to actually occur.

The only punishment a Senate can give at an impeachment trial is dismissal. They can censure him later if he is not dismissed. They cannot fine him or make him give back the money he allegedly received as a scholarship for being a lobbyist for the Senate in governmental arenas, which was the basis for his impeachment.

Senate appointees await confirmation

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
News Writer

These senators also have classes to attend.

The Colleges of Health Sciences, Education, Applied Technology, and Graduate are not currently represented in the ASBSU Senate. There are also two vacancies for senators at-large.

ASBSU President David Morriss has appointed four new senators to the ASBSU Student Senate. All four appointments have been made since his impeachment on Feb. 17, 2005.

The appointments must go through the Appointment and Review Committee in the Senate, then must be confirmed in a Student Senate meeting in order for them to be confirmed and begin work with the Senate.

The confirmation of four new senators could change the outcome of President Morriss' impeachment trial. Each would have a vote in the proceedings. The four-fifths majority needed to oust Morriss with 14 senators rather than ten would equal 11.2 senators. Since humans don't exist as 0.2s, 12 senators must vote for President Morriss' dismissal.

If the newly appointed senators do not get confirmed before the trial begins, the Senate will need eight of its 10 members to vote for Morriss' dismissal.

It is highly likely that the appointments will not get confirmed before the trial begins. The Senate must meet and have quorum (seven senators out of the 10) to confirm the appointments. Since the impeachment trial will occur Tuesday at 4:40 p.m., when the Senate usually meets as a group, the confirmations may have to wait until Thursday's Senate meeting. Otherwise, the senators would have to try to establish quorum at an unusual time, which may not be possible.

The Senate has had trouble this semester meeting quorum at their committee meetings. Committee meetings must have a certain number of senators present to be conducted. Senators, in said committee meetings, discuss and study matters to present before the full Senate at its bi-weekly meetings. Since six senators are missing from the Senate, the senators that are still there are strapped for time to attend all the committee meetings and meet quorum to conduct business.

The Senate has been asking for President Morriss to appoint replacement senators since the first senators excused themselves from their elected responsibilities. President Morriss, though, did not appoint any new senators until after he was impeached.

He has appointed Heather Graves (a former senator who resigned for medical reasons) as the College of Health Science Senator, Greg Wilson as the College of Education Senator and Ian Mosley and Tim Flaherty as Senators At-Large. President Morriss chose both Mosley and Flaherty from a list of five candidates. Graves and Wilson were the only ones to apply for their respective positions.

Graves originally applied for the position on Oct. 11, 2004, and was appointed by President Morriss on Feb. 28. Mosley applied on Oct. 21, 2004, and was appointed by President Morriss on Feb. 22, 2005. Wilson applied on Feb. 18, 2005, and was appointed by President Morriss on Feb. 23, 2005. Flaherty applied on Feb. 7, 2005, and was appointed by President Morriss on Feb. 22, 2005.

All four appointments were made after President Morriss' impeachment. Mr. Wilson was the only one of the four to apply after the impeachment.

"They put me through hell in appointment and review," Flaherty said.

The Appointment and Review Committee had to ensure that the appointees owned no bias involving the impeachment trial, in case that they are confirmed in time and would hence have a vote. It is a requirement of the process that all members of the Senate must enter the trial entirely impartial and to evaluate the evidence supported and not any previous experiences or evidence pertaining to President Morriss.

"I am fully prepared to be impartial and listen to all of the evidence," Flaherty said. "I want to lend as much support as I can to the issues most important to the students."

Flaherty says that he is most interested in the budget process and the possible dismount zone in the quad that may fine students for riding a bicycle in crowded spaces. He is not currently running for Senate and his term will last less than a month.

Presidential debate gets heated Questions from audience not originally scheduled

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

Joe Holladay said Taylor Newbold was a liar, Newbold said Holladay has not been financially responsible, Tabielle Antchevov said she doesn't have a personal vendetta against David Morriss, and Trevor Klein said the Boise State of the future would have tuition. All of this took place as part of the President/Vice President Candidate Forum last Thursday at the Brava Stage in the SUB.

All four tickets were present as they fielded questions from the election board. The candidates discussed their platforms and the current issues facing Boise State today, such as the Orange Party, David Morriss's impeachment,

ing to football games? Is it just for the athletes? What about other students?" Antchevov said.

Holladay and Ahmed said the Orange Party is a way to get students to participate in student government, citing that most of the student college Senate candidates are Orange Party members.

Newbold said that Holladay had not been financially responsible, citing Holladay's spending \$250 of ASBSU's money on togas for a football game.

"It's time to clean house in ASBSU," Newbold said.

When the subject came to the Morriss impeachment, most of the candidates stated that Morriss' actions were unethical.

"I do feel President Morriss stole from the students of Boise State,"

had lobbied the Idaho State Legislature, but Holladay rebutted saying he had been there and spoke to Sen. Eliot Werk.

"Don't believe the lies," Holladay said about Newbold's remarks.

Candidates were asked what separated them from the other candidates, and Klein and Newbold said their lack of ties to the current student government was what set them apart.

"Not being a member of the current government; that's what separates us from the other candidates," Klein said.

After the debate, audience members were upset that they couldn't directly ask candidates questions. It wasn't until after the debate and following demands of audience members that they were allowed to ask questions.

Juan Martinez, a Boise State Seland College of Applied Technology faculty member, began the impromptu Q&A session by asking Newbold about his role in a satirical piece about Boise State selling The Pavilion's naming rights that had appeared in the Oct. 4, 2004 issue of The Arbiter.

Newbold said he was sorry about the piece, and that he had

apologized a "million times" including to OELA, a Hispanic organization on campus.

Newbold said he had not written the piece but had agreed to put his name on the piece to protect the objectivity of the true writer, a news reporter covering the Taco Bell Arena issue.

"I didn't know what I was getting into," Newbold said.

Newbold said he did not read the piece before putting his name on it.

However, Mary Dawson, editor in chief of The Arbiter, said Newbold read the satire, and was aware of the issues at hand.

Dawson also said it was a "bad choice" for the paper to run the satire.

"As with most satires, it went badly," Dawson said.

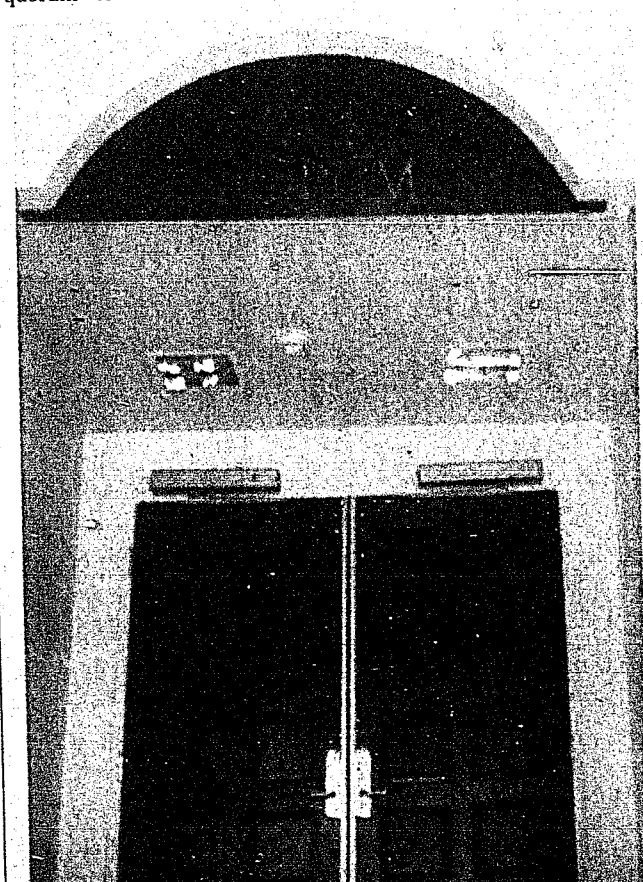
Dawson also said she believes it is unfair to bring this issue out at this point in the campaign and that the satire was not malicious toward OELA.

Newbold said later that he read the headline and "maybe the first paragraph."

"I did not read it in its entirety," Newbold said.

Martinez said he brought up the issue because he was offended by the piece and has concerns as a Latino faculty member if Newbold were to be elected.

"There is no room for racism in satire," Martinez said.



The doors of the senate chambers.

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tuition, and Taco Bell Arena. Antchevov questioned the intentions of the Orange Party, a party formed by Holladay and vice presidential candidate Kamron Ahmed, that runs the platform of "Tradition, Unity, Distinction." "What is tradition? Is it just go-

Holladay said.

On the topic of tuition, Trevor Klein said he wanted safeguards and caps in place to help students.

"The future of Boise State is going to have tuition," Klein said.

Newbold said no senators

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Shiites, Kurds pledge to set aside differences in power-sharing talks

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Shiite leader Ibrahim Jaafari and Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani reached a tentative agreement Wednesday to set aside their differences and focus on forming a new government, opening the way for a deal that will give Iraq its first Kurdish president and an Islamist prime minister.

Addressing a news conference after talks in the northern city of Suleimaniyah, the two leaders said they had agreed to allow the newly elected National Assembly to thrash out the sharp policy differences between Kurds and Shiites that had been holding up the formation of a new government.

Talabani said the Kurds had dropped their demand for the Shiite coalition to agree in advance to incorporate the disputed town of Kirkuk into the region of Kurdistan. Jaafari said the Shiite coalition was dropping its demand for a clause in Iraq's temporary constitution to be shelved. That clause will allow any three provinces to veto in a popular referendum the new permanent constitution that the assembly will write.

Both leaders said they would abide by the existing temporary constitution drawn up under the supervision of the former U.S. administration and leave it to the National Assembly to make any changes.

"We have a law that was agreed on," Jaafari said. "Issues that need modifying will need the agreement of two-thirds, and new issues will have to be voted inside parliament. I think this methodology will enable the new Iraq to solve its problems by democratic, parliamentary means."

On Kirkuk, Talabani said that the Kurds had "agreed to abide by paragraph number 58 (of the temporary constitution) in order to stabilize the situation and to work together in a reasonable way." The temporary constitution calls for the status of Kirkuk to be settled only after a permanent constitution has been ratified, after land disputes arising from Saddam Hussein's attempt to drive Kurds from the city have been resolved and after a census has been taken.

Talabani and Jaafari also said they

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recognized the importance of including members of Iraq's Sunni minority, which largely stayed away from the polls, in the new government, though there is still no firm agreement on how to do that.

Fossett completes around-the-world flight

SALINA, Kan. - Steve Fossett had just endured 67 hours in a cramped cockpit, with only milkshakes for sustenance, not knowing for half the way whether he had enough fuel to get home.

But when he emerged from the cockpit of his GlobalFlyer at 2 p.m. CST, having become the first to fly a plane solo around the world without refueling, one might have thought he was returning from an afternoon jaunt.

Fossett seemed to take his latest adventure in stride, but city leaders and aviation authorities called it a very big deal.

"This is a monumental achievement in aviation," said David Hawksett of London, who assesses scientific achievements for Guinness World Records. In terms of significant firsts, he said, Fossett's feat is on par with the 1969 moon landing and the 1953 climb up Mount Everest.

"This kind of thing makes people sit up and say, 'Wow, look what can be done!'" More importantly, Hawksett said, it "inspires kids all over the world."

Cliff Berry Jr., who wrote 2002's "Milestones of the First Century of Flight," said Fossett's accomplishment was "an incredible feat."

"Just imagine, there you are all alone at 45,000 feet, with no chance to refuel. It's just marvelous," Berry said.

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people, who apparently had mastered tool-making and hunting tens of thousands of years ago.

