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English professor wins faculty award

[denied tenure for not publishing enough]

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY

Assistant English professor Louis Simon received the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year award on April 28. The award is voted on by students in the English department and comes after Simon was denied tenure for a second time by Boise State University, meaning that he will not be asked to return to teach at BSU in the fall.

"I am enjoying the irony of receiving the award," Simon said.

Last spring, when Simon was denied tenure the first time, about 30 students filed a petition to BSU President Bob Kustra asking him to retain Simon as a professor, and give him tenure. The request was not answered.

Students seem to matter less than the prestige the university gets from publications," Simon said.

The reasons given to explain Simon's denial of tenure concerned his number of publications. To receive tenure, a professor must exhibit excellence in teaching, excellence in service to the department, and produce a certain number of published articles. Simon said he had only been published twice in his seven years at BSU, and five times before moving to Boise. He said that he wrote a series of articles and a book manuscript, neither of which has been published.

"I was naïve to think that excellence in teaching would make up for a lack of publications," Simon said. "The publications system is a thing of the past.

Simon said that much of his work was not published because of a change in the publications environment.

At BSU there is a moratorium on the number of professional journals that the Albertson's Library can subscribe to. The only way to get a new journal subscription at BSU is to go to the select departments on campus and ask the department to stop subscribing to a certain journal so that a new one can be ordered.

As journals across the country feel the pinch from universities like BSU not subscribing to them, many go out of business, others undergo cut backs, which creates what Simon called a bot-

tleneck, too many PhD's and not enough places for them to get printed. He also mentioned the Internet as a cause, since Internet publications don't count toward tenure and many journals are going online.

For Simon to study in his field of Critical theory, Post-Colonial Studies, at BSU he would have to get his textual materials from an inter-library loan program or simply leave campus to do his

Simon mentioned that the research libraries at Loyola University in Chicago, where he earned his doctorate, were open until 1-2 a.m. and were packed with students and professors alike doing research in the library. The Albertsons Library closes at 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 6 p.m. Fridays.

"They want to be a 'Metropolitan Research Univer sity of Distinction,' but they don't want to pay for it," Simon said. "Albertsons Library is not adequate. As BSU becomes what it calls a 'Metropolitan research University of Distinction' I wonder if it's not going to be detrimental to the students."

Simon hinted that there might be more to his firing than just publication.

"People can use rules to get rid of people they don't like." Simon said. "I consider myself an activist, and I introduce politics into my classroom. I am critical of the structure of society and the university. People have rigid ways of thinking. I was a problem. Now I'm not. I think it was a slap in the face to students."

"We have created a system that doesn't. work," Simon said. "I bring something unique to my classroom.'

Simon uses music to help communicate with his students, to the extent of arranging CD mixes for certain classes that apply to course work and giving them to students.

'I'm going to take this opportunity to work on my music," Simon said.

Simon plays the drums, keyboards, synthesizer and does studio work in what is now his 'free time'. After this semester, Simon's music will become his full-time drive.

Football player involved in fatal car crash



BY MARY GRACE LUCAS AND TREVOR HORN Arbiter Staff

Boise State University, starting football player Cam Hall was involved in a fatal car accident Saturday night outside Eagle.
According to Lt. Patrick Calley

of the Ada County Sheriff's Department, the accident was the result of an incident of road rage involving Hall and 45-year-old Mark Lazinka.

Witnesses said the two were driving south on Idaho 55 when Hall, driving a Mustang, attempted to pass Lazinka, who was driving a GMC Sierra. Police said for some reason, Hall was unable to make the pass and the drivers became agitated with one another.

"Whatever it was, it escalated into a road rage incident," Calley said. Witnesses said both drivers then accelerated to speeds in excess of 100 mph. The officer said Hall nearly hit a Subaru Outback as he passed through the intersection. Calley said Lazinka's truck then collided with the Subaru, killing a married couple and their five-week-old infant.

According to Calley, Hall was aware of the accident but drove away from the scene. Calley said Hall later informed a friend of the incident and subsequently, the BSU coaching staff found out about it. Calley said they advised Hall to contact police and coop-

The Arbiter spoke briefly with Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier about Hall's involvement in the accident. "He was part of what happened, but that's all I know," Bleymeier said.

At press time, police said Hall had not been charged with any crime, but he was interviewed as a witness and a possible contributor to the collision.

Calley said Lazinka will not be charged with any crime until forensic and blood-alcohol tests are completed. "There's absolutely the evidence of alcohol being involved with Lazinka, not on the part of Cam Hall," Calley said.

Hall, a senior from Kennewick, Wash., has played football for the Broncos for three years. He was expected to be the starting free safety for the team in the fall sea-

Lazinka and the passenger in his car sustained only minor in-

Today is the last Arbiter issue until June 8

BY ARBITER STAFF

Today's issue of The Arbiter is last of the Spring 2005 semester. The Arbiter will print four summer issues on June 8 and 22 and July 13 and 27.

The Arbiter has also announced its editorial staff positions for next year. Mary Grace Lucas will take over as Editor in Chief, former Culture Editor Travis Estvold is the new Managing Editor, Randall Post will remain News Editor, Sara Bahnson is the new Assistant News Editor, former Assistant News Editor Mariana

Bekker will take over as Culture Editor, Joe Firmage is the new Assistant Culture Editor, Trevor Horn will remain Sports Editor, Dustin Lapray will take over as the Assistant Sports Editor, Matt Allred is the new Photo Editor and Drew Mayes is the new Opinion Editor.

The first issue of Fall 2005 semester will come out Wednesday, August 17.

For writing and other internship opportunities at The Arbiter, e-mail Mary Grace Lucas at editor@arbiteronline.com.



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4-9pm.... The Rec Free Babysitting Services

► 6:40pm...Rec Group Exercise Room Yoga

7-9pm.... SUB Johnson Room Free Massage

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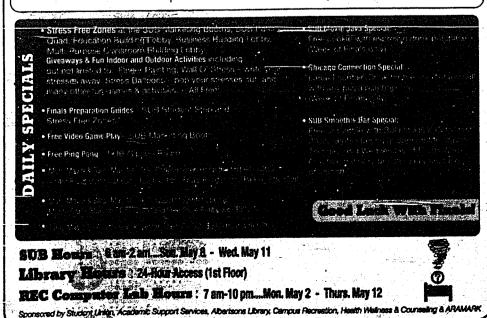
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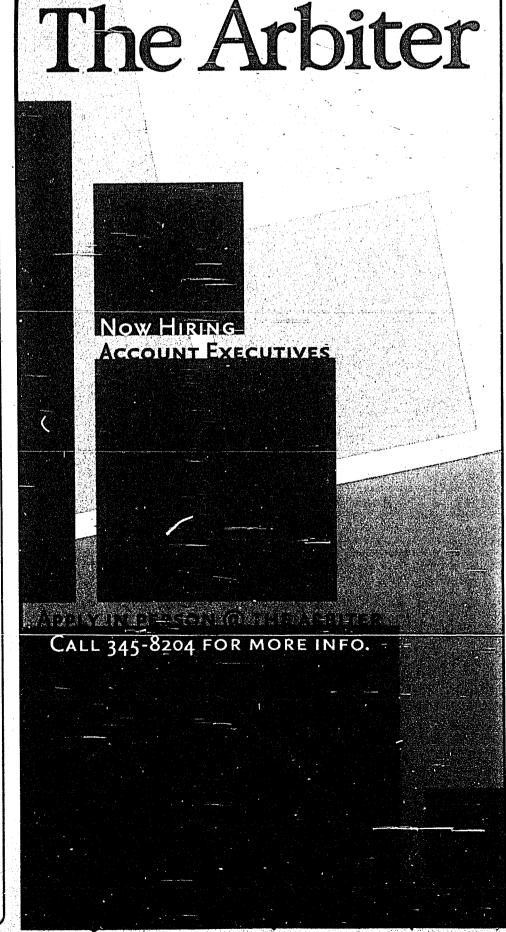
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At last: She walks the line BSU student graduates after 25 years as a student

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS
News Writer

Pamela Bommarito listens to Linkin Park, complains about the parking garages, and smiles at the thought of pur-· chasing a cap and gown just as many other graduates will this spring. But, these normal-college-kid characteristics can be quite deceptive, as Pamela Bommarito is anything but your average bronco graduate.

