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Students ask ASBSU Senator Stoker to resign from his position

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
Assistant News Editor

Following a controversial column written by Brandon Stoker in The Arbiter, two students asked Stoker to resign during the Associated Students of Boise State University Senate meeting Tuesday. Stoker serves as the ASBSU social sciences/public affairs senator and is an opinion columnist for The Arbiter. In an Oct. 17 column, Stoker argued that gang activity is most often the product of destructive and irresponsible reproductive behav-

ior and single parenting. Students offended by the column, and unsatisfied with Stoker's follow-up column in Monday's issue of The Arbiter, asked Stoker to leave his post as ASBSU senator.

"I am here today, Mr. Stoker, to ask you to step down," said April Clark, a BSU student and single mother. Clark held her young child as she addressed the Senate, saying Stoker's remarks "bashed single parents."

Taylor Kauer, student from the BSU College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, also request-

ed Stoker's removal from ASBSU. Kauer accused Stoker of misrepresenting his BSU constituents and everything ASBSU stands for.

"As a social science major, I am appalled at the fact that somebody representing the [College] of Social Science[s] and Public Affairs is completely just hitting the people you're supposed to be helping," Kauer said. "You can write your opinion for The Arbiter as much as you want to, but not while you're representing me as a student and every-one else on campus."

Also called into question was Stoker's role on the Budget and Finance Committee. Clark said she felt Stoker would not fairly allocate funding to the groups he criticized in his Oct. 17 column, such as the Single Parents Club.

Stoker, however, said his personal views do not influence budgeting decisions.

"I can be impartial," Stoker said, adding that the budget has already passed for this year. He said though he has strong political views, he did not inhibit clubs from receiving funding.

Sen. Texie Evans commended Stoker for his Oct. 24 Arbiter column.

"He makes a conscious effort to not mix his roles of being a representative of the student body and an opinion writer for The Arbiter," she said.

Evans added that she doesn't agree with Stoker and is critical of some of his views, but said he was elected by the student body and represents a large demographic group's views.

Stoker closed with saying that he appreciates the diversity of student

organizations at BSU.

"I would never try to take away from any of those organizations and what they do," he said. "We have an open government here, and we listen to your concerns. On important issues like funding, I think that I'm a pretty fair person."

The Senate meets twice weekly at 4:45 p.m. in The Forum of the SUB.

The tunnel is coming

UPCOMING PROGRAM FOCUSES ON OPPRESSIVE ISSUES

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT
Assistant News Editor

For the past two weeks Boise State students clad in black shirts have advertised a simple message: The tunnel is coming. The shirts succeeded in provoking curiosity around campus, said Cultural Center Coordinator Ro Parker.

"People have been asking, 'What does that mean?'" Parker said. She provided some answers in a Tuesday interview, but said to truly understand it, people will have to come to the Tunnel of Oppression Nov. 1. The tunnel will be set up like a maze in the Student Union Building Hatch Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (The last group will be taken through the tunnel at 6 p.m.)

Parker said the tunnel focuses on five areas of oppression, including racism, homophobia, and gender, disability and global issues. The tunnel highlights oppression that is happening today, right here in Boise, she said. The racism portion focuses on the oppression of Native Americans, African Americans and Latin Americans, Parker said.

"In the past, there hasn't been enough dialogue," Parker said. "The danger in that is people don't think there's a problem." "One person recently e-mailed Parker about the tunnel, saying it was unnecessary because oppression isn't occurring. 'It is happening now,' she responded. "We need to talk about these things, however uncomfortable it may be."

Parker has a slogan near her desk that reads, "No one is free when others are oppressed."

"This is key," she said. "I want people to understand that." The tunnel will feature images and theatrical performances illustrating oppression. Children are advised not to attend, and people will be required to sign a disclaimer before entering the tunnel, Parker said. Attendees can exit the tunnel whenever they want to.

Kathy Simpson, who is the director of the Tunnel of Oppression, said she wants people to step out of their comfort zone boxes and open their eyes and ears. "We want it to provoke emotion," Simpson said.

Simpson said theatrical performances will focus on oppression throughout history as well as modern-day portrayals.

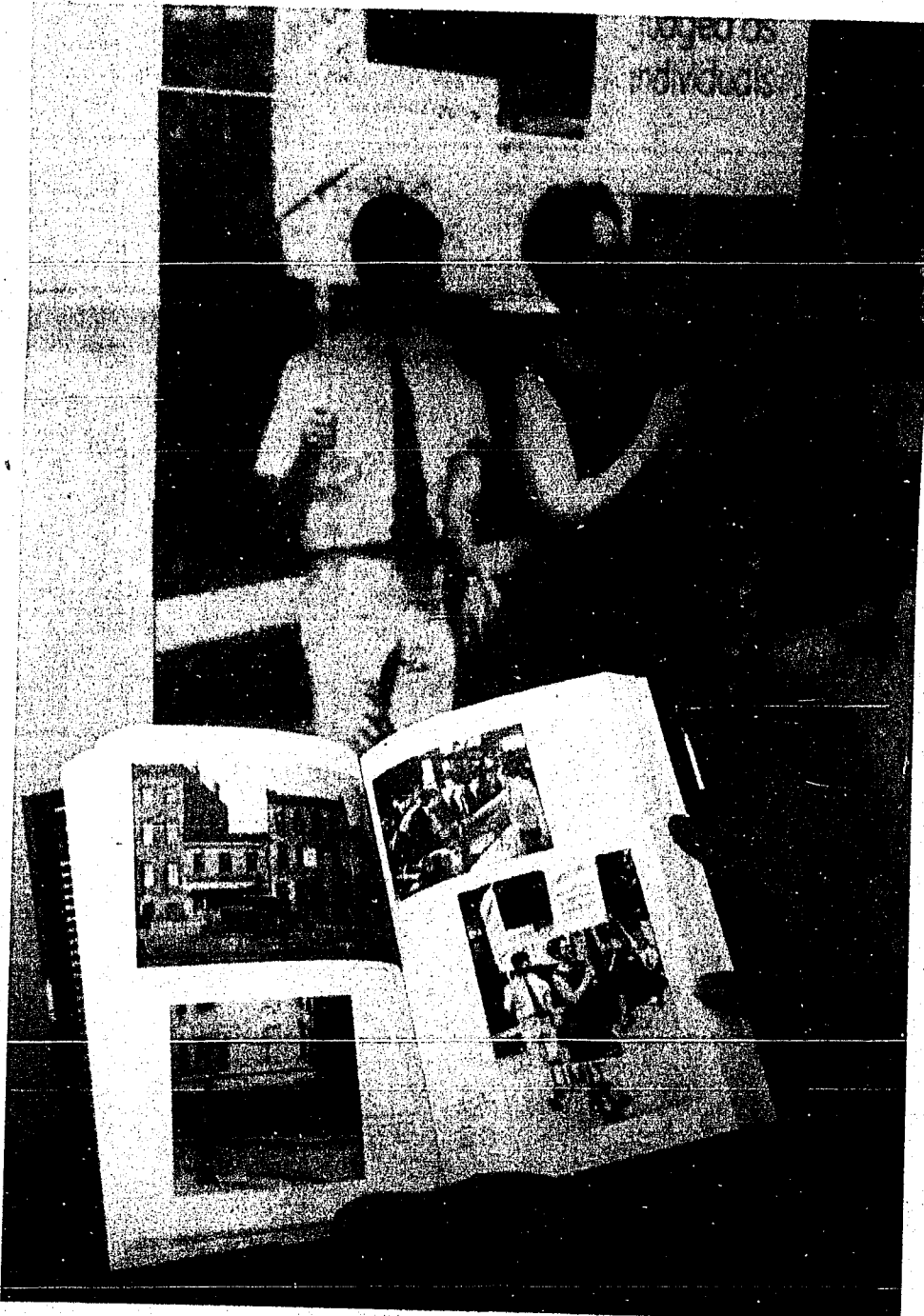
Groups will walk through the tunnel every 20 minutes, Parker said, and she expects as many as 500 attendees. Individuals and groups wanting to experience the tunnel must register for the free event by Monday at noon. To register, call 426-5950 or go to the Cultural Center, located in the SUB.

More than 75 people have collaborated for the last few months to bring the tunnel to BSU for the first time in the school's history. Many campuses across the nation participate in the tunnel each year, since Western Illinois University exhibited the first Tunnel of Oppression in the early 1990s.

The event is co-sponsored by the BSU Gender Studies Program, the BSU Martin Luther King, Jr./Human Rights Celebration Committee and the Associated Students of Boise State University. Parker said the tunnel involves three phases: the tunnel walk-through, a debriefing time and a Social Justice Fair.

At the fair, which will include several organizations including the BSU Volunteer Services Board, people will learn how they can get involved in fighting oppression. Because the tunnel may evoke disturbing experiences, debriefing and the Social Justice Fair are key, Parker said. That way people can deal with their responses toward the Tunnel of Oppression and also learn how to make a difference in society.

"It's going to be pretty intense inside," she said. "I hope people come away with a better understanding of the oppression that others go through."



Images illustrating examples of discrimination will be shown in the Tunnel of Oppression. Here, Tunnel of Oppression Director Kathy Simpson, holds a book with a photograph from the 1960s when homo-sexuality was being debated.

Albertsons pulls Seventeen magazine issue

BY RYAN MORTENSEN
News Writer

Albertsons stores in Idaho and 11 other states pulled copies of the October issue of Seventeen magazine from its shelves due to concerns over a controversial article published in the health section of the magazine titled "Vagina 101."

In a statement, Seventeen defended the article, saying its writers address issues that concern readers.

Albertsons ordered the removal of Seventeen magazines from 2,500 stores in all 12 of its intermountain west states, including Idaho.

The article, which focused on yeast and urinary tract infections, vaginal discharge, and pubic hair, was meant to educate girls about their bodies. Pictures included a color drawing labeling eight parts of the vagina and two photos of vaginas, which led to the Boise-based grocery chain's action in pulling the magazine from its shelves.

According to a news release, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) expressed outrage at the removal by Albertsons stores.

"It is nothing short of astounding that Albertsons would censor this basic sexual health information," said PPFA National Medical Committee Chair Scott Spear, M.D.

"Too often, young people don't know where to turn for accurate information about their reproductive health care. In removing the magazine, Albertsons has done a disservice to teens by blocking access to information," said Spear.

According to other published reports, Danielle Killpatrick, public affairs director for Albertsons' Oregon division, said the company received several complaints that the material was explicit, but would not specify the sources of those complaints. Killpatrick maintained that it was the right of the corporation to decide what goes on its shelves and what doesn't.

Tsunami relief worker shares experiences with communications classes

BY SARA BAHNSON
News Writer

Tsunami relief worker Amy Morris spoke to a Boise State communication class Monday in the Communication Building about her volunteer experiences following the devastation in South India and Sri Lanka.

Morris, 31, said she spent Christmas in India. On Dec. 26, 2005, Morris said she was swimming on the western tip of India when the tsunami hit Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South India and Thailand. She said she saw the water rise

and her belongings were swept away, but she didn't understand the magnitude of the devastation until the next day when it was reported that 20,000 were dead.

Morris said because Indian news outlets don't censor their photographs, she saw graphic pictures of bodies.

"I knew I wanted to do something," Morris said.

Morris said she went east to South India and became involved with ActionAid International. According to www.actionaid.org, ActionAid is an international British charity agency that has been fighting pov-

erty for over 30 years.

Currently, ActionAid is working to meet the basic needs of local South Indian people, helping them rebuild their lives, reducing psychosocial effects of the tsunami and monitoring aid so that it flows to the poorest and most marginalized people, according to its Web site.

Morris said ActionAid was particularly involved with helping widows and neglected groups in South India.

"[ActionAid] had been starting a tsunami program," Morris said. "I just walked in on the right day at

the right time."

Morris said she worked as an accountant in a field office, but also distributed relief supplies. She said she spent five months with ActionAid in South India and left for Sri Lanka when funding was becoming more regular.

"These people were struggling with the loss of everything... There was a lot of guilt and psychosocial trauma," Morris said. "It was interesting to see the different stages of grief. I was very fortunate to be involved."

Morris noted the difference between American culture and

Indian culture, and how organizations had to take that into account when providing aid and rebuilding communities.

"People are being relocated outside of areas their families have inhabited for generations," Morris said.

Because people in India live so compactly, rules prohibiting reconstruction within 500 meters of the ocean displaced hundreds of thousands of people, Morris said.

She said she believes the restriction has recently been changed to

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Amy Morris, a tsunami relief worker, shared her experiences with communications classes.

the headlines

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world

Europeans confront contradictory information on avian flu

LONDON — With each day bringing fresh reports of bird flu outbreaks on Europe's peripheries, the British government's chief medical officer, Liam Donaldson, warned that a human pandemic was "inevitable" and that it probably would kill at least 50,000 people in Britain alone.

But the European Union's Center for Disease Control says, "The risk of infection for most people in Europe is close to zero." Back in August, when the threat of the deadly flu appeared on Europe's horizons, the Dutch government ordered poultry farmers to move all their birds indoors. But a month later, it changed its mind, mainly because the EU would no longer let Dutch farmers sell their chickens as "free range."

Now the EU says all chickens must be kept indoors.

If the chickens are confused, pity the people of Europe. With outbreaks of the deadly H5N1 strain of avian flu now confirmed in Turkey, Russia and Romania, and with more suspected outbreaks in Croatia, Macedonia and Greece, Europeans have been bombarded with confusing and contradictory information from the governments and international agencies they look to for protection.

After an emergency meeting in Brussels on Tuesday, EU foreign ministers declared the avian flu outbreak a "global threat" and warned that Europe was not prepared to cope with the expected pandemic.

Newspapers in Britain reported government contingency plans

for up to 600,000 dead and painted an apocalyptic picture of troops being called in to prevent people from fleeing infected areas. Alarm grew over the weekend when a parrot that died in quarantine after being imported to Britain from Suriname checked positive for H5N1.

Public reaction has been predictable. There was panic buying of Tamiflu, an antiviral drug used to treat bird flu. When pharmacies ran out, Tamiflu was offered on eBay, the Internet auction site, for nearly \$200, more than six times the normal cost of a standard five-day course.

The H5N1 virus that first emerged in Hong Kong eight years ago is a global threat. It has resulted in the deaths of millions of chickens, ducks and other fowl across a wide swath of Southeast Asia. About 150 million birds have had to be culled. The virus has reached Europe and experts say that because of the migratory patterns of birds, it will inevitably reach Africa and the Americas.

national

Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks dies at 92

DETROIT — People worldwide are mourning the death of the woman known as the mother of the civil rights movement.

