

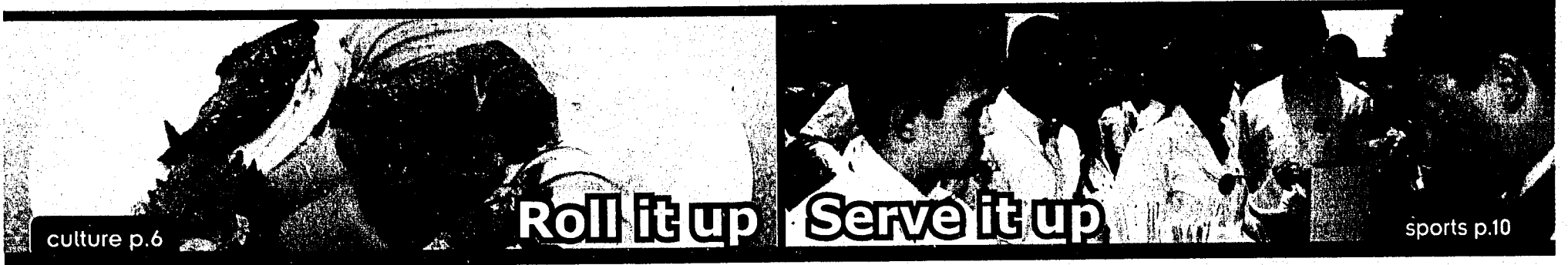
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The Arbiter



Dalai Lama: Ambassador for peace

His Holiness spends four days in Idaho, preaches compassion

BSU student, professor present film during Buddhist leader's visit

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BY SARA BAHNSON
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"The reason why love and compassion bring the greatest happiness is simply that our nature cherishes them above all else."
This was the message displayed on the giant screen on the football field of Wood River High School. It was a quote from His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, who visited Hailey, Idaho last weekend to help commemorate the fourth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"The world is at a critical point spiritually. After one of the bloodiest centuries in human history we are ready to swing to a century of compassion," said Kiril Sokoloff, event sponsor and a personal friend of the Dalai Lama.

At the invitation of Sokoloff, the Dalai Lama agreed to visit Idaho to send his universal message of love, compassion, patience, understanding and forgiveness. This included meetings with the business community and various members of the clergy plus two main events—addressing a live audience of 10,000 on September 11 and 8,000 children on September 12 held at Wood River High School in Sun Valley.

His address on September 11 commemorated our nation's fourth anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks. This event was broadcast worldwide via CNN with a 45-minute question and answer session following his speech.

The Dalai Lama's sense of humor was evident in his speech as he used it as a tool it is at getting his message across.

"My family is funny and I always joked with my brothers and sisters," and after a moment added, "When I give a serious speech and have a serious face, I think that this does not help much, no!"

The second day, an address to the children of Idaho, carried a similar tone as the address on September 11 and featured a show with young performers singing an original song "The Heart of Every Child," written especially for his visit.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on the September 12 address introduced "Idaho's most precious resource, our children" to His Holiness.

At the completion of his talk, the Dalai Lama asked the children in attendance, "Who will create this century of compassion?" Not me. I'm almost 70. The century of compassion is your responsibility."

Personal blessings from His Holiness were given to 18 children that day who had submitted essays about compassion.

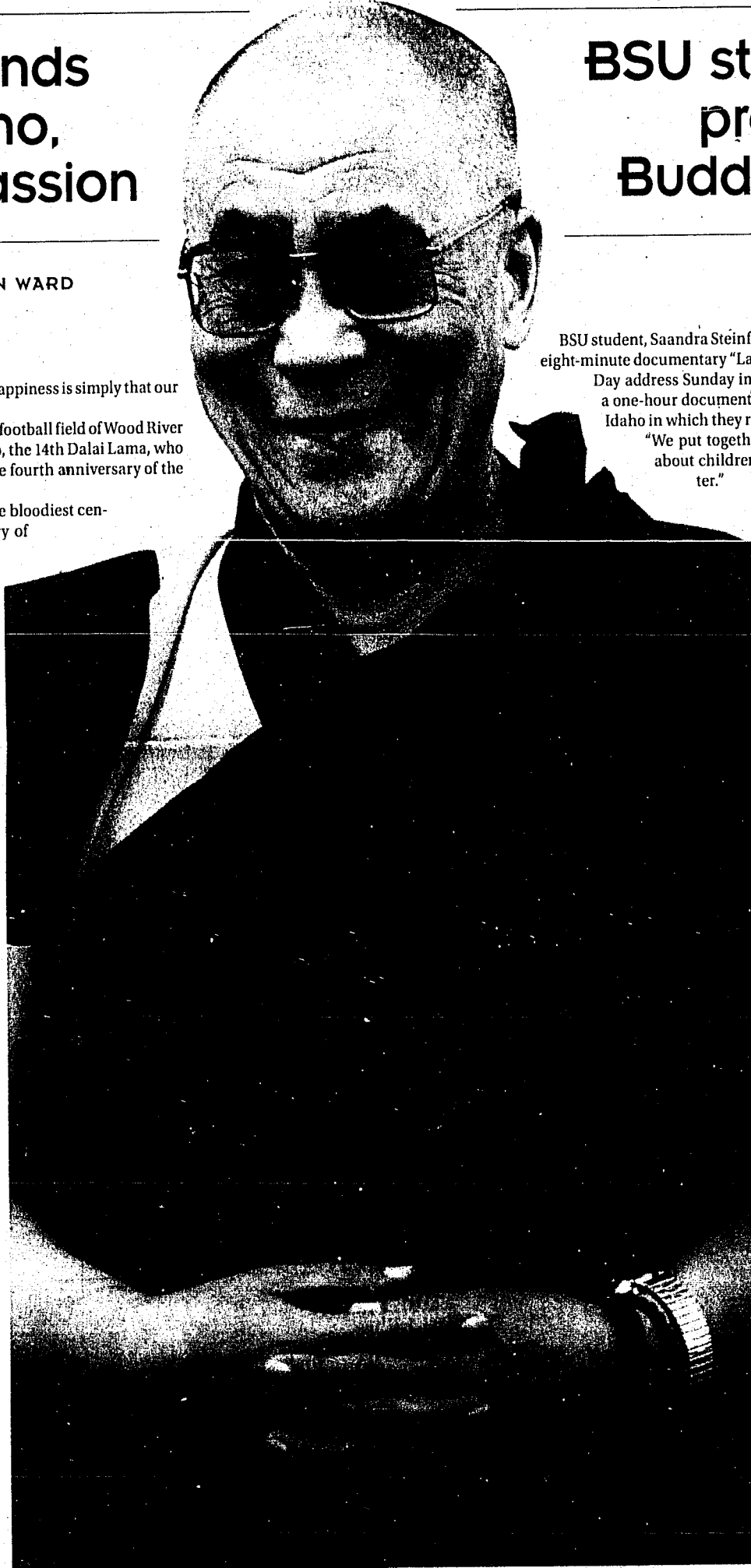
His Holiness or Kundun—as the people of Tibet call him—was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1989.

Now 69, the Dalai Lama has increasingly branched out to the world stage, addressing throngs of thousands in Europe, Latin America and the United States.

His message of nonviolence, coupled with his humility, has cast a spotlight on Buddhism, the world's fifth-largest religion with 360 million followers. Among the five million Buddhists in the United States, one million are Western converts.

Tibetan Buddhism belongs to the Mahayana or Great Vehicle tradition, which arose in India in around the first century B.C., and stressed the principles of wisdom and

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BSU student, Saandra Steinfelt, and BSU adjunct professor, Jesse Cordtz, presented their eight-minute documentary "Laying the Foundation of the Future" at the Dalai Lama's Kids' Day address Sunday in Hailey, Idaho. Steinfelt and Cordtz also filmed footage for a one-hour documentary, "Seeds of Compassion," about the Dalai Lama's visit to Idaho in which they received exclusive standing, according to Cordtz.

"We put together the video as a gift to his holiness," Cordtz said. "It's all about children, compassion and their ideas about making the world better."

Their documentary was played in combination with the Dalai Lama's blessing of 18 Idaho children who were selected after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's requested essay submissions from Idaho children to tell the world what compassion means to them.

"Governor and Pat Kempthorne sanctioned it [the essay submissions] through their Web site and a committee selected the children to be blessed," Cordtz said.

The film features children from ages five to 18 who demonstrate acts of compassion through community service. They were filmed at the Idaho Foodbank, the YMCA, the Meridian Boys' and Girls' Club, Meals on Wheels, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and other sites across Idaho.

Steinfelt and Cordtz were commissioned to film both documentaries by Kiril Sokoloff, a Sun Valley businessman and follower of the Dalai Lama.

Steinfelt had the idea of the documentary last year, but said at first she didn't know who to get in contact with.

"This was a dream of mine about a year ago," Steinfelt said. "I wanted to film a documentary for education purposes only to spread the Dalai Lama's words of compassion."

Thanks to Steinfelt's mother and her connections to a Buddhist follower at the Treasure Valley Community Center, where Steinfelt and her mother work, Sokoloff received Steinfelt's e-mail.

"Kiril saw something in us," Cordtz said.

Steinfelt and Cordtz also worked with 18 other crewmembers from BSU and TVTV. Rick Moore, Pete Lutze, Susan Randall and other members of the Communication department faculty at BSU also assisted the coordination of the documentary. Cordtz said Moore, Lutze and Randall were very instrumental in getting support from the university.

"These are some really top notch students that have already proven themselves," Moore said. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to shoot something of this caliber, specially in their own backyard."

The short documentary was played on a 17 feet by 23 feet screen and to a crowd of 10,000 people. Steinfelt and Cordtz received permission from Sokoloff to have two cameras just five feet away from the Dalai Lama, which Cordtz said will be used by national television programs.

Steinfelt and Cordtz are also working with experienced professionals in the film-making field.

"We are working closely and sharing footage with a Hollywood production crew that is following the chronicle of His Holiness's visit to the United States," Cordtz said.

