

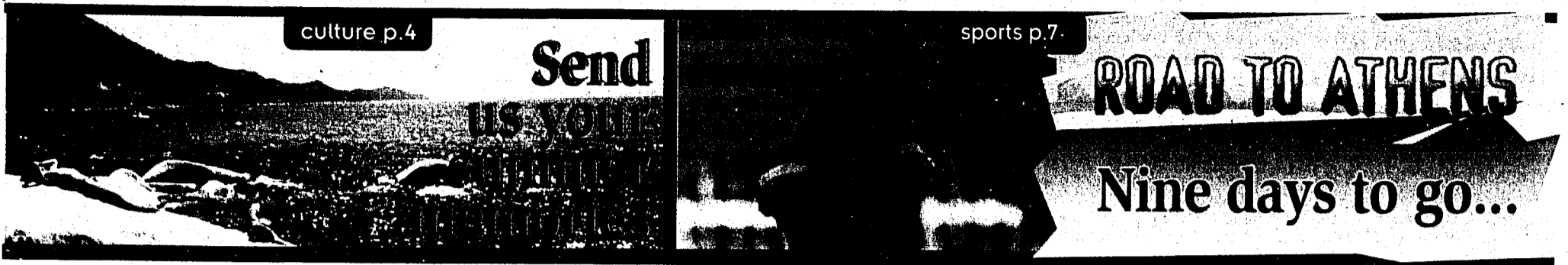
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The Arbiter



ROAD TO ATHENS

Nine days to go...

Theft on campus



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Theft of six laptop computers from the Special Events Center that were to be used for the laptop loaner program in the Student Union

Six laptops stolen from Special Events Center

BY SARA BAHNSON
Assistant News Editor

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Six computers were stolen from behind a chain link fence in the stage area, where the computers were being prepared for the Student Union Information Desk laptop loaner program, according to Lakes.

"The day they were stolen, all of the doors to the Special Events Center were open because the floor

was being resealed," Baughman said. "That's probably how he got in."

The recovered computers from the pawn shop were essential in catching Howard, according to Baughman.

"Pawn shops are required to enter [acquired] items in a database," Baughman said.

"Detectives can search the database for items that may have been stolen, which is how we found these."

"The recovered laptops are again being prepared for deployment at the Information Desk, which will

boost the loaner program to thirty laptops," Lakes said.

Howard is currently being housed at the Ada County Jail for unrelated charges, including battery, malicious injury to property, and burglary. He will be charged with felony grand theft, according to Baughman.

Howard is currently enrolled at BSU this fall, according to Bob Evancho, associate director of communications at BSU.

He said the university would wait until law enforcement charges Howard before taking any disciplinary action.

Bush speaks at the Idaho Center

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
Special to The Arbiter

President Bush spoke for approximately 45 minutes at the Idaho Center Wednesday to members of the Idaho National Guard and their families.

About 9,000 people attended the event in which Bush thanked the soldiers of the 116th Cavalry Brigade for their service in Iraq.

First lady Laura Bush and several high-ranking Idaho officials, including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Sen. Larry Craig, Sen. Mike Crapo, and congressmen Butch Otter and Mike Simpson flanked Bush.

In his speech, the president attempted to gain support for the War on Terror and explained his strategy of striking "terrorists before they strike more people."

Bush touted successes of the War on Terror, speaking of Afghanistan and the recent elections in Iraq. The president also discussed the challenges facing the new Iraqi government as they pen the first Iraqi constitution.

Among the many Idaho National Guard members were several student-soldiers. Spc. Justin Black is a history education major at BSU.

"[Bush] is actually a better speaker than I thought... The Bush stereotypes aren't all true," Black said. But some students weren't that

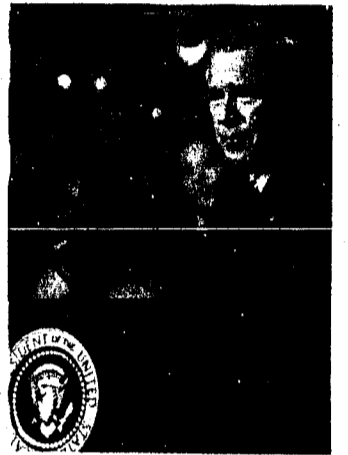


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impressed with the president's speech.

"[The speech] sounds like everything he always says. He didn't give any new information," said Spc. Jason Durand, who is a member of the 25th Army Band and an electrical engineering student at BSU.

At the close of his speech, Bush and his wife spent 15 minutes shaking hands with soldiers and other citizens in attendance.

After leaving the Idaho Center, Bush met with the families of the Idaho servicemen and women who have been killed in Iraq.

Bush and his entourage took off from Gowen Field on Air Force One at 3:54 p.m. Wednesday.

Counseling Center moves

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Writer

Boise State University Counseling Services is experiencing changes this fall as a result of the growth at BSU. Counseling Services, formerly known as the Counseling Center, has been located in the Education Building until recently. The department has purposefully undergone a name and location change this fall semester. It's more than [the name change]... the new name reflects to students the fact we want to be out and more available. We are here for you," said Jim Nicholson, director of Counseling Services.

Counseling Services is now located at Taylor Hall in room C103, however, this location is semi-permanent. BSU plans to build a new structure south of the Student Recreation Center to house both the Counseling Services and health science departments.

"The new location is not a part of the main part of campus anymore, and so we are very close to the outdoors. It's very quiet," said Juni Eichelberger, Counseling Services receptionist. Nicholson said he is hopeful to see the new structure completed in the next few years.

"We want the health science department to be a part of the new facility. It would be an incredible marriage, because as of right now, students using the health center are in a very minimal facility," he said.

The reason for the move is because the department of biology is in need of more lab space where offices are currently located. It's more convenient for the department to move next door to the Education Building, where Counseling Services was previously located. Last year, Counseling Services participated in 3500 hours of service, dealing with crisis intervention, direct outreach, and preventative care to individuals, as well as couples.

"We deal with a wide range of issues and students," Shane Clubb, licensed student intern for Counseling Services, said. "I work with students with range ages from



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The Counseling Center has a new location in Taylor Hall, B103.

17 to 60 years old. It's a really interesting diversity of people."

Counseling Services focuses on their preventative outreach by offering a list of one-credit classes specializing in mental health. The full-time staff teaches classes on topics such as "fears and phobias," or on speech phobia with a class called, "Fright in the Spotlight." Even though the courses change each semester, education is not limited to students.

"We distribute a 'Reaching Out' pamphlet to each department to go over symptoms associated with suicide or eating disorders. We want to be sensitive to student needs and teach faculty and staff how to make a referral of our services to students," Nicholson said.

Counseling Services uses what is called an open access system: Counselors are available to meet with students as soon as possible when walking through the door. Services are easy to access, and students can either call 426-1601 to set up an appointment, or they can walk into the office located in Taylor Hall.

"Whether it be a conflict with your roommate or your spouse, we'll help you. We're easy to access. All you need to do is call 1601," Nicholson said.

Update:

No arrests made since June theft

BY SARA BAHNSON
Assistant News Editor

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\$7,000 worth of projectors taken

BY SARA BAHNSON
Assistant News Editor

Three overhead ceiling projectors have been reported stolen from BSU classrooms in the last month, with losses totaling approximately \$7,000, according to the BSU police department.

The theft of two data video projectors, both worth a reported \$2,000, occurred on Aug. 3, in the Education Building. One projector was stolen from the College of Business and Economics (COBE) between July 17 and Aug. 17, worth a reported \$3,000.

Officer Damon Baughman said that there are no suspects and there were no witnesses in either case.

According to the BSU police department, the projectors in both buildings were held to the ceiling with a security cable that was cut with bolt cutters.

"The cables are like a bike lock and are supposed to provide a deterrent [to theft], but they're not good enough if someone really wants the projector," said Patrick Pline, assistant information technology (IT) resource manager and COBE Web administrator.

In the theft of the Education Building projectors, it is unknown if the classroom was locked or unlocked, said Baughman.

However, the doors to the COBE classrooms are always unlocked, according to Pline.

"There's no way, according to fire code, that we can lock those doors," Pline said.

Projector theft is not a new phenomenon at BSU. Pline said there is a growing market for the personal use of these projectors.

"The most common reason that they take them is to play computer and video games on the wall," Pline said. "They also sell them. We watch eBay, but we haven't seen any."

Pline also said that the theft of projectors is not a spur of the moment crime, but a very calculated plan.

