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Students of Boise State University

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Atomic clocks to be installed in every classroom

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
Assistant News Editor

In an attempt to solve the problem of unsynchronized clocks in Boise State classrooms, the Associated Students of Boise State University purchased more than 400 atomic clocks. The clocks will be installed in every classroom on campus beginning sometime in the next week.

"There is a problem with common time on campus," said Robert Burnett, ASBSU director of pub-

lic relations. "The atomic clocks will replace the analog ones all over campus."

Steve Swain, the BSU director of facilities operations and maintenance, said people have complained about the current campus clocks.

He said installing atomic clocks is a great idea.

After the ASBSU meeting Tuesday, senators and other ASBSU and BSU leaders put the finishing touches on the clocks.

ASBSU members installed bat-

teries in the clocks and placed the student government logo on each plain, white clock face.

Burnett said the ASBSU logo represents all students on campus. Around \$4,000 in student fees funded the project, Burnett said.

The atomic clock project is a way for students to see their money in action, Burnett said, and he hopes it will give students a positive opinion of student government.

"Student government helps everyday," he said. "Not just when you're angry."

The atomic clock project began last year, Burnett said, because clocks' time did not match across campus.

By checking his cell phone, Burnett said he found in the Education Building one clock three minutes slow and another in a nearby classroom five minutes fast.

"The atomic clocks are cool because they set themselves," Burnett said.

Atomic clocks use a special mechanism, which sets the accurate time. Burnett said the atomic

clocks should help synchronize time on campus.

Swain said the clocks should be ready to install this week and students can expect to see them on campus as early as next week.

Clocks will be installed in classrooms first, Swain said, and if extra clocks are left, they will be put in common areas.

Some of the old clocks replaced by atomic clocks will be stored on campus and the rest will be salvaged and auctioned off, Swain said.



PHOTO BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT/THE ARBITER
ASBSU senators Antonio Bommarito and LaTisha Clark prepare the atomic clocks for installation at BSU.

Students to serve at BSU West

BY JESSICA WIGLEY
Special to The Arbiter

Once a month, Boise State University's Volunteer Services Board hosts a Service Saturday in Boise. This Saturday, however, students will be volunteering in Nampa and Caldwell for two organizations.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., students, faculty, alumni and community members are invited to meet at the second floor of the BSU West campus for free lunch and an afternoon of community service. A shuttle will also be provided at 10 a.m. at the BSU Student Union Building (main campus) for those who need transportation to BSU West.

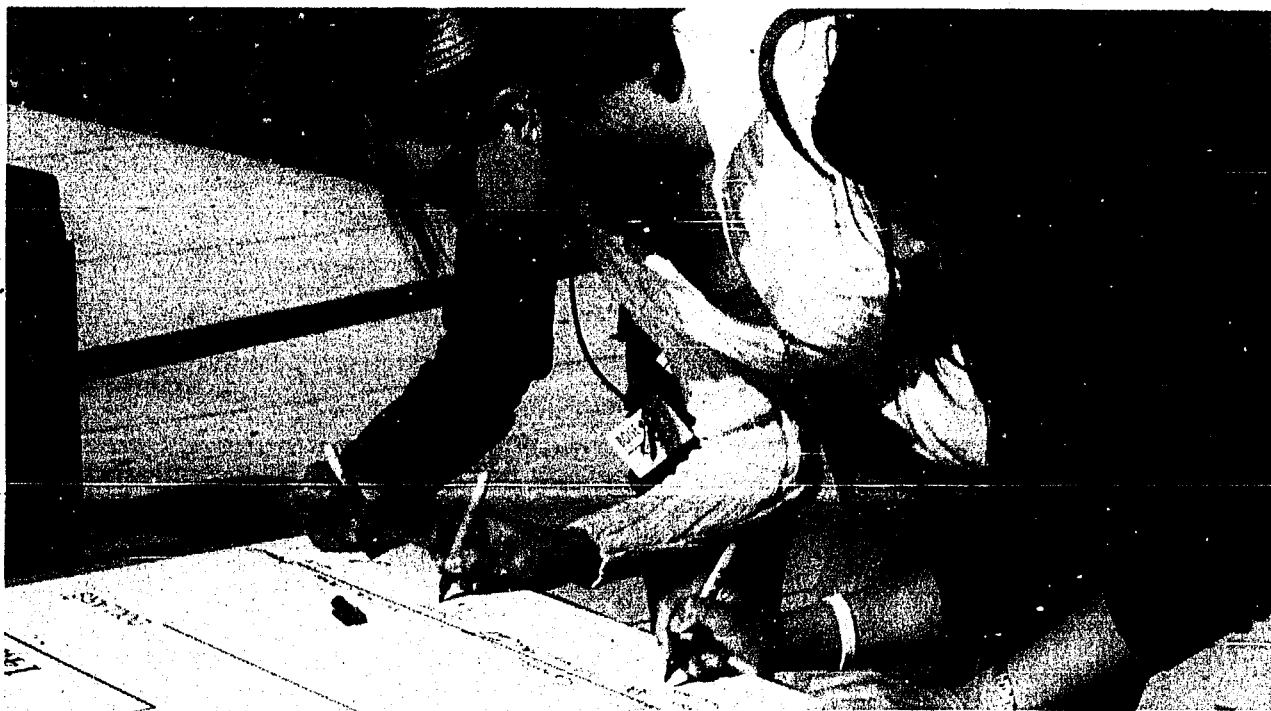
At the event, there will be four different service projects that volunteers will be able to participate in. Two options are volunteering at the Canyon County Animal Shelter or at Hope's Door, a domestic violence shelter. Volunteers at the animal shelter will be walking and playing with the dogs and cats, filling papers and cleaning kennels, while the Hope's Door volunteers will be painting in the facility.

"We're dedicated to getting students involved with community agencies," said Taylor Newbold, VSB director.

VSB is a student-run organization dedicated to providing accessible volunteer opportunities and addressing social issues via awareness-raising programs and activities in order to inspire an ethic of civic engagement in the university community, according to a VSB pamphlet.

This will be the first Service Saturday held in Canyon County,

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PHOTOS BY RYAN PFLIEGER/THE ARBITER
Members of the Volunteer Services Board (above) who assisted in fundraising for hurricane relief effort signed the \$14,300 check for The American Red Cross Tuesday. BSU provost Sona Andrews (below) applauded the student volunteers for their unselfish acts.

BSU presents \$14,300 check to Red Cross for hurricane relief

BY RYAN MORTENSEN
News Writer

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Boise State mobilized and the university presented a check for \$14,300 to The American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts Tuesday on the Memorial Plaza at 2:00 p.m. Students, faculty, staff and community members have all contributed thousands of dollars to the relief efforts, and the final results of those efforts were given to the American Red Cross.

In September, Boise State officials announced a university-wide effort to collect donations at the Broncos' Sept. 21 home-game opener against Bowling Green at

Bronco Stadium, and that proceeds would go to the Red Cross.

Fans entering Bronco stadium found donation containers at each entrance; Boise State student and employee volunteers were stationed at each container. The university also had a single donation container at the Williams Plaza on the southwest corner of the stadium, and BSU volunteers handed out hurricane relief buttons to fans that entered the stadium.

According to Mahi Takazawa, Volunteer Services Board advisor, this fundraiser has been one of the largest as a university-wide effort.

Volunteer Services Board Director Taylor Newbold addressed members of the audience during the presentation and said

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SSPA dean hosts new talk show

BY GINNY EGGLESTON
News Writer

Boise State University's dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs (SSPA), Michael Blankenship, is hosting a new talk show, "Metropolitan," on Treasure Valley Public Access Television, cable channel 11 (TNTV). The talk show airs Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

The half-hour show focuses on public policy, current events and lifestyle issues. Blankenship has a number of guests each week including BSU professors, the director of the Center for Idaho History and Politics, the BSU debate team and graduate scholars.

"Metropolitan" focuses on a broad range of subject matter. In an upcoming show Blankenship said he will be talking with the director and assistant director of family studies about the family studies initiative summit meeting. In a previous show, Blankenship spoke with John Ziker, BSU professor of Anthropology, about his research in Siberia. In that show they aired video clips recording Ziker's experience in Siberia.

According to Blankenship, students are responsible for the production of the show. He said "Metropolitan" is a way for students to gain production experience while taking advantage of television to get the word out about the goings-on in SSPA. "In our college there are so many events going on. If something happens we want to get the word out. That's the focus."

"Metropolitan" is taped on Thursday evenings. Two half-hour shows are taped at a time and aired on the Tuesday evenings following. TNTV replays shows as needed to fill their programming schedule.

President's round table provides forum for student leaders

BY MICAH MCLAUGHLIN
News Writer

Many student leaders attended the president's round table meeting last week in the Student Union Building.

Those present were encouraged to voice any issues and concerns they may have regarding the organization they represent.

Issues discussed ranged from parking and housing to graduate programs and the role of different colleges as the university moves toward becoming a metropolitan research university of distinction.

While the topics discussed were diverse, there were common themes

that continued to be revisited.

Two major spheres of communication discussed were those of communication between the university and student organizations, and between student organizations and students themselves.

Some leaders expressed they had experienced difficulty in starting organizations, as well as some frustration with the decentralized form that information and administrative processes take on campus.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Wheeler commented later that improving communication between the university and students is a goal of the administration. "Helping student organi-

zations flourish is really important to us," Wheeler said. According to Wheeler, the current administration wants BSU students to have a more fulfilling college experience. For that, student organizations are key in that they get students involved on campus, Wheeler said.

Other important points of discussion regarded funding and the direction of the university in general.

"There is an earmarked amount set aside in student fees for student organizations," said Wheeler.

He added that students are ultimately responsible for increases that will benefit student organizations.

The direction of the university is

self was questioned in the context of the role of arts in the future. While BSU has the goal of becoming a metropolitan research university of distinction, the administration reassured student leaders that no department would be left behind by this goal. Wheeler noted that, while the goal of the meeting was to provide a dialogue between university administrators and student leaders, the leaders were learning just as much from each other.

The president's round table meetings date at least to BSU Vice President for Student Affairs Taylor Newbold. In the past they have been held either once a year or once a semester.

This year the meetings are held once a semester.

This fall's meeting had about twice the attendance that previous meetings have had. In addition, there are also more students involved in activities on campus. Wheeler attributed this both to there being more students on campus and also that there has been more promotion of student organizations.

"[We] heard diverse issues and perspectives," said Wheeler. "It was very representative of the issues student organizations are experiencing, and administrative insight into what students in general are experiencing."

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The Sensible Environmentalist

(NAPS)—DEAR DR. MOORE: Many environmental groups promote the use of hemp for making paper. Is this a good idea?

In terms of meeting most of North America's paper needs—no, it isn't. Although hemp makes perfectly good paper, it doesn't make environmental sense on a mass scale. Why grow vast areas of hemp when we can grow trees?

The biggest problem is land use. To grow the amount of hemp needed, we'd have to turn existing forests into hemp farms. This would have negative consequences for birds and other wildlife, many of which need the shelter of forests to survive.

Keeping as much of the world forested as possible also helps to combat global warming, by taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and releasing clean oxygen. This partly offsets the carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere when we burn fossil fuels.

In terms of using existing farmland, it's unlikely that any farm field could have more than 10 percent of the biodiversity found in the same size forest. If we have farmland to spare, let's grow more trees.

There's also the question of why.

With the current system, there's almost no waste. Most of the tree is used for building materials and the rest is chipped—and burned for energy or used to make pulp and paper, fiberboard or other products. Natural chemicals in the wood are used for everything from plastics to medicines. Bark is spread on playgrounds, used in products such as dyes and adhesives or, again, burned for energy. In other words, this is a highly efficient set-up, and the continued demand for these products provides the incentive to plant more trees every time an area is harvested. By using wood products, including paper, we actually motivate companies to invest in the new forest.

Producing hemp on a large scale would also bring technological and economic challenges. But even if these could be overcome, the potential loss of forest and its impact on the environment would be considerable—and there's no good reason for that. I think a sensible environmentalist would recognize this and support the responsible and sustainable use of wood to make our paper.

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

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world

Iraqi leaders predict constitution will pass

BAGHDAD, Iraq — As election officials began to count ballots on Sunday, Iraqi officials predicted the nation's proposed constitution would pass.

Iraq's minority Sunni Muslims, who controlled the government in the Saddam Hussein era, largely oppose the draft constitution because they fear it gives too much power to the majority Shiite Muslims and that provisions for regional autonomy could lead to the breakup of the country.

If the final results show that Sunnis largely voted against the constitution, the country could become even more polarized along sectarian lines.

President Bush in a statement Sunday congratulated Iraqis on the election. He said he was pleased that turnout was higher and Sunnis participated in greater numbers than in the last election, which Sunnis boycotted. He also noted that violence was lower than in the last election.

"We're making progress toward peace. We're making progress toward an ally that will join us in the war on terror, that will prevent al-Qaida from establishing safe haven in Iraq, and a country that will serve as an example for others who aspire to live in freedom," Bush said.

