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New tools thwart terrorists

BY TIM HOOD
Special to The Arbiter

Lowell J. Burnett, inventor and former CEO of Quantum Magnetics Inc., spoke about new technologies available for fighting the war against terrorism in the Bishop Barnwell room of the Student Union Building Tuesday afternoon.

Though the technical details of magnetic sensing were interspersed throughout Burnett's presentation, much of the focus was not only on why these technologies work, but how.

One of these new techniques is called passive magnetic sensing. The machine looks much like a standard metal detector found commonly in airport terminals, but works by detecting distortions created in the earth's magnetic field by certain weapons. "Virtually all commercial weapons contain hard ferromagnetic material - that includes even plastic guns and so-called ceramic guns." The system detects these unique signatures, calculates where on the person a weapon is being concealed, and displays it on a video monitor.

This system is currently in use in a Pocatello, Idaho courthouse. It is more effective than conventional metal detectors because it eliminates annoying false positives generated by such things as watches and keys. It also cuts costs by reducing the number of people required to oversee it. In Pocatello, this meant a reduction from eight security personnel to one.

Among the other techniques discussed was magnetic resonance, which is related to the technology used in MRI exams. It is particularly useful in detecting liquid explosives and chemical and biological weapons.

But liquid explosives are a largely ignored threat according to Burnett. He described how easily liquid explosives can be made.

"PLX is a liquid explosive that is incredibly simple to make. A trip to the hardware store and the chemical supply house and you can make a liter of PLX in your kitchen in about 30 seconds. And it has essentially the same explosive power as the military plastic explosive C4."

But current detection solutions are complicated and require considerable screening time. For this reason, they are not suitable for aviation security. Instead, they are geared more toward institutions such as prisons.

Then why aren't terrorists using liquid explosives to blow

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Student population growth a goal for BSU next year

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS
News Writer

Boise State University is aiming for a slight increase in the overall student population next year, according to the Department of Enrollment Services. While this may mean more students in the classroom, the department says the growth is much less than in previous years.

"BSU has been a rapidly growing institution for about 10 years

now," says Dean of Enrollment Services Mark Wheeler. "We're by far the largest institution in the state."

The Enrollment Management Committee has recommended in recent years that BSU curtail the rapid student population growth. The committee's decision was prompted by what Wheeler calls an over-extending of campus resources in the past. "We have to be concerned about the quality of education we can offer."

Wheeler adds that the committee's recommendation to put the brakes on population growth affected the number of students accepted and admitted this past fall, when enrollment stayed relatively flat.

Wheeler says BSU has grown about 14 percent in the past five years, an average 2.6 percent per year. According to the Enrollment Services Web Site, for the 2004-05 year, the student population increased by nine students, which is

less than the department's stated goals.

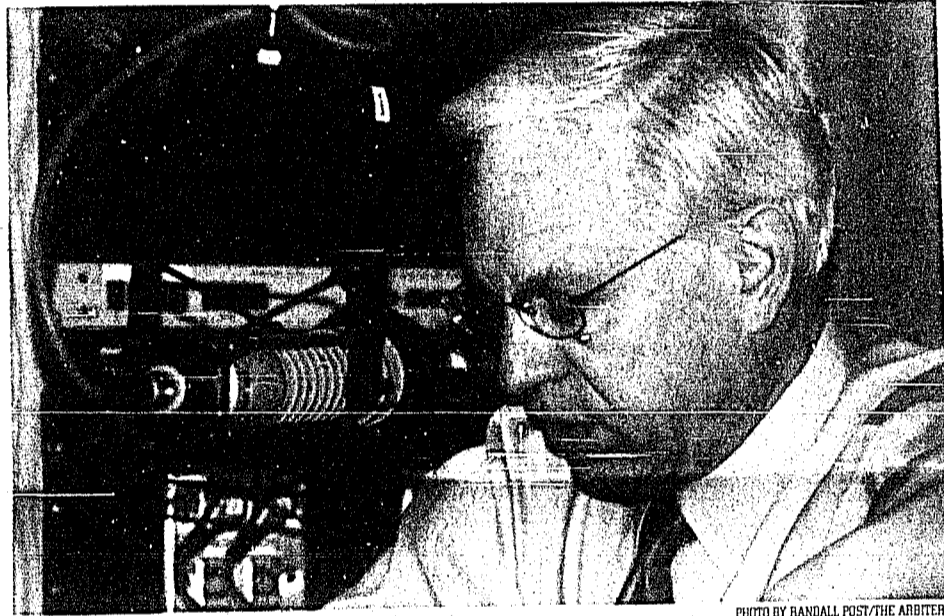
For next year, they will have to make up the difference. Wheeler says the department is working towards increasing the number of students attending Boise State University in the fall of 2005 by around one to two percent. At the start of last fall, 18,456 students were enrolled, meaning next year should find roughly 200 or so more students attending BSU.

Wheeler also says slowing pop-

ulation growth hasn't slowed applicant demand. "We're up in applications at the undergraduate, graduate, and applied technology levels," Wheeler says.

In response to the increased interest, Wheeler says BSU has tightened the application standards and is recruiting potential students who are likely to be more successful. He says that BSU turned down around 800 applicants last year. "Over the years, we've become more selective."

Kustra's award winning radio show one of a kind



Boise State University President Bob Kustra tapes his weekly radio show, "New Horizons in Education," on April 19. Kustra's show airs every Friday on NPR News 91 at 5:30 p.m.

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

Boise State President Bob Kustra's radio show "New Horizons in Education," is the only radio interview show hosted by a university president on public radio.

Boise State associate director of communications, Bob Evancho, said the show, which airs on National Public Radio, has been researched, and he believes it is the only one in the country.

Kustra did a similar show while he was at Eastern Kentucky, and when he came to Boise State in July 2003, Kustra mentioned the idea to the director of University Relations. The show hit the airwaves a month later in August 2003, when Kustra interviewed Boise School Superintendent Stan Olson. Since then, Kustra has interviewed close to 80 guests.

Kustra has interviewed Pulitzer Prize winning author Anne Applebaum, world-renowned biologist E.O. Wilson, Boise State graduate student Troy Rohm, and NPR president Kevin Klose. Boise State professor Walt Snyder will be Kustra's guest this Friday.

Snyder is the director of ESPRI, the Environmental Science and Public Policy Research Institute at Boise State. Kustra and Snyder discussed the 35th anniversary of Earth Day. Kustra asked Snyder

questions about environmental progress and the effects of the Asian Tsunami.

"Kustra's a good communicator," said Evancho, "and the show is made for an intelligent kind of conversation. It fits very well with NPR's audience."

Boise State Radio assistant general manager Jim East said the show is not just Boise State oriented or a "mouthpiece" for the university, but is also there to inform Boise State's audience.

According to a Boise State news release, "New Horizons in Education" was awarded "Silver" in radio programming by the northwest district of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Kustra said future guests on the show would include a Northwest Nazarene University student who had lunch with billionaire Warren Buffet in Omaha, Neb., and also a group of Boise State students who spent 41 days surveying drill sites on the ocean floor looking for potential insights of climate change in the South Pacific.

The show is taped on Wednesdays in the Simplot Micron Institute of Technology Center. Evancho said the show usually airs nine days later, but because Earth Day is Friday, the show was moved up.

"New Horizons in Education" airs every Friday, even during the summer, at 5:30 p.m. on NPR News 91.

Boise State University celebrates Earth Week

BY DANIELLE VERHULP
News Writer

Green may just be the most fashionable color during the week of April 18-24. This week has been deemed "Earth Week" at BSU and will stir up celebration for the fourth year in a row. The official Earth Day holiday occurs on Friday, April 22, but BSU students are invited to join in environmentally conscious programs throughout Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The celebration kicks off with a presentation on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Ballroom. The event will showcase author and guest lecturer Duane Elgin, as he presents his lecture "The World at the Tipping Point." Elgin is best known for his oratory concerning such concepts as media accountability and voluntary simplicity. There is no charge for admission, and refreshments will be provided.

Events continue on Friday, beginning with a community environmental organization fair on the SUB patio from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fair will include booths from various environmentally savvy organizations throughout the Boise community, and students are invited to explore and collect information on the various organizations. Also included

at this event will be a free bar-b-cue for students, live music, and the opportunity to pedal a bike to generate electricity. The special bicycle was developed by BSU's Engineering Club as a fun way to get students thinking about and involved in the energy process. Additionally, a limited number of free t-shirts and buttons will be handed out to students.

Then, on Friday night, students are given the chance to enjoy two movies presented in the SPEC at 7 p.m. The first film, titled "Quiet Revolution," runs approximately 20 minutes and is primarily of environmental content. Following this will be the showing of the feature film "Biodome." Both showings are free to students.

Finally, on Saturday, the Idaho Conservation League will sponsor a series of service project opportunities to BSU students and community members alike. A different environmentally conscious group in the community sponsors each project. Individuals interested in participating are invited to meet at the MK Nature Center in Boise at 9 a.m.

John Lavey, assistant director of the BSU Volunteer Services Board, anticipates a healthy student response to the week's events. He stated, "I'm excited to see the students at BSU embrace conservation values and environmental stewardship."



Flowers bloom outside the Hemmingway Center on campus.

Dishing with an A-winger: Tales of sex, the city, and a little lacrosse



BY MARIANA BEKKER
Assistant News Editor

Kat Cottrell likes to spend her free time playing with fire while getting paid a lot of money. Unfortunately for Cottrell, any free time she will see soon will be this summer after she graduates, that is if she is not providing disaster relief for needy areas around the country. But this busy senior doesn't have anything set in stone.

"I don't know what the hell I want to do," Cottrell said.