"People case the building and pick the easiest projector," Pline said. "Some are easily reached by standing on a table, so they steal those."

The IT department is working on new ways of securing the projectors and making it more difficult for the theft to occur, according to Pline. Pline said he is now securing projectors with mounting screws that require a special screwdriver to remove. He said that he is also attaching many of the projectors higher up, so that a ladder is needed to reach them.



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Theft of projectors in the Education Building and the Business Building

"It's all about timing," Pline said. "We need to add more time to the mix."

The IT department constantly changes the way the projectors are secured and is also considering a new software program as a new deterrent to theft.

"We're looking at getting local area network attached projectors with monitoring software," Pline said. "It would ask, 'Is the device on and functional?' and if not, it could send an alert that the item failed to respond to the IT department."

Larry Sands, COBE IT resource manager and network administrator, said that surveillance cameras would be a good solution to preventing theft, however, he said that he recognized they are very costly.

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world

Cuba an island of despair; Castro regime professes hope

At the risk of being devoured by sharks, Juan Carlos is secretly preparing to escape Cuba by boat.

"I've had enough," said the 32-year-old cook, who earns less than \$15 a month. "When I get home from work, there's no electricity, no water, and no gas. I swat mosquitoes all night, then get up at 6 to go to work again. If you were in my shoes, I guarantee you'd leave, too, even if you had to climb into a bedpan and paddle to Florida."

The socialist government that Washington has spent hundreds of millions of dollars trying to topple is on the brink again. Not because of a lack of human rights or democracy, but because of something as simple as keeping the lights on and providing basic services, according to an August report by the University of Miami's Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies.

"Deteriorating economic, health, and living conditions" in Cuba, the report said, are "dangerously similar" to the circumstances that sparked the 1994 rafters crisis, when 30,790 Cubans fled to the United States.

There are no signs of an exodus, the report said, but unhappiness with Fidel Castro's socialist government is growing.

Tensions are mounting, Cuban dissidents agree. "There is total discontent," said Alain Gomez Ramos, 27, an independent journalist who is part of the opposition.

During the first half of the year, the U.S. Coast Guard picked up more than 1,500 Cubans at sea, the highest number in 10 years.

A Cuban Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, conceded that some Cubans are frustrated and want to leave. But he contended support for the revolutionary government is not unraveling. Most people, he said, still back Castro, whose government has endured the most severe and longest-lasting U.S. economic sanctions ever imposed.

"If your father promises to take you to Disneyland, then tells you later you can't go, sure you'll complain about it," the official said. "But you still love your father."

national

Growing technology playing larger role in college education

Cell phones, thumb drives, iPods, BlackBerries, DVD players, and personal computers, especially laptops, are quickly becoming required equipment for the college-bound student.

"Technology is just ubiquitous now," said Anne Gormly, vice president of academic affairs at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. "It's to the point people don't even think of not bringing it anymore."

Computers are now a necessary part of academic life, said Brett McLaughlin, 18, a freshman at GC&SU. McLaughlin, of Macon, built the computer he uses in his dorm room.

"For me, technology plays a major role. I like to shoot digital photography, and that would be impossible without a computer," he said.

McLaughlin spends about four hours a day on the computer, surfing the Web, blogging, chatting with friends, playing games, and soon, doing research, he said.

"It would be difficult without it. It's easier than going down to the library," McLaughlin said.

Brett's mother, Barbara, said there is no way she would send her son to school without a computer.

"I knew he had one and made sure he had everything else he needed to turn in a paper," she said. "I don't see how they get out of high school without it."

At colleges across middle Georgia, educators have noticed an increase in the amount of technology students are bringing to campus, even within the last five years.

"We're seeing a lot of new technology coming in," said Wesley Smith, director of instructional technology at Middle Georgia College in Cochran. "Students are driving the ball for us; we're trying to stay ahead of them."

a roadway of dreams where drivers can hit 130 mph and forget the worries of office and home for a precious few minutes.

Opened in April, the 320-acre club already has 260 members, speed junkies, and car connoisseurs who drive their Lamborghinis and Lotuses on a track built for maximum velocity. Some, like Henry Vicioso, drive vintage Mustangs and Sunbeams.

But on a slow day, a member can take any car out for a spin, including the family Taurus. That's the beauty of a facility envisioned by its founders as both a high-speed raceway and an exclusive country club, a car aficionado's version of the swank golf club.

"I always thought that car guys should have the nice amenities that [golfers] do," said Mark Basso, an owner and the brains behind the idea. "If you've got a Ferrari or Porsche, there's nowhere to drive it safely as fast as it was made to go."

local/bsu

Hit musical 'Mamma Mia!' to play at the Morrison Center

The national touring production of the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" will play at the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts at Boise State University from Oct. 11-16.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 11-13, 8 p.m. on Oct. 14, 2 and 8 p.m. on Oct. 15, and noon and 5 p.m. on Oct. 16. Tickets are \$33.50-\$61 at all Select-a-Seat outlets, by phone at 426-1110 or 426-1494, and online at www.idahotickets.com.

"Mamma Mia!" which is based on the songs of international su-

pergroup ABBA, is a tale of family and friendship on a tiny Greek island. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. ABBA's hits "Dancing Queen," "The Winner Takes It All," "Money, Money, Money," and "Take a Chance on Me" are featured.

Leading the cast of 30 is Lauren Mufson as Donna Sheridan, the independent single mother whose carefree past catches up with her on the eve of her daughter's wedding. Before appearing in "Mamma Mia!," Mufson appeared in "A New Brain," "Groundhog," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," and on the TV show "Law & Order: SVU." Beckah Nutt will play her daughter, Sophie. Nutt has been in the national touring productions of "South Pacific."

"Mamma Mia!" is part of the Fred Meyer Broadway in Boise series. Future Broadway in Boise performances at the Morrison Center include "42nd Street," "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?," and "An Evening with Bill Cosby." For more information about the series, visit <http://mc.boisestate.edu>.

what the?

Wheeeeeeeeeee!

Look, I can fly...

Crash! Just kidding.

Wood pigeons in Whangarei, Australia, have been getting intoxicated on fermented guava berries, then flying drunk through a bird sanctuary.

They have crashed into windows or fallen out of trees while under the influence.

Some 30 out-of-control birds have had to be sobered up by wildlife officials.

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Country club caters to life in fast lane

As sleek Porsches and BMWs sped past her on the track, Amy Vicioso strapped on a helmet like a real racecar driver, slipped into the driver's seat, and toddled along in the family Ford Taurus with her husband, Henry, by her side.

"He kept telling me, you don't need to hit the brakes," the Shorewood, Ill., tax accountant said with a giggle. "I took it real slow."

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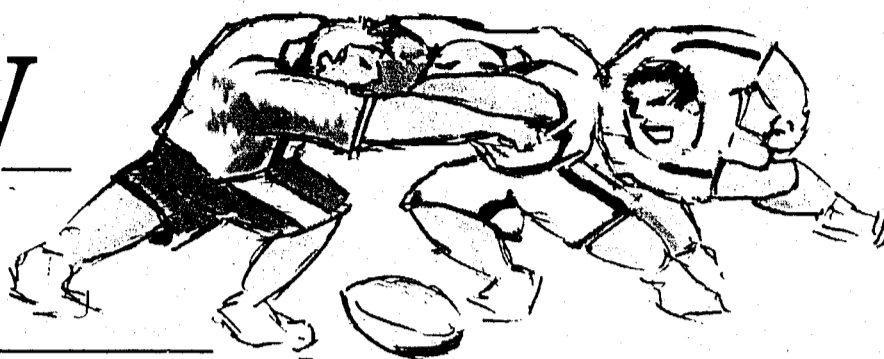
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opinion

Rugby

Why it's superior to college football



BY BRIAN HOLMES
Opinion Writer

I'm going to start a fire. A fire so capacious and glorious that it seeks to consume the very essence of sports. With this first log I now declare that college rugby should be America's number one collegiate sport, hands down. American college football just gets in the way of progress. Why is that? Well, let's break it down to its core.

College rugby players face-off against each other on a field that is longer, wider, and usually more temporary in nature. They play on both sides of the field.

There are no separate positions for offense and defense. They play without pads, and without a full battery of armored devices that illustrate the insecurities of players of some other sad, tired sport.

The ball is not dead once it hits the ground. This is important, because it keeps the game fluid and in motion. In addition, college rugby players are better at keeping the peace with their opponents.

They drink large, unimaginable quantities of alcohol the night before, the

night after, and during the game to the point that it defies all rational thought.