U.S. military officials on Sunday announced that six American soldiers were killed Saturday in the Sunni stronghold province of Anbar. On Sunday, two Iraqi soldiers were killed in the provincial capital, Fallujah. About 150,000 American troops are in Iraq.

national

An evolving fight for a religious icon

PHILADELPHIA — In a nation that wears its heart on its bumper, the war over Darwinism has evolved into a fish fight.

First, there was the Jesus fish, symbol of Christianity. Then there was the fish with feet, symbol of evolution. Then there was the truth fish, a big fish with the word "truth" eating the Darwin fish. Then there was the dinosaur eating the Jesus fish.

These plastic proclamations have spawned schools of other fish intended to annoy, amuse or simply befuddle. There is now a gefilte fish, with a Star of David and Hebrew-style letters. A horned sinner fish. A winged angel fish. A chubby Buddha fish.

The origin of the bumper fish is, like the origin of other species, disputed. But it appears that the first fish emerged from the pre-automotive mists of time as a symbol of Christianity. The Greek letters that form the word for "fish," transliterated as "ixthys," can be used as an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Legend has it that early Christians used a fish symbol to covertly identify themselves to each other.

These Christian fish, some unadorned, some with the Greek letters iota, chi, theta, upsilon and sigma, which look something like IXOYE, and some with the word "Jesus," began to appear on car

local/bsu

Women's Center seeking director for 'Vagina Monologues'

The Boise State Women's Center is looking for a theatre director for the sixth annual production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues. The play is scheduled for Feb. 23-25 in the BSU Special Events Center. All production costs are paid for through ticket sales from past performances.

Interested directors should submit to the Women's Center, a resume and a purpose statement including their vision for the production and their personal philosophy, by Oct. 31. Submission materials can be sent by mail to the Boise State Women's Center, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725-1335; by fax to (208) 426-2407; or by e-mail to jenniferharnoll@boisestate.edu.

More information about "The Vagina Monologues" is available at www.VDAY.org or by calling the Women's Center at (208) 426-4259.

Women's studies movement alive and well on campuses

Women's studies may seem an arcane topic, but for many college students, it's a discipline that engages them immediately and profoundly.

"I realized this was one of the first classes that had relevance to my real life, unlike science or math, which are supposed to," says Elaine Kalder, 20. "It's not something isolated to one group of people. It's relevant to everyone from birth to death."

The discipline's strong activist roots in social change persist alongside academic rigor. Proponents argue that today's programs on women's studies — and their broader partner, gender studies — radically transform students intellectually and personally, as well as the professional fields they ultimately choose.

"People always say that women's studies changed their lives. It certainly is about a sense of individual transformation, but it's also about social change."

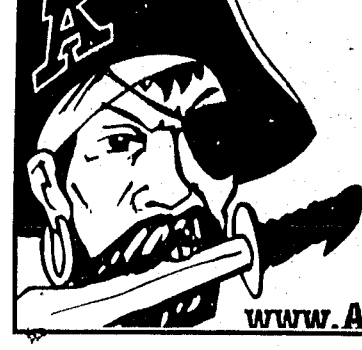
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Langroise house placed on the market



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Because President Kustra decided not to live in the historic Langroise House on Warm Springs Ave. near Boise State, the money from the sale of the house will go to scholarships.

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer

The Langroise House, one of the most historic homes in Boise, was placed on the real estate market Monday, Oct. 3. The home, which is currently owned by the University Foundation, was donated to the university in 1977 by William Langroise, then an attorney and insurance executive in Boise. The university did not gain access to the house, however, until the death of Langroise's widow, Gladys, in 2000. The Warm Springs Avenue house was originally willed to Boise State University with the intent that it would serve as the home of the university president. When the house became property of BSU in 2000, then-university president, Charles Ruch, took up residence until his retirement in the summer of 2003. Since then, however, the house has remained vacant, after President Kustra chose not to move in.

The asking price for the house is \$2.2 million, with all proceeds going towards an endowed scholarship fund for National Merit Scholars at Boise State. The fund will be set up in the name of William and Gladys Langroise.

In a prepared statement, Executive Director of the University Foundation Rick Frisch said the decision came after weighing the costs of maintaining the residence at taxpayer expense.

"President Bob Kustra and his wife reluctantly came to the decision to sell the property with the idea of establishing scholarships for students," Frisch said. "The Langroise family is delighted that the proceeds will create educational opportunities for deserving students and that the intent of their generosity has been fulfilled."

The vacancy of the house came into question last year when former Associated Students of BSU Senator Jefferson Day introduced a resolution to the ASBSU Senate

requesting that President Kustra either move in, or that the house be put up for sale.

The resolution stated that the house cost BSU an estimated \$80,000 a year to keep up, money that could certainly be used elsewhere.

In response to the resolution, Kustra stated that the house lacked certain features such as sufficient parking, carpeting and furniture. In addition, he also stated that it had come to his attention that the house needed additional remodeling, something that would further cost the university money.

In January of 2005, the Idaho State Board of Education approved a proposal to put the house on the market.

The four-bedroom home features a new air conditioner, a new forced-air heating system, and all new wiring. The house is listed with Andy Enrico and Company Real Estate, Inc. All offers must be received by Oct. 18.



PHOTO BY RYAN PFLEGER/THE ARBITER

Director of the Volunteer Services Board Taylor Newbold commended the volunteers who assisted with fundraising efforts.

Red Cross [from page 1]

the Red Cross needs an estimated \$2 billion dollars to rectify destruction and to make things better from Hurricane Katrina. According to the Red Cross, the organization has provided over three million overnight stays in over 1,100 shelters in over 22 states, and has served over

24 million meals to help victims of the hurricane.

The Red Cross has collected over \$1 billion, which is half of what the organization's goal is.

"This is a great sign of what the university can do when we come together," Newbold said.

Larry Allen, gifts director for the Red Cross in Idaho, was present to accept the donation from Boise

“ This is a great sign of what the university can do when we come together. ”

- Taylor Newbold,
Volunteer Services
Board Director

State. Allen encouraged members of the audience not to give up on helping others in need and to keep giving people a chance.

"Idahoans are generous people," Allen said. "\$1.7 million has been donated from the state to the Red Cross."

Allen also applauded BSU students and volunteers who were involved with this fundraising process and thanked them for their hard work.

"The student volunteers went beyond expectations and have been involved in a very unselfish act," said Sona Andrews, BSU provost.

More information is provided at www.RedCross.org for those interested in learning what they can do to become a volunteer or to help.

Service [from page 1]

and Newbold said he hopes that the involvement with these organizations will display BSU's desire to be involved with the community and broaden volunteer services throughout the Treasure Valley.

Previous Service Saturdays have been successful in educating students about social issues that they

may not be aware of, Newbold said. "We're helping improve someone's life," Newbold said, referencing both the volunteers and recipients.

In the past, he noted, students have also had the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the impact that volunteering has on themselves and others.

"[You] would get more out of volunteering on a Saturday morning than sleeping in," Newbold said.

Those interested in volunteering can show up either at the SUB at 10 a.m. for the carpool or at the second floor of BSU West at 11 a.m.

Additional information is available by contacting the Volunteer Services Board at (208) 426-4240 or <http://vsb.boisestate.edu>.

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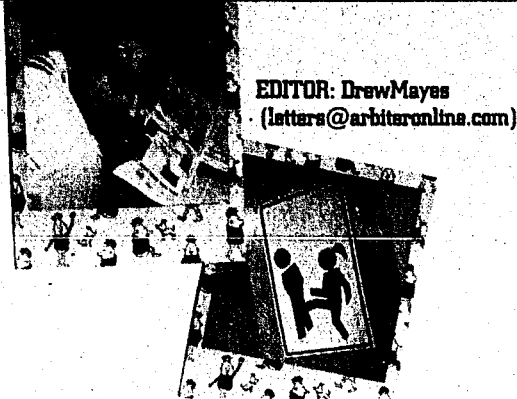
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EDITOR: Drew Mayes
(letters@arbiteronline.com)

I'm sorry, so sorry

BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

I remember back when I was interviewed for this job, I described my vision for the Opinion section as "controlled chaos." I wanted to open up the lines of communication among the competing ideologies and get everybody to talk in an open and honest way. To do this, I knew I had to hire writers who would not be afraid to stand in the face of criticism and say, "This is me and this is my opinion."

I warned everybody in the first issue this past fall that this year, unlike past years, the kid gloves were going to come off. Under no circumstances were we going to push a liberal or conservative agenda. Instead we were going to put every idea out there and let the readers decide for themselves what bandwagon they wanted to jump on, if any.

Although I anticipated this approach would stir the pot, I did not anticipate people knifing the tires of each bandwagon they did not jump on every time one drove by. Basically I get two to three letters or comments a day from people demanding apologies or resignations of some Arbiter staff member (myself included). Sometimes, it's not even about something a staff member wrote, but is instead about some job they have outside of the paper, or behavior they engage in on their own time.

So consider this my official apology to all of you for all the diverse opinions printed in The Arbiter

that may have upset you. Please bear in mind that this is only my apology. It is not the viewpoint of The Arbiter or any other Arbiter staff members.

To anonymous sources: I apologize you're such a chicken shit that you have to tape cryptic letters and pictures to our doors in the middle of the night because you're mad at some student leaders.

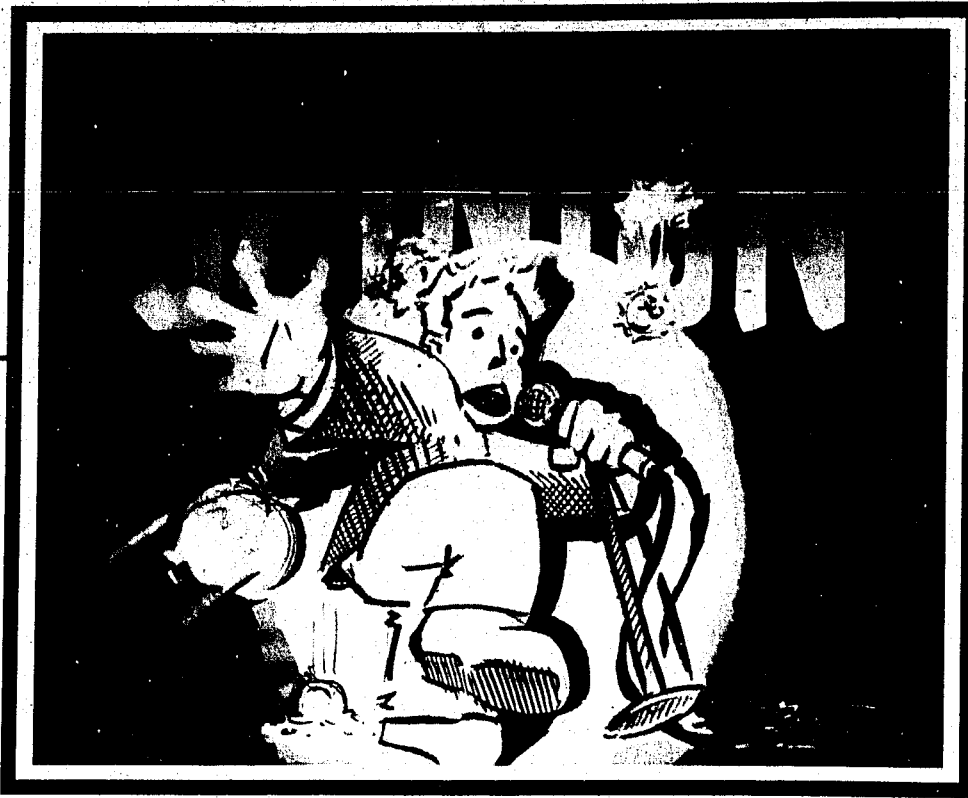
To those mad at The Arbiter for following up on anonymous news tips: I'm sorry The Arbiter follows up on all news leads. How irresponsible of us.

To the liberals: I apologize for hiring a talented and ambitious writer with whom you disagree. I apologize that you have to make up fake e-mail addresses and post in other people's names at www.arbiteronline.com to make your point because you're simply too afraid to do it yourself.

To the conservatives: I'm sorry words like 'chocolate vagina' and 'porn' have made you so uncomfortable. I'm sorry that the free exchange of ideas on a college campus has been so upsetting for you.

To the men: I apologize that the feminist issues written about in the paper have made you feel uneasy.

To the women: I'm sorry other women have not always agreed with your feminist theories and as a



result have been labeled by you as "whores," "sluts," "traitors" and "embarrassing." I'm sorry The Arbiter has refused to judge these women and has let them tell their own story. I'm sorry that readers didn't know they had a choice to read it or not.

To the extremists: I apologize for staff members not agreeing with you on every single point that you have. I know this has caused you to waste much of your time praying for us, all the while plotting ways to have us removed and replaced by students who won't get out of line or question you and your beliefs.

To the disappointed academics: I'm sorry you only want to talk to The Arbiter when you need something. Otherwise, you have no comment.

To readers who don't understand the function of the Opinion section: I apologize you get columnist

and reporter confused all the time. I apologize that your ethics, morals and values do not always reflect every staff member or guest opinion of The Arbiter. I apologize all this diversity has been such a source of contention for you.