Rosa Parks died Monday evening at her home in the Riverfront Apartments in Detroit, her spokeswoman and longtime friend Elaine Eason Steele said. "She went away peacefully," Steele said. Parks was 92.

Steele and Parks' physician, Dr. Sharon Oliver, were present. Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit is handling the arrangements.

The humble black woman made history by refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., bus on Dec. 1, 1955.

A black person refusing to move so a white person could sit down was almost unheard of back then.

But soon the world heard of Parks' quiet act of courage.

Her refusal ignited a fire that spread until racial segregation was burned out in the United States. Her simple act of defiance earned her worldwide acclaim, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's highest award — the Spingarn Medal — the Congressional Gold Medal awarded by former President Bill Clinton and a peace prize in Sweden.

After she was arrested, black people in Montgomery refused to ride the city's buses. They walked or used a well-organized car pool put together by the city's black churches.

They boycotted the buses for a year and created a model of mass protest unlike anything that has been seen since in the United States.

Freedom fighters across the world were inspired by her courage.

Wilma tears across Florida, causing 4 deaths and damage

MIAMI — The worst hurricane season in history crashed through South Florida's back door Monday, ripping from Naples on the west coast through the Everglades and the Keys with unexpected devastation, damaging thousands of homes, shattering thousands of office-tower windows and leaving millions of people shaken and

without power.

In Broward County around Fort Lauderdale, authorities called Hurricane Wilma the worst storm to hit that county since Hurricane King in 1950. At least four people died.

Miami-Dade police made at least six arrests for looting. Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez ordered a countywide curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., and it may be extended into Tuesday night. Service on Miami-Dade's Metrorail system was suspended because of damage.

Search-and-rescue teams were reassigned from the Naples area and dispatched to Glades and Hendry, where mobile-home parks and low-lying single-family homes were smashed.

A falling tree killed one man in Coral Springs, authorities said. A Palm Beach County man died in Loxahatchee when a tree hit his car. Another man in rural Collier County was killed when a roof collapsed on him, possibly after being hit by a tree.

Several other bodies were found, and at least one person died of a heart attack during the storm, but authorities couldn't immediately confirm that the deaths were related to the hurricane.

Regionally, Wilma gouged much wider damage — though thankfully less intense — than Hurricane Andrew, the Category 5 monster that flattened much of south Miami-Dade in 1992.

At one point, Wilma's eye simultaneously touched five counties. President Bush declared 20 Florida counties a major disaster area.

More than 3.2 million customers were without power in 28 counties, including 1.8 million in Miami-Dade and Broward and the entire city of Homestead.

All but 5,000 of the 59,000 customers in the Florida Keys were without power.

local/bsu

NPR News 91 presents 'An Idaho Perspective'

NPR News 91 has announced a new radio showcase for Idahoans to present their ideas, concerns and views on local, state and national issues. Boise State Radio is looking for contributors for the new short radio program. Titled "An Idaho Perspective," the program consists of short essays written by Idahoans. The essays, edited by the show's producer, will be recorded in the voice of each author. Accepted essays are then aired on NPR News 91.

Although the essays must be written from an Idaho viewpoint, their scope is not limited to Idaho issues. Instead, they may range in focus from issues that affect our families and communities to those that affect our nation and world.

Further information, submission guidelines and additional details can be found at the Boise State Radio Web site: <http://radio.boisestate.edu>.

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Fettuccine Forum looks at Boise's ethnicity

The November Fettuccine Forum, a lecture series on the future and past of Boise and the Treasure Valley, will be held Thursday,

Nov. 3, in the Rose Room in the historic Union Block Building, 718 W. Idaho St. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the lecture begins at 5:30 p.m. Admission and appetizers are free; a cash bar will be available. Fettuccine will also be available to purchase for \$5. Call 426-3701 for more information.

This month's speaker is John Bieter, director of the Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies and a Boise State history instructor. Bieter will speak on "Becoming Boise: Ethnicity, Identity and Community," Irish dancers, international students and members of ethnic clubs in the Treasure Valley will be on hand to participate in the forum and answer questions. Bieter and BSU history Professor Todd Shallat will also present a companion workshop; call 426-1709 for registration information.

The Fettuccine Forum is cosponsored by the BSU Center for Idaho History and Politics and the Boise City Office of the Mayor. Lively and informal, the monthly event invites the public to interact with politicians, artists, historians, activists, advocates and professionals.

what the?

Now you know how granny feels

Skilled male workers in their 30s are leaving New Zealand in droves for better job opportunities elsewhere, causing a "man drought," and leaving tens of thousands of lovelorn women in the country without potential mates.

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BSU graduate to conduct research in Mongolia

BY EMILY POITEVIN
News Writer

Boise State graduate Ben Linhoff recently received the prestigious Fulbright Scholar award in association with conducting water quality research in Mongolia. According to the Fulbright Program for U.S. Students Web site, fulbrightonline.org/us, the award program is "the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide." It covers all travel and living expenses for the recipient for up to 10 months. In addition, the award also includes an allowance for research.

Linhoff, who is currently pursuing his master's degree at the University of Texas at Austin after earning his bachelor's degree in geology from BSU, was unavailable for comment. In an interview with BSU media contact Janelle Brown, he said how shocked he was to receive the award.

"My mouth dropped," he said. Linhoff will conduct his research while being sponsored by the Mongolian University of Science



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and Technology. His research will mainly deal with the effects untreated sewage and mine runoff has on the water supply in Mongolia. In addition, he will also study the problem of the lack of water treatment facilities in the country. This problem occurs largely because Mongolia is primarily a nomadic country.

Linhoff hopes to use the research funded by the Fulbright award as the basis for his master's thesis.

Linhoff was encouraged to apply for the award by his undergraduate advisor Mark Schmitz, who is a geosciences professor at BSU. Schmitz first met Linhoff as a student in his geochemistry course in the spring of 2004.

BSU graduate Ben Linhoff, pictured on a geology field trip, recently won a Fulbright Scholar award to study in Mongolia.

"His [Linhoff's] interest in geochemistry led him to seek out a research experience that next summer," Schmitz said. "I took him on a study of the geochemistry of rocks from the Earth's mantle, which evolved into an undergraduate senior thesis. It was during the advising sessions associated with this work that Ben and I started talking about future plans, graduate school and the Fulbright program."

Schmitz was also a Fulbright scholar in the mid-1990s, and says that it was his experiences that led him to encourage Linhoff to apply.

"I saw in Ben the same potential to broaden his scientific horizons with an international research experience," he said. "From my discussions with Ben in class and during advising, it was clear to me that he also had the necessary passion, empathy and curiosity about other people and other cultures which is vital to the Fulbright program experience."

In addition to researching water quality issues, Linhoff may also study the microbiology of saline lakes in the Gobi Desert.

Crooks target aid money, hit consumers twice

BY ANDREA COOMBES
MarketWatch
Knight Ridder Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO — When John Christensen signed up for classes at a small community college in Arizona, he wasn't worried about his final grade, or any grade at all. He could only fail if he didn't hold on long enough to collect thousands of dollars in fraudulent student loans and grants.

"The object I had was to not be dropped out of the courses for the first 30 days. If I didn't drop out, and the instructor didn't drop me out, I was going to get the money," said Christensen, an identity thief who collected more than \$316,000 in federal college aid with 43 stolen identities until he was caught in September 2003.

Christensen now tells his story from federal prison in Tucson, recorded in a U.S. Department of Education promotional video aimed at educating college-aid officers about the problem of crooks who use other people's names to bilk the federal government out of millions of dollars of federal grants and loans.

Christensen is just one face of a growing problem: identity thieves who target an estimated \$70 billion the U.S. Department of Education disburses in grants and loans to students every year.

Financial-aid identity theft is "a growing area of concern," said Natalie Forbort, special agent in charge at the U.S. Education Department's Office of Inspector General, which investigates all types of financial-aid fraud. Forbort is in Long Beach, Calif.

The crime is particularly vexing for victims, whose first indication they've been targeted may be when their own student-aid request is turned down or when they are refused another type of loan over a default they know nothing about.

While victims aren't on the hook for the money, they usually spend hundreds of hours cleaning up their credit reports and explaining the situation to creditors, said Daniel Drake, an assistant U.S. attorney in Phoenix and an identity-theft expert who worked on the Christensen case.

And there are other victims: Students who don't receive aid when they needed it. "To the extent that

someone like Christensen siphons off \$300,000 ... that's \$300,000 that's not there to help someone else," Drake said.

Taxpayers ultimately pay, too, as much of the money is never recovered. In most cases, thieves steal about \$20,000 and "the likelihood of getting that back from them is zero," Drake said.

The increasingly electronic world of financial aid helps identity thieves stay anonymous, Forbort said. "They're applying online for financial aid, enrolling online, they stay enrolled for 30 days and then move on."

Often, thieves target community colleges, where tuition is cheap, thus leaving more money to line their own pockets. Thanks to the advent of online classes, thieves can steal money "in several states because of the fact they don't physically have to be in school," Forbort said. "The schools do not want to make someone come in ... it defeats the purpose of distance education."

A college financial-aid official caught Christensen by recognizing his face from a previous request under a different name.

That school requires applicants to appear in person.

Christensen stole identities by purchasing a list of inmates' names, then writing letters to inmates posing as a lawyer offering help. Eventually, he gleaned enough information to apply for financial aid in their names.

But not all scams are so complex. "We have other cases where family and friends are using other people's identities to get financial aid," Forbort said.

Thirteen percent of identity-theft victims said scammers used their identity to apply for a loan, including student loans and mortgages, according to a survey of 500 identity-theft victims by Javelin Strategy & Research, a consulting firm in Pleasanton, Calif., in 2004.

Checking your credit reports often is the cheapest way to find out quickly whether thieves have hit.

Consumers can access one free credit report annually. Go to www.AnnualCreditReport.com.

For more on preventing identity theft and other types of financial-aid scams, see the Education Department's Web site. Go to www.ed.gov/misused.

Tsunami

[from page 1] 15 meters in Sri Lanka, but many people still live in temporary structures.

Morris said she left South India in June when her visa was expiring and traveled to Sri Lanka. While she said she intended to stay for only a month, she actually stayed for four months. Morris initially planned to work with a women's rehabilitation effort, but returned to Sri Lanka as a volunteer with ActionAid.

"Women suffered the most. They lost their children. There were cases when there was real guilt put on women for not saving [their] in-laws," Morris said.

Morris said she worked to mobilize communities and help them be directly accountable for those receiving aid by helping to develop committees that were representative of community members.

"Watching these people [in India] become empowered in making these decisions was my most positive experience."

Morris said she helped the committees define their needs, which were relayed to a local organization charged with coming up with a budget, for ActionAid, that was reflective of the communities needs as a whole.

"Coordination is the most challenging aspect when dealing with a disaster," Morris said. "There's tons of money, but it needed to be allocated properly."

After what Morris said was a "mentally exhausting" nine months of "constant disaster," she returned to the United States to visit her family. However, Morris's native Florida Keys were recently hit by Hurricane Wilma.

"Disasters seem to be on the rise ... I'm thinking about disaster pre-

paredness in my own country," Morris said. She said she hopes to work with AmeriCorp on disaster preparedness plans in Cape Cod. She thinks there's a lot of community service that can be done in the U.S. Morris, niece of Boise State Communication Professor Dan Morris, said she grew up with natural disasters in the Florida Keys. Morris said she recently helped her father, an insurance adjuster, with claims last year after Hurricane Charlie.

Morris said she gained a less judgmental approach to life from her work as a tsunami relief worker.

"We shouldn't just think about philanthropy when disaster happens," she said. Also, it's important to recognize there are social problems that happen on a regular basis that Americans could be helping with, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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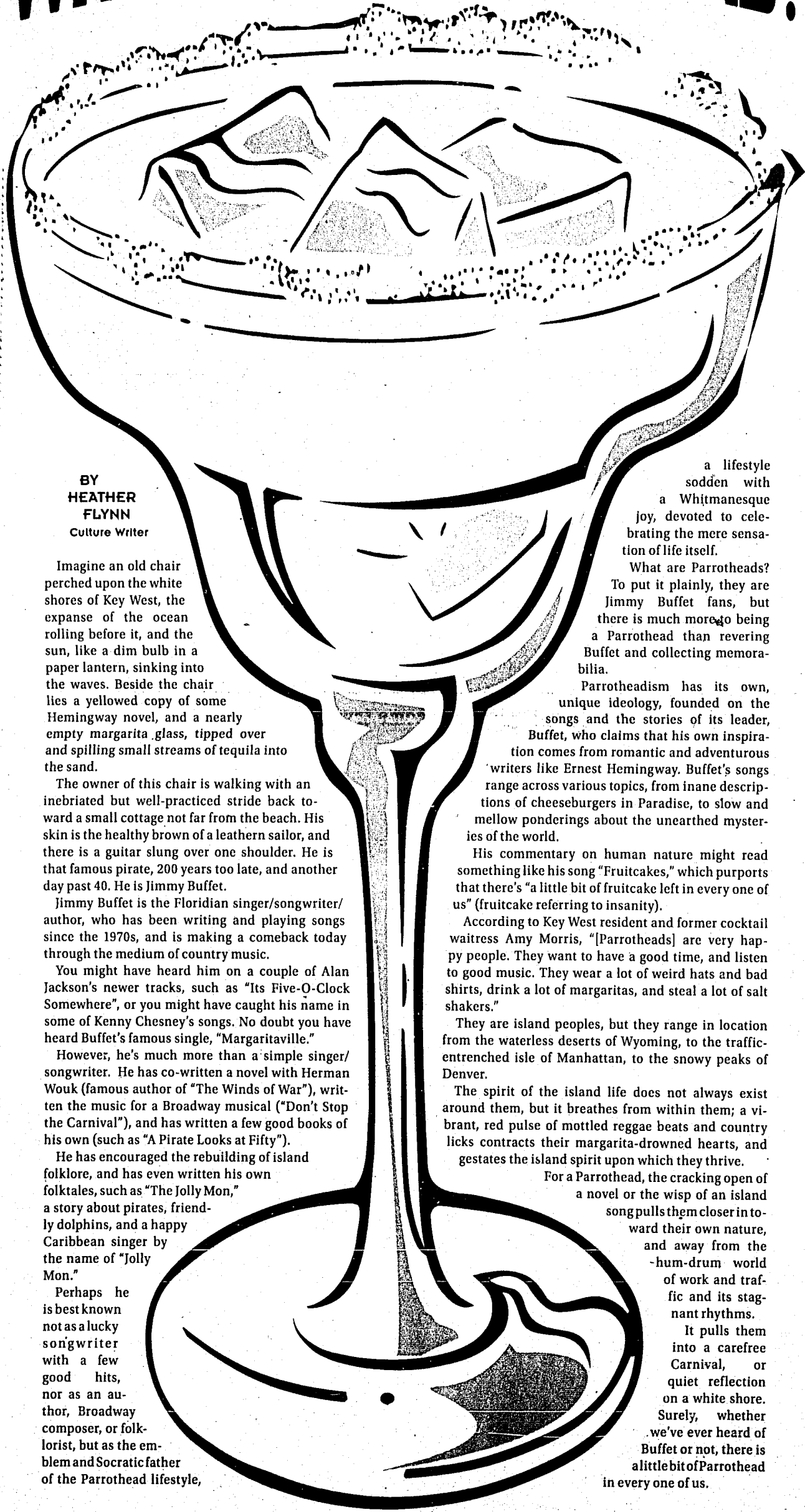
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WHAT IS A PARROTHEAD?