But it is precisely because of this that they take the time to share with their opponents, both male and female alike, the messages of good will and good playing.

Of course, many of us realize that American college football currently dominates most of this nation's collegiate sports coverage landscape. But should it?

Yes, it brings in truckloads of money for any university willing to give it up every season to well-funded institutions, deluded self-serving individuals, and spoiled

bandwagon-driven alumni.

And yes, it's precisely because no other colligate sports program whores itself out better than university-approved football that many of our nation's top state schools have outstanding law programs, engineering centers and teaching hospitals.

But, how many people worldwide care about which football player is coming out of Ohio State or Boise State University, for that matter? The answer is that only those individuals associated with the team and fans give a crap.

The rest of the world lives for rugby.

Corporatize your life

All the reasons you should join corporate America

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

It's that time of year again. The onrush of fall semester, the end of summer, and the beginning of another year of higher education, whatever that means to you. Some of you lucky souls out there are on your true chosen path, and I commend you. Judging from statistics, most of you are not; you can expect to look forward to changes in your majors and post-education careers on a more frequent basis than your folks did.

So, as a "welcome back" gift from me to you, let me offer you some advice. If you're not one of those people who feel a calling to be in whatever program you're in, or even college for that matter, you should quit and get a job, preferably for a large corporation. It's all right to get the job before you quit, if you feel that's best, but stop wasting your time here.

Now, why would I say such a thing? Past articles may have given the impression I'm not a big fan of corporations, which is true enough. And, as a graduate student, I'm obviously behind the idea of higher education. So, one might reasonably ask why I would suggest such a thing.

Working for corporations has several advantages, though. First of all, they are the most likely to offer benefits like 401(k) and medical coverage, which may not sound all that sexy to you whippersnapper undergrads, but trust me, you'll change your mind soon enough. Follow the money, and the trail leads right to big corporations.

More importantly, corporations (especially multinationals with their fingers in multiple pies) offer opportunities for travel and promotion that are often easier to snag if you're already a minion... er, employee. Working for Widgets International and securing a transfer to the Tahiti branch may not be easy, but in many ways, it's simpler than trying to move there and get employed on your own hook.

Among those benefits, at least for most companies: education. Ha, you thought I was telling you to abandon education, didn't you? Hell, no; I'm trying to get you to get someone else to pay for it. This used to be a popular reason for going into the military, but Dubya done ruined that.

Although most firms will only pay for education relevant to your job, you'd be surprised what might be arguably relevant. It all depends on the company, which is why you'll want to research your picks before taking the plunge.

Visit their Web sites, ask for more information, see if you can wangle an informational interview; not only is it a good chance to practice your various B.S. skills, but it helps you network (a business term that supposedly refers to making helpful contacts, but often translates into kissing multiple asses; a useful skill, no matter what you call it).

But, above all, the best reason for working for a corporation or two is simple; it will help you clarify what you want. The confusion that often drives changes in degree programs, careers, etc. is due to not knowing what we want to do, or not being willing to pursue it.

Working for a corporation and dealing with all that entails — the meetings, the political culture, the regulations, even the dress code — has a way of illuminating the things you value and the things you can do without. Corporations have a way of clearing the table that smaller businesses and agencies can't quite replicate. Something to consider while you're waiting in line at the bookstore.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Since you asked: This photo does bother me

"The scientific community is one of the only fields where dressing even slightly sexy is somehow equal to dressing completely slutty." You state this as a fact, and it is not. More professionalism is expected from someone who participates in said scientific community.

Dressing sexy and dressing feminine are two very different things. Your article makes you seem like the type of gal who needs quite a bit of attention, thus the way you present yourself in attention-getting outfits. The third definition of narcissist is "erotic pleasure derived from contemplation or admiration of one's own body or self." It seems obvious that you desire sexual at-

tention to achieve pleasure in yourself.

You do not need to apologize for who you are, but you do need to own up to it. "I have found that intelligence is commonly associated with pocket protectors and big-rimmed, coke-bottle glasses." This may be a true statement for you, but it is one, yet again, that is not associated with any scientific fact. It is one of personal experience.

Perhaps you need to change your environment and surround yourself with people who do not judge you based on your clothes, or lack thereof. The best of luck to you, but it seems both you and the editor have a few infantile preoccupations to overcome.

This is not to say that there is not a whole slew of folks out there in the world who believe the way you think they do, and it is sad that they still believe this way. But you said it

yourself, dressing sexy in the work/school place is one thing. Dressing feminine is a whole other thing.

Megan Marchetti - Boise, ID

Forgotten epidemic is one gay man's gross over-generalization

With heavily laden sarcasm and disappointment, I pity Taylor C. Newbold. His article contains such extreme, gross overgeneralizations of the gay community in San Francisco that as a straight woman, I'm actually offended.

It saddens me how uneducated he is in the social reality and impact the gay community has by their involvement in AIDS/HIV causes in the Bay Area.

Does he really believe that many of the gay men in San Francisco don't care if they are HIV positive? I would have to say that is a pretty big overstatement if not an all out blatant lie, as I highly doubt he talked to most of the gay men in San Francisco.

What is your argument Mr. Newbold? Gays are losing the war against HIV because they are A) sexually promiscuous, B) careless or unaware or indignant about the exposure and effects of HIV/AIDS C) all online "gay" Web sites are accurate representations of what the gay population thinks, wants, practices in daily life and strives for.

Your commentary is an opinion piece that further stereotypes the gay population as "promiscuous, irresponsible, drug using, and sex crazed individuals."

Jackie S. - Seattle, WA



BY DREW LOWER
Guest Opinion

It is always a very frustrating time in a relationship's life deciding what to get that special person for their birthday. In your case, it is a little bit trickier, when the relationship is so new.

I know what you mean in the fact that you want the gift to be something great, but I am sure in the back of your mind you are not wanting to freak him out by getting something that makes him feel smothered in the relationship.

The best thing that I can suggest for you is looking for something that he can use. Look around and see what he has, and what he is interested in. Now, of course, if he is interested in cars, you don't want to buy him a car. One thing that would be good is taking his car and getting it washed and detailed. If you can do some of the work yourself, then that would be even better. It would show that you put some time and thought into the gift. Then, include a little set of car detailing supplies so he can use it himself in the future.

This gift shows you are willing to put some time into something that means most to him and that you have also left him with a small gift that he can use for other times to come.

Don't stress out over it, though. Your first instinct is usually your best idea.

Team Drew

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives



BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

Dear Team Drew,
My boyfriend's birthday is coming up, but I'm not sure what to get him. I really like him, but we have not been dating very long, and I really want to get him something very cool. Any ideas?
Too soon to tell

Have questions for Team Drew? Send to letters@arbiteronline.com

What I need you to do right now is stop reading and go get a pen. Seriously, put down that Turkey sandwich you just got at Subway, and go get yourself some sort of writing utensil. Ready? Excellent.

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Cook-off adds a little spice to the Treasure Valley



PHOTO BY KATRINA SAVITZ/THE ARBITER

The salsa cook-off at the Ste Chapelle Winery in Caldwell this summer required all competitors to bring their own ingredients.

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Culture Writer

Whoever said that Idaho has no culture didn't look very hard. Culture is all around us; it is just a matter of finding it. I found it at Ste Chapelle Winery in Caldwell this summer.

Ste Chapelle Winery hosted their summer concert, featuring Zydeco music, a Cajun form of dance music played by Tom Rigney and Flambeau. In addition to the upbeat music, a local restaurant called Copper Canyon provided Cuban cuisine.

But the event that caught my attention was the salsa cook-off. I decided to enter the contest because I thought it would make an awesome feature story for The Arbitrator, and because I thought if I won, I would win a case of Ste Chapelle's one of a kind Riesling.

I have been perfecting my original recipe for salsa for over two-and-a-half years. My ingredients include roma tomatoes, hot peppers, red onions, cilantro, and my secret spice, for which I cannot

share, at least not without a price. Friends and family request my salsa at every occasion, so I figured I might have a chance at winning.

I arrived at the winery's salsa prep booth with two Albertson's grocery bags full of the ingredients needed to make my salsa: a 6x6 plastic cutting board, one chopping knife, and my mini electrical vegetable chopper.

Compared to everyone else there, I was very low budget. The other contestants were equipped with portable stoves for roasting their peppers, huge wooden cutting boards, complete knife sets (in briefcases), matching aprons, and professional advertising signs. I was regretting entering the contest, but there was no going back.

I began preparing my salsa, and with every passing moment, I felt more and more discouraged.