I apologize this column was my own idea so you can't get mad at me for not citing somebody correctly, even though you probably don't know there's a difference in citing an academic paper and a journalistic column.

I should probably cite Brenda Lee, since I got the idea for this headline based on a popular song she sang back before I was born.

Oh, and I've got one more thing.

I apologize for the fact that we're students here at The Arbiter with lives outside the paper and are continuously learning all aspects of the journalistic process, which, as a result, has caused us to make some mistakes along the way.

For all of this, I'm sorry and I apologize.

Mr. Stoker's article was a slap in the face

BY JENNA CLARK
Guest Opinion

I am constantly amazed at the ability of misguided young conservatives on this campus to make the most appalling connections with minimal academic sources. The

most insensitive has to be this latest article by Brandon Stoker, offering that if only people adhered to his own particular brand of riorality then the world's violence and poverty would disappear and we would all be free to skip around in our nuclear family wonderland.

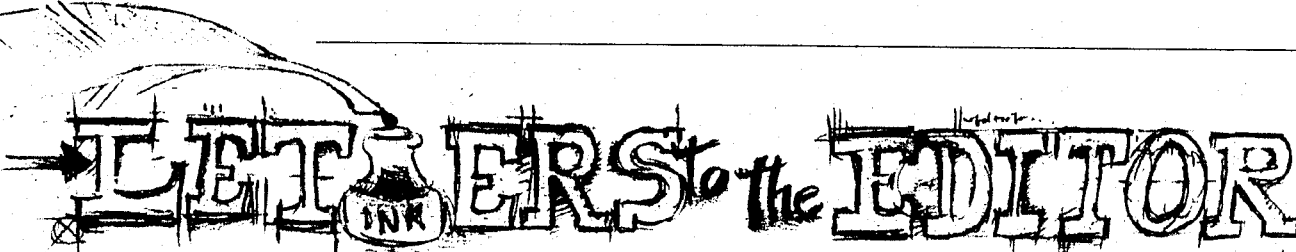
"I don't buy it. If there are any 'specious arguments' to be made here, the accusation that the "destructive and irresponsible reproductive behavior" of single parents is at fault is laughable. As an added bonus, Stoker isn't addressing the reasons behind why it's okay for men to take little or no part in raising their children, and instead only begins the time-honored conservative tradition of bashing single moms. If only those damned uppity women would get married, as the thinking goes, then there'd be a man in the house to give those boys a positive male role model. The problem is that this assumes that every male is a positive influence on a child's life, but as a single mom with plenty of oth-

er single mom friends, I can tell you that the population is chock-full of men whose children are better off without them. What if Daddy isn't a positive role model? What if he begins to hit Mom? What if he hits the kids? What if he drinks heavily or develops a drug habit?

The other problem is one of trying to force every family, as individual as a snowflake, into a single "ideal model." Instead of vilifying parents who are only trying to make the best choices possible for their kids, why not ask them what they need? It's a depressing fact that millions of tax dollars are spent every year trying to "promote marriage" instead of providing

supports that might make parenting a little less sacrificial for every family. Why not put that money into education? I would much rather see my tax dollars go into grants for college students than have a committee try to tell me how best to run my family. While I am horrified that Stoker blithely throws his sexist views into the fray, I wish I could say that I was surprised. I'm only shocked at someone who, with minimal information, would slap single parents in the face so overtly.

Jenna Clark is an officer in the Single Parent's Club and is a double major at Boise State University



That was one delicious article

Kudos to Heather Flynn for her helpful tips on choosing restaurants that offer great-tasting vegetarian and vegan options (Avoiding the 'salad treatment,' 10/13/05).

These days, vegetarianism is easier 'and more mainstream' than ever before. Many supermarkets and health food stores sell great-tasting meat and dairy alternatives, such as Boca Burgers, Gardenburger vegetarian sausage, Hormel Vegetarian Chili, Morningstar Farms Burger Style Recipe Crumbles, Soy Delicious non-dairy ice cream and much more.

Most ethnic restaurants offer a variety of vegetarian options; Starbucks offers Silk soy milk, and even Burger King offers a BK Veggie!

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recently gave "Golden Bun Awards" to restaurants and companies that offer the best meat alternatives in North America. For information on the winners, and other useful vegetarian resources, please visit VegCooking.com.

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What about the fathers?

I was surprised to read, among all the statistics in Brandon Stoker's letter blam-

ing single mothers for gang violence, very little mention of the missing fathers who, presumably, took an equal part in producing these children.

In the 300 words I have for a response, I cannot get into details about citations, but when he looks into this, he will see that many of these women are not unmarried by choice, or were in a marriage that was not constructive to them or helpful to their children.

Instead of suggesting that Autumn Haynes teach the 'tenants' (by which I assume he means 'tenets') of what he considers a successful society, perhaps Mr. Stoker should consider what he can do himself.

I eagerly look forward to Mr. Stoker's reports of visiting Nampa to teach the young men there respect for women, abstinence or at least the responsible use of birth control, and the proper responsibility for the children they father.

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Kuna, ID
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Where have all the fathers gone?

Why is the single mother, who is still trying to raise the child, blamed that gangs exist? Why is the responsibility of the father not taken into account?

Directly quoted in the article, other factors include "poverty, depraved media, immigration and monetary drug trade incentives," all of which seem much stronger than the family since the family seems to be busy fending for itself.

If it's the case that families are the blame, shouldn't we scrutinize how to hold these families together?

If the issue is a 'lack' of male role models, the single mother cannot be a man to be a good role model; so instead of blaming her, why don't you create some way of improving social male role models within the community whom children can look up to.

Let's analyze why the Treasure Valley women's shelters are over-populated by domestic violence victims.

Why should mother's allow their children to be subjected to violence they fear will be repeated by, or endangering to, their child; or have to leave their home when they're the ones being abused?

I agree that people need to take responsibility for their actions and their inactions, but I take a stand against women (or anyone) blindly taking the impact for a rise in gang violence.

I would challenge this reporter to interview any single mother on campus about her situation, then look at the fact that she is getting an education to be a good example and a good provider for her child to not repeat the cycle of poverty and violence, and do the best she can to disparage media as an influence.

While this reporter is at it, I would also challenge him to harvest some reputable and applicable statistics before he slanders a large population of the campus community.

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It's time to get a little uncomfortable

BY LIZ HUERTA HALE
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About a month ago, Professor Richard Baker spoke at an awards ceremony held at the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, where he introduced recipients of this year's scholarships. But he not only spoke about scholarships, he said more than many people like to hear. He spoke the truth about the never-ending problem of institutionalized racism on this campus. Institutional racism deprives a racially identified group, usually defined as inferior to the defining dominant group, equal access to treatment in education, medical care, laws, politics, etc.

This came about after he pointed at the fact that the ROTC program gets \$60,000 a year while the Mexican American Studies Program only gets \$4,000 for scholarships. You do the math.

Baker's comments made people uncomfortable and

as a result, he was threatened of being reprimanded and was asked to apologize. Is it fair that a professor of more than 30 years voices his opinion that makes the majority uncomfortable and immediately is asked to apologize or risk being reprimanded? Are we not on a university campus where we are free to voice our opinions and question what we do not accept or understand?

Not only does the Social Sciences department receive less money, but the majority of the money that goes into scholarships is personally collected or donated by Professor Baker.

If it wasn't for Baker's efforts, the department would have little or no money for scholarships because there are no impressive fundraising projects for the Mexican American Studies Program like the ones ROTC can hold. Not only are the ROTC students awarded more money, but they also receive stipends from the government once they enlist as Army cadets.

The university understands that the military program is a safe and accepted cause, while programs like the ones Professor Baker works hard to keep afloat are not as supported. Those who benefit from the ROTC program are more vocal, feel more empowered and demand recognition, while students from the Mexican American Studies program may tend to be less vocal and demanding because they feel less empowered. This is just like being backed up into a corner with no way out.

During this time of war the line between patriotism and nationalism is blurred and anyone daring to bad mouth any faction of our military is subject to retribution. Even I (who served four years in the military) am able to see how touchy people get when anyone dare criticize the epic size of the military budget.

Dr. Baker had the courage to speak for these students in a room full of mixed company. But if it's inappropriate, then when is the right time to speak up? Perhaps never.

People need to get over being uncomfortable and realize that times are changing. The people that felt marginalized and ignored are now getting educated and voicing their opinions. This will be uncomfortable for those used to having things their way, but it is something that they will have to come to accept.

So why did this courageous professor almost get the boot when he simply stated the facts? Could it be because he is one of the few that stand behind minority students?

We Latino students are here to earn an education and to become empowered. Some of us are at different stages of doing so, but we will get there. Those who are already there are helping others to become aware of their own voice. Professors like Richard Baker have been instrumental in helping us achieve this and we need to speak up and stand behind him when he needs our support. Thank you, Professor Baker for your courage and for standing behind us.

Don't ever give up!

Think you can teach?

BY TAMI PEASLEE
Guest Opinion

Just because you have a degree, even a doctorate, does not mean you can teach! I am so tired of taking classes from professors who have never had a background on teaching students. Why do I bring this up? Currently I am enrolled in a class on campus in which the professor posts the notes on blackboard, and in class goes over those notes verbatim. I am learning nothing new, and continually ask myself - why do I go to the class? I know what will be discussed, and consider it to be a waste of my time when he reads off what is on my paper and then asks, "Any questions?"

The students in the class are so disinterested half do not show up. I admit I rarely go due to how unorganized his lecture and teaching style are. There is little if any discussion. When they read articles to the class, is there a point? I mean, is it necessary to do this in class, or can you not post it otherwise as an optional reading? This is where students become glassy-eyed - what was the point of the article anyway? There seems to be no point.

Recently, we had a test in which the questions were old quizzes and

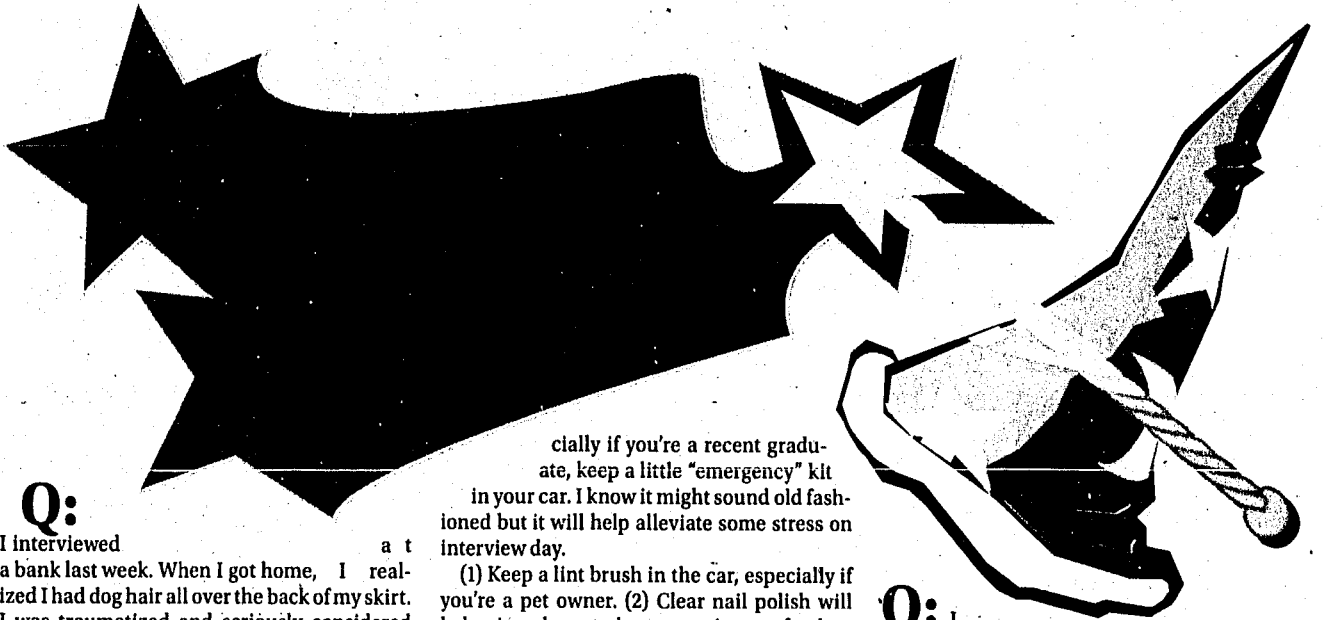
notes verbatim. This does not help me learn. All I am going to do is memorize the answers. The material that the test covered was about what the professor had studied himself and his own findings. Can somebody please tell me how I am supposed to relate what he did in another country to what I am doing or studying?

All this put into one class is not a class, but a joke.

I did not pay my tuition for this kind of instruction. The university always states how "high-quality" our education is here at Boise State. Well, as students receiving that education, we might agree more if those giving the education, aka the professors, were teaching the material with quality instruction.

So instead of increasing tuition each year, or cutting decent professors to save money, departments need to evaluate their instructors. Oh, and what about those evaluations at the end of the semester? Does someone other than the professor really see those? Apparently not!