Cottrell, 22, is finishing her last semester with a full load of 19 credits in her double major of Communication and Spanish.

"If I can communicate in two languages, maybe it will help me out," she said.

Alongside her duties as a student, Cottrell is also one of the captains of Boise State's lacrosse team, where she plays the position of A-winger. Cottrell likes her offensive position because according to her, she is a "horrible defender." But she does play a bet-

ter defender when it comes to putting out fires. Yes, Cottrell is also a firefighter.

This summer will be Cottrell's third fire season, and she hopes it will be a bad one. "The bigger the fire, the more I get paid," she said. "It's bad for you guys, but it is good for me." Cottrell is on a team of 20 people, three of which are female. They travel all over the western U.S. putting out forest fires.

As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, Cottrell also applied for a one-year position with AmeriCorp, aiding in disaster relief and promoting community involvement in underprivileged children. She finds out if she gets the job in one week.

"Knock on wood," Cottrell said. Even though she claims to be scared of leaving college and Boise, Cottrell is obviously excited about her possible adventures with this new job.

"I don't want a real job. The idea of having an eight to five nametag job is my worst nightmare," she said. "I don't want to have an

'Office Space' job, where someone keeps asking me if I got the memo."

And while her inevitable future may still be up in the air, this self-proclaimed "Sex and the City" fan still finds time to hang out at Parilla Grill on Sunday afternoons with her lacrosse team to engage in boat races that include 25 cent beer trays.

"By four in the afternoon, everyone in Hyde Park knows we are there," Cottrell said.

Cottrell said her friends describe her as a Carrie-Samantha because she is a mixture of these two "Sex and the City" characters. She agrees with the description, identifying with Carrie's love for style and fashion and Samantha's open, honest, and forward personality. Cottrell said that aside from Samantha's promiscuity, she could really compare herself to that character. "I like the confidence of Samantha," Cottrell said.

Cottrell's other personality trait of being extremely competi-

tive led her to her beloved sport of lacrosse, which she claims has made her college career. "It's hard to separate lacrosse from college," she said. Her favorite college memory is her team's game against Western Washington University, even though they lost in triple overtime.

Another memorable college experience for Cottrell was her study abroad in Costa Rica, where she spent her days drinking margaritas while laying on the beach studying for tests. She got a 3.8 GPA that semester.

According to Cottrell, college life has taught her to be more laid back. She enjoys relaxing with her roommate's lab mix, Gary, who she is convinced is a homosexual. "Any dog named Gary cannot be straight," Cottrell joked.

Along with driving a racecar in a drag race and having sex on a beach, Cottrell would like to try every single type of fruit before she dies. "I don't like fruit, I want to overcome that."

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Cardinals choose conservative German as next pope

VATICAN CITY - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a doctrinal conservative who emerged as a pivotal figure in the days following Pope John Paul's death, was elected pope Tuesday.

The German prelate, who turned 78 Saturday, will be the Roman Catholics' 264th successor to St. Peter. He will be known as Pope Benedict XVI.

Although the announcement was greeted with delirious cheers by the multitudes gathered in St. Peter's Square, the choice is certain to be a controversial one.

As head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Ratzinger served as Pope John Paul's theological enforcer. Many who know him personally describe him as shy and reserved, but his strict enforcement of John Paul's conservative views and his harsh silencing of several prominent theologians established his reputation as a somewhat divisive figure.

As successor to the immensely popular John Paul, whose 26-year papacy combined bold political strokes, an epic global pilgrimage, and a death that provoked mourning worldwide, he faces a daunting task.

But the election of Ratzinger came surprisingly quick.

When smoke began to curl from the Sistine Chapel's chimney a few minutes before 6 p.m. Rome time, confusion reigned. Some in the crowd thought it was white; others were sure it was black.

The bells of St. Peter's Basilica were supposed to clarify the matter. But at precisely 6 p.m., the bells began tolling the hour, adding to the confusion. Finally, when the bells started to toll at a few minutes after the hour, it was clear that a new pope had been elected.

national

Interest surges in conservation fuels

WASHINGTON - High gas prices, conflict in the Middle East, and controver-

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sial plans to drill for oil in an Arctic refuge have revived interest in finding new ways to make this country less dependent on fossil fuels.

Suddenly, conservation and the search for alternative fuels are gaining traction. After years of pumping cheap gas into heavy guzzlers, many Americans are becoming energy-conscious again.

The issue is especially important to states like Florida, which has a car-oriented culture that reveres its environment and loathes the prospect of drilling along its shores, but consumes more than its share of petroleum products.

Florida registered 14.5 million motor vehicles in 2003, including 14.2 million privately owned cars and trucks, almost matching its population. The fourth largest state has the third largest number of vehicles, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Florida also is the third-largest energy-consuming state, according to the latest available figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That includes gobbling up the third largest amount of gasoline: 20.8 million gallons a day in 2001.

Cosmetics ingredients scrutinized

WASHINGTON - The Food and Drug Administration is investigating whether the chemicals that make shampoos fragrant and nail polish chip-resistant are hazardous to your health.

Since last year, the agency has been studying phthalates (pronounced thal-aytes), a group of chemicals used for decades in an array of personal-care products. Studies on animals have shown the chemicals could harm reproductive organs or cause other health concerns.

Of the 48 cosmetics it surveyed, the FDA found most contained at least one phthalate. The chemicals do everything from making plastic more flexible to slowing evaporation to allowing a perfume's fragrance to linger. They show up in shampoo, hair spray, deodorant, skin cream, body wash, and other products.

The European Union already has banned two phthalates from cosmetics sold on the continent. With pressure mounting for more regulatory action in this country, several large manufacturers, such as Revlon and Procter

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& Gamble Co., have removed those phthalates from their products sold in the United States.

The FDA has released few details about its investigation into phthalates. It said in a statement to The Kansas City Star, "At the present time, FDA does not have compelling evidence that phthalates, as used in cosmetics, pose a safety risk."

The agency said if evidence that phthalates are harmful is found, it "will advise the industry and the public, and will consider its legal options ... in protecting the health and welfare of consumers."

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A community bicycle congress helps kick off 'May In Motion'

Boise State University is helping encourage the use of bicycles as transportation with its Community Bicycle Congress events, May 2-6.

The congress is in conjunction with May in Motion, a Treasure Valley-wide alternative transportation awareness campaign. The congress is receiving support from the Ada County Highway District, ACHD Commuteride, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho and Valley Regional Transit.

"The idea of a Community Bicycle Congress has been received very enthusiastically, both on and off campus. I believe that you can mark the 2005 Bicycle Congress as being the first of many annual congresses to come," said George Knight, Boise State philosophy professor and co-organizer of the congress.

Organizers plan group bike rides, clinics, exhibits, and registrations. On May 5, Boise State will host four transportation experts from around the country during the conference, "Planning for Bicycles in Regional Transit." The conference is geared toward anyone with vocational, professional, or academic interests in transportation planning or bicycling.

All of the events are free and open to the public.

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Class creates 'April Showers' book exhibit

The Boise State University English department's Introduction to Book Arts class is taking a cue from spring's rainy weather for its "April Showers" book exhibit, April 22 to May 16, in the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building.

Students created books using "dissolve" water-soluble paper, which is popular among spy enthusiasts. The class was encouraged to take advantage of the paper's dissolving capabilities and create books that complement its unique qualities.

For example, Carrie Applegate created a catalog for the fictional "Queue & Co.," an upscale spy outfitter and "suppliers of fine espionage equipment since 1952." The spy tome is hidden inside a West Elm home catalog.

Student Kenji Hyde used the paper's qualities to reflect an internal struggle. He used a "hidden room" structure for his book. It is constructed out of one piece of paper and contains an internal chamber. Hyde uses this "room" to house memories, images of terrible events that can't be washed away.

The Introduction to Book Arts class is taught by Boise State professor Tom Trusky.

Public invited to view night sky through powerful telescopes April 29 at Boise State

Treasure Valley residents are invited to view the night sky through powerful telescopes from 8:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Boise State University. Faculty and members of the Black Hole astronomy club will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free, although a \$2 donation is encouraged to help raise money for the purchase of new telescopes.

The observation session will be held on the roof of the Education Building, located just east of the Morrison Center. Take the elevator to the seventh floor and the stairs to the roof. Pay parking is available at the parking structure on Brady Street and University Drive.

Globular clusters, nebulas, and galax-

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ies are some of the objects in the night sky that will be visible through the telescopes. If inclement weather forces cancellation of the event, signs will be posted at the entrance to the Education Building.

what the?

Let's see what we have here ... euuuu!

A man ran up behind a woman walking her dog in San Diego, and grabbed the bag she was carrying, thinking it contained valuables. It contained dog poop.

Goodbye, you bugs ... ka-boom!

A Thai restaurant owner in Perth, Australia, set off 36 cockroach fumigation devices inside his establishment, but failed to turn off the oven pilot light.

The chemicals came in contact with the flame. The massive explosion that resulted actually lifted the roof off the place.

Hey, money is money, am I right?

A man tried to bail his brother-in-law out of jail in Greensburg, Ind., using cash that reeked of marijuana. The police, who are quite sensitive to these things, noticed. They searched him and his car and locked him up for possession of the demon weed.

Someone else came down and bailed out the brother-in-law, who came back later and bailed out marijuana-boy.

What? Me? What did I do, officer?

A heavily medicated man drove his car up over a sidewalk and into the wall of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Anchorage, Ala., then walked into the building "like nothing happened" and renewed his driver's license.

He was arrested for driving under the influence.