Steinfelt, 52, is a sophomore non-traditional student

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Affected BSU student proud of family's response to Katrina

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
News Writer

In their home near Baton Rouge, Chris and Mickie Roy became acquainted with the ruthless celebrity known worldwide as Hurricane Katrina. The unwelcomed natural disaster swept in, stealing their electricity and tormenting their Gulf Coast neighbors. The Roes experienced blindness from Katrina's power outages, but she didn't show them the fullness of her aftermath. They went out to look for that.

The couple drove around their community, searching local shelters for displaced New Orleans residents who sought refuge in Baton Rouge.

"My mom and dad wanted to

take somebody in," Derek Roy said. Roy is a Boise State University student who grew up in Louisiana.

His parents invited a family of nine — a father, mother and their three children, one of whom is married with three children — to live in their five-bedroom home in Ventress, La.

"They're staying there for an undetermined amount of time. They lost everything," Roy said.

As for his parents, Roy said, "I am so proud of them."

Both the BSU student and his fiancé Dawn Louviere have family and friends affected by Katrina. It wasn't until last week that the couple finally heard all of their loved ones were ok.

"We were worried at first. It was

still hard to call Louisiana," Roy said. "That's where my entire family is. That's my home."

His cousin and her husband live in Biloxi, Miss., where Katrina hit the hardest.

"They lost everything," he said. "But everyone is alive that I know."

Roy understands the feelings of people in Idaho as well as those in Louisiana. In Idaho, people may want to help, but many feel disconnected from Louisiana and Mississippi, two areas throttled by Katrina. Unlike most BSU students, Roy has witnessed hurricanes, such as Katrina's fierce predecessor Hurricane Andrew.

The Louisiana native also knows, truly, the essence of New Orleans. He's tasted its ethnic flavors,

walked its historic streets, heard its colorful music and fallen in love with its character.

"I've been around the world, and there's no place on this planet like New Orleans," Roy said. "There's just something in the air... it breaks my heart that this kind of thing is happening to the city I know and love."

Roy believes New Orleans will be saved and people will move back to their homes.

"The city will definitely be saved, especially the French Quarter. That's the most important part of New Orleans and the area that means the most to me... there's so much history in the French Quarter."

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Derek Roy, BSU student, is keeping up with his parents, who took in a family of nine after Hurricane Katrina ruined their New Orleans home.

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Israel ends Gaza Strip occupation, but leaves synagogues

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - Israel lowered its national flag in the Gaza Strip for the last time Sunday as soldiers streamed out of the former Jewish settlements, officially ending 38 years of military rule over 1.3 million Palestinians in the narrow Mediterranean region.

Hours later, thousands of Palestinians streamed into the long-fortified Israeli enclaves for the first time early Monday.

Palestinian leaders staged a last-minute boycott of a ceremonial

handover to protest Israel's continued control of the Gaza Strip borders.

The unresolved dispute over when and how Palestinians can enter and leave the Gaza Strip threatens to become the first major post-settlement shutdown crisis, said Diana Buttu, a legal adviser with the Palestinian Authority.

The handover was also clouded when Israel's Cabinet put an eleventh-hour halt to court-approved plans to demolish 26 synagogues in the Gaza Strip and asked Palestinian officials to respect and preserve the former houses of worship.

Late Sunday, Toufiq Abu Khossa, spokesman for Palestinian Interior Ministry, said that the Palestinian Authority now plans to demolish the synagogues and all other public buildings left behind by the Israelis.

The ceremonial lowering of the Israeli flag just before sunset Sunday marked the last official act of the nation's military control of the Gaza Strip, a densely populated area about twice the size of Washington, D.C.

Thornberry, of Texas, one of the congressional authorities on homeland security.

"The challenge," he added, "is to keep it to a minimum."

There is particular concern on Capitol Hill that the relatively small Federal Emergency Management Agency, mired in controversy over its initial ragged response to the killer hurricane, cannot, or will not, provide adequate oversight.

FEMA director Michael Brown, who was recalled to Washington from the disaster area by his boss, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, resigned Monday. But FEMA remains the clearinghouse for much of the hurricane relief. And it's been blistered by federal investigators for its handling of claims last year in Miami-Dade County, Fla., after Hurricane Frances.

Nearly \$31 million in spending was questioned by the homeland security inspector general, and more than a dozen county residents were indicted for fraud.

Rent was given to those who did not need it, the audit found. Equipment was purchased without proof of need.

And several funerals were paid for in cases not tied to the hurricane, which came ashore nearly 100 miles to the north from where the deaths occurred.

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Oversight of FEMA aid draws concern

WASHINGTON - Fraud, waste, scams, and just plain shady deals. As rescue and recovery turns to rebuilding and reconstruction along the Gulf Coast devastated by Hurricane Katrina, the likelihood of abuse escalates with the rapid infusion of federal funds, already exceeding \$62 billion.

So much money will be going to so many people so fast that some fraud is inevitable, said Rep. Mac

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BSU alum takes on 'Monster Garage'

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
News Writer

Few women weld. Even fewer do it professionally. And a miniscule amount of American females weld for "Monster Garage." Yet Tammi Milford does it all — welding, professionally and was featured on the Discovery channel cable show.

"It was long hours and a lot of work ... a lot more than I expected," Milford said.

The BSU alumna didn't have much time to build expectations. In early August, she found out that The Discovery Channel was looking for a female welder to join an all-girl team for a Monster Garage episode. A few weeks after filling out some paperwork, she boarded a plane for California.

"I never thought I'd be on 'Monster Garage,'" Milford said.

Just two years ago, Milford was studying welding. Now, she's considered a top female welder.

"What else can I say except that she is the Welding Diva/Goddess?" Juan Martinez said. Martinez heads the program of welding and metals fabrication at the Seland College of Applied Technology at BSU. He also referred Milford for the "Monster Garage" spot.

"Monster Garage" is a television show where celebrity biker Jesse James helps a team turn a regular vehicle into a unique machine. Milford is unable to talk about her



Tammi Milford stands with Brett "The Big Schwag" Wagner, the announcer for The Discovery Channel's "Monster Garage."

team's project until the episode airs in November.

Milford welds for Rule Steel in Caldwell, Idaho, so the welding itself wasn't a challenge.

What Milford learned quickly during her two weeks at "Monster Garage" was how to work with four other women and around ubiquitous cameras, which filmed her every move.

"The cameras were everywhere," she said. "On the last day, they knew there were a lot of things we needed to do, and they were just waiting for a breakdown."

Milford said she ignored the cameras and avoided the drama of the all-female team. Working in a male-dominated field, Milford rarely works with women. She was the only female student in welding during her BSU education and, until recently, was the solitary woman welder at Rule Steel. She encountered a lot of bias and sexism upon entering this field. Rule Steel was her last interview, the only company to hire her.

"The level of sexism and biased attitudes in Idaho towards women in this field is overwhelmingly em-

barrassing and shameful," Martinez said. "Tammi represents the frontline in this battle of ignorance and women from all walks should stand and applaud her determination and internal fortitude as she continues to prove herself as a highly skilled and professional tradeswoman."

Milford, who also balances marriage and five children, said she's got a tough skin and is determined to work hard.

Her time in California was anything but a vacation. Milford worked 12-hour days, but still got to hang out with Monster Garage celebrities, such as Jesse James, and movie stars, like his wife Sandra Bullock.

"They were both really nice," she said.

Martinez thinks highly of James, too.

"Jesse James has become a true icon and role model for the 'new school' of welding and manufacturing," Martinez said. "He likes loud motorcycles and has tattoos and drops the F bomb here and there, but he is also a world class craftsman, a master of his trade and highly respected amongst his peers."

As for Milford, with one episode of Monster Garage under her belt, she is up to any challenge the Discover Channel can offer.

Her next venture? "My team is talking about applying to be on 'Junkyard Wars,'" Milford said.

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— they can't abandon it," he said.

Restoration continues in New Orleans, and the beneath sea-level city is gradually being drained of floodwaters that submerged 80 percent of its land.

"They'll pump the water out, but the fact remains that New Orleans is under sea level," Roy said. "It makes no sense for a city to be there, but people still go, still risk living there."

Roy compared it to Californians

who live on earthquake faults, Hawaiians in the shadows of volcanoes and Idahoans that face foothill fire danger.

"In New Orleans, there's the risk of getting hit with a hurricane, and to those people, it is worth it to live there," he said.

Roy, who serves in the Air National Guard, is currently on stand-by and will volunteer to help New Orleans if called.

"My unit is down there. I'm on the volunteer list to go," he said. "I would be willing to withdraw from school. A part of me really wishes

I'll get called."

Though he doesn't know if he'll actually wade through rubble down south, Roy is helping through donations and encouraging others to do the same.

"I would ask people to please donate to the Red Cross," he said. "That's what they need right now. The Red Cross is going to be in our area for a long time — years."

Roy also set up a fund for the Pflugers, the family of nine living with his parents.

He and his friends are supporting them so the children can continue

school near Baton Rouge and buy the necessities the family lacks.

For information on how to help the Pflugers, contact Roy at derekroy_b3@yahoo.com.

"I talk to my mom and dad everyday, and my dad just wants to say 'thank you' to everyone up here," Roy said. "So much money pouring in, and they all really need it."

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compassion as the two keys to overcoming human suffering. It combines the Prajna or wisdom teachings of the Buddha with the esoteric Tantric practices of the Vajrayana or Lightening path.

Jeffrey Hopkins, a Tibetan Buddhist scholar and longtime friend of the Dalai Lama, said part of his appeal lies in his ability to put Buddhist teachings into universal terms.

"His Holiness has worked very hard to formulate a message appropriate to all people," said Hopkins, a professor of Indo-Tibetan studies at the University of Virginia who has co-authored several books with the Dalai Lama. "There are many techniques within Buddhism for the generation of kindness towards others, and those techniques appeal to people of any religion." In addressing Western audiences, however, the Dalai Lama has often been pressed on issues like homosexuality and the lack of female spiritual leadership in Buddhism. He has said that while homosexuality is condemned as "sexual misconduct" in certain Buddhist texts, such teachings shouldn't be applied to modern societies.