Dean Falk, an anthropologist at Florida State University, led an international team of researchers that described a hobbit's unique braincase in Friday's online edition of the journal, Science.

"I thought we were going to see a little chimpanzee-like brain, and I was wrong," she said. "I'm bowled over."

Archaeologists have unearthed the bones of eight hobbits, formally known as Homo floresiensis, but only one skull. Falk CAT-scanned that fragile, 18,000-year-old skull, then created a clear resin copy that she could study.

Although just one-third the size of the average modern human brain, the hobbit brain turned out to have several features that could indicate higher thinking skills, she said.

For instance, the brain had enlarged temporal lobes, an area that is bigger in humans and helps with functions such as memory and emotion. Another area, called Brodmann's area 10, was also bigger than expected; in humans, this region is involved in undertaking initiatives and planning future actions.

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that those ages 18-29, the only age group that solidly supports Bush's idea of using their tax money to fund private retirement accounts, is also the only group whose support for the idea has increased in recent months, although by a statistically insignificant margin.

That eye-catching political fact could influence the debate over Social Security, even though the young people's tilt isn't enough to offset opposition from all other age groups. If Bush can use the promise of private investment accounts to turn young people into Republicans, they were the only age group that went for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry last year, that shift could cement an enduring Republican majority.

"It has the potential to dramatically change the political landscape," said Democratic strategist Erik Smith.

In his bid to transform Social Security - and perhaps U.S. politics - Bush is driving a generational wedge into the country. He vowed not to change Social Security benefits for those ages 55 and older, hoping to ease the concerns of older Americans. They tend to vote Republican, but more importantly they turn out to vote more than any other age group.

Yet even if the elders turn against Bush and his party, generational change is coming.

Younger Americans - those born since the stagflation of the '70s and the Reagan revolution of the '80s - tend to like Bush's call to let them invest their tax dollars in markets.

The poll by the Pew Research Center showed that 66 percent of those ages 18-29 support private accounts, up from 64 percent in December.

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Espiritu, a professor of ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego, will speak on "War, Race, and Asian Immigration."

Espiritu specializes in gender, migration, race, U.S. militarism, refugee studies, and Asian American studies. She recently published "Home Bound: Filipino American Lives Across Cultures, Communities and Countries."

Espiritu's address is part of the department's Spring 2005 Guest Lecture Series.

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Through the looking glass - he stole her heart and that's not all

A Charlottesville, N.C., man proposed to his girlfriend and presented her with wedding and engagement rings, which, unbeknownst to her, he had stolen from a downtown jewelry store.

Thinking that he had bought them there, she went to that very same store to have the rings resized. The clerk recognized the goods.

We're the victims here, officer

Two burglars broke into a home in Kaldred, Denmark, but a witness saw them and took the keys to their car. When they came out carrying their loot, he confronted them and ordered them to put the stuff back.

Unable to end the impasse, the burglars called the police for help.

I'll get you ... tomorrow at the latest

Believing his wife was cheating on him, a man decided to hijack a bus and ram it into her trailer home. He came up with the idea after drinking tequila, so his plan had a few flaws. Among them: he did the hijack in Utah, but the wife's trailer was in Nebraska, hundreds of miles away.

At any rate, the police intercepted him before he made the Colorado state line.

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Young adults back Bush on Social Security, poll finds

WASHINGTON - Social Security is all about older people, but in the debate about changing it, a lot of the politics is about young people.

Polls indicate that President Bush is losing support for his push to partly privatize Social Security, but the one group he's winning support from may be the most important politically, especially in years to come - young people.

A new poll released Wednesday found

Island's tiny humans had advanced brains, researchers find

DALLAS - Frodo and Bilbo might have met their intellectual match in the prehistoric hobbits from Indonesia.

New research shows that the tiny humans, nicknamed "hobbits," who once inhabited the Indonesian island of Flores had relatively advanced brains capable of higher levels of thinking and cognition. The finding meshes with archaeological studies of these long-vanished

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Shorter school year at BSU

BY LIZ HUERTA HALE
News Writer

Faculty Senate recently approved changes made to the Boise State academic calendar for 2005-2006. As a result, the school year at Boise State will be shorter. Mark Wheeler, dean of enrollment services, said the revisions to the calendar were made to address concerns of students, faculty, and staff.

Students and faculty will now receive a full week off for Thanksgiving. Students will be able to enjoy a longer Thanksgiving break, allowing them additional time to travel and spend time with family.

There will be four weeks in-

stead of three between the fall and spring semesters. "Faculty gets an extra week to do research between fall and spring semesters. The extra week between semesters also gives staff more time to do end-of-term and start-of-term processing like grading, financial aid, disbursement, etc.," Wheeler said.

Spring semester classes will begin a week later, the day after the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Classes will still end on the same week in May as the current year.

Under the old calendar, Boise State had more instructional days when compared to other schools in Idaho. "In fact, the calendar of the last few years did have more class days than the calendar of

five to 10 years ago," Wheeler said.

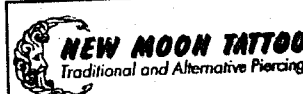
Boise and Meridian school districts began their fall 2005 semester a week later to avoid conflicting with the Western Idaho Fair. When considering whether Boise State should follow the same format, Wheeler said Boise State did not have the same conflict with the fair.

"Even though we like to keep our calendar and that of the public schools aligned, we couldn't change our start date without unraveling all the calendar improvements."

With changes made to the new calendar, the fall semester will have one less class and the spring semester will have two less classes, but class length will remain the same. Both semesters' number of instructional calendar days still meets the state board of education's standards. Tuition and fees will not change. Students will be required to do the same amount of work while receiving the same credit hours as before.

"The committee [student, faculty, and staff representatives] met for several months to come up with its recommendation, then it took a while for it to get on the agenda of the Faculty Senate and the president's cabinet. The Faculty Senate approved the new calendar last spring, and the president's cabinet approved it last fall.

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States, colleges increasing merit-based financial aid

BY FRANK GREVE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Take heart: College tuitions are soaring, but fewer families are paying the sticker price.

A multibillion-dollar surge in financial aid based on merit - rather than only on financial need - is the big reason. Fourteen states now offer residents merit-based grants to help middle-class families meet college costs. Hundreds of colleges and universities woo top scholars and gifted musicians with tuition breaks regardless of family income.

"It defies the principles of lots of vice presidents for finance, but it makes sense to the parents," said Kevin Coveney, the admission dean at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., where any high school National Honor Society member is guaranteed a \$10,000 tuition break.

The effect of all the new aid is to drive down the number of students who are footing full college costs themselves. It's 37 percent now, down from 45 percent in 2000, according to the National Association of Student Financial

Aid Administrators. At private four-year colleges, the number drops to just 17 percent. The aid's abundance makes tuition increases for many students as theoretical as 11st price increases for new cars.

Georgia's HOPE scholars - high school grads with B averages in college prep courses - get free tuition at state schools plus \$300. Florida's Bright Futures scholars get three-quarters tuition breaks plus \$300 at state schools if they earn B averages and SAT scores of 970 or better. B-plus students with 1270 SAT scores get free tuition. Students at in-state private colleges in Georgia and Florida get equivalent breaks.

Michigan asks only that its students pass a state exam to score a \$2,500 grant for a state school or \$1,000 for an out-of-state one.

The programs are huge. Georgia has spent \$2.3 billion on 800,000 students since its pioneering program began in 1993. Florida's merit grants now help 120,000 college kids; Michigan's, 49,000.

So popular are the state initiatives, many funded with lottery revenues or tobacco-settlement proceeds, that legislators find

they're difficult to cut, especially given that tuition increases averaged 10.5 percent at public universities last year. That's about four times the overall inflation rate.

The biggest fans are "mainly middle-class families," according to Jamie Merisotis, the president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy in Washington, which promotes access to college. "It's due both to rising tuitions and the belief that if low-income people are getting a benefit, there should be something for other groups based on merit."

To be sure, most of the more than \$75 billion in annual aid for higher education remains need-based. But the growth is in merit aid. States now spend a quarter of their scholarship money on merit awards, up from 10 percent a decade ago, according to financial aid organizations. Merit aid's share of private college scholarships is 36 percent, compared with 27 percent in the early '90s.

"We've found hundreds of new awards in the past year," said Baird Johnson, the vice president for production and marketing at FastWeb, an Internet database

scoured by seekers of merit-based aid. FastWeb's directory grew 20 percent this year, according to Johnson.

For high school seniors, the hunt for merit-based help means a new round of applications in the spring after they've won college admission. "It takes as much legwork as applying to college, with all the applications and essays and recommendations," said Barbara Weintraub, a college counselor at James Hubert Blake High School in Washington's Maryland suburbs.

Suzanne Adjogah, 17, an academically outstanding senior at nearby Montgomery Blair High School, is undeterred. She's already scored a \$30,000 scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh. Now she's trying to piece together a combination of need-based aid, merit grants and loans that would make New York University in New York City, her first choice, equally affordable.

She doubts she'll succeed, however, and when asked her parents' preferences, Adjogah said: "They want me to go where I'd be happy. They also want me to go to where it's free."

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ASBSU senators must regain their power to impeach

BY RUBREY SALAZAR
Columnist

The impeachment hearings in the case of ASBSU President David Morriss began last week and had an interesting twist. No one seemed to know what they were doing. Bewildered senators and confused observers gathered in the Jordan Ballroom to launch a proceeding that looked more like a court of law than an impeachment trial.

To describe the scene, President Morriss sat with his attorney or "advisor" on one side, Sen. Blades sat on the other as plaintiff, and nine senators faced a room of students, while Chief Justice Marc Morriss presided.

The main difference between a court trial and an impeachment is the power dispersal. Boise State student government, the rules and procedures, and all subsequent protocol is fashioned after politics at the federal level. At the federal level, the Senate not only has the sole power to impeach, but also has strong authority over the proceeding.

President Morriss submitted a letter to the Senate and the chief justice at the onset of the hearing concerning the nature of the rules and procedures. At the end, Chief Justice Morriss made a very important ruling, which resulted in the postponement of the impeachment trial. This ruling gave President Morriss another week to mount a more credible defense and to do what he does best: find more loopholes.

Contained in Morriss' petition was the right for his legal counsel to speak. In most university cases of this nature, "advisors" are not allowed to address any parties directly for the duration of the procedure. The "advisor" must simply sit idle and whisper in the ear of the accused. Universities have done all they can to avoid mirroring their proceedings after courts of law for the sake of differentiating their purpose and motives from those of a legal system seeking justice. This includes limiting the role of lawyers and refraining from the use of legal jargon (hence the name "advisor").

While in theory I would disagree with this, in this case, Morriss should bear the burden of defending himself and his actions openly and publicly and not be able to use his mouthpiece on retainer. The chief justice rightfully threw out this complaint in the petition.

Another complaint was about the rules and procedures of the Senate in deliberating upon the charges and inquiries in secret. Morriss tried unsuccessfully to persuade Chief Justice Morriss

into compelling the Senate to vote either for or against impeachment out in the open. Morriss cited the Sunshine Laws in his petition as precedence in this matter. Imagine that, a Republican wanting an open meeting. This complaint was also thrown out.

Other last ditch attempts by President Morriss were that some senators were publicly biased and politically motivated. In citing this, President Morriss did more to hurt his case than help it. Even if there was public dissent among some senators, President Morriss further eroded his chances at an impartial hearing by pointing fingers and questioning the integrity of a few senators that he must now still face, since the complaint was ruled to have no merit.

In understanding why President Morriss would want an open deliberation might go to the heart of what these impeachment proceedings have become. The university administration, state legislators, and well-known figureheads have come out in support of President Morriss.