Tami Peaslee is a Bilingual Education major at Boise State University.



Q:

I interviewed at a bank last week. When I got home, I realized I had dog hair all over the back of my skirt. I was traumatized and seriously considered shaving my dog bald. I did get a call back for a second interview, but should I even mention this? I don't want them to think I'm a slob!

A: Don't shave your dog yet, and don't worry! The people with whom you interviewed probably don't think you're a slob and you did get called back for a second interview. We have some tips that might be able to help you out.

Whether it's pet hair, a stain on your clothes, baby spit-up or ripped stockings, there are a few things you can do to be prepared for your job interview.

If you're doing a lot of interviewing, especially if you're a recent graduate, keep a little "emergency" kit in your car. I know it might sound old fashioned but it will help alleviate some stress on interview day.

(1) Keep a lint brush in the car, especially if you're a pet owner. (2) Clear nail polish will help ripped panty-hose not rip any further. Just dab a little over the rip and then pull it away from your skin so it can dry and not stick to your leg. (3) There are brand name spot removers (pencils and towelettes) that can be used in an emergency. (4) Guys out there might want to keep an extra, clean dress shirt in your car (remember to hang that in a plastic bag!).

If you end up with dog hair on your clothes as you walk into your interview, try to make the best of it. An easy-going, confident attitude will go a long way in impressing your interviewers.

The organization is interested in your qualifications for the job, and you never know, they might be pet owners!

Q:

I am starting my sophomore year at Boise State, and my parents told me to "get a job." They want me to work on campus, but my friend has a job off campus. How do I find out where the jobs are? Can you help me?

A: Between 40-50 new on- and off-campus jobs are posted every week on BroncoJobs, a web-based, job search tool for all BSU students. I would highly recommend registering on BroncoJobs to begin your job search: <http://career.boisestate.edu/bronco-jobs.htm>.

Good luck on your job search and welcome back to Boise State!

Like it or not, the Big G. Dubya's doing something right

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

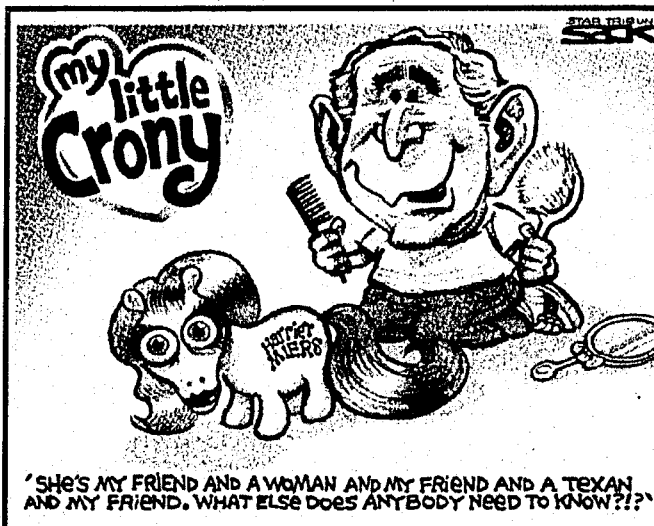
Today's rhetorical question, posed into the void: Just what in the hell is 'el presidente' up to?

Let me be more specific in my wonderings. As anyone remotely interested in the news is aware, people on both sides of the partisan aisle are lining up to take pot shots at Bush's latest pick for the Supreme Court, former White House counsel Harriet Miers. The reasons vary from concern about her judicial stands - since she's never been on the bench, there's precious little to go on - to her religion, to the disquieting fact that about the only opinion she's known to have on anything is her unswerving (and keep in mind that "unswerving," when used to refer to a member of Bush's trusted circle, takes on added

weight) dedication to Dubya. In the end, what's noteworthy about this is that both sides are moving toward unity on this issue.

Now, normally, I would say this is a grand political miscalculation on the president's part, and if this were any other chief executive, this would probably be accurate. However, Bush has a track record for making interesting choices for his various offices (John Ashcroft, who once lost an election to a dead man, springs to mind), and Dubya has been consistent in this regard. I can hear the liberals dragging out the old chestnut "Bush=moron" argument, but let's face it: he's the president, and regardless of how you slice it or justify it, he got there twice. He's doing something right.

Until recently, I would have agreed with the left's argument about George not being the bright-



est intellectual light of his age, but there's something that really nags at me. Despite giving the surface

impression of nothing but mediocrity for his adult life, George has consistently found success in his

chosen field(s). He's made mistakes, he's survived them and he's managed to achieve the highest office in the land. Sure, his family had connections and money; this isn't a Horatio Alger story. But, George hasn't altered his approach or his image too much in the latest couple of decades or so, and it's worked for him. This can't all be luck or money or political connections; keep in mind that George has been a very public figure for a long time. Everything he's done, good or bad, has been held up to the public glare, and still he succeeds ... more or less.

I believe Dubya is a lot smarter than he's given credit for; I've come around to the view that he's a master of image manipulation, long-term planning and public locution as well; nobody could mangle the language as consistently as he does

for this long without conscious decision. It seems that he's got a definite plan in mind, a series of goals or conditions that he wants to meet, and that the steps he takes are, at least to him, consistent with this goal. What that overarching goal is, however, remains a mystery. Does he really believe that his cronies know best and will bring about Utopia? Is he systematically trying to dismantle the government and replace it with a board of directors? What in the hell is going on?

Somehow, I suspect the answers won't be too long in coming. George knew damn well that he was only getting a pre-defined window of time in which to act when he was re-elected, and he also knew at some level that his decisions would get more and more unpopular. There's a method to his madness. Somewhere.



Team Drew

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives

BY DREW LOWDER
Guest Opinion

Many might think that this is the easiest question in the world to answer, but I feel that it is one of the harder ones to reply to. Cheating on your partner usually is pretty cut and dry. Typically, it's the deal-breaker of the relationship. Sometimes, though, things are not always so black and white.

Just think about how relationships have changed over time. Some relationships are now a little on the "open" side. This is believed to allow the couples to actually stay with the person they love, and be able to still window shop and try some stuff on.

Many relationships actually thrive pretty well in this type of format. The obvious problem with this is that sometimes someone from the original relationship will fall in love with their new playmate.

Of course, there are those people out there who cheat on their partner without this type of agreement. To me, these people are cowards. Because they aren't able to face up to the problems/acquire what they feel is missing in their current relationship, they have to venture outside its boundaries.

These types of people need to stop avoiding their own problems and face the music because no relationship is a walk in the park 24/7.

BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

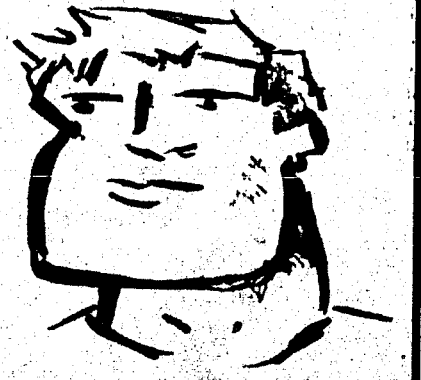
Let's be honest here, we all know someone who has done this, had it done to us, or did it ourselves. I don't know any guy who quit being friends with one of his buddies because they were cheating on their partner.

Depending on the level of friendship, you're going to have different reactions to your friends cheating on their significant other. If your close buddy is distraught over what he or she did, you'll typically just listen to them and offer suggestions on what they could do.

Notice I said suggestions - you should never tell anybody what to do in this type of situation. They know what's going on better than you do, and the best thing you could do is to act as a mirror and reflect back what you're seeing.

If you're not that close and your friend is more like an acquaintance, you'll probably just give warnings to them about their careless behavior, or (silly) joke around about it. Regardless of the situation, you always look at the person a little differently.

It's kind of like they have a kink in their armor now, and no matter how much time goes by, that kink will always be there.



Social activist speaks at Boise West

BY K.C. LONGORIA
Special to The Arbiter

On Oct. 1 Boise State University had the pleasure of having Dr. Rudolfo Chávez Chávez visit the university and speak with valley residents and BSU students and faculty at the BSU West campus. Chávez is an internationally known educator, writer, social activist, and critical teacher educator. Chávez is currently a professor at New Mexico State University's Department of Curriculum and Instruction, where he is an expert teacher of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), curriculum theory & foundations, critical multicultural education, critical teacher education, students placed at risk, equity and social justice, international education, and English language learners. He received his Education degree from New Mexico State University's Curriculum and Instruction with Bilingual/Bicultural Education emphasis, an MA in education from New Mexico Highlands University where his focus was Bilingual/Bicultural Education; Educational Administration (minor) and a BS from University of New Mexico where Elementary Education and a minor of Music Education.

Chávez has written many books and articles in regard to multicultural education and its positive impacts. In "Dropping Out of

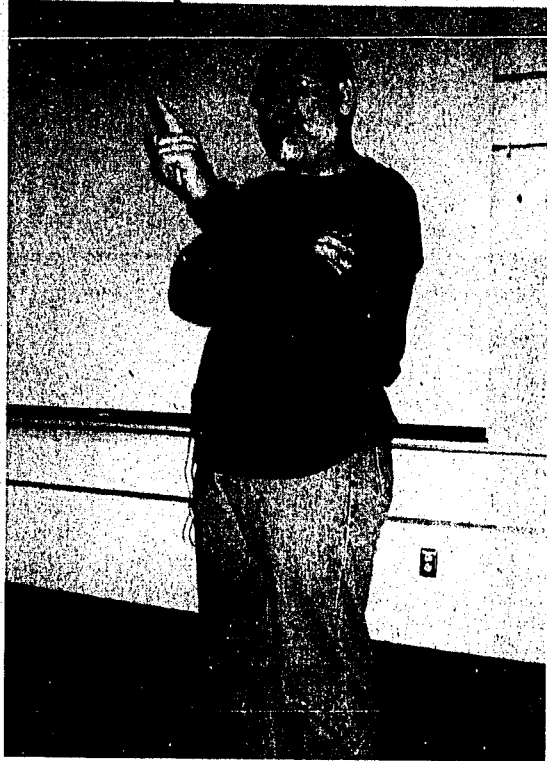


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Social activist, among many other roles, Dr. Rudolfo Chavez Chavez spoke to the BSU West campus students and faculty earlier this month.

School: Issues Affecting Culturally, Ethnically, and Linguistically Distinct Student Groups" he discusses some of the challenges educators face today in a constantly changing society and offers suggestions to correcting the "mis-education" of minority students with a representational curriculum. Chávez has also written and co-edited other works such as: "Multicultural Education in the Everyday: A Renaissance for the Recommitted," and "The Leaning Ivory Tower: Latino Professors in American Universities" and "Ethnolinguistic Issues in Education"; co-

edited "Social Justice in These Times," co-edited "Learning and Unlearning Racism: Multicultural Education Revisited," and co-edited "Speaking the Unpleasant: The Politics of (non)Engagement in the Multicultural Education Terrain" (Honorable Mention; Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Awards 1999), among others. Chávez also assisted with "A Curriculum Discourse for Achieving Equity: Implications for Teachers When Engaged with Latina and Latino Students" (1997), Hispanic Dropout Project: Albuquerque, NM, funded by the U.S. Department of Education (February 1998).

Chávez's visit to the Magic and Treasure Valleys was sponsored by the Department of Bilingual Education, Boise State University. During Dr. Rudolfo Chávez Chávez's visit he shared a gamut of experiences from his childhood to his current position with Magic and Treasure Valley communities reflecting his passion for education.

In particular, Chávez, spoke of a pre-service teacher who felt that "I do not need to learn all of that [multicultural education]. I am going to teach in Kansas." It is that attitude that prevents teachers from connecting with their students thus making the educational experience

a good one.

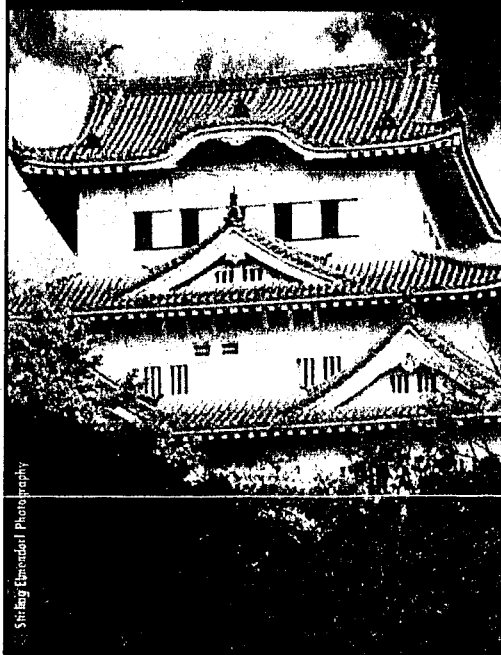
"It was a great honor to have experienced his lecture. Boise State University has surely benefited from his presentation," exclaimed Casimiro Flores. "He is just one of those dynamic persons that you have to meet to get a full appreciation of what good there can be in education." Boise State University's Dr. Roberto Bahruth stated that "It would be nice to get him to speak again next year." Hopefully, more residents, students, and members of the educational community will get to know his purposeful message.