I was the second-to-last to finish preparing their salsa; meanwhile, the crowds had already begun taste-testing the other salsas.

Empty wine bottles were placed in front of each salsa, so that the tasters could drop beans into the

bottle of the salsa they liked best. I had no beans. At that point, I didn't care if I won or lost.

I was just glad that I was finished. I shared a glass of Sauvignon Blanc with my best friend Rhandi and mingled with the other contestants.

Some contestants were locals from either Boise or Nampa, and some were from New Mexico. There were salsas named Devil Dog, Guero's Salsa, and Wicked Tomato. I named my salsa the Savitz Family Salsa (discouragement clouded my creativity).

I started to feel better about my day. I met a bunch of people from the area who shared the same love for salsa. I ended up being the second contestant to run out of salsa. I was glad then, knowing the competition was almost over.

I headed over to this beautiful huge tree located in the middle of the lawn at Ste Chapelle Winery, where my husband Chris, my two-year-old son Blake, Rhandi, and Rhandi's husband Mark were sitting.

Rhandi handed me a glass of

wine, and we listened to the cheerful tunes coming from the live band.

The view of the farms and orchards from Ste Chapelle was amazing. It was calm and natural. Nothing this L.A. girl had ever seen.

It was then time to announce the winners. The announcer said, "The winner for the hot category is the Savitz Family Salsa." I skipped toward the stage like a 12-year-old. I won!

I was handed a gift bag of goodies as my prize. All I kept saying to myself was, "I guess my salsa is good, and my friends and family weren't lying."

The next event at Ste Chapelle's Winery is Sept. 25. They are featuring a Latin Brazilian jazz band and their second annual chili cook off. Therefore, if you have an awesome chili recipe, take it to the winery and share it with Idaho.

If it can happen to me, it can happen to you. Gates open at noon. The cost is 10 dollars per person, and kids 13 and under are free. Good luck!

SO, ANYWAY...

Honestly, how can I concentrate when my breakfast foods keep fighting each other?

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Writer

As I lie around the night before my first day of this school year, I watch "The Empire Strikes Back," and I'm struck by the idea that I have no earthly clue how I am supposed to feel about being a senior in college.

Should I be relieved the ride is almost over? Should I be afraid that "real life" is just about to start? Should I be excited that football season is nearly under-way?

Well, sure, I'm thinking all of these things, somewhere in the giant witch's cauldron that is my smoking brain.

But more importantly, I'm thinking what it would be like if breakfast foods and their representative marketing icons were gladiators, secretly fighting each other in my cabinets in the dark hours just before sunrise, for the right to become my morning meal.

No, I'm not high on acid. That's just how my head works. Welcome to my world. And welcome to the elaborate and high-brow world of "So, Anyway..." I've been writing for The Arbitrator for a year and a half now.

Yes, this is my fifth semester of supplying the school paper with nonsensical ramblings about toilets and their contents, wild concert-going, handsome cheerleaders, inane poetry, rants, raves, and otherwise unimportant information.

My father recently relayed to me that despite seeing my talent as a writer, my choices of topics while tenured at this publication have been a little... uh, lacking.

My brother told me I pander to college-level readers. And my mother just wants me to make sure the online forum for posting responses stays active so she can have her go at humor writing, too.

That's all well and good, but I have more important things on my mind — like the Quaker Oatmeal guy getting his butt whooped by the Cream of Wheat chef. Honestly, it's a mir-

acle I can get anything done in a given day with the things that swirl around in my cranium.

Seriously, I daydream about Cap'n Crunch making the Rice Krispies elves walk the plank, or Tony the Tiger mauling that "silly rabbit" — all, of course, for my amusement. And, because I only want to eat the toughest of breakfast foods.

But, on a more serious note, I got this camera phone over the summer. I guess that may be old hat for some, but I've been making full use of my new toy.

I take pictures of skyscrapers, funny-looking cars on the road, drunk people in bars, and basically anything that amuses me in my everyday life.

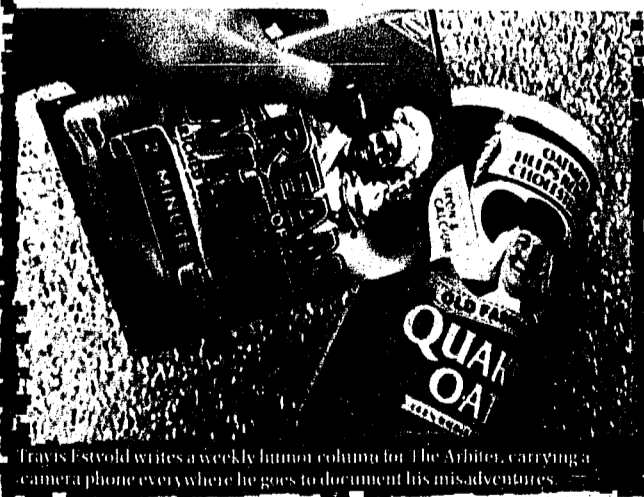
In the course of those random, everyday photo shoots, an idea struck me. Well, maybe a passing car struck me — but I got an idea out of the encounter, anyhow. "Include camera phone images in your column!" (Even my internal voice shouts sometimes.)

So, here I go, off into some wild blue yonder. And the bonus? Everyone who reads my weekly offerings will get the benefit of new, wondrous visual aides. I'm not sure what that exactly means I'll be getting myself into this year.

Last week, I composed a congratulatory piece on the amazing new urinals in the Student Union Building, complete with a pic snapped on my little phone. Embarrassment at taking photos in the men's room aside, I thought it went over pretty well.

This week, I captured major icons of the hot cereal industry duking it out on the floor of a local grocery store. Seriously, I've so moved on from toilet humor. For now.

So, anyway, as has become customary for me to do at the start of any new year, I'd like to welcome all of Boise State's fresh faces aboard and say, "Welcome. Read my column. And look at the pictures. It will do your body good, in a way that milk never did. Best wishes in '05-'06."



Travis Estvold writes a weekly humor column for The Arbitrator, carrying a camera phone everywhere he goes to document his misadventures.

ZENGIN
BY BRUCE MCGEE AND MATH

FROM LISTENING TO RECORDS, I JUST KNEW WHAT TO DO... I HADN'T TAUGHT MYSELF AND YOU KNOW, I DID PRETTY WELL... EXCEPT THERE WERE A FEW MISTAKES, THAT IS, THAT I HAVE JUST RECENTLY CLEARED UP AND I FEEL I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, STILL, YOU KNOW... I'M A STUDENT OF THE DRUMS... BUT I'M ALSO A TEACHER OF THE DRUMS, TOO...

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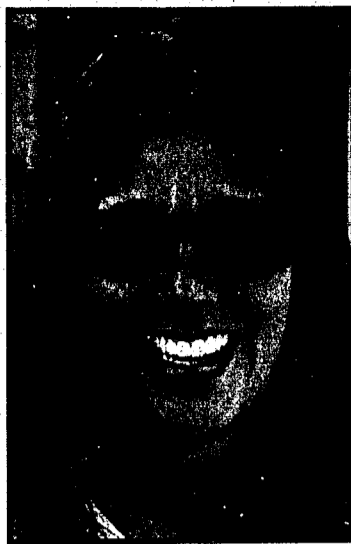
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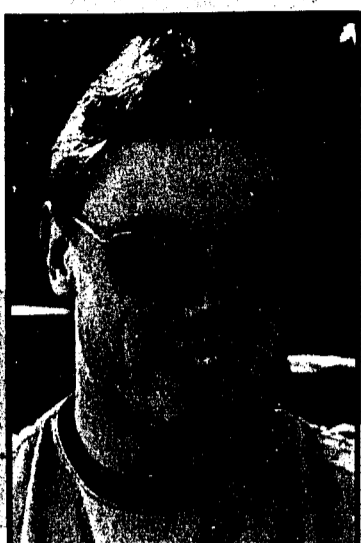
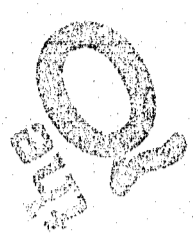
What's your favorite summer movie?