In wanting to sweep this mess under the rug, there may be stiff consequences for those senators who wish to simply vote on the facts according to the rules, governing ethics, and bylaws. These senators are students, students who are at the mercy of university officials who make decisions about their academic well-being. These students are also citizens who are at the mercy of state legislators who make decisions about their civil well-being. Who knows what impact their vote may have on their studies, careers, or their opportunities at this point. We have to protect their anonymity in this matter.

Each complaint by President Morriss was subsequently dismissed, except one. The right of the accused to have ample time (24 hours) to read through the list of accusations and prepare a defense. Apparently, President Morriss was not given this list within the correct timeline, which resulted in Chief Justice Morriss "arbitrarily" postponing the trial (not 24 hours later) for an entire week.

It would have taken only one senator to call for a vote on this ruling by Chief Justice Morriss to wrap up the matter before them. Unfortunately, these senators have no idea what their role is. If their puppet strings are not snipped and they do not seize control away from the chief justice and other self-interested university officials, this impeachment should be seen as an indictment against their competency as well.

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not on board

BY ZACH UHLMANN
Columnist

The world is finally banding together to avenge the global warming problem before it gets uncontrollably cancerous. A historical international treaty was recently ratified by nearly every industrialized nation. Unfortunately, the U.S. did not initial it, or attempt to participate.

On Feb. 16, 140 nations signed the Kyoto Treaty, an international blueprint mapping out an environmentally-conscious course for minimizing global warming by reducing the output of greenhouse gases. Of the 140 participating countries, 35 are industrialized nations and are required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 5% between the years 2008 and 2012, as compared to their emission numbers from 1990. The remaining chunk of countries are not developed enough to produce substantial amounts of pollution and will only be involved in the credit trading component of the Kyoto Treaty.

The treaty has been in the works since 1997, when the Kyoto Protocol was first negotiated. The 1997 protocol was the rough draft version of the 2005 treaty, which

has sat around collecting dust while the world waited for last minute inductees such as Russia, who finally signed in September 2004. President Clinton signed the Kyoto Protocol in '97, but the Senate struck it down by a massive margin of 95-0. Then, in 2001, Bush decided not to send delegates to Japan to partake in the environmental crusade, because as he said, "[Everyone else] thought the treaty made sense. I didn't."

The decision not to join with the European Union, Japan, China, Russia, Canada, and other Kyoto affiliates is almost as much rational as it is foolish and self-destructive. The problem Congress had with raising emissions standards then and the problem Bush has with it now, is that it places an unfair burden on large developed nations, while the smaller countries will suffer no economic repercussions. Sadly, the U.S. releases a fifth of Earth's greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, according to the New York Times, while only furnishing four percent of the human population. In the case of China and India, they combine to produce 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, yet the ratified treaty exempts them from any emission reductions, because they are con-

sidered "developing economies." Understandably, we do not have the money to participate in a legally binding endeavor such as Kyoto with so much of our economy dependent on the energy, efficiency, and convenience of fossil fuels. Our livelihood depends on the raw energy fossil fuels provide for American power plants and American cars, which continually burn them at voracious rates.

These greenhouse gases rise in sooty spires of pollution as they condense in heaps of irremovable insulation at the tip-top of our atmosphere, where they linger like mile-high trash dumps, detaining heat and melting our ice caps. They condense in our atmosphere and insulate the border between where earth ends and outer space begins. Under normal conditions, the heat produced on earth rises and diffuses through the atmosphere into space. Unfortunately, with excessive greenhouse gas accumulation in the atmosphere, heat gets trapped inside and temperatures subsequently rise.

Keep in mind that global warming is still a controversial theory - at least as far as the U.S. is concerned. Politicians, the energy industry, utility companies, and manufacturers in the U.S. will deny it, but I've always trusted common sense and reliable sta-

istics in matters of controversy. It's no fluke that Bogus Basin has been disappointing for the last five winters. Idaho's snow pack has been on the steady decline for years. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "Seven of the ten warmest years in the twentieth century occurred in the 1990s... [with] 1998 [being] the hottest year since reliable instrumental temperature measurements began."

Bush isn't to blame for Bogus Basin's barren, snow-lacking slopes and miserable performance over the years, but he is to blame for ignoring it. There is a major difference between Clinton's global warming approach and Bush's. Clinton convinced himself, but couldn't convince Congress. Bush didn't even try to convince himself. The U.S. is easily the largest emitter of greenhouse gases by country and especially per capita. Global warming needs a shot to the jugular, but without U.S. participation, the battle for global homeostasis is forecasted to be a very even bout. In 2012, when progress is evaluated, it will become apparent that the reason the problem will only be halfway fixed is because for every ton of coal they saved, we burned two.

Will Kyoto Treaty passenger U.S.A. please come to check-in; the international flight is boarding

Letters to the Editor

Take back BSU

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the letter written by Dave Rose in regards to the Taco Bell issue. I fail to see how a university that voices its concerns for workers in Immokalee Florida can be considered a "mockery." The mockery of BSU was already made when President Kustra decided to accept the sponsorship from Taco Bell. Your frustration should not be at the students who are brave enough to stand up for what is right, but instead should be focused towards our president, who has chosen finance over human rights. Who cares that President Kustra has stated that he will not back out of the contract? Does President Kustra represent the opinion of the nearly 20,000 students at BSU? Is President Kustra paying tuition to attend this university? Is President Kustra still paying student fees for the "Taco Bell Arena" like the

rest of us are? We, the students, need to take back our university, and the Taco Bell Arena is part of that. The reputation of BSU that Mr. Rose is so worried about has already been scarred. The only way we can regain our reputation as a socially concerned university is to join the 20 other universities who have kicked Taco Bell off their campuses.

Megan Egbert
Junior, Multi-Ethnic Studies

The crossword problem

Dear Editor,

Myself, like many BSU students, ritualistically look forward to each new edition of The Arbiter, not just for the incredibly slanted articles and right-wing jabs, but mostly for the crossword puzzles. However, there is one aspect of your crossword puzzle that I would like

to see amended: the answer key. As I'm sure you know, most newspapers print the answers to crossword puzzles in the following edition. The root of this complaint may possibly be more of a personal flaw than an editorial mistake; I have no self-control to stop myself from glancing at the answers. But the answers are upside down? Ask any crossword puzzler and they will tell you that it takes mere microseconds to lock in on the clue you want and read it, even though it is upside down. Sometimes I cut the answers out of the page to stop this uncontrollable glancing, but as the removal is being done, I can't help but memorize certain clues, even though I force myself not to look. So if you could help me curb my obsession with cheating and post the answers to each edition's crossword puzzle on another page or in the following edition, I might be able to find some self-gratitude in knowing that, even though I'm sure I can't complete a whole puzzle, I at least didn't cheat.

Dustin Shively
Mechanical Engineering

Take action and vote responsibly, BSU

Dear Editor,

Somehow it seems that almost every student I've asked in the last few weeks have ripped on the Senate and the ASBSU officers. Everyone likes to point fingers, but no one wants to take the responsibility. What responsibility you ask? Most BSU students don't seem to realize that they're the ones who voted these students into office. They say that all the Senate does is waste time, give the school a bad rep, and vote on silly laws.

Well then, take action! How, you ask? Be a responsible voter. It's as simple as that. If you don't vote because you think your vote won't count, you have been sadly misled; every vote counts! Also,

don't vote for people just because they are your friends. Being a responsible voter means investigating these students, knowing what they are all about, and learning what they can do for you as a student and member of this campus. If you think that the ASBSU officers do nothing, then let them know that you do care and vote in the next election.

Let's stop pointing fingers, BSU! Let's take action. Before you vote, go to The Arbiter website or simply read The Arbiter; all the information you need is at your fingertips. Let the candidates know you care by showing them your interest. Also, don't only investigate the ones running for president and vice president, take the time to see who is running for your specific academic college, and see what they plan to do for you as your representative senator. Let's get away from ignorance and make an intelligent vote.

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What's

E Todd Splendage? Lating

BY TODD SPLENDAGE
Humor Columnist

I'm getting pretty sick of Boise. It's not nearly as fun as I remember it in "the old days." And for that matter, neither is the Boise State campus, or the world.

The bars downtown get old. Drinking beer used to be fun. Dancing the night away after pounding four or five Long Island iced teas used to mean so much more. But now, my desire to even go near downtown has evaporated.

Granted, yes, the age range skews a little young at the bars that I frequent, so that's my fault for going back and hanging with the recently-turned-21 crowd, or even worse, the 23-to-24-year-olds that still haven't gotten over the novelty of turning 21, and run around like crazy idiots.

Boise State seems to be heading toward the dumper in much the same way. There are so many things to do, or events to attend on campus that it blows the mind. But every time I head to one, I'm astonished at the lack of attendance, and interest, by the student body at large.

I've been to a few of the Coffee House Concerts, and crap, nobody is there. So, it's a Thursday night, I know. But free music in a central campus location? Where the hell is everybody? The few exceptions I've seen to this trend are the random large group attendances by students at free movies in the Special Events Center. Bring in "Napoleon Dynamite" or a Keanu Reeves flick and people flock.

I suppose my complaint, from here, heads toward society in general. Young people do not care about anything anymore.

Sure, I see the random individual here or there that blows my mind with their community involvement, but much like the economic trend in the United States (where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer), the active get more active and the less active are turning into zombies before my eyes.

Please, don't let my "less active" tagline confuse you into thinking I'm talking about exercise. Sure, there are always plenty of people in the Rec Center, but the percentage of intelligence of its frequenters is no higher than the population I criticize. In fact, there is an even larger shift in this body to care more about what they look like than anything else. (This is a much different argument, and could be a column of its own, however.)

Television, movies, videogames? Are these poisoning the mind of today's youth, that coincidentally, is rapidly emerging as the leaders of today and tomorrow? Probably not. People just don't care anymore. And why should they? The world raves about how important independent thought is, but with it, much like Spiderman's dead uncle would say, comes great responsibility.

If everyone is free to think on their own, then they are just as free to think that the world is a waste and their time is better spent turning a cold shoulder to everything going on around them. Maybe that's where religion comes in - it gives the bored and completely fruitless a reason not to squash everything and everyone around them. (Again, off-topic rant is probably worth a column of its own.)

I, for one, am not holding anyone specifically responsible for this trend, but if someone were to show up in the quad and shout at random passersby to get out and do something with their lives, this campus, this city, and this planet, I would applaud.

I'm the world's biggest hypocrite for not actually doing something about it myself, but it's a big enough hassle for me just to make it through a complete day. And it's increasingly difficult to want to stay sober. So, to everyone other than Todd, either get out and do something productive, or buy me a beer.

Student poetry feature

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Editor

The Arbiter is looking to publish quality student work in its pages. Starting with this issue, we will begin running poetry, fiction, non-fiction, art, and any other type of student works that are

appropriate. The goal is to really show off the talented writers that are all over campus, and would not get recognition otherwise.

If you are interested in submitting your work for print, or know of someone else who might be, please contact the Culture section at diversions@arbiteronline.com.