In fact, walking the line this weekend is the final step in Bommarito's 25

years as a BSU student. "I've been a senior for so long [laughs].

It keeps you young.' Bommarito said she's not sure if she's the only person to have ever taken a quarter century to get a single degree, but this very non-traditional student also said she's glad she did it her way. "It was more something of a goal than something I professionally needed to

In 1980, Bommarito enrolled at BSU rafter spending one year at the La Grande School of Business in Oregon. She was married and soon began a family, eventually having two children. Bommarito said she couldn't be full-time student due to familial and professional constraints so she simply continued taking one or two classes each semester.

Bommarito said in all this time, there have only been a few semesters she has not attended at least one class. "I just knew I wouldn't come back."

Paying for school by the credit has added up over the years, Bommarito said. "I think I spent like ten times more

But, she also says the cost of an extended stay at the university has never overshadowed her experience. "I've met some great people and the instructors have been awesome"

Today, her son and daughter are both students at BSU. Bommarito said sharing a campus with her kids isn't necessarily a bad thing, but she's not all too interested in sticking around after they're done. "I just had to graduate before my son and daughter," she jokes.

This year, Bommarito and her two children both signed up for a biology class together. She said they developed a friendly rivalry, each trying to get a higher grade then the others on any given assignment.

For the most part, Bommarito said, her fellow students have a tough time understanding how she took so long to get her course work done. But she said she is convinced that anyone can get a college degree and adults should not let fear get in the way of graduation. "Set your goals and go for it."

For Bommarito, it looks like the goals have finally been achieved and she can relax. She said she and her family are going to host a big Pamela's-Finally-Done Shindig and, over the summer, they'll head south to hike the Inca trail.

But with a sheepish grin, Bommarito said she might return to school for a few more years to earn a Masters degree. "I don't think I can stop now."

Ultimately, Bommarito said she is going to take at least a short break before enrolling again. "I'm going to get my nose out of a book for a while.'

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Pamela Bommarito trys graduation on for size.

Anthropology students look into mass transit system for Boise BY DANIELLE VERHULP News Writer but now car manufacturers are

The future of mass transit in Boise, Idaho looks "bleak", BSU anthropology students say.

Recently, a group of 12 applied anthropologystudents, under the guidance of Assistant Professor Robert McCarl, conducted field research on various transportation options within the Boise community.

The students explored facets of the Boise transit system as well as Commuterride, a business van service in the Treasure Valley. The students were interested in evaluating how mass transit systems affect various groups of Boiseans and what factors prompt individuals to rely on transit instead of personal automobiles.

The group used participant observation, surveys, and personal interviews as their primary research methods. Each student took on the tasks of speaking with mass transit users and conducting personal interviews with handicapped individuals that use the transit as their main form of transportation. These interactions were designed to assess levels of satisfaction among transit patrons.

The students also studied the history of the automobile and its construction. They discovered that in the past, automobiles were designed with high gas mileage,

consciously making an effort to lower gas mileage on their vehicles. This lower gas mileage comes at the cost of harm to the environment and an impractical

investment for consumers. The findings from the research will be reported on a Web site linked to the BSU Anthropology department. The students will also prepare a presentation of their findings slated for the beginning of the 2005 Fall semes-

Students interested in finding out more about transit systems in the Boise area are encouraged to explore the following Web sites: www.commuterride.com and www.census.gov. They can also take part in activities during the May in Motion month-long celebration sponsored by Commuterride. Each week in May is marked by a different theme such as Feet Week, Try Transit Week, Get in the Pool Week, and Leave Your Car at Home Week. A more detailed list of events can be found on Commuterride's Web site.

As for the students involved in the research, all are hoping that their research study will have an impact on the future of Boise's mass transit system. Though they currently see this future as bleak, they hope that their study will prompt steady improvements.

Weathering the storm: FINALS RELIEF

BY EMILY POITEVIN Special to The Arbiter

Just hearing the word "finals" can make college students cringe. It is a time of staying up all night to finish putting that English portfolio together. It is a time of cramming for that chemistry test 15 minutes before it starts, and a time when many students stress themselves out to the point of exhaustion. Various organizations at Boise State are trying to prevent that from happening this year by offering Finals Relief programs.

Students can "Weather the Storm" by participating in a variety of activities from May 8 - May 12. The program is designed to lessen the pressure many students feel during this time of the semester. The relief begins Sunday, May 8, at 10:30 p.m., with the Night Owl breakfast, a tradition that happens every semester, and includes pancakes, waffles, and bacon, among other things. The breakfast is free to residence hall students and \$4 for all other students.

One of the more popular features of the program is a free massage students can get at various locations around campus. Fulltime student Allie Markus received one last year, and is planning on getting one this year.

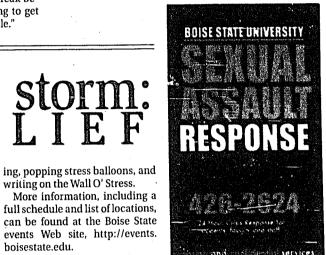
"Heck yes, the massage was fabulous!" Markus said. "It was the best half hour of my day!"

Students can also enjoy a free lunch with their massage. The event takes place all week in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Massages will also be available all week from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Student Union Johnson Room.

Game specials in the Student Union will also be available all week. Monday and Wednesday, Monte Carlo Bowling will be \$1.50 all day, and anyone with their Boise State ID gets a free shoe rental. Tuesday, one hour of pool will cost only \$3 to people with valid student ID.

To help those with a serious need of studying, the first floor of the Albertsons Library will be open 24 hours for the entire week. Coffee and hot cocoa, sponsored by Student Activities, will be given away free of charge starting at 10:00 p.m. Finals preparations guides will also be available at the Student Union Student Stop to give students helpful tips on how to best prepare for exams.