Kelsy Moe
Major: Physical Education
"What Hit Ballroom? It's a good documentary about kids and dancing."
Age: 21



Adam Harwood
Major: International Business
"War of the Worlds. I like Sci-Fi."
Age: 21



Blanca Rodriguez
Major: Social Work
"The Longest Yard. It was just funny."
Age: 19



Jangsik Park
Major: Mathematics
"Mr. and Mrs. Smith. It was funnier than expected."
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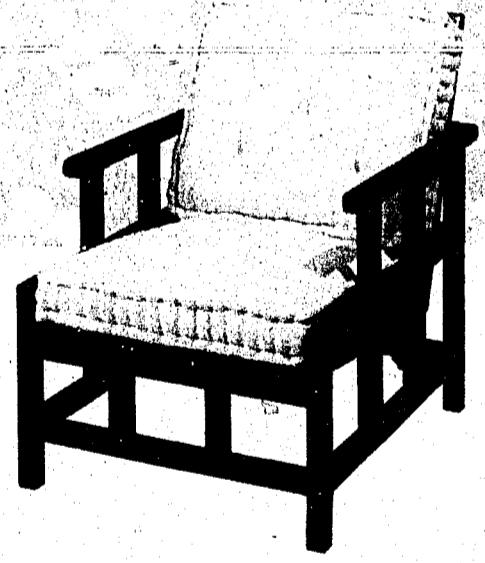
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For those of you who remember the '80s . . . A healthy dose of 'Robot Chicken' for the soul

BY MICAH SULLIVAN
Culture Writer

The return of claymation? Stop-motion television? Why, that hasn't been done since "Gumby."

But wait... Seth Green ("Without a Paddle," "Austin Powers") has now found himself in his own public toyland, thanks to his recent collaboration with Toyfare editor Matthew Senreich.

"Robot Chicken," on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim, finally takes a look at every cheesy tidbit of pop culture, stretching from N'SYNC back to Mr. T.

Using mostly Barbie-looking dolls with clay facial expressions, Green and Senreich can create astonishing likenesses to anyone or anything. And, if there's no doll that fits the role, they go straight clay.

The season opener gave viewers a behind-the-scenes look at the "Transformers," where the touchy nature of the Autobot camp was finally revealed, when one turned to the other in the shower and scoffed, "You're such a retardicon."

Later, the never-before-seen Optimus Prime infomercial on prostate cancer was shown in its entirety. "Do you have to use the whole fist, Doc?" Prime said, finally shedding light on the truth behind every man's much-awaited middle-aged rectal exam.

If you remember "Voltron" (oh, glorious "Voltron"), then you are sure to enjoy what Green and

Senreich believe those little jerks were really like.

Upon being called to the scene, one cat (I think it was the torso) blasted out of a cake at a bachelor's party, and then the green arm cat connected doggy-style with the blue leg cat, all before the crime fighters ever united to save the day. You know that kind of thing happened all the time...

Of course, to tie it in with current crap, Voltron has a dance-off with the enemy, gets "served," and then hacks the foe apart with a 40-foot sword.

How about Walt Disney's lust for the flesh of Cuban children?

Even seen Jesus play pat-a-cake?

The perfect blend of old with new comes when Chucky finds himself peeing a place to lay low, only to find his most heated encounter yet.

The zombie-ized Cabbage Patch Kids begin their feeding frenzy on Chucky's soul, and then go on to imitate scenes from the recent rave of brain-eater films like "Resident Evil" and "Dawn of the Dead." Even better than Garbage Pail Kids.

Where else can Skeletor sit in the same car as Cobra Commander and Lex Luther? All that criminal mastermind in one minivan... whew!

Seth Green has thrown his Hollywood weight around in production of these masterpieces. With voice appearances from Macaulay Culkin, Seth Macfarlane, Scarlett Johansson, Mark Hamill, Sarah Michelle Geller, and others,



PHOTO COURTESY ADULT SWIM

"Robot Chicken" airs Sunday nights on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim.

this cartoon is heavily endorsed. And rightly. Les Claypool, the only guy who should ever create cartoon theme songs, is responsible for the main credit music.

And if you're wondering, robot

chicken is an actual menu item from a Chinese restaurant Green and Senreich visited. According to www.adultswim.com, it consists of "tender chunks of chicken breast fried in a light batter and cooked in

a sweet and pungent sauce." Sweet AND pungent...

You're screwed this week because Adult Swim is running more "InuYasha" than anyone should have to stomach.

But next week, Cartoon Network will return to their senses and air "Robot Chicken" in its normal slot, Sunday nights at 12:30 a.m., between "Family Guy" and "Harvey Birdman."

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Summer memories last forever



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Lying out on boulders. Paddling around Lake Tahoe in a boat. What a way to say good-bye to the summer of 2005.

BY AMBER FUGER
Culture Writer

Ah, summer memories. Some chose to stay in Boise, others chose to travel overseas. A few may have stayed enrolled for the summer semester, and a handful of people headed back home — wherever that may be.

Only seven hours away from Boise, across the dry, hot Nevada desert is a little well-known paradise where this particular college student spent her summer.

The Tahoe Valley is the ultimate summer playground. Tropical waters blanketed by coniferous forest set as the backdrop for many mountain bike rides, hikes, dinners,

swims, and a few sweet rum drinks known as "wet woodys" served up during late night cocktail hours.

Climbing to the top of water towers philosophizing under a thick blanket of stars. Dancing under a full moon to the exotic sounds of Cabaret Dioso. A summer made perfect, thanks to the Sierras and a few amazing and unforgettable people.

A summer destination sought out by East Coast kids itching for a glimpse of what the West has to offer, Europeans who work hard only to play harder, and who could forget those Indiana boys who made those Tahoe nights spectacular.

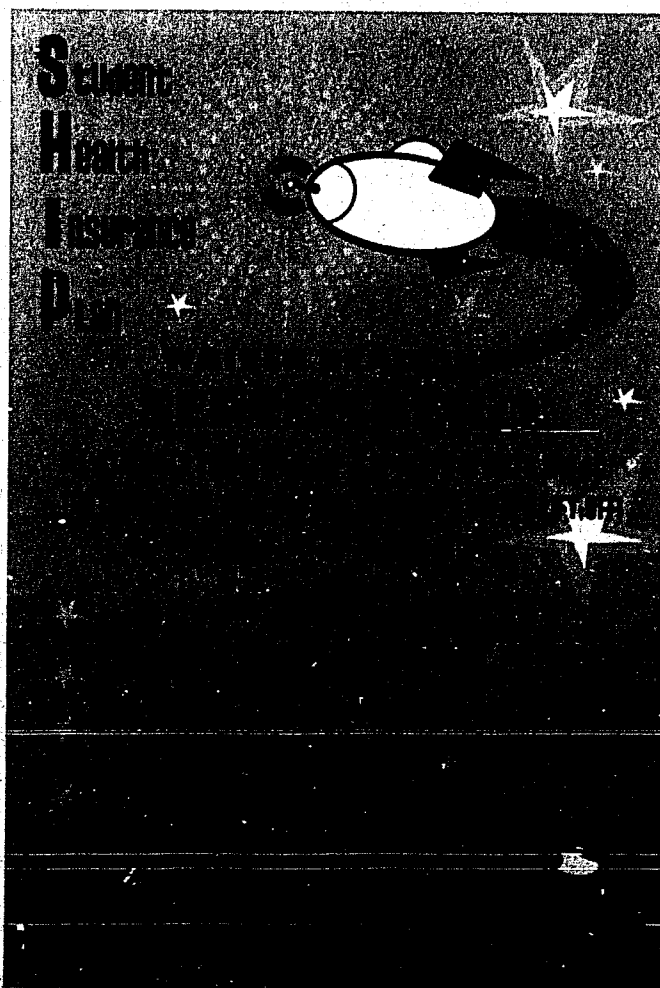
A ride composed of challenging obstacles and a nasty uphill battle tucked in a granite mountain. Lush landscape painted with late blooming wildflowers lined a tumultuous climb.

At the top of the gauntlet is a comforting and enticing downhill trail leading to a crisp mountain lake. A break in the mountains appears and legs pump faster and harder in anticipation of uncovering one of nature's marvels up ahead.

An azure mass makes its debut, and with one final traverse across a watermelon-scented pond, Lake Tahoe, in all its beauty opens up for a ride along a single-track trail and paints the most magnificent backdrop.

Sitting on a huge granite boulder out in the middle of turquoise colored water, a moment of clarity is experienced: Life is wonderful, and summers are meant to be unforgettable.

Share your summer experiences by emailing them to culture@arbitronline.com. Please make sure your memory is no longer than 500 words.