"As far as homosexuality is concerned, he's saying that the Buddhist scripture says this is something people should not practice, but he qualifies that by saying that because of today's culture, today's values, he does not object to it," said Victor Chan, author of "The Wisdom of Forgiveness," (Riverhead Books, \$24.95) which he co-wrote with the Dalai Lama.

When pressed about discrimination against women in the Buddhist monastic tradition, the Dalai Lama has admitted that elements of monastic culture should perhaps be revised to ensure equal opportunity for nuns.

The Dalai Lama has also reached out to scientists to spur dialogue between the scientific and religious communities. Believing that Buddhism is more a philosophy than a dogma, he has told scientists he would be willing to relinquish any belief that science contradicts.

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majoring in mass communication/journalism at BSU. Cordtz, 24, is an adjunct professor of 3-D Animation and Design, an Extended Studies course, a recent graduate of BSU and Steinfeld's professor.

"We're like the 'Odd Couple,'" Steinfeld said. Steinfeld said she and Cordtz have been affected by the experience of filming the documentary in a very positive way.

"It's been amazing to see the transformation of Jesse," Steinfeld said. "We've learned so much from the children."

Cordtz agreed. "Interviewing these children about kindness and compassion has changed my outlook on life."

Steinfeld and Cordtz plan on continuing their partnership in documentary film-making with another film about Jackie Sandmeyer, a fifteen-year old honoree that was blessed by the Dalai Lama, who is traveling to Texas this week to deliver items to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Sandmeyer started a relief fund for the hurricane soon after it hit the South.

"She took it entirely upon herself," Steinfeld said. "She's been sending clothes since it happened, and now she wants to give face-to-face."

Cordtz recognized the support of BSU and their part in making the documentary happen.

"I couldn't have asked for a better university to back us," Cordtz said.

Moore said that Steinfeld and Cordtz's accomplishments, which have a national impact, could be an inspiration to other BSU students.

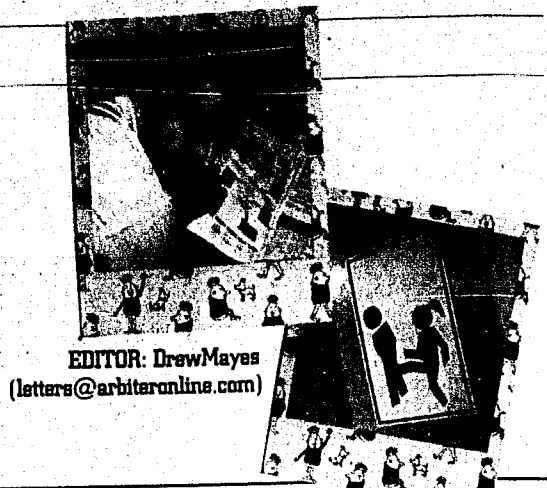
"It's a good sign to current students of what you can do with what you learn here," Moore said.

Despite the powerful people they have worked with, Steinfeld and Cordtz's message remains simple.

"If you feel compassion in your heart, it'll come back to you," Steinfeld said.

Those interested in viewing the short documentary can see it at BSU later this fall. Further details have yet to be announced.

opinion



Having a parking space available: priceless

BY BRIAN NOLTA
Opinion Writer

It's time to pick on everyone's favorite scapegoat in the world of higher education. Get out the tomatoes — it's time to address parking. I'm not talking about the parking Nazis who sweep the lots, ready to hand out \$10 slips of joy to you miscreants who park where you ain't supposed to (that's their job, the pay sucks, and they aren't the problem anyway). Lay off them, and let's look at the whole approach to parking.

Boise State University has

switched over to doing most everything by computer, and a welcome development it is. Yet, despite these advances, the parking office has not quite gotten with the program.

Sure, you can buy parking permits over the Web, up to a certain point. This point happens to fall before financial aid is disbursed, which means that if you depend on aid to meet your educational expenses, you'll be waiting in line for what feels like eons.

I doubt this was intentional, but it feels like a punitive measure for those aid-dependent students waiting in line, especially if they read

that cheery e-mail sent to BSU accounts saying, "You missed the boat, Charlie. Get in line."

Then there's the practice of overselling. The theory is simple: Since not all students are attending classes at the same time, the school feels justified in selling more permits than there are spaces, since not everyone will be needing parking at the same time.

This sounds logical, but in practice, there seem to be a few flaws. For one, it doesn't really take into account transit time. BSU is pretty spread out, and getting from one place to another takes time. Worse,

this practice takes a turn for the crappy when the school sees fit to block off certain lots for events, construction, or just for the hell of it.

Recent news releases have trumpeted the shiny new indoor training center that's being built, which is nice for those who will use it. However, that is a subset of the student body, whereas parking lots are used across the board. Between events (where the university seems to forget who its customers and raison d'etre are) and construction, it's a wonder any of us who don't have class at dark-thirty in the morning can find a spot.

Don't even get me started on the parking garage, a good idea that seems to be fumbled in the execution. Let's build a structure that would be a great boon to students going to classes on the north end of campus, and then, we'll sell individual spots in the garage and make it so that those lucky ones can keep buying up the same spot over and over again, year after year, thus keeping most students from using it. Does this sound like a good idea to you? It apparently does to BSU.

The new lots that have sprung up are a step in the right direction, although the restrictions in the other lots have even managed to hose that good idea into a morass of long lines and late students.

Parking is an issue at every university I've ever been to, but BSU seems to be taking the lead in screwing things up here, and it doesn't have to be.

Rethinking the garage policy, not overselling the lots, hell, strike a deal with some of the local businesses for lot space.

There are ways around this issue. Maybe BSU doesn't think there is an issue, as long as the permit revenue keeps coming in. Maybe we should all stop paying for permits and tickets and see what happens. How many tow trucks will it take? Something to think about while you're searching for a spot.

It can take a natural disaster to reveal a social disaster

BY MEGAN EGBERT
Vice President of Idaho
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In her September 12 letter to the editor, Jessica Bruton states "If President Bush is so against Black Americans, please tell me why Condoleezza Rice works next to him." This is an interesting question, and to answer it in an honest method we would have to examine President Bush's history regarding Black Americans.

President Bush is the first president since the founding of the NAACP not to attend its annual meeting. He has turned down a total of five invitations.

President Bush refused to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus until January of 2005 where he made the statement that he was "unfamiliar with the Voting Rights Act of 1965."

He used Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to announce his stance against an affirmative action program at the University of Michigan.

The president used the Black American population as a justification for his risky privatization of social security, stating that the current system was unfair to African Americans because they don't live as long as white Americans. Now why would President Bush be more concerned with gaining support of African Americans for his plan, than focusing on the glaring inequities in access to health care?

And just recently the Bush administration demoted the head of the Bureau of Justice Statistics after he refused to bury a report regarding statistics that African Americans and Hispanics are more than twice as likely as whites to have their vehicle searched when stopped by police. This was after he proposed recommendations to end racial profiling in 2001. While this is just a start I think it gives us a pretty clear

idea of Bush's attitude toward Black Americans. Now about that second part of the question. Why would President Bush promote Condi Rice to Secretary of State? Ms. Bruton challenges in her letter "are you going to claim that he does that for show?"

Let's see here. We are talking about the same president who lied to us all about weapons of mass destruction, right? You are referring to the same president who has drastically cut pell grants and social assistance programs, while at the same time giving millions in tax breaks to the nations wealthiest? The one and only G.W. who has managed to turn a national surplus into the largest deficit in history by spending billions of dollars on his buddies at Halliburton. You're right. Promoting an educated, articulate, conservative African American woman for public relations reasons is definitely beyond him.

While Ms. Bruton's lack of knowledge about Bush's policies regarding Black Americans is appalling, it didn't alarm me nearly as much as her insensitivity and absence of empathy for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. "10,000 dense ignorant people aren't leaving." These people that she refers to are the 25 percent of New Orleans population that were living in poverty. Poverty, something Ms. Bruton has obviously never had to live with, doesn't leave people equipped to evacuate a city without the assistance of the state or national government. The survivors who stayed in New Orleans for the most part had no cars, no money, and no where to go. The IPDS and TV's that Ms. Bruton is so worried about being stolen seem a little trivial when you consider the disparity faced by thousands of residents who were in so many ways already victims.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Porn interview had no business in paper

As a 4th year Boise State student and what some would consider an intelligent woman, I apologize to any reader who was subjected to the blatant prejudicial articles that have recently been published in The Arbiter.

It is absolutely repulsive to know that a male student, who is a representative of the student body and the beliefs of The Arbiter staff, feels it is appropriate to put a positive light on being a porn star and even worse, one who admits to sexual interaction with men who pay her up to \$300 an hour through an escort service.

To associate her with being a rep-

resentative of intelligent Boise State women because she attended Boise State and "left" without completing a degree is offensive to the women of Boise State who are working hard to rise above stereotypes and sexism.

To allow this article to be published on the culture page is a misrepresentation of what the page was created for, to exemplify culture. I also suggest that before printing an article like this you look into the credibility of the source.

Maranda is not a cultural representative of what or who Boise State is or even a part of the Boise State culture since she is not a current student or alumni.

I understand the need and desire to spark controversy in the student newspaper, however, controversy without cause is purely ignorant and

journalistically irresponsible; especially when people are dying in our own country, starving in others, and fighting overseas for our rights, and your right, Mr. Mays, to offend and misrepresent women.

Jessica Leekley
Boise, Idaho

You cannot affirm both positions

"Affirming both positions" (of evolution and of so-called "intelligent design") presumes both positions are equally able to observe phenomena, formulate a hypothesis, experiment to demonstrate the truth or falseness of the hypothesis, and make a conclusion that vali-

dates or modifies the hypothesis. Evolution continues to take part in this self-correcting method - intelligent design can't, because its tenets are fixed: No experiments or observations can prove intelligent design.