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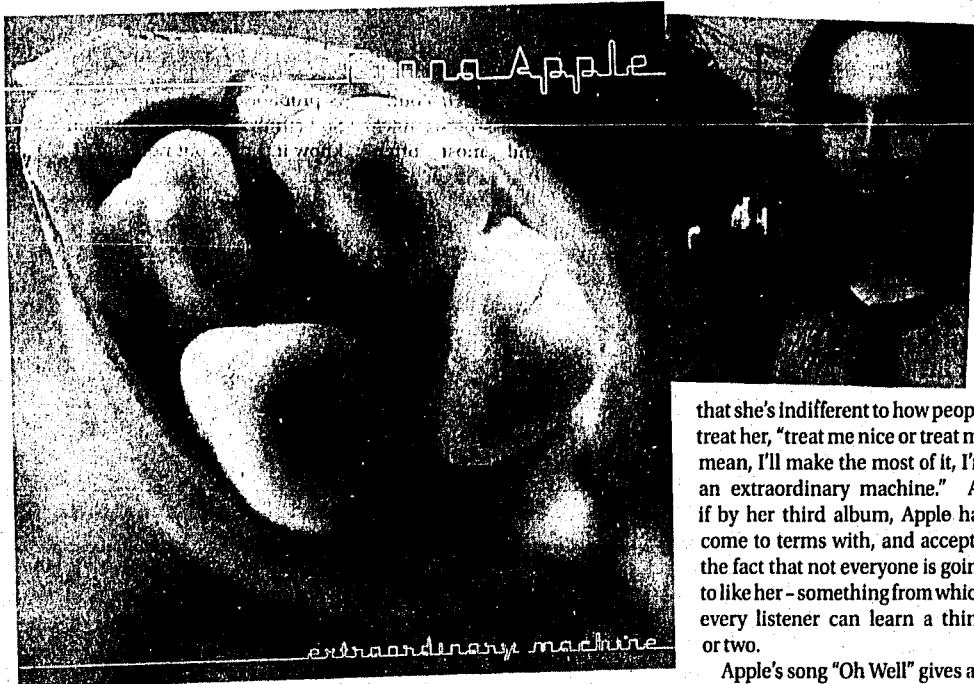
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This 'Machine' is simply extraordinary



that she's indifferent to how people treat her, "treat me nice or treat me mean, I'll make the most of it, I'm an extraordinary machine." As if by her third album, Apple has come to terms with, and accepts, the fact that not everyone is going to like her - something from which every listener can learn a thing or two.

Apple's song "Oh Well" gives an account of love gone awry, when she sings, "when I was looking with calm affection/you were searching out my imperfections/what wasted unconditional love on somebody who doesn't believe in the stuff."

Apple's new album achieved the highest chart debut of her career when "Extraordinary Machine" reached number seven in its first week, according to www.fiona-apple.com.

Apple, who writes all her own lyrics and music, is sublimely poetic in "Extraordinary Machine" and through this album displays that "the pen is mightier than the sword."

Any ex-lover of Apple must surely feel a trickle of trepidation whenever this valiant lyrical brawler releases a new album.

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

Scene: dimly lit apartment; candles spitting their iridescence from a nearby table; Fiona Apple's latest album, "Extraordinary Machine," strumming its vindictive lounge-like lyrics in the background.

Enter: girl typing fervently on laptop, lamenting the death of her latest relationship.

Apple's new album strikes a chord within anyone who's recovering from or negotiating with a pending heart break. As in all Apple's music, this "Sullen Girl" hasn't relinquished that title. She is sullen, nay glowering, as ever.

Misery loves company, and Apple loves that. Dare to ask Fiona Apple if the glass is half empty or half full, and one would most likely be met with the response that she doesn't have a glass, as she shattered it in one of her fits of angry ire.

"Parting Gift" gives an account of a snuffed relationship, where Apple refers to her former lover as a "silly, stupid pastime," and displays a memory of a fight she had with said lover. "I took off my glasses while you were yelling at me once... should have put 'em on again so I could see you, see me, sincerely yelling back."

In the first track, and album title, "Extraordinary Machine," Applesings

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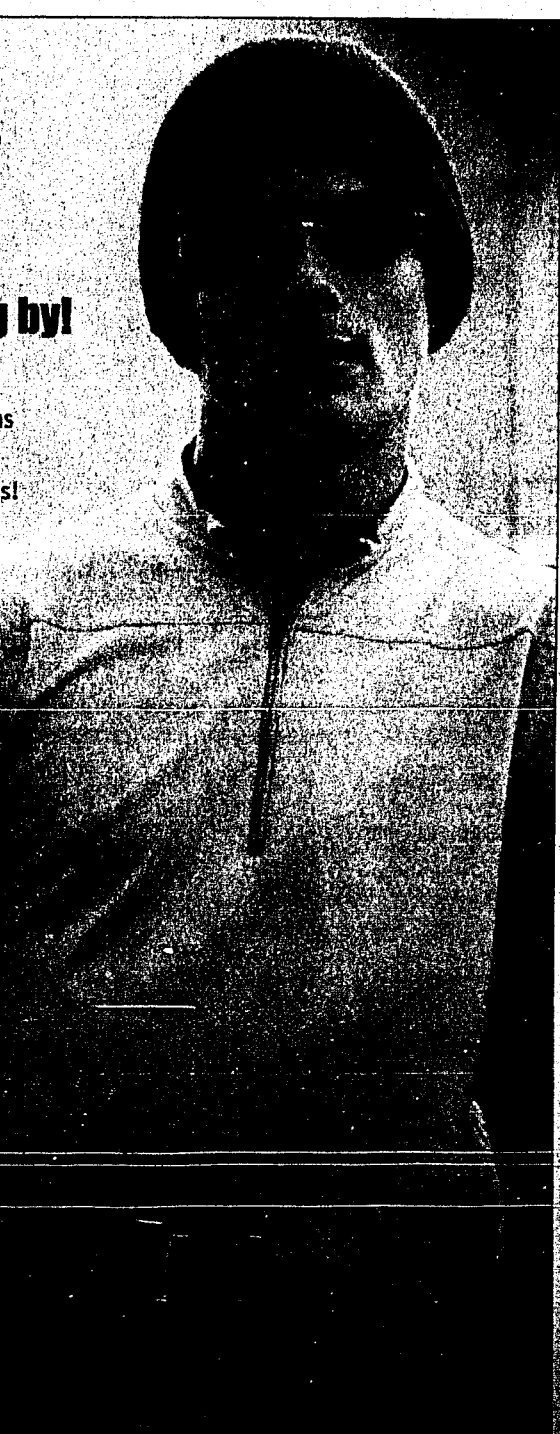
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BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Editor

One of the most recognized and youngest violinists of this decade is coming to Boise. Kristin Lee is set to perform at the Boise State Special Events Center Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. as part of the Classic Performances series presented by the BSU Student Union.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Lee began studying the violin at the age of five, and within just one year she won the first prize at the Korea Times Violin Competition.

According to Lee, her natural affinity with the violin gave her confidence and the ability to open up to people.

Lee moved to the United States in 1995 to continue her musical studies under Sonja Foster. Lee's father opted to send his wife and two daughters to the U.S. for advanced training, and he stayed behind in Korea as a chemical engineering professor at Sogang University in Seoul.

Two years later, Lee was accepted into the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School where she played with its symphony orchestra.

The celebrated violinist Itzhak Perlman heard Lee play with the orchestra and decided to take her under his wing. According to Lee, she was hardly expecting a backstage visit from Perlman.

"He complimented my playing, and eventually we got in touch by phone," Lee said.

She also said Perlman is very detailed in his instruction and focuses on musicality more than other instructors.

When Perlman started coaching Lee, her father saw it as a vote of confidence on his decision to have her move to the U.S. and make a career out of her music.

Being a protege of Perlman allowed Lee to play with many symphonies and orchestras. She made her orchestral debut at the age of 10.



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Violinist Kristin Lee is set to perform at the BSU Special Events Center Saturday Oct. 22 at 8 p.m.

Since then, she has appeared in at least 10 symphonies around the world, including symphonies in Russia, New York and Korea.

"I always played music, but wasn't planning to go into the music field," Lee said. Besides her ability to play the violin, Lee also played the trumpet in her high school marching band.

Along with her many recitals and performances, Lee has won numerous awards and prizes for

her talents, including the Excellent Achievement in Musicianship Award from Juilliard. She also attended the Aspen Music Festival on scholarship in 1995, 1998 and 1999.

Now, with these several competition awards and many solo appearances with the larger New Jersey Orchestra and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra under her belt, Lee appears positioned for a major violinist career - and she has yet to reach her twentieth birthday.

"I'm very excited about it all," Lee said. "But I still have so much more to learn, more repertoire to understand. I want to do it step by step. I don't want to be overwhelmed. I'm still a student, you know."

Juilliard awarded Lee with a full scholarship after she graduated from its Pre-College Division, and that's where she has been studying since 2004. Lee's Saturday concert is the first of four classic performances in the series.

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A look at university life: Tom Wolfe's 'I am Charlotte Simmons'

BY HEATHER FLYNN
Culture Writer

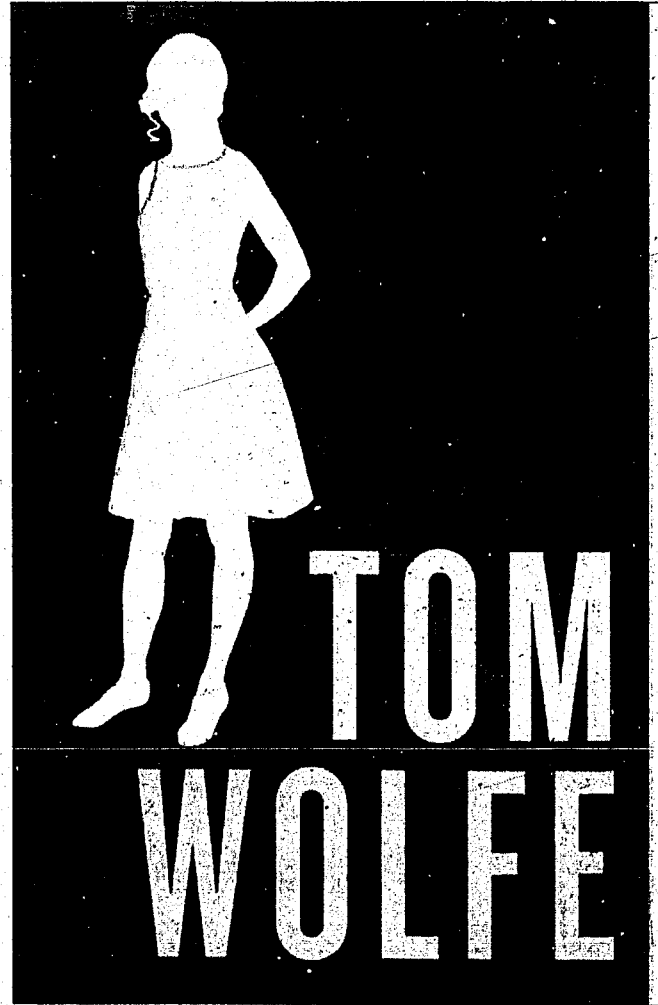
Ok, I'll admit it. When I started college, I was a Vandal. I spent my freshman year holed up inside the confines of the University of Idaho's "most affordable" (i.e.: medieval dungeonesque) on-campus housing, the Wallace Dormitory. As a high-school student, I remember flipping through the university catalogue and marveling at the grandiose, gothic architecture that stretched across grassy fields spotted with intellectuals enjoying a good read and a chic cigarette. You can imagine my dismay when, on my first day as an official college student, I was ushered into little more than a squalid slot called a dorm, which was separated from the other dorms by only a thin layer of flaking drywall. I was certain that the bathroom was dirtier and smaller than any hole-turned-toilet in a Turkish prison...and it was to be shared between myself and

three complete strangers? As rap music blared and lubricious-lipped girls (my neighbors) closed in on me from all around, I realized that this was no grandiose, intellectual Elysium. This was John Belushi's "Animal House."

I know I'm not alone. In fact, I'm willing to bet that there were more than a few freaked out freshmen at this year's orientation, largely due to the "chocolate vagina incident."

I was certain that after moving to Boise State and getting an off-campus apartment, I had scoured away all of my memories of the dreaded Wallace Dormitory. I was wrong. Tom Wolfe's latest novel, "I am Charlotte Simmons," brought them all back with clarity, humor and an acute understanding of the American university landscape.

The novel is written in the third person, and shifts between the points of views of the four main characters, who attend the prestigious Ivy League school, DuPont University. The dominant character, Charlotte Simmons, is a timid and genius freshman newly arrived from her shack of a home in the North Carolina mountains. Pleased to escape the drudgery of her high school, where all that matters is "putting out," and being "cool," she is shocked to find that her new home, chock full of 1409 S.A.T.-scoring students, is actually worse than high school, a drunken cesspool of sex and partying, where "coolness" is more important than anything. Ruler among these students is the fraternity hero Hoyt Thorpe. Jojo Johansson takes the reader into the life of a famous college athlete, and Adam Gellin, first introduced as the menial athletic tutor, is developed into a main character desperately working toward becoming a "Rhodie" (a Rhodes Scholar recipient). The story revolves around these four personalities, their place in the university, and their struggle with their insecurities as they realize that they are not Nietzschean supermen soaring above the lumpen



masses. All of the characters fall to their lowest at some point, and have to find a way to climb back up.