Other programs offered include free babysitting services at the REC Center from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as well as free parking to the first 60 people who mention "finals relief" in the Student Union Visitor Parking Lot. Stress Free Zones will also be set up throughout campus. In addition to free giveaways, students will also be able to take part in finger paint-





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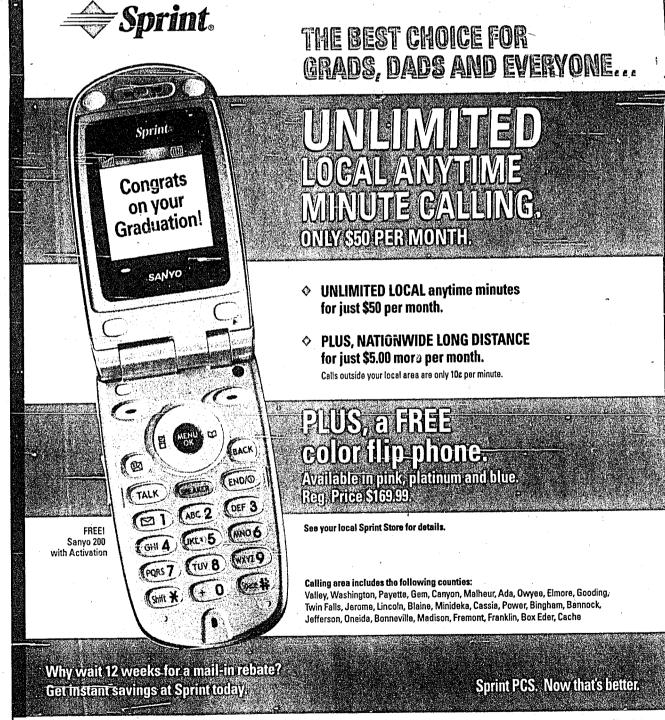
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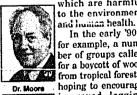
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The Sensible Environmentalist

It's Time to Boycott—Boycotts (NAPS)-DEAR DR. MOORE: Many consumers have already

Do you support boycotts as a way to force environmental

I used to, but I've come to believe that boycotts have unintended consequences, many of hich are harmful to the environment



In the early '90s, for example, a number of groups called for a boycott of wood from tropical forests, hoping to encourage improved logging

practices. As a result, demand dropped and prices collapsed. Unfortunately, the landowners didn't react according to plan. They harvested at even faster -but instead of reforestation they planted crops that had value on the world market, such as bananas and papayas. If the world didn't want the wood from their forests, what incentive did they

have to plant more trees? Today consumers are being urged to boycott, among other things, farmed salmon. Forget, for a moment, that the study used to cated that farmed salmon is safe to eat. Forget also, that organiza-tions ranging from the American Heart Association to the World Health Organization have voiced strong support for farmed salmon.

been persuaded. Some have turned to other proteins, thereby reducing their intake of Omega 3 fatty acids-which have been shown to protect against heart disease and Alzheimer's. Others are eating only wild salmon, increasing pressure on wild fish populations and putting them at

When I helped co-found Greenpeace in the early 1970s, no one was inviting us to share our views or help shape policy. Harm was being done to this planet and no one seemed aware of the fate that surely awaited humankind if we continued unchecked. Today, environmental protection is fully entrenched in North American law and environmental groups are sought for their opinions. We no longer have the same need to provoke conflict.

I began what I call the "sensible" environmental movement because I believe it's time to evolve beyond tectics such as boycotts. It is now far more effective to work with governments and industries to encourage positive

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A cofounder of Greenpeace, he holds a PhD in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmental

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Accountability and ethics in student government

BY SCOTT BLADES

This March (2005), the Boise State University Student Body President, David Morriss, was impeached and removed from office for misappropriation of funds. He was found guilty for taking \$1,760 from student government resources. He kept it secret, and when caught a month and a half later claimed, "I just didn't think to tell anybody.

Karl Runft, defense attorney, charged in this column that the ASBSU Senate "railroaded" Morriss out of office. Runft incorporated single sentences and is seen in its entirety and is not out of context soundbites from the hearing to 'prove' his point. In politics that's called spin; but it doesn't change the fact that Morriss' actions were wrong.

Since it's impossible to present the mountain of evidence against Morriss in such a small space, I encourage all who are interested to contact the ASBSU offices at 208-426-1440 and request the video-recorded impeachment hearing. All evidence is public record. The Senate was confident about the actions taken and welcomes public review. Runft's charge loses credibility when the evidence louder than words and patterns

cut and pasted.

For a defense, Morriss took every approach except responsibility for his actions. The "behind the scenes" politics were disturbing. Apparently, BSU President Kustra was threatened with a lawsuit if he did not step in and prevent the impeachment hearing. I respect Dr. Kustra and thank him for upholding the trust of the students, ensuring the integrity of the system, and not bowing to those who would destroy it in an effort to es-

cape accountability. The truth is, actions speak first legislation Morris signed after election raised his own salary (\$1,223) to \$8,423/yr. Following bad press, he published a letter in BSU's newspaper promising he would donate his increase to a BSU Scholarship fund. (5/10/04)

On March 9, 2005, Morriss published another letter promising to return the misappropriated I could not find clear evidence

either promise was fulfilled. On April 29, I called Morriss to ask if he had returned those monies and if he would authorize BSU to release that information. David vulgarities, and very rabidly refused to release any documentation. Morriss said he wanted me to go to my grave thinking he kept the money. It is clearly inappropriate, a conflict of interest, and illegal for an elected official to secretly siphon funds for themselves from the organization they represent. BSU and ASBSU both have ethics policies in place, as does the State Board of Education, the City of Boise and the State of Idaho. In fact, if applicable to student government, Idaho State Code 18-1359 Using **Public Position for Personal Gain**

of behavior show intent. The claimed both were repaid, hurled clearly defines Morriss' actions as a misdemeanor. In the real world, secretly taking \$1,760 from your employer is a felony.

The ASBSU Senate was forced to act to protect the integrity of ASBSU, and the funds entrusted to it, through the only route available. David Morriss was removed from office. It was a sad time for BSU's student government. It is now a time of hope. Good people stood up to demand accountability, honesty and ethics in their government and leadership. I hope this sentiment is contagious on campus and beyond.

The Better Sex:

TAMERA HELGESON

I am glad that I was born female. I believe it is by far the better sex. Why is it better to be a woman? When I go shopping I have a multitude of clothing options to choose from. For instance. I can purchase a long or short skirt, a mini-skirt, dressy or casual slacks, tight or baggy jeans, trousers or pants, shorts or a skort, or a full, formal dress and all in a rainbow of colors. Men do not have this clothing option available to them, just go into any Gap of Abercrombie.

To change my mood I like to dye my hair Sometimes it is purple, red, blonde, burgundy, orange or even black. No one really cares what color my hair is, it is my choice. Most of the men I know would be ridiculed if they hair any or all of these colors. When I have a facial blemish, my roommate calls them visitors, I go into my bathroom and apply some cover-up and foundation. Viola, my 'visitor' is all gone. I know some men, who have cover-up in their medicine cabinets, but the majority of men don't and probably most of us wish that they did.

The fact is that in the society we live in there are a lot of misconceptions about men, such as, the more hair product in their bathroom than the gayer they

I own about ten purses all of which I utilize. I can carry my lipstick, my ID, my money, my phone etc. This is another option not available to men. We have all seen the 'Seinfeld' episode with his European carryall, and lived through the 80's and the fanny pack. It is true that college men have backpacks, but be warned when your college days are over, out goes the backpack, and then try keeping all your shit together.