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Imagine an old chair perched upon the white shores of Key West, the expanse of the ocean rolling before it, and the sun, like a dim bulb in a paper lantern, sinking into the waves. Beside the chair lies a yellowed copy of some Hemingway novel, and a nearly empty margarita glass, tipped over and spilling small streams of tequila into the sand.

The owner of this chair is walking with an inebriated but well-practiced stride back toward a small cottage not far from the beach. His skin is the healthy brown of a leathern sailor, and there is a guitar slung over one shoulder. He is that famous pirate, 200 years too late, and another day past 40. He is Jimmy Buffet.

Jimmy Buffet is the Floridian singer/songwriter/author, who has been writing and playing songs since the 1970s, and is making a comeback today through the medium of country music.

You might have heard him on a couple of Alan Jackson's newer tracks, such as "Its Five-O-Clock Somewhere", or you might have caught his name in some of Kenny Chesney's songs. No doubt you have heard Buffet's famous single, "Margaritaville."

However, he's much more than a simple singer/songwriter. He has co-written a novel with Herman Wouk (famous author of "The Winds of War"), written the music for a Broadway musical ("Don't Stop the Carnival"), and has written a few good books of his own (such as "A Pirate Looks at Fifty").

He has encouraged the rebuilding of island folklore, and has even written his own folktales, such as "The Jolly Mon," a story about pirates, friendly dolphins, and a happy Caribbean singer by the name of "Jolly Mon."

Perhaps he is best known not as a lucky songwriter with a few good hits, nor as an author, Broadway composer, or folklorist, but as the emblem and Socratic father of the Parrothead lifestyle,

a lifestyle sodden with a Whitmanesque joy, devoted to celebrating the mere sensation of life itself.

What are Parrotheads? To put it plainly, they are Jimmy Buffet fans, but there is much more going on being a Parrothead than revering Buffet and collecting memorabilia.

Parrotheadism has its own, unique ideology, founded on the songs and the stories of its leader, Buffet, who claims that his own inspiration comes from romantic and adventurous writers like Ernest Hemingway. Buffet's songs range across various topics, from inane descriptions of cheeseburgers in Paradise, to slow and mellow ponderings about the unearthed mysteries of the world.

His commentary on human nature might read something like his song "Fruitcakes," which purports that there's "a little bit of fruitcake left in every one of us" (fruitcake referring to insanity).

According to Key West resident and former cocktail waitress Amy Morris, "[Parrotheads] are very happy people. They want to have a good time, and listen to good music. They wear a lot of weird hats and bad shirts, drink a lot of margaritas, and steal a lot of salt shakers."

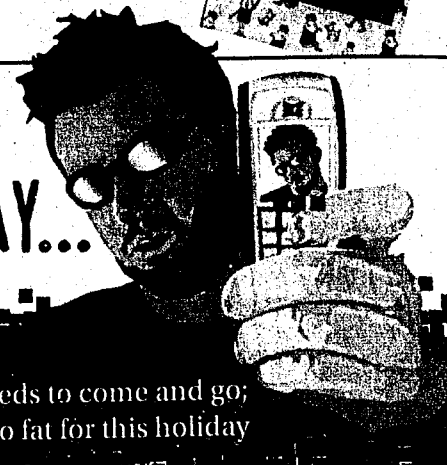
They are island peoples, but they range in location from the waterless deserts of Wyoming, to the traffic-entrenched isle of Manhattan, to the snowy peaks of Denver.

The spirit of the island life does not always exist around them, but it breathes from within them; a vibrant, red pulse of mottled reggae beats and country licks contracts their margarita-drowned hearts, and gestates the island spirit upon which they thrive.

For a Parrothead, the cracking open of a novel or the wisp of an island song pulls them closer in toward their own nature, and away from the -hum-drum world of work and traffic and its stagnant rhythms.

It pulls them into a carefree Carnival, or quiet reflection on a white shore. Surely, whether we've ever heard of Buffet or not, there is a little bit of Parrothead in every one of us.

SO,
ANYWAY...



Halloween needs to come and go; I'm getting too fat for this holiday

BY TRAVIS ESTVOLD
Culture Columnist

Halloween is arriving on Monday whether I want to acknowledge it or not. Every year, I battle with the inevitable task of coming up with a costume to wear for annually-scheduled parties. And every year I seem to come up on the short end of the stick - as in, I pick the worst costume ever, and at the last possible second. This year, I've had my costume picked out for more than a month. It's not a great one, but at least I can sleep at night. Let me rephrase that: at least Halloween issues won't be responsible for my sleeplessness - looming due dates for school projects can now assume complete responsibility.

With the evaporation of my costume woes, I am left with time to pursue more fruitful endeavors, like gorging myself on Chinese food.

Last year, in my column that ran just after Halloween, I talked about last-minute outfit-searching at a second-hand store, and my ridiculous over-eating at an all-I-could-eat-and-then-some Chinese restaurant. But now, as the 31st of October draws near once again, I'm not certain, but I think I may have upset the delicate balance I established last year between costume shopping and over-eating.

Clearly, committing to what I'll wear at such an early juncture has had an impact on how much I am eating. Almost every day, I have a hankering for the deep-fried goodness that Americans continually pass off as Asian cuisine. And worse yet, I keep succumbing to my urge to eat it. Luckily, I'm a fairly skinny kid; otherwise, I would be in real trouble.

Additionally, though I'm not sure if it's related, I can't stop eating candy. Perhaps the ingestion of sweets is another unfortunate side-effect of my holiday-related imbalance, but I just can't seem to get enough of the stuff. Acting as a Lex

Luthor opposite the Superman character I once portrayed some five Halloweens ago, the local Maverik gas station is offering Kryptonite (in the form of Nestle brand candy bars) at four-for-a-dollar. Geez! Could it get any easier to make myself fat?

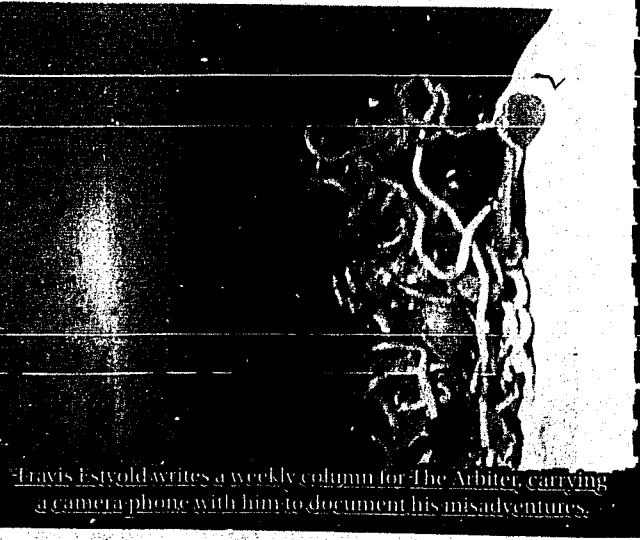
Because of their stroke of marketing genius - namely, selling cheap candy near to a college campus - I find myself making excuses pretty regularly so that I can visit the store. Uh oh, looks like I'm down a gallon of gas - I oughtta go to Maverik! Oh wow, the lottery is over \$300 million - better get to Maverik! And not only have I been making random excuses to head there, I've been broadcasting the sale price to my friends in hopes that they'll want to go, too. The way I see it, if I am able to keep eating it in groups, I can claim I'm only a social candy user, and I won't have to admit I have a problem.

In retrospect, now that three-fourths of this column's space has been used up, I'm thinking I might regret having spilled the secrets of my poor diet. If my parents read this, I'll surely hear about it. However, the final quarter can be devoted to modifying my story, if just a bit.

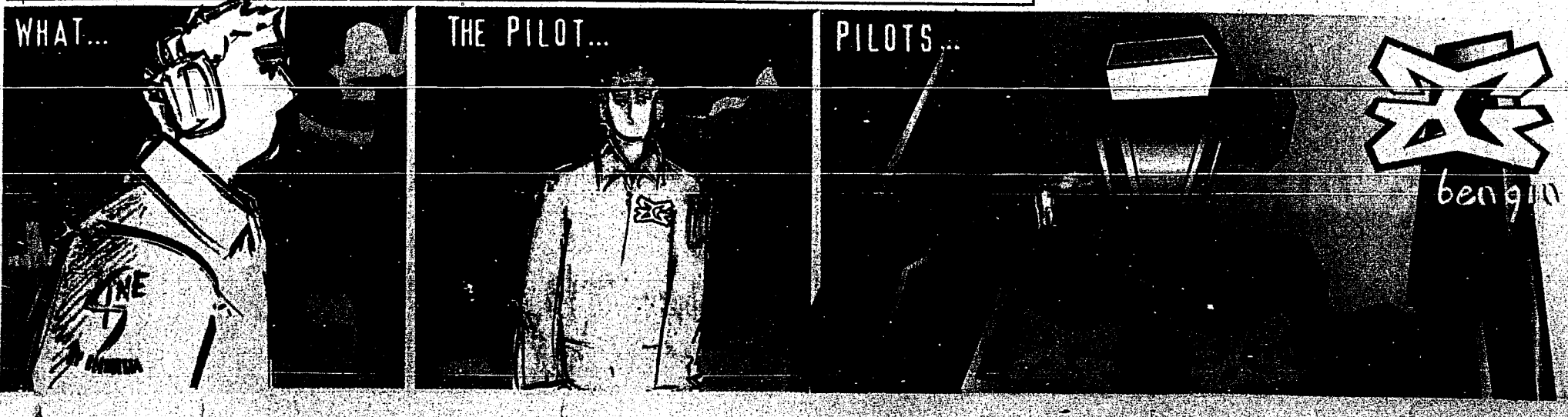
Consider these. Number one: Very nearly every Chinese meal I devote myself to has broccoli or some other vegetable in it. Number two: I hear rice is healthy. Number three: Half of the candy I buy contains "natural fruit flavors." Number four: My bathroom is clean. And number five: I got a really good grade on a test two weeks ago.

Now sure, I realize those last two have nothing to do with my diet, but keep things in perspective. (I don't know what that means, either, but it sounds like a good argument.)

So, anyway, I'm looking forward to Halloween finally being over with. That way, I can get back to eating healthy. And I will keep telling myself that until such a day that I eventually believe it.



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



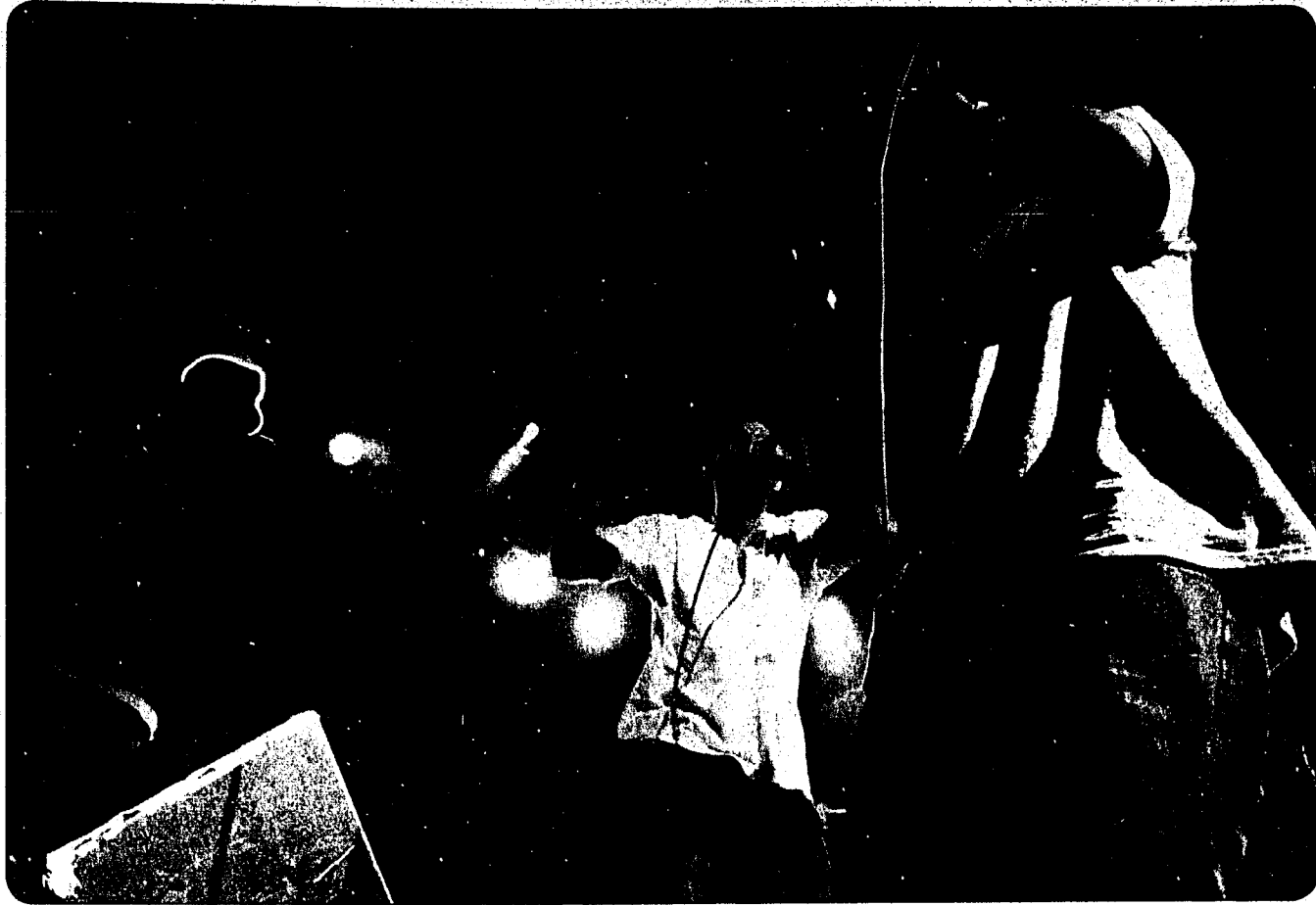


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West Coast Tour delivered the funk

BY AMBER FUGER
Assistant Culture Editor

Thanks to the letters of a dedicated fan, People Under the Stairs skipped their usual reservation at Motel 6 to enlighten Boise with a live and energetic performance. The vibe Sunday night was far from lame as PUTS's West Coast Tour had the crowd at the Big Easy getting down in true house party fashion.