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Enrollment

BSU could have been built up to the 20,000 student mark if all we cared about was revenues." Each year, state funding is determined by an average known as the "Full-Time Equivalent" or the FTE. The FTE is an average number of credits per student and the higher the number, the more funds will likely be earmarked for the school. Wheeler says last year, the FTE actually dropped by just less than one percent.

In the meantime, projections for next year's enrolment numbers are being used to shape next year's budget for departments

all over campus. These numbers can be affected by delayed registration from current students. According to Wheeler, a portion of students slated to return next fall have yet to register for classes.

Wheeler says the cycle of on-line enrollment appointments has been completed but there are several thousand students who, for whatever reason, have not solidified their class schedule. Wheeler says his department is encouraging students to register now in order to secure for themselves a fitting schedule.

Terrorists

up planes? "There's actually a real simple answer to that" says Burnett, "and the answer is they don't want to."

The Rapiscan Secure 1000 utilizes X-ray technology, or "back-scattering," and digital imaging to display an image of a person underneath their clothes along with any weapons they may have concealed.

Burnett described a public demonstration of the system in which Susan Hallowell, director of the Transportation Security Administration's security labora-

tory, allowed herself to be scanned by the machine while wearing a concealed weapon. It worked as expected, but with a potentially embarrassing consequence - in the resulting image she appeared completely nude.

The image was published online and in numerous magazines. "She almost had a nervous breakdown due to this," Barnett said.

When asked how much consideration goes into privacy concerns when developing anti-terrorism technologies, Barnett replied: "Probably very little, because you

can address these with operational requirements. For example, if you have to screen people at check points, you can make sure men go in one line and women go in another. Women screen the images of women; and men screen the images of men. And you can ensure that the person who is screening the images never sees the person being screened."

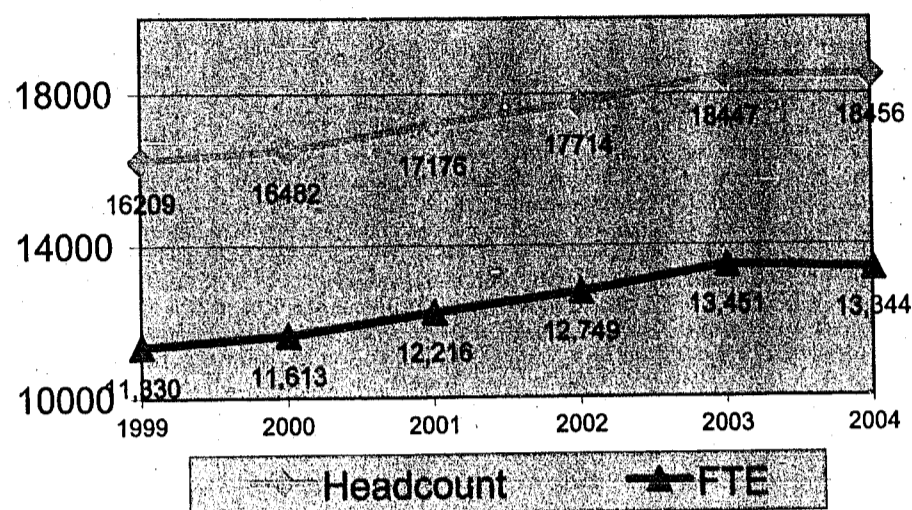
So when will these new technologies be deployed on a large scale? "It's really going to take another suicide terrorist incident to implement and deploy some of these things that have been developed with your and my tax money. So stay tuned."

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Over the last five years headcount has increased 14% and FTE 18%.

ASBSU recommends cut in chief of staff pay

BY RANDALL POST
News Editor

The ASBSU Senate declined the FY06 budget Tuesday and gave four recommended budgetary changes to President Joe Holladay.

One of the recommendations is to cut the service award for the executive chief of staff. According to the Senate recommendation, the chief of staff's pay was raised 175 percent from \$106.60 every other week to \$188.96. The change occurred sometime between 2003 and 2005, when either Jerilyn Grow or Pam MaGee held the position. Jared Martin is the current chief of staff. The Senate recom-

mended that the service award be reduced to \$105.02 every other week, which is the same as the ASBSU executive staff, Judiciary, and Senate.

The recommendations were made by the Senate Budget and Finance Committee, which is chaired by Brandon Stoker.

Stoker said the amount of work done by the chief of staff did not warrant a 175 percent increase. Other senators mentioned the service awards of the Judicial chief justice and Senate pro tempore. Stoker countered that the pro tempore was elected by voters, and the Senate and was not simply appointed to the position. Senate Pro Tempore Wyatt Parke

motioned to change the service award to match the chief justice and pro tempore. The motion failed 5-9-0. Stoker then motioned to keep the recommendation as is. It passed 11-2-0. After two senators left for personal privilege, the Senate voted 9-2-0 to send all four of the recommendations to President Joe Holladay. The Senate then voted unanimously to decline the budget.

Some procedural confusion occurred when Parke motioned to table the budget because new senators are still learning Robert's Rules. Parke had to explain to the senators what he was doing.

"I just made a motion. I know what I'm doing, but you guys can

do whatever you want," Parke said.

Some of the other recommendations were to keep the discretionary fund at \$7,500, instead of the proposed 40 percent reduction to \$4,500. The Senate recommended lobbyist funds go to the Lobbyists Committee instead of the lobbyists themselves and that \$5,000 instead of \$6,500 go to the Lobby Committee. The Senate recommended that one lobbyist be appointed from the executive cabinet and one from the Senate. The last recommendation made by the Senate was to increase a discretionary fund by 143 percent instead of 215 percent because it was "more reasonable."

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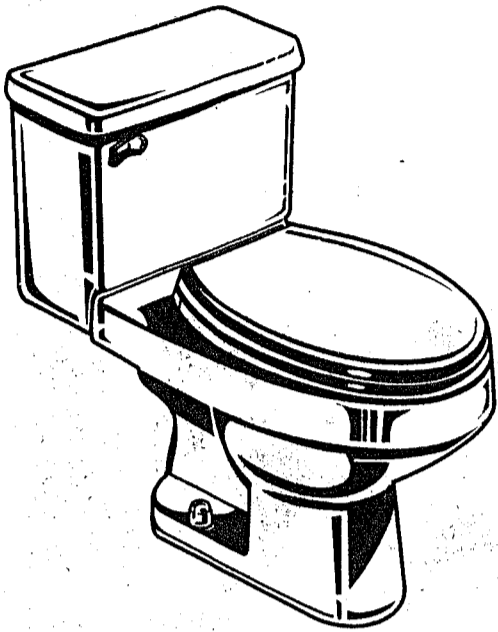
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Is ASBSU going down the toilet?

BY TAYLOR NEWBOLD
Opinion Editor



Monday, April 18, was my first Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) meeting as incoming director for the BSU Volunteer Services Board. The meeting consisted of representatives from all branches of the university, but most particularly, a large number of ASBSU representatives. Many of them were newly elected senators and had come to not only support, but also vote in favor of a proposition brought forth by ASBSU Senator and Senate Pro Tempore Wyatt Parke. The proposal was to allow the installment of 8 1/2 x 11 Plexiglas holders within bathroom stalls throughout the Student Union Building. Within these holders, advertisements would be placed. The program was given the ridiculous title "Toilet Talk." Strangely, the proposal itself does not contain the words "bathroom" or "stall," per

se, and SUBOG was left to fill in the blanks apparently.

The reasons given in favor of approving "Toilet Talk" by Sen. Parke and newly appointed ASBSU Director of Student Affairs Tim Flaherty were that students were not active enough in student programs and activities because they didn't know about the programs until after the fact. I inserted my opinion that I thought it ridiculous to assume that student participation in campus activities would be aided in any way through the promoting of such events via public bathrooms whilst students "do their business."

What business does student government have in attempting to increase student participation in on-campus events? Is this not the job of the Student Activities department? Would it make sense for a student activities programmer to attempt to change Senate Rules of Procedure or anything else related to student gov-

ernment?

Why were so many members of ASBSU allowed to vote? Because SUBOG has voting seats for student-at-large positions.

Rather than students occupying these important seats, they were filled by ASBSU senators and senators-at-large, most likely through the appointment of ASBSU President Joe Holladay (who was not present at the meeting).

It is nothing short of unethical for a student government to place more than its allowed representatives to vote on a board with a proposal for which the student government is sponsoring. ASBSU's intentions were clear when after the proposal was approved Senators Clarke and Zuko both left the meeting despite the fact that there still were a number of items on the agenda to address.

I honestly thought that ASBSU was on the right track when the Senate took the responsibility of holding one

of their own (Whatlyne Frederick) accountable. Sen. Frederick claimed she could not attend any Senate meetings this semester due to scheduling conflicts, and so the Senate asked for her resignation. I was also elated to see that Joe Holladay and Vice President Kamron Ahmed are taking a pay cut in order to ameliorate the apparent "budget crisis" that they now find themselves in. And yet, there seems to be room in the budget for "Toilet Talk."

If ASBSU is going to push for any agenda, it should be done fairly and not through the abuse of power. It blows my mind to think that ASBSU would go out of its way to put as many of their members on a board meeting to initiate a program to install advertising in bathroom stalls. All branches of Boise State student government should be mortified by this and do everything possible to rectify the situation.



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Hillary says Dems need security blanket

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The following editorial appeared in the New York Daily News on Tuesday, April 12:

It's not news that the junior senator from the State of New York has been making a point of distancing herself from her party's way-out-there-in-left-field flank ever since November's election debacle. She has talked about the importance of prayer, and of finding common ground on abortion, and of the depredations of the media on children.

Monday, though, sitting down with the New York Daily News Editorial Board in the wake of the weekend Minneapolis speech that point-blank posited her as the future of the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton made things even more crystal-clear: Too many Dems just plain don't get it. And

that's why they lost the presidential race last year.