What, these are all stupid, superficial reasons that it is better to be a woman. True, so here are some not so stupid or superficial reasons. One, women for a feminist means recognizing millions of years have been giv ing birth to the next generation and for the most part are the only sex to have the guts to take care of them as well. Before the intervention of drugs, which was sometime in the 80's, women gave birth naturally and great numbers of them died during childbirth. Two, women do not start wars, men do, despite the consequences women

still will defend their country. Women are more humane, we are the peacekeepers, working tirelessly and sacrificially to help the victims of war. Three, women earn \$.74 to every \$1.00 a man earns and for the same amount of work. Some of you may say, "You are stupid," or "It is your own fault," but I am saying you try working next to someone and doing the exact same job but knowing that you are receiving less pay. We do it because we have to, for our kids, our family and ourselves.

Women are dedicated, brave, and definitely less whiny than any man I know when true pain or sickness occurs. Some of you are saying, "This must be one of those feminists, we have heard about." Yes, I am a feminist. By definition to be women not as an act of choice but as a matter of fact (from A Feminist Dictionary). Why, because women are your mother, your sister, your wife or girlfriend and for some of us, yourself. I am glad that I was born female. I believe it is by far the

Faux News

Arbiter copy editor dies

"Possible ink poisoning," coroner says

BY TOM SCHOLES ELIOT

Boise, Idaho-Taylor Newbold, copy editor for Boise State University's official newspaper The Arbiter, was found dead in the paper's section editors' office early Sunday morning. Randall Post, news editor, reported to Boise police that he found Newbold in what looked like a pool of blood. "I came in early that morning with a killer hangover when I heard Abba blaring from one of the offices," Post exclaimed. "The poor sonuvabitch."

Boise Police deputy Mike Hawk

said, "Boise police are treating this as a possible homicide and an investigation is underway." Ada County Coroner Lester Burnheart reported that Newbold's death was "quite unusual." Burnheart reported Newbold died with a permanent bright red smile on his face and had a blood ink concentration (BIC) 12 times the normal level. Adding to the confusion is Randall Post's claims that when he found Newbold he was wearing a petite red cocktail dress, a white boa, and far too much makeup. "I've never seen him in a dress," Post said. "At least not at

Coroner Burnheart said it is possible that Newbold's frequent use of red ink as a substitute for blush may be to blame.

Boise Police say they have no suspect leads as of yet, but are looking into who might have purchased all the red pens Newbold was in possession of.

Mary Dawson, The Arbiter's Editor in Chief, described Newbold fondly. "He was a man of exceptional taste and decency...but he drove me [expletive] crazy with his Ethel Merman impressions." She added, "He will be missed."



Rants about

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Mike Roche's article about the lacrosse from April 28 was poorly written, one sided, and doesn't belong in a newspaper, besides maybe in the opinions section. Anyone responsible for publishing such garbage and passing it off as news has no respect for journalism or journalists. Congratulations Arbiter staff on degrading your entire profession as well as demonstrating the utter ignorance of Mr. Roche who should stick to Graphics and Page Design.

Barrett Ballay

I hope you take a serious look at the feed back your columnist Mike Roche has generated from his recent column on lacrosse. I am amazed at how many ignorant comments made it into one article. Next time you might want to read the articles before you publish them. I hope for your sake that the other writers on your staff at least have a clue as to what they are writing about. Roche is a dope,

Dan Collins

Student Chico State, Calif. -

What the hell is this idiot talking about. I would love to see this guy on the field one day. I bet he is just jealous of anybody remotely athletic, so he tries to make up for his inability to run with this kind of crap. If you want some Mike come and get it. See you next spring, I mean it! This is a typical Idahoan attitude, you guys are incredible. I think you guys should stop letting inbreds into your college, just some honest advice.

> Sincerely, A pissed off Laxman

Opinion editor says his adieus

BY TRYLOR NEWBOLD
Opinion Editor

Since this is the last issue of the school year, I thought it appropriate to give a final farewell to a few people. I can honestly say this school year has been unique. I've learned how to lose a student government election, I've passed psychology research methods. and I've written a short story I'm actually quite proud of. But what has made this year the most gratifying is working at The Arbiter. I have had the rare opportunity of loving my job and my coworkers. And so, I dedicate this small section of my page entirely to all of them.

To the patriarchal and wise Dr. Dan; the goofy and hilarious Travis and Randall; the beautiful Amber, Tiffani, Leona, Mariana, Richae, Hilary, Sara, and Audrey; the always radiant and intelligent Mary; the debonair Kyle; the comical Trevor; the professional and amiable Marcus and Brad; all of our writers (remember: one space after a period); and to Greg who I like to think cut his hair just for me.

I also dedicate this space to the graduates of 2005 with this message: Always look life in its face and accept both its warm embraces and cold unpredictability. Don't take it too seriously, only take it for what it is-a sea of un-

Good luck and God bless.

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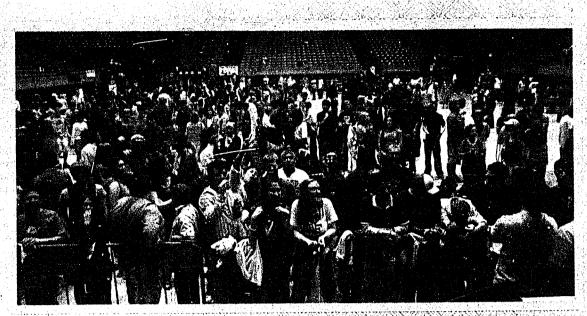
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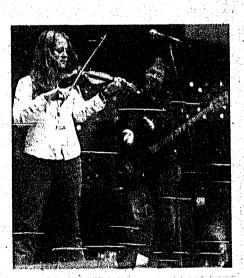
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Students flock to Taco Bell Arena as SPRING GETS FLUNG

BY TRAVIS ESTUDIO Cultura Editor

Another school year is almost in the bag; all that remains is Finals Week But before that dreaded string of four days reared its ugly head, students headed over to the Taco Bell Arena and took advantage of the Student Programs Board's Dead Week sendoff featuring free music and ac-

Bands Enation, Kristy Thirsk, Austin Willacy, The Clumsy Lovers, Raining Jane, and Reel Big Fish as well as animated comic duo Alfred & Seymore kept the slightly undersized audience entertained all afternoon.

Activities ranging from laser tag and human bowling to miniature remote controlled NASCAR

racing filled up the auxiliary gym: The crowd, which swelled as the day progressed, filling about a third of the main arena floor at the conclusion, with additional scattered fans taking seats in the elevated orange pull down chairs around the venue, seemed to skew event coè Heather

after Raining Jane finished up their set around 7 p.m. Headliners Reel Big Fish had their set delayed about twenty minutes, but by the time they took the stage, everyone in attendance was ready for the band's up-tempo goofy-but-potent ska stylings.

Watching the crowd was like witnessing an E! channel special on teen culture, with a smattering of different fashion trends on display. There were retro-punks with tight pants and sleeveless jean jackets, simulating the Sex Pistols era. There were Abercrombie & Fitch (or to be even more current, Hollister) kids with the latest catalog fashions on display. There were goths, and there were cross-breeds of every kind.

The Spring Fling represents a sort of last hurrah for Boise State students before they part ways for the summer, and this year had the same vibe as years past. However, a weather-forced venue switch from Julia Davis Park to the confines of Taco Bell Arena definitely seemed to dampen the experience.