The book is both a humorous and insightful look at the many escapades that most students have experienced, such as being "sexiled" (kicked out of your dorm all night so that your roommate can have sex), as well as a commentary on the state of the American university today. Wolfe discusses racial and gender issues, athletics, drinking, sex, and "coolness" as it relates to college campuses. He likes to compare the grandiose architecture of DuPont University to the bacchanal, sloth

and disgust that surrounds and is housed within it, perhaps suggesting that the noble, collegiate atmosphere of the American University is gone, replaced with utter revelry and numb, drunken meaningless.

Wolfe's portrait of an Ivy League university resonates for two reasons: Despite its architecture and history, it is not the prestigious and grandiose homage to the intelligentsia that we expect, and, in all reality, we find that it is exactly what we knew it would be all along, a college full of college students, and sorely reminiscent of our own experiences.

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BSU @ Idaho
Time: 1 p.m.
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Women's tennis

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[SIDE LINE]

Women's golf finishes out fall season

In its last tournament of the fall season, the Boise State University women's golf team finished in 18th place at the Price's "Give 'em Five" Intercollegiate Tuesday.

The Broncos, who shot 939 as a team, were led by freshman Lindsey Shean.

Shean posted a three-round total of 230 (+14), at the par-71, 6,319-yard New Mexico State University Golf Course.

Shean finished tied for 40th place, only three strokes away from recording her third consecutive top 25 finish.

Rounding out the scores for the Broncos were junior Katie Street who shot 235 (+19), sophomore Britney Hayes who shot 236 (+20), freshman Mandi Hedberg who shot 240 (+24), and sophomore Amanda Nave who shot 247 (+31).

The Broncos will resume play next spring with the Fresno State Invitational, Feb. 27-28.

Bronco punter named to Watch List

Kyle Stringer, a punter on the Boise State University football team, has been named to the Ray Guy Award List for 2005.

The award is presented to the best NCAA Division I-A punter in college football as determined by a selection committee comprised of sports writers, college football coaches, sports information directors, former punters and members designated by the Greater Augusta Sports Council.

A junior from Humble, Texas, Stringer is currently averaging 41.3 yards per punt this year. His long is 49 yards with three being downed inside the 20-yardline.

Through six games this year he is ranked third in the WAC, and 45th in the nation. This is Stringer's third year as the starting punter for the Broncos. He is also handling the kickoff duties for Boise State this year averaging 60.6 yards on his kickoffs.

The Greater Augusta Sports Council will announce its top 10 semi-finalists on Nov. 2, with voting place until Nov. 22. The top three finalists will be announced on Nov. 25 and the 2005 Ray Guy Award winner announced on Dec. 8.

The award is named after Ray Guy, a former All-American punter at Southern Mississippi.

Guy went on to an All-Pro career in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders.



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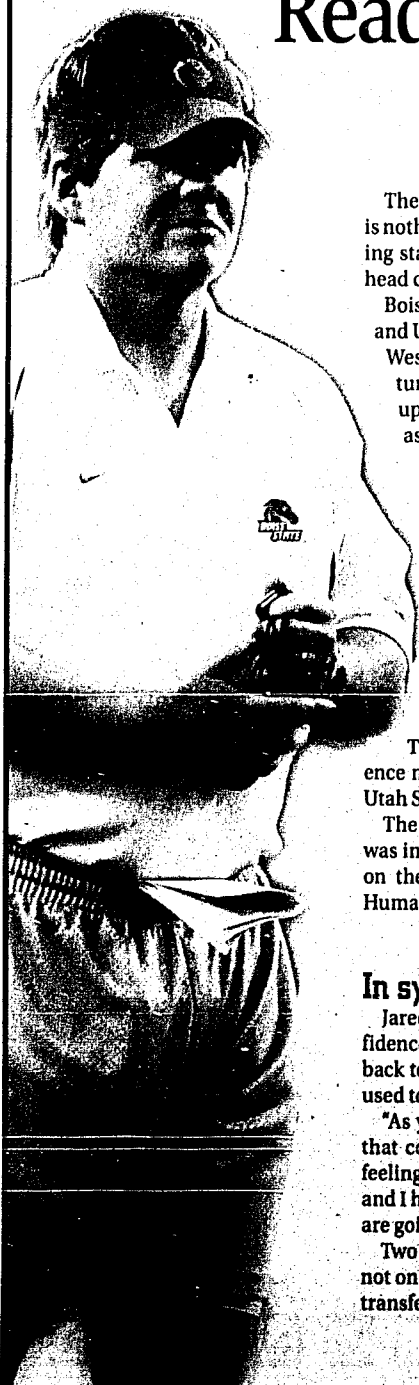
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Jared Zabransky (5) has led the Broncos to four straight wins going into the WAC road game versus Utah State Saturday. Zabransky is third in the WAC in total offense. Head coach Dan Hawkins (below) has led Boise State to a conference-record 28 straight wins in the WAC.

Broncos on the road Ready to revive an old rivalry

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor



The rivalry between Boise State and Utah State is nothing new. Five members of the Aggies coaching staff used to share bus rides with Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins.

Boise State (4-2, 2-0 Western Athletic Conference) and Utah State (2-3, 1-2 WAC) were foes in the Big West conference in the late '90s and into the turn of the century before Boise State moved up the WAC. As the Aggies make the leap now as well, the rivalry is back, meaning Hawkins has to once again face a friend.

"You never like to go to battle against your friends, but unfortunately the older I am, and the longer I stay in this thing, you end up seeing those people every week—and that's just the nature of it," Hawkins said.

The last time the two programs met, the Broncos rolled up 63 points on the Aggies as B.J. Rhode threw for 376 yards and five touchdowns at Bronco Stadium.

The series started in 1976, but the first conference meeting wasn't until the 1996 season, when Utah State beat up on the Broncos at home, 39-14.

The last Big West showdown between the schools was in 2000, as the Broncos beat the Aggies 66-38 on the way to the second straight Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl championship.

In sync

Jared Zabransky may finally have that full confidence he needs in his receivers to get the Broncos back to the explosive offense the nation has been used to seeing over the last five seasons.

"As you get more playing time together you get that comfort level and it starts to go up. We are feeling very comfortable with each other out there and I have a great trust in those receivers that they are going to get to those spots," Zabransky said.

Two of his four top receivers this season were not on the active roster last season (junior college transfer Jerard Rabb and Oregon State transfer

Cole Clasen) and another converted from quarterback midseason in 2004 (Legedu Naanee). But, six different players have at least 10 catches this season, and Rabb and Drisan James seem to be leading the pack of what may be the most talented receivers Boise State has ever had.

"You always talk about potential versus achievement, and I think those guys have tremendous potential and they are starting to come around and do all those little things and get on the same page as Jared," Hawkins said.

Rabb is the leading receiver with 290 yards and three touchdowns, but halfway through the season, that only amounts to only 580 yards receiving for the season. But, don't be surprised to see Rabb, James, Clasen and Naanee all have over 600 yards receiving now that Zabransky has found a rhythm with all of them.

Out of sync

The biggest offensive surprise this season may not be the 395 yards rushing by freshman Ian Johnson. Rather, it may be the less-than-impressive display of catching and composure from Derek Schouman. The junior tight end has been virtually unutilized because of double teams, and dropped passes.

Schouman has just nine catches for 82 yards and one touchdown this season, but there is no loss of confidence from Zabransky.

"He's a huge weapon for us and he's a good player. Players slump sometimes," Zabransky said. "He's been very consistent for us in the past. He will work it out."

Schouman seems to lose his composure after dropping passes. Twice he has been flagged for infractions following a dropped pass. Most recently Schouman grabbed the facemask of Bobby Godinez after he intercepted a pass that tipped off the hands of Schouman against San Jose State, a 15-yard penalty.

But, if Schouman can regain the dominance he had before a leg injury from last season, he will open the passing game up even more for Zabransky and the offense going into the latter half of the season.

See Rivalry (page 11)

Upon further review, the college game is superior

BY DAVID WHITLEY
Sports Columnist
The Orlando Sentinel

Another instant epic was over, and the public-address announcer had one final request: "Please get off the goal post."

It was directed at Virginia fans after the Cavaliers upset Florida State on Saturday night, but the figurative plea applied on campuses all over America.

Meanwhile on Sunday, the NFL said it will form a committee to study whether it should form a committee to study whether it can put skyboxes on goal posts.

People, is it even worth debating any longer whether college or pro football is the better game?

Sure, the NFL has superior athletes and more sophisticated Xs and Os.

But if Martians invaded and vowed to annihilate one or the other, the only way the NFL would survive would be if the head alien had LaDainian Tomlinson on his fantasy league.

This weekend was an extreme example of how the games have evolved. College football is pot luck.

You never know for sure what you're going to get, but chances are it'll be tasty and stay with you a while.

The NFL is a microwave dinner. Pre-packaged, market-tested, addictive, and largely indistinct.

Why should you prefer to risk the college heartburn? Let us count the ways.

The buzz at Notre Dame Stadium. You'll never hear anything like it in the NFL, which believes all teams should be created equal.

Parity makes for tight games but eliminates pandemonium-inducing upsets.

If Notre Dame Stadium were home to an NFL team, it would be named after a razor blade, a cell phone or a ketchup.

And Touchdown Jesus would be renamed Raymond James of Nazareth.

The best receiver in college football did not skip two-a-days to do televised sit-ups in his driveway.

Fight songs. About the only one in NFL history was that lame, "Houston Oilers, Houston Oilers, Houston Oilers No. 1."

It was not exactly like hearing the Michigan band play "Hail to The Victors."

Halftime. The only time NFL fans stick around is when the Florida A&M band is brought in.

Army-Navy, where players and fans spill blood for 60 minutes. Then they stand for the playing of each other's alma mater, knowing there are bigger things in life.

In college skyboxes, people keep an eye on the game. In pro skyboxes, people keep an eye on the hors d'oeuvres tray.

Even with Pell Grants, most college players can't afford to charter a boat stocked with booze and strip-pers.

Mascots. Colleges have real ones like Bevo the Longhorn and Ralphie the Buffalo.

The NFL has costume characters like the Jaguars' Jaxon de Ville and the Vikings' Vikadontis Rex, who reportedly was not on the Love Boat cruise getting his horn cleaned.

Rivalries. In a week, nobody in Miami will remember or care that the Bucs waxed the Dolphins.

A week after Florida plays FSU, losing fans still won't answer their helmet phones.

In the NFL, a coach would be fined for wearing a houndstooth hat.

If you still aren't convinced the Saturday football experience is superior, ask anybody who goes to the games. It'll be easy to tell the college from the pro fans.

They're the ones 10 feet off the ground.

Volleyball readies for final WAC battles

BY SARAH JOHNSON
Sports writer

Western Athletic Conference play is half way through, and the Broncos are fighting. Victories have not come easy for the BSU volleyball team this season, but the team refuses to accept the losses and is utilizing every opportunity to get better.

"The season is going by quickly, but we have made some adjustments and are prepared to battle day in and day out," Libero Jackie Stroud said.

According to Stroud, head coach Scott Sandel has been designing workouts to create a quick-paced, competitive atmosphere to carry over to the games.

"Scott has given us every opportunity to get better, it's about execution at this point," Stroud said.

The team got off to a good start winning four of seven preseason games. Two of the four wins were against NCAA-caliber teams. However, conference play has been a different story. The now 0-7 Broncos struggle to get a win. Stroud contributes the losses to a lack of execution, pointing out the team has been head-to-head in a few ball games, but failed to execute for a win.

"We just need to finish the job that's all there is to it," Stroud said. "I'm confident that things will change."

One thing has changed for the team as they welcome back outside hitter Kimberly Fenneman. The senior co-captain, Fenneman returned for the Broncos last week after rehabilitating a knee injury from early in the season.

Fenneman is in her third and

final season for Boise State, after transferring from Galveston College her sophomore year. Last year, Fenneman averaged 2.06 kills per game and 2.12 digs per game. She was named to an all tournament team and tied for first on the team in aces. Teammates agree it was a set back losing Fenneman one week into preseason camp to an ACL injury.

"Kim is so important on our team, we are incomplete without her," senior Telia Peterson said.

According to Peterson, the team has struggled without Kim's leadership and competitive attitude.

"Kim holds herself accountable," Peterson said. "When we are in a rut Kim always leads the team through it."

Fenneman competed in her first match of the season last Saturday against Hawaii. After the game, she

was named most valuable sub of the game.

"It feels so good to be back," Fenneman said. "It was frustrating to miss over half the season, but I'm thankful to be able to compete again."

According to Fenneman, she is ready and dedicated to do everything she can to turn this season around.