Party leaders had it wrong all along, she said: It really was about national security, stupid. National security post-9/11 trumped all, and was far more important to the outcome of the contest than the widely accepted belief that the Republicans had won the day based on being in touch with red state "values."

Said the senator: "Security was the issue. It was the issue from the beginning. How could it be anything else after 9/11? It was the paramount issue. If you are not secure and if you can't persuade a majority of people that you are going to be strong and tough where we need to be to protect America and our interests, you can't cross the threshold."

Said the senator: "What I am doing is helping to frame some of these security, international

issues in a different way, so that other Democrats can say, 'Well, that makes sense.'"

Dead right, senator. The election was about about waking up alive and breathing in cities that were not reduced to heaps of smoking cinders. That's what it was about. That's what it's still about.

If the Deans and the Boxers and the Kennedys and the Kerrys somehow cannot bring themselves to comprehend the elegant simplicity of this, Clinton has, we observe, just officially staked out her claim to the sentiments of most of the American people.

And, whether or not she intends to unveil herself as a presidential candidate three years from now — and the lady isn't saying — we think thoughtful Dems would do well to listen up.

Campus organizations need more self policing

BY LUKE ALLEN MCMANAMON
Columnist

Shocked is the word most students used when they found out that the FBI contacted members of the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance. While many on campus would disagree with their politics, few would argue that they are criminal or mischievous in their intent. The ISPA has been involved with numerous instances making headlines the last few years, including the Taco Bell Arena protest and the Farm Worker Wage Bill. Certainly their dedication to their cause shows by their willingness to take their politics into the community. However, when those actions border on illegality, those same campus clubs smear the reputation of Boise State and solidify the belief that college campuses are full of radicals, not people wanting to debate the issues.

Any presiding officer of any student organization that commits illegal acts, whether related to the duties of their office or not, should be immediately stripped of their title and barred from serving in the administration of student clubs for their duration at Boise State.

Quite simply, Boise State, located only a few minutes from the watchful eyes of the legislature, cannot afford to allow the reputation of a few criminals to become the image of Boise State. Unless

campus clubs start doing more to ensure that their officers are in compliance with the law, the ASBSU Senate should take up the issue.

It has been reported that the actions the FBI were investigating consisted of only "non-violent direct action." That's fine, but an action doesn't have to be violent to be illegal.

Unless campus clubs start doing more to ensure that their officers are in compliance with the law, the ASBSU Senate should take up the issue.

In fact, many of the non-violent leaders in both modern and historical times have suffered jail time as a direct result of their action. Martin Luther King Jr. even went as far as to say that non-violent action demanded that you accept responsibility for your actions.

It is important to remember that the individuals in question

did agree to meet with the FBI, in a public place with reporters on hand. As of yet, no crimes appear to have been committed. However, it does raise the issue about what the expectations of our student leadership should be, and what the consequences of those actions warrant when a breach is found.

Protest should never be illegal in America. We, as a country of free-persons, should always have the right to follow the passions and convictions of our hearts. But when those passions begin to justify illegal actions, we should be reminded that we represent our selves in those situations, not the organizations or schools we claim to represent.

Hopefully, IPSA will not be found to have colluded in any illegal actions. But the fact that the FBI was concerned enough about various members and activities of the club to request an interview makes many question their validity. It also makes many wonder what other sorts of actions this organization has planned.

By ensuring that the leadership of the student clubs and organizations are in full compliance with the law, we can help to ensure that our reputation to those who hold the purse strings will be found to be in good favor. Boise State would be wise to look at legislation ensuring the reputation of our student clubs is not one of supporting criminal mischief.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
On Nov. 17, 2004, by voice vote, the House Republican Conference decided that a party committee of several dozen members would review any felony indictment of a party leader and recommend at that time whether the leader should step aside.

The current party rule in this area requires House Republican leaders and the heads of the various committees to relinquish their positions if indicted for a crime that could bring a prison term of at least two years. It makes no distinction between a federal and state indictment. Three of DeLay's political associates al-

ready have been indicted by that Texas grand jury.

Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, said that under the change embraced Wednesday, the House Republican Steering Committee would have 30 legislative days to review a felony indictment and recommend to all House Republicans whether a lawmaker who is charged could remain as a committee chairman or leader.

Expect more of the same from the Texas lawmaker and his cronies.

"Who cares?" some say. It's only a rule. Rules were made to be broken.

But this rule wasn't broken.

DeLay hasn't been indicted yet. The rules were changed in order to be prepared for DeLay to get indicted.

I believe we can expect DeLay, Inc. to attempt to change the laws of our nation to suit themselves just as they change the rules of their own Party to suit the circumstances.

Of course DeLay is respected — his cronies happily report that he wasn't in the room when the rules changed.

Alfred Brock

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Bronco gymnast Lindsay Ward competes at Nationals this weekend

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

College gymnasts all across the nation dream about this event. Teams work hard to compete at this level, but only the top two teams in each region earn the honor of competing at the NCAA national championship.

Boise State has made 19 consecutive appearances at the NCAA West Region Championship. The last two years, the Broncos have not been able to upset the Bruins of UCLA, but no one in the nation has been able to defeat them for the last four out five years.

One Bronco gymnast has been turning heads and leaving her mark. Sophomore Lindsay Ward will be making her second appearance as an individual all-around competitor in this year's national championships.

Ward finished sixth at the regional championships and heads to

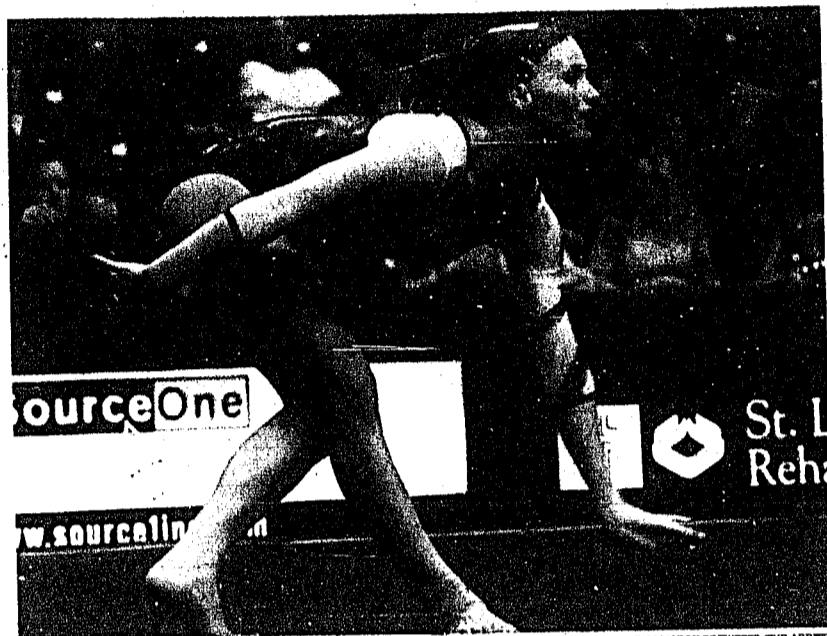
Auburn, Ala., with the second best all-around score out of the 12 individual all-around competitors with a 39.2250.

Tabitha Yim of Stanford joins Ward from the west and has the best all-around score (39.2500) going into the competition. Laura Johnson from Minnesota is sitting in the third spot, and Janae Cox from West Virginia is in the fourth. Auburn's own Julie Dwyer is fifth. Heather Huffaker from Denver has the sixth best all-around score in the nation, and Alisha Robinson is in the seventh spot. Another hometown competitor is Courtney Puckett, sitting in the eighth spot. Leah Sakhibat from Southern Utah is ninth, Dana McQuillin from Arkansas is in the tenth spot, and Carrie Santore from SUNY Brockport rounds out the top 12 all-around individual competitors.

Boise State head coach Sam Sandmire said no one deserves this

honor more than Ward. Tonight, the individual all-around competition will get underway, and by the end of the night, someone will claim the all-around title. The top four finishers in each event will go on to compete in Saturday nights individual event championships. The top eight competitors will be named to the All-American first team, and the competitors who place fifth through eighth will be named to the All-American second team.

As for the team competition, only four teams have won the esteemed title since 1982. Utah finished first in the nation this year and is looking to take back the title from UCLA who won the 2004 team title at home in Los Angeles. LSU, Alabama, Michigan, Nebraska, BYU, Iowa State, Florida, Oklahoma, Penn State, and Georgia will all be battling it out this weekend to see who has what it takes to strip the title from the Bruins and claim it as their own.



Sophomore Lindsay Ward will be making her second straight appearance today at the NCAA Gymnastics Championships. PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

Broncos finish fifth in WAC championships in Kuna

BY ARBITER SPORTS STAFF

The Boise State women's golf team finished fifth overall at the Western Athletic Conference championships yesterday at Falcon Crest Golf Course in Kuna.

The Broncos shot a 309 to slip one spot from the fourth place, where they had finished the first two rounds.

Tulsa took the title, as they shot an 889 over the three-day

tournament.

Ashley Hogg had the best individual finish for the Broncos. She shot a 74 in round three to finish with a 229 for the tournament, which was good for a tie at 10th place. It was an impressive comeback for Hogg, as she battled back after shooting an 82 in the opening round on Monday.

Katie Street finished the tournament tied for 15th with her best round on Wednesday, a 75 to give her a 231 overall.

The Broncos shot a 313 in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament at Falcon Crest Golf Course on Monday. The Broncos were in fourth place, 12 strokes behind leaders San Jose State and Tulsa.