Attendance of the event increased exponentially, though, from last year, when headlining act and Sacramento-based rockers Oleander amassed only a handful of onlookers.

Overall, this year's Spring Fling would have to be considered a success. Though there were y and his probably more kids from local high school than actual Boise State enrollees, it was nice to see a decent-sized crowd with some energy.

And with better annual turnout should come even bigger better attractions. So who knows what the biture of Spring Fling will bring. Rhymewas unintentional.)





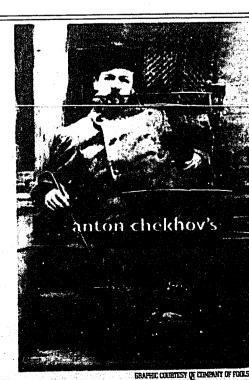






Baja Fresh hosts fundraiser for Hispanic scholarships

Helping further promote the opening of its new location on Broadway Ave., Baja Fresh Mexican Grill participated in commemorating Cinco de Mayo last Thursday by donating 15 percent of group sales to the Boise State University chapter of Organizacion de Etudiantes Latino-Americans (OELA), a student organization that a student organization that encourages and raises funds for higher education among local residents of Hispanic descent.



Company of Fools brings Checkov play to Boise State

Hatley, ID-based Company of Fools is bringing a theater production to the Boise State campus. 'Uncle Vanya,' a play by Anton Checkov and adapted by dramatist Brian Friel is scheduled to run on Stage II of the Morrison Center on Thursdays through Sundays, May 19-22 and 26-29. All shows will begin at 8 p.m., except Sundays, which have a curtain at 2 p.m. p.m., except sandays, which have a curtain at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 426-1494 or suring to www.idahotickets.com.

OELA President Manuel Villegas (second from right) and restaurant owner Scott Hatter (far right) co-organized Thursday's OELA fundraiser at Baja Fresh.



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Michelle Severe Senior

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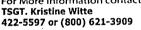
Boise sons Brandon Follett and Thomas Paul are touring the Northwest with their respective poetry and music performances.



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Poet, musician team up for unique entertainment

BY JUSTIN PRESCOTT Culture Writer

Boise is currently hiding two really great performing artists in its swirling vortex of a small townlike music scene. Spoken word artist Brandon Follett and musician Thomas Paul have both been lurking around the Boise music scene for several years with many great credits to their names. From punk/prog rock bands to sexual/ mechanical performance poetry, these two have been honing their skills as both writers and performers for some time now.

Their latest projects find them both going solo. Thomas has been recording and performing as a solo act beginning this year.

Brandon does his solo comedy/ poetry act when not being the vocalist for local punk/beatnik band Veronica and the Mental Foreplays. As solo acts it is apparent that they are excelling, always trying new things and keeping it

Eccentric might be the word, or maybe varied, but Thomas' music is all over the board. He can go from bluegrass to prog-rock in the blink of an eve. "The Ballad of Benjamin," for instance, sees Thomas evoking Elliott Smith with a blues twist while "Back Home Years Ago WOF" has a more prog-rock feel to it. "God Loves a Drunk" is way over on the other side with a bluegrass via low folk music approach.

Brandon's poetry is vivid in its sexual imagery yet evokes some kind of mechanical, unfeeling emotion in it. Sometimes shocking, sometimes comforting, the words jump out at you whether you're prepared or not. There's a lot of talk condemning our consumer-based culture as mechanical and unfeeling, comparing it to false love and failed human relationships.

Thomas and Brandon are teaming up for a small Northwest tour in mid-May with a wrap-up show on Friday, May 13 at the Kulture Klatsch in Boise. If you get a chance, go check them out. You may just be in for an enlightening, entertaining time.



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Local band releases impressive debut album

It is, of course, tempting to compare local band The Invasion to Radiohead with their melodic, loud-then-soft guitars and soaring vocals. The lyric work is similar but more concrete than Radiohead's and the guitar work is a bit more bluesy. That's not to say that the music couldn't be mistaken for Radiohead to the unenlightened listener, but they keep an identity all their

The Invasion has moments of blissful pop music, as in "Homecoming," slow country/ blues in "The New Rules," and even Latin shuffle in "Constancy." Like a lot of great bands they have variety while still being uniquely them. That's a fine line to walk. and they pull off the feat handsomely.

This past Thursday, on Cinco de Mayo, The Invasion held their first CD release party and performance at the Record Exchange. They had their CD for sale and performed to give the audience a taste. The reception was warm and energetic.

Some might remember them from one of

their earlier performances opening for The Pixies at the Big Easy. Their performance was stunted that night, but not without reason. Prior to that show they hadn't had very many performances, and certainly not to a crowd of 1,400. Not many people had even heard of them at that point. The audience was of two groups, one who heard the potential and lent them at least one ear and the other who was impatient to hear The Pixies and unappreciative of anything that stood in their way. Either way you look at it, it was just too early in The Invasion's career for them to play such a high profile show.

Their potential, though, is to become the band that sells out the Big Easy. It is surely in the future for The Invasion.

The album is good, in a word. It is well produced and the songs all seem to go along exactly as they were intended. The variety is refreshing, but not distracting. Ultimately, the sound is one step before professional and one step ahead of most local bands. It is sure to take them very far in their career, and who knows what the next one will do.

Tiger Army blitzes the Big Easy, lead singer arrested

BY KYLE GORHAM Managing Editor

Tiger Army blasted the crowd at the Big Easy last Saturday with a punk-driven show, ending with lead singer for the band, Nick 13, being arrested for battery.

The band piled through songs from every one of their albums with a fury, starting with "Ghostfire," played at a faster pace. Nearly every song was played a little harder and louder than their album versions. The music was on cue and powerful, but it drowned 13's vocals out. Often they were whispers among the thundering bass and drums.

Army's stage presence was impressive. Bassist Jeff Roffredo moved around on stage with his stand up guitar, whipping the crowd into a frenzy. During the band's last song of the night, he hoisted the instrument above his head. Not bad considering the thing is nearly as big as

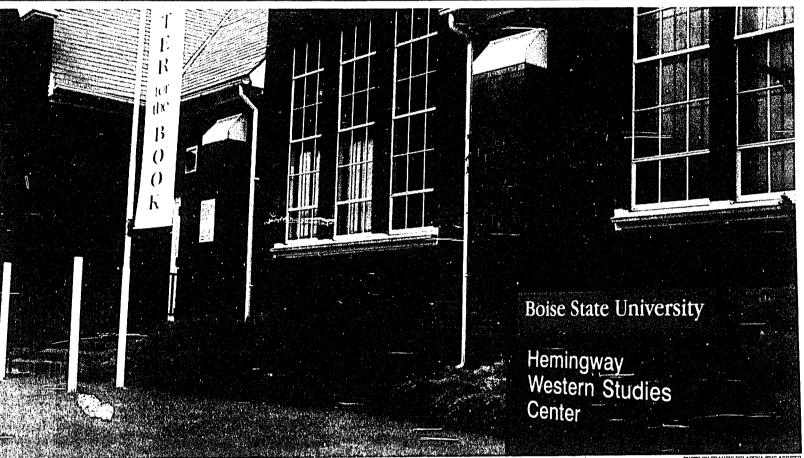
Midway through the show, 13 left the stage followed shortly by his band mates. Roffredo said that they were experiencing "technical difficulties." The crowd became impatient at the sudden break, and began chanting "Tiger Army never dies," in an effort to coax the band back on

They returned 10 minutes after and continued the show, playing even harder than before, but the vocals were still wallowing in the music.