BY ERIC RAVENSCROFT
Culture Writer

have you ever tried swallowing with your mouth open it's unnatural

have you ever had a nightmare about being a child trapped in clown heaven it's disturbing

have you ever thought about what your dog's voice sounds like it's a deep baritone

have you ever contemplated the meaning of life and come up with nothing it's a possibility

have you ever wondered if history books are works of fiction it's embarrassing

have you ever washed a grasshopper in a bath of boiling water and felt guilty it's being twelve

have you ever wanted to be kissed only to get a firm handshake it's frustrating

have you ever eaten gummy worms for breakfast chocolate chip cookies for lunch rocky road for dinner it's college

BY RAKHEE GANDHI

We are the soul reavers
And dream weavers
That continue stealing
Numbly and dumbly appealing
To the eyes of humanity
And sanity
The pain, the love
The rain from above
The thunder of a late August lash
And the crash
Of the soul
We are the reavers within it
Provoking delicate dreams
Through a fragile breeze that
Casts us into endless missions
Of sea dreams and cloud watching
And field sailing
And fall flailing
We my friend... are the soul reavers

Soul Reavers

BY SHAR DUES

Bee in One's Bonnet
If I seem boxed like
a honey bee
it's because you slipped
me on like an
oversized sweater
put on for warmth
from the bedroom to
the dim bathroom,
bee in one's bonnet.

Bee in One

If I seem lifeless,
lack-luster, or
less open it is
because of you
who took from me the
one thing I learned
from you how to make
you are the queen.
you lack the nectar.

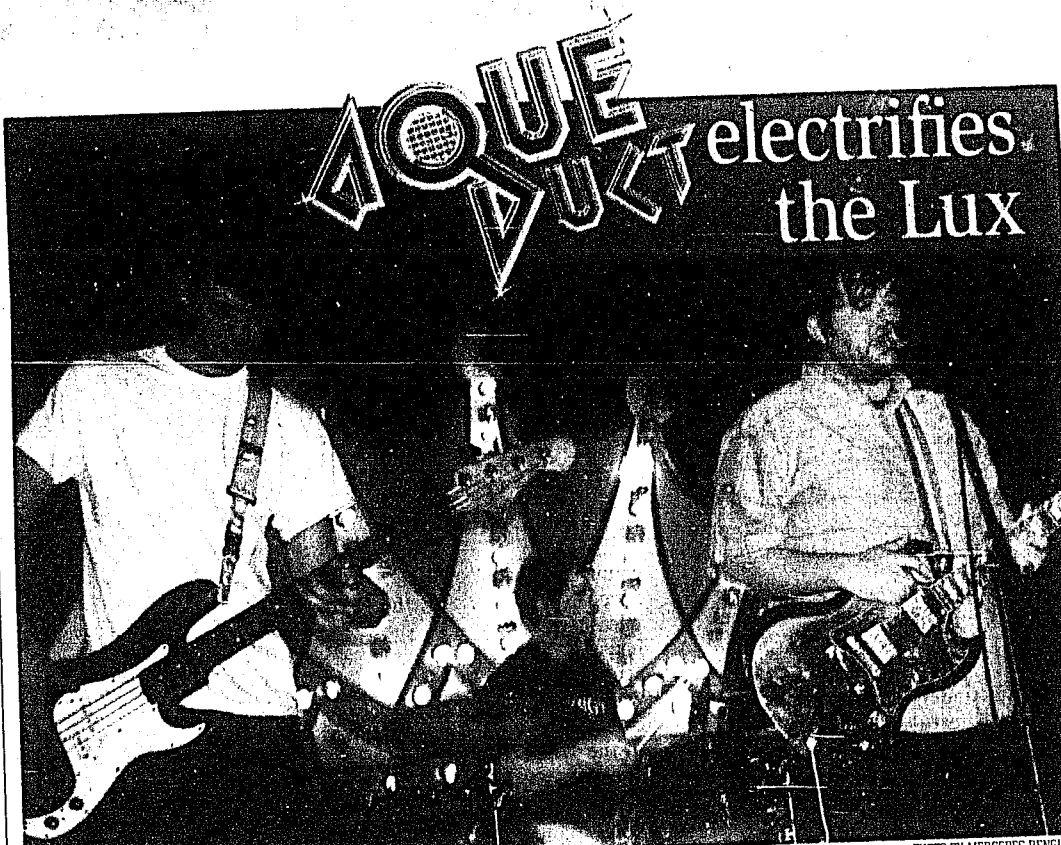
You Have

If I seem sticky
sweet yellowish
I am the honey
bee, a social
insect that is boxed.
the worker bee,
my wings stroke making
a buzz through you
when flowers don't bloom.

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Editor

My dog is all brown
Except for that one white spot.
Oh, he's not all brown.

My Dog



Aqueduct performed their unique tunes at the NeuroLux on Friday. PHOTO BY MERCEDES HENIGER

AQUEDUCT electrifies the Lux

BY KYLE GORHAM
Managing Editor

The power of Aqueduct's performance is definitely in their closing. Not because of some grandiose and climatic finish, but because their unique sound has finally crept into your brain by this time. You've finally digested just what it is you are listening to and recognize the potential in the band's electric originality.

The show Friday night at the NeuroLux marked the band's first stop on a new tour that will hit the east coast before heading back to Seattle. Aqueduct rolled into Boise around two hours late, and the trio basically jumped out of the van and on stage. Over 60 people in the audience waited to see if the road weary band could shake off the miles and deliver a show.

As they started into their set, it was evident the trip had little effect on the performance. The band piled through their

first song, "Hardcore Days & Softcore Nights," with ample energy and precision. The crowd was tentative at first, but Aqueduct's type of music isn't something that you latch onto like a pop tune. It's the tortoise versus the hare; slowly but surely it wins the race over the flash-in-the-pan pop trash. It has the longevity of something thought out and conceived with creativity.

Soon enough, Aqueduct's quirky sound tenderized the crowd with lively percussion and a synthesizer piano - an odd combo for sure, but melodically powerful.

The band played well, but when your hottest song is a Journey cover, it could mean there is something wrong. Not so with Aqueduct. The band's sound simply takes time to digest, and the more you give it a chance, the further it creeps into your good graces. For three bucks at the Lux, this show was well worth the time.

Brody, Knightley make 'The Jacket' a successful dark thriller

BY ERIC RAVENSCROFT
Culture Writer

In "The Jacket," a straightjacket and confinement in the basement morgue drawer are good medicine for the ailments of a man who died once before.

Adrien Brody plays Jack Starks, a man who got shot in the head during the Gulf War and briefly died before coming back to life. A year later he walks the highway in the cold winter of Vermont and finds a young girl and her drunk mother with a broken down pickup. After helping them, he hitches a ride with a suspicious man heading to Canada, but they get pulled over by the police.

Suddenly, Jack is on trial for the murder of the policeman, though he can't remember a thing. None of the people he came across on the highway are around to supply his alibi. The jury finds him not guilty by reason of insanity, but he must be admitted to a mental hospital. His doctor's experimental treatment puts him in a straightjacket inside the tight space of a morgue drawer for hours at a time.

At this point, the story moves fifteen years into the future, though it's unclear whether Jack is hallucinating or traveling through time. He meets the now-grown up girl he helped on the side of the road, played by Keira Knightley. Once he realizes what is happening, they work together to stop any more jacket treatments.

Shot with hazy gray overtones, the film can be chilly and sometimes stimulating, with several individuals looking to atone for things they've done. Brody and Knightley turn in solid performances, and their characters appear cohesive, but the story is forced a bit as they develop into lovers.

While some of its ideas aren't new - like the mad doctor who recklessly experiments on his mental patients, or Jack wanting to go back to the drawer so he can continue his experiences like the amnesiac who must be hit on the head again to regain lost memory - "The Jacket" provides enough dark material to make it work as a psychological thriller.



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Now that the weather's getting nice, what are you excited about doing?



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Major: Undecided
Year: Freshman

"I'm really excited to wear skirts, frolic in the grass, and go swimming!"



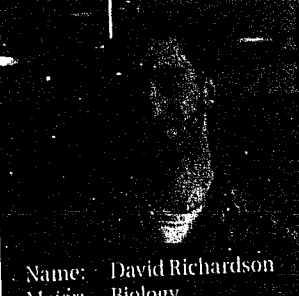
Name: Jell Laridis
Major: Pharmacy
Year: Freshman

"I'm excited to see girls in skirts."




Name: Julie Santa Cruz
Major: Communication
Year: Sophomore

"Block parties in the park where everyone's invited."



Name: David Richardson
Major: Biology
Year: Sophomore

"I'm ready to go up in the mountains and do some camping."



Name: Check, the dog

"Peeing on some nice, warm, shiny fire hydrants."

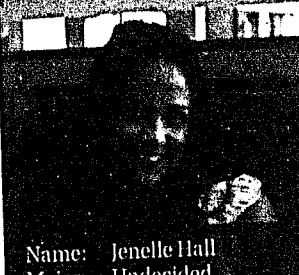


Name: Josh Royce
Major: Mech, Engineering
Year: Sophomore

Name: Dan Kelsey
Major: Psychology
Year: Junior

"Frisbee golf, soccer, and just flat out hanging out in the park."

"I'm looking forward to going camping and fishing."



Name: Jenelle Hall
Major: Undecided
Year: Sophomore

"Driving with all the windows down and singing really loud."

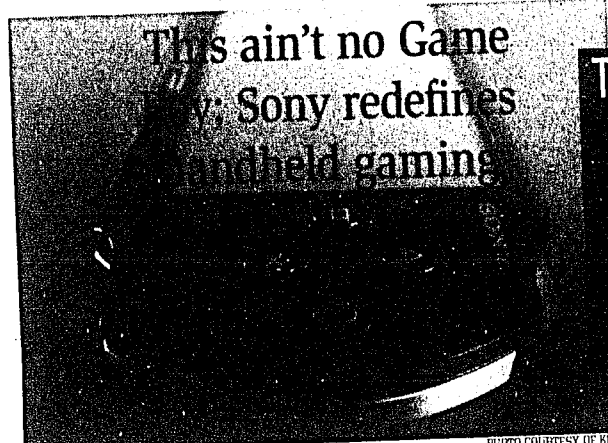
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This ain't no Game Boy: Sony redefines handheld gaming

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If your idea of a handheld gaming system is limited to the Game Boy you had as a kid, Sony is about to shatter your preconceptions. On March 24, the Japanese electronics giant will launch its long-awaited PSP (short for PlayStation Portable) system in the United States, the most technologically advanced handheld ever released. Instead of cartridges, PSP games will come on Sony's new, miniature Universal Media Discs (UMDs), which can store a whopping 1.8 GB of data. In addition to games, Sony has already announced that a selection of UMD movies will be available at and around launch, including "Spider-Man 2" (which comes free with the first million PSPs sold in America), "XXX," "Hellboy," and "Once Upon a Time in Mexico." You'll also be able to use the unit to play music files and com-

pressed video on Sony's swappable Memory Stick flash storage cards, which are available in capacities ranging from 32 MB to over 1 GB. The unit will retail in a "Value Pack" which includes a set of headphones, a soft carrying case, a 32 MB Memory Stick, cleaning cloth, and a demo disc for \$249.99.

Of course, the PSP's multimedia features are fine and good, but what about the games? Simply put, you've never seen a handheld system that features graphics of this sophistication. The PSP's 4.3-inch, 16:9 wide screen LCD screen is a thing of beauty, capable of producing millions of colors in extremely high-resolution. Under the hood, the 333MHz CPU allows developers to create ambitious, graphically intensive games that are more akin to current home console titles than they are to games on the recently released Nintendo DS.

At this point, battery life and durability are really the only question marks for the PSP. Publishers are already lining up to produce games for the new system, and its launch lineup includes such high profile titles as Metal Gear Acid, Tony Hawk's Underground 2 Remix, Need for Speed Rivals, and Tiger Woods PGA Tour.

Given Sony's long and successful history in the electronics and gaming markets, we expect the PSP to be a serious contender and wouldn't be surprised if the unit's sleek design makes it the next "it" gadget of the rich and famous. Sony is already billing the PSP as the "Walkman of the 21st century," and the unit looks to be one of 2005's hottest items for the tech-savvy consumer.