Deep respect for the groups reciprocated into mad love for the fans, as Glue, Giant Panda, Time Machine and PUTS rocked the mic. PUTS' Double K said it was a beautiful thing to have fans in Boise reciting lyrics that he and Thes One have been laying down since 1998.

Double K and Thes One were authentic and kept it real as they did what they do best, represent that old school flavor. PUTS gave the audience a sneak peak at their upcoming 2006 release, "Stepfather," and the audience responded with much love. When asked what he had to say to aspiring DJs, Double K expressed the need to "make sure it's funky; hip-hop is missing the funk right now so whatever you do make sure it's funky, and if you don't know what the funk is go back and study it," Double K said.

Double K knew hip-hop would be an important part of his life when he first heard Doug E. Fresh and The Show. "I had my first talent show in the third grade; we did the 'Fat Boys is Back' and I just knew that was it," Double K said. If anyone out there is wondering what Double K is feeling right now, he's digging a 12-inch "E-Flat Boogie" by Trouble Funk, which he found in his favorite spot to dig for records, Stockholm, Sweden.

Jaysonic and Comel of Time Machine, broke down the logistics about how hip-hop has also been an influential factor in both of their lives since they were young kids. Now it is their day job. "Everyday I realize that hip-hop is such a dominant part of my life," Jaysonic said. Comel doesn't view hip-hop as a dominant part of his life; however, music has always been an integral part in the progression of his life. "I really don't see it as a dominant part in my life. I always grew up around music, so its just natural. I mean, what else would I be doing?" Comel said.

Glue kicked off the night on a political rampage set to beats and gui-

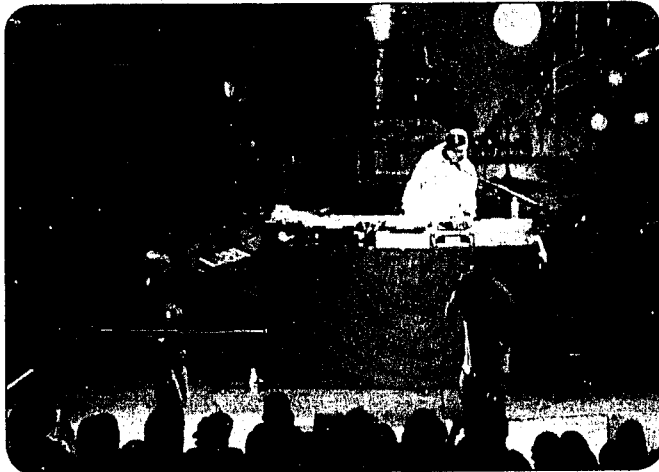


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“Make sure it's funky; hip-hop is missing the funk right now so whatever you do make sure it's funky, and if you don't know what the funk is go back and study it.”

- Double K

tar riffs. Giant Panda took the stage next and switched the vibe up to keep the crowd grooving. Newman, Maanumental, and Chikaramanga checked the crowd out to see if they were feeling "a-h-h-h-ll right." Then DJ Chikaramanga decided to "take it back y'all" with some "ol' school hip-hop." In fact, according to the groups bio, "In the animal kingdom, the giant panda is a symbol of resilience for all animals at the brink of extinction. In the unforgiving world of hip-hop, Giant Panda is a symbol of remembering traditions without forgetting progression."

With a twist of the wrist and quick equipment check, Time Machine stepped onto the stage. To kick off their set, the guys from Time Machine put together "a little something special for their first show in Boise." Spitting acapella rhymes back and forth, Comel and Jaysonic, with DJ Mekalek on the turntables, flowed right into the "Spelling Bee." Right before

round two, Jaysonic had to "squash the violence" as two girls attempted to brawl in the front row. After sending a shock wave through the audience, Time Machine took it from the top. When it was time for "Personal Ads" the ladies in the crowd weren't so ambitious to contribute to their designated part. But, as the track played on, more and more females shouted out that they were "looking for Mr. Right" after listening to Jaysonic's endearing lyrics about a his desire to find a lady "who likes to cuddle a lot, get close and nibble kiss. A homebody lady, sweatpants lady who makes a tasty red sauce, marinara gravy."

Jaysonic ended the interview with an introspective message to music fans of all genres, "Music is music and the only thing that makes it good or bad is whether you like it or not. At the end of the day there is good music with all sorts of differences, and that's what we are trying to make."

People Under The Stairs, Time Machine, Giant Panda, and Glue rocked the Big Easy Sunday night. The crowd, full of dedicated fans, paid tribute to some new flavor and old school funk. For more information on Giant Panda go to www.tresrecords.com and for more information on Time Machine head to www.timemachine.com. To view more photos, go to www.arbitronline.com and look for the slideshow to this story.

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The heart strings: They'll tug on yours

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer

As twilight sheds spatters of red- and orange-painted light over London rooftops, dismal birds scatter, some perched upon chimneys, others flapping wings in situation for the nighttime.

An intensifying rhythm gusts upward from the streets below as the music of twin British brothers, Max and Todd, otherwise known as the heart strings, lulls London to a somber reverie.

Few in the USA have heard of this duo, as the heart strings have yet to release an album. But as their music reaches more eager

ears, mostly through the Internet and via MySpace.com, their sound swiftly spreads to those who eagerly rummage for "underground" music. By word of mouth, the heart strings are already a household name within the circles of music buffs.

Though the heart strings only have three songs on their album, "Try Fly Blue Sky," it's apparent as one listens that their pending prominence is teetering on the horizon. The first song, "Cannonball Stan," has a jazzy vibe with a romantic indie underlining - a sweet musical desperation that leaves the listener feeling slightly euphoric.

The second song, "Kids," starts out, "Bang, crash/ K blam, smash/ You're an evil superhero/ Keeping me, at zero// Zap, zoom/ Whack, whack, k-boom/ You're a tattooed, Robert de Niro/ Keeping me, at zero." This song has an intense big band, stringy jazz feel, but with a slow, fluid, finger-snapping leisure.

The third and final song on "Try Fly Blue Sky," entitled "He Wanted to Fly and He Flew," gives the feeling of a blissful childhood memory, with a sweet music box undertone.



This British brother duo is about to make their debut via digital download.

The song then breaks into a sound similar to The Killers, yet more endearing.

Music lovers who may be interested in hearing the heart strings' debut album can grab free digital downloads of all three songs on "Try Fly Blue Sky" for a limited time by going to their Web site, www.theheartstrings.com. And those who already have these songs, and are holding their breath and biting their lips for new releases, well, as their Web site claims, "The band are hard at work in their tooling shed and will have it with you in the fullness of time/ before autumns decline/ while the sun still doth shine."



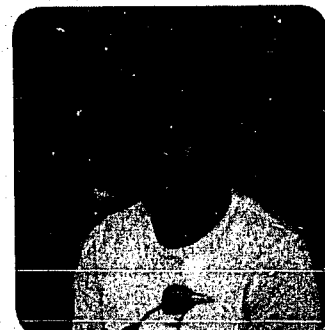
the Q The Arbiter wants to know: What are you doing for Halloween?

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Don Cunningham
"Going to Sun Valley to a party."

Age: 35
Major: Visual Art



Elsbeth Warren

"One of my best friends is in the hospital, so I will visit her. Last year I dressed up as a bear, but it had a tail, so no one was sure if it was a monkey or a bear."

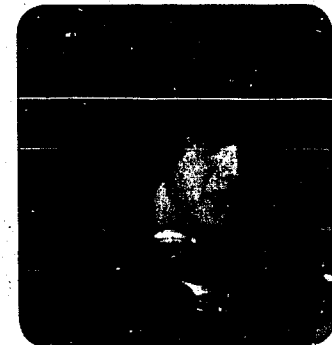
Age: 19
Major: Music, Business



Brady Jones

"I am working for Halloween."

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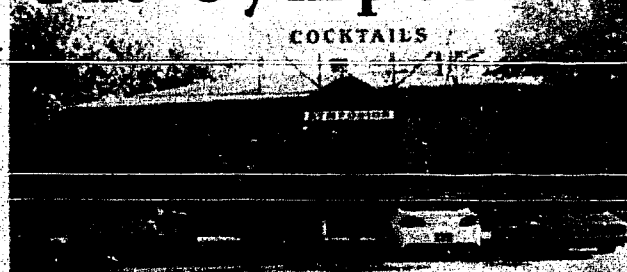


Rick Raymondi

"I'm not sure yet, probably go hang out with some friends... I bought this ninja costume a while back, I'll probably wear that."

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"Hang out with my roommates. We might throw a party."

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Team Drew

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives

Dear Team Drew:

After living together for almost a year, my boy-friend and I just broke up. What's the best way to get my stuff back?

BY DREW LOWDER
Guest Opinion

BY DREW MAYES
Opinion Editor

One of the hardest lessons to learn in life is that no matter how perfect things may seem to be, it can always turn sour. So now you need to get your things back, and figure out how to separate the things that you both have bought together. Let's hope that the separation was a smooth one and you will both go at this like adults.

The best advice that I can give you is that you need to sit down and go over what you really want or absolutely need, because he is probably going to be doing this. Now, this will take some bargaining, so make the things that you want sound less important to him. Acting like the things that you are going to let him keep seems to have the greatest value.

This is probably going to be your best bet on getting the things that you really desire.

If the breakup was bad, it is key to keep composure and not let him know how important some of these items mean to you. He could keep them just out of spite.

Overall, though, this is a tough situation to advise you on. Your instincts are going to be your best friend right now.

A buddy of mine dated this girl for years. They lived together, took vacations, bought everything in the house together, etc. Basically, his money was hers and vice versa. Well, one day things started to go bad and that one bad day turned into two bad days. Those two bad days turned into a week. That week turned into a month. You get where I'm going with this?

After a few months of this they decided it was time for them to say goodbye to each other. Well, one day I'm having a beer with this guy and ask him how he's going to get his stuff back. He just smiles back at me.

Then I ask him about all the money he just gave her for bills and how he's going to get it back? Again he just smiles, so I probe a little more. Finally he tells me, "I would have paid twice as much to get out."

If something he has is really important to you then I would appeal to him as a human being and just ask for it back. Otherwise, consider all the materialistic items you lost the cost of getting out of a bad situation.

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



Sometimes salvation isn't just a Black Crowes song

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

As I write this, it's about 1:20 in the morning. There aren't enough hours between now and when I'll have to get up for work, and I'm wondering what to write about when a line from an old Velvet Underground song comes to me. The song, for the terminally curious, is "Rock and Roll," what the disk jockeys used to call an oldie but a goodie.

I queue up the song in iTunes to give it a listen. There's Lou Reed out front, nearly forty years younger and way less ironic, leading one of the legendary bands of rock. What strikes me about the song, listening to it for the first time in years, is how joyful it is. When Lou sings, "Her life

was saved by rock and roll," I get the impression that he feels his was, too. It's an upbeat song, not just in tempo but in message, and I wonder why I don't hear that kind of sentiment anymore.

It's a complex idea, salvation. Most of the time, when I hear someone talking about their life being saved, they mean it in a very literal sense. Someone got them into rehab just in time, kept them from driving into a pileup on the interstate, pulled them from an undertow. You know, the stuff of heroism.

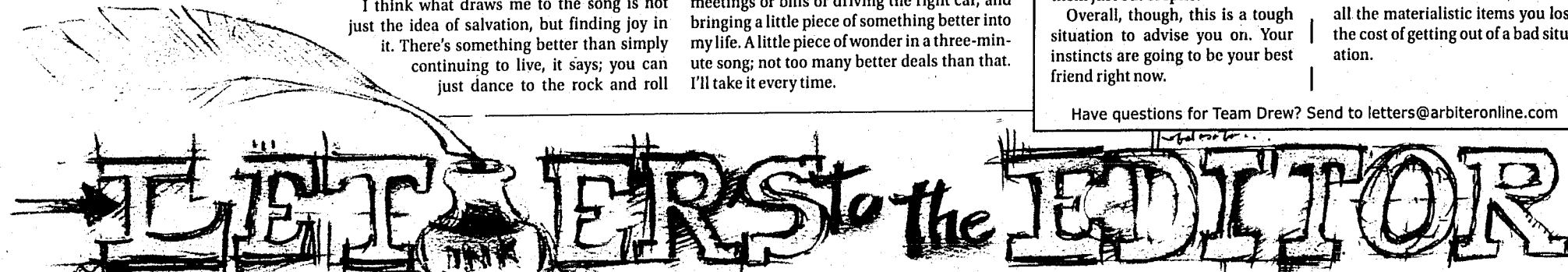
But the real threats to our lives aren't usually physical, and they're a hell of a lot more gradual. Our culture has grown to be more superficially aware of them - stress, harmful relationships, self-destructive behavior - but not necessarily better equipped to handle those same threats.

I think what draws me to the song is not just the idea of salvation, but finding joy in it. There's something better than simply continuing to live, it says; you can just dance to the rock and roll

station, and it was (and is) all right. Simple, direct, without a trace of hip self-awareness. I don't think Lou Reed could sing "Rock and Roll" that way today; I'd bet it would come out self-mocking or a little sad.

When I hear that song or a precious handful of others, though, I can pick up that joy that Lou was singing about way back when (well, the late-60s, anyway). I can bypass the things in my life that aren't particularly joyful and for a few musical moments, recharge my hope for the day. Three minutes and change - at the right moment - and I remember joy. How wonderful is that?

It's no longer fashionable to say this (if it ever was), but in a way, I think rock and roll saved my life, too, and keeps doing it. Not in the sense of averting illness or stopping catastrophe, but in reminding me there are better things than meetings or bills or driving the right car, and bringing a little piece of something better into my life. A little piece of wonder in a three-minute song; not too many better deals than that. I'll take it every time.