Just as Army began to get back into rhythm, the concert was over. Roadies began to pull the equipment down right after the band walked off stage. The crowd became angry and booed Army's quick departure.

Lead singer 13 was arrested for battery shortly after the show, and may have been the reason for the band's sudden exit. Production Manager for Nick 13 of Tiger Army played Big Easy, on Saturday. the Big Easy, Mark Ehler could not comment on the details surrounding 13's arrest.







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Just what the hell goes on in the Hemingway Center?

Nestled between Albertson's Library and the Communications Building is the often-mysterious Hemingway Western Studies Center and the Idaho Center for the Book.

BY TAMERA HELGESON

There's a Hemingway building on campus? What goes on in

A white flag announces "Center for the Book" as the tall peaked roof looms over passers by, but many still speculate on what is in this building wedged in between two often-used parking lots.

"A creepy Christian religious place or a place devoted to Hemingway and people of his ilk," speculated Mark Mulkey, a Boise State economics and finance stu-

"I think it has to do with literary production," one student said while waiting on its steps.

"It's used for different artistic exhibits...last year there was a faculty show," said April Clark, an interdisciplinary student who had actually stepped through its

"The first time I walked by, the sign had Elvis on it and it caught my eye. That was a long time ago," mused Dwight Murphy, Student Union information desk lead attendant. Murphy has always assumed that the little brick building near the center of the Boise

In actuality, the building is the Hemingway Western Studies Center, and supports research, publication, and activities and events directed toward the Inter-Mountain West. Founded by former BSU President John Keiser in the 1980s, his friendship with Jack Hemingway enabled Boise State to receive permission to utilize the Hemingway name for the center. At the time, Professor Tom Trusky was asked to be the editor of the Hemingway Series, a series of publications on the West, and later became the director of the center in 1990.

The Idaho Center for the Book, also known as ICB, is also part of this building and probably the origin of Murphy's guess. ICB hosts traveling book exhibits and from now until June 1 they are hosting a collection of books and drawings by autistic, self-taught Idaho artist/bookmaker James Castle (1899-1977). Castle created his art pieces utilizing scraps of paper and saliva. In the late 1940s, he made a series of drawings of colorful houses, referred to as "Dream Houses." Within the Castle exhibit a documentary film about

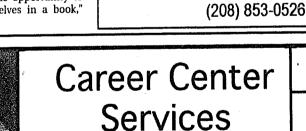
mini Dream House composed of colorful pieces of boxes (mailed in from all over the world) and cardboard from dumpsters around campus. Entitled "Icehouse unto Early Attic: Books and Art," this exhibit is on display in the Student Union Gallery, which is up the

 $main\, staircase\, in\, the\, SUB.$ The Hemingway Center is also home to the Idaho Film Collection with interviews and movie memorabilia of original movies made in Idaho.

"I thought wouldn't it be cool to get teenage memoirs about a film, like "Napoleon Dynamite" (made in Idaho)," Trusky says about the interviews being collected at Preston High School, and soon to be on display within the center. The center also sponsors conferences, promotes and publishes Idaho authors and puts out a newsletter, and recently has been selling a popular card game titled "Idaho Authors!" with all of the proceeds benefiting the nonprofit ICB.

The Hemingway Center and its adopted child, the Idaho Center for the Book, both have one thing in common: to encourage the making of history through the

State University campus archived Castle's life will be shown in a publication of words. Trusky also teaches a book arts class here at Boise State, and some of his studer.ts' homemade books have been in the ICB's traveling show, Bookers Dozen. "People respond positively to the opportunity to express themselves in a book," Trusky said.



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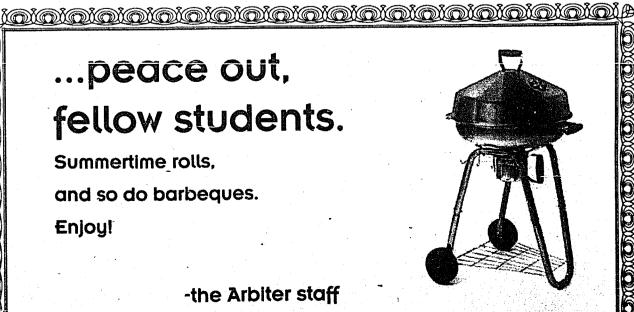
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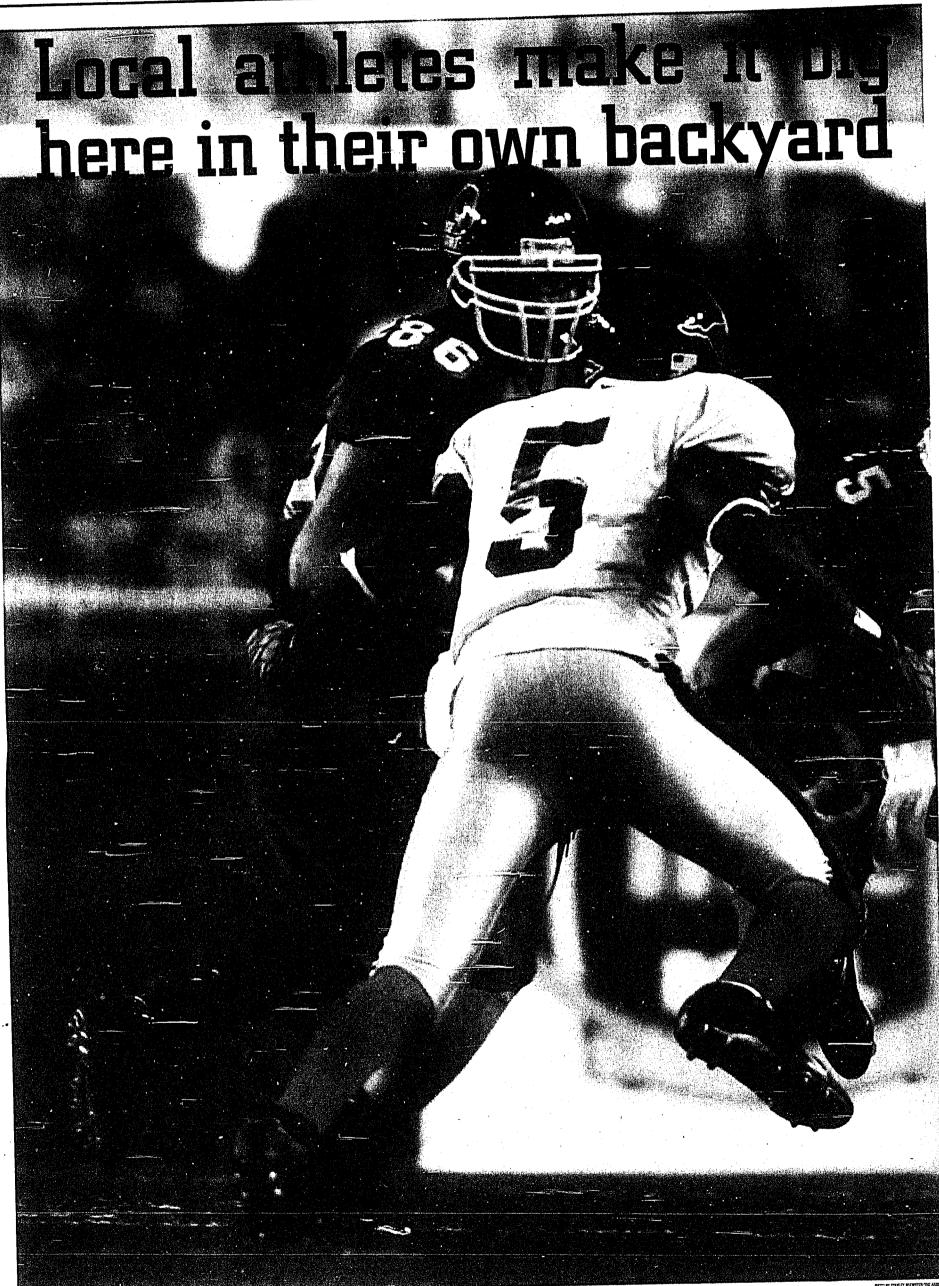
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"If I drop a pass or do something I wasn't supposed to, I know my parents, wife, and friends are going to be waiting for me, and ask me why I didn't make the catch," Boise State tight end Sherm Blaser said of playing in front of the home crowd at Bronco Stadium.