"We got off to a rough start," she said. "Now it's time to give 110 percent, that's all I can ask of myself, and my teammates, the rest will take care of itself."

The Broncos will be traveling this week to Ruston, La., to play Louisiana Tech (15-8 overall, 2-5 WAC) tonight at 7 p.m. From Ruston, the Broncos travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico, to play New Mexico State (11-4 overall, 4-3 WAC) Saturday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.



The return of Kim Fenneman (10) should help the Broncos as the team gets started for the second half of the WAC season tonight at La Tech.

Coach Guy takes over the reigns for Utah State

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Boise State Broncos make the trip to Logan, Utah Saturday to face the Utah State Aggies, they will meet some familiar faces.

Five of the coaches on the Aggie sideline are former coaches at BSU, including USU head coach Brent Guy. Guy was the defensive coordinator for the Broncos from 1998-00, helping the team to two consecutive league titles.

USU safeties coach Jeff Copp was an all-conference defensive end at BSU and suited up as a Bronco from 1998-00. USU defensive coordinator Mark Johnson was the defensive line coach at BSU for the 98-99 season. USU cornerbacks coach John Rushing was a graduate assistant at BSU that same year. Current USU G.A. J.P. DeWane attended Boise High School and was a student assistant coach at BSU from 1999-01.

The Aggies also have five Idaho players on their roster. Guy and Hawkins coached to-

gether at BSU under then head coach Dirk Koetter. Guy was the defensive coordinator and Hawkins was an assistant head coach in charge of tight ends and special teams and was recruiting coordinator.

"I never liked to go to battle against your friends," Hawkins said. "Unfortunately the older I am and the longer I stay in this thing, you end up seeing those people every week. That's just the nature of it. I guess the thing that you always worry about is this profession is just so volatile, that on some level it's like a 'I keep my job and you lose your job' kinda thing. In our profession you're kind of working for your own self-preservation to some degree."

Guy is in his first year as a head coach, taking over a team that went 3-8 last season, finishing in eighth place in the Sun Belt Conference standings.

Guy has led the Aggies to a 2-3 record this season, 1-2 in the Western Athletic Conference. If the Aggies beat BSU and go to 3-3, it would

be the best start for an Aggie team since the 1983 season.

"(Guy) has a lot of energy, a lot of passion," Hawkins said. "He'll get 'em lined up and get 'em playing hard, all that stuff. He's a fiery guy has a lot of passion and he's a very good X and O guy. He'll have those guys on defense lined up and doin' what they're supposed to be doin'."

Hawkins said that Coach Guy has already made some major changes on the defensive front, changing the scheme from a 4-2 to a 4-3. The change should enable the Aggies to do a better job stopping the run, a skill they'll need against the Broncos.

As far as this week goes and the future for coach Guy, Hawkins can't yet tell.

"Brent's obviously a good football coach," Hawkins said. "He's obviously a good leader and all those kinds of things, but until a guy straps up and gets in the saddle, I don't think any of us know. You go in guns a' blazin and your hair on fire and your war paint on and two years later you're all sizzled,

goin' whew! What happened right there?"

Hawkins knows very well the challenges of being a head coach. But so far, he hasn't had to deal with a losing season. His first game as BSU head coach was an interim spot in the 2000 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl, which the Broncos won. The Broncos are 44-7 since 2001 under Hawkins.

Guy, a 1983 Oklahoma State graduate, had spent the past four years as defensive coordinator at Arizona State under Dirk Koetter. He was an assistant coach (linebackers) at Utah State from 1992-94. During his first years at USU the Aggies won their first and only bowl victory, the '93 Las Vegas Bowl.

Guy has been involved in eight bowl games in 19 years as a collegiate assistant coach. His previous stops also include Oklahoma State from 1986-91 as a G.A., then the recruiting coordinator in '88 and linebackers coach from '89-91. He was also the linebackers coach at Oklahoma State from 1995-97.

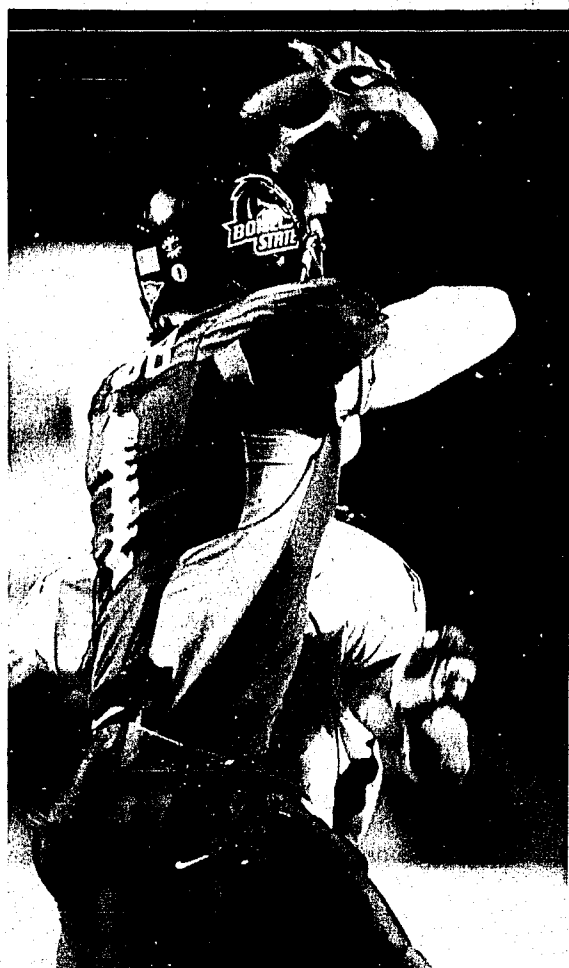


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Jerard Rabb (1) leads the Boise State receivers with 290 yards. The Broncos play Utah State Saturday night in Logan.

Rivalry (from page 10)

"He's a competitor and competitors don't like to drop balls and don't like to fail. That's the thing, that's definitely going to help in the long run," Zabranski said.

"He wants to compete and he wants to excel and he's going to work hard to get there."

Travelin' the old fashion way

With the time spent boarding a plane, flying to Salt Lake City, then busing up to Odgen for a game in Logan just doesn't seem like a good time for the Broncos.

So, the team is taking a bus from the varsity center to the game tomorrow.

"It's something different, but I would rather take a bus trip for five hours than wait around an airport for three hours, fly for an hour, and drive for an hour," Zabranski said.

For some players, it is like a blast from the past.

Playing high school football in Herminston, Ore., Zabranski is used to the long bus trips.

"We had four schools that we played that were three and a half hours, four hours away, so it's nothing new to me," Zabranski said.

For Hawkins, it's a chance to do some catch up.

"I just kind of take it as it is. I am sure I'll get some reading done and I'll get a lot of recruiting done...and maybe I'll get a movie done. I don't know," Hawkins said.

"I know this, there is not a lot of times I get to sit by myself for four or five hours and think and write and put stuff together, so I'll get used to that."

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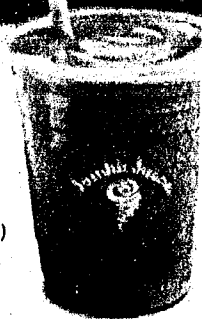
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Soccer owns bronze tradition

In 2003, Boise State soccer played for the 33rd year of the Division I National Soccer Complex. It was a big break from the Simple Athletic Complex on field 19. The field had old, rickety, low concrete bleachers, but the 4-9 mile commute to the field can be an ordeal.

That same year, Bronco Brittany Zoellner played her senior season at Boise State. She still holds 10 school records. To celebrate Zoellner's graduation time as a Bronco, and to show his support of BSU and his daughter Brittany, Gary Zoellner asked head coach Steve Lucas for some way to give back to the program.

To bring his idea to fruition, Gary Zoellner got together with Roy Harris. Harris has provided the talent for more than one of the artistic structures around campus, yet this one may be

the most important. The structure is a bronze bronco, and it is the symbol of the team. The bronco is a symbol of hard work and knowing what it takes to get things done.

Lucas said, "It is a reminder of why you are walking on the field, a symbol of hard work and knowing what it takes to get things done."

"I guess I am superstitious. Everyone is supposed to touch the bronco. It reminds us that we are Broncos," sophomore Michaela Morrison said.

The players will use the point points, but they make safety by playing over the ground. They individually touch the bronco before a match. The touching of the bronco has become a pre-game tradition for the soccer team.

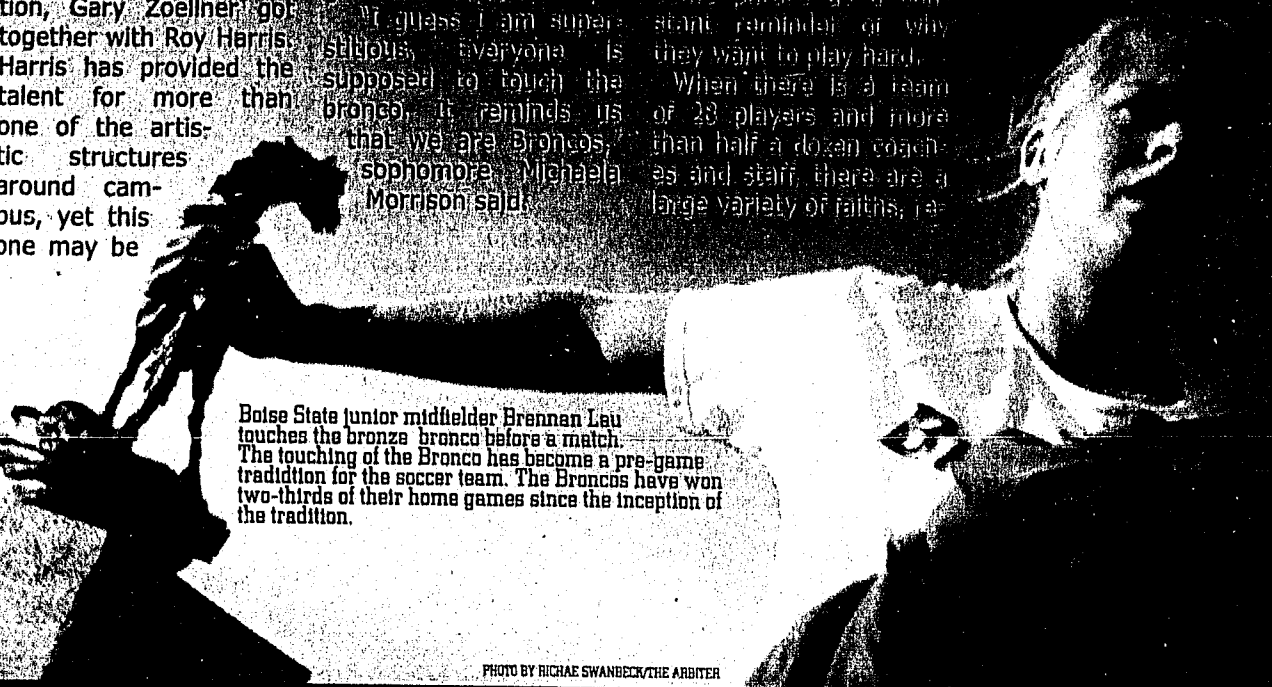
When there is a team of 23 players and more than half a dozen coaches and staff, there are a large variety of faiths, re-

ligions, and cultures. The Broncos have won two-thirds of their home games since the inception of the tradition.

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Bronco soccer visits rival Vandals

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS Sports Writer

Boise State soccer heads north to Moscow Sunday for the lone game of the weekend against University of Idaho. Kickoff will be 1 p.m. (PT).

The rivalry between the three Gem State teams (Boise State, University of Idaho, and Idaho State University) has culminated in an unofficial Gem State championship decided by points (three for a win, one for a tie). So far this season, U of I has not accumulated any points, but both BSU (with a win over ISU) and ISU (with a win over U of I) carry three.

The Vandals (2-13-0, 0-4-0 Western Athletic Conference) host the deciding game on Sunday, where the Broncos (8-6-2, 2-2-0 WAC) can earn the title with a win or tie.

The Broncos lead the all-time series against the Vandals 4-3-0, although a win this season would satisfy both an overall and WAC record.

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hold any. Individual statistics are also bringing Boise State to the forefront where six different players take slots in the top of the WAC.

Points leader Nicole Coleman (five goals, five assists) carries a fifth place standing in the WAC for goals, assists, and points. Forward Annie Tom closely follows Coleman with three assists, and freshman forward Randi Baker follows Coleman with four goals.

Junior forward Kristin Hall tallied up three game-winning goals after her golden goal against Nevada. This puts her amidst WAC leaders, such as Natasha Kai (University of Hawaii).

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The Vandals have two players listed in the top of the 2005 WAC individual soccer stats. Senior goalkeeper Lindsay Smith has the most saves (71) while junior forward

Jenny Springer has four goals.

Another Vandal player to watch for is freshman Sonja Baumgartner. The Zurich, Switzerland native earned WAC Player of the Week honors last month for her two goals in two shots that weekend.