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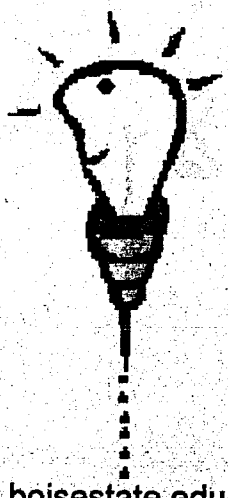
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[THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

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[SIDE LINE]

Broncos land local product, two players leave program

According to KBCI Sports Director Vince Trimboli, the Boise State football team received a verbal commitment from Timberline High kicker David Lowery.

Lowery, who also plays free safety and wide receiver for Timberline, will most likely specialize at kicking for the Broncos.

In other football news, Cade Woolstenhulme has decided not to return to the Broncos for his redshirt freshman season. Woolstenhulme was a local recruit, who walked on from Skyview High School in Nampa, ID. And freshman receiver Jeremy Childs has decided to redshirt this season. There was a chance that Childs, along with his cousin and former high school teammate Orlando Scandrick, would be the two true freshmen to play for the Broncos this season. According to BSU receivers coach Steve Smyte, Childs believes he will be better in his fifth year, rather than his first.

Back-up sophomore safety Duran Cooley has also left the program, and accepted a scholarship at another university.

Two Broncos finish in top-five at Swedish Nationals

Mattias Jons, a current member of the Bronco track and field team competed in the Swedish Nationals. Jons finished third in the hammer throw with a mark of 217 feet, 0 inches. Jons will be a senior on this year's Boise State team.

Former Bronco Gabriel Wallin, a two-time NCAA National Javelin Champion for Boise State, placed fourth at the same meet in the javelin with a throw of 243-3. Current Bronco Staffan Jonsson won the discus, more on Jonsson on page 9.

Battle the heat

Boise State Recreation is offering a whitewater rafting trip Sunday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for interested students.

The trip will traverse the Payette River and costs \$22 per person.

Students must register before 5 p.m. Friday at the Student Recreation Center or call 426-1946.

Transportation, lunch and all equipment will be provided by the outdoor program.

For more information concerning the outdoor program check out www.boisestate.edu/recreation.

Convocation welcomes back athletes

BY SARAH JOHNSON
Sports Writer

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee hosted a convocation for Boise State athletes on Monday night in the Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom.

The start of the year kickoff was organized to welcome athletic teams, coaches, and staff into the 2005-06 school year.

The event featured two guest speakers: Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier and University President Robert Kustra.

Bleymaier took the stage to personally welcome athletes to the new school year. According to Bleymaier, this year will be very exciting for the athletic department.

Boise State will be hosting four Western Athletic Conference championships, including women's soccer, men and women's indoor track, golf, and men and women's cross country. BSU will also be hosting the MPC Computer Bowl.

"It's a very exciting time to be a Bronco," Bleymaier said. He encouraged athletes to get the most out of their career at BSU. "I hope you will all take advantage of resources at Boise State to get the very best education that you can," Bleymaier said.

According to Bleymaier, the athletic department strives to accomplish the goals of graduating every senior, to have a 100 percent return rate of athletes every year, and to have zero problems with student athletes in the community.

Other goals were mentioned regarding the success of each team. "I want every team to win conference championships and compete in NCAA tournaments," Bleymaier said.

Following Bleymaier, President Kustra conveyed his excitement to the athletic department for the upcoming year and thanked athletes and coaches for representing their sport, making Boise State a reputable university.

"People know us by the quality of our academic program and the quality of our athletic programs," Kustra said.

SAAC members introduced and thanked athletic department staff members for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes. Student athletes who finished last semester with a 4.0 GPA were also recognized for academic excellence.

A complimentary dinner was provided for all the guests attending the convocation. The evening was enhanced with various forms of entertainment, including a slide show production of highlights from last year's athletic teams, a Hawaiian dance routine by four BSU football team members, and stand up comedy.

Have questions, comments, or story ideas? Call the Arbiter Sports Department at 345-8204 [x103] or send an e-mail to sports@arbiteronline.com

Catching On

Deep, talented, inexperienced receivers can be the focal point for BSU

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Boise State has lost two receivers for the 2005 season opener versus Georgia since fall camp began. Drisan James, the most experienced receiver and Chris Christopher are both out.

James is suspended for the season opener, and Christopher is no longer with the program.

Losing the top two returning receivers would be a huge blow to most programs, but the Broncos still have over a half dozen guys who will play on Sept. 3 at Georgia.

"We do a lot of moving guys around," BSU receivers coach Steve Smyte said. Smyte is in his second season as the receivers coach for the Broncos.

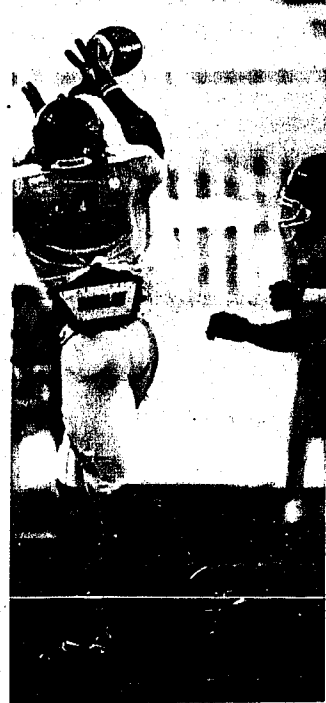
The Broncos still have six six receivers on the roster that will travel and expect to play against Georgia on Sept. 3.

"We are going to put the best guys on the field for what they do. So, we are not so tied in to who's the 'X,' who's the 'Z,' like some other places," Smyte said.

The coaching staff calls the rotation similar to that in hockey, where numerous players come in and out after almost every play.

The Broncos will receive a contribution from every receiver, because there is a bit of game time inexperience for the players that will suit up against Georgia.

Only two had receptions last season for Boise State. One is a transfer from Oregon State, where he was a role player for three seasons for the Beavers. There's an accomplished



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Boise State receivers Legedu Naanee (4), Drisan James (11), Jerard Rabb (1) and Josh Smith (far right).



junior college transfer, a freshman with a blue-collar work ethic — and the near unanimous vote from the rest of the players as the breakout player this season.

Three seniors will suit up for the Broncos. Clasen is in his first season with the Broncos, after spending three seasons at Oregon State.

Despite the fact that Clasen hasn't played in a game for Boise State, Smyte is confident the speedy senior has a grasp of the offense after practicing with the team last fall.

"He's got a pretty good handle on everything. He's experienced and has done a nice job. He's worked his butt off," Smyte said.

The other two seniors return from last season for Boise State. Jason Murray came on late in the season for the Broncos in 2004. In the regular season finale, Murray caught his lone touchdown against

Nevada. This fall, Murray has been impressive with his ability to catch passes in double coverage.

"[Murray is] very solid. He's going to be a guy that we can count on to play a couple of different positions," Smyte said.

Josh Smith is the third senior who will work into the rotation. Last season, Smith finished with 7 catches for 72 yards in his first year with Boise State.

Freshman Vinny Perretta will also be in the rotation for Boise State. Perretta was the scout team player of the year last season. This fall, he has taken that accolade and turned it into what Boise State likes to call "blue collar."

"Vinny is just a blue collar guy. He's just doing things the right way," Smyte said.

Junior college transfer Jerard Rabb adds something to the team

that the Broncos have lacked in the last few seasons — size at receiver.

The 6 foot, 2 inch Orange, Calif. native showed in the spring scrimmages that he can be a weapon in goal line situations that will add another element to the red zone offense for the Broncos. Twice Rabb caught touchdown passes in goal line situations in two different scrimmages.

The lone downside for Rabb is the same for any JUCO transfer coming into Boise State. He needs to continue to grasp the complex offense the Broncos run.

"We will give him the plays he

has to know," Smyte said. "He's progressing each and every week."

The other junior is converted quarterback Legedu Naanee — the player that the rest of the team is hoping to see have a huge season.

"Hands down, L.A. I said this from the beginning of the sum-

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BSU hosts Utah in season opener

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

After last Saturday's exhibition win against NNU, 6-0, the Boise State women's soccer team directs its attention to the home opener against University of Utah this Sunday at the Boas Tennis and Soccer Complex. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

One thing fans will see this year is a new formation. The new system of play allows for more attacks and

brings out the offensive strengths that were hard to see previously.

The Mountain West Conference champion Utes are doing the same. With reorganization on their team — courtesy of several players coming off injuries, Utah is placing the focus on ball possession and attack rhythm.