BY SHAWN ASHBY Sports Writer

Over the past five years, Boise State athletics have produced a number of very successful athletes after their college careers. Some of these athletes have more in common with each other than some might have noticed, because they are locals. For quite some time now, Boise State has been able to land some of the great local high school athletes.

There have been a number of players from Idaho that have seen success in sports after their college careers come to an end. Jeb Putzier played high school football at Eagle High School, and played for the Broncos from 1998 to 2002. Jeb was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 2002. Jeb saw limited action in his first couple of years in the NFL playing behind future Hall-of-Famer Shannon Sharpe. After Sharpe retired, Putzier has seen more and more action on the field earning himself a large role on the Broncos.

Abe Jackson played basketball for the Bishop Kelly Knights, where he became a very well known high school athlete. After graduating from Bishop Kelly in 1998, Abe joined former basketball coach Rod Jensen's roster. While play-

ing at Boise State, Abe set Bronco records for three-point shooting. After his years at BSU, Abe played professional basketball in France, before deciding to return home and complete his de-

Arguably one of the most popular Broncos, Brock Forsey enjoyed a great deal of success while playing football for the Centennial Patriots of Meridian. Brock was a walk-on for the Broncos and later earned a scholarship spot on the team. During his senior year at BSU, Brock led the nation in touchdowns and set a school record with 32 touchdowns, a record that ranks second in NCAA history behind Barry Sanders. The Chicago Bears drafted Brock where he played one season before heading to the Dolphins and, more recently, he signed with the Redskins.

Of the 90 players on the football team's spring roster, 20 of them are from Idaho. There is only one local player on the men's basketball team; the women's team is down to three with the recent departure of Boise's Cassidy Blaine. The track and field team hosts the most natives with 26 locals. This last season the volleyball team had two players from Idaho, but has recently acquired Mandy Klein, an athletic star from Timberline High school.

Being a local athlete does have its disadvantages, according to Boise State tight end Sherm Blaser. "If I drop a pass or do something I wasn't supposed to, I know my parents, wife, and friends are going to be waiting for me, and ask me why I didn't make the catch.'

Blaser was recruited out of Eagle High School by Boise State, University of Idaho, University of Utah, and the University of Oregon. Besides being his home town, he ended up choosing BSU because they allowed him to first serve a mission for the LDS church.

Running into Bronco Stadium on a game night is different for Blaser than for his teammates. "I know that my parents, my wife, people I went to church and school with are there watching," he

said. For Sherm it is truly a home crowd. When all is said and done, being a local is a big advantage for Blaser. Having his family and friends nearby provides a long line of support for this Boise State tight end.

Going from a team with 20 Idahoans to a team where you are the only one is the story for Matt Bauscher. Matt graduated from Alive in 2003, where he achieved much success. Bauscher wasn't recruited heavily by Boise State, and ended up playing basketball for Spokane Community

College. His first year at Spokane, Matt played well enough to gain the attention of BSU among other schools. Being able to return home and play in front of his family and friends is all that he needed.

Bauscher knows that playing in Taco Bell Arena is different for him compared to his teammates. "I've been watching games here since I was little," Bauscher said. He knows that his relationship with the fans is something a little bit more.

Playing in front of people who have watched him grow-up would be added pressure, but not for Bauscher. "I put a lot of pressure on myself anyway, playing in front of people who know me adds no extra pressure," he said.

Matt also has the added advantage of being close to his high school coach, Mike Chatterton. "It's pretty cool to be able to be so close to him... we still talk pretty regularly," Bauscher said.

Boise State does have a long line of great local talent, and continues to add to its already rich history. It often seems like you are always hearing about the next big recruit from California or from somewhere on the East Coast, when in reality, that next big recruit might come from our own backyard.

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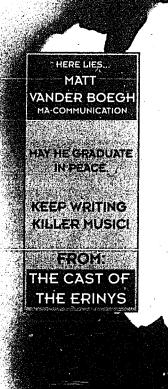
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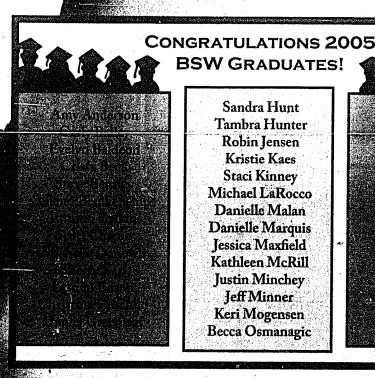
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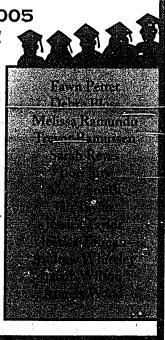








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Men's tennis hosting first two rounds of NCAA tourney

PLAY BEGINS FRIDAY

The 31st ranked Boise State men's tennis team will host 2005 NCAA Tournament first and second round matches, Friday-Saturday, May 13-14, on the Boise State campus. The Broncos will be hosting 16th ranked Texas A&M. 34th ranked North Carolina and 68th ranked Montana State.

The WAC champions are hosting the tournament for the first time under the helm of Greg

"As Idaho's native son, Napoleon Dynamite, would say - sweet!" Patton said.

Montana State (19-6 overall) at 2:30 p.m. with team introductions at 2 p.m.

Then no. 31 Boise State (30-7 overall) will play no. 34 North Carolina (16-10) at 5:30 p.m., team introductions at 5:15.

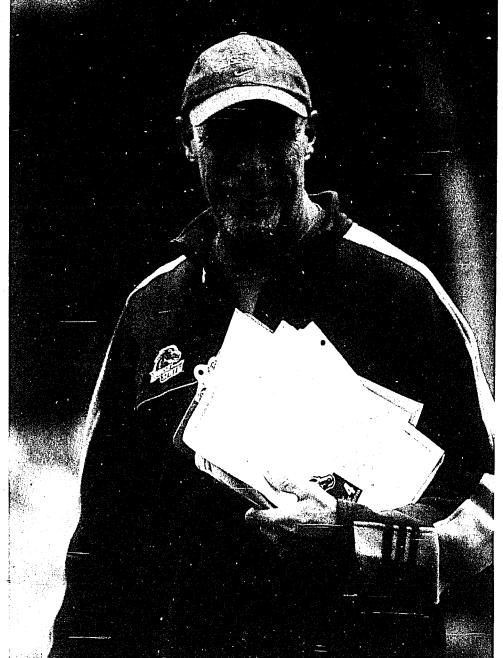
All matches will be played at the Appleton Tennis Center next to the Taco bell Arena.