Do you really have to yell that loud?

This fall in front of the Business Building, innocent bystanders enjoying the nice weather have been suffering the annoyance of a young man standing on a bench haranguing all with his amateur views on religion.

Of course I support all free speech. I am exercising it right now.

What I object to is the obnoxious yelling. This young man has all the volume of a car alarm with none of the charm. And I don't object to what he has to say. His free speech is content-free. His statements are senseless, so what is there to object to?

For a few seasons a couple of years ago, another young man took over that very bench weekly for the same purpose. But he

was well-groomed, of reasonable tone, and beyond 30 feet of distance, you could tune him out. In fact, he often attracted debate from passers-by. He seemed to have at least read something in the Bible.

The current scruffy fanatic just drives everyone off by disturbing the peace.

I understand that the cost of free speech is putting up with the occasional ignoramus speaking freely on a subject about which he knows nothing. But is a little consideration for the eardrums of others too much to ask?

Ed Aasvik is the academic computer lab coordinator in the College of Business & Economics

Policy on smoking is discrimination

While I understand that some would want to have smoking banned from Boise State, I don't agree with this. Maybe there's some sort of middle ground that we could all agree on.

It's not right that Boise State can tell us how to live our lives. This can't be done! It's discrimination! You wouldn't allow me to tell you that you have to be a vegetarian, would you? You would not like it if they told you that you couldn't be gay on campus, but it's okay for them to tell us that we can't smoke, that we have no rights! Next they will remove all fast food restaurants on campus because it's not healthy. They could even take away all the coffee outlets, because like smoking, there are stud-

ies that show people can get addicted to caffeine, and it's not healthy to drink too much caffeinated drinks.

I know that people may hate us smokers, but we have rights just like you. If you don't like it you can either tell us to move away or you can take another route to your classroom. I know that you feel you shouldn't be subject to smoking, but some people don't want to see gays holding hands around campus either. I'm not saying [this] because I feel that gays should have no rights, I'm saying this because we as a campus have proclaimed one week to celebrate gays. I don't hate gay people but that doesn't mean I like to see it out in the open. I've had friends that are gay, so please don't take this the wrong way.

I propose that instead of banning smoking on campus, you should designate smoking areas that won't affect those who

don't. If someone violates this rule and lights up out side of the designated smoking area they could be given a fifty-dollar ticket.

We have parking officers who hand out tickets for parking violations; why not smoking officers to protect the rights of nonsmokers?

I know that others may feel this way. We need to come together as smokers and let them know that we will not allow this to happen. One thing that they may not be aware of is that they could lose students because of this policy. If this policy were to be enacted, I may have no other choice but to quit college.

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Nevada @ BSU
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Volleyball

Thursday
La Tech @ BSU
Time: 7 p.m.
Saturday
New Mexico St. @ BSU
Time: 7 p.m.

Soccer

Friday
BSU @ Utah State
Time: 3 p.m.
Logan, Utah

Cross Country

Saturday
WAC Championships
BSU @ Eagle Island State Park
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[SIDE LINE]

Men's hoops to scrimmage Saturday

The Boise State men's basketball team will scrimmage on Saturday morning (Oct. 29) from 10:30 to 11:30 at Taco Bell Arena. The scrimmage is open to the public and fans tailgating before the Nevada-Boise State football game are encouraged to attend. Boise State returns six letterman, including three starters, off a team that advanced to the championship game of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament last season. The Broncos are led by juniors Coby Karl, a pre-season second-team All-WAC pick by the league coaches, and Eric Lane. Boise State also returns starting forward Tez Banks, Seth Robinson, McNeal Thompson, and Kareem Lloyd.

Boise State also returns a pair of redshirts, guard Matt Bauscher and center Colin Hallberg, while adding six new players. Three of the newcomers could see action with both sophomore Tyler Tiedeman and freshman Kurt Cunningham seeing action for sure. Freshman guard Anthony Thomas may play this season as well. Forward Matt Nelson and guards Kenny Wilson and Jordan Keck will redshirt for the Broncos.

Boise State kicks off the 2005-06 season with an exhibition game against Albertson College next Thursday. The Broncos open the regular season, which features games at Arizona State and BYU, against Montana in Taco Bell Arena on Nov. 18.

Recruit excited to play for the Broncos

High school senior quarterback Mike Coughlin is ready to be a Bronco. The Mira Mesa High School senior from San Diego, Calif., verbally committed to Boise State and will be an incoming freshman this coming summer.

"I like the apthosphere, the coaches were really nice. I like the type of offense they run, it just seems like a good fit," Coughlin said.

Following his junior year, where he threw for 1,760 yards and 14 touchdowns, Coughlin is ranked in the top 30 of high school quarterbacks in the nation by Rivals.com.

This season through seven games, Coughlin has already thrown for 13 touchdowns to just one interception. He says his greatest attribute he can bring to Boise State is his ability to learn. "I think I have great work ethic and am willing to do anything to get better."

He will join four other quarterbacks on the roster next season for Boise State. Another recruit, Cody Hawkins, the son of head coach Dan Hawkins is also a senior this year, but has reportedly said he will greyshirt and join the team for the 2007 season.

Keeper of a tandem

It is very easy for Bronco fans to make comments like, "We have the best players in the WAC!" If you were to say that about Boise State soccer's goalkeeper tandem, you would be right.

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Junior Kim Parker and sophomore Michaela Morrison have accomplished something rarely seen in collegiate sports. They are ranked first and second in the Western Athletic Conference for the lowest amount of goals allowed against them ... and they are both Broncos.

"Both of our goalkeepers are similar in the way they play," said teammate Nicole Coleman, "but they do have an individual impact, too."

Again, statistics can back up this statement. Already this year, the tandem helped the team break four team records, but they also broke four different individual records.

Parker now holds the record for the most combined shutouts in a career, as well as the most career league player of the week honors by an individual.

Morrison nabbed the most penalty-kick saves in a season as well as the most career penalty-kick saves.

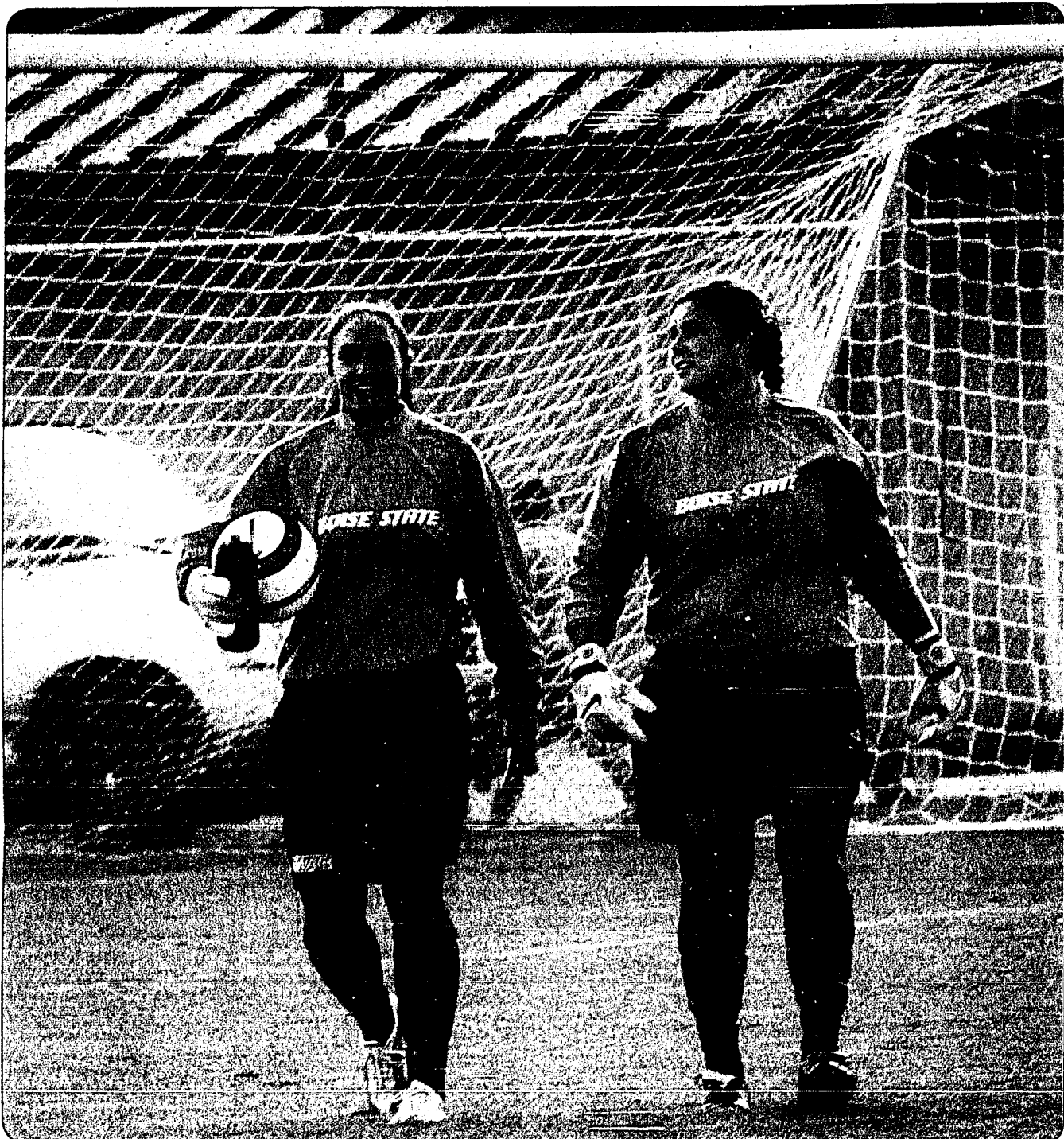
Head coach Steve Lucas points out that their strength lies in each other.

"Obviously they bring out the best in each other. They compete in practice to get on the field, and that helps us out in the games for sure."

Parker agrees. "It is fun to play with Michaela. We definitely push each other. Even though we are competing, we are always there for each other."

When it comes to getting along, Parker and Morrison maintain a good relationship on and off the field. In fact, they have even been roommates.

The recent role of switching out



Goalkeepers Kim Parker (left) and Michaela Morrison are currently ranked number one and two in goal saves this season in the WAC.

goalkeepers at the half has actually made a positive impact on their play. Morrison notes that it gives them an opportunity to 'give it all' for a half instead of having to save energy for the second half.

The communication as the starter comes off the field is key. Parker explains that it is mentally tough to come in the second half. They warm up together during the break, giving them a chance to get

their "hands on the ball" and comment on which players to key in on or what formation to watch.

In the end, both players consider the arrangement beneficial. Their comments re-align with team spirit.

They say it is working out well for the team. They work for each other. They work for the team.

To the keepers, the statistics are exciting for the team.

"The team makes us look good," Morrison said. "Just look at the save against Texas A&M. Nicole James made the key save, but we get the credit when it comes to stats."

It is hard to give individual honors to such a tight team. To them, it is the whole team working hard all the time.

So, go ahead and say it. This time you can back it up. "We have the best players in the WAC!"

Volleyball hosts La Tech tonight, Aggies Saturday

BY SARAH JOHNSON
Sports Writer

Boise State volleyball welcomes Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State into Bronco Gym this weekend. The team's expectations are high entering into the weekend. Practices this week have been dedicated to scouting and breaking down the offense and defense of La Tech and NMSU, which helps the players prepare and become mentally focused for their matches.

There are no surprises for the Broncos this weekend, as volleyball knows well what to expect from its opponents. Playing both teams last week gives the players the advantage of experience and knowledge. They will be able to target their opponent's weaknesses easily and they can execute some of the same effective strategies that worked in the previous matches.

BSU beat La Tech in five games last Thursday giving volleyball its first conference win. Now the team looks forward to using this win to perpetuate momentum for this weekend's matches.

"It's great to get a win, but with



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the season now half over we really need to capitalize," Kimberly Penneman, senior co-captain for the Broncos, said.

Outside hitter Telia Peterson agrees, "The talent is here, it's just a matter of desire; we need to go

out and get it, nothing is going to be handed to us."

The Broncos plan "to go out and get it" this weekend. According to Peterson, now that they are on their home turf they hope to demolish the Lady Techsters, and

bury the New Mexico State Aggies. They plan to sweep two big wins this weekend.

"Last weekend's 1-1 split is not satisfying. Our goal for this weekend is to come out on top, 2-0," Peterson said.

The Boise State volleyball team won its first game of the Western Athletic Conference season against LaTech last week. The Broncos host the Lady Techsters and New Mexico State this weekend.

If BSU volleyball wins both matches this weekend, the team will advance to 3-8 in conference play. Although the first half of conference did not map out like head coach Scott Sandel expected, he believes in the team, and urges them to give great effort every day.

The coaching staff wants to see the team break out and play with heart, desire and 100 percent effort.

"We should have a successful weekend if the girls want it, we're not in a position where we can pick and choose matches; we need to show up with a sense of urgency, and get the job done," assistant coach Chelsie Schafer said.

BSU volleyball will play La Tech Thursday at 7 p.m. Note that a change has been made to the schedule regarding the match on Saturday: BSU will play NMSU at 7 p.m. instead of 2 p.m. in the Bronco Gym.

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Cross country races for WAC title

BY SHAWN ASHBY
Sports Writer

The Western Athletic Conference's best long-distance runners will be competing stride for stride this Saturday at Eagle Island State Park, just outside Eagle.

All runners will be looking to take home the WAC Cross Country Championship.

The races begin at 9 a.m. for the women (a 5 K race), and 9:45 a.m. for the men (an 8 K race).

The Boise State teams are heading into the championships with more caution than is involved in a regular season meet, according to Coach David Welsh. "We're tapering into this week, making sure we're rested and taking care of those little nagging injuries," Welsh said.

The women's field looks to be very competitive. The University of Idaho, Utah State and BSU look to be the top three contenders Saturday, Welsh said.

BSU veteran Becky Guyette, and freshman Breanne Sande have both been running extremely well, and both could contend for the win,

according to Welsh.

"Sande was probably the top long-distance running recruit out of the state of Idaho last year," Welsh said. "She is tearing it up right now."

Guyette and Sande will be joined in the race by Kendra Hernandez, Tiffany Barry, Meadow Braden, Tess Collins, Leah Hover, Melinda Rackliffe and Heidi Suder.

On the men's side, Welsh is optimistic of his team's chances.