For more video game news and reviews, check out the latest issue of Game Informer or visit the magazine's Web site at www.gameinformer.com.

THE DIGS

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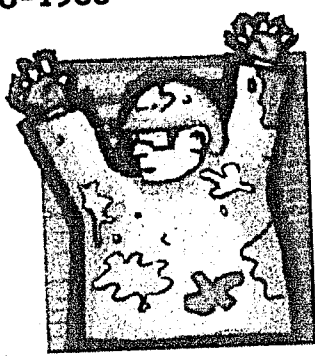
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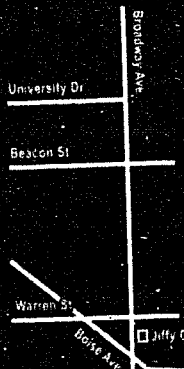
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Local artist releases two new albums

BY ERIC RAVENSCROFT
Culture Writer

Local singer and producer Paul Matthew Peterson recently released two new albums, stretching from classic rock and country to blues. Produced at Boise's Cunningham Audio Productions, Peterson does lead vocals for CHOPSHOP's "Go Scratch This" and StratO' Loungers' "Built to Last."

While "Go Scratch This" is billed as a "brand-new classic rock concept CD," it wavers on country rock more than classic. The first few tracks are average classic rock songs, but by the fourth song, "Hard to Please," the album shifts into more country-based guitar and the usual topics of money and women.

Any person from this area can relate to the frigid lyrics of "Get

Out": "I need a shot to warm my bones/ Ain't got nothing left/ To get warm, swear I'd sell my soul/ Got to get out of this cold," but "Go Scratch This" is seven tracks and 24 minutes of country rock that isn't remarkable.

"Built to Last," Peterson's second and much stronger release, is a solid album of blues, with just about everything, including sa-loon-style piano, keyboard, saxophone, horns, and harmonica. Most tracks are based in the classic blues riff and beat, with the album's most introspective song questioning whether a person well off enough to go on vacation can experience the blues like a person endlessly living in a rough neighborhood.

"Built to Last" is best on its two 8-minute jams and average on others. "Take a Ride" opens with

a sweet guitar and piano blend, drifting into, "Side streets lined with broken dreams/ Broke my heart down in New Orleans... Really got no right, to sing the blues." The other long jam, "Anonomous [sic] Alcoholic," features harmonica from John Nemeth, but the song is almost ruined by the out-of-place keyboard for a minute of the recording.

It is clear on the unnamed tenth track where Peterson's tastes lie: "George Jones and George Strait/ Kick Snoopy Dogg's ass 'bout any day/ Hip-hop over to the jukebox and play a hundred bucks worth of country."

Both discs were released Feb. 22, and are available at The Record Exchange and Music Exchange.

Web site of the week:

Atom Films' vaults chock full of alternative movies and animation

BY JOSEF FIRNAGE
Culture Writer

What is Atom Films?

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'Eberron: Marked for Death' A worthwhile read for fantasy lovers

BY MARIJANE WEITENSTEINER
Culture Writer

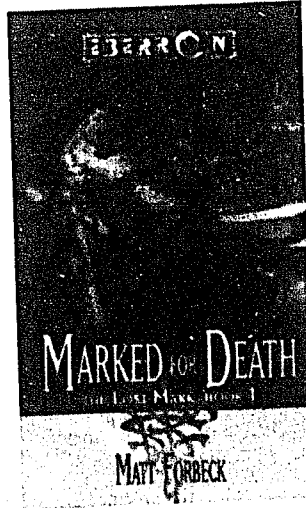
Matt Forbeck's newest release, "Eberron: Marked for Death," is the first book in a trilogy published by the game card company Wizards of the Coast. It's a rousing, action-packed science-fiction/fantasy novel, full of unknown and wondrous creatures. Throughout the story, the main character, Kandler, and his shape-shifting friend Burch, are chasing after a group of vampires and a female shape-shifter called Te'oma. Their mission is to rescue Kandler's elvin stepdaughter, Espre, after the group of vile creatures decimated the town where he is a justicar (their form of sheriff). Espre has a Dragonmark, a mystical mark that appears on the skin when the bearer is just out of childhood. These marks show that the bearer has great power over a certain element, like fire. In the book, there are 13 Dragonmarks; twelve are known, and one had been lost for centuries. It is this mark of death (giving the wielder

power to kill or revive any living thing) that Espre has upon her back and the villains' vile queen covets.

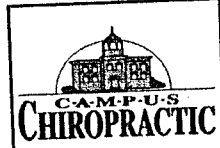
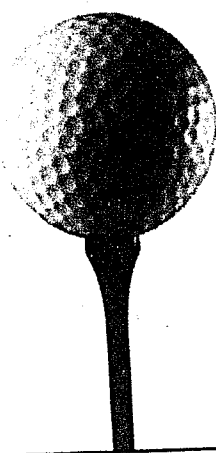
Journeying with Kandler and Burch are a group of knights called The Silver Flame, who are led by Deothin. One of the knights under his protection and tutelage is Sallah, a young hot-headed lady-knight that often jumps into the fray without thinking. Like the rest in Kandler's group, Sallah wishes to help Kandler rescue Espre before some harm can befall the young elf girl.

The whole story is worth reading, full of sword fights, flying ships, magical creatures, and magic that left me wondering what was going to happen next. There were a few gory details that I could have done without, but they didn't stop me from enjoying "Marked for Death." When the end of the book is reached, readers are left hanging, as Espre is spirited away on a flying ship, while Kandler can only watch and follow. I also found it helpful

that the last 11 pages were a glossary (with the names, words, and their meanings) that will help the reader in their journey through Kandler's world. The remaining two books in this trilogy are due out next year, and it is my hope they will be as good as this first one.



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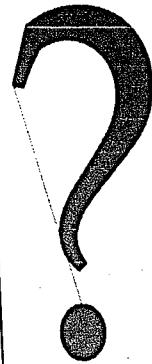
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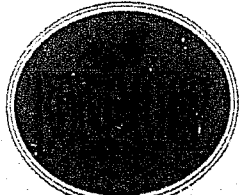
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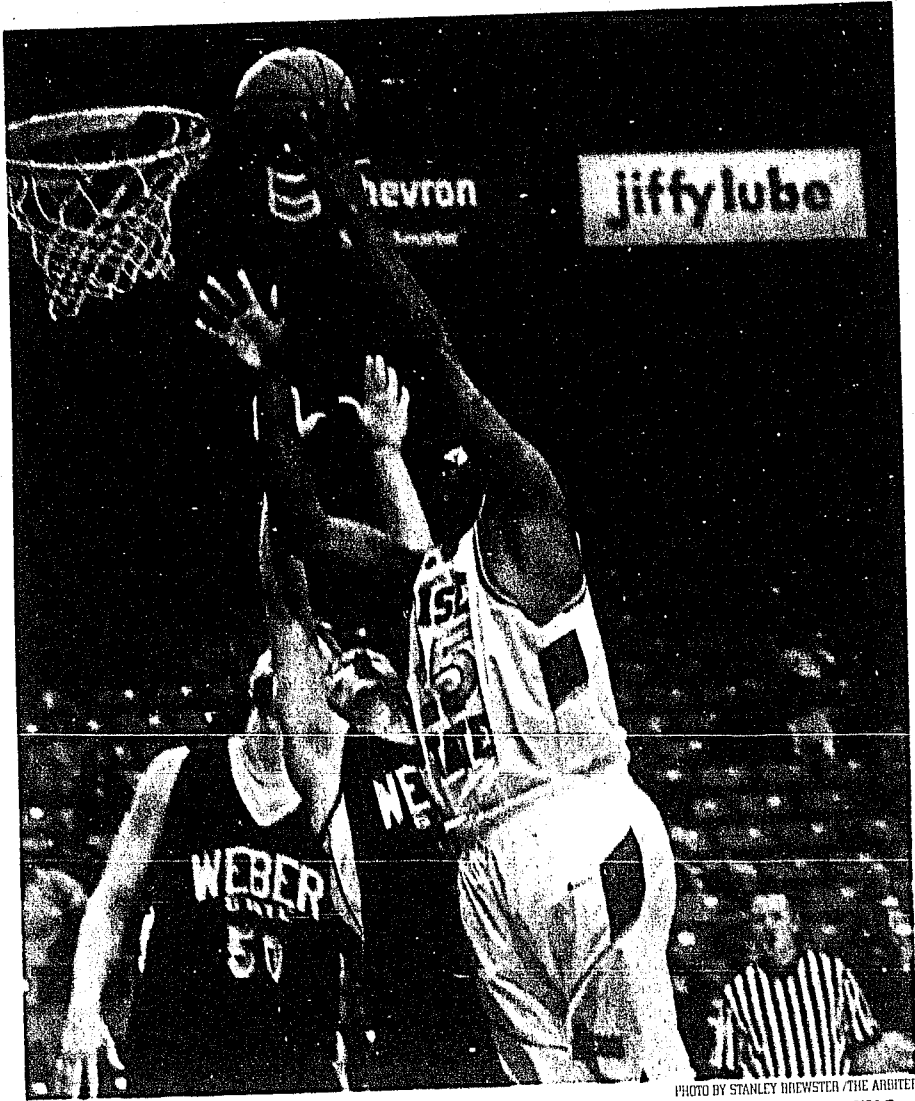
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Broncos fall to UTEP, 8th seed in WAC tourney



Junior Tez Banks (above) and the Broncos play tomorrow night in the opening round of the 2004-05 WAC tournament in Reno, Nev., versus Tulsa.

BY THE ARBITER SPORTS STAFF

After tying the game up at 15 all, the UTEP Miners (24-7 overall, 14-5 Western Athletic Conference) went on a 28-4 run to close out the first half, in route to handing the Boise State Broncos (13-17, 6-11 WAC) a 78-64 loss Saturday night at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso, Texas.

There was a glimmer of hope that this could be a game that the Broncos could use for a momentum pusher toward the WAC tournament that starts tomorrow.

Well, there was for about seven minutes.

Coby Karl scored the first eight points for the Broncos, and Jermaine Blackburn scored the next seven to tie the game up at 15, but it went sour from then on.

Blackburn made two shots in the final 12 minutes of the half for the Broncos, as it seemed the Miners and their 12,000 fans in attendance were just too intimidating for the young Broncos.

This was the largest crowd the Broncos had played in front of all season, and just the sixth game with more than 7,500 fans.

Once again, it was the numbers game that killed any chance Boise State had for this one.

The Miners nearly doubled the shooting percentage of the Broncos in the first half. A dismal 7-27 from the field and 12 costly turnovers before intermission hurt, but the one number

that stands out is the one that has plagued the Broncos all season: a 16-point differential on points in the paint in the first half.

The Broncos had absolutely no inside game to match the big men for the Miners. Give senior Jason Ellis a hand, who played his final regular season game for the Broncos, but he had no help.

Having just two players score before halftime doesn't help either.

However, a little grit and determination did give the Broncos a chance for a short-lived run in the second half.

Coming out of the half, the Broncos scored 12 straight and brought the game within 12 with over 16 minutes to play. As with any good run, the Broncos adrenaline got the best of them and they couldn't hold the intensity.

Omar Thomas broke the run, and the senior forward for the Miners used a double-double to overmatch the Broncos. Thomas scored 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in his final home game.

Another senior playing for the last time in the center named after the legendary coach who was in attendance with former Miner and NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway, was Filiberto Rivera. The Puerto Rico native was injured at two different times in the game, but still managed to score 14 points and dished out a game-high nine assists.

Eric Lane led the Broncos with

17 points as Blackburn (16 points) and Karl (11 points) also scored in double figures for the Broncos.