Sophomore Katie Street paced the Broncos, finishing with a five-over par 77. Street tied for 10th, six strokes behind individual leader Michaela Cavener of Tulsa following the opening round. Cavener was the only

golfer to break par on a windy, cold day.

Sophomore Lindsey Huebert is tied for 13th after shooting a 78. She had the only eagle of the tournament on the par-4 third hole. Seniors Jenny Judd and Jennifer Hedberg both posted 79s and are tied for 15th. Junior Ashley Hogg shot an 82 and is in 26th place.

On Tuesday, the Broncos shot a 306 in the second round of the Western Athletic Conference

tournament. The Broncos remained in fourth after two rounds with a 36-hole score of 619.

San Jose State led after two rounds with a 595, one stroke ahead of six-time defending champion Tulsa.

Junior Ashley Hogg bounced back from a poor first round to shoot a one-over par 73 in the second round. She was tied for 12th at 155 with senior Jennifer Hedberg, who shot a second-

round 76.

Sophomore Katie Street tied for 16th with a 156 after carding a 79 on Tuesday, while senior Jenny Judd was tied for 20th with a 157 after posting a 78 in the second round.

Sophomore Lindsey Huebert was disqualified following the final round, along with playing competitor Kristina Rothengatter of SMU, after the two failed to exchange score-cards.

Bronco women fifth seed at WAC championship

BY ARBITER SPORTS STAFF

The Bronco women's tennis team is the number five seed and will open the 2005 WAC tournament Thursday, April 21 at noon Hawaii time, playing the No. 4 seed, Tulsa. The top seed in the women's bracket is Rice (ranked 44th nationally). Last month, the Bronco women lost to Rice in a close match in Texas by a score of 4-3.

This is the fourth season the Broncos have been in the WAC. In 2002, the team finished third (tie) and in 2003 and 2004, the team finished fifth.

On Tuesday, in the Boise State women's tennis team's final regular season match, the Broncos defeated Hawaii 6-1.

Against Hawaii, the Broncos won at number two and three doubles: Stacey Housley and

Carolina Pongratz at two, and Tiffany Coll and Nadja Woschek at three. In singles, the Broncos won from two through six, with Megan Biorkman at two, Woschek at three, Pongratz at four, Coll at five, and Housley at six.

The Bronco women are led by Alissa Ayling, Anna Curtolo, and Carolina Pongratz. Ayling and Curtolo have been with the Broncos since the fall of 2001 as freshmen. Pongratz came the following year as a sophomore, transferring from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ayling is from Herfordshire, England. Curtolo and Pongratz are childhood friends from Vasteras, Sweden. Ayling was named to the WAC all-conference team as a sophomore and a junior.

Megan Biorkman stands as

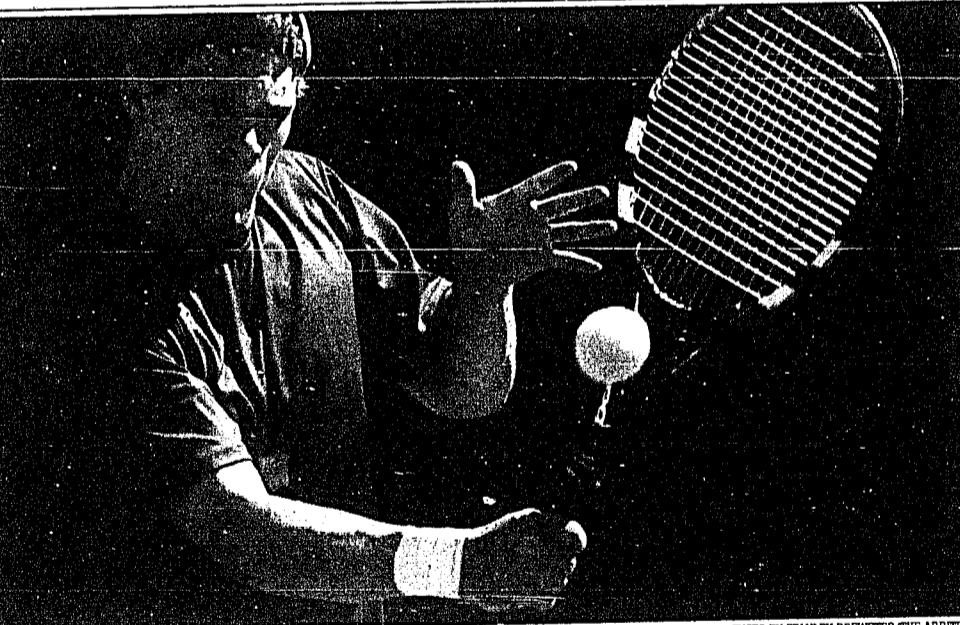
the Broncos' lone junior. She transferred to Boise State as a sophomore and made a strong impact with her hard work. She is the younger sister of Jonny Biorkman, who played on the Boise State men's tennis team from 1998 through 2002.

The Broncos' sophomore class consists of Tiffany Coll, who joined the Broncos as a freshman in the fall of 2003. She is this year joined by Stacey Housley (Auckland, New Zealand) who transferred from Liberty University.

Boise State's freshman class includes Whitney Megale from Boise (her father Mike Megale played on the Bronco men's team in the late 1970's) and Nadja Woschek, another true freshman, from Bad Hersfeld, Germany.



Sophomore Stacey Housley and the Broncos are the fifth seed in the WAC tournament, beginning today in Honolulu. PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER



Freshman Luke Shields and the Broncos are the number one seed in the WAC tournament beginning tomorrow in Honolulu. PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

Patton's Army marching into Hawaii as the top seed

BY AMBER FUGER
Sports Writer

The plane left Boise Monday morning and landed in Hawaii later that evening. The warm beaches of Hawaii will have to wait, because the Broncos are on a mission to reclaim the conference title.

The Broncos are ranked 32nd in the nation, and first in the tournament, right above the defending Western Athletic Conference champions the Rice Owls (No. 33). The Broncos are 27-7 and are led by this week's WAC Player of the Week freshman Luke Shields. With a 28-10 singles record Shields is ranked No. 70 in the nation. Shields is more of a team player and this is why he and Thomas Schoeck are tearing up the doubles scene with their 35-7 record to earn the No. 10 spot in the nation.

The Broncos are looking to take the title but they are not the only

ones. Of course Rice is looking to earn back to back titles but No. 46 Southern Methodist is hungry for the honor as well. And one can not forget about Tulsa (47th) or Fresno State (61st). Last weekend the Broncos and Bulldogs went head to head in a grueling yet spectacular display of college tennis.

Head coach Greg Patton couldn't be happier with the way the 2005 season has wrapped up. The last two wins over BYU and Fresno really have given us a confidence boost going into the WAC championship, Patton said. Seniors Matias Silva, Beck Roghaar and Ikaika Jobe played for the last time in front of a home crowd, but Patton isn't so sure that this is finalized.

"Now everything starts over, we have to do well in the WAC to make things happen," Patton said.

Patton is referring to the opportunity to host the first round of NCAA Championship Tournament. He is optimistic and

confident that his army will prevail and come out on top.

"It is a great celebration of Boise State tennis," Patton said. "...It has been a step-by-step process to build this tennis program and the guys have really carried their own success."

The Broncos have a very relaxed way of practicing but an innocent bystander would not be able to see this carefree attitude during a match. Patton's philosophy is to keep it light, have fun and focus on the job at hand, one serve, one reaction, one hit and one win.

The Broncos focus for this week in Hawaii has been first to close out the regular season with a win over the Rainbow Wahine of Hawaii and then on winning the WAC.

The WAC championship will kick off on tomorrow and conclude on Sunday. Check out www.broncosports.com to view first round match-ups.

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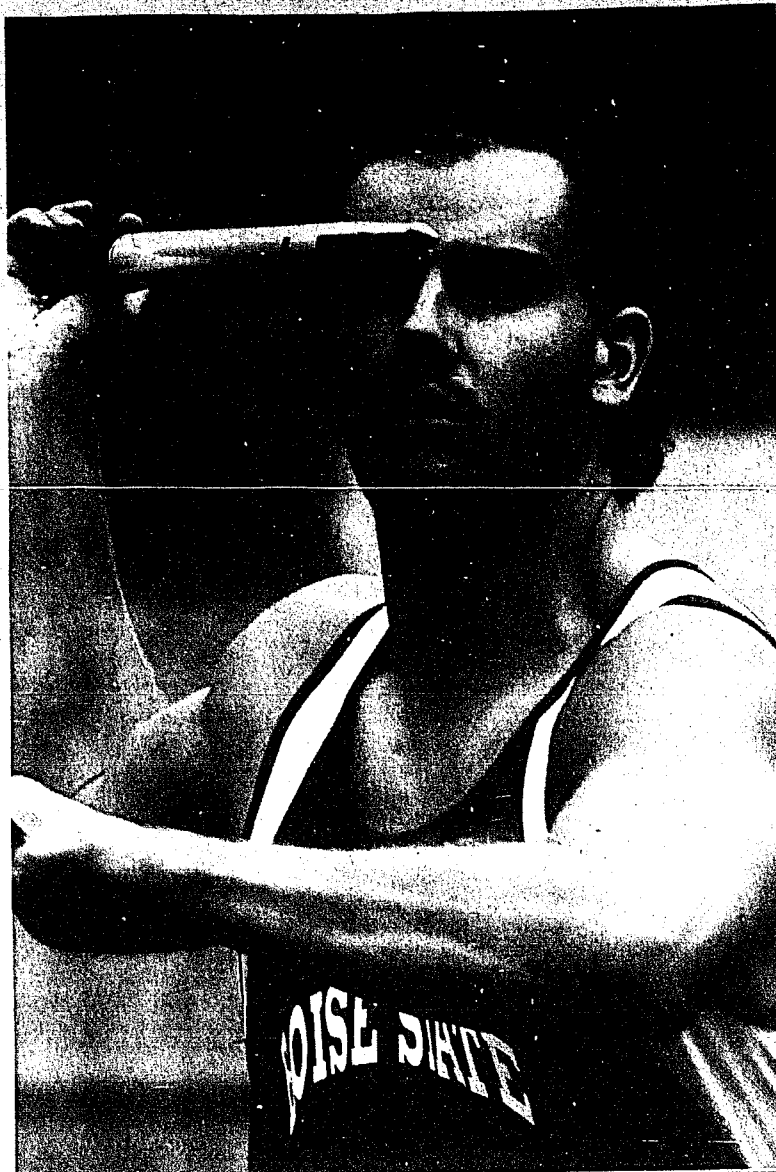
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Gabe Wallin is the defending NCAA champion in the javelin and is the driving force for the Broncos' top 15 ranking this season.