The leading factor in what makes these ladies a tough match-up for BSU is the team's returning players. Add in the five players that were in-

jured last season with the top-level recruits the Utes have acquired, and the 2005 Utah team surpasses any of the program's previous 11 teams to be the most talented and deepest team yet. This is even when contemplating the absence of last year's senior Tracy Stratton Garner, who received the team award for most valuable player.

Bronco head coach Steve Lucas said it plain: "It's true. We have our work cut out for us. A game like this

helps us get ready for our conference games. It is a huge challenge."

What makes Boise State somewhat optimistic against Utah is its own deep bench. There are 28 ladies that comprise the roster, 19 of which are returning from last season's squad. For Lucas, this brings something to the game that is more prevalent than just stats.

"With so many coming back, and the great recruits, the maturity of our team is making itself quite evi-

dent," Lucas said.

While the Broncos enjoyed the victorious weekend in order to finish out their preseason, one thing that comes to the back of their minds is that Sunday's home opener will be a tough one.

Then again, non-conference play is there to prepare for the conference games, and win or lose for the Broncos this weekend will not factor to where they could place in conference play.

Heart and soul, Lau is both a wife and a leader on the field

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

If you ever were to take the time to look into the heart of a player, make sure to select a player like Brennan Lau.

The Boise native is in her third year with the Boise State soccer team, playing right wing midfielder position — a position where running for the ball only rewards you by making you run back for defense.

According to head coach Steve Lucas, Lau does a great job filling this tough position. He said, "Brennan is very technical. She wants to do her job right."

Balancing the demands of school and a position on the field, Lau takes every effort to describe the reward for hard work.

"I definitely think this is rewarding. I know I would regret it if I didn't do this," Lau said. "It teaches me a lot of things, like how to work hard; how to budget time and NOT procrastinate. It is a blessing that I have the opportunity to play."

Besides the fact that she takes on the task of being a student athlete, Lau also adds a heavy dose of family and married life.

In June of 2004, the former Brennan Erickson married Boise State football player Brad Lau. Being the only married player on the team, and marriage being what it is, Brennan spends less time with her fellow teammates off the field.



Brennan Lau prides on being a wife and a soccer player.

This can easily put a damper on things, but BSU coach Steve Lucas said that the opposite is true.

"She is always outside, but as you can see, she is on the field. That says a lot," Lucas said.

Her family near puts Brennan in constant contact with them. They are always there to support her and her husband, and often come to see the games.

This is important to Brennan. While Brad is definitely one of her biggest fans, he is only one of them. This is where she chokes up a bit.

In the preseason of her freshman year, Brennan Lau lost her biggest fan, as her father passed away without ever seeing her play as a Bronco.

"When times get tough and hard, just the thought of him loving to watch me play, and knowing that he believed in me and had confidence in me brings me through. Part of me just gets to that point — I'm doing this for my dad. Even though he never got to see a game, I still believe that he is watching."

Brennan is the youngest of her

siblings. At just five foot, two inches, the right-wing for the Broncos uses her quickness and speed to do some backdoor moves. Her wisdom comes through as a returning player, balancing marriage and family life with that of the student athlete. She plays with heart — in every sense of the word.

In the end, Brennan brings it all back to square one. "I think that what is really important in soccer is to definitely do it to have fun. Why do something if you are not happy?" Lau said.

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Bronco men's golf team hands the reigns to new head coach

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's golf team takes aim at a Western Athletic Conference title after an eventful offseason. This past summer, Kevin Burton, a Boise native, was hired as the new head coach of the Broncos, and he is excited about the opportunity. The team will also have another local product this season, with the signing of Meridian High graduate, Kyle Daniell-Gustin.

Kevin Burton is arguably the most successful golfer to ever come

out of the Treasure Valley, and looks to add the Broncos to his list of successes. Burton has been a player on a number of professional tours, including the PGA Tour, Australian PGA Tour, and Nike PGA Tour.

He is a three-time winner of the Rocky Mountain Section Player of the Year (2002, 2003, and 2004). Burton is also a multiple winner of the Western Club Professional Championship and the Idaho Open.

Burton, a long time professional, has been employed at numerous golf courses, including local courses

Banbury, Pierce Park Greens, and Redhawk Golf Club in Temecula, Calif.

The signing of Kyle Daniell-Gustin on Aug. 5, will make the Broncos a stronger team, said Burton. Daniell-Gustin transfers to Boise State from Walla Walla Community College, where he experienced much success. During his time at Walla Walla, Kyle was the winner of seven tournaments, with 17 top-three finishes. He was also the team captain and team MVP.

With new faces surrounding the program, the Broncos will glad-

ly welcome back senior Graham DeLaet. The Canadian native is an accomplished golfer at Boise State. DeLaet is a two-time All-WAC honoree, as well as being named WAC freshman of the year.

DeLaet added to his resume this past summer with a second place showing in the TELUS Edmonton Open, a professional event on the Canadian Tour. DeLaet was one of only two amateurs in a field of 69 golfers.

The Broncos will begin their season on Sept. 10, when they travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., to compete in the Falcon Invitational. The team's first tournament in Boise is the weekend of Oct. 10, in the Bronco Invitational.

BCS creates new poll

BY BRIAN DAVIS
The Dallas Morning News

Bowl Championship Series officials believe that creating a new poll made up of former college players, coaches, and administrators would be the best way to replace the Associated Press poll.

Fred Jacoby, the 77-year-old former Southwest Conference commissioner, has another view.

"I kidded them a month ago about us being the has-beens and over-the-hill gang," Jacoby said Monday.

Everyone from 80-year-old retirees to 43-year-old real estate agents will now help determine who plays for college football's national championship.

Even glib NFL announcer Terry Bradshaw is part of the 114-member voting panel that comprises the Harris Interactive poll, which will count one-third of the BCS formula.

Jacoby's still working these days. He's the commissioner of the Lone Star (Division II) and American Southwest (Division III) conferences based in Richardson, Texas. But there are plenty of other voters who no longer are actively involved with college sports.

Considering how controversial the BCS has become, it's a wonder they would want to get involved at all.

"Probably stupidity," former Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "I guess your ego gets you a little bit. But I do think it's important, and it's not going to be simple. You've just got to do what your convictions tell you to do and go on down the road."

The first Harris poll will be out on Sept. 25. Voters are expected to release only their final ballot Dec. 5.

Just don't expect Dykes to sit at home every Saturday watching football from noon to midnight. The 67-year-old said he wants to get out and attend games at Texas, Texas A&M, and Tech.

"And I've got a friend who just took a job at McMurry," Dykes said. "We're going to go see him."

Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky nominated former SMU quarterback Lance McIlhenny. The 43-year-old Dallas resident said he watches the high-

light shows, same as many fans.

But McIlhenny admitted that he knows little about teams such as Virginia Tech or Illinois.

McIlhenny has other concerns, too.

"Any given weekend, if I'm fly fishing, how am I going to make sure that by 1 o'clock on Sunday that this Harris group will have my input?" McIlhenny said. "I guess there will be mess-ups, delays, and people who aren't prompt. So that will be an interesting piece of all this."

The 114 voters, who can submit ballots by e-mail, phone, or fax, are supposed to represent a statistical cross section of all 11 Division I-A conferences.

Essentially, each conference is represented by 10 people — eight former coaches, players, or administrators and two media representatives. Three more voters represent Notre Dame, and the final voter represents all other independents.

BCS spokesman Bob Burda said he would not identify which voters represent which league. But it's rather easy to identify who could represent the Big 12.

Former Texas Tech linebacker E.J. Holub is a voter, as is former Oklahoma defensive lineman Lee Roy Selmon. Jim Ray Smith was an All-American tackle at Baylor from 1952 to 1954. Bob Frederick (Kansas) and Max Urick (Kansas State) are retired athletic directors.

Age apparently was no factor in selecting a voting panel. Former Iowa AD Bump Elliott is 80.

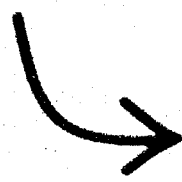
Other names on the list are intriguing for other reasons. How will John Mackovic vote for Texas, the school that fired him after the 1997 season? Chuck Neinas runs his own consulting firm that helps hire college coaches all over the country, so how will he vote?

Others are just flat out odd. Bradshaw, the former Louisiana Tech quarterback, spends his Saturdays getting ready for CBS's NFL Sunday pregame show. Brenton Buckner is still playing with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Boomer Esiason, Anthony Munoz, and Steve Largent are well known for their NFL exploits. Yet, they haven't been associated with college football in years.