One may as well affirm the position of the flat-earthers or astrologers, because intelligent design is really stealth creationism; it is not a science, but pseudoscience.

Paul Burnett
Alameda, California

Bad argument

I am writing to address the very passionate argument Jessica Bruton made in her letter to editor titled, "The idea President Bush hates black

Americans is ridiculous." Notice I said address, rather than engage, in what could easily become a written ego peeing contest. Such contests are boring, and well, useless. First, I'd appreciate clarification. Please explain to me, who the "10,000 dense, ignorant people" are exactly, and how Condoleezza Rice's presence in the White House is automatically and unquestionably indicative of an administration's racial equality?

I do not see the connections and I would love for you to help me understand. Also, please explain how questioning political decisions, policies and government officials, automatically and unquestionably, renders one offensive or inept as a journalist?

I did not see the piece critiqued, nor did I find enough evidence in

your response to support the points that made you "sad" that someone making these statements is an American.

It would be wonderful if we could actually discuss such discrepancies in opinion, not in blanket statements, arguments and posturing, but as critical thinkers and concerned, educated citizens.

It troubles me to see someone I think to be very bright, using an emotional argument to silence criticism. To me, the value of a University education is the encouragement of critical thinking and not to serve as a space for sustaining the view of government as shepherd, to a public of happy, unquestioning sheep.

Jennifer Edwards
Boise, Idaho

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Only in America

Scalped tickets to Dalai Lama go for hundreds on eBay

BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

Only in America do you see a spiritual celebration turned into a moneymaking, capitalist venture. This past weekend, the spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhist community, the Dalai Lama, visited the Sun Valley area to a crowd of nearly ten thousand.

The majority of the mass of humanity that was sprawled across the Hailey High School football

gious beliefs, seeing the Dalai Lama in person for most is truly a once in a lifetime experience, and those

this, many individuals and families were able to partake in a very meaningful event that will not soon be forgotten.

However, many more individuals and families would have loved to participate in such an event but could not afford the scalped tickets that were going on eBay for hundreds of dollars.

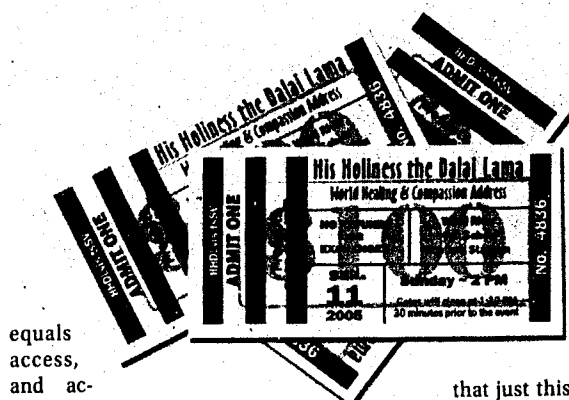
It appears that each person who waited hours in line to get tickets were allowed up to four free tickets to the event.

I am all for people doing what they have to do to make as much money for themselves as possible. After all, we live in a culture where money

When do we put some of our self-status greed and desire for materialistic things on the back burner and decide that just this one time, we're going to be a human being and do the right thing?

field had to spend a beautiful summer day in a long line for free tickets to the event. Regardless of your reli-

who organized the event should be applauded for providing as many free tickets as they did. By doing



equals access, and access equals power. Money simply makes things easier and right or wrong, we equate those among us who have the most money as the most successful.

But at what point do we as a society say enough is enough?

When do we put some of our self-status greed and desire for materialistic things on the back burner and

decide that just this one time, we're going to be a human being and do the right thing?

Charging people hundreds of dollars for your free tickets to a spiritual event that stresses compassion for your fellow man is not the right thing. I guess paying to pray is not that point when we say enough is enough.

A natural disaster happens, naturally

Race has little to do with New Orleans response

BY MICHELLE LAMBERT
Guest Opinion

In response to an opinion letter in The Arbiter regarding hurricane Katrina and its effects on New Orleans, I have to adamantly remark, "Wake up!"

Why are people placing blame for this natural disaster? It is an insurmountable tragedy that this happened to the gulf region. I cannot express enough how horrible it was and still is happening to those precious people who are now homeless

and without food and water. However, I think Americans are losing sight of what is really important when we begin to question people's motives and reactions to this disaster.

Millions of dollars are being donated; millions of people are helping in forms of military service, charitable organization service, and service in and of itself. Where do we get off placing blame on a blameless catastrophe?

If we want to place blame, place it on nature because that is exactly where it belongs and nowhere else. Must we bring in frivolous and ridiculous notions that race plays a part that people are suffering?

Americans are suffering and that is the bottom line. There are African-Americans, whites,

Hispanics, Asians, and many other people of different races who are suffering this tragedy.

It is Americans who are helping out as much and as fast as they can. There needs to be control and service and I see nothing but the two doing its best to do the job necessary to clean up this mess.

Aid has come and continues to come as fast as it is able. It is a goal that everyone involved be taken care of the best and most efficient way possible.

Yes, it takes time and we will get there. This was a horrendous disaster and it is going to take more than a few days to fix, there is no way around that fact.

America is a great nation but it is not immune to such things as natural disasters. We are great, but

relief does not come at an instant. I believe the people working down in New Orleans and other nearby areas would be shocked and offended that their fellow Americans are squabbling over who to blame, and that we are actually putting in time to argue that race is a factor.

I think those who are in trenches and putting all of these service hours do not see race, but only Americans in need. So I must say again, wake up!

I hope that we soon will quit the unnecessary and ridiculous notions that seem to be rampant most notably by some of today's most influential people, such as Kanye West, Oprah, and Al Sharpton.

Quit the blame game and focus on what is really going on and more importantly how we can help.

Idaho: a true blue state No wait, it really is

BY STEPHAN SCHATEL JUNIOR
Guest Opinion

Ok. I admit it. I'm blue. Not blue because my drink was a bit late the other night with my meal. Not blue because my steak was a bit too rare. Blue because my ethics require it. I'm blue because I'm a Democrat.

Recently, a friend questioned my positioning after he heard I was from Idaho. "Not everyone in Idaho is a racist," I said. "We're as diverse as any other state, if not more."

The truth is that Idaho has a bad rap, not just because we're home to a well-publicized racist element, but also because we've voted Republican in recent elections, and to my fellow Progressives, that seems like Idaho is a conservative stronghold. "Not true," I explain to my peers. Idaho, I explain, is a liberal state in practice. Shocking, readers might think, but true, as I will explain.

Progressives have always fought to protect the environment, and as every Idahoan knows, our state is the quintessential wilderness state. We strive to protect hunters' and fishermen's rights as if it were spelled out in the second amendment. We love to hunker down when it comes to defending the rights of streams and rivers against pollution from contaminants from major factories and industries.

Idaho is conservative when it comes to protecting our environment, right? "You don't get it," I say to my friends. Our state, in fact, is labor friendly because so much of our economy depends on agriculture, be it potatoes or beets, rhu-barb or celery. We know that if we depended on domestic workers for our labor

force, we'd have to pay at least double for the locally farmed produce that we enjoy at some of the lowest prices in the nation.

That is why Idaho is so vehemently pro-immigration reform: We know that migrant workers play a crucial part of our success as an agricultural powerhouse. We know that we need migrant workers as much as they need us, and that's why we support laborers' rights, correct?

"The numbers don't lie!" This is usually the last argument I put forward. Idaho is a rural state, and that's why we usually vote against big business. We believe that small business is the key to the success of our nation, and anyone that prioritizes local community business gets our vote.

Sure, when our president consults with the oil conglomerates to implement policies that increase their profits to record highs, we get steamed, but we know that with the "trickle down economics" that Reagan made so popular, all of us average Joe's and Jill's will reap those rewards, right? "Faith," I say. That's the reason we vote the way we do. We have to believe that our elected leaders follow their moral pathways: to protect our environment, our families, and our communities.

That means voting for peace and justice, human rights, and family values. That's why they call it "compassionate" conservatism, because

it just doesn't make sense any other way.

Stay the course, Idaho, stay the course. Stick to your guns, not just your gun rights.

et the big states with their big industry support the rights of the rich.

Thanks Wal-Mart, thanks Costco. Your progressive ideals will always be welcome here in God's country.



BEER *cross*
The Examiner



BY DREW LOWDER
GUEST OPINION

So, you have taken the first big step of asking the girl from class out. Now that you are thinking about the big day, you are torn between the question that everyone asks themselves before each first date. Do I go in for the kiss goodnight or not?

It's a great question to ask since many of us think about it when we are winding our way through the first date.

Most of the time you are going to be able to tell how the date is going through conversation and body language throughout the date.

Watching for this is part of the excitement of the date. Always won-

dering what the other is thinking, hence why great conversation and showing genuine interest in the topics are huge.

If these parts of the date are on the up-swing then I would say go for the gold and land the kiss. Hold the tongue though, that is just tacky on the first date.

Now, if they are anything like me and its a challenge trying to figure out what is going on in their head, you can score some points by taking the direct route and just asking flat out, "Do you mind if I give you a kiss goodnight?" It isn't necessarily a bad thing to ask, just make sure that the interest is somewhat there by the details you picked up from the evenings events.