Ellis finished the game with just four points off just 2-7 shooting from the field, but he grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds. He now sits just five boards shy of being the first Bronco to score 900 points and grab 900 rebounds in their career. Ellis should accomplish the feat Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. versus Tulsa in the first round of the WAC conference tournament in Reno.

The Broncos are the eight seed in the tournament, and Tulsa is the ninth. The winner of the game will play top-seeded Nevada on Thursday night.

Tulsa and Boise State split the season series, as the home team won both games. The Broncos edged out Tulsa 72-71 in Boise on Jan. 6. Despite not having Ellis, the Broncos used 20 points from Blackburn to defeat the Hurricanes at home.

Last month, Tulsa defeated the Broncos 76-63 in Tulsa. Jarius Glenn dominated the Broncos with 27 points in the contest.

Tulsa has lost two straight on the road to finish off the regular season. The Hurricanes (9-19, 5-13 WAC) have an almost identical record as they did going into the conference tournament last season. Last year they were 9-20 before they were ousted in the first round by SMU.

Lady Broncos drop last home game to UTEP

BY ARBITER SPORTS STAFF

The Boise State women's basketball team watched their three seniors ride off into the sunset, literally, prior to losing to UTEP 60-53 at the Taco Bell Arena Thursday night.

Seniors Jodi Nakashima, Christie Paiz, and Cariann Ramirez took a little trip around the court on old-school bikes as a way to say goodbye to their careers at Boise State.

The Miners (12-16 overall, 7-11 Western Athletic Conference) took a five-point lead into the half and held off a late Broncos rally, twice, but Boise State (9-18, 4-14 WAC) couldn't get any closer than one in the second half.

In a game that saw four lead changes and 44 turnovers, the Broncos pulled back to within one point twice in the second half, but UTEP made four straight free throws at the end of the game to hold onto the win.

Boise State had three players in double figures, with Cassidy Blaine leading with 13 and Michelle Hessing and Benita Buggs each adding 10. Danan Penno led the Miners with 15 points, and Izabela Piekarska had 14. Kasia Krezel and Marta Dydek each chipped in 10.

Boise State was 17 of 44 from the floor for 39 percent while the Miners were 22 of 60 for 37 percent. UTEP slightly out-rebounded Boise State, 34 to 31, but turnovers were a factor in the game, as the Miners had 17, but the Broncos had 27.

These two teams will meet up in the first round of the conference tournament tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. in Reno. The Broncos are the ninth seed and the Miners are the eighth seed. The winner of the game will play La Tech in the second round on Thursday. UTEP beat the Broncos on New Year's Day in El Paso 71-69 in overtime.

A bright spot for the Broncos is if they can get past the Miners, the Broncos defeated La Tech in Boise 62-59 on Jan. 27. The Lady Techsters defeated the Broncos last month 85-48 in Ruston.



The Lady Broncos will need a full team effort to go deep in the WAC tournament. They play UTEP, the same team that beat them Thursday night, tomorrow afternoon.

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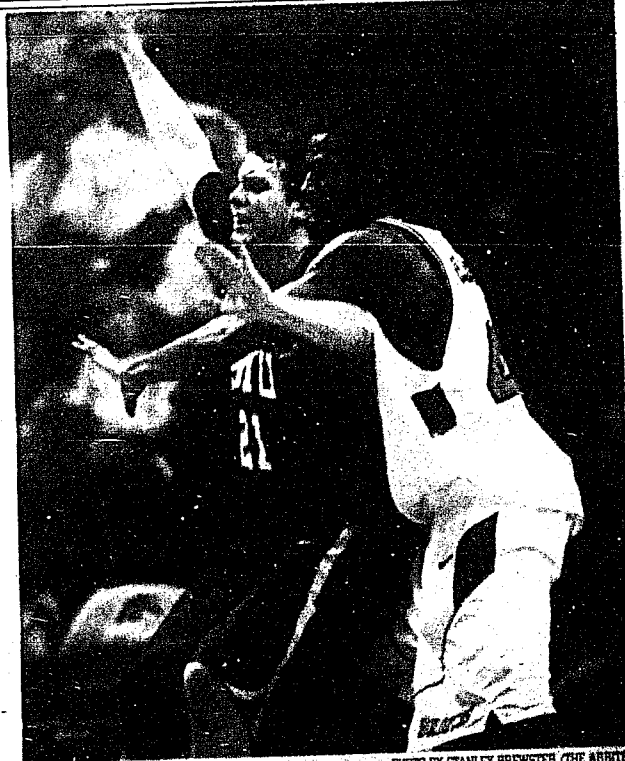
This week's top performer selection is not so much for what he did on the hardwood this weekend, but rather what he has done the last four years as a Boise State Bronco. Jason Ellis should become the first Bronco to score 900 points and grab 900 rebounds in a career.

The senior from Kent, Washington, grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds Saturday night, pulling him within five rebounds of 900. He is the all-time leading rebounder at Boise State, and

probably one of the greatest people anyone will meet, on and off the court.

Jason has been a scholar, father, and a fan favorite at Boise State. He has been ranked in the top-5 in rebounding the last three seasons in the conference, and was named to the WAC All-Defensive Team for the second consecutive season yesterday.

Thank you for all you have done at Boise State, Mr. Ellis. You will be missed.



Senior Jason Ellis is a member of the conference 2004-05 All-Defensive Team.

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Men's hoops
Tomorrow vs. Tulsa, 7:30 p.m.
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Women's hoops
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Women's tennis
Fri-Sun vs. Montana, Portland,
Idaho
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Men's tennis
Thurs. Blue/Gray Tournament
Montgomery, Alab.

Gymnastics
Fri-Sat. Penn 60, San Jose State
Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.

Boise State gymnasts defeat 14th ranked team at home

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

Friday night the Taco Bell Arena was not at maximum capacity, but it certainly felt that way, with all of the chanting from a very energetic home crowd. Gymnastics head coach Sam Sandmire said it felt like Bronco Stadium. Well, there was no football, but there was a tremendous gymnastics meet taking place.

The 33rd ranked Broncos defeated the 14th ranked BYU Cougars 194.225-193.8, in front of a home crowd of 1,013. The Broncos have developed a fan club comprised of the fraternity brothers of Alpha Kappa Lambda. Plus a number of football players, part of the women's basketball team, members of the track team, a few tennis players, and most of the wrestling squad were getting the crowd involved as the Broncos challenged the Cougars and won.

This is the second meet in a row counting no falls for the Broncos. The Broncos hit a season best on bars with a 49.025. With four stuck dismounts, Sandmire was thoroughly impressed with the girls' performance. Freshman Katie Griffis was the only freshman in the line up, and she scored a 9.8. Lindsay Ward scored a 9.9, Carla Chambers scored a 9.8, and Tiffany Putnam scored a 9.725.

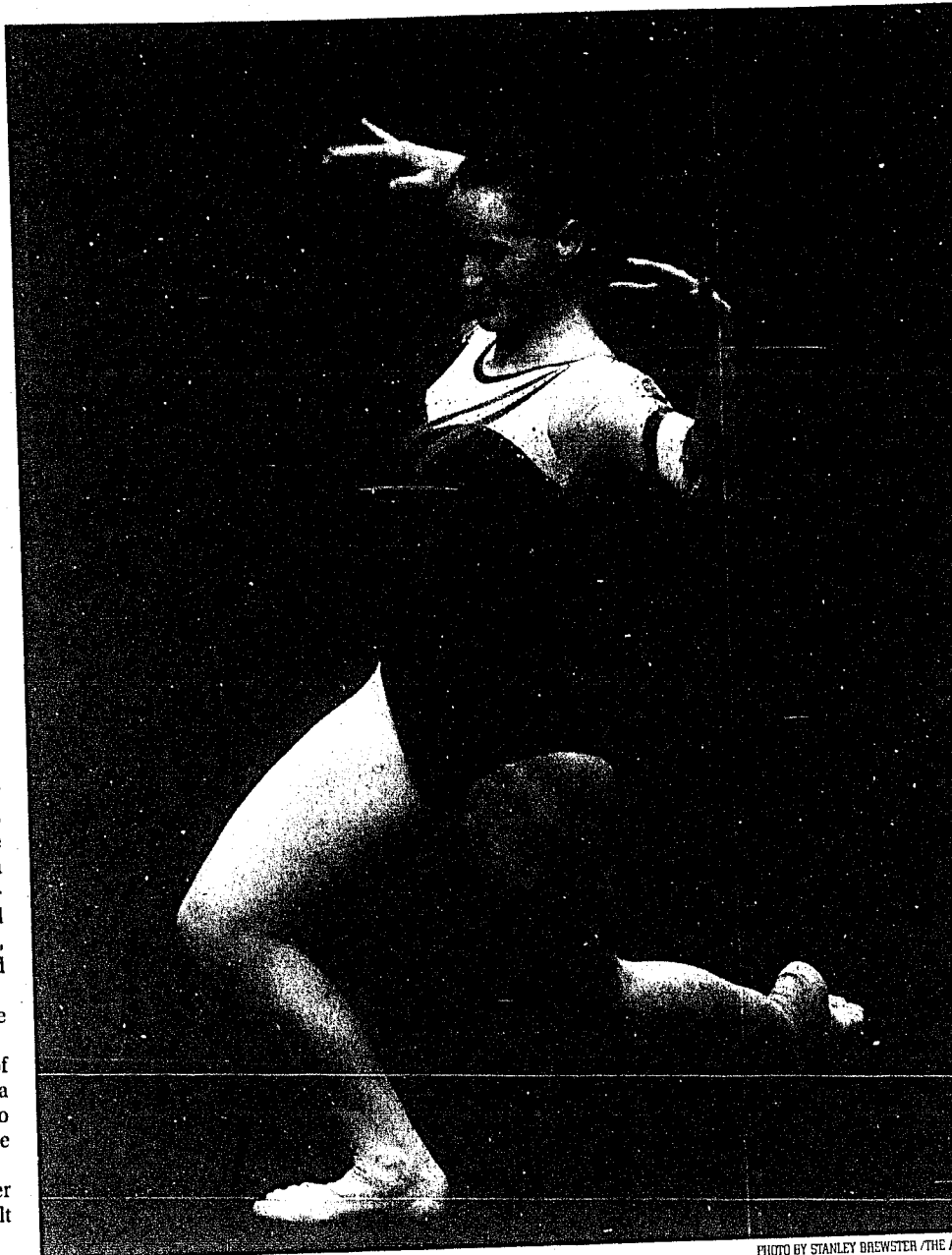
Ward took the all-around title for the evening.

"She was absolutely on in all of the events. On vault, she stuck a beautiful laid-out, full urchenko that was gorgeous," Sandmire said.

Kea Cuaresma is another Bronco who just "fly's" on vault and on floor.

"I was worried there wasn't enough oxygen up there where Kea was," Sandmire said. Cuaresma scored a 9.75 on vault and on floor.

Katie Dinsmore led the Broncos off on beam and rocked it with no wobbles. Dinsmore also nailed her dynamic vault routine as well (9.725), Sandmire added. Lindsey Thomas and Chambers both struggled a little on their floor routine, but the outcome of the



Lindsay Ward (above) and the Boise State gymnasts defeated BYU Friday night. Ward was the all-around winner with a score of 39.00.

meet came down to the Cougars final beam routines and Putnam's floor routine.

BYU's Jaime Mabray counted a fall for the Cougars, scoring a 9.175. Marie Claveau of BYU performed next and nailed a near perfect routine, earning a 9.9. Then, as Putnam was finishing her routine, Dayna Smart

from BYU was last to compete on beam. As Putnam elegantly completed a solid routine with a 9.7, Smart lost her balance and added a fall to BYU's score and the night was over with the Broncos upsetting the number 14 team in the nation.