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Injuries plague UGA receivers

BY DAVID PITTMAN
Red and Black

If Mark Richt had to do it over again, he would have invited more walk-on receivers to fall camp.

But how was Georgia's head football coach to know so many of his wide receivers would become injured?

The Bulldog receiving corps has been plagued by injuries — mostly hamstring related — thus far in fall practice and was down to five scholarship players for last Wednesday's intra-squad scrimmage.

"A lot of people had to take a lot, a lot, a lot of more reps than they were used to," senior receiver Bryan McClendon said about the Wednesday practice held before the scrimmage.

Running has taken its toll on all the healthy receivers. Richt called some of his players "dead-legged."

After Wednesday's scrimmage, Richt even floated the idea of moving senior tailback Tyson Browning to receiver to add bodies to the position, at least until more regular receivers recover.

Second-string quarterback Joe Tereshinski also took some reps at receiver during the scrimmage.

Those changes may not be necessary for long.

Juniors Mario Raley and Sean Bailey are close to returning from their hamstring injuries, Richt said. Sophomore A.J. Bryant and freshman Mohamed Massaquoi's return for the Sept. 3 season opener against Boise State is uncertain.

Wednesday's practice was modified to make it easier on the receivers' legs by not making them run routes until beginning competitive

situations, such as pass skeleton, team, and one-on-one sessions with defensive backs.

"They've been running a little bit more than half an hour, when everybody else is running maybe an hour-and-a-half," Richt said of the receivers.

Georgia's linebackers have not been immune to injury during practice either.

But Richt said the position has been helped because it has many more walk-ons who can take reps in practice, giving the regulars a break.

"You always expect injuries," said junior linebacker Tony Taylor, who recently recovered from tight hamstrings. "It's just one of those things you got to overcome for the team."

Wide receivers coach John Eason said he does not necessarily view the injuries as negative for the team.

"I look at it... as an opportunity for guys not able to practice everyday," Eason said. "And for guys who are able to practice, it gives them an opportunity to show what they can do."

Young players and walk-ons are receiving more time in practice, making their role on the team more important than usual.

"A lot of them don't understand their role on the team as far as giving us depth on the defense or special teams or working on the scout team," Taylor said.

But for those players who have been healthy, like McClendon, it makes them physically and mentally stronger, McClendon said.

"That was the whole point of camp," said McClendon, one of the players healthy for the entirety of practice, "to see who was going to play, to see who is ready to play."

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Current Boise State discus thrower Staffan Jonsson posted a career best throw in the discus en route to winning the Swedish National Championship. A native of Malmo, Sweden, Jonsson won his national championship with a personal record of 187 feet, 5 inches. His previous personal best was 182-2 set during the 2003 season.

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Vinny Perretta Jason Murray Cole Clasen

mer. That dude is going to have a big year," junior cornerback Gerald Alexander said.

Naanee converted from backup quarterback late last season, and caught four passes for 45 yards.

But a summer conditioning as a receiver has paid huge dividends for the junior, which is something quarterback Jared Zabransky is excited about.

"You can tell he played quarterback when he's out there as a receiver. He knows the offense and has a feel for the holes and what I am looking at," Zabransky said. "We are really excited about what he can do."

The entire team practiced all summer in player-run drills that have improved the familiarity for Zabransky and the receivers.

"I think it just contributed from the summer. They worked really hard, and it's carried over, and you can see who's put in the time and who was out there getting better," Zabransky said.

Like any team not used to the heat and humidity in Georgia, they will need depth and constant rotation to keep from exhausting them-

selves by halftime. But Smyte says that the Broncos are prepared.

"It may not affect us as much as other teams, because we are used to doing that. We package different receiver groups.

"So I don't think it will be as much of a factor for us just because we do so much of that anyway," Smyte said.

It was the intense fall camp that gave Smyte the confidence to make that statement.

"We've really had a hard camp and gotten after it," Smyte said.

He also stated the summer conditioning by the players have put them in great shape.

Now, time will only tell if all of the preparation can pay off on the field for this talented and deep receiving corps.

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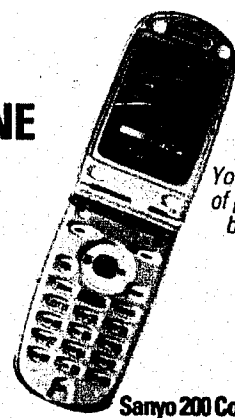
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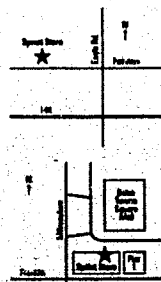
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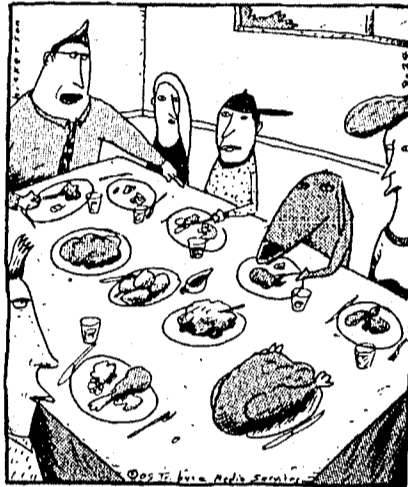
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 - Others have grand visions of the future. You have common sense. Help them avoid making a terrible mistake.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to launch new projects, gamble or look for a job. Clean out your closets instead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8 - Encourage others to take quick action, but not at your expense. It's better for you to sell than to buy under these conditions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5 - It's good to have a lofty goal you're trying to accomplish. Be practical about it, and get farther.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 - Test the waters, but don't jump in quite yet. There are still a few things you need to do first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 - It's not a good time to gamble, or take financial risks. Postpone your shopping trip, too.

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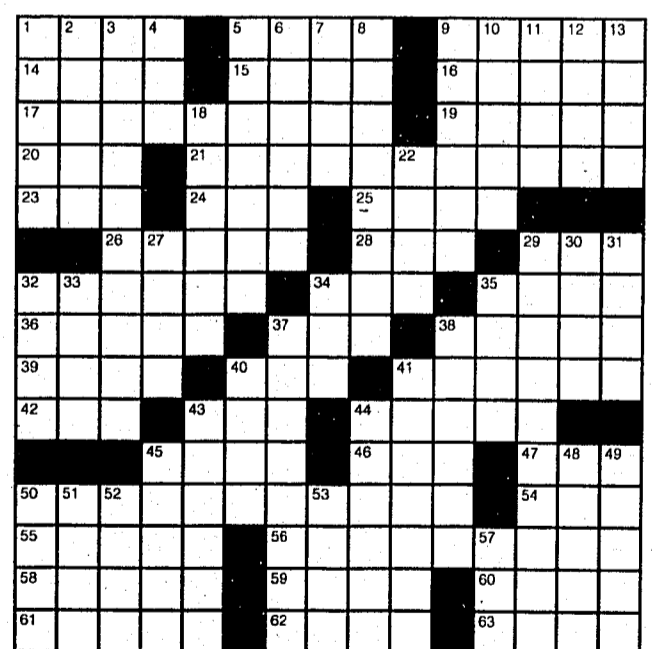
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2 Remove the bolt
3 Sees
4 Bother
5 Section in a section

- 6 Portland's state
7 "Hamlet" extra
8 Selfless person
9 Elect
10 Pound and Stone
11 Black Sea arm
12 Not on tape
13 Soothsayer
18 Pertains
22 Hillside by a loch
27 IRA type
29 Deep thought
30 Heavy cord
31 Grew up
32 Flea market caveat
33 "Do ___ others as..."
34 Container with a tap
35 Fido rider?
37 Single lenses
38 Santa's vehicle
40 Summoned
41 Decorative wall brackets

Solutions

E N A D S D O S X E N N V
T O D I E E F E E G V A B
G H U B H O N A T L J B E A E
N E I T E F I C T I O N E D E R
A P V S I O P I O D O O D
V N V E O C E N V A S O S
D E M E T S N O B H O I T
G O T S T U W S I N S
G O F F E S N O R U N V
V R B N V I N E E R P
S I R U O F F O R S
H E A V E B E E G V E H V R
E A O U T I N E B R O S B V
E I Z Z O T V U P Q I N E
S T V E L S V D O S V B U I

- 43 Whirlwind or whirlpool
44 Voiced one's thoughts
45 Funerary piece
48 Juan of Argentina
49 Go fishing
50 "I Know How He Feels" singer
51 Hunter or Connell
52 Laura or Bruce
53 Keyboard error
57 Bridge action