Team Drew

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives



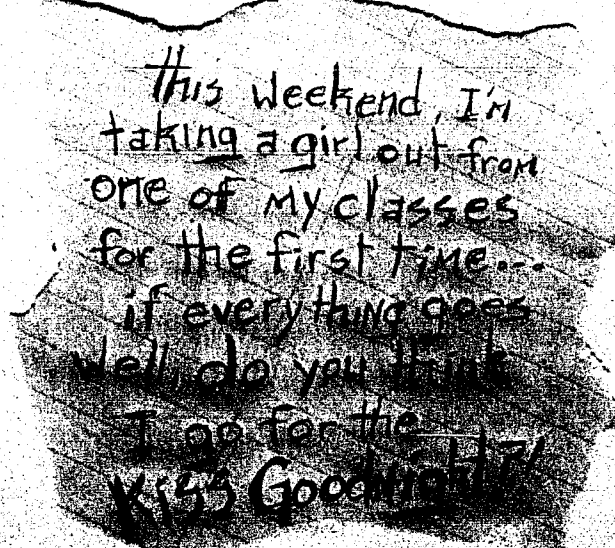
BY DREW MAYES
OPINION EDITOR

Ask yourself something right now: How much do you like this girl? If it's a lot and you think it might go somewhere then listen up. Every guy she has ever gone out with has went in for the kiss at the end of the night. Seriously... every guy. Are you like every other guy? Do you want to be like every other guy? Well, do you punk?

Okay, Dirty Harry reference aside, if you like this girl, then you want to stand out from the rest of the guys pursuing her. Not kissing the girl makes her wonder a little bit about you, and anytime she is thinking about you is a good time. Let her

mind race a little bit with questions like, "Does he not like me?", "Is he just trying to be respectful?", "Is he gay?" and the big one, "What's so different about this guy?"

The thing that is so different about you is that you're not in a big rush to slobber on her and see her naked like every other guy. You're so confident that she is going to go out with you again that you can just walk her to the door and say goodnight. If the moment is right then feel free to give her a hug, but that's it. Don't shake her hand; it's very formal and totally unromantic. Besides, she's not some guy from high school you haven't seen in years and if it's the first date, then we all know where that hand has been lately.



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SO,
ANYWAY...



For some reason the Wu Tang Clan snuck into my basement last weekend

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

I can't breathe. I already tried taking the plastic bag off of my head, and that didn't help.

No, I think the problem is stress. I'm now in the thick of what is destined to be my hardest semester of college. Work is more demanding, I have just short of 18 billion group projects due in the remaining three months of the term, and then, to top it all off, the football team keeps losing.

I've been able to skate by thus far in school. I've always maintained that the difference between an A student and a C student is quite simply the ability to procrastinate properly. I thought until recently that I was a master of the art of postponement, but I realize now that further training is necessary.

Whenever I locate a free minute, I find I only want to spend it hyperventilating into a paper bag. And, in one of these stress-induced fits of rapid breathing, I chanced a look up at my ceiling.

Now, I reside in a finished basement. (Sometimes I wish it were a Finnish basement. I can only imagine the fun I'd have when my roommates Sven and Arek would return from ice fishing in the polar north. But then, I'm a dreamer.) Crazy temperature swings, poor lighting and funky smell notwithstanding, my cellar is a great place to live.

But back to the ceiling.

I'm not the sanest person that I know. Nor the most coherent. But when I looked at the drop-in tiling that lines the underside of my roommate's living quarters, I was taken aback. I swear that it looked strikingly like the logo for the Wu-Tang Clan.

Before you go off spouting conspiracy theories and all of that, I'm not that kind of guy. I don't believe in tabloid headlines about babies with three heads, I'm not sure I believe Nostradamus knew what he

was talking about, and honestly, I have trouble finding simple shapes even in clouds.

So when I say I see Wu-Tang in my ceiling, it's a pretty good bet I know what I'm talking about.

"But you must see rap paraphernalia everywhere you go," you might be shouting down at this paper right now. "Wrong again," I must insist. I am a rock fan, and barely know a thing about the world of hip-hop.

The question then becomes, "Why is rap propaganda materializing on my ceiling?"

Well, I didn't notice it right after our boys lost to Oregon State, so we can rule out an alcohol-induced hallucination.

I'm pretty sure my dog didn't do it, because let's face it, her artistic abilities are pathetic. To my knowledge, neither her drool nor her pee have ever collected in the shape of anything resembling ... well, anything. And last time I checked, only my roommate's basset hound can launch his spit that high.

Which leaves me with only one possible answer.

No, not divine intervention! Besides, He wouldn't draw a rap logo. Clearly, God is a techno fan.

Nope. The only logical conclusion I can draw is that while I was in the upstairs living room ripping my hair out during the football game, the Wu-Tang Clan visited my basement.

I'm not certain why The RZA would want to visit the subterranean level of my home, or why Ghostface Killah would be creeping around my bedroom, or for that matter, why Method Man would take the time to draw a crude "w" on the ceiling with dirty water.

What I know for certain, though, is that I'm getting quite tired of recording artists sneaking into my house.

So, anyway, that's my gripe for the week. If you are a certified platinum seller, just knock on the door, eh? Besides, if a football game is on, I'll probably get you a beer.



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Sushi has become a popular cuisine in Boise. Restaurants like Taste have helped make this seafood delight a common dinner choice.

Some like it raw: Japanese cuisine in Boise

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

There seems to be a culinary trend exploding in Boise. Sushi and Japanese cuisine are hastily abounding from every crevice of the City of Trees. From Happy Fish, to Taste, Zutto, to Shige, and now even Ridley's supermarket boasts their own sushi bar dubbed, Superb Sushi; the raw-fish delicacy, once regarded as esoteric and somewhat bizarre is quite possibly more popular than the once famous (now jealous) potato. It's not astonishing to acknowledge that Americans have a deathly fear of, and sever trepidation toward, anything raw or potentially swarming in bacteria—who wouldn't? But our culture, in retrospect to others, differs in that we salmonella-fearing-Americans prefer our food pre-packaged, pre-prepared, and sterile (most usually lacking any distinct flavor). Why then have such a plethora of sushi bars, offering what we "uncultured" Americans

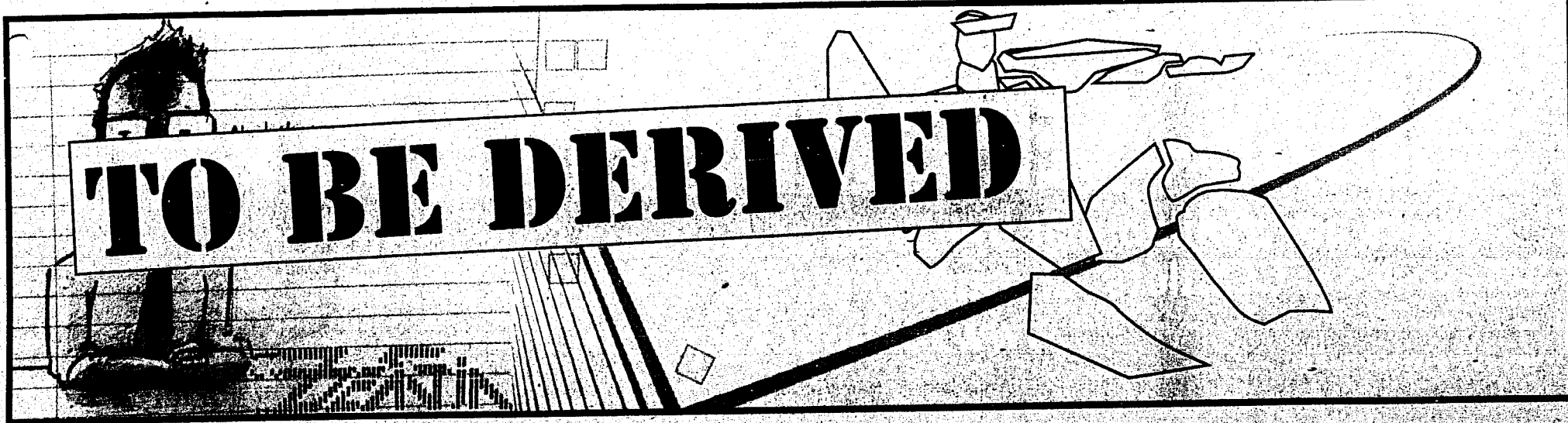
would call raw fish, become the swanky dinner date of choice? It could be that Americans disassociate a slab of uncooked fish, from what it actually is because it has an ear-pleasing Japanese personage. I would never eat "raw fish" but sashimi, nigiri, maki, lay it on me. Besides, it sounds way cooler than raw fillet, raw fillet with rice under it, and raw fish rolled into rice. No? Another possibility is that our pop culture is partially responsible. Nearly everyone has caught a glimpse of the starlets on reality TV, or read of our favorite celebrities in "Star" magazine who enjoy dining at Koi, a notable sushi restaurant in Los Angeles. Is emulation the cause of this new-found culinary obsession, or is it deeper? While dining at Taste, located in Hyde Park and attached to Richard's, I quizzed sushi chefs Jon Nahas, Shawn Paulson, and Ray Taing as they scurried around behind the bar preparing artistically pleasing and aesthetically brilliant creations for me and other sushi diners.

"I like breaking stuff," mused Taing as he accidentally smashed a dish on the counter top. Taing, who's worked at Taste since its opening, is rumored to be taking over for head chef Nate Kulchak, (who was unavailable for an interview). Kulchak is rumored to be relocating to the Caribbean where he may open another restaurant. "They're going to try to put me in charge of this crazy place," Taing said, smiling, as his hands patted a ball of white rice onto a sheet of dried seaweed. "The Fiery Foothill [sushi roll] is my favorite," piped in newbie Paulson, who's only been working at Taste for a few weeks. He gracefully placed a ball of wasabi (which is the equivalent of Japanese horseradish) beside the roll he'd just completed, "I've sold over \$300 in that roll in one night!" Paulson said in a humble, yet boastful tone. After devouring my first roll, Nahas peeked over the counter. "Still hungry?" he asked, motioning toward my empty plate with a swift head

nod. Nahas, who received his sushi rolling expertise from Happy Fish before working at Taste, persuaded me to let him make "the Jon specialty" to quell my insatiable famine for sushi. This piece of edible artwork was crab and asparagus, wrapped in avocado, maguro (tuna), and tobikko (fish eggs), decorated with red, orange and yellow sauces that resembled a starburst on the side of the plate. In two words: delectable perfection. For sushi virgins, who may not be seasoned enough to jump right into the raw stuff, Taing suggested a California roll. "California is the most general roll," Taing said. "All it is is avocado, crab, whether real or fake, and cucumber." At Taste, they add blackened sesame seeds and dubbed this roll the "California Transplant." Each maki roll on the menu at Taste has a distinctive North End name. My dinner date, and mother, had the "Sherman Shrimp" roll, while

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Travis Estvold writes a weekly column for The Arbitr, carrying a camera phone with him to document his misadventures.