Boise State turning into 'Throwers U'

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Saturday, the Boise State Broncos track and field teams will participate in the Oregon Invitational.

Yes, they are the track and field team, but they are turning into "Thrower's U."

Of the eight student-athletes on both the men's and women's teams that are nationally ranked, seven are throwers. Meaning they participate in either the javelin, hammer throw, discus, or shot put.

Leading the way is senior 2004 NCAA javelin champion Gabe Wallin. The Swedish native was named this week's Western Athletic Conference track and field men's athlete of the week. In his first competition of the season, the defending WAC champion posted the top collegiate mark in the nation at the Golden Bear Invitational in Berkeley, Calif. His throw of 248 feet, 6 inches was an NCAA qualifying mark and broke the Edwards Stadium record.

The Bronco men's team is currently ranked 13th in the nation on Trackwire Top 25. Wallin is ranked first in the nation in the javelin. Along with Wallin, two freshman for the Broncos are ranked in the Top 30. Scoot Vaifore has the ninth best throw in the nation this season, and Nate Putnam has the 27th.

The dynamic duo of Mattias Jons and Collin Post have taken their dominance of the indoor season outside. Jons has the fourth best throw in the nation this season, and is ranked second in Trackwire's Dandy Dozen.

The other member of the men's throwers that is nationally ranked is Staffan Jonsson. Another Swedish native, Jonsson has the 19th best discus throw this season.

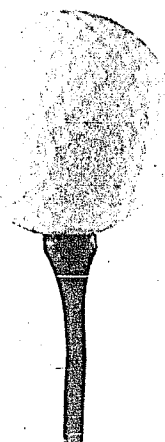
But despite the numerous red-shirts of some of the top participants for the Broncos this season, there are two member's of the women's team that are nationally ranked.

Following a 2004 All-American season in the high jump as a freshman, Miruna Mataoanu is continuing on with one of the best careers for a female Boise State track athlete. Mataoanu was a runner up for the women's conference athlete of the week after she posted the 15th best high jump in the nation this season. Mataoanu also is ranked 11th in the nation by the Dandy Dozen. She is not only looking to repeat as an All-American, but the Romanian native is also looking to repeat as the WAC champion in the high jump.

The other female student-athlete is another stellar thrower. Senior Neely Falgout was the 2004 WAC champion in the javelin. She currently has the 43rd best throw in the nation.

The Broncos have just one more invitational following this weekend, before the WAC championships in Tulsa, Okla., on May 11-14.

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Your honor, my team deserves a championship

BY MIKE ROCHE
Sports Columnist

The typical courtroom daytime television show depends solely on litigate desperation. That's the hook. The title may curb you to think the star power is a presiding judge like Judy or Mills Lane. But really, who watches a title fight to see the referee? The real television magic starts when the Pakistani hairdresser squares off with the 63-year-old Liza Minnelli impersonator. Both are hungry for scrapes of loose change and 15 minutes of attention. We laugh because the moment their first words are cut off by the other, we realize neither deserves the \$250 in damages or a second of anyone's time. Judging by the time these shows have survived, the comedy of some stranger's misery will never get old, but especially in the case of the tortured sports fan.

Imagine a courtroom show where the Pakistani hairdresser and Miss Minnelli are replaced by a Cubs fan and an Islanders fan. Both walk up to the judge and plead their case why their consistently collapsing teams deserve a championship. Who has suffered the worst heartbreak? Which team has the longer championship drought? Who has become the bigger alcoholic to ease the pain? Believe me, this is a legitimate debate to sports fans. By the way, the answers are Cubs fan, Cubs fan, and Cubs fan.

The reason for this long-winded metaphor is to place fan desperation on its proper shelf of life's importance (no offense Mr. Pakistani hairdresser). Although most fans do realize the importance of a game, there has been a sudden resurgence in the verbalization of their despair. It might also explain the sudden jolt of earplug sales this month.

By far the most obvious catalyst would be the curse break of Boston. Since this frozen hell slushy was served up, it gave newfound hope to anyone looking to enjoy a similar moment. The award for most pathetic sports city now goes to the heart of rock and roll. Poor old Cleveland hasn't seen a World Series since 1948, has never witnessed a Super Bowl contender, and unless Air-LeBron-Jordan can perform a miracle - no NBA finals either.

What about the windy-city whiners? Cubs fans have the longest drought in baseball (even before Boston) with that "never to be forgotten" run in 1908. Soon, the northsiders will be the lonely - and founding - member of the century club. The south-side White Sox are still recovering from that little problem in 1919. But maybe the Bears, Bulls, or Blackhawks can bring some Chicago cheer. It's possible, except for the fact we're talking about the Bears, Bulls, and Blackhawks.

Not only did Philadelphia lose that whole U.S. Capital thing to Washington back in 1793, but also the beloved Phillies have provided only one World Series in roughly a century. But the baseball brotherly lovers are quickly drowning out to the football ones. Philadelphia Eagles fans can now include the "close call" anxiety from the last Super Bowl. There is no worse sound than that of fans who could almost taste victory, and then not. And I'm sure we'll be hearing it again and again until they finally win one. If they win one, that is.

This list can go on and on from here. I'm sure Columbus Blue Jackets fans are constructing there case for a title as well. Those fans have been waiting patiently for five whole seasons after all.

Some fans do present valid arguments for their concern. Its like handicapped parking, sometimes the unfortunate ones need their moment. And no team - and I mean no team - has tolerated the burden of sorrow more than the New York Yankees. Earlier this week, chief jackass George Steinbrenner finally said "enough" with his team's 4-8 start. It's about time that someone pointed out this Yankee championship drought. 26 World Series titles are fine and all, but it has been a painful four years for George. But can you really blame this guy? By the looks of him, he might not make it to see number 27 in ... say, next October. But seriously George, enough with the self-loathing for your \$208 million ball club. If you have a serious complaint, you can take it up in court - the people's court. Just beware there might be a few million other sports fans ahead of you.

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8 p.m. at The Big Easy
Steve Vai and Eric Sardinas in concert. Tickets are \$23.50.

FRIDAY (4/22)

8 p.m. at The Big Easy
New Found Glory, Reggie and the Full Effect, and Easley in concert. Tickets are \$16.50.

8 to 10 p.m. at The Kulture Klatsch
Laurel Brauns in concert. Admission is free.

7:30 in the Hemingway Center
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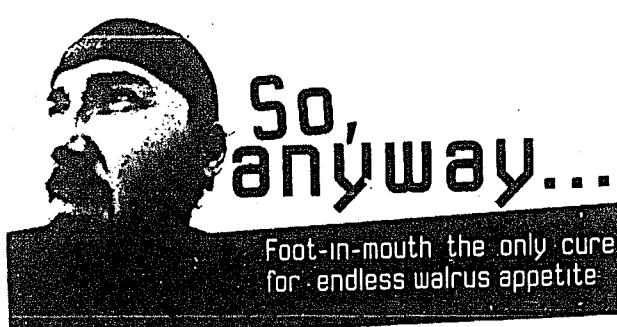
8 p.m. at Taco Bell Arena
The Electric Wonderland Show, featuring Velvet Revolver and Hoobastank. Tickets are \$38.50. Generously discounted tickets are available for \$21.50.

SUNDAY (4/24)

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Foot-in-mouth the only cure for endless walrus appetite

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

I've been hungry lately. No, not desirous or anything figurative like that. But really, really hungry - for food. I'm not sure what's wrong with me; maybe I have some sort of glandular problem. I just, first, can't seem to get enough to eat, and second, it seems that no matter what I last ate, some two hours later I'm starving. I hesitate - or ought to hesitate - to use the word starving, because as the saying went when I was a boy, there are starving people in Africa. And come to find out, now that I'm an adult, it's true. There are people in this world that are not able to eat for one reason or another. Sadly, you need not leave our lovely continent to find them, either.

However, I wouldn't be the man I am today if I wrote a column about sympathies for those in dire need of food. Sure, they deserve the attention, but this is not the forum. No, I'm talking about MY hunger. I'm standing up for the sorta little man, the semi-oppressed, the quasi-starved. Aye, I be him.

So what to do about my hunger problem? "Have you been exercising a lot lately; is that why you are hungry so frequently?" you are probably asking yourself. After much brooding, I can confidently answer, "Of course I haven't." If there was ever a virtual personification of me in the animal kingdom, I think it would be the walrus. As in, "Sure I've got great teeth, but my energy level just isn't what it once was." Also, sea cow comes to mind.