"We're young, but we have a shot if we hit on all cylinders," Welsh said. "I totally expect Ty Axtman to challenge for the win."

Axtman, a junior, has anchored the young team this season. He has recorded five top-10 finishes in the team's six meets.

"I'm excited. I'm ready to rock-and-roll," Axtman said.

Axtman identifies his strongest competition as Trevor Ball of Utah State. Axtman has competed against Ball once this season in the first meet, Ball won the battle.

Axtman has recorded better times than Ball throughout the season and is looking forward to another shot.

Axtman will be joined by Caleb Cazier, Brandon Christoffersen, Kyle Christoffersen, David Creamer, Cody Eaton, Bryan Rodie, Matty Schmasow and Darren Strong as the Broncos chase the chance for their first WAC Cross Country Championship.

Forest Braden led the Broncos last season with a third-place finish in the WAC championships, and a 24th national finish. Braden is red-shirting this season and will return to the Bronco roster next season.

Because the Broncos are building a team for next season, that doesn't mean they are forgetting about this season.

"We're staying focused on this season, and want to compete," Welsh said.

The Bronco men were the top finishers in last season's WAC championships and the women placed sixth last year.

The NCAA West Regional Championship will take place in Palo Alto, Calif. on Nov. 12. The NCAA Championship finals will be run on Nov. 21, in Terre Haute Ind.



PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER
The Boise State soccer team automatically qualified for the WAC Championships next weekend in Boise with a win Sunday over Idaho.

Broncos prepare to hit the road for final stretch of the season

BY JE T'AIME DAVIS
Sports Writer

Boise State soccer makes its final road trip of the season this weekend when it faces Utah State and La Tech Oct. 28 and 30.

BSU secured a Western Athletic Conference tournament berth with its win over the Idaho Vandals, and now looks to improve the team's seeding.

The Vandals and Lady Techsters have statistically removed themselves from the tournament with a lack of conference wins.

The Broncos are in fourth place in the WAC with a record of 3-2-0 (9-6-2 overall), giving them nine total points. San Jose and Fresno State also have three wins, but Fresno State retains 10 points because of its tie with Utah State over the weekend. Nevada and Hawaii

split the lead with 12 points apiece for now, but will face each other this weekend, giving the remaining teams an opportunity to take the first or second seed.

Fresno State and San Jose also face each other in the final weekend of regular season play, and their schedule toughens as they face the top two teams. This gives BSU and Utah State an advantage with a lighter schedule. The Broncos and Aggies will face WAC newcomers La Tech and Idaho after facing each other Friday in Logan.

BSU will need to improve its road game to be victorious over Utah State. The Aggies have a home record of 8-2-1 against conference opponents since moving to Chuck and Gloria Bell Soccer Field in 2002. The Broncos have struggled on the road this year

with a 2-3-1 record. Utah State leads the series against BSU 4-1, but Boise State took the most recent win in Logan last season.

Sophomore Dana Peart and junior Charity Weston are the Aggies to watch for on offense, leading the team with nine and 16 points respectively. Weston has accumulated three game-winning goals this season.

La Tech is a first-time opponent for BSU, boasting a young roster with 19 of the 21 players in their freshman year. Lady Techster Emily Cleaveland leads the team with 23 points while Kathleen McCullough follows with 14.

The WAC 2005 Women's Soccer Tournament will be held in Boise Nov. 3-5. Games are still to be determined based on seeding.

Men's golf captures title at SCU Invitational

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SAN JOSE, Calif. - Led by senior Graham DeLaet and sophomore Matt Hastings, Boise State captured the team title in the last tournament of the fall season, the Santa Clara University Invitational, Oct. 25.

Heading into the final round, the Broncos were three strokes back of second-round leader and tournament host Santa Clara. The Broncos posted a final-round 289, the lowest team score of the day, winning the tournament by four strokes over Santa Clara.

The tournament victory marks the first team title for the Broncos since Oct. 15, 2002, when Boise State won the Bronco Round-up.

The Broncos were led by senior Graham DeLaet and sophomore Matt Hastings, who each finished in the top three, as well as junior Brian Smith and senior Jason Williams,

who each finished in the top 20.

DeLaet, the September WAC Golfer of the Month, finished in second place with a three-round score of 212 (-4) at the par-72, 6,926-yard Silver Creek Valley Country Club. In five tournaments this season, DeLaet has finished in the top five four times, including tournament victories at the Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational, Sept. 11, and at the Boise State Bronco Invitational, Oct. 11.

For his career, DeLaet now has 22 top 10 finishes, and 31 top 25 finishes, both of which are school records.

Hastings, the 2004 WAC Freshman of the Year, finished in third place, two strokes back of DeLaet with a total of 214 (-2). The finish marks the best performance of his career, and moves him into a tie for sixth place on the all-time list for career top 10 finishes (four). Hastings is now also tied for eighth

on the Bronco career list for top 25 finishes with eight.

Junior Brian Smith finished in the top 20 for the second consecutive tournament. With a three-round total of 221 (+5), Smith finished tied for 17th. Smith finished tied for sixth at the Boise State Bronco Invitational, Oct. 11.

With eight career top 25 finishes, Smith is also making a charge at the Boise State record books. Smith has now moved into a tie for eighth place on the all-time list for career top 25 finishes.

With a score of 223 (+7), senior Jason Williams finished tied for 20th. The finish is Williams' third this season in the top 20, and the 13th top 25 finish of his career, tied for fifth-best all-time.

Rounding out the scoring for the Broncos was senior Jake Sestero, who posted a 231 (+15).

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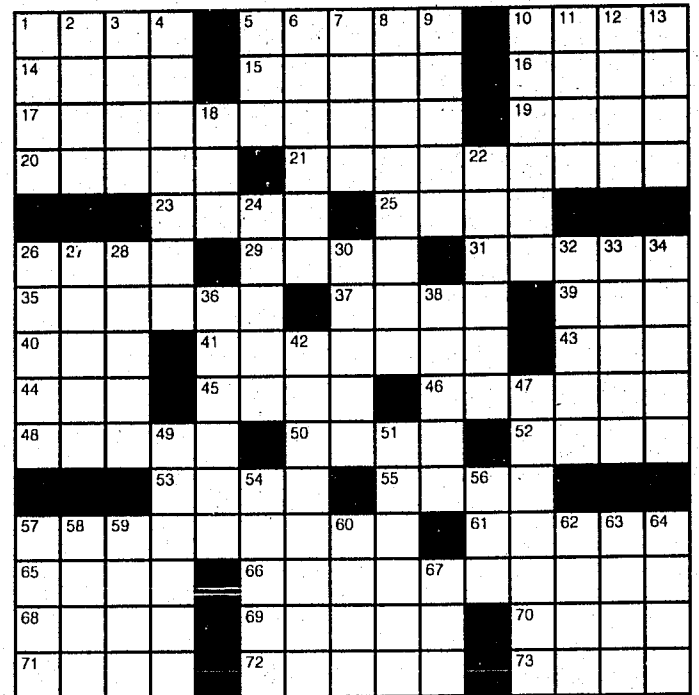
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 Today is an 8 - You're encountering resistance, but you're also making converts. Keep up the good work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 5 - Just when you're at your wit's end, you realize you don't have to do anything more just now. Get some rest.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is a 7 - Your natural thrift and common sense are drawing attention from others. They think you're looking good.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 4 - The money's coming in, but you must account for every penny. Even if there's a lot, you can't afford to waste a cent.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is a 7 - You'll get more confident the more you practice. Keep at it, you're acquiring good habits.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is a 4 - It's OK to hide out by yourself. Take your phone off the hook and let the machine in there answer all your calls. Concentrate on computations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is an 8 - Meet with people who share your interests and agree with your goals. You'll have a productive strategy session.
Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is a 6 - The answer you're seeking is very close. You might even find it today. It may not be what you expected, however. It's better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is an 8 - Don't go with the whims of fashion. Set your own pace. You do best when you're a little bit different. Let them follow you.

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 Today is a 4 - Finances are your area of interest now. Be a lender rather than a borrower, with good collateral.

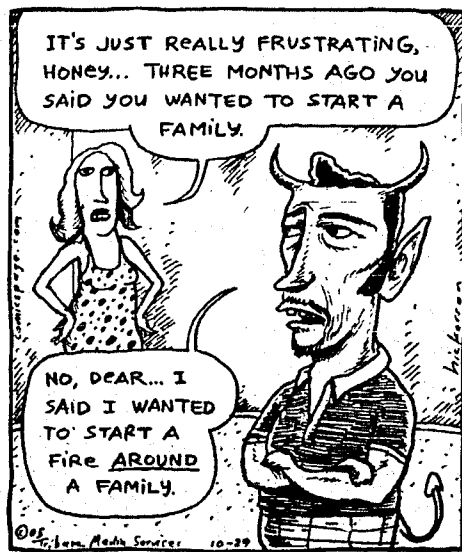
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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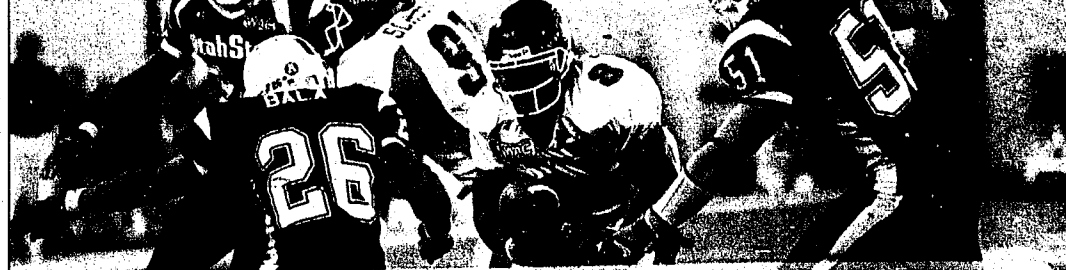
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Getting to Know: Antwaun Carter



The one called A-Train, Antwaun Carter has gone from the unknown running back, to the top scoring back for Boise State. The senior from Aiken, S.C. didn't know where he stood coming into the season, but now he has five touchdowns, and led the team in rushing against Utah State last Saturday.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER just been a good experience for me.

Q. Four running back are in the rotation for the team. How did you think you would fit in, coming into the season?

A. Actually I didn't even know that I was going to be in the mix. I just knew that I would get my chance and my opportunity, and take my opportunity and run with it. So, whatever I had to do, I would do it. Majority of the time I knew I was going to be the goal line back.

Q. Is it nice knowing anyone can be the leading rusher during any one game?

A. Yeah it is. It keeps your mind wondering who is going to get the job done. But, all of us are going to come out and play regardless of who it is. We just take turns, I guess.

Q. You've had a long journey from Aiken, S.C., to Sacramento, Calif., to here. How has your college life been?

A. It's been pretty good. It's just like getting to know new people and getting accustom to new atmosphere and the coaches and the players. Getting to know new systems, it's

Q. Where did the nickname A-Train come from?

A. It comes from high school in Aiken, S.C. at South Aiken High School. Our first home game on the new field that we got, one of the announcers started calling me that and it just stuck with me ever since.

Q. At 5 feet, 7 inches, you are about as wide as you are tall. Have you ever tried to sneak underneath the linemen when you are running the ball?

A. Nah, I've never tried that. Maybe I should one day.

Q. Everyone seems to be playing their iPods or MP3 players before the game. What's coming out of your headphones when you are warming up?

A. I play mostly down south music and R&B music. It all depends on the way I am. If I need to go on with the mellow mindset, I play the R&B music so I don't get too hyped before the game.

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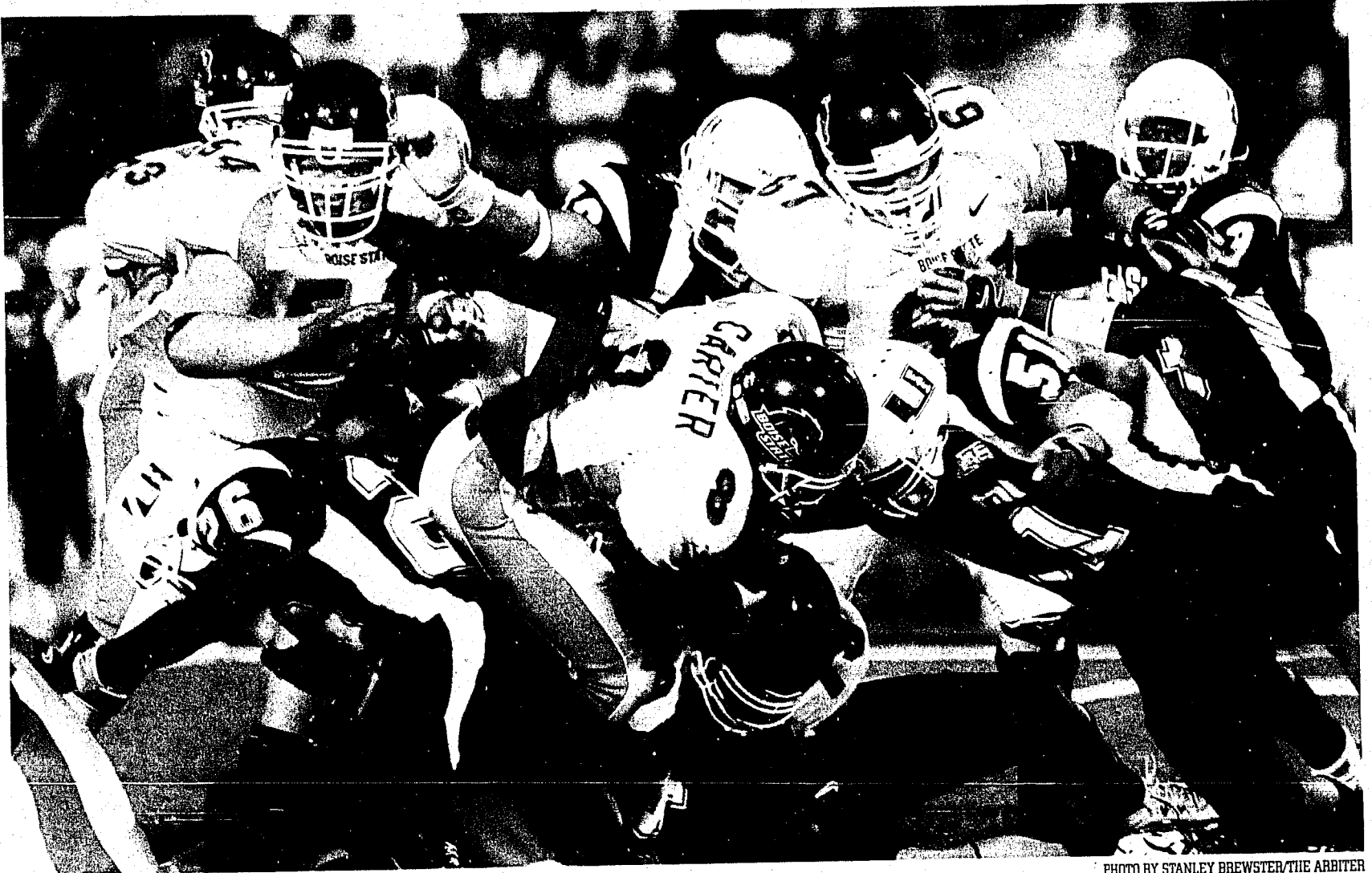


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BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Gearing up for Nevada is going to be nothing new for Boise State. Another new defense, another new offense to gear up for, only this time it's against another unbeaten conference foe that is not ready to lie down.