Hyde Park is about to throw one of the city's biggest parties



The Hyde Park Street Fair starts Friday and goes on until Sunday evening. The fair will have two stages featuring several local bands.

BY AMBER FUGER
Culture Writer

Elegant houses, tree-lined streets and the welcoming shops and restaurants lead up 13th Street to a lush green park. This is the everyday façade of Hyde Park. This weekend, starting tomorrow at 6 p.m., the quiet streets will be buzzing with locals from the North End and visitors from all over Boise.

It may sound like a typical Friday night in Hyde Park, but the scene is anything but. The 26th Annual Hyde Park Street Fair begins tomorrow night and will last until Sunday evening. For those who have attended in the past, it is a must-not-miss event full of diversity, great music, food, shopping and, of course, great people.

Camel's Back Park will be the happening spot for the next three days. About 120 booths will be set up selling art, clothes, jewelry, food, drinks and much more. With attendance records set at close to 30,000 in the past, the park is the perfect venue to accommodate the popular festival. Two stages will also be set up with live performances ranging from rock 'n' roll to bluegrass, poetry slams to belly dancing.

Among the bands headlining this weekend is Farmdog who usually close the fair down on Sunday, but advise festival goers to bring dancing shoes Saturday night because the guys are prepared to throw down.

Don Anderson, a bartender at Harry's in Hyde Park, said he is al-

ways excited about the street fair. "I wish it was still in the street, but I love the diversity it brings to the neighborhood," Anderson said.

The North End is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Boise, with mixed income levels and a relatively high percentage of rentals, according to the North End Neighborhood Associations Web site, my.neighborhood.com. According to the site, the North End tends to have a higher voter turnout and tends to vote mostly Democratic in what is mostly a Republican city and state.

The North End Neighborhood Association spearheaded the festival and considers organization of the event to be "one of its chief activities," the site says.

One of the most attractive features of the North End is the bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly nature of the streets. Although traffic issues have been high on the list for discussion, debate, and resolution for the North End Association, most locals can be seen walking down the street or riding along on their cruisers.

Jeff and John Lewis, two brothers raised and residing in the North End said they hope to see more people riding their bikes to the park this year. In fact, there will be valet bike parking available at the tennis courts in Camel's Back.

The Hyde Park Street Fair may be centered at the park, but there will be plenty to do down the rest of 13th Street as well. If the park doesn't have the food that tantalizes your

tastebuds, there are a variety of eateries a couple of blocks away. Harry's of Hyde Park offers cold beer, burgers and fries, and spectacular wings and nachos. Parilla Grill is the hotspot for tasty wraps while Lucky 13 has delectable sandwiches and pizzas. If spice is what you crave, head to Casa Mexico, or if sushi sounds nice, hit up Taste. If wining and dining top your priorities, try Richard's. If you just want a little piece of sweet homemade goodness, Goody's is where it's at.

Along with great eats, there is

plenty of shopping to be done at Ten Thousand Village, Hyde Park Books, Idaho River Sports, Hyde Park Bikes, and The Gallery at Hyde Park.

The demand for space forced the move to the park, but there is still plenty of fun to be had in the street. John Cornell, owner of Harry's in Hyde Park, is always thrilled when the street is hoppin'. "It is great to see Hyde Park highlighted in the community," Cornell said.

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Tues. Sept. 27	11:00 - 12:30 am	Jordan C
Wed. Sept. 28	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Jordan C
Wed. Sept. 28	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Jordan C
Thu. Sept. 29	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Lookout Room

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"What do students think about the administration's policies?"

Sierra Clifford, English



"What the hell's the football team doing?"

Mike Stadther, Anthropology



"I couldn't get into my chemistry class 'cause it was full... Fees were just raised... Where are the funds going?"


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The Drew Review

Dalai Lama visits the Gem State

BY DREW MAYES
Arbiter Staff

For my generation, Sept. 11, 2001 was a day we will never forget. Everybody will always remember exactly where he or she was when the news hit that America was under attack, and two planes had crashed into the Twin Towers. Four years later, Sept. 11, 2005 was yet another day I will not soon forget. On this day, the Dalai Lama began the first of a four-day trip through the breathtaking Sawtooth Mountain Range in the picturesque

Sun Valley area.

The event kicked off with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne doing his usual politician routine. A local businessman, Kiril Sokoloff, who is credited as the man responsible for the Dalai Lama visit, immediately followed Gov. Kempthorne.

Typically, I am not in the mood to hear a businessman talk about all the great things he is doing, but in this case, I made an exception.

Not only did Sokoloff organize and fund the million-dollar visit, he ensured 10,000 free tickets were given to the public. By doing this, many families, friends, and individuals were able to experience a monumental event that otherwise

they probably would not have been able to attend.

In addition, Sokoloff delivered a pretty good introduction speech to the audience. He stressed that the twentieth century was the most brutal and violent century in human history.

After such a time, science and even business practices mandate a time in the opposite direction to balance everything out. Therefore, we should expect the twenty-first century to be a time of peace and health.

While the Dalai Lama was sometimes hard to understand, his message was a simple one of compassion. Compassion is needed when

dealing with man-made tragedies like the war on terror, and natural disaster tragedies like Hurricane Katrina. Compassion is needed when so many people focus only on the negative.

Compassion is needed so that people of all different backgrounds, faiths, races and cultures can come together and focus on all that we have in common instead of all that is different about us.

Although the majority of his message was a much-needed serious tone for the topic, His Holiness was surprisingly funny as well. He was able to inject humor into his speech at just the right times, keeping the mood light as well as informative.

For example, when asked what Americans can do to balance work life with family life, he took a deep breath, looked into the camera, and replied, "I don't know." He, of course, followed this up with a message, but it was amazingly refreshing to see somebody in his position not take everything about himself

so seriously.

Regardless of your political, moral or religious beliefs, being in the presence of the Dalai Lama was truly inspiring.

He is a remarkable individual and even if it was just for one week, Idaho was a better place by simply having his presence around.

Sushi

(from page 6)

my first course was the "Hyde Park" - although I asked for mine without mango.

After inhaling my second roll, I assured Nahas his creation was exceptional. "Thanks," he said, shaking tobikko from his hands with a smile. "Though I wish we hadn't named every roll after streets near Hyde Park," Nahas said.

"For our own creations, we're running out of names!" I reassured Nahas they could always begin naming the rolls numerically. "Yeah," joked Nahas, "I'll have the 24th and Brumback roll." When I asked the three chefs if there's anything they won't eat when it comes to sushi, I was met with a resounding "no."

"I've tried everything I can try," Nahas said. "We have to try it all," Taing chimed in. "We wouldn't push it out if it didn't taste good."

But these guys don't have to worry about it not tasting good... they get fresh fish in six days a week.

"Our ahi's jet fresh from the Philippines," Taing said. The sushi chefs also made absolute certain I was aware of the 220 dif-



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ferent kinds of beers the menu offers, from Spaten to Zonker.

Taste is also well known for their 12 different kinds of sake, their plum wine, and the wide assortment of other wines they have available.

Perhaps the attraction to sushi has as much to do with the sincere personal service, as it does to the

uber contemporary decor and ambiance - not overlooking, of course, the actual meal in itself.

Quite possibly, our once airtight-tupperware comfort zone has broken new ground, and if given the opportunity, sushi unfamiliar, and connoisseurs alike, should succumb to their urges and allow themselves a "Taste."

Hyde Park

(from page 7)

Here's what's going on and when:

Stage One

Friday Sept. 16:

5:45 p.m. Jimmy Bivins
6:15-7 p.m. Buckskin Bible Revue
7:15-8 p.m. Trio Pinto
8:30-10 p.m. Bill Coffery and the Seven Devils

Saturday Sept. 17:

Noon-12:45 p.m. Tim Andreae
1-1:45 p.m. Kudz
2-2:45 p.m. Heard
3:15-4 p.m. Cheap Date
4:30-5:15 p.m. Whistle Pigs

5:45-6:30 p.m. Gentle Rowser
7:15-8 p.m. Crash Four
8:30-10 p.m. Farndog

Sunday Sept. 18:

Noon-1:30 p.m. Sidemen
1:45-2:15 p.m. Kawa Taiko
2:45-3:15 p.m. Kathy Miller Trio
4-5:30 p.m. Frim Fram Four and Gayle Chapman

Stage Two

Friday Sept. 16:

5:30 p.m. Beth Wilson-Folk/Blues Singer/Songwriter
6:30 p.m. Hexaco and Jonahshine and Dave Manon-Low and Lonesome Country
7:30 p.m. Rags Hilwa-Traditional/Moder/Turkish/Ethnic Belly Dance

Saturday Sept. 17:

11 a.m. Ali Abong-Sultry Soulful Contemporary Folk Solo Noon Travelin' Travis-

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12:45 p.m. Beli Dance/Academie-Turkish/French/Algerian

1:45 Cairo Fusion-Gypsy Echoes World Fusion Dance Troupe

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4 p.m. Buckhorn Mountain Boys Bluegrass Quartet

5 p.m. Poetry Slammers-Poetry Performance Tour-Dazzling

6 p.m. Eric Herman-Cool Tunes for Kids

7 p.m. Newjah's Middle Eastern Belly Dance Troupe

8 p.m. Big Swing-'30s and '40s Western Swing Trio

Sunday Sept. 18:

1 p.m. Move Boise-Salsa Dance Troupe

1:30 p.m. Morley Nelson Dedication-Eagle/Wild Bird Demonstration

2:30 p.m. Cymma Tribe-Progressive Belly Dance Fusion

3:30 p.m. Joshua Tree-Folk/Country Duet

4:30 p.m. Men From Nantucket-Urban Acoustic Speed Folk Quartet



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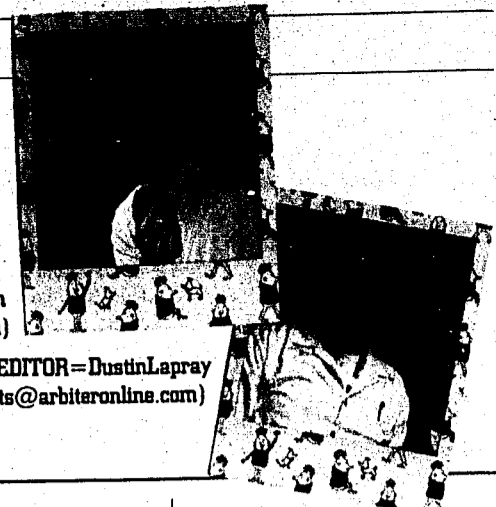
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[SIDE LINE]

BSU to raise funds for hurricane relief at home opener

Boise State University hopes to raise \$150,000 in donations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina before and during the home opener against Bowling Green Wednesday night at Bronco Stadium.