Boise State needs a win to keep up with WAC competition. The Broncos' six points keep the team tied with three other teams, just behind Hawaii and San Jose State's nine points.

Idaho and La Tech need a win to get into this season's competition. Both teams lack points.

Since Idaho is coming off an 11-game losing streak, Sunday's game may seem like an effortless contest for the Broncos, but Kristin Hall will disagree.

"That's when [the opponents] are more dangerous," Hall said. "They have nothing to lose."

The Vandals are not the only team suffering from misfortune. Michaela Morrison broke her collarbone during warm-ups for the Fresno State game. Kim Parker tended the goal for the entirety of the match.

After the game in Moscow, BSU will face Utah State and La Tech, the remaining two WAC opponents.

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After USC, first BCS poll will have some mystery

BY MIKE HUGUENIN
The Orlando Sentinel

The first Bowl Championship Series poll of the season is released Monday afternoon, and while there's no mystery as to who'll be at the top, there is at least some as to who'll be No. 2--and especially No. 3.

Will it be Texas, No. 2 in the media polls? Or Virginia Tech, No. 3 in the media polls? Or Georgia, No. 4 in the media polls?

There are three components to the BCS polls and each counts one-third: the USA Today coaches' poll; the Harris Interactive poll of journalists and former coaches, players and administrators; and a compilation of the six computer rankings.

Texas seems likely to be No. 2 because of its spot in the media polls. But what's interesting is that going into the weekend, the six computers used in the BCS liked Georgia more than Texas or Virginia Tech. And remember that the BCS uses not the poll rankings but rather the poll points. Given that Georgia is a solid No. 4 in both media polls, thanks to Florida State's loss, the No. 3 spot in the BCS is a distinct possibility for the Bulldogs.

Also worth notice is how high Miami will be in the BCS standings. Miami almost certainly will be the highest one-loss team, and if the Hurricanes are in the top six, they remain in the national-title hunt.

LEAGUE LOWDOWN

For the most part, each of the 11 conferences is going to have superb races down the stretch. Here's a look at the BCS leagues:

ACC: Every team has at least one league loss except Virginia Tech, whose Nov. 5 game with Miami should determine the Coastal Division title. Despite its loss Saturday at Virginia, FSU controls its destiny in the Atlantic Division. The only other division team that can say that is Maryland.

Big East: Remember all that talk about Louisville rolling through the conference? The Cardinals are 0-2 in the league. West Virginia is the only team without a league loss after USF and UConn lost Saturday.

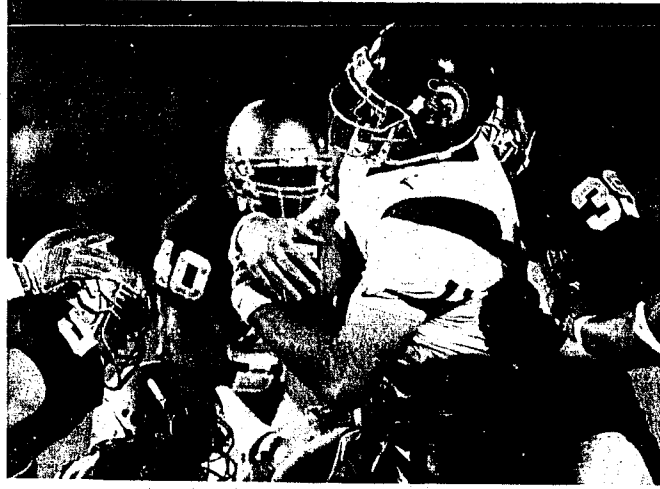


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Matt Leinart's last-second touchdown versus Notre Dame extended USC's win streak and landed the Trojans atop the first BCS Poll of 2005.

The other league teams with one loss: Pitt and Rutgers. Yeah, this league deserves a BCS bid.

Big Ten: Penn State's loss to Michigan means every league team has at least one league setback.

The Nittany Lions are joined by Wisconsin, Iowa, Northwestern and Ohio State in the one-loss club. The Buckeyes are the only team in that quintet who don't have a game left against another one-loss team. Interestingly, Michigan plays three of the quintet: Iowa, Northwestern and Ohio State.

Big 12: Texas and Texas Tech are the only unbeaten in league play, and they meet this Saturday in Austin; the winner has the inside track to the South Division title. Everyone in the North Division has at least one loss. Colorado, which gets fellow one-loss teams Missouri and Nebraska at home, may have advantage in that division.

Pac-10: USC and UCLA are the only league unbeaten. Of note: UCLA has two weeks off to prepare for the season-ender against the Trojans. The Bruins host Arizona State on Nov. 12, then play the Trojans on Dec. 3.

SEC: Georgia is the only team that controls its destiny in the East, and Alabama and Auburn have that advantage in the West. This Saturday, Auburn is at LSU and Alabama hosts Tennessee. In the East, every team but the Bulldogs has two

league losses.

As for the five non-BCS leagues, TCU is the only unbeaten in the Mountain West and Louisiana-Monroe in the Sun Belt. The WAC has three unbeaten: Boise State, Fresno State and Nevada. The MAC has two: Bowling Green and Toledo (they play Nov. 22, then could meet again in the MAC Championship Game). There are no unbeaten in Conference USA.

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Pete Carroll was coach of the New York Jets for one season, in 1994.

The Jets were 6-5 that season going into a home game with the Miami Dolphins, who prevailed 28-24 when QB Dan Marino faked spiking the ball, then tossed a TD pass to Mark Ingram in the waning seconds. The Jets didn't win again that season, and Carroll was axed.

Saturday, Carroll's USC team got a 34-31 win at Notre Dame when USC QB Matt Leinart scored on a 1-yard sneak with 3 seconds left. It appeared Leinart was going to spike the ball before the play.

GRID BITS

West Virginia's marquee recruit this year was Jason Gwaltney, considered one of the nation's top five tailbacks as a prep senior. Well, Gwaltney is out for the season with an injury, but he already had been

overshadowed by classmate Steve Slaton. Slaton was given the starting job last week, and he responded with a 188-yard, six-TD game in WVU's come-from-behind victory over Louisville. Slaton scored on a screen pass and on five runs.

Syracuse is having a ton of trouble adjusting to new Coach Greg Robinson's West Coast attack. Robinson is learning that athletes recruited to run the option have an especially tough time adjusting, which is what Nebraska Coach Bill Callahan found out last season.

The Orange were 1-of-14 on third-down conversions in a 31-9 loss to Rutgers on Saturday; that makes them 18-of-90 (20 percent) for the season. . . . You have to think Washington State and Louisville feel especially bad today.

UCLA (Washington State) and West Virginia (Louisville) beat them in overtime. Neither the Bruins nor the Mountaineers led in regulation, and both rallied from 17 down in the fourth quarter. . . . Hmm, would Notre Dame have done as well vs. USC with Urban Meyer as coach? Remember that Irish officials targeted Meyer as their No. 1 choice when Tyrone Willingham was fired.

. . . You have to think Utah misses Meyer. A season after finishing 12-0, rolling to a victory in a BCS game and having a Heisman finalist, the Utes are 3-4 overall and out of the Mountain West Conference race. . . . Seven unbeaten teams remain. There are five winless teams.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

3. Tennessee at Alabama, 3:30 p.m. EDT, CBS: The Vols could put a huge crimp in the Tide's SEC title hopes with an upset.

2. Auburn at LSU, 7:45 p.m., ESPN: LSU falls out of SEC race with a loss.

1. Texas Tech at Texas, 3:30 p.m., ABC (may be PPV in some markets): The winner lays claim to the title of "best team in the Big 12."

A FINAL THOUGHT:

Did anyone else notice that Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden suffered their first losses of the season on the same day?

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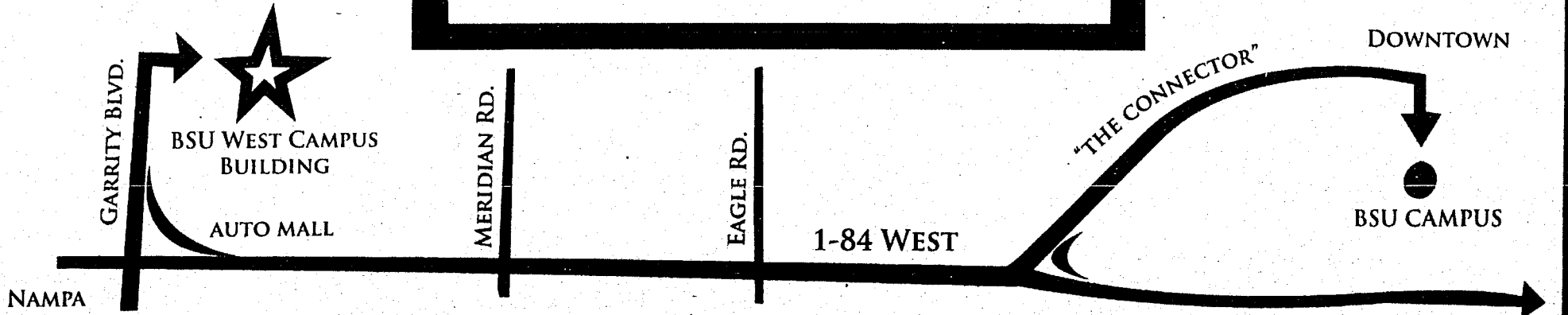
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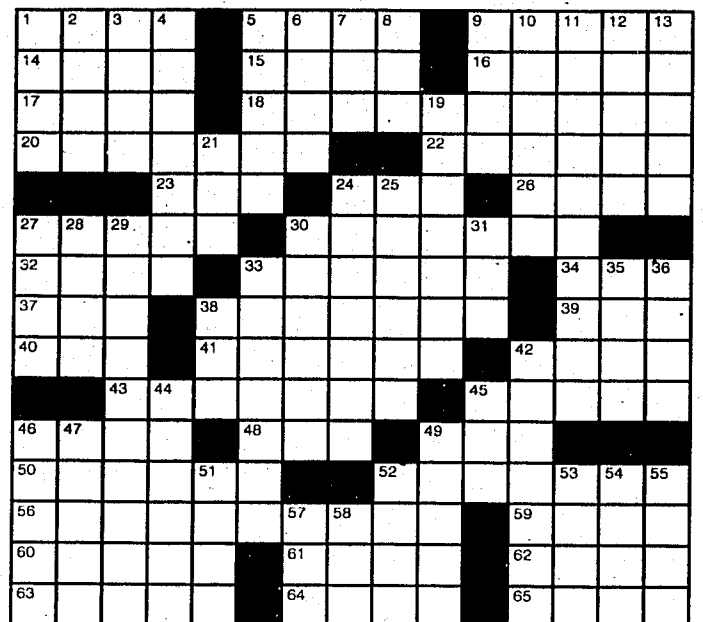
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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 - You're always quick, but right now your wit is amazing. Discuss that issue which you've been reluctant to bring up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 5 - Money may have a tendency to burn a hole in your pocket. This time, however, you can afford a little self-indulgence.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 10 - You're back in control of the situation, partially because conditions over which you have no control are in your favor again.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 5 - Dig around in your own closets and you're liable to find the very thing you need, for free. Save yourself a trip to the store.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - Friends come to your rescue, with a fabulous idea. Encourage them, and they'll help you succeed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 5 - Conditions are good today and tomorrow for increasing your income. Do everything you can imagine to help that occur.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 - Got a new project to launch? How about your world cruise? If you can't actually go, at least put the promise in writing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 4 - You can stretch your resources further if you use what you already have. Don't insist on always buying new.

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Today is an 8 - Your luck's getting better, partially due to the input from a friend. You're not alone any more; you've got reinforcements on your side.

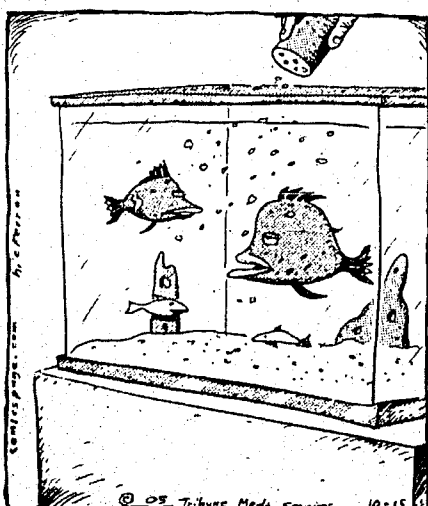
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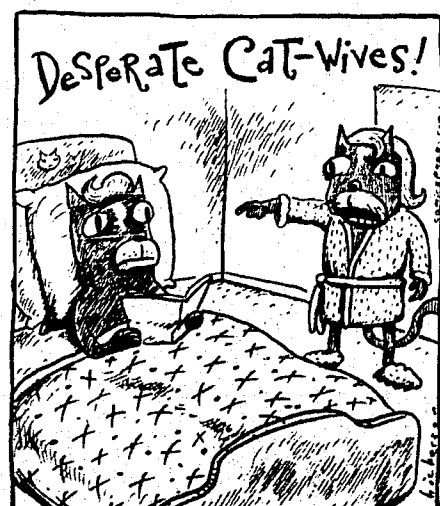
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