The winner of Saturday's match will go on the NCAA National Championship Sweet 16 in College Station, Texas, on the Texas A&M campus.

On Saturday the winners of the two Friday matches will play each On Friday, no. 16 Texas A&M other at 5:30 p.m. The winner of

the match will advance to College Station, Texas, to play on May 21.

Tickets will be \$5 for a general admission adult ticket and \$3 for a general admission children's ticket each day. Tickets will be available at the Boise State Athletic Ticket Office in advance beginning Tuesday. Friday and Saturday tickets will be available at the south entrance to the Appleton Tennis Center under the arches. Parking will be free for all fans and will be available in the parking lot between Bronco Gym and Bronco Stadium on both



Head coach Greg Patton will host the first two rounds of the NCAA men's tennis tournament Friday and Saturday.

A look at the competition

Boise State 2005 Record: 30-7 The Broncos - Boise, Idaho WAC Record: 4-0 **Current Team Ranking: 31**

The Broncos are coached by Greg Patton. Boise State is led by freshman Luke Shields who was named WAC Athlete of the Week three times in 2005 - after the weekend of Jan. 22 when the Broncos won the regional indoor tournament, after the Broncos upset NC State and Notre Dame in the Blue Gray Classic in Alabama (Mar. 10-11), and on April 18 after the Broncos defeated both region foes BYU and Fresno State. Shields is ranked 47th nationally and is 30-11 in singles this year. He and junior Thomas Schoeck are ranked 11th nationally in doubles where they post a record of 38-7.

Texas A&M 2005 Record: 15-8 The Aggles - College Station, Texas Big 12 Conference Record: 6-3 **Current Team Ranking: 16**

The Aggies are coached by Tim Cass. The team is led by two ranked players - Jerry Makowski (ranked 14th) and Ante Matijevic (ranked 78). As a doubles team, Matijevic and Brett Joelson are ranked 22nd. Of note, Texas A&M is the host of the 16 Team Finals the following week and then the week-long national

singles (64 players) and doubles (32 doubles teams)

North Carolina 2005 Record: 16-10 Tar Heels - Chapel Hill, N. C. Atlantic Coast Conference Record: 6-7 Current Team Ranking: 34

The Tar Heels are coached by Sam Paul. The team is led by Raian Luchici (ranked 57th nationally) and Benjamin Carlotti (ranked 111th).

Montana State 2005 Record: 19-6 Bobcats - Bozeman, Mont. Big Sky Record: 9-0 **Current Team Ranking: 68th**

The Bobcats are coached by Michael Phillips. Montana Sate is the repeat champion of the Big Sky Athletic Conference.

Other Boise State notes:

Boise State's Luke Shields will be playing in the singles bracket of the NCAA National Tournament and Shields and Thomas Schoeck will be playing in the doubles tournament. The men's singles and doubles tournaments will be held in College Station, Texas, after the team portion of the tournament.

Women's hoops inks two recruits



The Boise State women's basketball team signed two post players to the roster for the 2005-06 season.

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Jen Warden, Boise State's head women's basketball coach announced last week the signing of Camila Nass, a 6-5 center from Cowley County Community College, and Jackie Thompson, a 5-11 forward from Panola College, to national letters of intent. Nass played one season at Cowlev County and will enroll at Boise State as a sophomore in eligibility, while Thompson competed for two seasons for Panola and will have two seasons left to play for Boise State. The two junior college transfers bring this year's recruiting class to a total of five as they

join Rebecca Kepilino, Jessica Thompson, and Jenna Galassi, three current high school seniors who signed letters of intent last November. Both Nass and Jackie Thompson visited Boise State on the same recruiting weekend three weeks ago.

Nass' playing experience includes playing for the Brazilian national team and their junior national team.

"Camila is a true 6-5 post player, with broad shoulders. She provides a huge target inside. She runs the floor, has great hands, and the touch of a natural scorer," Warden said. "Our players are as excited as we are to bring Camila

on board. She is a great fit for the Bronco family."

At 6-5, Nass ties Bronco alumnae Verna Guild (1992-96) as the tallest Broncos in the program's 35-year history. In fact, she is only the fourth player ever to commit to Boise State that was 6-4 or taller. Nass is a native of Joinville, Brazil and becomes the first Brazilian to ever sign with Boise State's women's basketball team. She played club ball for her hometown team of Joinville, as well as, BCN in the city of Osasco, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Nass comes to Boise State from Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas. As a freshman this past year, Nass averaged 1.3 points and 0.8 rebounds per game playing primarily as a back-up on a team dominated by 10 sophomores. Cowley saw their dream season end, which included a school-record 23-game winning streak, in the second round of the Region VI Junior College Tournament this past March. The team went undefeated in league play at 18-0 to win the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Championship. They were also ranked as high as 12th nationally and finished the year at 30-2 overall. Her junior college coach was Todd Clark.

Jackie Thompson is the second JUCO player to commit to Boise State this week. Thompson is a 5-11 forward out of Panola College in Carthage, Texas where she earned conference honorable mention recognition this past season. She was recruited by the Broncos primarily for her reputation as a rebounder averaging 8.1 boards per game throughout her two-year career with the Fillies. In addition to her rebounding, Thompson averaged 10.1 points, 1.2 assists, and 1.6 steals per game while shooting 53.7 percent from the floor through her career at Panola. She is coming off a sophomore season that saw her record 11.1 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 1.4

steals per game. The Panola Fillies won the Region 14 Conference Tournament Championship this season after finishing the regular season in second place at 16-2 in league play. They concluded the year at 29-5 overall. Her junior

college coach was Tracey Stellato. Thompson is originally from Alamogordo, New Mexico where she attended Alamogordo High School. Her prep honors include being named the Alamogordo, New Mexico Athlete of the Year, district Most Improved Player, district tournament MVP, and one district Player of the Week honor during her senior year.

"Jackie is a workhorse. I thought she was the hardest worker at JC Nationals. She is a strong, athletic rebounder that can touch the rim at 5'10," Warden said. "Jackie is going to make a real impact on our team and our conference with her tough, hard-nosed play. The WAC may not know what hit them.

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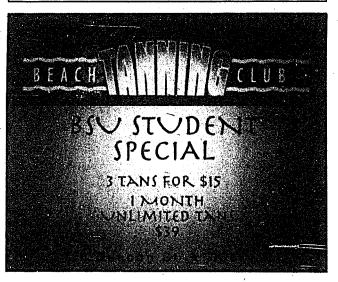


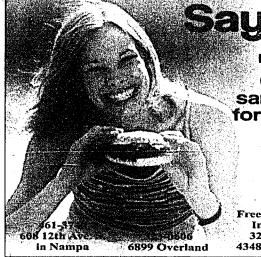
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