This week, Boise State officials announced a university wide effort to collect donations at the Broncos' Sept. 21 game against Bowling Green for the victims of last month's disaster. Proceeds will go to the American Red Cross' Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. The goal, said athletic director Gene Bleymaier, is to average a \$5 donation from each of the approximately 30,000 fans expected to attend the game that evening.

Fans entering Bronco Stadium will find donation containers at each entrance; Boise State student and employee volunteers will be stationed at each container. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and kick-off is set for 6:05 p.m. Those who plan to make donations by check should make their check out to the American Red Cross. They also are encouraged to have the checks written out when they arrive at the game.

Axtman, Tsuchida honored with awards

Boise State's Ty Axtman has been named the Western Athletic Conference men's cross country Athlete of the Week and Boise State soccer defender Alli Tsuchida won the soccer defensive player of the week.

Axtman, a junior from Elma, Wash., finished third at the NNU Invitational in Nampa, Idaho. Axtman posted a time of 18:15.00 in the 6k race. Axtman finished just behind Bronco standout, Forest Braden who was running unattached. The third-place finish helped the Broncos to a third-place finish with 74 points.

Tsuchida has been named the Western Athletic conference women's soccer defensive Player of the Week. It is the first such honor for Tsuchida, while it is the seventh Player of the Week honor for the Boise State program overall and the sixth since joining the WAC in 2001.

Tsuchida, a sophomore from Honolulu, Hawaii, started both games for Boise State on defense as the Broncos shut out Montana and held Air Force to one goal (PK). She also cleared a potential game-tying goal by Montana off the goal line in the 70th minute to ensure the Bronco victory. Tsuchida anchored the Broncos' solid defensive efforts over the weekend, which was short one starter in Stephanie Campbell. The opponents for the weekend were held to eight shots on goal with the only score coming on a penalty kick.

Former Bronco takes on assistant position

Boise State graduate and alum of the Bronco women's tennis team, Alissa Ayling, has been hired as that team's assistant coach. Ayling, who graduated from Boise State in May of 2005, was a four year letterwinner with the Broncos (2001-05) and a three-time All-WAC honoree. She replaces Dean Owen who earlier this summer took the head coaching position with the Northern Arizona men's tennis team.

Ayling, originally from Hertfordshire, England, was ranked in the region in both singles and doubles during her collegiate career. During her four years at Boise State, the Bronco team posted an overall win-loss record of 66-27.

She will join head coach Mark Tichenor who is going into his 10th season with the Boise State women.

BSU soccer enjoys back-to-back wins before hosting tournament this weekend

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Coming off two road tournaments, Boise State soccer hosts the Soccer, Etc. Nike Classic at the Boas Tennis and Soccer Complex this weekend.

Junior Nicole Coleman scored her first career goal on a free kick against Montana in the 2005 Montana Nike Cup last weekend to give the Broncos (3-2-0) a 1-0 win for their second win and second shutout of the season. Goalkeepers Kim Parker and Michaela Morrison again shared the shutout.

Two days later, BSU improved to 3-2-0, defeating first-time opponent Air Force with a score of 2-1. Freshman Randi Baker initiated the lead goal in an evenly distributed offense insured by sophomore

Samantha Gambala in the second half. This win gave the team the first win over a Mountain West Conference opponent.

Attention is not diverted when seeking their second Nike Cup. A balanced offense and honored defense will host Northern Arizona for a 5 p.m. tournament opener on Friday and then a 2 p.m. kick-off on Sunday against Eastern Washington.

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks are one game up on EWU with a 2-5-0 record. NAU seems to be retaliating from a disappointing 0-4-0 start to the season, even though they are excited about the nine starters returning this season.

In particular, the Lumberjack's welcome back leading scorer CeeCee Odorfer who returns from

a knee injury. The other points leader (tied with Odorfer) to watch for is freshman Kaitlin Baum. NAU also faces Nevada on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Both weekend opponents for Boise State are members of the Big Sky Conference, where The Eastern Washington Eagles took last year's championship. The Big Sky Conference preseason coaches' poll places EWU at 4th, just above NAU.

So far, in their non-conference games, the Eagles have only one win behind them. Key strikers to look for are Jennie Summers, Beth Russell, and Cyeeta Mott. All three are returning starters who have netted goals this season. EWU's husband-wife coaching duo looks to improve on its 1-5-0 record by generating scoring opportunities.



PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER
BSU hosts tournament this weekend

[THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

Soccer

Friday
Soccer Etc. Nike Classic vs. Northern Arizona
Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday
Soccer Etc. Nike Classic vs. Eastern Washington
Time: 2 p.m.

Cross country

Saturday
Sundover Invitational
Seattle, WA

Women's tennis

Friday
WSU Cougar Classic
Pullman, WA

COMMENTARY

The way it is, is not always the most pleasant

COMMENTARY BY
TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

"Stuff happens."

Yup, the Boise State football team has uttered this sentiment more than once since back-to-back losses to Georgia and Oregon State.

Alex Guerrero even said that there was another word he could have used to express the statement a little better, but thanks Alex. He knew that we in the media couldn't print that word that rhymes with hit.

Dan Hawkins has never been shy about saying this could have happened. Meaning, he knew that there was a possibility that Boise State might start 0-2. Did we not listen to him?

Well, what strikes a funny bone in me is that the coaching staff and players are less disappointed in the losses than fans are—and you could even call them upbeat about the season so far.

First, the Georgia game was an anomaly. All hope for mental toughness went out the window when Zabransky's tunnel vision was pointed due south, down the wrong (insert word that rhymes with hit) creek without a paddle. However, the Oregon State game was a game of toughness. The Broncos played tough, but fell short in the end.

Bad weather, back-to-back games versus BCS conference schools on the road, whatever it was—Boise State was not supposed to win either of these games. According to the betting Gods in Vegas.

Yes, Boise State could have, maybe even should have, won. But they didn't. That doesn't mean the season is over. That's right, the Broncos can now get back to playing Boise State football. Dominating at home and in the WAC.

Sure the BCS hopes are so far back that even the strongest binoculars can't see them. Give Hawkins the credit for trying. Opening versus BYU and Idaho State wouldn't have gotten them anywhere other than a 2-0 record. But, what is that without trying your hand at something you possibly could fail at?

He goes for it on fourth-and-short, and goes for it on the schedule now too. I'll admit it. I buy into his system. Win or lose, the program attempted to put the team in great position for the present and for the future. A top-10 ranking could be the talk right now, but it's not. It never was really supposed to be.

Everyone just hoped it would.

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

Serving up wishes



BSU student-athletes donned a different type uniform Monday night to help at the Make-A-Wish dinner at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Monday night claimed the new name of "Magical night" when approximately 100 student athletes showcased their talents to help raise a figure reaching \$93,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

Although the figure did not reach the goal of \$100,000, Executive Director of MAW of Idaho Marcia Karakas said they were very happy. The total still went well over last year's Serving Up Wishes Dinner and Auction which funded 10 wishes, raising \$65,000. The \$93,000 figure funded closer to 15 wishes.

The night started out with a 'Meet and Greet.' Bronco athletes, sporting a button with the picture of the Wish Child they were sponsoring for the evening, starting with building a repertoire with dinner guests that would aid them in the contest for the serving team with the most Wish Bucks. Guests purchased Wish Bucks in large quantities in order to not only create opportunities for mind-boggling stunts and tasks

by the student athletes, but also to benefit the cause of the night.

The celebrity athletes entered the social hour serving drinks, giving shoulder massages, singing "I'm a Little Teapot" (including motions) or "Mary had a Little Lamb," doing back flips, push-ups, and handstands (as one competitive student exclaimed, "Dang gymnasts!"), even carrying guests on their shoulders (a former Wish Child), and a particular lady guest to the stage and back.

Mane Line Dancers and the Spirit Squad performed, but not before the Hui-o-Aloha welcome demonstrated by the student athletes of the Polynesian group on campus.

Soccer teammates Kim Parker and Liane Tom performed a beautiful women's dance, announcing the island grace with style. Football players Mik Lose, Ja Falo, Austin Smith, and Ashley Nyong-Dunham followed up with a masculine version. The shirtless wonders announced their intention to earn wish bucks at this time, inviting guests to come up and donate—which they did in droves.

Student Athlete Academic

Advisor Anne-Marie Kaus claimed they almost didn't put the performance in the program. "We didn't know how well it would go over since it was not a themed dinner. Boy were we wrong."

After dinner, Boise State President Bob Kustra spent time to recognize the student athletes, in particular soccer goalkeeper Amy Ortmann. As a model student and community volunteer, even training to become a Wish Granter, Amy helped to organize the students for the evening's event.

Amy is quick to defer recognition to the remaining athletes. "While I was massaging shoulders at my table, I saw back flips out of the corner of my eye. Everyone was putting forth great effort."