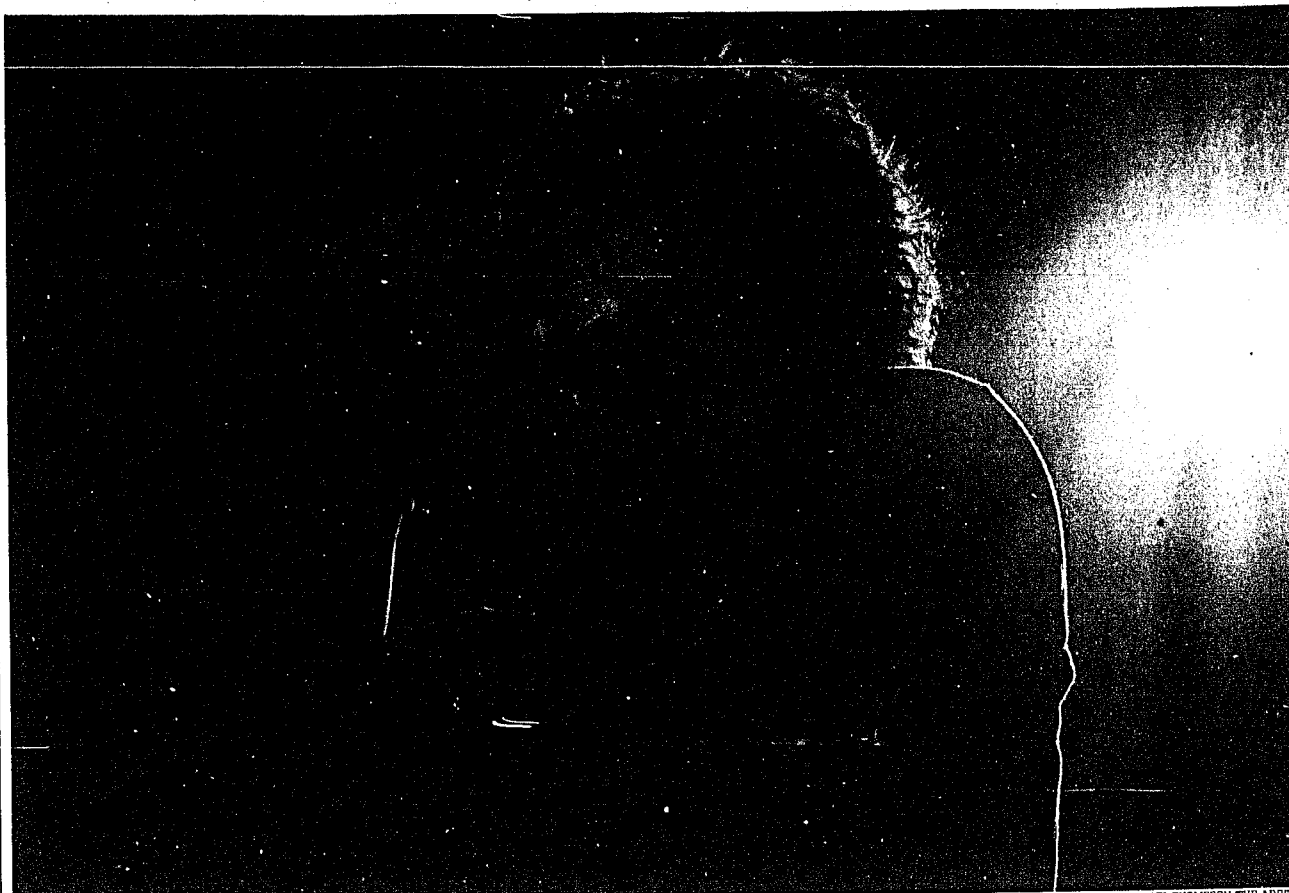
But all aquatic mammalia

chit-chat aside, I need to find out what's wrong with me. "Perhaps if you WERE to start exercising, then? Hmmmm?" you might now be asking. Well, I know that face you are making, and I don't appreciate it. I not only don't have time to exercise, but more importantly, it's harder to watch television when you are exercising. So that's out.

Also, "Perhaps if you ate healthier?" Sadly, that's a no-go as well. I've decided to leave the ingesting of green things to the cows. Except of course, for the most important green things there are: those little flecks of God-knows-what on the surface of sour cream & onion chips. (And don't tell me those are chives. I'm no genius, but I know an artificial flavor and color when I cram it into my mouth.)

Really, I'm left with only one possible solution. You know that old adage, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you?" Well, I'm not sure what exactly that means, but I think I'll just stop eating and tough it out. Honestly, why would anyone bite the hand of someone that's feeding them? Seems rather counterproductive to me, especially since I'm so hungry all the time. If someone else's hands were responsible for feeding me, I would be soooooo nice to them, mostly in hopes that they would keep the vittles coming.

So, anyway, I'm starving. I'm going to go make a sandwich. Wait, wait, wait. I'm not starving, just hungry. But others are. "Really?" Yes. I think what I'll do instead is just sit here and put my foot in my mouth. The aftertaste isn't a gem, but hey, neither is walrus boy here.



Adema's new lead singer Luke Caraccioli belted out some hard rock Monday night at the Big Easy Concert House in Boise.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL THOMPSON/THE ARBITER

Adema embraces changes and comes out on top

BY JUSTIN PRESCOTT
Culture Writer

The audience has been semi-energetic up until now. Headliners Adema are belting out their first song of the night and the fans love it. Whether you consider them cerebral hard rock or just another nu-metal band, Adema are a commanding presence on stage. They have so much energy, amazing performance chemistry, and a new singer who has only been with them since October.

Luke Caraccioli replaced original singer Marky Chavez shortly after the band signed with Earache Records. So far, things have been going very well. They are all optimistic about the new direction of the music.

The new album, "Planets," veers in a more complex and mature direction. According to Caraccioli,

they have a newly found freedom to explore different sounds. And the results were good.

"Planets" sees Adema finding a sound they hadn't achieved with Chavez at the mic. The songs are more textured, with layers of heavy mixed with swirling spacey guitars and there's never a boring moment.

Caraccioli had a childhood dream of being in a band that did everything together on equal terms, and he's proud to say that it has come true. All members (Caraccioli, bassist Dave De Roo, guitarist Tim Fluckey, and drummer Kris Kohls) have an equal part in songwriting. It has served them well since Caraccioli's addition, and they plan for future endeavors to work as well.

With the new album, they believe that they have expanded their audience. Caraccioli, cit-

ing his father as a new fan, says "Planets" is more accessible to an audience maybe older than their 14 to 21-year-old fan base.

This short U.S. tour follows what the band agrees was the most positive experience they've had as a band. They played five dates in Kuwait and Iraq during the first week of April. Caraccioli describes the experience as life-changing. A former Marine, he thought it would be good to give the soldiers a reminder of home, so he made some calls, and they were booked at a few bases. He thinks it was good for the soldiers to get some good home-style entertainment like they can't get in the Middle East.

Fluckey described a scary moment when a car bomb went off nearby while they were in Mosul and they had to be evacuated. For more excitement from Kuwait and

Iraq, check out Fluckey's chronicle of the trip on the band's Web site, ademaonline.com.

Less than two weeks later, Adema is onstage at the Big Easy with hundreds of kids going crazy up against the stage. The songs are right on, and the band looks like they're having a blast. They play songs from the new album and their back catalogue. The audience loves every one, even the acoustic numbers.

It's been a year of changes for Adema, and they seemed to have thrived because of it. Their new album is their strongest one yet, the newest member has helped them progress beyond a previous pigeonhole, and they've been to the Middle East to cheer up the soldiers. Now they're only looking forward to what lies in their future.

U.K. quintet Longview begins conquest of the U.S.

BY JUSTIN PRESCOTT
Culture Writer

Fresh from Manchester, U.K., "shoegazers" Longview made a stop in little old Boise on their current U.S. tour. They have been impressing audiences in the U.K. since 2002, and they're just barely beginning to get things started in the U.S. They've been trekking across the country and recently

played at the prestigious SXSW music festival in Austin.

Their new album, "Mercury," was recently released in the states, and it can only be described as beautiful. The lush, textural melodies swirl together with wall-of-sound guitar distortion and breathy, desperate vocals. Some songs are pure rock 'n' roll and others catch you staring off into space, deeply engrossed

in thought.

Without a regular club booked in Boise, Longview opted to play at the Record Exchange. The performance was powerful and emotional, and the audience, most probably having never heard Longview, responded with enthusiasm. Afterward, they signed autographs and chatted with fans old and new.

Be warned this is not the last

you will hear from this band. They will be back after collecting a large following of fans. You can check out "Mercury" at the Record Exchange and maybe you will become one of them.

Editor's Note: Justin Prescott is an employee of the Record Exchange.

Janey & The Professor

by B.E.E.M.



Sarah McLachlan enthralled Boise audience

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS
News Writer

Here's the thing about the relationship between Sarah McLachlan and myself: I'm not really a fan. I'm just not. I've never bought an album, and I never really pictured myself, you know, glued to my seat at one of her concerts geeking out, utterly captivated, thoroughly enjoying myself and singing along like one of "Those People."

So, that being stated for the record, I'll be damned if she didn't put on an incredible show. Oh, I totally geeked out.

Song after song, McLachlan coaxed cheerful and sentimental applause from a near sell-out crowd at the Bank of

America Center on Tuesday night. Definitely a fan's performer, McLachlan kept the yuppified audience—and me, even the non-fan—completely enthralled for the duration of her two-hour show.

The second stop of her three-month, cross-country tour, this show was just about seven years to the day after the last time she played in Boise. "It's been a while. You look good," she joked.

With grace and eloquence, McLachlan delivered the opening notes of her new single "World on Fire." From there, she blended newer material into her vast repertoire of soundtrack and album hits and, if nothing else, she reminded all present that her songs have had the staying power to be played on a daily basis in cafés

and on the radio.