Friday, the Broncos will compete in their last home meet of the

school season. They will compete at home once more on March 21, the first Monday of Spring Break. Sandmire was very ecstatic about the loud, engaged, and supportive crowd at this last meet and hopes to see the same outcome Friday, when the Broncos host a quad meet with San Jose State, Seattle Pacific, and Penn. State.

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WAC announces all-conference men's basketball teams, Nevada sweeps major awards

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The Western Athletic Conference men's basketball postseason award winners, as selected by the league's 10 head coaches were announced today.

Boise State senior forward Jason Ellis was named to the conference all-defensive team for the second consecutive season. Ellis is the lone Bronco nominated for a postseason award, despite fellow senior Jermaine Blackburn being named preseason second-team all-WAC.

Nevada sophomore Nick Fazekas leads the first team. Fazekas was also voted WAC player of the year. In 18 conference games, Fazekas averaged a WAC-best 21.8 points per game and was third in rebounding, with 10.7 per contest. It is the second year in a row that Nevada has had the player of the year, as Kirk Snyder won the award last season. Rice's Michael Harris, Louisiana Tech's Paul Millsap, and UTEP's Omar Thomas and Filiberto Rivera were also first team selections. Harris and Rivera were first-team selections last season, while Millsap and Thomas were voted to the second-team. Millsap was the 2003-04 WAC freshman of the year.

2005 WAC Men's Basketball Postseason Award Winners

All-Conference

First Team

Nick Fazekas, Nevada, F, 6-11, 225, So., Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley HS)

Michael Harris, Rice, F, 6-6, 240, Sr., Hillsboro, Texas (Hillsboro HS)

Paul Millsap, Louisiana Tech, F, 6-8, 235, So., Grambling, La. (Grambling HS)

Omar Thomas, UTEP, F, 6-5, 205, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa. (Panola College)

Filiberto Rivera, UTEP, G, 6-2, 175, Sr., Carolina, Puerto Rico (Southeastern CC)

Second Team

Bryan Hopkins, SMU, G, 6-0, 195, Jr., Dallas, Texas (Lincoln HS)

Kevenn Pinkney, Nevada, F, 6-9, 245, Sr., Colton, Calif. (Colton HS)

Jason McKrieth, Rice, G, 6-4, 210, Sr., Schenectady, N.Y. (Schenectady HS)

Marquin Chandler, San Jose State, F, 6-7, 220, Sr., Fremont, Calif. (George Washington University)

Mustafa Al-Sayyad, Fresno State, C, 6-9, 230, Sr., Khartoum, Sudan (Washington College Academy)

Player of the Year:
Nick Fazekas, Nevada

Freshman of the Year:
Ramon Sessions, Nevada

Don Haskins Coach of the Year:
Mark Fox, Nevada

All-Newcomer Team
Ja'Vance Coleman, Fresno State, G, 6-3, 215, So., Fresno, Calif. (College of the Sequoias)

Ramon Sessions, Nevada, G, 6-3, 190, Fr., Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach HS)

Matt Gibson, Hawai'i, G, 6-5, 170, Sr., Oklahoma City, Okla. (Three Rivers CC)

Mo Charlo, Nevada, G, 6-7, 210, Jr., Eureka, Calif. (Diablo Valley College)

Miguel Ayala, UTEP, G, 6-6, 190, Jr., Tepic, Mexico (Fulleton College)

All-Defensive Team
Mustafa Al-Sayyad, Fresno State, C, 6-9, 230, Sr., Khartoum, Sudan (Washington College Academy)

Kevenn Pinkney, Nevada, F, 6-9, 245, Sr., Colton, Calif. (Colton HS)

Jermaine Washington, Nevada, F, 6-5, 205, Sr., Columbia, S.C. (South Plains College)

Jarius Glenn, Tulsa, F, 6-6, 220, Sr., Decatur, Ga. (Avondale HS)

Jason Williams, UTEP, G/F, 6-6, 205, Jr., Marrero, La. (Kilgore College)

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Boise State takes two of three

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's tennis team began their weekend of three straight matches by defeating the University of Utah 7-0 on a beautiful sunny afternoon in the Appleton Tennis Center, Friday. The Broncos swept all three doubles matches, and then swept all six singles matches.

Saturday morning, the Broncos continued their triple-header weekend against the University

of Pennsylvania. Fresh off the 7-0 sweep over rival University of Utah, the Broncos started the morning fresh and ambitious. Head coach Greg Patton said the Broncos ran on all cylinders against Utah and were ready for Penn.

Penn was ready for Boise State, but the Broncos maintained focus and were quick to nab the doubles point. Boise State won at all three doubles spots with Luke Shields and Thomas Schoeck winning a tight match at number one, 9-7. At

the number two spot Ikaika Jobe and Matias Silva played another intense, close match to come out with a 9-8 win. At the number three spot, Ehren Vaughan and Brent Werbeck teamed up to win 8-4.

Winning the doubles point takes a little pressure off of the singles matches, but not much. The Broncos still had a challenge ahead, as they split off onto the six courts at Appleton Tennis Center.

At the number one spot Shields gave up the first set, but came

back in the second and third on fire to defeat David Lynn 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. At the number two spot Schoeck played three tough sets to beat Mikhail Bekker 6-4, 6-7, 10-6. Jobe won at the number three spot against Justin Lavner 6-4, 7-5. Eric Roberson dominated at the number four spot, winning over Tas Tobia 6-2, 6-4. Werbeck was unable to pull out a win at the number five spot, losing to Todd Lechaner 6-4, 6-1. Beck Roghaar finished the Broncos wins off at the number six spot, defeating

Jimmy Fairbanks 6-3, 1-6, 7-6.

"Penn took us to the limit, but we are starting to come through and win those close matches," Patton said.

Later in the afternoon on Saturday, the 47th ranked Broncos lost to region opponent and 6th ranked New Mexico by a score of 4-3.

Against Penn, the Broncos tallied their first team points and then went on to win in singles at one (Luke Shields), two (Thomas Schoeck), three (Ikaika Jobe), four

(Eric Roberson), and six (Beck Roghaar).

Against New Mexico, the Lobos got the doubles point and Boise State won three of the singles matches. Number one seed Shields, fourth seeded Roberson, and sixth seeded Beck Roghaar.

Boise State this week will be in Montgomery, Ala. to play in the Blue/Gray Tournament.

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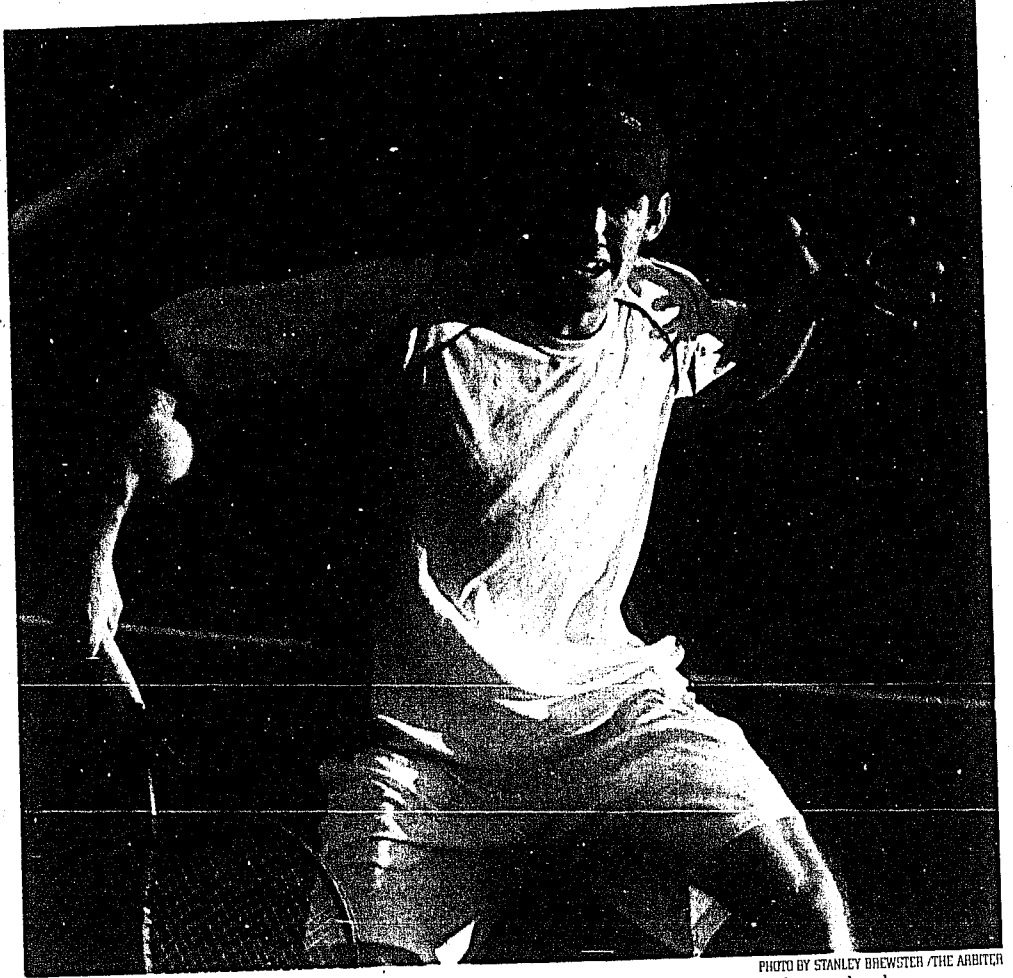


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Ehren Vaughan (top) and Luke Shields (below) helped the Broncos win two of three at home this weekend.

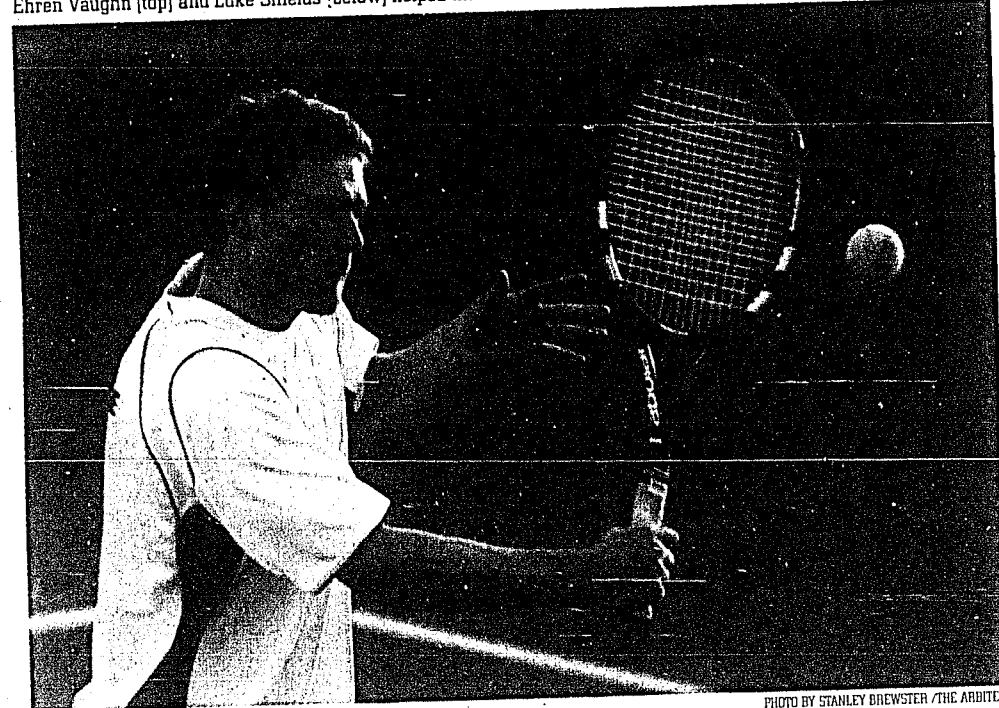


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Women's tennis drop two on the road

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The 72nd ranked UC Santa Barbara defeated the Broncos 4-3 in women's tennis Thursday at Rob Gym Courts. With the match tied at 3-3, Andrea Pintar defeated BSU's Alissa Ayling by an extremely close score of 7-6, 7-5 at the number three singles for the victory.