Farewells from students were unanimous, calling out to Amy, "Sign me up for next year!"

The highlight of the evening came when Wish Child 9-year-old Austin gave us his wish experience, claiming too many cheers that his favorite NFL team is the Pittsburgh Steelers. "But I like the Broncos better."

Boise State coaches did their part



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by donating several items and experience to be auctioned off. Guests bid thousands of dollars to golf with soccer coach Steve Lucas and women's gold coach Lisa Wasinger, take tennis lessons with men's tennis coach Greg Patton. They even bid on becoming an assistant coach for a day with football offensive coordinator.

See Wish (page 11)



DeLaet blasts competition at Falcon Invite

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports writer

The Boise State men's golf team returned from the Falcon Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo. with a tie for third place. Boise State Senior Graham DeLaet shot 10-under-par to win the tournament.

As a team, BSU finished the tournament tied with Long Beach State with an 875. Weber State took second with an 872, and the Air Force Academy won with an 868.

The tournament hosted 17 teams from around the country, and 91 individual participants. There were two rounds played on Saturday.

The final round was played

Sunday. Boise State finished the first day of competition with an overall score of nine-over-par, three strokes ahead of Long Beach State and five shots behind California.

In the opening round of play, DeLaet shot a five-under, followed by a two-under in the afternoon. DeLaet would finish the first two rounds with a four-shot lead over the next closest golfer.

DeLaet's four-stroke advantage would prove enough for the overall



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win, but he would add another three strokes to his lead during the final round on Sunday. DeLaet finished the Falcon Invitational with an impressive 10-under-par performance, four-strokes ahead of second place finisher Nic Van Vuuren of Utah Valley State.

DeLaet has even been invited to play in the Boise Open, which begins the weekend of the 25th of this month at Hillcrest Country Club.

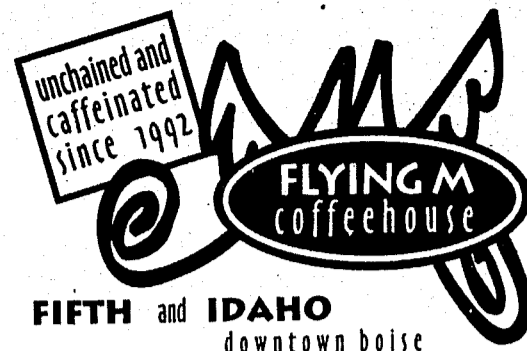
As a team, the Broncos finished

seven shots behind host and winner Air Force, and three shots behind second place Weber State. BSU's, Matt Hastings tied for 12th, Adam Choy finished tied for 38th, Jason Williams finished tied for 43rd, Casey Keyser finished tied for 86th place for BSU.

The Falcon Invitational was the first tournament for first-year head coach Kevin Burton.

With the first tournament of the season behind them, the Broncos now look forward to the Purple and Red Invitational in Salt Lake City Sept. 19-20.

The BSU men's golf team hosts the Bronco Invitational Oct. 10-11.



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The Sensible Environmentalist

Protecting Wildlife In America's Forests

(NAPS)—DEAR DR. MOORE: Are we doing enough to protect wildlife habitat in North American forests?

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Equally important, forest companies must account for wildlife as part of their forest management planning. Sustainable forestry isn't just about sustaining trees, it's also very much about sustaining habitat for other plants and animals.

People are understandably concerned when activists claim that species are going extinct. Years ago, one group made the incredible statement that 50,000 species go extinct each year, largely due to commercial forestry and deforestation in industrialized countries. The claim made headlines around the world, but was completely unsupported. As a scientist working in the field, I couldn't find evidence of a single species going extinct because of forestry. Apparently the group that made

the statement couldn't either. Despite repeated requests, it couldn't name even one.

In addition to this lack of evidence, United Nations data indicated that commercially grown forests in North America were actually expanding by 0.2 percent each year. Thanks to reforestation, today's forests cover roughly the same area of land as they did 100 years ago.

It's true that humans have caused the extinction of many species, but these tend to fall into three categories: over-hunting, introduction of predators and disease (which happened extensively during the Colonial period), and permanent clearing of forested land for agriculture. The good news is that we humans have become increasingly concerned about our effect on other species, and the global rate of extinction is at a 500-year low.

There will always be those who make false or exaggerated claims concerning wildlife. I believe that a sensible environmentalist would consider the evidence provided and give credit to the many groups and individuals that have helped make North America a leader in wildlife habitat protection.

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



Dr. Moore

Wish [from page 10]



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Amy Ortmann and AnneMarie Klaus celebrate after the Make-A-Wish dinner Monday night.

dinator Chris Peterson. The wrestling team donated raw muscle for 40 hours of labor.

Topping last year's bid, a dinner for 10 with football head coach Hawkins and coach Peterson and their wives sold for \$3500.

After intense competition, the team denoted as the 'High Fivers', consisting of six athletes from six different sports earned the Most Coveted Waiters and

Waitresses recognition.

To sum up the evening's impression, Kaus repeated what was said in the speaker's address. "If you saw what happened tonight, you would not be worried about our future."

Karakas whole-heartedly agrees, "I am overwhelmed at the generosity of everyone and the enthusiasm of the athletes. Even though the term awesome is grossly overused—tonight was awesome."

Superstition

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY

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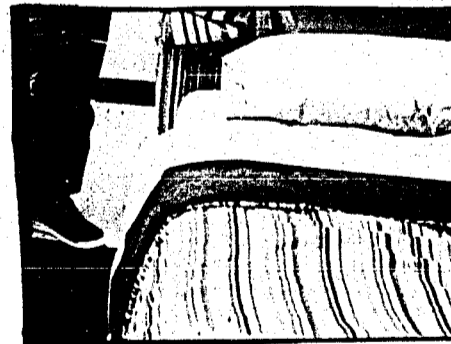
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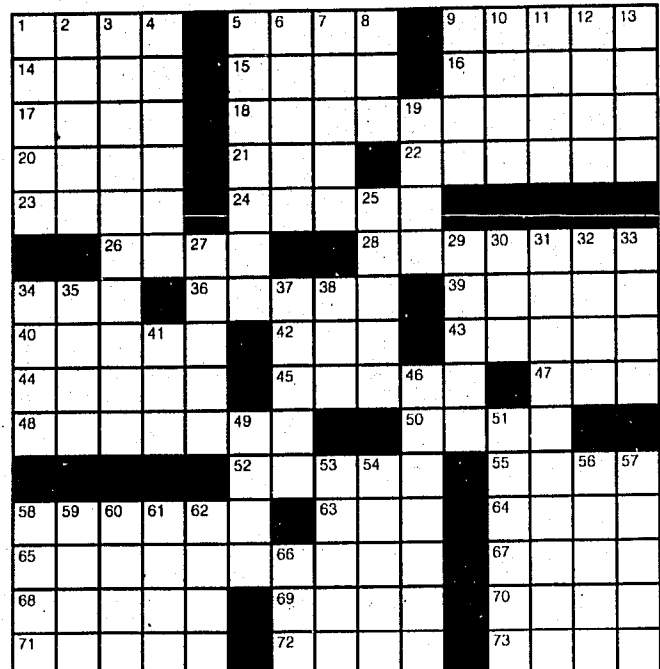
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Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Strip in the Middle East
 5 "Vissi d'arte," e.g.
 9 Flippant
 14 Alimony payers
 15 Muscle spasms
 16 Lumpur, Malaysia
 17 Process flour
 18 Making mistakes
 20 Bean curd
 21 Part of GTE
 22 Buries
 23 Throw out, as light
 24 So far
 26 Stink
 28 Leading
 34 Victory gesture
 36 Goose eggs
 39 Thread roller
 40 Slacker
 42 Cote denizen
 43 Pace
 44 Summer house
 45 Avoid a clear response
 47 AOL, for one
 48 In dispute
 50 Sunday night NFL outlet
 52 Jimmy of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
 55 Jug handles
 58 Bind morally
 63 Ump's call
 64 Latin & others
 65 Delicate diva
 67 Broad
 68 Packs down
 69 Rotary-phone feature
 70 Novelist Bagnold
 71 Secret hoard
 72 Bridge seat
 73 Vanities

DOWN
 1 "Beau ____"
 2 Fundamental truth
 3 "Romeo and Juliet" director
 4 Sharp as a tack
 5 On the line
 6 Ticks off
 7 In a cold, hostile manner



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"Ma! I warned Billy about pigging out on cookie dough and then playing in the heat!"

horoscopes

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Today's Birthday (09-15-05)
 You're good at setting priorities, once you understand the objective. Take time to do the preparation; others depend on you. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 Today is a 7 - You definitely get farther faster with a little help, including assistance with planning and technical advice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is a 7 - Taking on more responsibility has got to be worth your while. In this case, it's the fringe benefits that will help you make up your mind.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 7 - Let people know the dilemma you face at home. It's quite

possible that somebody who's never seen your place will know how to fix the problem.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is a 7 - A brilliant idea turns a potential loss into a nice profit. Be willing to try things that, at first, seem rather ridiculous.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 7 - Slow and easy does it; you'll have to compromise. Also, watch your outgo. You're not made of money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is a 7 - You're extra busy now, but you can make time to add a few finishing touches. Put the last few pieces into the puzzle.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is a 7 - The more questions you ask, the more fascinating you become. A very interesting person loves your curiosity.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is a 7 - Move quickly when the bargain you've been seeking is available. This is the reason you did all that homework, so you'd know.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is a 6 - While you're at it, figure out how to make this latest discovery lead to a good investment for you and a few of your dearest friends.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is a 7 - There are diamonds in your own backyard, or something similar. The idea is that you're practically sitting on something of great value.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Today is a 7 - A friend is more likely to find the answer you're seeking than you are. Don't fret; this is why you have people with different talents on your team.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Today is a 7 - Look at your dreams objectively, if you can. You may realize they're trying to tell you how to reach your goals. Stranger things have happened.

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