Between staples like "Building a Mystery" and set-closer "Possession," McLachlan and her band repositioned themselves into multiple arrangements on stage, drifting from the black Steinway piano stage right to the grassy knoll stage left. From there, she delivered a gentle rendition of "Blackbird," which she said was one of her favorite Beatles songs.

"Solsbury Hill" by Peter Gabriel marked the second of a four song plus one encore. Other nuggets included a delicate version of "Adia," "Hold On," and, of course, "Ice Cream."

Visually, each song was complimented by her multi-level stage, embellished with grass patches, trees and, in general, looked to me

like a suitable environment for a forest nymph and her ilk. Behind the band hung translucent white panels onto which photographs, lyrics, and live shots of the band were projected, while psychedelia-infused lighting drifted over the crowd. The main drum kit was covered in stretched animal hide and sat on a knotty gray tree stump with grass cascading onto the steps below.

In the end, I actually found myself hoping at times that she'd play something awful just so I could relax and not have any goose bumps for a change. But, of course, she offered no such release. McLachlan was the portrait of perfection from start to finish.



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Laurel Brauns visits Boise tomorrow evening for a performance at the Kulture Klatsch.

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Indie artist plays downtown Friday

BY TRAVIS ESTUOLD
Culture Editor

Tomorrow night, New Hampshire native Laurel Brauns brings her style of "indie americana to quiet rock" music to the Kulture Klatsch in downtown Boise. Her Web site says, "She was a trad-music geek in high school and spent much of her time learning obscure Celtic ballads and raucous Pogues songs. After high

school, she lived in Ireland, busking on the street and joining sessions in pubs."

She has two self-released albums to her credit: 2001's "Swimming," and "Periphery," released in 2003. Her next album is due out this fall.

Though her gig posters offer that "her voice is a nice mix of Cat Power and Sinead O'Conner," Brauns' story of her travels is a bit like that of pop-icon Jewel. She

paid for her most recent album by serving beer in Alaska while living in a tent. Brauns' tours cover mostly her childhood stomping grounds in the Northeast and areas periphery to her university days in the Northwest. (She went to college in Portland.)

Whatever her songs inspire in listeners, one thing can be guaranteed: her sound—and message—are authentic. Though her stop in Boise is short, and the venue

she'll be featured in is small, you can bet Laurel Brauns' big heart will easily win over onlookers.

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Idaho Dance Theatre

BY JOSEF FIRNAGE
Culture Writer

Sitting in a sparsely filled Special Events Center on the opening night of the Idaho Dance Theatre's spring show, I was more than a little embarrassed that people at BSU had yet again failed to give heed to the call of the arts. Yes, I was far more than a little poo-pooed that so many of us in this cultural oasis we call Boise State chose to forgo yet another night of the aesthetic.

Just kidding (or am I?). But seriously, if you missed these four nights of performance, you missed out in a big way. But I'm sure you had more important things to do, such as play videogames, watch TV, or go to the clubs which are so dramatically life-altering and uplifting that I bet you spent the better part of the morning after staring at your ceiling, contemplating how much Advil you could fit inside your stomach without resorting to the emergency room pump.

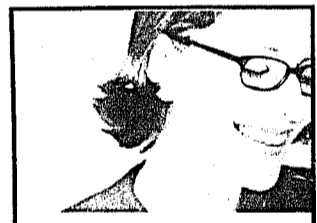
And if you did go to any one of the shows, well, good for you for supporting your local, hardworking, too often ignored, calloused, bruised, overstretched, overworked dancers.

After contemplating the show,

I am left with one impression regarding the dancers: They must work out. Man, I was completely blown away by the control these dancers had over their bodies. And for the most part I was in awe by how the choreography took me away as I watched the dancers move in ways I have seen only in dreams. I was impressed at the skill that each dancer displayed, realizing that many of the dancers are BSU students with incredible workloads to add to their highly demanding performance schedule.

To comment on each dancer would take too long. But every dancer added his or her own grace to the music, well-chosen for each individual piece. I salute each dancer. However, a few individual dancers do come to mind. And these dancers win the award of appearing in The Arbitrator—a high accomplishment by any standard: Mariko Reid stands out for her stage presence alone, Yurek Hansen's power and poise set a standard, and Jessica Bastow's control and elegance made me want to dance.

In all it was among the best evenings I've had as a writer for this paper. It was inspiring, beautiful, and at times, magical.



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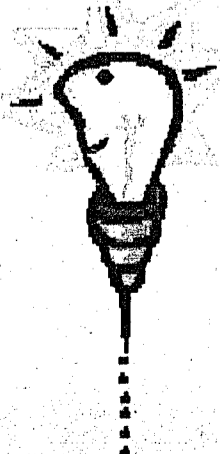
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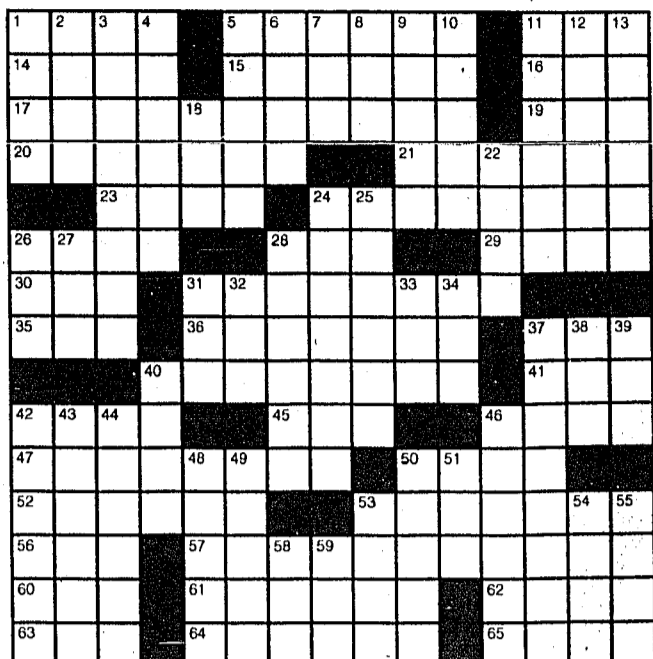
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 - Ms. Fitzgerald
 - Still green
 - Ginger
 - Fusing into one
 - Apple seed
 - Bos'n for boatswain, e.g.
 - Stand against
 - Berry and Kesey
 - Dons (something)
 - Lost traction
 - Interdiction
 - Chap
 - Coop resident
 - Supplants
 - Coop product
 - 16th-century warship
 - "Fawly Towers" network
 - Jo of "East of Eden"
 - Debt letters
 - Basilica area
 - Rodent pest
 - House opening?
 - Telpherages
 - Nemean beast
 - Bit of food
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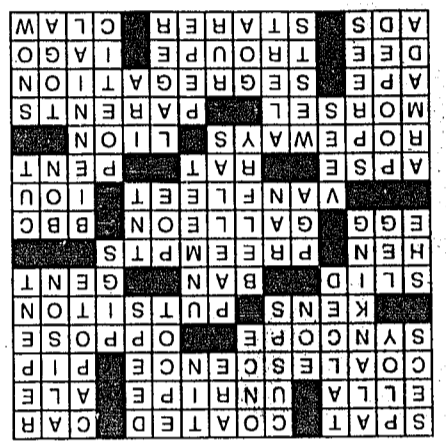


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- DOWN**
- Brief time periods
 - Stratagem
 - Cigar-smoking comic
 - Powdered
 - Pointed ends
 - A single time
 - Is for two?
 - Can material

- Disney World draw
- Oceanic abysses
- "In Cold Blood" author
- Elvis Costello hit
- Feel contrite
- Long period
- Porkers
- Rice dishes
- Unseemly
- "Loves You"
- Part of a tour
- Bell tower
- Links org.
- Dashed
- "The Bells" poet
- Big bang letters
- Happening every second year
- voyage!
- Slice
- Some necklines
- Fleet afloat

Solutions



- All tucked out
- Binges
- Like rhymes and verses
- Bridge seats
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By Linda C. Black
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Today's Birthday (04-21-05)
 Let others motivate and assist you this year. Don't even try to do a huge assignment all by yourself. Be a team player. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 Today is a 6 - Put the pressure on a person who can produce the results you want. It's called holding somebody accountable for what they said they'd do. It's a good thing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is an 8 - One of the ways you recognize true love is that you get involved in making things happen together. Disagreements are part of the process.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 6 - The next few days will be good for romance and meaningful conversations. Arrange your schedule so you'll have plenty of time for both.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is an 8 - You're easily distracted now, and that could cause you problems. Remember your deep breathing exercises, and stay on task.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 6 - For the next several weeks, focus on your career. There's a lot more money to be made. It may be necessary for you to update your skills, however. First, figure out what to study.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is an 8 - You want everything to be perfect, so naturally you see whatever's not. Don't worry, this is a natural talent of yours. Just keep fine-tuning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is a 6 - If at first you don't succeed, look at the situation from a fresh angle. Don't do the same thing over and over again that obviously isn't working.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is an 8 - Friends are happy to help you make the right connections. Let them know what you need and offer suggestions. Keep the final decision for yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is an 8 - A critical person is quite annoying, and you're about to snap. A jury of peers might rule self-defense, but that's not much help, unless you want a new job anyway.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is a 9 - You'll find that as you go along, making do and even doing without, you'll naturally rise to the top. That's your default setting.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Today is a 5 - You'll run into a riddle that doesn't seem to have any answer. Don't fly into a tizzy; discuss the matter with friends. One of them has experience that will help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Today is an 8 - Take the time to get your financial situation figured out. Don't be afraid; you may discover you have more than you thought. Holding onto it is what you're learning now.

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