"I think they are playing with a lot more urgency and I think the guys are running around and playing more as a team. I think it's going to be a different ball game that we (saw) last year," Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky said.

The Broncos lead the overall series 19-12, and have won the past five meetings. The 19 victories over Nevada is the most against any team the Broncos face this season, and is tied for the third most against any team as a four-year program.

Pack comes in with pistols a blazin'

Nevada (4-2 overall, 3-0 Western Athletic Conference) may have the most balance offense so far this season in the WAC. Shoot, head coach Dan Hawkins even said that other than Georgia, this is the best team the Broncos will have faced so far this season.

"I think they are very good. They are playing very well, and I think they are talented," Hawkins said. Jeff Rowe is a very skilled quarterback. Dan Hawkins knew that

a long time ago, when he was heavily recruited by Boise State after leading McQueen High School in Reno, Nev. to a state title in 2001.

Rowe is second in the conference in passing yards per game and has an impressive 11-4 touchdown to interception ratio this season. However, Rowe has benefited from the strong combination of the running game. B.J. Mitchell is the best running back in the WAC so far this season.

"Jeff Rowe is a talented player. That guy is a big guy and he can run," Hawkins said. "He's got a good arm and he's a smart kid."

Mitchell has rushed for 606 yards, but when he is held under 100 yards, Rowe's efficiency drops off significantly. Against Colorado State earlier this season, Mitchell was held to just 53 yards on the ground, and Rowe was forced to throw. Rowe did pass for 324 yards, but two of his four interceptions this season came in that loss.

If the Broncos continue to stuff the run (BSU is second in the WAC yielding only 109 yards per game), the secondary can give up a few deep passes without stirring up a mess on defense.

"They have two really good receivers and it's going to have to be balanced. You got to stay on your P's and Q's every play," cornerback Gerald Alexander said.

The pass rush also took a huge turn for the better last Saturday against Utah State. The Broncos defense had five sacks against the

Antwaun Carter (8) is one of four Broncos who has scored a rushing touchdown this season. Carter's five scores are second on the team to the six scored by Jared Zabransky.

“ I think they are very good. They are playing very well, and I think they are talented. ”

- Dan Hawkins,
Boise State head coach

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Perfection could hit the big 30

“It is impressive, but we are not so much concentrated on the streaks as opposed to each game.”

- Jared Zabransky,
Boise State quarterback

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Like the Energizer Bunny, it just keeps on going, and...well, everyone gets the idea.

The Boise State football team has not lost a game in the Western Athletic Conference since 2001. Not at home, not on the road, not in the snow, not during hailstorms. The team flat out just doesn't lose in the WAC.

For now, that is.

A win versus Nevada (4-2, 3-0 WAC) will push the impressive run to 30 games, five games better than the previous record held by BYU in the early 1980's.

"I think it says a lot about our program that back when people were thinking this was just a fluke year or two in there. But, we are really starting to realize this is a program. We are a winning program. We are building a tradition," quarterback Jared Zabransky said.

And the victims are

The streak began on Nov. 10, 2001, when Boise State beat Hawaii 28-21 in Honolulu. Since then, there have been 10 teams that have fallen to the Broncos during the last 29 games. Boise State has beaten Hawaii and San Jose State five times each. Current conference foes Fresno State, Nevada and Louisiana Tech have three losses during the streak—along with current Conference USA teams UTEP and Tulsa. SMU left the WAC last season after dropping two in the streak. Former conference foe Rice and newcomer Utah State both have been beaten once. The last win coming against Utah State last Saturday in Logan, Utah.

The series against San Jose

State has been the most lopsided of any of the seven that have at least three games played against the opposition. In the five games against the Spartans, the Broncos have outscored San Jose by 23 points per game. The highest scoring game came against the Spartans in 2003 when the Broncos won 77-14 at Bronco Stadium.

The only team Boise State has not averaged over 41 points per game against has been Fresno State. No big surprise here. The first win over the Bulldogs during the streak may have been the biggest of the 29 games. With David Carr calling signals in the NFL a year after the Broncos spoiled the hopes of big bowl appearance for Fresno State—the Broncos rolled up a 67-21 victory at Bronco Stadium and continued their dominance as the leader of the pack...err, the WAC.

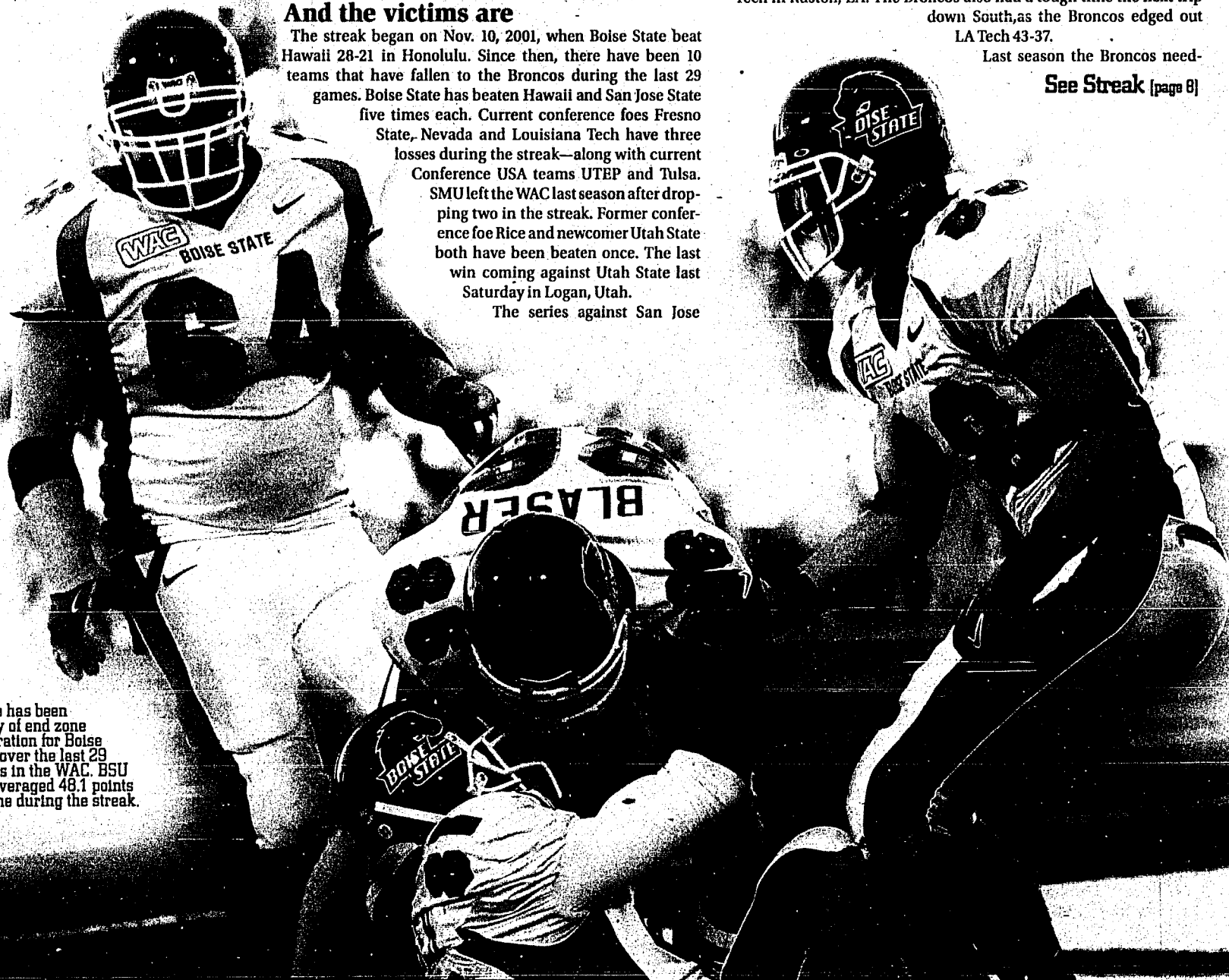
They haven't all been easy

Yes, the Broncos have outscored the opposition by a combined score of 48.1-19.3 during the streak—but there has been some scary ones thrown in there. The streak began because of a loss to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA. The Broncos also had a tough time the next trip down South, as the Broncos edged out LA Tech 43-37.

Last season the Broncos need-

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There has been plenty of end zone celebration for Boise State over the last 29 games in the WAC. BSU has averaged 48.1 points a game during the streak.



BSU

Starting Lineups

NEV

#29 Roderick Stallings (5-10 195 Sr.) **ROV**
#30 Joshua Mauga (6-2 235 Fr.) **SAM**
#23 Joe Garcia (6-0 182 Jr.) **RC**
#91 Derek Schouman (6-2 211 Jr.) **TE**
#81 Cole Clasen (5-8 190 Sr.) **Z**
#93 Charles Wilson (6-4 275 Jr.) **RE**
#57 Matt Hines (6-1 285 So.) **RT**
#73 Daryn Colledge (6-5 295 Sr.) **LT**
#66 Tad Miller (6-4 303 So.) **LG**
#54 Jeff Cavender (6-2 287 So.) **C**
#67 Andrew Woodruff (6-3 324 Fr.) **RG**
#79 Ryan Clady (6-6 312 Fr.) **RT**
#11 Drisan James (5-11 184 Jr.) **X**
#5 Jared Zabransky (6-2 203 Jr.) **QB**
#17 Lee Marks (5-7 181 Sr.) **TB**
#74 Mike Samples (6-0 195 Sr.) **FS**
#44 Jeremy Engstrom (6-1 235 So.) **MIKE**
#96 P.J. Hooper (6-1 295 Jr.) **LT**
#90 Craig Bailey (6-4 260 Sr.) **LE**
#2 Kevin Stanley (6-0 175 Sr.) **LC**
#16 Orlando Scandrick (5-11 175 Fr.) **RC**
#87 Caleb Spencer (6-0 180 Jr.) **Z**
#83 Anthony Pudewell (6-3 240 Jr.) **Y**
#26 Roosevelt Cooks (5-10 220 Sr.) **WILL**
#34 Brad Lau (5-11 255 Jr.) **FB**

#37 Austin Smith (5-9 170 So.) **ROV**
#20 Marty Tadman (5-11 176 So.) **FS**
#40 Chris Barrios (5-11 220 Sr.) **WILL**
#2 Gerald Alexander (6-0 197 Jr.) **LC**
#51 Colt Brooks (6-1 208 Jr.) **SAM**
#96 Mike G. Williams (6-3 244 Jr.) **RE**
#58 Tony Moll (6-4 300 So.) **LT**
#83 Anthony Pudewell (6-3 240 Jr.) **Y**
#25 Corey Hall (6-1 228 Jr.) **MIKE**
#99 Alex Guerrero (6-1 293 Sr.) **LT**
#70 Barrett Reznick (6-1 280 Jr.) **RG**
#61 Dominic Green (6-3 285 Fr.) **C**
#75 Charles Manu (6-3 300 So.) **LG**
#57 Andrew Browning (6-0 278 Jr.) **RT**
#68 Adam Kiefer (6-4 300 Sr.) **RT**
#3 Jeff Rowe (6-5 220 Jr.) **QB**
#8 B.J. Mitchell (5-8 210 Sr.) **TB**
#97 Nick Schlekeway (6-4 261 So.) **LE**
#68 Adam Kiefer (6-4 300 Sr.) **RT**
#84 Nichiren Flowers (6-0 210 Sr.) **F**



TEAM STATS	BSU	NEV
Scoring Avg.	33.7	32.2
Scoring Def.	27.9	28.2
Pass Off. Per Game	232.6	268.8
Pass Def. Per Game	266.7	222.0
Rush Off. Per Game	200.6	158.8
Rush Def. Per Game	109.1	144.0
Kickoff Returns Avg.	26.6	16.2
Punting Avg.	36.5	31.3



KEYS TO THE GAME

PASSING

Player	Att-Comp-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Jared Zabransky	204-128-8	62.7	1545	12	220.7

RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
Ian Johnson	77	406	5.3	1
Lee Marks	72	365	5.1	3
Antwaun Carter	52	213	4.1	5

RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Drisan James	24	326	1	38
Jerard Rabb	21	306	3	33
Legedu Naanee	15	199	4	30

DEFENCE

Player	Tlks	TFL	Sacks	Int
Korey Hall	56	3.0	1.5	1
Chris Barrios	54	3.5	2.0	0
Marty Tadman	53	1.5	1.0	1

Get a full 60 minutes from the offense:
 Now that fans have seen the Broncos can run the ball all season. And now Jared Zabransky broke out with his best game of the year. Now, if both can be successful Saturday, it could get ugly for the Wolfpack.

Limit the deep pass:
 It's well known that the Broncos defense will get beat with the deep ball. If the run defense can slow down Mitchell, Rowe will be forced to throw the ball. As long as the secondary doesn't get beat too much, a win is very likely for Boise State.

Force turnovers:
 Every week, it's the same thing—but it is beginning to finally work. The Broncos had the first turnover-less game of the season against Utah State, and for a team that prides itself on turnover margin, this will be the biggest key to the game.