Boise State came out strong,

winning the doubles point with victories at all three doubles spots: Megan Biorkman and Alissa Ayling at No. 1, Tiffany Coll and Nadja Woschek at No. 2, and Carolina Pongratz and Anna Curtolo at No. 3.

The Gauchos took four of the six singles matches to clinch the match. Boise State's two singles wins came at number four (Carolina Pongratz) and number six (Stacey Housley).

On Saturday in women's tennis, 29th ranked Oregon defeated the Boise State Broncos 5-2. While Oregon won the doubles point, two of the doubles matches went to 8-6 before being decided.

In singles, Boise State's Carolina Pongratz and Tiffany Coll won at four and five respectively. The Broncos now return home to host Montana, Portland, and Idaho this coming weekend, outside at the Appleton Tennis Center.

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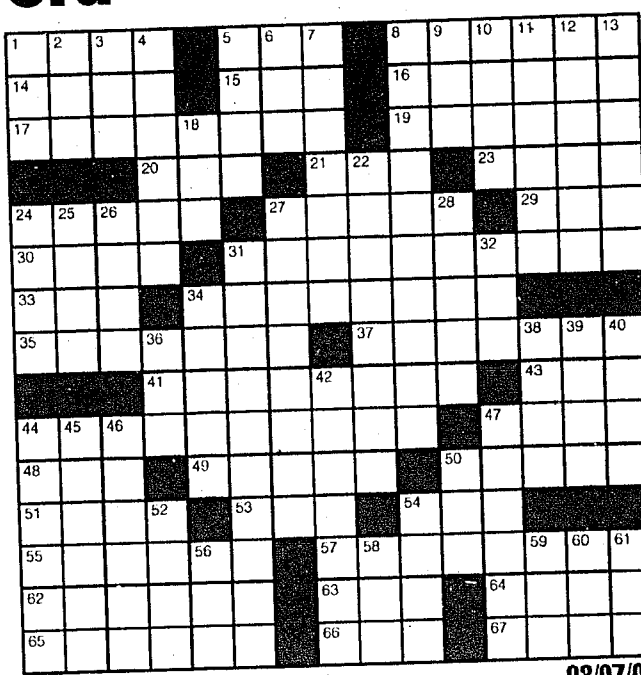
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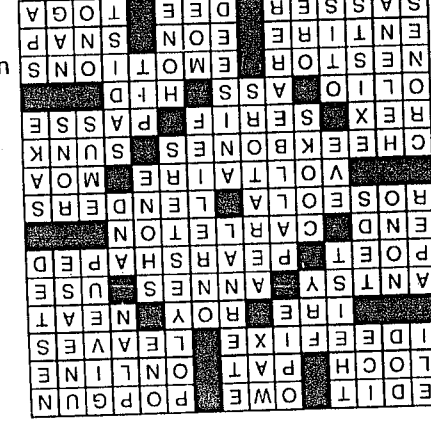
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 5 Be in the red
 8 Toy weapon
 14 Scottish lake
 15 Touch tenderly
 16 Surfing the net
 17 French obsession
 19 Departs
 20 Ill temper
 21 Trigger rider
 23 Fastidious
 24 Unable to sit still
 27 Boleyn and Bancroft
 29 Put into service
 30 Pound or Frost
 31 Like a lute
 33 Cutoff point
 34 University in Ottawa
 35 Reddish rash
 37 Usurers
 41 "Candide" writer
 43 Extinct bird
 44 Facial components
 47 Submerged
 48 "Oedipus"
 49 Letter base
 50 Outmoded
 51 Melange
 53 Buffoon
 54 Covered up
 55 Greek adviser at Troy
 57 Love and hate, e.g.
 62 Whole
 63 Very long time
 64 Lose one's cool
 65 One prone to backtalk
 66 Billy Williams
 67 Nero's robe

DOWN
 1 Teacher of Samuel
 2 Pentagon grp.
 3 Rink material
 4 Believer in a personal God
 5 Mayberry boy
 6 Paraffin
 7 Timeless
 8 Synthetic fabrics



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 26 Danson and Kennedy
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Today's Birthday 03.07.05
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Aries (March 21-April 19)
 Today is a 6 - Friends provide stability that you sometimes lack. Use them as a resource, to develop your own solid plans. They won't complain.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is a 6 - Obedience is a virtue that comes easily to you, at least on the surface, anyway. Develop that skill to an art, and you'll profit enormously.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 6 - Conditions are excellent for fun and frolic. Include an older person with whom you don't always get along. Be big.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is a 6 - One of the secrets to your success is that you hoard things away. You like to have enough in reserve so you never have to worry. Conditions are good for taking inventory.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 6 - An expert's opinion is nice to have, especially if requested. You may not have that luxury now, but be gracious anyway. Listen attentively.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is a 7 - You're pretty good at technical subjects, especially right now. You can remember the numbers, even if you're not sure of the concepts. This is a good start.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is a 7 - You have plenty of charm and confidence, and you're pretty lucky, too. Ask an attractive person for advice, and you might get much, much more.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is an 8 - This is a good time to go shopping. Find the perfect thing for your home, at an amazing price. Believe it's possible, and include the thrift stores in your route.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is a 7 - Catch up on your reading and find a solution to your problem. You can learn how to fix something that's not working right. How hard could it be?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is a 7 - Money's coming your way, and some from sources you'd forgotten all about. This gives you the break you need to regain your objectivity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Today is a 7 - You're very good at setting up systems to see if your theories will work. Ask a brilliant friend to help. Get some ideas from outside your own head.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Tuesday, March 8

Women's First Round
 Game 1-#9 Boise State vs. #8 UTEP, 12:00 p.m.
 Game 2-#10 Nevada vs. #7 Hawaii, 2:30 p.m.

Men's First Round
 Game 1-#10 San Jose State vs. #7 Hawaii, 6:00 p.m.
 Game 2-#9 Tulsa vs. #8 Boise State, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 11

Women's Semifinals
 Game 7-Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 12:00 p.m.
 Game 8-Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Semifinals
 Game 7-Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)
 Game 8-Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)

Wednesday, March 9

Women's Quarterfinals
 Game 3-Winner Game 1 vs. #1 Louisiana Tech, 12:00 p.m.
 Game 4-#5 SMU vs. #4 Fresno State, 2:30 p.m.
 Game 5-#6 San Jose State vs. #3 Tulsa, 6:00 p.m.
 Game 6-Winner Game 2 vs. #2 Rice, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Women's Championship
 Game 9-Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 12:00 p.m. (CSTV)

Men's Championship
 Game 9-Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, March 10

Men's Quarterfinals
 Game 3-Winner Game 1 vs. #2 UTEP, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)
 Game 4-#6 SMU vs. #3 Rice, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)
 Game 5-#5 Louisiana Tech vs. #4 Fresno State, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)
 Game 6-Winner Game 2 vs. #1 Nevada, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN Full Court)

DENVER - The seeds have been determined for the 2005 WAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament. Nevada, winner of its last 10 games and host of this year's tournament, will be the top men's seed for the second year in a row. The Wolf Pack completed the WAC season with a 16-2 mark and was 9-0 on the road after winning at San Jose State on Saturday, 73-69. Louisiana Tech, winner of the last three WAC Women's Tournaments, will be the top seed despite losing Saturday. The Lady Techsters completed the WAC season with a 14-4 mark.

Harris named to the all-freshman team

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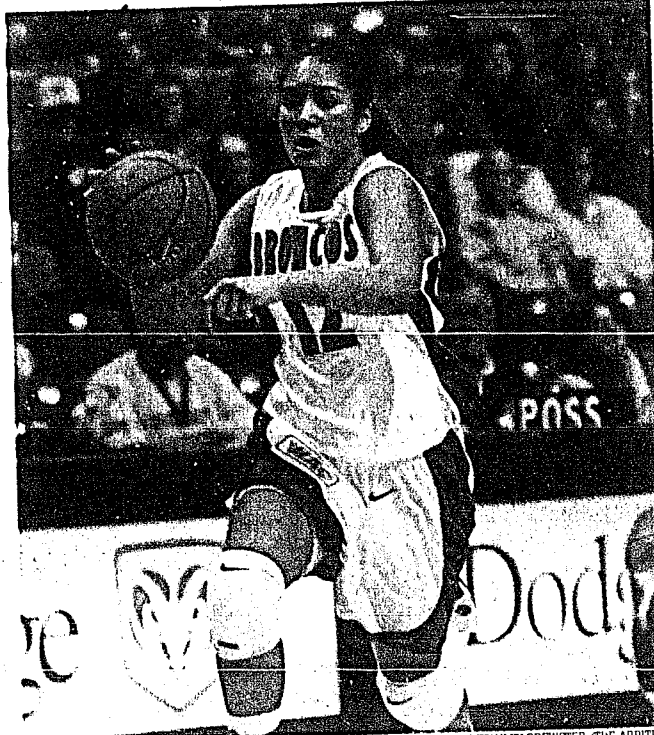
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The 2004-05 women's basketball All-Western Athletic Conference teams have been named, following a vote of the WAC's head coaches.

Boise State freshman Tasha Harris was named to the all-freshman team after leading the Broncos in scoring during the regular season with 11.5 points per game.

The first team has one repeat performer from last year, with Tulsa's Jillian Robbins making her second appearance on the all-WAC first team in as many years. Louisiana Tech junior Tasha Crain makes her first appearance on the all-WAC team on the first team. Crain was also named the WAC Player of the Year. Crain gave the Lady Techster's their fourth Player of the Year honor in as many seasons. Amisha Carter earned the honor last season, and Cheryl Ford earned back-to-back honors.

Three different schools round out the first team. SMU freshman



Tasha Harris averaged 11.5 points per game for the Broncos as a freshman

Janielle Dodds earns first team honors after having a stellar rookie campaign. Dodds was fourth in league games in scoring (15.4 ppg) and rebounding (8.2 rpg); Fresno State junior Amy Parrish was also a first team selection. Parrish ended the season third in WAC games in scoring, averaging 16.4 ppg. San Jose State's Lamisha Augustine earns her first all-WAC honor after averaging 8.3 rebounds and 15.2 points per game.

The all-WAC second teamers were Lakiste Barkus, Louisiana Tech; Amber Jackson, San Jose State; Lauren Neaves, Rice; Amy Sanders, Hawaii; and Michelle Woods, Rice. Neaves was the only second teamer who has earned an honor before. She was named to the first team last season.

The all-Freshmen team contains two all-WAC honorees in Dodds and Jackson. Boise State's Tasha Harris, Nevada's Meghan McGuire, and UTEP's Shalana Taylor round out the all-freshmen team.

SMU's Janielle Dodds earned the school's first WAC newcomer of the year honor. Dodds follows in Jillian Robbins footsteps from last season by being named first team all-WAC, to the all-freshmen team and Newcomer of the Year.

Rice's Cristy McKinney captured her first coach of the year honor, leading the Lady Owls to a 14-4 league record and an overall record of 21-8. McKinney is in her 13th season at Rice. The Lady Owls enter the WAC tournament with a nine-game winning streak.

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