PASSING

Player	Att-Comp-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Jeff Rowe	208-19-4	62.0	1554	11	259.0

RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
B.J. Mitchell	114	606	5.3	6
Robert Hubbard	50	180	3.6	3
Jeff Rowe	63	168	2.7	2

RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Caleb Spencer	37	484	3	52
Nate Flowers	30	378	1	31
Kyle Sammons	18	250	2	43

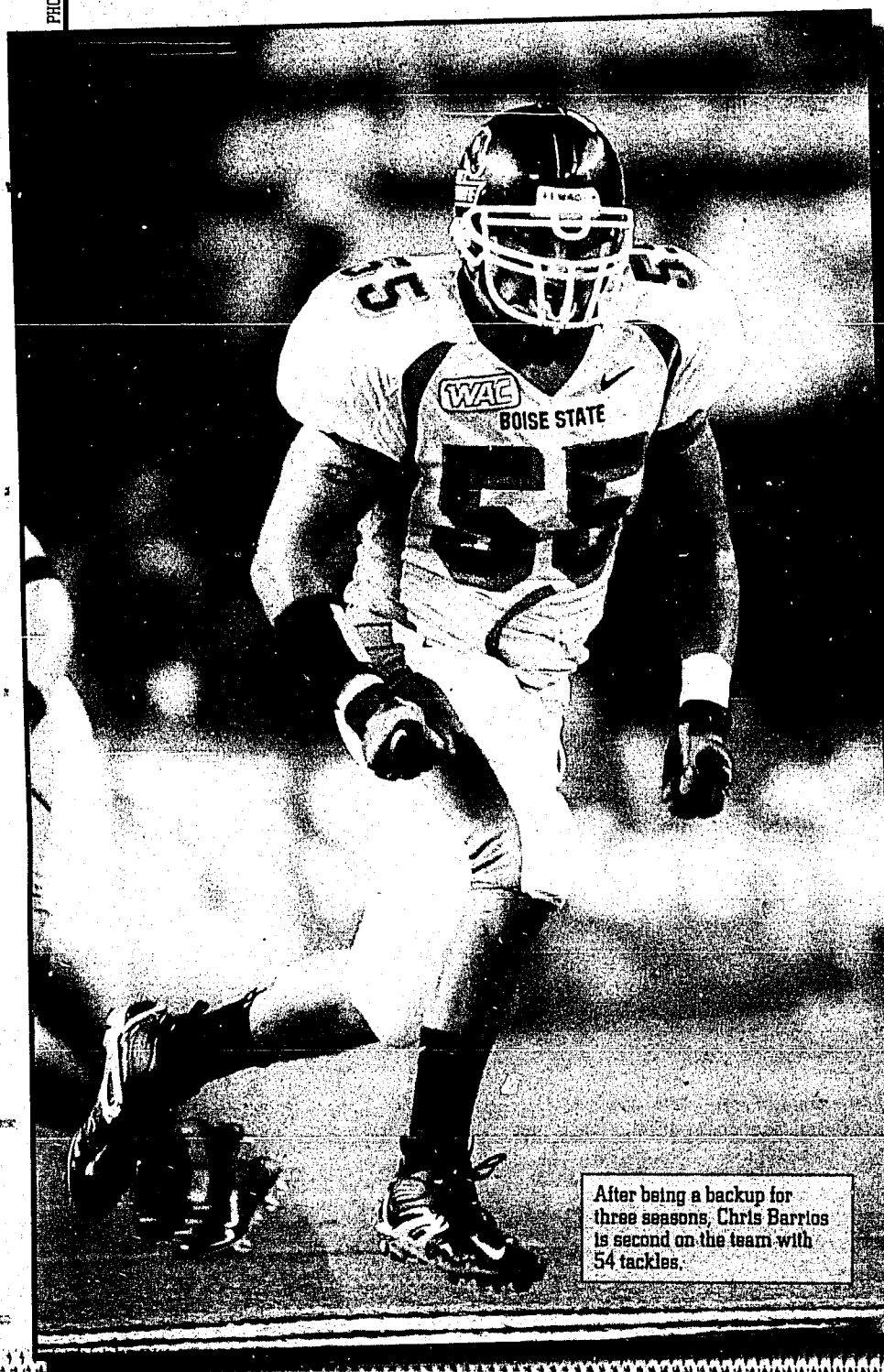
DEFENCE

Player	Tlks	TFL	Sacks	Int
Roosevelt Cooks	41	6.0	5.0	0
Ezra Butler	33	8.0	2.5	0
Roderick Stallings	30	2.5	1.0	1

Good things come to those who wait

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

Fifth-year senior linebacker Chris Barrios has been waiting a half-decade. Now he gets his chance to finally have 'fun'



After being a backup for three seasons, Chris Barrios is second on the team with 54 tackles.

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

Chris Barrios is the epitome of patience. He is also the king of quiet. And now this season, he a workhorse on the field.

Barrios is a fifth-year senior linebacker for Boise State. He had the luck of playing behind one of the best linebackers in the history of the program.

"I just think he unfortunately got in behind a very good football player. I think there are a lot of guys in life that would not have continue to battle," Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins said.

Barrios was Andy Avalos' back up for three seasons, and now after a half decade, he is a starter for Boise State.

"He kept working and he kept grinding and even though he was behind Andy, he's had some really good plays and has been really productive," Hawkins said. "He's done a nice job, just kind of been silently plugging along."

Silently can be an understatement.

"That guy is unbelievable. I'm sure he's not banging out a lot of quotes. It's hard to get him to say anything. I just call him 'Silent Sam' in practice," Hawkins said.

Is he really this quiet though?

"I'm naturally quiet," Barrios said.

There doesn't seem to be any argument for someone who is the latest recipient of the Western Athletic Conference defensive player of the week honors. Barrios recorded a career-high 11 tackles versus Utah State last Saturday. He also recorded 1.5 sacks. The lone unassisted sack, it seemed as if Barrios was shot out of a cannon, he came across the line so quickly towards Aggies quarterback Leon Jackson.

"I have speed there when I need it," Barrios said.

Another thing he also has is a tendency to speak up on the field when needed.

"I speak up when I have to speak up when I have to on the field. I got to make a lot of calls and a lot of checks," Barrios said.

Now there has to be some surprise from other players when they do hear his voice.

"I always get that. Everyone is always surprised when I say something. When I speak up loudly, I always get those looks."

Barrios is second on the team this season with 54 tackles through seven games. His previous career-high came last season when he played a significant time in the 3-4 defensive alignments when he had 18 tackles.

"It's great. I've been backing up for four years and now I get my chance," Barrios said. "Finally to be starting out there is a great feeling and getting a chance to be out there every game."

He is also not without his own highlights in previous seasons.

In 2002 as a red-shirt freshman, Barrios returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown against Fresno State. Then last season, he took another interception to pay dirt against Hawaii.

"I just think that's the Boise State way. There's a lot of guys on this team in the past who didn't play much early in their career and they just continued to play hard," Barrios said.

And now he gets his moment in the spotlight as the Broncos continue the season, in hopes of a fourth straight WAC title.

"I just waited my turn and paid my dues and finally I am getting my chance to have fun."

Wolfpack prowls into Boise



BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

BOISE - The Nevada Wolfpack comes to Boise Saturday looking to establish itself as a force in the Western Athletic Conference. The Wolfpack is 3-0 in the WAC, 4-1 overall, riding a three-game winning streak and must end the longest winning streak in WAC history to remain atop the league standings.

The winner of this game should be tied with Fresno State for the WAC lead. (The Broncos travel to Fresno in two weeks and Nevada hosts the Bulldogs in the last game of the regular season).

Boise State leads the rivalry, 19-12, and won last year in Reno 58-13.

Nevada hasn't beaten the Broncos since 1998 when both teams were in the Big West.

Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky and linebacker Chris Barrios have both received WAC Player of the Week honors following Boise State's 45-21 victory at Utah State last weekend.

Zabransky may struggle again this week when he faces the best pass defense in the WAC. The Wolfpack only allows on average 114.48 passing yards per game.

Nevada quarterback Jeff Rowe had his second career 300-yard game in the loss at Colorado State, the second-highest total in his career. Rowe has thrown for 4,065 yards in his career at Nevada. He is 33rd in the nation in passing efficiency (144.56) and 18th in total offense (285.8). The senior is 129-for-208 passing this season for 1,554 yards with 11 touchdowns and four interceptions.

Rowe has two receivers with at least 30 receptions this season. Caleb Spencer leads the team with 37 grabs for 489 yards and three scores. Spencer gets a lot of one-on-one coverage playing opposite Nichiren Flowers (30 catches for 378 yards). Flowers has caught a pass in 33 consecutive games to lead the WAC. He is tied for sixth place among active WAC leaders with 189 career catches.

Spencer had back-to-back career days in receiving with 126 yards on seven catches with a career-long 52-yarder and a touchdown against Washington State. He followed that with 12 catches, a career-best, with 149 yards against UNLV. After leading the conference for three weeks, he is now third in receiving yards (82.4) and fourth in receptions (6.23). Flowers is seventh in receptions per game in the WAC with 4.8 and eighth in receiving yards with 58.6.

Nevada's B.J. Mitchell rushed for more than 100 yards for the third consecutive game with 146 yards against Louisiana Tech. Mitchell has 626 yards on 114 carries this season with six scores and a 5.3-yard average. He was named the WAC Player of the Week after the Idaho game, in which he scored four touchdowns and racked-up 149 yards on the ground.

The Wolfpack defense is held together by Roosevelt Cooks' 41 tackles and five sacks. Ezra Butler has 33 tackles, eight for a loss and two sacks. Nevada has 35 tackles for a loss as a team, 35 pass breakups and five interceptions this season. Kevin Stanley leads the team (No. 4 in the nation) with 10 pass breakups, but has yet to record an interception. Nevada also has recovered five fumbles this year.

The Nevada offense has lost seven fumbles and has thrown four interceptions for a (-.17) turnover ratio. BSU is 111th in the nation with a (-1.29) ratio (18 turnovers lost, nine gained).

In the WAC, the Wolfpack ranks first in pass-efficiency defense (114.5), time of possession (33:18), and in fourth-down conversions (71.4). The Pack is second in passing offense (268.8), and pass defense (222). Nevada is third in scoring offense (32.2), first downs (145), total offense (427.7), rushing (158.8), punt return average (9.7) and passing efficiency (135.2), and third down conversions (44.3).

Nevada is 3-0 in WAC play for the first time since 2003 and is 8-2 at home the past two years.

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Matchup (from page 3)

Aggies by six different players. Boise State is tied for third in the WAC with 16 sacks this season.

Got a jersey, get to play

The Broncos are getting contributions from just about everyone that suits up this season.

"That's kind of our formula a little bit is to get everyone involved and trying to find a role and niche. All these guys bust their fannies, do the right things and work hard and we are trying to find a creative way to use them in a game plan and I think it allows our whole team to succeed and you don't rely on just one guy," Hawkins said. "If everyone can just jump in and contribute like that, you have a lot of fun and you have a good team."

There were a handful of those guys that contributed for the first time in specific ways last weekend.

Freshman wide receiver Tanyon Bissell recovered a muffed punt return against Utah State. Senior receiver Cole Clasen caught his first career touchdown since 2002, when he was still at Oregon State. Backup tight end Ryan Putnam caught his first career touchdown. And back up offensive tackle Andrew Woodruff stepped in and made big holes for the running game late against the Aggies.

"It's good to see guys work hard in practice all week and then see it pay off on Saturday," Woodruff, who is a freshman, said. "Everyone works hard. But to see people who are good players go in there and get their chance as they waited all season for it. It really establishes that we are a really diverse team. It's an advantage for us that we have all these guys who can play."

Weekly honors

For the first time this season, a Boise State Bronco was named a WAC offensive and defensive player of the week.

Quarterback Jared Zabransky was honored for his offensive performance after completing 26 of 39 passes for a season-high 328 yards.

"I was honored with player of the week. I have been just working hard to get back in that groove and I felt like I am starting to get back and the guys are all playing in sync and you can't do any of that stuff without the help around



PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/ARBITER

Redshirt freshman Andrew Woodruff (67) is one of many Broncos who have made contributions this season coming off the bench.

you," Zabransky said.

His four touchdown passes are a career-high for the junior. Plus, the game was the first turnover-free game of the season for Zabransky.

"We've been doing a good job over the last few games of winning the turnover battle," Zabransky said. This is the third time in his career Zabransky has been named.

The other recipient was fifth-year senior linebacker Chris Barrios. The Upland, Calif. native recorded 11 tackles and 1.5 sacks against Utah State.

Such bright, sun shiny day

For the first time this season, the Broncos will get a chance to play an entire football game in the sunlight. The 1 p.m. kickoff should not last until nightfall, and that is an added plus for the coaching staff and players.

"I like the early starts. You don't sit around all day. You get up and you get going. There's no breaks and you play the football game early in the day. I like it," Zabransky said.

But day or night, players are geared up regardless.

"We got to do what we usually do," Woodruff said. "Whether it's day or night. We just got to come out and show these guys whose number one in the WAC."

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ed a last-second field goal by Tyler Jones to prevent overtime in Tulsa, as the Broncos edged one out, 45-21 on the road. Later in the season, an early game almost doomed the Broncos. Starting at 9 a.m. (Pacific Time) because of an ESPN telecast, Gerald Alexander blocked a Jeff Carr field goal attempt that would have given the Spartans the lead with just over a minute remaining in regulation. The Broncos eventually won 56-49 in double overtime.

Overall, the road games in comparison have been harder for Boise State. The nail biters have been away from the friendly confines of Bronco Stadium and the overall scores have been closer—if that can be said. The average score on the road is 46.6-21.6, compared to the unreal 50.3-16.8 ratio at home.

Regardless of the numbers, the ability to year-in and year-out have a squad that can compete at the highest level and win every year is impressive, whether it's in the WAC, the Big West or the Big East—Boise State has dominated for the past three-plus seasons.

This senior class of Alex Guerrero, Daryn Colledge, Lee Marks, Jeff Carpenter, Chris Barrios, Cam Hall and Ben Chuckovich can achieve something no other class at Boise State has—win four conference championships.

"It's awesome to play with those guys," Barrios said. "We've been here for four years. We've been through a lot of stuff. I've had great memories with these guys, and great times. It's just awesome."

But, it can all end with one loss. The streak can end with just one loss. Until then, the streak will move up one number per win, and the numbers will continue to grow and shape the record books.

Every game matters

Cliché, yes—but it is still the way Boise State plays football.

"It is impressive. But, we are not so much concentrated on the streaks as opposed to each game and we keep doing that and we keep that mindset where we are taking this game as the biggest game of our season. You are going to see things like streaks and you are going to see conference championships and conference wins," Zabransky said.

Especially for the seniors who have seen it all, there is a mind frame that they cannot let down on any game.

"You can't really think about the streaks, you just got to take it one game at a time," Barrios said. "Every game from here on out—it's like a playoff game. You can't lose any games, whether it's a matter of the streak or not."